



Harry Albert Hall

1896-1918

Harry was born in Earlsheaton on 26th December 1896, his full birth name was recorded as *Harry Hall*; he was baptised as *Harry Albert Hall* on 4th October 1899 at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton. His father was Albert Hall, a Card Cleaner/Fettler born in Batley in 1862 and died in 1898. His mother was Annie (nee Sanderson) born in Dewsbury in 1864 and died in 1920. They were married on 12th April, 1884 at All Saints Church, Batley.

Their other children were; Arthur, born in 1885, Thomas, born in 1886, Ellen, born in 1888 and Willie, born in 1890 and died in 1890.

On the 1891 Census Annie and the children were living at Town Green, Earlsheaton, she is recorded as the head of the family; Albert is living with his parents at Low Side, Earlsheaton.

Annie was remarried to a widower James Lawless (born in Batley in 1861 and died in 1921) at St. Peter's Church on 17th September 1900. They had a daughter, Eva, born in 1902. James served several short terms in Wakefield Prison, mostly for debt.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Hill End, Earlsheaton, in 1911 Harry is living at 16, Back Lawson Street, Dewsbury with his mother Annie who is recorded as head of the family, his brother Thomas and his wife and four children and half-sister Eva.

Harry was a single man who in 1911 worked as a Labourer in a Timber Yard.

He enlisted in Mirfield into the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) with the Service Number 4011 and was later transferred to the 62nd Battalion Machine Gun Corps serving as Private 142552. He died of wounds sustained in action in France at the 5th General Hospital in Rouen on 12th August 1918 and was buried in St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France. Harry was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

St. Sever Cemetery and St. Sever Cemetery Extension are located within a large communal cemetery situated on the eastern edge of the southern Rouen suburbs of Le Grand Quevilly and Le Petit Quevilly. Almost all of the hospitals at Rouen remained there for practically the whole of the war. They included eight general, five stationary, one British Red Cross and one labour hospital, and No. 2 Convalescent Depot. A number of the dead from these hospitals were buried in other cemeteries, but the great majority were taken to the city cemetery of St. Sever. In September 1916, it was found necessary to begin an extension, where the last burial took place in April 1920. The cemetery extension contains 8,348 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, ten of them are unidentified.

Harry is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

In Memory of

Private

H A Hall

142552, 62nd Bn., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) who died on 12 August 1918

Remembered with Honour

St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen



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