



## **David Lawson**

### **1893 - 1917**

David was born at 13, Holmhead Street, Glasgow on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1893. His father was David McKirdy Lawson, a Surgeon Dentist Assistant born in Glasgow in 1869 and died in 1923. His mother was Margaret (nee Mathieson) born in Glasgow in 1870. They were married in Glasgow on 9<sup>th</sup> December 1892. David was their only child.

On the 1901 Scottish Census, his mother Margaret Lawson is shown as living with her parents in Glasgow. On the same Census, David is also living in Glasgow with his aunt, Jane Scott. The 1911 England and Wales Census shows David living with his father at Huddersfield Road, Westtown, Dewsbury.

David was a single man who attended Wheelwright Grammar School, which was a fee paying school at that time. He then became a Dental Student with Mr. Charles Rippon, L.D.S. in Westtown where his father had been an assistant for many years.

He enlisted as Private 11745 in the Coldstream Guards on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1914 in Dewsbury and was sent to the Western Front on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1915. He was promoted to Lance Corporal whilst serving there before being injured and sent back to England. On January 16<sup>th</sup> January 1917 he relinquished service with the Guards in order to study with a view to taking a commission with the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment as a temporary Second Lieutenant, returning to the Front on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1917. He was killed in action on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1917 during the Battle of Poelcapelle which was part of the Battle of Passchendaele. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. David was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

David is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Wheelwright Grammar School War Memorial to former pupils and on the War Memorial in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor and on Memorial Plaque in the Dewsbury Ebenezer Congregational Church, now known as Longcauseway Church (United Reformed and Methodist).

In Memory of  
Second Lieutenant  
**David Lawson**

5th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment who died on 09 October 1917

Remembered with Honour  
**Tyne Cot Memorial**



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