



Sam Redfearn

1892 – 1917

Sam was born in Dewsbury on 6th September 1892. His father was Samuel Redfearn, a rag grinder born in Batley in 1861 and died in 1899. His mother was Martha (nee Street) born in Staincliffe, Dewsbury in 1859 and died in 1927. They were married on 25th July 1883 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; Sarah Elizabeth, born in 1883, Tom, born in 1885 and died in 1885, Martha, born in 1886 and died in 1886, Amy, born in 1887 and died in 1891, Ada, born in 1889 and Ben, born in 1895 and was killed in action 22nd October 1917.

On the Census Records for 1891, 1901 and 1911 the family lived at 31, Back Tweedale Street, Dewsbury.

Sam was a single man who was educated at Boothroyd Lane Council School; in 1911 he worked as a piecer in a woollen mill, his obituary in the Dewsbury District News on 1st September 1917 stated that he worked for Messrs G and J Stubley, Bottoms Mill, Batley.

He enlisted in March 1916 serving as Private 204711 in the 1st/4th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment and was sent to the Western Front in July 1917. He was gassed on 13th August 1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele; his mother received two letters from a Chaplain, the Rev. J. Tully, the second of which informed her that he had died from the effects of gas poisoning on 16th August 1917 at Number 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station on the French/Belgian border. He is buried in Adinkerke Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Sam was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Adinkerke Military Cemetery is located 6 km west of Veurne, 3 km inland from the coastal town of Koksijde and 20 km east of Dunkirk. From Veurne the road leads for 6 km to the village of Adinkerke. From June to November 1917 the Commonwealth XV Corps held the front from the Belgian coast to St. Georges. The 24th and 39th Casualty Clearing Stations were posted at Oosthoek (between Adinkerke and Furnes) from July to November, and the 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station was at Adinkerke for a short time in June. Adinkerke Military Cemetery contains 168 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Sam 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

S Redfearn

204711, 1st/4th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment who died on 16 August 1917 Age 21

Remembered with Honour

Adinkerke Military Cemetery



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