



## Harry Rushworth

### 1894 – 1917

Harry was born in Dewsbury in 1894. His father was Thomas Rushworth, born in Dewsbury in 1852 and died in 1907. His mother was Isabella (nee Townend, formerly Goldthorpe) born in Heckmondwike in 1851 and died in 1931. They were married at St John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1889.

Thomas was previously married in 1875 to Martha Ann Bossey (born in 1855 and died in 1886). Their children were; Sarah Jane Rushworth, born in 1875, Lilla (Lily), Rushworth, born in 1877, Allen Rushworth, born in 1879 and died in 1880 and Annie Rushworth, born in 1882.

Isabella was previously married in 1869 to Josiah Goldthorpe (born in 1850 and died in 1884). Their children were; Mary Ann Goldthorpe, born in 1870, Sarah Goldthorpe, born in 1873, Fred Goldthorpe, born in 1875, Harriet Goldthorpe, born in 1877, Tom Goldthorpe, born in 1882 and died of wounds 5<sup>th</sup> April 1917 and Annie Goldthorpe, born in 1883.

On the 1891 and 1901 Census Records the family lived at Bower Lane, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 88, Knowles Hill Road, Dewsbury Moor. Isabella later lived at 116, Knowles Hill Road.

Harry was a single man who was educated at Dewsbury Moor Council School and attended the Zion Primitive Methodist Church and Sunday school. He worked as a blanket mill worker for Messrs Newsome and West, Staincliffe.

He enlisted in June 1916 serving as Private 35465 in the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front in September 1916. He was killed in action during the Battle of Passchendaele on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917. His remains were not found until 1929 and he is now buried in Sanctuary Wood Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Harry was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Sanctuary Wood Cemetery is located 5 Kms east of Ieper (Ypres) town centre. At the Armistice the cemetery contained 137 graves. From 1927 to 1932, graves were brought in from the surrounding battlefields. They came mainly from the communes immediately surrounding Ypres, but a few were taken from Nieuport (on the coast) and smaller cemeteries. There are now 1,989 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in Sanctuary Wood Cemetery. 1,353 of the burials are unidentified. Many graves, in all five plots, are identified in groups but not individually. In Plot I is buried Lieutenant G.W.L. Talbot, in whose memory Talbot House at Poperinghe was established in December 1915. The first list of the graves was made by his brother the Reverend N.S. Talbot, MC, later Bishop of Pretoria, South Africa.

Harry is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the War Memorial in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor (his surname is spelt *Rushforth*).

In Memory of

Private

# Harry Rushworth

35465, 7th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 16 August 1917

Son of Mrs. Isabella Rushworth, of 116, Knowles Hill Rd., Dewsbury Moor.

Remembered with Honour

Sanctuary Wood Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission



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