



Henry Waterhouse

1885 – 1917

Henry was born in Dewsbury on 11th February 1885 and baptised on 23rd March that year at St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor. His father was Stocks Waterhouse, a Carter born in Dewsbury in 1885 and died in 1913. His mother was Jane (nee Newsome) born in Dewsbury in 1857 and died in 1915. They were married at St. John the Evangelist Church on 21st March 1883.

Their other children were; William, born in 1890 and died in 1906 and Mary Ann, born in 1892.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Holme Street, Liversedge, in 1901 at Heckmondwike Road, Dewsbury Moor and in 1911 at 16, Tentercroft Road, Crackenedge, Dewsbury.

Henry was a devoted Christian and communicant attached to St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road, Dewsbury where he was a member of the Church of England Men's Society and taught at the Sunday school. In 1911 he worked as a colliery labourer above ground, having been a coal hewer in 1901. He was married at St. Philip's Church on 8th April 1915 to Clara Newsome (born in 1876 and died in 1935). They lived at 6, Ann Street, Leeds Road and did not have any children.

A Pre-War Territorial, he was at camp in Whitby at the outbreak of War. He was called up immediately and was sent to the Western Front on 9th July 1915 rising to the rank of Company Serjeant Major 200006 in the 1st/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was commended by the Major-General who commanded his division for his conduct in the great gas attack of 19th December 1915 and was later hospitalised on two occasions due to rheumatism. He was killed in action on 10th April 1917 in Northern France when leading his men and was buried in Rue-Du-Bacquerot No. 1 Military Cemetery, Laventie, Pas-de-Calais, France. Henry was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Laventie is a village 6 kilometres south-west of Armentieres and 11 kilometres north of La Basse. Rue-du-Bacquerot No.1 Military Cemetery is 3 kilometres south of Laventie on the north side of the road to La Couture. The Rue-du-Bacquerot runs south-east of the village, from the Estaires-La Basse road towards Fleurbaix, and the position of this road close behind the Allied front trenches during the greater part of the First World War made it the natural line of a number of small Commonwealth cemeteries. One of these, begun by the Indian Corps in November 1914, was the nearest to the Estaires-La Basse road and became known as Rue-du-Bacquerot No.1. The cemetery was used until May 1917, and for short periods in 1918, by the units holding the line. After the Armistice graves were brought in from the battlefields and from smaller burials grounds. The cemetery now contains 637 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War. 61 of the burials are unidentified and special memorials commemorate 12 casualties.

Henry 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 from the now demolished St. Philip's Church relocated to Dewsbury Minster.

In Memory of
Company Serjeant Major
Henry Waterhouse

200006, 1st/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 10 April 1917 Age 32

Son of Stocks Waterhouse and Jane Waterhouse, of Dewsbury; husband of Clara Waterhouse, of 6, Ann St., Leeds Rd., Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour
Rue-Du-Bacquerot No.1 Military Cemetery, Laventie



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