



Allen Donkersley

1892-1916

Allen was born in Dewsbury in 1893. His father was Harry Donkersley, a Printer's Compositor and later a Shopkeeper/Tobacconist born in Huddersfield in 1862 and died in 1907. His mother was Sarah (née Plows) born in Lofthouse, Wakefield in 1863 and died in 1935. They were married at West Parade Non-Conformist Chapel, Wakefield on 7th December 1884.

Their other children were; Louisa, born in 1885, William, born in 1886 and was killed in action 21st March 1918, Ethel, born in 1889 and died in 1889, Lena, born in 1890 and Doris Irene, born in 1898 and died in 1904.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Claremont Road, Heckmondwike, in 1901 at 36, Upper George Street, Heckmondwike and in 1911 at 2, Marriott Street, Dewsbury.

Allen was a single man who worked as a Draper's Assistant for Mr. E.J. Bonser, Heckmondwike.

He attested at Pontefract and served in the Army Ordnance Corps as Private 025655. He died on 31st December 1916 in Fulham Military Hospital, Hammersmith, London from wounds accidentally received during training. He was buried in Heckmondwike Cemetery. Allen did not qualify for any medal awards as he did not serve abroad or in a war zone.

His remains were borne home by four soldiers and a Serjeant-Major; he was buried with full military honours and his funeral was conducted by the Rev. T. Ramsden, Vicar of St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road, Dewsbury and was attended by soldiers recuperating from their wounds at Staincliffe Military Hospital.

Allen is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and on the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the War Memorial in the now demolished St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road now displayed in Dewsbury Minster.

In Memory of

Private

A Donkersley

025655, Army Ordnance Corps who died on 31 December 1916 Age 23

Son of Harry and Sarah Donkersley, of 2, Marriott St., Dewsbury. Born at Heckmondwike. His brother William Donkersley, also fell.

Remembered with Honour

Heckmondwike Cemetery



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