



Walter Brearey

1880 – 1917

Walter was born in Dewsbury Moor on 20th January 1880. His father was John Alfred Brearey, a blanket fuller born in Dewsbury in 1855 and died in 1930. His mother was Sarah Jane (nee Bailey) born in Batley in 1858 and died in 1930. They were married on 22nd March 1878 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were: Herbert, born in 1883, Ethel, born in 1888 and died in 1891, Wilfred, born in 1892 and Florrie, born in 1894.

On the 1881 and 1891 Census Records, the family lived at 22, Reform Street, Dewsbury, in 1901 and 1911 they lived at 26, Clarke Street, Dewsbury.

On the 1901 Census Walter is a boarder at 6, St. Martin's Place, Scarborough and working as a carpenter. He was married on 7th November 1908 to Sarah Ann Midgley (born in 1879 and died in 1955) at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Dewsbury Moor; they did not have any children. On the 1911 census they were living at 64a, Gladstone Street, Dewsbury. When he enlisted they were living at Daisy Cottage, Brunswick Street, Dewsbury, his occupation was a carpenter employed by Mr. Clegg of Daisy Hill and was erecting huts for the Government at Ditton.

He enlisted on 3rd October 1916 serving as Private 41623 in the 13th Battalion Royal Scots and was sent to the Western Front on 3rd July 1917. He was killed in action on 22nd August 1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele; his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Walter was awarded 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 16th 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.

Walter 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 War Memorial in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor.

In Memory of

Private

Walter Brearey

41623, 13th Bn., Royal Scots who died on 22 August 1917

Remembered with Honour

Tyne Cot Memorial



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