



## **William Hopkinson**

### **1886 - 1917**

William was born in Newark, Nottinghamshire in 1886. His father was Henry Hopkinson, a labourer, brickyard worker and later a fish fryer born in Farndon near Newark in 1856 and died in 1933. His mother was Sarah Ann (nee Richman) born in Trowbridge, Wiltshire in 1860 and died in 1913. They were married in Newark in 1882. On the marriage record Sarah's surname is incorrectly spelt as *Richmond*.

Their other children were; Kate Emily, born in 1884, George Henry, born in 1885 and died in 1885, Florence Lily, born in 1898 and George, born in 1900.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 4, Firebrick Terrace, Beeston, Leeds and in 1911 at 29-31 Oxford Road off Meanwood Road, Leeds, William appears to have followed his father into the brickworks as a labourer.

William was a motor lorry driver living in Farnley near Pudsey at the time of his marriage and he later worked at Messrs Howroyd and Oldroyd's Yorkshire Chemical and Dye Works Company in Ravensthorpe. He was married at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Altofts, near Wakefield on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1916 to Lucy Ann Burr (born in Altofts in 1894 and died in 1995 aged 100) They lived at 20, Beacon Street, Ravensthorpe and had one child, Gladys, born in 1917. Lucy later returned to live with her parents at 3, West Street, Altofts; she was remarried on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1927 at St. Mary Magdalene Church to a widower, Samuel Frith (born in 1893 and died in 1978).

He served as Private 47421 in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and had only been at the front for three weeks when he was killed in action on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1917 during the First Day of the Battle of Cambrai, his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. William was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Cambrai Memorial commemorates 7,120 servicemen of the United Kingdom and South Africa who died in the Battle of Cambrai in November and December 1917 and whose graves are not known. The Memorial stands on a terrace in Louverval Military Cemetery, situated south of the small village of Louverval which is 13 Kms north-east of Bapaume and 16 Kms south-west of Cambrai.

William 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 Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church.

In Memory of

Private

**William Hopkinson**

47421, 7th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 20 November 1917

Remembered with Honour

**Cambrai Memorial, Louverval**



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