



John Alfred Lee

1891 - 1917

John was born in Mirfield in 1891. His father was Arthur Lee, a Teamer and later a Sewing Machine Dealer born in Mirfield in 1871 and died in 1933. His mother was Ann Elizabeth (nee Barstow) born in Thornhill in 1869 and died in 1895. They were married on 15th February 1890 at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

Their other children were; Fanny Lee Barstow, born in 1890, John Alfred, born in 1891 and Eveline, born in 1893.

Arthur was remarried on 31st July 1897 to Mary Ellen Sawyer (born in North Stainley near Ripon in 1874 and died in 1954) at St. Matthew's Church, Rastrick; they had a son, Frank, born in 1899 and a daughter, Mary, born in 1905. Mary Ellen had a daughter, Alice Sawyer, born in 1896.

On the 1901 Census the family were living at Munley Street, Brighouse and in 1911 at 97, Sheepridge Road, Huddersfield.

In 1901 John and his sister Eveline are living with the family of their maternal grandfather Matthew Barstow at 2, Overthorpe Lane, Thornhill, in 1911 they had all moved to Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees.

John was married on 7th February 1914 to Emma Calvert (born in 1893 and died in 1967) at St. Mary's Church, Mirfield. Their children were; Florence, born in 1914 and Ida, born in 1916. His occupation was a Coal Hurrier. Emma later lived at Shepley Bridge, Mirfield.

He served in the 13th Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment with the Service Number 25631 rising to the rank of Lance Corporal. He was killed in action on 23rd November 1917 during the Battle of Cambrai. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. John 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.

John 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. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill.

In Memory of
Lance Corporal
John Alfred Lee

25631, 13th Bn., Yorkshire Regiment who died on 23 November 1917

Remembered with Honour
Cambrai Memorial, Louverval



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