



Harry Townend

1885 - 1917

Harry was born in Ravensthorpe on 1st April 1885 and was baptised at St. Saviour's Church, Ravensthorpe on 1st May 1885. His father was William Townend, a woollen cloth dyer born in Huddersfield in 1850 and died in 1908. His mother was Elizabeth (nee Crawshaw) born in Golborne, Wigan, Lancashire in 1850 and died in 1912. They were married in Bury, Lancashire in 1874.

Their other children were; Margaret, born in 1875 and died in 1911, Gilbert, born in 1877 and died in 1878 and Ann Elizabeth, born in 1880.

On the 1891 Census they lived at John Street, Ravensthorpe, in 1901 at Sackville Street, Ravensthorpe and in 1911 at 35, Ravenswharf Road, Scout Hill, Dewsbury.

Harry was a single man and worked as a Goods Porter for The Great Northern Railway.

He enlisted in Wakefield serving as Private 201922 in the 2nd/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was killed in action during the Battle of Cambrai on 27th November 1917, his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Harry 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.

Harry is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

In Memory of

Private

Harry Townend

201922, 2nd/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 27 November 1917

Remembered with Honour

Cambrai Memorial, Louverval



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

TOWNEND H.