



Frederick Ward

1899-1919

Frederick was born in Woodkirk, Yorkshire in 1899. His father was George Ward, a Plate Layer and Labourer born in Snettisham, Norfolk in 1860. His mother was Mary Ann (nee Warnes) born in Thetford, Norfolk in 1861 and died in 1930. They were married on 30th November 1879 at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Sedgeford, Norfolk.

Their other children were; Herbert William, born in Sedgeford in 1880, Jane Elizabeth, born in Sedgeford in 1882, John George (recorded as *George John*), born in Hartlepool, County Durham in 1883, Susannah Ethel, born in Hartlepool in 1885, Edith, born in Wakefield in 1887, George, born in Wakefield in 1888 and died in 1888, Edwin, born in West Ardsley in 1890, James, born in 1891, Minnie Etta, born in West Ardsley in 1893, Lilian May, born in West Ardsley in 1895, Mary Ellen, born in West Ardsley in 1897, Henry, born in Morley in 1901 and Ivy, born in Morley in 1904.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Littleport, Sedgeford, in 1891 at Westerton Lane, West Ardsley, in 1901 at Ackroyd Street, Morley and in 1911, 24, Back Cobden Street, New Brighton, Morley.

Frederick was a single man who in 1911 worked as a Piecener in a Woollen Mill but nothing else is known about his civilian life.

He enlisted on 22nd May 1917 serving as Private R/387539 in the Royal Army Service Corps. He was discharged on 23rd February 1918 with Silver War Badge 524839. He died at his home at 18, South Woodbine Street, Flatts, Dewsbury on 19th November 1919 from Enteritis and Bronchitis caused by war service and was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. Frederick did not qualify for any medal awards as he did not serve overseas.

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

He is one of twenty men named on the above but who are not recorded as official war casualties, due to their cause of death not being officially attributed to war service.