



Stanley Pollitt

1887 – 1917

Stanley was born on in Earlsheaton on 2nd May 1887. His father was Harvey Pollitt, a Solicitor's Managing Clerk born in Chickenley in 1863 and died in 1935. His mother was Eleanor (nee Senior) born in Dewsbury in 1865 and died in 1907. They were married in Dewsbury in 1886.

Their other children were; Mabel Sophia, born in 1893, William Duncan, born in 1896 and died in 1897 and Edna, born in 1898 and died in 1899.

In 1891 and 1901 the family were living in Town Street, Earlsheaton.

Harvey was remarried in 1908 to Clara Auty (born in 1872 and died in 1949). They lived at Oak Dene, Earlsheaton.

In 1911 Stanley was living with his grandparents Joseph and Sophia Pollitt in Walnut Lane, Chickenley. He was educated at Wheelwright Grammar School and worked for 14 years as an audit clerk in the employ of Chartered Accountant Mr. Joseph Croft, Westgate, Dewsbury. He was described as: "*a smart-looking man of excellent physique*". Formerly he played cricket with the Chickenley Club, but took a keen interest for golf, of which he became an enthusiastic devotee. He was connected with the Ossett Golf Club.

Stanley was married to Amy Rose Jeeves (born in 1867 and died in 1953) on 21st February 1914 at Biggleswade Register Office, Bedfordshire. They lived at St. Mary's Place, Savile Town. Amy later lived at The Cottages, Crow Nest Park, Dewsbury and in 1939 she was living at 232, Pelham Road, Cleethorpes.

He attested in Dewsbury in November 1916 joining the Life Guards and was then attached to the Household Battalion serving as Lance Corporal 1569. The Battalion was formed in September 1916 from the reserves of the Household Cavalry regiments (the 1st Life Guards, 2nd Life Guards and the Royal Horse Guards). He was killed in action during the Battle of Arras on 3rd May 1917 at the beginning of the third Battle of the Scarpe. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial. Stanley was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7th August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and who have no known grave. The most conspicuous events of this period were the Arras offensive of April-May 1917, and the German attack in the spring of 1918.

Stanley is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Public Library and on the War Memorial in Earlsheaton Park and on the Oak Reredos in St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton and on the Memorial in the now demolished Chickenley Wesleyan Methodist Chapel (current whereabouts of Memorial untraced) and on the War Memorial in the now demolished St. Mary's Church, Savile Town now displayed in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees and on the War Memorial in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor and on the Memorial Tablet to former pupils of Wheelwright Grammar School.

In Memory of
Lance Corporal

Stanley Pollitt

1569, Household Battalion who died on 03 May 1917 Age 30

Son of Harry and Eleanor Pollitt; husband of Amy Rose Pollitt, of The Cottages, Crow Nest Park,
Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Arras Memorial



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