



Albert Gibbs

1896 - 1916

Albert was born in Rotherham in 1896. His father was Arthur Gibbs, a Coke Dresser and Pit Washer born in Radford, Nottinghamshire in 1877. His mother was Harriet (nee Gilbert) born in Rotherham in 1875. They were married at St. Thomas's Church, Kilnhurst, Swinton, Mexborough, Yorkshire on 28th August 1894.

Their other children were; James Arthur, born in 1895 and served in World War 1, he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in October 1915, Pearl, born in 1898 and Florence May, born in 1901.

In 1901 they lived at 76, Netherfield Lane, Rawmarsh near Rotherham, in 1911 at 57, France Street, Parkgate, Rotherham and later at 30, Stanley Terrace, Dewsbury Moor and then 7, Unity Terrace, Thornhill Road, Dewsbury.

Albert was a single man who worked as a Pony Driver underground and later as a Middle Minder in the woollen mill of Messrs G. and J. Stubbley.

He served as Private 20007 in the 1st Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers and was sent to the Balkans on 24th September 1915 serving in the Gallipoli Campaign and later in Egypt. The Battalion was then sent to the Western Front in March 1916. He was killed in action on 1st July 1916 during the First Day of the Battle of the Somme. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. Albert was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His mother received a letter from Private G. Forrest of the Notts and Derby Regiment dated 16th August, part of which read; *"I am writing to let you know what has become of your son Albert, it is my deep regret to say that he was killed in the big advance about 1st July. I was in the trenches a few days ago and happened to come across him, and found these photos on him, which I am returning to you. We buried him close to where he fell."*

The Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20th March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

Albert 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. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor.

In Memory of
Private
Albert Gibbs

20007, 1st Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers who died on 01 July 1916 Age 19

Son of Arthur and Harriet Gibbs, of 7, Unity Terrace, Thornhill Rd., Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Thiepval Memorial



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