



## **William Price**

### **1896 -1916**

William was born in Dewsbury in 1896. His father was Joseph Price, an iron moulder born in Dewsbury in 1856 and died in 1924. His mother was Martha Ann (née Moorhouse) born in Halifax in 1865 and died in 1913. They were married on 26<sup>th</sup> February 1887 at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

Their other children were; Nora, born in 1888 and Annie, born in 1892.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 6, Back Brook Street, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 10, Water Lane, Dewsbury, in 1911 at 12, Webster Street, Dewsbury and later at 18, Ashworth Road, Dewsbury. On the Dewsbury Roll of Honour the family address states 24, Willans Road, Dewsbury but on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records, the family address is recorded as 24, *Williams Road*, Dewsbury but this is probably a misspelling of Willans Road.

William was a single man who attended Victoria Jubilee School and Dewsbury Parish Church Sunday School. He worked as a Teamer of horses.

He enlisted in August 1916 serving as Gunner 81898 in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Trench Mortar Battery Royal Field Artillery. He died in a field hospital on 4<sup>th</sup> of October 1916 from wounds received in the Battle of the Somme and was buried in Cambrin Churchyard Extension, Pas-de-Calais, France. William was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Cambrin is a village about 24 kilometres north of Arras and about 8 kilometres east of Bethune, on the road to La Basse. Cambrin Churchyard Extension is on the south side of the main road. The Commonwealth plot will be found behind the church. At one time, the village of Cambrin housed brigade headquarters but until the end of the First World War, it was only about 800 metres from the front line trenches. The village contains two cemeteries used for Commonwealth burials; the churchyard extension, taken over from French troops in May 1915, and the Military Cemetery. The churchyard extension was used for front line burials until February 1917 when it was closed. The extension is remarkable for the very large numbers of graves grouped by battalion, the most striking being the 79 graves of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and 15 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cameronians, 35 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Welch Fusiliers and 115 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Middlesex, all dating from 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915, the first day of the Battle of Loos. Cambrin Churchyard Extension contains 1,211 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 8 being unidentified.

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

In Memory of  
Gunner  
**William Price**

81898, "A" 32nd Trench Mortar Bty., Royal Field Artillery who died on 04 October 1916 Age 20

Son of Joseph and Martha Ann Price, of 24, Williams Rd., Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour  
**Cambrin Churchyard Extension**



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