



Alfred Loble MM

1896 – 1916

Alfred was born in Batley Carr on 7th July 1896 and baptised at St. John the Baptist Church, Daw Green, Dewsbury. His father was Edward Loble, an oil extractor born in Dewsbury in 1862 and died in 1902. His mother was Mary Emma (née Crossland) who was born in Dewsbury in 1866 and died in 1939. They were married on 15th February 1896 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor.

They had another son; Harry, born in 1897 and served in World War 1.

Mary Emma was remarried in 1915 to William Humphrey Porter (born in 1857 and died in 1928). She previously had a daughter; Mary Alice Crossland, born in 1889.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Calder Bank Lane, Dewsbury, in 1911 at Rothery's Yard, Lidgate Lane, Batley Carr and later at 2, Back Dale Street, Batley Carr, then 9, Rooms, Lawson Street, Eastborough.

Alfred was a single man who was educated at Eastborough Council School and later at Batley Carr Church School; he initially worked for Messrs Ballance and Sons, Florists, Market Place, Dewsbury and later for Messrs J and J Saxton at their Oil Extraction Works, Savile Mill, Batley.

He enlisted 11th November 1914 serving as Private 15919 in the 11th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) and after training was sent to the Western Front on 26th August 1915. He was awarded the Military Medal for an act of conspicuous gallantry near Pozieres on the night of 6th/7th August 1916, whilst on a bombing mission he continued to hurl bombs at the enemy, despite numerous counter attacks for over three hours whilst the position was secured. The award was gazetted on 21st September 1916. On 28th October 1916 he suffered gunshot wounds to the head and chest in France; he was repatriated and died in the Mersey Military Hospital in Birkenhead on 10th November 1916. He was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. Alfred was awarded the 1914-15 Star, The British War Medal and The Victory Medal in addition to the Military Medal.

Alfred is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Batley War Memorial.

In Memory of

Private

A Lobley

M M

15919, 11th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) who died on 10 November 1916 Age 20

Son of Mrs. M.E. Porter (formerly Lobley), of 9, Room, Lawson St., Eastborough, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Dewsbury Cemetery



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