



John Arnold Hemingway

1890 - 1916

John was born in Dewsbury on 9th October 1890. His father was also John Hemingway, a painter and later a stockman in a woollen warehouse born in Dewsbury in 1857 and died in 1914. His mother was Clara Jane (née Scholefield) born in Dewsbury in 1859 and died in 1917. They were married at All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 12th July 1880.

They also had two daughters; Edith, born in 1882 and Lillian, born in 1884.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Pepper Royd Street, Dewsbury, in 1891 at 22, Ashworth Road, Flatts and in 1901 at 10, Park Street, Dewsbury.

John was attached to the Wesleyan Chapel on North Road Ravensthorpe, attending the Sunday school and singing in the choir. In 1911 he was working as a cloth finisher lodging with his sister Edith (now Mrs. Frederick Walter Gosling) in Craven Street, Ravensthorpe. He was married at the Wesleyan Chapel, Ravensthorpe on 4th November 1914 to Ethel Sheard (born in Guben, Germany in 1889 and died in 1969), at the time of his marriage he was living in Aire Street, Ravensthorpe; they had one child, Kathleen born in 1915. At the time of his death they were living at 11, Ravenswharf Road, Scout Hill, Dewsbury. In 1921 Ethel and her daughter had moved to the home of her sister Eleanor (then Mrs. William Henry Silverwood) at 282, Lees Hall Road, Thornhill and then to 19, Tanhouse Street, Ravensthorpe and finally to 32, Harbour Place, Whitstable, Kent.

He enlisted in November 1914 as Private 19588 in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry but was soon transferred to the 7th Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment serving as Private 18451. After training at Darlington, he was posted to the Gallipoli Campaign, landing at Suvla Bay on 8th September 1915 where he was slightly wounded and after contracting enteric fever he was evacuated to a hospital in Alexandria, Egypt where he spent ten weeks and was then brought back to a hospital in Glasgow where he spent a further ten weeks recuperating. From 6th April to 18th May 1916 he was granted home leave before returning to base at Richmond and was then posted to the Western Front. He was killed in action on 5th November 1916 during the later stages 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. John was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the War Medal and the Victory Medal.

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.

John 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 Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church and on the Springfield Congregational Church Memorial Plaque now relocated to Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury.

In Memory of

Private

John Arnold Hemingway

18451, 7th Bn., Yorkshire Regiment Age 26

Husband of Ethel Hemingway, of 19, Tanhouse St., Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



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