



Vincent Scott

1888-1918

Vincent was born at 9, Back Granville Street, Dewsbury on 10th July 1888. His father was Walter Scott, a Carpet Weaver born in Dewsbury around 1862. His mother was Ann Eliza (nee Vincent) born in Dewsbury in 1862 and died in 1890. They were married at All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 28th August 1886.

They had another son, James Edward, born in 1887 and died in 1892.

On the 1891 Census Vincent was living with his maternal grandparents and his older brother James at 17, Lower Granville Street, Dewsbury, in 1901 he was with his widowed grandmother, Martha Vincent at Quarry Street, Upper Soothill and in 1911 at Brooks Buildings, Chickenley Heath with his Great-Aunt, Ann Rose and his Uncle, Charles Vincent.

Vincent was a single man who in 1911 worked as a Fruit Shop Assistant, nothing more is known about his life.

He enlisted in Camberwell, London giving his place of residence as Brixton, London and was sent to the Western Front on 11th November 1915 serving in the 1st/21st Battalion of the London Regiment as Private 3474 and was an Acting Lance Corporal at some stage before he was transferred into the 1st Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry serving as Private 260309. He was killed in action in France on 23rd August 1918 and was buried in the field; his remains were discovered in October 1919 and he was reburied in Queens Cemetery, Bucquoy, Pas-de-Calais, France. Vincent was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Bucquoy is situated on the Arras-Amiens road, 15 km south of Arras. Queens Cemetery is located on the western side of the road just south of the village. Bucquoy was taken by the 7th Division in March, 1917. It was partly lost in April 1918, after a prolonged and gallant defence by the 62nd (West Riding), 37th and 42nd (East Lancashire) Divisions; and it was cleared on the following 21st August. The cemetery was begun in March 1917, when 23 men of the 2nd Queen's were buried. Thirteen graves of April-August 1918 were added in September 1918 by the 5th Division Burial Officer. The remainder of the cemetery was made after the Armistice, by the concentration of British and French graves and one American from the battlefields of the Ancre and from small cemeteries in the neighbourhood. There are now over 700, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 200 are unidentified and special memorials record the names of six soldiers from the United Kingdom, buried in Miraumont German Cemetery, whose graves were destroyed by shell fire.

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

In Memory of
Private
V Scott

260309, 1st Bn., Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry who died on 23 August 1918

Remembered with Honour
Queens Cemetery, Bucquoy



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