



William Hinton

1895 – 1916

William was born in Cloughfold, Rossendale, Lancashire on 15th September 1895. His father was Frank Hinton, a Gas Stoker born in Rossendale in 1874 and died in 1947. His mother was Margaret (née Bell) born in Liverpool in 1874 and died in 1953. They were married on 22nd April 1895 at Newchurch in Rossendale.

Their other children were; Lily, born in 1896, May, born in 1897, Elizabeth Ellen, born in 1900, Frank, born in 1901, Ada, born in 1904 and died 1905, Alice, born in 1906 and Benjamin, born 1909.

On the 1901 Census the family were living at 1, Ash Street, Rawtenstall, Haslingden, Lancashire, in 1911 at 2, The Green, Ossett and later at 103, Sands Road, Earlsheaton.

William was a single man who attended Earlsheaton Church School and was employed as a piecer in a woollen mill. Just before enlisting he worked at Ernest Hepworth's mill, Healey Road, Ossett.

A local Territorial with the 1st/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, he was sent to the Western Front on 13th April 1915, serving as Private 1819. During the Battle of the Somme he was severely injured by a shell whilst with a working party and died of wounds at the First South African Hospital, Abbeville, France on 20th August 1916. He is buried in Abbeville Communal Cemetery, Somme, France. William was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His family received the following communication from his officer: *"..... I trust that it will be some consolation to you to know that your son was an excellent soldier. He was one of the best scouts in my section, and I always found him quite fearless, and the type of man I could thoroughly rely on to do risky work well..... I and my section all feel his loss very deeply, especially as he was always particularly cheerful, even under the worst conditions. He could not possibly have done his duty more thoroughly."*

William 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 Earlsheaton Park War Memorial and on the Oak Reredos in St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton.

In Memory of

Private

William Hinton

1819, 4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 20 August 1916 Age 21

Son of Frank and Margaret Hinton, of 103, Sands Rd., Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Abbeville Communal Cemetery



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