



Frederick (Fred) Holliday

1883 – 1916

Fred was born in Dewsbury in 1883. His father was John Weller Holliday, a gas meter inspector born in Witney, Oxfordshire in 1844 and died in 1906. His mother was Elizabeth Benbow (née Hatton) born in Stourbridge, Worcestershire in 1841. They were married on 7th December 1869 in St. Peter's Church, Liverpool.

Their other children were; William James, born in Liverpool in 1870, Annie Jane, born in Liverpool in 1873, Louise, born in Dewsbury in 1875, Minnie, born in Dewsbury in 1877, Ernest, born in Dewsbury in 1880 and was killed on 11th January 1902 at Elandsfontein, South Africa, he is named on the Boer War Memorial in Dewsbury Minster and on the South African War Memorial in Crow Nest Park.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Bradford Road, Dewsbury, in 1891 at Sands Road, Earlsheaton, in 1901 at Hollinroyd Wood, Leeds Road, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 5, Back Leatham Street, Westborough.

Fred was employed as a bricklayer's labourer for Mr. Sam Coop of Dewsbury. He was married to Lily Field (born in 1883 and died in 1979) on 12th November 1911 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor. They lived at 3, Wellington Place, Eightlands, Dewsbury, there were no children to the marriage.

Lily had a son, Jack Holliday, born in 1919. In 1925 she had another son, Henry Jarrold, whose father is recorded as Benjamin Earl Jarrold (born in 1883 and died in 1963). He married Lily in 1933, a year after the death of his wife.

He served as Private 3/2980 in the 2nd Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, being called up at the outbreak of War. He had previously served for four years as a Reservist with The Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and four years as a Reservist with the Yorkshire Dragoons. He was killed in action on 18th November 1916 near Beaumont Hamel which was one of the last actions 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. Fred was awarded the British 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 300 Commonwealth and 300 French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

Fred is also 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

Frederick Holliday

3/2980, 2nd Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 18 November 1916

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



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