



Harry Lodge Carter

1891 – 1917

Harry was born in Kirkheaton in 1891 and baptised at the Church of Christ the King, Battyeford, Mirfield on 17th February 1892. His father was Samuel Carter, a road labourer, born in Mirfield in 1865 and died in 1915. His mother was Alice (nee Lodge) born in Colne Bridge, Huddersfield in 1866 and died in 1940. They were married on 12th November 1887 at the Church of Christ the King.

Their other children were; Lilian, born in 1888 and Minnie, born in 1893 and died in 1894.

On the 1891 Census the family are living at Batty Mill, Kirkheaton, in 1901 at Wards End, Battyeford, Mirfield. On the 1911 Census Alice is recorded as “wife, living apart” at Bradbury Street, Ravensthorpe with her two children and Samuel is living as a boarder at 21, Swan Lane, Lockwood, Huddersfield giving his status as a widower.

Alice was remarried to Joseph Sykes (born in 1866 and died in 1936) at Holy Trinity Church Ossett on 19th February 1916. They lived at Spring Mill, Flushdyke, Ossett and later at 2, Mitchell Row off Dale Street, Ossett.

Harry was a single man who was educated at Mirfield Christ Church School and worked as a Wool Piecer at the textile mill of Messrs Marshall, Kaye and Marshall in Ravensthorpe; at the time of his death he was engaged to a Miss Dorothy Byron who also worked at the same mill.

He enlisted in June 1915 serving as Private 20259 in the 1st Battalion King’s Own Scottish Borderers and was posted to the Dardanelles Campaign (Gallipoli) in September 1915 and in 1916 to the Western Front. He was killed in action in the Somme Region of France on 28th January 1917. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. Harry was awarded the 1914-15 Star, 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.

Harry 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

Henry Lodge Carter

20259, 1st Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers who died on 28 January 1917 Age 25

Son of Alice Sykes (formerly Carter), of 2, Mitchell's Row, Dale St., Ossett, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



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