



Harry Hiller

1880? – 1917

Harry was allegedly born in Dewsbury around 1880 according to Census Records but no definitive birth or christening records have been found. His father was George Frederick (or Georg Friedrich) Hiller born around 1834 and died in 1895. His mother was Rosina/Rosine Catherine/Katharina) Koerner, born around 1842 and died in 1917. They were both born in Württemberg, Germany, and were married on 6th October 1861 at St. John the Baptist Church, Halifax.

His father George was a pork butcher who was already in Bradford working as a journeyman butcher at the age of 16. Judging by where his children were born, he seems to have worked in Brighouse, Keighley and Sheffield as well as Bradford before settling in the Batley/Dewsbury area and becoming a sole trader with his own shop.

Their other children were; George Frederick, born in Keighley in 1862, Christiana Rosine, born in Keighley in 1863 and died in 1914, Caroline, born in Sheffield in 1865, William Henry, born in Sheffield in 1866 and died in 1886, Emma, born in Sheffield in 1869, Louisa, born in Dewsbury in 1872, Matilda, born in Dewsbury in 1874 and died in 1875 and Annie, born in Dewsbury in 1877 and died in 1892.

On the 1871 Census the family lived at Warwick Road, Batley, in 1881 at Middle Road, Dewsbury and in 1891 at Upper Road, Batley Carr. In 1901 Rosine was a grocer in Victoria Road, Dewsbury and in 1911 in Lawson Street, Dewsbury.

Harry was married on 19th July 1900 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury to Harriet Ann Law (born in 1879 and died in 1955). Their children were; Gladys, born in 1903 and died in 1904, Annie, born in 1905, Lily, born in 1908 and died in 1909, Olive, born in 1911 and Nellie, born in 1915. He was employed as a rag grinder with Messrs G. Collett & Sons, who had a mill at Chapel Fold, Staincliffe. Previous to that he had been an agent for the Provident Clothing Company. At the time of his death the family lived at 7, Smith Road, Batley Carr.

He enlisted on 16th October 1916 serving as Private 242480 in the 2nd/6th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) with a previous number of 6130 and was sent to the Western Front in January 1917. He was killed in action during the Battle of Arras on 3rd May 1917 at the beginning of the third Battle of the Scarpe. Harry was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7th August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and who have no known grave. The most conspicuous events of this period were the Arras offensive of April-May 1917, and the German attack in the spring of 1918.

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

Harry Hiller

242480, 2nd/6th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) who died on 03 May 1917

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