



Fred Mowforth

1881 - 1917

Fred was born in Hessle, East Riding of Yorkshire in 1881. His father was Charles Mowforth, a farmer born in Hessle in 1854 and died in 1929. His mother was Jane (nee Firth) born in Willerby, East Riding of Yorkshire in 1855 and died in 1933. They were married in 1877.

Their other children were: Charles, born in 1878, Harriet, born in 1883, Harry, born in 1885 and died of wounds 3rd September 1918, Lily, born in 1891. Minnie, born in 1895, Frank, born in 1897 and died of wounds 10th September 1918.

Fred was working as a labourer on a farm in Tickhill near Doncaster in 1901 and in 1911 as a gardener at Woodlands, Scarcroft, Leeds. He was married to Hannah Mary Pittock (born in 1882 and died in 1957) on 22nd July 1911 at St. John's Church, Newland, Hull. They lived at 34, Chidswell Lane, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury where Fred was employed as a gardener for Mr. A.L. Scarr. They had a daughter, Kathleen, born in 1915.

He enlisted in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry in December 1915, serving as Private 5730 and was later transferred to the 189th Company of the Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) as Private 65955 and was sent to the Western Front around February 1917. He was killed in action on 10th October 1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele; he was sent out with a message, delivered it but never returned. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Fred was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16th August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

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
Fred Mowforth

65955, 189th Coy., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) who died on 10 October 1917

Remembered with Honour
Tyne Cot Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
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