



Herbert Bone

1894-1918

Herbert was born in Birstall on 3rd April 1894. His father was Herbert Walton Bone, a farm worker born in Chelsea, London in 1861 and died in 1916. His mother was Esther Ann (nee Windass) born in North Cave near Hull in 1865 and died in 1936. They were married in 1887.

Their other children were; John Willie, born in Barmby Moor near Pocklington in 1888, Blanche Amelia, born in Whaplington near Pocklington in 1890, Elizabeth, born in Alwoodley, Leeds in 1892, Alice, born in Birstall in 1896, Ada Jane, born in Castleford in 1898, Arthur, born in Leeds in 1901, Frederick, born in Leeds in 1902 and Ethel Maud, born in Leeds in 1905.

On the 1891 Census the family were living at Rigton near Wetherby, in 1901 at Goodrich House, Alwoodley, Leeds and in 1911 at 37, Lacy Street, Dewsbury.

Esther was remarried on 28th March 1921 to a widower, Walter Croft (born in 1869 and died in 1951).

Herbert was employed as a Carter in 1911 and a farm labourer when he married Frances Farrance (born in 1893 and died in 1925) on 23rd May 1914 at St. John the Baptist Church, Dawgreen, Dewsbury. They lived at 165, Whitehead Row, Huddersfield Road, Dewsbury and had two children; Alice, born in 1914 and Arthur, born in 1916.

He enlisted in the 4th Battalion Territorial Force of the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry on 18th November 1912 but was discharged as medically unfit after serving for 1 year and 261 days. He re-enlisted serving as Driver 83014 in the 3rd Battery 45th Brigade Royal Field Artillery and was killed in action in France on 29th May 1918 during the 3rd Battle of the Aisne (*Operation Blücher-Yorck*), the third stage of the German Spring Offensive (*Der Kaiserschlacht*). His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Soissons Memorial, Aisne, France. Herbert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The town of Soissons stands on the left bank of the River Aisne, approximately 100 kilometres north-east of Paris. For three and a half years from September 1914, this part of the front was held by French forces and the city remained within the range of German artillery. Here, at the end of May 1918, they found themselves facing the overwhelming German attack which, despite fierce opposition, pushed the Allies back across the Aisne to the Marne. The Allied counter attack drove back the Germans by early August and recovered the lost ground. The Soissons Memorial commemorates almost 4,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom forces who died during the Battles of the Aisne and the Marne in 1918 and who have no known grave.

Herbert 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

Driver

Herbert Bone

83014, 3rd Bty. 45th Bde., Royal Field Artillery who died on 29 May 1918 Age 25

Son of Mrs. E. A. Croft (formerly Bone), of 47, Brook St., Dewsbury, Yorks, and the late Herbert Bone;
husband of the late Frances Bone.

Remembered with Honour

Soissons Memorial



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