



Albert Dent

1899-1918

Albert was born in Liversedge in 1899. His father was James Dent, a labourer in an oil works and later a rag grinder born in Durham in 1873 and died in 1933. His mother was Hephzibah (nee Thewlis) born in Liversedge in 1872 and died in 1967. They were married in Dewsbury in 1897.

Their other children were; Frank, born in 1897, Sarah Elizabeth, born in 1901, Alice, born in 1904 and James, born in 1907.

On the 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at Milton Road, Liversedge and later at 22, Aire Street, Ravensthorpe.

Albert was a single man who worked as a Mule Minder in the textile mill of Messrs F. Doble and Son, Ravensthorpe.

He joined the Training Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) with the Service Number 107627 and was later transferred to the 10th Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment serving as Private 51927. He was sent to the Western Front around Easter 1918 but within a month he had contracted trench fever, his Battalion was disbanded around this time and he was posted to the 2nd Battalion. On the 29th September the 1st and 2nd Lincolnshire's were in the Nord Region of France, being part of an attack launched from Gouzeaucourt towards the village of Gonnelleu one and a half miles to the east, he received a serious gunshot wound to the chest and was taken to a Casualty Clearing Station at Beaulencourt, some 15 miles to the west where he died of wounds on 5th October 1918. He was buried in Thilloy Road Cemetery, Beaulencourt, Pas-de-Calais, France. Albert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Beaulencourt is a village 3km south-east of Bapaume on the road to Péronne. The cemetery was begun by the 53rd Field Ambulance early in September 1918, and used during the latter part of the month and the early part of October by the 3rd, 4th and 43rd Casualty Clearing Stations. Thilloy Road Cemetery contains 240 burials from World War I.

Albert is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Ravensthorpe Memorial in St. Saviour's Church.

In Memory of

Private

Albert Dent

51927, 2nd Bn., Lincolnshire Regiment who died on 05 October 1918 Age 19

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dent, of 23, Aire St., Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Thilloy Road Cemetery, Beaulencourt



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