



## **Edward Arthur Lister 1881 - 1917**

Edward was born at Naylor Street, Dewsbury on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1881 and baptised at Holy Trinity Church, Batley Carr on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1883. His father was John Robinson Lister, a woollen spinner born in Dewsbury in 1841 and died in 1924. His mother was Eliza (nee Kershaw) born in Batley in 1844 and died in 1912. They were married on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1874 at Batley All Saints Church.

Their other children were; Ellis, born in 1874, Herbert, born in 1876 and died in 1877, Mary Hannah, born in 1877 and Ernest, born in 1879 and died in 1884.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Lidgate Lane, Dewsbury, in 1891 at 11, Quarry Street, Batley, in 1901 at 87, Lidgate Lane and in 1911 at 15, Quarry Street, Batley.

Eliza had three children prior to her marriage; Caroline Kershaw, born in 1862, Clara Kershaw, born in 1870 and Ellen Kershaw, born in 1871.

Edward worked as a jobber in Joshua Ellis's woollen mill. He was married to Ann Taylor (born in Heckmondwike in 1879 and died in 1969) at St. James's Church, Heckmondwike on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1908, they had three children; Alice, born in 1908, Eva, born in 1910 and Norah, born in 1914 and died in 1916. In 1911 they lived at 5, Robin Lane, Dewsbury and later at 7, Ivy Grove, Carr Top, Dewsbury. In 1921 Ann and her two daughters lived at 4, Thomas Street, Heckmondwike, along with her brother John William Taylor and his wife Evelina.

He attested on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1916 serving as Private 23/487 in the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion Durham Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 29<sup>th</sup> December 1916. This was a "Bantam Battalion" with troops who were under the normal regulation minimum height of 5 feet 3 inches, Edward was 5 feet 1 inch. He was an officer's servant when he was killed in action on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1917 in the Somme Region. He was seen to be lying wounded but his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme. Edward was awarded 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

Edward is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Memorial Plaque to employees of Messrs Joshua Ellis and Company Ltd who gave their lives for their country.

In Memory of

Private

## Edward A. Lister

23/487, 19th Bn., Durham Light Infantry who died on 06 May 1917

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