



Woodford Remembers



Harry Wood
1878 – 1 July 1916

Family

William Wood was born in Billing 1836, and he married Woodford girl Sarah Ann Hawes in the last quarter of 1859. Harry was their fifth child, and his birth was registered in the last quarter of 1878. This fact is reinforced by the spring 1881 census where his age is given as two years. William was a shoemaker in 1881 but by 1891 he had taken up the other local trade of ironstone labourer.

In the 1901 Census Harry is still living with his parents, and gives his trade as a blast furnace labourer.

Army Service

It is thought he joined the Northants Militia on 15 June 1900 and states he is employed by Mr Kidner. Mr Kidner was a senior manager at the Islip Furnaces. He was discharged in June 1906. On 1 July 1907 he joined the Northants 3rd regiment and is described as being 5' 3" with brown hair and brown eyes, weighing in at 125 pounds. He is listed as being a deserter on 29 June 1908, and his father is confirmed as William Wood of Woodford.

Harry disappears from official records, not appearing in the 1911 census (or certainly not being easily found!) but is discovered again when in Goole in 1915, as Private Harry Wood 15186 when he enlists with the 10th Battalion Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

He disembarked in northern France on 11 September 1915 and was killed in action on 1 July 1916 at Scots Redoubt at the beginning of the Battle of the Somme.

Burial / grave

No known grave

Dependants

None

Commemoration

Thiepval Memorial panel 11C / 12A

Woodford War Memorial

Woodford St Mary's Church Memorial



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