# Henry Crossland





**Rank: -** Gunner

**Number: -** 127505

**Regiment: -** Royal Field Artillery A Bty 47th Bde.

**Died of Wounds: -** 12/11/1918 Age: 23 years

**Cemetery: -** Saint Andre Communal Cemetery, Nord, France 1.A.60

Batley News, 30 Nov 1918 (photo)

## Family Details

Henry was born in Dewsbury in 1895 the youngest son of Benjamin and Margaret Crossland (nee Howison, m. 11 Nov 1883, Stirling, Scotland). Benjamin died in the 1st Qtr 1901.

In 1901 the family was living at 11, Oldroyd's Yard, Batley Carr, Margaret stating she was a widow. Henry and his younger sister May 1893 were born in Dewsbury but the others James Kidd 1879 (half-brother), Annie 1886, Margaret 1887, Thomas 1889 were born in Scotland.

Before 1911 Margaret and her family moved to live at 9, Mount Terrace, Upper Mount Street, Batley. Henry was employed as a grocer's assistant at Dewsbury Co-operative's Earlsheaton Branch. Prior to this he had attended Warwick Road School and Batley Wesleyan Chapel. His mother, Margaret died in the summer of 1918.

## Service Details

Henry disembarked in France in February 1916.

The 47th Brigade Royal Field Artillery was part of (Howitzer) Brigades of the Royal Field Artillery (14th Divisional Artillery). A Lieutenant wrote to his sister to say he had received a slight wound to his leg, just breaking the skin, on November 7th and even walked to the aid post and was very cheerful.

A subsequent telegram arrived to say he was dangerously ill and his death was afterwards notified.

His brother Thomas Crossland was with the Manchester in France at this time.

Henry was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Warwick Road JI & N School and Batley War Memorial.




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