Leonard Ferrari





Rank: - Private

Number: - 42242

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (Formerly 28970 King's Royal Rifle Corps) 7th Battalion

Killed in Action: - 16/08/1917 Age: 24 years

Memorial: - Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium Panel 108-111

Batley News, 25 Aug 1917. Batley Reporter, 31 Aug 1917 (photo) Dewsbury Reporter 1 Sep 1917 (photo)

Family Details

Leonard was born on 24th August 1891 in Dewsbury and baptised 17th February 1901 at Holy Trinity Church, Batley Carr. His father was Richard Ferrari, a Rag Merchant born around 1857 in Hackney, London and died in 1936. His mother was Emma (nee Blakeley) born in Dewsbury in 1856 and died in 1929. They were married on 16th November 1875 at Birstall Parish Church.

His grandfather was Achille Ferrari, born in February 1820 in Naples, Italy who migrated to London in 1843 and married Marion Hawkins in 1856. They moved to Dewsbury around 1861 and set up a rag import and auction business.

Leonard's siblings, all born in Dewsbury were: Emma Marion, born in 1876, Archie, born in 1878, Louis, born in 1880 and died in 1885, Pepina, born in 1882, Lawrence, born in 1884, Richard, born in 1887 and died in 1894, Leonora, born in 1889.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 114, Bradford Road, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 4, Upper South Street, Batley Carr.

On the 1911 census Leonard was a warehouse man in his father's Rag Merchant firm, living in Batley Carr, with his parents and sister Leonora. Later that year he married Lizzie Annie Green who was born in 1893 and died in 1966; they had 2 sons, Louis born and died in the December quarter of 1911 and Horace born 17th October 1913. He was reported as being a junior partner in the firm of Messrs R. Ferrari and Sons at the time of his death.

Service Details

He served as Private 42242 in the 7th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, attesting in May 1916. He did his training in England and was sent to the Western Front in November 1916. He was killed in action on 16th August 1917; the 7th Battalion was heavily involved in the Battle of Langemark which saw 15000 casualties as part of the Battle of Passchendaele. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

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

He is remembered with Honour on Dewsbury and Batley War Memorials. Thanks to Dewsbury Sacrifices for research.



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