

## Harold Russell ENGLAND

c.1885 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 1918

**H**arold, was born in London in about 1885. His mother was **Emily Alice Ainsworth** and his father was Russell England. They were married in 1863 at St Peters, Halliwell. Emily Alice was the daughter of **John Horrocks Ainsworth** and Elizabeth Shaw and who died in 1925 in Eastbourne. She was baptised at St Mary, Deane in February 1841 whilst living at Moss Bank Hall.



Harold Russell England was one of nineteen (19) children born to Russell and Emily Alice England. The 1911 Census completed by Emily Alice shows that they had been married 47 years, had 19 children, 15 were still alive and 4 had died. 3 children were still at 29 Holland Park Gardens, London in 1911. The family had lived there since at least 1888 (London Electoral Register). From records available Harold Russell was one of the youngest.

Harold moved to Canada and married Kathleen Mary Seabrook, who had also emigrated from England, and was from Berden Priory, Stansted, Essex.

Harold joined up in Canada to fight in the First World War with the 48<sup>th</sup> Gordon Highlanders, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadians, and his memorial certificate from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission shows he died whilst a Corporal in the Canadian Corps Military Police. He died within months of the end of the war on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1918, aged 33.

He is buried at the Tigris Lane Cemetery, Wancourt, Pas de Calais and his memorial stone is shown on the above.

There is a plaque in St Nicolas Church, Berden, Essex which commemorates him and shows that he was killed in action at Arras, France after 3 years 4 months continuous active service.

We are grateful to Coitrina Royle, whose grandfather was the brother of Harold's wife Kathleen, for adding to our knowledge.



Tigris Cemetery