



BERTRAM HAROLD TAYLOR

39399, Private, Bertram Harold Taylor, 1/5th Battalion, Princes of Wales's Volunteer, South Lancashire Regiment.

Born in 1877, baptised 2nd November 1877 at Polesworth, Warwickshire, son of coal agent

Thomas and Eliza Noon Taylor. The family moved

many times due to Thomas Taylor's work. In 1881 they were at 14 Peter Street, Broughton, Salford, then in 1891, they lived at 28 Oakville Street, Cheetham, Manchester, and by 1901 they were back at Broughton living at 530 Cheetham Street. There were five boys in the family, Thomas, Percy, Egbert, Bertram and Ambrose.

Bertram married Henrietta Barrow in the spring of 1908, registered at Prestwich. The 1911 census shows they were living at 19 Neville Street, Hazel Grove, with their two small children, Cyril Saddington (1) and George Bertram (5 months). Bertram was employed as a mercantile clerk.

When Bertram enlisted at Stockport, he gave his residence as Poynton. His theatre of war was France. In 1917 the South Lancashire Regiment were in the 55th Division, 166th Infantry Brigade, and the battalion war diary for 30th November 1917, gives an account of the action that day; *Enemy attacked about 7.20 am in great numbers and broke through both VILLERS –GUISLAIN. At once, large numbers worked down southwards and attacked both battalions in the rear, not an officer or man of the battalion came back, and long after the enemy had advanced on our front, were seen to be fighting around Battalion Headquarters. The fighting qualities of the Regiment were displayed at their best and a wonderful example has been given to the new battalions. The approximate strength of the battalion in the line was 21 officers, 540 other ranks.* Bertram was killed in action, 30/11/1917 aged 40 years.

Medals: British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Probate of his Will went to his widow, Henrietta, who was now living at Fern Lea, Park Lane, Poynton. Effects: £268.8s.3d. Private, Bertram Harold Taylor has no known resting place and he is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, Nord, France. C.W.G.C. Ref: - Panel 7.

