

In Memory of Private Harry Hazlewood

1898 - 1918

(10th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment)

Age: 20

Parents: Harry Hazlewood & Minnie Elizabeth Powell

Conflict: World War I, The Great War

Country Enlisted In: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland

Country of Death: Ypres, West-Flanders, Belgium

Relation: Paternal 5th Cousin 2X Removed



Private Harry Hazlewood was only twenty years old when his life was claimed during the terrible battles around Ypres in 1918. He had enlisted in the British Army, serving with the 10th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, a unit that, like so many others, endured the grinding campaigns of the Western Front.

By the spring of 1918, the German Army had launched its great offensives on the Western Front, striking at the British lines in Flanders with overwhelming force. The Ypres Salient — already infamous as a killing ground of mud, gas, and endless artillery — became the scene of desperate fighting once again. The 10th Royal Warwicks were among the battalions thrown into the struggle to hold the line against fierce German attacks.

On the 19th of April, 1918, in the midst of this chaos, Harry Hazlewood was killed in action. The records do not tell the exact details — whether he fell under machine-gun fire in a counterattack, was caught in a shellburst in the shattered trenches, or was lost amid the confusion of battle. What is known is that his body was never recovered, one of the many who disappeared into the mud and fire of Flanders.

Because he has no known grave, his name is inscribed on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium. The memorial bears the names of nearly 35,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after August 1917 and have no known resting place. Among them



*Private in the Royal
Warwickshire Regiment 10th
Battalion*

is Harry Hazlewood — twenty years old, remembered forever in stone though his body was lost.

His story is one of youth and sacrifice, cut short in the final year of the war. At an age when his life should have been beginning, he gave it in the defense of his comrades and his country on one of the most infamous battlefields of the Great War. Though missing from the earth, his name endures on the walls of Tyne Cot, among the endless rows of white headstones and engraved names that testify to the cost of the struggle around Ypres.



*Tyne Cot Cemetery and Memorial to the Missing
Zonnebeke, West Flanders, Belgium*