

In Memory of Lance Sergeant Ernest Treasure Sealey

1883 - 1918

(9th Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders)

Age: 34

Parents: William Sealey & Emma Gooch

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



At 34 years old, Ernest Treasure Sealey was older than many of the young men who filled the ranks of the Great War. He enlisted in the British Army, joining the 9th Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, a regiment with deep Highland traditions of courage and sacrifice. His rank of Lance Sergeant showed his experience and leadership, a man trusted to guide others through the chaos of battle.

By the spring of 1918, the Western Front was in turmoil. The German Army had launched its massive Spring Offensive, striking hard against British lines in Flanders. The Seaforth Highlanders were thrown into the desperate defensive battles around Ypres and Passchendaele, where ground once gained at such terrible cost was now at risk of being lost again.

The atmosphere was tense and unrelenting. April in Belgium brought cold rain and mud, with low clouds that hid the sun for days. The air was filled with the rumble of artillery, the clatter of machine guns, and the cries of orders shouted through the din. Men fought from hastily prepared trenches and shell holes, with the ground shaking beneath their boots as barrages raked the line. In rare quiet moments, Ernest may have thought of home, of familiar voices and places, and of the weight of responsibility he carried for the men beside him.



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On 11 April 1918, during these desperate defensive battles, Lance Sergeant Sealey was killed in action. His body was never recovered, lost in the confusion of the battlefield. He was 34 years old.

Today, his name is engraved on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium, among tens of thousands of others whose resting places are unknown. Though the earth of Flanders keeps his remains, his memory endures in stone and in the traditions of the regiment he served with honour.



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