



Rolla Hirst Jackson

1887 - 1916



Rolla was born during the June Quarter of 1887 in Dewsbury to Ned Jackson, a joiner, who had been born in Huddersfield in 1854, and who died in the June Quarter of 1923 and his wife Sarah Ellen (nee Hirst) who had been born on the 9th November 1852 in Dewsbury and who died in the December Quarter of 1946. The couple were married at All Saints Church Dewsbury in the December Quarter of 1879.

Their children were; Jane Eliza, born 1880, William Ewart, born 1882, Dick, born 1885, killed in action 16th September 1916, Matilda, born 1890, Hannah Elizabeth, born 1893.

Rolla was a painter and decorator by trade; in the March Quarter of 1910 he married Mary Emma (nee Manning) who was born in the March Quarter of 1888 and died in the December Quarter of 1940. Their first child Peter was born and died in the September Quarter of 1910, a second child Elizabeth was born in the March Quarter of 1913. They lived at 51, Commercial Street, Dewsbury.

Rolla served as Lance Corporal 4220 in the 1st/8th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own). He was killed on the 3rd September, possibly as part of the 149th Division who attacked around Thiepval in the salient known as the "Pope's Nose" He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His body was recovered and he is buried in Mill Road Cemetery, Thiepval. Because this cemetery was positioned over the infamous Schwaben Redoubt, which was a German strongpoint consisting of very extensive underground works with several entrances and lots of tunnels, the headstones in the original part are laid flat. The later plots of graves which were moved here later do have upright headstones as normal.

He is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in the Dewsbury Central Library.

In Memory of
Lance Corporal

Rolla Hirst Jackson

4220, 8th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) who died on 03 September 1916 Age 29

Son of Ned and Sarah Ellen Jackson, of Dewsbury; husband of Mary Emma Jackson, of 51, Commercial Rd., Springfield, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Mill Road Cemetery, Thiepval



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