



Joseph Conlon

1894 – 1917

Joseph was born in Batley Carr in 1894. His father was Michael Conlon, a woollen rag grinder born in Dewsbury in 1864 and died in 1905. His mother was Catherine/Kate (nee Rourke) born in Ballina, County Mayo, Ireland around 1867 and died in 1920. They were married in Newcastle upon Tyne in 1884.

Their other children were; Ellen, born in 1886 and died in 1886, John, born in 1892 and died in 1892 and Thomas, born in 1899; he was elected Mayor of Batley in 1965-66 and died in 1980.

On the 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at 21, Hirst's Yard, Batley Carr. Catherine later lived at 20, Wood Hill, Batley Carr.

Joseph was a single man who was employed as a Mulegate Piecer in a woollen mill.

He enlisted in Leeds serving as Rifleman 306742 and previously 4709 in the 2nd/8th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own). He was killed in action during the Battle of Arras on 3rd May 1917 at the beginning of the third Battle of the Scarpe. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial. Joseph was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7th August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and who have no known grave. The most conspicuous events of this period were the Arras offensive of April-May 1917, and the German attack in the spring of 1918.

Joseph is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and on the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the War Memorial in St. Joseph's RC Church, Batley Carr.

In Memory of
Rifleman

Joseph Conlon

306742, 2nd/8th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) who died on 03 May 1917

Remembered with Honour
Arras Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

