



George Jackson

1872– 1917

George was born in Stalybridge, Cheshire on 10th February 1872. His father was Thomas Henry Jackson, a carter born in Huddersfield around 1831. His mother was Mary (nee Barratt) born in Chapel en le Frith, Derbyshire around 1835. They were married in 1856.

Their other children who could be traced, all born in Stalybridge were; Sarah Hannah, born in 1858, Mary Ann, born in 1865, Hannah, born in 1867, Alice/Eliza, born in 1870 and died in 1873 and Samuel, born in 1874 and died in 1874.

He was married at St. George's Church, Stalybridge on 2nd January 1897 to Hannah Winfield (born in Wakefield in 1873 and died in 1933). Their children were; Sarah Ann, born in Stalybridge in 1897, Lily Pretoria, born in Stalybridge in 1899, Ethel Winfield, born in Bradford in 1894, Beatrice Leah, born in Denaby Main near Rotherham in 1904, George, born in Denaby Main in 1907, Thomas Henry, born in Denaby Main in 1909, Mary Hannah, born in Denaby Main in 1912, Albert Jellicoe, born in Ravensthorpe in 1914.

In 1901 the family are living at 40, Grasscroft Road, Stalybridge, Hannah is shown as the head, as George was serving in South Africa and was not discharged until August. They later fell upon hard times as George served two 3-week prison sentences in 1910 for debt. In 1911 they are at 75, Barmburgh Street, Denaby Main where George is working as a coal miner (filler) and later at 40, Crawshaw Street Ravensthorpe and then 32, Ravens Lodge Terrace, Huddersfield Road, Dewsbury. He worked for the Thornhill Carbide Works prior to enlisting.

George served as Private 2286 in the 2nd Battalion Manchester Regiment in India from 1899 to 1901 and then in the South African Campaign (Boer War) where he was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal with 3 Clasps for Wittebergen, Transvaal and Cape Colony.

He was not a reservist and was therefore not liable for further call up at the outbreak of World War 1 but despite this he immediately volunteered for service and whilst in waiting took part in the recruiting drive in Dewsbury. Upon re-joining he was given the rank of Pioneer Serjeant 12019 and was posted to the 14th Battalion Manchester Regiment which upon reorganisation became the 14th Training Reserve Battalion. He was in hospital in Stafford in January 1917 as a result of head injuries sustained during a fall in icy conditions. Following his recovery he was on home leave during May, but soon after his return to camp, Hannah received a telegram that her husband was seriously ill at a hospital in Rugeley Staffordshire. Although setting off straightaway, she arrived too late as George had died of pneumonia on 7th June 1917. He was buried in Mirfield (St. Mary) Churchyard. Four Serjeants from Brocton Camp, where George was an instructor attended the service and a number of other soldiers provided a firing party over the grave; two buglers played the Last Post. George did not receive any medal awards as he did not serve overseas.

George is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church.

In Memory of

Serjeant

G Jackson

12019, 14th Bn., Training Reserve who died on 07 June 1917 Age 45

Husband of Hannah Jackson, of 32, Ravens Lodge Terrace, Huddersfield Rd., Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Mirfield (St. Mary) Churchyard



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