



James Loryman

1884 - 1917

James was born in Dewsbury on January 16th 1884. His father was George Loryman, a blacksmith born in 1851 and died in 1925. His mother was Annie (nee Field) born in 1854 and died in 1937. They were married in All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 16th August 1876.

Their other children were; Ada Hannah, born in 1877 and William Archer, born in 1889.

On the 1901 Census they lived at Bottom of Leeds Road, Dewsbury and in 1911 at Collier Row off Leeds Road.

James was a Miner and later a Theatre door-keeper rising to become Stage Manager at the Dewsbury Empire. He was married on 18th April 1905 at All Saints Church to Lily Margaret Lodge (born in 1882). On the 1911 census they lived at Tidy Row, Earlsheaton and had a daughter, Sylvia, born in 1906 and a son, George Benjamin, born in 1909. Lily was remarried to Thomas Ernest Day (born in 1881 and died in 1948) on February 20th 1919 at St. Philips Church, Leeds Road, Dewsbury. They had a daughter, Violet Day, born in 1920.

He enlisted in Heckmondwike and served in the 303rd Brigade Royal Field Artillery, becoming Acting Bombardier 780303. He was sent to the Western Front in April 1915 but was invalided back home to a hospital in Sheffield suffering from pneumonia; on his recovery he was sent to Salonica and Egypt. He was killed in action in Egypt on November 7th 1917; his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial. James was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Jerusalem War Cemetery was begun after the occupation of the city, with 270 burials. It was later enlarged to take graves from the battlefields and smaller cemeteries in the neighbourhood. There are now 2,514 Commonwealth burials of the First World War in the cemetery, 100 of them unidentified. Within the cemetery stands the Jerusalem Memorial, commemorating 3,300 Commonwealth servicemen who died during the First World War in operations in Egypt or Palestine and who have no known grave.

James is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Dewsbury Baptist Church War Memorial and on the War Memorial from the now demolished St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road now displayed in Dewsbury Minster.

In Memory of
Acting Bombardier
James Loryman

780303, 303rd Bde., Royal Field Artillery who died on 07 November 1917 Age 33

Husband of Lilly Margaret Day (formerly Loryman), of 9, Balden's Buildings, Leeds Road, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Jerusalem Memorial



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