



Joseph Duncan Reekie

1886 - 1917

Joseph was born in Burghmuir, Perthshire, Scotland on 20th June 1886. His father was also Joseph Duncan Reekie, a general dyer born in Perth in 1868 and died in 1939. His mother was Elizabeth Pennycuik (nee Thompson) born in Forteviot, Perthshire in 1865 and died in 1932. They were married in Perth on 3rd January 1888.

Their other children were; Elizabeth Thompson, born in Perth in 1890, William Pennycuik, born in Perth in 1895, Alexander Buchanan, born in Hexham, Northumberland in 1899 and John Pennycuik, born in Dundee in 1901. Joseph Snr was a jute factory millworker on the 1901 census when the family lived at 53, Hill Street, Dundee, Forfarshire, Scotland.

He enlisted in the Militia of the Royal Highlanders (Black Watch) in Dundee on 23rd September 1902 giving his age as 17 years and 3 months, but was discharged on 25th October when found to be underage. He enlisted again on 1st April 1904 giving his true age of 17 years and 10 months and served for 76 days before he joined the Royal Navy on 4th July 1904 serving on H.M.S Acheron, Ambrose II, Illustrious, Pembroke, Leviathan, Baccharife, and Pembroke again, Lord Nelson and finally Pembroke for the third time until he left the service on 24th July 1909.

The 1911 Census shows that the whole family were now living at 7, Whitehead's Buildings, Dewsbury having moved from Scotland in 1905.

Joseph was married to a widow Alice Maud Lucas nee Richardson (born in Huddersfield in 1884 and died in 1973) on 13th October 1911 at Dewsbury Register Office; they did not have any children. Their address in 1917 was 51, Albion Street, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury. Alice was previously married in Huddersfield in 1902 to Albert Lucas (born in 1868 and died in 1905); they had a daughter Elsie May born in 1903 and died in 1915.

He served as Private 5/28868 in "B" Company, 2nd Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry with a previous number of 11580. He was sent to the Western Front on 28th November 1914 and was later wounded in action which resulted in him being discharged on 14th March 1917; he died from his wounds at his home on 28th October 1917 and was buried in St. Mary's Churchyard, Mirfield. Joseph was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

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

In Memory of

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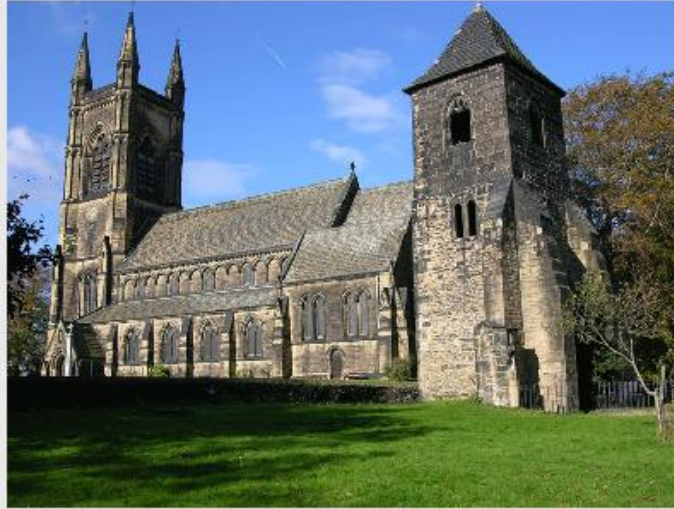
Joseph Duncan Reekie

5/28868, "B" Coy. 2nd Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 28 October 1917 Age 31

Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Duncan Reekie, of Perth; husband of Alice M. Reekie, of 51, Albion St., Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Mirfield (St. Mary) Churchyard



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