



Patrick (Pat) Stones

1883 - 1917

Patrick was born in Trim, County Meath, Ireland in 1883. His father was James Stones and his mother was Mary (nee Slevin). They had ten children between 1863 and 1887; the ones who could be traced on the Irish Census Records for 1901 and 1911 were Richard, Thomas and Joseph. Another brother, James is named as one of the legatees in his Soldiers Effects.

Patrick was a single man who in 1911 was a lodger with Mr. Herbert Coarfield at 27, Dale Street, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury. He worked as a Labourer at an Iron Works.

He enlisted as Pat Stones in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry serving as Private 23676 but was later transferred into the 9th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers serving as Private 27914 and was sent to the Western Front on 24th November 1915. He was killed in action during the Battle of Passchendaele on 4th October 1917 in an offensive near Poelcapelle, about 10 kilometres north-west of Ypres. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Patrick was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16th August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

Patrick is also remembered on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library Park and as *Pat Stones* on the War Memorial in Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church and in Ireland's Memorial Records 1914-1918 and as *Paddy Stones* on the War Memorial in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

In Memory of

Private

Pat Stones

27914, 9th Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers who died on 04 October 1917 Age 32

Son of James and Mary Stones.

Remembered with Honour

Tyne Cot Memorial



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