



James Denton

1892-1918

James was born in Dewsbury Moor on 19th March 1892. His father was Ephraim Denton, a card fettler born in Dewsbury in 1868 and died in 1922. His mother was Harriett Ann (nee Gibson) born in Dewsbury in 1869 and died in 1932. They were married on 17th October 1886 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; Harriet, born in 1886, Walter, born in 1889 and served in World War 1, Clara, born in 1894, Harry, born in 1896 and served in World War 1, Mary, born in 1899 and twins Eric and Simon born in 1902.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 108, Heckmondwike Road, Dewsbury Moor, in 1901 at 132, Knowles Hill Road Dewsbury Moor, in 1911 at 174, Wroe's Buildings Dewsbury Moor and later at 58, Myrtle Grove, Dewsbury Moor.

James was educated at Dewsbury Moor Council School and attended St. John the Evangelist Church. His occupation in 1911 was a Railway Porter and later worked at Mssrs. Crabtree's Blanket Works. He was married to Annie Wharton (born in 1889 and died in 1970) at St. Luke's Church, Cleckheaton on 26th October 1912; they lived at 6, Wroe Street, Dewsbury Moor and had a daughter, Alice born in 1914.

He enlisted on 2nd February 1918 serving as Gunner 189153 in the 99th Siege Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery. He died in the 7th Stationary Hospital in Boulogne, France on 28th June 1918 from the effects of gas poisoning and was buried in Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas-de-Calais, France. James was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Terlincthun British Cemetery is situated on the northern outskirts of Boulogne. It was begun in June 1918 when the space available for service burials in the civil cemeteries of Boulogne and Wimereux was exhausted. It was used chiefly for burials from the base hospitals. In July 1920, the cemetery contained more than 3,300 burials, but for many years Terlincthun remained an 'open' cemetery and graves continued to be brought into it from isolated sites and other burials grounds throughout France where maintenance could not be assured. The cemetery now contains 4,378 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

James 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 War Memorial in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor.

In Memory of

Gunner

J Denton

189153, 99th Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery who died on 28 June 1918

Remembered with Honour

Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille



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