



Jesse Price

1884-1918

Jesse was born at 19, Pincheon Street Wakefield on 19th October 1884. His mother was Jane Price (nee Gill) born in Wakefield around 1842 and died in 1907.

Jane was married to Joseph Price (born in 1849 and died in 1877) on 18th July 1874; they had two sons, John Henry Price, born in 1875 and Joseph Price, born in 1877.

Jane was remarried in 1894 to Joseph Sansom/Sanson (born around 1854).

The 1891 Census Record shows that Jesse, his mother and two brothers are living in a Lodging House at 33, Warrengate, Wakefield which was managed by his uncle, William Gill; Joseph Sansom is also living there as a boarder. In 1901 the records are unchanged from 1891. In 1911 Jesse and his brother Joseph are living at 2, Kaye Street, Wakefield.

In 1901 Jesse's occupation is shown as a Railway Worker and in 1911 as a Labourer above ground in a coal mine; he later worked as a Glass Hand at Messrs Kilner Brothers Glass Bottle Factory. He was married to Ada Jessop (born in 1883 and died in 1944) on 14th December 1912 at St. Mary's Church, Wakefield. They had a son, Sidney, born in Dewsbury in 1913. His obituary in the Dewsbury Reporter on 25th May 1918 gives their address as 6, Gladstone Street, Dewsbury.

He was already on the Reserve List at the outbreak of World War 1 and was drafted in Wakefield into the 6th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry with the Service Number 3/639, rising to the rank of Corporal. He was sent to the Western Front on 11th November 1914 with the "Old Contemptibles" and was wounded in the head in October 1917 having earlier suffered from frostbitten feet. He was killed in action on 12th April 1918 near Moreuil, France and was buried in the field. In 1920 his remains were reburied in Moreuil Communal Cemetery Allied Extension, Somme, France. Jesse was awarded the 1914 Star with Clasp, The British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Moreuil is a village in the Department of the Somme, in the valley of the Avre, 18 kilometres south-east of Amiens. The village and Moreuil Wood were the scene of desperate fighting in March and April 1918 in which Commonwealth and French infantry, and the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, took part. The village was lost to the Germans, but was retaken on 8th August by the French XXXI Corps. The extension was made after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the neighbouring battlefields. The extension contains 189 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War. 96 of the burials are unidentified but a special memorial commemorates one casualty believed to be buried among them.

Jesse 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

Corporal

Jesse Price

3/639, 6th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 12 April 1918 Age 33

Remembered with Honour

Moreuil Communal Cemetery Allied Extension



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission



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