



Willie Jubb

1899-1918

Willie was born in Mirfield on 4th May 1899 and baptised on 21st May 1899 at the Church of Christ the King, Battysford, Mirfield. His father was Frederick James Jubb, a coal miner and later a railway platelayer born in Mirfield in 1861 and died in 1925. His mother was Louisa (nee Holt) born in Mirfield in 1867 and died in 1935. They were married on 2nd January 1884 at St. Mary's Church, Mirfield.

Their other children were; Ada, born in 1884 and died in 1885, Herbert, born in 1886, Ernest, born in 1888, Samuel Holt, born in 1891 and died of wounds on 6th January 1916, Annie Eliza, born in 1893 and died in 1899, Friend, born in 1896 and served in World War 1, Walter, born in 1900, twins Eileen, born in 1902, Leonard, born in 1902 and died in 1902, Albert Edward, born in 1903 and died in 1903, Sarah, born in 1906 and died in 1906 and Albert, born in 1908 and died in 1908.

In 1891 the family lived at Brook's Buildings, Mirfield, in 1901 at Cobroyd, Mirfield, in 1911 at 9, Providence Street, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury and later at 13, Ernest Cottages, Thornhill.

Willie was a single man who was educated at Thornhill Lees Church School; he worked for Mr. J. Parkinson, Contractor, Dewsbury.

He enlisted into the Yorkshire Regiment with the Service Number 43948, later transferring to the 25th (Tyneside Irish) Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers serving as Private 64605. He was sent to the Western Front on 22nd March 1918 and was gassed on 10th April, dying of gas poisoning in a hospital in Boulogne, France on 15th April 1918 and was buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France. Willie was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Boulogne was one of the three base ports most extensively used by the Commonwealth armies on the Western Front throughout the First World War. It was closed and cleared on the 27th August 1914 when the Allies were forced to fall back ahead of the German advance, but was opened again in October and from that month to the end of the war; Boulogne and Wimereux formed one of the chief hospital areas. Until June 1918, the dead from the hospitals at Boulogne itself were buried in the Cimetiere de L'Est, one of the town cemeteries, the Commonwealth graves forming a long, narrow strip along the right hand edge of the cemetery. In the spring of 1918, it was found that space was running short in the Eastern Cemetery in spite of repeated extensions to the south, and the site of the new cemetery at Terlincthun was chosen. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery contains 5,577 Commonwealth burials of the First World War. Unusually, the headstones are laid flat in this cemetery. This is due to the sandy soil.

Willie 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. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill and on Ireland's Memorial Records 1914-1918.

In Memory of

Private

W Jubb

64605, 25th (Tyneside Irish) Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers who died on 15 April 1918 Age 19

Son of Fredrick James and Louisa Jubb, of 13, Ernest Cottages, Thornhill, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Boulogne Eastern Cemetery



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