

Frank Scott **1895-1918**

Frank was born in Dewsbury on the 6th October 1895. His father was Adamson Scott, a Glass Bottle Blower born in Sunderland in 1865 and died in 1941. His mother was Mary Agnes (nee Kelly) born in Dewsbury in 1872 and died in 1944. They were married in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees on 23rd August 1890.

Their other children were; Margaret Ann, born in 1891, Minnie, born in 1893, Thomas, born in 1898 and was killed in action on 1st November 1918, Alice, born in 1900, Kate, born in 1903, John, born in 1907 and died in 1908, Arthur, born in 1909, Walter, born in 1911 and Adamson, born in 1915 and died in 1916.

In 1901 the family lived at at Kilner's Cottages, Brewery Lane, Thornhill Lees and in 1911 at 34, Providence Street, Thornhill Lees.

Frank was educated at Thornhill Lees Church School and was member of the Church Institute; he worked as a labourer in 1911 at Kilner Brothers Glass Bottle Works and later as a Glass Blower. He was married in Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church, Dewsbury on 17th February 1917 to Rosaline Stuers (born in 1897 and died in 1977) a Belgian Refugee from Booishcot, Antwerp who had come to live at Morton House in Thornhill Lees; they lived at Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees and had a daughter, Virginia born in 1917. Rosaline was remarried on 26th December 1919 to a Harry Green (born in 1897 and died in 1962) they had five children between 1920 and 1934.

He enlisted in Dewsbury in August 1917 serving as Private 47656 in the 2nd/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front in the November of that same year; he was gassed in January 1918 and spent time recovering in hospital. He was killed in action in France on 16th April 1918 when he was hit by a shell and was buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France. Frank was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Bienvillers is a large village in the department of the Pas de Calais 18 kilometres south-west of Arras. The cemetery was begun in September 1915 until March 1917; it was reopened from March to September 1918, when the village was again near the front line. Bienvillers Military Cemetery now contains 1,605 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War.

Frank 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 Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees and as *Francis Scott* on the War Memorial in Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church.

In Memory of

Private

F Scott

47656, 2nd/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 16 April 1918

 $\label{eq:husband} \text{Husband of Mrs. R. Scott, of 28, Brewery Lane, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury.}$

Remembered with Honour Bienvillers Military Cemetery





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