



James Hoole **1883 – 1915**

James was born in Blackrod near Chorley, Lancashire on 12th April 1883. His father was John Hoole, a Coal Miner born in Blackrod in 1847 and died in 1919. His mother was Eliza/Elizabeth (nee Heald, formerly Halliwell) born in Blackrod in 1844 and died in 1901. They were married in 1880.

Their other children were; John, born in 1880 and Richard, born in 1882.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 8, Gashouses, Blackrod, in 1901 at 201, Station Road, Blackrod and in 1911 at 12, Duke Street, Bolton.

Eliza was previously married to Thomas Halliwell (born in 1841 and died in 1879) on 10th July 1864, their children were; Isiah, born in 1864, Sarah Jane, born in 1868, Charles, born in 1873, Mary, born in 1877 and William, born in 1878.

James worked as a Coal Hewer in 1901 and in 1911 he was a Labourer/Road Marker for Chorley Corporation; later that year he moved to live in the Dewsbury area and worked at Ossett Gasworks. He was married at St. Matthew's Church, Westtown, Dewsbury on 7th September 1913 to a widow, Rebecca Little (nee Hyland/Highlands) born in Ireland in 1864 and died in 1941); she gave her age as 35 and occupation as a Shopkeeper at 55, High Street, Westtown. Rebecca later moved to live at The Cottages, Finningley, Doncaster. She was previously married in London in 1896 to Francis Albert Little (born in 1856 and died in 1902) She had a son born in Dewsbury; Ernest Albert Victor Little, born in 1907.

He enlisted in Wakefield in September 1914 serving as Private 11342 in the 6th Battalion, Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front on 21st May 1915. He was killed in action in Flanders on 2nd September 1915; his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. James was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing is one of four British and Commonwealth memorials to the missing in the battlefield area of the Ypres Salient in Belgian Flanders. The memorial bears the names of 54,389 officers and men from United Kingdom and Commonwealth Forces (except New Zealand and Newfoundland) who fell in the Ypres Salient before 16th August 1917 and who have no known grave.

James is also 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 Plaque in the porch of the now closed St. Matthew's Church, Westtown.

In Memory of

Private

James Hoole

11342, 6th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 02 September 1915 Age 35

Husband of Rebecca Hoole, of The Cottages, Finningley, Doncaster.

Remembered with Honour
Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



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