



## **James Willie Taylor**

### **1884-1918**

James was born in Liversedge in 1884. His father was Simeon Taylor, a Beamer in a woollen mill born in Liversedge in 1859 and died in 1907. His mother was Sarah Ann (nee Gledhill) born in Hartshead, Liversedge in 1862 and died in 1929. They were married at St. Peter's Church, Birstall on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1882.

They also had a daughter, Clara Ellen, born in Liversedge in 1886.

On the 1891 Census the family lived with his maternal grandparents John and Sarah Gledhill at Yew Tree Terrace, Millbridge, Liversedge, in 1901 they are all still living together at Huddersfield Road, Millbridge; Simeon is now recorded as head of the family and James was working as a Boot Maker. In 1911 he was working as a Tramcar Motorman, living at 19, Moor End Lane, Dewsbury Moor with his widowed mother, wife and sister.

James was married to Annie Morton (born in 1887) at St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1910. In 1913 they moved to live at 15, Duke Street, Briercliffe near Burnley, in 1915 they had moved to 37, Tunstill Street, Burnley and later at 19, Howsin Street, Burnley; he had continued to work as a Tramcar Motorman. They had two children born in Burnley; Jack, born 10<sup>th</sup> September 1913 and Edna, born 6<sup>th</sup> December 1915.

He enlisted in Burnley serving as Gunner and later Signaller 244831 in the 312<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. He died of wounds sustained in action in France during the Battle of the Sambre near Frasnoy on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1918 and was buried in Frasnoy Communal Cemetery, Nord, France. James was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Frasnoy is a small village about 15 kilometres south-east of Valenciennes and 4 kilometres north-east of Le Quesnoy. Frasnoy was in German hands for much of the First World War. The village was eventually captured by the 62<sup>nd</sup> (West Riding) Division on 4<sup>th</sup> November 1918. Frasnoy Communal Cemetery contains 39 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, three of which are unidentified. All date from November 1918.

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 and on the Burnley War Memorial.

In James's entry in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour published in 1923/24, the address is given as 10, Brewerton Lane, Dewsbury. Research has discovered that his sister Clara Ellen (now Mrs. Rehoboth Hemingway) lived at number 6 on the 1939 register with her husband, a chiroprapist by profession, and their son, Ineson Hemingway.

In Memory of

Signaller

**J W Taylor**

244831, 312th Bde., Royal Field Artillery who died on 06 November 1918

Remembered with Honour

**Frasnoy Communal Cemetery**



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