



Dick Jackson

1885 – 1916

Dick was born in Dewsbury in 1885. His father was Ned Jackson, a joiner born in Huddersfield in 1854 and died in 1923. His mother was Sarah Ellen (née Hirst) born in Dewsbury in 1852 and died in 1946. They were married at All Saints Church, Dewsbury in 1879.

Their other children were; Jane Eliza, born in 1880, William Ewart, born in 1882, Rolla Hirst, born in 1887 and was killed in action 3rd September 1916, Matilda, born in 1890 and Hannah Elizabeth, born in 1893.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Back Victoria Road, Dewsbury, in 1891 at 8, Trinity Buildings, in 1901 and 1911 at 12, South View, Hill Head, Dewsbury.

Dick worked as a painter and decorator for his uncle, Mr. Ned Ramsden and was married on 14th May 1910 to Eleanor Binns (born in 1883 and died in 1958) at the Salem United Methodist Church, Northgate, Dewsbury; they had three daughters, Irene, born in 1912, Alice, born in 1914 and Bessie, born in 1915. The family lived at 3, Springfield View, Ashworth Road, Dewsbury.

He served as Private 18282 in the 8th Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers into which he attested on the 11th November 1915 in Dewsbury. He died at a Casualty Clearing Station at Heilly on 18th September 1916 from gunshot wounds in both legs sustained during the Battle of the Somme at the Battle of Flers-Courcelette. He was buried in a joint grave in Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'abbe, Somme, France. Dick was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The burials in Heilly Station Cemetery were carried out under extreme pressure and many of the graves are either too close together to be marked individually, or they contain multiple burials. Some headstones carry as many as three sets of casualty details, and in these cases, regimental badges have had to be omitted. Instead, these badges, 117 in all, have been carved on a cloister wall on the north side of the cemetery. The 36th Casualty Clearing Station was at Heilly from April 1916. It was joined in May by the 38th and in July by the 2nd/2nd London, but these hospitals had all moved on by early June 1917. There are now 2,890 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery.

Dick 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 Memorial Plaque from the now demolished Springfield Congregational Church, now relocated to Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury and on the Memorial Plaque from the Salem United Methodist Church, now stored in the Resource Centre at Batley Central Methodist Church.

In Memory of

Private

Dick Jackson

18282, 8th Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers who died on 18 September 1916 Age 31

Husband of Eleanor Jackson, of 3, Springfield View, Ashworth Rd., Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'abbe



Commemorated in perpetuity by
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