



## **Leonard Rose**

### **1896 – 1916**

Leonard was born in Dewsbury on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1896. His father was Frederick Rose, a warehouseman and later a railway carrier and carter for the Grand Central Railway born in Rickingham, Suffolk in 1866 and died in 1943. His mother was Annie Sophia (née Smith) born in Dewsbury in 1874 and died in 1924. They were married at All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1893.

Their other children were; Ernest James, born in 1893, Elsie, born in 1898, Annie Sophia born in 1901, Frederick, born in 1903 and died in 1903, Ethel, born in 1905, Gladys, born in 1907, Fred, born in 1909 and Harold, born in 1911.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 25, Back Granville Street, Dewsbury, in 1911 at 4, Wheelwright Street, Dewsbury and later at 32, Woodbine Street, Dewsbury.

Leonard was a single man who in 1911 was working at Kilner Brothers as a glass bottle hand.

He enlisted in Dewsbury serving as Private 21167 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers and was sent to the Western Front on 19<sup>th</sup> December 1915. He died of wounds on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1916 sustained during the Battle of the Somme and is buried in Corbie Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Leonard was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Corbie is a small town 15 kilometres east of Amiens. It was about 20 kilometres behind the front when Commonwealth forces took over the line from Berles-au-Bois southward to the Somme in July 1915. The town immediately became a medical centre, with No's 5 and 21 Casualty Clearing Stations based at La Neuville (the suburb across the Ancre) until October 1916 and April 1917 respectively. In November 1916 the front moved east, but the German advance in the spring of 1918 came within 10 kilometres of the town and brought with it field ambulances of the 47<sup>th</sup> Division and the 12<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance. The communal cemetery was used for burials until May 1916, when the plot set aside was filled and the extension opened. The majority of the graves in the extension are of officers and men who died of wounds in the Battle of the Somme in 1916. The remainder relate to the fighting of 1918. The communal cemetery contains 249 First World War burials and the extension 918.

Leonard 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 on the outside wall of the Dewsbury Centenary Wesleyan Church at the top of Daisy Hill.

In Memory of

Private

## Leonard Rose

21167, 6th Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers who died on 20 July 1916 Age 19

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rose. of 32, Woodbine Street, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

Remembered with Honour

Corbie Communal Cemetery Extension



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
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