



Albert Edward James

1889-1920

Albert was born in Salford, Lancashire in 1889 and baptised on 25th September 1889 at the Chapelry of St. Clement, Ordsall-in-Salford. His father was also Albert Edward James, a Troop Serjeant-Major serving with the Lancers who was born in Grantham, Lincolnshire in 1862 and died in 1909. His mother was Hannah Adelaide (nee Frost) born in Spittlegate, Lincolnshire in 1861 and died in 1906. They were married in 1888.

Their other children who could be traced were; Walter Harold, born in 1890 and died in 1892, Gertrude Adelaide, born in 1892 and died in 1892 and Victor Gordon, born in 1895.

They family have been hard to find on the Census records but in 1891 they are living at the Cavalry Barracks in Hulme, Manchester; in 1901 his father is recorded as a visitor at an address in Grantham and in 1911 Albert is a boarder at an address in Caulms Wood Terrace, Leeds Road, Dewsbury, his occupation was a Shoddy Manufacturer's Clerk which was also his occupation at the time of his death.

Albert was married on 27th May 1911 at St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road, Dewsbury to Annie Lodge (born in 1890 and died in 1977). They had a daughter Dorothy, born in 1913. Their address at the time of his death was 42, Halliley Street, Dewsbury. Annie was remarried in 1925 to a widower, Arthur Eastwood (born in 1878 and died in 1931).

He served in the Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons (Yeomanry) as Private 3569 and was later transferred to the Labour Corps serving as Private 613000. He died on 13th October 1920 at Dewsbury General Infirmary from Generalised Tuberculosis caused by war service and was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. Albert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Albert is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

He is one of twenty men named on the above but who are not recorded as official war casualties due to their cause of death not recorded as being directly attributed to war service.