



George Ashmore Lee

1887 – 1917

George was born in Dewsbury Moor on 18th May 1887 and baptised at St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor on 4th April 1888. His father was John Cookson Lee, a Stonemason born in Kirkheaton near Huddersfield in 1856 and died in 1895. His mother was Elizabeth Ann (nee Ashmore) born in Bradwell, Derbyshire in 1864 and died in 1938. They were married at All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 30th August 1886.

Their other children were; Percy, born in Burnley, Lancashire in 1888, Herbert, born in Dewsbury Moor in 1892 and Alice, born in Dewsbury Moor in 1894.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 9, Beckett Nook, Dewsbury Moor and in 1901 and 1911 at 37, Beckett Nook.

John was previously married on 11th October 1879 at St. Mary's Church, Mirfield to Mary Ann Jessop (born in Huddersfield in 1855 and died in 1883). In 1881 they lived at Clive's Mill Cottages, Stocksbank, Mirfield and had a son, Lewis Lee, born in Mirfield in 1881.

George was a single man who was educated at the Dewsbury Moor Church of England School and worked as a Carter/Teamer for Mr. J.A. Ledgard, General Carrier of Westtown.

At the outbreak of the war he was already in training, serving as Private 200018 in the 1st/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front in April 1915 and served as a cook for a long period. He suffered the effects of gas poisoning when the enemy were inflicting a sustained bombardment of Mustard Gas on the Belgian coast around Nieuport, Flanders on 24th July 1917. He died in the 16th Canadian General Hospital at Le Treport on the French coast on 30th July 1917 and was buried in Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport, Seine-Maritime, France. George was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Le Treport is a small seaport 25 kilometres north-east of Dieppe. The Cemetery is 1.5 kilometres south of the town. During the First World War, Le Treport was an important hospital centre and by July 1916, the town contained three general hospitals (the 3rd, 16th and 2nd Canadian), No.3 Convalescent Depot and Lady Murray's B.R.C.S. Hospital. The 7th Canadian, 47th and 16th USA General Hospitals arrived later, but all of the hospitals had closed by March 1919. As the original military cemetery at Le Treport filled, it became necessary to use the new site at Mont Huon. There are now 2,128 Commonwealth burials of the First World War in the cemetery.

George 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.

In Memory of

Private

George Lee

200018, 1st/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 30 July 1917 Age 30

Son of John and Elizabeth Ann Lee, of 37, Beckett Nook, Dewsbury Moor, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport



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