



Jesse Marshall

1894 – 1916

Jesse was born in Dewsbury in 1894. His father was Esli Marshall, a Teamer born in Gildersome in 1865 and died in 1904. His mother was Sarah Jane (nee Scorah) born in Hanging Heaton in 1866 and died in 1912. They were married in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees on 27th January 1884.

Their other children were; Alice Maud Mary, born in 1884, William, born in 1887, Harold Esli, born in 1898 and Selina, born in 1902. On the 1891 Census the family lived at 8, Mission Street, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 7, Whitley Street, Dewsbury.

Sarah Jane was remarried on 27th March 1909 at All Saints Church, Batley to Joseph Hudson Carr (born in 1877 and died in 1955) a widower with three children. In 1911 they lived at 8, School Street, Gawthorpe, Ossett.

Jesse was married to Lillian Hinchcliffe (born in 1894 and died in 1965) on 20th September 1913 at St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road, Dewsbury; they lived at 97, Leeds Road, Dewsbury and had one son, Jesse born in 1915. He worked as a Coal Miner for Messrs Crawshaw and Warburton but prior to enlistment he was employed at Ingham's Colliery in Thornhill.

He enlisted into the 12th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry serving as Private 1037 and served in Egypt before being posted to the Western Front. He was killed in action on 1st July 1916, the First Day of the Battle of the Somme and was buried in Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps, Somme, France. Jesse was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Colincamps is a village 11 kilometres north of Albert. Colincamps and "Euston", a road junction a little east of the village, were within the Allied lines before the Somme offensive of July 1916. The cemetery was started as a front line burial ground during and after the unsuccessful attack on Serre on 1st July, but after the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line in March 1917 it was scarcely used. It was briefly in German hands towards the end of March 1918, when it marked the limit of the German advance, but the line was held and pushed forward by the New Zealand Division allowing the cemetery to be used again for burials in April and May 1918. The whole of Plot I, except five graves in the last row, represents the original cemetery of 501 graves. After the Armistice, more than 750 graves were brought in from the surrounding battlefields and smaller cemeteries. The cemetery now contains 1,293 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War. 170 of the burials are unidentified.

Jesse is also 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 St. Philip's Church now displayed in Dewsbury Minster and on the Hanging Heaton War Memorial in St. Paul's Churchyard.

In Memory of

Private

J Marshall

12/1037, 12th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 01 July 1916

Remembered with Honour

Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps



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