



## **William Eggleston**

### **1893-1918**

William was born in Knock, Westmoreland in 1893. His father was Joseph Eggleston, a stockman and later a farm manager born in Culgaith, Cumberland in 1868 and died in 1924. His mother was Jane (nee Hull) born in Stainmore, Westmoreland in 1873 and died in 1954. They were married on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1892 at Long Marton, Westmoreland.

Their other children were; Grace Annie, born in 1894, Eleanor Evelyn, born in 1896, James, born in 1898 and died in 1911, Hugh Cecil, born in 1900, Algernon, born in 1901, Ronald, born in 1904 and Raymond, born in 1910.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Aireville Grange Farm, Skipton but by 1911 William was living and working as a farm hand at Tempest Farm, East Marton near Skipton. He moved to the Dewsbury Area around 1913 and was employed by Mr. Thistlethwaite, a Coal Merchant.

William was a member of Dewsbury Liberal Club and attended Dewsbury All Saints Church. He was married to Alice Kaye (born in 1895 and died in 1962) on 12<sup>th</sup> January 1918, only 14 days before his death. Their son William was born on 15<sup>th</sup> October that year. The family home was 5, Fenton Street, Easthorpe, Mirfield where Alice and her son were still living in 1939.

He enlisted in 1916 into the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Coldstream Guards with the Service Number 18299 rising to the rank of Lance Corporal. He died of wounds on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1918 at the 19<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station at Agnez-les-Duisans near Arras. He is buried in Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun, Pas-de-Calais, France. William was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Duisans is a village in the Department of the Pas-de-Calais, about 9 kilometres west of Arras. The Cemetery takes its name from the nearby village of Duisans although it technically lies in the Commune of Etrun. The area around Duisans was occupied by Commonwealth forces from March 1916, but it was not until February 1917 that the site of this cemetery was selected for the 8<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station from where burials were made (until April 1918), the 19<sup>th</sup> (until March 1918), and the 41<sup>st</sup> (until July 1917). In the Autumn of 1918 the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian and 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Clearing Stations remained at Duisans for two months, and the 7<sup>th</sup> was there from November 1918 to November 1920. There are now 3,207 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated at Duisans British Cemetery.

William 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 Mirfield War Memorial in Ings Grove Park.

In Memory of  
Lance Corporal

# William Eggleston

18299, 1st Bn., Coldstream Guards who died on 26 January 1918 Age 24

Husband of Alice Eggleston, of Fenton St., Easthorpe, Mirfield, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour  
Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
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