



Ernest Jackson MM 1895-1918

Ernest was born in Dewsbury on 14th August 1895 and baptised on 5th September 1895 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury. His father was Joseph Jackson, an Oil Blender born in Thornhill in 1867 and died in 1936. His mother was Mary Ann (nee Hough) born in Elsecar near Barnsley in 1871 and died in 1920. They were married in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees on 2nd April 1892.

Their other children were; Thomas Alfred, born in 1892 and died in 1892, Horace, born in 1899 and Fred, born in 1908.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 12, Cosham Street, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 30, South Woodbine Street, Dewsbury.

Ernest was educated at the Victoria Jubilee School and was connected to the Granville Street Wesleyan Mission and the 1st Dewsbury Boys Brigade. In 1911 he worked as a Spinner in the Woollen Trade and was later employed by Messrs Henry Fenton and Sons, Woollen Manufacturers, Savile Town. On 12th October 1918 he was married in a Non-Conformist Ceremony to Ada Bennett (born in 1894). They were married for only 26 days and Ada was living with her mother at 46, Pyrah Street, Carlton Road, Dewsbury, she later moved to live at 67, Dickson Road, North Shore, Blackpool.

He enlisted two days after the outbreak of the war into the 9th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry with the Service Number 3/1629 rising to the rank of Corporal; he was sent to the Western Front on 21st May 1915. He was awarded the Military Medal for Gallantry in the Field which was published in the London Gazette on 13th December 1917. He came home on leave in October 1918 to be married, but after returning to the front he was killed in action in France by a shell burst on 7th November 1918 and was buried in a small battlefield cemetery; in April 1920 he was reburied in Dourlers Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. In addition to the Military Medal, Ernest was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Doulers (previously Dourlers) is a small village on off the main road between Maubeuge and Avesnes-sur-Helpe. The village was in German hands during almost the whole of the First World War. It was taken on 7th November 1918, after heavy fighting, by the 6th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and the 1st King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Dourlers Communal Cemetery Extension contains 161 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War. 14 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to four casualties known or believed to be buried among them.

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

In Memory of

Corporal

Ernest Jackson

M M

3/1629, 9th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 07 November 1918 Age 23

Husband of Mrs. Jackson, of 67, Dickson Rd., North Shore, Blackpool.

Remembered with Honour
Dourlers Communal Cemetery Extension



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