



James Maguire

1895 - 1917

James was born in Westtown, Dewsbury on 24th October 1895. His father was Denis Maguire, a Willeyer born in Dewsbury in 1872 and died in 1917. His mother was Catherine (nee Griffin) born in Dewsbury in 1872 and died in 1946. They were married at Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church, Dewsbury on 25th June 1892.

Their other children were; Julia Ann, born in 1892 and died in 1892, Anthony, born in 1894 and was killed in action 23rd September 1918, Thomas, born in 1898 and served in World War 1, Mary, born in 1901, Dennis, born in 1903, John, born in 1905 and Catherine, born in 1909.

On the 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at 4, Asylum Road, Westtown.

James was a single man who was educated at St. Paulinus School and was a regular attendee at the Church and the Catholic Young Men's club. He worked as a Glass Blower for Messrs Kilner Brothers, Thornhill Lees. He also played for Dewsbury Celtic NRU Football Club.

He enlisted in May 1915 serving as Private 6003 in the Connaught Rangers and was later transferred to the 2nd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers with the Service Number 14121, rising to the rank of Lance Corporal. Early in 1917 he was wounded in the neck, returning to the firing line in August 1917. He was killed in action on 10th November 1917 during the later stages of the Battle of Passchendaele. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. James was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His death was not confirmed until October 1918 when an article in the local newspapers reported the loss of James and his brother Anthony.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16th August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

James 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 War Memorial in Our Lady and St Paulinus Church and in Ireland's Memorial Records 1914-1918.

In Memory of
Lance Corporal
James Maguire

14121, 2nd Bn., Royal Munster Fusiliers who died on 10 November 1917 Age 22

Son of Denis and Catherine Maguire, of 4, Asylum Rd., West Town, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour
Tyne Cot Memorial



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