Albert Kipling Jackson





Rank: - Private

Number: - S/40372

Regiment: - Cameron Highlanders 1st Battalion

Killed in Action: - 15/11/1917 Age: 23 years

Memorial: -Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium Panel 136 to 138.

Batley News, 1 Dec 1917 (photo

Family Details

Albert Kipling was born in Worsborough Bridge in c.1894 the son of Annie Kipling Jackson born in Attercliffe. His brother Charles Kipling Jackson was born in May 1898 and in1901 were visitors at the home of 72-year-old Henry Jackson of 32, Clifton Street, Attercliffe, Sheffield.

Annie married Robert Henry Dawes in 1901 and Rosetta was born in Blacker Hill in 1894, Maurice 1909 in Birdwell. The family was living at 184, Sheffield Road, Birdwell, Barnsley in a five roomed home when the census was taken in 1911 and Robert Henry was a coal miner, hewer, Albert Kipling was a pony driver, underground. The family moved to live in Batley before the death of Maurice in September 1913 when the family lived at 35, Clerk Green Street, Batley.

Albert became a well-known cinema operator in Batley and before enlisting worked for Mr. George Day at the Co-op Hall. Before working for Mr Day, he had worked for the Mirfield Colliery Company at their Ravensthorpe pit and for a time he also worked at Messrs. Coulter's foundry, Batley. He was a member of Batley Working Men's Club.

Service Details

Albert enlisted in February 1916 and went to France in June 1916. His Division fought in the Battles of the Somme 1916 at: -

The Battle of Albert (July)
The Battle of Bazentin (July)
The Battle of Pozieres (July-September)
The Battle of Flers-Courcelette (September)
The Battle of Morval (September)

In 1917 they saw action at: -

The British pursuit of the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line (March-April)
The Division was warned to prepare for an operation along the Belgian coast ("Operation Hush") in summer 1917. It moved to the Dunkirk area for specialist training. Several mobile units were attached in readiness. The operation was cancelled when the initial assaults in the Third Battle of Ypres failed to progress as expected.

The Third Battles of Ypres:
The Second Battle of Passchendaele (October-November)

He was home on leave in October 1917 and had only been back in line for about a fortnight when he was killed.

A Second Lieutenant wrote to his mother: -

"It is with great regret I have to inform you that your son was killed in action by shell-fire on November 16th. On behalf of the officers of this company I offer you our very sincere sympathy."

His brother Charles who was with the Scots Guards had been wounded but was back with his regiment at this time.

Albert was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley Working Men's Club and Batley War Memorial.



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