Fred Jackson





Rank: - Private

Number: - 21325

Regiment: - King's Own Scottish Borderers "D" Coy 7th Battalion

Died of wounds: - 7th February 1916 aged 19

Cemetery: - Bethune Town, Pas-de-Calais, France. V.A.3

Family details

Fred was born on 18th February 1897 the son of Henry and Adeline Jackson (nee Megson) and baptised at Holy Trinity on 31st March 1897.

He had an older brother, Thomas (1896) and younger sisters, Ethel (1901) Mabel (1905) and Edith 1907 followed.

In 1901 the family lived in Wilson Wood Street, Batley Carr, but before 1911 the family had moved to 122, Commonside, Dewsbury and Fred was employed as a tier on at a woollen cloth manufacturers and Henry was a cloth designer. In February 1916 Henry was the manager at Morley for Messrs. John Fenton being until 18 months previously being a designer at their Batley Carr mill.

Fred and his brother Tom, who was also in the K.O.S.B., were well known in the Northern Union Football League circles, and both were connected to Batley Clarence Club. Fred was a member of the team when a few seasons previously they had secured the Intermediate League medals.

He was connected to Commonside Wesleyan Chapel.

Service details

Fred enrolled in Dewsbury in August 1915 went to the Front on 19th December 1915 and his letters home said he was in good health.

The 7th Battalion came under the orders of 46th Brigade in 15th (Scottish Division).

It appears a mishap occurred on the second or third time he went into the trenches. He did not write home to tell of the affair and the only intimation was a letter from 33rd Clearing Station

"*Dear Mr. Jackson, -- I am sorry to have some very sad news concerning your son, Private Fred Jackson (21325) who was admitted to this hospital last evening (February 7th) very seriously wounded through the neck and abdomen. He passed away quite peacefully an hour or so afterwards. I do not think he knew he was going to die and when I asked him for his home address and told him I would write, he asked me not to alarm his mother who I understand is far from well. He will be buried in a cemetery here."*

Adeline died in 1927 and Henry in 1921.

Fred was awarded the 1915 Star, British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Holy Trinity Church, Batley Carr, Hanging Heaton Memorial and Batley War memorial.



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