# Joseph Sheard Jubb





**Rank: -** Private

**Number: -** 15/1612

**Regiment: -** West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales Own) 15th Battalion

**Killed in Action: -** 2nd August 1916 aged 29 years

**Cemetery:** - St. Vaast Post Military Cemetery, Richbourg-L'Avoue 111.F.16

## Family Details

Joseph Sheard was born in Batley on 24th January 1888 the son of John Joseph and Matilda Jubb (nee Sheard) and was baptised at St. Thomas's Church on 9th March 1888.His father was a manufacturer living at Blenheim House, Batley.

His father was the Mayor of Batley between 1884 and 1886 and his grandfather John Jubb was the first Mayor of Batley in 1868.

His parents had married in at St. Thomas's on 31st August 1871. John Joseph gave his address as Lamplands, Batley and Matilda as Sunnybank, Batley.

Mary Jane was born in 1872 when the couple was living in Soothill followed by Alice Maud 1874, John William 1875, Ida Lilian in 1878, when they had moved to Blenheim House, Albert Edward 1879, Claude 1881, Beatrice 1882, Bernard 1884, Nina 1886, Joseph Sheard, Matilda Sheard 1890, Doris Gwendoline 1891 and Samuel Talbot 1894.

Joseph Sheard attended Batley Grammar School and later attended a school in Herefordshire, later coming back to Batley to be articled at his brother in laws firm Messrs. Hanstock and Sons, architects and surveyors where he completed his articles and then joined the staff. He inherited a love of music and joined the Batley Choral Society where he was a member of the chorus. He was also a member of Batley Conservative Club and Howley Hall Golf Club.

His parents lived at Blenheim House, Batley and also lived at Holbeck Hill, Scarborough.

He married Mabel Poppleton who came from Bridlington in the 4th Qtr1915 in the Knaresborough area and after two days honeymoon he left for Egypt.

## Service Details

Joseph enlisted in the Leeds Pals in June 1915 along with his brother Bernard. The 15th (Service) Battalion (1st Leeds) was from June 1915 under the orders of 93rd Brigade in 31st Division.

The 15th Battalion went to a training camp at Colsterdale in North Yorkshire.

The Leeds Pals left Liverpool on December 7th 1915 on board the Empress of India sailing for Egypt. The battalion served in Egypt taking over No.3 sector of the Suez Canal defences from 22nd December 1915 but after the threat of the

Turkish invasion of the Suez Canal lessened in 1916 the Leeds Pals were required in France. On March 1st 1916 they boarded the ship H.M.S. "Ascania" at Port Said and arrived at Marseilles on March 8th 1916. After a two-day train journey north, the battalion arrived in northern and went into billets near Neuville-au-Bois.

The Leeds Pals were to take part in the Battle of Albert on July 1st 1916 but whilst they were waiting for orders in the early hours a bomb carrier dropped a loaded box. The carrier was killed by the explosion and sixteen or seventeen wounded including Joseph Jubb. He was sent to hospital but soon recovered and then joined his pals in the first line trenches.

In August a field post card was received by Mr. Arthur Hanstock saying" *All's well"* but by the same post there was a letter from Private Tom Blackburn, (son of Alderman and Mrs. J.W. Blackburn) saying that Joseph was killed on Wednesday August 2nd whilst out wiring and that his loss was keenly felt as he was one of the most popular men in the Company.

Lieut. Percy Parker wrote to his parents Mr. & Mrs. William Parker of Limefield, Batley saying he had seen Joseph just before his death and thought he would get well.

His brother, Bernard was wounded on July 1st 1916 and served for the rest of the war in the Labour Corps. Samuel the youngest brother served with the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and survived the war.

His nephew, James Critchley Jubb was presumed killed in action on 23rd July 1916. His nephew John Walter Hanstock died of wounds on 30th October 1918. Joseph left £1,231.19s.2d to his wife. She never remarried.

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

Joseph is remembered with Honour at St. Thomas's Church, Batley Grammar School, Batley Conservative Club and Batley War Memorial.




Researched by members of Batley History Group