Joseph Jevons Stone





Rank: - Private

Number: - 27017

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 7th Battalion

Killed in Action: - 18th September 1916 aged 21 years

Memorial: - Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Pier and Face 11 C and 12 A.

Batley News, 30 Sep 1916 (photo)

Family Details

Joseph Jevons was born on 15th June 1895 and baptised on Wednesday, 11th September 1895 at Christ Church, Staincliffe on the same day as his siblings John Horace born 13th December 1883 and Edgar born 19th July 1893. The family address was given as Pump Field Terrace, White Lea and their father John gave his occupation as a bridle cutter.

They were the sons of John and Annie Stone nee Capell, who had married on 21st November 1881, registered Wolverhampton.

Older siblings who were all born in Walsall, Staffordshire were Mary Matilda Ellen 1882, William Thomas 1885, Frank James 1888.

Elizabeth Annie 1886, Bessie 1891, Charlotte Elizabeth 1897 born Batley had all died in infancy but according to the 1911 census Annie had 11 children and five had died before 1911.

Joseph attended Healey and Staincliffe National Schools and attended Staincliffe Church and Sunday School.

In 1911 the family was still living in a three roomed home at 65, Pump Field Terrace, White Lee. Joseph Jevons gave his occupation as a barber, hairdresser whilst his father was a saddler. His father carried on business in Bradford Road, Batley as a horse clothing manufacturer. Joseph was associated with Christ Church, Staincliffe where his father had been a church warden for 10 years.

Joseph served his apprenticeship with Messrs. Speight, Corporation Street, Dewsbury and later worked for Mr. Holmes. Before enlisting the family lived at 50, Deighton Lane, Batley.

Service Details

Joseph Jevons was a Derby recruit and joined in January 1916, going to France in May 1916 with the 7th Battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry which was part of 61st Brigade in 20th (Light) Division.

In 1916 they took part in: -

The Battle of Mount Sorrel, a local operation in which the Division recaptured the height with the Canadians 2nd -13th June and then on the Somme at the battles of: -

Battle of Delville Wood 15th July -3rd September
Battle of Guillemont 3rd -6th September
Battle of Flers-Courcelette 15th-22nd September

He would have met his death during this battle when he was in a bomb throwing section.

The Headmaster of Christ Church Mr. E.H. Crow sent a letter to his parents:-

"He was a lad I always admired and so often seeing him sitting just in front of me in church made me notice him more. To think that children have been brought up to manhood to meet their death in this manner is dreadful. Only this morning I have heard of another grand lad, Stanley Goodall being killed. Mrs. Crow joins with me in deepest sympathy."

Joseph Jevons was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Christ Church, Staincliffe and Batley War Memorial.



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