



***Private Richard H COOKSON***

*5323 (1st) 3rd Battalion East Lancashire Regiment*

*Killed in action 20 January 1915 aged 23*

*Buried Lancashire Cottage Cemetery, Belgium Grave I. E. 3.*

*Victoria Station War Memorial - Ref. 2B-031*

***Personal History***

*Richard H COOKSON was born at Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire in 1892 the son of Robert and Hannah COOKSON nee READER OR REEDER who were married 1884 at St. James Church, Church Kirk. His father died in 1941. His mother died in 1941.*

*In the 1911 census the family were living at 88, Catlow Hall Street, Oswaldtwistle,. He was aged 18 with the occupation of Cotton Spinner.*

*In the 1901 census the family were living at 16, Thomas Street, Oswaldtwistle,. He was aged 8*

*Before enlisting he was employed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, Chief Goods Managers Dept. at Accrington as a Reserve Shunter*

***Service History***

*He enlisted in the East Lancashire Regiment at Preston, Lancashire. and embarked for (Theatre of war not known) on 14 December 1914. His last known address was Accrington, Oswaldtwistle, Victoria Street, 16 (CWGC).*

*He is recorded as Killed in action on 20 January 1915 aged 23*

*He was awarded the Victory Medal, British War Medal & 1914-15 Star*

**Do you have any further information about this serviceman? If so, we would be pleased to hear from you. Contact us using the link [www.mlfhs.uk/contact](http://www.mlfhs.uk/contact)**

