



Private Thomas COTTAM

1975 1st/5th Battalion King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment

Killed in action 6 May 1915 aged 37

Buried Poperinghe Old Military Cemetery, Belgium Grave II. P. 5.

Victoria Station War Memorial - Ref. 2B-045

Personal History

Thomas COTTAM was born at Preston, Lancashire in 1877 the son of James and Hannah COTTAM nee JACKSON who were married 1872 at St. John, Preston, Lancashire. His father died in 1922. His mother died in 1922.

In the 1911 census the family were living at 57, Waterloo Terrace, Ashton-On-Ribble,. He was aged 33 with the occupation of Commercial Traveller.

In the 1901 census the family were living at 25, Tulketh Brow, Preston, Lancashire. He was aged 23 with the occupation of Newsagents Assistant.

In the 1891 census the family were living at 25, Tulketh Brow, Preston, Lancashire. He was aged 13 with the occupation of Printers Apprentice.

He was a married man. His wife's name was Elizabeth Jane COTTAM (nee WEBSTER) They married at St. Andrew, Ashton-On-Ribble on 16 March 1905. They had children: Mary Elizabeth b. 1903, James Richradson b. 1906, Harriert Annie b. 1909

Before enlisting he was employed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, Chief Civil Engineers Dept. at Thornton as a Platelayer

Service History

He enlisted in the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment at Preston, Lancashire. and embarked for France on 14 February 1915. His last known address was Ashton (on-Ribble, Waterloo Terrace, 57 - 1911 Census).

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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

