



Private James METCALFE

2973 1st/5th Battalion Durham Light Infantry

Killed in action 16 September 1916 aged 34

Commemorated Thiepval Memorial, France Pier & Face 14A & 15C

Victoria Station War Memorial - Ref. 5A-062

Personal History

James METCALFE was born at Strangleton Gates, Richmondshire in 1882 the son of Thomas and Sarah METCALFE nee SPEDDING who were married 14/06/1875 at Darlington, Yorkshire. His father died in 1907. His mother died in 1907.

In the 1911 census the family were living at 102, Wren Street, Stockton-on-Tees. County Durham,. He was aged 29 with the occupation of Blacksmiths Striker.

In the 1901 census the family were living at 9, Millers Place, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees,. He was aged 19 with the occupation of Blacksmiths Striker.

In the 1891 census the family were living at Stranggleton West Railway Cott. He was aged with the occupation of North Cowton, Yorkshire, Age 9, a Scholar.

He was a married man. His wife's name was Frances Elizabeth METCALFE (maiden name not known) They married at St. Peter, Stockton on 29 April 1902. They had children: Francis Gwendeline May b. 1905, Doris Irene b. 1907, Gladys Evelyn b. 1909, John Rueben b. 1911

Before enlisting he was employed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, Superintendent of the Lines Dept. at Gisburn as a Porter

Service History

He was living at Hartburn, Stockton-on-Tees when he enlisted in the Durham Light Infantry at Stockton-on-Tees, Cty Durham.

He is recorded as Killed in action on 16 September 1916 aged 34

He was awarded the Victory Medal & British War Medal

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