



Joseph Goode

Joseph Goode (sometimes referred to as “Joe”) was born in Gretton 1892. His mother was Mary Goode of Gretton, his step-father David King of Woolley, Huntingdonshire. David and Mary married on 6th August 1893. David was a labourer, resident in Deene at the time. Mary was resident in Gretton at the time of her marriage.

Family History

In the 1901 Census, David and Mary were living in Lloyd’s Cottages, Corby. With David and Mary were their children Mary Jane, Minnie and Rose together with Mary’s son Joseph Goode. David King was employed as an ironstone labourer.

By 1906 the family had moved to Burton Latimer. In the 1911 Census David was still employed as an ironstone labourer. With David and Mary were children Joseph (referred to as “Joe King”), Mary Jane (employed in a factory), Minnie (employed in a factory), Rose, John (b. Corby), Tom (b. Kettering) and George, Mable and Ernest (all b. Burton Latimer).

Military History

Joseph Goode originally enlisted in Kettering on 8th September 1914 to serve as a Private (3070) in the 4th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. His occupation given at time of enlistment was labourer; his residence was High Street, Burton Latimer.

His service record for that time shows that he served from 8th September – 18th December 1914. He was stationed in Northampton for that time. He was discharged on 18th December 1914 deemed to be medically unfit for further military service. He had served 102 days in total.

Joseph Goode was later to serve as a Private (18669) in the 6th (Service) Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment, enlisting in Wellingborough. His service record for that time has not survived. Although earlier deemed medically unfit it was not unusual, as the demand for manpower increased, for ailments or disabilities to be reassessed and a re-enlistment to occur.

The 6th (Service) Battalion was formed in Northampton in September 1914. It moved to Colchester and joined the 18th Division. In November 1914 the battalion transferred to the 54th Brigade of the 18th Division. In May 1915 the battalion moved to Salisbury Plain.



The 6th Battalion mobilised for war and landed in France on 26th July 1915. It was to serve on the Western Front for the duration of the war.

Joseph Goode married Sarah Jane Lowe (b. Corby) in 1918. The Lowe family was living in Burton Latimer, having previously lived in Gretton and Corby.

There is reference to Joseph Goode serving in the Labour Corps (377552) but at the time of death he was in the Northamptonshire Regiment. Details of Private Joseph Goode's war service have not survived.

It is recorded that he died of wounds on 4th April 1918 in the 17th Field Ambulance of the 6th Division.

Private Goode is buried at the St. Sever Cemetery Extension in Rouen and commemorated on the Gretton War Memorial and the Burton Latimer Memorial.

During the First World War, Commonwealth camps and hospitals were stationed on the southern outskirts of Rouen. A base supply depot and the 3rd Echelon of General Headquarters were also established in the city.

Almost all of the hospitals at Rouen remained there for practically the whole of the war. They included eight general, five stationary, one British Red Cross and one labour hospital, and No. 2 Convalescent Depot. A number of the dead from these hospitals were buried in other cemeteries, but the great majority were taken to the city cemetery of St. Sever.

In September 1916, it was found necessary to begin an extension, where the last burial took place in April 1920.

During the Second World War, Rouen was again a hospital centre and the extension was used once more for the burial of Commonwealth servicemen, many of whom died as prisoners of war during the German occupation.

The cemetery extension contains 8,348 Commonwealth burials of the First World War (ten of them unidentified) and in Block "S" there are 328 from the Second World War (18 of them unidentified). There are also 8 Foreign National burials here.

The extension was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield.

Reference

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Gretton Local History Society



Lest We Forget

Joseph Goode
of the Northamptonshire Regiment & Labour Corps

d. 1st April 1918

One of Joseph Goode's brother-in-laws was Private John George Lowe (b. Gretton). Private Lowe served in the 2nd Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. He died of wounds on 1st June 1916 and is also commemorated on the Gretton War Memorial.
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