



Frank Meadows

Frank Meadows was born in Glapthorn in 1883. He was baptised on 9th December 1883. His father was Henry Meadows, his mother Elizabeth Meadows.

The Family

In 1891 the Meadows family were living in Brownings Cottage, Glapthorn. Henry Meadows was an agricultural labourer, as was his eldest son Roland (14). Other children included James Harry (11), Jane Ethel (9), Frank (7), Maurice (6), Austin (3) and Tudor Grace (1).

Elizabeth Meadows, Frank's mother, died on 17th April 1984.

By 1901 Frank had taken up employment as a butcher's assistant in Oundle. He was registered in the 1901 Census as living with the Seaton family on North Street, Oundle. Robert Seaton was a butcher/shop keeper.

By 1911 Frank had moved back to Glapthorn and was living with his father Henry, now 66 years old, and his youngest sister Tudor Grace, now 21.

Sometime between 1911 and 1914, Frank moved to Weldon Road, Corby and took up employment as a furnace labourer.

Frank's father Henry Meadows died in 1916.

Military Service

Frank Meadows enlisted into the Northamptonshire Regiment on 12th December 1914 in Kettering. He served as a Private (16711) in the 6th Battalion.

Frank's place of residence was Ferndale Cottage, Weldon Road, Corby; his occupation was furnace labourer.

The 6th (Service) Battalion was formed in Northampton in September 1914 and attached to the 18th (Eastern) Division. In November 1914 it joined the 54th Brigade within the same Division. The Battalion landed in France on 26th July 1915 and was to serve on the Western Front for the duration of the War.

From records, Frank's first tour of duty in France was from 22nd April 1915 to 27th September 1915.



There is a medical report from March 1916 that he was diagnosed with pleurisy and had suffered due to exposure to the cold and damp conditions. Frank's health was never to fully recover.

He returned to France on 6th July 1916 and returned to the UK on 9th September 1916.

On Frank's discharge papers, there is a copy of a report from a Medical Board dated 27th September 1916. This states:-

"Originated March 1916 at Gillingham, when he had an attack of pleurisy. Since then he has had cough with expectorates. States he has become thinner & has brought up blood. Heart sounds at left apex are not satisfactory. There are crepitations to be heard. T.B. in sputum. Result of ordinary military service. Total incapacity for 6 months, then reconsideration."

Frank Meadows was discharged from the Army on 11th October 1916.

He received various medical treatment after leaving the Army, however on 1st March 1918 Frank Meadows died.

Frank Meadows is remembered on the Corby War Memorial.

Lest We Forget

Frank Meadows
of the Northamptonshire Regiment

d. 1st March 1918

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