

## L'Cpl. James A GREENHOUGH (1893 – 1915)

(King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry)



James Alfred Greenhough was born on the 18th May 1893 in the Cockersdale area of Drighlington. He was christened on the 5th July at St Paul's, Drighlington. His parents, John William Greenhough and Annie Eliza Hodgson, married on the 16th March 1889 at St Peter's, Gildersome. James Alfred had five younger siblings Jane Hodgson (1896), Ivy (1899), Hannah (1902), Rufus (1905), and Horace (1909).

The 1901 Census shows the family living at Spring Gardens, Drighlington and by 1911 they were living at Croft Row, Drighlington. The father of the family, John William, was a miner and James Alfred a pony driver in a coal mine.

James Alfred Greenhough (a pony driver of Brick Row, Scotchman Lane, Morley) married Elizabeth Broadhead on 13th September 1913 at St Andrew's, Bruntcliffe, Morley. Her father, Seth Broadhead, was a blacksmith. In 1914 the couple had a daughter Elizabeth.

He enlisted in 1914 in Dewsbury and disembarked on the 9th of February, 1915. There are no newspaper reports or family records but he probably died in the battle for Hill 60. The British attack for Hill 60 began on 17 April 1915 and quickly captured the area with only seven casualties, but then found that the salient which had been created made occupation of the hill very costly. [A salient is a battlefield feature that projects into enemy territory.]

Both sides mistakenly accused the other of using poison gas in the April fighting. German attacks on the hill in early May did use gas shells and recovered the ground at the second attempt on the 5th of May. James Alfred died on the 18th April, 1915.

Elizabeth later married Arthur Appleby in 1917 at St Andrew's, Bruntcliffe and had four more children.

Lance Corporal James Alfred Greenhough, 3/95 2nd Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, is Remembered with Honour at Oostaverne Wood Cemetery, Belgium

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