

## **Private 21832 Alexander Jones**

**Age 23**

**Sherwood Foresters**

**9th Battalion Notts & Derby Regiment**

Reported missing on September 26, 1916, Somme, France, confirmed dead in 1<sup>st</sup>  
June 1917

Buried in Regina Trench Cemetery, Grandcourt, Somme, France  
Commemorated on Harthill War Memorial

Son of Richard and Ann Elizabeth Jones of Firvale. Brother of Richard Jones, who was killed in action 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1916. Alex was baptised 12th March 1893, at All Hallows Church, Harthill. At the time of his enlistment, Alexander was working as a Coal Miner at Shirebrook Colliery, and according to the 1911 census, he was a boarder at 4 Cavendish Street, Shirebrook.

### ***Workshop Guardian - 1<sup>st</sup> June 1917 - "Pte. Alex Jones"***

*After many anxious months the parents of Pte. Alex Jones, Harthill, Notts and Derby Regiment, have received notification that it is now believed that their son was killed in action on September 26<sup>th</sup> last the date that he was placed on the "missing" list. From other communications there would seem little doubt but that he had paid the supreme sacrifice. Pte. Jones enlisted shortly after the outbreak of War and previous to enlistment was employed at Shirebrook Colliery. He was 24 years of age and single. He was a first class mile runner, and carried off many prizes in local sports. He was of quiet disposition and had a large circle of friends in Harthill and Shirebrook. Pte Jones had been in several theatres of the war and had many exciting experiences. He was killed in France whilst bringing in a batch of prisoners into the English lines. Mr and Mrs Jones lost another son, Sergeant Richard Jones, York and Lancs Regt., on October 2nd last year. As a fighting tribute to these young men a memorial service was held in All Hallows Church, Harthill yesterday evening week.*

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*The Rector (Rev. D. Darley) referred to the lives of the two brothers, and said he had happy recollections of them from their early boyhood. He made special reference to the late Sergeant Jones, the deceased soldier being an old chorister. The parents and family, and Sergeant Jones wife and child had the full and sincere sympathy of the Parish in the sad loss they had sustained.*

*They prayed God to bless them in this trying hour. The service was choral. The hymns "Lead kindly light" and "O God our help in ages past" were impressively sung. As the relatives and friends of the deceased soldiers were entering the Church Mr Arthur Harvey played very feelingly "Blessed are the Departed" (Spohr,) and during the service the "Dead March".*