

Richard Jones – Lance Corporal 11820

Age 21

9th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment
Machine Gun Corps

Killed in Action 2nd October, 1916, Somme, France

No known grave

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, Part XXIV, and on Harthill and Kiveton Park Colliery War Memorials

Son of Richard and Ann Elizabeth Jones of Firvale, baptised 14 April 1895 at All Hallows Church. He married Lily Elizabeth Ross on 20th February 1915 and they had a daughter called Winsome Iris Jones, baptised on 13th June 1915.

Died a week after his older brother Private Alexander (Alec) Jones.



Worksop Guardian, 3rd November 1916
“Sergeant (sic) Richard Jones

On Monday morning Mrs. R. Jones, of Harthill, received intimation, that her husband, Sergeant (sic) Richard Jones, York and Lancs., and had been killed in action on October 2nd, in France. He was last heard of four weeks ago. He was attached to the Machine Gun Section, and had been in France 14 months. He enlisted on September 2nd, 1914, previous to which he was employed at the Kiveton Park Colliery. He was a chorister at "All Hallows" Church, Harthill, for six years.

He was only 21 years of age, and leaves a wife and a child with whom much sympathy is expressed. From letters received from a comrade of their son, Private Alec Jones, Sherwood Foresters, the parents have every reason to believe (although as yet not officially confirmed) that he made the supreme sacrifice about the same date as his brother, Private Alec Jones....”