

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC D239 Jesse HUGHES

Private 1491
1st battalion Welsh Guards
Died in France 2th November 1917

Jesse was born in 1888 in St Asaph, Henllan, Denbighshire. the son of the Sexton of Henllan Church, Mr Thomas Hughes Bryn y Ffynnon and wife Jane (nee Williams)

Jesse was one of six sons, five of the sons served in WW1, Jess's and his brother Robert John were both killed, his three brothers survived. Robert was also a police constable, in Flintshire Constabulary and had seven years service when he died

Jesse joined Birmingham City Police on 27th October 1913 as a 25-year-old blacksmith which he had been since leaving school. He served on the D Division with warrant number 8392 and collar number D239. Jesse resigned from the force on 25th May 1915 and enlisted into the army in Birmingham

Jesse had taken part in the Battle of Loos in 1915, without any injuries but was unfortunately killed on 28th November 1917 in the Battle of Cambrai

Jesse's brother, Robert John Hughes Private 825 of the 1st Welsh Guards was killed in action on 21st June 1916 age 29, he was killed instantly by a shell. Jesse was actually near to his brother at the time and was slightly wounded in his right arm when in another part of a trench. Jesse asked the chaplain to write to their mother to break the news as Jesse was too upset to do so

Robert is buried in Brandhoek Military Cemetery Ypres Belgium. Grave II F 6



PC Robert HUGHES



Robert's headstone

Jesse is commemorated in Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, France

Both are remembered of Henllon Memorial Denbighshire

The photograph of Jesse in uniform is courtesy of www.henllon.com/photography/ww1/jessehughes,welshguards.com