

Jesse Light

Sergeant, 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment. Enlisted at Trowbridge, April 7th, 1916. Served in France in many battles. Killed in action, April 10th, 1918, and buried in the Cemetery of Honour at Warneton. General Service and Victory Medals.



JESSE WAS BORN IN Corsham in 1892. His father Frederick was a freestone quarryman and his mother, Annie Maria (née Barnett), was herself from Corsham. They already had five children when Jesse was born – Wilfred, Ellen, Bessie, Kate and Eli – and in 1901 the whole family were living in Corshamside (Neston) next to the Gospel Hall. At that time Wilfred was already working in the quarry, Ellen was



Prior to enlisting, Jesse Light (standing, seventh from the left) worked as a quarryman. This group is from Head's Yard.

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a parlourmaid and Bessie was an elementary school teacher.

Jesse was married at 18 in 1910 to Bessie Taylor; they married in Bath and in 1911 were living in Westwells with a daughter, Kathleen. Jesse was employed as a domestic gardener. His parents Frederick and Annie were still living in Corshamside with the youngest of their seven children, also called Frederick.

War Records of Corsham records that Jesse enlisted in April 1916 and was with the 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment, and that he served in France and achieved the rank of Sergeant before he was killed in action on 10th April 1918. He was 26. He is buried at the Strand Military Cemetery in Hainaut, Belgium.