

## *Ernest Stephen Jones*

Gunner, 53rd Battery, 2nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Enlisted at Bath, November, 1914. Served in France and Belgium. Present at Somme, Ypres, Arras. Killed in action December 3rd, 1917. 1914-15 Star, British War Medal.



ERNEST STEPHEN JONES was born in 1897 in Corsham to parents Samuel and Martha (née Pywell). The family were living in Velley Hill in Corsham and Samuel was a stone quarryman. Ernest was the youngest of three children and he and his sister Annie and brother Albert were all living at home in 1901. In 1911, still living in Velley Hill, Samuel was recorded as a Bath Stone quarryman chopper and Albert and Ernest were both working. Ernest, aged 14, was a general labourer at the sawmills.

*War Records of Corsham* details that Ernest enlisted for the Army in November 1914 when he would have been just 17. He was a Gunner in the Royal Field Artillery. He was in France by December 1915 and took part in the Battle of the Somme. He was killed in action on 3rd December 1917 during the heavy fighting in the Battle of Cambrai. Over 90,000 British and German soldiers died during this battle.

Ernest Jones is remembered at the Cambrai Memorial in Louverval.