

TOM SMITH

1891–17.4.1924 aged 33 years

Private West Yorkshire Regiment.



Tom appears on the Gotham Roll as a survivor. In fact he died after its inauguration. He lived with his parents on the Rushes before enlistment. He served on the western front where he was gassed. He never recovered from the damage to his lungs and nervous system and spent his days after the war to his death at Ellerslie House convalescent home Gregory Boulevard Nottingham. His death certificate lists his cause of death as 'Disseminated Sclerosis (7 years)'. He is buried in Gotham cemetery where his headstone shows that his family still thought of him as a victim of the war six years after it ended, which indeed he was. It reads ; "In loving memory of Pte Tom Smith West Yorkshire regiment. Dearly loved son of Samuel and the late Emma Smith. He suffered patiently and long his hope was bright, his faith was strong".