

THE FALLEN OF SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN



ERNEST JONES

LABOUR CORPS

DIED OF PNEUMONIA AT CATTERICK

2ND JULY 1918

BORN IN 1892 AT LOW MOOR NEAR BRADFORD, THE
SON OF WILLIAM AND ADA JONES AND WIFE OF ALICE
JONES (NEE BROOKBANKS)

Jones Family History

- 1901 census shows William, his wife Ada and their 2 children living at 31, Gordon Street, Sutton-in-Craven as follows:

Name	Age	Work	Birth place	Birth year
William (Head)	41	General labourer	Manchester, Lancashire	1860
Ada (wife)	35		Oakworth, near Keighley	1866
Annie	11		Low Moor, near Bradford	1890
Ernest	9		Low Moor, near Bradford	1892 - 1918
Mary Ann Smith (sister-in-law)	42	Woollen weaver	Oakworth, near Keighley	1859



Gordon St, Sutton-in-Craven (circa 1900)
(source: Rachel Simpson & Richard Whiteoak from the Glyn Whiteoak collection)

- **1911 census** shows that William and Ada had been married for 22 years and that of their 4 children born alive, 1 had since died. It also shows the Jones family still residing at 31, Gordon Street, Sutton-in-Craven as follows:

Name	Age	Work	Birth place	Birth year
William (Head)	51	Gas stoker	Manchester, Lancashire	1860
Ada (wife)	45		Oakworth, near Keighley	1866
Annie	21	Worsted weaver	Low Moor, near Bradford	1890
Ernest	19	Apprentice wool sorter	Low Moor, near Bradford	1892 - 1918
Edith	7		Sutton-in-Craven	1904



Villagers stood at the top of Gordon St, Sutton-in-Craven
(source: Rachel Simpson & Richard Whiteoak from the Glyn Whiteoak collection)

World War 1



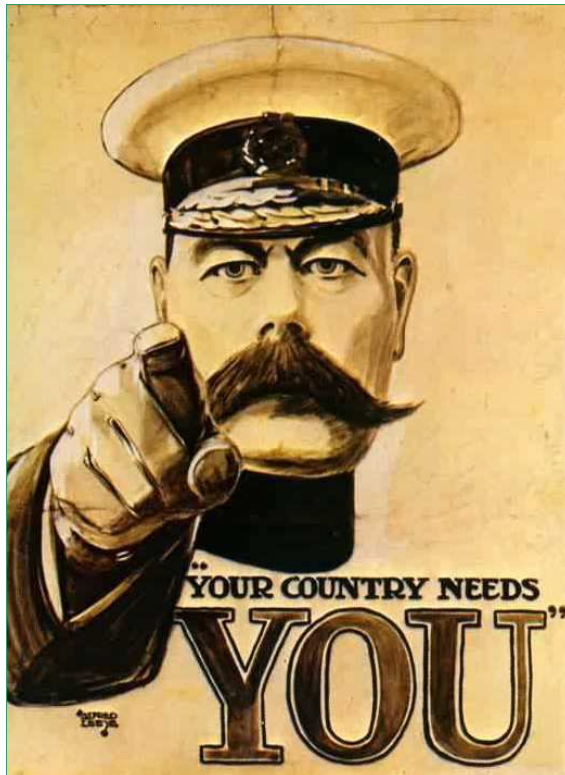
It had been **99 years** since Britain was last involved in a major European conflict following the defeat of Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815

August 4th 1914

Britain declares war on Germany

In the autumn of 1914, the young men of the nation came from town and village to take the King's shilling and to offer him their dedicated services in defence of their homeland. From mills and mines, from shops and farms, from office chairs and civic departments, from loom, lathe, bench, plough and counter they flooded into the recruiting centres in answer to their nation's call for young manhood. These new recruits came to be known as **'Kitchener's Volunteers'**

The New Armies: "Kitchener's Volunteers"



Earl Kitchener recruitment poster 1914



Parliamentary Recruiting Committee
London, 1915



British volunteers are taken in double-deckers to their training places, 1914
These men would form Kitchener's New Army

(source: *The Bradford Pals* Ralph N. Hudson 2nd Ed, 1993)

Prior to enlistment, Ernest Jones worked as a woolsorter at Messrs. T. and M. Bairstow Mill at Sutton-in-Craven.

In November 1915, Ernest married his fiancée Alice Grace Brookbanks in a ceremony at Wilsden Church.

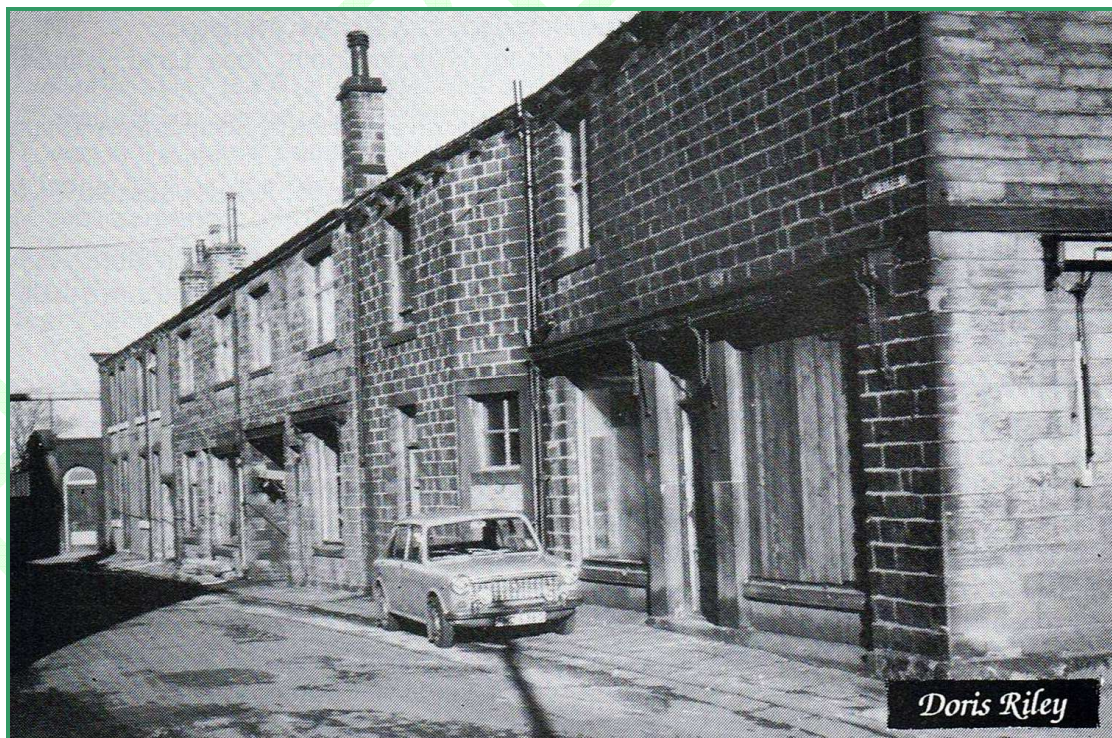


Article Date: 12 November 1915

JONES - BROOKBANKS. - November 6th, at Wilsden Church, Ernest Jones, of Sutton-in Craven, to Alice Grace Brookbanks, of Sandy Lane.

(source: *Craven's Part in the Great War* www.cpgw.org.uk)

The following year their daughter Nora Evelyn Jones was born on the 21st August 1916. Their home address was 1, Mill Street, Sutton-in-Craven.



Mill St, Sutton-in-Craven

(source: *Owd Settings Sutton-in-Craven 1991* by Doris Riley)

During the Great War, Ernest Jones responded to the call and volunteered to enlist into the armed services.

He was recruited into the 89th Training Reserve of the Labour Corps on the 30th June 1917. His regimental number was 78576 and he commenced with the rank of Private.

Despite being described as a “strong built young man”, Pte Jones appears to have been medically downgraded upon his recruitment into the army and considered unfit for a front-line infantry unit. Hence he was recruited into the Labour Corps and remained on home soil without seeing active service overseas.

For this reason a Medal Index Card does not exist for Pte Jones as he was not entitled to any WW1 campaign medals having not served in a war zone.

89th. TRAINING RESERVE

Regtl. No. 78576 Rank Private

Date enlistment 30/6/17 Age enlistment 27

Address 1 Mill Street, Keighley

Medical Category enlisted B II Employment

Copy of service papers for Pte Ernest Jones
(source: WW1 army service papers [The National Archives](#))

The Labour Battalions and later the Labour Companies of the Labour Corps carried out a whole range of defence works duties in the UK and in overseas theatres, especially in France and Flanders. These included road and railway building & repair, moving ammunition & stores, load and

unloading ships & trains, burial duties and at home agriculture, forestry and hospital work.

After completion of his army training, Pte Jones was stationed at the Catterick Camp Military Hospital where he helped out in various ways. The hospital had a total of 750 beds.

Pte Jones had been stationed and helping out at the Catterick Camp Military Hospital for almost one year when he developed influenza and was himself admitted to the hospital. His condition quickly worsened with symptoms of pneumonia.

A few days after becoming ill from influenza, Pte Ernest Jones **Died of Pneumonia** at Catterick Camp Military Hospital on the 2nd July 1918.

He was 27 years of age



Article Date: 05 July 1918

Sutton Soldier's Sudden Death

It was with deep grief that the villagers learned on Tuesday of the sudden death of Pte. Ernest Jones, in hospital at Catterick Bridge, the sad news coming by telegram to his wife, who had been informed on Monday that he was seriously ill with influenza. The deceased, who was in his 27th year, was a strong-built young man. He joined the forces in July last. He has been stationed at the hospital all the time helping in various ways. Prior to joining up he was employed at the firm of T. and M. Bairstow as woolsorter, where he was held in high regard by his fellow workers. He passed through the Sutton Baptist Sunday-school, and was an old Band of Hope boy. He leaves a widow and one child. The funeral will take place at the Sutton Baptist burial ground.

(source: *Craven's Part in the Great War* www.cpgw.org.uk)

CASE SHEET.*

Surname.

Christian Name.

Jones

E.

Age.

Service.

28

1.

Pneumonia

Admitted for "Influenza" temp. 99.3., Pulse 82.

10-6-18. Said to have been unwell with cough and general malaise for about a week before admission.

30-6-18. On examination some dulness and diminution of air entry near right lung. No crepitations, No bronchial breathing, Temp. 103.2 Pulse 80., Resp. 20.

1-7-18. Temp. 103.5., Pulse 100., Resp. 40. Complained of pain right side of chest. Put on D.I. List. Still no Bronchial breathing or crepitations. Dulness and impaired air entry more marked.

2-7-18. 10 a.m. coughed up about 1/2 cupful of bright blood and very restless gasping for breath etc. Given 1/4 gr. morphia and Oxygen.

Died 12 mid-day.

Post Mortem Examination.

Right Pleura contained nearly a pint of blood-stained fluid.

Left Pleura contained about 6 ozs of clear fluid.

Pericardium contained about 4 ozs. of clear fluid.

Right lung covered with recent lymph; Intensely congested, Crepitation of all three lobes non-crepitant and in a condition of early Pneumonia.

Left lung lower lobe intensely congested non-crepitant; upper lobe crepitant; Others organs normal.

Death was aggravated by the conditions.

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(source: WW1 army service papers The National Archives)



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CRAVEN AND THE WAR

SUTTON MILL

MILITARY FUNERAL - The funeral of the late Private Ernest Jones, whose sudden and lamented death occurred last week, took place last Saturday at the Baptist Burial-ground. The local Volunteers were in attendance and acted as bearers from the deceased's home to the chapel. Capt. Brigg, Lieutenant Clough, and Sergt. Major Thompson also accompanied. The service at the chapel, which was conducted by the Rev. F.W. Pollard, was very largely attended. The cortege entered the chapel to the strains of the 'Dead March' in 'Saul.' Mr. Pollard paid a fine tribute to the deceased soldier's character. He had laid down his life for them and may they be worthy of such sacrifice. As the company retired 'O rest in the Lord' was played by the organist (Mr. Joseph Petty). The bearers to the last resting place were his fellow workers at T. and M. Bairstows. A firing party was present under the command of Sergeant Major Thompson, the last post being sounded by Bugler Hutchinson, of Keighley. Floral tributes were sent by the family and relatives, and the officers and N.C.O.'s and men at Catterick hospital, and the wool sorters at T. and M. Bairstows.

(source: *Craven's Part in the Great War* www.cpgw.org.uk)

Army Form B. 2090.

Report of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office immediately after the date of Death.

REGIMENT or CORPS	LABOUR CENTRE NORTHERN COMMAND	Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company	R
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Regtl. No. 381148. Rank Private

Surname Jones Christian Names Ernest.

Date and Place of Birth Sept 1891.

Trade or Calling Wood Turner

Enlisted—When and Where 17/7/16. Kighley

Died { Date 27/7/18.
Place Military Hospital Catterick
Cause of Death Pneumonia.

LABOUR CENTRE NORTHERN COMMAND
RE J DATE
<u>16/8838/m</u> <u>1/7/18</u>
ORDERLY ROOM

Copy of service papers for Pte Ernest Jones
(source: WW1 army service papers The National Archives)

Whether in receipt of an annuity for meritorious service, or distinguished conduct } _____

Medals, if entitled to any, and how disposed of } _____

Whether known or supposed to have been married } married

If married, whether on married Establishment } _____

Name and address of widow and children, if any { Mrs E. Jones.
1 Mill Street
Sutton-on-Craven N. Kighley

Latest information as to Kin (if any known) with address { as above

Small Book to be forwarded with this report. If not, explanation must be given.

I hereby certify that the next of kin has been informed.

Frank Bayly Commanding { _____ Squadron
_____ Troop
_____ Battery
_____ Company

Station and date Rifon 16/7/18 Transmitted CRB Wood Lt Col Commanding.

LABOUR CENTRE
NORTHERN COMMAND Regiment.

(4113) W 3133-673 100,000 7/16 H W V (198/1) Forms/D. 2090/21

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Casualty Details

Name: JONES, ERNEST

Initials: E

Nationality: United Kingdom

Rank: Private

Regiment/Service: Labour Corps

Unit Text: Northern Command Labour Centre

Age: 27

Date of Death: 02/07/1918

Service No: 351148

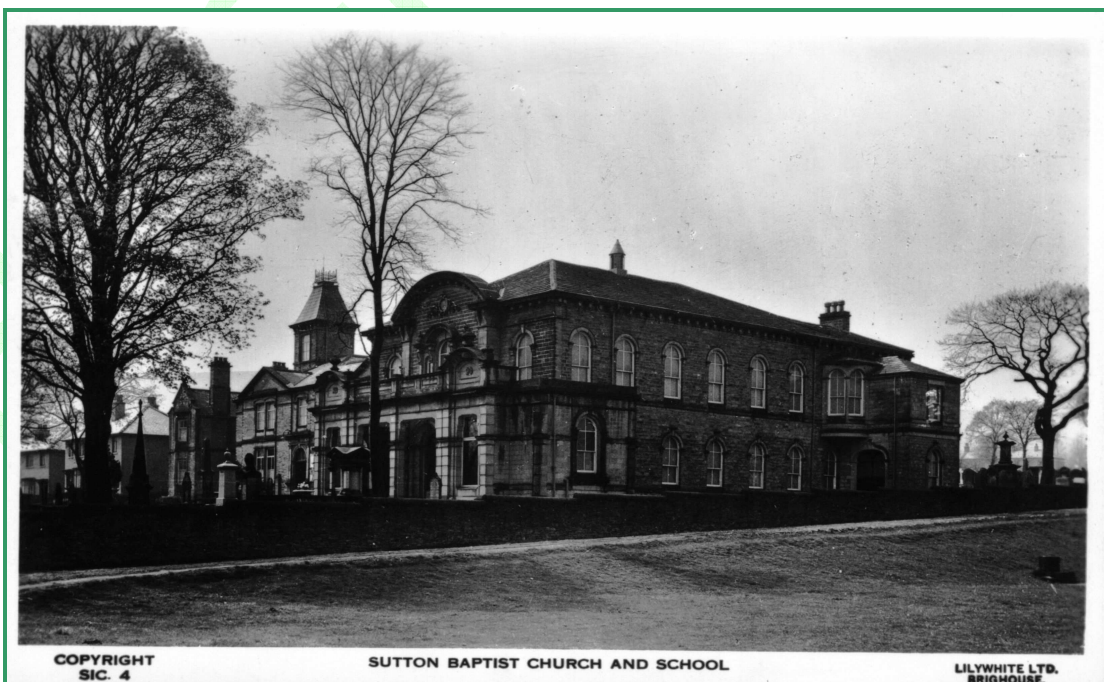
Additional information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jones; husband of Alice G. Jones, of White Hill Farm, Oakworth, Keighley. Born at Sutton-in-Craven.

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: C. 368.

Cemetery: SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN BAPTIST BURIAL GROUND

(source: *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* www.cwgc.org/)



(source: Rachel Simpson & Richard Whiteoak from the Glyn Whiteoak collection)



Tomb-stone in Sutton Baptist Chapel burial ground
(photo taken by Josie Walsh)

WAR MEMORIAL, SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN PARK



(source: *South Craven, the official guide*, 1950)



Sutton-in-Craven War Memorial (photo taken by Paul Wilkinson)

A Memorial Plaque inscribed with the soldiers name was also given to the family of those who were killed during WW1



Original WW1 Memorial Plaque named to Ernest Jones
Also referred to as a Death Plaque or Dead Man's Penny
(source: owned by Andrew Monkhouse)

Lest we Forget

CRAVEN'S ROLL OF HONOUR



PRIVATE E. JONES, Labour Corps, of Sutton,
died in hospital at Catterick 2nd July, 1918.

source: *Craven's Part in the Great War*

Original 1919 copy owned by Andrew Monkhouse

FOR THE FALLEN

*THEY SHALL NOT GROW OLD, AS WE THAT ARE
LEFT GROW OLD*

*AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM, NOR THE YEARS
CONDEMN*

*AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE
MORNING*

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

LAURENCE BINYON, 1869-1943



(Information compiled by Andrew Monkhouse 2011)