



# *In memory of*



## **Private Joseph O'Rourke**

### **17th (Service) Battalion (Rosebery) Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) Service No: 21314**

Killed in Action on the 09/09/1916. He was buried by a bursting shell at Arras, age 35. Husband of Jane McClymont Miller O'Rourke of 8e Jackson St, Coatbridge. Father of 9 children - Helen O'Rourke born 22/02/1900, Elizabeth Stewart O'Rourke born 28/04/1901, William Miller O'Rourke born 05/04/1903, Mary Ann O'Rourke born 12/08/1905, John Miller O'Rourke born 07/02/1908, Jessie O'Brien O'Rourke born 01/06/1910, Joseph O'Rourke (01/01/1913 - 04/05/1917) (listed on Joseph's Service Record 2). The other 2 are Joseph's son Peter O'Rourke who died of bronchial pneumonia in February 1916 (see Service Record 5, 6 and 8) and his youngest child Jane Miller O'Rourke who was born the same day he was killed. In his Will dated 27/01/1916 he left all of his property to his wife and family (see Service Record 10). Among his trench possessions were rosary beads, a comb and a pipe (see Service Records). Newspaper clippings state 8 children as Peter died early 1916. Joseph's Pension was awarded to his wife on the 24/03/1917. Seven children also listed. Employment was Labourer in the Sun Tube Works



Buried/remembered at Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery (I. G. 22), Arras, France

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