

James Walker : 4 HILL ROAD, STONEHOUSE

James was killed on 9 April 1917, aged 23. Served with the Gordon Highlanders and died during the first Battle of Scarpe in the Pas de Calais, part of the Arras operation. His death occurred in the first day of fighting in which the objective was to secure an important trench vital to German operations. The German hierarchy was very displeased with the conduct of the encounter by the ground troops which relied mainly on taking defensive positions. Not surprisingly casualties were considerable. He is buried in the Roclincourt Valley Cemetery.