

# JAMES BOOTH

39287, Private, James Booth, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, South Wales Borderers, formerly 4185, Monmouthshire Regiment.

Born in 1884 at Poynton, son of coal miner, Joseph and Mary Ann Booth, 231 Newtown, Poynton, Cheshire. One of five boys and seven girls. His brothers were John, Francis, Albert and Ernest. His sisters were Sarah Anne, Martha, Hannah, Ellen Annie, Nancy and Edith. James followed in his father's footsteps and worked at the colliery. He was working as a collier hewer when he enlisted in the army.

James enlisted at Stockport. On completion of his training he was drafted with the British Expeditionary Force to the Western Front. His theatre of war was at Flanders on the

Ypres Salient. James was killed instantly by an exploding shell at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday morning, 06/05/1917. He was aged 34 years.



## **Medals:** British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Private, James Booth is buried at Vlarmertinghe Military Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. C.W.G.C. Ref: - VII. A. 15.

