

ROBERT REEDER: 1889-1918

1st Cousin, 2 x Removed

Bob was born in Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire to parents John Thomas Reeder and Annie Maria Godwin.

He had 7 siblings: Margaret, Charles, Rose Ann, John, Grace, Annie Maria and Lily.

Living with his parents at 44 Roe Greave Road, Oswaldtwistle, he was employed as a Cotton spinner in a local mill. In 1915, he married Margaret J M (May) Hobson, the Great Niece of a prominent Canon at Liverpool Cathedral. He lived with his in-laws in Rishton, Lancashire before joining his brother, Charles, on the battlefields of Europe.

He signed up as a gunner with the Royal Field Artillery (RFA) as part of the 'Pals brigades' being set up across the region.

Bob was 'killed in action' in a hail of machine gun fire while fighting in France. He is commemorated at **'Martinsart British Cemetery', Somme, France.**

His wife, May, never remarried and passed away aged 86 in 1979.

*For more information, check out the newspaper reports in **'Robert Reeder WW1'**

Background Photo: WW1 gunners taking aim from the trenches.

Right: Silk Bookmark in remembrance of Bob.



killed in action in France on March 28th 1918, Aged 29

**'He sleeps beside his comrades
In a hallowed grave unknown
But his name is written in letters of love
In the hearts he left at home
May the heavenly winds blow softly
O'er that sweet and hallowed spot
Though the sea divides his grave from me
He will never be forgot**

**We'll catch the broken threads again
And finish what we first began
Heaven will this mystery explain
Not now, but then we'll understand**

He paid the greatest price (his life)'

**42 Parker Street
Rishton**



Photo: Bob with his wife,
Margaret Jane 'May' Hobson



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