



Lionel Maurice Newsome

1896 – 1917

Lionel was born in Dewsbury in 1896. His father was William Arthur, who was born in Dewsbury on 19th May 1858 and baptised on 13th June 1858. He died in Dewsbury in 1933. His mother was Martha Robinson, who was born in Dewsbury on 5th November 1860 and baptised at St John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor on 14th June 1863. They married in Dewsbury in 1880.

Lionel had nine brothers and sisters:

Effie, born in Dewsbury in 1881. Elsie, born in Dewsbury in 1884, Hilda, born in Dewsbury in 1885, Annie, born in Dewsbury in 1883, died 1884, Effie Rebecca, who was born in Dewsbury in 1889, Cecil, born and died in Dewsbury in 1891, Cyril Mortimer, who was born in Dewsbury on 2nd May 1894, he served as a Private in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry in World War 1, Dora Amy, born and died in Dewsbury in 1898, William Denzil, who was born in Dewsbury on 13th January 1904

On the 1911 census the family were living at 13, Mount Terrace, Warwick Road, Batley, Lionel's occupation was given as a Cloth Drawer.

Lionel served as Private 205036 with the 2nd Battalion Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was killed on 10th July 1917, when the enemy began a sustained bombardment of Gas Shells on the Belgian coast around Nieuport. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Nieuport Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Lionel was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Nieuport Memorial commemorates 566 Commonwealth officers and men who were killed in Allied operations on the Belgian coast during the First World War and have no known grave. Twenty of those commemorated served with the Royal Naval Division and were killed or mortally wounded during the siege of Antwerp in October 1914. Almost all of the remainder fell in heavy fighting in the region of Nieuport in the summer of 1917. The memorial is constructed of Euville limestone and stands eight metres high. It was designed by William Bryce Binnie, an Imperial War Graves Commission architect who served with The Black Watch during the war and was twice decorated for bravery. The lions standing at each point of the triangular platform were designed by Charles Sergeant Jagger, a celebrated British sculptor and decorated veteran of the Western Front. The memorial was officially unveiled by Sir George Macdonogh in July 1928

Lionel is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

In Memory of

Private

Lionel Maurice Newsome

205036, 2nd Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 10 July 1917 Age 21

Son of William Arthur and Martha Newsome, of 8, Cedar Grove, Mount St., Batley, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Nieuport Memorial



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