



William Newby

1888 – 1917

William was born in Dewsbury in 1888. His father was Arthur Newby, a Grocer and Carrier born in Sunderland in 1857 and died in 1926. His mother was Margaret (nee Brown) born in Castleford in 1857 and died in 1911. They were married in Dewsbury in 1886.

William was their only child.

On the 1891 and 1901 Census Records they lived at 108, High Street, Westtown. On the 1911 Census William, his wife Margaret and their two eldest children were living with his father Arthur at 164, High Street, Westtown. Margaret later moved to 11, St. John's Parade, Westtown.

William was educated at Boothroyd Lane Council School and had his own second-hand furniture business in Wellington Road. He was an enthusiastic pigeon fancier and was a frequent prize winner for homers. He was married on 27th December 1909 in All Saints Church, Dewsbury to Margaret Fryer (born in 1888 and died in 1959) they had five children, Percival Fryer, born in 1907, Lillian, born in 1910, Arthur, born in 1911, Eveline, born in 1914 and William, born in 1916. Margaret was remarried at the St. Paul's Church Hall, Hanging Heaton on 14th October 1918 to Frederick Lockwood (born in 1891). They had three children; Stanley, born in 1919, Elsie, born in 1921 and Walter, born in 1923. No death record has been found for Frederick Lockwood but Margaret remarried again on 16th April 1950 at Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool to Frederick Longthorne (born in 1864 and died in 1961).

He served as Private 202673 in the 8th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment and later transferred to the 150th Company of the Labour Corps serving as Private 89699. He was killed in action on the 23rd of May 1917 during the aftermath of the Battle of Arras and was buried in La Targette British Cemetery, Neuville-St. Vaast, Pas-de-Calais, France. William was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Neuville-St. Vaast is a village 6.5 kilometres north of Arras, a little east of the road from Bethune to Arras. La Targette British Cemetery lies to the south-west of the village on the north-west side of the road to the village of Maroeuil. La Targette British Cemetery, formerly known as Aux-Rietz Military Cemetery, was begun at the end of April 1917 and used by field ambulances and fighting units until September 1918. Nearly a third of the graves have an artillery connection; in March-April 1917, the artillery of the 2nd Canadian and 5th Divisions, and certain heavy artillery units, had their headquarters in a deep cave at Aux-Rietz. Sixteen graves were brought into the cemetery from the immediate neighbourhood after the Armistice. The cemetery contains 638 First World War burials, 41 of them unidentified.

William is 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

William Newby

202673, 8th Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment who died on 23 May 1917 Age 29

Son of Arthur and Margaret Newby, of West Town; husband of Margaret Lockwood (formerly Newby), of 11, St. John Parade, West Town, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

La Targette British Cemetery, Neuville-St. Vaast



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