



## **George Nicholson**

### **1898 – 1917**

George was born in Dewsbury on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1898. His father was Walter Nicholson, a Self-Employed Fruiterer born in Batley in 1863 and died in 1936. His mother was Agnes (nee Dawson) born in Dewsbury in 1866 and died in 1947. They were married on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1891 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; Senior, born in 1891 and died in 1891 and Henry Dawson, born in 1895 and died in 1896.

On the Census Records for 1901 and 1911 the family were living at 34, Bradford Road, Dewsbury.

George was a single man who was educated at Carlton Road Council School and was employed by Mr. George Wilby, Rag Merchant, Bradford Road.

He volunteered as a reservist on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1916 and was mobilised on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1916 serving as Private 38730 in the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment; following training at Sunderland and Durham he was sent to the Western Front on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1917. He was killed in action in Belgian Flanders on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1917 and was buried in Pond Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. George was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Pond Farm Cemetery is located south-west of Ieper (Ypres) near the village of Wulvergem. Wulverghem (now Wulvergem) was the scene of a German gas attack on the night of 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April 1916 which was repulsed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Divisions. The village was captured by the Germans on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1918 and reoccupied by the 30<sup>th</sup> Division on the following 2<sup>nd</sup> September. '*Pond Farm*' was in the fields about 800 metres East of Packhorse Farm, and on the North-West side of Pond Farm is the Cemetery. The cemetery was begun by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Rifle Brigade and the 8<sup>th</sup> Buffs in July 1916 and it was used by fighting units and field ambulances until October 1917. Further burials were made in April and September 1918. There are now 296 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery, including special memorials to three casualties of the 1st/7th Cheshires, buried here early in September 1918, whose graves could not be found.

George 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  
**George Nicholson**

38730, 10th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment who died on 15 July 1917 Age 19

Son of Walter and Agnes Nicholson, of 34, Bradford Rd., Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour  
**Pond Farm Cemetery**



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