



Thomas William Ashton

1883 – 1917

Thomas was born in Wrenthorpe, Wakefield in 1883. His father was Joseph Ashton, a coal miner born in Wakefield in 1852 and died in 1921. His mother was Sarah Ann (nee Hutchinson) born in Wakefield in 1850 and died in 1886. They were married on 24th December 1881 at St. Pauls Church, Alverthorpe, Wakefield.

Joseph was remarried at St. Peter's Church, Morley on 26th October 1889 to Fanny Martha Jagger born in Mirfield in 1862 and died in 1921.

Their children were; Edward (birth surname Jagger), born in Morley in 1888, Joseph, born in Morley in 1891 and served in World War 1, Amy, born in Batley in 1894 and Fanny, born in Batley in 1898.

In 1891 they lived at 6, Middleton Terrace, Morley, in 1901 at 84, Cliffe Street, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 46, Cliffe Street.

Thomas was a Suction Gas Minder at brickworks; he was married to Beatrice Newsome (born in Carr Gate, Wakefield in 1885 and died in 1940) at All Saints Church, Dewsbury 18th April 1908. In 1911 they lived at 20, Back Brooke Street, Dewsbury and did not have any children. Beatrice later lived at 8, Stapleton Buildings, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

He served as Private G/42964 in the 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment and was killed in action on the First Day of the Battle of Passchendale on 31st July 1917. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Thomas was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing is one of four British and Commonwealth memorials to the missing in the battlefield area of the Ypres Salient in Belgian Flanders. The memorial bears the names of 54,389 officers and men from United Kingdom and Commonwealth Forces (except New Zealand and Newfoundland) who fell in the Ypres Salient before 16th August 1917 and who have no known grave.

Thomas 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

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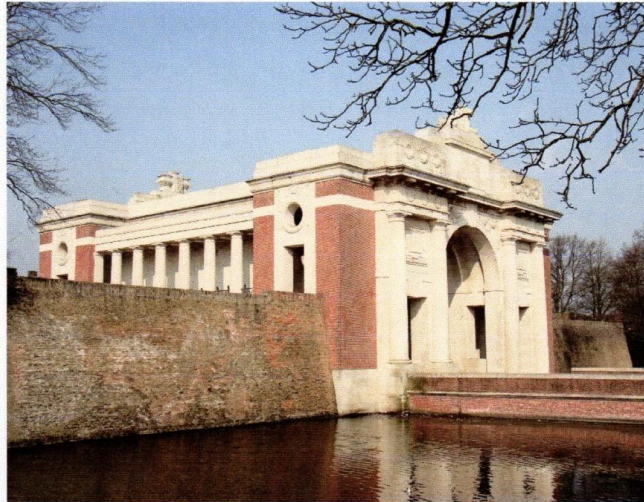
Thomas William Ashton

G/42964, 2nd Bn., Middlesex Regiment who died on 31 July 1917 Age 33

Son of Joe and Fanny Ashton, of 46, Cliffe St. Dewsbury; husband of Beatrice Ashton, of 8, Stapleton Buildings, Vulcan Rd., Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



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