



## **Clifford Simpson**

### **1894 - 1917**

Clifford was born in Accrington, Lancashire in 1894. His father was Thomas Simpson, a leather belt maker born in Bradford in 1864 and died in 1945. His mother was Mary Elizabeth (nee Ingham) born in Birstall in 1864 and died in 1901. They were married in Dewsbury in 1890.

Their other children were; Alice, born in Birstall in 1890, Emily, born in Accrington in 1896 and Fred, born in Accrington in 1900.

On the 1891 Census the family lived in John Street, Mirfield, in 1901 at 55, Lodge Street, Accrington and in 1911 at 141, Sackville Street, Ravensthorpe.

Thomas was remarried on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1902 to a widow Emily Thwaites nee Archer, formerly Senior (born in 1870 and died in 1911) they had two children; Herbert, born in Ravensthorpe in 1905 and Willie born in Ravensthorpe in 1906. Emily was previously married in 1893 to William Herbert Senior (born in 1871 and died in 1895); they had a son, Archer Senior, born in 1894 and died in 1912. Emily then remarried in 1898 to Walter Thwaites (born in 1870 and died in 1901) they had a daughter, Edith Thwaites, born in 1900 and died in 1901. Thomas remarried again on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1914 at the Ravensthorpe Wesleyan Church to Lucy Ann Thompson (born in 1868 and died in 1949).

Clifford was a single man whose occupation was a 'tyer on' (beamer) in a woollen mill who organised the fitting of the warp threads onto a loom, and was employed by Rawdon, Briggs and Company in Ravensthorpe.

He enlisted into the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers with the Service Number 20303 and after receiving training he was sent to the Dardanelles Campaign (Gallipoli). He then took part in the opening day of the Battle of the Somme where he was wounded in the chest; he was wounded again in February 1917 and after recovering was promoted to Lance Corporal. He was killed in action during the Battle of Passchendaele on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917, his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Clifford was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

Clifford is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church.

In Memory of  
Lance Corporal

## Clifford Simpson

20303, 1st Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers who died on 16 August 1917 Age 23

Son of Thomas Simpson, of 141, Sackville St., Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour  
Tyne Cot Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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