



## **Frank Tomlinson**

### **1891-1917**

Frank was born in Knottingley on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1891. His father was Benjamin Kirby Tomlinson, a Glass Bottle Maker born in York in 1855 and died in 1932. His mother was Elizabeth (nee Yates) born in Oldham, Lancashire in 1863 and died in 1944. They were married at St. Thomas's Church, Huddersfield on 26<sup>th</sup> December 1887.

Their other children were; Elsie, born in Castleford in 1888, Ellen, born in Castleford in 1890, Harold, born in Thornhill in 1894 and served in World War 1, Norman, born in Thornhill in 1896 and was killed in action 8<sup>th</sup> November 1915 and Jack, born in Thornhill 1906 and died in 1906.

On the 1891 Census the family lived in Knottingley, in 1901 at 12, Lister's Buildings, Thornhill, in 1911 at 5, Mount Terrace, Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees and later at Ernest Cottages, 17, Lees Hall Road.

Frank was a single man who was educated at Thornhill Church School where he became a Pupil Teacher. He later became a Certified Teacher at Purlwell Council School, Batley from March 1911 until his enlistment.

He enlisted on 13<sup>th</sup> September 1915 into the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) with the Service Number 23993 rising to the rank of Lance Corporal. He was sent to the Western Front on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1916 and was killed in action during the Battle of Passchendaele on 28<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. Frank was awarded 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.

Frank 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 War Memorials in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees and St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill.

In Memory of  
Lance Corporal

## Frank Tomlinson

23993, 8th Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) who died on 28 August 1917 Age 25

Son of Benjamin Kirby Tomlinson and Elizabeth Tomlinson, of Ernest Cottages, 17, Lees Hall Rd.,  
Thornhill, Dewsbury, Yorks. His brother, Norman, also fell.

Remembered with Honour  
Tyne Cot Memorial



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