



## **James William Bulmer**

### **1892 – 1915**

James was born in Wakefield on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1892. His father was Henry Jacob Bulmer, a Glass Factory Worker born in Leigh, Lancashire in 1859 and died in 1908. His mother was Maria (nee Parker) born in Hunslet, Leeds in 1865 and died in 1909. They were married at St. Peter's Church, Hunslet Moor on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1881.

Their other children were; John Henry, born in 1881, Elizabeth Parker, born in 1884, Martha, born in 1886 and died in 1904, Sarah Jane, born in 1887, Lily, born in 1890, Annie, born in 1895, George, born in 1897 and Violet, born in 1901 and died in 1901.

On the 1891 Census the family were living at 13, Near Royd, Beeston, Leeds and in 1901 at Beatson Street off Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees.

James was a single man who on the 1911 Census was living with the family of his sister Elizabeth (now Mrs. William Preston) at Nursery House, 13, Thornton Road, Thornhill Lees. His occupation is given as a Gatherer at Kilner Brothers Glass Bottle Works.

He attested in Dewsbury in 1914 serving as Private 3521 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers and was sent to the Western Front on 16<sup>th</sup> January 1915. He was killed in action on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1915 at Hill 60, near Ypres, his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. James was awarded the 1914-15 Star, 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 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917 and who have no known grave.

James is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and as *James Bulmer* on the War Memorial in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

In Memory of

Private

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3521, 2nd Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers who died on 08 May 1915

Remembered with Honour  
Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



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BULMER J. W.