



## **George Norman Flatters**

### **1884 – 1915**

George was born in Moorcock, Lingdale near Guisborough, Yorkshire in 1884. His father was Henry Flatters, an Iron Miner born in Quadring, Lincolnshire in 1844 and died in 1899. His mother was Susannah (nee Taylor) born in Easington, Yorkshire in 1842 and died in 1925. They were married in 1867.

Their other children were; Alice, born in 1868 and died in 1868, Eliza, born in 1869 and died in 1899, Henry, born in 1871, James, born in 1874 and died in 1874, Emily, born in 1875 and died in 1876, Ada, born in 1877, Edward, born in 1879 and Abraham James, born in 1881 and died in 1884.

Susannah had a daughter, Mary Jane Taylor born in 1863.

Henry was previously married in 1861 to Hannah Souter (born in 1844 and died in 1864). They had two children; a daughter, Mary Ann, born in 1862 and died in 1905 and a son, Thomas, born in 1864.

On the 1871 Census the family lived at Seymour Hill Terrace, Lofthouse, Guisborough, in 1881 at 21, Gerrie Street, Skelton near Guisborough, in 1891 and 1901 at 29, Downe Street, Liverton Mines, Liverton, Guisborough. In 1901 George is living with his widowed mother at 29, Downe Street; his occupation is shown as a Horse Driver in an Ironstone Mine.

On the 1911 Census George is working as a Teamer for a coal company and living at 17, Rishworth Street, Dewsbury with Mary Dearden (nee Allatt, born in 1864 and died in 1942); she was a widow with four children from two previous marriages; he gives his age as 40. They were married in 1912 but had no children. Mary was previously married in 1903 to John William Dearden who died in 1904 aged 44 and in 1884 to Thomas Lodge who died in 1899 aged 37. Mary later moved to 23, Rishworth Street where she was still living in 1939.

He attested at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1902 into the Royal Field Artillery with the Service Number 23037 but was discharged on 26<sup>th</sup> July. He enlisted again in Newcastle-upon-Tyne at the outbreak of war, serving as Private 8841 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers and was sent to the Western Front on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1914. He was killed in action in Belgian Flanders on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1915, his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. George was awarded the 1914 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His obituary in the Dewsbury Reporter on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1915 stated that he regularly wrote home to his wife and his last letter was stamped on the date he died.

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.

George 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

Private

## George Flatters

8841, 1st Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers who died on 24 February 1915 Age 39

Husband of Mary Flatters, of 23, Rishworth St., Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



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