



## Joseph Pickard

### 1886-1914

Joseph was born in Dewsbury in 1886. His father was George Pickard, a Plumber born in Crigglestone near Wakefield in 1861 and died in 1922. His mother was Elizabeth Ann (nee Blackburn) born in Dewsbury in 1859 and died in 1929. They were married in 1883.

Their other children were; Harry, born in 1885, Sarah Ann, born in 1888 and Edward, born in 1890 and served in World War 1.

On the 1901 Census the family were living at 54, Wellington Road, Dewsbury, in 1908 they were at 8, Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury, in 1911 at 10, Webster Street, Dewsbury and later at 9, Grosvenor Street, Savile Town.

Joseph was a single man who was educated at Carlton Road Council School. In 1901 he was an apprentice glass bottle maker at Messrs Kilner Brothers in Thornhill Lees and prior to re-enlistment in 1914 he was a Blanket Raiser for Messrs Wormald and Walker at Thornhill Lees. He had a keen interest in music which he developed in his pre-war army service.

The 1911 census shows Joseph stationed in York Barracks as a Drummer in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment. He had enlisted into the Yorkshire Regiment on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1904 with the Service Number 6070 and joined the Regimental Band, serving for seven years, three of which were in South Africa. Recalled at the outbreak of war, he served as Private 7983 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Yorkshire Regiment and was sent to the Western Front on 5<sup>th</sup> October 1914. He was reported to have been wounded in action during the First Battle of Ypres and was seen to have been stretchered away for treatment, but in the horrendous conditions of this battle, any records of his whereabouts were lost. His family did not receive official notification of his death until 6<sup>th</sup> September 1915 when they were informed that he had died of wounds; "*at a place unknown*" between 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> November 1914. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. His name was somehow omitted from the Panel of the Yorkshire Regiment and therefore he is named on Addenda Panel 58. Joseph was awarded the 1914 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing 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.

Joseph 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 Memorial from the now demolished St. Mary's Church, Savile Town now displayed in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

In Memory of

Private

**Joseph Pickard**

7983, 2nd Bn., Yorkshire Regiment who died between 22 October 1914 and 06 November 1914

Remembered with Honour

**Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial**



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