



## **Norman Crossley Newsome**

### **1897 – 1917**

Norman was born in Earlsheaton on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1897 and baptised at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1897. His father was Hemingway Newsome, a Grocery Manager for the Co-operative Society born in Earlsheaton in 1868 and died in 1938. His mother was Fanny (nee Hemingway) born in Dewsbury in 1868 and died in 1939. They were married on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1895 at St. Peter's Church.

Their other children were; Joe, born in 1895 and died in 1896, Arnold, born in 1899 and served in the Royal Navy in World War 1, Norah, born in 1901 and died in 1905 and Harold, born in 1910 and died in 1914.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 14, Pyrah Street, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 12, Hilderthorpe Road, Bridlington. They later lived at Lower Hagg, Thongsbridge near Huddersfield, then 21, New Mill Road, Brockholes near Huddersfield, then 52, Elm Avenue, Woodlands, Thongsbridge and finally 42, Cliff Wood Terrace, Brockholes.

Norman was a single man who in 1911 worked as a milliner's delivery boy.

He enlisted in Bridlington serving as Private 34117 in the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was killed in action during the Battle of Arras on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1917 whilst his company was carrying out burial duties. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial. Norman was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7<sup>th</sup> August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and who have no known grave. The most conspicuous events of this period were the Arras offensive of April-May 1917, and the German attack in the spring of 1918.

Norman 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 in Earlsheaton Park and on the Oak Reredos in St. Peter's Church.

In Memory of

Private

## Norman Newsome

34117, 10th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 28 April 1917

Remembered with Honour

Arras Memorial



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the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

