

Mitchell Newsome 1897-1918

Mitchell was born in Dewsbury on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1897 and baptised on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1909 at St James Mission Church, Flatts, Dewsbury. His father was George Newsome, a Cloth Finisher born in Dewsbury in 1854 and died in 1919. His mother was Maria (nee Crawshaw) born in Dewsbury in 1856 and died in 1934. They were married on 26<sup>th</sup> December 1874 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; Henry, born in 1875 and died in 1875, Hannah, born in 1876, George Henry, born in 1877, Ann Eliza, born in 1879, Lionel Robert Earlington, born in 1880 and served in World War 1, Alfred, born in 1883, Charlie, born in 1885 and John Thomas, born in 1892 and served in World War 1.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 22, Back Belgrave Street, Flatts, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 5, Wellington Place, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 11, Bright Street, Springfield, Dewsbury.

Mitchell was a single man who was educated at the Jubilee Council School, Dewsbury and attended the Centenary Wesleyan Church and Sunday school. He was employed in the spinning department of Messrs John Fenton and Sons, Savile Town, Dewsbury.

He enlisted in November 1916 and was sent to the Western Front in May 1917, initially serving as Private 47559 in the Yorkshire Regiment and later as Private 30667 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. He came home on leave in March 1918 but on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1918 he suffered shrapnel wounds to his thigh and neck at Kemmel Hill in Belgian Flanders. He was evacuated to Horton War Hospital in Epsom, Surrey where he died of pneumonia and was buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. Mitchell was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Mitchell is 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 on the outside wall of Dewsbury Centenary Wesleyan Church at the top of Daisy Hill.

In Memory of

Private

## Mitchell Newsome

30667, Depot, East Yorkshire Regiment who died on 21 June 1918 Age 20

Son of George and Maria Newsome, of 1 I, Bright St., Springfield, Dewsbury,.

Remembered with Honour Dewsbury Cemetery





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