



Crampton Youngs

1894-1918

Crampton was born in Gawthorpe, Ossett in 1894. His father was John William Youngs, an Assurance Agent born in Gedney, Lincolnshire in 1867 and died in 1930. His mother was Mary Jane (nee Gomersall) born in Ossett in 1865 and died in 1931. They were married in Ossett in 1886.

Their other children were; Walter Harry, born in Ossett in 1887 and served in World War 1 and Bernard, born in Ossett in 1892 and died in 1896.

On the 1891 Census the family were living in Rycroft Street, Ossett; in 1901 Crampton and his mother are living at Providence Street, Earlsheaton with his maternal grandparents George and Selina Gomersall, Walter is living with his paternal grandparents Thomas and Susanna Youngs at 34, Queen Street, Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire; in 1911 the Gomersalls had moved to Commercial Street, Earlsheaton and Crampton and his mother were with them. John William had abandoned his family and in 1901 was living in Oldham, Lancashire and in 1911 in Handsworth, Birmingham where he died in 1930.

Crampton was educated at Earlsheaton Council School and was connected with Highfield Congregational Church and Sunday school where he was secretary of the Band of Hope and was also a member of the church choir and institute. He was also connected with Chickenley Cricket Club. He worked in the clerical department of Messrs Thomas Lee and Sons, Blanket Manufacturers, Bank Top Mills, Earlsheaton.

He enlisted in Dewsbury in February 1915 serving as Guardsman 22777 in the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards; in September of that same year he was ill for some time with diphtheria and was sent to the Western Front on 9th December 1915. In September 1916 he was wounded by shrapnel in the back and was treated in No. 6 General Hospital in Rouen and towards the end of 1916 was invalided home with trench feet. In March 1918 he was home on leave, and went back to France on 7th April 1918. He was killed in action on 27th April 1918 by a shell which landed near to his Company Headquarters. In April 1920 his remains were reburied in Douchy-les-Ayette British Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France. Crampton was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Douchy-les-Ayette is a village some 13 kilometres south of Arras on the road to Amiens. The British Cemetery was begun in August and September 1918; there are now over 700, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, nearly one-third are unidentified.

Crampton 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 Earlsheaton Park War Memorial and on the Oak Reredos in St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton and on the Memorial Plaque from the now demolished Earlsheaton Highfield Congregational Church relocated to Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury.

In Memory of
Guardisman

Crampton Youngs

22777, 3rd Bn., Grenadier Guards who died on 27 April 1918 Age 24

Son of Mrs. Mary Jane Youngs, of 35, Commercial St., Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Douchy-Les-Ayette British Cemetery



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