



Newsome Hanson

1887-1917

Newsome was born in Dewsbury in 1887. His father was John Hanson, a Willeyer and later a Greengrocer and then a Boarding House Owner born in Dewsbury in 1862 and died in 1917. His mother was Mary Jane (nee Newsome) born in Dewsbury in 1863 and died in 1919. They were married in Dewsbury in 1887.

Their other children were; Joseph, born in 1892 and died in 1903, Rowland, born in 1895 and served in World War 1, Hilda, born in 1898 and died in 1898 and Laura, born in 1901 and died in 1902.

On the 1891 Census the family were living with John's parents Joseph and Hannah Hanson at 2, Quarry Hill, Westtown, in 1901 at 38, Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 28, Charnley Road, Blackpool.

Newsome attended Boothroyd Lane Council School and in 1901 he was an assistant in his father's greengrocery business. In 1908 he was a bandsman on the Cunard Liner S.S. "Ivernia" which operated from Liverpool; his home address is given as 24, New Pepper Road, Hunslet, Leeds. In 1911 he is a boarder at 73, Mysore Road, Lavender Hill, Battersea, London; his occupation is given as a musician and his birthplace states Blackpool. He was married on 21st February 1914 at the Wesleyan Chapel, Adelaide Street, Blackpool to Emily Smith (born in Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne in 1885 and died in 1968); they had a daughter; Eveline Mary, born in Moss Side, Manchester in 1916. Prior to being called up he was employed at the Manchester Hippodrome as a cello player, having previously toured with the Carl Rosa and Castiglione Opera Companies and played in the orchestra at Blackpool Tower. His pension records give Emily's address in 1918 as 28, Charnley Road, Blackpool and later at 80, Condor Grove, Blackpool. In 1939 Emily and her daughter are living at 148, Park Road, Blackpool.

He enlisted in Manchester in July 1916 into The King's (Liverpool) Regiment serving as Rifleman 58509, initially attached to the 1st Battalion and later in the 2nd/5th Battalion. He was sent to France in December 1916 and was killed in action by a shell when returning from an inspection on 18th August 1917 after being at the Front for only two weeks. He was buried in Anzac Cemetery, Sailly-sur-la-Lys, Pas-de-Calais, France. Newsome was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Cemetery is on the north-west side of the road between Armentieres and Bethune, just north of the village of Sailly-sur-la-Lys. Sailly Church was burnt during the open fighting of October 1914, when French cavalry and British and German infantry fought on the Lys, but from the winter of 1914-1915 to the spring of 1918 the village was comparatively untouched. It was captured by the Germans on 9th April 1918, and it remained in their hands until the beginning of September. Anzac Cemetery was begun by Australian units in July 1916, immediately before the Attack at Fromelles, and it contains the graves of many Australian soldiers who died in that engagement. It continued in use as a front-line cemetery until April 1918 and was used by German troops for the burial of Commonwealth soldiers during the following summer. Anzac Cemetery contains 320 Commonwealth burials of the First World War. 62 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to seven casualties known or believed to be buried among them, and to three soldiers buried by the Germans in Sailly Churchyard whose graves could not be located.

Newsome is commemorated on the War Memorial in the Providence Independent Methodist Church, Thornton Street, Dewsbury and on the Blackpool War Memorial.

In Memory Of
Rifleman

N HANSON

Service Number: 58509

2nd/5th Bn., The King's (Liverpool Regiment) who died on 18 August 1917

Remembered with Honour

ANZAC CEMETERY, SAILLY-SUR-LA-LYS

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