



## **Richard Newsome**

### **1880 – 1917**

Richard was born in Earlsheaton on 30<sup>th</sup> December 1880 and was baptised at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1881. His father was Joseph Harrison Newsome, a Grocer's Warehouseman born in 1838 and died in 1908. His mother was Susannah (nee Croft) born in 1840 and died in 1900. They were married at All Saints Church, Dewsbury on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1862.

Their other children were; Lofthouse, born in 1864, Emma, born in 1865, Bates, born in 1867, Mary, born in 1869, Alice, born in 1871, Susan, born in 1874, Hannah, born in 1876 and Harry, born in 1878 and served in World War 1. He was the Landlord of the Butcher's Arms, Earlsheaton from 1911 to 1934, and of the Spangled Bull, Earlsheaton from 1935 to 1936. He died in Dewsbury in 1960.

On the 1881 census, the family were living at Bank Top, Earlsheaton, in 1891, at Park Road, Earlsheaton; and in 1901 at Mount Pleasant, Earlsheaton.

Richard was married to Polly Atack (born in Mirfield in 1879 and died in 1971) at St, John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1906. They had two daughters; Gladys, born in Ryhill in 1906 and Elsie, born in Ryhill in 1910. In 1911 they lived at Station Road, Ryhill near Barnsley but later moved to 21, Jackson Street, Layton, Blackpool. In 1901 he was a Painter's Apprentice but by 1911 he was a self-employed Painter and Decorator.

He attested in Lancaster on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1914 serving as Private 243790 in the 1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regiment). He was killed in action on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1917 the First Day of the Battle of Passchendaele. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Richard was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing is one of four British and Commonwealth memorials to the missing in the battlefield area of the Ypres Salient in Belgian Flanders. The memorial 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.

Richard is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library, on the War Memorial in Earlsheaton Park and on the Oak Reredos in St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton.

In Memory of

Private

## Richard Newsome

243790, 1st/8th Bn., The King's (Liverpool Regiment) who died on 31 July 1917 Age 37

Husband of Polly Newsome, of 21, Jackson St., Layton, Blackpool.

Remembered with Honour  
Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



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the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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