**Thomas Beaumont**





**Rank: -** Private

**Number: -** 235487

**Regiment: -** Yorkshire Hussars (Alexandra Princess of Wales' Own) 9th Battalion (formerly 7538 Durham Infantry).

**Killed in Action by a sniper: -** 5th October 1918 aged 21 years

**Cemetery: -** Beaurevoir Communal Cemetery British Extension, Aisne, France. C .3

# "HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE US WORTHY OF EVERLASTING LOVE FROM THOSE HE LEFT AT HOME"

Batley News, 9 Nov 1918 (photo)

## Family Details

Thomas was born in Grimsby in c. 1897 the son of George and Eliza Kezia Beaumont (nee Thorp). The couple had married at Batley Parish Church on 29th May 1882 and Grace Ellen was born in 1886 followed by William 1889, Alice 1893, Thomas, George Henry 1900-1902 and Gertrude 1902. George was a fish salesman.

In 1901 the family was living at 20, Cobden Street and the census shows George was then a fish dealer on his own account and all the family had been born in Batley with the exception of Thomas.

The 1911 census shows that George had changed his occupation to become a tripe dresser, the family had moved to 24, Cobden Street and 14-year-old Thomas was working as an office boy for a firm of chartered accountants. During their marriage, the couple had 12 children but 7 had died in infancy.

Thomas attended Park Road Council School and Batley Town Mission Sunday School. He was an enthusiastic member of Batley Albion Football Club and won three medals as a member of that team. He was employed for many years by Messrs. Walter Dawson and Sons, chartered accountants, Dewsbury.

## Service Details

Thomas enlisted in October 1916 after the death of his brother William on 18th September 1916. On the 13th November 1917 400 men were absorbed into the 9th (Service) Battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment which then adopted the title 9th (Yorkshire Hussars Yeomanry) Battalion.

In mid-September the battalion moved to billets at Neuville and Oneux. On the 29th they de-trained at Albert and moved to billets before moving to dugouts at Faviere Wood in the Maricourt area. On the 3rd October at 13.00 hours they marched to line south of Le Catelet and on the 5th at 06.00 hours they commenced the attack on Beaurevoir but were held up by machine gun fire.

A friend wrote to his parents: -

*"Your dear son was killed in action on October 5th. He suffered no pain as he was killed instantly by a sniper. He will be greatly missed among the boys".*

He served in both France and Italy and had been wounded once.

He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Thomas is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial and Batley Town Mission.




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