# Joseph Albert Kemp



**Rank: -** Private

**Number: -** 268016

**Regiment: -** West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) (Formerly 6524) 1/6th Bn

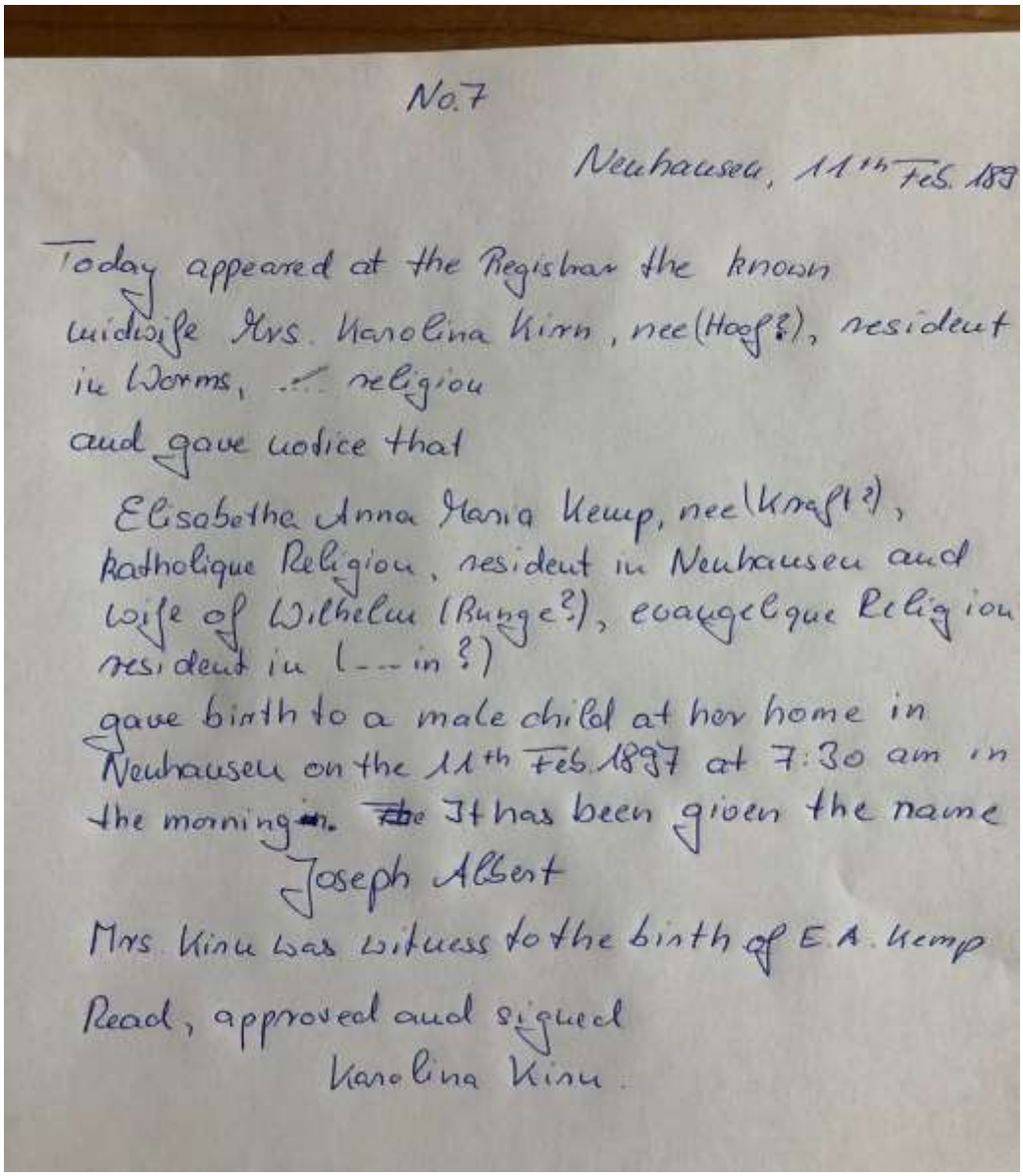
**Missing, presumed killed in action: -** 25/04/1918 Age: 21 years

**Memorial: -** Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium Panel 42 to 47 and 162.

**Family Details**

According to Commonwealth War Graves Joseph Albert was born in 1897, the son of William and Elizabeth Kemp, of 15, Osborne Terrace, Batley, Yorks. William and Elizabeth are on the electoral roll at this address from 1925-1933 when they moved to Dewsbury. Previous to this it appears they lived at 9, Roker Terrace, Pudsey and Joseph Albert was an absent voter in 1918.

It appears Joseph Albert the son of William (of English Religion) and a Elizabeth Anna Maria Kemp (of Roman Catholic Religion) was born at 7.30 am on the 11th February 1897 at Neuhauseu, Germany at her home, delivered by a midwife, Karolina Kinu, who took details to the Registrar and his name was Joseph Albert.



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Neuhauseu, 11th Feb. 189

Today appeared at the Registrar the known
midwife Mrs. Karolina Kinn, nee (Hoof?), resident
in Worms, ... religion
and gave notice that

Elisabetha Anna Maria Kemp, nee (Krafft?),
Katholique Religion, resident in Neuhauseu and
wife of Wilhelm (Runge?), evangelique Religion
resident in (... in ?)
gave birth to a male child at her home in
Neuhauseu on the 11th Feb. 1897 at 7:30 am in
the morning. ~~The~~ It has been given the name

Joseph Albert

Mrs Kinu was witness to the birth of E.A. Kemp

Read, approved and signed

Karolina Kinu

His brother, Friedrich Wilhelm, was born 4th March 1903 registered at Mannheim, Germany and he died Dewsbury District December Qtr. 1993. He was baptised on the 15th March 1903 at Neckarhausen, Baden-Wurttemberg, Preuben, Germany the son of Wilhelm and Elisabeth Kemp.

We have not been able to confirm when the family returned to England or where William, his father came from before his marriage to Elisabeth Anna Maria. The family do appear to have settled in the Batley/ Dewsbury area after the Great War.

**Service Details**

The 1/6th Battalion was formed in August 1914, in Bradford and was part of West Riding Brigade, West Riding Division. They moved on 10 August to Selby, end of the month to Strensall and late October to York. In March 1915 they moved to Gainsborough and on the 5 April 1915, they landed at Boulogne. From the 15 May 1915 the formation became 146th Brigade, 49th (West Riding) Division.

By 19 April the Division had concentrated in the area of Estaires – Merville – Neuf Berquin. The Division then remained in France and Flanders and took part in the following engagements:

The Battle of Aubers Ridge (9 May)
The defence against the first Phosgene attack (19 December)

***1916***

The Battle of Albert
The Battle of Bazentin Ridge
The Battle of Pozieres Ridge
The Battle of Flers-Courcelette
*which were phases of the Battles of the Somme 1916*

***1917***

Operations on the Flanders Coast (Hush)
The Battle of Poelcapelle *which was a phase of the Third Battles of the Ypres*

***1918***

The Battle of Estaires (9-11 April)
The Battle of Messines (10-11 April)
The Battle of Bailleul in which the Division defended Neuve Eglise (13-15 April)
The First Battle of Kemmel Ridge (17-19 April)
The Second Battle of Kemmel Ridge (25-26 April)
*which were phases of the Battles of the Lys*

Joseph Albert was missing, presumed killed in battle, on the first day of the Second Battle of Kemmel Ridge.

We do not know when Joseph Albert went to France but it was after the 1st January 1916 because he was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Joseph Albert was added to Batley War Memorial on the addenda of 1999 and he also is on Pudsey War Memorial.

There is a mystery because there is marriage at Thornhill Lees Holy Innocents of Joseph Kemp on the 29/8/1933 aged 29, foreman warper of 15, Osborne Terrace, Batley son of William, mill manager. In 1939 this person was living at 10, The Crescent, Moorlands Road, Cleckheaton with his wife Mabel Kathleen nee Firth and child and was born on the 16th March 1904.




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