# Thomas Mos(s)ley





**Rank: -** L/Cpl.

**Number: -** 5542

**Regiment: - West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) 1/5th Battalion**

**Killed in Action: - 15/07/1916 Age: 25 years**

**Cemetery: - Authuile Military Cemetery, Somme,** France H.16

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## Family Details

Thomas was born in Batley in 1890 the son of Mrs Ann Mosley nee Costello. Ann had married William Mosley at St. Peter's Church Birstall on the 27th December 1870 when both their mark. They both lived in Heckmondwike and William gave his occupation as a shoemaker like his father. In 1891 they were living at 1, Yard 1, Common Road, Staincliffe with his brothers John 1881, James 1883, William 1887 and two lodgers Bridget and Michael Lynch. Ann who was born in Co. Mayo, Ireland was working as a rag sorter. A decade later Ann and her children James and Thomas were lodgers at the home of Patrick McMahon of 43, Common Road, Staincliffe and she was working as a rag picker. Also, there was John Thomas McMahon who was missing from 1st July 1916.

The McMahon's seem to have moved out and in 1911 Ann with her sons James and Thomas and granddaughter Catherine aged three years in 1911 were still living at 43, Forrester's Yard, Common Road, Batley which was a two roomed home. She said she was born in Edmondstown, Co. Mayo and worked as a rag picker, whilst both her sons were miners.

Thomas was associated with St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Heckmondwike and as a lad attended the Church Schools. He was also interested in Staincliffe Cricket Club. Before he enlisted, he worked at White Lee Colliery.

## Service Details

Thomas enlisted at Leeds as a Regular soldier just before the outbreak of war so was drafted to the Front immediately after the outbreak of war. He took part in several engagements and in the winter of 1914-15 was invalided home because of frost bite. He later returned to France and in 1916 saw action on the Somme at the Battle of Albert (1st-13th July), Battle of Bazentin Ridge (14-17th July). Thomas would have been killed in this battle.

Thomas was awarded the 1915 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal and is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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