Jack Newsome



Rank: - L/Cpl

Number: - 4686504

Regiment: - Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) 1st Bn.

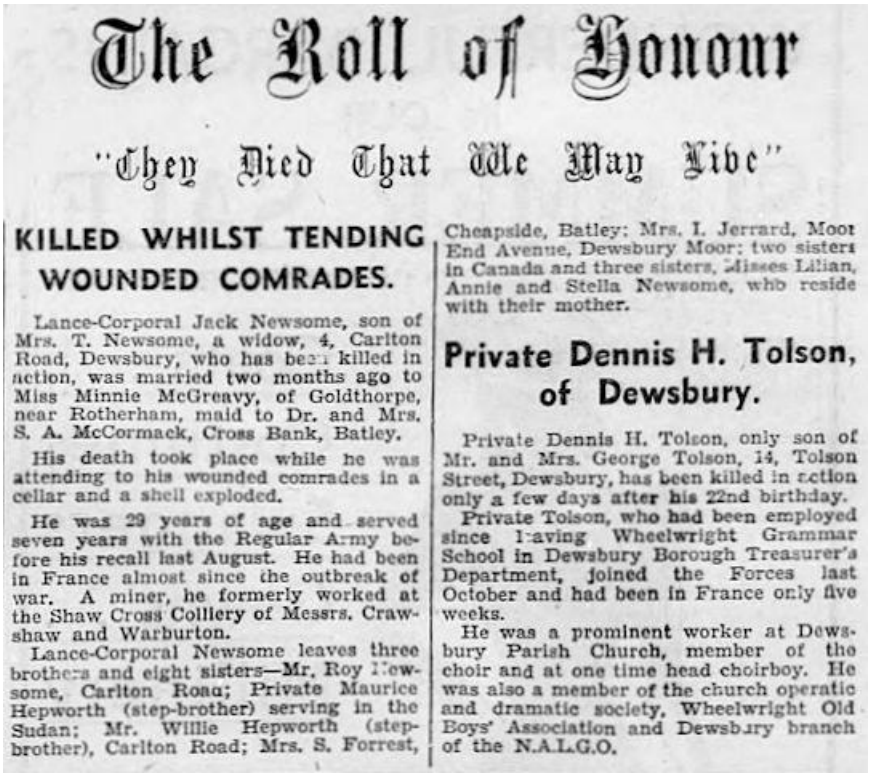
Died: - Killed in Action 01/06/1940 Age: 29 years

Cemetery: - Les Moeres Communal Cemetery, Nord, France Row A. Grave 11.

Jack was born in Dewsbury in 1910 the son of Tom and Fanny Newsome nee Brook who had married on 14 June 1905 at Holy and Undivided Trinity Church, Ossett. Maud was born in 1905 followed by Ivy 1906, Albert 1908-1909. In 1911 the family lived at 6, Albion Street, Springfield, Dewsbury.

Jack served for seven years in the Regular Army and was recalled in August 1939. He had been in France almost since the outbreak of war. He was a miner and formerly

worked at the Shaw Cross Colliery of Messrs. Crawshaw and Warburton. Two months before he was killed, he had married Miss Minnie McCreavy of Goldthorpe, Rotherham who was maid to Dr. & Mrs. S.A. McCormack, Cross Bank, Batley. His mother lived at 4, Carlton Road, Dewsbury.



The Roll of Honour

"They Died That We May Live"

KILLED WHILST TENDING WOUNDED COMRADES.

Lance-Corporal Jack Newsome, son of Mrs. T. Newsome, a widow, 4, Carlton Road, Dewsbury, who has been killed in action, was married two months ago to Miss Minnie McGreavy, of Goldthorpe, near Rotherham, maid to Dr. and Mrs. S. A. McCormack, Cross Bank, Batley.

His death took place while he was attending to his wounded comrades in a cellar and a shell exploded.

He was 29 years of age and served seven years with the Regular Army before his recall last August. He had been in France almost since the outbreak of war. A miner, he formerly worked at the Shaw Cross Colliery of Messrs. Crawshaw and Warburton.

Lance-Corporal Newsome leaves three brothers and eight sisters—Mr. Roy Newsome, Carlton Road; Private Maurice Hepworth (step-brother) serving in the Sudan; Mr. Willie Hepworth (step-brother), Carlton Road; Mrs. S. Forrest, Cheapside, Batley; Mrs. I. Jerrard, Moor End Avenue, Dewsbury Moor; two sisters in Canada and three sisters, Misses Lilian, Annie and Stella Newsome, who reside with their mother.

Private Dennis H. Tolson, of Dewsbury.

Private Dennis H. Tolson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Tolson, 14, Tolson Street, Dewsbury, has been killed in action only a few days after his 22nd birthday.

Private Tolson, who had been employed since leaving Wheelwright Grammar School in Dewsbury Borough Treasurer's Department, joined the Forces last October and had been in France only five weeks.

He was a prominent worker at Dewsbury Parish Church, member of the choir and at one time head choirboy. He was also a member of the church operatic and dramatic society, Wheelwright Old Boys' Association and Dewsbury branch of the N.A.L.G.O.

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Immediately war broke out the 1st Battalion was sent to France, where little happened until May 1940, when the Germans attacked. In the ensuing retreat to Dunkirk the 1st Battalion formed part of the rearguard covering the embarkation of the BEF. Jack was killed whilst attending to his wounded comrade, in a cellar, and a shell exploded.

Jack is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial and was awarded the 1939-45 Star and the 1939-1945 War Medal.



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