Edward Newby



Rank: - Gunner

Number: - L/29008

Regiment: - Royal Field Artillery 176th Brigade

Killed in Action: - 9th July 1916 aged 30 years

Memorial: - Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

Son of the late Robert and Sarah Newby; husband of Mrs. M. Armstead (formerly Newby), of 1, Ten Yard, Cross Bank Rd., Carlinghow, Batley, Yorks.

Family Details

Edward was born at the Lund Green, (Landhouse Green) Pannal, Harrogate in c.1885 the son of Robert and Sarah Newby. He had an elder brother William born 1877, sister Elizabeth Ann 1880 and a younger brother Tom 1887-1913 and they lived at Tan House, Lady Lane, Pannal in 1891, his father being employed as a quarryman. John was born in 1892. His father died in November 1895.

In 1901 Edward was working at Howe Farm as a milk boy for George Towers. On the 31st March 1906 he married Margaret Passmore Crang at St. Matthias Church, Burley. They both gave their address as 5, Roseberry Place, Burley and both fathers were deceased. John Robert was born in 1906 followed by Thomas William 1908, Frederick Edward 1909 and Hilda 1910. In 1911 the family was living at High Street, Burley-in-Wharfedale and Edward was employed as a dairyman on a farm.

His brother Tom died in August 1913 followed by John in early September 1913 and his elder brother William a week later. His mother died in 1925.

Service Details

The 176th Brigade served with the 34th Division. They were formed as part of Kitchener's new army and were made up mainly of Pals Battalions. After initial training near home they concentrated at Ripon in mid-1915. In late August they went to Salisbury Plain to begin final training and proceeded to France in January 1916 concentrated at La Crosse east of St. Omer. They then saw action at the Battles of the Somme. These started on the 1st July and continued until 18th November 1916. Edward went missing on the 9th July 1916.

Margaret married John Armstead in Knaresborough District in 1918 and brought her family to live at 1, Yard 10, Cross Bank Road, Carlinghow, Batley. Edward was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal and is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial Addenda and Pannal War Memorial.