Thomas Thewlis





Rank: - Private

Number: - 521607

Regiment: - Labour Corps (WO 329)

Died at Home after the war: - 18/06/1922
Age: 43 years

Cemetery: - Heckmondwike D244

Family Details

Thomas was born in Littletown, Liversedge in 1879 the son of Ephraim and Mary Thewlis nee Dransfield. Ephraim had married Mary Hemingway at St. Peter's Church, Birstall on the 23rd April 1859.

In 1881 the family was living in a cottage next door to the beer house of the New Inn public house. Ephraim who came from Kirkheaton was a blacksmith. Within the next decade Ephraim had moved his family to live at Walker Lane, Little town and he had changed his occupation to become a coal engineer in a factory. His siblings were Joe 1859, Alfred 1861, John 1863, Mary Ann 1865, Alice 1874, Ephraim 1877, Hannah 1881 and Emily 1883.
Ephraim died in 1900.

In 1901 Thomas was living with his seventeen-year-old sister Emily at Hightown and was working as a machine cleaner.

He married Clara Byrne in 1901 and Blanche was born later that year. Hannah Mary was born in early 1904 but sadly died early 1905 and Lena born early 1911 died shortly after birth.

In 1911 he was living at 10, Colbeck Buildings, West Park Road, Healey, Batley with his wife Clara and his daughter Blanche and working as a card cleaner.
Blanche married William Henry Wolfenden at Staincliffe on 30th June 1928. Clara died in 1935.

Service Details

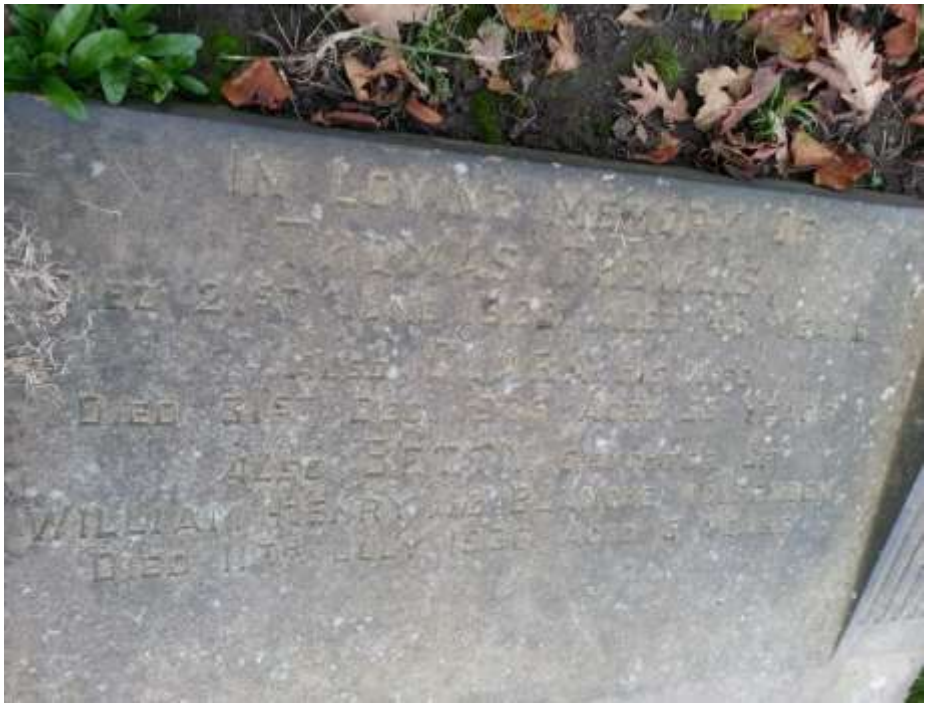
Thomas's service records have not survived but we do know he did not serve abroad before 1916.
Labour Corps during WW 1

Archive Reference:

WO 372/19/199428
(Can be found at The National Archives in Kew, and contains First World War, War Office: Service Medal and Award Rolls Index)

He returned from the war, being discharged on the 14th March 1919 and died at home on the 18th June 1922.

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



In loving memory of **THOMAS THEWLIS** died 21 June 1922 aged 43 years also **CLARA** his wife died 31 Dec 1935 aged 55 years also **BETTY** daughter of **WILLIAM HENRY AND BLANCHE WOLFENDEN** died 11 July 1936 aged 5 years



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