Thornton Wood



Wood.—Oct. 29, aged 30, Thornton Wood, Track Road.
Shaw.—Oct. 30, aged 70, Ben Shaw, 29, Bank

Rank: - Lance Corporal

Number: - 1483676

Regiment: - Connaught Rangers 3rd Battalion

Died: - 29th October 1918 aged 30

Cemetery: - Dewsbury J 852

Family Details

Thornton was born in 1887 the son of Harry and Clare Wood (nee Thornton). He was baptised at Holy Trinity Church, Batley Carr on the 21st December1887. Minnie was born in 1885 followed by Thornton, Gertrude (1890), Lucy (1891), Lily (1896), Nellie (1898) and Annie Eliza (1902). The 1911 census shows that they had 10 children but only seven had survived infancy. Sarah 1884, Sarah Emma 1884 Hilda 1898

He married Emily Holt on 17th October 1908 at St. Thomas's Church, Batley. Clara was born on 5th February 1909 followed by Harold 27th March 1910 and David 16th March 1914. The family lived at 20, Quarry Road, Batley Carr.

Service Details

Thornton enlisted at Pontefract on 29th May 1915. He was posted on the 3rd June 1915 and made a Lance Corporal on 16th February 1916. He was in Ireland in February 1916 when he became short of breath. On the 27th June 1916 he was discharged because he was no longer fit for active service. He suffered from splenic anaemia which was not caused but aggravated by active service.

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

He is remembered at Christ Church Staincliffe, Holy Trinity Church, Batley Carr, and Batley War Memorial.



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