



Arthur Edward Newsham (Q2 1889– 26 October 1917)

Arthur was the son of William Henry and Lizzie Newsham (nee Young) who married in November 1871 at St Giles Church, London. William was born in Brentford and Lizzie was born in Whitton.

William and Lizzie had 9 children but one sadly died in infancy, so Arthur grew up with 2 brothers and 5 sisters, all born in Brentford. They were Emma Louisa born in 1873, Ada Jane in 1878, Ellen Elizabeth in 1880, William Henry in 1881, Jesse Ephraim in 1884, Edith Rose in 1886 and Daisy Elizabeth born in 1893. Also in the household as he was growing up was Arthur's nephew Albert, who was only four years younger.

In 1891 and 1901 the family were living at 1 John's Cottage, Brickfield Yard, Brentford and Arthur's father William was working as a gardener. However by 1901 mother Lizzie and her daughter Ada were both working as laundresses, Ellen was in domestic service, William was a beer bottler, Jesse was working as a wood paver and Edith was recorded as a nurse (domestic). In 1906 Arthur's father William died aged 58 when Arthur was 17 years old.

By 1911 Lizzie was living as a widow at 2 Field Lane, Brentford End. She was still working as a laundress but now so was her daughter Edith, Daisy was a shirt machinist and nephew Albert, a dock labourer. Arthur himself, then aged 22, is listed as working as a skin dresser.

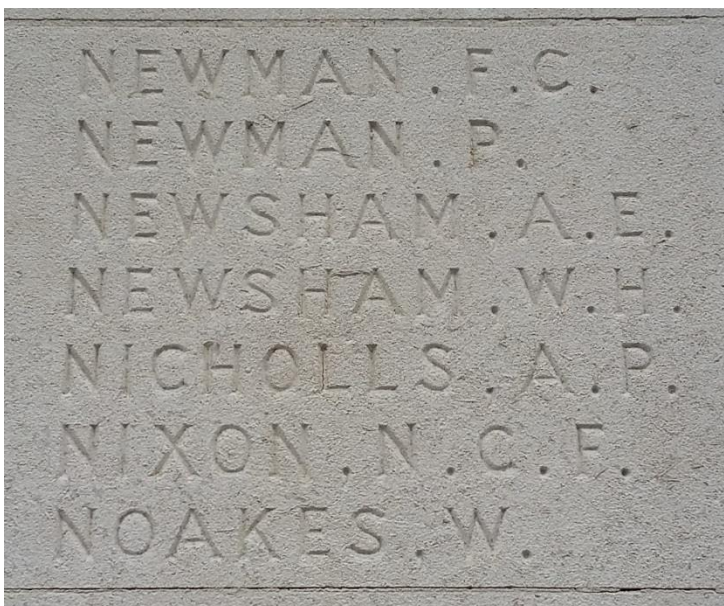


In August 1912 Arthur married Alice Lang in Brentford. They had two children Arthur Edward born in 1913 and Edith born in 1916.

Arthur enlisted as a Private in the army in Brentford and initially joined the 11th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). He later transferred to the 194th Company of the Army Labour Corp. His brothers, William and Jesse, also enlisted, as did nephew Albert. Both William and Jesse survived the war but

William died in 1922 at the age of 41. He is remembered on the Brentford War Memorial.

Nephew Albert became a Private in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry and sadly was killed in action on 4 September 1917 in Salonica. About 7 weeks later, Arthur died of wounds on 26 October 1917 in France aged 28 and is commemorated at Etaples Military Cemetery. He is also remembered on the Brentford War Memorial, the St Lawrence War Memorial and on the Memorial at All Saints Church. Arthur's widow Alice was his sole legatee. Alice remarried in 1919 to Albert Trevor.



Inscription on Brentford War Memorial