

William BLOOM

Born: January 1878 in Irstead

Baptised: -

Parents: Father: Samuel (born c.1854 in Neatishead, died 9th February 1901)

Mother: Sarah Ann Thornton
(born c.1851 in East Beckham, Norfolk
died June 1925 Smallburgh District))

married 1877 in Irstead

Siblings: Susan (born 1882 in Irstead)

Rosa (born 1885 in Irstead)

Sarah A (born 1887 in Irstead)

Schooling: no record found

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1922 Marriage solemnized in the Parish Church in the Parish of Neatishead in the County of Norfolk.

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the Time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
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| 249 | September 10 th 1922. | William Bloom | 42 | Bachelor | Labourer | Neatishead | Samuel Bloom (deceased) | Labourer |
| | | Helen Edith Sarsby | 23 | Spinster | --- | Neatishead | John William Sarsby | Labourer |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Subscribed Church, after by us, J.R. Keach, Vicar.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, William Bloom and Helen Edith Sarsby, in the Presence of us, William James Sarsby and Dorothy Mary Allard.

(Source: NRO Parish Record N683)

Marriage: Helen Edith Sarsby (aged 23) on 10th September 1922 in Neatishead Parish Church (born c.1899)

Children: no record found

Address:

1891 census: Aged 13, living in Neatishead

His father and his occupations are listed as
Agricultural Labourer

1911 census: Aged 33 and single, living with widowed mother in Cangate Common. His occupation listed as labourer on farm

Register of Electors: 1918 Parish of Neatishead NM
(Residence : Cangate)

Military & War service: Private 29278, 7th Bedford
also regimental number 680619

Medals: Victory, British

Death: no record found

Burial: -

| Name. | Corps. | Rank. | Regt. No. |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|-----------------|
| BLOOM | Bedford Lab 6 | Pte | 29278 680619 |
| William | | | |
| Medal. | Roll. | Page. | Remarks. |
| VICTORY | Lb/101 29278 | 28311 | |
| BARRIAN | do | do | |
| Star | | | |
| Theatre of War first served in | | | |
| Date of entry therein | | | |

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(Source: ancestry.co)

The 7th (Service) Battalion - 'The Shiny Seventh'

The 7th battalion served entirely in France and Flanders between their arrival in July 1915 and their disbandment in May 1918. The battalion won a well-deserved reputation and served with distinction, winning numerous gallantry medals - including two Victoria Crosses - and were involved in major battles every year of their service. There are few examples of them not taking a position when attacking, or allowing enemy attacks to beat them back, as the entire Division won a reputation as one of the British Army's best units.

(Source: www.bedfordregiment.org.uk/7thbn)