

# John NEWSTEAD



Memorial in St Peter's Church, Neatishead

**Born:** c.1896 in Wickmere, Norfolk

**Baptised:** No record found

**Parents:** Father: Robert Newstead (1864-1932)

Mother: Rachel Mary Ann Beck (1872-1923)

Married c.1893

**Siblings:** Kate Edith (born c.1894 in Wickmere)

Walter James (born c.1895 in Wickmere)

Rosa (born c.1898 in Wickmere)

Lily Harriet (born c.1901 in Wickmere)

Harry (born c.1903 in Wickmere)

Arthur George (born c.1905 in Wickmere)

Violet Rachel (born c.1908 in Felmingham)

**Marriage:** None

**Children:** No known children

**1911 census:** Aged 14, listed as a Farm Labourer, living in Felmingham with parents and 7 siblings. Father was also listed as a Farm Labourer.

**Death:** 4<sup>th</sup> July 1916, aged 20

**Burial:** Abbeville Communal Cemetery, Somme, France.

**Military & War service:** Private John Newstead 14742 (14792), 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. Died of gunshot wound to abdomen at No. 2 Surgical Hospital, Abbeville, France.

Enlisted 4<sup>th</sup> September 1914 by Captain Blofield, and witnessed by Sergeant Edwards.

**Medals:** Victory, British

*Source: Norfolk Regimental Museum Casualty Book (Ref 59B):-*

14792 Private 8<sup>th</sup> Btn Newstead, J.

Gunshot wound abdomen.

Died 2 Stationary Hospital Abbeville 04.07.1916

**Address:** On 4<sup>th</sup> November 1916, his personal property was instructed to be sent to his father, Robert Newstead, at The Cottage, Hall Road, Bedingham, Bungay.

*Source: The North Walsham & District Parish Magazine:-*

**AUGUST, 1916.**

The sad news of the death of their son **John**, reached Mr. and Mrs. Newstead on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. He had been severely wounded in the trenches on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and had been taken to the hospital at Abbeville in France, where he passed peacefully away. He was respected and beloved by all who knew him, and we offer to his parents our deep and heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow and bereavement. A memorial service was held on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at which many were present to pay their last mark of respect.

We also wish to express our sincere sympathy with Mrs. Poppy in the death of her son, Charles, which occurred on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, at Kelling Sanatorium, Holt. He had left home for the seat of war just twelve months ago, and, through exposure and exhaustion on the battlefield, had developed consumption, accompanied by haemorrhage. The funeral took place on July 19<sup>th</sup>, when Mr. Edwards kindly came to assist.

The 8th (Service) Battalion as part of the 53rd Brigade of the 18th (Eastern) Division was present on the first day of the Battle of the Somme on 1 July 1916. They got beyond their initial target and had by 5.00pm reached the German trenches known as "Montauban Alley". Over one hundred men and three officers had been killed.

*(Source: Wiki.nfk.reg)*