



Corporal Joseph Towers 46714



8th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers formerly
Leicestershire Regiment

Killed in action Thursday 16th August 1917

Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

Panels 19-23

Burbage War Memorial



Joseph Towers was the fourth child of the ten children born to Joseph and Mary Towers of Lutterworth Road, Burbage. Joseph senior was a stockman on one of the local farms.

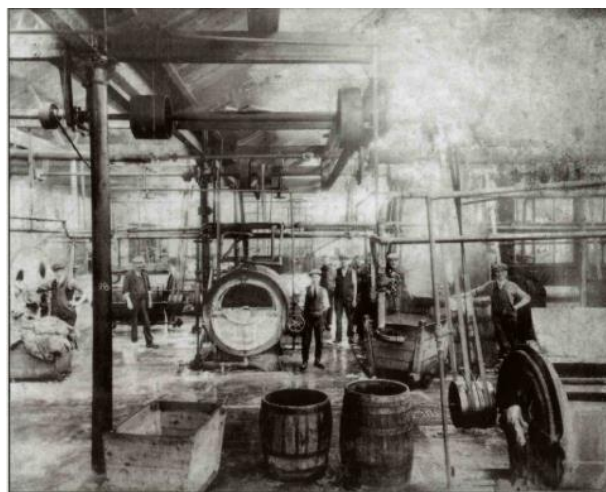
Born in May 1889, he attended the Burbage National School from the age of three.

By the age of 12 he was working as a hosiery factory hand.

In 1911 Joseph and his new wife Elizabeth were living at 111 Sketchley Road, Burbage.

By 1915 Joseph and Elizabeth had two young children and were living at 39 Church Street, Burbage near to his parents on Salem Road.

In November 1915 Joseph had left his job as a curtain finisher at Sketchley Dye works and enlisted.

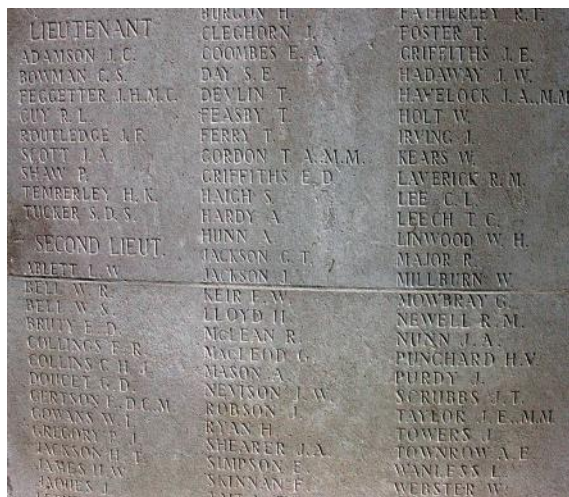


Sketchley Dye Works - 1926

He had enlisted with the Leicestershire Regiment and served with them for nearly two years. Having been promoted to Corporal he was then transferred to the 8th Northumberland Fusiliers as reinforcements for the battle of Passchendaele.

By the 31st July 1917 the hostilities had become difficult for the allied forces and on a dull dry day on the 16th August the battle of Langemarck had begun. On the first day of this battle Joseph became one of the 10,266 killed in action.

Elizabeth his wife received a letter from a comrade who had seen action together, "He was a most hard-working NCO. I have often told him he did too much, but he was never happy except when he was looking after somebody else's comfort. He will be greatly missed by the platoon".



Tyne Cot Memorial

BURBAGE NON-COM. KILLED IN ACTION.

Mrs. Towers, of 12, The Horsepool, Burbage, received the sad news last week that her husband, Corpl. Joseph Towers, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, had been killed in action on the 16th day of August.

Mrs. Towers has received a letter from a soldier just arrived in England, who says: "Please accept my deepest sympathy in your great loss. Your husband joined the battalion the same day as I did, and with the exception of one occasion we have been in action together. He was a most hard-working N.C.O. I have often told him he did too much, but he was never happy except when he was looking after somebody else's comfort. He will be greatly missed by the platoon. The deceased was 29 years of age, and leaves a wife and two children. Before enlisting in November, 1915, he was employed at the Skegby Dye Works. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Towers, of Salem Road Burbage."

Newspaper reports

Name	Corps.	Rank	Regt. No.
TOWERS Joseph	North Lincs	A/Cpl	46714
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Joseph Towers - Medal Card

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

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The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of ages, or in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

Number of Schedules
(To be filled up by the Enumerator)
170

NAME AND SURNAME of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who	RELATIONSHIP to the Head of Family.	AGE (Date of Birth).		PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.					PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.	BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.	
		For Infants under one year in months and "one month," etc.		States for each Married Woman entered with the number of—	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive Column 7.)	Children born alive before Marriage.	Children born alive since Marriage.	Children now living.					Children now dead.
		Age Males.	Age Females.										
1. Elizabeth Towens	Head	22											
2. Elizabeth Towens	Wife		23										
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(1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper column.
(2) I have entered in the column headed "Total" the total number of persons, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.
(3) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on such a schedule as this, and have signed and dated the same, and have caused such an approval to be returned.

Total
Males 1
Females 1
Persons 2

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Signature: *Joseph Towens*
Postal Address: *111, Sketchley Lane, Burbage*
W. P. Tinkley, District Clerk

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