



Thomas Pridmore 1894 – 1966
Service number 38881

Born 16th July 1894 in Sheffield, probably at 18 Forster Road, Heeley then moved to 54 Scarsdale Road in Woodseats before moving to 194 Main Road, Handsworth when married.

Occupation – Razor Grinder for Arthur Wellingtons, Henry Works, Henry Street, Sheffield

By the time Thomas enlisted he had changed address and lived at 194 Main Road, Handsworth.

He was 21 years and 5 months when he enlisted in November 1915 in Sheffield.

He had a tattoo on his right forearm and scars on his back. Weight 8st 7lb Height 5feet 3 ¼ inches. Medical November 1915 accepted December 9th 1915.

Although listed as unmarried on the first sheet of his record, further information added later states he was married on 29th January 1917 to Elizabeth O'Brien (Temprell), a widow with three children, Elizabeth Ann, James George and Gwendoline Mary O'Brien.

Sent to Pontefract 18th November 1916

Posted to 3rd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment 20th November 1916 - Rifleman

Married on 29th January 1917

31st Jan 1917 - Overran his leave pass from 10pm 31/1/17 to 8pm 1st Feb 1917
7 days confined to barracks and loss of 4 days pay

24th Mar 1917 - Overran his leave pass from 11.30pm 24/3/17 by 3 days
7 days confined to barracks and loss of 10 days pay

6th Apr 1917 - Overran his leave pass from 12 midnight 6/4/17 to 6pm 7/4/17
14 days confined to barracks and loss of 14 days pay

All while based in Sunderland

Posted to 2nd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment 11th April 1917 British Expeditionary Force
Embarked Folkestone 12th April 1917

Arrived Boulogne 13th April 1917
Joined 34 T.B.D. 15th April 1917
Posted to 10th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment 29th April 1917

15th September 1917 Diagnosed with Trench Fever

Admitted to Old Park Military Hospital No.2 in Canterbury suffering from Trench Fever 8th October 1917 and discharged 20th October 1917

Posted 31/10/17 Sunderland

Deserted on 29th November 1917
Returned from desertion 14th October 1918

Tried for desertion and losing by neglect his uniform and accessories.
Found guilty and sentenced to 2 years detention and to pay for the uniform and accessories.

Posted back to France on 6th Nov 1918 to the Expeditionary Force for 5 days
Posted to Italy 11th November 1918 until 6th April 1919 (146 days)
Posted to England 6th April 1919 to 28th June 1919

Early discharge signed off May 27th 1919 on compassionate grounds