

Name, Rank & Regiment of Soldier:

Ashworth, George

2nd Lieut. 1st Battalion 19th Sherwood Foresters No: 2713)

'attached to 8th Bn The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment'¹ Number: 771181



Date of birth	Date KIA	Age
c. 1893	October 2 nd 1916	23

Background: **George Ashworth**

George was born in Netherfield and was the son of William Hilton (1866-1930) Ashworth and Clara Ashworth née Hoe (1867-1943) of Manor Villas, Sneinton Hollows² (later 50 Manor Street).

William Ashworth was a cotton mill manager and in 1901 the family lived in Netherfield, a village near Carlton, on the outskirts of Nottingham. The children were George (8), Leonard (6), Elsie (4) and Lilian (2). Clara's sister Florence Hoe (b. 1891) was living with them and working as a cotton winder. In 1911 there were further children Florence (9), Arthur (5) and Evelyn (3). They lived in a house with ten rooms.³ George was a lithographic printer by trade

It was George's sister, Elsie, who provided a link to Collingham. In 1917 she married William Henry Would (1891-1953). Would was from Langford and the pair appear to have worked at The Lodge on Newark Road after the war. Another link was their father who appears to have run the Royal Oak for a brief time in 1915. After Would died in 1953 Elsie later married widower Ralph Thompson, brother of Frank Thompson (Killed in Action 11th November 1917). She is buried in All Saints Churchyard, Collingham.

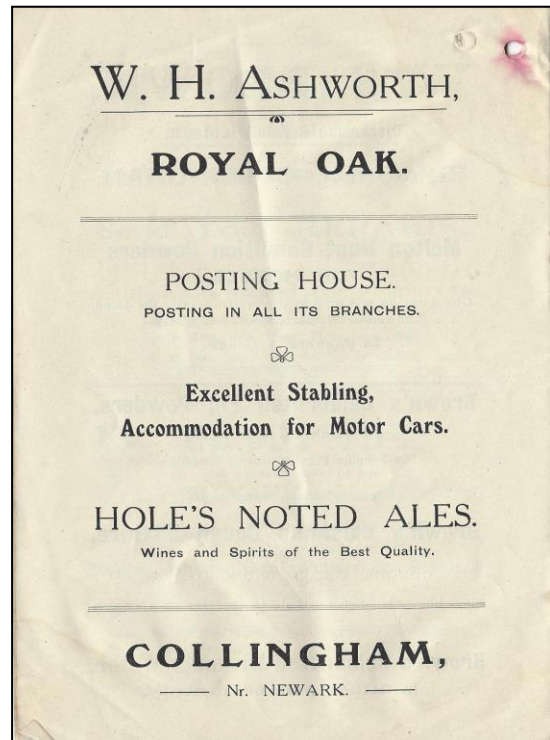
¹ Notts County Council Roll of Honour website & back of medal index card via Cliff Housley

² Notts County Council Roll of Honour website

³ 1911 Census Return Research by Charles Stothard

Right:

W H Ashworth is recorded as the licensee of The Royal Oak in 1915 Ploughing Match programme c/o CDLHS Archives (Ref: EV/KK)



Military History: 2nd Lieut George Ashworth

'2nd Lieut. The Sherwood Foresters, 19.10.1915: 2nd Lieut. 19th Battalion, 19.4.1916: medal Roll shows he was attached as a 2nd Lieut to the 8th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment when was Killed in Action on 2.10.1916 aged 23 years: No known grave/ commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial France Pier and Face 10G, 10D and 11A⁴

Right: George Ashworth's medal index card showing his regiments and the two medals he received – the Victory and British. His father sent for his medals in 1922.

Image courtesy of the late C Housley

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
ASHWORTH.	North & Derby R. Linc. R.	* 2 nd Lieut.	
George			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
* VICTORY	North & Derby R. Linc. R. 162	179	KIA A. 2-10-16 acc. 1564 d/22-4-22 Derby NW/5/18724
BRITISH	do	do	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			
NW/5/18724			K. 1330

⁴ Information via email to Helena Pielichaty from Cliff Housley, Sherwood Foresters Museum Curator 31/5/2015

The Loyal North Lancaster Regiment were attached to the 74th Brigade/25th Division which became part of the 7th Brigade 6th Oct 1915. They were involved in the Battle of Ancre Heights (Somme) when 2nd Lieut. Ashworth was killed in action.

- ⦿ **2nd Lieut. Ashworth is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, France (indicating his body was never recovered)**
- ⦿ **North Collingham War Memorial Cross**
- ⦿ **North Collingham Parishioners Plaque**
- ⦿ **The Mundella School, the Meadows, Nottingham Roll of Honour. The school closed in 1920 and the honour board is now in St Mary's Church, Nottingham.**
- ⦿ **His brother, Leonard, is not on the Mundella Roll of Honour.⁵**

George's brother, Leonard Ashworth, was also killed in the war (April 12th 1918). See separate profile.

With thanks to Charlie Stothard for his research in 2014 on George Ashworth

Sources:

Loyal North Lancaster Regiment website: <https://www.loyalregiment.com/>

Ancestry.co.uk - Census returns

East Trent Genealogy database

Nottinghamshire County Council Roll of Honour database

Collingham and district Local History Society (Collingham Ploughing Match programme in Ref: OR/KK)



Updated: March 28th 2018

⁵ Source: Notts County Council Roll of Honour website