

We have no Service Record for Clare Norman Houseman but we know from his Medal Card that he was in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (KOYLI), his numbers being 1913 & 240111.

We know from the Commonwealth Graves Commission that he was a Lance Corporal, his battalion, the date he died & where his memorial is.

In France

The 2/5th bn King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry were part of the 187th (2/3rd West Riding) Brigade of the 62nd Division. The 2nd West Riding Division was formed from the Home Service men of the Territorial Force units in the 49th Division, it was formed in Great Britain in March 1915. Many men were transferred to other units after volunteering for duties overseas. The Division started to prepare for overseas duties in December 1916.

Arrived in France in January 1917. Served in France and Flanders until the Armistice.

The following battles and engagements were undertaken by the 62nd Division up to the date that we know that Clare Norman died. He might have participated in some or all of them.

German retreat to the Hindenburg Line. 14 Mar-5 Apr 1917.

First attack on Bullecourt. 11 Apr 1917.

German attack on Lagnicourt. 15 Apr 1917.

Battle of Bullecourt. 3-17 May 1917.

Clare Norman Houseman was killed on the 3 May 1917 so it would seem likely that this was on the first day of fighting at the Battle of Bullecourt.

He has no grave but he is remembered at the Arras Memorial Cemetery in France.