William Gordon Thompson d 6 October 1940 aged 53



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W. G. THOMPSON
THE BORDER REGIMENT
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THY WILL BE DONE

William G. Thompson's first appearance in the Census is in the **1891 Census** for Scattergate, Lindale, Upper Allithwaite. Living at Bells Cottages are Thomas Thompson (35) Plasterer, born Ambleside, Westmorland; Eleanor Thompson (35) born Allithwaite (Upper), Lancashire; Mary J. Thompson (10) Scholar, born Allithwaite (Upper); William G. Thompson (4) Scholar, born Allithwaite (Upper); and Margaret Thompson (under 1 month) Niece, born Broughton East *(now Field Broughton),* Lancs.

By the **1901 Census** the family was living in Duke Street, Heysham, Lancs. The household was Thomas Thompson (43) Journeyman Plasterer, born Ambleside, Westmorland; Eleanor Thompson (43) born Lindale, Lancs; Wm. Gordon Thompson (14) Plasterer's Apprentice, born Lindale, Lancs.

The **1911 Census** has the following living at 29 The Gill, Ulverston:
Margaret Lamb (61) Widow, born Sandford, Westmorland; William Henry Machell (33) Married, Son-in-Law, Painter, born Ulverston, Lancs; Emely (sic) Machell (27) Daughter, born Ulverston, Lancs; Thomas Alfred Salmon (24) Son-in-Law, Confectioner, born Ulverston, Lancs; Sarah Salmon (20) Daughter, born Ulverston; Thomas Thompson (52) Lodger, Married, Plasterer, born Ambleside, Westmorland; William Gordon Atkinson (24) Lodger, Single, born Lindale, Grange-over-Sands, Lancs; William Allan Salmon (1 month) Grandson, born Ulverston.

William G. Thompson married Edith Robinson in Ulverston in Q1 1914.

In the **1921 Census** William Gordon Thompson is living at 71 Ford Terrace, Hart Street, Ulverston. He is a Plasterer and Slater, employed by T. Thompson, Slater & Plasterer, of 40 Neville Street, Ulverston. He was born in Lindale-in-Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands. His wife is Edith Thompson (31) Home Duties, born Dalton, Lancs; the children are William Gordon Thompson (3) born Ulverston, and Irene Thompson (2 mo) born Ulverston.

William was in trouble in 1923, and appeared on the **Calendar of Prisoners for Lancashire**. William Gordon Thompson (36) Plasterer, is committed from Ulverston on 23 August and sentenced on 1 November in Lancaster for Unlawful carnal knowledge. He was sentenced to 3 months (Div II). The *Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer 2 November 1923* reported that the offence was with a girl of 14, but no further details are included.

The committal proceedings are reported in detail in the *Barrow News 25 September 1923*. The girl said that she went to Atkinson's house on a number of occasions to nurse the baby. She said that there had been numerous offences, and that Atkinson had given her money, ranging from 2s to 14s. Atkinson was arrested at the allotments on Bardsea Road, Ulverston, when he was about to commit another offence. He denied the offences except for the one when the police caught him.

The Thompson's appeared in another court case in the Ulverston Police Court. The *Barrow News 14 January 1928* reported that Martha Tabor was charged with stealing bedding and wearing apparel *(surely, clothes? RMW)* the property of Edith Thompson, 14 Tyson Square, Ulverston. Mrs Thompson had been in a nursing home from 8 August – 8 September 1927, and Mr. Thompson had engaged Mrs. Tabor to look after the children and do the housework. She had taken the things, and pawned them. Her defence was that Mr. Thompson had agreed to this. She showed the police the pawn tickets, and the Thompson's agreed that she had returned some of the things. After listening to two character references the case was dismissed.

In the **1939 Electoral Register** for Ulverston his address is 14 Tyson Square, Ulverston, along with his wife Edith and his son William Gordon Thompson (Jnr).

While I haven't found William Thompson in the **1939 Register**, his family was still at 14 Tyson Square, Ulverston. Living there were Edith S. Thompson (DoB 31 October 1889) Married, Unpaid Domestic Duties; Irene Thompson (DoB 24 April 1921) Single, Unpaid Domestic Duties; Bryan Thompson (DoB 8 July 1923) Single, Butcher's Assistant; and Edith June Thompson (DoB 6 June 1925) Nurse Maid (*crossed out* – Paid Domestic Duties).

The **National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1941** has:
THOMPSON William Gordon of 14 Tyson-square Ulverston **Lancashire** died 6 October 1940 on war service Administration (with Will) **Carlisle** 3 February to Edith Thompson widow. Effects £211 17s.