



Arthur Roberts

1886 – 1917

Arthur was born in Liversedge in 1885. His father was George Batters Roberts, a cloth finisher born in Cleckheaton in 1855 and died in 1933. His mother was Adah/Ada (nee Carter) born in Drub, Gomersal in 1856 and died in 1925. They were married on 30th October 1879 at St. Peter's Church, Birstall.

They had a daughter, Adeline, born in Hunsworth, Cleckheaton in 1880.

On the 1881 Census they lived at Hunsworth Mills Yard, Hunsworth, in 1891 at Colbeck Road, Birstall, in 1901 and 1911 at 6, Bond Street, Batley.

Arthur worked as a grocer's assistant and was married to Laura Craven (born in 1882 and died in 1979) on 2nd August 1909 at St Matthew's Church, Westtown, Dewsbury. In 1911 they lived with Arthur's parents at 6, Bond Street, Batley and had two daughters; Marjorie, born in 1910 and Winifred, born in 1914. Laura later lived at 12, Thornton Street, Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury

He enlisted in Mirfield serving as Private 268370 in the 2nd/6th Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He was killed in action during the Battle of Arras on 3rd May 1917 at the beginning of the third Battle of the Scarpe. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial. Stanley was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. Arthur was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His entry in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour states that he was he was reported missing near Bullecourt, a scene of fierce fighting involving the 62nd (2nd West Riding) Division and the 2nd Australian Division.

The Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7th August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and who have no known grave. The most conspicuous events of this period were the Arras offensive of April-May 1917, and the German attack in the spring of 1918.

Arthur is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Batley War Memorial.

In Memory of

Private

Arthur Roberts

268370, 2nd/6th Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) who died on 03 May 1917

Remembered with Honour

Arras Memorial



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the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

