



Arthur Cass

1893 – 1917

Arthur was born in Batley Carr on 23rd June 1893. His father was John Cass, a Grocery Shop Manager who was born in 1867 and died in 1937. His mother was Martha (nee Ellis) born in 1871 and died in 1893 soon after Arthur's birth. They were married in 1892 at Dewsbury.

Arthur was their only child.

On the 1901 Census he lived with his father John and Aunt Louisa Cass at 33, Halifax Road, Staincliffe and in 1911 with his father and great-aunt Rebecca Cass at 94, Moorend Terrace, Dewsbury Gate Road, Staincliffe.

John was remarried on 10th September 1927 at Christ Church, Staincliffe to a widow, Emma Oxley, nee Sutcliffe (born in 1867 and died in 1931).

Arthur was educated at Purlwell Council School, Batley and also Christ Church Day School where he was also a chorister at the Church. He was married to Annie Grayson (born in 1895 and died in 1935) on 5th December 1916 at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill. They did not have any children. Before enlisting he was employed by Mr Willie Hainsworth, boot and shoe repairer at The Combs, Thornhill. They lived with Annie's parents at 171, Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees.

He enlisted in November 1915 into the 8th Battalion Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry with the Service Number 12/2411 rising to the rank of Serjeant and was sent to the Western Front in December 1916. He was killed in action in Belgian Flanders on 7th June 1917 during the First Day of the Battle of Messines Ridge. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Arthur was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing is one of four British and Commonwealth memorials to the missing in the battlefield area of the Ypres Salient in Belgian Flanders. The memorial bears the names of 54,389 officers and men from United Kingdom and Commonwealth Forces (except New Zealand and Newfoundland) who fell in the Ypres Salient before 16th August 1917 and who have no known grave.

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

In Memory of

Serjeant

Arthur Cass

12/2411, 8th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 07 June 1917

Remembered with Honour

Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



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