



Arthur Burton

1897 - 1917

Arthur was born in Leeds in 1897. His father was James Arthur Burton, a Milk Salesman born in Leeds in 1873 and died in 1925. His mother was Annie (nee Murphy) born in Mullagh, County Cavan, Ireland around 1870 and died in 1920. They were married in Leeds in 1895.

They also had two daughters; Ivy May, born in 1895 and died in 1895 and Annie Eliza, born in 1901.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Wingham Street, Manor Road, Sheepscar, Leeds and in 1911 at Buslingthorpe Vale, Chapel Allerton, Leeds. They later moved to Firth's Buildings, Leeds Road, Dewsbury.

Arthur was a single man who was educated at the Rosary School in Leeds and was associated with Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church in Dewsbury and took great interest in the Catholic Boys club. He worked for Messrs Mark Oldroyd and Sons, Spinkwell Mills, Dewsbury.

He enlisted on 29th May 1916 into the 6th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry serving as Private 30126 and was sent to the Western Front in August 1916. In January 1917 he was home for a while, suffering from trench feet and was sent out again in May 1917. He was killed in action on 15th October 1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele being one of three comrades killed by a shell burst. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Arthur was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16th August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

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 War Memorial in Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church.

In Memory of

Private

Arthur Burton

30126, 6th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 15 October 1917

Remembered with Honour

Tyne Cot Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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