



Arthur Pearson

1894 - 1917

Arthur was born in Thornhill on 14th March 1894. His father was John Pearson, a pit deputy born in Hyde, Cheshire in 1866 and died in 1906. His mother was Jane (nee Muffitt) born in Mirfield in 1868 and died in 1955. They were married on 6th December 1890 at St. Saviour's Church, Ravensthorpe.

Their other children were; Joseph, born in 1891 and died in 1891, Leonard, born in 1892, Ellen, born in 1895, Clifford, born in 1897 and Hilda, born in 1904.

On the 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at Mann's Buildings, Lees Moor, Thornhill and later at Roberttown Lane, Liversedge.

Jane was remarried in 1911 to Tom Noden (born in 1867 and died in 1924).

Arthur was a single man who was employed as a colliery worker (trammer) and for a period before enlistment he worked at the blacksmith's shop of the Stanley Coal Company.

He joined the 187th Siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery on 28th August 1914 with the Service Number 46347 and rose to the rank of Acting Bombardier. He was transferred to South-West Africa after eight months' training and then to the Western Front. He was killed in action by a shell burst in his dug out during the Battle of Passchendaele on 10th August 1917. He is buried in Hospital Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Arthur was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

According to an account in the Dewsbury Reporter, his officer said, "He will be buried in a British Cemetery and I will have a cross put up".

Hospital Farm was the name given to a farm building used as a dressing station. The cemetery was used particularly in 1915 and in 1917 by regiments and batteries engaged in the fighting around Ypres. The Cemetery is located 6.5 km west of Ieper (Ypres) town centre, on the Hospitaalstraat, which connects Ypres to Poperinge. It is set in an extremely tranquil rural setting, behind the farm, and is accessed through a field used to graze livestock. The cemetery contains 115 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and one Belgian war grave.

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

In Memory of
Acting Bombardier
Arthur Pearson

46347, 187th Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery who died on 10 August 1917

Remembered with Honour
Hospital Farm Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

