



Arthur Tattersfield

1896-1918

Arthur was born in Dewsbury on 26th April 1896 and baptised on 4th November 1896 at St. John the Baptist Church, Dawgreen, Dewsbury. His father was Edwin Tattersfield, a Butcher born in Dewsbury in 1858 and died in 1923. His mother was Emma (nee Thompson) born in Dewsbury in 1857 and died in 1919. They were married on 22nd November 1880 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; Hilda, born in 1882, Henry, born in 1884, John, born in 1885, Fred, born in 1887 and Mary Thompson, born in 1892.

On the 1891 Census the family were living at 8, Trinity Buildings North, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 8, Eightlands Road, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 16, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Arthur was a single man who on the 1911 Census was working as a clerk for a skirt and blouse maker.

He enlisted in Dewsbury serving as Private B/23059 in the 23rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers and was killed in action in France on 22nd March 1918, the Second Day of the German Spring Offensive (*Der Kaiserschlacht*). His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial to the Missing. Arthur was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

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 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.

In Memory of

Private

Arthur Tattersfield

B/23059, 23rd Bn., Royal Fusiliers who died on 22 March 1918 Age 22

Son of the late Edwin and Emma Tattersfield.

Remembered with Honour

Arras Memorial



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