



Arthur Hampshire

1887-1918

Arthur was born in Ravensthorpe in 1887. His father was William Hampshire, a Coal Miner born in Thornhill in 1847 and died in 1904. His mother was Harriet (nee Fozard) born in Ossett in 1848 and died in 1915. They were married on 6th July 1868 at All Saints Church, Dewsbury.

Their other children were; Sam, born in Ossett in 1868 (birth surname recorded as *Halmshaw*), John Thomas, born in Ossett in 1870, Hannah Maria, born in Ossett in 1873, William Henry, born in Dewsbury in 1875 and died in 1904, Frances, born in Dewsbury in 1877, Adelaide, born in Hanging Heaton in 1879, Elizabeth, born in Gawthorpe, Ossett in 1881, David, born in Mirfield in 1883, Irving, born in Ravensthorpe in 1884 and died in 1904 and Fred, born in Ravensthorpe in 1889.

On the 1871 Census the family lived at Owl Lane, Gawthorpe, in 1881 at Pepper Alley, Gawthorpe, in 1891 at Dearnley Street, Ravensthorpe, in 1901 at Commercial Street, Ravensthorpe and in 1911 at Farrar's Buildings, 3, Commercial Street, Ravensthorpe.

Arthur worked as a Woollen Warper for Messrs Lee and Nephew in Ravensthorpe and was married on 9th June 1912 to Lavinia Greaves (born in 1886 and died in 1959) at St. Saviour's Church, Ravensthorpe, they lived at 40, William Street, Ravensthorpe and had two children; Harry, born in 1913 and Ethel, born in 1916.

He enlisted in Heckmondwike serving as Private 50014 in the 1st/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to the Western Front in February 1918. He was killed in action near Ypres on 2nd April 1918; his Battalion had held the Menin Road Sector on the previous day, but had returned to Otago Camp. 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 Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church.

In Memory of

Private

Arthur Hampshire

50014, 1st/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 02 April 1918 Age 34

Husband of Lavinia Hampshire, of 40, William St., Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Tyne Cot Memorial



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