

1899-1918

Arthur was born in Kirkhamgate, Wakefield on 1st September 1899 and baptised in St. Anne's Church, Wrenthorpe, Wakefield on 2nd November 1899. His father was Herbert Jowett, a Carriage Cleaner and later a Furnace Labourer born in Kirkhamgate in 1866 and died in 1935. His mother was Mary Ann (nee Walker) born in Wrenthorpe in 1865 and died in 1950. They were married on 29th May 1887 at St. Paul's Church, Alverthorpe, Wakefield.

Their other children who could be traced were; Eva, born in 1888, Ann, born in 1890, Lot, born in 1892 and served in World War 1, Harry, born in 1895, Elsie, born in 1902, Gladys, born in 1905 and Marion, born in 1907. On the 1911 Census they declare 9 children born to the marriage, 2 of which had died.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Spring Green, Kirkhamgate, in 1901 at 5, Milner's Court, Flanshaw, Wakefield, in 1911 at 59, Hungerhill, Morley and later at 5, Ilford Street, Morley.

Nothing is known about Arthur's schooling or occupation but he must have moved to live in the Briestfield area as his name appears on the War Memorial in St. Mary and St. Michael's Church, Whitley Lower as one of six men from Briestfield who died in World War 1.

He enlisted in Dewsbury serving as Private 41812 in the 1st and later the 7th Battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment. He was killed in action in France on 28th August 1918 and was buried in the field. In 1920 his remains were reburied in Warlencourt British Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France. Arthur was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Warlencourt British Cemetery lies to the south-east of Warlencourt village and 5 kilometres south-west of Bapaume. Warlencourt, the Butte de Warlencourt and Eaucourt-L'Abbaye were the scene of very fierce fighting in 1916. Eaucourt was taken by the 47th (London) Division early in October. The cemetery was made late in 1919 when graves were brought in from small cemeteries and the battlefields of Warlencourt and Le Sars. The cemetery now contains 3,505 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War. 1,823 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 55 casualties known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials commemorate 15 casualties buried in Hexham Road Cemetery, whose graves were destroyed by shell fire.

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 War Memorial Pillar in St. Mary and St. Michael's Church, Whitley Lower and on the Morley War Memorial in Scatcherd Park.



