



John Richard Austwick

1899-1918

John was born in Ackworth, Yorkshire on 23rd February 1899. His father was George Arthur Austwick, a quarryman/machine minder, born in Wrenthorpe, Wakefield in 1869 and died in 1940. His mother was Catherine (nee Wharam) born in Castleford in 1873 and died in 1937. They were married on 31st December 1891 at St. Paul's Church, Alverthorpe, Wakefield.

Their other children were; Salome, born in Alverthorpe in 1892, Edith Mary, born in Ackworth in 1893 and died in 1893, Tom (I), born in Ackworth in 1894 and died in 1896, William Henry, born in Ackworth in 1896 and was killed in action 1st July 1916, Tom (II), born in Ackworth in 1897 and died in 1898, Alfred, born in Ackworth in 1902, George, born in Ackworth in 1904, Edith Wharam, born in Dewsbury in 1907 and Arthur, born in Dewsbury in 1911.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Moor Top, Ackworth and in 1911 at 18, Russell Street, Dewsbury.

John was a single man whose occupation is not known as he was still at school on the 1911 Census.

He attested in Dewsbury and served as Private 44559 in the 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. He was killed in action in the Somme Region of France on 16th March 1918. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. John was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20th March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing 300 Commonwealth and 300 French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

John 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

John Richard Austwick

44559, 2nd Bn., Lincolnshire Regiment who died on 18 March 1918

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



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