



## **Arthur Lister**

### **1888-1918**

Arthur was born in Dewsbury in 1888. His father was Alfred Lister, a dyer's labourer, born in Dewsbury in 1861 and died in 1931. His mother was Bertha (nee Swithenbank) born in Mirfield in 1862 and died in 1926. They were married at St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1885.

Their other children were; Herbert, born in 1885, Percy, born in 1890, Harry, born in 1893, Florrie, born in 1896, Gladys, born in 1897 and died in 1898, Ida, born in 1899, Harold, born in 1901 and died in 1903 and Leonard, born in 1905.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Scout Hill, Dewsbury, in 1901 at 2, Ravens Street, Ravensthorpe, in 1911 at 2, Scout Hill View, Dewsbury.

Arthur went to school in Westtown and later worked as a Warper in the textile mill of Messrs Mark Oldroyd and Sons. He was married on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1914 at the Primitive Methodist Church, Ravensthorpe to Mary Beaumont (born in 1890 and died in 1942) they lived at 8, Day Street, Ravensthorpe and had no children. Mary was remarried in 1919 to John Dyson Blacker (born in 1888 and died in 1937), they had three children, Mary Kathleen, born in 1920, George Frederick, born in 1921 and Hilda May, born in 1927. She remarried again in 1938 to Albert Firth (born in 1885 and died in 1964).

He enlisted in February 1918 serving as Gunner 189138 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery and was sent to the Western Front in May; he was in the Anti-Aircraft section of his battery. He was severely wounded in the thigh in France and was taken to the 61<sup>st</sup> Casualty Clearing Station at Bohain on 28<sup>th</sup> October 1918 and died the same day; he was buried in Premont British Cemetery, Aisne, France. Arthur was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Premont is a village some 19.5 kilometres south-east of Cambrai on the road to Guise and a little south-east of the main straight road from St. Quentin to Le Cateau. The Cemetery is 1.5 kilometres south-east of the village on the south side of the road to Bohain. The village was captured by the 30<sup>th</sup> American Division on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1918. Premont British Cemetery was made and used by four Casualty Clearing Stations (the 20<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup> and 61<sup>st</sup>), which came to Bohain in October 1918, and it was closed in the following December. Some years later 165 graves were added to it. This cemetery contains the graves of 536 Commonwealth casualties of the First World War, eight of which are unidentified.

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 Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church.

In Memory of

Gunner

**A Lister**

189138, 2nd Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery who died on 28 October 1918

Remembered with Honour

**Premont British Cemetery**



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