



Arthur Mallinson

1882-1918

Arthur was born in Ravensthorpe on 19th April 1882. His father was Wallace Webster Mallinson, a Cloth Finisher and later an Insurance Agent born in Whitley in 1841 and died in 1899. His mother was Harriet (née Roberts) born in Deanhouse, Holmfirth in 1841 and died in 1917. They were married in St. Mary's Church, Elland on 4th October 1868.

Their other children were; Wallace Webster, born in Mirfield in 1869 and died in 1870, Clara, born in Mirfield in 1870 and Mary Elizabeth, born in Ravensthorpe in 1874.

On the 1891 and 1901 Census Records the family lived at Bradbury Street, Ravensthorpe, in 1911 at 9, The Terrace, Queen Street, Ravensthorpe and later at 197, Slaithwaite Road, Thornhill. Mary Elizabeth had her own Drapery Business and Clara was her assistant.

Arthur was educated at St. Saviour's Church Day School and Sunday school; in 1901 he worked as a butcher's improver, in 1911 he was a laundry foreman and later a horse-keeper for the Dewsbury Laundry Company in Savile Town. He was engaged to be married to Miss Emma Putsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Putsey of Albion Road, Thornhill Edge.

He enlisted on 4th September 1916 serving as Private 48461 in the 1st Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was sent to Salonika in January 1917; in July 1918 was posted to the Western Front and had a week's home leave at the end of August. He was dangerously wounded in the right thigh in October and was evacuated to the Royal Victoria Hospital at Netley near Southampton where he died on 28th October 1918; his sisters travelled down to visit him but he died before their arrival. He was buried in Mirfield (St. Mary) Churchyard. Arthur was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Royal Victoria Hospital at Netley was a very large military facility on the shore of Southampton Water; During the First World War, a large Red Cross hatted hospital was built at the rear of the site which expanded to accommodate around 2,500 beds. Many of the staff were Red Cross volunteers, as most of the regular staff were overseas. Some 50,000 patients were treated at Netley during the war.

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 in St. Michael and All Angels Church, Thornhill.

In Memory of
Private

A Mallinson

48461, 1st Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 28 October 1918

Remembered with Honour
Mirfield (St. Mary) Churchyard



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