



## Arthur Allott

### 1891-1918

Arthur was born in Deepcar near Stocksbridge, Yorkshire in 1891. His father was Frank Allott, a Joiner born in Deepcar in 1870 and died in 1949. His mother was Sarah (nee Morley) born in Glanford Brigg, Lincolnshire in 1872 and died in 1946. They were married on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1891 at St. John the Baptist Church, Penistone, Yorkshire.

Their other children were; Leonard, born in 1892, Elizabeth Ann, born in 1895, Minnie, born in 1897, Alice Mary, born in 1899, Harry, born in 1900, Thomas Frank, born in 1901 and died in 1902 and Jessie, born in 1903.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Holt Lane, Briestfield, but Arthur was living with his maternal grandparents Thomas and Elizabeth Morley at Whitley. Their address on the 1911 Census simply reads "Thornhill". They all later lived at 66, Back Walker Street, Lees Moor.

Arthur was a single man who had attended Whitley Lower Church School and was a chorister at Whitley Church. In 1911 he was employed as a Hurrier in a coal mine and later worked at Ingham's Coke Ovens at Thornhill; prior to his enlistment he was an attendant at the Prestwich County Asylum in Manchester.

He enlisted in Manchester on 4<sup>th</sup> November 1914 serving as Private 13548 in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Battalions of the Manchester Regiment rising to the rank of Serjeant in the 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He served at Gallipoli where he received a bayonet wound and was sent to the Western Front on 16<sup>th</sup> October 1915; he served three spells in France where he was shot in the knee in on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1916. His Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Wilfrith Elstob VC. DSO. MC., took part in the heroic defence of Manchester Hill near Saint-Quentin, Aisne, France on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1918, the First Day of the German Spring Offensive (*Der Kaiserschlacht*). He was mortally wounded and taken prisoner on the 21<sup>st</sup> and died in a German Field Hospital on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 1918 and was buried by the enemy in St. Martin Military Cemetery, St. Quentin, a large cemetery of over 8,000 graves on the West side of the city, begun in 1914, and also used by the Germans and was extended after the Armistice, it contained 134 British graves. In December 1923 his remains were exhumed and reburied in St. Souplet British Cemetery, Nord, France. Arthur was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

St. Souplet is a village about 6 kilometres south of Le Cateau, which is a small town approximately 20 kilometres south-east of Cambrai. St. Souplet British Cemetery lies to the south-west of the village after the village of St. Benin. There are now nearly 750, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site.

Arthur is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

In Memory of

Serjeant

**A Allott**

13548, 16th Bn., Manchester Regiment who died on 26 March 1918 Age 26

Son of Frank and Sarah Ann Allott, of 66, Back Walker St., Lees Moor, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

**St. Souplet British Cemetery**



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
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Headstone photograph taken by Chris & Jean Cosgrove.

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