



Arthur Roberts

1898 – 1916

Arthur was born in Mirfield in 1898. His father was Joseph Roberts, a Painter and Decorator born in Manchester in 1861 and died in 1925. His mother was Annis (nee Robertshaw) born in Elland in 1860 and died in 1917. They were married in 1887.

Their other children were; Ernest, born in 1888 and served in World War 1, twins Lavinia and Willie, born in 1890 and both died in 1891 and Herbert, born in 1900 and died in 1901.

On the 1891 and 1901 Census Records the family lived at Crossley Lane, Mirfield, in 1911 at Shillbank Lane, Northorpe, Mirfield and later at Hanover Square, Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury.

Arthur was a single man who was educated at Mirfield Church of England School and attended Northorpe Sunday school. He was employed at Ravensthorpe Chemical Works.

He enlisted in November 1915 into the 8th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry serving as Private 26535 and was sent to the Western Front in April 1916. He was killed in action on 1st July 1916 during the First Day of the Battle of the Somme. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. Arthur was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

His death was not officially confirmed until September 1917.

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 equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

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

In Memory of

Private

Arthur Roberts

26535, 8th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 01 July 1916

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
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