



Arthur Lee Tunncliffe

1896-1918

Arthur was born in Dewsbury in 1896. His father was Edward Lee Tunncliffe, a Fruiterer born in Mirfield 1864 and died in 1911. His mother was Hannah Maria Tunncliffe (nee Broadfield) born in Dewsbury in 1871 and died in 1935. They were married in 1895.

Their other children were; Gertrude Annie, born in 1898 and Gladys, born in 1905 and died in 1929.

On the 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at 54, Wellington Road, Dewsbury.

Arthur was a single man who was educated at the Victoria School in Dewsbury; he was connected to the Dewsbury Centenary Wesleyan Methodist Chapel and Sunday school and was a member of the 1st Dewsbury Company of the Boys Brigade. In 1911 he worked in the family business of Fruiterers at their shop on Daisy Hill, Dewsbury but later set up his own business as a General Carrier.

He enlisted in Dewsbury on 1st June 1917 as a Driver and later served as Gunner 240583 in "C" Battery, 275th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery and was sent to the Western Front in March 1918. He was killed in action near Bethune, France on 18th April 1918 and was buried in Fouquieres Churchyard Extension, Pas-de-Calais, France. Arthur was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Arthur had a Fiancée, Miss Tillotson, whose address was found in his pocket at the time of his death and his Company Serjeant W.C.Budd sent a letter to her conveying the news and asking her to pass this on to his family, adding that he found Arthur to be "*a good, steady and faithful soldier*".

Fouquieres-les-Bethune is a village about 1 kilometre south-west of Bethune. The long row which forms Plot I of the churchyard extension was used from May 1915 to April 1918 and between April and October 1918, three further plots were made between the churchyard and the road. Many of the burials took place from field ambulances stationed in the village. Fouquieres Churchyard Extension contains 387 Commonwealth burials of the First World 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 on the outside wall of the Dewsbury Centenary Wesleyan Church at the top of Daisy Hill and on the War Memorial (now missing) from the Victoria School, Dewsbury.

In Memory of

Gunner

Arthur Lee Tunnicliffe

240583, "C" Bty. 275th Bde., Royal Field Artillery who died on 18 April 1918 Age 21

Only son of Edward Lee Tunnicliffe and Hannah Maria Tunnicliffe, of 45, Wellington Rd., Dewsbury. Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Fouquieres Churchyard Extension



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