



Arthur Huskinson

1885-1919

Arthur was born in Earlsheaton in 1885. His father was Henry Huskinson, a self-employed Grocer and Baker born in Bingham, Nottinghamshire 1850 and died in 1892. His mother was Jane (nee Roberts) born in Rotherham in 1850 and died in 1925. They were married at All Saints Church, Rotherham on 30th March 1872.

Their other children were; Annie, born in 1873, George, born in 1875, Jane Elizabeth, born in 1876, Edward, born in 1879, William Percy, born in 1883 and Leonard, born in 1888 and served in World War 1.

On the 1891, 1901 and 1911 Census Records the family lived at 274/276, Middle Road, Earlsheaton which was also the site of their grocery business. Following Jane's death, the business was taken over by her son Leonard.

Arthur worked as a journeyman for the family business in 1901 and in 1911 he was Steward of a working men's club on Middle Road, Earlsheaton. He was married on 16th November 1907 at Dewsbury Register Office to Ada Ambler (born in Ossett in 1885 and died in 1938) they had a daughter, Elsie, born in 1908 and died in 1924.

He enlisted on 7th June 1916 into the Army Reserve and on 21st August 1916 he was posted as Gunner 113593 'B' Battery. Royal Garrison Artillery. On 20th October of that same year he was attached to No. 22 Company. On 14th February 1917 he passed as Gun Layer at Sheerness, Kent. In June 1917 he was diagnosed with Tuberculosis of the lungs; on 28th January 1918 he was appointed acting paid Bombardier at Sheerness. From 9th to 25th January 1919 he was in Sheerness Broadway Hospital and on 10th February 1919 he was discharged at Fort Pitt Military Hospital, being deemed as no longer physically fit for service with an 80% degree of disablement. He was awarded Silver War Badge number B121019 on 1st March 1919 and a weekly pension of 24/- from 11th February 1919 (review after 26 weeks) together with an allowance of 5/4 for one child from 3rd March 1919. He died at his home at 278, Middle Road, Earlsheaton on 30th March 1919 from Pulmonary Tuberculosis attributable to war service and was buried in Earlsheaton Cemetery. Arthur did not qualify for any medal awards as he did not see service overseas.

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 Earlsheaton Park War Memorial and on the Memorial Plaque from the now demolished Earlsheaton Highfield Congregational Church relocated to Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury.

For some unknown reason he was not commemorated as a war casualty by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. On 5th December 2014 Dewsbury Sacrifices provided the necessary documentation to support their claim that his death was due to Tuberculosis of the Lungs attributable to his war service. This information was forwarded to the relevant authorities and on 15th April 2015, he was officially commemorated as a war casualty and was added to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records.

In Memory of

Bombardier

Arthur Huskinson

113593, "B" Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery who died on 30 March 1919 Age 33

Husband of Ada Huskinson of Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Dewsbury (Earlsheaton) Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

ALSO OF ARTHUR SON OF THE ABOVE
AND BELOVED HUSBAND OF
ADA HUSKINSON,
WHO DIED MARCH 30TH 1919,
AGED 33 YEARS.
IN MEMORY OF A DEAR ONE.