



Alfred Arthur Woods

1890-1918

Alfred was born in Ipswich, Suffolk in 1890. His father was also Alfred Woods, a railway labourer born in Ipswich in 1865 and died in 1939. His mother was Susan (nee Rudge) born in Dedham, Essex in 1864 and died in 1944. They were married in Ipswich in 1889.

Their other children were; Wilfrid Harold, born in 1892, Lily Winifred born in 1895, Valentine Victor, born in 1896 and Susan Edith, born in 1900.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 40, Station Street, Ipswich, in 1901 at 43, Pauline Street, Ipswich and in 1911 at 38, Ranelagh Road, Ipswich.

In 1911 Alfred is working as a Shepherd at Sherburn Wold Farm near Malton, Yorkshire; he was married to Eliza Harrison (born in Malton in 1896 and died in Dewsbury in 1960) on 25th November 1913 at St. Peter's Church, Norton near Malton. They had a son, John Percival born in Malton on 3rd March 1914. Between 1914 and 1918 they must have moved to the Dewsbury area, as their address in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour is given as 43, Halifax Road although Eliza's address on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records is Monkgate, York.

Eliza was remarried in Dewsbury in 1926 to Miles Bell Cass (born in Carlisle in 1881 and died in Dewsbury in 1950); they had one child Audrey Joan Cass, born in Dewsbury in 1926.

He enlisted at North Grimston near Malton on 5th October 1914 as a Waggoner in No 1 Company, 7th Department of Water Transport, Army Service Corps and later as Driver GHT/122 in the 2nd Auxillary Park Train. He died in Italy at the 24th Casualty Clearing Station at Montecchio Precalcino on 21st October 1918 and was buried in Montecchio Precalcino Communal Cemetery Extension. Alfred was awarded the 1914 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Montecchio Precalcino is a town in the Province of Vicenza, 4 kilometres north of Dueville and 16.8 kilometres north of the town of Vicenza. The Italians entered the war on the Allied side, declaring war on Austria, in May 1915. Commonwealth forces were at the Italian front between November 1917 and November 1918, and rest camps and medical units were established at various locations in northern Italy behind the front, some of them remaining until 1919. Between April 1918 and February 1919 those who died from wounds or disease in the 9th, 24th and 39th Casualty Clearing Stations were buried either here or at Dueville. Certain graves were brought in after the Armistice from other burial grounds in the area. Montecchio Precalcino Communal Cemetery Extension contains 439 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Alfred 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 Ipswich War Memorial in Christchurch Park.

In Memory of

Driver

A A Woods

GHT/122, 2nd Aux. Park Train, Army Service Corps who died on 21 October 1918 Age 28

Husband of Eliza Woods, of 15, Monkgate, York.

Remembered with Honour

Montecchio Precalcino Communal Cemetery Extension



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