



## **Arnold Clegg 1893-1918**

Arnold was born in Dewsbury on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1893; his full birth name was *Abraham Arnold Clegg*. His father was Arthur James Clegg, a Farmer and later a Rag Merchant born in Batley 1857 and died in 1949. His mother was Emma (nee Armitage) born in Kirkheaton in 1862 and died in 1947. They were married at St. John the Baptist Church, Kirkheaton on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1882.

Their other children were; Ethel Mabel, born in Heckmondwike in 1884, Gertrude Isobel, born in Kirkheaton in 1886, Rupert, born in Batley in 1888 and was killed in action 27<sup>th</sup> September 1916, Marion, born in Batley in 1888, Adelaide, born in Drax near Selby in 1891 and Rosemund, born in Batley in 1897 and died in 1900.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Brockhole Farm, Drax, in 1901 at 131, Occupation Lane, Staincliffe and in 1911 at 83, Healds Road, Dewsbury.

Arnold was single man who in 1911 worked as a Grocery Assistant at the Cooperative Wholesale Society. He later emigrated to Canada and lived at 139, South Brodie Street, Fort William, Ontario.

He enlisted into the Canadian Infantry on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1918 at Fort Arthur, Ontario serving as Private 2383388 in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Manitoba Regiment, giving his occupation as a Farmer. He arrived in England on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1918 and then France on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1918. He suffered a shrapnel wound to the abdomen on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1918 and was dead on admission at the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Casualty Clearing Station at Duisans; he was buried in Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun, Pas-de-Calais, France. Arnold was awarded the British War Medal, the Victory Medal and the Canadian Silver Cross (Mothers Medal).

Duisans is a village about 9km west of Arras. The site of this cemetery was selected for the 8<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station in February 1917, and burials started in March. It grew very quickly with burials from the 8<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> CCSs. Most graves relate to the Battles of Arras in 1917 and the trench warfare which followed. In the autumn of 1918 there were two Canadian CCSs at Duisans. The cemetery contains 3207 Commonwealth graves from World War I.

Arnold 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 in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor and in the Canadian Book of Remembrance, Parliament Hill, Ottawa.

In Memory of

Private

**Arnold Clegg**

2383388, 52nd Bn., Canadian Infantry who died on 29 September 1918 Age 26

Son of Arthur James and Emma Clegg, of 83, Healds Rd., Dewsbury, England.

Remembered with Honour

**Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun**



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