



## **Archie Robinson**

### **1889-1918**

Archie was born in Dewsbury in 1889. His father was Thomas King Robinson, a Grocer then a Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages born in Kettlewell, Yorkshire in 1855 and died in 1930. His mother was Sarah (nee Bond) born in Lancaster in 1853 and died in 1933. They were married on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1877 at Christ Church, Lancaster.

Their other children were; Mabel, born in Lancaster in 1878, Daisy, born in Lancaster in 1879 and died in 1879, Frank, born in Southport, Lancashire in 1881, Thomas Roy, born in Dewsbury in 1884, Rita King, born in Dewsbury in 1886, Major Wilson, born in Dewsbury in 1888 and Kate, born in Dewsbury in 1892.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at Sunset View, Thornhill and in 1911 at Thornhill Lees; they later moved to live in Morecambe, Lancashire.

Archie was educated at Thornhill Lees Church of England School and later at Heckmondwike Secondary School. He worked as an Estate Agent and was married on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1911 to Ethel Oates (born in 1888 and died in 1964) at Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees. They had a son, Geoffrey born in 1915 and lived at 16, Slaithwaite Road, Thornhill Lees.

He enlisted in August 1916 and was sent to the Western Front in January 1917 serving as Corporal DM2/190585 in "B" Siege Park, Army Service Corps. Siege Parks attached to Corps were designed for work with Heavy Artillery, but were administered by the ASC. They were answerable to the Heavy Artillery for the haulage of guns, supplying ammunition to batteries when in position, and the movement of batteries, also to the MT Branch of the ASC. He was killed by a shell splinter in Belgian Flanders on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1918 whilst talking to some comrades. He was buried in Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Proven, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Archie was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

An Officer in his Regiment wrote to his wife telling her of the circumstances of his death and that he had just applied for a commission in the Royal Garrison Artillery.

Mendinghem Military Cemetery is located 17 kms north-west of Ypres (Ieper) town centre on the road connecting Ieper to Poperinge and on to Oost-Cappel. In July 1916, the 46<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> Wessex) Casualty Clearing Station was opened at Proven and this site was chosen for its cemetery. The first burials took place in August 1916. In July 1917, four further clearing stations arrived at Proven in readiness for the forthcoming Allied offensive on this front and three of them, the 46<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup>, stayed until 1918. From May to July 1918, while the German offensive was at its height, field ambulances were posted at Proven. The cemetery was closed (except for one later burial) in September 1918. There are now 2,391 Commonwealth burials of the First World War in this cemetery.

Archie 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 Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

In Memory of

Corporal

## Archie Robinson

DM2/190585, "B" Siege Park., Army Service Corps who died on 27 May 1918 Age 28

Son of Thomas King Robinson and Sarah Robinson, of Thornhill, Dewsbury; husband of Ethel Robinson, of 16, Slaithwaite Rd., Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury. An Estate Agent at Thornhill Lees.

Remembered with Honour

Mendingham Military Cemetery



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