



Arnold Lumb

1898 - 1918

Arnold was born in Dewsbury in 1898. His father was John Lumb, a Warper in a woollen mill born in 1872 and died in 1930. His Mother was Sarah Phoebe (nee Auty) born in 1874 and died in 1926. They were married at St. Mark's Church, Halifax Road, Dewsbury on 21st December 1895.

Their other children were: Norman, born in 1896 and served in World War 1, Annie Auty, born in 1901, Joseph, born in 1905, John, born in 1907 and Dorothy May, born in 1913.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 77, Whitley Street, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 28, Leatham Street, Dewsbury.

Arnold attended Dewsbury Moor Council School and Westborough United Methodist Sunday school. He was employed at Messrs G.H. Hirst and Company, Alexandra Mills, Batley. He was unmarried but was engaged to a Miss Ethel Wilkinson of Brunswick Street, Westborough.

He served as Private 33896 in the 1st/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) after first enlisting in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry on 28th October 1916. He was sent to The Western Front on 21st May 1918 and on 4th October 1918 he was seen and spoken to by a local Chaplain from Dewsbury, the Rev. J.S. Hainstock who was attached to the Y.M.C.A. He was killed in action near Rieux on 11th October 1918 and is buried in Wellington Cemetery, Rieux-En-Cambresis, Nord, France. Arnold was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. The Rev. Hainstock later visited his parents to offer his condolences.

Rieux-en-Cambresis is a village 9 kilometres north-east of Cambrai. Wellington Cemetery is 800 metres north of the village. The village was captured in October 1918, in the Pursuit to the Selle, and the cemetery was made by battalions of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment immediately after. It was then increased by the concentration of graves from a wide area, mainly South of Rieux. There are now over 300, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 80 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 21 soldiers from the United Kingdom.

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 on the War Memorial in Westborough United Methodist Church, Dewsbury.

In Memory of
Private
A Lumb

33896, 1st/7th Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) who died on 11 October 1918

Remembered with Honour
Wellington Cemetery, Rieux-En-Cambresis



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