



Arthur Heysham Midwood 1895 – 1915

Arthur was born in Mirfield on 24th July 1895 and baptised at St. Philip's Church, Leeds Road, Dewsbury on 17th April 1899. His father was George Midwood, a Cabinet Maker born in Mirfield in 1846 and died in 1907. His mother was Elizabeth (nee Powell) born in Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire in 1858 and died in 1921. They were married at St. Paul's Church, Easthorpe, Mirfield on 28th January 1882.

Their other children were; Gertrude, born in Mirfield in 1883, Arthur, born in Mirfield in 1887 and died in 1888 and Stanley, born in Mirfield in 1889.

George was previously married on 25th December 1864 at St. Mary's Church, Mirfield to Frances Susannah Hodson (born in 1846 and died in 1880). They had three children; Frederick Hodson, born on the Isle of Man in 1865, Henrietta, born in Liverpool in 1872 and Percy Douglas born in Dewsbury in 1874.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at 9, Philip Royd, Hopton, Mirfield, in 1891 at North Street, Hopton, Mirfield, in 1901 at 92, Hardy Street, off Crackenedge Lane, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 7, Crackenedge Lane.

Arthur was a single man who in 1911 was working in the tailoring trade as an Errand Boy.

He enlisted in Leeds into the 10th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment with the Service Number 12167, rising to the rank of Lance Corporal and was sent to the Western Front on 9th September 1915. He was killed in action during the Battle of Loos on 28th September 1915; his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France. Arthur was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Loos Memorial forms the sides and back of Dud Corner Cemetery. Loos-en-Gohelle is a village north-west of Lens, and Dud Corner Cemetery is located 1 kilometre west of the village. The Loos Memorial commemorates 20,599 officers and men who have no known grave, who fell in the area from the River Lys to the old southern boundary of the First Army, east and west of Grenay, from the first day of the Battle of Loos to the end of the war.

Arthur is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Eastborough School War Memorial to former pupils.

In Memory of
Lance Corporal

Arthur Midwood

12167, 10th Bn., Yorkshire Regiment who died on 28 September 1915 Age 20

Son of the late George and Elizabeth Midwood, of Crackenedge, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Loos Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

