Arthur Collins







Rank: - Private

Number: - GS/36019

Regiment: - Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) 25th Battalion

Died of malaria in East Africa: - 02/02/1917 Age: 28 years

Cemetery: - Morogoro Cemetery, Tanzania V11.A.2 Photo courtesy Michael McCann

"HE DIED THAT WE MIGHT LIVE"

Batley News, 17 Feb 1917

Family Details

Arthur was born in Batley on the 20th June 1888 the youngest son of John and Emma Collins (nee Horsfall m. 1879, registered Halifax). He was baptised on September 2nd 1888. The couple came to Batley shortly after their marriage and John William was born at "Hyrstlands" in 1882.

John was a gardener for Mark Oldroyd and in 1901 he and his family were living in cottages in the grounds of "Hyrstlands", Track Road, Batley. The children were John William 1882, Ann Elizabeth 1883, Sam 1885-1892 and Arthur.

Arthur attended Purlwell Council School and on leaving obtained a situation in the office of Messrs. H. Cullingworth and Sons, Bradford Road, Dewsbury. When he was a youth, he attended the United Congregational Sunday School and later was a member of the Men's Bible Class. He was a warm supporter of Trinity Brotherhood and a member of Dewsbury Central Liberal Club. A good cueist he won the billiard trophy at Christmas 1915. He was also a good chess player and was secretary of Dewsbury Chess Club whose cup he won in 1913. He was also a member of Dewsbury Photographic Society and married Edith, the daughter of the late Mr. G.H. Harrop in May 1915. They went to live at Fairfield View, Thornhill Lees. Margaret was born in 1916.

Service Details

Arthur was employed by the same firm until he enlisted in May 1916. On July 14th he sailed for Africa. On October 19th he was in hospital with malaria and again on November 17th 1916.

He died from malaria and dysentery on 2nd February 1917.

He was awarded British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Arthur is remembered with Honour on Dewsbury War Memorial and Batley War Memorial Addenda.



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