Arthur Grayson





Rank: - Private

Number: - 21689

Regiment: - York and Lancaster Regiment. (Formerly 20041 KOYLI) 6th Battalion

Died of Dysentery, Lemnos, Gallipoli: - 08/11/1915 Age: 39 years

Cemetery: - Portianos Military Cemetery, Greece 1V.C.237

Batley News, 20 Nov 1915, 9 Nov 1918 (Roll of Honour)

Family Details

Arthur was born in Whixley, Yorkshire in 1876 the son of George and Elizabeth Grayson nee Burley who had married in June 1856 at Great Ouseburn. George was a farm labourer born and bred in Whixley whilst his wife came from Wheldrake. The children we have found on the census are Mary 1854, Jane 1857, Thomas 1859, Sarah 1861, William 1864, Ann 1864, Elizabeth 1865, John 1867, George 1868, Alfred 1871, Henry 1873, Arthur 1876 and Herbert 1878.

In 1881 the family was living in a cottage at Whixley. His father, George, died in 1889 and by 1891 Arthur was living at Spruisty Grange, Killinghall and employed as a general servant for a farmer. On the 2nd June 1900 at St. Peter's Church, Leeds he married Annie Irvin Smith and they went to live at 19, Goodwin Road, Wortley, Leeds and he was employed as a carter on a farm.

Arthur was born in Leeds in 1900 but sadly died shortly after birth, Norman Irvin was born in 1903 at Hoyland, Douglas James Henry 1904 at Whixley, Thomas Wilfrid 1905 at Bramhope, Kenneth Richard 1908 at Lofthouse, Ruth Emily 1912 in Gomersal, George Arthur Edward 1913 and Leslie William1914 who died aged 3 weeks. In 1909 he served a short sentence for civil debt from Knaresborough Court and from these records we know he had brown hair and was 5 ft. 7 inches tall and his religion was Church of England.

In 1911 the family was living in a three roomed home at Hallcliffe, Horbury where Arthur was employed as a farm labourer. The family kept moving around and in 1914 they were living at 14, Quarry Lane, Birstall and Arthur had been employed as a farm hand for Mr. B. Armitage of Brookroyd before he enlisted having previously worked for Mr. Ernest Brown of Carlinghow.

Service Details

Arthur enlisted on the 14th November 1914 at Dewsbury and was posted on the 24th November 1914. He was transferred to the York and Lancaster Regiment on the 8th September 1915 and sent to the---------- on the 20th September 1915 but he sadly died six weeks later of dysentery at 1 Can Madros West on 8th November 1915.

Arthur was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at St Saviour's Church, Brownhill and Batley War Memorial.



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