Arthur Hartley





Rank: - Gunner

Number: - 18780

Regiment: - Royal Field Artillery “B” Bty. 155th Bde.

Died of Wounds: - 10/05/1917 Age: 39 years

Cemetery: - Faubourg D’Amiens Cemetery, Arras V.E.10

Batley News, 19 May 1917, 26 May 1917 (photo)

Family Details

Arthur was born in Jackson Bridge, Fulstone in c.1878 the son of Sarah Ann Castle and on the 20th October 1883, she married Joseph Hartley at Christ Church, New Mill and he was brought up as his son. In 1891 the family had moved to live at 71, Howden Clough Road, Bruntcliffe, Morley and thirteen-year-old Arthur was working at a coal mine, as father being a coal miner hewer.

In 1901 he was living at Howden Clough Road, Bruntcliffe, Morley with his parents and siblings George 1885, Sophia 1886, Jane1888, Sydney 1890, Ethel 1895 and Alice A 1899.

On the 29th March 1902 he married Mary Ann Kershaw at Batley Parish Church. Alice Ann was born in Batley in 1903 followed by Grace 1904 who sadly died aged 4 months, Annie 1905, Emma 1908, Sydney 1910 who sadly died in September 1911 aged 14 months. Jack died in November 1914 in Batley aged 4 months. Arthur was a coal miner hewer and in 1911 the family had moved to live at Giggal Hill, Ossett. The family moved back to live at Alma Terrace, Preston Street, Batley and he worked at Howden Park Colliery before he enlisted. Arthur attended Howden Clough Sunday School and was a member of Batley Trades and Friendly Club.

Service Details

Arthur enlisted at Pontefract in 1915 and went to France on the 29th December 1915. He had been in France 17 months when he was killed by a shell whilst digging at a battery position. He and five others were buried and when he was dug out, he was unconscious and died immediately.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Howden Clough Methodist Church and Batley War Memorial.



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