Arthur Moore





Rank: - Private

Number: - 242482

Regiment: - West Yorkshire Regiment (formerly 6132 Prince of Wales Own) 2/6th Battalion

Killed in Action: - 22nd November 1917 aged 20

Memorial: - Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Panel 5

Family Details:

Arthur was born in 1897 in Woodhouse, Sheffield to Henry Moore born in Clayton in Clay, Yorkshire and his wife Mary Ann nee Calvert who came from Northants.

They already had four children Henry (1891), Ada (1893), both born in Sheffield, Millicent (1894) and Thomas Gilbert (1896) born in Woodhouse.

Soon after Arthur's birth the family moved to Birkenshaw where his sister, Edith was born in 1900.His father was a Police Constable hence the moving around and whilst Henry was stationed in Batley the family lived at 45, Primrose Hill.

Arthur had lived in Batley for most of his life attending Park Road School and was connected to Batley Parish Church and Sunday School, a member of the Church Institute and a former member of the Church Lads' Brigade.

Prior to joining the Forces, he had been employed by Messrs. Lodge and Pleasant, basket makers, King Street, Batley and had previously worked for Seth Lister who was a basket maker in Station Road, Batley and Mr. John Edward Newsome who made skips in Bradford Road West, Batley.

Service Details:

Arthur enrolled at Batley in October 1916 and disembarked in January 1917.

The 2nd /6th Battalion had been formed in Bradford in September 1914 and came under the orders of 185th Brigade 62nd (2nd West Riding) Division.

The Division took part in Operations on the Ancre (1th February-13th March 1917

The German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line (14th -19th March)

First attack on Bullecourt 11th April

German attack on Lagnicourt 15th April

Battle of Bullecourt 3rd -17th May

The actions on the Hindenburg Line 20th -28th May

The War Diaries show that at the beginning of November the battalion was at Bavincourt and on the 1st they had physical training, gas drill, platoon drill, battle

drill saluting and bayonet fighting followed by a 2-hour lecture by the commanding officer. By the 8th they had moved to Berneville and still more drill and parading by the 17th they were at Neuville, Havrincourt Wood on the 19th before moving to the Hindenburg Line on the 21st. They paraded at 7.30a.m. before moving to the front line at Bourlon at 3.30 p.m. and the relief was complete by 6.30 p.m. The following morning at 7.50 the enemy carried out a barrage attack on their left flank. It is most probable that Arthur was killed in this attack.

At the time of his death his brother Harry was a former tuner was in Malta with the Royal Naval Air Service and Gilbert who had worked for Percy Sykes, confectioners, was a cook's mate aboard the H.M.S. Dolphin.

Arthur was awarded the British War Medal 1914-1920 and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial, Batley Parish Church, St Saviours' Brownhill, Howden Clough Methodist Church, Birstall War Memorial and Cambrai Memorial, where another 238 were killed or were missing on the same day from a total of 7, 063 on this memorial.



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