Arthur Moyser



Rank: - Private

Number: - 12/1569

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 12th Battalion

Missing, presumed Killed in Action: - 13/04/1918 Age: 31 years

Memorial: - Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium Panel 8

Family Details

Arthur was born in Birstall on the 29th March 1886 the son of William and Annie Elizabeth Moyser nee Horner and baptised at St. Peter's Church, Birstall on July 14th 1886 on the same day as his siblings, Mary Ellen born 1880-1886, Thomas William 1882, Frank, 1884. William gave his occupation as a corn miller. In 1881 the family was lodging at the home of John Sutton, Railway Terrace, Brownhill. They had moved to Birstall before the children were baptised. William came from Rastrick and Annie Elizabeth from Ricall near York.

Their other children were, Maud, who was born in 1888 but died January 1890, John Willie 1889- January 1890, Willie 1890 died August 1890, Maud 1891- December 1891 and May 1901.

In 1891 the family was living at North Terrace, Birstall.

In 1901 the family was living at 48, Blackburn Road, Birstall and Arthur was working in a woollen mill. May was born in 1901 but sadly William died in September 1902.

In 1911 Annie Elizabeth, Arthur and May were living at 18, Fell Yard, Cross Bank Road, Batley and Arthur was working as a cowman. Boarding with them was 35-year-old Walker Parkinson who Annie Elizabeth married in 1915.

Service Details

It is not known when Arthur enlisted because his service records have not survived, nor have we, to date, found a newspaper report. We know from his medals he did not serve abroad before 1916.

In 1918 his battalion fought at: -

The Battle of St Quentin (21-23 March)
The Battle of Bapaume (24-25 March)
The First Battle of Arras (28 March)
which were phases of the First Battles of the Somme 1918
The Battle of Estaires (9-11 April)
The Battle of Hazebrouck (12-15 April)
which were phases of the Battles of the Lys

Arthur went missing on the 13th April 1918.

Arthur was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

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



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