Arthur Nicholson





Rank: - Private

Number: - 63030

Regiment: - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (Formerly 5/220088 Training Reserve Bn.) 5th Battalion

Killed in Action: - 2nd September 1918 aged 18 years

Cemetery: - Vaulx Hill Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France I.K.6

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Batley News, 28 Sep 1918

Family Details

Arthur was born in Staincliffe, Batley in c.1900 the only son of Walter and Annie Nicholson nee Allatt who had married in Oct 1898 at Dewsbury.

In 1901 he was living with his parents at 73, Common Road, Staincliffe and his Batley born father was working as a rag grinder.

Edith was born in 1905 and Florrie in 1907 and before 1911 the family had moved to a three roomed home at 90, Occupation Lane, Staincliffe.

Arthur attended Staincliffe Church Day School and attended Upper Independent Chapel. He was a talented artist and showed considerable promise and attended the art section of Batley Technical College under Mr. C.B. Barber and showed great promise.

After leaving school he went to work for the rag business in Bower Lane, Heckmondwike from which his father had retired.

Service Details

Arthur enlisted at Pontefract in June 1918 but is not known when he went to France. His Battalion fought in the following battles: -

The Battle of the Scarpe (26 – 30 August)
The Battle of the Drocourt-Queant Line (2 September)

Arthur was killed in Action on 2nd September 1918 aged 18 years and 9 months.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Christ Church Staincliffe; Upper Chapel, Heckmondwike and Batley War Memorial.



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