# Arthur Walshaw





**Rank: -** Private

**Number: -** 38147

**Regiment: -** Northumberland Fusiliers (Formerly 27571 West Yorkshire Regiment) depot

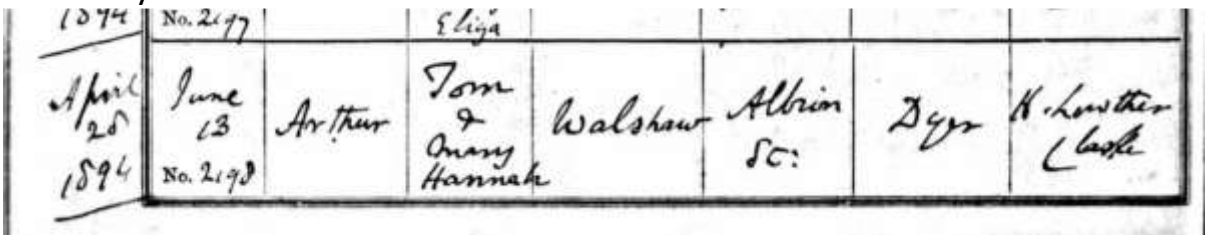
**Died at Staincliffe Base Hospital: -** 20/12/1918 aged 24 years

**Cemetery: -** Dewsbury Cemetery E. "C." 153.

Batley News, 27 Apr 1918, 25 May 1918, 28 Dec 1918 (photo)

## Family Details

Arthur was born in Dewsbury on the 28th April 1894 the eldest son of Tom Edwin and Mary Hannah Walshaw nee Collins who had married at Dewsbury Parish Church on the 24th December 1892. He was baptised on 13th June 1892 at Dewsbury Parish Church.




Tom was born in Heckmondwike, Mary Hannah came from Scarborough and after the birth of Arthur and Florence May in 1897 in Dewsbury, Ida Muriel 1899 and Laura Doris 1900 were born in Buckfastleigh, Devon. The family returned to live in Batley at 9, Salter's Square before the 1901 census was taken. Tom was working as a woollen dyer. Colin was born in April 1903 and Tom, a textile worker, died in late 1905.
Joseph Dean was born on 7th May 1907. In 1911 the family was living at 4, Reform Street, Dewsbury and Arthur was employed as a flock packer at Saxton's Oil Extractors.
He had attended Dewsbury Moor Council School and later worked for many years at Messrs Wilcock and Rhodes, Birstall and at Anchor Mills, Batley as a rag grinder, but before he went to serve, he worked for Messrs. Wilson Bros. Chickenley. He was a member of Dewsbury Trades and Friendly Club.

Mary Hannah married 61year old Joseph Dean on the 16th May 1914 at St. John's Church, Dewsbury Moor and they went to live at 66, Purlwell Lane, Batley.
On the 3rd April 1915 Arthur married Martha Elizabeth Spencer at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton. Lillian Brenda was born later that year.

## Service Details

Arthur enlisted in April 1916 but it is not known when he went abroad but he did serve in Malta before going to France where in June 1917 he was wounded by shrapnel in his arm and breast.

Arthur was captured at Bullecourt on the 21st March 1918 and wrote home to inform his wife at 66, High Street, Earlsheaton and asked that she send him some cigarettes, a safety razor and soap. He was being held captive at Munster in Westphalia.

He was repatriated in November 1918 and arrived home only four weeks before his death. A week later he complained of headaches and a week later was admitted to Staincliffe Base Hospital. He died there on the 20th December 1918.

Arthur was buried at Dewsbury Cemetery on Tuesday 24th December with full military honours.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial, Dewsbury War Memorial; Earlsheaton Park War Memorial; St Peter's Church, Earlsheaton.



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