

World War 1 - Upper Hopton Village



Arthur Fisher

Rank: Private

**Lost his life: 20th May 1918
(France & Flanders)**

**2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's
(West Riding Regiment)**



Summary

Arthur Fisher's family home was Chapel Hill, Upper Hopton where he lived with his brother Ernest and his parents Alfred and Martha Hannah Fisher.

In 1911 his occupation was as a Yarn Piercer.

Arthur lost his life in May 1918 (age 20) whilst serving on the Western Front with the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Arthur is remembered at the Pernes, British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

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Family details

Date of Birth	29th October 1897
Date of Baptism	28th November 1897
Church Baptised	St John's Upper Hopton
Father	Alfred
Father's occupation	Coal mine - Hower
Mother	Martha Hannah
Siblings	Ernest
Parents residence	Chapel Hill, Upper Hopton
Soldiers residence	Above
Soldiers Occupation	Yarn Piercer (1911)
Married	
Spouse	
Children	
Burial / Memorial	Pernes, British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France
Age at death	20

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Fisher family Census 1911



CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 221
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

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The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE				PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards				BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country	INFIRMITY	
			State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of —	Children born alive to present Marriage (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Children born alive to previous Marriage (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Children born alive to previous Marriage (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Children born alive to previous Marriage (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Children born alive to previous Marriage (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Children born alive to previous Marriage (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Children born alive to previous Marriage (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)				
1 Alfred Fisher	Head	46	Married	16	9	6	3	(Haver) Coal mine	100	Colliery Co	Wobles	Kirkheaton	Yorkshire	
2 Martha Hannah Fisher	Wife	54	Married	16	9	6	3	Picker of Peas	845	Blount's Farm	Wobles	Kirkheaton	Yorkshire	
3 Ernest Allan	Son	20	Single					Wagon Repairer	845	Wagon Works	Wobles	Hopton	Yorkshire	
4 Arthur Fisher	Son	13										Hopton	Yorkshire	
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(2) I have entered the name and number in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have entered their sex with the total number of persons.
(3) After making the necessary corrections I have completed all entries on this Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have signed the same as required by the instructions.

Total:
Males: 3
Females: 1
Persons: 4

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (Kitchens, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room, but do not count sanitary, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom, nor warehouse, office, shop.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: Ernest Allan
Postal Address: Lower Stone Road, Kirkheaton.

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**Arthur lived on Chapel Hill
(The cottages were later demolished in the 1930's)**



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Military Details

Attestation / Enlistment

Deployment

April 1915

Rank

Private

Medals

British War Medal
Victory Medal

Regiment number

235284

Regiment

2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's
(West Riding Regiment)

Regimental Badge



Killed in Action

20th May 1918 (France & Flanders)

Cemetery or Memorial

Pernes, British Cemetery, Pas de
Calais, France

Age at death

20

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2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington Regiment

1914

The Battle of Mons and subsequent retreat, The Battle of Le Cateau and the Affair of Crepy-en-Valois, The Battle of the Marne, The Battle of the Aisne, The Battles of La Bassee and Messines 1914, The First Battle of Ypres.

1915

The Second Battle of Ypres and the Capture of Hill 60.

14.01.1916 Transferred to the 12th Brigade of the 4th Division.

1916

The Battle of Albert, The Battle of Le Transloy.

1917

The First Battle of the Scarpe, The Third Battle of the Scarpe, The Battle of Polygon Wood, The Battle of Broodseinde, The Battle of Poelcapelle, The First Battle of Passchendaele.

10.02.1918 Transferred to the 10th Brigade of the 4th Division;

1918

The First Battle of Arras 1918, The Battle of Hazebrouck, The Battle of Bethune, The Advance in Flanders, The Battle of the Scarpe, The Battle of Drocourt-Queant, The Battle of the Canal du Nord, The Battle of the Selle, The Battle of Valenciennes.

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Official War diaries of 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment – 4th Division

Arthur Fisher lost his life on the 20th May 1918 whilst his Regiment was near the French village of Riez du Vinage. Riez du Vinage is approximately 10km due north of Bethune and 8km due east of the Battalions previous position at L'Ecleme.

Pernes Cemetary where he was laid to rest is approximately 20km south-west of Riez du Vinage.

The diary extract below shows that the regiment was at Pacout Wood on the 10th to the 15th May and moved to L'Ecleme on the 15th May 1918.

The Battalion then moved to Riez du Vinage on the 20th May.

PACOUT WOOD

10th May 1918

Enemy gassed all back areas very heavily but quiet on forward areas. Regimental Aid post hit with a gas shell. The M.O. (Lt. Brown R.A.M.C) and all personnel gassed.

11th May 1918

Holding the line. Quiet day.

12th May 1918

Holding the line. Enemy in the wood very quiet. Very little shelling.

13th May 1918

Holding the line. Enemy in the wood very quiet. Improving the defences.

14th May 1918

Holding the line. Enemy in the wood very quiet. Improving the defences.

15th May 1918

Enemy identification required. Small raid done by 'C' Coy. at 8.30am 1. N.C.O. (CPL PHOLEY) and 6 men dashed over the drive at about Q.33.d.y.y. and came upon an unoccupied enemy post. Pushing further ahead and slightly to the left they came across a post occupied by 3 of the enemy. One ran away, the other two surrendered. The raiding party then came back.

During this operation which lasted 4 minutes the enemy were kept down by intense concentration of LEWIS GUN FIRE on both flanks of the raided posts. Prisoners belonged to the 5th R.I.R. and were a N.C.O. and a musketeer, both were of fairly good physique.

The Batt'n relieved by 1st HAMPSHIRE REG'T and proceeded to L'ECLEME.

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L'ECLIME

16th May 1918

Batt'n cleaning up, bathing, etc. CAPT. D.G.R.BILHAM awarded the M.C. 9306 SGT. J.W.Bourne, 36094 CPL. P.C.TUSTIN and 9488 SGT. J.R.ODGEN awarded the D.C.M.

17th May 1918

Reorganisation of sections etc. changing Details. B & D COYS. Sent forward to positions on CANAL BANK P.36.b and Q.1.a.

18th May 1918

Quiet day. Batt'n resting. System of training light enough to serve the men but necessary parts gone into. 1st day Bathing and thoroughly cleaning up. Scrubbing equipment – clothing other - Inspection

2nd thorough inspection by camp officers – Close order drill and preliminary musketry – 3rd day physical drill. Close order drill preliminary musketry, grouping and rapid firing practices on ranges

- 4th day small outpost scheme to bring out points of transmission of information of fact re lectures on orders sanitation (1/2 day only).

19th May 1918

DIVINE SERVICE in the morning. CEREMONIAL Parade for presentation of MEDAL RIBBONS in the afternoon by CORPS COMMANDER (LT.GEN. THOMAS MORLAND). Battalion relieved the 1st KINGS OWN in the LEFT BRIGADE SECTOR, CENTRE BATT. SUB. SECTOR. 2nd SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS on the left and 1st ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGT on the right. Trenches in area Q.25.b & d. and Q.26.a.b. &c. Bn. H.Q. Q.31.a.05.50.

RIEZ du VINAGE AREA

20th May 1918

Battalion holding the line. Trench system busy day. 2nd LT. LAWE rejoins from hospital.

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Arthur's Medals



British War Medal



Victory Medal

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In Memory of

Private

Arthur Fisher

235284, 2nd Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) who died on 20 May 1918 Age 20

Son of Alfred and Martha Hannah Fisher, Chapel Hill, Upper Hopton, Mirfield, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Pernes British Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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Pernes, British Cemetery

The cemetery was not begun until April 1918 when the 1st and 4th Canadian Casualty Clearing Stations came to Pernes, driven back by the German advance. In May, the 6th and 22nd Clearing Stations arrived and in August, they were joined by the 13th. Almost all the burials were made by these units, but a few of the graves were brought into the cemetery after the Armistice (Graves 2 to 13 in Plot VI, Row C, were brought from the small British Cemeteries of Anvin and Wavrans).



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Arthurs death was reported in the Dewsbury Reporter on the 15th June 1918.



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Upper Hopton Parish Magazine June 1917

(note comments about Arthur)

ABSENT FRIENDS.

It was heart breaking news which came to Mr. Robert Castle and his family, that Herbert had been killed. It so happened that word came of this a few days before our appointed Sunday for a special Commemoration of those fallen in the War, and particular point was given to this Solemn Requiem by the sad event. And since then we have welcomed home Sergeant Harry Castle and had a Memorial Service, for which the Church was filled, to honour his brother's memory.

We wish all happiness to the gallant Sergeant on his marriage to Miss Ada Jackson. God grant he may return safely to his Bride.

Private Arthur Fisher has been in Hospital with a troublesome skin trouble, due to the food which the advance from the trenches involved ; but he writes happily from a Base Hospital in France.

Privates Walter Sykes and Arthur Loader, both of Northgate, are reported missing, and it is believed that they are Prisoners of War, but definite news of this is slow in coming to hand. Our respectful sympathy is extended to the families of these two, and may they soon get news.