

World War 1 - Upper Hopton Village



Arthur Fearnley



Rank: Private

Died: 26th June 1918 (France & Flanders)

**2nd/4th Bn., King's Own
Yorkshire Light Infantry**



Summary

Arthur Fearnley's family home was Moor Top, Kirkheaton where he was raised by his parents Willie and Annie Fearnley.

Arthur died on the Western Front in June 1918 (age 18) whilst serving with the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Following the German 1918 Spring offensive KOYLI joined with the French army and took part in the battle of the Marne driving the Germans back to the Hindenburg line. It was possibly in this offensive where he lost his life.

In May 1918 KOYLI joined the French army in the Marne offensive and took part in the general advance leading to Armistice

He is remembered with honour in the Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, Somme, France

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Family details

Date of Birth	9th July 1899
Date of Baptism	3rd September 1899
Church Baptised	St John's, Upper Hopton
Father	Willie
Father's occupation	Woollen yarn picker
Mother	Annie
Siblings	Rena
Parents residence	Moor Top, Kirkheaton
Soldiers residence	As above
Soldiers Occupation	School, employment after school unknown
Married	
Spouse	
Children	
Burial / Memorial	Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, France
Age at death	18

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Fearnley family Census 1911

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedules 23
(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	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 (every Person born in a Foreign Country.)	INFIRMITY.	
			For Infants under one year state the age in months as "one month," etc.	Write "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," opposite the name of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.	Children born alive in present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Children born alive in previous Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.	Whether Employer, Farmer, or Working on Own Account.	Whether Working at Home.				
1 Willie Fearnley	Head	45	Married 18					Packer in Woollen Mill Spinner's Factory	Woolen Factory	Worker	away	Hopton, Melford Yorkshire		
2 Amy Fearnley	Wife	43	Married 18	2	2			School		0		Brisfield, Yorkshire Yorkshire Hopton		
3 Arthur Fearnley	Son	11												
4 Rena Fearnley	Daughter	9												
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(2) I have counted the males and females in Column 3, and I respectively, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.	Males	Females
(3) After making the necessary corrections I have completed all returns on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.	2	2
Initials of Enumerator.	4	

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

Signature Willie Fearnley

Postal Address Carr Mount, Kirkheaton, Yorkshire

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Military Details

Attestation / Enlistment

Deployment

Rank

Private

Medals

British War Medal

Victory Medal

Regiment number

39480 (Formerly 32299 West Riding Reg't.)

Regiment

2nd/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire
Light Infantry

Regimental Badge



The 'French' Horn and White Rose of the
KOYLI

Died

26th June 1918

Cemetery or Memorial

Bagneux British Cemetery,
Gezaincourt, Somme, France

Age at death

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2/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

The 2/4th and 2/5th Battalions were raised initially as Reserve Battalions in October 1914, to train recruits for their First Battalions, both went to France in January 1917, as part of 62 West Riding division.

15.01.1917 Mobilised for war and landed at Havre and engaged in various actions on the Western Front including;

1917

The Operations on the Ancre, The German retreat to the Hindenburg Line, The first attack on Bullecourt, The German attack on Lagnicourt, The Battle of Bullecourt, The actions on the Hindenburg Line, The Cambrai Operations.

1918

The Battle of Bapaume, The First Battle of Arras, The Battle of the Tardenois, The Battle of the Scarpe, The Battle of the Drocourt-Queant Line, The Battle of Havrincourt, The Battle of the Canal du Nord, The Battle of the Selle, The capture of Solesmes, The Battle of the Sambre

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Men of the 12th Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, the pioneer battalion of 31st Division, break for food amidst the ruins of Feuchy. This was in April 1917 during the Battle of Arras.

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Arthur's Medal Card

Name.		Corps.	Rank	Regt. No.
FEARNLEY.		York L.I	Pte.	39480.
Arthur.				
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
VICTORY	0/2/103 ^{BIB}	2136	Died.	
BRITISH	Do	Do		
STAR				
Theatre of War first served in				
Date of entry therein				
K 1380.				

Correspondence.

Address.

(25454-14a) Wt. W 3347-H.P 6451 200m. 10/19 H St Est. 5450/1258

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Arthur's Medals



British War Medal



Victory Medal

Bagneux British Cemetery Gezaincourt

The cemetery was begun in April 1918 after the close of the German offensive in Picardy. At the end of March, the 3rd, 29th and 56th Casualty Clearing Stations had come to Gezaincourt where they were joined for a short time in April by the 45th. They remained until September. The 3rd Canadian Stationary Hospital, in the citadel at Doullens, also buried in this cemetery in May and June 1918, and the 2nd Canadian Division in April and May. The graves in Plot III, Row A relate to a bombing raid over Doullens on 30 May 1918. There are 1,374 servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in the cemetery.



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In Memory of
Private

Arthur Fearnley

39480, 2nd/4th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 26 June 1918 Age 18

Son of Willie and Annie Fearnley, of Moor Top, Kirkheaton, near Huddersfield.

Remembered with Honour
Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission