

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



Arthur Fearnley

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,

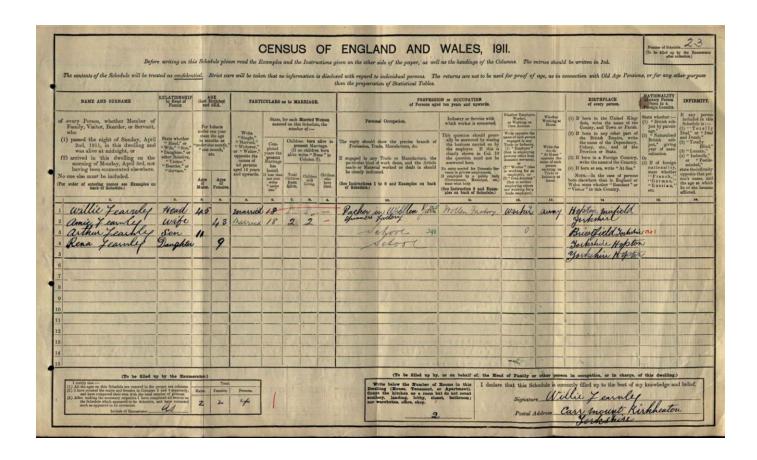
Gezaincourt, France

Age at death 18



Arthur Fearnley

Fearnley family Census 1911





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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

Died

The 'French' Horn and White Rose of the KOYLI

26th June 1918

Cemetery or Memorial Bagneux British Cemetery,

Gezaincourt, Somme, France

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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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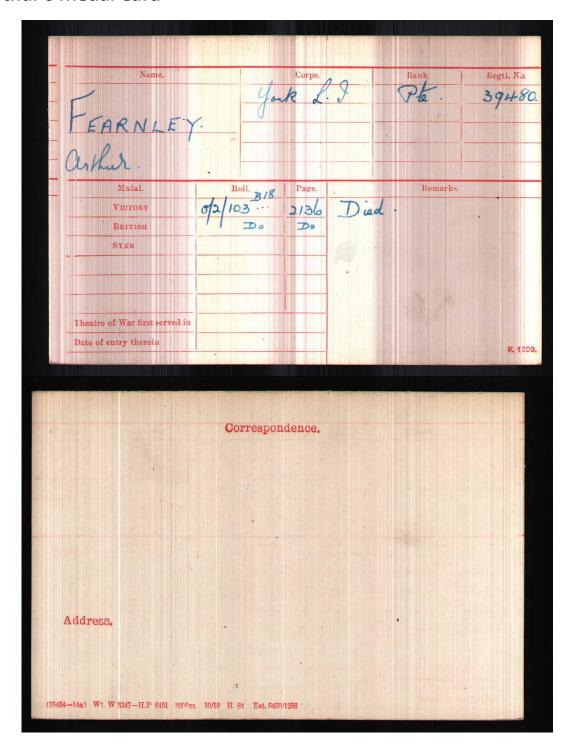


Men of the 12th Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, the pioneer battalion of 31st Division, break for food amidst the ruins of Feuchy. This was in April 1917 during the Battle of Arras.



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Arthur's Medal Card





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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

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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





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