
Arthur Sidney FLATMAN (1897-1917)

Arthur Sidney Flatman's connection to South Lopham is by birth and residency.

Arthurt's brother, Herbert John, also served in the Great War and thankfully survived.

Arthur Sidney FLATMAN, son of John Samuel FLATMAN (c. 1870-c. 1947) and Elizabeth Ann CORBLE (c. 1872-c. 1946), was born on 9 March 1897 in South Lopham, Norfolk.¹

In the 1901 Census (31 Mar 1901) he appeared at Barker Farm Corner in South Lopham - 4, living with parents John S (30, farmer) and Elizabeth Anne (28), and siblings Elizabeth A (6, scholar) and Herbert J (1).²

Arthur was baptised on 21 July 1907 in South Lopham with some of his siblings. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. C E EASTWOOD, Rector.

At the time of the 1911 Census, Arthur was living at Near Grange in South Lopham - 14, farm labourer, living with parents John (41, farmer) and Elizabeth Anne (39), and siblings Herbert John (11 scholar), Edith Lucy (9, scholar), James (6, scholar), Gladys Mary (3) and George Frederick (10m).³

Arthur was attested on 7 February 1916. On 8 February 1916 Arthur he was posted to the Army Reserve. He was Mobilised on 31 March 1916 and posted to the Royal Garrison Artillery depot, Gunner, 71332. On 4 December 1916 he he was posted to the British Expeditionary Force. He joined 155th Heavy Battery R.G.A. in the field on 13 December 1916.

He died on 8 February 1917 in France - killed by enemy shell fire.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission grave registration entry for

Arthur was "FLATMAN, Gnr. A. S., 71332. 155th Heavy Bty. Royal Garson Artillery. 8th Feb., 1917."

Arthur is buried/commemorated at Guards' Cemetery, Lesboeufs - VIII. T. 8.

Sources

1. *CR Birth*. 1897 Q2 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 4B Page 259. Cit. Date: Q2 1897.
2. *1901 Census*. RG13 Piece 1866 Folio 22 Page 7 Schedule 48. Cit. Date: 31 March 1901.
3. *1911 Census*. RG14 PN11746 RD239 SD2 ED19 SN72. Cit. Date: 2 April 1911.