

IN MEMORY OF ARNOLD ANDREW

DIED IN ACTION 1 OCTOBER 1918

Lived in the house now known as 'Bridles', Chapel Street
NO PLAQUE

Arnold was born on 15 July 1895 in Moulton, Northants to John and Emma Andrew. His mother died just three years later. Despite this absence in his life, Arnold's family was still a large one, with two older brothers, two older sisters, and one younger brother. By 1911 the family moved to Harbury, living in Chapel Street.

However, despite this strong connection, Arnold did not live in the village long. His father may have been a Master Baker, but Arnold apparently had no intention of following his example. Instead, by 1911, he had moved to Market Place, Newark, Nottinghamshire, and became an apprentice draper.

He enlisted in the 26th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment, 124th Brigade, 42nd Division).

On 4 May 1916, he went to France. On 15 September he was wounded, taken to Leeds to recover, then returned to France on 25 February 1917. On 10 August 1917 he was again wounded, this time recuperating in Edinburgh, returning to active service once more on 3 May 1918. He was not so fortunate the third time - he died of wounds on 1 October 1918, just one month away from the close of the war.

The 23-year-old man was buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery in Belgium. He had spent his twenty first birthday, the start of his adult life, in France.

The Leamington Spa Courier records that Mr Andrew of Chapel Street had received the sad news that one of his three volunteering sons had been killed. There is grief in those lines of type, beyond a mere newspaper war item. But perhaps the nod to how his sons volunteered suggests that Mr Andrew took some pride in their bravery, even in his sadness.



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