

Lance Corporal Arthur Tutty[©]

Regimental number: 2241

Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line, Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars

born: 1892 – died: 24 June 1916

Lance Corporal Arthur Tutty was born in 1892 in Reading, Berkshire,¹ the son of James and Amy Elizabeth Tutty. His father was born in Dorchester, Oxfordshire, in about 1865 and his mother (the former Amy Elizabeth Milward) a year later in Basingstoke, Hampshire.² They married in Highworth, Wiltshire, in 1887³ and had seven children⁴—three sons and four daughters: Herbert James (born in 1888),⁵ John Alfred Leslie (born in 1890),⁶ Arthur, Alice Muriel (born in 1894),⁷ Alfreda Elsie (born in 1896),⁸ Ruth (born in 1899)⁹ and Annie Miriam (born in 1901, but died in 1928, a year after her marriage to Archibald W. G. Brown).¹⁰

In 1891, the family was living on Winchester Street in Basingstoke, where James was a clothier. By 1895, the family had moved to Reading and James was a bootmaker at 34 Broad Street.¹¹ In 1901, the family was living at 105 & 106 Broad Street. James was now described as a boot factor working at home.¹² Amy had just given birth the day before to Annie Miriam, so they had a monthly nurse¹³ living with them. Possibly because of the new arrival, two of the other children—Muriel, age 6, and Elsie, age 5, were staying with David and Annie Milward in Evesham, Worcestershire.¹⁴ David was probably Amy's younger brother.¹⁵

In 1911, James was a director in a limited company (a boot factory) and the family was living at 4 Christchurch Road in Reading.¹⁶ By then, Arthur had left home and was working as a farmer's assistant and living in the home of Albert Edward and Agnes Eliza Rudge in Upper Baysham, Sellack, near Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.¹⁷ Two years later, James died at his home in Reading on 24 August 1913.¹⁸

Arthur enlisted in the Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line of the (Queen's Own) Oxfordshire Hussars¹⁹ and joined the Western Front on 24 November 1914.²⁰ Arthur survived a year a half but died on 24 June 1916 at the No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station.²¹ He was buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord (Grave Reference: II. E. 157).²²

Bailleul is in France, close to the Belgian border. It was occupied on 14 October 1914 and became an important railhead, air depot and hospital centre. Several casualty clearing stations, including No. 1 Canadian CCS, were quartered there for considerable periods. The earliest Commonwealth burials at Bailleul were made in April 1915. An extension was built and burials continued until April 1918; they occurred again in September and after the Armistice, when soldiers' remains were brought in from the neighbouring battlefields.²³

The chaplain at the 1st CCCS noted in his diary that Arthur's brother would notify relatives of his death.²⁴ It is not clear whether this brother was Herbert or Leslie. Herbert probably served in the Royal Army Medical Corps (Regimental number: 106367)²⁵ and Leslie almost certainly served in the Royal Engineers (Regimental number: 137932).²⁶ However, it has not been determined which might have been nearby when Arthur died. These two brothers received the monies owing to Arthur from the army upon his death.²⁷

Arthur was awarded the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918), the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre) and the 1914–15 Star (for service in the war against Germany between 5 August 1914 and 31 December 1915).²⁸

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