



Woodford Remembers



Pte. Arthur John Lowe

9 January 1894 – 15 November 1914

Family

Arthur John Lowe was born in Ellington, Huntingdonshire. His parents, Arthur Lowe and Rose Leete (b Chatham Kent) had married in 1891. Their eldest child was Violet, who was Arthur's elder sister. George and Ellen were his younger siblings.

By 1895 the family had moved to Woodford but Arthur's father died in the autumn of 1896. Arthur started school in Woodford in January 1897. He attended the Infant School near the village green until May 1901 when he moved to the Junior School in Church Street. He remained there until he reached the age of 14 years when he would have left to start work.

Arthur's mother Rose remarried in 1899. The groom was Henry Allen this is reflected in the 1901 census. The family of six are recorded as living in the High Street close to the village green.

By 1911 the family (with the exception of older sister Violet) had moved to Church Street, and Arthur now had a step sister Winifred, and a step brother Archibald. Arthur was working as a horse driver for the Islip Ironstone Company in one of the many mines to the north of Woodford. Violet was working as a domestic servant in Bird's Yard (in the vicinity of present day Rose Cottage) and in December 1911 she married Harry Robinson (see Woodford remembers) in St Mary's Church Woodford.

Arthur's mother Rose Allen died in 1915 at the age of 47 and is buried in Woodford Churchyard

Military Service

Arthur enlisted to serve King and Country at Wellingborough in the summer of 1914 (based upon his service number 9741) joining the 1st Battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment.

Private Arthur John Lowe died from wounds on 15th November 1914. The Battalion was still fighting in the Battle of Ypres at this time so it is likely Arthur was transferred to a field hospital near Boulogne.

(All gravestones in this cemetery lie down due to the unstable sandy soil.

Burial

Buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Boulogne, Grave III.C.36.

Dependants

None

Commemoration

Woodford Village War Memorial

Woodford St Marys Church Memorial

