

In Memory of
Second Lieutenant
Leonard Arthur Harrison

12th Bn., Durham Light Infantry who died on 17 July 1916

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2nd Lieutenant Leonard Arthur Harrison

12th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry

Died: 17 July 1916 Age: 31

How Died: Killed in Action

Country of burial: France

Cemetery or Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Somme

Extra Information:

Born during the March quarter 1885 in the Salford R.D. - ref: 8d/64, the son of John Herbert & Alice Harrison (nee Freaan).

1891 Census - Ashley Road, Hale. Son - aged: 8 - born: Salford. Head of household - John H. Harrison - Married - aged: 39 - occ: Cotton Manufacturer - born: Heywood, Lancashire. Also - Alice Harrison - Wife - aged: 35 - born: Plymouth, Devon. Plus 4 elder siblings, a Governess and 2 Domestic Servants.

1901 Census - "Glendale", Warwick Road, Hale. Son - aged: 16 - born: Salford. Head of household - John H. Harrison - Married - aged: 47 - occ: Cotton Grey Cloth Merchant - born: Heywood, Lancashire. Also - Alice Harrison - Wife - aged: 45 - born: Plymouth, Devon. Plus 2 siblings and 1 Domestic Servant.

1911 Census - St. Arnolds, Broad Oak Park, Worsley, Lancashire. Son - aged: 26 - occ: Cotton Piece Goods Merchant - born: Salford. Head of household - John Herbert Harrison - Married - aged: 57 - occ: Cotton Piece Goods Merchant - born: Heywood, Lancashire. Also - Alice Harrison - Wife - aged: 55 - born: Plymouth, Devon. Plus 2 Domestic Servants.

Educated at Bellfield House, Bowdon. Bowdon College and Manchester Grammar School. Obtained a degree of Master of Commerce at the Victoria University, Manchester. Secretary of the Literary Society. Attended Hale Congregational Church.

MIC - states that he enlisted into the 20th Bn Royal Fusiliers - recorded as a Corporal No. 4923. He was drafted to France on the 14th November 1915

and commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Lincolnshire Rgt on the 30th April 1916.

Enlisted as a Private in the Public Schools Bn in November 1914. After 6 months at the front he was given a commission (2nd Lt) in May 1916. Later transferred to the DLI.

The 12th Bn Durham Light Infantry served in the 23rd Division, 68 Brigade. On the 17th July 1916 the 12th Bn were attacking Pozières Village. At about 20.00 hrs, following an artillery and mortar barrage they attacked the German trenches defending the south of Pozières. The Durhams were surprised by the heavy machine gun fire - it was obvious that the barrage had not been successful. The men went to ground and once it was realised that no further progress could be made, they were recalled. Leonard was lost during this engagement.

Death reported in the 28/07/1916 edition of the Altrincham Guardian. He was John & Alice's only surviving son.

Listed in the Guardian Year Book - Roll of Honour for 1917.

Memorials found on:

Altrincham United Reformed Church, Hale

Altrincham & District Roll of Honour

Manchester University