

**Horsforth Cemetery,
Horsforth, Yorkshire**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



94334 GUNNER

A. CLAUGHTON

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY

17TH SEPTEMBER, 1916 Age 29

Arthur CLAUGHTON

Arthur Cloughton was born at Woodhouse, Leeds, West Riding, Yorkshire, England in 1886 to parents Sidney and Mary Ann Cloughton (nee Child).

The 1891 England Census recorded Arthur Cloughton as a 5 year old Scholar, living with his parents at 28 Cemetery Road, Hunslet, Yorkshire, England. His parents were listed as Sidney Claugton (Woollen Warper, aged 47, born Yeadon, Yorkshire) & Mary Ann Cloughton (aged 40, born Leeds, Yorkshire). Arthur was one of seven children listed on this Census – Nydia Cloughton (Tailoress, aged 17, born Bramley, Yorkshire), John William Cloughton (Venetian Blank? Maker, aged 15, born Bramley, Yorkshire), Leah Cloughton (Scholar, aged 13, born Woodhouse, Yorkshire), Eva Cloughton (Scholar, aged 7, born Woodhouse, Yorkshire), Ethel Cloughton (Scholar, aged 6, born Woodhouse, Yorkshire), then Arthur & Lilly Cloughton (aged 6 months, born Woodhouse, Yorkshire).

The 1901 England Census recorded Arthur Cloughton as a 15 year old Telegraph Messenger, living with his family at 3 Abbey Street, West Leeds, Yorkshire, England. His parents were listed as Sidney Claugton (Sweet Shop Keeper (Baker), aged 57, born Guisley, Yorks) & Mary A. Cloughton (aged 50, born Leeds, Yorks). Arthur was one of eight children listed on this Census (all born at Leeds, Yorks) – Lydia Cloughton (Tailoress Machinist, aged 27), Leah Cloughton (Tailoress Finisher, aged 23), Eva Cloughton (Tailoress Machinist, aged 17), Ethel Cloughton (Tailoress Maker up, aged 16) then Arthur, Lilly Cloughton (aged 10), Sidney Cloughton (aged 9) & Leslie Cloughton (son, aged 7).

Arthur Cloughton was listed as Temporary Assistant Postman - Leeds in the Edinburgh Gazette for 1st December, 1903.

The 1911 England Census recorded Arthur Cloughton as a 25 year old Town Postman, living with his family at 155 Burley Road, Leeds which was a six roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as Sidney Cloughton (Doesn't work – aged 67) & Mary Ann Cloughton (Doesn't work, aged 60). Sidney & Mary Ann had been married for 38 years & had 11 children, 9 still living. 7 of their children were listed on this Census – Nydia Cloughton (Dressmaker, aged 37), Leah Cloughton (Tailor's Passer, aged 33), Ethel Cloughton (Tailoress, aged 26), then Arthur, Lily Cloughton (Tailoress, aged 20), Sidney Marsden Cloughton (Apprentice Sugar Boiler, aged 19) & Leslie Cloughton (apprentice Machine mechanic).

Sidney Cloughton, father of Arthur Cloughton, died on 15th March, 1913, aged 69.

Mary Ann Cloughton, mother of Arthur Cloughton, died on 8th March, 1915, aged 64.

Arthur Cloughton, Postman, aged 29, married Edith Lund, aged 30, on 9th October, 1915 at St. Mark's Church, Woodhouse, Sheffield, South Yorkshire. Arthur was listed as living at 32 Devon Road & Edith was listed as living at 11 Moorfield Street.

A birth was registered in June quarter, 1916 in the district of Leeds, West Riding of Yorkshire, England for Marguerite Cloughton (mother's maiden name Lund).

Arthur Cloughton enlisted with the Royal Garrison Artillery at Leeds. He was given the rank of Gunner & a service number of 94334. *(No date as it appears that the Service Record for Arthur Cloughton has not survived).*

Royal Garrison Artillery

The Royal Garrison Artillery (R.G.A.) was formed in 1899 as a distinct arm of the British Army's Royal Regiment of Artillery serving alongside the other two arms of the Regiment, the Royal Field Artillery (R.F.A.) and the Royal Horse Artillery (R.H.A.). The R.G.A. were the 'technical' branch of the Royal Artillery who were responsible for much of the professionalisation of technical gunnery that was to occur during the First World War.

From 1914 when the army possessed very little heavy artillery, the R.G.A. grew into a very large component of the British forces on the battlefield, being armed with heavy, large-calibre guns and howitzers that were positioned some way behind the front line and had immense destructive power.

With the new long-range small arms available to the infantry in the era before World War I, artillery fighting in the infantry line was increasingly brought under fire. The solution to this was the principle of standing off and engaging the enemy with indirect fire. Henceforth the artillery would be positioned well behind the infantry battle line, firing at unseen targets, at co-ordinates on a map calculated with geometry and mathematics. As the war developed, the heavy artillery and the techniques of long-range artillery were massively developed. The R.G.A. was often supported by the Royal Flying Corps (R.F.C.) who had devised a system where pilots could use wireless telegraphy to help the artillery hit specific targets. The R.F.C. aircraft carried a wireless set and a map and after identifying the position of an enemy target the pilot was able to transmit messages such as A5, B3, etc. in morse code to a R.F.C. land station attached to a heavy artillery units, such as Royal Garrison Artillery Siege Batteries.

The R.G.A. significantly increased in size, especially the Heavy Batteries, which increased from 32 Regular and Territorial Force batteries in 1914 to 117 by the end of the war. Similarly the Siege Batteries increased from just three Regular batteries in 1914 to 401 by the end of the war.

Siege batteries (such as 9th Siege Battery at the Battle of the Somme) had the largest guns and howitzers; mounted on railways or on fixed concrete emplacements. *(Information from Wikipedia)*

Gunner Arthur Cloughton died on 17th September, 1916 at Military Hospital, Shorncliffe Camp, Sandgate, Kent, England from Gastric Ulcer perforation (1 year) & General Peritonitis. His details listed on the death certificate were "Gunner R.F. Artillery, late of 4 Clarkson View, Woodhurst, Leeds."



A death for Arthur Cloughton, aged 30, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Elham, Kent, England.

Gunner Arthur Cloughton was buried on 20th September, 1916 in Horsforth Cemetery, Horsforth, Yorkshire, England – Plot number Red. "U" 1655 and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Mrs E. Cloughton, aged 35, & her daughter – Miss M. Cloughton, aged 2, were passengers on the *Ormonde* which departed from the port of London, England on 25th November, 1919 bound for Australia. Also listed as passengers were Mrs Cloughton's sisters - Miss C. Lund (Tailoress, aged 32), Miss E. Lund (Tailoress, aged 28) & Miss L. Lund (Costumier, aged 27). The ship arrived at the port of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia on 26th December, 1919.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Gunner Arthur Cloughton – service number 94334, aged 29, of 198th Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery. He was the son of Sidney and Mary Ann Cloughton; husband of Edith Cloughton, of Melbourne, Australia. Born at Leeds.

Gunner Arthur Cloughton is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour. *(Note: It appears that Gunner Cloughton's name on the Commemorative Roll was based on the information that his next-of-kin's address was listed as Australia & therefore it was assumed the soldier concerned would be Australian.)*

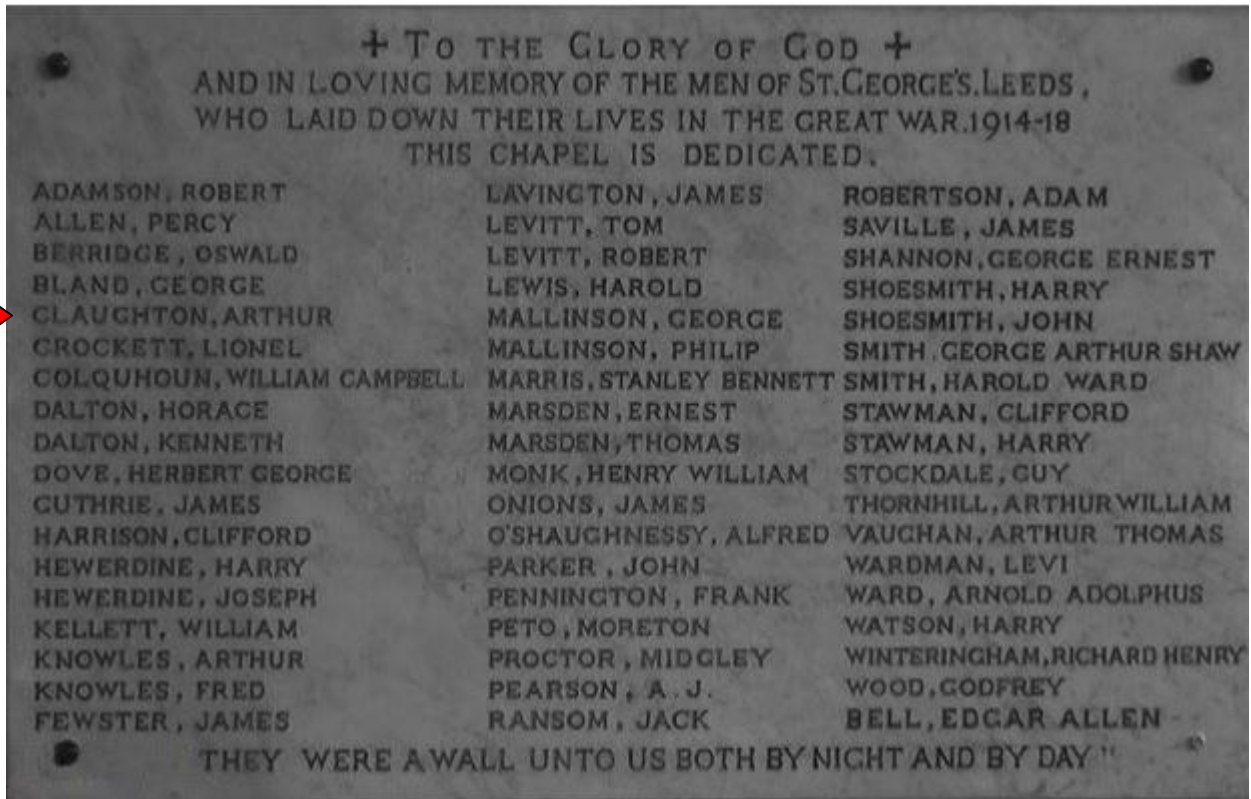


Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial (Capital Photographer)

Arthur Cloughton is remembered on the St Georges Church Roll of Honour, located on Great George Street, Leeds, Yorkshire, England.



St George's Church, Leeds Roll of Honour (Photos from St. George's Church)



Arthur Cloughton's name was not added to the original Horsforth Cenotaph in 1922 but in 2016 two new plaques with new names were added – A. Cloughton being one of them.



Horsforth Cenotaph (Photos courtesy of Susan Watson)



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Horsforth Cemetery, Horsforth, Yorkshire, England

Horsforth Cemetery, Horsforth contains 23 Commonwealth War Graves – 14 from World War 1 & 9 from World War 2.



Horsforth Cemetery (Photo above from CWGC; below courtesy of Susan Watson)



Photo of Gunner Arthur Cloughton's Private Headstone in Horsforth Cemetery, Horsforth, Yorkshire, England.



(Photos courtesy of Susan Watson)

In Loving Memory

of

SYDNEY MARSDEN

Beloved Son Of

SYDNEY & MARY ANN

CLAUGHTON

Died Sep 1ST 1911

In His 20TH Year

"Thy Will Be Done"

Also the Above

SIDNEY CLAUGHTON

Died March 15TH 1913,

Aged 69 Years

Also MARY ANN

Beloved Wife Of

The Above

Died March 8TH 1915, Aged 64 Years

"Her End Was Peace"

Also ARTHUR Son Of The Above

And Dearly Loved Husband Of EDITH CLAUGHTON

Died Sep. 17TH 1916, Aged 30 Years

"Too Dearly Loved To Be Forgotten"

