

ARTHUR EDWARD BIDDLE

1887 – 1914

Arthur Edward Biddle was born in the last quarter of 1887 in Loxley, Warwickshire, the eldest son of Samuel & Emma (nee Howkins) Biddle. Samuel, his father, was a game keeper and by 1901 Arthur had followed his father's profession by becoming a gamekeeper's assistant.

He joined the 1st battalion of the Warwickshire Regiment before the war as he was serving in India in 1911. He became a drummer, but unfortunately he must have been one of the first casualties of the war as he died on 26th of August 1914. He was awarded the Victory medal and also the 1914 Star medal.

Arthur is Remembered with Honour in the Fontaine-Au-Pire Communal Cemetery, Nord, France as well as the Loxley War Memorial.

The 1st Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment was stationed at Shorncliffe at the outbreak of war as part of the 10th Brigade of the 4th Division. On the 22 August 1914 they were mobilised for war and landed in France. The Division engaged in various actions on the Western Front including The Battle of Le Cateau, The Battle of the Marne, The Battle of the Aisne and the battle of Messines.

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