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 ROLL OF HONOUR: Oliver Wilkinson

Arthur ARMER, 2nd Lieutenant, 11th Border Regiment (Lonsdale)

MEDAL INDEX CARD

Name.		Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
ARMER		* Bord. R.	PLC	1236
		φ — —	L/CPL	25503
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Arthur				* H/11/103 A/36
Medal	Roll.	Page.	Remarks	
Border R - X	OFF 109	125	φ H/11/103 ¹⁵ / 4117	
BRITISH	- do -	- do -	Killed 5 Sept 1917	
STAR			Comm d 29.5.17	
T.F. War. Bord. R	T.F.M. 2	15	Re-wounded 14.2.23 NW/5/935 13.7.23 NW/5/936 13.7.23 NW/5/935 CRV 552/B 24/6 922 duty NW/5/935 (A.O.V 96th 9017) O/C Recs Grenadier Regt. (ford) T.F.W.M. min 15. C.R.V. 194. 28/8/23 NW/5/935 K-1380 NW/5/935	
Theatre of War first served in	France	7.16		
Date of entry therein				

Arthur Armer's medal card is very full due to his long and convoluted military service at different ranks and in different formations. It shows him as Private No. 1236, Lance-Corporal No. 25503 (his number was actually 25803, which is unclear on the card) and finally as a 2nd Lieutenant. Moreover, it is also shown on the card that he was in a territorial force of the Border Regiment, and eligible for a Territorial Force Medal (entry under 'medal' that reads "T.F. War. Border. R. T.F.M"). Furthermore, the 'Remarks' column indicates some key dates. It notes, for example, "Killed 5 Sept 1917" telling us the date he died, and it also notes "Comm d 29.5.17" which tells us that he was released for a commission/command on this date. The other letters and numbers refer to the corresponding pages of the Medal Rolls, which would reveal more details about Armer's service, and his medal entitlements.

QES School Magazine

Throughout the war Queen Elizabeth School published a magazine annually. These magazines included details on the service of former pupils. This snippet appeared in the Christmas 1917 edition and reports the death of Arthur Armer. As can be seen it helps to build up a picture of Armer's war service and death.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Again this Xmas it is our sorrowful task to record the names of several former pupils who have paid the Supreme Sacrifice for their country. We knew them all as splendid specimens of North Country lads in the very prime of life. We are as proud of them as any School in the Country is of her sons, and their names when inscribed on our proposed Roll of Honour will go down to posterity as samples of all that is noble.

Sec. Lieutenant Arthur Armer was a member of the Territorials. He was called up on the outbreak of war and went with the 4th Border Regiment to Burmah. Having completed his time, he returned in April, 1916, and joined the 1st Borderers and served in France for about four months. Recommended for a commission he returned for training and was gazetted to the 11th Border Regiment. He was killed Sept. 5th, 1917, and buried in the Military Cemetery at Coxyde, Nieuport.

GRAVE PHOTOS



Arthur Armer
Coxyde Military Cemetery



Alice Ruth Armer
Malmesbury Cemetery, Wiltshire
*The grand headstone remembers
her as the "Widow of the Late
Lieut. A. Armer"*