

Arthur was born at St Pancras, London on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1890, the son of William George Kilworth and Clara May Flack. William died when Arthur was just 4 years old and Clara remarried a Joseph Brown. In the 1901 census, Arthur is shown as living with Clara and Joseph and in the 1911 census is shown as a gunner at Plymstock, Devon. He had joined the Royal Artillery on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1907 and served until 30<sup>th</sup> July 1911. Shortly after discharge, he boarded the PERSIC in Liverpool bound for Sydney, arriving on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1911.

In 1914 he married May Simmonds at Petersham and on 11<sup>th</sup> August the same year he joined the Machine Gun Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a Steel Constructor and gave his wife at "Sunnyside", Piggott St, Dulwich Hill, as his next of kin. He was involved in the capture of the Komet and returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1915, having completed 206 days service.

On 11<sup>th</sup> May 1916 he enlisted in the Machine Gun Section, 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, regimental number 12, and sailed from Sydney on 9<sup>th</sup> November aboard the BELTANA, arriving in Suez on 11<sup>th</sup> December. He was appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1916 and left Alexandria on 18<sup>th</sup> June on the TUNISIAN, arriving in Marseilles on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1916 he received a gunshot wound to the tibia and was evacuated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> London General Hospital, Wandsworth, returning to France on 24<sup>th</sup> October. For the actions that led to his wounding he was awarded a Military Cross, the recommendation stating -

"At PETILLON on 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> July 1916 this officer was wounded in our own trenches before the Infantry advanced, but in spite of this he took his guns into action, with the exception of three men, all of detachment were killed or wounded, but by firing one gun himself he kept both guns going and succeeded in bringing them both safely back to our own lines."

On 1<sup>st</sup> November he was promoted Lieutenant and was again hospitalised on 9<sup>th</sup> November, this time with "Unchritis". He returned to his unit on 14<sup>th</sup> December and promoted Captain on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1917. He had two accidents, one on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1916 with a knee injury and again on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1918 with a fractured tibia. On both occasions he spent time in the 3<sup>rd</sup> London General Hospital and following his release on the second occasion he left the UK on 13<sup>th</sup> December 1918 aboard the KAROOLA, arriving in Sydney on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 1919 and had his appointment terminated on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1920.

Arthur died on 10 December 1962.