

Draft Notes for Arthur James Sharp in Freshford Great War Heroic Dead.paw

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A Sharp, Gnr. Royal Field Artillery. ¹

Albert Sharp 4th June, 1917 Arras. ²

1892 Birth of **Arthur James Sharp** registered Bath. ³

1893 Arthur James Sharp b. 28 Jul 1892 bap. 2 Jul 1893 at St John the Baptist Church, Hinton Charterhouse; father Frederick, mother Jane; abode Friary; father's occupation Labourer. ⁴

1901 Census shows Fredk Sharp age 48 General Labourer b. Bradford, Wilts living at Pipehouse, Freshford, Somerset with wife Jane age 40 Laundress (own account, working at home) b. Hinton Charterhouse and children Ellen age 15 Laundress (worker), Albert age 11, **Arthur** age 8 all b. Hinton Charterhouse, Somerset and Florence age 5 b. Freshford, Somerset. ⁵

1911 Census shows **Arthur Sharp** single age 18 General Labourer and brother Albert single age 20 Farm Labourer both b. Hinton Charterhouse, Somerset boarding with Joseph Ward Hutton age 52 Haulier & Currier b. LImpley Stoke, Wilts at Pipehouse, Freshford nr. Bath, Somerset. ⁶

Frederick Sharp & Family

1891 Census shows Charles Mundy age 74 widower Pauper, Outdoor Relief b. Freshford, Somerset living at Friary, Hinton Charterhouse with Daughter Jane Sharp age 43 b. Freshford, Somerset, son-in-law **Frederick Sharp** age 44 General Labourer b. Bradford-on-Avon and grandchildren Henry Mundy age 12 General Labourer, Frederick Mundy age 7 Scholar, Ellen Sharp age 5 Scholar, Edith Sharp age 3 all b. Freshford and Thomas Sharp age 18mo b. Hinton Charterhouse. ⁷

1911 Census shows **Frederick Sharp** age 59 Farm Labourer b. Bradford, Wiltshire living at Pipehouse, Freshford (3 rooms) with wife Jane age 55 married 27 years (7 children born alive, 7 still living) b. Freshford, Somerset, daughters Edith single age 23 Laundress, and Florence age 14 Servant Domestic bith b. Hinton Charterhouse, niece Emily age 13 Servant Domestic and nephew Frederick Halcombe age 8 School both b. Freshford, Somerset. ⁸

1884 Marriage between Frederick Sharp bachelor Labourer and Jane Anne Mundy Spinster at St John the Baptist Church Hinton Charterhouse on 15 Nov 1884. ⁹

1926 Deaths of **Frederick Sharp** age 74 ¹⁰ and Jane Sharp age 67 ¹¹ registered Bath, Somerset.

First World War

Sharp, Arthur RFA Gnr Reg. No. 94226 Theatre of War first served in: France, date of entry therein 29.7.15. Victory & British Medals, Roll: RFA 231/B Page: 26272. 15 Star Roll RFA/9A&B Page; 6784. Remarks: Dead. ¹²

As a gunner in 125 Battery **Arthur Sharp** was part of XXIX Brigade RFA, from his arrival on France in Jul 1915. The battery formed part of the 4th Division which served in the British Expeditionary Force in France & Flanders from Aug 1914 to the Armistice. In 1916 the division took part in the Battles of the Somme (Jul to Nov 1916), and in 1917 the First Battle of the Scarpe (9-14 April) and the Third Battle of the Scarpe (3-4 May) which were phases of the Arras Offensive 1917. The Division then fought in the Battles of Ypres 1917 (31 Jul - 10 Nov 1917) by which time he had already died of his wounds. ¹³

1917 **Arthur Sharp** b. Freshford, Somerset; d. 4 Jun 1917, France & Flanders; Enlisted at Bath;

Gunner, Royal Horse Artillery & Royal Field Artillery; Reg. No. 94226; Died of wounds; Western European Theatre. ¹⁴

1917 **Arthur Sharp** d. 4 Jun 1917; Gunner, 125th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, son of Fred & Jane Sharp of Pipehouse, Freshford. Age 26. Buried: Athies Communal Cemetery Extension, ¹⁵ Athies, Department du Pas-de-Calais, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France, Plot L6. ^{16, 17}

¹ Plaque on Freshford Village war memorial sited on the village Tynning.

² Alan Dodge, *Freshford - History of a Somerset Village* (2000; reprint, Freshford Manor Bath Somerset: Freshford Publications, 2000)

³ England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index: 1837-1983 for Bath, Somerset for 1893 Jul-Aug-Sep Vol 5c Page 529.

⁴ FreeREG <http://www.freereg.org.uk/> © 1998-2013 The website, its layout, search engine, and database are copyright by the Trustees of FreeBMD, a charity registered in England and Wales, Number 1096940. File 6120.

⁵ 1901 England Census RG13/2335 Bath, Twerton 143 Page 8 Schedule 58.

⁶ 1911 England & Wales Census RG14/14675 Bath, Twerton 12 Schedule 58.

⁷ 1891 England Census RG12/1930 Bath, Twerton 10 Folio 54 Page 11 Schedule 50.

⁸ 1911 England & Wales Census RG14/14681 Bath, Twerton 18 Schedule 71.

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¹⁰ Ancestry.com. England & Wales, Death Index: 1916-2005 for Bath for Dec 1926 Vol 5c Page 574.

¹¹ Ancestry.com. England & Wales, Death Index: 1916-2005 for Bath for Dec 1926 Vol 5c Page 573.

¹² Ancestry.com. British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920. Original data: Army Medal Office. WWI Medal Index Cards. In the care of The Western Front Association website.

¹³ The Long, Long Trail - The British Army in the Great War of 1914-1918. The Long, Long Trail is owned, designed, built and written by Chris Baker. http://www.1914-1918.net/rfa_units_29.html.

¹⁴ Source Information: Military-Genealogy.com, comp. UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919. Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2008. Original data: British and Irish Military Databases. The Naval and Military Press Ltd.

¹⁵ Athies is a village 5 kilometres east of Arras. The Cemetery is on the north side of the road from Arras to Fampoux and the Cemetery Extension is on the north-east side of the Communal Cemetery. The Athies Communal Cemetery Extension was begun immediately after the capture of the village on 9 April 1917 and used by field ambulances and fighting units until May 1918, and again in September 1918. The extension contains 312 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War. Ref: <http://www.findagrave.com/> Find a Grave - Athies Communal Cemetery Extension.

¹⁶ Find a Grave <http://www.findagrave.com/> Memorial 56148602.

¹⁷ Commonwealth War Graves Commission Casualty Details www.cwgc.org 257032.