

MAIDEN Arthur



Private Arthur Maiden – 17664
19th Btn King's (Liverpool) Regiment
(Pals No 2 Company)

Arthur Maiden was drafted into the army in 1915. He was sent out to France and saw a considerable amount of action. Arthur was killed aged 22 on 30th July 1916 in the Troones Wood fighting on the first day of the Battle of Guillemont at the Somme. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, and also on his parents grave in Willaston churchyard.

His brother, Bertie, lied about his age in order to enlist. Bertie was awarded the Military Medal and survived the war to live in Great Sutton until 1966. Willaston Scouts recognised the award of the Military Medal to Bertie. They wrote a poem and friends presented him with a pen and cigarette case.

Arthur was the son of Enoch and Elizabeth (nee Cottrell) Maiden. His father was a railway platelayer and was killed in 1903, working on the line near Hooton Station. His mother lived at 1, Gladstone Terrace, Neston Road, Willaston. Arthur was educated at the village school. Prior to the war he was "learning gardening at Earl Manvers' seat at Thoresby Hall, Nottinghamshire".



Thoresby Hall, now a conference centre and hotel