**WILLIAM MENNELL**

Born: John William Mennell 13 January 1891 to Johnson Mennell and Beatrice Fletcher. William was baptised on 5 March at St Martin’s Church, **Potternewton** a suburb of Leeds. Their home address is given as **10 Renfield Grove, Roundhay Road, Leeds**

Siblings: None known

The 1891 census tells us he is with his parents at **10 Renfield Grove, East Leeds**. His father is described as a dairyman born in **GREWELTHORPE** his mother in **SCOTTON**. John W is 2 months old

In 1901 John William is described in the census as aged 10 living with his parents at **CARR LODGE, DACRE**. His mother is recorded as being born in **BURTON LEONARD**

The 1911 census finds him at **No 1** **ALEXANDRE STREET, NORTH TOWN ALDERSHOT** as a boarder with Mr and Mrs Styles. William is a butcher

William served as a Private in the Durham Light Infantry, enlisting on 8 September 1914 and transferred to RNVR at Crystal Palace a couple of days later; Anson Battalion. He served as an Able Seaman in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Kitchener P/940. He is recorded as having a bout of influenza and also of impetigo and myalgia

Certainly at one stage during his service he was working on HMT Aragon Mudros which was classified as his permanent base. This vessel was eventually torpedoed by a German submarine in December 1917 when 610 men killed.

Living at **FERNBECK, LOW LANE, DARLEY** as was his father, William was 5’4” tall with a brown complexion, light brown coloured hair and grey eyes. He had tattooed flowers on his left fore-arm.

He was killed or died at sea as a direct result of enemy action on Tuesday 6 November 1917 at the age of 26. He had already survived the Dardenelles campaign.

William is remembered at Poelcapelle British Cemetery, Ypres in Belgium number B126. He received 1914-1915 Star, Victory and British War Medals which were given to his mother posthumously.



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