## PRIVATE ARTHUR ROBERT SHIELDS

## 2<sup>nd</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> BATTALION ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENT

Arthur Robert Shields was the son of Donald, a blacksmith born in Woolwich, and of his wife, Margaret Ann Roberts, known as Maggie, who was born in Penmachno. Arthur had an older sister, Ellen Grace, and a twin brother, John William. The twins were born in 1899 in Llandudno. Margaret Ann died in 1902, when the twins were only three years old and Ellen Grace was five. In 1903, Donald married another Maggie, Maggie Griffiths from Llangwstenin, and went on to have three more children, two girls and a boy.

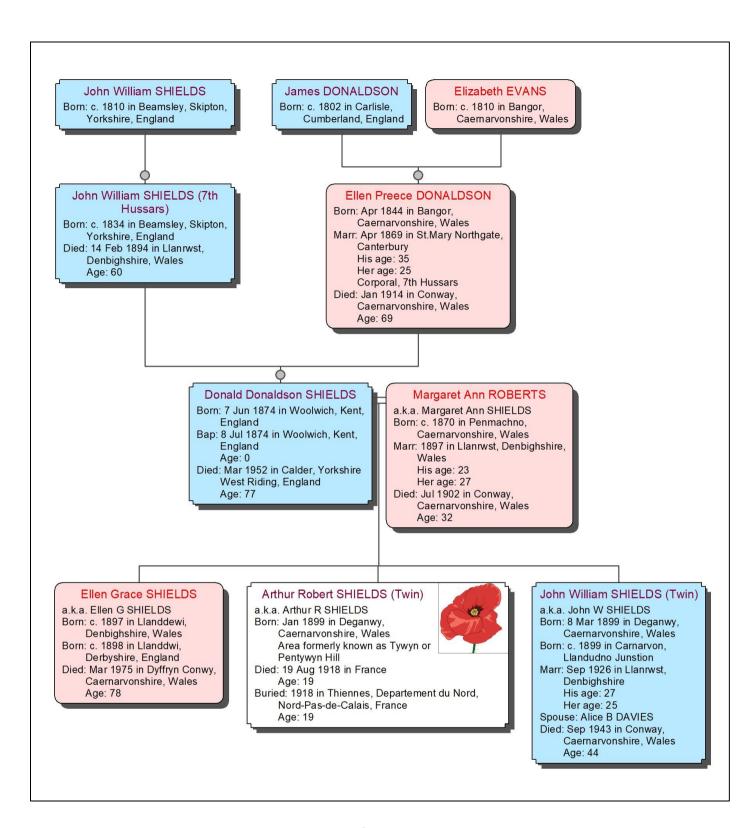
At the time of the 1911 Census, the family was living in a house called Fairview, close to the Farmer's Arms pub, on what was then called Tywyn Hill and is now part of Deganwy. Donald Shields' father had been an army groom, and had moved around the country quite a lot, but the family had strong links to north Wales for at least forty years. Eryl Prys Jones (*Conwy Wledig a'r Rhyfel Mawr*) says that the family were living in 1 Victoria Terrace when Arthur Robert was killed. Arthur's records state he lived in Llandudno and enlisted at Bangor. Presumably, the family had not lived in Trefriw very long.

Arthur died on 19 August 1918 aged 19. He is buried in Tannay Cemetery, near the village of Thiennes.

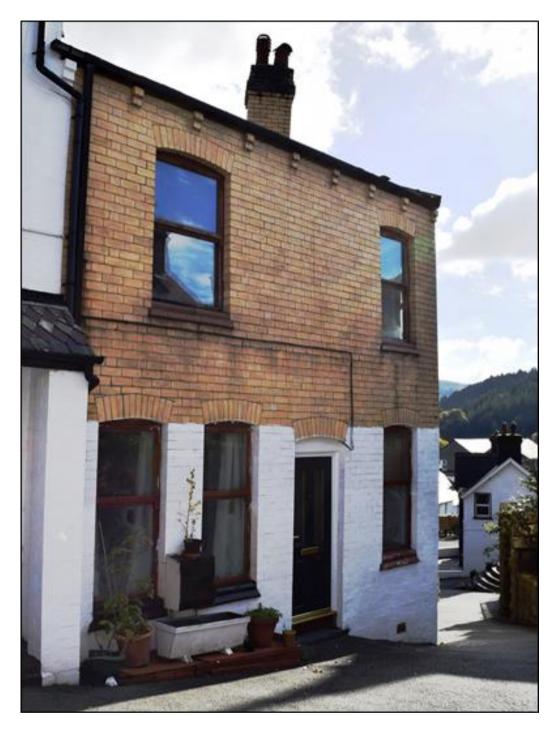
The battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, which Arthur joined, was formed in Birmingham in October 1914. It was involved in fierce fighting on the Somme around Amiens and suffered many casualties. It was withdrawn to Bethune, which was thought to be quieter, but it was here that the Germans launched their Spring Offensive in April 1918, in which Private Shields was killed. It played an important part in the final defeat of the German armies.

## Sources:

England & Wales, Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837-1915
Find A Grave Index for Burials at Sea and other Select Burial Locations
England & Wales Census 1851 to 1911
Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects, 1901-1929
Soldiers Died in 1914-18 War
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**Arthur Robert Shields' Ancestors** 



1, Victoria Terrace, the former home of Arthur Robert Shields

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The 1911 Wales Census showing Arthur living at Fair View, Deganwy with his Father, Step Mother, siblings and half-siblings.