

Arnold Richard Rathbone – Captain – 3rd South Lancashire Regiment



CAPTAIN ARNOLD RICHARD RATHBONE, (3rd RESERVE) (2nd. 2nd) BATTN. PRINCE OF WALES'S VOLUNTEERS (SOUTH LANCASHIRE REGIMENT), of Crofton Agarth, Liverpool, died on the 24th June, 1915, in hospital at Le-Treport, of wounds received in action near Ypres on the 18th of the month.

He was born on the 9th September, 1863, was the fourth son of the late Benson Rathbone, of Liverpool, and was educated at Rugby (Hudson-Strick), which he entered in 1877. He was formerly in the 4th Lancashire Artillery Volunteers, one of the first to become a field battery and on the 2nd October, 1914, was appointed Lieutenant in the Special Reserve Battalion South Lancashire Regiment, being promoted Captain in the following month.

In civil life Captain Rathbone was a cotton broker, in business at Liverpool, and was interested in several philanthropic movements. He was a member of the Bath and Automobile Clubs, and had won his Cap for Football at Rugby. He married in 1898 Eleanor, daughter of the late James Haddock, of Liverpool.



Arnold was born in Garston in 1863. He was the son of William Benson and Hannah Sophia Rathbone (Greg).

He entered Rugby School in 1877, left in 1881, and followed a business career as a Cotton Broker in Liverpool, interesting himself in many philanthropic movements, and serving in the 4th Lancashire Artillery Volunteers, one of the first Volunteer Field Batteries in the country. He joined the Special Reserve of Officers as Lieutenant in October, 1914, was promoted Captain in December, and went to the Western Front in May, 1915. He was wounded by a shell at Ypres on 18th June, and died in hospital at Treport on June 24th, 1915 aged 52. He was buried at Le Treport Military Cemetery.

A brother Officer wrote of him: "He tended the wounded, giving them drinks out of his flask or waterbottle, and I can honestly say that it was through his good work that a lot of these were seen by the doctors much quicker than they would otherwise have been, and were made much more comfortable." And another wrote: "His calmness and pluck when wounded impressed us all, and his endeavour to surrender his bed to another, and his whole bearing, won our profound admiration. He was a very gallant man."

He married Eleanor Haddock at St Michael's Church in 1898. Eleanor was the daughter of James Haddock, of St. Helens, Lancashire. Arnold left one son (Lorents) and two daughters (Eleanor and Nina).

1898. Marriage solemnized at St Michael's Church in the Parish of Haltwhistle in the County of Lancaster

Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
350	July 14 1898	Arnold Richard Rathbone	34	Bachelor	Cotton Broker	Oakwood Cottage Agarth	Benson Rathbone (deceased)	Merchant
		Eleanor Haddock	21	Spinster		Collierie Agarth Road	James Haddock (deceased)	Colliery Proprietor

Married in the Church of St Michael's according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by License or after _____ by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Arnold Richard Rathbone } in the Presence of us, { James Haddock } Arthur Pemberton Constance M. Steel

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
RATHBONE	3 rd S. Lanes. R.	* Capt.	
A. R.			

Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
* Arnold Richard. x			
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15 STARS S. Lanes	66: 153	4.	1V. 2845/O. 24.8.20 28/4/2433.
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Date of entry therein	31/5/15.	27/7/2733.	K 1380.

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Correspondence.

Mrs E Rathbone app: for 1914-16 Star B.W. D In for her husband the late Capt A.R Rathbone 130. 5. 20.

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Captain

A R RATHBONE

2nd Bn., South Lancashire Regiment who died on 24 June 1915 Age 51

Son of Benson Rathbone, of Liverpool.

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