

## 2 / Lt Clarence Arthur Lyon Pemble,

8<sup>th</sup> Bn The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regt.)

Died 1<sup>st</sup> August 1918.

When he enlisted he lived at Paddock Road, Birchington.

When he was killed, aged 28, he left behind a widow, Hannah and a two-year-old daughter Audrey.

He is commemorated by the CWGC on the Arras Memorial, France

This is because he now has no known grave.

Clarence Pemble's Officer's Record still exists. It is held in the **National Archives** and its piece number is **WO339 / 130393**.

He married Hannah Elliott in Birchington Parish Church on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1911. Hannah's father's occupation is listed as 'Engineer'. Hannah and Clarence had a daughter, Audrey Madolene (*sic*) baptised on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1916, just a week before her father joined the army.

Clarence was working as a clerk at the Westgate Gas and Water Company when war broke out. He joined the army on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1916 and was sent to France on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1917.

In his will, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1917, he gave his address as 'Council House', Borough Green, Kent. When Clarence was killed on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1918, little Audrey was just two years old. He was attached to the 2/4<sup>th</sup> Royal West Surrey Regiment at the time of his death. By the time Clarence's posthumous War Medals were awarded to him, Hannah and Audrey were living at 14 Palace Road, Bromley, Kent.

Unfortunately we do not have a photograph of him, but we do have one of his brother, Ashton Herbert Pemble, who survived the war and kept a diary from February 1917 – April 1919.

See photo of Aston with wife, Louisa and son, Herbert in about 1916

