

ARTHUR STAINTON

Arthur Henry Stainton was born in 1891 in Partney. His father Alfred was a horseman on a farm. They lived at the Mill Houses, Partney and were still there at the 1911 Census. By now Alfred was working for the County Council as a labourer on the roads.

By 1911 Arthur had found work as a garthman and labourer on Engine Farm at Stickford Fen. A garthman was a Lincolnshire term for a cattleman who had charge of stock in a Foldyard, a fold being a pen or enclosure for domestic animals, especially sheep. He lived with the Patchett family, George Patchett being the farm foreman. As a point of interest, Engine Farm is the lowest point in Lincolnshire, just below sea level (thanks to the wonders of modern drainage).

Arthur served as a gunner during the First World War in the Royal Field Artillery. His Regimental Number was 111790. The most numerous arm of the artillery, the horse-drawn RFA was responsible for the medium calibre guns and howitzers deployed close to the front line and was reasonably mobile.

He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.