

Arthur Cecil Short enlisted in the 3/16th Battalion County of London Regiment (Queens Westminster Rifles) on the 9th December 1915, when he was 26 years old. He was an unmarried London man who was a 'buyer' (also listed as clerk) for a City firm. After training, he was transferred to the 1/16th Battalion as a Rifleman and sent to France on 29th July 1916, where he had more training at Base Depot before being posted to the Somme on 2nd September.



Only sixteen days later, on 18th September, he was wounded in action at Loos Wood, receiving an explosive bullet wound below his left knee which fractured his tibia. After being treated in the hospital in Rouen, he was brought back to 1st South General Hospital, Birmingham, and then transferred to **Norton Hall** for convalescence. There are no exact dates for his time at Norton Hall. Subsequently Arthur had more hospital treatment before being demobbed in September 1919. His condition was described as generally good, but he could only walk with a stick. Arthur Short received the British War Victory Medal, given out to all those who had served in a 'theatre of war' .