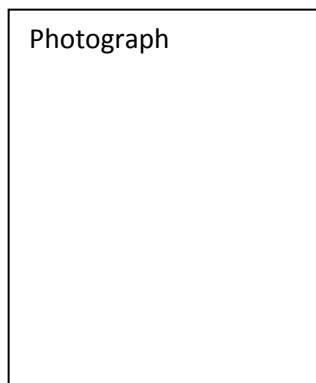


<i>Name</i>	Arthur Wadsworth FINCH
<i>Birth Place</i>	Badby, Northants
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Railway Platelayer
<i>Date of Birth</i>	17 August 1885; baptised 4 October



<i>Date Enlisted</i>	15 February 1915
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<i>Parents</i>	James FINCH and Viney FINCH (née WADSWORTH)
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<i>Married</i>	Elsie SMART on 5 August 1907 at Denton
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<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>
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<i>Additional Information</i>
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Arthur was one of five children of James FINCH, a gardener, and his wife Viney.

On 5 August 1907 in Denton he married Elsie SMART and moved to Bugbrooke by 1911. He had two daughters by the time of his enlistment at Euston in London on 4 January 1915. Arthur was a Platelayer for the London & North West Railway (LNWR) and was taken straight into the Royal Engineers (RE) to work on railways, as a Sapper (private soldier), no. 55714. He was soon off to France, embarking on 15 February for employment with 112 Railway Company, RE, in the British Expeditionary Force, where he remained until 22 November 1918, when he appears to have sustained a knee injury. He had been re-numbered by this time as WR/251030. ['WR' denoting employment on Waterways & Railways]

Arthur returned to England on 23 November 1918 and was at the military hospital at Shorncliffe before his eventual discharge to the Reserve on 20 March 1919, from a Depot in Croydon. His military record notes that he had no entries on his regimental conduct sheet, and earned a Good Conduct Badge in January 1916.

He had qualified for the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, receipt of which was acknowledged by him in May 1920 and May 1922.

Arthur died in December 1977 at Nuneaton, Warwickshire, aged 92. His wife Elsie had pre-deceased him, on 23 January 1961, aged 77.