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I am honoured to have been invited to write the foreword to this work commemorating service personnel from Huddersfield who gave their lives during the First World War.

As Patron of the University of Huddersfield, this book provides a fitting tribute at the beginning of the four years in which we commemorate the First World War. The University is now a major part of the town and I am proud that it has made the publication of this work possible.

3,439 people are listed in the book of which 1,304 are men who died fighting with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. This is particularly important as 'The Dukes' are one of the antecedent regiments of the Yorkshire Regiment for whom I am Colonel-in-Chief.

This publication represents the lifetime work of Margaret Stansfield, who sadly passed away at the end of 2012. Margaret spent thirty years compiling the 3,439 biographical entries giving a poignant insight into the background, working lives and families of those who selflessly left Huddersfield to fight for their country, never to return. In some cases they lie in marked graves in their field of conflict, in some they are remembered only on memorials in the theatre where they fell. Now these brave souls will be remembered in the pages of this book researched, published and printed in the town they loved so dearly.

I commend this book to you, not only as an important historical resource but also as a constant reminder of the ultimate price paid by so many a century ago.

HRH The Duke of York KG
ORDERS OF BATTLE

MANY OF THE UNITS FEATURED IN THIS BOOK WERE PART OF THE TWO WEST RIDING DIVISIONS, AS LISTED BELOW.

49TH (WEST RIDING) INFANTRY DIVISION

146TH (WEST RIDING) BRIGADE
1/5th Battalion, The Prince of Wales’s Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)
1/6th Battalion, The Prince of Wales’s Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)
1/7th (Leeds Rifles) Battalion, The Prince of Wales’s Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)
1/8th (Leeds Rifles) Battalion, The Prince of Wales’s Own (West Yorkshire Regiment) (until January 1918)

147TH (2ND WEST RIDING) BRIGADE
1/4th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington’s (West Riding Regiment)
1/5th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington’s (West Riding Regiment) (until January 1918)
1/6th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington’s (West Riding Regiment)
1/7th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington’s (West Riding Regiment)

148TH (3RD WEST RIDING) BRIGADE
1/4th Battalion, The King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
1/5th Battalion, The King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (until February 1918)
1/4th (Hallamshire) Battalion, The York and Lancaster Regiment
1/5th Battalion, The York and Lancaster Regiment

PIOEERNS
19th (Service) Battalion (3rd Salford), Lancashire Fusiliers (from August 1916)
62nd (2nd West Riding Division)

185th Brigade (2/1st West Riding)

1/5th Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment (joined June 1918)
1/8th Battalion, The West Yorkshire Regiment (joined January 1918)
2/5th Battalion, The West Yorkshires (joined March 1915, left August 1918)
2/6th Battalion, The West Yorkshires (joined March 1915, left January 1918)
2/7th Battalion, The West Yorkshires (joined March 1915, left June 1918)
2/8th Battalion, The West Yorkshires (joined March 1915, left February 1918)
2/20th (County of London) Battalion, The London Regiment (joined August 1918)

186th Brigade (2/2nd West Riding)

5th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington’s Regiment (joined January 1918)
2/4th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington’s (joined March 1915)
2/5th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington’s (joined March 1915, left January 1918)
2/6th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington’s (joined March 1915, disbanded January 1918)
2/7th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington’s (joined March 1915, left as a cadre June 1918)
2/4th Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment (joined June 1918)

187th Brigade (2/3rd West Riding)

5th Battalion, The King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (joined February 1918)
2/4th Battalion, The King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (joined March 1915)
2/5th Battalion, The King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (joined March 1915, absorbed February 1918)
2/4th (Hallamshire) Battalion, The York and Lancaster Regiment (joined March 1915)
2/5th Battalion, The York and Lancaster (joined March 1915, disbanded February 1918)

In January 1918, as the result of heavy casualties and in anticipation of a major German Offensive following the collapse of Russia, the British Army underwent a major reorganisation with each Infantry Brigade being reduced from four Battalions to three. Many Battalions were amalgamated, releasing soldiers to reinforce other units, and many Battalions were switched between Brigades and Divisions. The 62nd Division was particularly affected by these changes.
In March, 2013, I received a call asking if a gentleman could visit the Arms and Armour Research Institute to seek advice on the publication of a book. Mr Alan Stansfield arrived clutching a large ring binder along with a box full of newspaper cuttings and photographs. Alan recounted a lifetime’s work, ‘The Project’ as he called it, undertaken principally by his late wife, Margaret, to document all the soldiers from Huddersfield who had lost their lives during the First World War. There began the final chapter in a 30 year-long journey to honour the fallen of Huddersfield in this published Roll of Honour.

As the account unfolded it became clear that Margaret’s work encompassed many hours spent in Huddersfield Library, along with visits to war memorials, archives and a significant series of trips to the battlefields themselves. It also became clear that this was one of the occasions when, as a University, we should support the publication, creating an enduring memorial in the year of the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of what had once been described as ‘the war to end all wars’.

In carrying out this research Margaret aimed to document the fallen of Huddersfield. However, defining that presented its own issues. Did it mean those born in Huddersfield or those who lived in Huddersfield when they joined up? In practice both are included and without doubt there will be omissions and possibly even inclusions of those who, based on today’s boundaries, are not strictly in Huddersfield. However, the important factor is not whether they are included or not, dependent upon an arbitrary line on a map, but that they are remembered. So in geographical terms Margaret erred on the side of inclusion. I have endeavoured to remain completely faithful to Margaret’s original text, however ultimately this work will exist in electronic form and should any further information be discovered, it can be included at a later date.

Margaret worked hard to ensure the information in her work was as accurate as possible but it was not without its challenges. Her sources included the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC), the publication ‘Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914–1919’, regimental archives, family correspondence and records supplied after the war to local libraries to enable the erection of war memorials. One constant challenge in works such as this is the spelling of individual names. Margaret took an informed decision to use the Commonwealth War Graves Commissions database and in editing the volume I have followed her lead. The issue is best illustrated by Private Joseph Batty. On two memorials in Huddersfield he is listed as Battye. His birth certificate reads ‘Battye’ as it is on his father’s marriage certificate. His baptism certificate records his surname as ‘Batty’. His baptism certificate records his surname as ‘Batty’. On the 1901 Census he is recorded as ‘Batty’; on the 1911 Census it is ‘Battye’. Hence in this, and in several other cases, Margaret took an executive decision which I have chosen to abide by. As well as some variations in spelling there is a further anomaly which must be considered when searching for a relative among Great War casualty lists. For a variety of reasons soldiers and seamen did not always give their real names. Sometimes this was because they were fleeing some personal crisis at home or sometimes to avoid identification as being too young to join up. There are many tragic examples of soldiers who lied about their age to serve their country. In some cases they paid the ultimate price.

This publication records the fallen from the beginning of the conflict in 1914 through to 1922. These casualties were not of course restricted to those serving on the front line. Although the majority of the service personnel listed were killed as a result of enemy action, some died in accidents, such as Louie
Fethney, an Assistant Inspector of Munitions, who, in May, 1918, at the age of 20, died in an explosion at the Naval Munitions Factory, Crosland Moor.

Personnel from all the armed services are commemorated in this book. The vast majority are soldiers but those serving with the Royal Navy, Merchant Navy, Royal Flying Corps (latterly the Royal Air Force) and Royal Naval Air Service appear, along with one nurse, Ada Stanley, who died in 1915.

Most of the deaths commemorated in this book took place on the Western Front, though the campaign in the Dardanelles in 1915 and early 1916 claimed many lives, particularly the landing at Suvla Bay in August 1915. There were of course, a number of those listed who lost their lives at sea, however, as a unit, it is the Duke of Wellington's Regiment which features most prominently, mainly as a result of this part of Yorkshire being their primary recruiting ground.

The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria in Sarajevo was the spark that began the sequence of events that would eventually lead to war. War was declared on 4th August 1914 and the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) began to embark for France. The BEF was a small army comprising 80,000 men initially formed into two Corps. The 2nd Battalion the Duke of Wellington's Regiment formed part of the 13th Brigade, 5th Div, 2nd Corps, arriving in France on 16th August and crossing the Belgian frontier to deploy in St. Ghislain six days later. The Battle of Mons was the first engagement of the war with the BEF outnumbered three to one. Nevertheless they succeeded in halting the German advance long enough to prevent the French Fifth Army from being outflanked. Many of the casualties listed in 1914 are from the ‘Dukes’, such as Private James Edwin Lunn of the 2nd Battalion, who lost his life during the retreat from Mons on 23rd August.

During 1915 the number of casualties continued to rise. Part of this was due to the arrival in April of that year of the 49th (West Riding) Division, which comprised units from the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment, The West Yorkshire Regiment, the King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment. Significant numbers of these men were recruited from Huddersfield. The Division was created from members of the pre-war Territorial Force who had volunteered for overseas service. A reference which appears frequently is Hill 60. The 2nd Battalion of the ‘Dukes’ was heavily involved in these engagements at the southern edge of the Ypres Salient. The entry for Private Thomas Boyle includes a moving letter to his uncle from his Company Sergeant Major detailing his death and giving reassurance, as so many of these letters do, that he did not die in any pain. Some of the casualties listed suffered from the effects of gas and it was during this phase of the war that this dreadful weapon was first used, to devastating effect.

Of course there are many soldiers from Huddersfield represented in other units. The Machine Gun Corps, as it developed, recruited from within the ranks of the existing Infantry battalions which were called upon to provide the most suitably qualified men. This was also the case with the fledgling Royal Flying Corps. Soldiers were given the opportunity to transfer, such as 2nd Lieutenant Charles William Brook, who joined the 8th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment as a Private soldier, eventually qualified as a pilot but tragically died in a flying accident.

The Battle of the Somme in 1916 is arguably the most well known engagement of the war. The 10th Battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment suffered one of the highest instances of casualties and there are frequent references in this book to Thiepval, and the Schwaben Redoubt where the engagement was at its fiercest. Of those listed as killed in 1916, more than half were soldiers from the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Visitors to the cemeteries in this area will recognise the cap badges of both these units, in significant numbers, on the regimented rows of white headstones. The entry for 2nd Lieutenant Frank Thornton, of the 7th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment, provides a vivid account of the action which ultimately led to his death on the 1st July. Lieutenant Robert Huntriss Tolson, of the 15th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment – ‘The Leeds Pals’ – died the same day, tragically followed by his brother, Lieutenant James Martin Tolson, who died of wounds near Cambrai only a few days before the war ended. The Tolson brothers were commemorated by the establishment of the Tolson Memorial Museum In 1919. Their uncle, Legh Tolson gave Ravensknowle Hall to Huddersfield Corporation as a museum in memory of his two nephews. The museum was formally opened on 27 May, 1922.

The year 1917 witnessed the highest number of casualties, principally due to the engagements at Arras, the Third Battle of Ypres (known more commonly as Passchendaele) and Cambrai. The significant number of deaths of Huddersfield men in 1917, almost double the number of 1916, is accounted for partly by the arrival of the 62nd (2nd West Riding) Division. This Division was made up mostly of men
serving in either the Prince of Wales Own Regiment of Yorkshire (The ‘West Yorks’) or the ‘Dukes’. There were significant fatalities among these units. Two unsuccessful offensives at Bullecourt to the south east of Arras, in April and May of 1917 still remain one of the darkest memories of the war. The map on the front cover of the book is part of the trench map used during this battle. The Roll of Honour in the Huddersfield Drill Hall records many names of soldiers who died here. Among them is Private Lewis Townend of the 2/5th Battalion, Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. A member of Huddersfield Amateur Operatic Society as well as his church choir, he has no known grave but, like so many of his comrades who died at Bullecourt, is commemorated on the Memorial to the Missing in Arras.

The campaigns of 1918 began slowly and a series of German offensives in the Spring caused crippling losses to all of the locally recruited Battalions. It was, however, the last gasp of the German onslaught and the incredibly successful response of the British and Dominion Divisions, supported by the arrival of American forces, eventually ground down the exhausted German forces leading to the Armistice in November. Depleted German medical services and freezing conditions had a devastating effect on those who were held in Prisoner of War camps. Many detainees, already weakened by wounds or sickness, died before they were able to return home to their loved ones.

While the war raged on land, naval engagements claimed many lives. The most famous engagement, the Battle of Jutland, was fought over two days between 31st May and 1st June, 1916. The magnitude of fatalities in this conflict assumed horrific proportions. Ordinary Seaman Wilfred Haigh from Skelmanthorpe died on board the battle cruiser HMS Indefatigable. The ship was hit in the first few minutes and went down with only two of the crew of 2,019 surviving. Boy 1st Class Thomas Quarmby, from Crosland Hill, died on board HMS Queen Mary which sank with the loss of 1,266 men. In total five Huddersfield men died at Jutland, however a further four died on board the destroyer HMS Partridge on 12th December 1917, the full account of which is in the entry for Able Seaman Donald Haigh. It appears to have been a tragic coincidence that these four men from Huddersfield perished together in a small vessel so far from home.

In the biographical entries there are a number of references to locations of memorials and graves. It was determined early in the conflict, that those killed in action would be buried in the theatre of war rather than repatriated. In many cases therefore there is a headstone and a grave location and if known it is listed. In some cases however the casualty has no known grave. There are many reasons for this not least that on occasion burials took place in the heat of battle and soldiers were buried where they fell. While every attempt was made to mark these, subsequent shelling and the constantly moving battle lines meant that they were often lost. These soldiers are commemorated on one of the many Memorials to the Missing such as those at Thiepval, The Menin Gate at Ypres and the Memorial at Arras. Even today in both France and Belgium the bodies of soldiers are still being uncovered. Where they can be identified they are buried in marked graves, where they cannot, they too are recorded on a Memorial to the Missing. They are always re-buried with full military honours, whether identified or not, and, wherever possible, members of the soldiers’ families are invited to attend the burials. The cemeteries that are scattered across the Western Front contain many headstones commemorating soldiers who are not able to be identified, often with the simple inscription ‘Known only unto God’. Those who were lost at sea are commemorated in many coastal towns around the country though there are large Memorials to the Missing in Portsmouth, Plymouth and Chatham.

Locally there are many War Memorials in villages across Huddersfield and in churches, churchyards, schools, and clubs. After the war every attempt was made to record those who had lost their lives and lists were sent to local libraries. For a variety of reasons however, sometimes administrative and sometimes economic, they were not recorded. As a result there are soldiers listed here who are commemorated in several places. There are some, like Pioneer James Starkey of the Royal Engineers, who are only commemorated in this volume.

Perhaps one of the most poignant memorials is in the Huddersfield Drill Hall. As one walks into the Hall and gazes to the right, there are two huge edifices commemorating soldiers of both the 5th and 7th Battalions of The Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. The impact is powerful and causes visitors to stand and contemplate the immense sacrifice made by these men. Their heritage is maintained as the Drill Hall is currently home to Corunna Company of the 4th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment.
During the conflict there were a number of gallantry medals awarded to local men and during the war a decision was taken to also award campaign medals. These are illustrated in the centre pages of this book. The gallantry awards represent an acknowledgement of particularly gallant or brave conduct. The most well-known, the Victoria Cross, was not granted to any of the Huddersfield fallen, although one recipient, 40989 Pte E Sykes VC who died in 1949, is buried in Lockwood Cemetery. Nevertheless, there are over seventy other examples of gallantry awards. In cases where the serviceman was awarded the medal on more than one occasion, a bar was affixed to the medal ribbon. After the war the campaign medals were issued and these are the medals most frequently owned by family members today. There were three representing campaign service, which are illustrated with descriptions of the criteria for receiving them.

In many of the entries in this book there are included excerpts from letters. These are often deeply moving and represent an attempt by a senior officer or colleague to bring some small comfort to the family having received the stark and somewhat formal notification of the death of a loved one. It is hard to comprehend the shock to a family as this notification arrived. As the war went on there were few who had not experienced such a loss or at least were close to someone who had. There are two examples in this book of multiple members of a family being killed. Sergeant Stephen Hargill Lee DCM and Bar 2/5th Duke of Wellington’s Regiment who enlisted on the day war broke out in 1914 and was killed on the 7th November 1918, just four days before the Armistice. He was awarded the DCM for ‘conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty’. His brother Private Henry Lee of the Army Cyclists Corps died of wounds on the 20th October 1917, his older brother Private John Lee of the 1st Royal Montreal Regiment had emigrated to Canada and enlisted in 1914. He was killed by a German sniper while recovering a wounded German soldier on the 29th May 1915. The trauma for their parents Henry and Ada can barely be imagined.

The letters themselves are a brave attempt to soften the blow. They also provide an insight into the day to day horrors of the engagements with the enemy and the effect on colleagues. This letter from Major W U Rothery to the parents of Private John William Wagstaff, 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment, depicts a slightly formal but nonetheless compassionate response:

‘I am extremely sorry to inform you that your son was killed yesterday. He was in charge of the bombers and after a successful sniping shot he received a bullet through the head. I saw him immediately afterwards and death was instantaneous. He was buried in our cemetery last night by the Brigade Chaplain and his grave will be marked with a cross. His death is a blow to me as he was one of the very few old members of the Milnsbridge Company and I knew him intimately. He was a good soldier and will be a great loss to the Company. I am afraid I can say nothing which will comfort you but it will be some satisfaction to you to know that he gave his life whilst actually fighting for his country.’

Sadly, this is not the only letter in this book from Major Rothery to the family of one of his men. There are recurring themes in the letters reflecting the love for the soldier’s family and often a reassurance that in death the comrade had felt no pain. This moving letter from Lance Corporal Foulkes to the wife of Private George William Smith, 1/5th Duke of Wellington’s Regiment ably demonstrates the thought and effort that went into writing to loved ones:

‘He was killed almost instantly. I remained with him in the last moments and succoured him as a comrade should. You may take great consolation in the fact that his last thoughts and words were of his dear wife and little ones until God called to him. As his Section Commander I deeply regret the loss of your husband as he was a steady, reliable man whom everyone could get along with and I can assure you that the men both of the section and platoon will keenly feel the loss of such a good comrade. You may take consolation also in the fact that he died a soldier’s death, facing the foe and bore himself splendidly throughout the great crisis.’

Some of the letters also reflect the sorrow felt by those writing. This is particularly evident in a letter from a comrade of Corporal Samuel Earnshaw of ‘C’ Battery (Holme Valley) 168 Brigade Royal Field Artillery. It seems Corporal Earnshaw had taken it upon himself to try to repair a telephone wire and when he did not return his comrades went to search for him. The poignancy of the account is striking and warrants its recounting in full:
'I hardly know how to start this letter, but I feel that I must write and express to you the regrets and sympathy not only of myself but of the whole Battery in your sad bereavement. I know quite well how you will miss Sammy for I know how we miss him out here. In fact it is very difficult to realise that we shall not see him again. I thought I should like to write to you tonight not only to express my sympathy but also to tell you as much as possible how Sammy met his death. Unfortunately no one can tell you how or where he was killed as he was alone at the time but as I was one of the search party who found him perhaps I can tell you as much as anyone can. The last time I saw Sammy was on the afternoon of the 11th November when he was leaving the Battery for Signal Headquarters. As usual he stopped and had a few cheery words with me and then went on his way. From what I can gather he left the Signal Headquarters some hours later and returned to the Battery where however he never reached. We found him about a mile away from the Battery. Evidently he had decided to overhaul one of the telephone wires on his way back to the Battery for we found him laid beside the wire which was some distance from his usual way back. You will be glad to know as we were that he must have died instantaneously as he was wounded through the head and heart. Poor lad – he died as he would have wished to have died, doing his duty and working to the last. He will be missed by all of us for I can safely say that there isn’t a man in the Battery whom he had not helped sometime or other even if only been by his cheery smile.'

The archives of the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment provide an enduring insight into the final thoughts of one Huddersfield soldier and the effect of his death.1

The following letters concern the death of Private Charles Langrick, 1/5th Battalion (Huddersfield Territorials). Charles was the second son of Mr L Langrick, Headmaster of the Armitage Bridge National School. The last letter written by Private Langrick to his father on August 20th, two days before he met his death, seems to contain a strange presentiment of what would happen to him a few hours later. The letter reads as follows,

‘Dear Dad, Very many happy returns of your birthday, as you say, and to my great surprise as I had always looked upon you as one young and energetic. It is now 23 years since you took up your duties at Armitage Bridge. May you be spared another 23 years to do your duty there and may the evening of your career be abundantly blessed with all the things of life that are best, will always be my prayer.

I am not at all surprised at the Company’s action and think they have behaved splendidly towards their staff. Their expenses are sure to have been very heavy.

We are safe again in the trenches and supports, but keep looking forward to a rest. Vernon (Mr Langrick’s eldest son) and myself are quite well and all the boys from home are likewise. Poor Samson Taylor’s loss was a great shock to us as it was so unexpected and sudden. Always my dear Dad, my thoughts are with you and often in the still hours of the night I can imagine myself at home leading the old life. And then the magnitude of the cross which has been laid upon us all comes home to us with every thought and I hope we shall be able to bear it and not in vain. Well, Dad, I must close now as the shadows are falling and it is almost impossible to write but, as I finish, the song comes into my mind, ‘Dusk and the shadows are falling.’

Yours loving son, Charles.

The London, Liverpool and Globe Insurance Company, by whom he was employed, had paid him full wages since the commencement of the war and at the close of the first twelve months intimated that they would now pay half wages. The following is a copy of Private Langrick’s last letter written on August 21st to Mrs A M Wheatley, wife of Captain Wheatley,

‘Dear Madam, On behalf of, and as a Private of, No 15 Platoon, I beg to tender to you their heartiest thanks for the present of sweetcakes which arrived today. We have been out of the trench just now for a couple of days and are resting in a place about a mile from the firing line,

1 Originating from the Huddersfield Examiner 1st September 1915
so we were able to eat the cake in comfort surrounded by four walls for the first time for a few months. We often have exciting times but, except for accidents which nobody can help, great care is exercised and we hope that the majority, if not all of us, will be spared to come home. Our life here consists of trench work and spells of rest and, whilst resting, we often amuse ourselves by impromptu concerts and every item, whether serious or comic, is treated to salvoes of applause. In fact, we may be said to be like a huge family with our Captain as our head. When we survey our surroundings we feel thankful that old England has been spared such scenes and are determined that it shall ever be thus. When feeling a little doleful presents such as we have received today cheer us up and so, you may guess, Madam, how much your gift is appreciated. We all hope that Captain Wheatley has had a pleasant leave and that it will not be long before he is able to return finally. With renewed thanks, I am, dear Madam, respectfully yours, C Lindley Langrick.

Charles was wounded in the neck by a sniper and died on the 23rd August 1915. Second Lieutenant N Rippon, 15th Platoon, D Company, 1/5th Battalion DWR, wrote to his parents:

‘Dear Mr and Mrs Langrick, Please allow me to offer my deepest sympathy with you in the death of your son who was wounded in the neck on Sunday, August 22nd, and died in the Clarence Hospital at 7.15 pm on August 23rd. Immediately your son had been attended to I rang up his brother, Sergeant Vernon Langrick, and everything possible was done for him, but the wound proved fatal. He was a thoroughly good soldier and a splendid fellow to get on with. I am greatly indebted to him for the tremendous lot of work he did for me. He could speak French fluently and always wrote all the letters on behalf of the Platoon. I can assure you his loss is felt by all the Officers, NCOs and men of D Company. I sincerely hope you will be able to take some little consolation from the fact that he died a brave man’s death fighting for his King and Country and also he will have a nice little grave in a hospital cemetery instead of just behind the trenches. Again, expressing our united sympathy with you in your great loss.’

Second Lieutenant Rippon himself did not survive the war. A member of the famous family of motor engineers and coachbuilders he was killed in action on 18th November, 1915. Finally, in a further letter of sympathy, Platoon Sergeant G H Senior writes,

‘He was the life and soul of his platoon and we miss his cheery smile and joke very keenly for he was a marvel of high spirits. Even when lying wounded he had to have his joke. You can understand the blank it leaves in our platoon, we don’t feel like the same platoon and you have our deepest sympathy in your heavy loss. Hoping this will in some way help you to bear it.’

In the absence of any other comfort these letters may have brought some closure to the grieving families. In some cases however there were no letters and indeed no memorial until much later. This sorrowful state of affairs simply serves to underscore the value of Margaret’s work in compiling these entries. The reader will be able to pursue many of the names in this book and find further details in local churches, war memorials and in archives. For some it will be the beginning of a search that will shed light onto an otherwise dimly lit page of family history. There will be those who, as a result of the information here, follow in the footsteps of Margaret and her husband, Alan, as they walk quietly through rows of headstones, seeking a particular name or Regiment close to a French, Belgian or Turkish battlefield.

There will, however, be those commemorated here for whom this book will be the only memorial of an enduring sacrifice that took them far away from their families and friends, who lived in the warm and friendly town of Huddersfield, to the horrors of a battleground in a distant foreign land. The dedicated pilgrimage undertaken by Margaret has brought the stories of these local servicemen and one woman, together to ensure that we will always remember those from this town who paid the ultimate price.

Reverend Paul Wilcock BEM
ABBY, ALBERT. Private. No 53069. 1/4th Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield 1886. Son of John M. and Hannah Abby, 22 Ash Grove Road, Huddersfield (1901 Census). Married Miranda Harrison in 1908. Lived 27 Slades Road Golcar, father of 3 children. Employed at Messrs John Crowther and Sons, woollen spinners, Milnsbridge. Enlisted July 1918. Embarked for France after the signing of the Armistice and had only been there for three days when he was killed whilst clearing the battlefield, 10.12.1918, aged 32 years. Buried DOUAI BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row C, Grave 34. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.


ADAMSON, JOE WILLIE. Private. No 40202. 10th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Formerly No 32249 Durham Light Infantry. Born Underhill, Holmfirth. Son of Mr E. J Adamson, Church Terrace, Berry Brow. Employed by Messrs Brook and Woodhouse, woollen and worsted manufacturers, Queen’s Mill, Huddersfield. Enlisted February 1916. Had been in France for seven weeks when he was killed by a sniper on 10.11.16, aged 20. Buried in RAILWAY DUGOUTS (TRANSPORT FARM) BURIAL GROUND. Grave location:- Plot 6, Row O, Grave 27. ROH:- Armitage Bridge War Memorial.


ADDY, WILLIE ISHMAEL. Private. No 30/346. 12/13th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers.


AINLEY, FRED. Private. No 38361. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 9.8.1894. Son of John and Ellen Ainley, 20 Rose Street, St Andrew’s Road, Huddersfield. Educated at St Andrew’s and Rashcliffe Church of England Schools. Employed as a cloth finisher for Messrs John Lee Walker and Sons, of Deighton. Was a member of the Ramsden Street Men’s Own Class. Enlisted January 1916. Killed in action at the Battle of the Somme on 12.10.16, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private WILLIE AINLEY, killed in action, 9.4.1917, q.v.). ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.

AINLEY, HEFFORD WILLIAM ERNEST. Lieutenant. 168th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born 26.6.1883 at Kirkheaton. Son of John Shaw and Emma Louisa Ainley of Martin Bank, Somerset Road, Huddersfield. Attended Giggleswick School. Worked as a woollen manufacturer, first at the mill established by his grandfather, Mr Hefford Ainley, and then with Messrs John Taylor Limited, Colne Road. He married the daughter of Mr Joseph Hopkinson and lived at ‘Overstrand’, Sunnybank Road, Edgerton, and had one child. Enlisted 25.7.1916. (Died on the night of Sunday 4.2.17 from pneumonia supervening on burns. Lieutenant Ainley had gone behind the wagon lines for rest and was sleeping with a few fellow officers in a bivouac of timber, corrugated iron and canvas. During the night this building in some way caught fire. The other officer was overcome and...
rendered insensible whilst Lieutenant Ainley who dragged his friend to a place of safety was badly burned about the hands and feet and also about the head. He was removed as quickly as possible to a Casualty Clearing Station and every attention was paid to him. He appeared to be progressing very favourably with the burns but pneumonia set in and he passed away very quietly on Sunday as stated – ‘Huddersfield Weekly Examiner’ 9.2.1917).

Buried PUCHEVILLERS BRITISH CEMETERY.
Grave location:- Plot 3, Row C, Grave 4. ROH:- St. Stephen's Church, Lindley; Memorial in St. John's Old Churchyard, Kirkheaton.


AINLEY, JOCK. Private. No 235329. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Son of the late Mr Sam Ainley and Mrs Joe Bower (formerly Ainley), 20 Bankfield Terrace, Outcote Bank, Huddersfield. Worked as a cloth manufacturer at Bay Hall Mills. Enlisted 4.9.1914. Killed in action, 17.11.1915, aged 21 years. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; Gledholt Wesleyan Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

AINLEY, JOHN HIRST. 2nd Lieutenant. The Rifle Brigade. Born 19.2.1899. Son of Mr and Mrs Hirst Ainley, Woodlands, Lindley Moor. Educated at Huddersfield College School and Oundle Public School, which he left in July, 1916. He was killed on 21.6.1918 at Hinges near Bethune, while waiting beside a wounded man until the stretcher-bearers arrived, aged 19. Buried at LE VERTANNOY BRITISH CEMETERY, BETHUNE. Grave location:- C, 22. ROH:- Bethel United Methodist Church, Outlane; Huddersfield College School; Memorial plaque in Stainland Church.


AINLEY, WILLIAM. Private. No 241832. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Only son of Mr and Mrs Clarence Ainley, 36 Third Avenue, Myrtle Road, Golcar. Worked as a weaver for Messrs Titus Calverley and Sons, Milnsbridge. Attended St John's Parish Church, Golcar and was a member of the Golcar Central Liberal Club. Enlisted 22.3.16 and embarked for France on January 10th, 1917. Killed by a shell at the Battle of Cambrai 27.11.1917. Has no
known grave. Commemorated on the CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St John’s Church, Golcar; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


ALLEN, ALURED THOMAS STEWART. Private. No 17265. 11th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Born Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, 1.7.1895. Lived Pretoria Street, Slaithwaite. Reported missing, presumed killed, on the first day of the Battle of the Somme 1.7.1916. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.


AMBRose, WILLIAM. Lance Corporal. No 6224. 2nd Battalion Oxford and Bucks. Light Infantry. Born Caversham, Berkshire. Lived Pond Cottages, Moldgreen. Married, with one child. Employed by the Huddersfield Corporation Tramways Department in the track repair section. Enlisted at the beginning of the war. Was reported missing for over one year before his wife received official notice that he had been killed in action at the Battle of Loos, 25.9.1915. (One of four brothers, three of whom were killed and the other was a Prisoner of War in Germany). Commemorated on the LOOS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Christ Church, Moldgreen.


ANNIS, ALBERT WILLIAM FREDERICK (BERT). Able Seaman. No SS/7020. Royal Navy – serving on board HMS Vehement. Born 21st July, 1897. Son of Mr and Mrs Albert Annis of Finchley, London. From the age of 13 years lived with Mrs John Sykes, 5 Victoria Terrace, Golcar. Before joining the Navy, in 1916, was employed as a piecer at Messrs John Lockwood and Sons Limited, Milnsbridge. Attended St. John’s Church and Sunday School, Golcar and was a member of the Golcar Conservative Club. Drowned at sea, the destroyer he was serving on being sunk by an enemy mine, on 2.8.1918, aged 21 years. Commemorated on the PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.


ARCHARD, FREDERICK JOHN. Private. No 2798. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs J. G. Archard, Springdale Hall, Longroyd Bridge. Employed by Messrs Netherwood and Dalton, printers, Huddersfield. Served in the Territorials before the war. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Hit in the head by a German sniper’s bullet while repairing a damaged parapet, 22.8.1915, aged 23 years. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

ARMFIELD, RALPH. Private. No 34258. Leicestershire Regiment; transferred to No 41593 Lincolnshire Regiment. Awarded the Victory and British War Medal. ROH:- Denby Dale and Cumberworth War Memorial.


ARMITAGE, ALBERT. Private. No 18048. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs Walter Armitage, Bank Bottom, Shelley. Worked for Messrs Firth Brothers, Bank Bottom Mill. Was a member of the Shelley Brass Band. Enlisted in January, 1915. Embarked for France in 1916 and was wounded in the same year. Died of wounds at No 19 Casualty Clearing Station, Etrun, near Arras, 28.3.1918, aged 24 years. Buried in DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 5, Row F, Grave 47. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Shelley.


ARMITAGE, ARTHUR WILLIAM. Rifleman. No C/7762. 18th Battalion Kings Royal Rifle Corps. Born Lepton 25.4.1883. Attended


ARMITAGE, HARRY. Private. No 203561. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Crosland Moor 22.2.1892. Son of John and Elizabeth Armitage, 87 College Street, Crosland Moor. Attended Crosland Moor Council School. Worked as a gardener at the Crosland Moor Institution. Was a playing member of the Crosland Moor Public Handbell Ringers. Attended St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor. Enlisted February, 1916. Died of multiple wounds and loss of blood through having a leg amputated at 34th Casualty Clearing Station, 2.11.18. Buried in GREVILLERS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 17, Row D, Grave 16. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor;
United Methodist Church, Crosland Moor; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


**ARMITAGE, JOHN FITTON.** Private. No 202151. 1/4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Kirkburton. Son of the late Darius and Sarah Ann Armitage. Killed in action, 22.3.1918, aged 37 years. Commemorated on the POZIERES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton; commemorated on his parents’ headstone in Kirkburton Churchyard.

**ARMITAGE, THOMAS EDWARD.** Private. No 301964. 2nd Battalion Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment). Born Linthwaite. Son of Mr and Mrs Tom Armitage, Pleasant View, Manchester Road, Linthwaite. Worked in the Jovil branch of the Linthwaite Co-operative Society Limited. Attended the Slaithwaite Wesleyan Chapel and Sunday School. Enlisted October 1916. Embarked for France May 1917. Wounded 4.9.1917. Admitted into hospital in Exeter, October 1917, suffering from a gunshot wound on the right side of the chest and the right arm. Pleurisy subsequently set in and in December he underwent an operation on the arm. He improved and was able to go out but collapsed and died, 27.2.1918. As the cause of death was obscure a post-mortem examination was held and this revealed a clot of blood in the pulmonary artery. The cause of death was Pulmonary Embolism due, not to the wounds, but to the length of illness. Buried in LINTHWAITE WESLEYAN METHODIST BURIAL GROUND. Grave location:- near East boundary. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.

**ARMITAGE, VINCENT.** Private. No 42240. 6th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. (Formerly No 46761 South Staffordshire Regiment). Son of Ben and Louisa Armitage, Bank Bottom. Shelley. Worked at Messrs Wallaces Limited, St. John’s Road, Huddersfield. Killed in action, 28.5.1918, aged 19 years. Commemorated on the SOISSONS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.


ARMITAGE, WILLIE. Rifleman. No C/7912. 18th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Upperthong. Son of Mr George Armitage. Lived Victoria, Holmfirth. Educated at St. John’s School. Married, with one son. Worked as a tailor, firstly for Mr Herbert Battye and then for Mr Alex Peace of Holmfirth. Member of the St. John’s Institute billiard team. Enlisted November 1915. Embarked for France May 1916. Killed in action, 10.10.1916, aged 31 years. Buried in WARLENCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY.

ARMITAGE, WILLIE. Acting Bombardier. No 120363. 58th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born 10.1.1894. Son of Mr and Mrs Herbert Armitage, Grange Terrace, Marsden. Employed at the Globe Worsted Company, Slaithwaite. Deputy organist at the Marsden Wesleyan Chapel and accompanist in the Sunday School. Was a member of the Marsden Adult School Institute. Enlisted 1.11.1915. Embarked for France 4.11.16. Suffered severe shell wounds to the abdomen on 10.1.17 (his birthday) and was taken to No 4 Casualty Clearing Station. Two letters were sent to his parents at Marsden from the Sister in charge advising them of his critical condition and he died on 12.1.1917, aged 23. Buried in VARENNES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 27. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.


ARNOLD, JOHN DENIS. Private. No 32838. 1/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 14.1.1899 at Middleton Villa, Swinton near Rotherham. Son of Mrs Harrilena Arnold, 11 Marsden Road, Huddersfield. Educated at Swinton National School. Was employed in the wool blending department at Messrs George Mallinson and Sons Limited of Linthwaite. Secretary of the Men’s Class in connection with Buxton Road Wesleyan Church. Enlisted 17.9.1917. Died of wounds to spine, 15.4.18, at No 64 Casualty Clearing Station. Buried in MENDINGHAM MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 9, Row E, Grave 37. ROH:- St.Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.


ASHURST, SHORROCK. Private. No 205120. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Barrow-in-Furness. Lived with his wife and child at Bellmount House, Luck Lane, Marsh. Was in business as a draper at New Street and...
formerly in King Street. Killed by a shell, 9.10.17, aged 36. Commemorated on the
TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

ASHTON, JOHN BROWNHILL. Driver. Royal Field Artillery. Lived Thongsbridge. Before enlistment worked as a farmhand, firstly for Mr Herbert Wood of Kilnhouse Bank and then for Mr Joseph Wood of Hagg Farm. He was then employed by Mr Herbert Mellor of Mytholm Bridge. Enlisted in December 1914. He served in France and Belgium for over three years until May 9th, 1918, when he was discharged. After discharge he worked for the Glasgow Corporation for three weeks when an attack of pneumonia proved fatal and he died in the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, aged 28 years (at the end of May 1918). ROH:- Hade Edge War Memorial.

ASHWORTH, EDWIN. Guardsman. No 28758. 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards. Born, 7.2.1890, at 14 Hawk Street, Huddersfield. Son of James Armitage. Attended Huddersfield Parish Church School and Paddock Council Schools. Worked as a Confidential Clerk. Enlisted 1.1.1917. Reported killed in action at the Battle of Cambrai, 27.11.1917. Commemorated on the CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Mark's Parish Church, Longwood and also commemorated on his parents’ headstone in Edgerton Cemetery.


ASPINALL, HARRY. Rifleman. No R/19769. 2nd Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Wooldale. Son of William and Ellen Aspinall, 74 Sunny Brow, Wooldale. Attended Lane Congregational Sunday School. Worked for Mr Fred Lawton, Bridge Mills. Enlisted 28.2.1916. Reported missing on 9.9.1916 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. He was 23 years of age. His parents received the following information from a comrade of their son who wrote, ‘On September 9th Rifleman Aspinall was in a bombing raid with me in front of Le Sars. We were occupying one portion of a trench and the Germans held the other end. About 25 of us went over the barricade and took about seventy yards from the Germans and after we had finished Rifleman Aspinall was missing. He was not in the part of the trench we captured so he must have gone further up and I fear he was killed.’ Buried in CATERPILLAR VALLEY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row F, Grave 8. (Brother of Private FREDDIE ASPINALL, killed in action, 4.8.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Wooldale War Memorial.


ASTON, HENRY NORMAN. Captain. 3rd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born 31.5.1891 at 69 Blacker Road, Huddersfield. Son of the late Alderman Aston JP and Mrs Mary E. Aston of Stonegarth, 174 Halifax Old Road, Huddersfield. Educated at Almondbury Grammar School. Carried on the business of his late father as an oil merchant in Market Street in partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr Wild. Enlisted 20.3.1915; Gazetted 2nd Lieutenant. Wounded in the thigh at the Battle of Loos, 29.9.1915. Suffered severe shell shock at the Battle of Messines, 7.6.1917. After convalescence served in London, being attached to the RAF. Died from influenza and pneumonia at the 2nd London Hospital, Chelsea, 6.11.1918, aged
27 years. Buried with full military honours at EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 19, ‘C’, 28. ROH:- Almondbury Grammar School; St. Andrew's Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

ATKINSON, ALBERT. Private. No 3679. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Holmbridge. Son of Herbert and Emily Atkinson, ‘Roseleigh,’ Hinchliffe Mill. Worked for Messrs H and S. Butterworth, Lower Mill. Embarked for France April, 1915. Killed in action, 14.11.1915, aged 19 years. Buried in TALANA FARM CEMETERY, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row F, Grave 4. His parents received a letter from Sergeant VERNON MILLS LANGRICK who wrote, 'It is my unpleasant and painful duty to have to inform you of the death of your son. He was killed by a Maxim gun whilst on a working party. The heartfelt sympathy of myself and the platoon are with you in your sudden loss. He was a quiet, inoffensive lad and had made himself quite popular amongst his comrades. It is a pity his life was cut short so young but on the other hand he died a hero's death for the sake of his King and Country and you can always face the world and say that your son had not shirked his duty in his country's hour of need. We are burying him tonight in a little graveyard behind the firing line. Hoping that in time the bitter pang of sorrow will gradually wear away.' ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


ATKINSON, FRED. Private. No 301805. 1/8th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Born 4 Fieldhouse Road, off Cassel Street, Huddersfield, 8.1.1892. Son of Mrs M. Atkinson, 46 Thistle Street, Leeds Road. Attended St. Andrew's School. Worked as a tuner for Messrs T. and H. Blamires. Enlisted 1.6.1916. Embarked for France 4.10.1916. Mother received a letter from a Corporal of his platoon informing her that her son was wounded in a charge and died in his arms whilst he was being taken back to the trench on 5.11.1916. Age 24 years. Commemorated on the THIJPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St Andrew's Church, Leeds Road.


ATKINSON, GEORGE WILLIAM. Able Seaman. No Tyneside Z/9371. Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. HMS Egmont, RN Depot (Port Said). Eldest son of Mrs John Atkinson, 94 West End Road, Golcar. Worked as a weaver at Messrs Ben Hall and Sons, Milnsbridge. Connected with Golcar Baptist Chapel and a member of the Young Men's Bible Class. Enlisted in the Navy in March, 1916. Accidentally drowned at sea, 8.8.1918, aged 26 years. Buried...
in PORT SAID WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY, EGYPT. Grave location:- Plot L, Grave 7. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Golcar Baptist Chapel.


ATKINSON, JOHN WHITEHEAD. Sergeant. No 20264. 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Regiment. Born Upperthong. Son of Thomas and Lily Atkinson, Greenhill Bank, New Mill. Educated at New Mill National School. Attended the Sunday School and was a chorister in the New Mill Parish Church choir. Worked as a butcher, firstly for Mr Fred Brook of Holmfirth and then for Mr James Taylor of Crosland Moor. Enlisted 1.2.1915. Embarked for France October, 1915. Was killed by shellfire, 26.5.1918, at 5.50pm, aged 23 years. Buried in ST. PATRICK’S CEMETERY, LOOS. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row A, Grave 13. (Brother to Gunner RANDAL ATKINSON, killed in action 25.4.1917 q.v.). ROH:- New Mill Working Men’s Club; Fulstone War Memorial; also commemorated on memorial in St. David’s Church, Holmbridge.


BACKHOUSE, CHARLES. Private. No 2547. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Thurstonland. Son of James and Sarah Backhouse of Brockholes. (later of Leeds). Attended Brockholes Wesleyan Church and was secretary of the Wesley Guild. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Was badly wounded by shrapnel on the morning of 1.7.1915. Was on his way to his dugout to prepare a meal when a shell burst near him and he was struck on the head. Was taken to a dressing station where he died a
week later, on 11.7.15. Age 26 years. Buried in
FERME-OLIVER CEMETERY, ELVERDINGHE, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row J, Grave 8. ROH:- Thurstonland War Memorial; Brockholes War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall. A letter was received by Private Backhouse’s sister from Captain Eastwood (Captain, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellingtons’ Regiment, ‘It is with very great regret that I have to break the news to you that your brother Charles has died from his wounds received the other day. I wish to offer you my deepest sympathy in your great loss. I may say I feel it as keenly as anyone possibly can seeing that he has been my orderly for nine months and in close contact with me all the time. I am the one who knew his worth more than anyone else. He was the most faithful, clean, good natured boy in the whole battalion. He never ceased to look after me and I trusted him with all my private affairs and money so you can tell how I appreciated him. All the Company feel his loss very much indeed and they all have a good word for him. He was wounded just outside my dugout whilst doing his duty. He was a brave lad and shells did not frighten him and it was a most unfortunate thing that he was wounded by a shell. I am so far away from the hospital that I shall not be able to attend his funeral. I should have liked to have done so for my own feelings and also yours. Let this be an example to the Holmfirth young men and those who have not joined yet. I trust that the death of a noble young man like your brother are the means of the slacker coming forward to avenge his death. He was a lad to be proud of and I cannot praise him too highly. May God comfort you in your trouble is all that I his Officer whom he served so well can say.’


BAGLEY, JAMES. Private. No 107377. 2/5th Battalion Sherwood Foresters. Born Morley, Leeds. Son of John Bagley (stationmaster at Marsden Station) and Jane Bagley, East Lea, Marsden. Reported missing, presumed killed in action, 14.4.1918, aged 19 years. Commemorated on the PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.


BAILEY, F. Private. No 21915. 6th Battalion Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Born Crimble, Slaithwaite. 4.12.1893. Son of Mrs G.H. Bailey,
81 Longwood Gate, Longwood. Educated at Slaithwaite National School. Employed as a spinner by Messrs Taylor, Livesey and Company Limited, Paddock. Attended Paddock United Methodist Church and Sunday School. Enlisted 21.10.1915. Left for France on 2.2.1916. Killed in action, 17.4.1916, aged 23 years. Buried in TANCREZ FARM CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 6. ROH:- Parkwood Methodist Church and St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood. His mother received the following letter from Sergeant A. B. Fleming of the same Regiment who said that Private Bailey was in a working party under the charge of Sergeant Fleming when he was shot by a sniper. ‘He fell into my arms and I did all I possibly could for him but it was of no avail. He only lived two minutes. He did not suffer much and died in my arms. I know it is hard indeed for you to bear such a great loss but keep up your heart and rest contented for he died a hero’s death doing his duty. He was liked by all who knew him and you have the sympathy of all the N.C.O’s and men.’


BAILEY, LAWRENCE. Private. No 32137. 9th Battalion Border Regiment. Lived St. Helens Gate, Almondbury. Enlisted 1916. Saw active service in Salonica, Greece. Invalided home September, 1918, after several attacks of malaria.

BAILEY, THOMAS DISMORE. Private. No 3189. ‘B’ Coy, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Field Street, Marsh, 29.12.1895. Son of Samuel and Selina Bailey of 5, Holme Place, Grasscroft Road, Marsh. (Samuel Bailey was employed as coachman by Mr J H Sykes, ‘Bryancliffe,’ Edgerton, Huddersfield). Educated at Holy Trinity Church School, Huddersfield. He was a member of the choir at Holy Trinity Church. Worked as a tailor’s cutter for Messrs Bairstow, Sons and Company. Enlisted 6th October, 1914. Embarked for France April, 1915. Was a stretcher-bearer in the Ambulance Section. Was shot by a sniper whilst going out to rescue a wounded comrade, 14.6.1915, aged 19 years. Buried RUE-DAVID MILITARY CEMETERY, FLEURBAIX. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 13. ROH:- Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield; Huddersfield Drill Hall. His parents received the following letter from their son’s Commanding Officer, Captain J. E Eastwood, who wrote, ‘We had just one man badly wounded, and your son, as a stretcher-bearer, was attending to him, when I heard that we had another man wounded higher up in the trenches, so your son set off to attend to him, and while doing so was shot dead on the spot.’ Lieutenant A L McCally of the R.A.M.C wrote:- ‘As you know, I have not been very long in charge of the Ambulance Section, but I have heard nothing but praise of your son from Sergeant Flood and his late comrades. He was always willing to do his share of whatever was in hand, and the fact of his at once going out to a dangerous place to help a wounded man shows that he had the very highest conception of what his duty was.’

BAILEY, WALTER. Private. No 241879. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar. Son of Mary Bailey, 16 Brook Terrace, Slaithwaite and the late John William Bailey. Employed as a weaver at Crimble Mills, Slaithwaite. Was a well known cricket and football player. Enlisted 25.5.1916. Embarked for France January, 1917. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, aged 37 years. His body was found lying out on the battlefield sixteen weeks later, on the 24.8.1917. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


BAILEY, WILLIAM. Private. No 32586. 21st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Husband of Nellie Bailey, 11 Norman Road, Birkby. Died at home, 29.11.1919, aged 27 years. Buried in EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 11, 141G.

BAINES, GEORGE. Lance Corporal. No 15442. 9th (Service) Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born School Street, Old Town, Barnsley. 10.8.1886. Married to Clara Baines and lived at 36 Leymoor Bottom, Longwood. Worked as a blacksmith’s striker. Enlisted 10.10.1914. Killed in action between Scimitar Hill and Sulajik,
Suvla, at Gallipoli on 9.8.1915. He was 29 years of age. Commemorated on the HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING, GALLIPOLI. ROH:- Longwood War Memorial.

BAIRSTOW, FRANK. Private. No 216720. 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles. Born Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs S. Bairstow of Huddersfield. Emigrated to Canada in 1908. Was living in Winnipeg, Canada, prior to the outbreak of the war. Reported wounded and missing on April 10th, 1917, and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. He was 37 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated VIMY RIDGE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John the Evangelist Church, Birkby; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

BAIRSTOW, GEORGE. Private. No 3026. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Grimscar, Huddersfield, 6.11.1895. Son of Ernest and Hannah M Bairstow, 'The Winnats', 22 Edgerton Grove Road, Huddersfield. Educated at Almondbury Grammar School. Was learning the bookselling business at Messrs Coates and Bairstow, Station Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted 4.9.1914. Embarked for France April, 1915. Was struck on the head by a shell splinter or a shrapnel bullet after leaving the trench to fetch water for breakfast on 31.7.1915, aged 20 years. Buried in BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 39. ROH:- St. Cuthbert’s Church, Birkby; St. John's Church, Birkby; Almondbury Grammar School; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


BALL, WILLIAM HENRY. Private. No 10629. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Rotherham. Only son of William Henry and Agnes Ball of Cockley Hill, Kirkheaton. Enlisted in the Regular Army in 1913. Prior to that he was employed at Lodge Mill Colliery Lepton. Killed in action at the Battle of the Somme, 2.8.1916, aged 21 years. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton; Lepton Parish Church.


BALMFORTH, ERNEST. Lance Corporal. No 10644. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Whitehead Lane, Huddersfield 15.2.1893. Son of William and Mary Ann Balmforth, 20 Whitehead Lane, Primrose Lane. Lived with his grandmother at Northbank, Somerset Road. Worked as a blacksmith at Kirkburton. Enlisted in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 9.10.1913 but was later transferred to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Wounded at La Bassee, 24.10.1914, and returned to the front in June, 1916., Killed in action 25.9.1916, aged 23 years. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Paul's Church, Southgate; Almondbury War Memorial.


BALMFORTH, MITCHELL. Corporal. No TR/24034. 10th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. Born Lockwood. Son of Joseph and Hannah Balmforth, 17 Bland Street, Lockwood. Employed as a worsted weaver. Husband of Elsie Balmforth, 41 Frederick Street, Crosland Moor (later of 76 St Annes Road East, St. Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire. Enlisted 22.6.1916. Was accidentally killed, 14.9.1917, whilst riding a bicycle near Rugeley Camp, aged 32. He collided with a motor car whilst turning a nasty curve in the road. The funeral took place at Milnsbridge Church, with full military honours, after the body was brought to Huddersfield from Rugeley Camp. Buried in ST. LUKE'S CHURCHYARD, MILNSBRIDGE. Grave location:- 1, South, D, 13. ROH:- Mount Pleasant Chapel, Lockwood; Memorial in Lockwood Cemetery.


BAMFORTH, ARTHUR STANLEY. Gunner. No 293646. 136th Heavy Battery Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Marsden. Son of Mr and Mrs Frank Bamforth, Manse Side, Marsden. Employed as principal assistant at Marsden Gasworks. Attended Marsden Congregational Church. Was secretary of the Marsden Liberal Club and a playing member of the Marsden Cricket Club. Enlisted October 1915. Had been in France over two and a half years. Died from pleurisy following an attack of gas poisoning, received from an enemy gas shell a fortnight before, at the 72nd General Hospital, Trouville, 14.11.1918. His parents received a telegram from the hospital informing them of his critical condition and intimating that, if they desired, passes would be prepared for them to go to France to see their son. They at once left Marsden, arriving in London the following morning. Whilst awaiting instructions a further telegram arrived to say that their son had died, whereupon the parents immediately returned home. Buried in TOURGEVILLE MILITARY CEMETERY, aged 29 years. Grave location:- Plot 7, Row A, Grave 18. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial; Marsden Liberal Club.

BAMFORTH, EDGAR. Private. No 5880. 19th (County of London) Battalion (St. Pancras). Formerly No C/7668 18th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born 7 Henry Street, Huddersfield, 8.2.1897. Son of Willie and Edith Alice Bamforth. Educated at Spring Grove Council School. Worked as a bottle for Messrs Seth Senior and Sons, Cross Church Street. Attended Huddersfield Parish Church. Enlisted in the King’s Royal Rifle Corps, 15.11.1915, but was transferred to the London Regiment in May, 1916, and embarked for France at the end of that month. Killed in action at High Wood during the Battle of the Somme, 15.9.1916, aged 19 years. Commemorated on the THIPEVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church.


BAMFORTH, HAROLD. Driver. No L/25524. ‘A’ Battery 168th (Huddersfield) Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born Marsden. Only son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Bamforth, The Liberal Club, Marsden. Was employed in the pattern room by Messrs Joseph Dyson at Elm Ing Mills, Milnsbridge. Attended Marsden Parish Church being a member of the choir and a teacher in the Sunday School. Was a member of the Liberal Club. Enlisted May, 1915, and crossed over to France at the end of the year. Came home on his only leave, September 1917. Was seriously wounded in the chest on the 19.1.1918 and taken to the No 3 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station at Remy Siding, Belgium. Died of his wounds, 20.1.1918, aged 20 years. Buried in LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 27, Row F, Grave 1. His parents received a letter from the Chaplain to the Forces, conveying the information that their son, after being admitted to hospital, got steadily worse, the end coming very peacefully while he was unconscious. The letter continues, ‘I know what this means to you. He did his best to get better and every possible care was given to him but the effect of the wound in his chest rendered all aid futile. The last time I spoke to him that day he seemed cheerful and patient. You have lost a brave and devoted son and even in your grief you will be proud as you remember his faithful loyalty.’ ROH:- Marsden War Memorial; Marsden Liberal Club.

BAMFORTH, HERBERT. Lance Corporal. No 26487. 2nd Battalion South Wales Borderers. Born Marsden. Son of Mr and Mrs Frank Bamforth of Troaves, Marsden. Both parents died when Herbert was in his early teens. Worked as an assistant for Mr Dan Lunn, butcher, Marsden. Left the district and joined the army.
After his military service had expired he found employment as a farm bailiff for a clergyman near Aberystwyth. Re-enlisted in the autumn of 1915. Served under the assumed name of BANKS. Died of wounds at a main dressing station at Louvencourt, 29.6.1916, aged 37 years. Buried in LOUVENCOURT MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 42.

BAMFORTH, JACK. Private. 2/5th Marine Battalion American Marines. Born Prickleden, Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs Harry Bamforth, 249 West 178th Street, New York, United States of America. Was aged six or seven when the family emigrated to the USA. Before enlistment was in the postcard business with his father. Enlisted 3rd May, 1917. Killed in action 15.6.1918, aged 20 years. Buried HILLSIDE CEMETERY, COURTLAND MANOR (on the Hudson River, just north of New York).

BAMFORTH, JAMES. Ordinary Seaman. No J/5880. Royal Navy HMS Marmion. Born Slaithwaite. Son of Walker and Mary Hannah Bamforth, 15 Booth Banks, Slaithwaite. Employed as a beamer by Messrs Crowther, Bruce and Company, New Mills, Marsden. Attended the West Slaithwaite Church Sunday School and the Upper Slaithwaite School. Enlisted 19.9.16. Was drowned, aged 20, when HMS Marmion (on convoy duty) was in collision with HMS Tirade in atrocious weather off the Shetland Isles, 21.10.1917. Commemorated on the PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.

BAMFORTH, JOHN WILLIAM RICHARD. Private. No 6134. 1/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Slaithwaite. Son of William and Alice A. Bamforth, 'Coverdale', Howgate Road, Slaithwaite. Assisted his father in the business of card nailer and emery roller maker. So essential was his work of card nailer to local manufacturers that they secured three month’s leave from military duties. Was a teacher at the Slaithwaite Church Sunday School, and a member of the Conservative Club and the tennis club. Embarked for France, 5.3.1918. Killed in action, 6.4.1918, aged 24 years. Buried in BIENVILLERS MILITARY CEMETERY.

BAMFORTH, NORMAN HANSON. Private. No 31687. 13th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Formerly No 3362 Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Barton Road, Crosland Moor, 1.10.1890. Son of Mrs E. Bamforth. Educated at Crosland Moor Council School. Was employed as a pattern weaver at Messrs John Crowther and Sons, Union Mills, Milnsbridge. Married. Living at 273 Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Moor. Enlisted 6.11.1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915, and was wounded in November, 1915. Killed in action, 12.4.1918, aged 28 years. Commemorated on the PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; United Methodist Church, Crosland Moor.

BAMFORTH, NORMAN LOCKWOOD. Private. No 242343. 2/6th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Primrose Hill 29.11.1885. Son of Mr and Mrs Harry Bamforth, 142 Albert Street, Lockwood. Educated at Mount Pleasant Council School. Was employed as a healer and twister but after war broke out worked as a moulder’s labourer for Messrs William Whiteley and Sons, Lockwood. Was a member of the Lockwood Conservative Club bowling team. Enlisted 12.10.1916. Killed at the Battle of Cambrai, 22.11.1917, aged 32 years. Commemorated on the CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Mount Pleasant Chapel, Lockwood; Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; Memorial in Almondbury Cemetery.

BAMFORTH, RONALD. Private. No 235852. 2/4th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Formerly No 268826 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Slaithwaite. Only son of William Henry and Ellen Jane Bamforth, ‘Coverdale’, Howgate Road, Slaithwaite. Assisted his father in the business of card nailer and emery roller maker. So essential was his work of card nailer to local manufacturers that they secured three month’s leave from military duties. Was a teacher at the Slaithwaite Church Sunday School, and a member of the Conservative Club and the tennis club. Embarked for France, 5.3.1918. Killed in action, 6.4.1918, aged 24 years. Buried in BIENVILLERS MILITARY CEMETERY.
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Grave location:- Plot 13, Row A, Grave 11.
ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.


BAMFORTH, THOMAS HENRY. Private. No 301971. 9th Battalion The Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment). Born Golcar. Son of Mr and Mrs George Bamforth, 122 Scar Lane, Milnsbridge. Married. Living at 31 Scar Wood Terrace, Milnsbridge. Employed as a weaver by Messrs B. and J. Whitwam and Sons Limited. Was a member of the Milnsbridge Socialist Club. Was in Canada until Christmas, 1915. Enlisted 3.10.1916. Embarked for France, 9.6.1917. Killed in action, 3.8.1917, aged 31 years. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Three other men from Huddersfield were drowned when HMS Partridge was sunk on 12.12.1917. They were Ordinary Seaman FRED DRANSFIELD, Able Seaman DONALD HAIGH, and Ordinary Seaman SHEARD WINDLE q.v.). ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.

BAMFORTH, THOMAS JAMES. Private. No 202497. 5th Battalion King’s (Liverpool Regiment). Younger son of the late Edward and Mary Bamforth, Moorside, Slaithwaite, and was employed by the Slaithwaite Urban District Council. Formerly lived with his married sister, Mrs Swindell, Moorside, Slaithwaite. Moved to Southport in 1909. Single. Attended Pole Moor Baptist Chapel and Sunday School. Brother of Joe Bamforth, Ivy Cottage, Dirker, Marsden. Killed in action, 1.5.1917, aged 41 years. Buried in CITE BONJEAN MILITARY CEMETERY, ARMENTIERES. Grave location:- Plot 8, Row B, Grave 5. ROH:- Slaithwaite War Memorial; Pole Moor Baptist Church.


BAMFORTH, WALKER. Able Seaman. No J/50849. Royal Navy, HMS Partridge. Born Slaithwaite. Stepson of Rose Helena Bamforth, 12 Waterside, Slaithwaite. Employed as a joiner in the spinning department of the Slaithwaite Spinning Company Limited. Attended Slaithwaite Parish Church. Enlisted in the Navy in March 1916. HMS Partridge, along with the Pellew and four armed trawlers, were escorting a convoy of one British and five neutral ships on 12.12.1917, which were proceeding to Norway when they were attacked by a German naval force in the North Sea. Reported missing in the North Sea, 12.12.1917, aged 24 years. Commemorated on the PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

BANBURY, JAMES. Private. No 12557. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Son of William and Mary Banbury. Employed as a badge porter by the London and North Western Railway Company. Killed in action at the Dardenelles during the attack on Ismail Oglu Tepe on 21.8.1915, aged 20 years. The Official History of the Gallipoli campaign records that ‘the Battalion, with the 9th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, were hurried forward to capture the first objective, but they swung left-handed, ending up in a position north of Helman Chair. An attempt was then made to assault a
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communication trench, but this turned out to be a heavily defended fire trench. The enemy's resistance could not be overcome; and the troops fell back towards the southern slopes of Green Hill.’ The War Diary records ‘high casualties'. Held position under heavy artillery fire until relieved (23rd). Commemorated on the HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING, GALLIPOLI. ROH:- Lancashire and North Western Railway Company.

BANBURY JAMES E. Private. No 12677. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Died of wounds at home, 23.6.1917. Buried in EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 66, 84G.


BARKER, JOHN WILLIAM WRIGHT. Private. No 28452. Royal Army Medical Corps. Born Hall Bower, Huddersfield, 1.7.1887. Husband of Mary Alice Barker, 50 Cowcliffe Hill, Birkby. Was employed as a labourer at Hopkinson’s. Enlisted 16.11.1914. Died in Royds Hall War Hospital of Pernicious Anaemia, Influenza and Bronchial Pneumonia, 24.10.1918, aged 31 years. Buried in ALMONDBURY CEMETERY. Grave location:- M, ‘C’, 181. ROH:- St. Hilda’s Church, Cowcliffe; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


BARNICOT, JOHN LIVINGSTONE. 2nd Lieutenant. 3rd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. Born Shelley 14.12.1897. Son of Richard Ashworth Barnicot and Lucy Gertrude Barnicot, Woodside, Grimscar, Huddersfield. Grandson of Mr John Barnicot of Wood Lea, Shepley and Mr Livingstone Middlemost of Sedgefield. Educated at Clive House School, Colwyn Bay and Marlborough Public School. From the Officers’ Training Corps of Marlborough School he obtained a commission in the Lincolnshire Regiment on 12.6.1915. For nine months he was attached to Headquarters Staff at an East coast town but joined his Regiment in France in
September, 1916. Accidentally shot by a British sentry only eight days after his 19th birthday at Vermelles, 22.12.1916. Buried in VERMELLES BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 5, Row F, Grave 33. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Shelley; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

BARRACLOUGH, CHARLES KILNER.

BARRACLOUGH, FRANK.

BARRACLOUGH, GEORGE W.

BARRACLOUGH, HARRY.

BARRACLOUGH, IRVIN.
Private. No 15210. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mrs Heppinall, 41 Cliffe, Holmfirth. Educated at Netherthong School. Employed as a millhand at Washpit Mills. Enlisted 18.1.1915. Reported missing, presumed killed, 30.7.1916, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Wooldale War Memorial. His mother received a last letter from him dated 27.7.1916, ‘You must keep smiling Mother, better days are in store.’ In November, 1916, she received a letter and a small book from a chum of her son, Private ERNEST A. CROOKES, who wrote, ‘You will no doubt be a bit surprised to have a letter from me but I thought I would write and let you know all I know of Irvin’s death. I dare not write before as I was not sure what had happened to him. I made many enquiries in his Company about him and from what I can make out he was one of the many lads who went over the top one night when we were in that terrible fighting and failed to return. But the strange part of it is that I had made enquiries about him the night after we came out and they told me he was wounded. Then we were ordered back into the line again in a bit of a hurry and I happened to be walking in a trench which I had never been in before and what should I pick up but his small book which I enclose. I was dumbstruck when I saw the name and it seems a man in another regiment which we relieved had found his body somewhere in the line and had taken his letters etc. to forward on to you. That was what one of our fellows told me who had seen the letters in the man’s possession and I think he must have dropped the book out whilst he was showing these letters to this fellow. It seemed very strange that the book should be there for me to find and after that I made sure Irvin was killed. It was a blow to me and I hope you will accept my deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement. He was the only friend I had who came from up our way and when we saw one another we always used to ask each other if we had anything fresh from home and talk over old times. I have thought since what lucky beggars we were who came through those few weeks we were there as it was too terrible for words. The sights we saw were awful and I don’t think words can describe them. I suppose it was God’s will that he should go under. I must apologise for not writing sooner but I was in some doubt about him.’


BARRETT, JOHN PATRICK. Private. No 29587. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Lepton. Parents living at Spa Bottom, Lepton. Married. Wife living at 33 Ravensknowle Road, Dalton. Attended St Helen’s Church, Fenay Bridge. Employed by Mr James Tetlow, painter and decorator, of Aspley. Reported wounded and missing at the Battle of Passchendaele 27.8.17. Has no known grave. Is commemorated on the TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Lepton Parish Church; Christ Church, Moldgreen.


BARROW, JOHN WILLIAM. Private. No 29591. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Lepton. Parents living at Spa Bottom, Lepton. Married. Wife living at 33 Ravensknowle Road, Dalton. Attended St Helen’s Church, Fenay Bridge. Employed by Mr James Tetlow, painter and decorator, of Aspley. Reported wounded and missing at the Battle of Passchendaele 27.8.17. Has no known grave. Is commemorated on the TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Lepton Parish Church; Christ Church, Moldgreen.

BARROW, STANLEY. Private. No 24640. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Lived 47 Armitage Road, Birkby. Employed as a clerk in the Huddersfield Industrial Society’s offices. Enlisted October 1916. Died from gunshot wounds to the head at No 46 Stationary Hospital, Etaples, 29.4.1917, aged 35 years. Buried in ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 18, Row C, Grave 4. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

BARROW, WILLIAM HENRY. Private. No 241751. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Paddock 16.10.1884. Son of George I. Barrow, 21 Branch Street, Paddock. Educated at Paddock Council School. Employed as a plasterer by Mr G. H. Day of Milnsbridge. He was a playing member of the Paddock Cricket Club and a member of Paddock Conservative Club. Enlisted 17.3.1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Bullecourt on 3.5.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

BARTLEY, THOMAS. Private. No 10879. 2nd Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Born Wavertree, Liverpool. Both parents deceased. Lived with Mr and Mrs George Fretwell, 3 Back Lane, Holmfirth. Employed as a taxi cab driver for Mr Walter Haigh of Holmfirth. Enlisted in the Regular Army in 1910 and had served in India. Died at No 10 Stationary Hospital, St Omer, of wounds received in action, 17.10.1914. Buried in LONGUENESSE (St. OMER) SOUVENIR CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 5. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial.


BATES, DONALD. Lance Sergeant. No 241660. 6th Battalion King’s Liverpool Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Son of Norris and Ellen Bates of Edgerton Road, South Shore, Blackpool. Reported missing, presumed killed at the Battle of Cambrai, 30.11.1917, aged 25 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

BATES, ERNEST. See ‘HARGREAVES, HOLMES’ the true family name.


BATES, HAROLD. Private. No 8862. 2nd Battalion Manchester Regiment. Born Halifax. Son of Mr H.B. Bates, 50 May Street, Crosland Moor. Employed by Messrs W. and P. Holroyd, painters and decorators, High Street, Huddersfield. Had served three years with the Colours and had been a reservist for nine years. Called up at the outbreak of the war. Killed in action at Wulverghem, Belgium, 11.1.1915. Buried in RATION FARM (La PLUS) DOUVE
ANNEXE, PLOEGSTEERT. Grave location: Plot 1, Row A, Grave 8. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.


BATES, NORMAN. Private. No 3462. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Newsome 21.9.1892. Son of Ellen Bates, 110 West End, Newsome. Educated at Kirkheaton National School. Employed as a joiner by Messrs Sunderland of Lockwood Scar. Enlisted 13.11.1914. Killed by a sniper, 17.11.1915, aged 23 years. Buried in TALANA FARM CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row F, Grave 11. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; St. John’s Church, Newsome. His mother received a letter from his cousin, Private Stanley Dean, also serving in the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment, describing the manner of his death, ‘He had just received a parcel and was saying ‘I have got some fags’ when he put his head above the top of the trench and got hit.’

BATES, NORMAN. Acting Corporal. No A/257233. Army Service Corps.(Canteens). Born Huddersfield. Son of Norris and Ellen Bates, 22 Edgerton Road, North Shore, Blackpool. Died of sickness in Mesopotamia, 29.6.17. Buried in BASRA WAR CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row H, Grave 11. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; St. John’s Church, Newsome. His mother received a letter from his cousin, Private Stanley Dean, also serving in the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment, describing the manner of his death, ‘He had just received a parcel and was saying ‘I have got some fags’ when he put his head above the top of the trench and got hit.’


BATTYE, ALBERT EDMUND. Private. No 2291. 10th (Prince of Wales’ Own Royal) Hussars. Born Dalton 7.2.1889. Son of Tom and Emma Battye, 42 Springwood Street, Milnsbridge. Educated at St Paul’s Church School and Spring Grove Council School. Single. Enlisted 10.3.1908 and at the outbreak of war was stationed in South Africa with his regiment. Recalled to England, they left for France on 6.10.1914. Reported missing, presumed killed, 13.5.1915, near Ypres. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private HARRISON BATTYE, who died at home, 10.12.1920, q.v.).

BATTYE, BOOTH. Private. No 79609. 1/9th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Son of Edward and Sarah Battye, 33 Green Hill Bank Road, New Mill, Holmfirth. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Graham and Pott Limited, Kirkbridge Mills,
New Mill. Single. Taken prisoner by the Germans, 27.5.1918, and died in Germany as a Prisoner of War., 29.10.1918, aged 23 years. His sister, Mrs G.W. Edinburgh, received a postcard from him, dated October 20th, 1918, saying that he was a Prisoner of War and not ill or wounded. An appeal for information was made in the Holmfirth Express, on 11.1.1919, as to his whereabouts but it was not until 8.3.1919, after many enquiries had been made, that the War Office informed the family that he had died on 29.10.1918. Buried in WORMS (HOCHHEIM HILL) CEMETERY, GERMANY. (The names are carved on a screen wall in the Allied Plot). ROH: New Mill Working Men’s Club; Fulstone War Memorial.

BATTYE, CHARLES ALFRED. Private. No 91514. 1/4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Formerly No 468694 Labour Company. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs S. Battye of Upperbridge, Holmfirth. Educated at Upperthong National School. Attended St. John’s Sunday School and was a member of the Young Men’s Institute. Employed by Councillor Luther Firth, of Upperbridge, as a butcher and also by Mr Joseph Stockwell of Victoria Square, Holmfirth. Enlisted May 1917. Died in the VAD Hospital at Hornsea of septic pneumonia at 1.30pm on 8.11.1918, aged 19 years. Buried with full military honours, ST JOHN’S CHURCHYARD, UPPERTHONG. Grave location: 1, north of Church, 18. ROH: Holmfirth War Memorial.


BATTYE, JOHN WALLACE. Private. No 25430. 13th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. Born Shepley. Son of Mrs Andrew Battye, 48 Back Lane, Holmfirth. Was employed as a willeyer at Firth Brothers of Shepley. Enlisted 1916. Embarked for France, 5.6.1916. His mother received a message that he had been taken a Prisoner of War on 13.11.1916, but was going on fine. Died of shrapnel wounds to the back as a Prisoner of War at Stettin,

BATTY, JOSEPH. Private. No 241823. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Thurlestone. Son of Mr and Mrs Jonas Batty, Upper House Farm, Hepworth. Was Superintendent at Crow Edge Wesleyan School and a member of the Chapel there. Killed in action at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, aged 41. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Hepworth and Scholes War Memorial; Hepworth Parish Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


BATTYE, WILLIE. Gunner. No 32463. 168th (Holme Valley) Battery Royal Field Artillery. Son of Joseph and Sarah A. Battye of Totties, Thongsbridge; husband of Lizzie Battye of Totties, Thongsbridge. Killed by a piece of shrapnel, 29.6.1916, aged 30. Buried in BOUZINCOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row C, Grave 19. ROH:- Wooldale War Memorial. His widow received the following letter from Sergeant Champion of the same battery, ‘As fellow comrades of your dear husband we write to extend our deepest sympathy to you in the loss of such a dear friend. He has now gone but never will his kind actions and deeds be forgotten. He was held in the highest esteem by all, but with the lads of his own section he was like a brother. Always so calm and steadfast in his duties, always willing to extend a helping hand. He was truly a friend to everyone in his battery and his loss is one that will be hard to replace. He worked like a man among men and as such no man was ever more respected. It may be comforting to you our dear friend to know that he passed away with very little pain. He died a brave soldier and to the last possessed a calmness which was always characteristic of him. We wish to extend to you and yours our deepest and sincerest sympathy and hope that you will find a comfort in knowing that he died a noble death whilst doing his duty bravely.’

BAXTER, ERNEST. Private. No 267440. 1/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Joseph and Naomi Townend, 71 Coronation Terrace, Handel Street, Golcar. Employed as a mason, firstly by Messrs W. and H. Firth, contractors of Golcar, and then at the erection of Captain L. B. Holliday’s new works at Deighton. Was a prominent member of the Golcar Conservative Club and attended St. John’s Church, Golcar. Enlisted 1.3.1916. Embarked for France on Whit Wednesday, 1916. Killed by a shell whilst on church parade, 13.5.1917, aged 29 years. Buried in St. VAAST POST MILITARY CEMETERY, RICHEBOURG L’AVOUE. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row H, Grave 1. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.


BAXTER, FRED. Corporal. No 241360. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Lived


BAXTER, HARTLEY. Private. No DM2/179140. 363rd Motor Transport Company Army Service Corps. Born Linthwaite. Son of Fred and Elizabeth Baxter, Broad Oak, Linthwaite. As a boy was a chorister in the Linthwaite Church choir and, later, a fine bass singer. Enlisted 1916. Was killed whilst driving his motor lorry in France, 17.4.1918, aged 29 years. Buried in VARENNES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row M, Grave 25. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


BAXTER, JOHN CARTER. Private. No 201781. 18th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Husband of Lily Ann Baxter, 42 Spoutfield Terrace, Station Road, Golcar. Severely wounded in the shoulder whilst serving in France in June, 1918. Received treatment at Beech Street Military Hospital, Paddock. Towards the end of October, 1918, he contracted influenza, which developed into pneumonia, and he died on Saturday morning, 16.11.1918, at Beech Street Military Hospital, Paddock, aged 35 years. Buried with full military honours at St. JOHN'S CHURCHYARD, GOLCAR. Grave location:- H, south of Church, 9. ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar.


BEADON, BASIL HERBERT EDWARDS. Captain and Adjutant. 1/7th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Born 11th January, 1887, at Longley Hall, Huddersfield. Son of Frederick W. Beadon (the Land Agent in Huddersfield of the Ramsden estate) and Elizabeth Eleanore Beadon. Educated at Almondbury Grammar School, Cheltenham College and
Sedbergh Public School. He was brought up on the Ramsden Estate, then on the Duke of Buccleuch’s Rugby estate and, finally, on Lord Hothfield’s Skipton property, and then went to Mr Naylor-Leyland’s Kerry’s Montgomeryshire estate, as sub-agent. He returned to the Ramsden estates, as assistant to his father, in 1912. He had joined the Warwickshire Yeomanry in 1908, and, on leaving the county, passed into the 7th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers, in July 1910, in which he was appointed Lieutenant on 18th July, 1913, and Captain and Adjutant on 21st November, 1914. Was a playing member of the Huddersfield Old Boys’ Rugby Union Football Club. Married to Margaret, daughter of Mr Anthony Maynard, of Newton Hall, Durham. One daughter, Joan, born 1st February, 1915. Enlisted 11.8.1914. Killed at the Battle of Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, 1.8.1915, aged 27 years. Had only been in Gallipoli for one day when he was killed. According to a letter received by his father, he was wounded in the morning of the 10th August, 1915, but was able to remain in the fighting line throughout the day. In the evening he had just concluded a consultation with his Colonel and was turning to speak to another officer when he was shot by a sniper and killed instantly. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

BEADON, JOEL. Private. No 22979. 8th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Liversedge. Son of William and Mary Ellen Beanland; husband of Mary Zilpah Beanland of Scott Hill, Clayton West, Huddersfield. Killed in action, 27.4.1916, aged 34 years. Buried in ALBERT COMMUNAL CEMETERY.


BEARDSALL, HARRY. Drummer. No 101. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Marsden. Son of Mr and Mrs James Beardsell, Oliver Lane, Marsden. Joined the local Territorials, as a bugler, at the age of 14 and served continuously until his death at the age of 22. As a time-expired man, was expecting a month’s leave at the end of May, 1916, and had arranged to marry Miss Violet Anne Hansom, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hansom, 21 Gatehead, Marsden, on 11.6.1916. He was greatly disappointed when his leave was cancelled. Killed in action, 4.7.1916, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

BEARDSSELL, NORMAN. Private. No TRS/102016. 52nd T.R. Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Crosland Moor, 14.11.1899. Son of Arthur and Mary E. Beardsell, 35 Charles Street, Crosland Moor. Educated at Crosland Moor Council School. Employed as a woollen piecer. Enlisted 3.5.1917. Died at home, 35 Charles Street, Crosland Moor, of tuberculosis, 2.5.1919, aged 20. Buried in LOCKWOOD CEMETERY. Grave location:- D, 117. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; United Methodist Church, Crosland Moor. (Brother of PERCY HOWARD BEARDSSELL, died 17.11.1917, q.v.).

BEARDSSELL, PERCY HOWARD. Private. No 41590. Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Lockwood, 21.6.1892. Son of Arthur and Mary E. Beardsell, 35 Charles Street, Crosland Moor. Educated at Crosland Moor Council School. Employed as a scourer and miller. Enlisted 7.2.1915. Died at home, 35 Charles Street, Crosland Moor, of dysentery, 17.11.1917, aged 24. Buried in LOCKWOOD CEMETERY. Grave location:- D, 117. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; United Methodist Church, Crosland Moor. (Brother of NORMAN BEARDSSELL, who died 2.5.1919, q.v.).


BEARDSLEY, ISAAC. Private. No 14528. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Swinton, near Mexborough, Yorkshire. Had lived in Golcar for four years and lodged with Mr Eli Whitwam, 7 Leymoor Road, Golcar. Employed as a weaver by Messrs George Mallinson and Sons, Linthwaite. Attended Golcar Baptist Reading Room and Golcar Parish Church. Enlisted 9.11.1914. Killed in action, 26.10.15, aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Golcar Baptist Church; Longwood War Memorial. His sister received the following letter from Lieutenant G R C Heale, 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment:- ‘You will have been informed by the War Office of the sad loss you have sustained in the death of your brother. He died in action and was killed during an exceptionally heavy shellfire raid, two hundred high explosive shells having been sent within fifty yards from where he and others were working. The Royal Engineers Officer who was there spoke in the highest terms of the conduct of the men during that terrible ordeal and your brother was killed when on his way to stand to arms to repel an expected attack. I have always considered him the best man in the platoon and it was always a matter of regret that he would not accept promotion. He was an exemplary soldier and by his good conduct and constant cheerfulness he earned the goodwill and respect of all the Officers, N.C.O’s and men of the Company. His loss is a great blow to me, his death must have been absolutely instantaneous and it must be a comfort to you to know that he suffered no pain. Please accept my sincere sympathy and consolation in your terrible loss. I am yours very truly.’


BEAUMONT, FREDERICK WILLIAM. Private. No 30200. 26th Battalion (Tyneside Irish) Northumberland Fusiliers. Son of Chadwick and Mary Emma Beaumont, 35 Wood Street, Longwood. Attended Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge. Employed by the Hillhouse Cooperative Stores and had also worked at the Longwood, Paddock and Golcar branches. Attended Salendine Nook Baptist Church and Sunday School. Was a member of the Milnsbridge Liberal Club. Enlisted April 1916. Mentioned in despatches. Had served in France for seven months when he was wounded and died at Wimereux, 27.10.1917, aged 25 years. Buried
in WIMEREUX COMMUNAL CEMETERY. 
Grave location:- Plot 6, Row E, Grave 31A. 
ROH:- Salendine Nook Baptist Church and a memorial in the churchyard, 509E; St. Mark's Parish Church, Longwood; Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge.

BEAUMONT, GEORGE HENRY. Private. No 268685. 2nd Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Married. At the time of enlistment lived at 175 Halifax Road, Birchencliffe. Worked as a dyer's labourer. Enlisted 16.10.1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, 16.1.1918. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. 
ROH:- St. Philip’s Church, Birchencliffe.

Grave location:- Plot 9, Row D, Grave 1. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall. After various enquiries had been made in official and other quarters, his parents received the following letter from Lieutenant Brown, in February 1917, 'I regret to inform you that nothing has been heard of him since September 3rd, 1916. I think it is almost certain that he has not passed through any of our hospitals or you would have heard before this. I am afraid your only hope of his being alive is that he may be a prisoner and possibly wounded. I trust you will get definite news of him. please accept my heartfelt sympathy with you in your trouble.' (Brother of Private HARRY BEAUMONT, died of pneumonia, 27.5.1915, q.v.).

Grave location:- Row B, Grave 9.

Grave location:- Plot 2, Row F, Grave 25. ROH:- Hade Edge War Memorial.

ROH:- St. Bartholomew's Church, Meltham.

Grave location:- B, north of Church, B, 27. (Brother of Private GEORGE WILLIAM BEAUMONT, killed in action, 3.9.1916, q.v.). 
ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

BEAUMONT, HARRY. Private. No 200727. 1/5th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Formerly No 33016 Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Matlock Place, 11.11.1892. Son of Thomas Beaumont, 43 Park Road West, Crosland Moor.
Educated at Crosland Moor Church School. Employed as a weaver. Enlisted 24.4.1916. Killed in action, 24.3.1918. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the POZIERES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; United Methodist Church, Crosland Moor; ‘Rising Sun’ Public House, Crosland Hill.


BEAUMONT, HERBERT. Private. No 400317. 1/5th Battalion Manchester Regiment. Formerly No 4929 Lancashire Fusiliers. Born Moorfield Farm, Crosland Moor, 14.6.1889. Son of Thomas Albert and Sarah Jane Beaumont, 21 Hawthorne Terrace, Crosland Moor. Educated at Crosland Moor Board School and Higher Grade School, Huddersfield. Married. At the time of enlistment was working as a tailor in Manchester and living at 20 Wardley Street, Walkden, near Manchester. Enlisted 29.6.1916. Killed in action in Havrincourt Wood, near Cambrai, 27.9.1918,
aged 29 years. Buried in RIBECOURT ROAD CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Plot B, Grave 10. ROH:- Crosland Moor Wesleyan Church; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.


BEAUMONT, LEWIS. Private. No 242023. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Tom and Annie Beaumont, 6 Upper Hagg, Thongsbridge. Employed at Rock Mills Dyehouse and was a member of the Brockholes Church Young Men's Class. Killed in action at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Netherthong and Thongsbridge War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Brockholes War Memorial.


BEAUMONT, STANLEY. Private. No 40197. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Paddock, Huddersfield. At the time of enlistment was living at Battyeford near Mirfield where he worked as a miner at the King’s Head Pit. Volunteered to serve early in the war but was not then allowed to leave his work. Killed in action, 4.11.1918, aged 20 years. Buried ROMERIES COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 7, Row B, Grave 4.
BEAUMONT, STANLEY. Signaller. No 241434. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Oakes. Son of Mr and Mrs Lockwood Beaumont, 7 Arnold Terrace, Reinwood Road, Lindley. Educated at Oakes Council School and the Higher Grade School, Huddersfield. Employed as a warehouseman by Messrs Bairstow, Sons and Company Limited. Attended the Lindley Zion Methodist Church and was a member of the Paddock Institute. Enlisted 8.2.1916. Killed in action at Passchendaele, 7.10.1917, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the **TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING**. ROH:- Lindley Zion Methodist Church; St. Stephen's Church, Lindley; Huddersfield Drill Hall; commemorated in Salendine Nook Baptist Chapel yard D188.


BEAUMONT, WILLIAM HENRY. Private. No 291781. 1/7th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Lived with his sister, Mrs Fawcett at 23 Wakefield Road, Moldgreen. Employed by Mr Wortley, hay and straw merchant. Enlisted 1915. Reported missing, presumed killed, 26.10.1917, aged 38 years. Buried in **CEMENT HOUSE CEMETERY, LANGEMARCK, BELGIUM**. Grave location:- Plot 14, Row D, Grave 12.

BECKETT, ALFRED. Private. No 42120. 2/6th Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment. Born Stocksbridge, Yorkshire. Son of Mrs Annie Elizabeth Firth (formerly Beckett), of Yew Tree, Holmfirth. Attended Holmbridge Parish Church and was a member of the choir. Enlisted 1917. Reported missing, presumed killed, 21.3.1918, aged 19 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the **ARRAS MEMORIAL TO**
THE MISSING. ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial.


BEACROFT, ALBERT HENRY. Corporal. No 31312. 18th Battalion Manchester Regiment. Born Marsh 5.3.1881. Educated at Holy Trinity Church Schools. At the time of enlistment was living at 16 Buckingham Street, Moss Side, Manchester. Employed as a commercial traveller. Enlisted May 1915. Killed in action at Guillemont, 30.7.1916. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

BEEDLES, ROBERT. Private. No 7454. 6th Battalion King’s Shropshire Light Infantry. Born Montgomery, Wales, 21.9.1884. Son of Mr R. Beedles of Frolic Street, Newtown, Montgomery, Wales. Educated at Newtown Council School, Montgomery. Married. Employed as a woollen fettler. At the time of enlistment, on 14.9.1914, was living at 61 Gledhill’s Yard, Moldgreen. Died of pneumonia in Etaples Base Hospital, 23.4.1918, aged 34 years. Buried in ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 32, Row B, Grave 6A.


BEEVER, JOHN. Wireless Officer. Mercantile Marine. SS Conmemara. Born Huddersfield
15.7.1894. Son of John and Emily M Beever, Woodland Mount, Bradford Road, Huddersfield. (His father was a uniform maker and hearth-rug manufacturer at Brook Street Mills.) Educated at Fartown Grammar School and Huddersfield Technical College where he studied woollen design. But his great love was the study of wireless apparatus and he erected a large wireless plant at his home. At the outbreak of war he attempted to enlist in both the Army and Navy but was rejected on numerous occasions as he was medically unfit. Twice offered a commission in the Royal Naval Air Service but again was rejected on medical grounds. Ultimately he succeeded in joining the L. and L.W. Passenger boat service as a wireless operator, 4.2.1915. Died at post on duty after sending out an SOS. on SS Connemara after she was sunk in a collision off the Irish Coast. Drowned 3.11.1916. Buried in EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

BEEVERS, FRANK. Private. No 42618. 8th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born 16 Great Northern Street, Huddersfield in December 1886. Educated at Beaumont Street Council School. Was a partner in the firm of Messrs A. Beever and Sons, painters and decorators. Enlisted 15.5.1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, 7.10.1917, aged 31 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church; St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield.

BEIGHTON, GEOFFREY. Private. No 36984. 4th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment. Born Longwood Road, 8.12.1898. Son of Mr and Mrs William Beighton, 10 Royds Hall, Paddock. Educated at Paddock Council School and Paddock Wesleyan Sunday School. Employed by Messrs Sam Hirst and Sons, Bridge Croft Mills as a cloth finisher. Was a member of Longwood Harriers and the Huddersfield Swimming Club. Enlisted 1.3.1917. Died of wounds on the way to hospital, 29.11.1917, aged 19 years. Buried in MINTY FARM CEMETERY, St. JAN, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row A, Grave 6. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; Shared Church, Paddock. Commemorated on his parents’ headstone in Edgerton Cemetery, Huddersfield. (Brother HAROLD BEIGHTON, died of wounds at the Dardenelles, 11.12.15 q.v.).

BEIGHTON, HAROLD. Corporal. No 14552. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Manchester. From the age of three lived with his uncle, Mr Joe Beighton of Hawthorne Terrace, Marsden. Employed as a weaver at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Was an enthusiastic player of football taking the position of centre half in the Marsden United team. Played cricket with the Marsden Second Eleven. Was also a member of the Marsden Conservative Club, taking a great interest in the game of billiards. Enlisted 6.11.1914. Went over to France, 26.8.1915. Died of gunshot wounds to the chest and abdomen at the South Midland Casualty Clearing Station, 6.10.1916, aged 28 years. Buried in DERNANCOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row F, Grave 47. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial. His Uncle received the following letter from stretcher-bearer S. Swallow, ‘Just a few lines as I thought it my duty as a great chum of your nephew to write to you. He was wounded on the night of the 4th October. No one was more sorry than I when he came back over the parapet and said to me ‘Dick, I am hit.’ So I attended
to him straight away but the worst was then to come for as I was taking him to the dressing station which was two miles away we had to go across open country owing to the condition of the trenches. So we were exposed both to the shell fire and machine gun fire and the Germans didn’t forget to shell us either. When we started from the trenches with your nephew on the stretcher the shells were bursting all around us and at the finish they covered us up with clay and I had to wriggle myself from underneath and then free your nephew. I shall never forget that day – it was hell on earth.’

BELLARBY, REGINALD. Private. No 28834.


BELL, JOHN CUMMING. Lance Corporal. No S/11588. 1st Battalion Black Watch. Born Huddersfield 6.1.1897. Son of Thomas and Isobel E. Bell, 2 Trinity Place, Huddersfield. Educated at Huddersfield College School and Rugby Public School. Enlisted September, 1915, in the 11th Battalion Black Watch and went in a draft to the 1st Battalion in France in January, 1916. Was promoted to Lance Corporal in June, 1916. He fought in the Battle of the Somme from July to September, 1916, and for his gallantry was recommended for the Military Medal. In the capture of a crater in High Wood he was killed instantaneously on 3.9.1916, aged 19 years. Has no known grave. Is commemorated on the THIPEPAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield College School. His father received the following letter from the Officer Commanding his son’s Company, ‘In the action on August 17th–18th when in ‘No Man’s Land’, your son volunteered to go forward with me to find ‘A’ Company, which we believed to be in the German line and eventually be saved me from walking into the German line in mistake for our own. He behaved in such a brave and creditable way that I recommended him for the Military Medal, but he was killed before the award could be made.’


BENNETT, WYLIE. Private. No 1201. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Marsden. Son of Mr and Mrs Harry Bennett, formerly of Marsden but lived in Shepherd’s Bush, London, from 1912. Grandson of Mrs Sexton


BENTLEY, TOM. Captain and Adjutant. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Ravensthorpe. Dewsbury in November, 1888. Son of Mr Tom Bentley of Poplar Villas, Huddersfield. Educated at Hillhouse Council School and was awarded a Holroyd scholarship, which was held later at Fartown Grammar School. Employed as a woollen designer with Messrs Marshall, Kaye and Marshall Limited, woollen manufacturers, Ravensthorpe. Formerly a volunteer and, at the outbreak of the war, was a Sergeant but later received a commission. Married. Died of wounds in France, 4.5.1917, aged 28 years. Buried in ACHIET-LE-GRAND COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 5. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


BERRY, BENJAMIN, DCM. Sergeant. No 26747. 'D' Battery, 71st Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Lived Cliffe Villa, Shepley. Educated at Penistone Grammar School. Played football with the Shepley team. Was studying farming near Doncaster when war broke out. Awarded the DCM. The following citation is from the London Gazette, dated 12.3.1917,– ‘For conspicuous gallantry in action. He displayed great courage and determination in extinguishing a fire in a gun-pit during a heavy hostile bombardment. He set a splendid example to all ranks.’ Killed in action, 9.8.1917, aged 22 years. Buried in POTIJZE CHATEAU GROUNDS CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 8. ROH:- Shepley War Memorial.


Employed as a junior partner in the firm of Messrs Walter Berry and Sons, yarn and wool merchants, 41 Market Street, Deighton Mill, Huddersfield. Joined the Sheffield University Officers Training Corps in January, 1915. Was Gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in South Staffordshire Regiment in March, 1915, and was sent out to Jersey for five months training. Embarked for France in August, 1915, and served there for nine months. He was killed on the night of 30.5.1916, when leading a bombing party in an attack against a trench recently taken by the Germans at Vimy Ridge. He was 27 years of age. Buried at CANADIAN CEMETERY No 2, NEUVILLE St. VAAST. Grave location: Plot 3, Row A, Grave 8. ROH: New North Road Baptist Church.


BETTS, TALBOT. Gunner. No 326420. 287th Siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery. Formerly Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs J. T. Betts of Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth. Employed by Messrs. B. Mellor and Sons at Albert Mills. Married, with one child, who was three weeks old on the day his father was killed. Was a member of the local Territorials who were mobilised at the beginning of the war, 4.8.1914. Invalided home and, when he returned to France on 27.7.1917, was transferred to the Royal Garrison Artillery. A fortnight later he was killed on 12.8.1917. Eleven men were sleeping in a dugout when a shell came over the top, six were killed and four were wounded, only one escaping injury. Buried in THE HUTS CEMETERY, DICKEBUSCH, BELGIUM. Grave location: Plot 2, Row D, Grave 1. ROH: Holmfirth War Memorial; Hepworth and Scholes War Memorial.

BICKERDIKE, FRANK. Private. No 1800. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 24 Hope Street, Turnbridge, Huddersfield, in July 1891. Son of Christopher and Lily Beverley, 64 George’s Road, Heaton Norris, Cheshire. Died of sickness, contracted whilst a Prisoner of War, on 14.2.1919, aged 27. Buried CHRIST CHURCH CHURCHYARD, HEATON NORRIS, CHESHIRE. ROH: All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.

BEVERLEY, VINCENT ROEBUCK. Private. No 23812. Depot Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Kirkburton. Son of Christopher and Lily Beverley, 64 George’s Road, Heaton Norris, Cheshire. Died of sickness, contracted whilst a Prisoner of War, on 14.2.1919, aged 27. Buried CHRIST CHURCH CHURCHYARD, HEATON NORRIS, CHESHIRE. ROH: All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.

BICKERDIKE, FRANK. Private. No 1800. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 24 Hope Street, Turnbridge, Huddersfield, in July 1891. Son of the late Tom Alexander Bickerdike (who lost his life in an accident at St. Andrew’s Church in October, 1914) and Martha Bickerdike. Lived with his mother at 1 Lily Street, Turnbridge. Educated at Huddersfield Parish Church School. Employed at the Huddersfield Cooperative Society’s painting department. Attended Northumberland Street and Ramsden Street Bible Classes and the Turnbridge Working
Men’s Club. With his brother, Fred, had been a member of the local Territorials for four years before the outbreak of the war. Killed in action, 23.8.1915, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Northumberland Street Primitive Methodist Church and School; Christ Church, Moldgreen; Huddersfield Drill Hall. His mother received the following letter from her son, Private FRED BICKERDIKE, who was also serving in France, ‘It is with deep regret that I have to write this, for our Frank has been killed this morning by a bullet. I went at once but he was unconscious till he died. We have to be thankful that he had no pain. I know this will be a great shock to you but you must try and bear up for there are thousands of mothers who have given their sons for the country. The Commanding Officer and his Company send their best sympathy and so do all his friends for Frank was one of the best. Do not get depressed, remember it is the fortune of war.’


BILTCLIFFE, JOHN WAREING. Acting Bombardier. No 1440. 1/2nd East Lancashire Royal Field Artillery. Born Diggle. Lived Marsden. Second son of George and Ada Biltcliffe of 52 Brantfell Road, Blackburn and formerly of Marsden. Was in business with his father as a butcher before joining the forces on 2.2.1915. On Sunday, 23.1.1916, his horse fell on him whilst in training at Uckfield, Sussex. He was admitted to hospital in Brighton where he died of his injuries on 29.1.1916, aged 20 years. Buried in St. BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCHYARD, MARSDEN. Grave location:- SE, 7, 21.


BINNS, MARK ROWLAND. Gunner. No 96705. Royal Field Artillery. Born Peterborough. Son of Mr and Mrs T. Binns of Craigs Street, Peterborough. Lived with his sister at 33 Midland Street, Huddersfield. Was employed as a stableman for three years on the London and North Western Railway at Huddersfield. Enlisted September 1914. Wounded in his right leg, 1.6.1915, and died of septicaemia in Birmingham War Hospital on 14.6.1915, aged 24. Buried with full military honours in PETERBOROUGH CEMETERY. ROH:- St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; London and North Western Railway Company Roll.

BINTCLIFFE, JOHN HENRY. Private. No 306909. 2/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Zillah Bintcliffe of Greengate Head, Outlane. Attended the Wesleyan Sunday School, Outlane, and was also a member of the United Mutual Improvement Society and the Wesleyan Institute. Employed as a woollen weaver by Messrs C. and J. Hirst, Longwood. Enlisted 27.3.1916. Died of septic poisoning, 18.2.1918, aged 25 years. Buried in AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row C, Grave 23. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.

BIRCH, CHRISTOPHER SMITH. Private. No 29045. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Upperthong. Son of Mrs W.S. Birch of Victoria Street, Holmfirth. Educated at Holmfirth Wesleyan Day School. On leaving school he entered the postal service, first being
attached to the telegraph department and then he became a postman in both the Holmfirth and Thongsbridge Post Offices. Before enlistment, on 17.8.1916, worked for his grandfather Mr Christopher Dawson, baker and confectioner. Had just been offered a commission when he was killed at the Battle of Passchendaele, 18.10.1917, aged 32 years. Buried in TYNE COT CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 45, Row H, Grave 13. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial.

BIRCHLEY, FREDERICK. Guardsman. No 12164. 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards. Born Swanscombe, Greenhithe, Kent. Son of George Edd. and Sarah Birchley, 2 Break North Hill, Swanscombe, Greenhithe, Kent. Employed as a labourer until he enlisted in the Grenadier Guards, on 17.4.1905, for a three year period. On the 29.9.1906, he extended his service, staying with the Guards until 17.4.1912. He was then transferred to the Army Reserve list. On 28.6.1913, he married Ada Alice Shillito at St. Helen’s Church, Leeds. One week later, on 4.7.1913, he joined the Huddersfield Borough Police force. Called to the colours on 5.8.1914. On 29.9.1914, Ada Birchley gave birth to their daughter, Grace Ellen. He embarked for France on 26.7.1915. Killed in action during the period 14th to 17th September, 1916, during the Battle of the Somme. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Police Headquarters; Huddersfield Corporation Roll.

BIRDSALL, WILFRED. Private. No 23596. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Holmfirth 9.8.1890. Son of Mr and Mrs William Brown, 10 Yews Hill Road. Educated at Mount Pleasant School, Lockwood. Employed as a pattern maker by Messrs E. M. Browns, East Parade, Huddersfield. Married. At the time of enlistment was living at 2 Thornton Road, Longroyd Bridge. Enlisted in the Territorials at the age of 17 and had completed his five years service. Re-enlisted at the outbreak of war. Killed in action at Pilkem Ridge, near Ypres, 17.8.1915, aged 25 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe; St. Thomas’s Church, Longroyd Bridge; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


BLACKBURN, FRED. Lance Corporal. No 23147. 13th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Taylor Hill, Huddersfield. Son of David And Eleanor K. Blackburn, 65 Barcroft Road, Close Hill, Huddersfield. Educated at Berry Brow Council School and Huddersfield College. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Kaye and Steward of Lockwood and formerly was a grocer’s assistant at the Close Hill Cooperative Stores. Attended Taylor Hill Primitive Methodist Church


BLACKSTONE, FRANK. Gunner. No 29378. ‘D’ Battery 64th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born Marsden. 10.9.1898. Son of Charles T. and Sarah J. Blackstone, 94 Willow Lane, Birkby. Educated at St. Thomas's Church of England School, Longroyd Bridge. Single. Died of wounds, 14.5.1918, at No 8 Stationary Hospital, Wimereux, aged 19 years. Buried in BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 9, Row B, Grave 80. ROH:- St Thomas’s Church, Longroyd Bridge; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 34, Row G, Grave 22. ROH:- St. Hilda’s Church, Cowcliffe; Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


BLAND, THOMAS WILLIAM. Private. No 40758. 2nd Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs Herbert Bland of Far Dene, Kirkburton. Employed as a groom by British Dyes Limited. Attended St. Joseph’s Church, Huddersfield. Killed in action at the Battle of Arras, 12.4.1917, aged 20 years. Buried in ORIVAL WOOD CEMETERY, FLESQUIERES. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 34. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.


BOND, WILLIAM ARTHUR, MC and Bar. Captain and Flight Commander. King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, attached to 40th Squadron Royal Flying Corps. Born Chesterfield 27.6.1890. Son of Arthur and Elizabeth Bond, ‘Sherwood,’ Tennyson Avenue, Chesterfield and formerly of Milnsbridge. Educated at Clay Cross and Netherthorpe Grammar Schools. Was on the sub-editorial staff of the Huddersfield Examiner and afterwards joined the Paris staff of the Daily Mail. Enlisted in August, 1914, as a Private in the 20th Hussars. Was commissioned into the King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was afterwards transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. Married in January, 1917, to Miss Aimee McHardy. Reported missing on 22.7.1917, when his aeroplane was seen to go down out of control near Lens, aged 28. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS FLYING SERVICES MEMORIAL. ROH:- New North Road Baptist Church. The Major of his unit, in a law of Mr Tom Bentley of Halifax Old Road. Commenced his business career with Messrs W. Holmes and Company Limited, engineers of Turnbridge and later served with a firm of colliery proprietors in Durham. Enlisted in a Territorial battalion and obtained his commission in February, 1915. Married and living at 132 Halifax Old Road. Killed in action at the Battle of Cambrai, 20.11.1917, aged 25 years. Buried in RUYAULCOURT MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row F, Grave 9. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

letter, described him as ‘a wonderful pilot and a magnificent patrol leader.’


BOOTH, ARNOLD. Private. No 24343. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mrs Susannah Booth, 19 Thornhill Road, Longwood. Killed in action at the Battle of Arras, 25.4.1917, aged 30 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood.

BOOTH, EDWIN SYKES. Gunner. No 174036. 3rd Battery, 45th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born Crosland Moor, 5.12.1882. Son of Silas and Charlotte Booth, 75 Thorn Road, Thornton Lodge, Huddersfield. Educated at Mount Pleasant Council School. Employed as a warehouseman by Messrs William Cumming and Company, Railway Street. Attended Thornton Lodge Wesleyan Church and Sunday School and was a member of the choir. Was also member of Lockwood Conservative Club. Married. At the time of enlistment was living at 115 North Street, Lockwood. Enlisted 21.9.1916. Died of wounds at the 2nd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station, 27.11.1917, aged 36 years. Buried in KEMMEL NO1 FRENCH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row B, Grave 9. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; Moldgreen War Memorial; memorial in Lockwood Cemetery.


BOOTH, GEORGE. Lance Corporal. No 40801. 23rd Battalion (Tyneside Scottish) Northumberland Fusiliers. Born New Mill. Son of Mr James Booth of Totties, Holmfirth. Employed in the warehouse at Ford Mill, Holmfirth. Attended Scholes Primitive Methodist Chapel, being Sunday School Superintendent, a member of the choir and a lay preacher. He was a keen cricketer, playing for the Holmfirth team and winning the gold medal of the Huddersfield
and District league for the best bowling. When he pleaded a conscientious objection to warfare the Holmfirth Tribunal granted him a non-combatant certificate. But when he reported himself to Halifax Barracks, however, he felt that he could not avail himself of the privilege granted to him by the tribunal and he enlisted on 5.5.1916, going into training at North Shields. Embarked for France in July 1916. Died of wounds, 7.6.1917, aged 25 years. Buried in BAILLEUL ROAD EAST CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 5, Row B, Grave 11. (Brother of Private PERCY BOOTH, who died of wounds, 20.7.1916, q.v.). ROH:- Wooldale War Memorial.


in PHILOSOPHE BRITISH CEMETERY, MAZINGARBE. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row R, Grave 9. ROH:- Armitage Bridge War Memorial; memorial in Almondbury Cemetery.

BOOTH, HERBERT. Private. No 32436. 1/4th Battalion South Lancashire Regiment. Formerly Motor Transport Section, Army Service Corps. Son of Mrs Booth, 19 Trinity Street, Huddersfield. Educated at Holy Trinity Church of England School, Huddersfield and was in the choir at Trinity Church. Employed by Mr R. A. Bell, wholesale druggist, as a motor driver. Enlisted 19.4.1915. Killed in action, 6.11.1917, aged 28. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private GEORGE HENRY BOOTH, died of wounds, 23.3.1918, q.v.). ROH:- Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield.

BOOTH, JAMES FREDERICK. Private. No 240799. 1/7th Battalion (Colne Valley Territorials) Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Salendine Nook, 8.11.1895. Son of Mr and Mrs Albert Booth, 19 Bank End, Greenhead Lane, Dalton. Educated at Lepton Council School. Employed by Messrs Haighs, St. John’s Road, Huddersfield as a tailor’s cutter. Enlisted October 1914. Reported wounded and missing, presumed killed, 12.4.1918, aged 22 years. Buried in CABARET ROUGE BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 20, Row D, Grave 27. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Almondbury War Memorial.


BOOTH, MAURICE. 1st Class Stoker. No SS/110814. Royal Navy. HMS Lion. Born Marsden. Son of Moses Booth, 15 Mount Road, Marsden. Employed as a weft man by Messrs Crowther, Bruce and Company Limited, New Mills, Marsden. Single. Had completed five years active service in the Navy on 12.3.1915 but had seven years to serve in the Reserve so he was kept on service. Had served on board HMS Lion since she was first commissioned. Killed in action at the Battle of Jutland, 31.5.1916, aged 26 years. Commemorated on the PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.

BOOTH, PERCY. Private. No 2816. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Totties, Thongsbridge. Son of James and Eliza Booth. Educated at Wood Lane Bottom School and attended Scholes Primitive Methodist Church. Employed as a millhand in the finishing department at Glendale Mills. Enlisted in Huddersfield, 5.9.1914, training at Clipstone Camp and later at Doncaster. Embarked for France April, 1915. Died of wounds at Rouen, 20.7.1916, aged 20 years. Buried in St. SEVER CEMETERY, ROUEN. Grave location:- Plot A, Row 16, Grave 38. ROH:- Wooldale War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall. His parents received the following letter from the Rev. W. E. Harper, a Church of England Chaplain at No 1 Stationary Hospital at Rouen, ‘It is with the deepest sympathy that I have to tell you of the death of your son who died of wounds in this hospital at 1.30am on 20.7.1916. His wound was in the left knee and the leg had to be amputated to try to save him but he passed away unconsciously and without pain. He is to be buried tomorrow in St. Sever’s Cemetery, Rouen. May God comfort you in your grief over the loss of a brave and gallant son.’ (Brother of Lance-Corporal GEORGE BOOTH, who died of wounds, 7.6.1917, q.v.).

BOOTH, PHILIP JOHN, MC. Lieutenant. 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers. Son of James John and Alice Elizabeth Booth of Whitegates, Netherton. Educated Uppingham Public School; left December 1913. Granted his commission from the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. Embarked for France in June 1916. Served in France with 2nd Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Awarded the Military Cross in September, 1917, for ‘conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a critical moment. He took command of his company under direct fire of a hostile machine gun which, had killed his Company Commander, and assaulted the position, capturing the gun and killing its team. He then led his company to their final objective under heavy fire and it was entirely owing to his gallantry and determined energy that his men were able to hold their ground and repulse the hostile counter attacks which were continually against them throughout the day’. (London Gazette 9th January, 1918). Died of pneumonia, 2.3.1920, aged 23. Buried in HAIDAR PASHA CEMETERY, ISTANBUL. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row J, Grave 12.


BOOTH, TOM. Lance Corporal. No 5863. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Rastrick, Brighouse. Educated at Rastrick Schools. Husband of Anni Booth, 10 Folly Road, Cowcliffe. Employed as a warehouseman. Enlisted 5.8.1914. Killed in action, near Ypres, 8.11.1914, aged 36 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Hilda’s Church, Cowcliffe; Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.
Memorial; Brighouse War Memorial; St. Matthew’s Church, Rastrick.


**BOOTH, WILLIE.** Private. No 10/3839. 2nd Wellington Battalion New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Born Bradley, Huddersfield, 23.8.1892. Son of George Hay and Mary Booth, 47 Coal Pit Lane, Outlane. Was formerly a scholar, church councillor and sidesman at St. Mary’s Church, Outlane. Emigrated to New Zealand. Single. Before enlistment was living at Riverside Farm, Normanby Road, Manai, Taranaki, New Zealand. Enlisted 15.11.1915. Killed in action, 15.6.1916, aged 23 years. Buried in **CITE BONJEAN MILITARY CEMETERY.** Grave location:- Plot 2, Row B, Grave 40. (Brother of Privates **SELWYN AND FRANK BOOTH,** killed in action, q.v.). ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood.

**BOOTH, WILLIE.** Private. No 41733. 2nd Battalion Wellington Regiment New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Born Bradley, Huddersfield, 23.8.1892. Son of George Hay and Mary Booth, 47 Coal Pit Lane, Outlane. Was formerly a scholar, church councillor and sidesman at St. Mary’s Church, Outlane. Emigrated to New Zealand. Single. Before enlistment was living at Riverside Farm, Normanby Road, Manai, Taranaki, New Zealand. Enlisted 15.11.1915. Killed in action, 15.6.1916, aged 23 years. Buried in **CITE BONJEAN MILITARY CEMETERY.** Grave location:- Plot 2, Row B, Grave 40. (Brother of Privates **SELWYN AND FRANK BOOTH,** killed in action, q.v.). ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood.

**BOOTHROYD, ALFRED.** Private. No 3/9796. 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Lepton 30.9.1870. Educated at Lepton National School. Employed as a labourer at the Leeds Road Fireclay Works at Field House. Married, with one child. Enlisted October 1914. (Had also served in Egypt and was present at the fall of Omdurman and subsequently served all through the South African War). Killed in action at the Battle of the Somme, 18.8.1916, aged 45 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the **THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill.


**BOOTHROYD GAMALIEL.** Private. No 23419. Durham Light Infantry. Son of Mr Gamaliel Boothroyd of Pog Ing, Holmfirth. Educated at Wooldale Council School and Townend Primitive Methodist Sunday School. Assisted his father with his yeast business. Enlisted June 1916. Went across to France in October, 1916, after training at Hornsea. In June, 1917, was severely wounded in the left thigh and left hand. He remained in hospital until May, 1918, when he was invalided out of the army. Died in Holmfirth Auxiliary Hospital from tuberculosis of the lungs and spine, 20.10.1918, aged 29 years. Buried in **CHRIST CHURCH CHURCHYARD EXTENSION, NEW MILL.** ROH:- Wooldale.


**BOOTHROYD, HARRY.** Private. No 269184. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Swan Lane, Lockwood 16.3.1882. Son of George Boothroyd. Husband of Edith Annie Boothroyd, 63 Blackhouse Road, Fartown. Employed by Messrs T. and H. Blamires Limited,
Leeds Road. Was a member of the Bradley Mills Bowling Club. Enlisted 17.3.1917. Killed in action, 14.4.1918, aged 36 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; memorial in Lockwood Cemetery.


BOOTHROYD, NORMAN. Private. No 29840. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Crosland Moor. Son of Friend and Caroline Boothroyd, 3 Barton Road, Crosland Moor. Attended Crosland Moor Wesleyan Chapel. Employed in the teasing department of Messrs Gledhill Brothers, Longroyd Bridge. Single. Enlisted 30.11.1916. Had only been in France for five weeks when he died from a wound to the right thigh at No 24 Casualty Clearing Station on 13.5.1917, aged 25 years. Buried in AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row J, Grave 15. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; Crosland Moor Wesleyan Church; memorial in Lockwood Cemetery.

BOOTHROYD, RICHARD. Private. No PO/18942. 6th Battalion Royal Marine Light Infantry. Born Shepley 5.11.1898. Son of Clement and Frances Boothroyd, Yew Tree Villas, Station Road, Shepley. Enlisted 8.10.1915. Died of wounds at Svyatnavalok, North Russia, 27.8.1919. Buried in MURMANSK NEW BRITISH CEMETERY and also commemorated on THE BROOKWOOD RUSSIA MEMORIAL IN BROOKWOOD MILITARY CEMETERY, SURREY. ROH:- Shepley War Memorial. A letter was written on Canadian YMCA headed note paper from Richard’s Company Captain to Mrs Boothroyd, ‘I very much regret having to write to announce the death of your son Private Boothroyd. We managed to get him back to the doctor who did everything he could for him. Unfortunately the only way we could get him back to Svyatnavalok was by country carts where I am afraid he was rather badly shaken up. Nevertheless he was very cheery when we arrived and everybody thought there was quite a chance for him. He got worse during the night and died in the early morning. He was buried here on the 29th at Svyatnaolok Church. I wish I had a camera here but unfortunately I have none. Major Laing, myself and all the subalterns join me in offering you our deepest sympathy in your bereavement. If there is anything else I can do for you please let me know.’

BOOTHROYD, PERCY. Private. No 241924. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Birkby 28.5.1893. Son of T S and E Boothroyd, 12 Armitage Road, Birkby. Educated at Hillhouse School. Employed as a lithographic machine minder. Married. At the time of enlistment, on 10.12.1915, was living at 17 Broomfield Terrace, Broomfield Road. Killed in action at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS
MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH: Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


BOOTHROYD, WILLIAM M. R. Lance Corporal. Machine Gun Corps. Formerly Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs Joe Boothroyd, Town Head, Honley. Employed by the Honley Cooperative Society. Enlisted in the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment at 16 years of age. He fought at Gallipoli, where he was wounded, and afterwards served in Egypt and France. Taken prisoner by the Germans on 21.3.1918. Died at the Prisoner of War Camp at Stendal, Germany, 12.9.1917, aged 19 years. Buried in TALANA FARM CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row I, Grave 6. ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.


of Ardwick, Manchester and late of Fern Lea, Marsden. Educated at Marsden National School and Longwood Grammar School. Attended Marsden Parish Church where he was a choirboy. Was a member of the Marsden Conservative Club. Employed in the family firm of Messrs J. and J. Bottomley as a contractor. A keen cricketer and football player. Enlisted in October, 1914, at the age of 16 years. Killed in action, 29.4.1918, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the **TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial; Marsden Conservative Club; memorial in Marsden Churchyard; St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood.

**BOTTOMLEY, LEWIS.** Private. No S/18016. 1st Battalion Cameron Highlanders. Born Crosland Moor, 23.6.1887. Educated at Crosland Moor Board School. At the time of enlistment was employed as a weaver at Peebles, Scotland. Single. Enlisted 3.5.1915. Killed in action on the Somme, 18.8.1916, aged 29 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the **THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; United Methodist Church, Crosland Moor.


**BOTTRILL, CHRISTOPHER THOMAS.** Sergeant. No 6837. 16th Battalion (1st Manchester Pals) Manchester Regiment. Born Shelley. Lived Chorlton-cum-Hardy. Killed in action on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1.7.1916, aged 25 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on **THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Shelley; commemorated on his parents’ headstone in churchyard.


BOWER, NORRIS. Corporal. No 10828. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Honley. Son of Mrs F. Bower, 312 Vicarage Road, Longwood. Enlisted August 1914. Died of wounds, 9.6.1918, aged 24 years. Buried ACHEUX BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row D, Grave 35. ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood. (Brother of Private LEWIS BOWER, reported missing, 20.9.1917, q.v.).
BOWKER, JOHN. Corporal. No TR5/22512. 21st Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Settle. He was a Police Constable and had served at Elland, Lane End, Holmfirth and Denby Dale. Had served with the East Lancashire Regiment in the Boer War. Had been gassed in the recent fighting in France and this was followed by muscular rheumatism. Married, with two children. Died at Rugeley Camp, Staffordshire, from the effects of gas poisoning, 10.7.1917, aged 30 years. Buried in ELLAND CEMETERY. Grave location:- ‘U’, A, 1480. ROH:- Scissett War Memorial.


BOYLE, THOMAS. Private. No 3/10910. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield 10.2.1876. Was a nephew of Mr Patsy Boyle of The Star Inn, Rosemary Lane, Huddersfield. Educated at St. Patrick’s School. A widower, with children living at North’s Yard, Northgate. Employed as a chemical labourer. Had served in the Boer War and re-enlisted at the outbreak of the present war. Killed at Hill 60, 5.5.1915. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. Mr Boyle received the following letter from CSM Harrington of ‘A’ Company:- ‘Just a few lines as I thought you would like to know the circumstances attending poor Tommy’s death. Of course you know he died as many another good lad has died out here. We were holding a position in front of Hill 60 when the Germans got in on our left and it was during the time we were driving them back that he got hit in the groin. He was not killed outright and fought hard for his life but I think the bullet must have gone into his stomach. Anyhow he passed peacefully away after about an hour. Of course it does not follow that because a man is hit with a rifle bullet he died in pain and I think Tommy must have passed away peacefully because he seemed so resigned and he told me not to bother with him any longer as he said he was done for. A gap has been made in this Company that will be hard to fill. He was the life and soul of us all and was just as happy in the trenches as he was out of them. He has been sorely missed. I was his Platoon Sergeant at the time and I can only say he died like a man. I hope you will accept this my deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement.


Marsden War Memorial; commemorated on memorial in Marsden Churchyard.


**BRADLEY, FRANK.** Private. No 2087. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Lived with his brother, Mr P. Bradley, at 22 St Peter’s Street, Huddersfield. Was in the employ of Messrs Benjamin Crook and Sons Limited, leather curriers, Fitzwilliam Street, and he previously worked on the Huddersfield Corporation Tramways. Embarked for France in April, 1915. He was injured by shrapnel in the head, thigh and hand, never regaining consciousness, and he died a few hours later on 9.5.1915, aged 32 years. Buried in SAILLY-sur-la-LYS CANADIAN CEMETERY. Grave location: Plot 2, Row B, Grave 45. ROH: Huddersfield Drill Hall.


and died in captivity, 19.5.1917, aged 33 years.
Buried in MONS COMMUNAL CEMETERY.
Grave location:- Plot 4, Row B, Grave 8.
ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Longwood War Memorial; Elland War Memorial.

BRADLEY, JAMES. Private. No 202906.
Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Moor End, Lockwood in 1888. Educated at Crosland Moor Board School. Married. Employed as a milk dealer. At the time of enlistment, on the 8.8.1916, was living at 199 Manchester Road, Huddersfield.
Died at home on 6.12.1921 of debility from wounds, acute bronchitis and heart failure.

Grave location:- Row H, Grave 4.
ROH:- Great Northern Street Congregational Chapel; All Saints Church, Paddock. (Brother of Private WILLIAM BRADLEY, died of wounds, 15.5.1915, q.v.).

BRADLEY, LEWIS. Private. No 29/570. 12/13th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Moldgreen, Huddersfield 28.12.1886. Son of Mrs Mary Iredale, 27 High Royd Lane, Moldgreen. Educated at Moldgreen Council School. Employed as a teamer by Messrs John Bray and Company, Rock Street, Huddersfield. Single. Enlisted 16.5.1916. Taken prisoner by the Germans on 27.5.1918. His mother received a postcard from him dated 17.7. 1918, to say that he was in fine spirits. It was not until 8.2.1919 that his mother knew that he died in Langensalza Camp, Germany of pneumonia on 9.11.1918, aged 32 years. Buried in NIEDERZWEHREN CEMETARY, CASSEL, GERMANY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row C, Grave 1.
ROH:- Christ Church, Moldgreen.

BRADLEY, NORMAN. Private. No 241938. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Berry Brow, Huddersfield, 21.7.1891. Son of George and Clara Bradley, 61 Newsome Road South, Berry Brow. Educated at Berry Brow Council School. Had served his apprenticeship as a draper with Messrs Whitfield Brothers, Manchester Road, Huddersfield, and then worked for two and a half years at Brighouse Cooperative Stores. At the time of enlistment was employed in the drapery department at Honley Cooperative Stores. Attended both St. Paul’s Church and Armitage Bridge Church and was a member of the Berry Brow and Armitage Bridge Conservative Club. Single. Enlisted 27.3.1916. Was accidentally killed on 3.4.1917, aged 25. Buried in POZIERES BRITISH CEMETERY.
Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 26.
ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Armitage Bridge War Memorial; commemorated on his parents’ headstone in Newsome Churchyard.

Grave location:- Plot 3, Row B, Grave 8.
ROH:- Great Northern Street Congregational Chapel; St. Andrew's Church, Leeds Road; Huddersfield Drill Hall. (Brother of Private JOE BRADLEY, killed in action, 8.8.1918, q.v.).

ROH:- Armitage Bridge War Memorial; Armitage Bridge Mills.

of Mr and Mrs John Brahney, 9 Willow Lane East, Huddersfield. Educated at Huddersfield Parish Church School. Employed as a motor mechanic by the Karrier Car Works, Colne Road. Single. Enlisted 1916. Killed instantly by shrapnel in the temple, 20.7.1918, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the LOOS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


BRAMWELL, JOSEPH. Private. No 40933. 10th Battalion (Hull Commercials) East Yorkshire Regiment. Son of Francis and Hannah Bramwell, Choppards Farm, Holmfirth. Educated firstly at Hepworth Church National School, (where he also attended the Sunday School) and then at Hade Edge Council School. Attended Choppards Sunday School. Employed by Mr Fred Lawton at Bridge Mills, Holmfirth and assisted his father on the family farm. Enlisted May 1917. Was wounded in the hand in March, 1918, and returned to England for treatment. Went back to France in September, 1918. Died of wounds in the 3rd Canadian Hospital at St. Omer, 6.11.1918, aged 20. Buried in LONGUENESSE SOUVENIR (St. OMER) CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 5, Row E, Grave 45. ROH:- Cartworth War Memorial.

BRAWN, ERNEST. Private. No 30440. 2/5th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Formerly No 3/31749 South Staffordshire Regiment. Born Shelley. Son of Mr J. Brown, Woodend Farm, Thurstonland. Employed as a grocer’s assistant by Mr Percy Hopwood of Bank Bottom, Shelley. Enlisted February 1917. Died of wounds at No 8 Casualty Clearing Station, 20.11.1917, aged 19 years. Buried DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 6, Row D, Grave 43. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Shelley; Thurstonland War Memorial.


BRAY, FRED. Private. No 39601. 2/4th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Brother of Mrs M. A. Kemp, 316 Vicarage Road, Longwood. A very tragic incident affecting the life of the late soldier was the accidental burning to death of his wife in September, 1917, whilst descending the bedroom stairs at their home at Leymoor, Golcar. This disaster was brought about by a lighted taper which she carried slipping and igniting her flannelette nightdress. He was a senior partner in the firm of Messrs Bray and Smith, rag grinders, Leymoor, Golcar.

BRAY, FRED. Private. No 241964. 2/5th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Parkgate, Berry Brow 8.4.1896. Son of George and Elizabeth Bray, ‘The Boot and Shoe Inn,’ Scholes, Thongsbridge. Educated at Berry Brow Council School and Hillhouse Higher Elementary School. Attended Berry Brow Wesleyan Church. Employed as a clerk by Messrs John Sutcliffe and Sons, Richmond Mills, Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield. Single. At the time of enlistment was living at 12 Caldercliffe Road, Berry Brow. Enlisted 2.3.1916. Had recently received a certificate from the General Officer Commanding his Division for distinguished conduct in the field. Killed in action, 24.5.1918, aged 22 years. Buried GOMMECOURT BRITISH CEMETERY No 2. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row H, Grave 21/22. ROH:- Armitage Bridge War Memorial. (Brother of Private LEWIS BRAY, who died in Egypt, 10.12.1919, q.v.).

BRAY, HARRY. Driver. No 223380. 24th Battery, 38th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born Holmfirth. Son of Ben and Lucy A. Bray, of Hill Top, Cinderhills, Holmfirth. Educated at Holmfirth National School and was also a member of the Underbank Wesleyan School. A keen footballer and cricket player for the local teams. Employed by the Hinchliffe Mill Cooperative Society, being formerly manager of the Underbank stores and, before enlistment, manager at the Holmfirth branch. Enlisted April 1917. Married. Embarked for France in October, 1917. Died of pleurisy and pneumonia at Etaples Base Hospital, 16.4.1918, aged 30 years. Buried in ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 29, Row D, Grave 10A. ROH:- Underbank War Memorial.


BRAY, NORMAN. Lance Corporal. No 203005. 1/4th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Son of Mr T. J. Bray of Hall Ing, Honley. Employed by Messrs Thorntons, Crossley Mills. Attended with Woodroyd United Methodist Church. Married, with one child. Enlisted September, 1914, and was wounded in 1916. Killed in action, 9.10.1917, at the Battle of Passchendaele, aged 26 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Armitage Bridge War Memorial; Honley War Memorial; Brockholes War Memorial.

BRAY, TED. Gunner. No 194355. 154th Siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Golcar. Son of John and Alice Bray, of Knowle Road, Golcar. Husband of Maria Varley Bray of Longcroft, Golcar. Was in business as a stonemason. Enlisted January 1918. Killed in
action, 4.6.1918, aged 31 years. Buried HAGLE DUMP CEMETERY, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 1. ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar; Golcar Baptist Church.


BRIERLEY, WILFRED. Private. No 202632. 1/4th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Son of Dyson Brierley, of Wellhouse, Golcar; husband of Edith Brierley, 28 Crossley Place, Linthwaite. Killed in action, 13.4.1918, aged 34. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Linthwaite War Memorial.

BRIEYER, WILLIAM. Private. No 394. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Longwood. Son of the late Mr and Mrs Roland Brierley, 202 Cliffe End, Longwood. Was employed by Messrs John Lockwood and Sons Limited, Holme Mills, Golcar as a piecer. Was a member of the Cliffe End Working Men’s Club. Had served with the local Territorials for some years before the outbreak of war. Embarked for France in April, 1915, and had been home on leave in June, 1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, 3.9.1916, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the THIPEVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

BRIERS, THOMAS. Lance Corporal. No 3/6757. 1st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment. Born Eye Green, Northamptonshire. Lived 504 Carlton Terrace, Leeds Road, Huddersfield. Employed at the Huddersfield Corporation Waterworks and had previously worked at the goods station. Had been in Huddersfield for about four years. Was called up at the outbreak of war. Killed in action, 27.5.1915, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Huddersfield Corporation Roll.


BROADBENT, JAMES. Private. No 20003. 1st Battalion King’s Own Scottish Borderers. Born Liverpool. Son of Thomas and Margaret Broadbent; husband of Elizabeth Broadbent of Jackson Bridge, New Mill. Killed in action at Beaumont Hamel, 1.7.1916, aged 32 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- New Mill Working Men’s’ Club; Fulstone War Memorial.

BROADBENT, JIM. Lance Corporal. No 37986. 34th Battalion Machine Gun Corps. Formerly No 3026 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mrs Broadbent, 26 Lipscombe Street, Milnsbridge. Educated Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge. Employed by the Longwood Gas Company. Single. Enlisted soon after war broke out. Died at Rouen Base Hospital from the effects of mustard gas, 29.7.1918, aged 22 years. Buried in St. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, ROUEN. Grave location:- Block Q, Plot 4, Row E, Grave 8. ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood; Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge.


BROADBENT, NORMAN. 1st Class Stoker. No SS/108049 (RFR/DEV/B/5636) Royal Naval Division (Howe Battalion). Born Paddock 25.5.1890. Son of the late William and Mary Ellen Broadbent, 22 Salford, Lockwood. Educated at Lockwood Church Schools. At the time of enlistment, was living at 22 Salford, Lockwood. Married. Enlisted in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in February, 1910. In August, 1914, he was mobilised from the Royal Fleet Reserve and, in October 1914, he served at the siege of Antwerp. Killed in action at the Third Battle of Krithia, Gallipoli, on 4.6.1915, aged 25 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING, GALLIPOLI. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood. (Brother of Private WILFRED BROADBENT, killed in action, 9.4.1918, q.v.).

BROADBENT, REUBEN. Farrier Sergeant. No L/29255. ‘A’ Battery, 155th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born Somerset Bridge, Moldgreen, 2.9.1880. Educated at Beaumont Street Council
BROADBENT, STANLEY. Private. No 24992.
10th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment.
Born Almondbury. Only son of Albert and
Louisa Broadbent, 185 Westgate, Almondbury.
Employed by Messrs Dugdale Brothers,
Northumberland Street, Huddersfield. Attended
Almondbury Church and was the Sunday School
Secretary. Was a member of the Conservative
Killed in action, 20.9.1917, aged 23 years. Buried
in TYNE COT CEMETERY. Grave location:-
Plot 58, Row C, Grave 13. ROH:- Almondbury
War Memorial.

BROADBENT, WILFRED. Private. No 5/4438.
1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment.
Born Field Gate, Leeds Road, Huddersfield,
12.10.1886. Educated at Beaumont Street
Board School. Employed by Messrs James
Haigh Limited, dyers and finishers, Colne
Road, Huddersfield. Married, with two
children. Enlisted 8.8.1915. Killed by a German
sniper, 9.8.1916, a year and a day after he
enlisted. Buried CONNAUGHT CEMETERY,
THIEPVAL. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row J,
Grave 2. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.

BROADBENT, WILFRED. Private. No 129197.
55th Battalion Machine Gun Corps.
Born Paddock 6.6.1886. Son of the late
William and Mary Ellen Broadbent, 22 Salford,
Lockwood. Husband of Elsie Broadbent, 20 Swan Lane,
Lockwood. Enlisted 9.8.1917. Reported missing,
presumed killed, 9.4.1918, aged 31 years. Has no
known grave. Commemorated on the LOOS
MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of
Private NORMAN BROADBENT, killed in
action in the Dardanelles, 4.6.1915, q.v.). ROH:-
Emmanuel Church, Lockwood.

BROADBENT, WILLIAM. Sergeant. No 3/10686.
8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s
Regiment. Born Sheffield 1.1.1876. Educated at
Newsome School. Employed as a dyer’s labourer.
Lockwood Road, of consumption on 10.3.1917,
aged 41 years. Buried in LOCKWOOD

BROADHEAD, ARTHUR. Private. No 2823.
1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment.
Born Kirkheaton. Son of Irvy and the late Alice
Broadhead, St. Mary’s Fold, Kirkheaton. Shot
in the jaw and died in No 10 Casualty Clearing
Station (Remy Siding), 5.8.1915, aged 24
years. Buried in LIJSENTHOEK MILITARY
CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row C,
Grave 14. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton;
Huddersfield Drill Hall.

BROADHEAD, JOHN ELLIS. Gunner. No
117358. 394th Siege Battery Royal Garrison
Artillery. Born Huddersfield. Son of George and
Elizabeth Ann Broadhead of Denby; husband of
Ellen Ann Broadhead. Died of malaria in
Palestine, 13.10.1918, aged 42 years. Buried in
RAMLEH WAR CEMETERY, PALESTINE.
Grave location:- Plot Z, Grave 56.

BROOK, ARTHUR. Private. No 11966. 2nd
Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born
Shepherd Lane, Deighton, 22.6.1892. Son of
Nancy Brook, 1 Woodhouse Avenue, Fartown.
 Educated at Deighton Board School. Employed
by Messrs J. Hopkinson and Company, Birkby, as
Hill 60, 5.5.1915, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

BROOK, ARTHUR. Private. No 235314. 4th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. Formerly No 205207 West Yorkshire Regiment. Born 3 Union Street, Lindley 4.9.1879. Son of Hannah Brook and the late Benny Brook. Educated at Lindley Church of England School. Worked in his late father’s business as a painter and decorator. Was a member of Lindley Conservative Club and attended St. Stephen’s Church, Lindley. Married, with one child. Living at 23 Victoria Street, Lindley. Enlisted 17.4.1917. Wounded at Bullecourt, 21.3.1918, and died in 13th General Hospital, Boulogne, of his wounds on 3.4.1918, aged 40. Buried in BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row I, Grave 179. ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Lindley.


BROOK, ARTHUR CHARLES. 2nd Lieutenant. 5th Battalion Manchester Regiment. Born 18.6.1884. Eldest son of Mr Arthur Brook of HM Treasury and of Ruth Mary Brook of Woodhouse, Weybridge, Surrey, and a nephew of Mr T. Julius Hirst of Meltham Hall and of Mr C. L. Brook of Harewood Lodge. Educated at The Grange, Folkestone, and at Rugby Public School from 1898 to 1903. In 1903 he entered Exeter College, Oxford. After taking his BA degree he joined the firm of Messrs Jonas Brook and Brothers, cotton thread manufacturers, of Meltham Mills, of which he became a director in 1912. Lived at Helme Lodge, near Meltham, and was a Church Warden at Helme Church. Husband of Sydney Harriet (nee Darlington) Brook. They were married on 8.7.1909 in the Parish Church in Douglas, Lancaster. Father of Ruth Blanche Mary (born 29.5.1910) at Manor Croft, Helme Edge. He was a passionate fond of horticulture and he acted as President of the Meltham Mills Flower Show. He was a good all round sportsman. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war in the 5th Battalion Manchester Regiment and proceeded with them to Egypt in September, 1914. On 4.5.1915, he landed with his battalion in the Dardenelles. During the attack by the Manchester’s on the Turkish trenches below Achi Baba he was directing his men, who were taking ammunition under heavy fire to the captured trenches, when he was shot and killed instantaneously on 4.6.1915, aged 30 years. Buried in REDOUBT CEMETERY, HELLES, GALLIPOLI. Grave location:- Plot 12, Row A, Grave 20. ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham; Helme Parish Church. 2nd Lieutenant Brook’s will was written by Fisher and Company, solicitors, of John William Street, Huddersfield. His will was granted probate on 11.10.1915 and his estate valued at £3,606 3s 2d.


YMCA and also a member of the Huddersfield Swimming Club. Employed by Messrs Vickers, Sons and Maxim Limited, of Barrow, as an engineer. Enlisted 5.11.1914. Died as the result of accidental injuries at No 7 Casualty Clearing Station, 5.9.1916. Buried MERVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 9. His youngest brother, Private GEORGE WILLIAM BROOK, attended the funeral. (Brother of Private G. W. Brook, who was commissioned into the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment and died, 12.11.1918, q.v.). ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church.

BROOK, CHARLES WILLIAM. 2nd Lieutenant. Royal Flying Corps. Formerly Private 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Crosland Moor 18.1.1891. Son of George William and Ida Brook, Birkhouse Cottage, Crosland Moor. Educated at Crosland Moor National School, Spring Grove Board School and Huddersfield Higher Grade School. Single when joining the forces but married on 26.12.1917 and his wife (Hilda) lived at Glenview, Bank Bottom, Shelley. Enlisted on 27.8.1914. as a Private and quickly gained the rank of Sergeant. He saw service in the landing at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, and was invalided home, suffering from wounds and dysentery, in August, 1915. He embarked for France in March, 1916, and was in the Battle of the Somme. In December, 1916, he was recommended for a commission and, after undergoing training at Gailes, Scotland, was Gazetted Second Lieutenant on 30.5.17. In September he joined the Royal Flying Corps and completed his training as a pilot. He came home on leave a week before he was killed, returning to Winchester awaiting orders for service overseas. Killed in a flying accident at Winchester on 26.3.1918, aged 27 years. Buried in LOCKWOOD CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- A, 471. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; Lockwood Baptist Church; Shelley War Memorial.


BROOK, COLONEL. Private. No 204216. 1/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mabel Brook, 168 Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Moor. Educated at Crosland Moor Council School. Employed as a stonemason at Linthwaite and had worked for a time for Messrs Robert McAlpine and Sons. Was a member of the Working Men’s Club and played football with the local team. Married, with two children and, at the time of enlistment, was living at 48 Barton Road, Crosland Moor. Enlisted 29.9.1916. Embarked for France in April, 1917. Suffered severe gunshot wounds to the chest at Nieuport, 5.8.1917, and died in the 39th Casualty Clearing Station on 10.8.1917, aged 35 years. Buried in ADINKERKE MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row C, Grave 7. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; United Methodist Church, Crosland Moor.

BROOK, ESNOR. Private. No 241788. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar in 1880. Son of Mr and Mrs Joe William Brook of Slantgate, Kirkburton. Employed as a woollen spinner by Messrs W. Singleton and Company, Brook Mills, Kirkburton. Enlisted March 1916. Died of septic poisoning on 17.6.1917, in Hamelin Internment Camp, Germany, where he had been held as a wounded Prisoner of War, aged 36 years. Buried in NIEDERZWEHREN CEMETERY, CASSEL, GERMANY. Grave location:- Plot 10, Row F, Grave 17. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

BROOK, FREDERICK WILLIAM. Private. No 57613. 11th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Victoria Road, Lockwood, 19.5.1888. Son of Lewis and Wilhelmina Brook, of Lockwood. Employed as a tramcar cleaner at the Corporation tramway shed, Great Northern Street, Huddersfield. Married, with two children and, at the time of enlistment, was living at 44 Moorbottom Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. Enlisted 11.7.1917. Died of wounds to face, right hand and abdomen on 4.7.1918, in Italy, aged 30. Buried CAVALLETO BRITISH CEMETERY, ITALY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 3. ROH:- St. Stephen's Church, Rashcliffe; Huddersfield Corporation Roll.

BROOK, GEORGE WILLIAM. 2nd Lieutenant. 5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born 20.9.1894. Son of Tom and Emma Brook, 11 South Parade, Huddersfield. Educated at Fartown Grammar School and Huddersfield Technical College. Before enlistment, was learning the business of manufacturing with Messrs J. Heywood and Sons, Marsh Mills. Was a member of the Huddersfield YMCA and the Huddersfield Swimming Club. Enlisted as a Private in August, 1914, and embarked for France in April, 1915. Was once wounded and, after training at Fermoy, Ireland, he received his commission with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, in March 1918. Died at home, 11, South Parade, Huddersfield from pneumonia contracted on active service, 12.11.1918, aged 25 years. Buried in ST. PAUL'S CHURCHYARD, ARMITAGE BRIDGE. (Brother of 2nd Lieut. CHARLES DOUGLAS BROOK, who died, 5.9.1916, q.v.). ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


BROOK, HARRY. Gunner. No 161698. 308th Siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Holmfirth. Educated at Holmfirth National School. Employed by Messrs J. Bower and Sons, Dover Mills, Holmfirth. Was a member of the Hepworth Brass Band, playing both the euphonium and the cornet. Married, with one child. Lived Kippax Row, Underbank, Holmfirth. Enlisted May 1917. Killed in action, 4.11.1917. Buried in MENIN ROAD SOUTH CEMETERY, YPRES. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row K, Grave 35. ROH:- Underbank War Memorial. His wife received the following letter from a comrade, ‘You ask me about your poor husband’s death. It as hard for me to write it as it is to tell you as we were the best of chums. Well on November 4th, Sunday morning at 7.30am, Harry and a young man named Denham went to the cookhouse to get breakfast ready for the men on the guns, only about two hundred yards behind, when Fritz sent a high explosive shell over. This dropped close to them and killed them both instantaneously, hitting poor Harry in the stomach and the other poor fellow in the face. We carried them about two miles on stretchers and they were put away very nice and comfortable under the circumstances. Along with several of our chums we had service over them and they are buried in the military cemetery at Ypres. I am sure that he did not suffer any pain as it was all over in a second and that is a lot better than lying in agony for days and then go.’


BROOK, HARRY. Private. No 49686. 1/9th Battalion The King’s (Liverpool Regiment). Formerly No 30180 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mrs Clara Brook of Delph Terrace, Manchester Road, Milnsbridge; husband of Sarah Brook of ‘Casa Nova,’ 334 Manchester Road, Milnsbridge. Employed as a twister’s overlooker by Messrs John Crowther and Sons, Milnsbridge. Killed in action, 31.7.1917, aged 26 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial.

BROOK, HENRY. Private. No 30180. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Southport, son of the late Francis and Ellen Brook of Delph Terrace, Manchester Road, Milnsbridge; husband of Sarah Brook of ‘Casa Nova,’ 334 Manchester Road, Milnsbridge. Employed as a twister’s overlooker by Messrs John Crowther and Sons, Milnsbridge. Killed in action, 29.3.1918, aged 24 years. Buried in the SUNKEN ROAD CEMETERY, BOISLEUX-ST-MARC. Grave location:- Plot 19, Row B, Grave 8.


BROOK, HERBERT, MSM. Corporal. No 441158. Royal Army Medical Corps. Born 30 Violet Street, Halifax 10.12.1891. Son of Richard and Mary Brook, 91 Northgate, Huddersfield. Educated at Beaumont Street Board School; Huddersfield Higher Grade School and Bangor College. Was a school teacher in Sheffield before enlisting on 18.6.1915. Was on holiday at Cologne when war was declared. Single. Was demobilised at the beginning of February, 1919, but was taken ill on the journey home. Died from influenza and pneumonia at home, 91 Northgate, Huddersfield, on 19.2.1919, aged 27. He had recently been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for clerical work in the 4th Army Headquarters. Buried EDGEERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 46, 130G. ROH:- Great Northern Street Congregational Chapel; St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


location:- Plot 2, Row A, Grave 5. ROH:- Oakes Baptist Church; St. Stephen's Church, Lindley; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


BROOK, IRVING. Private. No 241058. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs S. W. Brook of Muslin Hall, Thongsbridge. Employed at Kirkbridge Mills. Captured by the Germans at Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, and was severely injured in the jaw. An operation was performed which was not successful and he was repatriated to England and treated on G3 Ward, King George’s Hospital, London, where he underwent another operation. He died suddenly on 21.6.1918, aged 24 years. Buried in LYDGATE PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL YARD, HOLMFIRTH. Grave location:- near South-East corner. 427. ROH:- Wooldale War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

BROOK, JOHN AMOS. Private. No SR/6974. 16th Battalion Middlesex Regiment. Born Halifax. Son of Mrs Brook, confectioner, 29 Bankwell Road, Milnsbridge. Formerly employed in an engineering works in London. Killed in action, 23.4.1917, aged 25 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial. (Brother of Private HERBERT BROOK, who died of wounds, 28.3.1915, q.v.).


BROOK, JAMES. Private. No 21/712. 1/5th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Kirkburton. Son of Mr and Mrs Tom Brook of Bank End, Kirkburton. Employed by Mr W. Armitage of Springfield Mills. Captured by the Germans at Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, and was severely injured in the jaw. An operation was performed which was not successful and he was repatriated to England and treated on G3 Ward, King George’s Hospital, London, where he underwent another operation. He died suddenly on 21.6.1918, aged 24 years. Buried in LYDGATE PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL YARD, HOLMFIRTH. Grave location:- near South-East corner. 427. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton; Shelley War Memorial.

BROOK, JOE. Private. No 202154. 1/4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Marsden. Son of Japheth and Mary Brook of Clough Lea, Marsden. Employed as a spinner at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Enlisted in June, 1916, and went over to France in October, 1916. Died of wounds, 27.3.1918, aged 30. Buried in ST SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, ROUEN. Grave location:- Block P, Plot 7, Row C. Grave 9B. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial. His mother received the following letter from the Sister in charge of an ambulance train, ‘He seemed to have no pain as he was more or less unconscious from the time he boarded the train until he died. We did all we could but his case was hopeless. His body was taken to Rouen.’

BROOK, JOHN AMOS. Private. No SR/6974. 16th Battalion Middlesex Regiment. Born Halifax. Son of Mrs Brook, confectioner, 29 Bankwell Road, Milnsbridge. Formerly employed in an engineering works in London. Killed in action, 23.4.1917, aged 25 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial. (Brother of Private HERBERT BROOK, who died of wounds, 28.3.1915, q.v.).

BROOK, RAYMOND TYAS. Private. No 42003. 10th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Formerly No 23407 Leicestershire Regiment. Born Hepworth. Son of John and Clara Lockwood Brook of 46 St. George’s Road, Scholes, Holmfirth. Attended Scholes Primitive Methodist Sunday School and Hepworth Parish Church. Employed in the finishing room at Washpit Mills, Holmfirth. Enlisted May 1916. Embarked for France in the first week of October, 1916. Killed in action in Italy, 27.10.1918, aged 21 years. Buried TEZZE BRITISH CEMETERY, ITALY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row D, Grave 3. ROH:- Hepworth and Scholes War Memorial; Hepworth Parish Church. His parents received the following letter from Private F. F. Halstead, who belonged to the same Company, giving an account of how Raymond met his death. ‘I feel the loss very much as he was a good pal but we have one consolation in knowing that he suffered no pain as a bullet from an enemy machine gun hit him in the head. It happened just as we had crossed the river and started the advance on the 27.10.1918. He was killed at my side as we had to lie down on the ground while the machine gun was firing but your dear son had the misfortune to be hit so once again I express my deepest sympathy as a better pal never lived.’


BROOK, WILLIAM MATTHEWMAN. Corporal. No 66037. 321st Siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery. Born 12 Hey Lane, Lowerhouses, Huddersfield 24.8.1893. Son of the late Matthewman and Mrs Brook, Hey Farm, Lowerhouses. Educated at Lowerhouses and Deighton Schools and Huddersfield Higher Grade


BROOKE, FRANK. Lance Bombardier. No 82171. 'A' Battery, 52nd Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born Golcar. Son of John and Kate Brooke, 32 Townend, Golcar. Employed by his brother, Mr J.W. Walker, woollen manufacturer, at Springdale Mills, Longroyd Bridge. Attended St. John's Church, Golcar and was a member of the St. John's Institute and Golcar Conservative Club. Enlisted, 4.8.1914, at the age of 16. He took part in the Dardanelles campaign, served for 12 months in Egypt and for two years in France. Wounded during the first battle of the Somme, in 1916, during the fight for Beaumont Hamel. Was at home on leave in August, 1918. Died of wounds, 4.9.1918, aged 20 years. Buried in FAUBOURG D'AMIENS CEMETERY, ARRAS. Grave location:- Plot 7, Row F, Grave 7. ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar.


BROOKE, JOSHUA. Private. No 409. 21st Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Son of Joseph and Ann Brooke, Marsh Road, Scholes Holmfirth. Employed in the mill warehouse of Mr Waterhouse of Lockwood. Was Secretary of Mount Tabor United Methodist School and a member of the choir. Enlisted 1915. Had become ill and had undergone two operations. Died at Etaples Base Hospital, 2.12.1916, aged 23 years. Buried in ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 20, Row D, Grave 8. ROH:- Hepworth and Scholes War Memorial; Hepworth Parish Church.


BROOKS, FREDERICK. Private. No 15325. 24th Battalion (Oldham Pals) Manchester Regiment. Born East Hagbourne, Berkshire. Son of George and Ellen Brooks. Lived Bankfield, Manchester Road, Marsden. From boyhood had been brought up by his Uncle, Mr Howson of Marsden. Employed as a weaver at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Was a member of the Adult Sunday School and the Socialist Institute. Enlisted 12.5.1915. Embarked for France, 12.11.1915. Received a gunshot wound to the head whilst engaged in bomb throwing on 2.7.1916. After first aid had been given he was taken to the Base Hospital at Rouen where he died of his injuries on 12.7.1916, aged 24. Buried in ST. SEVER CEMETERY, ROUEN. Grave location:- Plot A, Row 28, Grave 8. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.

BROOKS, FREDERICK. Private. No 5542. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Frederick and Ruth E. Brown, 10, Dewhurst Road, Fartown, Huddersfield. Educated at Holmfirth and Woodhouse Church of England Schools. Employed as a porter by Mr H. Hardy, of Birkby, in his paper warehouse. Enlisted May 1917. Embarked for France in April 1918. Awarded the Military Medal 1.10.1918 for 'bravery and resourcefulness during an attack on an enemy defensive system'. Killed during the attack on 1.10.1918, aged 19 years. Buried in ANNEUX BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row H, Grave 12. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


BROWN, HARRY. Private. No 100192. 24th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Born Holmfirth. Son of Frederick and Ruth E. Brown, 10, Dewhurst Road, Fartown, Huddersfield. Educated at Holmfirth and Woodhouse Church of England Schools. Employed as a porter by Mr H. Hardy, of Birkby, in his paper warehouse. Enlisted May 1917. Embarked for France in April 1918. Awarded the Military Medal 1.10.1918 for 'bravery and resourcefulness during an attack on an enemy defensive system'. Killed during the attack on 1.10.1918, aged 19 years. Buried in ANNEUX BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row H, Grave 12. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.
Holmfirth. Lived Longley, Holmfirth. Employed Messrs. Watkinson and Sons at Washpit Mills, Holmfirth. A keen cricketer, playing with the Cartworth Moor and Choppards teams. Was one of 29 cousins serving in the forces, being the sons of seven brothers. Had been at the front just seven weeks when reported missing, presumed killed, in the attack on the Schwaben Redoubt on 3.9.1916, aged 32 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Holmfirth; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


BRUCE, NORMAN VICTOR. Gunner. No 231391. 108th Brigade HQ, Royal Field Artillery. Born Harrogate. Son of Robert and Elinor Bruce of 102 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth. Husband of Louie Bruce of South Lane, Holmfirth. Educated at Holmfirth National School. Worked at Rock Mills for a time and then joined the West Riding Constabulary and worked as a clerk at the Depot in Wakefield. Married at Holmfirth Parish Church, 9.4.1917, and enlisted on the following Monday. Killed instantly by a piece of shrapnel, 27.3.1918, aged 25 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the POZIERES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Holmfirth. (Brother of Private ROBERT VERNON BRUCE, who was killed on 9.4.1917, his brother's wedding day, q.v.).

BRUCE, ROBERT VERNON. Sergeant. No 235225. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Son of Robert and Elinor Bruce, 102 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth. Attended Holmfirth Parish Church. Employed in the
office of Messrs Farrar and Company, Thirstin Dyeworks, Honley. Killed in action on the first day of the Battle of Arras. He was a member of a British attacking party who had cleared four lines of German trenches and had also cleared the enemy out of the village beyond when, according to information, Sergeant Bruce saw a British soldier lying wounded in an exposed position. In order to bandage the poor fellow who was lying in distress he crept out into the open but a German bullet killed him instantly. Killed in action, 9.4.1917, aged 26 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial. (Brother of Private NORMAN VICTOR BRUCE, killed in action, 27.3.1918, q.v.).


BUCKLEY, DONALD. Private. No 35063. 24th Battalion (Tyneside Irish) Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Longwood 12.2.1898. Son of John Denton and Lavinia Buckley, 161 Longwood Gate, Longwood. Educated at Goitfield Board School. Had worked at Rushworths Limited, Westgate, Huddersfield, but at the time of enlistment was employed by his father in his drapery business. Attended the Lockwood Baptist Sunday School and was a member of the North Ward Liberal Club. Enlisted October, 1916, and embarked for France at about the same time as his brother. Reported missing, presumed killed, 28.4.1917, aged 19 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Salendine Nook Baptist Church and a memorial in the churchyard 514E; Longwood War Memorial. (Brother of Private ARNOLD BUCKLEY, killed in action, 31.5.1917, q.v.).


Brothers, woollen manufacturers, of Lockwood. Enlisted November 1916. Served as a stretcher-bearer. Wounded in the right arm and both legs on 27.11.1917. Taken to Etaples Base Hospital, where his right leg was amputated. Died of his wounds, 11.12.1917, aged 26 years. Buried ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 31, Row C, Grave 10a. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Marsden War Memorial.


BUCKLEY, WALTER. Private. No 93885. 51st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Son of Samuel and Ada Alice Buckley, 6 Back Union Street, Northgate, Huddersfield. Died at home, 20.4.1921, aged 20 years. Buried in EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 15B, 90C.


outbreak of the war and embarked for France on 4.2.1916. Was awarded the Military Medal on 1.9.1916 for 'gallant conduct under fire.' Died of wounds at 2/2nd London Casualty Clearing Station, 13.10.1916, aged 32. Buried in GROVE TOWN CEMETERY, MEAULTE. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row L, Grave 10. ROH:- London and North Western Railway Roll.


BURHOUSE, HENRY JOE. Lance Corporal. No 41888. 7th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. Son of James William and Mary Burhouse. Lived 106 Yews Hill Road, Lockwood. Died in Germany as a Prisoner of War, 6.11.1918, aged 20 years. Buried BERLIN SOUTH WESTERN CEMETERY, STAHSNDORE, GERMANY. Grave location:- Plot 18, Row B, Grave 5.

BURKITT, TOM. Lance Corporal. No 2594. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Knutsford, Cheshire, 19.3.1893. Son of Mrs Adah Burkitt, 56 Northgate, Almondbury. Educated at Almondbury Church of England School. Single. Had served four years with the local Territorials. Although his mother was a widow, he said that as a trained man he could not stand aside and he must go along with his elder brother, who was in the Ambulance Section of the same Regiment. Enlisted 12.8.1914. Embarked for France April, 1915. Killed in action near Bois Grenier, 25.6.1915, aged 22 years. Buried RUE DAVID MILITARY CEMETERY, FLEURBAIX. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 8. His mother received the following letter from Lieutenant J. M. Haigh, of 'C' Company, 'I regret to have to inform you that your son, Lance Corporal T. Burkitt, was killed last night. He died doing his duty as a soldier and a man. A bullet struck him in the back. He was taken to hospital but died very soon afterwards. The funeral took place at 11am today. There are some things which are difficult to say but your son deserves the highest tribute and praise. I have never met a braver man, nor one in whose character there was more to admire. It is a noble thing that he has done. Please accept our deepest sympathy with you in your great loss.' ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Almondbury War Memorial.


BURNLEY, JOE, DCM. Private. No 242043. 6th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. Formerly No 2367 Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Ripon. Son of the late Mr Joseph Burnley, St. Wilfred's Hotel, Ripon, and Mrs Burnley, 56 Quarmby Road, late of Golcar Brow, Meltham. Had served in the army for five years and had come home on time expired leave at Whitsuntide, 1918. Died of gunshot wounds to abdomen in No 3 Casualty Clearing Station, Gezaincourt, 26.8.1918, aged 20 years. One week after his death he was awarded the DCM for ‘gallantry and devotion to duty on the field of battle.’. Buried BAGNEUX BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 6, Row B, Grave 3. ROH:- St. Bartholomew's Church, Meltham; Longwood War Memorial. (Brother of Private HARRY RAYMOND BURNLEY, who died of wounds, 11.11.1915, q.v.).

BURROWS, EDWARD HORACE. Private. No 142565. 62nd Battalion Machine Gun Corps. Formerly No 32426 Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Son of Thomas and Mary Burrows, 43 Arnold Street, Birkby. Employed by Messrs J. Hopkinson, of Birkby. Was a member of the Birkby Baptist Young Men's Bible Class. Embarked for France just before Christmas, 1917. Died of pneumonia at Etaples Base Hospital, 6.4.1918, aged 20 years. Buried in ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 33, Row D, Grave 12. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; Slaithwaite War Memorial.


BURTON, CHARLES. Lance Corporal. No 32955. 1/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born East View, off Croft House Lane, Marsh, 31.10.1889. Son of Tom Heeley and Evalina Burton, 1 Clara Street, Fartown. Educated at St. John's School, Hillhouse. Employed by the Maypole Dairy Company, Dewsbury, as a grocer's assistant. Enlisted June 1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, 14.4.1918. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John's Church, Birkby; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; also commemorated on parents' headstone in Edgerton Cemetery, Huddersfield.


BUTLER, CYRIL FRANK. 2nd Lieutenant. 112th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born Settle 19.8.1894. Son of Mr and Mrs Butler, 'Paragon Hotel', Westgate', Huddersfield. Educated at Skipton Grammar School, where he was schools champion for 1910, 1913 and 1914. Went to Ripon and St. John College, York, where he was a student. Played for Skipton Rugby Union Club and later for York, Huddersfield and Halifax Northern Union clubs at three-quarter back. He was also a keen runner and fine athlete. Enlisted, 4.1.1916, in the Royal Horse Artillery as a Gunner. Died of wounds near Rheims, 8.6.1918. Buried MARFAUX BRITISH CEMETERY.

Grave location:- Plot 7, Row D, Grave 1. ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church.


BUTTERWORTH, ERNEST. Private. No 2165. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Alfred H and Alice A Butterworth, Park Ryding, Holmfirth. Attended Holmfirth Wesleyan Church and was an active member of the Holmfirth Liberal Club. Assisted his father in the business of Messrs H. and S.
Butterworth, woollen manufacturers, Lower Mills, Holmfirth. Enlisted with the local Territorial battalion at the outbreak of the war. Shot through the head and died instantaneously, 12.7.1915, aged 26 years. Buried in COLNE VALLEY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row D, Grave 14. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial; Uppermthong War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall. (Brother of 2nd Lieutenant NORMAN BUTTERWORTH, killed in action, 9.5.1917, q.v.).

BUTTERWORTH, NORMAN. 2nd Lieutenant. 5th Battalion Manchester Regiment, attached 70th Squadron Royal Flying Corps. Born Holmfirth. Son of Alfred H and Alice A Butterworth, Park Ryding, Holmfirth. Educated at Holmfirth Wesleyan Day School, later became a boarder at Fulneck School, Pudsey, and finished his schooling in Switzerland. He became associated with the business of Messrs Armitage and Rhodes of Ravensthorpe and was one of the partners in the firm when war broke out. He enlisted in November, 1915, a few months after his brother Ernest was killed, and obtained a commission in the 5th Battalion Manchester Regiment. He embarked for France in October, 1916, attached to the 17th Battalion Manchester Regiment. Then he returned to England and went through training for the Royal Flying Corps, returning to France on 5.4.1917. On 9.5.1917, some British aircraft went over the German lines and they were attacked by a large number of German planes. There was a long and close fight in which two German machines were shot down and two others driven down. Norman was hit during the combat and killed instantaneously. The machine was very badly damaged and became almost uncontrollable and only by very fine piloting was it possible for the machine to return. Killed in action whilst flying, 9.5.1917, aged 24 years. Buried in BRAY MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row G, Grave 16. ROH:- Christ Church, Moldgreen.


CAIN, JAMES EDWARD, MM. Acting Bombardier. No L/25688. ‘D’ Battery, 168th (Huddersfield) Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born Hyde Cheshire. Husband of Emily Ann Caine, Church Green, Kirkburton. Employed as a miner by Messrs Swift and Netherwood, Lepton Collieries. Awarded the Military Medal on 17.9.1917, ‘for standing to the guns for 16 hours after all his companions had been gassed.’ Killed in action, 30.10.1917, aged 31. Buried MINTY FARM CEMETERY, St. JAN, BELGIUM. Grave Location:- Plot 2, Row B, Grave 19. ROH:- All Hallows Church, Kirkburton.
CAINE, THOMAS. Corporal. No 3321. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Lived 5 Water Royd, Turnbridge, Huddersfield. Employed as a labourer by Mr A. Graham, contractor, of Colne Road, Huddersfield. Attended St. Patrick's Church. Married, with five children, the youngest of whom was born a fortnight before her father was killed. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war and embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action, 20.1.1917, aged 30 years. Buried HUMBERCAMPS COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row C, Grave 14. (Brother of Private FREDERICK CAINE MM, killed in action, 9.10.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.


CALVERLEY, HAROLD. Private. No 30418. 1st Battalion King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment). Born Lillands Lane, Brighouse, 3.8.1895. Educated at Moldgreen Council School. Worked as licensed hawker. Married. At the time of enlistment, was living at 281 Wakefield Road, Moldgreen. Enlisted 3.8.1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, near Poelcapelle, Belgium, 9.10.1917, aged years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Andrew's Church, Huddersfield; Christ Church, Moldgreen.

CALVERLEY, PHILIP HENRY. Private. No 3/2100. ‘B’ Company, 1st Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Crumpsall, Manchester, 29.12.1893. Son of William Henry and Eva Calverley, 89 Luck Lane, Marsh. Educated at Paddock Council School. Attended Paddock United Methodist Church. Employed as a clerk in the Huddersfield office of the Royal Insurance Company. Was a teacher and active worker in the Marsh United Methodist Sunday School, where he was also secretary of the Band of Hope and Plan Secretary to the Christian Endeavour Society. Was also secretary and treasurer for the Marsh United Harriers of which he was an active member. Enlisted 31.8.1914. Trained at Sutton-on-Humber and, afterwards, at Winchester and passed his firing course at Strensall and Hornsea. Embarked for France on 14.1.1915. Killed in action between Zonnebeke and Zillebeke, Belgium, on 8.5.1915, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; Shared Church, Paddock; commemorated in Salendine Nook Baptist Chapel yard, D312.


CARR, JAMES. Private. No 242940. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Leeds. Son of Mr and Mrs Peter Carr, 53 Craven Road, Woodhouse Street, Leeds. Educated at Meanwood Road Council School, Leeds. Employed as a scourer and miller by Messrs T. Calverley and Sons, Milnsbridge. Husband of Elsie May Carter, 40 Cobden Row, Marsden Road, Huddersfield. At the time of enlistment, was living 119 Cottage Retreat, Marsden Road, Huddersfield. Enlisted 4.8.1914. Came home on leave a few days before his death. Had been in hospital previously suffering from the effects of an accident. Killed in action near Ypres, 23.3.1917, aged 21. Buried BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER CEMETERY, YPRES. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row G, Grave 4. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.


CARTER, ALFRED ERNEST. Private. No 23692. 8th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Born Kirkburton. Son of Mr William Carter (clerk to the Meltham Urban District Council) and Eliza Carter. Employed as a cashier at the Market Place branch of the London, City and Midland Bank Limited. Attended Meltham Parish Church. Killed in action at the Battle of Arras, 3.5.1917, aged 34. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Bartholomew's Church, Kirkburton; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


CARTER, FRED. Corporal. No 201898. 4th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. Born Slaithwaite. Married. At the time of enlistment, was living at 4 Warrington Terrace, Marsden. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Crowther, Bruce and Company Limited. Killed in action, 12.10.1918, aged 26 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the VIS-en-ARTOIS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Slaithwaite War Memorial.

CARTER, GEORGE. Private. No 28956. 9th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs R. Carter, 33 Malvern Road, Primrose Hill, Huddersfield. Attended Hall Bower Sunday School and was a member of the Primrose Hill Liberal Club and cricket club. Reported missing, presumed killed, 20.9.1917, aged 33 years. Buried in HOOGO CRATER CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 7, Row D, Grave 12. ROH:- Lowerhouses War Memorial.


CARTER, JOHN WILFRED. 2nd Lieutenant. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 9.2.1891 in Kirkburton. Son of Councillor Wilfred Carter, shovel and shaft importer, and Selina (nee Jackson) Carter of Rose Cottage, Kirkburton. He gained a scholarship at King James’ Grammar School, Almondbury, where he remained for five years. At the age of 16 he matriculated and, gaining other scholarships, went to Leeds University. At the age of 19 he earned his BA and was subsequently awarded a Gilchrist scholarship, with which he studied in Germany at Bonn and Leipzig Universities. On his return to England, in 1911, he was appointed German and French master at Leeds Central High School. On 26.8.1914, he was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Killed in action in the Dardanelles, 7.8.1915. He was 23 years of age. He was originally buried in the vicinity of Salt Lake, however, following the reoccupation of the Gallipoli peninsula in 1919, his grave was unable to be located by the Imperial (later Commonwealth) War Graves Commission, and so today he is commemorated on the HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.


CARTER, SAM. Private. No A/24119. 5th Battalion Canadian Infantry. (Saskatchewan Regiment). Son of Mrs Law Carter of Dogley Bar, Kirkburton. Enlisted December, 1914, and was attached to ‘B’ Company, 5th Canadian Battalion, 2nd Infantry Brigade, 1st Canadian Division. Arrived in England in July, 1915. After being in the trenches for ten months, he came home on leave not having seen his mother and sisters and brothers for five years. On returning to the front he was attached to a different platoon and was killed in action on 6.6.1916, aged 33 years, during a heavy bombardment. Buried in LARCH WOOD (RAILWAY CUTTING) CEMETERY, ZILLEBEKE, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 5, Row C, Grave 3. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.


CARTWRIGHT, CHARLES. Lance Corporal. No 175305. 1/1st Queen’s Own Yorkshire Dragoons. Born 281 Church Lane, Moldgreen, 20.7.1888. Son of Charles and Mary Ellen Cartwright. Educated at Moldgreen Church of England School. Employed by Messrs Rippon Brothers as a motor car builder. Single. Enlisted...


CARTWRIGHT, HERBERT. Private. No M/375345. ‘C’ Battery Siege Park Army Service Corps. Born Kirkburton. Son of Mr and Mrs Henry Cartwright of Westfield Farm, Flockton, and formerly of Kirkburton. Died of pneumonia at the 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station, 25.2.1919, aged 30 years. Buried ATH COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location: Row A, Grave 8. ROH: All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.


CARTWRIGHT, WILLIE. Acting Company Quarter Master Sergeant. No S/2982. 11th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Born New Mill 19.12.1890. Son of the late Novello and Ann Cartwright, 43 Crosland Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. Educated at Stile Common Council School. Was a member of the choir at St. Matthew's Church, Primrose Hill, and a member of Lockwood Liberal Club. Employed as a warehouseman by Messrs Joseph Taylor and Sons, iron merchants, of Kirkgate, Huddersfield. At the time of enlistment, was living at 6 Burbearry Road, Lockwood. Enlisted 31.8.1914. Killed in action on the Somme, 15.9.1916, aged 26 years. Buried ADANAC MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location: Plot 6, Row J, Grave 28. ROH: St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; St. Matthew’s Church, Primrose Hill.


CASTLE, JOHN ARTHUR. Private. No 12336. 2/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar. Son of the late Firth and of Mrs Castle, 316 Fairfield, Manchester Road, Milnsbridge. Employed as a beamer by Messrs John Crowther and Sons Limited, Union Mills, Milnsbridge. Enlisted September, 1914, and had been twice wounded. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Cambrai, 28.11.1917, aged 28 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

CATER, GEORGE EDWARD. Lance Corporal. No 305484. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Marsden. Second son of Mr and Mrs W E Cater, Side Ing, Marsden, Huddersfield. Employed as a spinner at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Was an able student at the Marsden Evening School, where he was awarded a gold medal in the session before he joined the army, in August 1914. Was a member of the Order of Rechabites. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action, 13.4.1918, aged 23 years. Buried LE GRAND BEAUMART BRITISH CEMETERY, STEENWERCK. Grave location:- Special Memorial A 7. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.


CHALONER, ARTHUR. Private. No 36708. 10th Battalion Duke of Cornwall’s Light Infantry. Formerly No 213364 Royal Engineers. Born 169 Rashcliffe Hill, Huddersfield, 31.3.1888. Educated at Mount Pleasant Council School. Employed as a moulder by Messrs Jere Kaye and Company. At the time of enlistment was living at 12 Manor Street, Kings Mill Lane, Huddersfield. Married. Was a member of St. Andrew’s Cricket Club and also a member of the Ramsden Street Men’s Own Class. Killed in action, 1.12.1917, aged 29 years. Buried HERMIES HILL BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row C, Grave 13. ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Huddersfield Corporation Roll; Almondbury War Memorial.


CHAPLIN, ALFRED. Able Seaman. No J/40505. Royal Navy. HMS Saumarez. Born Hinchliffe Mill, Holmbridge, Holmfirth. Son of Mary Chaplin, Glen Royd, Hinchliffe Mill, Holmbridge. Educated at Field End School and Hall Sunday School. Played with Hinchliffe Mill Brass Band and later with Holme Brass Band. Employed in the twisting department of Messrs J. Greenwood and Sons, Digley Mills. Enlisted in August, 1914, into the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment and underwent training in Dorset. He was discharged due to rheumatism and went to work at Yew Tree Mills. On the formation of the Holme Valley Battery, Royal Field Artillery, tried to re-enlist but was turned down on medical grounds. Was finally accepted into the Royal Navy in June, 1915. Was accidentally drowned through the capsizing of the whaler HMS Saumarez on 29.6.1918, aged 26 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His mother received a letter from the Captain of HMS Saumarez who wrote, ‘I am very sorry indeed to have to inform you that it is true that your son lost his life through the capsizing of our whaler at about 4pm on the 29th June. The whaler was struck by a sudden squall which took her aback and before the sails could be eased off she capsized and sank. It is believed that your son got entangled in the sails or the gear and was taken down with the boat but we were unable to recover either the boat or his body so I have no certain information on that point. Divers were at work endeavouring to recover the bodies and the boat for five days but after that it was useless going on searching. His loss is very severely felt in the ship by all his shipmates and I wish to express my most sincere sympathy with you in your loss.’ ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial.

CHAPLIN, HERBERT. Private. No 22014. ‘B’ Company 17th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers. Born Holmfirth. Son of Harry and Mary Ann Chaplin, 131 Woodhead Road, Hinchliffe Mill, Holmfirth. Employed by Messrs W.H. and
J. Barber at Clarence Mills, Holmbridge. Was a member of Holmbridge Rugby Football club and a keen athlete. Being just five foot three inches in height he enlisted in a bantam battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers at Bolton. Suffered a severe compound fractures to the skull and knee and died in No 5 Casualty Clearing Station, at 2.30pm, on 27.8.1916, aged 27 years. Buried CORBIE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row B, Grave 57. ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial. (Brother of Private JOHN HENRY CHAPLIN, killed in action, 8.10.1916, q.v.).

CHAPLIN, JOHN HENRY. Private. No 153151. 43rd Battalion Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment). Born Hinchcliffe Mill in 1883. Son of Harry and Mary Ann Chaplin, 131 Woodhead Road, Hinchcliffe Mill, Holmfirth. Before emigrating to Canada, in 1908, was a firer at Messrs W. H. and J. Barbers at Clarence Mill, Holmbridge. Married. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Was wounded in the head in April, 1915, near Ypres. Returned to the trenches six weeks later. Reported missing, presumed killed, 8.10.1916, aged 33 years. Buried REGINA TRENCH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row D, Grave 23. ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial. (Brother of Private HERBERT CHAPLIN, who died of wounds, 27.8.1916, q.v.).


CHAPPELL, ARTHUR. Rifleman. No R/19790. 16th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps. Born Milnsbridge. Son of Harry and Mary Chappell, 93 Luck Lane, Marsh. Educated at Thomas Street Council School. Employed as a grocer’s traveller by the Cash Supplies Stores, New Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted 8.1.1917. Killed in action at the Battle of Cambrai, 27.11.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Great Northern Street Congregational Church; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial. (Brother of Private STANLEY CHAPPELL, killed in action, 13.8.1915, q.v.).


CHAPPELL, HARRY. Private. No 3815. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs Fred Chapman, ‘Glan-y-Morfa’, 63 Luck Lane, Marsh, Huddersfield. Educated at Paddock Council School. Employed as a cloth finisher by Messrs Liddell and Brierley Limited, Stanley Mills, Marsh. Was a member of the Young Men’s Class at Gledholt Wesleyan Church where he was assistant organist. Enlisted 11.11.1915.

Embarked for France February, 1917. Wounded, 18.4.1917, near Hesbecourt and died of wounds, 19.4.1917, aged 20 years. Buried PERONNE COMMUNAL CEMETERY AND EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 11 ROH:- Gledholt Wesleyan Church; All Saint's Church, Paddock.

March 1916. Killed in action on the Somme, 8.8.1916, aged 26 years. Buried LONSDALE CEMETERY, AUTHUIILLE. Grave location:- Plot 8, Row E, Grave 1. ROH:- St James’ Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall. His parents received the following letter from Private H Carter who was a comrade of their son and also lived at Bank Top, Slaithwaite, ‘I am very sorry to inform you that Harry was killed early this morning whilst we were out on a working party. He only lived about five minutes after he had been wounded. He was unconscious at the time of death so he would suffer no pain. I did not know he had been hit until half an hour later when we were coming back and then they told me that my pal had been killed. It was a great blow to me as we had been together all the time until last night when we got separated in the dark and could not find each other. I have lost my best friend for he was a good lad and respected by all who knew him out here. You have my deepest sympathy in your great and sad loss.’


CHAPPELL, STANLEY. Private. No 27317. 1st Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Formerly No 3888 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Nook, Newsome Road, 12.5.1890. Son of John and Martha Charlesworth of Dene Road, Kirkheaton. Husband of Amy Hilda Charlesworth of Back Lane, Shelley. Employed as a painter by Messrs J. and W. Lodge of Kirkburton. Killed in action, 10.11.1917, aged 39 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the LOOS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton; Emmanuel Church, Shelley.

CHAPPELL, STANLEY. Lieutenant. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Brockholes. Son of the late Mr and Mrs Ralph Charlesworth of Brockholes. Educated at St. Mary’s College, Bangor, and had been a teacher in Sheffield for twenty years. Had served with the Colours both in Egypt and France and had been wounded twice and gassed in April, 1918. Returned to Sheffield for medical treatment but never recovered. Died 1.2.1919, aged 41 years. Buried St. GEORGE’S CHURCHYARD, BROCKHOLES. Grave location:- H. 31, South of Church. ROH:- Honley War Memorial; Brockholes War Memorial.

CHAPPELL, GEORGE ADAM. Gunner. No 74499. 122nd Heavy Battery Royal Garrison Artillery, Born Kirkburton. Son of Adam and Sarah Ann Charlesworth of Dean Brow, Kirkburton. Employed by his father as a tailor. Was a member of Kirkburton...


CHARLESWORTH, HERBERT. 2nd Lieutenant. 91st Company Machine Gun Corps. Formerly Army Cyclist Corps. Son of the late Mr and Mrs Henry Charlesworth of Quarry Mount, Holmfirth. Educated at Holmfirth National School. Attended Holmfirth Parish Church Sunday School, where he played the organ and was a member of the bible class. On leaving school he was employed by Messrs Rushworths of Westgate, Huddersfield, but at the time of enlistment was employed by Messrs Graham, contractors, of Huddersfield. Enlisted in June 1915. Was wounded on 3.9.1916 and returned to England. Returned to France in December, 1916. Was commissioned in February, 1917. Was married in August, 1917, to Miss E A Hirst of Cirencester at St. John’s Church, Bognor. A fortnight after his wedding he returned to France. Killed in action, 26.10.1917, aged 26 years. Buried HOOGE CRATER CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 10, Row F, Grave 1. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial.

CHARLESWORTH, JOHN EDWARD. Private. No 7199. 1/9th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Son of the late William Charlesworth of Liphill and Mrs Alfred Woodhead (formerly Charlesworth) of Towngate, Holmfirth. Educated at St. John’s School, Holmfirth. Attended St. John’s Parish Church and Sunday School and was a member of the choir. After leaving school was employed by Messrs Henry Mitchell and Sons for two years and then for Messrs Wallaces branch shop at Lockwood, at which branch he became manager, and was later transferred to the New Mill branch as manager.
In partnership with a friend he commenced business at Horwich in the grocery and provision trade. Enlisted, 1916, and embarked for France in October, 1916. The family received a postcard from him, dated 5.11.1916, saying the following, 'I promised in my last letter to send you the nature of the next move. Well it will give you a shock as I am a German prisoner of war. We went over the top on November 5th and got cut off. I am not yet at a permanent place so that you will no be able to write. I hope you have not been too much alarmed at my letters ceasing. I did not get wounded at all and am at present living in barracks in France and am being treated alright.'

The next time the family received any news from him was a postcard which arrived in Holmfirth on 19.3.1916, dated 31.12.1916. He wrote, 'I have been in hospital eleven days with my leg. It started swelling, blood poisoning I think. The doctor cut it slightly and it is going on alright. I've started knocking about in camp but have not started working outside yet.'

On 1.4.1917, after enquiries through the British Red Cross, the family were told that he had died on 7.1.1917, aged 32 years. Buried ACHIET-LE-GRAND COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row N, Grave 1. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial.

CHARLESWORTH, JOHN SHEPHERD.

CHARLESWORTH, WILFRED. Private. No 242836. 1/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs C. W. Charlesworth, 33 Cinderhills Road, Holmfirth. Attended Holmfirth Parish Church Sunday School and was a member of Holmfirth Conservative Club. Had worked at both at Dover Mills and Rock Mills, Holmfirth. Was a keen football player, playing with the Underbank rugby team, the Hinchliffe Mill Temperance team and the Netherthong association team. Enlisted September 1916. Killed in action, 14.4.1918, aged 29 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Underbank War Memorial.


CHEETHAM, GEORGE CLIFFORD. Air Mechanic 2nd Class. No 29343. 45th Squadron Royal Air Force. Son of Edwin and Annie Cheetham of Brockholes. Employed by Messrs Mitchell and Sons of Brockholes. Was well known as a vocalist and was a member of the Brockholes church choir. Died of bronchial pneumonia, 8.10.1918, aged 21. Buried CHARMES MILITARY CEMETERY. (VOSGES). Grave location:- Plot 1, Row C, Grave 10. ROH:- Honley War Memorial; Brockholes War Memorial.

CHEETHAM, HERBERT. Rifleman. No C/7622. 18th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Marsden. Moved to Milnsbridge in 1912. Son of Mr and Mrs Sam Cheetham, 11 Casson Street, Milnsbridge. Employed by Mr Richardson, hairdresser of Bradford Road, Huddersfield, and formerly by Mr H Crowther, hairdresser, of Peel Street, Marsden. Had also been employed by Messrs John Crowther and Sons of Milnsbridge. Played football with Marsden Villa team and Holme City. Attended Milnsbridge Christadelphian Society. Enlisted 15.11.1915. Embarked for France 2.5.1916. Killed in action, 15.9.1916, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

CHILD, GEORGE. Corporal. No 17554. 10th Battalion The Camerons (Scottish Rifles). Son of James and Ellen Child of Cliffe, Wooldale, Holmfirth; husband of Harriet Maria Child, 4 Spring Row, Keighley Road, Colne. On leaving
school was employed in the shop of Mrs Brook, Victoria Street, Holmfirth. Was then employed by the Netherthong Cooperative Society, until he left to take up a position with the Colne Cooperative Society. At the time of enlistment, was employed as a tram conductor on the Colne tramways. Enlisted 1.1.1915. Trained in Scotland and embarked for France on 10.10.1916. Killed in action, 1.8.1917, aged 30 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

CHINN, EDWARD WILLIAM. No 39571. Signal Depot (Fenny Stratford) Royal Engineers. Formerly Lance Corporal No 6938, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born High Royd, Moldgreen. Educated at Spring Grove Board School. Married. At the time of enlistment was living at Luck Lane, Paddock. Before enlistment was in the employ of Huddersfield Corporation Tramways Department as a driver. Enlisted 26.11.1901. Was on leave at home when he was involved in an accident; (the following report was in the Huddersfield Daily Examiner for 16.8.1917, ‘Between 12 and 1pm this afternoon a collision took place at Aspley, where St. Andrew’s Road and Firth Street enter at right angles into the main thoroughfare from Huddersfield, between a taxi cab, owned and driven by Mr Arthur Brook of Packhorse Yard, and a motor waggon converted from a motor car owned and driven by Mr Willie Whiteley, dyer of Aspley Dyeworks (St. Andrew’s Road). As a result Lance Corporal EDWARD WILLIAM CHINN of the Royal Engineers (signal department), Bletchley Camp, whose wife and children live at Luck Lane, Paddock, who was a passenger in the taxi, is lying in the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary suffering from a fractured pelvis and other injuries and his condition is stated to be serious.’ Died in Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, 16.8.1917, aged 33 years. Buried with full military honours in EDGERTON CEMETERY,HUDDERSFIELD on 20.8.1917. Grave location:- 11B, 175. ROH:- New North Road Baptist Church.

CHIPPINDALE, NORMAN R. Private. No 4396. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Linthwaite. Son of Walter and Emily Chippindale, 10 Wood Street, Longwood. Husband of Agnes Chippindale, 10 Causeway Side, Linthwaite. Educated Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge. Employed as a night piecer at the Colne Valley Spinning Company. Attended Linthwaite Wesleyan Church and formerly the Milnsbridge Wesleyan Sunday School. A keen rugby player. Had served for four years with the local Territorials before the outbreak of war but, not having received his discharge papers, was called up with the remainder of the Battalion. After a few days he was granted his discharge and allowed to return home. In June, 1915, he voluntarily re-enlisted and, after training at Clipstone Camp where he was in the bomb throwing section, he embarked for France in May, 1916. His death occurred on the morning of Wednesday, 25.10.1916, whilst on guard-duty behind the lines, a piece of shrapnel hitting him on the head and killing him instantly. Buried FONQUEVILLERS MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row K, Grave 23. ROH:- Linthwaite; St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood; Huddersfield Mission, Milnsbridge; Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge; Huddersfield Drill Hall; commemorated in Salendine Nook Chapel yard, 443E.


CLARK, ARCHIBALD GRASSAM. Private. No 204566. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s
Regiment. Born Falkirk, Scotland, 6.2.1885. Son of John Clark, 8 Millflat Street, Carron Road, Falkirk. Educated at Falkirk Schools. Husband of Mrs L Clark, 5 Brunswick Yard, Albert Street, Lockwood. Employed as a moulder by the Hygienic Stove Company. Enlisted July 1915. Reported missing, presumed killed, at Bourlon Wood during the Battle of Cambrai, 27.11.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

ROH:- St. Stephen's Church, Rashcliffe; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


CLARK, JOEL LEE. Private. No 36652. 12th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Formerly No 5636 Cheshire Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Youngest son of Mr and Mrs James A. Clark, 6 School Street, Moldgreen. Before leaving the area for Stockport was employed by Messrs Wheatley, Dyson and Sons. Husband of Violet Clark, 85 Manchester Road, Heaton Norris, Stockport. Killed in action, 13.4.1918, aged 27 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.


ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


CLARK, WALTER TOM RICHARD. Private. No 82786. 15th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Formerly No 38834 East Yorkshire Regiment. Born Sidmouth, Devon. Son of Mr and Mrs Clark, Britannia Road, Slainthaite. Employed as a teayer by Messrs Pogson and Company. Had only been in France for 14 days when he was killed by a shell on 9.9.1918, aged 18 years. Buried GOUZEAUCOURT NEW BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 6, Row C, Grave 16. ROH:- St. James Church, Slainthaite; Slainthaite War Memorial.


MISSING. ROH:- St. John's Church, Kirkheaton; Lepton Parish Church.


CLAY, ELTON. Sergeant Signaller. No 12469. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Sheepridge, Huddersfield, 4.5.1890. Son of Mr and Mrs G. Clay, 35 Dewhurst Road, Fartown, Huddersfield. Educated at St. Thomas's Church of England School, Huddersfield. Employed as a brass finisher by Messrs J. Hopkinson and Company Limited of Birkby. Was a teacher at Sheepridge Wesleyan Sunday School, where he was also the secretary. Single. Enlisted 27.8.1914. Took part in the landing at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, in August, 1915, and served throughout the campaign until the withdrawal in December, 1915, when he was transferred to Egypt and then to France. Killed in action, 29.4.1917, aged 26 years. Buried Hermies British Cemetery. Grave location:- Row A, Grave 15. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


CLAY, LOUIS. Private. No 4905. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Golcar. Husband of Sarah Clay, 2 Slades, Linthwaite. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Charles Lockwood and Sons. Attended Golcar Baptist Church and was a member of Golcar Liberal Club. Enlisted 4.3.1916. Embarked for France January, 1917. Wounded by shrapnel in both thighs during his first time in the trenches. Died at No 4 Casualty Clearing Station, 23.2.1917, aged 31 years. Buried Varennes Military Cemetery. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row I, Grave 47. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial; St. John's Church, Golcar; Golcar Baptist Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

CLAYTON, FRANK. Lance Corporal. No 40455. 16th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Victoria Street, Moldgreen, 10.7.1893. Son of Henry and Grace Clayton, 5 Riley Street, Newsome Road, Huddersfield. Employed as a warehouseman in the costume department of Messrs Birstow, Sons and Company Limited, wholesale clothiers, Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield. Attended Milton Church Sunday School and was a member of the Church Brotherhood. Played the violin with the Huddersfield Orchestral Society and played in the orchestra at services held at Ramsden Street Church. Single. Enlisted May 1916. Wounded at Beaumont Hamel, 10.2.1917. Died at No 20 General Hospital, Cambiers, 2.3.1917. His mother
was with him when he died. Buried ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 21, Row K, Grave 5A. ROH:- Milton Independent Church.


CLAYTON, THOMAS. Private. No 30851. 90th Company Machine Gun Corps. Formerly No 17936 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Castleford. Son of Thomas and Annie Elizabeth Clayton, 15 Lingards lane, Slaithwaite. Employed as a fettler at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden, and formerly had worked for many years at the Globe Worsted Spinning Company at Slaithwaite. Attended Crimble Congregational Mission and Sunday School and was associated with the Slaithwaite Sons of Temperance. Had served in the local Territorials for four years before the outbreak of war and had been awarded medals for his proficiency in shooting. Enlisted January, 1916, and embarked for France in June, 1916. Killed in action, 23.4.1917. aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.


CLEGG, BEN. Company Sergeant Major. No. 12658. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Emley. Son of Mrs Sam Clegg,


Cliffe, George Edward. Private. No 3330. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 45 Manchester Road, Huddersfield. Son of Whitehead and Bessie Cliffe, 45 Manchester Road, Huddersfield. Educated at St. Paul’s Church of England School. Employed as an apprentice with Messrs J. Preston and Sons, painters and decorators, of Albion Street, Huddersfield. Single. Enlisted 10.11.1914. Embarked for France April, 1915. Was accidentally hurt by a pickaxe while in the rear of the trenches and was invalided home. Returned to France three weeks before he was killed in action near Ypres, 11.11.1915. aged 18 years. Buried **TALANA FARM CEMETERY.** Grave location:- Plot 4, Row D, Grave 1. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.


CLOUGH, ERNEST. Private. No 241509. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Hall Bottom Farm, Clifton, Brighouse, 21.4.1885. Son of Mr and Mrs William Clough, 3 Thorncliffe Street, Lindley. Educated at schools in Brighouse and Baliffe Bridge. Employed as a painter and decorator. Was a member of the Young Men's Class at Lindley Zion Sunday School. Married. Enlisted 2.3.1917. Wounded in the abdomen, 1.12.1917 and died of wounds at No 49 Casualty Clearing Station, 2.12.1917, aged 32. Buried ACHIET-LE-GRAND COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave Location:- Plot 1, Row Q, Grave 31. ROH:- St. James's Presbyterian Church; Lindley Zion Methodist Church; St. Stephen's Church, Lindley; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


Died of pneumonia at the 1st Australian General Hospital, Rouen, 12.11.1918, aged 20 years. Buried St. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, ROUEN. Grave location:- Block S, Plot 2, Row LL, Grave 24. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


COCKERILL, HARRY. Private. No 40505. 9th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Killed in action, 4.10.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Thomas’s Church, Bradley.


COCKHILL, PERCY. Guardsman. No 30045. 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards. Born Shepley. Son of Willie and Mary E. Cockhill of Shepley; husband of Florence E. Cockhill of Abbey Road, Shepley. Employed by Messrs Moxon of Kirkburton. Was secretary and an active worker at the Shepley Cricket Club. Died of pneumonia whilst on active service in Germany, 18.2.1919. aged 32 years. Buried COLOGNE SOUTHERN CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row E, Grave 15. ROH:- Shepley War Memorial.


COCKROFT, ALBERT. Private. No 52993. 15th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Formerly No 32804 Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Sowerby Bridge. Son of Sam and Maria Cockroft, 1260 Pleasant View, Linthwaite. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Thomas, Bates and Son, Platt Mill, Slaithwaite. Enlisted July 1916. Underwent training at Newcastle-on-Tyne and South Shields with the Northumberland Fusiliers but on arrival in France was transferred to the Durham Light Infantry. He came home on sick leave in 1917, after having been in hospital with trench feet, but returned to the front line at Whitsuntide, 1917. Killed in action, 18.4.1918, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial; St. James Church, Slaithwaite.


COFFEY, RICHARD. Private. No 4746. 23rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Born Dublin. Had lived in Linthwaite for 14 years. Lodged with Mrs Walker of Linthwaite Hall. Engaged to Miss Mitchel, of The Star Hotel, Slaithwaite. Employed in the tailoring department of the Slaithwaite Cooperative Society. Enlisted February 1916. Wounded in September, 1916, and was treated at the Corps Operating Station, France. A sister at the hospital wrote the following letter to his fiancé, 'I am so sorry to have to tell you that Private Coffey of the Royal Fusiliers has been wounded and is at present in this hospital. He is very seriously wounded and had to have an operation. Everything that is possible is being done for him and he is not suffering much pain. He is seriously ill and it is difficult to say much about his condition but we must hope for the best. I will write to you again as soon as I can and let you know how he is getting on.' Miss Mitchell received word from the Infantry Records Office at Hounslow that he had died of his wounds on 13.9.1916, age 28 years. Buried COUIN BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row A, Grave 8. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial; St. James Church, Slaithwaite.


COLBRIDGE, GEORGE WILLIAM JACKSON. Corporal. No 23180. 8th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Birstall, Leeds. Son of John and Elizabeth Colbridge, 6 Midland Street, Huddersfield. Employed as labourer by the London and North Western Railway Company at the Hillhouse engine shed. Attended Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill and the Salvation Army at Lockwood. Killed in action, 10.10.1917, aged 21 years. Buried YPRES RESERVOIR CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row H, Grave 27. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; St. Andrew's Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; London and North Western Railway Roll.

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Row E, Grave 7. ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.

COLDWELL, HUBERT. Corporal. No 203618. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs A. B. Coldwell, Hill, Holmfirth. Attended Wooldale Free Church Sunday School. Played the flute with the Underbank Philharmonic Band. Mobilised with the Holmfirth Territorials on 4.8.1914 and embarked for France, 14.4.1915. He came home as a time expired soldier in 1916 and vowed he would never take off khaki until the war was over. He re-enlisted and embarked for France again on 3.5.1917. Was wounded in six places and spent some time in hospital in Boulogne. When fully recovered he was sent back to the trenches and was reported missing on 21.3.1918. However he wrote home stating that he had been captured on 28.3.1918 and was wounded in the left shoulder. Letters were regularly received from him until September when, in his last letter, he wrote that all the time he had been a prisoner he had never received either a letter or parcel from home. Died 7.10.1918, aged 26 years. Buried MONS COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 8, Row B, Grave 3. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall; commemorated on his parents’ headstone in St. George’s Churchyard, Brockholes.


COLLIER, LEONARD. Rifleman. No R/19767. 16th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Milnsbridge. Son of Mrs Mary Maria Collier, 1 Bamford’s Yard, Milnsbridge. Attended Milnsbridge Church and Sunday School. Employed by Messrs Ben Hall and Sons, of Milnsbridge, as a weaver. Was a member of Milnsbridge Socialist Club. Enlisted 1.3.1916.


COLLINS, FRANK. Private. No S/25158. 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. Formerly TR/1/15109 Territorial Reserve Battalion. Born Huddersfield 1.6.1899. Youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs Tom Collins of St. Andrew’s Road, Huddersfield. Brother of Edwin Collins, 56 West Street, Lindley. Educated at Spring Grove Council School. Employed as an audit clerk by Messrs Armitage and Norton, Chartered Accountants, Huddersfield. At the time of enlistment, was living at 9 Spring Grove Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted 4.10.1917. Was first attached to the 41st T.R.Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in training at Cambusbarron, Scotland. He was subsequently transferred to the 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders and embarked for France on 12.5.1918. Was seriously wounded at La Bassee, 23.5.1918. Admitted to No 6 Casualty Clearing Station, where he died of his wounds on 5.6.1918. Buried PERNES BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row F, Grave 20. ROH:- New North Road Baptist Church.

COOK, FRANK EADEN, MC. Lieutenant. 1/10th Battalion Manchester Regiment. Formerly Private 20th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Born Huddersfield 22.5.1890. Son of Fred Lilley and Eleanor Beatrice Cook, ‘Middle House,’ High Flatts, Denby Dale. Educated New College, Harrogate. Employed as a wool merchant with Messrs Cook, Sons and Company Limited, of Huddersfield and Dewsbury. Married January, 1918, Nora, the younger daughter of Mr J. H. Richardson of Richmond Avenue, Fartown. Enlisted, 1.9.1914, as a Private in the Public Schools Battalion (20th) Royal Fusiliers. Promoted to Lance Corporal in October, 1914, and Corporal in October, 1915. Promoted Sergeant July, 1916. Obtained his commission in November, 1916, in the 1/10th Battalion Manchester Regiment. Made full Lieutenant April, 1918. Wounded at La Bassee, 11.3.1916, and on the Somme, 16.8.1917. He suffered a bullet wound through the calf of the left leg and was treated in hospital in Manchester. Was awarded the Military Cross, in connection with the capture of a village on 30.8.1918. The citation reads, ‘This officer, minding that the platoon on his left was held up, after reconnoitring the hostile position, successfully pushed on with his platoon, with great gallantry and skill drove the enemy from his position, thus enabling the platoon on his left to gain its objective. Twice he led his platoon forward at critical moments. This initiative and determination greatly assisted towards the success of the operation’. (London Gazette 11th January 1919). The medal was bestowed on him on 7.10.1918, in France, and after his death forwarded home to his widow. Killed in action, 20.10.1918, aged 28 years. Buried BELLE VUE BRITISH CEMETERY, BRIASTRE. Grave location:- Plot A, Grave 13. ROH:- New North Road Baptist Church. (Brother of Lieutenant FRANK EADEN COOK, killed in action, 20.10.1918, q.v.).

COOK, FRANK EADON. Private. No 4671. 20th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Born Lindley, Huddersfield, 22.9.1891. Son of Fred Lilley and Eleanor Beatrice Cook, ‘Middle House’, High Flatts, Denby Dale. Educated at New College, Harrogate. Employed as assistant designer with Mr F H McGrath of Birdsdale Mills. Was a member of the Thornhill Amateur Football Club. Single. Enlisted 1.9.1914. Embarked for France November, 1915. On the morning of 20.7.1916 took part in the capture of High Wood and was noticed by his Officer to be wounded and on his way to the field dressing station. He was also seen by a fellow Private further down the line but was never seen again. Killed in action, 20.7.1916, aged 24. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- New North Road Baptist Church. (Brother of Lieutenant FRANK EADEN COOK, killed in action, 20.10.1918, q.v.).


COOKE, FREDERICK CHARLES. Sergeant. No L/25421. ‘C’ Battery. 161st Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born 1880 but place of birth not known. Raised in the Doctor Barnado’s Home, Stepney, East London. Employed as a boot and shoemaker before coming to Huddersfield to join the police, aged 24 years. He was accepted on 15.1.1912 and sworn in as a constable on 4.3.1912. Husband of Eliza Cooke, 84 Lightcliffe Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. Enlisted March 1915. Wounded, 19.10.1917, and died of his wounds at a dressing station a few hours later. Buried MINTY FARM CEMETERY, St. JAN. BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row D, Grave 12. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; Huddersfield Corporation Roll; Huddersfield Police Headquarters.


COOK, JOHN (JACK) EADON. Private. No 4671. 20th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Born Lindley, Huddersfield, 22.9.1891. Son of Fred Lilley and Eleanor Beatrice Cook, ‘Middle House’, High Flatts, Denby Dale. Educated at New College, Harrogate. Employed as assistant designer with Mr F H McGrath of Birdsdale Mills. Was a member of the Thornhill Amateur Football Club. Single. Enlisted 1.9.1914. Embarked for France November, 1915. On the morning of 20.7.1916 took part in the capture of High Wood and was noticed by his Officer to be wounded and on his way to the field dressing station. He was also seen by a fellow Private further down the line but was never seen again. Killed in action, 20.7.1916, aged 24. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- New North Road Baptist Church. (Brother of Lieutenant FRANK EADEN COOK, killed in action, 20.10.1918, q.v.).


COOPER, LEONARD. Private. No 9939. 1st Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Chesterfield. Son of Mrs Doughty, 8 Bradley Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted when he was 15 years and 8 months old. He was in China at the outbreak of the war. and came over to England in November, 1914. Killed in action at Hill 60, 25.4.1915, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Paul's Church, Southgate, Huddersfield; St. Thomas's Church, Bradley.


Killed in action near Arras, 2.4.1917, aged 23 years. Buried HENIN CRUCIFIX CEMETERY.
Grave location:- Row A, Grave 4. ROH:- Armitage Bridge National School; Armitage Bridge War Memorial.


CORDEN, JOSEPH. Private. No 2276. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Lived Binn House, Marsden. Married, with three children all under eight years of age. Enlisted August 1914. Embarked for France April, 1915. Was killed instantaneously by being hit on the head by shrapnel, 3.7.1916, aged 28 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.


COTTON, SAMUEL (SAUL). Stoker Petty Officer. No 291887. Royal Navy. HMS Lance. Born Leeds Road, Huddersfield, 23.11.1878. Son of Robert Cotton, 117 Leeds Road North, Huddersfield and later of 11 Church Stairs Street, Long Westgate, Scarborough. Educated at St. Andrew’s Church of England Schools, Leeds Road, Huddersfield. Prior to enlistment, was employed as a textile worker. Enlisted in the Navy 1898. On, 5.7.1915, he was married at Fairlie Parish Church, Ayrshire, Scotland, his wife residing at Railway Buildings, Fairlie, Ayrshire. On the morning of 18.7.1915, in very heavy weather, Cotton fell overboard from HMS Lance and, although the spot was searched for more than an hour, no trace could be found of him and the search had to be abandoned. Commemorated on the CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

COTTRELL, LEONARD. Private. No 306350. ‘C’ Company, 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Dobcross. Son of Dyson and Mary Hannah Cottrell, 21 Royds Terrace, Marsden. Employed as a weaver at Clough Lea Mills, Marsden. Was a member of the Marsden Liberal Club. Enlisted, 22.11.1915, and crossed over to France in February, 1916. Killed by a shell on the morning of 12.3.1918, aged 23 years. Buried DUHALLOW A.D.S. CEMETERY, YPRES. Grave location:- Plot 9, Row C, Grave 16. His parents received the following letter from Sergeant Smith, of the same Company, ‘I am sorry to have to tell you that your son was killed by a shell dropping on his dugout on the morning of the 12th inst. He had just come off sentry duty in the trenches and had fallen asleep when he was killed and I can assure you he suffered no pain whatsoever. He was not wounded but I think it must have been the shock of the explosion that did it. He has been in my Lewis gun section sometime and was one of the best and steadiest soldiers I have met. He was always cheerful under the
most trying circumstances and was a favourite with all his comrades. His Corporal was badly crushed at the same time and I can assure you that it has made a mess of one of the best teams in the battalion.’

ROH:- Marsden Liberal Club; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.


COWGILL, ALLEN. Private. No 4723. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Honley. Son of Mrs Cowgill of Dyson Hill, Honley. Educated at the Primitive Methodist School. Was a member of Honley Working Men’s Club and was a bowler with the Honley Cricket Club. Employed by Messrs France, Littlewood and Company. Enlisted February 1916. Was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans in the attack on the Schwaben Redoubt, 17.9.1916. His mother received a postcard from him dated 14.9.1916, from the War Prisoner’s Camp at Lager Grasenwohr, Germany:- ‘I am doing well at present. Will you send me a parcel as soon as you can. You must keep your spirits up and let me have a letter with all the news from home’. On 17.10.1918 his mother received a letter from Herr Pastor Fl. Hayler, the Military Chaplain at the camp, telling her that her son had died of his wounds on 24.9.1916, aged 23 years. Buried NIEDERZWEHEN CEMETERY, CASSEL, GERMANY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row H, Grave 11. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Honley War Memorial.


COWGILL, HERBERT. Private. No 205207. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs J T Cowgill, Golf House, Lingards, Slaitwaite. Husband of Isabel Cowgill, 16 Old Hardend Cottages, Marsden. Attended the Lingards Church Sunday School, Slaitwaite. Was a member of the Marsden branch of the Sons of Temperance. Employed as a warper by Mr J E Crowther at Bank Bottom Mills. Enlisted 11.4.1917. Embarked for France in July, 1917. Sustained a severe compound fracture to the right leg, 11.10.1917, and died of his injuries at No 44 Casualty Clearing Station near Poperinghe, Belgium, on the same day. He was 28 years of age. Buried NINE ELMS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row D, Grave 12. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.

COWGILL, WILLIE. Rifleman. King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Huddersfield. Lived Dalton,
Huddersfield. Died as a result of wounds on 14.11.1919, age 31 years.

COWLING, OLIVER. Private. No 3/2341. 2nd Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Wakefield. Son of Hannah and the late John Cowling of Wakefield. Employed as a shunter by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company at Shepley Railway Station. Single. Lodged with Mrs Woods of Railway Cottages, Shepley. As a naval reservist he was called up in August, 1914, being transferred to the army later on. Died of wounds at No 46 Casualty Clearing Station, 13.1.1918, aged 30 years. Buried MENDINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 9, Row C, Grave 11. ROH:- Shepley War Memorial; Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Roll.

COX, CHARLES, MM. Company Sergeant Major. No 5/2678. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Formerly East Yorkshire Regiment. Born Harston, Cambridge. Lived 313, Knowl, Crimble, Slaithwaite. Employed by Messrs J. Hopkinson and Sons Limited, Birkby. Before the outbreak of war had served for twelve years with the East Yorkshire Regiment. Enlisted August 1914. Embarked for France April, 1915. Awarded the Military Medal a few days before his death. He went out into No Man’s land about seven times for the purpose of looking for and bringing back the wounded. Was wounded on August 4th, 1916, but the wound was only slight. Returned to the trenches and he was killed instantaneously by a splinter from a shell on 5.8.1916. Buried CONNAUGHT CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row M, Grave 6. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.


CRABTREE, EDGAR. Private. No 36748. 12th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. Born Linthwaite. Son of Mrs M. E. Crabtree, of Bath Cottages, Linthwaite. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Arras, 3.5.1917, aged 34 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.


CRABTREE, FRED. Private. No 241553. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Slaidwaite. Third son of Mr and Mrs Edwin
Crabtree of Colne View, Slaithwaite. Employed as a dyer's labourer by Messrs William Brook and Sons, of Slaithwaite. Attended Carr Lane United Methodist Church. Enlisted March, 1916, and embarked for France in January, 1917. Reported missing at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


Crargg, Arthur Harry. Private. No 2794. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Newton Moor, Cheshire, 28.6.1894. Son of Captain Arthur Robinson and Annie Cragg of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Educated at Eaton Lodge School and Almondbury Grammar School. Employed as an apprentice at Huddersfield Corporation Electricity Works. At the time of enlistment, was living at ‘Wynghar,’ Park Drive, Huddersfield. Single. Enlisted September 1914. Embarked for France April, 1915. His father had spent a number of years in Brazil and arrived in England just one hour after his son's troopship had sailed for France. Killed in action, 15.5.1915, aged 20 years. Buried RUE-DAVID MILITARY CEMETERY, FLEURBAIX. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 19. His parents received a letter from Major Gilbert P. Norton of the 6th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment, who wrote, 'You will have heard from his Platoon Commander that your son was killed in action on the 15th inst. by a high explosive shell whilst the Germans were bombarding our trenches. He lived for a short time after receiving his wound but the injuries were of such a nature that he could not have suffered any pain and he never regained consciousness. I know that nothing one can say will help to make your loss any lighter but you will like to know that he was very highly thought of by his Officers and his comrades and is a great loss to us all. During the time we were raising 250 recruits in Huddersfield he worked like a slave, filling in forms for recruits and the work could never have been got through without him. It was the same all the time he was a soldier, always willing and always cheerful. I trust you will find some consolation in remembering that he answered the call of his country at a time when she was fighting for her existence and that he died in helping to save Britain from the frightfulness of the German barbarian. He is buried not far behind the trenches and his grave is marked with a neat white cross. His comrades made a wreath of wild flowers and placed it on the grave.' ROH:- Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield; Almondbury Grammar School; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Huddersfield Corporation Roll.


Killed in action, 7.6.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham; Marsh War Memorial; Wilshaw Church.


CRAWFORD, JAMES. Private. No 35278. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Lived 6 Croft Lane, Bradford Road, Huddersfield. Educated at St. John’s School, Hillhouse. Employed by Mr W. T. Johnson, cloth finisher, Bankfield Mills, Moldgreen. Killed in action, 9.4.1917, aged 29 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John the Evangelist Church, Birkby; St. Andrews’ Church, Leeds Road; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


CROOKS, ARTHUR. Private. No 29952. 3rd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar. Son of George and Alice Crooks, 25 Clay Well, Golcar. On Sunday, 23.12.1917, his body was found on the rocks of the shore at Tynemouth. An inquest was held on Monday 24.12.1917, at Tynemouth, when the evidence...
showed that Crooks was awaiting his discharge from the army, being unfit for active service. On Saturday night when the roll call was made he was found to be missing and on Sunday he was found dead on the sands with a cut in his throat. Doctor Wilkinson said Crooks had cut his throat from ear to ear with the blade of a safety razor but the cut was not deep and was not sufficient to cause death. The fall over the cliffs on to the sands had caused a fatal injury. The jury’s verdict was that Crooks died from injuries caused by falling over the cliff whilst attempting to commit suicide by cutting his throat and that he was in an unsound state of mind. Crooks had previously been under treatment at the hospital. Buried GOLCAR BAPTIST CHAPEL YARD. Grave location: SE, N, 16. ROH: St. John’s Church, Golcar; Golcar Baptist Church.


CROSLAND, G.W. KILNER, DSO. Major. Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Eldest son of the late Mr George William Crosland and grandson of the late Mr T. P. Crosland, M.P. Major Crosland was one of the Honorary Surgeons of Huddersfield Royal Infirmary; was made Honorary Surgeon at the Infirmary in February, 1905, and for some years before that had been House Surgeon at the Infirmary. During the Boer War Dr Crosland was a civilian surgeon in the South African field force. He was associated with the formation of the local Territorial battalion and with them he embarked for France. For services with the troops he was awarded the DSO in June, 1916, and he relinquished his commission in the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment in August, 1917, and was then granted the honorary rank of Major. Upon returning to Huddersfield he recommenced work

at the Infirmary, where he was in charge of the X-ray department and took over additional work at the Milton Church and the Drill Hall Auxiliary Military Hospital. He married Miss Anne Frances Crookstan of Pangbourne in February, 1918, at Pangbourne Parish Church. Died at his home, 18 New North Road, 31.12.1919, aged 50 years. Buried EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 41, 130C.


CROSLAND, TREVOR ALLINGTON. 2nd Lieutenant. 2nd Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Born Birkby Grange 30.12.1896. Son of Thomas Pearson, woollen manufacturer, J.P. for the West Riding of Yorkshire and Borough of Huddersfield and Charlotte Elizabeth Crosland, New House Hall, Sheepridge, Huddersfield. Educated at Harrow Public School and Sandhurst Military Academy. Was twice medically rejected for Sandhurst, the first time in August, 1914, and then at Christmas, 1914. After an operation he was accepted and went straight from Sandhurst to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers in August, 1915. Embarked for France on 12.5.1916. Was killed on the occasion of the explosion of a large German mine at Givenchy on 22.6.1916, aged 19. (The resulting crater, measuring 120 yards long by 70 feet wide and 30 feet deep was the largest crater on the Western Front at the time. Its name, ‘Red Dragon’, from the design of the regiment’s cap badge, became the Army name for the crater). 2nd Lieutenant Crosland’s body was not found until 1st July, 1925, during ploughing. Buried CABARET ROUGE BRITISH CEMETERY, SOUCHEZ. Grave location:- Plot 31, Row A, Grave 27. His parents received the following letter from Lieut. Colonel Crawshay, Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers, ‘He was a splendid boy and one of the sort we can ill afford to spare. On the night of the 22nd June at midnight the enemy exploded an enormous mine and I regret that the trench in which your son was, was blown up. They then attacked us after a very intense barrage but got badly defeated leaving a certain number of dead in our hands. It is really too sad, we all miss him and everyone was very fond of him. It will be some satisfaction to you to know that he was a real soldier and a leader of men.’ ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


was in the employ of Messrs George Crosland and Sons, Crosland Moor. Prior to enlistment was a clerk in the merchantile department of Messrs Mitchell Brothers, Bradford. Married. Enlisted April 1917. Killed in action near Cambrai, 4.12.1917, aged 37 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Lockwood Baptist Church; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


CROSSLEY, NORRIS H. Sergeant. No 305856. 2/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Slaithewaite. Son of Hinchcliffe and Elizabeth Crossley, 46 Royd Street, Hill Top, Slaithewaite. Attended Carr Lane United Methodist Church, Slaithewaite, and was secretary of the Sunday School. Employed by the Globe Worsted Company as a colour mixer. Enlisted November 1914. Killed in action at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His parents received the following letter from the Commanding Officer of his Company, ‘As Platoon Sergeant he had under his care some fifty or sixty men who looked to him for training and instruction in military matters. He fell in an attack on a German position having first assumed command of his platoon on his Officer being hit a few moments earlier. He was a brave soldier and popular with the Officers and men and his loss will be felt in the Regiment.’ ROH:- Carr Lane United Methodist Church; St. James Church, Slaithewaite; Slaithewaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


CROWTHER, ERNEST. 2nd Lieutenant. 92nd Field Company Royal Engineers. Son of George Rowland Crowther and Mary Crowther, 66 East View, Chapel Fold, Staincliffe, Batley. His father was Minister in Charge of the Boothroyd Lane Congregational Mission, Dewsbury, and formerly Pastor of the Crimble Congregational Mission at Slaitwaite. Enlisted as Private in May, 1915, and after eighteen months service in France was granted a commission. Killed in action, 25.10.1918, aged 25 years. Buried LE CATEAU MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row A, Grave 9. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaitwaite; Slaitwaite War Memorial.


CROWTHER, HAROLD. Private. No 306169. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Mytholmroyd, Halifax. Son of Mr and Mrs David Crowther, 22 Quarmby Road, Longwood, and formerly of 62 George Street, Milnsbridge. Employed as a finisher at Messrs John Lockwood and Sons Limited, Milnsbridge. Enlisted in the army at the outbreak of the war. Killed in action, 1.9.1918, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated VIS-en-ARTOIS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Longwood War Memorial.

CROWTHER, HERBERT. Private. No 32704. 16th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Golcar. Husband of Mrs Crowther, 97 James Street, Golcar. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Pearson Brothers, Victoria Mills, Golcar. Attended Golcar Baptist Chapel and Sunday School and was a member of the Young Men’s Reading Room. Was one of the founders of the Golcar Lily subdivision of the Order of Temperance. Enlisted July, 1916, and embarked for France, 7.11.1916. Had been in France 10 weeks when he died of kidney disease at No 3 Casualty Clearing Station, 20.1.1917, aged 24 years. Buried PUCHEVILLERS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 5, Row A, Grave 21. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Golcar Baptist Church.


CROWTHER, LESLIE TAYLOR. 2nd Lieutenant. ‘D’ Company, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs Norman Crowther, ‘Viso House’, Edgerton, Huddersfield. Educated at Huddersfield College School. Employed by Messrs Read, Holliday and Sons Limited as an assistant in one of the laboratories. Played hockey with the Huddersfield club at Armitage Bridge and also played cricket. Single. Enlisted in the local Territorials in 1911. When war was declared held the rank of Sergeant. Was gazetted Second Lieutenant, 21.10.1914. Embarked for France April, 1915. Killed in action at Croix Marechal near Fleurbaix, 16.6.1915, aged 23 years. Buried RUE-DAVID MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 11. ROH:- Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield; St. Stephen’s Church, Lindley; Huddersfield College School; Huddersfield Drill Hall. The following letter was written by Private FREDDIE SMITH, of No 16 Platoon, ‘D’ Company, 1/5th Battalion, writing home to his parents who lived at 22 Stoney Cross Street, Lockwood, on the 19.6.1915, ‘Lieutenant Crowther was especially popular with his men. On Tuesday 15.6.1915 he was out on patrol accompanied by Captain Stott, Lieutenant Liddel and Corporal Convoy when they went straight into a German patrol of six men and a bomb thrower. One of them instantly hurled a highly explosive detonator, which killed Lieutenant Crowther instantly. Lieutenant Liddel who was nearest to Lieutenant Crowther immediately emptied his revolver on the Germans who took to their heels making for the trenches. The remainder of the patrol acting with great gallantry returned for assistance taking back stretcher-bearers and carried back the dead Lieutenant under heavy rifle fire. Lieutenant Crowther was buried opposite the battalion headquarters, the service being conducted by the Colonel.’

Son of Mrs O. Crowther, 63 Prospect Row, Longwood, Huddersfield. Educated at Goitfield Council School, Longwood, and Hillhouse Higher Elementary School. Employed as a clerk in the office of Messrs John Broadbent and Sons, Parkwood Mills. Attended Longwood Wesleyan Chapel. Joined a wireless school in Leeds in March, 1916, and was successful in passing his examinations. On 16.4.1917, he joined the Marconi Company in London and went afloat the following month. On 9.6.1917, the SS Clan Alpine was struck by a torpedo in the North Sea. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the TOWER HILL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING OF THE MERCHANTILE MARINE. ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood; Longwood Wesleyan Chapel.

CROWTHER, PHILIP TOWNSEND. Lieutenant. 211th Field Company, Royal Engineers. Formerly 12th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born ‘The Wood’, Fixby, 22.11.1883. Son of the late John Herbert Crowther and Hannah Elizabeth Crowther of Rose Cottage, Woodhouse, Huddersfield. Educated at Alconham School and Leeds University where he graduated with a BSc. in engineering. Prior to the outbreak of the war was an engineer on the Canadian Northern and Intercolonial railways. He returned to England in 1914 and joined the Leeds University OTC. and was afterwards awarded a commission in the K.O.Y.L.I., with whom he served in Egypt and France. He afterwards transferred to the Royal Engineers. Killed in action at Bailleul-sur-Bertholt, 5.5.1917, aged 33 years. Buried ALBUERA CEMETERY. Grave location:- North, Row A, Grave 2. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; War Memorial outside St. Philip’s Church, Birchencliffe.


CRUIKSHANK, NELSON. Private. No 12649. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment, attached 175th Company, Royal Engineers. Born Camberwell. Adopted son of Mrs Anne Rhodes, of Commercial Road, Skelmanthorpe, and formerly of Church Street, Emley. Employed by Messrs Stringer and Jagger. Was the first man from Emley to enlist, in August 1914. Killed in action, 14.11.1915, aged 22 years. Buried MAPLE COPE CEMETERY, ZILLEBEKE, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Special Memorial J 19. ROH:- Emley War Memorial. His mother received the following letter from Private BEN CLEGG, q.v. (who was later killed in action on 22.3.1918), 'Nelson was a favourite with the whole Company and his death has cast a gloom over them all. I want to convey to you the heartfelt sympathy of all his comrades and in adding my own I can honestly assure you that he died as he had lived – a good lad, a clean soldier and a above all a man.'


Cunningham, Clifford Thomas


Cutts, Kelvin Ewart. Private. No 3162. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of William Henry and Elizabeth Cutts, of Thomas Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. Worked as a clerk for Mr Law Dyson, Registrar of Births and Deaths, at Crosland Moor. Enlisted at the outbreak of war. Died of wounds at No 23 General Hospital, Etaples, 4.10.1916, aged 20 years. Buried ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 11, Row F, Grave 15a. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.


Dalby, Charles. Regimental Quarter Master Sergeant. No 107736. 51st (Graduated) Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Married. Wife and family living at 18 Lindrick Street, Longwood. Had seen 23 years service in the Army and went through the South African War, for which he received the Queen’s Medal with 6 clasps. At the outbreak of the war was employed by Messrs Hirst and Mallinson, of Longwood, as time-keeper. Was a Primo in the Order of Buffaloes. Re-enlisted in August, 1914, and had served at Gallipoli. Died suddenly at Thoresby Camp, 20.6.1918, aged 48 years. Buried with full military honours in St. JOHN’S CHURCHYARD, GOLCAR. Grave location:- A, North-West, 92. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.

Upperhead Row, Huddersfield. Killed in action, 16.6.1915, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

DALGLEISH, ANDREW. Private. No S4/094962. 17th Field Bakery, Army Service Corps. Born Galashiels, Scotland. Son of Andrew and Jane Dalgleish, 2 Rutland Road, Royd Street, Longwood. Was a baker by trade and, before his family came to Huddersfield from Galashiels, was employed by Messrs McVitie and Price of Edinburgh. Died of bronchial pneumonia, 14.5.1918, aged 32 years. Buried BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 9, Row B, Grave 84. ROH:- Longwood War Memorial.


DAVIS, ALFRED. Sapper. No 290620. 96th Light Railway Operating Company, Royal Engineers. Born Windinom, Leicestershire. Son of Annie Sadler (formerly Davis) and stepson of John Sadler, of Owler Ing, Binn, Marsden. Husband of Florence Davis, Binn House, Marsden. Employed as a cloth scourer at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Enlisted 1.8.1917. Reported drowned when the transport ‘Aragon’ was torpedoed by a U boat and sunk in the Eastern Mediterranean, 30.12.1917, aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated on CHATBY MEMORIAL, ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT. (Brother of Private WILLIAM DAVIS MM, killed in action, 26.3.1918, q.v.). “The ship was a luxuriously fitted liner of the Royal
Mail Steam Packet Company and was formerly engaged in the South American passenger service. She was bound from Marseilles to Egypt with destroyers as escort. At 10.30am on the day of the disaster she was within sight of land and fifteen minutes later she had disappeared. One of the destroyers whilst picking up survivors from the ‘Aragon’ was itself torpedoed and sunk. A lot of the soldiers were picked up from rafts and taken on board a number of boats and trawlers which happened to be at hand. Hundreds got on board a destroyer which almost immediately was torpedoed midships cutting her clean in half.

DAVIES, WALTER OWEN. 2nd Lieutenant. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield 8.3.1895. Son of the late Mr R O Davies and Mrs Davies, 163 Wakefield Road, Moldgreen. Educated Almondbury Grammar School. Employed as a bank clerk at the Market Place branch of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank, Huddersfield.Joined the local Territorial battalion a few months before the outbreak of the war and embarked for France with them in April, 1915. Was recommended for commissioned rank and, after serving with an Officer’s Cadet battalion at Galea in Ayrshire, was gazetted to his old Regiment. Killed in action at Bourlon Wood, 27.11.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated on the CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Christ Church, Moldgreen; Almondbury Grammar School; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

DAVIES, WILLIAM. Corporal. No 203977. 1/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Stalybridge, Cheshire. Son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Davies, 91 Calderbrook Road, Littleborough. Married. Living at 48 New Street, Paddock. Employed by the Westfield Cotton Company as a dyer. Enlisted November 1914. After 14 months service in France he was severely wounded and returned to England, spending seven months in hospital. He returned to France in June, 1917. He was awarded the Military Medal for gallant conduct during the Battle of Cambrai. Was hit by a sniper’s bullet on 26.3.1918, aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private ALFRED DAVIES, drowned at sea, 30.12.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.

DAWSON, ARTHUR. Lance Corporal. No 10687. 1st Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Born Milnsbridge 25.9.1883. Son of Walter and Ann Dawson, Cowlersley House, Milnsbridge. Educated at Milnsbridge National School and was a day student at Huddersfield Technical College for three years. Later he attended the evening classes for eight years for chemistry and dyeing. Was a member of the firm of Messrs Emerson and Dawson, chemical manufacturers, Longroyd Bridge, Huddersfield. Was a member of the Crosland Heath Golf Club, played cricket with the Milnsbridge club and football with the Milnsbridge Church and Meltham clubs. Was also a member of the St. George’s Society, the Society of Dyers and Colourists and of the Commercial Travellers Association. Single. Enlisted 11.4.1916. Embarked for France in July, 1916. Killed in action at Messines, 7.6.1917, aged 33. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial.


DAWSON, JOHN IRVIN WILLIE. Private. No 35698. 2nd Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Formerly No 6088 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Born 84 Upper Mount Street, Lockwood, 21.11.1894. Son of John and Sarah Margaret Dawson, 96 Upper Mount Street, Lockwood. Educated at Mount Pleasant and Spring Grove Council Schools and also at Mr Jenning's Academy. Employed by Mr A. E. Spivey as an auctioneer's clerk. Attended St. Stephen's Church, Rashcliffe. Single. Enlisted 4.8.1914. Had twice been invalided home through illness. On the first occasion he came home, he was drafted to Clipstone Camp where he acted as Orderly Room Sergeant before being sent back to France. Had only been back at the front five weeks after hospital leave when he was killed near Cambrai, 20.11.1917. Buried HERMIES HILL BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row F, Grave 39. ROH:- St. Stephen's Church, Rashcliffe; Emmanuel Church, Lockwood.


from 1900–1901. Mobilised with the local Territorial battalion on 4.8.1914 as Colour Sergeant. Wounded and gassed on Passchendaele Ridge, 20.11.1917. On recovering, he trained recruits of a Reserve battalion at Ipswich. At the beginning of September, 1918, he was troubled with a carbuncle and was admitted into hospital. He developed septicaemia and died in Ipswich Military Hospital, 19.9.1918. Buried with full military honours in EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 36, ‘C’, 9. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Birkby; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


DEAN, FRANK. Private. No 3412. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Lindley 28.11.1892. Son of Mr and Mrs William Dean, 61 Barcroft Road, Newsome, Huddersfield. Educated Newsome Church of England School. Employed as a metal plate worker by Messrs Fred Shaw, tanners and coppersmiths of Huddersfield. Attended Newsome Church Sunday School and the Newsome Working Men’s Club. Prior to the war was secretary at the Newsome Adult School. Enlisted 13.11.1914. Was awarded a ‘Distinguished Conduct Certificate’ for bomb throwing in a damaged sap on 26.9.1915. On Saturday, 13.11.1915, he died of wounds received by the accidental explosion of a box of bombs he was carrying. Sapper G. Winterbottom, of the 10th Entrenching Battalion of the Royal Engineers, in a letter to Mrs Dean says:- ‘He was carrying a box with another chap when one of them slipped and caused the bombs to explode. His mate was killed outright. We were working about 50 yards away and saw the flash. At first we thought it was a German shell exploding as they had been shelling us that morning. We could not get to him very quickly because of the state of the roads. We did all we could to help him. One of us got a stretcher and then we took him to a first aid dressing shed and got a doctor to him. He was then taken in the ambulance to the hospital.’ He died shortly after admission to hospital, 13.11.1915, aged 22 years. Buried LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 2a. ROH:- Lindley Zion United Methodist Sunday School and the Lindley Adult School. Enlisted October 1914. Died of severe wounds to the abdomen at No 10 Casualty Clearing Station, 22.11.1915, aged 23 years. Buried LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 2a. ROH:- Lindley Zion United Methodist Church; St. Stephen’s Church, Lindley; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


DEMETRIADI, LOUIS P. Lieutenant Colonel. Royal Army Medical Corps. Born Manchester 1862. Educated at Manchester Grammar School and at Kings College, London. Attended Leeds University, taking the degrees of M.D. (Durham), F.R.C.S. (Edinburgh) and a Diploma in Public Health. He commenced medical work in Huddersfield as an assistant to the late Doctor Macaskie. In 1886 to 1887 he was one of the house surgeons at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. He commenced in practice on his own account at 30 New North Road, Huddersfield and removed to Lindley in 1891. He continued in General Practice until 1912. In 1897, Doctor Demetriadi joined the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment with the rank of Lieutenant and served as Medical Officer for
18 years. He took a keen interest in training and organising the stretcher-bearers in ambulance work. When war was declared he went out with the local battalion to their training ground and, in April 1915, he was given command of the West Riding (49th) Casualty Clearing Station and took that unit to the front. He remained with this unit for nearly two years until his health gave way and, in November 1917, he was compelled to relinquish his commission. He was a church warden at Lindley Church for 4 years. He was founder-president and the first Captain of the Outlane Golf Club. He died at Southport on 26.10.1918, aged 56 years. Buried with full military honours in St. STEPHEN’S CHURCHYARD, LINDLEY.

Grave location:- 5, J, ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Lindley, there is also a chair in the church dedicated to his memory.


DENTON, CHARLES SINGLETON. Lance Corporal. No 17394. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 19.6.1895. Son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Denton. Educated Stile Common Council School and St. Thomas’s Church of England School. At the time of enlistment, was living at 53 Longroyd Lane, Huddersfield. Single. Employed at Bay Hall Mills, Birkby. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Had served in Gallipoli and Egypt and took part in the evacuation of Suvla Bay. Wounded in the thigh, 14.9.1916, and was treated at Gosforth Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Reported missing, presumed killed, 29.3.1918, aged 21 years. Buried GOMMECOURT BRITISH CEMETERY No 2. Grave location:- Plot 5, Row A, Grave 2. ROH:- St. Thomas’s Church, Longroyd Lane; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


DIGMAN, WILLIAM JOHN. Gunner. No 4/25843. Royal Field Artillery. Married, with three children. Lived 20 Grange Avenue, Marsden. Employed as a teamer by the Marsden Equitable Industrial Society Limited. Attended Marsden Wesleyan Church and was a teacher in the Sunday School. Closely associated with the local branch of the Sons of Temperance. Enlisted May 1915. Embarked for France in December, 1915. At the time of his death was employed as a Groom with the General Staff. Killed in action, 9.4.1918, aged 32 years. Buried. HAVERSKERQUE BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Special Memorial No 2. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial. His wife received the following letter from the offices of the British Red Cross Society, 18 Carlton House Terrace, London, dated 9.5.1918. The letter read as follows:- ‘With reference to your enquiry for details of your husband’s death - we have just received the following information from the Chaplain at the 33rd Casualty Clearing Station. He says that Driver Dignam was admitted to the hospital severely wounded in the head and back and although he had every possible care and attention he died before any operation could be performed. He was quite unconscious and therefore could not speak or have any messages. I do trust it will be some small consolation for you to know that he did not suffer. He was buried in the British Military Cemetery at Haverskerque near St. Venant (about 5 miles west of Merville). A wooden cross marks his grave with his name, number and regiment enscribed upon it. I feel for you so deeply in your sorrow but you must indeed be proud of your husband who gave his life so bravely for his country. With sincere sympathy, Miss G. de Stein, for the Earl of Lucan.’


DITCHBURN, JAMES BENJAMIN. Private. No 2631. ‘A’ Company, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Only son of Mr and Mrs James Ditchburn of ‘Overdale’, Park Drive, Huddersfield who was one of the directors of Joseph Lumb and Son, worsted spinners, Centre Mills, Folly Hall, Huddersfield. Educated at Almondbury Grammar School and Huddersfield College School. Employed by Messrs Lumbs to learn the textile business. Spent two years in Australia acquiring a knowledge of wool growing and spinning. Had served for five years with the local Territorials and re-enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Was wounded in the head, 10.7.1915. He was admitted to No 23 Canadian General Hospital at Etaples. A telegram was sent to his parents in Huddersfield, informing them...
of the seriousness of his condition and Mr G. D. Moxon embarked for France to visit Private Ditchburn and arrived there before he died, on 24.7.1915, aged 22 years. His body was brought home to Huddersfield and he was buried with full military honours in EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 30. ‘C’, 199. ROH:- Almondbury Grammar School; Huddersfield College School; All Saints Church, Paddock; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


Wounded in December, 1916, which required several months treatment in hospital in England. Returned to France in July, 1917, and was severely wounded in the back and buttock on 30.8.1917. Admitted to No 13 Casualty Clearing Station, where he died of his wounds on 31.8.1917, aged 26 years. Buried TINCOURT NEW BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row F, Grave 21. ROH:- Upperthong War Memorial.

DONKERSLEY, REYNOLD, MC. 2nd Lieutenant. 2/5th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly Boy Bugler and Drummer, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 39 Bradford Road, Huddersfield, 1.9.1894. Second son of John W. and Mary Louise Donkersley, 144 Northgate, Almondbury. Educated Almondbury Council School. Employed as a tailor by Mr Ephraim Dyson of Northgate, Huddersfield. Enlisted, 31.9.1914, as a Private and attained the rank of Sergeant during 1915. He was gazetted Second Lieutenant in November, 1917, and posted to the West Yorkshire Regiment. Was wounded, 20.5.1918, in the right arm and for his gallantry on this occasion was awarded the Military Cross. The official citation in the London Gazette of 16.9.1918 reads, ‘for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a fighting patrol sent out to obtain an identification. Two hostile sentries were found to be on the alert. He disposed of one of them himself but the other escaped. A large enemy party then rushed forward to reinforce the post and hand to hand fighting ensued in which he was wounded. He held to his ground and persisted in his endeavour to obtain an identification until forced by superior numbers to retire which he succeeded in doing after having inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. By his fine tenacity of purpose and cool leadership he set a fine example to his men.’ Killed in action near Rheims, 20.7.1918, aged 23. Buried MARFAUX BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row C, Grave 7. ROH:- Moldgreen; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


DRAKE, HARRY. Private. No 235327. 4th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. Formerly No 205246 West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Golcar. Son of Joshua and Jane Drake, 3 Stanley Place, Golcar. Employed by Messrs Drake and Company, waste dealers, of Manor Mills, Golcar. Attended St. John’s Church, Golcar and was a member of the Golcar Conservative Club. Enlisted April 1917 and embarked for France in July 1917. Wounded in the left arm and shoulder on 14.4.1918 and was admitted to Liverpool Hospital where he died on 1.6.1918, aged 31 years. Buried St. JOHN’S CHURCHYARD, GOLCAR. Grave location:- A, North-West, 70. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.

DRAKE, PERCY. Sapper. No 126287. Inland Water Transport Royal Engineers. Born Kirkheaton 4.1.1880. Son of William Medley Drake and Sarah Ann Drake, Finley House, 34 Springdale Avenue, Huddersfield. Employed as an insurance agent for the Pearl Assurance Company. Attended the Paddock Wesleyan Church and was a member of the choir. For some years he was secretary of the Sunday School and was an ardent worker for the Band of Hope. Husband of Lily Drake, 34 Lowergate, Longwood, Huddersfield. Enlisted 4.9.1916. Died in the Minster Hospital, Ramsgate of a cerebral haemorrhage, 4.5.1917, aged 37 years. Buried LINDLEY WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL YARD. Grave location:- J, 46. ROH:- Longwood War Memorial; Shared Church Paddock.


DRANSFIELD, FRED. Ordinary Seaman. No J/61410. Royal Navy. HMS Partridge. Only son of Mr and Mrs James Dransfield, 47 Southern Road, Crosland Hill. Educated Milnsbridge Baptist Sunday School. Taught to swim by his father who was the instructor at New Street Council School. Enlisted in the Navy, 6.11.1916, and went on board HMS Partridge after six week's training. Lost at sea when the destroyer was sunk in a convoy disaster in the North Sea, 12.12.1917, aged 19 years. Originally buried in GULEN CHURCHYARD, NORWAY but in 1961 was reinterred in FREDRIKSTAD MILITARY CEMETERY, NORWAY (80 Kilometres south of Oslo). Grave Location:- 3, A, Col. 1–16. (Three other men from Huddersfield were aboard HMS Partridge and were drowned when the ship was sunk, they were Able Seaman DONALD HAIGH, WALKER BAMFORTH and Ordinary Seaman SHEARD WINDLE, q.v.).

DRANSFIELD, GEORGE EDWARD, DCM MM. Sergeant. No 202990. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Son of Sydney and Mary Jane Dransfield, 19 Whitestone Lane, Hillhouse, Huddersfield. Employed as a finisher by Messrs James Haigh Limited, Colne Road. Was a keen cricketer and footballer and played in the Buxton Road Sunday School team. Killed in action, 12.10.1918, aged 22 years. Awarded the DCM. posthumously in June, 1919, for the following act, ‘During the operations on the 18th September 1918, in the attack on Cavalry Trench he went ahead of his Company into our own barrage in order to locate two enemy machine guns which were causing a lot of trouble to his Company. He located and silenced them by killing the two gunners working them and had held up the remainder of the crew who had come up out of a dugout until the remainder of his Company arrived. After his objective was gained he went forward under very heavy machine gun fire and ascertained the dispositions of the enemy bringing back most important information. His courage and daring behaviour greatly inspired the men of his Company.’ Buried MONTAY-NEUVILLY ROAD CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row E. Grave 20. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; St. Andrew's Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield.


DRINKWATER, ISAAC WALTER. Private. No 6711. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Milnsbridge. Son of Mr and Mrs Harry Drinkwater of Wingate Avenue, Cowlersley Lane, Milnsbridge. Employed as a plumber by Messrs T. Allinson Limited, of Milnsbridge. Lived in Morecambe for five years and was a choirboy at Morecambe Parish Church. Returned to Milnsbridge in 1911. Enlisted 27.1.1916. Embarked for France 23.8.1916. Died from gunshot wounds to the head at No 2 Stationary Hospital, Abbeville, 24.9.1916, aged 19 years. Buried ABBEVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row C, Grave 9. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.


DURRANT, GEORGE FREDRICK. Corporal. No 8728. 2nd Battalion Manchester Regiment. Born Guildford, Surrey. Son of John and Elizabeth Durrant of Magnolia Villa, Manor Road, Guildford. Husband of Olive Annie Durrant. Employed by the Huddersfield Board of Guardians as a bookkeeper at Deanhouse Institution; (His wife was also on the staff at Deanhouse). As a reservist he was called to the colours on 4.8.1914. Reported missing at the Battle of Mons, 26.8.1914, aged 26 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated LA FERTE-SOUS-JOUARRE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Netherthong War Memorial.


DYSON, ARNOLD GARSIDE. Private. No 2844. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Lindley 5.3.1895. Son of Mr and Mrs Joe Dyson, 11 Norman Terrace, Lidget Street, Lindley, Huddersfield. Educated Oakes Council School. Employed as a wire drawer by Messrs Joseph Sykes, Acre Mills, Lindley. Single. Enlisted 3.9.1914. Wounded near Ypres, 8.11.1915. Died of his wounds at No 17 Casualty Clearing Station, 10.11.1915, aged 20 years. Buried LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row B, Grave 7a. His parents received the following letter from Nurse N. Wharton, Sister in charge at the C.C.S., which reads as follows, ‘It is with much regret and the deepest sympathy that I send you very sad news. Your son passed quietly away yesterday afternoon. He never rallied after admission but got gradually worse. He was too ill to speak or send any message. He will be laid to rest in our soldiers’ cemetery and a cross bearing his name, number and regiment will mark his grave. He will have a military funeral and every respect will be shown him. He bore his sufferings very patiently and never made a murmur.’ The Rev. J. Henry Martin, Wesleyan Chaplain attached to the 44th Field Ambulance also wrote, ‘You will be sorry to hear of the death of your brave laddie, Private A. G. Dyson. I was sent for yesterday but it was too late. He was badly wounded in the chest and there was very little
hope from the first. He very bravely bore his pain. I was in the Field Ambulance on duty when he died at the Casualty Clearing Station some miles away. He had no pain I gather and my friend, the Rev. J. H. Preston was with him when he died. I buried him yesterday in a beautiful place beside a wayside road with a hedge around.' ROH:- St. Stephen's Church, Lindley; Lindley Zion Wesleyan Methodist Chapel; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

DYSON, ARTHUR, MM. Lance Corporal. No 22793. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Son of William and Emma Elizabeth Dyson, of Hey Lane Farm, Scammonden. Embarked for France at Christmas, 1916. Was awarded the Military Medal for 'taking command of his platoon and reorganising it during heavy shellfire.' He was reported missing, presumed killed, 17.10.1917, aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.


DYSON, E. Private. No 142003. 8th Company Royal Army Medical Corps. Died at home, 16.3.1919. Buried HOLY TRINITY BURIAL GROUND, HOLMFIRTH. Grave location:- South, 5, 100.


DYSON, GEORGE. Private. No 37593. 10th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Formerly No 4788 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Bradley, Huddersfield. Son of Henry and Mary Dyson, 13 Wood Top, Marsden. Before moving to Marsden, in 1914, he attended the Upper Heaton Wesleyan Chapel at Kirkheaton. Employed in the tentering department at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Enlisted February 1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, 25.9.1916. The parents received official intimation that he had been killed on that date one year later. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.


DYSON, GEORGE EARNSHAW. Driver. No 199445 87th Field Company Royal Engineers. Born Lindley 3.12.1884. Son of Ginnethan and Mary Jane Dyson, 12 Meg Lane, Longwood. Educated Oakes Board School, Lindley. Formerly employed as a pattern weaver by Messrs Learoyd Brothers, Trafalgar Mills, Huddersfield. At the time of enlistment, was working at British Dyers Limited. Married, with four children, and living at 60 Croft End Hill, Longwood. Was a founder member of the Milnsbridge Socialist Brass Band. Enlisted 22.9.1916. Embarked for France in March, 1917. Died of wounds, 4.4.1917, aged 32 years. Buried ST. CATHERINE BRITISH CEMETERY, ARRAS. Grave location:- Row A, Grave 1. His widow, Gladys Earnshaw, received the following letter from a Major of her husband’s Regiment, ‘I very much regret to have to inform you that your husband Driver G. E. Dyson died of wounds on the 4th April. He was hit by a piece of shell as he was riding the leading pair of horses of a four horse team drawing a store wagon on the night of the 31st inst. All the horses were wounded, also the driver and the N.C.O in charge as a shell burst right on the road. He was taken to the nearest dressing station where he received every attention. He was buried two days later.’

by Mr Joseph Thomas, woollen manufacturer. Single. Enlisted 31.8.1914 and embarked for France in April, 1915. On the night of the 24.6.1915, he was out with a working party, constructing trenches, when he was shot in the head and never regained consciousness. He was 28 years old. Buried RUE-DAVID MILITARY CEMETERY, FLEURBAIX. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 9. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


DYSON, HAROLD. Private. No 24447. 1/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Golcar. Son of Mrs Fred Dyson, 79 Scarborough Terrace, Townend, Golcar. Attended Golcar Providence United Methodist Church and Sunday School and was a member of the Reading Room. Employed by Mr John Ed Crowther at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Embarked for France 17.10.1916. Invalided home during December, 1916, suffering from trench feet and returned to France on 2.6.1917. Killed in action, 8.10.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His mother received the following letter from a chum of her son, in the same Company, who wrote, ‘I am sure no one feels the loss of him more than we do as he was our best chum, both in England and out here and he was next to me when he was killed during a bombardment of our trenches. He suffered no pain being killed instantly by a shell and we buried him as well as the circumstances permitted.’ ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar.


DYSON, HERBERT. Private. No 241800. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Marsden. Son of John and Martha Ann Dyson, The Grove, Marsden. Attended Marsden Adult School. Employed by Messrs Crowther, Bruce and Company as a pattern weaver. He was taken prisoner at Bullecourt on 3.5.1917 but not wounded. After some weeks he wrote home from Dulmen Camp, Germany. His parents received several letters or cards from him. He died of pneumonia on 17.6.1917, at the Prisoner's Internment Camp at Munster, Westphalia, Germany, aged 23. His parents received the following letter from Mr Oswald Frost, Durham Light Infantry, Acting Pastor, Gefangenen Lager, Hans Spital, bearing the date 21.6.1917. He says, 'Your son Herbert was transferred to this camp from Dulmen. After a few days here he fell ill on the night of the 7.6.1917. On the 9th he was taken into the Lazarette suffering from pneumonia. He struggled bravely until the afternoon of Sunday 17.6.1917 when he died at 3.30pm. We did everything that we possibly could for him but without avail. He was buried yesterday, June 30th.' Buried COLOGNE SOUTHERN CEMETERY, GERMANY. Grave location:- Plot 18, Row A, Grave 19. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.

DYSON, HINCHLIFFE. Private. No 54345. 9th Battalion Manchester Regiment. Formerly No 50695 North Staffordshire Regiment. Born in Slaithwaite in 1897. Son of David and Alice Dyson, Broadfields, Lingards, Slaithwaite. His father was a farmer and cattle dealer. Killed in action, 21.3.1918. Has no known grave. Commemorated POZIERES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.


DYSON, WILLIAM HENRY. Private. No 201735. 2/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Son of Mr and Mrs J. Dyson, 33 Stanhope Street, Scissett. Died of wounds, 3.5.1917, aged 26 years. Buried ACHIET-LE-GRAND COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row E, Grave 13.

DYSON, WILLIE. Private. No 132709. 42nd Battalion Canadian Infantry (Quebec Regiment). Born Marsden. Son of the late Jonathan Dyson, Rock House, Brougham Road, Marsden. Employed as a scribbling engineer by Messrs Robinson Brothers of Marsden. Left Marsden for Canada in 1910. Killed in action, 28.8.1918. Buried VIS-en-ARTOIS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 9, Row A, Grave 12. The news of his death was conveyed in a letter to Miss Annie Mellor from his chum, Private A Jackman who wrote, ‘Willie was killed in an attack on the enemy's lines. He received the full burst of bullets from a German machine gun that was only ten feet away as he was passing from one shell hole to another. Death was instantaneous.’

EAGLETON, FREDERICK W. Petty Officer Stoker. No 285839. Royal Navy, HMS Undaunted. Married, with two sons. Lived 6 Allen Row, Paddock. Prior to enlistment in the Royal Navy, he was employed in the Tramways Department of Huddersfield Corporation. Returned to his ship the week prior to his death and died of heart failure on board ship, 1.2.1918. Buried EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 2, 92G. ROH:- St. Mark's Church, Paddock; Huddersfield Corporation Roll.

EARNshaw, ALBERT. Sergeant. No 60746. The King's Liverpool Regiment, transferred to 171047 308th Company, Labour Corps. Born Bradley. Had been employed as Head Boots at the Cherry Tree Hotel, Huddersfield, prior to enlistment. Lived Batley. Died from influenza at Bramshott Hospital, Aldershot, 19.10.1918. The week previous to his death he had visited his brother, who was in hospital at Nottingham suffering from wounds. Buried with full military honours St. THOMAS'S CHURCHYARD, BRADLEY. Grave location:- in the South part. ROH:- St. Thomas's Church, Bradley.


EARNshaw, ALBERT. Gunner. No L/29256. ‘A’ Battery, 93rd Brigade (Holme Valley Battery) Royal Field Artillery. Son of Mr and Mrs Ben Earnshaw of Hogley Green. Prior to enlistment, was a weaver at Digley Mills. Was a member of the Holmbridge Northern Union football team. Killed in action on Easter Monday, 9.4.1917, aged 21 years. Buried LA TARGETTE BRITISH CEMETERY (AUX RIETZ). Grave location:- Plot 3, Row D, Grave 22. ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial.


EARNshaw, FRED. Private. No 27793. 12th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly No 41425 Durham Light Infantry. Born Holmfirth. Son of John and Sarah Earnshaw of Magnum, Hade Edge, Holmfirth. Attended Magnum Mission Church, where he was a member of the choir. Worked in the quarries of Mr J. Hinchliffe of Dunford Bridge. Enlisted September 1916. Embarked for France February, 1917. Died from gunshot wounds to the abdomen at No 8 Casualty Clearing Station, 6.7.1917, aged 37 years. Buried DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row O, Grave 9. The Matron of the Casualty Clearing Station wrote to his parents, telling them that from the first the staff feared that his condition was hopeless, ‘He did not suffer much after he came here but he was hardly conscious of what was going on around him. He was too ill to speak much.’ ROH:- Hade Edge War Memorial.


EARNshaw, GEORGE. Private. No 241557. 5/6th Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Born South Crosland. Third son of Mr Sam Earnshaw of Magdale, Honley. Employed by Messrs Eastwood Brothers, of Thirstin Mills. Enlisted September 1916. Killed in action, 14.4.1917, aged 19 years. His father received a letter from a pal of his son, Sergeant Norman Long, also from Huddersfield, saying that the two of them had been together all through the day’s fighting and were digging for shelter in the evening when Private Earnshaw was shot through the neck by a sniper. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Honley War Memorial.

EARNshaw, HAROLD. Private. No 241542. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Lived with his sister, Miss Amelia Earnshaw, at 44 Upper Brow Road,
Paddock. Attended All Saints Church, Paddock. Employed as a cashier by Messrs C. and J. Hirst Limited, Longwood. Reported missing at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, and afterwards presumed to have died on that date, aged 27 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


EARNSHAW, HILTON, DCM. Sergeant. No 3/11416. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Meltham. Son of Vandeleur and Sarah Hannah Earnshaw, of Lower Mill, Meltham. Was an employee of Messrs Quarmby and Sykes Limited of Meltham Mills. Was a member of the Meltham Mills Church choir. Enlisted September, 1914, and after ten months training went over to France in June, 1915. Awarded the DCM in April, 1916, for leading a party of the 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders, whose Officers had been wounded, up to a German trench which was captured and taking 20 prisoners. (Was the first Meltham man to be awarded the DCM). He was an instructor in a bombing school and on 31.8.1916 met his death through the explosion of a defective bomb. Buried St. AMAND BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row C, Grave 7. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Meltham.

EARNSHAW, IRVIN. Private. No 28609. 13th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs G. H. Earnshaw of Paris Road, Scholes, Thongsbridge. Educated Lane Bottom Board School, Wooldale and attended the Primitive Methodist Sunday School at Scholes. Prior to enlistment was employed at Messrs Farrar’s dyeworks at Thirstin, Honley. Enlisted May 1916. Had been out in France about ten months when he was killed in action, 2.6.1917, aged 27 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His parents received the following letter from an Officer of their son’s Regiment, ‘He was in the Lewis gun team and was in the trench near the gun during a bombardment of our lines when he was struck by a piece of shell which burst over the trench and he died instantly. I know how much it must harm you to read this letter but I thought that you would prefer to know what I can tell you rather than be left in uncertainty. Earnshaw was a good soldier and most reliable and both myself and my comrades feel for you the very deepest sympathy. I hate to lose any of these lads for their pluck and cheerfulness in all dangers and discomforts is splendid beyond all words. Much as I feel the loss though, I know how much more it must be to you his parents and I can only pray that God in his mercy will comfort you for a life given in this service is a life used in the service of God and taken by him for his own purpose.’ ROH:- Hepworth and Scholes War Memorial.


EARNshaw, samuel. Corporal. No 25473. ‘C’ Battery (Holme Valley), 168th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs Herbert Earnshaw, 70 Dunford Road, Holmfirth. Educated Holmfirth National School and a member of Mr Fletcher’s bible class. Employed as a percher by Messrs T. and J. Tinker of Bottoms Mill. Enlisted 11.4.1915. Killed in action, 11.11.1917, aged 21 years. Buried MINTY FARM CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row B, Grave 3. His parents received the following letter from a comrade of their son, who wrote, ‘I hardly know how to start this letter, but I feel that I must write and express to you the regrets and sympathy not only of myself but of the whole Battery in your sad bereavement. I know quite well how you will miss Sammy for I know how we miss him out here. In fact it is very difficult to realise that we shall not see him again. I thought I should like to write to you tonight not only to express my sympathy but also to tell you as much as possible how Sammy met his death. Unfortunately no one can tell you how or where he was killed as he was alone at the time but as I was one of the search party who found him perhaps I can tell you as much as anyone can. The last time I saw Sammy was on the afternoon of the 11th November when he was leaving the Battery for Signal Headquarters. As usual he stopped and had a few cheery words with me and then went on his way. From what I can gather he left the Signal Headquarters some hours later and returned to the Battery which however he never reached.’ His comrade goes on to relate how the lad’s non appearance before midnight caused uneasiness and it was decided to organise a search party as soon as daylight came, ‘This we did,’ he writes further, ‘and we found him about a mile away from the Battery. Evidently he had decided to overhaul one of the telephone wires on his way back to the Battery for we found him laid beside the wire which was some distance from his usual way back. You will be glad to know as we were that he must have died instantaneously as he was wounded through the head and heart. Poor lad - he died as he would have wished to have died, doing his duty and working to the last. He will be missed by all of us for I can safely say that there isn’t a man in the Battery whom he had not helped sometime or other even it has only been by his cheery smile.’ ROH:- Underbank War Memorial.

EARNshaw, willie. Private. No 240891. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs John Willie Earnshaw, Cinderhills, Holmfirth. Educated at Mr J. D. Brown’s school and was connected with the Parish Church Sunday School. Employed as a weaver by Messrs H. and S. Butterworth, Lower Mills, Holmfirth. He was a keen football player and he played for both the Holmbridge and Underbank teams. Enlisted January 1915. Embarked for France the following January. Killed in action, 27.3.1918. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL
TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Underbank War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Almondbury War Memorial; memorial in Almondbury Cemetery.


EASTWOOD, FRED. Private. No 2434. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Son of the late Mr and Mrs George Eastwood of Smith Ryding, Linthwaite. His parents died when he was quite young and he had lived with his cousin, Mrs Mary Hannah Gledhill, 9, Slantgate, Linthwaite, since he was seven years old. Educated at Linthwaite Church Day School. Employed as a twister-in by Messrs John Lockwood and Sons Limited, Scarbottom Mills, Golcar. Died from a compound fracture of the skull at No 1 Canadian General Hospital, Etaples, on Tuesday, 8.6.1915, aged 19 years. Buried ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row B, Grave 5a. ROH:- Linthwaite; Huddersfield Drill Hall. (Brother of Private RICHARD EASTWOOD, who died of wounds, 21.9.1915, q.v.).

EASTWOOD, GEORGE HENRY. Corporal. No 2852. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Huddersfield 5.7.1890. Brother of Mr W. Eastwood, 29 Primrose Street, Huddersfield. Educated Stile Common Council School. Employed as a warehouseman by Messrs Brook, Sugden and Company, wholesale clothiers, Paige Street, Huddersfield. Single. Living at 11 Jackroyd, Newsome, Huddersfield. Enlisted September 1914. On the night of September 17th/18th, Corporal Eastwood was in command of his platoon. A shell burst and severed one of his legs from his body and, notwithstanding his agony, he called to his men to proceed. Before he could be properly attended to he passed away with a bright smile on his face. Died 17.9.1916, aged 26 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

ROH:- Marsh War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall; memorial in Almondbury Cemetery; Almondbury War Memorial.


ROH:- Christ Church, Moldgreen; commemorated on his parents' headstone in Edgerton Cemetery.
EASTWOOD, RICHARD. Private. No 3/1985. 7th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Linthwaite. Eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs George Eastwood, of Smith Ryding, Linthwaite. Cousin of Mrs Mary Hannah Gledhill, 9 Slantgate, Linthwaite. Since the death of his parents he had lived for about seven years with Mr Joseph Williams, of 10 Slantgate, Linthwaite, with whom he was engaged in a general hawker’s business. Enlisted soon after the outbreak of the war. Came home on leave in June, 1915. Was severely wounded in the chest and abdomen on 20.9.1915. Died of his wounds at the 2nd London Casualty Clearing Station, 21.9.1915, aged 22 years. Buried MERVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location: Plot 4, Row D, Grave 4. (His cousin, Mrs Gledhill, received the following letter from the Rev. F. G. Goddard, Chaplain to the 2nd London C.C.S., dated 22.9.1915, ‘I am the Church of England Chaplain at the 2nd London C.C.S., 1st Army. I regret to have to write sad news about Private R. Eastwood, No 1985, 7th Battalion K.O.Y.L.I. He was brought in here yesterday severely wounded in the chest and died shortly after admission. Your name and address was found on him so perhaps you would kindly let his relatives know. Of course probably you are related yourself and must at least be a friend. Will you tell all concerned and assure them of our real and sincere sympathy. I cannot very well write more at present as you can realise. I officiated at his funeral this morning. I hope all of you will feel if he died away from his people yet he did so among those who did their best for him. May God comfort you and bless all those bereaved.’ (Brother of Private FRED EASTWOOD, who died of wounds, 8.6.1915, q.v.). ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


EDMONDSON, FRANK. No 5742. 20th (County of London) Battalion (Blackheath and Woolwich). Formerly No 78297 Royal Army Medical Corps. Son of Charlotte and the late John Edmondson, of Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan. Was assistant master at the Linthwaite Central Council School from 7.12.1912 until 19.3.1914. Lodged with Mr G. H. Rawcliffe of Fern Lea, Hoyleshouse. Attended Linthwaite Wesleyan Church and Sunday School. Was a member of the choir, the Young Men’s Class, the Reading Room and the cricket and billiard teams. Died of wounds at No 42 Casualty Clearing Station, 28.7.1916, aged 26 years. Buried AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location: Plot 1, Row D, Grave 51.

EDWARDS, WALTER. Private. No 14491. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 15 Stocks Buildings, Huddersfield in January,


ELLAM, LEWIS. Private. No 268692. 1/7th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born 7 St. John’s Square, Newtown, Huddersfield, 12.10.1887. Educated Thomas Street Board School. Employed as a hoist man. At the time of enlistment, was living at 19 William Street, Huddersfield. Widower. Wounded, 2.5.1917, at Beaumont Hamel. Died of influenza whilst a Prisoner of War, 24.10.1918, aged 29. Buried ERQUELINNES COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Grave 103. ROH:- Great Northern Street Congregational Chapel; St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield.


ELLIS, CHARLES. Private. No 203662. 1/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Brighouse. Parents lived at 16 Thornhill Bridge Lane, Brighouse. Husband of E. B. Ellis, 271 Marsden Road, Brierley Wood, Huddersfield; with one daughter. Employed as a twiner by Mr Charles Haigh, cotton spinner, of Colne Bridge. Was a member of the Bradley Working Men’s Club, St Andrew’s bible class and St James’ Church, Brighouse. Enlisted July 1916. Wounded on three occasions and gassed once. Died at No 36 Casualty Clearing Station, 15.4.1918, the day after being wounded in the abdomen. He was 37 years of age. Buried BANDAGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row E, Grave 11. ROH:- Brighouse War Memorial.


ELLIS, FRED. Private. No 6146. 1st Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Meltham. Son of Mary Ellis, 32 Huddersfield Road, Meltham, and the late Sam Ellis. Died in India, 1.8.15, aged 37 years. Buried RAWALPINDI CEMETERY, INDIA. Also commemorated DELHI MEMORIAL, INDIA. ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.


ELLIS, HARRY. Private. No 241547. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Primrose Hill, Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs W. Ellis, 306 Saville Place, Milnsbridge. Employed as a night weaver by Messrs Ben Hall and Sons, Milnsbridge. Reported missing at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.


ELLIS, HERBERT. Private. No 242072. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Longroyd Bridge 21.8.1894. Son of Walter and Mary Ellis, 85 Thorne Road, Thornton Lodge, Crosland Moor. Educated at Paddock Church Schools. Employed as a worsted and woollen weaver. At the time of enlistment, was living at 19 Queen Street, Paddock. Single. Enlisted 7.4.1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, in the attack on the Schwaben Redoubt, 3.9.1916, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Shared Church, Paddock; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


ELLIS, LEVI. Private. No 17648. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Hepworth’s Yard, Bradford Road, Huddersfield. Son of Mr A. Ellis, 11 Field Street, Marsh. Employed as a tailor’s presser by Mr George Crosland, of Chancery Lane. Single. Enlisted November 1915. Reported missing, 3.5.1917, since presumed died on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield.

ELLIS, LUTHER. Private. No 75356. 1/6th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Huddersfield 16.4.1899. Son of Martha


ELLIS, WILFRED. Private. No 50754. 1st Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers. Born Hawthorne Terrace, Crosland Moor 5.1.1885. Son of Fred and Ann Ellis, 3 College Street, Crosland Moor. Educated Crosland Moor Council School. Employed as a printer by Messrs B. Brown and Sons, of Westgate, Huddersfield. Attended Crosland Moor Wesleyan Church and school, where he held the office of steward, secretary and teacher. Husband of Emily Ellis, 44 College Street, Crosland Moor. Enlisted 14.8.1917. Reported missing near Estaires, 12.4.1918, and was officially reported to have been killed on that date one year later, aged 33. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Crosland Moor Wesleyan Church; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.


ENGLAND, FRED. Lance Bombardier. No 35516 ‘A’ Battery, 38th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born New Mill, Holmfirth. Son of Ben and Emily England of Sycamore Cottage, New Mill. Educated at New Mill National School and also attended the Sunday School. Employed as a dyer by Messrs Beaumonts, of Honley. Enlisted, 9.11.1914, with his brother, Percy, the two joining the R.F.A. Crossed the Channel together in September, 1915. Percy was wounded on 17.7.1916 and spent a long time in hospital, eventually being discharged from the Army. Fred was wounded in the head on 27.4.1918. Admitted into No 14 General Hospital, Boulogne, the following day and died of his wounds on 9.5.1918, aged 27 years. Buried BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 9, Row B, Grave 61. ROH:- New Mill Working Men’s Club; Fulstone War Memorial.

in action, 15.4.1918, aged 33 years. Buried POINT-du-HEM MILITARY CEMETERY.
Grave location:- Plot 5, Row B, Grave 8. ROH:- Hepworth and Scholes.


Grave location:- Plot 16, Row A, Grave 4. ROH:- Rehoboth Baptist Chapel; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.


EVANS, PERCY LEWIS. Lieutenant. Royal Air Force. Born Sowerby, near Halifax, 10.8.1891. Son of William Cumnor and Evangeline Hermans Evans, Moorville, 46 Waspnest Road, Fartown. (His father was pastor of the Great Northern Street Congregational Church, Huddersfield). Educated at Sowerby National School, Heath Grammar School and Edinburgh University. Prior to enlistment was a senior theological student at the United College, Bradford, where he was studying for the Congregational Ministry. Single. Served with the Friends Ambulance Brigade for eighteen months until enlisting as a Private in the Artist’s Rifles in April, 1916. Was later transferred to the R.A.F, in which he received his commission in August, 1917. Killed in a flying accident on Friday, 22.11.1918, aged 27 years, at Stockbridge, near Andover, Hampshire, whilst testing a machine prior to flying to another camp. Buried EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 51, 150. ROH:- Great Northern Street Congregational Church; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; Heath Grammar School, Halifax.


EVERITT, ALBERT EDWARD. Private. No 24521. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs Henry Everitt, 44 Rufford Road, Scar
Lane, Milnsbridge. Educated Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge. Employed in the butchering department at the Milnsbridge Perseverance Cooperative Society Limited. Attended Parkwood United Methodist Church and Sunday School, Longwood. Enlisted June, 1916, and embarked for France on 24.10.1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, 20.9.1917, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated **TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** (Brother of Private **HUBERT EVERITT,** reported missing, 21.3.1918, q.v.). **ROH:** St. John’s Church, Golcar; Longwood War Memorial; Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge.

**EVERITT, HUBERT.** Rifleman. No R/19514. 8th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs Henry Everitt, 44 Rufford Road, Scar Lane, Milnsbridge. Educated Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge. Employed as a clerk by Messrs Greenhalgh of John William Street, Huddersfield. Attended Parkwood United Methodist Church and was secretary of the Band of Hope. Reported missing, 21.3.1918, and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated **POZIERES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** (Brother of Private **ALBERT EDWARD EVERITT,** killed in action, 20.9.1917, q.v.). **ROH:** St. John’s Church, Golcar; Parkwood Methodist Chapel; Longwood War Memorial; Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge.

**EWART, CHARLES FREDERICK.** Private. No 45033. 2nd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Married. Lived 41 Blackhouse Road, Fartown. Employed by Messrs D. Broadbent and Sons Limited, Central Ironworks, as a motor driver. Reported missing, presumed killed, 21.3.1918. Has no known grave. Commemorated **ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** **ROH:** Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


**EWING, JOE WILLIE.** Private. No 24817. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Berry Brow 14.6.1889. Educated Rashcliffe Church of England School. Employed as a dyer’s labourer by Mr Whiteley of St. Andrew’s Road. Husband of May Southwell Ewing, 4 Smithy Lane, Moldgreen. Enlisted 8.8.1916. Wounded 26.4.1917. Died of his wounds at No 8 Casualty Clearing Station, 29.4.1917, aged 27 years. Buried **DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY.** Grave location:- Plot 3, Row H, Grave 46. **ROH:** St. Paul’s Church, Southgate, Huddersfield; Christ Church, Moldgreen; St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe; Almondbury War Memorial.

**EXLEY, ERNEST.** Private. No 31702. ‘A’ Company, 13th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Formerly No 5536 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Scissett. Son of Samuel and Mary Exley, of Water Street, Scissett. Died of wounds at No 2 Casualty Clearing Station, 15.5.1918, aged 30 years. Buried **EBBLINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY.** Grave location:- Plot 2, Row B, Grave 18. **ROH:** Scissett War Memorial; Clayton West and High Hoyland War Memorial.


FAHEY, THOMAS. Private. 8th Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment. Lived 28 Lowerhead Road, Huddersfield.


FARHILL, NORMAN. Private. No 12125. 8th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Milnsbridge. Son of Mr and Mrs Jacob Farnhill, 30 Casson Street, Milnsbridge. Husband of Mrs Farnhill, of Whiteley Street, Milnsbridge. Assisted his father in the business of joiner and undertaker at 3 Pickford Street, Milnsbridge. Formerly attended the Milnsbridge Wesleyan Sunday School and later was an active member of the Salvation Army. Reported missing on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1.7.1916, aged 28 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial; Huddersfield Mission, Milnsbridge; St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood.


FARRAR, HAROLD. Rifleman. No C/7226. 18th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs J. Sydney Farrar of Underbank Holmfirth. Husband of Irene Farrar, of Church Terrace, Holmfirth. Educated at Hade Edge Council School. Employed at Washpit Mills, Holmfirth. Enlisted 1915. Came home on leave shortly before his death and had only been back in France four weeks when he was wounded and died of his wounds on 24.8.1918, aged 23 years. Buried LIJJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 25, Row G, Grave 27. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial.

FARRAR, JAMES ERNEST. Private. No 203680. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 45 Albert Street, Lockwood, 26.4.1896. Son of Mr and Mrs W H Farrar, 6 Blamires Yard, Swan Lane, Lockwood. Educated Mount...
Pleasant Council School, Lockwood. Employed as a labourer by Messrs John Quarmby and Sons, paper bag manufacturers, East Parade, Huddersfield. Enlisted 1.3.1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, 20.3.1917, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated LOOS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Lockwood Baptist Church; Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


FARRON, ALBERT. Private. No 5764. 1st Battalion King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment). Born Christchurch, Ashton-under-Lyne. Enlisted Lancaster. Husband of Beatrice Mary Farron, West End, Golcar. Employed as a weaver by Mr J. E. Crowther, Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Enlisted in the army at the age of 16 years, saw service in India and went through the whole of the South African campaign. Re-enlisted at the outbreak of the war. His wife received the following letter from him telling her that they had landed at Boulogne on 23.8.1914, ‘We got stuck into the Germans somewhere in the Mons district on the 26th August and a ripping do it was too I can tell you. We had to retire nearly to Paris, the Germans were about 3 to our 1, at least so the papers say and judging by the iron that came over I should say too. So never worry I dodged them that day and I am dodging them yet. The General has complimented our regiment and two Privates of our Company have been mentioned in despatches for bringing in a wounded comrade out of the firing line. They deserve it too. I suppose you will think I am telling you old news but we are only allowed to tell you what happened a month back. I have written this to let you know that I am in France alright. Fine country too, grand farms, tons of fruit and the people, well they would give you anything nearly. We sleep mostly in barns amongst the straw. We are in a barn now and there is about two ton of tobacco leaf behind our heads. Just at present we have lots of smoking stuff but don’t forget the writing paper I told you about. I don’t know how long the war will last but I think that shortage of money will beat Germany in the end. The fighting in South Africa was soft up to this lot but South Africa could beat it hollow for hardships. Outposts, grub and weather were all worst in South Africa but the scraping here is mustard. We shall have a Merry Christmas this time you see if we don’t.’ Reported missing, presumed killed, 20.10.1914, aged 31 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.


TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Lindley; Huddersfield General Post Office.


FAWLEY, WALTER LEONARD. Private. No 24741. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 9 Calton Street, Bradford Road, Huddersfield. Son of Fred and Edith Annie Fawley, 18 Row Street, Crosland Moor. Educated at Huddersfield Parish Church School. Employed as a tailor’s cutter by Messrs H. Booth and Son Limited, wholesale clothiers, St. John’s Road, Huddersfield. Enlisted 4.8.1914. Was killed in action near Cambrai in No Man’s Land, 27.2.1918, aged 24 years, a fortnight after his return from leave at home. Buried HERMIES HILL BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row G, Grave 19. ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church; St. Barnabas’s Church, Crosland Moor.


Killed in action near Ypres, 18.9.1915, aged 18 years. Buried NEW IRISH FARM CEMETERY. Grave location: Plot 17, Row E, Grave 3. ROH: Milton Independent Church; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; St. Andrew's Church, Leeds Road; Huddersfield Drill Hall; also commemorated on his parents’ headstone in Edgerton Cemetery.


FIELD, ARTHUR. Private. No 62554. 2/4th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Formerly No 5/93748 Territorial Reserve Battalion. Born Skelmanthorpe. Son of Clifton and Annie Field, of Station Road, Skelmanthorpe. Killed in action, 20.7.1918, aged 18 years. Buried CHAMBRECY BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location: Plot 1, Row B, Grave 8. (Brother of Private JOSEPH WILSON FIELD, reported missing, 27.5.1918, q.v.). ROH: St. Aidan’s Church, Skelmanthorpe.


FIELD, HARRY, MM. Lance Corporal. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. No 204573. Born Earls Eaton 16.4.1898. Son of Mr and Mrs Ernest Field, 8 Sifton Street, Birkby. Educated at St. John’s School, Birkby and Oakes Council School. Attended New North Road Baptist Sunday School. Employed as a book salesman by Messrs Tyler, of King Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted 1.9.1915. Awarded the Military Medal on 25.10.1917 for, ‘distinguished conduct and gallantry in the field. In the attack on 9.10.1917 near Poelcappelle when several members of his Lewis gun team including Numbers 1 and 2 had been knocked out he picked up his gun and carried on with it in the face of heavy machine gun and rifle fire. He then forced his way to a very forward position and by keeping up an effective fire on the enemy was largely responsible for beating off a counter attack. He showed great spirit and determination throughout.’ (The medal was sent to his parents on 28.11.1918) Killed in action near La Bassee, 15.4.1918. (The day before his 20th birthday). Has no known grave. Commemorated PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH: New North Road Baptist Church; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

FIELD, JOSEPH WILSON. Lance Corporal. No 7386 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Skelmanthorpe. Son of Clifton and Annie Field, Station Road, Skelmanthorpe. Prior to enlistment, was employed by Messrs Field and Botterill. Was commended by the General commanding his Division on his gallant conduct at the Battle of the Somme. Reported missing, 27.5.1918, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated SOISSONS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private ARTHUR FIELD, killed in action, 20.7.1918, q.v.). ROH: St. Aidan’s Church, Skelmanthorpe.


FIELD, NORMAN. Lieutenant. 5th Battalion Manchester Regiment, attached 25th Squadron Royal Flying Corps. Son of the late Edgar Field and Eliza Field, of Box Cottage, Skelmanthorpe. Educated New College, Harrogate. Employed by Messrs Edwin Field and Sons, of Skelmanthorpe, and later with his Uncle, Mr J. T. Field. He then joined the Bingley Weaving Company Limited and was appointed Managing Director, which position he held at the time he volunteered for service. Received his commission in November, 1915, and was promoted Lieutenant in October, 1916. Embarked for France again in December, 1916, and transferred to the Royal Flying Corps in April, 1917. Reported missing, presumed killed, 14.8.1917, aged 24 years. Buried CABARET ROUGE BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 7, Row H, Grave 10. ROH:- St. Aidan’s Church, Skelmanthorpe.


FIELDING, ELI. Gunner. No 68405. 109th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, attached 13th Battalion Tank Corps. Son of J. W. Fielding of ‘North View’, Golcar. Husband of F. M. Fielding, 111 Townend, Golcar. Was a member of Golcar Conservative Club. Employed as a tailor. Enlisted, 21.2.1916, and spent three years in France. On 10.6.1919 he was one of the crew of a tank which got out of control and in trying to jump clear he was accidentally killed. He was 26 years of age. Buried THEUX COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Grave No 1. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.

FIELDING, FRANK. Private. No 27115. 16th Battalion (1st Manchester Pals) Manchester Regiment. Born Marsden. Lived at ‘The Swan Inn’, Marsden. Employed as an assistant in the shop of Mr S. T. Shaw, chemist, Peel Street, Marsden. Enlisted 7.5.1915. Embarked for France 24.12.1915. Killed in action, 1.7.1916, aged 18 years. Buried DANTZIG ALLEY BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Vernon Street Cemetery Memorial 25. His brother, Gilbert Fielding, received the following letter from Captain Wilfrith Elstub (who won the Victoria Cross in March 1918). After expressing his sorrow the Captain goes on to say that Private Fielding was killed in the great battle of July 1st and 2nd, whilst carrying up material for the purpose of consolidating the village of Montauban that they had captured, ‘He died instantenously whilst we were going forward. I personally regret his loss immensely as his young and cheerful face often caught my notice as I used to go round the Company. He was a good brave young soldier and he nobly died doing his duty for the old country. Please accept my deepest sympathy.’. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.


FIRTH, ARTHUR. Private. No 81306. 18th Battalion Machine Gun Corps. Born Marsden. Only son of Samuel and Louisa Firth, Field House, Marsden. Employed by his father as a painter and decorator. Was a member of the Wesleyan Adult Bible Class and had been assistant secretary to the Sunday School. Was also a member of the Marsden Liberal Club. Enlisted in the R.A.O.C. on 26.10.1915 and embarked for France on Good Friday, 1916. In October, 1916, he returned home and trained for the Infantry, becoming a member of the Machine Gun Corps. He returned to France and was gassed on two occasions. He died from the effects of gas poisoning at No 11 Stationary Hospital, Rouen, 7.9.1918, aged 22 years. Buried St. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, ROUEN. Grave location: Block R, Plot 2, Row M. Grave 6. ROH: Marsden Liberal Club; Marsden War Memorial.


FIRTH, HORACE, MM. (Served as DEPLEDGE). Sergeant. No 842282. 24th Battalion Canadian Infantry. Born Denby Dale. Son of Amos and Louisa Firth. Emigrated to the United States in 1907. At the outbreak of war he travelled from California to British Columbia to enlist. He joined the Canadian Navy and served for a time as an Able Seaman on board the Niobe but was apparently dissatisfied by finding no fighting and transferred to the Infantry. He was awarded the Military Medal in December, 1917. Died of wounds, 25.2.1918, aged 30 years. Buried BARLIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location: Plot 3, Row E, Grave 41.


FISHER, DYSON ARMSWORTH. Private. No 1813. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Luddenden, Halifax. Son of Mr and Mrs Harry Fisher, 21 Riley Avenue, Dean, Bolton and formerly of Springdale Avenue, Longroyd Bridge. After his parents left Huddersfield for Bolton he lodged in Scholes Road, Birkby. Employed as a machinist by Messrs Hopkinsons of Birkby. Played with the Grimscar Rugby football club. He was a trombone player and for some time was in the Almondbury and Fire Brigade Bands. Enlisted at the outbreak of war and embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action at Fleurbaix, 24.6.1915, aged 21 years. Buried RUE-DAVID MILITARY CEMETERY, FLEURBAIX. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 10. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall. His parents received the following letter from Major G. P. Norton (Officer commanding ‘A’ Company, 1/5th Battalion D.W.R.), ‘I regret to have to inform you that your son No 1813 Private D. A. Fisher was mortally wounded this morning and died almost immediately. He was working in front of the trenches, digging a new listening post when he must have been hit from a shot fired from a flank some distance away but it was still dark and it was impossible to say exactly what happened. I feel this will be a great blow to you and that little I can say will help to make your loss easier to bear but I should like you to know that he had made himself highly proficient as a bomb-thrower for which section he volunteered some time ago. He was highly thought of by his Officers and his comrades as was always so cheerful which means a lot out here. I trust in time to come you will find some consolation in remembering he was one of those who died to save England and English women and children from the frightfulness of German militarism.’ PS. ‘Your son was doing six days in the trenches in order to make way for some others to be trained as bomb throwers. I attended his funeral this morning. He was placed in a separate grave which will be marked with a neat white cross with his name, number and regiment posted on it. A wreath of wild flowers was placed on the grave.’


FISHER, OSWALD. Private. No PLY/585(S). Royal Marine Light Infantry. 2nd R.M. Battalion Royal Naval Division. Born Paddock 4.2.1895. Son of Thomas D. and Edith Fisher, 11 Mark Street, Paddock. Educated Paddock Council School and Huddersfield Technical College. Employed by Messrs James Shires and Sons of Milnsbridge as a pattern weaver and student designer. Attended the Brunswick Street United Methodist Chapel and was a member of the Young Men’s Bible Class. Enlisted 5.11.1914. After 3 months training he was sent with the first contingent to the Dardenelles and was amongst the last to leave on evacuation in January, 1916. Killed in action at Beaumont Hamel, 30.10.1916, aged 21 years. Buried HAMEL MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row C, Grave 20. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock.

FITTON, BENJAMIN ARTHUR. Air Mechanic 2nd Class. No 17729. ‘C’ Squadron, Royal Flying Corps. 2nd Training Centre. Son of Mr and Mrs Fitton of Meadow House, Shepley. Educated Spring Grove Council School. Employed as a mason’s labourer. Lodged with Mrs Davis in Rosemary Lane, Huddersfield. Enlisted 4.8.1914. Wounded at Hooge, near Ypres, 4.6.1915. Died of a haemorrhage from the lungs at St. Thomas’s Hospital, London, 8.7.1915. Buried ST. MARY’S ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY, KENSALL GREEN, HAMMERSMITH, LONDON. Grave location ‘Mr and Mrs Reid went to London and were present at his burial at Kensall Green Cemetery, London, on 13.7.1915.’ ROH:- Commemorated on screen wall.

FLEMMING, WILLIAM. Private. No 6977. 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Regiment. Born Sheffield. Husband of Mrs Fleming of Bryan Road, Birchencliffe. Prior to enlistment, was employed by Messrs Read, Holliday and Sons Limited. Called up at the outbreak of the war as a Reservist, he had served in India. Killed at Ypres 30.10.1914. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Philip’s Church, Birchencliffe.


FLETCHER, NORMAN FREDERICK. Private. No 268074. 1/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s
Regiment. Born Elland. Enlisted Marsden. Son of Mr and Mrs Sam Fletcher, 42 Varley Road, Slaithwaite. Husband of Agnes Fletcher, 34 Grange Avenue, Marsden. Employed as a warper at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Was a keen cricketer, having at one time or another being associated with the Linthwaite Hall and Marsden cricket teams and Haslingden, where he assisted his father who was then a professional. Enlisted August, 1916, and embarked for France in July, 1917. Was killed on 12.4.1918, along with three other soldiers, by the bursting of a shell in a forward position. Has no known grave. Commemorated **TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.

**FLETCHER, SAMUEL.** Private. No 47055. 15th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Formerly No 75546 West Yorkshire Regiment. Born 12 Croft House Lane, Marsh 1.11.1898. Son of Mr and Mrs S. Fletcher, 6 Forrest Avenue, Marsh. Educated Holy Trinity Church of England School and Huddersfield College. Employed as an apprentice with Messrs Sykes and Sugden, electrical engineers, George Street, Marsh. Enlisted May 1918. Killed in action near Maubege, 7.11.1918. Buried **DOURLERS COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION.** Grave location:- Plot 2, Row A, Grave 7. ROH:- Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield.


**FORSHAW, EDWARD HORACE.** Corporal. No 305235. 2/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar. Son of William Richard and Mary Emma Forshaw, 85 Swallow Lane, Golcar. Employed at Dale Street Mills, Longwood. Attended St. John’s Church, Golcar. Embarked for France in December, 1916. Killed in action, 14.5.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated **ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** (Brother of Private **THOM FORSHAW, reported missing, 3.5.1917, q.v.).** ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

Swallow Lane, Golcar. Employed by Messrs B. and J. Whitwam, Stanley Mills, Golcar. Attended St. John’s Church, Golcar. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, aged 22. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private EDWARD HORACE FORSHAW, killed in action, 14.5.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.

FOSTER, ALAN EDWARD. Corporal. No 11124. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Sheffield 4.5.1889. Son of William Henry and Ann Eliza (nee Wragg) Foster, 6 Norman Avenue, Birkby. Educated at Western Road and Broomhill Board Schools, Sheffield. Employed as a draughtsman by Hopkinsons of Birkby. Single. Enlisted 26.8.1914. Reported wounded and missing in the assault on Ismail Oglu Tepe, Suvla, Gallipoli, 21.8.1915, and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. He was 26 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING, GALLIPOLI. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


Foster, Robert. Private. No 21122. 9th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly East Yorkshire Regiment. Born Burley-in-Wharfedale. Son of Mr Foster, 51 St. Andrew’s Road, Huddersfield. Enlisted in the East Yorkshire Regiment a few months before the outbreak of the war but in August, 1914, he was discharged on account of deafness. He went to work at Messrs Holmes, Turnbridge Ironworks, but at the end of September he applied to join the forces and was successful and enlisted in the
West Yorkshire Regiment. Was killed in action at Jepson’s Post, Suvla, Gallipoli on 21.11.1915, aged 18 years. Buried **HILL 10 CEMETERY, SUVLA, GALLIPOLI.** Grave location:- Plot 2, Row G, Grave 3.


**FOWLES, WILLIE.** Private. No 2170. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of John Fowles, Chain, Marsden. Attended Marsden Wesleyan Sunday School and Chapel. Employed as a healer by Messrs Crowther, Bruce and Company of Marsden. Enlisted September 1914. Spent his 21st birthday in the trenches. Was engaged in fetching water for use in the trenches when he was shot by a sniper on 24.8.1915, aged 21 years. Buried **BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY.** Grave location:- Plot 1, Row F, Grave 27. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.


His parents received the following letter from his friend, Private H. ROBSON. He wrote on the 19th September that they had then just come out of action in the front line, ‘They went into action on the 15th September and Fred was in a very hot place. A shell exploded a very short distance in front of him and Fred lost consciousness immediately and never recovered. Those nearest to him did all they could for him but the case was hopeless from the first. Fred has walked straight ever since he joined the Army. He has always stood up for the weak against the strong and lived a life such as no man need be ashamed of.’ ROH:- Armitage Bridge War Memorial.

FRANCE, JOHN ARTHUR. Private. No 24400. 8th Battalion The King’s Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment). Born Lockwood 16.6.1888. Son of Allan and Emily France, 19 May Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. Educated Crosland Moor Board School. Prior to moving to Barrow-in Furness, was employed as an organ builder by Messrs P. Conacher and Company of Huddersfield. Husband of Ida France, 25 Moor End Road, Lockwood. Enlisted 17.7.1916. Wounded at Ypres, 29.4.1917. Died of wounds at Etaples Base Hospital, 5.5.1917, aged 28 years. Buried ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 18, Row J, Grave 8. ROH:- Lockwood Baptist Church; Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; Memorial in Lockwood Cemetery.


embarked for France on Easter Monday, 1917. Killed in action, 24.4.1918. Has no known grave. Commemorated POZIERES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Marsden Liberal Club; Marsden War Memorial; St. James Church, Slaitwaite.

FRANCE, WILFRED LAWSON. Private. No 2794. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment, attached 147th Brigade Machine Gun Company. Born Linthwaite. Son of Henry and Ellen France, 53 Wood Top, Slaitwaite. Employed by Messrs J. and J. Sykes and Sons, coal merchants. Enlisted Christmas 1914. Embarked for France April, 1915, when he was transferred into the transport section and the Machine Gun Company. His work in the transport section kept him in touch with horses and he won 100 francs in a competition for the best groomed horse. Came home on leave a fortnight before his death. Killed in action, 2.7.1916, aged 37 years. Buried CONNAUGHT CEMETERY, THIEPVAL. Grave location:- Plot 12, Row M, Grave 1. The first intimation of his death was contained in a letter from Captain W. H. Sproule of the same Company. He wrote, 'It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that Private France was killed in action on the night of the 2nd inst. His loss is a great blow to me as he had always been a most bright and cheerful worker in the transport section. I trust that the knowledge that he died whilst doing his duty will be some consolation to you. He was bringing up ammunition for the machine guns on pack mules at the time and was hit by a fragment of high explosive shell, killing him instantly.' ROH:- Carr Lane Methodist Church, Slaitwaite; St. James Church, Slaitwaite; Slaitwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


FREEDMAN, MYER, MM. Private. No 13105. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Huddersfield 13.10.1892. Son of Mr and Mrs Freedman, 132 Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield. Educated at Huddersfield College. He was the only Jewish man born in Huddersfield who was of military age. Before enlistment assisted his father in the tailoring business. He then helped his father in the management of the Olympian Cinema at Longroyd Bridge. He then left Huddersfield to manage a cinema in Yeadon, Leeds, but gave it up when he enlisted in September, 1914. Single. Was awarded the Military Medal on 17.9.1916 for ‘attending to a trench mortar battery No 69/2 single-handed for four days under trying circumstances with great skill between 16.5.1916 and 21.5.1916. He was killed in action near Contalmaison on 19.9.1916, aged 23 years. Buried GORDON DUMP CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row A, Grave 7. His parents received the following letter from Captain G F Sulman, ‘I am sorry to say that I have some bad news about your son Private M. Freedman. We were suddenly shelled and I regret to say that among other casualties your son was killed. I enclose herewith a letter which I found in his paybook addressed to you. I am also sending you his Military Medal ribbon which was presented to him the day before for good work in this battery some months ago. I am sure you will prize the decoration he won.’

FRENCH, EDWARD. Private. No 12619. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Son of the late Martin French (an old Huddersfield Veteran) and Mrs French, 8 Old Post Office Yard, Castlegate, Huddersfield. Employed by the Huddersfield Corporation
Cleansing Department. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Had served nine months at the front when he was killed on 28.2.1916, by a shell exploding on his dugout. He was 25 years of age. Buried **SPOILBANK CEMETERY, ZILLEBEKE, BELGIUM**. Grave location: Plot 1, Row L, Grave 3. (Brother of Private **JAMES FRENCH**, reported missing, 29.7.1916, q.v.).

**FRENCH, JAMES.** Private. No 14927. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Son of the late Martin French (an old Huddersfield Veteran) and Mrs French, 8 Old Post Office Yard, Castlegate, Huddersfield. Employed by Bentley's Yorkshire Brewery Limited. Reported missing, presumed killed, 1.10.1916, aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated **THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** (Brother of Private **EDWARD FRENCH**, killed in action, 28.2.1916. q.v.).


**FRISBY, EDWIN HERBERT (TED).** Trooper. No L/12834. 9th Lancers (Queen's Royal). Born St. Helens, Lancashire, 24.12.1882. Son of Tom and the late Sarah Frisby, 25 Arpley Street, Warrington. Educated Spring Grove Board School, Huddersfield. Husband of Helen Gertrude Frisby, 49 Blackhouse Road, Fartown. Employed as a carter on the London and North Western Railway. Had served in the South African War and in India. Called up as a Reservist, 5.8.1914, in the 9th Lancers in which he had served for 22 years. Died of gunshot wounds to the buttock and pelvis in No 2 Stationary Hospital, Abbeville, 24.3.1918, aged 36 years. Buried **ABBEVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION.** Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 29. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; London and North Western Railway Company Roll.

**FROGGATT, ARTHUR.** Sapper. No 1496. 2/1st West Riding Field Company, Royal Engineers. Son of Joseph and Margaret Froggatt of Netherton. Was a cabinet maker and had been employed in Sheffield prior to enlistment but previously by Messrs J. Blakeley and Sons of Netherton. Was a member of the Netherton Wesleyan Choir. Single. Enlisted at the outbreak of war. Killed in action, 7.7.1916, aged 27 years. Buried **BOUZINCOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION.** Grave location:- Plot 2, Row E, Grave 9. ROH:- South Crosland and Netherton War Memorial.

**FROGGATT, GEORGE.** Private. No 241855. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Wakefield. Son of Mr and Mrs Matthew Froggatt, of Rowley Hill, Lepton. Attended Rowley Hill Wesleyan Sunday School and a member of the Rowley Hill cricket club. Employed by Messrs George Thomas and Sons Limited, Fenay Bridge. Enlisted March, 1916, and had been in France nearly twelve months when he was killed on 26.11.1917, at the Battle of Cambrai, aged 21 years. He has no known grave. Commemorated **CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** ROH:- Lepton Parish Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall; memorial in Emley Churchyard.

**FROMENT, HAROLD.** Rifleman. No R/19788. 9th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps. Born 73 Woodfield Road, Lockwood. Son of Sam and Martha Froment, 2 Meltham Road, Lockwood. Educated Mount Pleasant Council School. Employed as a cotton warehouseman by Messrs William Hirst and Sons of Turnbridge. Attended Lockwood Baptist Chapel. Single. Enlisted February 1916. Had only been in France nearly three weeks when he was killed on 15.9.1916, aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated **THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** ROH:-
Lockwood Baptist Chapel; Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; Mount Pleasant Chapel, Lockwood.


FULLER, WALTER. Corporal. No 3/1924. 7th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Halifax 13.9.1893. Son of Walter and Hannah Fuller, 10 Broomfield Road, Marsh. Educated Oakes Council School. Employed as a tailor’s cutter by Messrs Bairstow of Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted, 27.8.1914, with his elder brother LAWRENCE FULLER who also served in the 7th Battalion K.O.Y.L.I. Married, on 10.7.1915, Ethel G. L. Fuller at Nap Hill, Surrey. Left for France on 29.7.1915. Killed in action, 13.9.1915 (his 22nd birthday), one and a quarter miles east of Croix Blanche, near Laventie. Buried RUE-PETILLON MILITARY CEMETERY, FLERBAIX. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 36. His brother, Lawrence, wrote home to his parents on the 13.9.1915 which reached them on the morning of 18.9.1915. He wrote, ‘You remember perhaps better than I do it was Walter’s birthday today. It seems so hard he should be hit on this day. He was a Corporal in charge of a party working just behind the parapet. He was in his shirtsleeves at the time and I expect was joking as usual when a shell burst a good distance away. He immediately signalled a washout (or miss) at which those round about of course were compelled to laugh. Another shell burst ten foot away as he was going out of the danger zone and he went down on to his face. He never spoke and passed away without regaining consciousness. There is little condolence in the fact perhaps but he was a soldier always even then. My Officer (Lieutenant Barnaby) has asked me to say he was an esteemed N.C.O. and a fine fellow, one of whom he always admired.’


GALLAGHER, JOHN. Private. No 15727. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 11 Windsor Court, Castlegate, Huddersfield, 29.9.1896. Son of Thomas and Fanny Gallagher. Educated St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic School. Employed as a foundry labourer by Messrs Hopkinson’s, of Birkby. Single. Enlisted 7.3.1915. Sailed from Liverpool in SS Aquitania 3.7.1915 at 3am for Gallipoli. On November 2nd he was operated on for gunshot wounds in the head and left thigh at No 54 Casualty Clearing Station, east of Suvla Point. He died of his wounds the following day on 3.11.1915. He was 19 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING, GALLIPOLI. (Brother of Private PATRICK GALLAGHER, reported missing, presumed killed, 26.4.1915, q.v.).


GALLAGHER, TIMOTHY. Private. No 15128. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Castlegate, Huddersfield, 3.5.1890. Son of the late Timothy and Mary Gallagher, Fisher’s Ford, Castlegate. Educated St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic School. Employed as an iron fettler by Messrs David Brown and Sons Limited. Married, with one child, lived at 1 Haigh’s Yard, Thomas Street, off Northgate, Huddersfield. Enlisted December 1914. His widow received a letter from Captain Benjamin, of ‘B’ Company, who wrote that on the morning of Sunday, December 19th, whilst they were passing through the streets of Ypres at daybreak, Private Gallagher was struck by a piece of shell in the leg and side and died instantaneously. Killed in action, 19.12.1915, aged 26 years. Buried YPRES RESERVOIR CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 8. ROH:- St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield.

GALLOWAY, HENRY JOSEPH, DCM. Sergeant. No 4/8307. 2nd Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Son of Catherine Galloway and the late George Galloway, of 86 Whiteley Street, Milnsbridge. Employed by Messrs Joseph Dyson and Sons of Milnsbridge. Single. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Awarded the DCM in March, 1917, for ‘long and gallant service with his battalion in France during the past twenty
eight months.' Died from wounds received during the German offensive, 12.4.1918, aged 25 years. Buried WIMEREUX COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 10, Row A, Grave 2.


GARRETT, GEORGE WILLIAM. Gunner. No 127356. 128th Battery, 29th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Fourth son of Mr and Mrs Garside, Oak Terrace, 683 Manchester Road, Linthwaite, Huddersfield. Attended Linthwaite Church and Sunday School and was a member of the Church bible class. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Charles Lockwood and Sons Limited, Black Rock Mills, Linthwaite. Was a playing member of the Broad Oak Cricket Club. Enlisted 1.1.1916. Embarked for France 10.4.1916. Killed in action, 18.10.1916, aged 25 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


GARSIDE, JOE. Private. No 39664. 8th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Longwood. Son of Mrs Tom Garside, 12 Ray Gate, Mount, Longwood. Husband of Sarah Jane Garside of 19 High Street, Scapegoat Hill, Golcar. Employed by Messrs Peckett and Sons, Portland Mills, Lindley as a weaver. Was a member of the Golcar Cricket and Bowling Club. Attended the Scapegoat Hill Baptist Chapel and was a member of the Liberal Club. Killed in action, 7.6.1917, aged 34 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar; Bethel United Methodist Chapel; Outlane.


GARSIDE, JOSEPH. Private. No 41924. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Longwood. Son of Mrs Tom Garside, 12 Ray Gate, Mount, Longwood. Husband of Sarah Jane Garside of 19 High Street, Scapegoat Hill, Golcar. Employed by Messrs Peckett and Sons, Portland Mills, Lindley as a weaver. Was a member of the Golcar Cricket and Bowling Club. Attended the Scapegoat Hill Baptist Chapel and was a member of the Liberal Club. Killed in action, 7.6.1917, aged 34 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar; Bethel United Methodist Chapel; Outlane.


GARTHWAITE, EDGAR. Private. No 241966. 2/6th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Kirkheaton. Worked at Fields Cooperative Store, Kirkheaton, as a shop assistant. Was a member of the choir at Fields Congregational Church. Enlisted March 1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, aged 31 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John's Church, Kirkheaton.

ABBEVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row J, Grave 1. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton; commemorated on headstone in Kirkheaton Cemetery.


GAUNT, CHARLES HENRY. Private. No 23347. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Merthyr Tydvil, South Wales. Son of Mr and Mrs Gaunt, Laurel Lea, Cowlersley Lane, Milnsbridge. Husband of Mrs Gaunt, 3 Lodge, Linthwaite. Employed as a weaver by Messrs John Crowther and Sons of Milnsbridge. Was a member of Linthwaite Church choir. Enlisted 1.8.1916. Embarked for France December, 1916. Was taken prisoner at Monchy-le-Preux, 25.4.1917. Died of wounds in Germany, 25.6.1917. Buried COLOGNE SOUTHERN CEMETERY, GERMANY. Grave location:- Plot 17, Row B, Grave 29. His wife received the following letter from the Chief Medical Officer at Reserve Lazaret, Berkkeserne, Munster; ‘I regret to inform you that your husband, Private CHARLES HENRY GAUNT of the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment died in this hospital in consequence of a wound in the right thigh sustained in the battle near Monchy in April. Accompanied by a priest and his comrades he has been buried at the cemetery of the prisoners of war not far from this city.’ Mrs Gaunt also received a letter from a Private in the King’s Liverpool Regiment who was an orderly in the camp. He wrote, ‘Your husband came with a transport of his comrades wounded from the front and as far as his wounds were concerned made excellent progress. Unfortunately his very weak state and the condition of his heart could not enable him to recover and in spite of all efforts he passed peacefully away this morning. I who write this letter are the English Prisoner Orderly in charge of English patients here and I can assure you that everything that could be done was done for your husband.’ ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.

BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row A, Grave 7. ROH:- St. Mark's Parish Church, Longwood; Shared Church, Paddock.


GIBSON, FRED BAMFORTH. Private. No 1929. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Slaithwaite. Son of John William and Jane Gibson, 7 Linfit Hall, Linthwaite. Attended Slaithwaite Wesleyan Church and was a member of the Linthwaite Hall Cricket Club. Had worked as a weaver before the war but ill health had forced him out of work. Enlisted September 1914. In October, 1915, he was severely wounded in the thigh and was in hospital in England for some time. Killed in action, 21.2.1917, aged 24 years. Buried LA FERMONT MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row E, Grave 8. His parents received the following letter from Lieutenant Doggett of their son’s Company. He wrote, ‘Private Gibson was in a dugout in the front line trenches while the enemy were shelling and one shell blew in the dugout he was in. We all feel his loss very much as he was a good soldier and had been recommended for promotion.’ ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


GIBSON, GLADSTONE. Lance Corporal. No 2865. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born High Hoyland. Son of Alma and Elizabeth Gibson, of Clayton West. A shell fell on his dugout on 3.7.1916 and he was killed instantly, he was 26 years old. Buried CONNAUGHT CEMETERY, THIPEVAL. Grave location:- Plot 7, Row J, Grave 4. ROH:- Clayton West and High Hoyland War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

GIBSON, MANSFIELD. Private. No 242183. 12th Battalion East Surrey Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs William Gibson, 18 Midland Street, Hillhouse, Huddersfield, and nephew of Mr Albert Townend of Crosland Moor. Employed as a fitter at British Dyes Limited. Killed in action, 5.8.1917, aged 19 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Andrew's Church, Leeds Road; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


GILL, EDMUND. Corporal. No 40436. Royal Air Force. Born Thurstonland. Elder son of the late Henry Gill of East View, Thurstonland. Was a trustee of the Wesleyan Chapel and a member of the choir. Was also a member of the Church Institute and an officer of the Order of Druids. Played cricket for the Thurstonland club. Employed on the works staff at Storths Hall Asylum. Married. Was accidentally killed, 5.11.1918, at an aerodrome in England. Major Denniston, of the R.A.F, wrote to the widow telling her how the accident happened, 'A machine belonging to the other squadron on this aerodrome had crashed in the field next to the men’s mess and your husband along with several others rushed to the scene with fire extinguishers as the machine had by this time caught fire. While they were giving all the assistance they possibly could the bombs the machine was carrying exploded and I am sorry to say fatally injured your husband. The squadron mourns his loss with you as he was one of our finest men and I on behalf of all the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men offer you my most sincere sympathy at this trying time.' Buried in St. THOMAS’S CHURCHYARD, THURSTONLAND. Grave Location:- 204, South-West. ROH:- Thurstonland War Memorial.


GILL, JACK EASTWOOD. Sergeant. No 2455. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment, attached 147th Machine Gun Corps. Born Windhill, Shipley, Yorkshire. Adopted son of Walter and Eliza Ann Gill, 27 Station Road, Golcar. Employed as a weaver at Messrs Pearson Brothers, Victoria Mills. Single. Enlisted October 1914. Embarked for France April, 1915. He wrote home frequently and one of the characteristics of his letters to his relatives and friends was a cheerful and optimistic spirit that always pervaded them. He never complained about anything and always counselled those at home to keep smiling. Killed in action during the Battle of the Somme, 16.7.1916, aged 22 years. Buried CONNAUGHT CEMETERY, THIEPVAL. Grave location:- Plot 12, Row J, Grave 6. His mother received a letter from his Captain in which he wrote, ‘It is with deep regret that I have to send you the sad news of Sergeant Gill’s death. He was killed while building a machine gun emplacement last night (the 15th inst). His loss is a very great blow to me and to all who were in any way connected with him. He was one of the very best Sergeants and was the most willing, keen and hard worker it has ever been my lot to meet. He never regained consciousness after being hit and died about twelve hours later. I sincerely trust that the knowledge that he died nobly, was doing his duty for King and Country will be of some comfort to you in your great bereavement.’ ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

GILL, STANLEY. Private. No 29049. 1st Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. Born Netherthong, Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs B. Gill, Stoney Croft, Netherthong. Educated Netherthong Day School where Mr James Jackson was the headmaster. Attended Netherthong Church Sunday School and was a member of the boy scouts. He became a student at the Holmfirth Day School, where he studied chemistry, drawing and building construction. He became an apprentice with Messrs John Ratcliffe and Sons, builders and contractors, St.

**GIRLING, THEODORE AUGUSTUS.** Captain. Canadian Army Veterinary Corps, attached 2nd Canadian Div. H.Q. Born Huddersfield. Son of the late Rev. William Henry Girling, of Wilshaw, Meltham, and of Lockwood and of Mrs Mary Lucy Girling, 38 Stanley Street, Lindley. Husband of Dora Simcox Girling, 121 Beechwood Avenue, Victoria, British Colombia, Canada. Went to Canada in 1902. Was a veterinary surgeon in Canada. Enlisted in 1915. Died of bronchial pneumonia at Namur, Belgium, 1.3.1919, aged 43 years. Buried **BELGRADE CEMETERY, NAMUR.** Grave location:- Plot 2, Row A, Grave 15. Captain Girling wrote the following poem entitled 'DUMB HEROES':

_There’s a DSO for the Colonel,_  
_A Military Cross for the Sub.,_  
_A medal or two when we all get through,_  
_And a bottle of wine with our grub._  
_There’s a stripe of gold for the wounded,_  
_A rest by the bright seashore._  
_And a service is read when we bury our dead,_  
_When our country has one hero more._

_But what of our poor dumb heroes,_  
_That we send without choice to the fight?_  
_That strain at the load on the shell swept road,_  
_As they take up the rations at night._  
_They are shelling at Hellfire Corner_  
_There’s shrapnel bursting fast o’er the square;_  
_And the bullets drum as the transports come_  
_With food for the soldiers there._

_The halt till the shelling is over,_  
_The rush through the line of fire,_  
_The glaring light in the dead of night_  
_And the terrible sights in the mire._  
_It’s the daily work of the horses_  
_And they answer the spur and the rein_  
_With quickended breath, mid the toll of death_  
_In the mud and the holes and the rain._

_There’s a fresh healed wound on the chestnut,_  
_The black mare’s neck has a mark;_  

_The brown mule’s new mate won’t keep the same gait_  
_As the one killed last night in the dark._  
_But they walk with the spirit of heroes_  
_They dare, not for medal or cross;_  
_But for duty alone, into peril unknown_  
_They go, never counting their loss._

_There’s a swift painless death for the hopeless,_  
_With a grave in a shell hole or field;_  
_There’s a hospital base for the casualty case,_  
_And a vet for those easily healed._  
_But there’s never a shadow of glory,_  
_A cheer or speech in their praise,_  
_As patient and true they carry us through_  
_With limbers on shot riven ways._

_So here’s to dumb heroes of Britain,_  
_Who serve her as nobly and true_  
_As the best of her sons, mid the roar of the guns_  
_And the best of her boys on the blue._  
_They are shocked, they are bruised and they’re broken,_  
_They are wounded and torn as they fall,_  
_But they’re strong and they’re brave,_  
_To the verge of the grave, and of heroes they’re truest of all._

**GLEDHILL, AGUR.** Private. No 40870. 2/6th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment. Born Spring Mill, Milnsbridge. Son of Joe and Martha Gledhill, 274 Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Moor. Husband of Sarah H. Gledhill, 272 Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Moor. Educated Crosland Moor Council School. Employed as a tailor. Reported missing at the Battle of Cambrai, 29.11.1917, aged 34 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated **CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** ROH:- Crosland Moor Wesleyan Church; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.

his wounds at No 9 Casualty Clearing Station on 13.12.1916, aged 34 years. Buried CONTA Y BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 8, Row E, Grave 14. ROH:- St. Mark's Parish Church, Longwood.

GLEDHILL, ALBERT. (Served under the assumed name of ALBERT SYKES). Private. No 9481. Depot Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Born Golcar. Son of Thomas and Mary Gledhill of Golcar; husband of Jennie Gledhill, 36 West Hill Road, Wandsworth, London. Died at home, 5.7.1917, aged 51 years. Buried St. JAMES CHURCHYARD, NORTON-JUXTA-KEMPSEY, WORCS.


GLEDHILL, FRANCIS (FRANK) AINLEY. Gunner. No 151438. 342nd Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Marsh, Huddersfield. Son of the late John and Harriet Gledhill, 863 North Grove, Manchester Road, Linthwaite. Was a partner in the firm of Messrs Gledhill Brothers, of Lockwood. Attended Golcar Baptist Chapel. Was a member of the firm of Messrs Gledhill Brothers. Was a member of the Craft Mark and Royal Arch Masonic Lodges of Slaithwaite. Was also a member of the Slaithwaite and District Golf Club. Prior to enlistment was an enthusiastic member of the Motor Volunteers. Embarked for France in May, 1917, after training at Lydd, Kent. Died from gunshot wounds to the right side and thigh, 20.9.1918, aged 35 years. Buried TELRINGTHUN BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 5, Row A, Grave 5. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial; Golcar Baptist Church.

GLEDHILL, GEORGE RICHARD. 2nd Lieutenant. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Manchester Road, Huddersfield 24.11.1896. Son of Walter and Hannah Mary Gledhill, Wellhouse, Thongsbridge. Spent his childhood in Petrograd, Russia. Educated at Mr Wild’s College School, Huddersfield, Ackworth School, Pontefract, and Institut Dr Schmidt, St. Gallen, Switzerland. Was a member of the firm of Walter Gledhill and Sons Limited, woollen manufacturers, Bridge Mills, Holmfirth. At the time of enlistment was living at Neva Bank, 86 New North Road, Huddersfield. Single. Enlisted 3.9.1914. Killed in action in the attack on the Schwaben Redoubt, 3.9.1916, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield College School; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


GLEDHILL, JOE. Sergeant. No 305068. 2/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar. Son of Charles and Amelia Gledhill, of Southport, and formerly of Golcar. Husband of Mary A. Gledhill 160 Leymoor Road, Golcar. Attended St. John’s Church, Golcar. Prior to enlistment, had worked for Mr S. T. Shaw, chemist, of Golcar and then for Messrs Hirst and Mallinson of Longwood as a weaver. Had served eight years in the local Territorials. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. During the Battle of Bullecourt, on 3.5.1917, Sergeant Gledhill was reported missing but it was later ascertained that he and a few of his men were imprisoned in a shellhole for five days and were utterly exhausted when eventually discovered at the end of that time. Killed in action, 17.9.1917, aged 26 years. Buried FAUVREUIL BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row F, Grave 20. His widow received letters from four of his chums and one of the letters said, ‘Your husband was in charge of a working party when he was hit in the back of the head by a shell and he never regained consciousness, death being instantaneous. Sergeant Gledhill was very highly thought of by all, his cheery disposition and true heartedness endearing him to Officers and men alike.’ ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


GLEDHILL, JOHN TAYLOR. Private. No 40858. 16th Battalion (1st Bradford Pals) West Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly No 29/706 Northumberland Fusiliers. Eldest son of Mr and Mrs Joe Gledhill, 33 Knowle Bank, Golcar. Attended St. John’s Church, Golcar. Employed as a weaver by Messrs George Mallinson and Sons of Linthwaite. Was a member of Golcar Conservative Club. Enlisted May 1916. Embarked for France on 27.2.1917. Twenty two weeks later he wrote home to say that he was a Prisoner of War and in good health. Died as a Prisoner of War, 24.7.1917, aged 33 years. Buried VALENCIENNES COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row D, Grave 27. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; memorial in St. John’s Churchyard.


GLEDHILL, STANLEY. Sergeant. No 12621. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar 31.5.1893. Educated Oakes Council School. Attended Oakes Baptist Sunday School and was a member of the Lindley Liberal Club. Employed as a pattern weaver by Messrs Martin, Sons and Company of Oakes. Single. Enlisted 1.9.1914. Shortly before his death had been recommended for a commission and had been awarded the French Croix-de-Guerre. Had also received a Divisional Certificate for Gallantry, ‘Presented to No 12621 Corporal Stanley Gledhill of the Duke of Wellington’s (West Riding Regiment). In recognition of conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy fire at Arras on the night of 6th and 7th September 1917.’ Killed in action at Havrincourt, 22.3.1918, aged 24 years. Buried LOWRIE CEMETERY, HAVRINCOURT. Grave location:- Row A, Grave 14. (Brother of Private JACK GUDGER GLEDHILL, killed in action, 3.9.1916, q.v.). ROH:- Oakes Baptist Church; St. Stephen’s Church, Lindley.


GOLDTHORPE, LEWIS. Private. No 38129. 17th Battalion (2nd Leeds Pals) West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Kirkburton. Son of Mr Mr Albert Goldthorpe of North Road, Kirkburton. Reported missing, 17.4.1917, and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. He has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.


GOULDER, GEORGE THOMAS. Gunner. No 103844. 115th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Carlton, Nottinghamshire. Married, with two children. Lived 12 Booth Banks, Slaithwaite. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Pearson Brothers, Commercial Mills, Slaithwaite. Played in the first team for Slaithwaite Cricket Club. Was a member of the Slaithwaite Socialist Club. Died as a result of a fractured skull at No 46 Casualty Clearing Station on 20.11.1917, aged 28 years. Buried MENDINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row G, Grave 13. (Brother of Privates SYDNEY and WILLIAM HENRY GOULDER, both of whom died of wounds, q.v.). ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.


GRACE, ERNEST EDWIN. Private. No 2650. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Son of Frederick and Louie Grace of Crewe. Husband of May Grace, 96 Bradford Road North, Huddersfield. Employed as a crane driver at Messrs Holmes's iron foundry at Turnbridge. Killed in action, 10.7.1915, aged 29 years. Buried BARD COTTAGE CEMETARY, BOISINGHE, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 41. His widow received a letter from Lieutenant Stott, of ‘C’ Company, 1/5th Battalion, who wrote that, ‘Private Grace was a very faithful and most trustworthy servant to me for a long time. I shall never get one to equal him. He was buried last night in a little military cemetery just behind the trenches. His grave will be carefully cared for while we are in this sector.’ ROH:- St. Andrew's Church, Leeds Road; Salvation Army Citadel; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

GRAHAM, BEN. Sapper. No 231948. 224th Field Company Royal Engineers. Born Huddersfield 10.10.1889. Son of Ben and Emma J. Graham, 16 Prospect Street, Huddersfield. Educated Spring Grove Council School and Higher Grade College. Was in business with his father as a builder and contractor. Husband of Mrs Graham, 74 Branch Street, Paddock. Enlisted January 1917. Was wounded and taken prisoner, 9.4.1918. His wife received a postcard from him on 21.6.1918, which was written on 21.4.1918. He said he was suffering from a wound in the thigh and a broken leg but was ‘alright.’ Died of wounds in the Reserve Hospital Camp at Aachen, Germany, 23.9.1918, aged 29. Buried COLOGNE SOUTHERN CEMETERY, GERMANY. Grave location:- Plot 13, Row E, Grave 13.

GRAHAM, GEORGE HENRY. Private. No 205090. 2/4th Battalion Hampshire Regiment. Born Moldgreen. Son of Thomas and Mary Ann Graham; husband of Emily Graham, 9 New Street, Paddock. Employed by Messrs W. E. Cotton and Sons, of Slailwaite. Served four years in the army. Had served in Egypt for three years and three months and was demobilised three days before his death, on 10.4.1919, from pneumonia, age 41 years. Buried EDGERTON CEMETERY. Grave location:- 54, 113. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock.

GRAHAM, HARRY. Private. No 266939. 2/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Halifax Old Road, Hillhouse, 4.5.1896. Son of Oliver Graham, 34 Hawthorn Terrace, Calton Street, Huddersfield. Educated Huddersfield Parish Church School. Was a member of the Huddersfield Parish Church football team, which won the school challenge cup, and he was also a member of the Otley Cricket Club. Employed as a cloth scourer and miller by Messrs Duncan Barracough and Company, Otley Mills, Otley. Single. Enlisted 15.11.1915. Killed in action at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John the Evangelist, Birkby; St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

GRAHAM, MALCOLM HEWLEY. Lieutenant. 3rd, attached 2nd, Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born 22.11.1894, at New Mill. Only son of Mr and Mrs H. S. Graham, of Oxley Woodhouse, Sheepridge, Huddersfield. His father was principal of the firm of Messrs Graham and Barnfather, worsted spinners, of New Mill. Educated at Huddersfield College School and Repton School. Was studying at Pembroke College, Cambridge, with a view to entering the medical profession but, on the outbreak of the war, he joined the Army. Was a fine athlete and oarsman and was a member of the Leander Club. Killed in action at Givenchy, 15.6.1915, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated LE TOURET MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His parents received a letter from Captain F. W. Stansfield, informing them that their son had been shot in the neck and died instantly, ‘The men charged like heroes and out of eleven Officers and three hundred and sixty men who took part in the attack only one Officer and about eighty men got back untouched. All the rest are killed, wounded or missing. Your son was a most gallant officer, very keen and hard working and he will be a great loss to the battalion. Please accept the deepest sympathy of all ranks in your great loss.’ ROH:- Huddersfield College School; Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill, (a chancel screen was dedicated to his memory in the church on Sunday, 21.4.1917. It bears the inscription, ‘He died as few men get the chance to die; fighting to save a world’s morality. He died the noblest death a man may die, fighting for God and right and liberty and such a death’s immortality.’


GRAVES, CEDRIC CHARLES. Driver. No T/35991. Army Service Corps, attached to Fife and Forfar Yeomanry. Born Golcar, in 1891. Son of George and Clara Graves. Educated Rastrick Common Council School. Attended Mount Pleasant Chapel, Lockwood. Employed as a painter and decorator by Hirst and Barraclough, of Brighouse. At the time of enlistment, in September 1914, was living at
3A Hill Crest, Woodhouse, Brighouse. Died of pneumonia on 5.9.1916 in Egypt. He was 25 years of age. Buried CAIRO WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY, EGYPT. Grave Location: - H, 49. ROH: - Mount Pleasant Chapel, Lockwood; Brighouse War Memorial; Rastrick War Memorial.


GREA VES, JOHN. Private. No 241577. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Honley. Son of Mr and Mrs Friend Greaves, Thirstin Road, Honley. Employed by Messrs Shaw Brothers, Larchfield Mills, Firth Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted March 1916. Reported missing, presumed to have died on that date. He was 20 of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH: - Huddersfield Drill Hall; Honley War Memorial.

GREA VES, WILLIAM. Corporal. No 11449. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Ipswich. Enlisted Huddersfield. Son of Mrs Adelaide Sheard, 4 Fountain Street, Northgate, Huddersfield. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Cambrai, 27.11.1917, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH: - St. Andrew's Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


GREEN, GEORGE STANLEY. Private. No 10718. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Shelley, Huddersfield. Son of John Albert and Harriet Green, 20 New Grange, Marsden. Prior to enlistment, had worked in the finishing department of Messrs C. and J. Hirst Limited, Milnsbridge, and previous to that had worked for Messrs Crowther, Bruce and Company at Marsden. Enlisted October 1914. On 30.6.1916, he was seriously wounded in the chest and the leg. He was taken to the VIII Corps Collection Station at Acheux, which had been prepared in readiness for the Battle of Somme. He died of his injuries on 2.7.1916, aged 20. He was the first man to be buried in ACHIEUX BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location: - Plot 1, Row 1, Grave 1. ROH: - Marsden War Memorial.


GREEN, NORRIS. Private. No 19939. 10th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Church Lane, Moldgreen, 5.1.1891. Son of Martha A.


GREENFIELD, WILFRED. Private. No 20009. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Marsh 9.8.1896. Son of Walter and Kate Greenfield, 28 Filbert Street, Birkby. Educated Hillhouse Council School. Employed as a shop assistant at the Hillhouse Cooperative Society. On the roll of honour of Birkby Baptist Church where he had been a Sunday School scholar for seventeen years. Single. Enlisted 7.4.1916. Had only been in France for two months when he was killed at Le Transloy, near Comble, on 12.10.1916, aged 20 years. Buried GUARDS’ CEMETERY, LESBOEUF. Grave location:- Plot 5, Row W, Grave 10. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; Birkby Baptist Church.


GREENWOOD, FREDERICK. Private. No 20122. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born North Street, Lockwood, 16.2.1886. Son of Sarah Hannah Greenwood, 25 Blagden Lane, Close Hill, Huddersfield. Educated Stile Common Council School and the Higher Grade School. Was a member of Primrose Hill Baptist Church and had been a member of the choir. Was formerly a salesman employed by Mr J.W. Hobson, tobacconist, of Buxton Road, Huddersfield and, prior to enlistment, was a partner in the firm of Messrs W. and H. Heaton, tobacconists and confectioners, 8 Kirkgate, Huddersfield. Single. Enlisted 11.4.1916. Killed in action at Le Transloy, 12.10.1916, aged 31. Buried LONDON CEMETERY EXTENSION; NOMINAL ROLL. Grave location:- Plot 9, Row D, Grave 16. ROH:- St. John's Church, Newsome.


GREENWOOD, HARRY. Private. No G/66913. 23rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Born Thornhill Briggs, Brighouse, 10.1.1883. Employed as a cotton twiner at the Tandem Mills, Waterloo. At the time of enlistment, was living at 3 Parkin's Yard, Spring Grove Street, Huddersfield. Married. Enlisted 18.3.1917. Reported missing, presumed killed, 25.3.1918. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.


VRAUCOURT. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row K, Grave 8. ROH:- Christ Church, Moldgreen.

GREENWOOD, TOM. 2nd Lieutenant. 1/5th Battalion The King's (Liverpool Regiment). Born Aspley, Huddersfield, 14.8.1881. Son of the late Thomas Alfred and Lavinia Greenwood, 10 Dalton Green Lane, Huddersfield. Educated at Mr Ed. Mellor's Academy, Spring Street, Huddersfield and Kirkheaton National Schools. Employed as a stockbroker's clerk in the office of Mr T. K. Mellor, stock and share broker. Single. Enlisted as a Private in the 1/8th (Irish) Battalion King's (Liverpool Regiment) on 11.11.1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. In October, 1917, was recommended for a commission and went through the course with a Cadet Battalion at Newmarket. Was gazetted to his old regiment and returned to France on 13.8.1918. He had only been with his Battalion a few days when he was killed in action, 31.8.1918, aged 37 years. Buried ECOUST-St.-MEIN BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row D, Grave 26. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton.


GUEST, HERBERT. Lance Corporal. No 2124. 2nd Battalion The Black Watch. Formerly No 10078 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Douglas, Isle of Man, 26.11.1892. Son of Arthur Henry and Sarah Ann Guest, 12 South Parade, Huddersfield. Educated Spring Grove Board School. Employed as a grocer’s assistant. Single. Enlisted in May 1911. When war broke out he had been stationed in India for nine months. He came over to France with the 1st Indian Expeditionary Force in September, 1914. The last letter his parents received from him was on 22.9.1915, when he asked them ‘not to send him any further parcels or letters as he expected to be home on leave in the course of a few days’. Killed in action at the Battle of Loos, 25.9.1915, aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated LOOS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His parents received a letter from Captain M. E. Raylin, of the 2nd Battalion Black Watch who wrote, ‘I am very sorry indeed to tell you that your son, No 2124 Lance Corporal Herbert Guest, was killed in action on the morning of the 25th September during an exceedingly successful charge in which the Regiment completely broke the German line. Your son had only just received the lance stripe but I had every reason to be more than pleased having recommended him for it. He was an N.C.O. of quite unusual promise and had already shown himself a most useful and fearless soldier. He is a very great loss to the Company.’

GUNN, HAROLD. Private. No 241601. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Victoria Street, Chesterton, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, 14.11.1885. Son of Josiah James and Elizabeth Gunn, 24 Back Fair Street, Lockwood. Educated Spring Grove Board School. Married. Employed as a dyer’s labourer by Messrs E. Priest and Sons Limited. Was a member of the Queen Street Mission Brass Band and the St. John Ambulance Brigade. At the time of enlistment, was living at 50 Albert Street, Lockwood. Enlisted 10.3.1916. Reported missing at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, aged 31 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.

GUTTERIDGE, HERBERT JAMES (HENRY). Private No 150430. ‘A’ Company, 52nd Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment). Son of Mr and Mrs George R. Gutteridge, 471 Columbia Street East, New Westminster, British Columbia. (His father was born in Holmfirth and he left for Canada in 1897). He had been eighteen months in the Army and ten months in France. Admitted to Royds Hall War Hospital, Huddersfield, on 11.5.1917 suffering from wounds. Died of wounds, 13.5.1917, aged 20 years. Buried HOLY TRINITY CHURCHYARD, HOYLAKE, CHeshire, where his uncle resided. Grave location D, 517. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial.


GUY, GEORGE. See SUTCLIFFE, GEORGE GUY.


15.5.1916. Killed in action, 4.10.1918, aged 31 years. Buried FIFTEEN RAINE BRITISH CEMETERY, VILLEUR-PLOUCH. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row G, Grave 15. (Brother of Private SUTCLIFFE HAIGH, died of wounds, 12.4.1918, q.v.).


HAIGH, ANDREW. Private. No 31707. 12th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Born Golcar. Son of John and Elizabeth Haigh of Lowergate, Wellhouse, Golcar. Was wounded in the neck whilst serving in the trenches in France. Sent to England with a convoy of wounded. Was treated in hospital in Warrington, where attempts were made to remove the shrapnel, which proved unsuccessful and he died on 31.12.1917, aged 36 years. Buried GOLCAR UNITED METHODIST CHAPEL YARD, WELLHOUSE. Grave location:- North, G, 7. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; memorial in Wellhouse Churchyard.


HAIGH, CHARLEY. Private. No 32042. 1/6th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment.

HAIGH, DONALD. Able Seaman. No J/50850. Royal Navy. HMS Partridge. Son of William and Ann Haigh, 22 Union Street, Slaithwaite. Employed as a weaver by Messrs W. and E. Crowther at Crimble Mills, Slaithwaite. Was a member of Slaithwaite Liberal Club and the Slaithwaite Swimming Club. Enlisted in the Royal Navy in March, 1916. ‘The destroyer Partridge was a unit of the force based on Lerwick, Shetland Isles for the purpose of escorting convoys to and from Scandinavia. On December 11th, 1917, the destroyer left the port in company with the destroyer Pellew and the armed trawlers Livingstone, Commander Fullerton, Lord Alverstone and Tokio, escorting a convoy of six ships. At 11.45am on the 12th the convoy was S.W. of Bjorne Fjord when enemy ships were sighted to northward. After signalling the merchant ships to scatter, Lt. Commander J. R. C. Cavendish, of Pellew, commanding the convoy, went into action followed by Partridge, and a wireless signal was sent to the Commander-in-Chief. The enemy raiders, consisting of four destroyers, commanded by Captain Hans Kolbe, formed in one line of three ships with a fourth detached for the purpose of sinking the merchantmen. In a very few minutes Partridge was hit by a shell which severed her main steam-pipe and left her helpless. Her after gun was knocked out and she was struck forward by a torpedo. Under these conditions her Captain, Lt. Commander R.H. Ransome, gave orders to abandon ship. She was hit by two more torpedoes and sank. The losses were heavy, Partridge going down with five officers and 92 ratings, while three officers and 21 ratings became prisoners.’ (Extract taken from Dictionary of Disasters at Sea during the Age of Steam’). Reported missing at sea, 12.12.1917, aged 24 years. On the 1.2.1918 his parents received official information from the Accounts Department of the Royal Navy in London to the effect that Able Seaman Donald Haigh must now be presumed to be dead, ‘With reference to the communication from this department on the 17.12.1917 respecting Donald Haigh, Able Seaman of HMS Partridge I deeply regret to inform you that his name does not appear in the list of prisoners of war captured from the vessel received from the German authorities through the International Red Cross Committee of Geneva. The list is believed to be complete and in these circumstances it is my painful duty to state that no doubt is now entertained that your son lost his life when his ship was sunk.’ Commemorated on PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Three other men from Huddersfield were aboard HMS Partridge and were drowned when the ship was sunk on 12.12.1917. They were Ordinary Seaman FRED DRANSFIELD, Able Seaman WALKER BAMFORTH and Ordinary Seaman SHEARD WINDLE, q.v.). ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.


HAIGH, FRANCIS EDWARD. Trooper. No 10510. 3rd Dragoon Guards (Prince of Wales’ Own). Born Crofton. Foster son of Charles and Frances Haigh, Netherton Square, Netherton. Employed as a clerk by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company at the goods department at Huddersfield Station. Was a forward in the second team of the Huddersfield Northern Union football club. Enlisted 29.8.1914. Killed in action by a high explosive shell on 1.6.1915, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated. MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:-
South Crosland and Netherton War Memorial; Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Roll.


HAIGH, GEORGE. Private. No 36555. 1/5th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Berry Brow, Huddersfield. Son of Mrs Haigh, 25 Bentley Street, Lockwood. Employed by Messrs E. H. Sellars and Sons Limited of Lockwood. Enlisted Huddersfield. Reported missing on 10.4.1918 and afterwards presumed to have died on that date. He was 20 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; Armitage Bridge National School.


HAIGH, HAROLD. Private. No 33961. 10th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Barton Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. Son of George Albert and Ellen Haigh, 43 Matlock Street, Crosland Moor. Educated Crosland Moor Board School. Employed as a lithographic printer. At the time of enlistment, was living at 13 Nowells Walk, Harehills Lane, Leeds. Husband of Lily Haigh, 5 Church Street, Crosland Moor. Enlisted on Whit Monday, 1916. Wounded twice. Was taken prisoner by the Germans in March, 1918. He was interned at the Langensalza Camp, Germany. On 17.11.1918 there was a riot at the camp, when 16 prisoners were killed and 50 injured. Private Haigh was severely wounded in the leg and back. He was transported to Leith General Hospital, Scotland, where he died from his wounds and partly from exhaustion and starvation, on Monday 30.12.1918, aged 35. Buried EMMANUEL CHURCHYARD, LOCKWOOD. Grave location:- 6, S.W., 34. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; ‘Rising Sun’ Public House, Crosland Moor.


HAIGH, HERBERT. Gunner. No L/29317. ‘C’ Battery, 160th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Second son of Mr and Mrs Edward Haigh, 2 Mould Hill, Netleton Hill, Longwood. Prior to enlistment, had been employed at various times by Messrs C. and J. Hirst and Sons Limited, Messrs Hirst and Mallinson Limited and Mr A.


HAIGH, JAMES ASPINALL. Lieutenant. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield 9.9.1894. Only son of the late Allen Haigh and grandson of the late James Haigh, of the firm of Messrs James Haigh Limited, dyers, of Globe Works, Colne Road, Aspennhurst, Huddersfield. Lived with his mother at Greenbank, 5 Elmfield Road, Birkby. Was a member of the choir at St. John’s Church, Birkby, and was formerly a member of the Amateur Operatic Society. Prior to the outbreak of the war had been learning the art of dyeing in Germany at the firm of Badische and Bayer. He continued his studies when he joined the family firm in Colne Road. Joined the local Territorials in Spring, 1911. Received his commission in the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment on 21.2.1915 and was promoted Lieutenant on 16.6.1916. Wounded at Bourlon Wood, near Cambrai, 20.11.1917. Died of wounds at No 21 Casualty Clearing Station at Ytres, 22.11.1917, aged 23 years. Buried ROCQUIGNY-EQUANCOURT ROAD BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row B, Grave 10. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


HAIGH, NORMAN. Sergeant. No 240338. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Quarmby Road, Huddersfield, 27.3.1897. Son of Walter and Sarah Jane Haigh, 23 Arnold Street, Birkby. Educated Hillhouse Council School. Attended King Cliffe United Methodist Sunday School, Hillhouse. Employed as an auctioneer’s clerk by Messrs Edison, Taylor and Booth, auctioneers, of High Street, Huddersfield. Was a promising vocalist. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Mentioned in a despatch from Sir Douglas Haigh, dated 7.11.1917, ‘for gallant and distinguished service in the field. One evening he crawled out without any orders to reconnoitre an enemy post and managed to get quite close to the enemy wire. He was most anxious to do more than his duty and had he lived he would have most certainly have received a decoration for the gallant part he played in the attack on the Hindenburg Line on November 20th. That was a glorious day for the battalion,’ Wounded in the thigh, 20.11.1917. Died in a dressing station of his wounds, 21.11.1917, aged 20 years. Buried HERMIES HILL BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Block P, Plot 7, Row P, Grave 18. ROH:- St. Aidan’s Church, Skelmanthorpe; Milnsbridge Mission; Milnsbridge.


HAIGH, ROBERT FIRTH. Private. No 21/709. 1/6th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born

ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Lindley.

HAIGH, ROBERT HUGH. Company Sergeant Major. No 241260. 1/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Lockwood 26.11.1882. Son of John and Elizabeth Haigh, 20 Queen Street, Paddock. Educated Paddock Church of England School. Employed as a cloth presser in the finishing department of Messrs Hirst and Mallinson, of Milnsbridge. Married, with two children. At the time of enlistment, was living at 19 Clough Lane, Paddock. Enlisted June 1915. Was twice mentioned in despatches and received a certificate from the General commanding his division for distinguished conduct in the field. Was killed by a bomb from hostile aircraft whilst carrying in wounded to the Etaples Base Hospital on 19.5.1918, aged 36 years. Buried ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 67, Row C, Grave 23. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock.

HAIGH, ROWLAND NORCLIFFE. Private. No 202522. 1st Battalion The Royal Scots Fusiliers. Born Stainland, Halifax. Son of Mr and Mrs Joe Haigh, 14 Francis Street, Milnsbridge. Employed as a night feeder by Messrs Job Thomas and Son Limited, Woodland Mills, Longwood. Enlisted 6.10.16. Served in France until March, 1918, when he was invalided home with trench fever. Returned to France on 2.5.1918. Killed in action, 5.6.1918. Has no known grave. Commemorated LOOS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Beestonley Lane Providence Chapel, Stainland; St. Andrew’s Church Stainland.


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Killed in action, 27.3.1918, aged 25 years. Buried FEUCHY CHAPEL BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row G, Grave 3. ROH:- St. Bartholomew's Church, Meltham.


ROH:- Hepworth and Scholes War Memorial; Hepworth Parish Church.


HALL, GEORGE. Private. No 18172. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Moldgreen, Huddersfield. Only son of Annie Hall, 5 Dalton Fold Road, Dalton. Prior to enlistment, was employed as a baker by Miss Hardy of Moldgreen. Enlisted 25.1.1916. Reported missing at the Battle of the Somme on 7.7.1916 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 19. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Christ Church, Moldgreen.

HALL, HENRY. Sapper. No 361986. 364th Forestry Company, Royal Engineers. Born Reinwood Road, Quarmby Cliffe in April 1892. Son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Hall, 15 Roydhouse Lodge, Reinwood Road, Quarmby, Lindley. Educated Oakes Council School. Employed as a healer. Married. Enlisted in January 1916. Died of bronchial pneumonia in No 2 Stationary Hospital, Abbeville, 29.10.1918, aged 24 years. Buried ABBEVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row K, Grave 13. ROH:- Lindley Zion Methodist Church; St. Stephen's Church, Lindley.

HALL, HERBERT. Private. No 30447. 2/5th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Formerly No 3/32362 North Staffordshire Regiment. Born Paddock 18.11.1888. Third son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Hall, Market Street, Paddock. Educated Paddock United Methodist Church. Married. Employed as an organ pipe maker by Messrs Peter Conacher and Company. At the time of enlistment, was living with his wife's parents at ‘The Woodman Inn’, Marsden Road, Crosland Moor. Educated Paddock Council School. Attended Paddock United Methodist Church. Married. Employed as an organ pipe maker by Messrs Peter Conacher and Company. At the time of enlistment, was living with his wife's parents at ‘The Woodman Inn’, Marsden Road, Crosland Moor. Educated Paddock Council School. Attended Paddock United Methodist Church.

HALL, HORACE. Private. No 31300. 6th Battalion The King’s Own Scottish Borderers. Born Huddersfield. Son of the late George Henry Thomas Hall (who was Headmaster of Wilshaw Church School for thirty years) and Mary H. Hall, 34 Inglewood Terrace, Slaithwaite. Moved to Slaithwaite in 1909. Prior to enlistment, was employed as a groom at Lilburn Towers, Northumberland, the home of Mr Collingwood, a descendant of Admiral Collingwood. Enlisted St. Boswells. Killed in action, 17.7.1918, aged 34. Buried LA KREULE MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 9. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.


HALL, WALTER. Private. No 52536. 1st Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Lockwood 15.11.1896. Son of Joe Walter and Amelia Hall, Fair Street, Lockwood. Educated at Mount Pleasant Council School. Employed as a motor driver. Single. Enlisted June 1917. Reported missing at Lagnicourt on 21.3.1918 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe; Mount Pleasant Chapel, Lockwood; memorial in Lockwood Cemetery.


HALLAS, FRED. Guardsman. No 14045. Coldstream Guards. Born Shelley. Son of Charles Hallas, of Gatefoot, Shepley. He had been employed as an attendant at Storths Hall Asylum at the time of enlisting, in November 1914, but prior to then had worked for Messrs Kaye and Stewart, Huddersfield. Played football with the Lower Cumberworth club. Trained at Windsor and Caterham and
embarked for France in July, 1915. Killed in action at Vermelles, 20.10.1915, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated LOOS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His brother, Company Sergeant Major Hallas, who fought in the Boer War and was on the staff of the Huddersfield Recruiting Staff, received the following letter from Lieutenant Ferguson, ‘Your brother Private Fred Hallas was in my platoon and was killed by a shell on the evening of October 19th. Two German shells exploded right in the bit of a trench which my platoon was holding, killing six and wounding three men. Your brother Fred Hallas was killed instantenously. He was buried the same night and a cross with his name and the date he was killed marks his grave. Next morning our Chaplain read the service beside the grave and those of the other men who had been killed at the same time. May I say how much I sympathise with you all in your loss. Your brother had not been out here long poor fellow but at any rate you must all have the consolation of knowing that he died in action, a soldier’s death. I am glad to hear of the spirit shown amongst many young men when the news of his death became known.’ ROH:- New Mill Working Men’s Club; Fulstone War Memorial; Shepley War Memorial.


HALLAS, JOE. Private. No 241993. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Lepton. Son of Mrs E. Hallas of Highgate Lane, Lepton. Prior to enlistment, was employed by Messrs Brierley and Wall Limited, Spa Mills, Lepton. Died of wounds at No 56 Casualty Clearing Station on 5.10.1918. Buried GREVILLERS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 15, Row D, Grave 17. ROH:- Lepton Parish Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


HALSTEAD, ARTHUR. Private. No 80380 13th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Born Wren Street, Paddock 5.3.1899. Son of Herbert and Emma Halstead, 4 Branch Street, Paddock. Educated All Saints School, Paddock. Employed as a finisher by Messrs John Lockwood and Sons Limited. Single. Enlisted April 1917. Killed in action, 23.10.1918, aged 19 years. Buried CROSS ROADS CEMETERY, FONTAINE-AU-BOIS. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row H, Grave 28. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; Shared Church, Paddock; Salendine Nook Churchyard; Milnsbridge War Memorial.
HALSTEAD, FRANK. Private. No 154. 12th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born ‘Royal Oak Hotel’ 5.3.1886. Eldest son of Emma Halstead, 2 Garden Street, Lockwood. Educated Spring Grove Board School. Prior to enlisting, was employed as a miner at Parkdale Colliery, Clayton West. Was a member of the Young Men's Bible Class at Buxton Road Wesleyan Chapel. Was married in September, 1915. Lived Bradford Road, Huddersfield. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Served in Egypt and had been in France for eight months. Wounded at Bertrancourt, 1.7.1916. Died of wounds, 3.7.1916, aged 31 years. Buried BERTRANCOURT MILITARY CEMETERY. (Brother of Private ARTHUR HALSTEAD, killed in action, 4.9.1917, q.v.). ROH:- St. Stephen's Church, Rashcliffe; Clayton West and High Hoyland War Memorial.


HALSTEAD, GEORGE. Private. No 38454. 15th (1st Leeds Pals) Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born 65 South View, Paddock. Educated Paddock Church of England School. Attended Paddock United Methodist Church. Apprenticed at the Huddersfield Examiner office and remained on the staff as a linotype operator until he enlisted on 24.10.1916. Husband of Amy Halstead, Stoney Croft, Stoney Lane, Longwood. Reported missing at the Battle of Arras on 3.5.1917 and afterwards presumed to have died on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Shared Church, Paddock.


HAMER, HAROLD. Acting Bombardier No 1185. 2nd West Lancashire Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born 57 Scarr Wood Terrace, Lockwood, 23.10.1895. Youngest son of Joseph Hamer, of Scarr Wood Terrace, Lockwood. Educated Mount Pleasant Board School. Attended the Young Men’s class at Mount Pleasant Wesleyan Chapel. Was formerly employed in the National Telephone Company’s office in Huddersfield but, when the Government
took over the telephone system, he was sent to Preston. Had served with the local Territorials in Huddersfield and transferred to the battalion in Preston. On the outbreak of war the Preston Territorials were mobilised and were sent to Edinburgh Barracks for training. At 7pm on 29.9.1914, his parents received a telegram from Craigleith Military Hospital, Edinburgh, informing them that he was seriously ill and that an operation was necessary. Two hours later they received a second message telling them that he had died. The cause of death was found to be a ruptured intestine, which had occurred during training. Buried LOCKWOOD CEMETERY. Grave Location A, ‘U’, 466. ROH:- Mount Pleasant Chapel, Lockwood.

HAMER, THOMAS. Private. No 240673. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Albert Street, Lockwood, 10.5.1893. Both parents deceased. Lived with his Uncle and Aunt, Mr and Mrs Henry Sunderland Hodgson, at 14 Henry Street, off South Street, Huddersfield. Educated Rashcliffe Church of England School. Employed as a window cleaner by the Royal Crown Window Cleaning Company, of Henry Street. Single. Enlisted November 1914. Reported missing at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, and afterwards presumed to have died on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.

HAMPSHIRE, HAROLD. Private. No 38748. 7th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born New Mill, Holmfirth. Son of Aaron and Sarah Hampshire, Greenhill Bank Road, New Mill. Educated New Mill National School. Attended the Sunday School, being a member of the Rev. R. Warburton’s bible class. Was a playing member of New Mill A.F.C. and also a member of the Holmfirth Harriers. Employed by Messrs Graham and Pott Limited, Kirkbridge Mills, as a pattern weaver. Wounded in the chest by a shell in June, 1917. After treatment at a hospital in Reading returned to France. Killed in action on 19.7.1918, when a shell burst in the trench where he was working, killing him instantly. He was 20 years of age. Buried HARPONVILLE COMMUNAL EXTENSION. Grave location:- Row E, Grave 21. ROH:- New Mill Working Men’s Club; Fulstone War Memorial; memorial in Christ Church Churchyard, New Mill.


HAMPSHIRE, LEWIS. Private. No 241893. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs Hampshire, 4 Benson Square, Northumberland Street, Huddersfield. Attended St. Mark’s Church. Employed by British Dyes as a laboratory assistant. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.


HAMPSHIRE, TOM. Private. No CH/1298(S). 1st Royal Marine Battalion R.M.L.I., Royal Naval Division. Born Holmfirth 28.11.1887. Son of the late Jonas Hampshire, Lane End, Holmfirth. Lived with his brother Herbert Hampshire, at Chapel Street, Netherton, and then at Mearhouse, New Mill. Attended the Netherton Wesleyan Chapel and Sunday School and was a member of the Sons of Temperance. Employed as a labourer in the dyehouse at Turnbridge Mills. Enlisted 29.11.1915. Embarked for France in September, 1916. Reported missing 28.4.1917. Has no known grave. (During the research for this book I discovered that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission had no record of Private Tom Hampshire. Due to the efforts of Esther Barrett Page of the CWGC, Kyle D. Tallett, of Ashford, Kent, and myself, Tom Hampshire’s name is now engraved on the ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING). ROH:- Fulstone War Memorial; South Crosland and Netherton War Memorial.
HANDLEY, ARTHUR. Guardsman. No 4991. Scots Guards. Born Middlesbrough in August 1882. Educated at a council school in Middlesbrough. Husband of Edith Handley, 122 Kilner Bank, Moldgreen, Huddersfield. Employed as a banksman at Messrs Read Holliday’s coal pit. Enlisted 4.8.1914. Was taken prisoner, 28.10.1914. Died of typhus fever at Schneidemuehl Prison Camp, Germany, 14.3.1915. In his last letter to his wife, dated 28.2.1915, he told her that he was quite well; but the Sergeant who informed her of his death stated that he had been ill for some time and wrote the letter saying he was quite well so that she should not worry about him. Buried BERLIN SOUTH-WESTERN CEMETERY, STAHNSDORF, GERMANY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row C, Grave 9. His widow received the following letter from an Officer of the Scots Guards who wrote, ‘It is my painful duty to inform you that a letter received this morning from the Secretary of the War Office states that your husband, No 4991 Private A. Handley, 1st Battalion Scots Guards, died whilst a prisoner of war at Schneidemuehl, Germany, on the 14.3.1915. His death was probably due to typhus fever. May I express my deep sympathy with you in your bereavement.’ ROH:- Moldgreen War Memorial.


HANSON, BEN. Lance Corporal. No 30546. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Amanda Maria Hansom, 21 Gatehead, Marsden. Attended Holthead General Sunday School. Prior to enlistment, was employed for some time at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden and later at Slaidwaite Railway Station. Enlisted in August, 1914, when he was only 16 years of age. Embarked for France in April 1915. Was wounded twice, once during 1915 and the second time in July, 1916, during the Somme campaign. Returned to France in September, 1917. Killed in action, 13.4.1918, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.

HANSON, BENJAMIN. Lance Corporal. No 39597. 9th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Formerly No 5/86657 Territorial Reserve Battalion. Born Spark Hall, Longwood, 17.5.1889. Son of the late Benjamin and Emma Hanson. Educated at Goitfield Council School, Longwood. Attended Parkwood Methodist Church and was a member of the choir. He was a well known tenor vocalist and was a member of the Gledholt Vocal Union. Employed as a dyer’s labourer at Leymoor Dyeworks. Husband of Beatrice Hanson, Church Street, Longwood. Enlisted September 1916. Received severe shrapnel wounds to the abdomen on 4.10.1917. Died of wounds at No 17 Casualty Clearing Station (Remy Siding) on 6.10.1917, aged 28 years. Buried LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 20, Row E, Grave 16. ROH:- Parkwood Methodist Church; St. Mark's Parish Church, Longwood.
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HANSON, COLIN. Private. No 241556. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Monk Bretton near Barnsley. Son of George and Lucy Hanson, of Ebor House, Honley. Employed in the office at Mr Brook's dyeworks, Wood Royd, Honley. Reported missing at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 20. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private BEN HANSON, killed in action, 7.3.1916, q.v.). ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Honley War Memorial.


HANSON, HARRY. Private. No 41900. 2/4th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Almondbury. Husband of Florence Hanson, 57 Cross Lane, Almondbury. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated FIVE POINTS CEMETERY.

TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.
ROH:- Shepley War Memorial.

HANSON, SUTCLIFFE. Private. No 97979.

HANSON, VINCENT. Private. No 228889.

HANSON, WILLIAM. Private. No 2861. 2/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Manor House Farm, Crosland Hill, 8.3.1884. Son of William and Eliza Hanson, Starling End Farm, Hanson Lane, Lockwood. Educated Crosland Moor Church of England School. Assisted his father on the family farm. Single. Enlisted 27.8.1914. He was with his Regiment at Thoresby Park when, on 1.6.1915, he was severely kicked by a mule. He was transferred to Becketts Park Hospital, where he underwent an operation and died on 9.6.1915, aged 31 years. Buried with full military honours at HOLY TRINITY CHURCHYARD, SOUTH CROSLAND. Grave location:- South of Church.


HARDCASTLE, WILLIAM. Private. No 38753. 2nd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Underbank, Holmfirth, 1.11.1897. Son


HARDY, FRED. Private. No 38236. 5th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs J. Hardy, 25 Brownhill Lane, Holmbridge. Educated at Holmbridge Day and Sunday School. Employed firstly at Yew Tree Mill and then at Hinchcliffe Mill Mill. Prior to enlistment, was employed by Messrs Whiteley and Green. Enlisted September 1916. Embarked for France in January, 1917. Came home on sick leave in March, 1918, but returned to France in April, 1918. Reported missing 27.5.1918. Died as a Prisoner of War in Germany, 18.9.1918, aged 22 years. Buried NIEDERZWEHREN CEMETERY, CASSEL, GERMANY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row C, Grave 14. His parents received the following letter from a comrade of their son, who wrote, ‘I must say Mrs Hardy he got the best attention that could be given to him by either his comrades or the camp staff but owing to him being far through with dysentery and weakness it was impossible for him to come through it. As I was his bedmate and a little stronger than he I gladly gave him every best attention which was appreciated very much. I must say he was a dear chum of mine. Before I close on behalf of all the lads in the ward I offer their greatest sympathy.’ ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial.

HARDY, GEORGE RIPPON, MM. Private. No 40016. 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Son of Thomas Robert and Isabella Catherine Hardy. (One of a family of ten children). Born Wheatly Grange Farm, near Tow Law, County Durham. Educated at Satley School, where both his father and grandfather had received their education. Sang in the choir at Satley Parish Church. Moved to the ‘Ford Inn’, Holmfirth in 1912. Was a good judge of cattle and, in his early teens, was able to go up to County Durham to purchase cattle and bring them home himself. Soon after moving to this district he was employed in the finishing department of Messrs J. Greenwood and Sons, Digley Mills. Enlisted January, 1917, when he became eighteen years old. Embarked for France 11.10.1917. Was wounded on one occasion but returned to France in July, 1918. Seriously wounded in the back and arm and died of his wounds at No 2/1st Northumbrian Casualty Clearing Station, 21.9.1918, aged 20 years. Buried SUNKEN ROAD MILITARY CEMETERY, BOISLEUX-ST. MARC. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 23. Was awarded the Military Medal, posthumously, in February, 1919. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial; St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.

MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row A, Grave 4. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

HARDY, HERBERT. Corporal. No 240288. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born 16 Spring Grove Street, Huddersfield, 23.4.1896. Educated Crosland Moor Church of England School. Employed as a tinsmith. At the time of enlistment, was living at 17 Thorn Road, Thornton Lodge, Huddersfield. Enlisted in the local Territorial battalion in May, 1914. Reported missing, presumed killed, 3.5.1917, at the Battle of Bullecourt. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


HARDY, VICTOR. Rifleman. No B/203511. 5th Battalion The Rifle Brigade. Born Somerset Road, Huddersfield. Son of Walter and Hannah Hardy, 37 Senior Street, Moldgreen. Educated Moldgreen Church of England School. Employed as a plush weaver. Enlisted 15.11.1915. Wounded and gassed 25.8.1918. Admitted to Sheerness Military Hospital, Kent. His parents received the following letter from the Matron, Miss F. M. Tosh, on 18.3.1919, ‘I regret to say your son is not so well. He has gone back these last few days. The Medical Officer does not think he is in immediate danger but in order that you may come and see him and get a warrant he will be put on the ‘dangerously ill list’ again and you will receive a wire telling you so. He does not complain and does not have any pain. Hoping you can come.’ He died of his wounds on 2.4.1919, aged 25 years. Buried ALMONDBURY CEMETERY. Grave location:- 6, ‘C’, 69. ROH:- St. Paul's Church, Southgate, Huddersfield; Christ Church, Moldgreen. Almondbury War Memorial.

HARDY, WILFRED FAIRBURN. Private. No 240195. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Bank Top Farm, Almondbury, 20.11.1893. Son of Arthur and Annie E. Hardy, 95 Almondbury Bank, Moldgreen. Educated Moldgreen Council School. Employed as a millhand. Single. Enlisted 16.5.1913 in the local Territorials at the outbreak of war. Reported missing in the attack on the Schwaben Redoubt, 3.9.1916, and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 22. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Almondbury War Memorial; Christ Church, Moldgreen; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

HARESNAP, THOMAS EDWARD. Pioneer. No 172339. 20th Company, Royal Engineers. Born Huddersfield. Lived 10 Spinkfield Road, Birkby. Employed at the Huddersfield GPO as a sorting clerk and telegraphist. Died of heat stroke on Thursday, 10.7.1919. Buried RAWALPINDI WAR CEMETERY, INDIA (now Pakistan). Grave location:- 2, B. 2. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; Huddersfield GPO.


HARGREAVES, HOLMES. Private. No 19685. 10th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment). Born Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield,
26.2.1890. Son of Mr and Mrs G. H. Hargreaves, 14 Water Street, Springwood, Huddersfield. Educated Spring Grove Board School. In 1907 he joined the local Territorials. He emigrated to Canada in July, 1910, where he was employed as a head pastry cook in a cafe. Single. Enlisted 14.8.1914. He served under an assumed name as ERNEST BATES. Embarked for France in February, 1915. Was seriously wounded in the chest, 21.5.1915, near Richebourg-l’Avo, France. Was taken to the No 6 Casualty Clearing Station, where he died of wounds on 30.5.1915, aged 24 years. Buried MERVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row H, Grave 7. His sister received the following letter from Nurse Grayson at the C.C.S, 'Your brother was much worse when I came on duty. He was so glad to have your letter. It has been God's will to take him to himself at 3.30am. The poor lad had such difficulty in breathing and yet he struggled so hard to get better. He was longing to see you all again. All the orderlies were fond of him, he was so anxious not to give any trouble. He will be laid to rest in the large cemetery quite close to this hospital. Just his name and the date will put on a simple wooden cross above his head.' ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church; Armitage Bridge War Memorial.

HARKER, LEWIS. 2nd Lieutenant. 2nd Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Ford Cottage, Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs William Harker, Cliffe Wood Terrace, Neiley, Honley. Educated Wooldale Council School and at New Mill National School. Attended Mount Tabor United Methodist Sunday School and was a member of the choir. Employed by Messrs Moorhouse and Brooks at Moorbottom Mill. Enlisted as a Private in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment at Whitsuntide, 1915. Served in Egypt and Gallipoli, where he took part in the Suvla bay landings. Left Egypt for France and was then recommended for a commission, in January 1918. He came home for training at Lichfield and was gazetted to the East Lancashire Regiment and then to the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Visited Holmfirth at the beginning of August, 1918, and left for France on 13.8.1918. Killed in action, 6.5.1916, aged 25 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Fulstone War Memorial.


Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


HARRISON, JOHN IRVINE. Private. No 307772. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Outlane. 5.4.1890. Son of John and Martha Harrison, 1 Back Green, Outlane. Educated Outlane Council School. Employed as a pattern weaver by Messrs Edward Sykes and Sons, Gosport Mills, Outlane. Attended Pole Moor Baptist Chapel. Single. Enlisted 20.3.1916. Wounded in the chest at Kemmel Hill, 5.5.1918. Died in No 13 General Hospital, Boulogne, 11.5.1918, aged 29 years. Buried BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 9, Row B, Grave 69. ROH:- Outlane Trinity Methodist Church; Pole Moor Baptist Church; Bethel United Methodist Church, Outlane; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

HARRISON, SAM. Private. No 4261. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Married. Lived 17 Lane Top, Linthwaite. Prior to going to France, in April 1915, was employed as a mason. His wife received a field postcard from him, dated 2.9.1916, stating that he was then ‘alright’ but that was the last communication she received from him. Reported missing, 3.9.1916, in the attack on the Schwaben Redoubt and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Crosland Moor Wesleyan Church; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.

Infirmary on 12.10.1919. Buried EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. ROH:- St. Thomas’s Church, Longroyd Bridge.


HARROLD, WILLIAM ALFRED. Corporal. No 131125. 232nd Company, Royal Engineers. Born Bramley, near Leeds, 8.9.1892. Son of Company Sergeant Major Alfred and Adelaide Harrold, Thornhill Road, Longwood. Educated Belle Vue Higher Grade School, Bradford. Attended Longwood Wesleyan Church and Sunday School. Employed as a power loom tuner at Prospect Mills. Had served for five years as a bugler with the Bradford Rifles and was a Sergeant in the Milnsbridge Company when he enlisted on 24.10.1915. Was married at Huddersfield Parish Church, on 22.10.1917, to Miss Doris Ibbetson of Yeadon. Killed in action at Loos 30.10.1917, aged 25. Buried firstly in CORKSCREW CEMETERY, LOOS. His grave was then removed to LOOS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 20, Row C, Grave 8. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe.


HARTLEY, GEORGE FREDERICK WILLIAM. Rifleman. No C/7214. 12th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born 86a Manchester Road, Huddersfield, 14.5.1898. Son of Mr and Mrs George Hartley, 25 Milford Street, Chapel Hill, Huddersfield. Educated St. Paul’s School. Employed as a printer’s assistant at the Huddersfield Examiner office. Single. Enlisted 11.10.1915. Reported missing, 2.4.1918 and afterwards presumed to have died on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated POZIERES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Paul’s Church, Southgate, Huddersfield.

HARTLEY, HARRY. Lance Corporal. No 11766. 8th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Briggate, Dalton 4.7.1894. Son of Hervey and Annie E. Hartley, 32 Lane End, Kirkheaton. Educated Kirkheaton National School. Employed as a twister by Messrs Broadhead and Graves Limited, Kirkheaton. Attended Kirkheaton Parish Church. Single. Enlisted 25.8.1914. Served in Gallipoli. Killed in action at Zillebeke near Ypres, 9.4.1917. Buried RAILWAY DUGOUTS BURIAL GROUND (TRANSPORT FARM). Grave location:- Plot 7, Row L, Grave 24. His parents received the following letter from their son’s platoon commander, ‘Your son was a splendid soldier and stuck to his post, displaying the greatest courage and coolness despite the almost superhuman nerve strain through which we were all passing.’ ROH:- St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton.


HARTLEY, LUTHER. Lance Corporal. No 267866. 1/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Sydney and Mary Jane Hartley, Sude Mill, New Mill. Husband of Alice Hartley, Cooper Lane, Holmfirth. Attended New Mill National School. Attended Christ Church and Sunday School where he was sidesman, teacher and Sunday School treasurer. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Graham and Pott. Enlisted June 1915. After training at Clipstone Camp, he embarked for France at Christmas, 1916. Killed in action near Cambrai, 11.10.1918, aged 28 years. Buried WELLINGTON CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 3. His widow received the following letter from a Huddersfield officer who wrote, ‘He was killed by a shell as we went over the top and he suffered no pain. I know no word of mine can lessen the blow for you but it may be some consolation to know that he was very popular both with Officers and men. I myself am a Huddersfield man and knew your husband before the war and knew his true worth. He was one of my best N.C.O’s, a good soldier and always cheerful under the worst conditions which after all is most important to our N.C.O. duty. So please accept my very deep sympathy in your great sorrow.’ ROH:- New Mill Working Men’s Club; Fulstone War Memorial.


HAYDEN, JOSEPH. Rifleman. No C/8670. 18th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Huddersfield 20.7.1898. Son of Joseph and Ann Hayden, 5 Bradley Street North, Huddersfield. Attended St. Joseph’s Church, Commercial Street,

HAYES, EDWARD DYSON. Sergeant. No 628. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Slaitwaite. Son of John and Emily Hayes, 13 Waterside, Slaitwaite. Employed as a cotton spinner at the Slaitwaite Spinning Company Limited. Was an able amateur electrician. Was a member of the Slaitwaite United Methodist choir, a member of the Slaitwaite Glee and Madrigal Society, where at one time he was treasurer and choirmaster. Attended the Crimble Primitive Methodist Chapel. Was also a member of the Slaitwaite Liberal Club. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Killed in action, 22.10.1915, aged 27 years. Buried TALANA FARM CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row C, Grave 16. His father received the following letter from Lieutenant Cyril Bain, 'I am writing to say how sorry I am about the death of your son. Words fail one utterly on an occasion like this for it only happened this morning and the section and I are still a bit stunned by it all. If you could see them this evening as I can, absolutely lost you might realise what it means to us. They all feel they have lost a really good friend. Sergeant E. D.Hayes was one of the best and his loss to the machine gun section is one that we can never hope to replace. He was killed by a shell bursting on his dugout which also killed two more and wounded three. He was unconscious from the first and died within half an hour. He is going to be buried tomorrow by our Padre at Talana Farm Cemetery about three quarters of a mile from the firing line. I have collected his things to give to his brother when he comes back.' (Brother of Private EWART HAYES, killed in an aeroplane accident, 23.10.1918, q.v.). ROH:- St. James Church, Slaitwaite; Slaitwaite War Memorial.


HAYWOOD, WALTER. Private. No 14409. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Burnlee, Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs William Kippax. Reported missing at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, 7.8.1915. Has no known grave. Commemorated HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His parents appealed for information in the ‘Holmfirth Express’ and received the following letter from one of Walter’s chums, ‘I have noticed your letter in the ‘Express’ two or three times asking for information about Walter. You see we trained together in Halifax and went to Grantham together. There were not many of us from Holmfirth way so we used to stick together as much as possible. I am now going to tell you the story about him as far as I know it. We landed here on the Friday night (August 6th) and had to start fighting as soon as we landed and if ever a lad won distinction Walter did that night. He carried a wounded Captain of our regiment right out of the Turk’s trenches to a place of safety and the bullets were simply raining all around him. He then dashed back to his regiment but it appears he got lost and got in with some other regiment in the 10th Division. He was with that regiment when he received his wound. Lance Corporal Wood was with him and it was from him that I got to hear of him.'
was on Monday August 9th. He said they both got lost and found themselves with the Dublin Fusiliers so not knowing where they were they decided to stay with them for the time being.

That very night they had a bayonet charge in which Walter got wounded and Lance Corporal Wood stayed with him as they had got lost again. It is easy to get lost in a charge for you can’t see ten yards in front of you for bushes and ravines all over the hillsides. Well not being able to carry him himself he went for assistance but he never found him again and he got killed himself on the Wednesday, else I would have asked him to write to you. I sincerely hope that someone did find him and carry him down but I have asked about him scores of times and he is regarded as wounded and missing in our regiment.’

On Saturday 18.11.1916 more information was published in the ‘Holmfirth Express’ regarding Private Haywood. His mother received an official certificate which read, ‘Certified that it appears that an unofficial report received in this office that No 14409 Private Walter Haywood, 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment who was officially reported missing at Suvla Bay on 7.8.1915 was killed in action on or about that date.’ A Corporal Bloomer, of the 4th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, who was in hospital in York was able to give the following information, ‘On the night of the 22nd September we were going down the communication trench of Jephson’s Post to dig the trench a little deeper. It was a moonlight night and about 2am one of my chums just managed to see a body laid under a bush. The exact words he used were ‘Look at that body lying there, let us have some fun’ but I being the section commander replied ‘No he has done his duty, let’s bury him in a decent way’. So on going up to the body we found it was a British Tommy. He was laid on his stomach and on turning him over his face was not recognisable. He must have been shot by a sniper as there were no bayonet wounds on his body and what I could gather of his face one could see there had been a bullet wound there. In his right hand he had a canteen full of bully beef and biscuits and his hand was bent in carrying it. Round his body was what we call a bandolier full of ammunition and his helmet was a few yards away. All I can say is this that I am positively sure that the lad whom I buried was the same one (Private Walter Haywood) and I shall stick to my words that he was not wounded by a bayonet but I am almost sure that he was killed by a sniper. I am very sorry for his mother, Mrs Kippax, but that is my story.’

HAYWOOD, WILLIE. Private. No 12474. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar. Son of Mr and Mrs Whittaker Haywood, 39 Cowcliffe Hill, Birkby. Employed by Messrs Hopkinsons of Birkby. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Went out to the Dardenelles in August, 1915. Killed in action in the assault on Lala Baba, Suvla, when he went to the assistance of a wounded officer and was killed by a sniper on 7.8.1915, aged 30 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial; Golcar Baptist Church.


HEAP, ARTHUR. Private. No 43036. 9th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Arrunden, Holmfirth. Son of the late Mr and Mrs John Heap. Husband of Beatrice H. Healey. Prior to enlistment, was a dentist in practice in South Street, Huddersfield. Employed as a groundsman for the Netherton Tennis Club. Killed in action, 9.10.1917, aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Armitage Bridge War Memorial; Honley War Memorial.


HEAP, Luther. Private. No 10971. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield, 28.4.1881. Son of Grace Heap, 149 Lockwood Road, Huddersfield. Educated at South Crosland National School. Employed as a labourer by Mr Stead Harrison, contractor, of Milnsbridge. Single. Enlisted 18.8.1914. Served in the Dardenelles and took part in the evacuation of Suvla Bay. He then went to Egypt and had been in France for about eight weeks when he was wounded on the Somme, 17.9.1916. Died of a haemorrhage at Frensham Hill Military Hospital, Surrey, on 30.9.1916. Buried SOUTH CROSLAND CHURCH BURIAL GROUND. Grave location:- N.E., 314. ROH:- Gospel Mission, Huddersfield; Emmanuel Church, Lockwood.


HEAP, Wilfred. Gunner. No 162132. 279th Siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Shepley. Son of Henry and Sarah Alberta Heap, of Stocks Hill, Shepley. Single. Enlisted Huddersfield. Invalided home with trench fever. Rejoined his unit and was again taken ill. Sent to Brighton where he underwent an operation for appendicitis, which was unsuccessful. Died on 22.9.1918, aged 24 years. Buried St. PAUL’S CHURCHYARD, SHEPLEY. Grave location:- in North part. ROH:- Shepley War Memorial.


HEATON, Arthur. Ordinary Seaman. No J/50817. Royal Navy. HMS Pilorus. Son of Philemon and Sarah Heaton, 1 Upper Mount, Meltham. Was a member of the choir at St. James's Church, Meltham Mills, a former secretary of the Meltham Mills bible class and a secretary of the Meltham Mills Adult School. Employed in the warehouse at the Bent Ley Silk Mills. Enlisted in the Navy on 8.3.1916. Was drowned by falling overboard from HMS Pilorus on 1.8.1916, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.


in action, 25.11.1917, aged 27 years. Buried OXFORD ROAD CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row A, Grave 20. (His widow received the following letter from her husband’s Officer who wrote, ‘By now you will probably have heard the dreadful news of the death of your husband. I know I cannot realise your terrible grief for I know how devoted you were to each other. It has been my painful duty to return some of your letters to him. He was in my Company and was one of my very best men. It is nearly always the best who seem to be hit. The next time there was an opening for a commission I was going to put his name forward. He was killed by a shell and died almost instantly. He is buried by the side of one of his Company Officers. At this time please accept my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy and may you be given the strength to bear your terrible loss.’ ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial.


HEELEY, ARTHUR. Private. No 19329. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Wooldale. Son of Eliot and Sarah Jane Heeley, 24 Albert Place, Thongsbridge. Educated Wooldale Council School. Was a member of Thongsbridge Cricket Club. Attended Huddersfield Technical College evening classes for six years, learning chemistry and dyeing. Employed as a foreman dyer at Messrs Vickermans of Thongsbridge. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Went into training at North Shields but, on going to France, was attached to the King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Killed in action, 25.8.1916, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private ARTHUR HEELEY, died of wounds, 12.6.1917, q.v.). His parents received the news of his death in a letter from Bugler F. Brown, 6 Platoon, ‘B’ Company, 10th Battalion K.O.Y.L.I. who wrote, ‘just a line in answer to your parcel and letters which you wrote to your son Harold. I am sorry to have to tell you that your son got killed on the 25th. I am sorry to have put it so bluntly but I find it is not much good telling you he is missing when
we know for sure that he has got killed because it only puts you about and makes you wonder where he is. I know he has got killed. I would like them to tell my dear father and mother when I had got killed.’. ROH:- Netherthong and Thongsbridge War Memorial.


HELLAWELL, ERNEST. Private. No 241930. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Kirkheaton. Lived New Mill. Second son of Mr and Mrs W. Helliwell. Employed as a spinner at Stoney Bank Mills. Enlisted March 1916. Embarked for France in January, 1917. Reported missing at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- New Mill Working Men's Club; Fulstone War Memorial Huddersfield Drill Hall.


HELLAWELL, LUTHER. Private. No 14981. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs Charles Hellawell of Gully, Holmfirth. Educated Holmfirth National Day School. Attended Underbank Wesleyan Sunday School. Employed by Messrs James Robinson and Sons of Smithy Place, Holmfirth. Married, with two children. Enlisted Christmas 1914. Embarked for France in July, 1915. Wounded in the left foot and right thigh in July, 1916. Returned to France at Whitsuntide, 1917. On the 16.11.1917 his wife received a letter from him stating that, ‘It is very cold out here now but I am in the best of health and hope this letter will find you the same.’ Eight days later he was wounded in the chest. He was removed to No 21 Casualty Clearing Station, where he died of his wounds on 21.11.1917, aged 34 years. Buried ROCQUIGNY-EQUANCOURT ROAD BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 25. His wife received a message from the Matron of the C.C.S informing her that her husband had died, ‘It is with much regret I have to tell you of the death of your husband on the 21st inst. in this hospital from wounds sustained in battle. He was brought to us badly wounded in the chest and in spite of all we could do for him he succumbed to his injuries. He passed away very peacefully without any pain in the end. He was laid to rest in the Military Cemetery near here.’ ROH:- Netherthong and...
Thongsbridge War Memorial; St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

HELLAWELL, WILFRED. Private. No 241428. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar. Enlisted Huddersfield. Reported missing, 3.9.1916, and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Pole Moor Baptist Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


HELLAWELL, JOHN ARTHUR. Private. No 15518. 8th Battalion The King’s Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment). Born Longwood, Huddersfield. Son of Mrs Broadbent, ‘Wellington Inn’, Ripponden Road, Oldham. His father was the late Mr Arthur Helliwell, of Brockholes, who was formerly in business in the corn trade at Longwood. The family then lived at Ingfield View, Longwood Gate, and later resided at Marsden. Employed by his uncles, Messrs J. and J. Bottomley, contractors, of Marsden. Enlisted November 1914. Had been wounded on one occasion. Killed in action, 26.4.1917, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

HELLAWELL, SELWYN. Private. No 204384. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Lightridge Farm, Fixby, 8.4.1890. Son of John William and Elizabeth Helliwell, Lightridge Farm, Fixby, Huddersfield. Employed as a farmer. Single. Enlisted 3.3.1917. Reported missing, 9.10.1917 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 27. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Hilda’s Church, Cowcliffe; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

HELM, ALBERT. Private. No 12592. ‘A’ Company 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Wilson and Harriet E. Helm of Hade Edge, Holmfirth. Attended Hade Edge Wesleyan Chapel. Employed as a clerk by Messrs Revill and Revill, accountants, of Huddersfield. Enlisted September 1914. Underwent training at Bovington Camp, Dorset, and later at Wimborne. Embarked for France in July, 1915. Wounded in the legs on 25.4.1916. Taken to the No 4 Casualty Clearing Station, where he died of his wounds on 26.4.1916, aged 19 years. Buried BAILLEUL COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 157. His parents received the following letter from Nurse Jollie, Sister-in-charge at the hospital where he died, ‘I am sorry to tell you Private Albert Helm was brought to No 4 Casualty Clearing Station last Tuesday night soon after midnight, very very severely wounded in both legs and quite unconscious. Everything was done for him but he passed peacefully away at ten minutes to one on Wednesday morning living less than an hour after admission. He will be buried in a part of the cemetery here reserved specially for your brave troops and there will be a little wooden cross bearing his name and the date marking his resting place.’ ROH:- Hade Edge War Memorial.


HEPPENSTALL, GEORGE FREDERICK. Private. No 60817 2nd/1st Yorkshire Hussars. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mr J.W. Heppenstall. Employed as a piecer at Dover Mills, Holmfirth. Enlisted in 1916. Was stationed in County Cork, Ireland and was expecting to be demobilised shortly. Was severely injured in an explosion and died within 24 hours. Buried with full military honours. He was 24 years of age. ROH:- Hade Edge War Memorial.


HEPWORTH, JOSEPH ALBERT. Private. No 62109. 15th/17th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Fremont, West Derby, Liverpool, 18.4.1899. Son of Albert and Annie Hepworth, Cliffe Gardens, Stubbins Vale, Ramsbottom, near Manchester, and formerly of 44 Clement Street, Birkby. Educated Liverpool Council School. Employed as a butcher. Single. Enlisted 15.8.1914. Killed at Hill 60, 18.4.1915, aged 27. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. The deceased’s brother, who was serving with the same Regiment, sent the news home in a letter, He said that, ‘Leslie was shot through the head and died instantly with a smile on his face. He urges his mother and sisters to bear up, saying he died a soldier’s death for King and Country.’ ROH:- Moldgreen War Memorial; Christ Church, Moldgreen.


HEY, HERBERT. Private. No 7/1912. 'B' Company, 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Thomas Street, Lindley, 2.11.1887. Son of Joseph and Alice Ann Hey, 51 Thomas Street, Lindley. Educated Lindley Church of England School. Employed as a card grinder by Messrs Joseph Sykes Brothers, Acre Mills, Lindley. Enlisted 4.4.1916. Was wounded in the head on 20.8.1915. Was taken to the 15th Casualty Clearing Station, where he died of his wounds on 20.8.1915. Buried HAZEBROUCK COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row G, Grave 13. Nurse G. M. Allen, the sister-in-charge of the hospital, wrote to his parents, stating that, Private Hey was so badly wounded that he had little chance from the first but she thought he had not suffered much. ROH:- St. Stephen's Church, Lindley; Lindley Zion Wesleyan Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

HEYWOOD, JOSEPH. Private. No 241513. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Top of Bank, Thurstonland, 2.11.1887. Son of Eliza Heywood, 388 Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Moor. Employed as a stone dresser by Messrs Joe Shaw and Sons, Crosland Hill. Enlisted December 1915. Reported missing at the Battle of Arras, 3.5.1917 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private JOSEPH HEYWOOD, killed in action, 27.3.1918, q.v.). ROH:- 'Rising Sun’ Public House, Crosland Hill; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.

HEYWOOD, JOHN. Private. No 19658 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Top of Bank, Thurstonland, 6.6.1887. Son of Eliza Heywood, 388 Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Moor. Employed as a stone dresser by Messrs Joe Shaw and Sons, Crosland Hill. Enlisted December 1915. Reported missing at the Battle of Arras, 3.5.1917 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private JOSEPH HEYWOOD, killed in action, 27.3.1918, q.v.). ROH:- 'Rising Sun’ Public House, Crosland Hill; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.


HIGGINSON, BERTRAM. Private. No 201251. 1st Battalion The Royal Scots Fusiliers. Born Elland, West Yorkshire. Son of Mr and Mrs James Higginson, Burnlee, Holmfirth. Prior to enlistment, was employed in the finishing department at Digley Mills, Holmfirth. Enlisted February 1916. Trained at Chelmsford and then was sent to Ireland. Embarked for France in December, 1917. Reported missing, 28.3.1918 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Almondbury War Memorial.
HILL, EDWARD. Private. No 27358. 10th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Formerly No 6235 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Hill, 28a, Lowerhead Row, Huddersfield. Educated Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge. Prior to enlistment, was employed in the goods yard at Longwood Station. Was mobilised with the local Territorial battalion at the outbreak of war and had served in Ireland. Died of wounds at No 49 Casualty Clearing Station, 21.11.1916, aged 18 years. Buried Contay British Cemetery. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row E, Grave 11. ROH: Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge.


HILL, FRANK. Private. No 6657. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Elder son of the late Mr and Mrs James Henry Hill, 62 Woodhead Road, Holmfirth. (Brother of Ethel Hill, of the same address). Employed as a heater by Messrs Whiteley and Green, Hinchliffe Mill. Played the double bass with the Holme Brass Band. Attended the St. John’s Institute. Enlisted 5.10.1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. In July, 1915, he returned to England suffering from a hernia and returned to the front in August, 1915. In 1916 he was boiling water in a bully beef tin when it exploded in his face. Septic poisoning set in and again he was invalided home, returning to France in December, 1916. Was seriously wounded in the head and chest on 15.3.1917. He was taken to No 7 Casualty Clearing Station at Merville but he died of his wounds on 15.3.1917, aged 24 years. Buried Merville Communal Cemetery Extension. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 21. His sister, Miss Ethel Hill, received the following letter from the Sister-in-charge at the C.C.S, dated 15.3.1917, ‘I am very sorry to say that your dear brother died yesterday. He passed away most peacefully suffering no pain at all. He received every possible care and attention here and the best of surgical skill but God had need of him. I cannot tell you how sorry I feel for you but you will find solace in the thought that your dear brother is now safe and free from all earthly cares and sorrows of the world. For him we need not grieve but it is for those left to mourn. We must pray for resignation until they are reunited in God’s good care. He was visited frequently by the Padre. Accept my heartfelt sympathy.’ ROH:- Upperthong War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

HILL, HARRY. Private. No 78298. 71st Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps. Born Kirkburton. Son of Nathaniel and Ellen Hall of Causeway Side, Linthwaite. Prior to enlistment, was employed as a tuner by Messrs Marshall and Kaye and Marshall, Dewsbury. Was wounded whilst serving in Italy and taken to the 11th General Hospital at Genoa, where he died of his wounds on 30.8.1918, aged 29 years. Buried Staglieno Cemetery, Genoa, Italy. Grave Location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 33. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial; Golcar Baptist Church.

deceased. Brother of John Hill, 5 Chapman Street, Beckett Street, Leeds. Educated St. John’s National Schools, Leeds. Employed as an insurance agent. At the time of enlistment was living at 205 Wakefield Road, Dalton, Huddersfield. Single. Reported missing 28.4.1917 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 40. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Memorial in Almondbury Cemetery.

HILL, IRVIN. Private. No 31725. 8th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment. Born Kirkburton. Son of Isaac and Mary Hill of Hallas, Kirkburton. Prior to enlistment, was employed by Mr Giessler, manufacturer, of Kirkburton. Died of wounds at No 44 Casualty Clearing Station, 30.4.1918, aged 20 years. Buried ARNEKE BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 1. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.


HILL, JAMES BRACEWELL. Private. No 71. 51st Battalion Australian Imperial Forces. Born Marsden. Son of Joseph and Jane Ann Hill of Fern Lea, Marsden. Before leaving Marsden for Australia, he was a member of the firm of Messrs Joseph Hill and Sons, tailors, Peel Street, Marsden. Was a member of Marsden Liberal Club and continued to pay his subscriptions when he went abroad. Went out to Australia for health reasons in 1908 and worked on a sheep station near Adelaide. Enlisted, 12.4.1916, and arrived in France in September, 1916. Killed in action, 1.4.1918, aged 38 years. Buried RIBEMONT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 2. ROH:- Marsden Liberal Club; memorial in Marsden Churchyard.


HINCHCLIFFE, ALLAN. Private. No 235069. 2/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Holmfirth 12.12.1893. Son of the late Joseph Hinchcliffe, of Holmbridge, and of Mrs Dickinson of ‘The Victoria Hotel’, Meltham. Educated Field End School and was also a scholar at the Holmbridge Church Sunday School. Was a member of the Holmbridge Cricket Club. Employed by Messrs T. and J. Tinker at Bottoms Mill. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Was wounded during the fighting on the Somme in September, 1916. Was treated in England and returned to France in February, 1917. Reported missing at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial; St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.

HINCHCLIFFE, G. W. Gunner. No 108957. 138th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Marsden Lived Spring Street, Marsden. Died from bronchial pneumonia following upon influenza, 27.11.1918. Buried LE CATEAU COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Grave 22. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.


HINCHLIFFE, HAROLD. Private. No 241910. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Honley. Son of Alfred and Annie Hinchliffe, 5 Cross Street, Honley. Attended the Honley Primitive Methodist Sunday School and Church. Was secretary for Honley Musical Festival, the Adult bible class, Grey’s orchestral band and the Rechabite Sick Club. Employed by Thornton’s of Honley. He was fatally wounded in the same battle as his younger brother, Drummer LEWIS HINCHLIFFE, was wounded. They each tended the other’s injuries and the Drummer was conveyed to hospital unaware of Harold’s death. Died of wounds, 4.5.1917, aged 28 years.
Buried ACHIET-LE-GRAND COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location: Plot 1, Row E, Grave 24; ROH: Huddersfield Drill Hall; Honley War Memorial.


HINCHLIFFE, IRVINE. Private. No CH/1481(S). Royal Marine Light Infantry, 1st Royal Marine Battalion Royal Naval Division. Son of Joe and Annie Hinchliffe, Greenfield Road, Holmfirth. Employed as a shop assistant at the Holmfirth branch of Messrs Wallaces Limited. Enlisted February 1916. Went over to France in September, 1916. Killed in action at Beaumont Hamel, 16.2.1917, aged 20 years. Buried ANCRE BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location: Plot 7, Row C, Grave 19. The Rev. J. F. Beamish, of Upperthong, made enquiries and received a letter from the Rev. W. Whitehead, Chaplain to the forces, who wrote, 'I have seen the Sergeant of his company and I am informed that as he was going to the trenches on the night of February 14th the path was shelled and he was hit on the head by a piece of explosive shell. He was taken to the dressing station where he passed away. His comrades thought at the time that he was killed outright so I think his mother may rest assured that though he lingered several hours he was unconscious and could not feel any pain or suffering. He has been buried in the soldier's cemetery near the dressing station. The church service was said and his grave marked and on it there will be placed a wooden cross with his name and regiment so that when the war is over there should be no difficulty in finding the place.' ROH: Holmfirth War Memorial.


HINCHLIFFE, KENNETH. Private. No 29318. 8th Battalion King’s Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment). Born Holmfirth. Son of Walter and Lucy Hinchliffe, of West Gorton, Manchester. Was the grandson of the late Mr Joah Swallow of New

Hinchliffe, Norman. Private. No 99533. 6th Battalion The King's (Liverpool Regiment). Born Holmfirth. Son of Harry and Emma Hinchliffe, 29 Upperthong, Holmfirth. Educated Upperthong National School. Was a member of the choir at Lane Congregational Church and was an old scholar of Upperthong Sunday School. Was employed as an apprentice in the bakehouse of Messrs Dawson and Birch. Enlisted July 1916. Embarked for France in April, 1918. Died of wounds at No 6 Casualty Clearing Station, 8.9.1918, aged 19 years. Buried PERNES BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 6, Row B, Grave 3. ROH:- Upperthong War Memorial.


Hinchliffe, Willie. Gunner. No 152570. 'C' Battery, 223rd Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born Holmfirth. Educated Hade Edge Council School and also attended Choppards Sunday School. Employed by Messrs J. Watkinson and Sons Limited, Washpit Mills. Lived Arrunden Wood Nook. Was a member of Cartworth Moor Cricket Club. Married in 1913. Enlisted 7.8.1916. Embarked for France on 24.4.1917. Was wounded in the back, 31.10.1917. Died of wounds at No 4 Casualty Clearing Station, 1.11.1917, aged 29 years. Buried DOZINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 12, Row D, Grave 15. A member of the hospital staff wrote to Gunner Hinchliffe's wife, 'I have regret in writing to confirm the death of No 152570 Gunner W. Hinchliffe of the R.F.A. in this hospital on the 1st inst. He was admitted on October 31st so badly wounded in the back that there was no chance of his recovery. Everything possible was done for him during the short time he was under our care but he gradually became weaker and passed away at 7am on 1.11.1917. He didn't appear to suffer at all and was conscious almost to the end. With sincerest sympathy - C.M. Roy.' ROH:- Cartworth War Memorial.


Hirst, Adam Alfred. Private. No 22458. 2nd Battalion East Lancashire Regiment. Formerly No 2051 King's Own Yorkshire
Light Infantry. Born Sharlston, Yorkshire.
Son of Enos and Martha Hirst of ‘Ladcar’,
Emley Moor, Huddersfield. Lived Shelley,
Huddersfield. Reported missing, presumed killed,
31.7.1917, aged 31 years. Has no known grave.
Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL
TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Emley War
Memorial; commemorated in Emley Churchyard.

HIRST, ALBERT. Private. No 64593. 25th
(Tyneside Irish) Battalion Northumberland
Fusiliers. Formerly No 43936 The Yorkshire
Regiment. Born 86 Back Whitehead Lane,
Huddersfield, 1.3.1899. Son of John William
and Emma Hirst, 2 Hopkinson’s Yard,
Lockwood Road, Huddersfield. Educated
Rashcliffe Church of England Elementary
School. Attended Buxton Road Sunday School.
Employed by Mrs T. H. Smith, pork butcher,
of Folly Hall, Huddersfield. Single. Enlisted
10.4.1917. Embarked for France three weeks
before he died. Died of gas poisoning at 5th
General Hospital, Leicester, 13.4.1918, aged
19 years. Buried LOCKWOOD CEMETERY,
HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- C, ‘C’, 672.
ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe.

HIRST, AMOS. Private. No 31711. 13th (1st
Barnsley Pals) Battalion York and Lancaster
Regiment. Born Slaithwaite. Son of the late
Mr and Mrs James Hirst, Potters, Slaithwaite.
Was well known in Slaithwaite amongst the
local farmers and cattle dealers, being for many
years a right hand man for Mr Levi Tweed, of
Scammonden, in the cattle trade. He had also
worked as a weaver for Messrs. Crowther, Bruce
and Company, of Marsden. Single. Had been
in France for two months when he died from
shell wounds on 14.11.1916, aged 39 years. Has
no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL
MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:-
St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War
Memorial; Pole Moor Baptist Church.

HIRST, ARNOLD. Private. No 12500. 9th
Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born
Milnsbridge. Son of Mr and Mrs H. Hirst, 15
Dowker Street, Milnsbridge. Lived with his
sister at 99 Whitehead Lane, Primrose Hill,
Huddersfield. Prior to enlistment, was employed
as a chain maker by Messrs. Learoyd Brothers
and Company at Trafalgar Mills, Leeds Road,
Huddersfield. Attended the Young Men’s Class
at St. Thomas’s Church, Longroyd Bridge.
Enlisted September, 1914, and embarked for
France in June, 1915. Came home on leave at
Christmas, 1915. Died of wounds, 12.11.1916,
aged 20 years. Buried St. SEVER CEMETERY
EXTENSION, ROUEN. Grave Location:-
Plot 5, Row C, Grave 3. ROH:-
Huddersfield Parish Church; Learoyd Brothers;
Longwood War Memorial.

HIRST, ARTHUR BOOTHROYD. Private.
No 4255. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s
Son of Harry Boothroyd Hirst, Brick Bank,
Northgate, Huddersfield. Educated Deighton
Lived 4 Stott’s Buildings, Upperhead Row,
Huddersfield. Enlisted 1915. Killed in action,
12.7.1916. Has no known grave. Commemorated
THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

HIRST, BEN ALLEN. Private. No 0505. ‘D’
Company, 1st Battalion Hampshire Regiment.
Son of Thomas and Mary Ethel Hirst, of Owen’s
Terrace, Honley. Died of sickness at home,
17.3.1920, aged 20 years. Buried HONLEY
CHURCH BURIAL GROUND. Grave location:-
37, 1442. ROH:- Honley War Memorial.

HIRST, EDGAR BRAMLEY. Sapper. No
312424. Fifth Army H.Q. Signal Company,
Royal Engineers. Born Delph Terrace, Linthwaite,
26.9.1892. Son of Arthur Edward and Frances
Mary Hirst, 2 Oakes Road, Lindley. Educated
Linthwaite Church of England School and
Huddersfield Technical College. Employed
as a twist frame overlooker. Single. Enlisted
17.3.1916. Killed in action near Ypres,
17.11.1917, aged 25. Buried BARD COTTAGE
CEMETERY, BOESINGHE. Grave location:-
Plot 5, Row C, Grave 3. ROH:- St. Stephen’s
Church, Lindley.

HIRST, FRANK. Air Mechanic 1st Class. No
38401. H.Q. (France) Royal Air Force. Born
Taylor Hill, Huddersfield, 21.5.1897. Son
of Edith and the late Willie Hirst, 2 Mellor’s
Buildings, Stoney Lane, Taylor Hill. Educated
Mount Pleasant Council School. Employed as
a motor driver by Messrs Kaye and Stewart.
Single. Enlisted 20.7.1916. Came home on leave
from France and contracted pneumonia on the
journey. Died in Royds Hall Military Hospital,
17.2.1919, aged 21 years. Buried LOCKWOOD CEMETERY. Grave location: A, 462. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; Taylor Hill Primitive Methodist Church.


HIRST, GEORGE. Private. No 47514. 26th (Tyneside Irish) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Thurstonland. Son of Frank Hirst of Thurstonland. Husband of E. A. M. Hirst, 2 The Avenue, Moldgreen. A keen cricket player. Had been a professional for Meltham, Skelmanthorpe and other clubs and had also played for Almondbury. Prior to enlistment, was employed as a french polisher by Messrs Taylor and Hobson of Huddersfield. Died of wounds at No 24 Casualty Clearing Station on 9.4.1917, aged 38 years. Buried AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row L, Grave 5. ROH:- Thurstonland War Memorial; Moldgreen War Memorial.


19.1.1917, aged 23 years. Buried BERLES NEW MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row C, Grave 3. ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.

HIRST, HAROLD. Private. No 241784. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born South Crosland, Huddersfield. Son of Edward and Hannah Hirst, 3 Manse Side, Marsden. Prior to enlistment was employed by Messrs Crowther, Bruce and Company Limited as a weaver. Was a member of the Marsden Conservative Club and attended St. Bartholomew’s Church. Enlisted March 1916. Embarked for France in January, 1917. Reported missing at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial; memorial in Marsden Churchyard.


HIRST, HARRY. Private. No 33513. 185th Company, Machine Gun Corps. Formerly No 4606 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs Wright Hirst, Lane End, Holmfirth. Educated Hade Edge Council School. Attended Cartworth Moor Wesleyan Sunday School. Played cricket for the Cartworth Moor Cricket Club. Employed as a motor driver at the Victoria Mill, Lockwood. Had been in hospital with dysentery at Secundurabad, India, where his doctor was from Holmfirth, the ward orderly was a Lindley soldier and the nurse was from Oughtibridge. Died on board HM Hospital Ship Kalyon during the evening of Sunday, 28.4.1918. Buried PIETA MILITARY CEMETERY, MALTA. Grave location:- Plot C, Row 17, Grave 1. His parents received the following letter from the Rev. Arthur Outram, Chaplain to the Forces, giving details of Harry’s last hours, ‘Your son Harry was brought on board with very little chance of getting through but still there was a chance that he might get home in time to see you all which he was very
anxious to do. However this was not to be and in spite of all the doctors, Sister and Orderlies did he passed peacefully away on the evening of the 28th April. He was just as well off for comfort on board as on land and he did not suffer you will be glad to know. He simply was tired out and wearying to go. He sent his love to you and asked me to tell you he was quite ready to go ‘home’. He was buried with full military honours at Malta as we happened to call there.’

ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial.


HIRST, HARRY LAWRENCE. Private. No 32645. 10th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Born Meltham, Huddersfield. Son of Mrs Hirst, Upper Mount, Meltham, and the late Mr Joe Hirst who was a well known local cricketer. Played cricket with the Meltham and Meltham Mills teams. Killed in action, 27.9.1917, aged 36 years. Buried MESSINES RIDGE CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 5, Row A, Grave 33. ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.


HIRST, HENRY, MM MSM. Sergeant. No 307747. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mary Hannah Hirst, 158 Woodbridge Road, Holmbridge. Attended Holmbridge Church and Sunday School, where he was a sidesman and a teacher. Played both cricket and football for the local teams. Employed as a weaver at Clarence Mills, Holmbridge. Enlisted August 1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Awarded the MM. Killed in action, 28.4.1918, aged 28 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

His cousin, Private Hirst Naylor wrote, ‘It is hard for me to write these few lines. It is to tell you that Henry got killed and I did not want to be the first to break the news to you but I think it is my duty to let you know because we have been like brothers out here. I can tell you I shall miss him and only God knows how I feel it but we never know whose turn it is next. He has given his life fighting for the right and I can tell you he was one of the best N.C.O’s in the battalion and everyone liked him. I was with him the night before he went into the line and he was as happy as ever.’

ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


HIRST, HILDRED. Private. No 64097. 1st Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Son of Arthur and Mary Hirst, Eastwood Mount, Marsden. Employed in the weft department at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Attended Marsden Wesleyan Church and Adult School. Enlisted February 1918. Embarked for France 15.8.1918. Reported missing, 17.9.1918, aged 18. Buried CHAPELLE BRITISH CEMETERY, HOLNON. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row E, Grave 14. On December 20th, 1918, his parents received their son’s pocket book from a fellow soldier, who was in hospital in Leeds, with the news that Private Hirst was killed in action by a machine gun bullet at St. Quentin on 17.9.1918. Mr and Mrs Hirst went to see the wounded soldier in hospital and learned from him that the pocket book was found on the battlefield near to Private Hirst whose body was lying in a shellhole. His name and address were written inside and he had no doubt as to the identity of the deceased as he was a personal friend of his. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.


HIRST, JOSEPH ALLEN. Private. No 32341. 7th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment. Born Schofield’s Buildings, Quarmby Road, Lindley, 17.3.1885. Son of George Hirst, 3 Park Road West, Crosland Moor. His mother died when he was seven years old. Educated Longwood Church of England School. Attended All Saints Church, Paddock and sang in the choir. Employed as a painter and decorator by Mr John Littlewood of Berry Brow. Husband of Edith Ann Hirst, (Later Ramsden), 3 Park Road West, Crosland Moor. Enlisted November 1916. Died of heat stroke in Mesopotamia, 20.7.1917, aged 32 years. Buried BAGHDAD (NORTH GATE) WAR CEMETERY. Grave location:- 19, J, 11. ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood; All Saints Church, Paddock; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; United Methodist Church, Crosland Moor.


HIRST, LEWIS. Private. No 24667. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Lived Uppertong, Holmfirth. Worked as a plasterer on his own account. Married, with three children. Had been in France for five weeks when he was killed in action on 1.2.1917, aged 35 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIPEVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Uppertong War Memorial; St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham; Marsden Conservative Club.

HIRST, NORMAN. Engineer Sub-Lieutenant. Royal Naval Reserve. Royal Garrison Artillery. HMS Reliance. Born Huddersfield 29.4.1879. Son of Joseph and Lucy Ann Hirst, 'The Hawthornes', Thornhill Road, Marsh. Educated Longwood Grammar School and Huddersfield College School. He was apprenticed to Messrs Schofield and Taylor, engineers of Turnbridge, Huddersfield. He became a seagoing engineer with a firm of Glasgow shipowners in whose vessels he sailed for 12 years as Chief Engineer. On 23.8.1915 the ship on which he was serving, SS Trafalgar, was torpedoed and sunk by the Germans. On reaching England he enlisted in October, 1915, in the Royal Garrison Artillery, serving for two years in France with a Trench Mortar Battery and was twice wounded. On being recommended for a commission he was transferred to the Royal Naval Reserve on 11.7.1917. He died in hospital at Plymouth, 4.12.1916, aged 39, after an illness lasting over ten weeks. Buried SLAITHWAITE CEMETERY. Grave location:- B, 1, 89. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


HIRST, WILFRED HEAP. Private. No 39089. 9th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light

HIRST, WILLIE. Private. No 53429. 15th/17th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Meltham. Son of William and Ruth Elizabeth Hirst, Clarke Lane, Meltham. Reported missing, presumed killed, 12.4.1918, aged 19 years, Buried LE GRAND BEAUMART BRITISH CEMETERY, STEENWERCK. Grave location:- Steenwerck Germany Cemetery, Memorial 7. ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.


HOBSON, GEORGE. Private. No 2901. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Uppermong, Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs Joseph E. Hobson, 90 Blacker Road, Birkby. Educated Wilshaw School, near Meltham, Huddersfield. Employed as a cloth shrinker by Messrs Jennens, Welch and Company, of Huddersfield. Enlisted September 1914. Was married April 13th, 1915. Left for France April 15th, 1915. Was killed instantly by a shell at 8pm on Thursday, 1.10.1915, whilst ration carrying. He was 28 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private NORMAN HOBSON, died of wounds, 9.10.1917, q v). On the day of his death Private Hobson wrote a letter to his wife informing her that he was in good health and that he was
keeping his spirits up. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

HOBSON, HUBERT. Lance Corporal. No 14235. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Netherthong, Holmfirth. Son of Jonas and Alice Hobson of Outlane, Netherthong, Thongsbridge, near Huddersfield. Attended Netherthong Wesleyan Church, where he was the Sunday School Secretary. He played the clarinet in the Sunday School orchestra and was a member of the choir. Was a playing member of the Netherthong Association football team and was also a member of the Working Men’s Club. Was employed at Deanhouse Mills. Killed in action during the Battle of the Somme on 2.7.1916, aged 25 years. Buried BERTRANCOURT MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row G, Grave 25. ROH:- Netherthong and Thongsbridge War Memorial; Netherthong Working Men’s Club.


HOBSON, LEWIS. Private. No 44691. 5th Provisional Company, 1st Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers. Son of Woodhouse and Leah Hobson, 10 Cooperative Terrace, Honley. Died at home, 7.7.1921, aged 29 years. Buried HONLEY CHURCH BURIAL GROUND. Grave location:- 32,1909. ROH:- Honley War Memorial.

HOBSON, NORMAN. Private. No 49943. 6th Battalion The King’s (Liverpool Regiment). Formerly No 36988 4th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment. Born Upperthong. Son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Hobson, 90 Blacker Road, Birkby. Educated Wilshaw Council and Mount Pleasant School, Lockwood. Employed as a plumber and sanitary engineer. Husband of Janie Hobson, 46 Woodhouse Avenue, Fartown. Enlisted 1.3.1917. Died of wounds at No 46 Casualty Clearing Station, 9.10.1917. Buried MENDINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 7, Row E, Grave 47. ROH:- Lockwood Baptist Church; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


HODGSON, EDWARD. Lance Corporal. No 20412. 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment. Formerly No 74041 Royal Field Artillery. Born Holmfirth. Adopted son of Mr John Crosland, Underbank, Holmfirth. Employed by Messrs Watkinson of Washpit Mills, Holmfirth. Prior to the war was a soldier in the Royal Field Artillery. Embarked for France at the beginning of the war and was invalided home after nine months service. He was the only survivor of his Battery and it was thought unlikely he would be fit for foreign service again. But he recovered and was posted to the machine gun section of the Essex Regiment. Died of wounds, 2.7.1916, aged 21 years. Buried COUIN BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row A, Grave 2. ROH:- Underbank War Memorial.


HODGSON, HARRY. Private. No 12555. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born
Huddersfield. Son of the late John and Mary Midd Hodgson. Killed in action in the assault on Lala Baba, Suvla, Gallipoli on 7.8.1915, aged 18. Has no known grave. Commemorated HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.


ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church.


ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial.

HOGTON, FREDERICK WILLIAM. Rifleman. No 3694. 1st Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps. Born Rotherham. Lived 4 Garforth Street, Aspley, Huddersfield. Married, with four children. Had already served eight years in the Army and spent five years on the Reserve.
Employed as a switchgear maker by Messrs Brook, electricians, of Colne Road and at night time worked as a checker at the Palace Theatre. Embarked for France 8.9.1914. Killed in action, 26.10.1914, aged 33 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

HOLDEN, JOHN WILLIAM. Rifleman. No C/7845. 18th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Kilner Bank, Moldgreen, 18.2.1887. Educated Moldgreen Board School. Attended Moldgreen United Methodist Church and Sunday School. Employed by Messrs Middlemost Brothers, of Birkby, as a dyer’s labourer. Husband of Mrs. L. Holden, 4 Robert’s Yard, Brook Street, Moldgreen. Enlisted 10.10.1915. Died at No 10 Casualty Clearing Station of the effects of gas on 9.8.1916, aged 31 years. Buried LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 8, Row D, Grave 13a. His widow received a letter from a Chaplain to the Forces, who wrote, ‘He was brought in after a gas attack, was practically unconscious and died very shortly afterwards.’ ROH:- Moldgreen War Memorial; St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield.


HOLLAND, JOHN EDWARD. Private. No 22409. 6th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light


HOLMES, ARTHUR. Private. No 41537. 23rd (Tyneside Scottish) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Formerly No 19939 Duke of Wellington’s

HOLMES, CHARLES E. Sergeant. No 204995. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born King Street, Huddersfield. Son of Mrs M. A. Senior, 492 Spuy Street, Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa. Educated St. Paul's Church of England School. Had lived for sometime in South Africa, where he was employed with his brother at the Premier Diamond Mine near Pretoria. Had also been employed as a bookbinder. At the time of enlistment was living at Ashbrow Road, Sheepridge, Huddersfield. Enlisted September 1914. Wounded in the stomach near Rheims. Died of wounds, 20.7.1918. Buried MARFAUX BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row BB, Grave 3. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


HOLMES, HARRY. Drummer. No 241538. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Holmfirth 1886. Son of Mr and Mrs Amor Holmes, Dunford Road, Holmfirth. Educated Holmfirth National School and Underbank Wesleyan School. Employed by Messrs J. Bower and Sons, Dover Mills. Was a keen musician, playing for a time with the Underbank Philharmonic Band and later he played the first tenor horn with the Hepworth Silver Prize Band. He enlisted in March, 1916, with his friend Private FRED SANDFORD, (q.v.). They left Holmfirth by train together and were both reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Bullecourt on 3.5.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated AMARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Underbank War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


HOLMES, HARRY ACKROYD. Private. No 91010. 70th Company, Machine Gun Corps.


HOLMES, NORMAN. Private. No 29720. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Scales, Cumberland. Son of Willie and Alice Ann Holmes of Sandy Gate, Holmfirth. Husband of Hannah Holmes of Far Lane, Holmfirth. Educated Hepworth Town School. Attended Scholes United Primitive Methodist Church. He was also a member of the P.S.A. at Holmfirth United Methodist Church. Employed as a teamer by Messrs Dawson and Birch, confectioners, of Holmfirth. Enlisted 16.6.1916. Embarked for France 12.1.1917. Killed in action, 18.10.1917, aged 26 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His widow received the following letter from Lieutenant Waite of her husband's Company, 'It is with sincere regret that I have to inform you of the death of your husband who was killed in action a few days ago. He was a good man and his death is a severe loss to us. A shell fell near him and killed him instantaneously. He was buried in a shellhole and the position of the grave has been notified to the authorities. I offer you the sympathies of the whole platoon and of myself in your sad bereavement.' ROH:- Hepworth and Scholes War Memorial; Hepworth Church.


HOLROYD, HAROLD SYKES. Probationery Flight Officer. Royal Naval Air Service. Born Longwood 5.8.1894. Only son of Sam Holroyd, 30 Rufford Road, Scar Lane, Milnsbridge. Educated Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge, and the Huddersfield Secondary School for boys. Attended Milnsbridge Wesleyan Church and Sunday School and was a member of the choir and had been secretary of the Sunday School for sometime. He entered the teaching profession but had to relinquish his post due to health reasons. He then worked at the National Health Insurance Office at Huddersfield and later took the Civil Service examinations and went to the Admiralty, London, in August, 1914. Enlisted in the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment in October, 1914, and embarked for France in September, 1916, serving there until December, 1916. He then volunteered for the Royal Naval Air Service and returned to England for training. He came home on leave the week before he was killed. Was killed whilst flying at Sleaford, Lincolnshire, on 21.8.1917, aged 23 years. Buried BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCHYARD, OUTLANE. ROH:- Fitzwilliam Street Unitarian Church; St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood; Huddersfield Mission, Milnsbridge; Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge.


HOLROYD, JAMES WILLIAM. Sergeant. No 22522. 12th Battalion Manchester Regiment.


HOLT, ARTHUR. Private. No 29007. 8th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Almondbury 29.1.1891. Educated Almondbury Board School. Employed as a warehouseman by Messrs Sykes and Tunnacliffe, Northfield Mills, Almondbury. Attended Zion Methodist Church, Almondbury, and was a member of the mixed choir. At the time of enlistment, was living at 77 Hill Top Road, Paddock. Single. Enlisted 20.3.1916. Wounded 18.10.1917. Died of wounds at No 2 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station, 22.10.1917, aged 26 years. Buried LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 25, Row G, Grave 12a. ROH:- Almondbury War Memorial.


HOLT, WALTER. Private. No 2754. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born
Halifax. Lived 25 Back Freehold Street, Primrose Hill. Married, with five children. Employed as a relief porter by the London and North Western Railway Company at Huddersfield station. Attended St. Matthew's Church, Primrose Hill. Was an old Volunteer and a member of the National Reserve. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Died of wounds, 7.7.1916, aged 30 years. Buried PUCHEVILLERS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row D, Grave 43. ROH:- St. Matthew's Church, Primrose Hill; Huddersfield Drill Hall; London and North Western Railway Company Roll.


HOPKINSON, JAMES. Private. No 2290. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Son of Mrs Buckley, 39 St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield. Died of wounds, 20.12.1915, aged 21 years. Buried LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 23a. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall. His mother received a letter from the Rev. Sidney Hobson, dated Sunday, 19.12.1915, 'I promised your son, Private Hopkinson of the 7th Battalion West Riding Regiment, that I would let you know that he was seriously wounded this morning in a German attack on our lines. He asked me to tell you not to worry but I am told by the Doctor that his case must be regarded as a very serious one. Both his legs were very badly fractured by the explosion of an enemy shell and the Doctor holds out very little hope of recovery. Your son is a brave lad, never have I seen one bear his sufferings more bravely. He is a hero in every sense of the word. When he left here (the 3rd Field Ambulance Dressing Station) he was quite conscious and he was only anxious about you. His one and only concern seemed to be that you should not fret. I pray that God may comfort you in these sad days.'

HOPKINSON, JOHN. Private. No 19718. 9th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Huddersfield 12.7.1893. Son of Mary Hopkinson, 13 Castlegate, Huddersfield. Educated St. Patrick's Roman Catholic School. Employed at the Central Liberal Club for five years as a billiard marker and later as hall assistant. Married. Lived at 6a Bradford Road, Huddersfield (After his enlistment his wife, Amy, lived with her parents at 13 Garden Street, Masborough, Rotherham). Enlisted at the outbreak of the war and went out to the Dardenelles. Died of wounds, 10.11.1915, aged 22 years. Buried HILL 10 CEMETERY, SUVLA. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row F, Grave 2. A letter was received from Sergeant A. Maclean of the 35th Field Ambulance R.A.M.C., 11th Division, British Expeditionary Mediterranean Force, who wrote from Suvla Bay, saying that, 'Private Hopkinson was carried into the hospital on the morning of the 10th November and although everything was done for him it was impossible to save his life. He was buried the same afternoon.'

HORNCastle, NORMAN. Private. No 41484. 26th (Tyneside Irish) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Formerly No 19664 Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Emley. Son of Joe and Sarah H. Horncastle, 20 Royds Street,

HORNE, EDGAR PERCIVAL. Private. No 34432. 1st Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Golcar. Husband of Lizzie Horne, 46 Mary Brow, Golcar. Employed as a pattern weaver by Messrs Ben Hall and Son, of Milnsbridge. Served in Salonica for two years. Had only been in France for a few weeks when he was severely wounded in the chest on 18.10.1918. He was taken to the 41st Casualty Clearing Station where he died of his wounds six days later, on 24.10.1918, aged 36 years. Buried ROISEL COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 24. ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar.

HORNE, WALTER. Private. No 91839. 5th Battalion The Tank Corps. Formerly No 41167 King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Huddersfield. Enlisted Sheffield. Reported missing, presumed killed, 22.3.1918. Has no known grave. Commemorated POZIERES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.


HORSFALL, RICHARD SENIOR. Private. No 42350. 11th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. Born 17.8.1899. Son of John and Elizabeth Horsfall, 29 Kew Hill, Longwood. Educated at Birchencliffe and Lindley Church of England Schools. At the time of enlistment, was living at Branch Farm, Birchencliffe. Enlisted 26.9.1917. Died of wounds at No 7 General Hospital, Boulogne, 4.5.1918, aged 18 years. Buried BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 9, Row B, Grave 38. ROH:- St. Philip's Church, Birchencliffe.

HORSFALL, TOM. Private. No 15159. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Anthony and Matilda Horsfall, Well Hill, Underbank, Holmfirth. Killed in action, 7.8.1915, aged 27 years. Buried RIDGE WOOD MILITARY CEMETERY, VOORMEZEEL, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row G, Grave 6. Private Horsfall’s brother, Harry, received a letter from Private Thorpe Brook. In the letter he tells how his brother died, ‘Your brother has given his life fighting as a true and brave British soldier. The wounds in both his legs were so severe that he lost a great quantity of blood and he passed away soon afterwards. He was quite conscious at the end and he died with his head in my hands knowing that he had done his duty well. He is to be buried quite close to a number of his brave comrades who died giving their lives in the brave manner he has done. I can realise how sad the news will come to you and it is consolation to know that yours is a home to which grief has entered like it has to many thousands more. There is no doubt whatever that your brother is now in the land where nothing but peace reigns and I pray that God will strengthen you all so that you are able to bear the trouble as well as it is possible to do.’ ROH:- Underbank War Memorial.


HOWARD, BEN. Private. No 270584. 2nd Battalion The Royal Scots. Formerly No 270584 York and Lancaster Regiment; No 240986 Scottish Rifles. Born Denby Dale. Son of Walter and Sarah Howard. Lived Denby Dale. Died of wounds, 22.3.1918, aged 22 years. Buried BAC-
du-SUD BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 6. ROH:- Denby Dale and Cumberworth War Memorial.


HOWARD, THOMAS. Corporal. No 203745. 1/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs George Henry Howard, Liphill Farm, Holmfirth. Husband of Hilda Howard of Dam Head, Hinchcliffe Mill, Holmbridge. Educated at Field End School and attended St David's Sunday School, Holmbridge. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Greenwood of Digley Mills. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war and embarked for France in September, 1916. Killed in action, 14.4.1918, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His widow received a letter from a chum of her son who wrote, 'I am very sorry to be the bearer of bad news to you and very much regret to tell you that Thomas lost his life about five days ago. From enquiries I have made, it appears that he was in the market place of a certain town when an enemy shell exploded near him, killing two and wounding two. Lads from his section tell me that he had been slightly wounded previously in the hand but did not go away with it and they speak very highly of his conduct. Later on I may be able to give you more particulars. I know what a terrible blow this will be to you. I pray that God may be with you in this terrible hour of trial. As a friend I mourn his loss very deeply. We were always good pals. My deepest sympathy is with you.' ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial.


Bacquerot No 1 Military Cemetery, Lavenie. Grave location: Plot 3, Row A, Grave 4. ROH: Linthwaite War Memorial; St. John's Church, Golcar.

Hoyle, George Ewart. Private. No 276279. 1/9th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Born Linthwaite. Son of Edwin and Phoebe Hoyle, of One Ash, Linthwaite. Attended Carr Lane United Methodist Church, Slaithwaite, where he was a member of the Young Men's Class, the Band of Hope and the Pierrot troupe. He was also a member of the Slaithwaite Y.M.C.A. Employed as a weaver at Spring Grove Mills, Linthwaite. Prior to enlistment, he worked for twelve months as a volunteer for the Y.M.C.A at Thoresby Park and, later, at Doncaster. Enlisted at Doncaster February, 1916. Reported missing near Rheims, 21.7.1918 and afterwards was presumed to have been killed on that date. He was 27 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated Soissons Memorial to the Missing. ROH: Carr Lane Methodist Church, Slaithwaite; Linthwaite War Memorial.


of wounds at No 48 Casualty Clearing Station, 27.11.1917, aged 30 years. Buried ROCQUIGNY-EQUANCOURT ROAD BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row D, Grave 18. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.

HOYLE, JAMES FREDERICK. Gunner. No 162511. 301st Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Halifax. Son of James Hoyle: Husband of Edith Hoyle, 7 Towngate, Marsden. Employed as a spinner by the Colne Valley Spinning Company Limited, Linthwaite. Enlisted May 1916. Embarked for France in August, 1916. On 14.11.1917, was admitted into No 49 Casualty Clearing Station suffering from severe burns accidentally received in the trenches. His wife was informed by the Sister-in-Charge that from the first his case was almost hopeless and he died of his wounds on 23.11.1917, aged 26 years. Buried ACHIET-LE-GRAND COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row P, Grave 24. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial; Bethel United Methodist Church, Outlane.

HOYLE, JOE HARRY. Private. No 8262. 2nd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Siddal, Halifax. Son of Mr and Mrs John Hoyle, 3 Chapel Lane, Milnsbridge. Prior to enlisting in the army, in 1905, was employed by Messrs B. and J. Whitwam and Sons Limited, Stanley Mills, Golcar. Had served nine years in the army and, under ordinary circumstances, would have been discharged in November, 1914. Had been stationed in York and Richmond and was in South Africa for two or three years after the war. Had occupied the position of waiter in the Officer’s Mess. Killed in action, 30.10.1914, aged 31 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private ARCHIBALD CYRIL HOYLE, died in India, 19.4.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial.


HOYLE, WILFRED. Private. No 24754. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Paddock 28.2.1888. Son of Walter and Agnes Hoyle, 49 Beech Street, Paddock. Educated


HUDSON, FRED. Private. No 32803. 2/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Bradley, Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Hudson, Lower Farm, Cockley Hill, Kirkheaton and late of Leeds Road, Bradley. Employed as a coal miner by Messrs Benjamin Elliot and Sons of Lepton. Had been in France for seven months when he was killed near Rheims on 20.7.1918, aged 21 years. Buried MARFAUX BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row B, Grave 6. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton.

HUDSON, JULIUS. Private. No 75586. Royal Army Medical Corps, attached 1st/3rd (West Riding) Field Ambulance. Born Delph. Son of J. H. and Edna Hudson of Mount Royd, Marsden. Husband of Ethel Hudson, of ‘Broadbent’, Golcar Brow, Meltham, Huddersfield. Employed as a weaver at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Was a member and secretary of the St. John Ambulance Association. He was also a member of the Wesleyan Adult Bible Class. Enlisted October, 1915, and was drafted to India on 24.11.1915. In March, 1916, he embarked for France and came home on leave in January, 1917. Was taken ill whilst at home and received treatment at the Royds Hall Military Hospital, Huddersfield, and later at the Meltham Convalescent Home. He returned to France and was again invalided home, with trench fever, being for sometime in hospital in Eastbourne. He was transferred to Blackpool, and returned to France once more on 2.11.1917. Killed in action, 28.11.1917, aged 30 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham; Marsden War Memorial.


Methodist Church; St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe; memorial in Lockwood Cemetery.


HYDE, THOMAS. Private. No 2408. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Moldgreen. Son of Frank and Lena Hyde, 40 Newsome Cross, Huddersfield. Was a member of


ILLINGWORTH, DENNIS. Corporal. No 54548. 24th Battalion Machine Gun Corps. Formerly No 3231 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Illingworth, 5 Brackenhall Road, Sheepridge, Huddersfield. Employed as a butcher by the Argentine Meat Company, Buxton Road, Huddersfield. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Killed in action near Cambrai, 8.10.1918, aged 22 years. Buried PROVILLE BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row C, Grave 33. ROH:- Salvation Army; St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

ILLINGWORTH, GEORGE STANLEY. Private. No 301908. 1/8th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Formerly No 29117 Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Honley. Enlisted by Mr T. A. Thornton of Honley. Died of wounds at Sedgemoor Park Hospital, Old Trafford, Manchester, on 7.5.1917, aged 24 years. Buried St. GEORGE’S CHURCHYARD, BROCKHOLES. Grave location:- E, 42. East of Church. ROH:- Honley War Memorial; Brockholes War Memorial.

Yorkshire Regiment, 18th Brigade, 6th Division, on 30.3.1915, ‘I regret to have to tell you that your son, Private Ineson, was killed in action on the evening of March 28th. A bomb from a trench mortar was flung into the trenches which were occupied by the men of my platoon. It burst, killing your son instantly and wounding four others, one of whom died two hours later. Your son Ben was buried in a churchyard behind the lines. Captain Armitage read the burial service. 15 of his comrades and I attended the burial service. Captain Armitage, comrades and I wish you to accept our sincere sympathy. This will be sad news to you but it is the fortune of war. He was killed whilst doing his duty as a soldier. His personal belongings will be forwarded to you through the usual channel.’ ROH:- Lockwood Baptist Church: Rehoboth Baptist Church; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.


30.10.1914, aged 34. During the research for this book I discovered that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission held no records for this man. Due to the efforts of Esther Barrett Page, of the CWGC, and myself we concluded that George Hamilton Inman had served under the assumed name of George Marsh. His name is now engraved on the MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Almondbury War Memorial.


**IREDALE, EDGAR.** Private. No 4957. 4th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. Born Linthwaite. Only son of Mr and Mrs George E. Iredale, 14 Lower Clough, Linthwaite. Married. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Charles Lockwood and Sons Limited, Blackrock Mills, Linthwaite. Was a member of the Hoyle Ing Working Men’s Club. Enlisted March 1916. Embarked for France in July 1916. Killed in action, 12.10.1916, aged 23 years. Buried COURCELLES-AU-BOIS COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Row A, Grave 2. His wife received a letter from Lieutenant McLeod, who stated that, ‘Private Iredale was one of 40 men whom the writer was in charge of in the firing line. They were engaged in constructing dugouts and in other fatigue duties. It was pure bad luck that Private Iredale was hit during very heavy shelling. He died instantly and was reverently buried behind the lines. He died instanenously and did not suffer any pain’. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


IREDALE, JOHN WILLIAM. Lance Corporal. No 1777. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Slaithwaite. Eldest son of Richard and Clara Iredale, 26 Grove Street, Hill Top, Slaithwaite. Was a teacher at St. James’s Church Sunday School and was a member of the Slaithwaite United Harriers. Employed by Messrs J. E. Crowther, of Marsden. Had been a member of the local Territorials for four years. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action, 9.5.1915, aged 25 years. (He was the first Slaithwaite Territorial to be killed). Buried RUE-DAVID MILITARY CEMETERY, FLEURBAIX. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row H, Grave 7. His younger brother, Lance Corporal GEORGE HENRY IREDALE, who was also serving in the 1/7th Battalion, received the following message from Captain and Adjutant Burberry, ‘I very much regret to have to inform you that your brother Corporal Iredale was killed this morning (Sunday) and is being buried this afternoon in the corner of the convent wall. The Commanding Officer directs me to add that he is extremely sorry that you cannot attend the funeral but he does not consider it advisable for you to do so whilst the shelling is going on.’ ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

IREDALE, THOMAS ALBERT. York and Lancaster Regiment. Lived 183 Rashcliffe Hill Road, Huddersfield. Died after being discharged from the Army on 21.10.1920, from bronchitis and the effects of gas. ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe.

IREDALE, THOMAS. Lance Corporal. No 28794. 7th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Golcar. Son of Sam Iredale, 13 East Street, Golcar. Employed as a wheeler by Messrs G. N. Whiteley of Milnsbridge. Attended Golcar Baptist Chapel and was a member of the Outlane Harriers. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Arras, 14.5.1917, aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Golcar Baptist Church; St. John’s Church, Golcar.


IVES, ROBERT HENRY. Private. No 3/10220. 9th Battalion Norfolk Regiment. Husband of Amy Ives, 58 Cowrakes Road, Lindley, Huddersfield. Demobilized from the army on 9.2.1919. Died of pneumonia in Huddersfield Royal Infirmary on 10.5.1921, aged 44 years. Buried St. STEPHEN’S CHURCHYARD, LINDLEY. Grave location:- 6, Z.


JACKSON, GEORGE WILLIAM. Lance Corporal. No 305256. 2/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Albion Street, Nottingham, 20.8.1897. Son of Inspector and Mrs Sarah Ann Jackson, 30 Hawthorne Terrace, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. Educated St. Paul’s School, Huddersfield. Employed as a colour blender by Messrs Kaye and Stewart Limited. Single. Enlisted 4.8.1914. Reported to have been killed by machine gun fire in Bourlon Wood whilst attending to wounded on 27.11.1917, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private JOHN JACKSON, died of wounds, 10.6.1918, q.v.). ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


JACKSON, JAMES. Private. No 3/6959. 7th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. Born Hull. Married, with five children. Lived 106 Church Lane, Moldgreen. Employed as a loader by the London and North Western Railway Company in...
the goods yard at Huddersfield Railway Station. Killed in action, 29.10.1915, aged 28 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENINGATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His widow received a letter from Captain G. East King, Officer Commanding ‘D’ Company, who wrote, ‘I feel that not only have I lost a good soldier and my own servant but a true friend as well, as he was one of the true and straightest men I have ever met. I shall miss him fearfully and could ill afford to lose him. What else can I say to help you to bear up in this sad time I do not know but in time both you and his children will be proud to remember that he died doing his duty like a hero to help in protecting you at home against the horrors of war in our own land. All my brother Officers who admired him and liked him join with me in assuring you of our deepest sympathy in your sad trouble.’ ROH:- Moldgreen War Memorial; London and North Western Railway Roll.


JAGGER, JOHN HERBERT. Private. No 12391. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Halifax. Lived Honley. Killed by a bomb in the German lines on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1.7.1916, aged 27 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIENVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Honley War Memorial; Armitage Bridge War Memorial; Salendine Nook Baptist Chapel.


JAMES, HENRY IVOR. Sergeant. No 291824. (R.E.R./CH/B/7551 Royal Navy. ‘D’ Company, ‘Hood’ Battalion, Royal Naval Division. Born Bradford. 10.7.1881. Husband of Mary Ellen Jackson, 199 Lockwood Road, Huddersfield. Employed as a stoker at Messrs Gledhill Brothers and Company Limited, Lockwood Road. On April 6th, 1899, he enlisted in the Royal Navy and on April 22nd, 1911, he enrolled in the Royal Fleet Reserve. On 3.8.1914, he was mobilised from the R.E.R. and in October, 1914, he served at the Siege of Antwerp. Killed in action at the Third Battle of Krithia, Gallipoli, on 4.6.1915, aged 33 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. At the beginning of July, 1916, Mrs Jackson received a letter from the Record Office, Royal Naval Division, stating that her husband was now officially accepted as dead, ‘It has been assumed that he was killed in action when serving with the Hood Battalion, Royal Naval Division, on the Gallipoli Peninsula upon the 4.6.1915. Previously he has only been officially reported as missing.’ ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood.


JEFFERSON, DONALD PERCY. Private. No 2908. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Blacker Road North, Birkby, 28.9.1891. Son of Frederick Henry and Mary Jane Jefferson, Arnold Street, Birkby. Educated at Huddersfield Higher Grade School. Attended Birkby Baptist Church and Sunday School. Had been Sunday School Secretary for six years. Employed as an accountant’s clerk. Single. Enlisted 2.9.1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action at Croix Marechal, near Fleurbaix, on 15.5.1915, aged 23 years. Buried RUE-DAVID MILITARY CEMETERY, FLEURBAIX. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 17. A letter from one his comrades describes what happened, ‘Our last four days in the trenches was the most awful of our experience. The casualties in our Company alone were 4 killed and 6 injured but thank God the rest of the Birkby chaps came through injured. On Thursday night we received orders that we had to open rapid fire at 1am for three minutes, then two minutes silence, then two minutes more rapid fire. All the time our artillery were blazing away behind us. Then the Germans replied with their artillery. On Friday we again received orders to the same effect for five o’clock and nine o’clock Saturday morning. It was our first experience of anything like warfare. The noise was terrific but the worst time of all was at 9am when the German artillery replied to our fire with a vengence. It was at this time that poor Donald was struck, killed instantaneously.’ ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


JELFS, CHARLES EDWARDS. Private. No 21470. 1st Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Born


JENNINGS, GEORGE HENRY. Private. No 10403. 1st Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Sowerby Bridge. Son of the late John Jennings and of Mrs Roebuck, 56 Quarmby Fold, Quarmby. Had been in the army for several years. He was in India at the outbreak of the war and was home on leave at Christmas, 1914. Embarked for France in January, 1915. Killed in action, 13.2.1915, aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His mother received a letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. E. Ingham-Brooke. who wrote, ‘I must regret to inform you that Number 10403 Private H. Jennings was killed in action on the morning of the 13th February. It will I hope be some comfort to you to know that he died a most noble death having dashed out of the trenches to the assistance of a wounded comrade. It was whilst he was helping this wounded man that he was unfortunately shot dead by the enemy. He gave his life to help his comrade. It is impossible to do anything more noble. Offering you my deepest sympathy believe me.’ ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Lindley.

JENNINGS, THOMAS. Private. 18th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Son of Mrs Norah Jennings, 33 Rosemary Lane, Huddersfield. Educated St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic School, Huddersfield. Employed as a Slater’s labourer. Married. At the time of enlistment, was living at 44 Manchester Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted 22.1.1916. Died at home, 33 Rosemary Lane, Huddersfield, of bronchitis and pneumonia on 29.1.1921.

JEPSON, HAROLD WILKINSON. Private. No TR5/61940. 30th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Formerly 85th Training Reserve


JESSOP, LEWIS HALLAS. Private. No 4262. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Lascelles Hall, Lepton, in 1892. Adopted son of Mrs Isabella Armitage, 30a Victoria Road, Lockwood. Educated Lepton National School. Employed as a greengrocer by Mr O. Littlewood, fruiterer, of Victoria Lane. Enlisted October 1915. Wounded in the left shoulder during the Battle of the Somme. Died on board the hospital ship 'Asturias', 8.7.1916, during the voyage to England. He was 23 years of age. Death was due to shell wounds in the left shoulder and gangrene. Buried NETLEY MILITARY CEMETERY, HAMPSHIRE. Grave location:- CE, 1802. ROH:- St. Stephen's Church, Rashcliffe; St. Paul's Church, Southgate, Huddersfield; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

JOHNSON, ARNOLD. Sergeant. No 175027. 1/1st Battalion Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons. Born Huddersfield. Died, 21.5.1918, at No 10 Stationary Hospital, St. Omer. Buried LONGUENESSE (ST OMER) SOUVENIR CEMETERY. Grave Location:- Plot 5, Row B, Grave 23.
JOHNSON, BERNARD COPESTAKE. Lieutenant. 2/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Lived Holmfirth. Had been Headmaster of Holmfirth National School for seven years prior to enlistment. Trained at St. John’s College, Battersea and commenced as a teacher in London in 1900, remaining there for six years. He then took up a post at Kirkham, Lancashire before starting as Headmaster at Holmfirth National School. Married, with two children. Enlisted, 2.10.1914, and received his commission in the 7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment in September, 1915. Was wounded during the Battle of the Somme, in July 1916, and returned to France a fortnight before he was killed, during the Battle of Arras, on 14.5.1917, aged 37 years. Buried ECOUST MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row A, Grave 38. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


JOHNSON, JOSEPH. Private. No 22719. 8th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Lived Moortown Road, Thornton Lodge, Huddersfield. Prior to enlistment lived 3 Huntingdon Bank, West Street, Rochdale. Employed as a plate-layer on the Lancashire and Yorkshire railway. Was married in April 1915. Reported missing, presumed killed, during the Battle of the Somme on 15.7.1916. He was 23 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.


JONES, CHARLES. Corporal. No 11246. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Rhyl, North Wales, 7.5.1895. Son of William Thomas and Florence Jones, 6 Broomfield Road, Marsh. Educated Brownlow Fold Council School, Bolton, Lancashire. Employed as an apprentice motor trimmer. Played for three seasons with the Great Northern Street Sunday School team. At the time of enlistment, was living at 21 Sufton Street, Birkby. Enlisted 23.8.1914. Killed in action at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, 21.8.1915, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Great Northern Street Congregational Chapel; Marsh War Memorial.


JONES, GEORGE VICTOR, DCM. DSM. Company Sergeant Major. No 240222. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment.Born The Tower, Middlesex. Married. Lived 27 Garforth Street, Aspley, Huddersfield. After serving twelve years with the Gordon Highlanders he joined the Huddersfield Territorials. Employed by Messrs Read Holliday and Sons. Was mobilised on 4.8.1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action near Rheims, 23.7.1918, aged 32 years. Awarded the DCM on 3.9.1918. The official citation in the London Gazette reads, ‘for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When strong enemy attacks were being made at night against his Company, and there was some confusion, be rallied the men and successfully drove out the enemy under intense machine gun and rifle fire.’ Buried MARFAUX BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 10, Row I, Grave 4. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.


JONES, RICHARD CYRIL. Private. No 8032. 7th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Newtown, Montgomery, North Wales, 27.10.1897. Son of Mr and Mrs William
2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment leaving Dublin. They sailed for France on 14th August 1914.

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Officers of the 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment, Dublin, August 1914.

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Soldiers from 9th Duke of Wellington’s Regiment in camp before mobilisation November 1914 before receiving their uniforms.

Soldiers of the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment prior to mobilisation in 1914.

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Instituted by Royal Warrant in the London Gazette of 9th November, 1886. Awarded for “rewarding individual instances of meritorious or distinguished services in war”, to junior Officers, who were not eligible for the CB, and Brevet rank was not appropriate. On 1st January, 1917, an order was issued to all commanders in the Field that the DSO should, as far as possible, be restricted to the ‘fighting services’.

MILITARY CROSS (MC)
Instituted by Royal Warrant on 28th December, 1914, announced in the London Gazette of 1st January, 1915. To be awarded to Officers whose distinguished and meritorious service had been brought to the attention of the King. “No person shall be eligible…. unless he is a Captain, Commissioned Officer of lower grade, or a Warrant Officer.”

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL (DCM)
Inaugurated 4th December, 1854, to reward Other Ranks with a medal and gratuity for “distinguished or gallant conduct in the Field”. Originally limited to one Sergeant, four Corporals and 10 Privates per Battalion sized unit.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)
Instituted 14th October, 1914. Awarded to petty officers and ratings of the Royal Navy, NCOs and other ranks of the Royal Marines….for acts of bravery not sufficiently meritorious to make them eligible for the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal. Later extended to cover the Merchant Navy and Army.

MILITARY MEDAL (MM)
Instituted by Royal Warrant on 25th March, 1916, for “the appreciation of acts of gallantry and devotion to duty performed by non-commissioned officers and men for individual and associated acts of bravery on the recommendation of a Commander-in-Chief in the Field.”

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (MSM)
The MSM for the Army was introduced on 19 December, 1845, to recognise Meritorious Service by Sergeants and other Senior NCOs. As an annuity was also paid, the number of medals issued each year was limited. The ribbon design was altered in 1916, with white edges to the crimson ribbon being authorised, and again in 1917, when a centre stripe was introduced.
CAMPAIGN MEDALS

1914 STAR
This bronze star was authorised in April, 1917, by King George V, to be awarded to those who had served in France or Belgium on the strength of a unit, or service in either of those two countries between 5th August to midnight on 22nd November 1914 inclusive.

In October, 1919, the King sanctioned the award of a clasp sewn onto the ribbon, bearing the dates ‘5th AUG. – 22nd NOV. 1914’, to this Star to all who had been under fire in France or Belgium during, or between, the above dates. Recipients who received the medal with the clasp were also entitled to wear a small silver rose in the centre of the ribbon when the medal was not worn.

An estimated 380,000 ‘Mons Stars’ were issued.

1914–15 STAR
This bronze medal was authorised in December, 1918. It is very similar to the 1914 Star but was issued to a much wider range of recipients. It was awarded to all who served in any theatre of war against the Central Powers between 5th August 1914 and 31st December 1915 (apart from those who had been awarded the 1914 Star).

An estimated 2.4 million of these medals were issued.

THE BRITISH WAR MEDAL, 1914–18
The medal (in silver or bronze) was authorised on 26th July, 1919, and awarded to officers and men of the British and Imperial Forces who either entered a theatre of war or entered service overseas between 5th August 1914 and 11th November 1918 inclusive. This was later extended to services in Russia, Siberia and some other areas in 1919 and 1920.

Approximately 6.5 million British War Medals were issued.

ALLIED VICTORY MEDAL, 1914–18
This bronze medal was awarded to all who received the 1914 or 1914–15 Star and, with certain exceptions, to those who received the British War Medal. Those who were mentioned in Despatches were allowed to wear an oak leaf on the ribbon.

Approximately 5.7 million Victory Medals were issued.

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Medals and Death Plaque of Private Stafford Pogson (image supplied by Alan Stansfield).

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Trench map of Bullecourt in 1918.

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**JOWITT, VINCENT.** Private. No 24355. 1st Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Wortley, Sheffield. Son of Titus and Rosina Caroline Jowitt of Storrs Farm, Wortley, Sheffield. Was an assistant on the staff of the Emley Council School. Lodged with Mrs S. Clegg at Church Street, Emley. Enlisted January 1916. Had been serving in Salonica for seven weeks when he was killed on 11.10.1916, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated **DOIRAN MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING, GREECE.** ROH:- Emley War Memorial.


**JURY, REGINALD.** 2nd Lieutenant. 4th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Marsh 4.11.1893. Son of Francis and Emma Jury, 16 Elmfield Road, Birkby. Educated Fartown Grammar School. Was a member of the firm of Messrs F. Jury and Company, woollen merchants. Single. Joined the local Territorial battalion in 1910. Enlisted August, 1914, and embarked for France as a Private in April, 1915. Was invalided home in October, 1915, and, after a period of convalescence, went to a Reserve Battalion at Clipstone Camp, where he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant-Instructor in signalling. He was gazetted as Second Lieutenant in the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment on 28th March, 1917, and returned to France in May, 1917. Was attending a course at the Signal School, Dunkirk, when that town was subjected to an enemy air raid on September 29th, 1917. Was severely wounded on that day and taken to the Queen Alexandra’s Hospital at Malo-les-Bains, where he died of wounds on 6.10.1917, aged 23 years. Buried **MALO-LES-BAINS COMMUNAL CEMETARY.**


second time on 29.3.1918. Reported missing near Rheims on 20.7.1918 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Buried BOUILLY CROSSROADS MILITARY CEMETERY. 
Grave location:- Plot 1, Row D, Grave 6. ROH:- Hepworth and Scholes War Memorial


KAYE, ARTHUR PERCY. Private. No 266685. ‘B’ Company, 6th Battalion Gordon Highlanders. Born Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs Sam Kaye, 235 Quarmby Road, Lindley. Employed as a warehouseman by Messrs Martin Sons and Company Limited of Lindley. Attended Oakes Baptist Sunday School and was a member of the Young Men’s Class. Died of wounds at No 26 General Hospital, 25.4.1917, aged 23 years. Buried ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. 
Grave location:- Plot 29, Row J, Grave 9a. 
ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Lindley.

KAYE, CHARLES WILLIAM DONALDSON. 
Son of Mrs Jane Anne Keighley, Greenhead Hall, Dalton. Educated Ripon Grammar School. For some time he was an engineer onboard one of the mail boats of the Union Castle Line and later became a director of Messrs Lockwood and Keighley Limited, Upperhead Mills, Huddersfield. Married in 1915. (His wife died in July 1918). Held a commission with the 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment but had to retire on account of ill health. Enlisted in the Royal Navy in October, 1915. Died, 10.2.1917, on board HMS Juno from pneumonia. Buried MUSCAT NEW NAVAL CEMETERY, OMAN, PERSIAN GULF. Grave location:- 3, 4. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton.


ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial.


ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton;
Learoyd Brothers.


His mother received a letter from Private A. E. Hutchison of the same platoon as her son. He wrote a description of Private Kaye's movements, 'He was coming from the trenches with Private Fletcher of Cheadle, Staffordshire, who gave me the information as he belonged to 'Y' Company and mine is 'X'. They had been detailed off to stay behind and give the relieving men knowledge of the positions and how it worked. They came to a dugout lower down and stayed there until four in the afternoon. They set off to join the Company and had not gone far when Neddy, as they called him, fell forward on his face. Private Fletcher at once attended to him but he only breathed once. He died a painless death. At the same time it was most unlucky as it was a stray bullet and according to some Northumberland Fusiliers stretcher-bearers who were passing it was through his heart. He is buried close by and will have a cross with name and number to mark his grave. Private Fletcher says he handed his pay-book, etc, to the Officer. It was most unlucky as the place is scarcely ever free from shell fire but rifle fire is very rare. I have also gone for water myself during the day over the same ground when bad for a drink. I should not risk snipers if I risk shells.'

ROH:- New Mill Working Men's Club;
Fulstone War Memorial.


ROH:- Christ Church, Moldgreen.


Almondbury War Memorial.


ROH:- New Mill Working Men's Club;
Fulstone War Memorial.

(Son of Private OLIVER KAYE, reported missing, 3.9.1916, q.v.). ROH:- High Street United Methodist Church: Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


Hade Edge, Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs H. Kaye, Folly Farm, Hade Edge. Educated Hade Edge Council School. Employed at Washpit Mills, Holmfirth. Enlisted during the latter part of 1915 and trained at Clipstone Camp. Embarked for France in May, 1916. Suffered from trench feet but returned to his Regiment after seven weeks. Was gassed in September, 1916. Invalided to England with Enteric Fever in January, 1918. Returned to France in April, 1918. Suffered a serious gunshot wound to the neck a fortnight later. Died of wounds at No 8 British Red Cross Hospital, 1.5.1918. Buried BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 9, Row B, Grave 11. ROH:- Hade Edge War Memorial.


COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- All Hallows Church, Kirkburton; Thurstonland War Memorial.


KEIR, EDWARD HUGH. Lieutenant. 3rd Battalion King’s Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, attached 16th Squadron Royal Flying Corps. Born Huddersfield. Son of Samuel and Anne Keir of ‘Rossmore’, Scotforth Road, Lancaster. Educated at the Lancaster Royal Grammar School. Was commissioned into the King’s Own Royal Lancaster Regiment in December, 1914, whilst serving in the Officers’ Training Corps at the Lancaster Royal Grammar School. Served for some time on the Staff of the Southern Command School of Instruction at Tidworth. He transferred to the Royal Flying Corps in March, 1917, and embarked for France in August, 1917. Killed in action, in an air combat in the area Souchez - Carency on 28.10.1917, aged 20 years. Buried AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location: Plot 6, Row J, Grave 2. ROH:- Brighouse War Memorial.


KELLY, DANIEL. Private. No 11967. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Castlegate, Huddersfield, 10.7.1878. Educated St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic School, Huddersfield. Lived with his married sister, Mrs Mary Ellen Pinnance, 1 Hawk Street, Huddersfield. Had worked for ten years as out porter at the Huddersfield Railway Station. Had served for three years with the Royal Garrison Artillery and, during part of that time, was in India. Single. Enlisted 21.8.1914. Died of wounds (gas) received at Hill 60 on 5.5.1915, aged 33 years. Buried LARCH WOOD (RAILWAY CUTTING) CEMETERY, ZILLEBEKE, BELGIUM. Grave location: Plot 2, Row C, Grave 4.


KELLY, JAMES WILLIAM. Private. No 241358. 10th Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Born Huddersfield. Son of Thomas and Grace Kelsall, 91 Wellington Street, Oakes, Huddersfield. Educated at Ashbourne, Manchester and Huddersfield schools. Employed as a beamer in a woollen mill. Married, with six children. Lived 37 Back Dock Street, Huddersfield. Had served 12 years in the 2nd Battalion K.O.Y.L.I. and re-enlisted in September, 1914. As the 2nd Battalion had suffered great losses during the retreat from Mons he was attached to the 6th Battalion. Died of epilepsy at No 17 Casualty Clearing Station, 1.2.1916. Buried LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY.


KENNEDY, NORMAN. Private. No 366836. 1/6th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born


KENNY, ARTHUR. (Real Name - KILKELLY). Private. No 11939. ‘Y’ Company, 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born March. Only son of Mrs Kilkelly, Prospect Street, Huddersfield, and the late Sergeant Kilkelly, who had served for 21 years in the Army and went through the Egyptian war. Employed for four and a half years for Messrs James Haigh and Sons Limited, dyers and finishers, Globe Works, Colne Road, Huddersfield. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Was wounded on 24.11.1915, in Gallipoli, by a bullet which passed in at the back and lodged just above the heart. Evacuated to England where he died of his wounds at Birmingham War Hospital on 13.12.1915, aged 24 years. Buried EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 11B, 115.


Hepworth and Scholes War Memorial; Hepworth Church.


KENWORTHY, WILFRED. Private. No 35591. 26th (Tyneside Irish) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Formerly No 37534 Durham Light Infantry. Born Halifax. Son of Hugh and Alice Kenworthy, 7 Glen Royd, Marsden. Employed as a weaver at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Enlisted July 1916. Embarked for France in October, 1916. Reported missing, 28.4.1917 and afterwards presumed to have died on that date, aged 28. Buried BROWN'S COPSE CEMETERY, ROEUX. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row E, Grave 18. His mother received a letter from a comrade, written on 26.5.1917, ‘I am sorry to say that Wilfred was seriously wounded by a sniper. The bullet entered his left eye and passed through his head. He was unconscious whilst I was with him. I reported his case to the Officer. I am anxious to know whether he is recovering but have not heard of him since. It must be a terrible blow to you but I hope it may be lessened if possible by the fact that he fought for liberty, home and country. He was esteemed very highly here by all who knew him and his dearest chums miss him sadly.’ ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.


KENYON, WILLIE. Private. No 24363. 2/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born South Street, Huddersfield, 2.12.1890. Son of Mr and Mrs J. B. Taylor, 8 Marsh Terrace, Marsh. Educated Portland Street Church School. Employed as a cloth finisher by Messrs Jennens, Welch and Company, of Springwood Street, Huddersfield. Husband of Elsie Kenyon, 21 Bankfield Road, off Manchester Road, Huddersfield. Attended Holy Trinity Church and was a member of the choir for eight years. Enlisted 2.12.1915. Was killed by a sniper whilst acting as battalion runner somewhere in the lines near Cambrai on 27.11.1917, aged 26 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield.


KEWLEY, FRED. Private. No 235292. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Eldest son of Thomas Arthur and Frances Kewley, Holme Mill Cottages, Marsden. Attended Lingards Wood Bottom Sunday School. Employed as a woollen piecer by Messrs Charles Lockwood and Sons Limited, Black Rock Mills, Linthwaite. Enlisted November 1916. Embarked for France 1.3.1917. Was wounded and taken prisoner during the Battle of Arras on 3.5.1917. Taken to Cassel, Germany. He wrote home in June, 1917, stating that he was wounded in the leg and was a prisoner in Germany. Died of wounds as a Prisoner of War on 10.10.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Marsden War Memorial; St. James Church, Slaithwaite.


Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His parents received a letter from their younger son, Private GEORGE KILLARNEY, who wrote on 24.8.1915, ‘I am sorry to tell you, in fact I don’t know how to put it, but our John died from wounds yesterday. He was asleep in a dugout when a shell hit it and it fell in. His pal Jack and two more comrades began digging him out and another shell burst and wounded the two comrades. They telephoned up to me about 3 o’clock in the afternoon and told me my brother was wounded. I went down to the place straight away but when I got there he was unconscious. I stopped there up to the last. I saw him put away in a decent grave. There was one blessing Mother, that he did not know anything about it. He got his parcel alright yesterday morning, I got the photos out of his pocket. They are sending the rest of his things, such as his purse, pouch, etc. I have his cigarette case and watch. I think this is all Mother. I hope God will help you all to bear up. Just break it gently to my Father. I cannot write anymore now. With best love to you all, I am your broken hearted son, George.’ ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


KILNER, WILLIAM. Corporal. No 24767 49th Battalion Machine Gun Corps. Formerly No 473 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Greinton, Somerset. Son of Mr and Mrs A. Reid, 284 Manchester Road, Milnsbridge. Employed by Messrs Fred Calverley and Company Limited, Milnsbridge. Had served four years with the Colne Valley Territorials and was mobilised at the outbreak of the war. Killed in action near Cambrai, 11.10.1918, aged 25 years. Buried WELLINGTON CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row B, Grave 1. ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial.


KINDER, STUART WHITEHEAD. Sergeant. No 151. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Marsden. Son of Mr and Mrs Samuel Kinder, The Grove, Marsden. Husband of Elsie Kinder, Rough Lee, Marsden. Educated Marsden National School and also attended Huddersfield Technical College. He was then a teacher at Thurnscoe, near Barnsley, for about two months after which he became assistant master at Kirkheaton National School for about 18 months. He then went to Bradford as manager of a coal business for Mr Harrop Moseley, formerly Headmaster at Kirkheaton, but returned
to the teaching profession at Slaithwaite National School for twelve months. He then became assistant master at Marsden National School and had been there for six months when the Territorials were mobilised. He was a member of the choir at St. Bartholomew’s Church, Marsden. He was a keen footballer and cricketer, being a playing member of Marsden Cricket Club and also a member of the Marsden Liberal Club. Enlisted in the local Territorials in 1908. Was mobilised at the outbreak of the war. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Wounded in the left leg on 26.10.1915. Died of wounds at No 17 Casualty Clearing Station on 27.10.1915, aged 27 years. Buried LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1. Row B. Grave 36a. His wife received the following letter from the Church of England Chaplain, the Rev. D. Tait-Patterson, who wrote, ‘I am sorry to send the sad news of your husband’s death. He came here on the 26th with his leg severely shattered. He was in a very weak condition when he wrote to you having lost a considerable amount of blood. We did our best for him, amputating the leg in the hope of saving his life. But he gradually sank until he died last night. I saw a good deal of him and learned to like him. He will be buried this afternoon by the Church of England Chaplain, the Rev. McKea, in a military cemetery one and half miles south of Poperinge, Belgium. May God strengthen you in the sad loss you have met and may the memory of a brave man, who died with you in his thoughts, cheer the weary hours that await you.’ ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.


Terrace, Lindley Moor. Employed as a woollen spinner by Messrs Frederick Peckett and Sons Limited, Oakes, Huddersfield. Was a member of the Outlane Brass Band. Attended Outlane United Methodist Sunday School. Enlisted 14.11.1916. Played cornet in the band of the South Staffordshire Regiment. Died of wounds at No 56 Casualty Clearing Station on 23.3.1918, aged 24 years. Buried DERNANCOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row J, Grave 58. ROH:- Bethel United Methodist Church, Outlane; Brighouse War Memorial.


KNIGHT, FRED. Lance Corporal. 12th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Born Almondbury. Son of George and Emma Knight, 5 Westgate, Almondbury. Employed by his father in the family greengrocery business. Enlisted May 1916. Embarked for France on 26.10.1916. He was leaving the trenches for home leave when he was killed by a sniper on 19.10.1917, aged 23 years. Buried RAILWAY DUGOUTS (TRANSPORT FARM) BURIAL GROUND. Grave location:- Plot 7, Row F, Grave 25. ROH:- Almondbury War Memorial; memorial in Almondbury Cemetery.


KNOWLES, HARRY WILFRED, MC. Lieutenant. 1st, attached 11th, Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born 4.8.1877. Son of Richard and Margaret Knowles, of Kirkburton. Lived 61 Ashbrow Road, Fartown, Huddersfield. Served in China, South Africa and India. Was serving with the 1st Indian Cavalry Division and, when war broke out in August 1914, immediately sailed for France. Wounded twice. Awarded the Military Cross for ‘conspicuous gallantry in action. With a party of men be cut eight lanes through the barbed wire in order to assist the infantry advance. Later he carried out several daring patrols, and obtained most valuable information.’ (London Gazette, 25th November, 1916). Killed in action, 8.6.1917, aged 39 years. Buried RAILWAY DUGOUTS (TRANSPORT FARM) BURIAL GROUND. Grave location:- Plot 7, Row N, Grave 5. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill.


LACY, WILLIAM BRAITHWAITE. 2nd Lieutenant. 15th (County of London) Battalion The London Regiment (Prince of Wales’s Own, Civil Service Rifles). Born Goole. Son of George Hudson Lacy and Jane Lacy, 157 Old Road, Birkby. Died of wounds, 14.12.1917, aged 28 years. Buried ROCQUIGNY-EQUANCOURT ROAD BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 8, Row A, Grave 27. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; commemorated on his parents’ headstone in Edgerton Cemetery, Huddersfield.


LANGRICK, CHARLES LINDLEY. Private. No 1939. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Barrow-in-Furness. Son of Benjamin and Marion Thirza Langrick, 55 Birch Road, Berry Brow. Educated Almondbury Grammar School. Employed at the Huddersfield office of the London, Liverpool and Globe Insurance Company. Was a sidesman at Armitage Bridge Church. Played tennis with the Armitage Bridge Tennis Club. Had served three years with the local Territorials before the war. Was mobilised on the outbreak of war. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Was wounded by a sniper in the neck, 22.8.1915, as he was walking along one of the advanced trenches, where he lay until dark when he was brought out at great risk by volunteers from his Battalion. The
wound was not considered likely to prove fatal at the time. He was removed to No 17 Casualty Clearing Station, where he died of his wounds on 23.8.1915, aged 20. Buried LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row C, Grave 25. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Armitage Bridge War Memorial.


LAWRENCE, MATTHEW. Private. No 2399. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Tadcaster 15.2.1892. Son of Mr and Mrs Matthew Lawrence, 21 South Parade, Huddersfield. Educated Spring Grove Council School. Employed as an overlooker by Messrs J. Lumb and Sons Limited, Folly Hall. Single. Was a member of the local Territorials prior to the outbreak of the war. Enlisted August 1914. Embarked for France April 1915. Killed by a sniper at La Bassee, 23.8.1915, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His parents received a letter from the Captain of their son’s Company, dated August 24th, 1915. It reads as follows, ‘It is my sad duty to inform you of the death in action of your son, Private Matthew Lawrence, No 2399, who was killed last evening. He was standing talking to Sergeant Grayson in a part of the trench which is considered practically safe from rifle fire when both were instantaneously killed by what must have been a stray long distance bullet. Sergeant Grayson was bit first, the bullet passing through his neck and into your son’s head. It is particularly distressing to lose two such men in so unfortunate a way. A double grave was dug by comrades a few yards in the rear of the trenches and they were buried side by side after dark, the funeral being attended by several of their friends and Officers. I trust you will accept my deepest sympathy with you in your loss.’ (The grave must have been destroyed in later fighting.). ROH:- St. Thomas’s Church, Longroyd Bridge.

LAWTON, HAROLD. Signaller. No 241545. 9th Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Born Primrose Hill, Huddersfield, 9.1.1897. Son of Alderman Fred and Elizabeth Lawton, 71 Perseverance Street, Primrose Hill. Educated Stile Common Council School. Employed in his father’s business as a yarn spinner at Lockwood Mills. Attended Primrose Hill United Methodist Church and was a member of the Young Men’s Class. Single. Enlisted September 1915. Wounded 27.4.1918. Died of wounds at No 7 General Hospital, Boulogne, on 4.5.1918, aged 20 years. Buried BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 9, Row B, Grave 41.

LAWTON, WILLIAM. Private. No 241369. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs Sam Lawton, Woodland View, Brockholes. Assisted his father as scribbling engineer at Rock Mills, Brockholes. Was a member of the bible class at Brockholes Church. Enlisted October 1915. Embarked for France in the New Year, 1916. Reported missing in the attack on the Schwaben Redoubt on 3.9.1916 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

A letter was received by William’s brother from Corporal Brierley who had been in the attack on 3.9.1916 and was in hospital in England who wrote, ‘Well Willie was in my section and he went over with me on the 3rd September on the Sunday morning at 5.5.am. We reached the German first and second lines in quick time and we were there for some time when they started to shell us very heavily and I lost my men nearby. Your brother was in the second line when he was killed with two other men. They all died together I am sorry to say. Willie was a great pal of mine, we had spent some time in the trenches together. You will see where I am and I should like to see you.’ ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial.

LEAKE, FRED. Private. No 28383. 9th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Holme, Holmfirth. Son of Alfred Leake, Hogley Green Farm, Holmfirth. Educated Holme National School. Assisted his father on the family farm and was also a weaver at Digley Mills. Enlisted April 1916. Killed in action during the Battle of Arras on 13.4.1917, aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His father received the following letter from Captain Griffin, of the R.A.M.C., who wrote, ‘It will be some consolation to you in your great loss to know that since he belonged to my section he has always behaved himself in the most gallant manner and only a fortnight ago his conduct was brought before the notice of the General.’ He then describes the particular movement in which Private Leake met his death. ‘The Battalion had broken through the German lines and the men were resting in a newly won trench when we were subjected to very heavy shelling. Four men were badly wounded and, despite the fact that it was almost certain death to go into that part of the trench, Private Leake immediately ran up and started to dress the wounds of the fallen. Another large shell then burst quite near him and he was struck through the heart and died before I could reach him.’ ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Honley War Memorial; Brockholes War Memorial.

LEE, ARNOLD THOMAS. 2nd Lieutenant. 87th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Son of Mr and Mrs Job Lee, Ashfield House, Thongsbridge. Educated Wooldale Council School. Attended the Lydgate Unitarian Church and was organist there up to the time of his enlistment. Employed firstly in the office of Messrs Kidd, Mellor and Fletcher of Holmfirth and then by Mr F. Sheard, accountant and auditor, Kirkgate, Huddersfield. Enlisted November 1915. Was gazetted as an Officer in October 1917. Was married in October, 1917, to Miss Charlotte Sarah Evans, daughter of the Rev. M. Evans, pastor at Lydgate Unitarian Church. Killed in action near Arras on 1.9.1918 aged 26 years. Buried ACHICOURT ROAD CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row D, Grave 1. His widow received the following letter from Major White, the Officer commanding her late husband’s siege battery, ‘It is with great grief that we record the fact that Second Lieutenant Arnold Thomas Lee was killed in action this morning, September 1st, at about 4.15am. Lieutenant Lee was on duty at the time in the Battery, which was exposed to very severe artillery fire when he was killed instantly. Lieutenant Lee was an excellent Officer and was always one of the first
to do a dangerous piece of work and was greatly admired by all his brother Officers. The Battery was taking part in one of the greatest battles of the war at the time.’ ROH:- Wooldale War Memorial.


LEE, GEORGE. Private. No 1985. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Batley. Husband of Agnes Lee, 53 Station Road, Holywell Green, Halifax, and later of 3 Shady Row, Meltham. Killed in action, 4.11.1915, aged 21 years. Buried BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row D, Grave 22. (His father and two brothers were also serving in the Army at the time of his death). ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham; St. Andrew’s Church, Stainsland; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

LEE, GEORGE HENRY. Private. No 15815. 2/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Eldest son of Mr and Mrs Tom Lee. Husband of Nancy Lee, Highwood Lane, Kirkburton. Employed as a miner by Messrs Stringer and Jagger, Emley Collieries. Enlisted February 1915. Went to the Dardenelles in August, 1915. Saw service in Egypt and then in France. Reported missing at the Battle of Cambrai on 20.11.1917 and afterwards was presumed to have been killed on that date. He was 21 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.


LEE, DCM and Bar, died of wounds, 7.11.1918, q.v.). ROH:- Marsh War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield.


LEE, PERCY RICHARD. Private. No 40787. 2/5th Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment. Born Spring Street, Huddersfield, 3.3. 1882. Son of Mrs Walter Lee, 5 Back Thornhill, Longwood. Educated Holy Trinity School, Huddersfield. Employed as a beamer by Messrs John Crowther and Sons, Stanley Mills, Milnsbridge. Single. Reported wounded and missing on 26.9.1917 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private TOM WALKER LEE, died of wounds, 19.11.1916, q.v.). ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood; Salendine Nook Baptist Church.

LEE, STEPHEN HARGILL, DCM and BAR. Sergeant. No 240076. Born Marsh 25.5.1894. Son of Henry and Ada E. Lee, 6 Springfield Place, Marsh. Educated Holy Trinity School, Huddersfield. Employed as a presser by Messrs W. P. Willis and Company. Single. Enlisted 4.8.1914. Awarded the DCM in January, 1918, ‘for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Always cheerful and absolutely fearless he was ever ready to undertake any dangerous duty, going out on four occasions and bringing in missing men. His courage and resource when in charge of an advanced Lewis gun post, under trying circumstances were magnificent. (London Gazette 17.4.1918). Awarded a bar to the DCM in December 1918 for, ‘magnificent courage and good leadership during the attack on St. Python on 20.10.1918. Throughout the action he showed the greatest dash and when his platoon was held up by machine gun fire from a post containing two guns and at a barricade at a crossroad he crawled forward, covered by the fire of the platoon, and with only one other man rushed the barricade, himself killing two of the enemy, while his men completed the capture of the post and guns. Later he again encountered strong opposition from a post containing two trench mortars and a machine gun held by 20 of the enemy, killing and capturing the whole post. He at once led a bayonet charge on the position, killing and capturing the whole post. This NCO’s fearless determination swept down the enemy’s resistance at a time when the fortunes of the attack were in the balance and his fine example was a great factor in the complete success of the attack.’ (London Gazette 12.3.1919). Killed in action at Mequignies, near Maubeuge, on 7.11.1918, aged 24 years. Was buried originally in MECQUIGNIES CHURCHYARD but he was re-interred in MAUBEUGE CENTRE CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row B, Grave 17. (Brother of Private HENRY LEE, died of wounds, 22.10.1917, and Private JOHN (JACK) LEE, who died of wounds, 29.5.1915, q.v.). ROH:- Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row G, Grave 28. ROH:- Salendine Nook Baptist Church.


LEES, FRED. Private. No 35202. 5th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Marsden. Son of Harry and Martha Hannah Lees, 7 Grange Avenue, Marsden. Killed in action, 11.4.1918, aged 18 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.

LEIGH, WILLIAM HENRY. Private. Malay States Volunteer Rifles. Born Almondbury, Huddersfield 6.10.1889. Son of Joseph and Ellen Leigh, 38 Wormald Street, Almondbury. Educated Almondbury Church of England School and Huddersfield Technical College. After leaving school was employed as a barrister’s clerk by Mr J. H. Dransfield. At the age of 21 he secured a position with Messrs Guthrie and Sons, foreign and colonial rubber merchants, of London. After nine months he went out to Singapore to work on one of the Singapore and Penang rubber plantations. At the outbreak of war in Europe he wanted to return home to Huddersfield as he had been a member of the local Territorials but was persuaded to stay in Singapore and join the Malay States Volunteer Rifles. Was killed during the Singapore Mutiny on 15.2.1915, aged 25 years. Buried KRANJI WAR CEMETERY, SINGAPORE. Grave location:- Special Memorial B 4. ROH:- Great Northern Street Congregational Chapel; St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield.


21 Mitre Street, Marsh, Huddersfield. Discharged from the army due to the effects of war service, 14.11.1917. Died from heart disease on 22.4.1922.

LEVETT, FREDERICK WALTER. Drummer. No 8277. 2nd Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. Born Cumberland Street, London, in January, 1883. Son of Alfred William and Caroline Levett, 9 Commercial Square, Huddersfield. Educated St. Paul’s Church School, Huddersfield. Employed as a woollen minder. Single. Enlisted in January, 1905. Killed in action at St. Julien, Belgium, on 23.4.1915, aged 32 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His parents received the following letter from Private George Brummett who was in hospital in Leicester, 'I was drafted out to the 2nd Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment on February 17th and joined them in Belgium. Your son was in the same Company as I was and I soon got to know him as he was so highly respected and well known to everybody. I told him my parents had removed and now lived in South Street, Huddersfield and we used to talk about what we would do when we got home. He said he would show me round. He was known as Dusty in the Company, he was such a jolly lad. I was quite close to him, about 4.30pm on April 23rd, when we advanced to certain death with the Canadians and other Regiments. Fred and I were right in the front of it all. As you know he was Major Berthon’s (our Company Officer’s) servant and I had to help with him as the Major was severely wounded. As I was jumping over the parapet of a trench we had captured, Fred yelled out ‘Good lad Brian’ to me and I laughed back and that was the last I saw of him. I think he was hit with a bullet near that spot and killed instantly. That afternoon we had 600 casualties in our Battalion and I lost some good pals that day.' ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


LILLEY, FRED. Lance Corporal. No 20253. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment.
HUDDERSFIELD'S ROLL OF HONOUR 1914–1922

Born Paddock 30.10.1894. Son of John William and Annie Lilley, 46 Westbourne Road, Marsh. Educated Paddock Elementary School. Was in business with his father as a gardener. Single. Attended Paddock Congregational Church and was a member of the choir. Enlisted 8.4.1916. Killed in action at Passchendaele, 10.10.1917. Buried CEMENT HOUSE CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 10, Row F, Grave 47. ROH:- Marsh War Memorial; Shared Church, Paddock.


LINDLEY, ARTHUR. Private. No 5763. 1/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Honley. Lived Armitage Bridge. Attended Armitage Bridge Church and served on the committee of the Armitage Bridge Conservative Club. Employed by Messrs J. Brook and Sons Limited at Armitage Bridge Mills. A keen sportsman and a good billiards player. Was a playing member of the Armitage Bridge Cricket Club and was formerly half-back for the Berry Brow and Honley Association football teams. Single. Died of wounds at the 1/1st South Midland Casualty Clearing Station on 12.2.1917, aged 35 years. Buried WARLINCOURT HALTE BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row J, Grave 6. ROH:- Armitage Bridge Mills; Armitage Bridge War Memorial.

LINDLEY, HIRST. Sergeant. No 20845. 63rd Squadron Royal Air Force. Born Shepley. Son of Mr H. Lindley of The Marsh, Shepley. Attended Shepley Wesleyan Church and was a local preacher in the Holmfirth Wesleyan circuit. Employed by Mr George Lindley at Sovereign Quarries. Had served over two years in Mesopotamia and had just received his demobilisation papers when he was accidentally killed at Basra on 15.6.1919, aged 31 years. Buried BAGHDAD (NORTH GATE) WAR CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 20, Row D, Grave 7. ROH:- Shepley War Memorial.


LINDLEY, WILLIE. Rifleman. No C/7667. 10th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Honley, Huddersfield. Son of Joe Lindley, Bright’s Buildings, Neiley, Honley. Employed by Messrs Gledhill and Roberts, bobbin makers, Honley. Enlisted November 1915. Reported missing at the Battle of Cambrai, 30.11.1917, aged 20 years, and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Honley War Memorial.


LINTON, RICHARD HENRY. Private. No 31817. 2/6th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment. Born Thomas Street, Huddersfield,


LITTLEWOOD, ERNEST. Corporal. No 2179. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment.
Lived 126 Woodhead Road, Hinchcliffe Mill. Attended Holmbridge Wesleyan Chapel and was a member the Holmbridge football club. Employed as a weaver at Digley Mill. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Reported missing, presumed killed, on 18.9.1916, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


LITTLEWOOD, STANLEY. Private. No 65718. 1/5th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Kirkburton. Son of Ernest and Elizabeth A. Littlewood of Paddock Farm, Kirkburton. Died, 10.4.1918, aged 19 years. Buried LAVENTIE COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Special Memorial No 3. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.

LITTLEWOOD, TOM CROWTHER. Private. No 28457. 18th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. Son of the late Walter Morley Littlewood and Clara Littlewood of Skelmanthorpe. Husband of Norah Littlewood, of Birdsedge, Huddersfield. Embarked for France in September, 1916, and was gassed the following month. Died of wounds, 30.4.1917, aged 22 years. Buried AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row J, Grave 38. ROH:- St. Aidan’s Church, Skelmanthorpe; Denby Dale and Cumberworth War Memorial.

LITTLEWOOD, WILLIAM. Private. No 19220. 10th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Formerly No 16687 King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Emley. Son of George and Anne Littlewood of Butt’s Farm, Emley Moor. Husband of Margaret Littlewood, of Beaufort, County Kerry, Ireland. Killed in action, 9.2.1916, aged 33 years. Buried RUE-DAVID MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row H, Grave 32. ROH:- Emley War Memorial.


Enlisted 9.8.1917. Reported wounded and missing on 12.4.1918 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Buried CABARET ROUGE BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location: Plot 20, Row D, Grave 25. ROH: Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; St. John's Church, Birkby; memorial in Almondbury Cemetery; London and North Western Railway Company Roll.


LOCKWOOD, FRANK. 2nd Lieutenant. 15 Training Squadron. Royal Flying Corps. Second son of Mr and Mrs Wilkinson Lockwood, Cragside, Milnsbridge. Educated at Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge, and at Doctor Haslem's School in Harrogate. Prior to enlistment, had been at the works of Messrs John Lockwood and Sons Limited, Scar Bottom Mills, Milnsbridge, of which firm his father was a Director. Enlisted in the R.F.C. as a Private on 27.3.1917. He went through the Cadet course and obtained his commission in July, 1917. Was killed in a flying accident at Grantham, Lincolnshire, on 4.11.1917, aged 18 years. Buried with full military honours SALENDINE NOOK BAPTIST CHAPEL YARD. Grave location: South-East of Chapel. ROH: Salendine Nook Baptist Chapel; St. John's Church, Golcar; St. Mark's Parish Church, Longwood; Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge; commemorated in Salendine Nook Baptist Chapel yard, 125E.

known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton.


LOCKWOOD, JOHN EDWARD. Lance Corporal. No 241381. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Lived 18 Daisy Street, off St. Andrew’s Road, Huddersfield. Married, with two children. Employed at the Huddersfield Corporation Destructor works. Was a keen sportsman and played both cricket and football. He was at one time Captain and professional for the Paddock Cricket Club and he also played with the Bradley Mills and Denby Dale cricket clubs and the Denby Dale and Meltham football teams. Enlisted November 1915. Reported missing, 3.5.1917, at the Battle of Bullecourt and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.

LOCKWOOD, JOHN LEWIS. Lance Corporal. No C/7695. 12th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Holmfirth. Son of the late Mr John Lockwood and Mrs Lockwood, 68 Dunford Road, Holmfirth. Educated Holmfirth National School and the Technical Institute. Employed by Mr Arthur Quarmby, butcher. Attended St. John’s Church, Upperthong and a member of the Young Men’s Class. Enlisted in 1915 and embarked for France in the Spring of 1916. Wounded on one occasion but after treatment in England returned to France. Killed in action in the attack on the German lines beyond Langemarck, 16.8.1917, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


LOCKWOOD, REGINALD UIGHTRED. Lieutenant Indian Army Reserve of Officers, attached 14th Labour Company. Son of Robert Walker Lockwood and Christiana Lockwood of Belmont, Meltham. Died of heatstroke in India, 10.1.1919, aged 23 years. Buried TRIMULGHERRY CANTONMENT CEMETERY. Commemorated MADRAS 1914-1918 WAR MEMORIAL, CHENNAI, INDIA. ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.

LOCKWOOD, ROBERT. Ordinary Seaman. No J/87974. Royal Navy. HM Motor Launch No 247. Son of Benjamin B. and Ada L. Lockwood, Whitewalls, Austenley, Holmfirth. Employed at Digley Mills and on his father’s farm. Enlisted May 1918. ‘On the evening of the 29.9.1918 the launch upon which Robert was engaged was observed making for shelter near St. Ives, Cornwall. Owing to a sudden change in the wind she was driven off course. Every effort was made and continued until after darkness had set in to help those on board but owing to the heavy seas and the rocky character of the coast these efforts were not of much assistance and apart from 1 Officer all the crew were drowned.’ Has no known grave. Commemorated PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial.


LOCKWOOD, WILLIAM. Private. No 29/508. 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Kirkburton. Son of Fred and Caroline Lockwood, Duck Nest, Kirkburton. Prior to enlistment, was employed by his father as a blacksmith. Killed in action, 3.5.1917, aged 22 years. Buried DURY CRUCIFIX CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row A, Grave 41. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.


LOCKWOOD, WILLIAM. Private. No 71408. 15th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Formerly No 11952 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Folly Hall, Huddersfield. Son of Mrs Mary Elizabeth Lockwood, 75 Hope Street, Folly Hall.

**LOCKWOOD, WILLIAM EDWARD.** Private. No G/22897. 7th Battalion The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Formerly No 43320 King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Huddersfield. Son of Albert and Mary Eliza Lockwood, 2 Upper Brow Road, Paddock. Reported missing 21.3.1918 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 21. Has no known grave. Commemorated **POZIERES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** **ROH:-** All Saints Church, Paddock.


**LOCKWOOD, HARRY A.** Bombardier. No 710677. ‘C’ Battery, 298th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Born Bolton. Son of the late Joe and Emma Lodge of Shepley. Lived Old Hall, Shepley. Employed as a motor driver for Messrs J. Barden and Sons, Shelley. Was a member of Shepley Liberal Club where he was a keen billiard player, being a member of the Shepley team when they won the league championship. He was also a member of the Shepley White Rose and the Shepley Corinthian football clubs. Single. Enlisted May, 1915, and was wounded the same year. Rejoined the colours in April, 1916. Killed in action, 16.6.1917, aged 34 years. Buried **RENINGHELST NEW MILITARY CEMETERY.** Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 27. **ROH:-** Shepley War Memorial.


**LOCKWOOD, IRVIN.** Able Seaman. No J/54715. **HMS Bittern.** Born Skelmanthorpe. Son of Thomas and Annie Lodge of Skelmanthorpe. Husband of Edith Lodge of Wood Street, Skelmanthorpe. Was Sunday School teacher at the Reformed Chapel and secretary for the Liberal
Club, Skelmanthorpe. Employed by Messrs E. Field, Tentercroft Mills, Skelmanthorpe. Joined the Navy on 4.6.1916. After twelve months service he was transferred to a destroyer. He married whilst on leave at the end of 1917. Drowned through collision in the English Channel on 4.4.1918, aged 25 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Aidan's Church, Skelmanthorpe.


LODGE, WILLIAM. Private. No 240233. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Farnley Tyas, near Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs Sam Lodge, 7 Learoyd Street, Leeds Road, Huddersfield. Husband of Hannah Lodge, 287 Leeds Road, Huddersfield. Killed in action at Passchendaele, 10.10.1917, aged 34 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


LONGBOTTOM, DONALD HAIGH. 2nd Lieutenant. 5th Battalion The King’s (Liverpool) Regiment. Born Beech Street, Paddock, 20.8.1891. Son of Fred and Lucy LongBOTTOM. Dingleside, Gledholt, Huddersfield. Educated Huddersfield College School and Silcoates School, Wakefield. Assisted his father in the family timber business of Messrs Jere Kaye and Company, Huddersfield. Was a keen footballer and was a member of the Y.M.C.A. tennis club. Was Captain of the first Huddersfield Boys Brigade Company at Paddock Congregational Church. Enlisted in 1910 as a Trooper in the Queens Own Yorkshire Dragoons. Completed his five years service in November, 1915. Returned from France to take up a commission in the 5th Battalion King’s Liverpool Regiment. Was made bombing instructor of his Battalion and returned to France in March, 1916. Was shot through the head at Trones Wood on the Somme in a bombing attack on one of the German trenches on 8.8.1916, aged 25 years. Buried PERONNE ROAD CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row F, Grave 28. ROH:- Huddersfield College School; All Saints Church, Paddock; Shared Church, Paddock. ‘The light extinguished, future killed, his day’s work scarce begun.’
LONGBOTTOM, JOHN WILLIAM
TOULCHER, Private. No 30671. 2nd Battalion
The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Scholes Square,
Northgate, Huddersfield, 20.11.1890. Son
of Mr and Mrs Longbottom, 88 Lockwood
Road, Lockwood. Educated Rashcliffe Church
of England School. Employed as an engineer’s
labourer by Messrs Clayton and Sons, Karrier
Works, St. Thomas’s Road, Huddersfield.
Attended St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe,
Embarked for France on 3.10.1916. Killed in
action at the Battle of Arras on 9.4.1917, aged
19 years. Buried NEUVILLE VITASSE ROAD
CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row B, Grave 8.
ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe;
memorial in Almondbury Cemetery.

LONGDEN, ARTHUR OSBORNE. Company
Sergeant Major. No 5625. 1st Battalion
Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Shepley
14.9.1879. Son of John I. Longden. Educated
Deighton Council School and St. Paul’s Church
of England School. Lived Commercial Street,
Huddersfield. Employed as a stonemason. Served
in the Boer War. Had also served in Mauritius for
three years and in India. Returned to England in
1913. Embarked for France on 5.8.1914. Killed in
action on the Aisne, 14.9.1914, whilst leading his
Company. Buried VAILLY BRITISH CEMETERY.
Grave location:- Plot 2, Row H, Grave 12.

LONGLEY, ARTHUR. Private. No 57383. 17th
Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers. Formerly No
38033 Leicestershire Regiment. Born Holbeck,
Leeds, 20.11.1899. Son of John Willie and
Lottie Longley, 3 Charles Street, Crosland Moor,
Huddersfield. Educated Crosland Moor Council
School. Employed as a labourer by British Dyes
Limited. Single. Killed in action near Ypres,
Belgium, 10.9.1918, aged 18 years. Buried PERTH
CEMETERY (CHINA WALL). Grave location:-
Plot 1, Row K, Grave 5. ROH:- Crosland Moor
Wesleyan Church; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland
Moor; memorial in Lockwood Cemetery.

LORD, CHARLIE. Private. No 1790. 1/7th
Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born
Longwood 13.9.1893. Son of the late Edgar and
Elizabeth Lord. Educated Newsome School and
New Street Council School. Lived with his sister,
Amelia Firth, 52 Dewhurst Road, Fartown. Was
a member of the Woodhouse Young Men’s bible
class. Employed as a cloth shrinker by Messrs
J. Holt and Company. Single. Was a member of
the local Territorials before the outbreak of the
war. Enlisted 9.8.1914. Embarked for France in
April, 1915. Killed in action during the Battle
of the Somme, 17.9.1916, aged 23 years. Has
no known grave. Commemorated THIJPVAL
MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROC:- Christ
Church, Woodhouse Hill; Huddersfield Drill
Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

LORD, ERNEST OWEN. Lieutenant. 7th
Squadron. Royal Air Force. Born Cleckheaton
4.4.1894. Son of Edward and Bertha Lord.
Educated Bradford Grammar School. Lived
Parkgate House, Berry Brow. Prior to enlistment,
was a student in textile design. Husband of Doris
C. Lord (later of 33 Audley Road, Hendon,
London). Enlisted in September, 1913, in the
local Territorial battalion. Served for two years
in France with the 1/5th Battalion Duke of
Wellington’s Regiment. Commissioned into the
Royal Flying Corps at the end of 1916. Killed
in action on 18.9.1918, whilst flying over
Poperinge, chasing German aeroplanes. Buried
MENDINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY.
Grave location:- Plot 10, Row E, Grave 15.

LORD, NORMAN. Private. No 11948. 8th
Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born
Westbourne Road, Marsh. Son of John William
and Carrie Lord, 2 Regent Road, Edgerton,
Huddersfield. Educated Holy Trinity School.
Single. Enlisted August 1914. Killed in action
at Gallipoli on 21.8.1915, aged 21 years. Has
no known grave. Commemorated HELLES
MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROC:- Holy
Trinity Church, Huddersfield.

LORRIMAN, WILLIAM BRUCE. Private. No
13113. 5th Battalion (Saskatchewan) Canadian
Infantry. Eldest son of Mr and Mrs John
Lorriman, 26 Portland Street, Huddersfield.
Before emigrating to Canada, in 1912, was
employed by Messrs Firth and Miller, St. John’s
Road, Huddersfield. Had served for four years
in the local Territorials. Took an active part in
the formation of the boy Scout movement in
Huddersfield. Enlisted at the outbreak of the
war and came over to England with the first
Canadian contingent. Was wounded at the Battle
of Festubert in May, 1915. Returned to France in
the New Year 1918. Killed in action, 9.8.1918.
Has no known grave. Commemorated VIMY RIDGE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.


LOVELL, ARTHUR HEDLEY. Private. No 267672. 2/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Newton Longville, Buckinghamshire, in 1888. Son of William and Elizabeth Lovell. In the 1911 census he was lodging with James and Esther Rayner, of 12 Townend, Thongsbridge, and was working as a teamer. Enlisted Holmfirth. Killed in action at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH: Brockholes War Memorial.


LUCAS, HARRY. Private. No 4896. 4th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. Born Howden Clough, Birstall, 29.8.1896. Son of Mr and Mrs Fred Lucas, 192 Lockwood Road, Lockwood. Educated Mount Pleasant Council School. Employed by Messrs Job Thomas and Sons Limited, of Longwood, as a chain maker. Single. Enlisted 15.2.1916. Was wounded on 6.8.1916 at Beaumont Hamel, France. He and others were proceeding to the firing line when a shell burst and pieces penetrated his right lung, chest and shoulder. Was in hospital in France for a month before being sent to a hospital at Neath, South Wales, where he died of his wounds on 9.9.1916, aged 20 years. Buried EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location: 12, ‘C’, 107. ROH: St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe; Mount Pleasant Chapel, Lockwood.


TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Salendine Nook Baptist Church; Longwood War Memorial; commemorated in Salendine Nook Baptist Chapel yard, 126E.


LUMB, BRUCE BROOK. Private. No 3234. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Cleveland Road, Marsh, Huddersfield, 2.6.1897. Son of Robert R. Lumb, 5 Nabcroft Lane, Crosland Moor. Educated Spring Grove Council School. Employed as a motor engineer. Enlisted just before his 18th birthday. ‘Was wounded in his right thigh in 2 places and discharged after being over 6 months in various hospitals and was then receiving 27/6 per week and having to visit Huddersfield Infirmary twice a week for his thigh to be dressed. Was sent for to be examined to Halifax Military Medics who kept him two hours naked. Pneumonia set in following day.’ (written by his father in 1922). Died of pneumonia at 5 Nabcroft Lane, Crosland Moor, on 5.12.1918, aged 21. ROH:- New North Road Baptist Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

LUMB, JOHN EDWIN. Private. No L/11660. 6th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment. Formerly No 17303 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Stainland, Halifax. Son of Edwin and Sarah Ann Lumb, Fairview Cottages, 136 Slades Road, Golcar. Employed by Messrs Pearson Brothers, woollen manufacturers, of Golcar. Attended Sunnybank Chapel as a boy and then Westwood Church. Enlisted 21.6.1915. Served in both France and Italy. Invalided home on one occasion with pneumonia, and afterwards debility caused by his having been cut off from his regiment and lost in No Man’s Land for a week without food. Returned to France and was killed in action 7.9.1918, aged 25 years.


LUNN, GEOFFREY CYRIL. 2nd Lieutenant. 20th Battalion Canadian Infantry (British Columbia) Regiment. Son of James Edgar and Mary Lunn of Netherton. Obtained a foundation scholarship at Almondbury Grammar School. In March, 1915, went to Canada as an articled Civil Engineer and a Land Surveyor to Mr B. A. Moorhouse of Penticton, British Columbia. Enlisted in the Special Battalion of the Universities of Western Canada for work in Europe and was gazetted in May, 1917. Killed in action, 30.5.1918, aged 20 years. Buried BELLACOURT MILITARY CEMETERY, RIVIERE. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row M, Grave 3. ROH:- South Crosland and Netherton; Almondbury Grammar School; Armitage Bridge National School.

LUNN, GEORGE. Private. No 10573. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Frank Sykes and Emma Amelia Lunn, South Street, Huddersfield. Gassed at Hill 60 on 5.5.1915. Died of the effects of gas poisoning at No 3 General Hospital, Rouen, on 9.5.1915, aged 21 years. Buried ST. SEVER CEMETERY, ROUEN. Grave location:- Plot A, Row 9, Grave 16.

LUNN, JAMES ARTHUR. Lance Corporal. No 235233. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Adopted son of Mrs N. M. Hirst, Mill Moor, Meltham. Employed as a chauffeur by Doctor Gellataly, of Meltham. Died of wounds at No 8 Casualty Clearing Station, 3.5.1917, aged 25 years. Buried DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location: Plot 4, Row B, Grave 14. ROH: - Lowerhouses War Memorial; Almondbury War Memorial.


MacGREGOR, ANDREW HAMILTON. Captain. 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. Second son of Marcus and Bessie MacGregor. Born Valparaiso, Chile. His father was engineer of the London and North Western Railway, who superintended the construction of the Marsden tunnel. Attended Huddersfield College School where for nearly two years he was head boy. Employed by the Union of London and Smith’s Bank. Killed in action, 13.11.1916, aged 26 years.. Buried MAILLY WOOD CEMETERY. Grave location: Plot 1, Row F, Grave 32. ROH: - Huddersfield College School.

MACKMAN, reported missing, 4.10.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

MACKMAN, MATTHEW ALFRED. Lance Corporal. No 16248. 2nd Battalion King’s Own Scottish Borderers. Born Pinchbeck, West Lincolnshire, 24.6.1893. Son of Samuel and Betsy Mackman, 88 St. John’s Road, Birkby. Lived with his Uncle at 17 Fern Terrace, Birkby. Educated Hillhouse Council School. Was employed as a patent glazier by Mr J. A. Milward, stained glass artist, 15 Albion Street, Huddersfield. Attended the Trinity Wesleyan Chapel, Fartown. Enlisted September 1914. Was wounded in April, 1917. Returned to France in March, 1917. Reported missing, presumed killed, at Passchendaele, 4.10.1917, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private ARTHUR MACKMAN, reported missing, 3.5.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


MALONE, PATRICK. Corporal. No 3031. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Garden Walk, St. Andrew's Road, Turnbridge, Huddersfield. Educated St. Patrick's Roman Catholic School. Employed as a labourer at Messrs Hopkinson's, Britannia Works, Birkby. Husband of Mary Malone, 9 Brick Bank, Northgate, Huddersfield. Enlisted August 1914. On 21.3.1916, Corporal Malone was working on the trench parapet when the Germans fired a volley. A bullet passed through his wrist and entered his thigh. An Army Chaplain wrote to Mrs Malone on 22.3.1916 to tell her not to worry and her husband was well on the way to recovery. But he died of his wounds at No 29 Casualty Clearing Station on 26.3.1916, aged 26 years. Buried GEZAINCOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 9. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.

MANCHESTER, LEONARD. Private. No 32158. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Meltham. Son of the late James and Hannah Manchester. Husband of Hilda Manchester, of New Road, Meltham. Employed for five years at Wallace's grocery stores in Market Place, Slaithwaite. At the time of enlistment, was manager of a branch of Wallace's stores at Meltham. Enlisted in 1917. Embarked for France in the early part of 1918. Killed in action, 27.3.1918, aged 28 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Wilshaw Church; St. Bartholomew's Church, Meltham; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

MANSFIELD, STEPHEN ARTHUR, MM. Company Sergeant Major. No 787173. 38th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment). Husband of Elinor Mansfield,
15 Longlands Road, Slaithwaite. Died of wounds, 4.11.1918, aged 22 years. Buried VALENCIENNES COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 6.

MARSDEN, ARTHUR ARNOLD. Private. No S/7706. Army Ordnance Corps, 29th Division. Born Marsden. Son of Mr and Mrs John William Marsden, 6 Warrington Terrace, Marsden. Attended Marsden Wesleyan Church and Sunday School from childhood and, for two years prior to the war, was secretary to the Young Men’s Bible Class. Employed in the office of the Colne Valley Spinning Company. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Went to the Dardenelles, arriving there on 25.4.1915 and returning to England on 9.1.1916. After leave at home he rejoined his unit in France in April, 1916. Was accidentally wounded in the body, hands, neck, right arm and left foot on 25.5.1917. Died of wounds at No 19 Casualty Clearing Station on 27.5.1917, aged 24 years. Buried DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row M, Grave 2. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial; memorial in Marsden Churchyard.


MARSDEN, HARRY. Rifleman. No A/204216. 9th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Paddock 25.2.1888. Educated Cowcliffe Church of England School. Employed as a spinner by Messrs William Hall and Company, Longroyd Bridge. Lived 114 Wellington Place, Moldgreen. Single. Enlisted November 1914. Reported missing on 27.3.1918 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated POZIERES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Paul’s Methodist Church, Dalton; Cowcliffe Wesleyan Church.

MARSDEN, HERBERT. Gunner. No 232345. ‘D’ Battery, 190th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Born Huddersfield. Lived Lane Head, Shepley. Married, with one child. Employed as a saddler. Died of pneumonia at No 10 Casualty Clearing Station, 27.10.1918, aged 32 years. Buried LIJSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 35, Row B, Grave 2. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton; Shepley War Memorial.


MARSDEN, JOHN. Private. No 19158. 11th Battalion Sherwood Foresters. Born Holme, Holmfirth. Son of the late Mr George Marsden of Flowery Field, Hade Edge. Had worked as a quarryman, both at Magnum and in Derbyshire. Prior to enlistment, lived in Birkby, Huddersfield. Attended Hade Edge Wesleyan School and Chapel. Had served in France for a year when he was killed in action during the Battle of the Somme on 30.7.1916, aged 34 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Hade Edge War Memorial.
MARSDEN, THOMAS FREDERICK. Private. No 2277. ‘A’ Company, 1/6th Battalion Manchester Regiment. Born Austonley, Holmfirth. Son of Joshua Beardsell and Jane Marsden, Rock Cottages, New Gate, Holmfirth. Was a pupil and teacher at the Wesleyan Day School for nearly twenty years. In 1912 he moved to Glossop, where he went into the coal business with his Uncle, Mr Platt. Enlisted September 1914. After training at Littleborough he was sent to Egypt. At the beginning of May, 1915, he went with his Regiment to the Dardenelles. Killed in action, 4.6.1915, aged 26 years. (He was the first man from Holmfirth to be killed). Buried TWELVE TREE COPSE CEMETERY, HELLES. Grave location:- Special Memorial, C 287. ROH:- Underbank War Memorial; Holmfirth Secondary School.


MARSH, GEORGE. Trooper. No 4686. (See ‘INMAN’ – the actual family name).

MARSH, GEORGE. Private. No 15678. 1/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Son of Joseph and Mary E. Marsh. Lived Dunford Road, Underbank, Holmfirth. Employed firstly at Washpit Mills, Holmfirth and then for Messrs Haigh, plasterers. Enlisted just before Easter 1915. Was wounded in October, 1916, and came home on sick leave. Killed on 5.8.1917, aged 35, by a shell falling on his dugout. Buried COXYDE MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 10. His sister, Miss M. E. Marsh, received the following letter from the Second Lieutenant of her brother’s platoon who wrote, ‘As the Officer in charge of your brother’s platoon I have a very sad duty to perform in telling you of his fate yesterday. I was with him and part of my Lewis gun section. Five of us were sheltering from heavy shell fire in a dugout when a shell hit it square. When I recovered my senses I found I was alive and untouched and also one of the men by a miracle. All the dugout had been burst in over your poor brother and the other two so when we crawled out we ran for some Engineers and shovels and worked like mad at clearing it up. Eventually, after three quarters of an hour we dragged out the top man, a Corporal, alive. After another ten minutes we reached your brother and his friend. The poor fellows must have been killed instantaneously, that is a small consolation. They could not have felt any pain as it was all over at once. I am afraid you will think a letter like this is one of words only. It isn’t and I want you to realise how keenly we feel his loss here. He was always a most trusty man, a good, obedient soldier and a true comrade to all the other boys in the platoon. Your brother and thousands of good men like him were fighting for you all in England and since he has made the biggest sacrifice possible please try and carry on the fight he put up.’ ROH:- Underbank War Memorial.


MARS CROSSL EY. Private. No 260058. 1/6th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly No 268332 Duke of

MARTON, F. Private. No 263011. 1/4th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Son of the late Mr S. and Mrs Marston of Holme, Holmfirth. Educated Holme Day School and was also a scholar at the Sunday School. Employed by Messrs Whiteley and Green, Hinchliffe Mill. Enlisted August 1916. Taken prisoner by the Germans on 14.8.1918. Died whilst a Prisoner of War on 21.10.1918, aged 24 years. Buried GLAGEON COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row C, Grave 7. ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial.


2nd, 1918, during a raid on the enemy trenches east of Monchy-le-Preux. He led his men with great gallantry. He found a German officer and tried to take him prisoner. The Officer resisted and the Corporal after a struggle killed the officer and brought back his pocket book.’ Killed in action, 31.8.1918, aged 23 years. Buried VIS-en-ARTOIS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 29. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

MATTHEWS, HAROLD. Private. No 32694. 9th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Formerly No 32629 West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Shepley. Son of George and Harriet Matthews, of Croft Nook, Shepley. Employed as a collier prior to joining the forces. Reported missing, presumed killed, at Passchendaele, 10.10.1917, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Shepley War Memorial.


MAUDE, HARRY. Private. No 3040. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Linthwaite. Husband of Eva May, Platt Lane Farm, Dobcross, and formerly of Roydhouse, Linthwaite. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Embarked for France in April, 1915. He was with a working party in the trenches when he was killed by shellfire on 23.8.1915, aged 43 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

McCABE, THOMAS. Private. No 5632. 2nd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers. Son of Tom and Kate McCabe of Burnley: husband of Rose McCabe, 23 Albion Street, Huddersfield. Worked as a licensed hawker in Hudderfield. Enlisted 1.9.1914. Died of wounds in a Manchester hospital on 1.11.1916 of shell wounds to the forehead, received in France on 24.5.1915, aged 35 years. Buried ST. JOSEPH’S ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY, MOSTON, MANCHESTER. Grave location:- Soldier’s Plot 168 (Screen Wall).

McCLUSKY, J. Sergeant. No 241167. 5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Died at home, 6.7.1918. Buried EDGERTON CEMETERY HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 60, 126G.


McGiff, William. Sapper. No 6429. No 1 Siege Company, Royal Anglesey Royal Engineers. Born Leeds. Son of William McGiff, of Stalybridge, Cheshire. Lodged with Mrs Causfield, 12 Primitive Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. He was with a working party mending a bridge when he was shot by a sniper on 20.5.1915. Buried Rue-David Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row H, Grave 4.


Battle of the Somme on 31.8.1916. Died of wounds at No 2 British Red Cross Hospital, Rouen, on 10.9.1916, aged 31 years. Buried St. SEVER CEMETERY, ROUEN. Grave location:- Plot B, Row 25, Grave 22. ROH:- Great Northern Street Congregational Chapel; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


McQUILLEN, JOHN. Sergeant. No 3/10905. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Halifax. Son of the late Edward and Mary Patience McQuillen. Married. Lived 23 Tenements, Kirkgate, Huddersfield. He had served in the South African War, in which he had been wounded, and was present at the Relief of Ladysmith. Had served for 12 years in the 3rd Battalion Manchester Regiment. Was then placed on the Reserve and during this time (about six years) had worked as a labourer for Mr Thomas, contractor, of Huddersfield. Was called up on the outbreak of war. Sustained a gunshot wound in the head, which required an operation. Died of wounds at No 8 General Hospital, Boisguillaume, on 13.6.1915, aged 34 years. Buried BOISGUILLAUME COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 12a.


McVEAGH, CHARLES C. Private. No 6525. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Derby 8.9.1877. Educated Spring Grove Board School. Husband of Isabel McVeagh, 37 Clement Street, Birkby. Employed as a tram conductor by the Huddersfield Corporation Tramways Department. Was a Reservist and was called up at the outbreak of the war. Reported missing at the first battle of Ypres, 8.11.1914, and was presumed dead six months later. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.


MEAKIN, A. HERBERT. Gunner. No 26735. 75th Battery, Royal Field Artillery. Born Nottingham. Lived 1 Bankend, Heath House, Golcar. Married, with one child. Employed as a fettler by Messrs George Whiteley, of Linthwaite. Was a Reservist with only three months to serve when the war broke out. Killed in action, 24.4.1915, aged 32 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

MEDLEY, BENJAMIN. Lance Corporal. No 16438. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mr J. Medley, 128 Rashcliffe Hill Road, Huddersfield. Employed as an apprentice at Messrs Wheatley, Dyson Limited. Attended Buxton Road Sunday School. Enlisted 27.8.1914. Embarked for France on 29.4.1915. Died from the effects of gas received at Hill 60, a week later, on 5.5.1915. He was 19 years of age. Buried DIVISIONAL CEMETERY, DICKEBUSCH ROAD, VLAMERTINGHE, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Row B, Grave 4. ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe.

MEDLEY, GEORGE FREDERICK. Rifleman. No C7655. 20th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Dalton 4.5.1893. Only son of Mr and Mrs Harry Medley, High Royd, Dalton. Educated Almondbury Grammar School and Huddersfield Technical College, where he was awarded the Silver Medal for textile design in the City and Guilds of London Institute examinations. Employed as a commercial traveller for Messrs Moorhouse and Brook Limited, woollen manufacturers. Enlisted 1915. Wounded, 19.8.1916, near Guillemont during the Battle of the Somme. Killed by shellfire when entering trenches at Locon near Bethune at 10.15pm on 30.5.1918, aged 25 years. Buried CHOCQUES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row A, Grave 23. ROH:- Almondbury Grammar School St. Andrew’s Church; Christ Church, Moldgreen.


MELLOR, CLEMENT. Private. No 242101. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Honley, Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs Hallas Mellor, Far End, Honley. Was the first drummer in Honley Civilian Bugle Band. Whilst under age volunteered for active service. Had been twice gassed. Was one of 12 volunteers to rush an enemy’s post in broad daylight but was shot down by a machine gun within four yards of the objective. Killed in action, 4.7.1918, aged 37 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Honley War Memorial.

MELLOR, CYRIL RHODES. Lance Corporal. No 307644. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Honley, Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs Hallas Mellor, Far End, Honley. Was the first drummer in Honley Civilian Bugle Band. Whilst under age volunteered for active service. Had been twice gassed. Was one of 12 volunteers to rush an enemy’s post in broad daylight but was shot down by a machine gun within four yards of the objective. Killed in action, 4.7.1918, aged 37 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Honley War Memorial.


MELLOR, GEORGE ALBERT. Private. No 29/631. 12/13th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Uppertong, Holmfirth. Son of Sandy and Rose Emma Mellor, The Victoria Inn, Holmfirth. Educated at St. John’s Day School and Sunday School and was a member of the bible class. Served his apprenticeship with Messrs Haigh Brothers, plasterers and concreters, of Holmfirth. Was a member of the Cartworth Moor Cricket Club and the St. John’s football club. Enlisted May 1916. Embarked for France after fourteen weeks training. Wounded twice and gassed once. Killed in action, 8.10.1918, aged 31

MELLOR, GEORGE ALDWIN. Private. No 29/631. 12/13th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Uppertong, Holmfirth. Son of Sandy and Rose Emma Mellor, The Victoria Inn, Holmfirth. Educated at St. John’s Day School and Sunday School and was a member of the bible class. Served his apprenticeship with Messrs Haigh Brothers, plasterers and concreters, of Holmfirth. Was a member of the Cartworth Moor Cricket Club and the St. John’s football club. Enlisted May 1916. Embarked for France after fourteen weeks training. Wounded twice and gassed once. Killed in action, 8.10.1918, aged 31


MELLOR, LEWIS. Private. No DM2/171315. Army Service Corps, (Motor Transport), attached 206th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Linthwaite. Lived Hazlegrove, Lowerhouses, Linthwaite. Attended Linthwaite Parish Church. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Crowther Brothers, Stanley Mills, Milnsbridge. Was a keen cricketer, having played cricket for both the Broad Oak and Linthwaite Cricket Clubs. For four seasons he was the Saturday professional for Birstall Cricket Club. Enlisted 3.5.1916. He suffered severe burns on the night of 21.8.1917 as the result of an accidental explosion of a petrol tank of a motor lorry. The accident took place when Mellor and his mate were preparing to retire for the night. It was their custom to sleep on the lorry and were undressing when the tank exploded. They were immediately enveloped in flames and Mellor was severely burned on the arms, legs and one side. He was admitted to hospital at Boulogne but died two days later from shock. Buried WIMEREUX COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row R, Grave 5. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.

MELLOR, LINDLEY. Private. No 450. 17th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (2nd Leeds Pals). Born Holmfirth. Son of Joshua and Annis Mellor, of Deanbridge, Hepworth, Holmfirth. He had tried to enlist on two occasions but had been rejected on account of his height. He was successful at the third attempt and enlisted in the West Yorkshire Bantam battalion as soon as it was formed on 19.12.1914. Embarked for France 20.1.1916. Died of wounds at No 41 Casualty Clearing Station on 5.12.1916, aged 30 years. Buried WANQUETIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 5. (Brother of Private ARTHUR MELLOR, reported missing. 3.5.1917. q.v.). ROH:- Hepworth and Scholes War Memorial; Hepworth Parish Church.


MELLOR, NOBLE. Private. No S/8591. 7th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. Born Lockwood, Huddersfield. Lived 37 Waterside, Lockwood. Employed as a grocer’s assistant at the Primrose Hill branch of the Huddersfield Industrial Society. Attended Emmanuel Church, Lockwood and Sunday School. Was a member of the Lockwood Liberal Club, where he was a keen billiard player. Enlisted Whit Wednesday 1915. Trained at Cromarty, Scotland. Had been in France 14 days when he was killed in action, 12.10.1915, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood.


METTRICK, ARTHUR. Private. No 270061. 2nd Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Holmbridge, Holmfirth. Son of the late Mr and Mrs Jonas Mettrick, Digley Royd, Holmbridge. Husband of Mrs Mettrick, 38 Brownhill Lane, Holmbridge. Educated Field End School, Holmbridge. Attended St David’s Church and Sunday School and was a member of the choir for 16 years. Employed as a weaver by Messrs W. H. Barber, Clarence Mills, Holmbridge. Enlisted April 1917. Embarked for France in July, 1917. Died as a Prisoner of War on 27.5.1918, aged 31 years. Buried SISSONNE BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:-- Row C, Grave 11. (Brother of Private FRANK METTRICK, died of wounds, 28.9.1917, q.v.). ROH:-- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial.


METTRICK, SYKES. Private. No 235206. 2/7th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Quarmby, Huddersfield, 4.11.1883. Son of Robert and Sarah Hannah Mettrick, 22 Oakes Road, Lindley. Educated Oakes Council School. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Martin Sons and Company, of Lindley. Was a member of the Thorncliffe Street (Lindley) Wesleyan choir. Married. Lived 104 Rock View, Quarmby Road, Huddersfield. Enlisted 22.11.1916. Reported missing on Easter Tuesday, 10.4.1917, at the Battle of Arras and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private ERNEST METTRICK, killed in action, 28.3.1918, q.v.). ROH:-- St. Stephen’s Church, Lindley.


MICKLETHWAITE, FRANK. Rifleman. No C/7426. 18th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Kirkburton, Huddersfield. Son of Arthur and Ellen Micklethwaite, North Road, Kirkburton. Employed by Messrs John Kaye and
Sons, Kings Mill, Huddersfield. Killed in action, 28.7.1916, aged 23 years. Buried BERKSHIRE CEMETERY EXTENSION, PLOEGSTREET, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Row G, Grave 11. His father received a letter from Captain Lester who wrote that, 'Rifleman Micklethwaite was returning from a listening post when he was killed. He had nearly reached the parapet when he was struck by a stray bullet which entered the left side and reached the heart'. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.


MILAN, SPENCER WALTON. Gunner. No 146434. 1st Reserve Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born Lockwood 31.12.1898. Son of Mr G. F. Milan, 173 Victoria Road, Lockwood. Educated Mount Street Board School. Attended Rashcliffe United Methodist Sunday School and was a member of the senior bible class. Employed as an apprentice electrician by Mr Guy Laycock, of Cloth Hall Street, Huddersfield. Single. Enlisted 13.5.1916. Was in training at Forest Row, Sussex, when he was kicked by a horse on 4.6.1916. Died of pneumonia in hospital at Brighton on 10.7.1916, aged 18 years. Buried with full military honours in EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 54, 157. ROH:- Rashcliffe United Methodist Church; Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; Mount Pleasant Chapel, Lockwood.


MILNES, FRANK. Private. No 203083. 2/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Linthwaite. Son of Thomas and Sarah Jane Milnes, Varley Road, Slaithwaite. Husband of Beatrice Milnes. Attended Slaithwaite Wesleyan Church and was a member of the Young Men's Class. Was a member of the Slaithwaite Conservative Club and also of the Independent Order of Rechabites. Employed as a mason by Messrs Eglans Limited and, formerly, with Messrs John Milnes and Sons, builders and contractors. Enlisted 24.6.1916. Was in training at Clipstone Camp when he died in the Military hospital, following an operation for appendicitis, after a week's illness, on 13.4.1917, aged 26 years. A service was held at Slaithwaite Wesleyan Church, with modified military honours at the family's request, only a bearer party attended, followed by burial in SLAITHWAITE CEMETERY. Grave location:- A, 4, 3. ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar; Slaithwaite War Memorial; Linthwaite Wesleyan Church; Slaithwaite War Memorial.

MILNES, HARRY. Gunner. No 77883. 253rd Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs Tom Milnes, 77 Britannia Road, Milnsbridge. Employed in the finishing department at Scar Bottom Mills, Milnsbridge. Attended Milnsbridge Wesleyan Church and Sunday School. Accidentally killed in France, 17.9.1918, aged 22. He was sleeping in a tent on the night of the 16th/17th September during a very heavy thunderstorm when a tree nearby was struck by lightning and fell, hitting him in the neck and causing instantaneous death. Buried ROCQUIGNY-EQUANCOURT ROAD BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 8. ROH:- Longwood War Memorial; Huddersfield Mission, Milnsbridge.


MILNES, HARRY. Lance Corporal. No 240401. 1/5th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Son of
Charles Henry Milnes, 23 Lowergate, Paddock. Killed in action at Passchendaele, 9.10.1917, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated **TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.**


ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Almondbury War Memorial.


**MILNES, THOMAS.** Private. No 10103. 2nd Battalion Auckland Regiment, New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Born Denby Dale. Son of Mr Milnes, Inkerman Farm, Denby Dale. Emigrated to New Zealand in 1912. Enlisted for service abroad and was sent to Egypt. He


MITCHELL, ERNEST. Private. No 34287. 6th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. Born Hepworth, Holmfirth. Son of Mr Arthur Mitchell, formerly of Foster Place Farm, Hepworth, and, at the time of his son’s death, living at the Kings Arms Inn, South Crosland. Assisted his father on the family farm. Enlisted 22.2.1917. Embarked for France in August, 1917. Killed in action at Passchendaele, 7.10.1917, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated VIS-en-ARTOIS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private JOHN MITCHELL, killed in action, 13.5.1917, q.v.). His father received a letter from one of his son’s comrades who wrote, ‘We were heavily bombarded for about two hours in the afternoon and a shell burst just behind us. Ernest, who was in my section, was severely wounded in the right thigh. I went at once to see if I could help him but it was impossible to do anything for him except call for the stretcher-bearers. I am sorry to say that Ernest passed away just after he was placed on the stretcher. I stayed close by him until the end: he was quite cheerful and asked me to write and tell you. I don’t think he had much pain as he did not know where he was hit. Almost his last words were ‘Corporal - I have done my bit.’ I have felt his loss very much as we came out together on the same draft and I always found him to do his work willingly and cheerfully.’

MITCHELL, FRED. Lance Corporal. No 41393. 2nd Squadron, Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry). Formerly No 9493 18th Hussars. Born Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs Wright Mitchell, 23 East Parade, Huddersfield. Had been in the army for ten years and had served in France since August, 1914. Reported missing and afterwards presumed killed in action on 21.8.1918, aged 28. Has no known grave. Commemorated VIS-en-ARTOIS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.


MITCHELL, GEORGE HERBERT, MM. Corporal. No 240588. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Almondbury. Son of George and Ruth A. Mitchell, 23 St. Helen’s Farm, Almondbury. Educated Almondbury Council School. Attended the Church Sunday School and had been a member of the choir of All Saints for over three years. Prior to enlistment, was in business on his own account as a hairdresser in Almondbury. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Was the first Almondbury soldier to be awarded the Military Medal, in October 1916, for clearing a German trench with a hand grenade. Killed in action at Passchendaele, 6.10.1917, aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Almondbury War Memorial.


MITCHELL, JOHN. Private. No 38660. 7th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Hepworth. Son of Arthur Mitchell, Foster Place, Hepworth. Married, with one child. Lived Jackson Bridge. Previously employed as a teamer at Bridge Foundry, Holmfirth, but, prior to enlistment, was employed at Bridge Dyeworks, Honley. Enlisted 1.10.1916. Embarked for France 22.3.1917. Killed by a shell on 13.5.1917 at the Battle of Arras. He was twenty eight years of age. Buried POINT-du-JOUR MILITARY CEMETERY, ATHIES. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row C, Grave 10. (Brother of Private ERNEST MITCHELL, killed in action, 7.10.1917, q.v.). ROH:- New Mill Working Men’s Club; Fulstone; Hepworth and Scholes War Memorial; Hepworth Parish Church.


MITCHELL, THOMAS. Private. No 7596. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Lockwood. Son of Mrs Sarah Mitchell, 82 Lockwood Road, Huddersfield. Was a Reservist and went out with the British Expeditionary Force in August, 1914. Went through all the major engagements from Mons, the Marne the Aisne and First Ypres, to Hill 60, where he was reported missing, presumed killed, on 5.5.1915, aged 35. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe.


MOODYCLIFFE, HERBERT. Acting Corporal. No 9165. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Moodycliffe, Victoria, Holmfirth. Had served nine years with the army. Enlisted in Halifax, when he was 18 years of age. Had been stationed at Lichfield, Manchester, Tidworth and Dublin. Married, with one child, and lived at 28 Great Albion Street, Halifax. Embarked for France in August, 1914, with the British Expeditionary Force and was in the retreat from Mons, the fighting on the Marne, the Aisne and at Hill 60 in May 1915. In December, 1914, he wrote home to his parents, thanking them for gifts received, ‘I am quite well at present. I received the fags from the boys at Bottoms and have written back thanking them for the same. Things are not so hot this last day or two as we have gained a great amount of ground. The enemy’s position gets nearer their own country every day. The weather here is awfully cold. It is just like being on the top of Holme Moss. We have plenty of good clothing, scarves, etc. The German wellington boots I have got keep my feet warm. They come up to my knees and keep the wet out so that I cannot grumble. All the lads thank the people of England for their gifts. I don’t know how we could have stood it without them. We have had a good share. Most of them come from Huddersfield and Halifax. Gloves, knitted hats, scarves, socks, shirts, drawers and useful
things like these.' Killed in action on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1.7.1916, aged 27 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

ROH:- Underbank War Memorial; Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance.


Grave location:- Plot 8, Row D, Grave 10. ROH:- New Mill Working Men’s Club, Fulstone.


His last letter from the trenches, which is dated May 24th, 1915, to his father, reads as follows, ‘I was in the trenches not long ago when one night we were getting relieved. We had been putting the West Yorkshires through trench work a bit as they had not been in the trenches before and I happened to come across some of my old friends from Bradford, Leeds and Huddersfield. Well it happened that they were relieving us and I laughed my sides sore that night. To begin with there was the first platoon coming up the communication trench. At that time it was dry compared with what it had been. One of the men slipped off the board and went up to the knees in water. He started, ‘Tha wants a pair of bathing drawers on here. It’s more like water works.’ Of course I knew who it was. These were the Leeds Rifles (West Yorkshires). There were some Huddersfield fellows in the West Ridings. They were billeted in the next town to us. I had a walk as far and I came across several of my old friends there. It is about a fortnight since the Leeds Rifles were in their first engagement and our Battalion was the first to go over the top. They proved which were the best soldiers. They took the first line of trenches, smoking cigarettes and pipes. You could see them puffing away as they doubled from our trench to the enemy trench. They did not lose very heavily in taking the first trench but I am sorry to say they did afterwards. Well one of the West Yorkshires’ Sergeants saw them going over and they stuck together and I heard him say ‘If we are needed you must do it like the Scots Guards did it and we shall not be far out.’ They were all anxious to have a pop at the Huns but I don’t think they got a chance. They were willing and that was good enough. I think they will all be the same who come from Yorkshire.’

ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Deighton War Memorial.


Grave location:- Plot 2, Row B, Grave 1. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; Shared Church, Paddock.


MOORE, JOHN WILLIAM. 2nd Yeoman of Signals. No 169094. (RFR/DEV/B/1836). Royal Navy. HMS Goliath. Lived 100 Ashbrow Road, Fartown, Huddersfield. Killed in an action with a Turkish destroyer in the Dardenelles on 13.5.1915, aged 39 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


MOORHOUSE, ERNEST BRUMMITT. Private. No 42371. 3rd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Born Kirkheaton. Son of Joseph and Sarah Moorhouse of Dam Head Farm, Lepton. Employed by the Cowmes Industrial Society. Reported missing, presumed killed, near Rheims 27.5.1918, aged 19 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated SOISSONS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH: Lepton Parish Church.


MORELAND, ERNEST. Gunner. No 54776. 104th Battery Royal Field Artillery. Born Lancaster. Son of Thomas and Eleanor Moreland of Holt, Holmfirth. Was a bellringer at Holmfirth Parish Church. After leaving school was employed by Messrs James Lancaster and Son, cloth finishers, Mytholm Bridge. At the age of 18 he joined the Regular Army. At the outbreak of the war he was stationed with his Battery in Pretoria, South Africa. His unit was transferred to France soon afterwards. Wounded by gunshot in the head and arm on 27.9.1915 On 3.10.1915, he was admitted to the base hospital at Abbeville. His father received the following letter from a member of the nursing staff, who wrote on Thursday morning of 27.10.1915, ‘Gunner Moreland is not so well. He was brought to this hospital on the 3.10.1915 and the injury to his head necessitated an operation. He progressed favourably until yesterday morning.’ His father received another letter on 30.10.1915 with the news that his son had died on 22.10.1915, ‘Your son died last night (Thursday). He was most anxious all day that I should write to you and once I found him with pencil and paper in his hand trying to do so. Everything was done for him and we had hopes of his recovery until three days ago’. Died at No 2 Stationary Hospital,
MORELAND, JOHN. Private. No 12/1721. Auckland Regiment, New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Born Holmfirth. Son of Thomas and Eleanor Moreland, Holt, Holmfirth. Employed as a dyer at Kirkbridge Dyeworks, New Mill. Had been a member of the local Territorials. Emigrated to New Zealand in November, 1912. Was working on a sheep farm at the outbreak of war. Single. At the time of enlistment, he gave his address as c/o Willoughby, Kaipaki, North Cambridge. Was sent to the Dardenelles. Killed in action at the Apex during the assault on Chunuk Bair, Gallipoli, on 8.8.1915, aged 27 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated CHUNUK BAIR MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING, GALLIPOLI. (Brother of Private ERNEST MORELAND, died of wounds, 22.10.1915, q.v.). ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial.


MORGAN, JOHN HERBERT (BERTIE). Lieutenant. 20th Battalion Canadian Infantry (1st Central Ontario Regiment). Second son of Mrs A. Morgan, 5 East Street, Golcar. Was formerly an assistant teacher at Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge, for five years and, for a short time, at the Slaithwaite National School and the Knowle Bank Council School, Golcar. Was a member of the Golcar Baptist Choir. Went to Canada in 1903. Married, with two children. Was engaged in the musical profession. Prior to the outbreak of the war was a Lieutenant in the Canadian Militia and volunteered for active service in September 1914. Embarked for France in June 1915. Came to Golcar on leave six weeks before he was accidentally killed by a train in France on 21.2.1918, aged 35 years. Buried AIX-NOULETTE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row B, Grave 1. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Golcar Baptist Church; Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge.


MORRISON, ROBERT. Private. No 52540. 1st Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Son of Halstead and Sarah Ann Morton, Birkenshaw Row, Outlane. Employed by Messrs John Broadbent and Sons, Parkwood Mills, Longwood. Was secretary of the Sunday School and Band of Hope at Outlane Wesleyan Church and a member of the choir. Twice wounded. Died


MOSLEY, ARNOLD. Private. No 241890. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Shepley. Son of Fred Mosley, Station Road, Shepley. Enlisted March 1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Shepley War Memorial.

MOSLEY, PERCY. 2nd Lieutenant. 5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Shepley. Son of Mr and Mrs John Mosley, Yew Tree Villas, Shepley. Was a student of the textile department at the Huddersfield Technical College. Employed as an assistant designer by Messrs Benjamin Armitage and Sons Limited, Victoria Warehouse, Shepley. Was a member of the Shepley Tennis Club and the Huddersfield Technical College gymnasium. Played football with the Shepley Amateur football club. Was a member of the choir at the United Methodist Church, Shepley. Killed in action, 28.3.1918, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Shepley War Memorial.

MOSLEY, RALPH SUNDERLAND. Private. No 1917. ‘A’ Company, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Hebden Bridge 7.10.1893. Son of Charles Walter and Elizabeth Moss, 18 Lister Street, Moldgreen. Educated Moldgreen Church of England School and Huddersfield College. Employed as an organ repairer by Messrs Peter Conacher. Attended Moldgreen Parish Church. Was a member of the local Territorials for two years prior to the war. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action near Ypres, 16.8.1915, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His parents received a letter from Private W. Davis, of Moldgreen, who was in the same Company and wrote, ‘We are only about twenty five yards from the German trenches, so you can imagine that if anyone shows his head above the top of the trench he is pretty certain to be hit. Ralph must have done this accidentally whilst making a dugout for
himself. He died without regaining consciousness so you must not think he suffered any pain. I am sure I could pay him no better tribute than to say he was the best type of British soldier and knew no fear. We shall all miss terribly one of the best of pals.'

ROH: Christ Church, Moldgreen; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


MOXON, DAVID. Private. No 241863. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Moldgreen, Huddersfield. Son of David Moxon, of Lascelles Hall, Kirkheaton. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH: St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private ARCHIE MUNRO, killed in action, 12.10.1916, q.v.). ROH:- Honley War Memorial.


MURPHY, RICHARD. Gunner. No 44661. 98th Battery, 1st Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.


son, Corporal W.C. Nairn, was killed in action on the night of Saturday May 5th. We were working in a trench and encountered hostile shelling, your son unfortunately being hit in the body. He was taken to a dressing station quite near but the doctor gave but little hope of his recovery. He passed away half an hour later being unconscious all the time. What a sad blow it will be to you. We are all very much pained at the loss of such a splendid fellow. Your son was one of my trusted N.C.O's. He was with me ever since he joined the army. We buried him in a British cemetery close to where he fell and placed a wooden cross thereon inscribed with his name.'

ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.

NALSON, FREDERICK ALFRED. Private. 8th (City of London) Battalion (Post Office Rifles). Born Huddersfield 9.5.1885. Son of Mrs Nalson, 25 Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield. Educated at Huddersfield schools. Employed as a postman and sorter at Huddersfield General Post Office. Husband of Margaret Nalson (Later of 37 Higson Avenue, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester). Enlisted August 1915. Taken Prisoner of War by the Germans on 21.5.1916. During the two and half years of his imprisonment in Munster, Germany, he was forced to work in a coal mine for twelve hours every day, including Sundays, without food except that sent by the British Red Cross. Was released from imprisonment and returned to work at the Post Office in Huddersfield. Died of mitral valvular heart disease, caused by overwork during imprisonment in Germany, on 17.3.1921 at 25 Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield, aged 35. Buried EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. ROH:- Huddersfield General Post Office.


NAYLOR, HERBERT HIRST. Battery Sergeant Major. No 19705. 225th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Hinchliffe Mill, Holmfirth. Son of the late Lot and Mrs Naylor. Educated Field End School. Attended St. David’s Church, Holmbridge, where he was a member of the choir. Prior to enlistment, was employed as an apprentice by Messrs Lawton and Hogley, painters and decorators, of Holmfirth. Enlisted on his 18th birthday in the Royal Garrison Artillery, Easter Tuesday, 1897. Over the next six years he served in Nova Scotia, Quebec, British Columbia, Hong Kong and Singapore. He then returned to England and was put on the staff of the Garrison Artillery at New Brighton. Whilst at New Brighton he married a Liverpool girl and they had three children. He remained there for five years and then was again sent on foreign service, this time to Jamaica. On the outbreak of war he applied to go to France but this was refused on the grounds of his indispensibility. But, in 1916, his application was successful and he arrived in France in December, 1916. Died from burns on 17.10.1917, aged 38 years. Buried LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 22, Row AA, Grave 26. ROH:- St. James Church; Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial; St. John’s Church, Golcar.


Dawson and Jones, contractors, of Moldgreen. Single. Enlisted 17.3.1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Bullecourt on 3.5.1917, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Andrew's Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

NESTOR, JOHN. Private. No 38087. 39th Field Ambulance Royal Army Medical Corps. Born York. Son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Nestor, 1 Castle Street, Slaithwaite. Before leaving Slaithwaite, was employed as a weaver by Messrs Pearson Brothers Limited, Commercial Mills, Slaithwaite. Played second cornet in the Slaithwaite Brass Band. In 1912 he left Slaithwaite for Oldham where he joined the Oldham Police Force. In September, 1914, with other members of the force, he enlisted in the R.A.M.C., 13th Division, which went to the Dardanelles, where he acted as a stretcher-bearer. Killed in action, 7.8.1915, aged 24 years. Buried No 2 OUTPOST CEMETERY, ANZAC, GALLIPOLI. Grave location:- Special Memorial 29. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial. His parents received a letter from one of their son's chums, Private Thomas Mulcrone, who had also served in the Oldham Police force, 'It is my extremely sad and painful duty to have to inform you of the death of your son Jack, which occurred on August 7th. We had just moved to a new position and were going to collect some wounded when Jack and another stretcher-bearer were struck by a piece of shell which killed them both instantly. I saw him buried and obtained permission from my Commanding Officer to retain his watch which I will let you have at the first opportunity. Before closing I wish to express the deepest sympathy of all the men of the 39th in this your great loss. I can assure you that there was not a more popular man in the Ambulance than poor old Jack.'


Marsden National School and Huddersfield Higher Grade School. He then spent twelve months in Switzerland learning the French language. He returned to England and was employed by Messrs. Mellish, Richardson and Company, of Wortley, Leeds, cloth manufacturers, to learn the business. Was a teacher in Marsden Church Sunday School and a member of the Church of England Men's Society. Was also a member of the Marsden Conservative Club. Was a gifted musician, the violin being his favourite instrument. Enrolled in the Leeds University Officers' Training Corps for six months military training. On 23.7.1915 he was granted a commission in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Embarked for France 14.6.1916. Killed in action on the Schwaben Redoubt on Sunday, 3.9.1916, aged 20 years. Buried LONSDALE CEMETERY.  

Grave location:- Plot 8, Row E, Grave 3. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial; Marsden Conservative Club Roll; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


NEWTON, BEN. Gunner. No 161705. 144th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Golcar. Husband of Hetty Newton, 1 Scarhouse Lane, Golcar. Prior to his marriage in 1913, had lived at Garden Terrace, Linthwaite. Employed by Messrs George Cock Limited, dyers, Linthwaite. Attended Linthwaite Wesleyan Chapel and was a member of the Linthwaite Cricket Club. Enlisted 9.5.1917. Embarked for France, 22.10.1917. Killed in action, 28.11.1917, aged 29 years. Buried BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY, BOESINGHE, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 5, Row C, Grave 25. His widow received a letter from the Chaplain in which he told her that, ‘Gunner Newton was killed in action on 28.11.1917. He had been on duty with his Battery the previous night and just before midnight a shell struck the shelter in which he was sleeping. Death was instantaneous and he could have suffered no pain whatsoever’. ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar.

Woodhouse Hill. Enlisted September 1917. Died at Scotton Camp, 22.11.1917, aged 18 years. Buried St. JOHN’S CHURCHYARD, HIPSWELL, CATTERICK, NORTH YORKSHIRE. Grave Location:- Row 21, Grave 7. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill.


NOBLE, ARTHUR. Private. No 42570. 2nd Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Noble, Wood Nook, Meltham. Husband of Hannah Noble, 8 Park Terrace, Uppermthong Lane, Holmfirth. Employed by Messrs B. Vickerman and Sons, Taylor Hill Mills. Attended Lockwood Parish Church and was a member of the Young Men’s Class. Enlisted 21.1.1916. Died of wounds, 22.6.1917, aged 29 years. Buried MENIN ROAD SOUTH MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row S, Grave 18. ROH:- Upperthong War Memorial; Honley War Memorial.


NOBLE, JAMES WILLIAM. Private. No 9182. 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment. Born Crosland Road, Lindley, 4.6.1890. Lived Birchcliffe.

NOBLE, REGINALD. Private. No 46510. 12th/13th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Cowcliffe, Huddersfield, 4.8.1897. Son of Alfred and Annie Noble, 195 Cowcliffe Hill Road, Huddersfield. Educated Cowcliffe and St. John’s schools, Huddersfield. Employed as a cloth finisher by Messrs J. Heywood and Sons, Marsh Mills. Attended Cowcliffe Wesleyan Chapel. Single. Enlisted 22.7.1916. Reported wounded and missing at the Battle of Passchendaele on 4.10.1917 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 19. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Netheroyd Hill Methodist Church; Cowcliffe Wesleyan Church; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

NOBLE, WILFRED. Private. No 291836. 1/7th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Midhope. Son of Hannah Noble, 14 Water Street, Stand Lane, Radcliffe, Manchester. Before moving to Manchester lived at Hillhouse Lane, Huddersfield. Was employed as a teamer by Messrs Wallaces Limited, St. John’s Road, Huddersfield. Killed in action at Passchendaele, 26.10.1917, aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Shared Church, Paddock.

NOBLE, WILLIE. Private. No G/66079. 10th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Formerly No 77198 89th T.R. Battalion. Born Golcar. Only son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Noble, 79 Britannia Road, Milnsbridge. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Ben Hall and Son, Milnsbridge. Attended St. Michael’s Church, Milnsbridge and was a member of the choir. Enlisted 29.12.1916. Embarked for France in May 1917. Killed by a shell on 5.8.1917, aged 19 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.


NORCLIFFE, TOM. Private. No 39649. 9th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Son of Mr and Mrs Sam Norcliffe, 88 Alder Street, Huddersfield. Employed in the finishing department of Messrs T. and H. Blamires Limited, Leeds Road, Huddersfield. Killed in action, 7.7.1917, aged 20 years. Buried ST. LEGER BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row F, Grave 10. ROH:- St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield.


NORRIS, JOHN MEEK. Lance Corporal. No 8837. 1st Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. Born Holbeach, Lincolnshire. Son of John Edward and Sarah Jane Norris, 28 Brook Terrace, Slaithwaite. Enlisted in the Lincolnshire Regiment on 20.1.1910. Served with the 2nd Battalion. At the outbreak of the war the battalion was in Bermuda. Returned to England on the 3.11.1914. Sailed for France, 5.11.1914, and landed at Le


occasions. Reported wounded and missing near Rheims on 27.5.1918 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. He was 24 years of age. Commemorated SOISSONS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield College School.


NUGENT, EDWARD WILLIAM. Private. No 1655. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Forfar, Scotland. Came to Huddersfield in 1913. Formerly employed by Messrs Read Holliday and Sons Limited and, just prior to enlistment, was employed by Messrs William Whiteley and Sons, Lockwood. Was a widower, with two children. Lodged with Mr and Mrs Bedford, Three Nuns, Cross Grove Street, Huddersfield. Killed by the explosion of a shell on 25.7.1915, aged 36 years. Buried BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row E, Grave 16. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall. Captain Alfred Bruzzard, the Medical Officer of the 7th Battalion writing to his friends in Huddersfield wrote, ‘I am very sorry to tell you that I have lost one of my best Bearers in the death of Bandsman E. W. Nugent. He was killed by a shell bursting near him. His death was instantaneous from concussion. He was not hit but the severe explosion near to him was sufficient to kill him. It was only the previous day he had excelled himself in helping a wounded comrade. At his duty of stretcher-bearer he was fearless. I mourn the loss of a good man.’

NUTTALL, ALBERT ARMITAGE (BERT). 2nd Lieutenant. 7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Only surviving son of Mr and Mrs Robert H. Nuttall, Hollins House, Marsden. Educated Marsden National School and the High School for boys, Huddersfield. He then attended Huddersfield Technical College on a course of instruction in mechanics. He then enrolled as a student in the technical department of mechanical engineering at Manchester University, where he was awarded a BSc degree. Was a member of Marsden Liberal Club and a playing member of the Slaithwaite Golf Club. In October, 1914, he joined the Manchester University Officers’ Training Corps. On 23.8.1915, he was gazetted Second Lieutenant in the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. He went through training courses at Scarborough, Ripon, Clipstone and Strensall, after which he embarked for France, in July 1916 – just seven weeks before he died of wounds at a field dressing station, on 15.8.1916, aged 20 years. Buried FORCEVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETARY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 1. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial; Marsden Liberal Club; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

NUTTALL, FRANK. Gunner. No 114638. ‘C’ Battery, 62nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Born Marsden. Son of Joshua Nuttall, Sand Hill, Marsden and the late Susannah Nuttall. Died of bronchial-pneumonia, following upon influenza, at No 56 General Hospital on 10.12.1918, aged 26 years. Buried ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 47, Row C,
Grave 17. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.


O’BRIEN, JAMES L. HADCOCK. Private. No 40315. 18th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Son of Mr J. O’Brien, 84 Birkby Hall Road, Huddersfield. Was a teacher at the Hillhouse United Methodist Church for several years. His fiance, Miss Stead was also a teacher at the school. Was well known in art circles and had been a student at the Huddersfield Technical College and, later, at the Royal College of Art. He gained the A.R.C.A. Diploma in June, 1915, and was awarded £10 for the best work of the year. Was a member of the Huddersfield Art Society and was an assistant at the Holmfirth Art School. Had been recommended for a commission. Killed in action, 13.11.1916, aged 25 years. Buried SAILLY-AU-BOIS MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row E, Grave 1. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; Holmfirth Secondary School.


O’KELLY, JAMES WILLIAM, MM. Able Seaman. ZP/1037. Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. ‘Hood’ Battalion. Royal Naval Division. Lived 23 Upperhead Row, Huddersfield. He was at Headquarters mess canteen and was returning to a train after helping the Officers with dinner when the accident happened. Whilst
he was attempting to board a train, which was already on the move, an engine coming in the other direction caught him on the shoulder, knocking him under the wheels of his own train and he was killed instantly on 2.10.1917. He had served in Gallipoli. Awarded the Military Medal on 26.3.1917. Buried HAZEBROUCK COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- 3, F, 21. (Brother of Private JAMES HENRY KELLY, died 26.5.1918).


OATES, GILBERT. Private. No 38227. 15th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (1st Leeds Pals). Born Paddock, Huddersfield, 3.9.1898. Son of Oscar and Sarah Hannah Oates, 4 Royds Hall, Longwood Road, Paddock Head. Educated Paddock Church Schools. Employed as a workroom manager by Messrs Chilton, Wrigley and Company Limited, Viaduct Street, Huddersfield. Attended Paddock Congregational Church and as a member of the school club won a cup for playing billiards. Single. Enlisted October 1916. Embarked for France in January, 1917. Killed in action, 11.5.1917, aged 19, during the Battle of Arras. Buried POINT-DU-JOUR MILITARY CEMETERY, ATHIES. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row D, Grave 2. (Brother of Private HAROLD OATES, died of wounds, 29.7.1917, q.v.). ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood; All Saints Church, Paddock; Shared Church, Paddock; memorial in Salendine Nook Baptist Chapel yard, 370E.

OATES, HAROLD. Bombardier. No L/25669. 168th (Huddersfield) Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Born Paddock 19.2.1894. Son of Oscar and Sarah Hannah Oates, 4 Royds Hall, Longwood Road, Paddock Head. Educated Paddock Church of England School. Attended Paddock Church and was a member of Paddock Institute. Employed by the Standard Fireworks Company. Single. Enlisted in 1914. Wounded in the hip and thigh during the Battle of Arras on 8.7.1917. Died of wounds at Dudley Road
Hospital, Birmingham, on 20.7.1917, aged 23 years. Buried SALENDEINE NOOK BAPTIST CHAPEL YARD. Grave location: in East part, 370E. (Brother of Private GILBERT OATES, killed in action, 11.5.1917, q.v.). ROH:- St. Mark's Parish Church, Longwood; All Saints Church, Paddock.


OLDFIELD, ALFRED EDWARD. Private. No M2/078203. 605th Motor Transport Company, Army Service Corps. Born 21.7.1893. Son of Mr and Mrs Oldfield, 65 Manchester Road, Huddersfield. Educated Rashcliffe Church of England School. Reported missing from the Italian Transport ship 'Citta di Palermo', which was sunk by a mine in the Adriatic Sea, ten miles from Brindisi, on 8.1.1916, with the loss of 57 British soldiers. Has no known grave. Commemorated HOLLYBROOK MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Thomas's Church, Longroyd Bridge.


ORTON, LEWIS. Private. No 31835. 9th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment. Born on 28.9.1918. Died at home, 45 Haigh Street, Lockwood, on 8.11.1921.


OWEN, ROBERT. Corporal. No 290108. 7th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Born Llanymynech, Montgomery. Son of Paul M. Owen and Caroline F. Owen, 10 Upper Grange, Marsden. Employed as a teamer by Mr Albert Schofield of Marsden. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Went to the Dardenelles in August 1915. On the 10.8.1915 he received a bullet wound in the right arm and his right knee got torn by shrapnel. Invalided home to England, where he was treated at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool. He was drafted out to Egypt in the first week of 1917. Killed in action during the Battle of Gaza, Palestine, 26.3.1917, aged 24 years. Buried GAZA WAR CEMETERY, PALESTINE. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row C, Grave 8. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.

leaving school, he matriculated at the London University. In February, 1911, he joined the 3rd Special Reserve Battalion of the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment and completed his training with the 2nd Battalion at Tidworth and Dublin. In November, 1911, he was articled to his father, in the firm of Messrs Owen and Bailey, solicitors, New Street, Huddersfield. Was a playing member of the Huddersfield Old Boys Rugby Union football club and was Captain of the team. Was a sidesman at St. Thomas’s Church, Longroyd Bridge, 1912–1914, and Hon. Secretary of the Communicants Guild for Men. Was gazetted a full Lieutenant on 2.12.1912. When war was declared he was taking a course of musketry at Hythe. Was mobilised with the 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment and sailed with them to France on 13.8.1914. He was present at the Battles of Mons, Le Cateau, the Aisne, and also at La Bassee and Ypres. Wounded in the left knee at Ypres on 7.11.1914 and, after treatment at Boulogne, was invalided home. Embarked for France again on 17.2.1915 and was present at the Battle of St. Eloi between March 14th and 17th. Killed in action at Hill 60 on 18.4.1915, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. 

OXLEY, HERBERT. Private. No 5544. 23rd (County of London) Battalion. Formerly No 75419 Royal Army Medical Corps. Lived Kirkburton. Son of Samuel Vincent and Eliza Oxley, of Far Dean, Kirkburton. Killed in action, 15.7.1916, aged 23 years. Buried LOUEZ MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row E, Grave 8. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.


PARKIN, ALBERT. Gunner. No 202700. ‘A’ Battery, 307th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Formerly No R/ 19776 King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Honley. Son of Mr and Mrs Joe Parkin of Magdale, Honley. Employed in the finishing
department at Messrs Crowthers, Milnsbridge. Enlisted March 1916. Killed in action, 10.5.1918, aged 28 years. Buried VIELLE-CHAPELLE NEW MILITARY CEMETERY, LACOUTRE. Grave location:- Plot 8, Row E, Grave 3. (Brother of Gunner HENRY PARKIN, killed in action, 10.5.1918, q.v.). ROH:- Honley War Memorial.


PARKIN, HENRY. Gunner. No 62457. 126th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Honley. Son of Joe and Helen Parkin, of Magdale, Honley. Educated Honley Church School. Employed by Messrs Eastwood Brothers, Thirstin Mill. Was a member of the Honley Conservative Club. Enlisted November 1915. Had gained his first class certificate for signalling and telegraphy. Had been in France for fifteen weeks when he was seriously wounded by shell fire on 15.10.1916, aged 24 years. He died within a few minutes on his way to the dressing station. Buried LONGUEVAL ROAD CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row F, Grave 3. (Brother of Gunner ALBERT PARKIN, killed in action, 10.5.1918, q.v.). ROH:- Honley War Memorial.


PARKINSON, F. Private. No 4379665. 1st Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Son of Edwin Parkinson of Huddersfield. Died, 14.3.1921, in India, aged 31 years. Buried TRIMULGHERRY CANTONMENT CEMETERY, INDIA. Commemorated MADRAS 1914-1918 WAR MEMORIAL, CHENNAI.


PARR, JOHN WILLIAM. Private. No 241074. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Almondbury in 1877. Educated at Milnsbridge schools. Employed as a concreter by Messrs J. and J. Bottomly, contractors, of Marsden. Married, with four children. Lived 1 Chorley Row, Marsden. Attended Milnsbridge Baptist Sunday School. Enlisted 15.3.1915. Reported missing, presumed killed, on 3.5.1917, at the Battle of Bullecourt. He was 39 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (In September 1917 his body was found lying out on the battlefield by his brother-in-law, Corporal NELSON WINTERBOTTOM, of Crosland Moor, who identified it by photographs of Mrs Parr together with an unfinished letter and two envelopes addressed to her, which were found on the body). ROH: Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.


PAXMAN, BOYNTON. Corporal. No 96. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Husband of Edith Paxman, 16 John Street, Huddersfield. Employed by Messrs Walter Sykes Limited, Zetland Mills, Huddersfield. Had been a member of the local Territorials for eight years. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Was married in April, 1915. Killed in action 18.8.1915, aged 23. Buried WHITE HOUSE CEMETERY, ST. JEAN-LES-YPRES. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row O, Grave 18. His widow received the following letter from Major G. P. Norton, 'You will already have been informed by his Platoon Commander that your husband was killed by a bullet in the head last Tuesday night. I wish I could think that any words of mine would help you in your great trouble and make your loss easier to bear. You have every reason to be proud of your husband who was a splendid N.C.O. and a fine man all round. Every Officer and man in the Company feels his loss as a personal one for he was one of the most popular men in the Company. On duty he worked cheerfully and his beautiful voice used to entertain us when we were resting. He has died for his King and County and in doing so has died for you. His end was sudden and painless. We managed to take him out of the trenches and he was given a Christian burial. In expressing to you deepest sympathy I do so on behalf of the whole Company.' ROH:- Gospel Mission, Huddersfield; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


Grave 5. ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


PEACE, SQUIRE. Private. No 8573. 2/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Firs Cottages, Longwood Road, Huddersfield. Educated Paddock Church of England School. Employed in a fish and chip shop. Married. Lived 154 Leeds Road North, Huddersfield. Enjoyed crown green bowling and was a member of three clubs. Enlisted October 1916. Died in No 4 Casualty Clearing Station of gunshot wounds to the back on 3.3.1917, aged 38 years. Buried VARENNES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row I, Grave 62. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield.


PEAKE, GEORGE. Bandsman. No 7924. 1st Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Gomersall. Son of William and Martha Peake, 51 Armitage Road, Golcar. Enjoyed crown green bowling and was a member of three clubs. Enlisted October 1916. Died in No 4 Casualty Clearing Station of gunshot wounds to the back on 3.3.1917, aged 38 years. Buried VARENNES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row I, Grave 62. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield.


PEARSON, DAN. Lance Corporal. No 2946. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Elder son of Mr and Mrs Fred Pearson, 7 Brook Lane, Golcar. Employed in the warehouse by Messrs Firth and Miller, cloth merchants, St. John's Road, Huddersfield. Attended Golcar Baptist Sunday School and was a member of the Young Men's Bible Class. Had been a drill instructor in the Boys Brigade. Had served four years with the local Territorials. Was assistant secretary of the Golcar Liberal Club. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. On Sunday morning, 15.8.1915, he was shot through the head by a sniper whilst in the act of raising his rifle. He never regained consciousness and died in about an hour, aged 22. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar; Golcar Baptist Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

PEARSON, DENNIS. Private. Royal Army Medical Corps. Lived South View, Slack, Outlane. Married, with five children. Employed as cotton spinner by Messrs Edwin Sykes and Sons, Gosport Mills, Outlane. Enlisted in the R.A.M.C but was discharged on medical grounds. Since his discharge had been a patient at Mill Hill Hospital, Huddersfield. Died at his home of pneumonia, following upon influenza, on 26.7.1918, aged 38 years. Buried with military honours at BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHAPEL YARD, OUTLANE. ROH:- St. Mark's Parish Church, Longwood.


PEARSON, HAROLD. Private. No 28807. 7th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Burtoncliffe Head. Son of Mr and Mrs W. Pearson, 48 West End Road, Golcar. Husband of Mary Eliza Pearson. At one time he assisted his father in his greengrocery business but, prior to enlistment, was employed as a weaver by Messrs G. Mallinson and Sons Limited, Linthwaite. Attended Golcar Baptist Chapel. Enlisted 1.3.1916. Embarked for France on 17.7.1916. Killed in action at the Battle of Arras, 17.7.1917, aged 29 years. Buried St. NICOLAS BRITISH CEMETERY, ARRAS. Grave Location:- Plot 2, Row A, Grave 17. ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar.

PEARSON, HARRY. Lance Corporal. No 300050. 7th Battalion Sherwood Foresters. Born 16 Charles Street, Crosland Moor, 27.2.1898. Educated Crosland Moor Moor Council School. Employed as an apprentice scribbling engineer. Single. Lived 12 Barton Road, Crosland Moor. Enlisted 26.10.1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, 16.4.1918, aged 20. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; United Methodist Church, Crosland Moor; memorial in Lockwood Cemetery.


at home, 25.9.1918, aged 24 years. Buried KIRKHEATON CEMETERY. Grave location: ‘U’, 667. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.

PEARSON, JOHN ALLEN. Private. No 312498. The Tank Corps. Formerly No 301432 Royal Engineers. Son of the late Joe and Susannah Pearson of Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. Died at home, 26.9.1918, aged 31 years. Buried SOUTH CROSLAND CHURCH BURIAL GROUND. Grave location:- Middle South 529. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Shelley.


PEARSON, JOSEPH SYKES. Acting Captain. Army Service Corps (Motor Transport). Eldest son of the late Henry Edward and Mrs Clara Pearson, Cliffe Ash, Golcar. Was a member of the firm of Messrs Pearson Brothers Limited, Slaithwaite and Golcar. He was a member of the Colne Valley Territorials at the outbreak of the war and rose to the rank of Major and Adjutant. He transferred to the Army Service Corps and, whilst serving in France, was awarded the French Croix-de-Guerre for conspicuous gallantry. He was married at Huddersfield Parish Church on Thursday, 11.11.1917, to Miss Elsie Marion (Mingy) Woolven, youngest daughter of Alderman J. A. Woolven of West Parade, Huddersfield. Lived 19 Trinity Street, Huddersfield. Died, 7.11.1918, of pneumonia following upon influenza. Buried LES BARAQUES MILITARY CEMETERY, SANGATTE. Grave location:- Plot 6, Row D, Grave 4. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; memorial in Golcar Churchyard.


transferred to the York and Lancaster Regiment when he arrived in France at Easter, 1917. Killed in action, 28.6.1917, aged 34 years. Buried PHILOSOPHE BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row S, Grave 17. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


PEARSON, WALTER ERNEST. Lance Corporal. No M2/270093. 403rd Company, Mechanical Transport, Army Service Corps, attached 293rd Siege Brigade Ammunition Column, Born Paddock 2.12.1883. Son of Walter Pearson 27 Clough Lane, Paddock. Educated Paddock Church schools and Huddersfield Technical College. Employed as a commission agent for Messrs Bairstow, Sons and Company, Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield for sixteen years. Husband of Eva Pearson, Old Hall, Shepley. Enlisted 15.11.1916. Was wounded in the abdomen and right arm when trying to free his motor lorry which had become stuck in the mud. Died of wounds at No 4 Casualty Clearing Station, Proven, Belgium, on 15.7.1917, aged 34 years. Buried DOZINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row C, Grave 13. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock.


PEEL, FRANK. Private. No 18839. ‘B’ Company, 8th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Skelmanthorpe. Son of William and Mary Peel of Croft Head, Skelmanthorpe. Employed at Messrs E. Stringer and Son’s colliery at Skelmanthorpe. Enlisted 21.10.1914 and embarked for France in September, 1915. In his last letter to his parents, written on 18.1.1916, he stated that he had been out of the trenches for four days rest and was going back on the 21.1.1916. Died of wounds on 20.1.1916, aged 34 years. Buried SAILLY-sur-la-LYS CANADIAN CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row C, Grave 54. ROH:- St Aidan’s Church, Skelmanthorpe.


PEEL, NORMAN. Rifleman. No R/21404. 16th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Thurstonland. Son of James and Eliza Peel of Natty Fold, Millmoor, Meltham. Husband of Caroline Peel, Store Cottages, New Road, Meltham. Killed in action, 23.4.1917, aged 26 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private JOHN HENRY PEEL, killed in action, 20.9.1917, q.v.). ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.

PEEL, STANLEY. Acting Sergeant. No 202611. 5th Battalion The King’s (Liverpool Regiment). Born Huddersfield. Employed as a pattern weaver by Messrs Martin, Sons and Company, Oakes, Lindley. Had lived at Albert Street, off Acre Street, Lindley. Was a well known Huddersfield cricketer and had played with the Fartown and Paddock teams. Moved to Blackpool in 1913. Died from influenza whilst on home leave, 4.11.1918, aged 29 years. Buried BLACKPOOL CEMETERY. Grave Location:- T, 223.


PETERS, WILLIAM HENRY. Sapper. No 131724. 235th Army Corps Company, Royal Engineers. Born Kimberworth, near Rotherham, 27.7.1879. Son of John Henry and Ann Peters, 60 Thornton Road, Crosland Moor.


PHIPPARD, FREDERICK GEORGE. Company Sergeant Major. No 240025. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Brixton. Husband of Winifred Phippard, Linfit Lane, Kirkburton. A member of the Royal Ancient Order of Buffaloes (Dartmouth Lodge). Was connected with the local Territorials for six years prior to the war. Embarked for France, as a Corporal, with the Battalion in April, 1915. Died in No 44 Casualty Clearing Station on 8.10.1917, after having received a compound fracture of the right thigh and left hand. He was 27 years of age. Buried NINE ELMS BRITISH CEMETERY, POPERINGHE. Grave location:- Plot B. Grave 5. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


PIERCY, WILFRED ASHTON. Lieutenant. 17th (County of London) Battalion The London Regiment (Poplar and Stepney Rifles). Son of the late Rev. George Piercy and Mrs Piercy of Leytonstone, London, and youngest brother of Mr John Piercy of Huddersfield. Prior to enlistment was a teacher in London. Killed in action, 26.9.1915, at the Battle of Loos. Has no known grave. Commemorated LOOS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His brother received a letter from the Brigadier-General who wrote, ‘He came to his end as a brave and gallant soldier should do, leading his men in the attack on Loos. I deplore the loss of a brave and promising Officer.’

PILLING, ARTHUR. Private. No 32982. 10th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Albion Street, Huddersfield, 5.5.1898. Son of Edward and Annie Pilling, 28 Mitre Street, Marsh, Huddersfield. Educated at St. Paul’s Church of England School and Oakes Council School. Attended Queen Street Mission and was a member of the Young Men’s Class. Employed as a pattern man in the woollen warehouse of Messrs John Wilkinson and Son, St. George’s Square, Huddersfield. Enlisted 5.1.1915. Embarked for France on 22.5.1917. Killed in action at Wytschaete, near the Messines Ridge, on 1.8.1917, aged 19 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His Officer wrote to Private Pilling’s parents saying, ‘I think it would comfort you to know that previously on the same day...”
he had nobly volunteered to help carry a wounded officer over the top from our trench to another and carried out the job successfully. I felt quite proud of this act.’


PLAITER, JAMES WILLIAM (WILLIE). Private. No 3/11052. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Shepley. Son of George and Isabella Plaiber of Dobroyd, Shepley. Was a tailor by trade but, prior to enlistment, was employed at Messrs Stringer’s colliery, Park Mill, Clayton West. Was formerly a member of the Shepley United Brass Band. Enlisted 8.8.1914. Died from gas poisoning at Hill 60 on 5.5.1915, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private THOMAS PLAITER, killed in action, 31.7.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Shepley War Memorial.

PLAITER, THOMAS. Lance Corporal. No 30761. 2nd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Shepley. Son of George and Isabella Plaiber of Dobroyd, Shepley. Employed as a plumber and painter. Reported missing, presumed killed, 31.7.1917, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private JAMES WILLIAM (WILLIE) PLAITER. Killed in action, 5.5.1915, q.v.). ROH:- Shepley War Memorial.


PLURIGHT, GEORGE DYSON. Corporal. No 11547. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 13 Outcote Bank, Manchester Road, Huddersfield, 11.5.1879. Educated Spring Grove Council School. Husband of Mabel Bertha Pluright, 38 Spring Grove Street, Huddersfield. Employed as the local agent for Messrs Fattorini and Sons, of Bradford, and at night was employed at the Hippodrome as a ticket checker in the stalls. Attended Milton Congregational Church. Had served in the local Volunteer battalion for some years prior to the war. Was a Reservist and was mobilised on 4.8.1914. Embarked for France on 5.12.1914. Wounded in head and shoulder on 11.3.1915, but returned to the front line. On 18.4.1915 he was holding a communication trench on Hill 60, when he suffered severe head wounds and died instantly, aged 35 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Milton Independent Church; Huddersfield Parish Church; St. Thomas’s Church, Longroyd Bridge.


POGSON, HARRY. Private. No 2191. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Rosemary Lane, Huddersfield. Son of Mr James Pogson, 57 Thomas Street, off Northgate, Huddersfield. Employed as a brickyard labourer at Messrs Brook’s pottery works at Bradley. Single. Enlisted September 1914. Acted as Officer’s servant to the Sergeant Major of the 1/7th Battalion. In a letter written the day before his death, he wrote that he was, ‘in the best of health and looking forward to coming over on leave at Christmas. He added that they had been having a bad time in the trenches.’ Died from wounds, 19.12.1915, aged 19 years. Buried BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row D, Grave 18. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.

POGSON, HARRY. Private. No 87379. 12th Battalion The King’s (Liverpool Regiment). Son of Arthur and Ellen Pogson, 29 Cliffe End...


Pogson, Stafford. Private. No 42617. 8th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly No 29/732 Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Golcar. Brother of Mrs E. E. Dyson, 15 Slantgate, Linthwaite. Employed as a weaver by Messrs B. and J. Whitwam and Sons, Golcar. Attended Scapegoat Hill Baptist Chapel and was a member of the Smith Ryding Working Men's Club. Enlisted June 1916. Embarked for France in January, 1917. Wounded in June, 1917, and admitted to No 10 Casualty Clearing Station. He wrote home to his sister and told her, 'that a shrapnel bullet had entered his right breast and he had undergone an operation. He said she was not to worry because they had some very clever doctors out there. Died of his wounds, 2.7.1917, aged 33 years. Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery. Grave location:- Plot 6, Row M, Grave 29. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

Pollard, Clifford. Boy 1st Class. No J/23543. Royal Navy. HMS Hawke. Son of Mr William Pollard, Park Head, Holmfirth. Educated St. John's School, Park Head, Holmfirth and Holmfirth Secondary School. On leaving school he was employed by Messrs H. and S. Butterworth, Lower Mills, Holmfirth, but only stayed there a short time as did not like the work. He was then apprenticed to Mr Cockroft, chemist, 51 Northgate, Huddersfield. In 1913 he enlisted in the Royal Navy two days after his sixteenth birthday. He spent twelve months at the Shotley Naval training barracks, where he gained first class marks. After completing his training he was drafted on to HMS Hawke which was used as a training ship. On the declaration of war the Hawke was manned for war. Killed in an action involving a submarine in the North Sea, 15.10.1914, aged 17. 526 men went down with the ship. Has no known grave. Commemorated
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:– Upperthong War Memorial; Holmfirth Secondary School.


POUNDER, GEORGE WILLIE. Private. No 32032. 14th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Born Parkgate, Berry Brow, Huddersfield 30.11.1890. Son of Mr and Mrs Albert Pounder, 45 Parkgate, Berry Brow. Educated Berry Brow Board School. Employed as a warehouseman. Married. Enlisted 29.4.1916. Reported missing on 3.12.1917 at the Battle of Cambrai and afterwards presumed to have died on that date,


PRIESTLEY, ALFRED. Private. No 19871. 'B' Company, 16th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Born Marsden. Son of Herbert W. Priestley and Mrs S. E. Priestley, Station Road, Shepley. Was a student in the designing department at Huddersfield Technical College. Educated St. Paul's School and was a member of Shepley Liberal Club. Enlisted with some college friends in January, 1915. Embarked for France in December, 1915. Killed in the attack on Mametz Wood during the Battle of Somme on 11.7.1916, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His pal, Lance Corporal Matthews, wrote to the family 'that a German high explosive shell burst over Alfred and his companions, killing four and wounding eight. Death in Alfred's case was instantaneous.' ROH:- Shepley War Memorial.

PRIESTLEY, EDGAR, MM. Sergeant. No 241414. 'D' Company, 5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born 6 Haugh's Road, Quarmby, Huddersfield, 15.4.1891. Son of A. E. and Mary A. Priestley, 23 Clara Street, Fartown. Educated Oakes Board School and Huddersfield Higher Grade School. Employed as a textile designer and foreman. At the time of enlistment was living at Brimscombe


PRICE, WILLIAM JAMES. No 740. Lance Corporal. 7th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Born Cwmpark, Glamorgan. Son of Mr and Mrs James Price, 1 Lot, Park Street, Newtown, Montgomery. Was employed by the Colne Valley Spinning Company. Lodged with Mrs Godfrey, Upper Clough, Linthwaite. Had been a member of the local Territorials for four years prior to the war. Served in the Dardenelles. Died from Enteric Fever, 7.9.1915, aged 22 years. Buried EAST MUDROS MILITARY CEMETERY, LEMNOS. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row M, Grave 226.

Oakes Baptist Church; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

PRIESTLEY, EDMUND. Private. No 47374. 22nd (Tyneside Scottish) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Milnsbridge. Son of Mr and Mrs S. D. Priestley, 36 Scar Lane, Milnsbridge. Educated Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge. Employed as a weaver by Messrs F. Calverley and Company Limited, Dale Street Mills, Longwood. Attended St. Michael’s Mission Church where he was a Sunday School teacher and a member of the choir. Enlisted July 1916. Embarked for France on New Years Day 1917. Died, 5.6.1917, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood; St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton;
Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge.

An Army Chaplain wrote to Mrs Priestley on 11.11.1915 as follows, ‘Private Priestley, of the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment, has been wounded today. Whilst going about his work he was hit by the bursting of shrapnel in the back. He was very brave whilst the wound was being dressed and I hope he will come through it alright.’ Another letter was received from the Rev. A. Parisotti, Army Chaplain, who wrote, ‘No doubt when you receive this you will already have heard the sad news of his death. No doubt it will comfort you to hear how he died. He was brought on board this ship (the Hospital Ship ‘Kildonan Castle’) from the Field Hospital with the wounded men. He was at once seen to be a serious case and the surgeons on board concentrated all their efforts upon him in the hope of saving him. It was however a hopeless task. They did all in their power, their efforts were to some extent successful in that they made him much more comfortable and he died quite peacefully. He was praying with me quietly until practically his last breath. He knew he was dying but he did not seem afraid. He just quietly made his peace with God. He asked me to write home for him – this I gladly do, feeling it to be no small honour to assist in the last moments of so fine a lad. He was shot through the lung and died from internal haemorrhage.’

Huddersfield Drill Hall.


PYBUS, TOM. Gunner. No 47410. Depot, Royal Horse Artillery. Born Slaithwaite. Lived Lord Street, Hill Top, Slaithwaite. Had eleven year's service in the Army, seven of which were spent in India. As a Reservist, was called up at the outbreak of the war. Fought at Mons, Le Cateau, the Marne, the Aisne and the first Battle of Ypres. In 1915, he took part in the engagements at Neuve Chapelle, the second battle of Ypres. In 1916 he fought in the Somme campaign. He was discharged from the army due to shell shock in 1917. Died at home on 8.1.1918 from diabetes, a complaint that he contracted in the army, through shell shock. He was 32 years of age. Buried SLAITHWAITE CEMETERY. Grave location:- B, 1, 92. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.

at sea. Commemorated HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Thomas's Church, Longroyd Bridge, Huddersfield.


QUARMBY, FREDERICK. 2nd Lieutenant. 7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Quarmby, Spark Green, Meltham. Educated Almondbury Grammar School and Huddersfield Technical College. Was awarded a scholarship to Leeds University, where he obtained his BSc. degree with honours. Was retained on the staff of the University where he was engaged in research work. A member of the University Officers’ Training Corps and was granted a commission in the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment in July, 1915. Was married only a few months before he left for France in May 1916. Husband of Esther Ann Quarmby, Clarke Lane, Meltham. Attended Meltham Wesleyan Church and was a local preacher on the Holmfirth circuit. He was last seen in the trenches on the 17.9.1916. On the 18.9.1916 he was reported missing, presumed killed, aged 24. Buried LONGEAU BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 11. ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


QUARMBY, JAMES SCHOFIELD. 2nd Lieutenant. 7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Eldest son of John Sykes Quarmby and Laura Helen Quarmby, Green Lea, Meltham. Attended St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham. Educated New College, Harrogate. After leaving college he attempted to enlist on three occasions and was finally accepted under Lord Derby’s scheme in the Earl of Chester’s Imperial Yeomanry, with whom he served in France. Was attached for some time to the Manchester Regiment as a machine gunner. Gazetted Second Lieutenant in the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment in March, 1917. Killed in action during the Battle of Cambrai on 2.12.1917, aged 20 years. Buried HERMIES HILL BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Special Memorial A 12. ROH:- Honley War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


QUARMBY, PEARSON. Private. No 32639. 8th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Swan Lane, Lockwood, 5.5.1887. Educated Mount Pleasant and Crosland Moor Council Schools. Prior to enlistment, was employed by his father-in-law, Mr William Sykes, joiner and builder. But for many years was employed by Messrs Joshua Marshall and Company Limited as a piano tuner. Attended Crosland Moor United Methodist Church. Married, with one child. Lived 1 Tom Lane, Crosland Moor. Enlisted

QUARMBY, THOMAS. Boy 1st Class. No J/37890. Royal Navy. HMS Queen Mary. Lived with his mother at 8 Pike Law, Golcar. His father was the late Elijah Quarmby, of Crosland Hill, where the family lived until 1914. Attended Crosland Hill Wesleyan Sunday School. Employed as a piecer by Messrs Joseph Hoyle and Sons, Longwood and, before that, by Messrs C. and J. Hirst. Enlisted in the Navy at Easter, 1915. Killed in action at the Battle of Jutland, 31.5.1916, aged 16 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL.


RACE, SPENCER. Private. No SPTS/869. 23rd (Sportsman’s) Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Born Deepcar. Formerly lived at Scissett. Was a keen footballer and played with the Scissett Association football team. Fatally wounded on 13.11.1916. His Platoon Commander wrote to his sister, Mrs G. Tyas to tell her that her brother, ‘was hit in the stomach by a machine gun bullet on 13.11.1916 and died a few hours after being carried into a dugout.’ Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Scissett War Memorial.


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His parents received a letter from their son’s Officer who wrote, ‘Your son was one of a party under my command who raided the German trenches on Sunday night and I am afraid I can hold out but very little hope with his being alive. Your son had only been in my platoon about two weeks and even in that short time I was able to appreciate his worth.’ (Brother of Private HUBERT RAMSDEN, killed in action, 30.11.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

RAMSDEN, BEN. Private. No 242010. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Hugh and Alice Ramsden, Cinderhills Road, Holmfirth. Employed by the Huddersfield Cooperative Society at the Lockwood grocery branch. Attended Holmfirth United Methodist Church and was former Sunday School secretary. Enlisted under the Derby scheme at the beginning of 1917. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, aged 31 years. Buried CROISILLES BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 5, Row G, Grave 2; ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Underbank War Memorial.


Was a member of the Almondbury Cricket Club. Enlisted 2.11.1914. Twice wounded. Killed in action near Rheims, 22.7.1918. Has no known grave. Commemorated **SOISSONS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING**. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Almondbury War Memorial.


**RAMSDEN, ERNEST.** Private. No 241947. 1/5th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born South Street, Paddock 7.3.1897. Son of Mr and Mrs G. H. Ramsden, 5 Beech Street, Paddock, Huddersfield. Educated Paddock Council School. Attended Paddock Congregational Church and Sunday School. Employed as a gas fitter’s mate by the Longwood Gas Company. Single. Enlisted 19.6.1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, 14.11.1916, aged 19. Has no known grave. Commemorated **THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; Shared Church, Paddock.


**RAMSDEN, THOMAS.** Private. No 6973. 10th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Clifton, Brighouse. Married, with three children. At the time of enlistment, in August 1914, was living at Knowle, Mirfield. Had lived previously at 3 Bath Street, Huddersfield. Employed by the London and North Western Railway Company as a shunter and relief goods guard. As a boy was a member of the Huddersfield Parish Church Sunday School and the Boys Brigade. Joined the army in 1901. As a Reservist he was mobilised at the outbreak of the war and fought at Mons, the Marne, the Aisne and at Ypres where, in December 1914, he was wounded and returned to England. After a period of convalescence he was attached to a signalling section and returned to France. He was reported missing on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1.7.1916. Buried **GORDON DUMP CEMETERY.** Grave location:- Plot 7, Row L, Grave 3.

**RAMSDEN, WILLIE.** Private. No 77916. 1/8th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Born 98 Briggate, Brighouse, 26.1.1899. Son of Mr and Mrs Herbert Brook Ramsden, 16 Deighton Road, Deighton. Educated Deighton Council School. Employed in the finishing department at


RAPER, CHARLES HENRY. Corporal. No 15054. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Scammonden near Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Raper of Hullet Hall, Scammonden. Attended Pole Moor Baptist Sunday School. Employed in the dyehouse at Gosport Mills, Outlane. Enlisted December 1914. Died of wounds at No 2 Stationary Hospital on 15.11.1917, aged 21 years. Buried ABBEVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row E, Grave 6. His parents received the following letter from a comrade of their son, who wrote ‘I am writing the following on behalf of the 10th Platoon and myself. The death of your son Charles is a very big loss to us as he was loved by everyone in the Battalion, Officers, N.C.O’s and men. Many are the times we have been together under severe shellfire but he was ever cool with the same pleasant smile on his face which put spirit into all around him. We were returning from the trenches when a shell burst not far from the platoon and poor Charles was the unfortunate one to be hit. He was wounded in the legs and he was well looked after by the boys who saw him down to the dressing station where they left him in the very best of spirits. It was a dreadful shock to us when we received the news of his death but there is still the consolation that we shall meet in a better land where wars are no more.’ ROH:- Clough Head Methodist Church; Pole Moor Baptist Church; St. James Church, Slaithwaite;

RASTALL, ARTHUR WILLIAM. Private, No 3123. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Husband of Nellie Rastall, 22 Dorset Street, Birkby. Employed as a machinist for nine years by Messrs J. Hopkinson and Company Limited, of Birkby. At night he was a vendor of newspapers. Enlisted October, 1914, along with a number of employees of Messrs Hopkinsons. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action, 1.10.1915, aged 27 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His widow received a letter from Sergeant R. Dyson, Acting Commander of No 13 Platoon, ‘C’ Company, in which he told her that, ‘whilst carrying stores to his comrades in the trenches her husband was killed by a shell, death being instantenous.’ ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

CEMETERY, ROUEN. Grave location:- Plot B, Row 16, Grave 21. ROH:- St. Stephen's Church, Rashcliffe; Huddersfield GPO.


Territorials prior to the outbreak of the war. Mobilised 4.8.1914. Died of wounds received in the attack on Pacaut Wood, near Bethune, on 18.7.1918. Buried LAPUGNOY MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 10, Row B, Grave 13. ROH:- Almondbury and Lowerhouses War Memorials; Milton Independent Church; memorial in Almondbury Cemetery; London and North Western Railway Roll.


RAYNER, ‘SQUIRE’ VICTOR. Private. No 10613. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Paddock 22.6.1897. Son of Mr and Mrs Sam Rayner, 17a Market Street, Paddock. Educated Paddock Church of England School. Attended Paddock United Methodist Church. Employed as a woollen spinner. Single. Enlisted in the army in November, 1913. Mobilised 4.8.1914. Took part in the fighting at Mons, where he was one of those who found themselves cut off from the main force. Although slightly wounded, he managed to evade capture by the Germans and made his way to the Belgian coast where he was sent back to England. After a short furlough at home he returned to France. Wounded near Ypres on 11.4.1915. Died of wounds on 18.4.1915. Buried RAILWAY DUGOUTS BURIAL GROUND (TRANSPORT FARM). Grave location:- Plot 5, Row B, Grave 5. (Brother of Private FRED RAYNER, died, 23.8.1917, q.v.). ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; Shared Church, Paddock.


REDFEARN, FRANK. Rifleman. No 235209. 2/7th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Mill Moor, Meltham, 19.4.1887. Educated at Meltham schools. Employed as a cloth scourer by Messrs John Lockwood and Sons, Milnsbridge. Husband of Maria Louise Redfearn, 28 Charles Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. Enlisted 22.11.1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Bullecourt, 3.5.1917, aged 30 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Crosland Moor Wesleyan Church; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.

REDGWICK, GEORGE HERBERT. Private. No 15177. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Kirkburton. Son of Henry and Clara Redgewick, Thorncliffe Green, Kirkburton. Died of accidental injuries, 22.11.1915, aged 20 years. Buried SAILLY-sur-la-LYS CANADIAN CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row A, Grave 20. His parents received the following letter from Lieutenant G. R. C. Heale, who wrote, ‘A man was showing another man how to use a perisopic rifle and a loaded rifle was handed to him to fit into the stand. Of course all rifles are kept loaded in the fire trenches but this one happened to have the safety catch unapplied. One of the men nearby noticed this and remarked upon it. Whereupon the man who was handling the rifle placed his hand on the safety catch to apply it. In doing so he seems to have jerked the rifle causing it to go off. The bullet struck your son who was sleeping nearby. This is the most unfortunate and distressing thing that has happened since we have been out here. The men who were handling the rifle when it went off were devoted friends of your son and on their request I had taken him as one of the battalion snipers. Private Redgewick was in my platoon and always earned my highest opinion as well as the respect and esteem of all the Officers of the Company. His loss is mostly deeply felt by everyone in the Company and I leave to your imagination the extent of the distress on the part of his chums who were responsible for the accident. Three of them went to his funeral today. He is buried at Salliy. Please accept my deepest sympathies on your great loss.’ ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.


Road, Oakes. Educated Oakes Council School and Higher Grade School, New North Road, Huddersfield. Employed as a warehouseman. Single. Enlisted 16.2.1916. Reported wounded and missing in the attack on the Schwaben Redoubt, 3.9.1916 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 27. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Oakes Baptist Church; St. Stephen’s Church, Lindley; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


RHODES, HORACE. Lance Corporal. No 205454. 2/5th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Thurlstone. Son of Mr and Mrs Tom Rhodes, Bilham Road, Clayton West. Died of wounds near Epernay, France, on 19.7.1918, aged 20 years. Buried VERTUS COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row B, Grave 28. ROH:- St. Philip’s Church, Birchencliffe.


RICHARDSON, RODNEY FRANCIS. 2nd Lieutenant. 17th Battalion Manchester Regiment (2nd Manchester Pals). Born St. John’s Vicarage, Birkby, Huddersfield. Son of Mark and Evelyn Richardson, St. John’s Vicarage, Birkby, Huddersfield. Educated Fartown Grammar School and St. Cuthbert’s School, Worksop. Whilst still at school (aged 17) he obtained a commission in the Manchester Regiment in December, 1915. Had been in France for only eight weeks when he was reported missing, presumed killed, at Sanctuary Wood on 31.7.1917, aged 18. (This was the first day of the 3rd Battle of Ypres - the Battle of Passchendaele). Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Birkby; St. Andrew’s Church; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


RICHARDSON, WILLIAM HENRY. Private. No 1781. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar. Son of Mrs Richardson, 102 Handel Street, Golcar and formerly of Lowergate, Longwood. Employed as a cloth presser by Messrs Armitage Brothers, of Milnsbridge. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Was killed on Saturday, 29.10.1915. A piece of shell hit him at the back of the head rendering him unconscious and he died a few minutes later. Buried TALANA FARM CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row D, Grave 5. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

RICKETTS, NORMAN PRESTON. Rifleman. No 60476. 7th Reserve Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs George Henry Ricketts, Outlane, Netherthong. Educated Netherthong National School. Employed by Messrs J. and J. Lancaster, Mytholm Bridge, and later at Albert Mills, Holmfirth. Attended Netherthong United Methodist Church. Was a member of the Working Men’s Club and the Gardeners Friendly Society. Enlisted 10.5.1917. Was in training at the Cannock Chase Military Camp, Staffordshire. Died of meningitis at Cannock Chase Military Hospital on 2.1.1918, aged 18 years. Buried with full military honours at ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD, NETHERTHONG. Grave location:- in South-West part, L, 73. His parents received a letter from a chum of their son, also in training at Cannock Chase, ‘I feel I must write a line or two to assure you that I am almost heartbroken over the sudden death of your son Norman. He and myself have been together ever since we joined up on May 10th 1917. He has been the best of pals and the last time I saw him was last Tuesday night. ‘D’ Company was isolated on Wednesday morning and Norman was taken to hospital at dinnertime. I made enquiries the next morning and was told by his Captain that he had passed away the night before after a short period of consciousness. His loss will be seriously felt by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. I can assure you that you have my heartfelt sympathy in your terrible bereavement’. ROH:- Netherthong and Thongsbridge War Memorial; Netherthong Working Men’s Club.


Mills, Lindley. Was a member of the Longwood Harriers. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Arras, 3.5.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial.

RIPPO N, NORRIS. 2nd Lieutenant. ‘D’ Company, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield 28.9.1892. Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Rippon, ‘Longueville’, Park Drive, Huddersfield. Educated Fartown Grammar School and Giggleswick Public School. Was a member of the firm of Messrs Rippon Brothers, coach makers and automobile engineers, of Huddersfield, Bradford and Leeds. Single. Engaged to Miss Dawson, ‘Thorndene’, Bath Street, Huddersfield. Was commissioned in October, 1914, and embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action, 18.11.1915, aged 23 years. Buried BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY, BOESINGHE, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row L, Grave 18. His parents received a letter from Major G. W. Kilner Crosland, who wrote, ‘I regret to say I am the bearer of very bad news indeed that your son, Lieutenant N. Rippon was killed instantly this morning whilst doing his duty in the front line of trenches. He was walking along a trench amongst the men and a sniper’s bullet passed through his head killing him immediately. This sad event has cast much gloom over the Officers and men of the Battalion with whom he was a great favourite. We have lost a good and capable Officer and one we can ill spare. We all join in expressing to you our deepest sympathy in your sad loss.’ ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; Waterloo Rugby Union Football Club; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

ROBERTS, ALBERT. Private. No 3487. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Lived Norridge Bottom, Holmfirth. Married, with four children. Employed as a mason’s labourer. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Was in training at Doncaster. Came home on Friday, 23.4.1915, without leave. Was arrested by the police the next day and taken to Holmfirth Police Station, where he committed suicide by hanging himself from the cell window with one of his puttees on 24.4.1915. He was 35 years of age. Buried HOLY TRINITY BURIAL GROUND, HOLMFIRTH. Grave location:- North-East, I, 95. ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial.

ROBERTS, ARTHUR. Gunner. No 82177. ‘A’ Battery, 94th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born Leeds. Son of Alfred and Mary Elizabeth Roberts, 112 Handel Street, Golcar (and later of Oak Cottage, Guildford Road, Guildford, Sydney, Australia). Employed as a piecer by Messrs Ben Hall and Sons, Milnsbridge. Had served in the local Territorials prior to the war. Was called up in July, 1914, and had served in France for nearly three years. Killed in action, 22.9.1917, aged 20 years. Buried LARCH WOOD (RAILWAY CUTTING) CEMETERY. Grave location:- Special Memorial A 18. His parents received a message of sympathy from the Major of his Battery, who said that, Gunner Roberts was with him as a telephonist at the Observation Post in the trenches when a shell struck the dugout where he was stationed and killed him instantly. He said that Gunner Roberts was a very brave lad and most cheerful under trying circumstances’. (Brother of Private JOHN ROBERTS, killed in action, 2.8.1916, q.v.). ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.

ROBERTS, CYRIL AINLEY. 2nd Lieutenant. 13th Battalion The Tank Corps. Born Woodlands


ROBERTS, HARVEY. Private. No 6269. 2/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Milnsbridge. Lived 6 Balmforth’s Yard, Milnsbridge. Found drowned in a pond near Clipstone Camp, 30.9.1916. An inquest was held at Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, on Monday October 2nd, 1916. The body was found on Saturday 30.9.1916 in a pond in the parish of Clipstone by a farm labourer who also discovered on the bank a soldier’s coat and cap. Lance Corporal Calvert said that he last saw the deceased alive on the morning of September 22nd when he reported sick and was admitted to hospital. He seemed very slow and witness could not get anything out of him. He appeared to be very depressed in mind. Medical evidence was given to the effect that Roberts had been in hospital for observation of his mental condition. He was dull witted and constantly talked about the growth of his eyebrows. A letter was found on the deceased, addressed to the deceased’s mother, was produced and after reading it the Coroner said it stated that he would be out of hospital on Friday and ended, ‘So keep on smiling Mother.’ There was nothing in the letter about committing suicide. The jury returned a verdict of suicide while in a state of unsound mind. Buried St, MARK’S CHURCHYARD EXTENSION, LONGWOOD. Grave location:- 322.


Mr and Mrs Roberts were shown a letter written by Private G. W. Senior of the same regiment who wrote to his home at Milnsbridge, saying, ‘John Roberts, he who used to teaze at Ben Halls, was buried alive by a shell and when we dug him out he was dead.’ (Brother of Private ARTHUR ROBERTS, killed in action, 22.9.1917, q.v.). ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Longwood War Memorial.


ROBERTSHAW, JACK. Private. No 14868. 1/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Dewsbury. For many years prior to the war had lived with Mr and Mrs Simeon Quarmby, Broad Oak Farm, Linthwaite and was well known to the milk customers in Linthwaite and Milnsbridge. Had been wounded on one occasion and spent his convalescence with Mr and Mrs Quarmby. Killed in action, 9.10.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


ROBINSON, ALBERT VICTOR. Lance Sergeant. No 18145. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Honley. Son of Mr and Mrs Albert Robinson of Hillcrest, Honley. Educated Almondbury Grammar School and New College, Harrogate. Associated with his father’s business at Smithy Place Mills, Brockholes. Enlisted 1916. His father was very reluctant for his son to enlist and appealed to him to stay at home but Albert Victor said, ‘No father, all my pals are going. If I stay at home what shall I have to say to them when they come back?’ Had been in France for eighteen months when he died of wounds at No 26 General Hospital on 30.3.1918, aged 21 years. Buried ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot...

ROBINSON, BERTIE C. Private. No 268519. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Cockermouth. Son of John Edward and Mrs Robinson, 28 Rufford Road, Scar Lane, Milnsbridge and formerly of Outlane. (His father had served 16 years in the army before the war and volunteered for service in the Royal Artillery at the outbreak of the war. He was twice wounded). Employed as a finisher at Plover Mills, Lindley. Was taken ill whilst on home leave in January, 1918, and was admitted to Royds Hall Military Hospital. He was subsequently treated at Rugeley Military Hospital and at Studley Royal Military Hospital, near Ripon, where he died on 20.5.1918, from complications following an operation. Buried St. MARK’S CHURCHYARD EXTENSION, LONGWOOD. Grave location:- 173. ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood; Bethel United Methodist Church, Outlane; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


RODDIS, CHARLES HARRY. Private. No 3071. ‘A’ Company, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 17 Bingley Street, Sheffield, 6.2.1897. Son of Charles and Ellen Roddis, 13 Fieldhouse Lane, Leeds Road, Huddersfield. Educated Parson Cross School, Wadsley Bridge, near Sheffield. Came to
Huddersfield from Sheffield in 1910. Employed as an apprentice in the tool-room of David Brown and Sons Limited, Park Works, Lockwood. Was a member of the Huddersfield Swimming Club. Attended St. Saviour's Mission, Leeds Road, Huddersfield. Single. Enlisted October 1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action at Fleurbaix, 25.6.1915, aged 18 years. Buried RUE-DAVID MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location: Plot 1, Row B, Grave 7. His father received the following letter from Major Norton, who wrote, 'I very much regret to have to inform you that your son, No 3071 Private C. Roddis was mortally wounded by a shell about 4.45pm yesterday afternoon and that he died in the first aid post the same evening. The enemy were shelling our trenches and your son was in a dugout. About the last shell they fired landed on the top of the dugout and burst inside. The Doctor tells me his wounds were of such a nature that he would have suffered no pain. I fear this will be a great blow to you and that nothing I can say will help to make your loss easier to bear. He was such a nice lad and a splendid soldier. His heart was in his work. He took up bombing and turned out one of the best bombers in the brigade. He was having a turn in the trenches to make room for others to be trained as bombers and it is very hard that he should have been killed before he could use the bombs on the Germans. He is a great loss to me personally and to all the officers and his comrades. I trust you will be able to find some consolation in remembering that he died for his country and that he was one of those who came forward to help save Britain at the most critical period of their history.' ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


War in Germany. Died at home, 26.1.1919, at 25 Taylor Hill Road, Huddersfield, from pneumonia contracted as the result of treatment during the time he was in Germany. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; Taylor Hill Primitive Methodist Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


ROEBUCK, HARRY. Private. No 28433. 25th (Tyneside Irish) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Cliff, Holmfirth. Son of Mr William Roebuck. Educated at the National Day School and Cliffe Sunday School. Played football with the Underbank team. Employed at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Enlisted 18.4.1916. Embarked for France in July, 1916. Killed in action, 17.4.1918, aged 22 years. Buried MONT NOIR MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row C, Grave 6. His father received a letter from a comrade of their son in which he acknowledged a parcel which had been sent to Lawrence. He wrote, ‘I inform you with deep regret that Lawrence is believed missing. We cannot tell you any particulars but we thought we would drop you a few lines in answer to his parcel. We thank you very much for the contents of the parcel and we are all very sorry that he is not here to enjoy it himself. With deepest sympathy on behalf of his friends in the Battalion.’ ROH:- New Mill Working Men's Club; Fulstone War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Holmfirth Secondary School.

ROEBUCK, LEONARD. Lieutenant. 38th Squadron, Royal Air Force. Born Somerset Road, Huddersfield, 28.9.1893. Son of Harry and Jane Roebuck, Glen Royd, 19 Somerset Road, Huddersfield. Educated Huddersfield College School and Cranbrook College, Kent. Employed in the office at his father’s business at Moldgreen, Huddersfield. Single. Was a member of the Huddersfield Wednesday football club and a keen motor cyclist. Enlisted in the motor transport section of the Army Service Corps in September, 1915. Was commissioned in the Royal Flying Corps in April, 1917. Killed whilst night flying at Leadenham, near Sleaford, Lincolnshire, on 4.4.1918, aged 24 years. (He had been expected home on leave the following Thursday). Buried ALMONDBURY CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 11, ‘C’, 41. ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church; Christ Church, Moldgreen; Huddersfield College School; Almondbury War Memorial; Memorial in Almondbury Cemetery.

ROEBUCK, LAWRENCE CYRIL. Private. No 241061. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Son of Councillor and Mrs B. Roebuck, 31 Lydgate, New Mill, Holmfirth. Educated Lane Bottom and New Mill National Schools. He then enrolled at the Holmfirth Technical School in the designing class. Employed by Messrs Graham and Barnfather, Kirkbridge, New Mill. Attended Lydgate Unitarian Chapel. Enlisted 1.3.1915. Reported missing, 5.5.1917 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. He was nineteen years of age. Buried SAUCHY-LESTREE COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row C, Grave 6. His parents received a letter from a comrade of their son in which he acknowledged a parcel which had been sent to Lawrence. He wrote, ‘I inform you with deep regret that Lawrence is believed missing. We cannot tell you any particulars but we thought we would drop you a few lines in answer to his parcel. We thank you very much for the contents of the parcel and we are all very sorry that he is not here to enjoy it himself. With deepest sympathy on behalf of his friends in the Battalion.’ ROH:- New Mill Working Men's Club; Fulstone War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Holmfirth Secondary School.

ROEBUCK, ROLAND WHITE. Private. No 4873. 7th Battalion Gordon Highlanders. Born


ROLLIN, HERBERT. Private. No PO/1332(S). Royal Marine Light Infantry. 1st Reserve Battalion, Royal Naval Division. Born Linthwaite. Lived with his sister, Mrs Willie Pogson, 529 Jovil, Linthwaite, whose husband was serving in Salonika. Employed at Black Rock Mills, Linthwaite. Enlisted January 1916. Was wounded on one occasion. He was at Aldershot on his way home from leave when he contracted a cold which turned into pneumonia. Died at Aldershot, 20.11.1918, aged 32 years. Buried with full military honours ALDERSHOT MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- AF, 2135. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


ROLLINSON, JAMES WILLIE. Gunner. No 113140. 262nd Siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Shelley. Son of Mrs Ben Rollinson, Old Post Office Yard, Shelley. Employed by Messrs Firth Brothers, Bank Bottom Mills. Attended Shelley Parish Church and was a member of the Church Institute. Killed in action, 1.7.1917, aged 23 years. Buried VLAMERTINGHE NEW MILITARYCEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row E, Grave 2. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Shelley.


ROSE, WILLIAM. Private. No 2416. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Lightcliffe, Halifax. Son of Police Constable Thomas Rose and Mrs Mary Ann Rose, 25 Paris Road, Scholes, Holmfirth. Attended Hepworth Parish Church where he was the organ blower. When the 1/5th Battalion were going to camp at Marske in July 1914 he cut an artery in his arm through the breaking of a carriage window. He carried his arm in a sling during the week and on retiring home was treated by Doctor Ed Trotter who put some stitches into the arm and gave his certificate that Rose was medically unfit. Then came the order for mobilisation. Young Rose was in bed in the absence of his parents he donned his khaki and fell in with his comrades at Holmfirth Drill Hall where his comrades gave him a hearty cheer. Police Constable Rose was that evening on duty at the station entrance and was quite unaware of the fact that the Territorials marching past him to the train included his son Willie. Killed in action, 28.9.1915, aged 19 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

Lieutenant J. W. Clapham wrote to his parents, ‘It is with deep regret that I write to tell you that your son, Private W. Rose was killed yesterday morning about 9.30am by a trench mortar during a bombardment. I feel his death very much myself as he was one of the most obliging fellows in my platoon. I often went out with him mending the wires in front of our lines and nothing seemed to frighten him. I hope it will be a little consolation to you to think that he gave his life for a noble cause.’ ROH:- Hepworth and Scholes War Memorial; Hepworth Parish Church.


ROTHEY, ARTHUR WILLIAM. Sub Conductor. No 05350. 21st Company, Army Ordnance Corps. Born Huddersfield. Son of Edwin and Sophia Rothery, Wood Cottage, Farnley Tyas. Employed as head store-keeper at Storths Hall Asylum since the opening of the institution in 1903. Was a member of the Farnley Tyas Urban District Council. Held the position of secretary to the Farnley Tyas Bowling Club. Had served 11 years with the Royal Garrison Artillery. Saw active service with the B.E.F. in Crete in No 4 Mountain Battery, Royal Artillery. On the outbreak of the South African War he served with the same Battery but was later transferred to Vickers Maxim guns. In March, 1915, he rejoined the Colours from the Reserve. Had suffered from an internal complaint and died following an operation at Lahore Military Hospital, Calais, on 7.1.1916, aged 44 years. Buried CALAIS SOUTHERN
CEMETERY. Grave location: Plot B, Row 2, Grave 5. ROH: Farnley Tyas War Memorial; Thurstonland War Memorial.


ROWE, FRANK LEONARD. Private. No 43598. 1/4th The Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly No


ROYLE, CHARLES. Corporal. No 2956. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 8 Manchester Street, Salford, Manchester. Educated Trafford Road Board School, Salford. Employed as a wire drawer and mechanic by Messrs Joseph Sykes Brothers Limited, Acre Mills, Lindley, Huddersfield. Married. Lived 25 Victoria Street, Lindley. Enlisted 5.9.1914. Killed in No Man’s Land whilst out on patrol near Foncquevillers on 14.11.1916, aged 33. Buried FONCQUEVILLERS MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row J, Grave 32. The following extract is taken from the 1/5th Battalion’s War Diary, ‘14.11.1916. At 4am a patrol left our sap K.3.b.70.95. to reconnoitre enemy wire. After proceeding 50 yards patrol saw an enemy patrol which got between them and our lines, upon which our patrol began to retire so as to approach the hostile patrol. The Germans saw our men when they were within 15 yards and threw 2 bombs. Our patrol fired their rifles into them and a scuffle ensued. The officer and 3 of our patrol pursued the enemy and secured one prisoner. The rest succeeded in getting away. Of the remaining two of our patrol only one returned. A search party failed to find the missing man, a Corporal’. ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Lindley; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


RUSHWORTH, ARTHUR. Gunner. No 25653. ‘A’ Battery, 168th (Huddersfield) Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Younger son of Alfred and Mary Ann Rushworth, 244 Halifax Old Road, Grimscar, Huddersfield. Was an apprentice with Mr Ellis Brooke, printer, Market Place, Huddersfield. Enlisted June 1915. Died of wounds at No 11 Stationary Hospital, Rouen, 22.11.1917, aged 23 years. Buried St. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, ROUEN. Grave location:- Block P, Plot 3, Row J. Grave 6. (Brother of Gunner ARTHUR RUSHWORTH, died of wounds, 24.11.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; commemorated on his parents’ headstone in Edgerton Cemetery, Huddersfield.

RUSHWORTH, HARRY. Private. No 41518. ‘C’ Company, 8th Battalion King’s Own Royal Lancaster Regiment. Formerly No 220090 King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Huddersfield. Son of Alfred and Annie Rushworth, 106 Blackhouse Road, Fartown. Killed in action, 29.8.1918, aged 18 years. Buried MORY STREET MILITARY CEMETERY, St. LEGER. Grave location:- Row A, Grave 6. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill.


RUSHWORTH, TOM. Private. No 39398. 2/4th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Huddersfield. Son of Alfred and Mary Ann Rushworth, 244 Halifax Old Road, Grimscar, Huddersfield. Employed by Mr H. Platt, gardener, of Grimscar. Died of wounds, 25.7.1918, aged 40 years. Buried St. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, ROUEN. Grave location:- Block Q, Plot 3, Row J. Grave 6. (Brother of Gunner ARTHUR RUSHWORTH, died of wounds, 24.11.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; commemorated on his parents’ headstone in Edgerton Cemetery, Huddersfield.


of R. H. and Mary Russell, Rob Royd Cottage, Golcar. Assisted his father, who was a gardener for Mr Ramsden Crowther. Attended Wellhouse Sunday School. Enlisted 1916. Seriously wounded in the neck in July, 1917. Taken to No 4 Casualty Clearing Station. An Army Chaplain wrote to the parents telling them not to worry as their son would be able to write to them as soon as he was able. Died of his wounds on 1.8.1917, aged 20 years. Buried DOZINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row I, Grave 26. ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar.


SANDERSON, HERMAN. Private. No 4826. 5th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. Born Thongsbridge. Son of Joseph Sanderson, Back Lane, Berry Brow, Huddersfield. Married, with two children. Employed as a confectioner by Messrs Whiteleys of Westgate, Huddersfield. Was a member of the Berry Brow Liberal Club and a former scholar of Salem School. Was a well known


SANDFORD, FRED. Private. No 241540. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Catworth, Huntingdon. Son of John and Martha Ann Sandford, Pog Ing, Holmfirth. Employed by Mr W. Hardy, dyer, Holmfirth. Was a member of the Holmfirth Cricket and Athletic Club and was groundsman for a period. A keen footballer, being a member of the Underbank football club. Formerly connected with the Holmfirth Conservative Club where he was secretary. Enlisted March, 1916, with his friend, Private HARRY HOLMES, (q.v.), they went off by train from Holmfirth together and were both reported missing, presumed killed, on the same day, 3.5.1917, at the Battle of Bullecourt; Fred was aged 29. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Wooldale War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


SANDLAND, JOHN. Bombardier. No 33. 4th Divisional Ammunition Column, attached ‘Y’ Trench Mortar Battery, Royal Field Artillery. Born Kirkheaton. Son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Brier Sandland, Fields Terrace, Kirkheaton. Accidentally killed in France on 29.10.1916, aged 21 years. Buried EUSTON ROAD CEMETERY, COLINCAMPS. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row N, Grave 2. ROH:- St. John's Church, Kirkheaton.


SAUNDERS, FREDERICK. Private. No 12825. 9th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment.

SAVERY, ROGER DE LA GARDE. Captain. 10th Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment. Born 18.6.1886 in Huddersfield. Only son of Mr Robert James Savery, financial secretary to Messrs. George Salter and Sons, of West Bromwich, and Elizabeth de la Garde (nee Grissell) Savery of 5 Polperro Mansions, Lyncroft Gardens, London, N.W. The family lived in Imperial Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield, before going to South Africa in 1896. Educated Huddersfield College School and the Diocesan College, Cape Town, South Africa and at Berkhamsted College, Hertfordshire. Single. In civil life he was employed as manager of the Salter Typewriter Company in West Bromwich. In 1906 he was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the Cape Town Highlanders and, on November 20th 1914, he was gazetted Lieutenant in the South Staffordshire Regiment. He was promoted to Captain on March 18th, 1915. Reported wounded and missing at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, 7.8.1915. He was 29 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield College School.

SAYLES, FRANK. Private. No 2784. ‘A’ Company, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield 28.2.1895. Son of Mrs Mary Sayles and the late Reuben Sayles, 1 Springdale Avenue, Longroyd Bridge, Huddersfield. Educated Spring Grove Council School, Municipal Secondary School and Huddersfield Technical College. Employed as a bank clerk by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank. Single. Enlisted 5.9.1914. Killed in action, 16.11.1915, aged 20 years. Buried TALANA FARM CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row F, Grave 12. His mother received a letter from Sergeant A. E. Milnes, who wrote, ‘It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that your son Frank was killed yesterday afternoon. He was hit in the head by a bullet and died a few hours later without regaining consciousness. I can fully understand how deeply you will feel the loss and I offer you my most heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement. He was a good signaller, always cheerful and I shall miss him a great deal. I am sure the members of the signalling section will feel keenly the loss of their comrade. You have the satisfaction of knowing that he died nobly while serving the King and Country in the hour of need.’ ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.


SCAIFE, JOSEPH. 2nd Lieutenant. 1st Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment, attached 2nd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs E. Scaife, Thorne, Lepton. Prior to enlistment, was employed as a clerk by Messrs Kilner Brothers, Whitley Willow Mills. Reported wounded and missing, 21.3.1918 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Lepton Parish Church.


SCHOFIELD, ABEL HELLIWELL. Private. No 14241. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Netherthong. Son of John Frederick and Jane Schofield of Outlane, Netherthong. Was a member of the Working Men’s Club. Had been the organ blower at the Parish Church for several years and, as a boy, a regular attender at Sunday School. Employed in the scouring department of Messrs A. Thornton
and Son at Honley. Enlisted October 1914. Sailed from Liverpool on SS Aquitania on 3.7.1915 for the Dardanelles. Land at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, on 6.8.1915. Killed by a sniper on 30.10.1915, aged 28 years. Buried HILL 10 CEMETERY, Suvla, Gallipoli. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row G, Grave 6. His parents received a letter from Private Allen Brown, who was the first man to go to the aid of their son. He wrote, 'I am sorry to have to inform you of the death of Private Abel Schofield who was shot through the head this morning by a Turkish sniper. Abel had only come out of the hospital yesterday with a wound in the hand caused accidentally by a pick, and was going on duty trench repairing when he was hit in a trench called by us Green Lane. As a personal friend and as a regimental stretcher-bearer I went out to find him unconscious in which state he remained until his death, though the Medical Officer did all in his power to save his life. It was useless and the only consolation left is that he did his duty. I handed his personal effects to the Commanding Officer who asked me to express his deepest sympathy with you on behalf of the men of the Battalion and as a friend I can only add mine.' ROH:- Netherthong and Thongsbridge War Memorial; Netherthong Working Men's Club.


SCHOFIELD, FRANK. Company Sergeant Major. No 801. 18th Battalion Australian Imperial Force. Born Linthwaite. Prior to emigrating to Australia lived at the Ivy Hotel, Linthwaite, near to which place his father had a farm. Enlisted early in 1915. Had served for over two years in Egypt, the Dardenelles, Mesopotamia and France. Died at Fargo Hospital, Salisbury, 14.10.1917. Buried with full military honours in CHRIST CHURCH CHURCHYARD, LINTHWAITE. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


polisher by Messrs Taylor and Hobson. Single. Enlisted 4.1.1915. Reported missing, presumed killed at the Battle of Cambrai, 27.11.1917, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

ROH:- St. Stephen's Church, Lindley; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church.


The following extract is taken from East Yorkshires in the Great War 1914-1918, by Everard Wyrall, 2.5.1917. At 11.30pm the 10th Battalion East Yorkshires moved up to their assembly positions, a new trench which had been dug by the 2nd Division before the Battle of Arleux which had taken place on the 28/29th April. The northern boundary of the frontage of attack allotted to the Battalion was along the southern edge of Oppy Wood to Oppy Support Trench: the southern bounds were along Link Trench to Oppy Support Trench. The latter trench ran from north-west to south-east about 200 yards east of the village. The move forward was carried out in brilliant moonlight and apparently observed by the enemy who, however, did not open fire immediately. The Battalion was in position before midnight. Zero hour had been fixed for 3.45am but twice before that hour the enemy very heavily barraged the front line. At 3.45am there was a roar as the British barrage opened; it was timed to advance at 100 yards per 4 minutes. Almost immediately the German guns replied and soon clouds of smoke and dust added their pall to the darkness and it was impossible to see when the barrage lifted from the German trenches. With shells bursting all around them, the air whistling with machine gun and rifle bullets and all the infernal din of the battlefield deafening their ears, into the clouds of dust and smoke the advancing troops disappeared. On the right the 10th East Yorkshires found the German front line strongly held. The assaulting companies had gone forward beyond their barrage but ere they reached the hostile lines the curtain fire had lifted and they were at once subjected to heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. Hacking at the barbed wire entanglements where they had not been cut by the guns or rushing through gaps which had been made, a considerable number of men of the 10th Battalion undoubtedly got into and beyond the first German line: some even penetrated to the first objective and one gallant man brought back eight prisoners to his own credit. All four Company Commanders had become casualties and the smoke and dust, added to the darkness, made it impossible to see what was going on on the flanks and, indeed, blotted out the objectives. In the struggle for the German first line the barrage had been lost, and it was rolling on far ahead by the time that small parties of men had penetrated the front system. As it was impossible to get forward or consolidate the line, the survivors of the 10th Battalion withdrew to the assembly trench occupied before the attack began and to shell holes in the neighbourhood, where they remained until the night of 3/4th May, for all day long the whole area was swept by artillery and machine-gun fire, whilst the enemy’s snipers in Oppy Wood were continually on the watch for anyone who incautiously exposed himself.’

10th East Yorkshires – Attacking strength: 16 Officers, 484 other ranks. Losses: 13 Officers, 484 other ranks.

SCHOFIELD, HAROLD. Private. No 301954. 2nd Battalion The Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment). Born Meltham. Son of Firth and Martha Schofield, Lane End Cottage, Meltham. Killed in action at Polygon Wood on 26.9.1917, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

ROH:- Wilshaw Church; St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.

SCHOFIELD, HARRY. Private. No G/52501. 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment. Formerly


SCHOFIELD, JOSEPH. Lance Corporal. No 64986. 12/13th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs W. H. Schofield, 2 James Street, Golcar. Employed as a plasterer and painter by Mr John Sutcliffe, Carr Lane, Slaitwaite. Was a member of the Hillhouse football club. Attended Golcar Baptist Church. Enlisted November 1914. Embarked for France May, 1915. Killed in action at the Battle of Loos, 25.9.1915, aged 28 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated LOOS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His Commanding Officer wrote to the parents as follows, 'I am very sorry indeed to have to tell you that Lance Corporal Schofield was killed in action at La Bassee in the great battle at the end of September. He was a fine chap and his loss is felt by my Company. He set a fine example and was a N.C.O. of great promise. I am sorry I can...
give you no particulars of his death but at least I know this, that he was a member of a Division, the 9th Division, that made for itself an undying reputation on the 25th September and therefore he died a death that was as full of glory as any soldier can hope for.' ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Golcar Baptist Church.

SCHOFIELD, LEWIS THORPE. Private. No 241541. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Marsden. Son of Sam Thorpe and Mary Schofield, 6 Wood Top, Marsden. Employed as a weaver at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Attended Marsden Wesleyan Sunday School and was a member of the Conservative Club. Was in the local Territorials prior to the outbreak of the war. Called up on 4.8.1914 and served with the 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment for two and a half years and was then discharged. He again volunteered for service under the Lord Derby’s scheme, was accepted and embarked for France in January, 1917. Died of wounds (gas) on 29.4.1918, aged 25 years. Buried BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 9, Row B, Grave 19. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial; Marsden Conservative Club; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


SCHOFIELD, OLIVER. Private. No 2317. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Delph. Lived Blackmoorfoot, Linthwaite. Employed by the Slaithwaite Spinning Company in the gas winding department. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. After training at Riby and Doncaster embarked for France in April, 1915. Was in his dugout when a shell exploded at his side, killing him instantly and wounding three others, on 23.9.1915, aged 33 years. Buried BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row H, Grave 20. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial; St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham; Helme Parish Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


wireless operator and was awarded the Military Medal in September, 1916, for efficiency in keeping in communication with an aeroplane while under heavy shell fire. Was wounded in the chest during the Battle of Arras on April 4th, 1917. A shrapnel bullet struck the bar of his Military Medal and glanced off, entering his chest about an inch above the heart. Was treated at Birmingham War Hospital. Died of injuries as a result of an aeroplane accident at Oxford on 1.11.1918. Buried EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 12, 59C. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Huddersfield General Post Office Roll; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


SCOTT, ARCHIBALD MCDONALD. 2nd Lieutenant. 8th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Newtown, North Wales, 13.2.1889. Son of Mr and Mrs Edwin James Scott, 228 Springbank, Bradford Road North, Fartown, Huddersfield. Educated Spring Grove Council School and Huddersfield Technical College. Was on the editorial staff of 'The Times' newspaper in Paris. Enlisted as a Private in the Northumberland Fusiliers in Paris in November, 1915. After only seven weeks service he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and later received his commission on the recommendation of his Commanding Officer and Brigadier General Wolfe Murray. Was wounded once. Killed in action at the Battle of Langemarck on 16.8.1917, aged 28 years. Buried NEW IRISH FARM CEMETERY, St. JEAN-LES-YPRES, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 11, Row B, Grave 18. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; St. Thomas's Church, Longroyd Bridge; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


SCOTT, THOMAS C. Private. No CH/20282. Royal Marine Light Infantry. HMS Glory. Lived with his Uncle and Aunt at The Hallas, Kirkburton. Employed as a grocer's assistant by his Uncle, Mr H. Boot, of Kirkburton. Died of pneumonia in Russia on 1.10.1918, aged 20 years. Originally buried in KEM CEMETERY, RUSSIA. Now re-interred in MURMANSK NEW BRITISH CEMETERY, RUSSIA. Grave Location:- Special Memorial B 32. Is also commemorated on the BROOKWOOD RUSSIA MEMORIAL in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton; commemorated on headstone in Kirkburton Churchyard.

SECKER, FRIEND. Gunner. No 162197. 179th Siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery. Born Block Row, Lepton, 15.8.1879. Son of Charles and Ann Secker. Educated Lepton Schools. Employed as a woollen fettler by Messrs Brierley and Wall, Spa Mill, Lepton. Was a member of the Waterloo Bowling Club and played with the first team. At the time of enlistment, was living with his sister, Mrs Ric, at 9 School Street, Moldgreen. Single. Killed in action near Arras on 28.3.1918, aged 36 years. Buried WANQUETIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row E, Grave 5. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton.

SELLENS, GEORGE E. Stoker 1st Class.. No SS/105406 (RFR/CH/B/9466). HMS Cressy,
Royal Navy. Son of James Walter Sellens, 8, Smithy Place, Brockholes, Huddersfield. Killed when his ship was sunk by U-9 on 22.9.1914, aged 28. Commemorated CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING, Panel reference 5.


SENIOR, GEORGE. Private. No 31814. 2/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Almondbury. Son of Mr and Mrs W. H. Senior, Fountain Grove, Milnsbridge. Educated Almondbury and Upper Whitley Board Schools, Huddersfield, and Manor Board and Dyers Hill Church School, Sheffield. Married, with one child. Lived 104 Brierley Wood, Huddersfield. Employed as a woollen spinner by Messrs John Crowther and Sons, Milnsbridge. Attended Milnsbridge Parish Church and was secretary of the New Upper Lodge Temperance Club. Wounded in the leg on 12.1.1918. Admitted to No 30 Casualty Clearing Station. It was necessary to amputate the leg below the knee. A sister at the C.C.S wrote to the parents to inform them that their son had died of seventeen wounds on 16.1.1918, aged 26 years. Buried ANZIN-ST-AUBIN BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row A, Grave 8. ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial.


SENIOR, HILBERT. Private. No 43736. 11th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly No 17315 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Lived Shelley. Killed in action in the attack and capture of Le Sars, during the Battle of the Somme, on 7.10.1916. Buried ADANAC MILITARY CEMETERY.

SENIOR, JAMES. Private. No 300101. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Husband of Amy Senior, 20 Chapel Gate, Scholes Moor, Holmfirth. Employed by Messrs Kaye and Stewart. Reported missing at the Battle of Arras on 25.4.1917 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. He was 28 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Hepworth and Scholes War Memorial; Hepworth Parish Church.


SENIOR, JOE WILLIE. Private. No G/22932. 11th Battalion Royal West Surrey Regiment (The Queen’s). Born Shepley. Son of John Senior of Shepley. Married Miss Alice Lodge at Emley on 9.11.1914. Lived Clegg Terrace, Shepley and at Folly Hall Cottage, Kirkburton. Employed as a traveller and agent by the Calder Vale Agricultural Trading Society, Elland. Attended Shepley United Methodist Church and was a member of the choir. Enlisted January 1917. Died of wounds, 23.9.1917, aged 33 years. Buried OUTTERSTEENE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 28. ROH:- Shepley War Memorial; All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.

aged 23 years. Buried BLEUET FARM CEMETERY, ELVERDINGHE, BELGIUM.
Grave location:- Plot 2, Row B, Grave 49. ROH:- St. Aidan’s Church, Skelmanthorpe.

SENIOR, LINTON. Private. No 201857.

SENIOR, NORMAN. Private. No 53341.


SENIOR, THOMAS. Private. No 5513. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Lepton. Son of Elizabeth H. Senior, Knotty Lane, Lepton. Along with his brother, Private GEORGE SENIOR, was employed as a mason on the Whitley Bow Estate. Enlisted March 1916. Died of wounds at No 13 General Hospital on 11.9.1916, aged 23 years. Buried BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 8, Row C, Grave 133. (Brother of Private GEORGE SENIOR, killed in action, 16.3.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Lepton Parish Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

SENNETT, JAMES. Private. No 3992. 2/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Lived Huddersfield. Husband of Annie Sennett. He was travelling on a special train from Leeds to Allerton when he fell from the train. The train was between Hemsworth and South Elmsall when the accident happened. No carriage door was found open when the train pulled up and it was presumed that he fell through the window whilst leaning out on Sunday, 12.9.1915, aged 38 years. Buried STONEY ROYD CEMETERY, HALIFAX. Grave location:- K, D, 1672.

SEVILLE, JOHN WILLIAM. Guardsman. No 6450. Coldstream Guards. Born Greenfield, Lancashire. Son of the late Mr and Mrs Frank Seville of Lad Hill, Greenfield. Lived with his sister, Mrs Floyd, 12 Derby Terrace, Marsden. Had lived in Marsden for seven years. Employed in the carbonising department at Carrs Road Mill. As a reservist he was mobilised in August, 1914. Killed in action, 21.9.1917, aged 32 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His sister received the following letter from a Chaplain, ‘It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of Private J. W. Seville who was killed on September 21st in the front line by a shell. He was killed instantaneously but not disfigured and was buried near where he fell as it was impossible owing to the shelling to bring his body back. The battalion intends, when opportunity offers, to place a wooden cross on the spot.’ ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.

SEWELL, ARNOLD. Private. No 241494.

SEWELL, LEWIS. Private. East Yorkshire Regiment. Born Crosland Moor 9.3.1899. Son


SHANN, WILLIAM. Private. No 9215. 2nd Battalion Manchester Regiment. Born Miles Platting, Manchester. Was a pipe-fitter by trade, having been apprenticed to the firm of Messrs Hetherington, engineers, of Manchester. In 1913 he and his wife moved to High Street, Scapegoat Hill, Golcar and was employed by Messrs J. W. Leech and Company, chemical manufacturers, of Milnsbridge. Had been a Reservist for 9 years, prior to which he served for three years in India and China. He was recalled to the Colours on 5.8.1914. Enlisted Ashton-under-Lyne. Died of wounds at No 33 Casualty Clearing Station on 19.10.1914, aged 31 years. Buried BUCQUOY ROAD CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row D, Grave 23. ROH:- St. John's Church, Kirkheaton.


SHARP, HARRY. Private. No 77506. 15th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Born 15 Roydfield Street, Fartown Green, Huddersfield, 29.7.1899. Son of William and Ada Sharp, 32 Ballroyd Road, Fartown Green. Educated Hillhouse Council School, where he won a scholarship to Almondbury Grammar School, which he attended for four years. Employed as a junior porter at Golcar Railway Station. Single. Enlisted 17.9.1917. Reported missing, presumed killed, 26.8.1918, aged 19 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated VIS-en-ARTOIS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Fartown and Birkby


SHAW, ALFRED CHARLESWORTH. 3rd Engineer with the Kenmore Cork Steam Packet Company, Mercantile Marine. Born Leef Street, Moldgreen, 1.7.1897. Son of Karl Augustus Shaw and Evangeline Charlesworth, 36 Woodbine Road, Fartown. Educated Hillhouse Council School. Employed as an electrical engineer by Messrs E. Brook Limited, Empress Works. Enlisted 23.1.1918. He was Third engineer on board SS Kenmare, which sailed from Liverpool on Saturday, 2nd March, 1918, and was torpedoed 'six hours after leaving port.' The ship was sunk by a German submarine 25 miles N.W. of the Skerries. The torpedo caused such damage to the SS Kenmare that she sank in less than two minutes. 29 men, including the Captain, were killed. Has no known grave. Commemorated TOWER HILL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; commemorated on headstone in Kirkburton Cemetery.

SHAW, ARTHUR. Private. No 4457. Labour Corps. Base and Lines of Communication Area. Formerly No 4457 York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Longwood, Huddersfield. Son of William and Emma Shaw of Marsh, Huddersfield. Husband of Sarah Ann Shaw, 6 Dowker Street, Milnsbridge. Father of 9 children, two of whom also served in the war. Before the war had served in both the Navy and the Army and had re-enlisted on the outbreak of hostilities. Served in France, Belgium, Egypt and Salonika, where he contracted Malaria for which he was treated at Malta. Accidentally killed in Salonika on 19.3.1918, aged 47 years. Buried SALONIKA ANGLO-FRENCH MILITARY CEMETERY, LEMBET ROAD. Grave location:- No 1380. ROH:- Shared Church, Paddock; Longwood War Memorial.

Was in business on his own account as a cloth merchant. Enlisted March 1916. Went into training at Austerley Park, near London. After a week was transferred to Lee in Kent.Whilst there he contracted a severe cold which developed into influenza. He was transferred to Woolwich Hospital, where he died of pneumonia on 12.4.1916, aged 34 years. Buried St. JAMES’S CHURCHYARD, SLAITHWAITE. Grave location:- in North-East part. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Linthwaite War Memorial.


SHAW, CHARLES. Private. No TRS/22571. 6th Training Reserve Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Son of the late James Shaw of Newgate, Slaithwaite, who hanged his wife and then hanged himself on 30.11.1916. The evidence at the inquest showed that the father was much upset owing to his son’s exemption for military service being withdrawn. Private Shaw previously assisted his father in the business of farmer and blacksmith at Newgate, Slaithwaite. Had been in the army just six weeks and a fortnight of that period had been spent in hospital. Was found dead in a hospital at Rugeley Camp, Staffordshire, on Friday, 29.3.1917, aged 27 years. At the inquest the jury returned a verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind. It was thought that the recent tragedy ‘had got on his nerves.’ Buried POLE MOOR BAPTIST CHAPEL YARD EXTENSION. Grave location:- New ground, 6, 21.


SHAW, DOUGLAS. Driver. No L/25805. ‘C’ (Holme Valley) Battery, 168th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born Shepley. Son of Walter and Elizabeth Shaw, of ‘Heymoor’, Abbey Road, Shepley. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Firth Brothers, New Mills, Shepley, where his father was a foreman spinner. Attended the Shelley Primitive Methodist Chapel and School. Played both football and cricket with the Shelley Cricket and Football club. Enlisted 2.5.1915. Killed instantly on Sunday, 30.6.1916, aged 22. (Both his horses were shot from under him). Buried
BOUZINCOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row C, Grave 21. ROH:- Shepley War Memorial.


presumed killed, 2.8.1917, aged 19 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Honley War Memorial.


SHAW, HAROLD THOMAS. Private. No 65766. 1/5th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Scapegoat Hill, Golcar. Son of Mr and Mrs Walter Shaw, High Street, Scapegoat Hill. Reported missing, presumed killed, 11.4.1918, aged 19 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.


SHAW, HARRY. Private. No 82675. 230th Company Machine Gun Corps. Formerly No 29638 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Husband of Mrs Shaw, 23 Bridge Street, Slaithwaite. Employed as a motor wagon steerer by the Slaithwaite Spinning Company. Served in France for six weeks before being drafted out to Egypt in April, 1917. Was admitted to hospital in April, 1918, for the fifth time since going out to Egypt, suffering from dysentery. Died at the 27th General Hospital, Abbassia, Cairo, Egypt, on 23.7.1918, aged 27, of heart failure following upon dysentery. Buried CAIRO WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY, EGYPT. Grave


SHAW, IRVIN. Private. No 24139. 2/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Son of Mrs Shaw, 236 Lees Croft, Townend, Golcar: husband of Lucy Shaw, 52 Longcroft Street, Golcar. Was a member of the Golcar Lily Cycling Club. Employed by Messrs B. and J. Whitwam Limited, Stanley Mills, Golcar. Attended St. John’s Parish Church, Golcar. Was a member of the Colne Valley Territorials before the war. Mobilised at the outbreak of the war. Reported wounded and missing on 28.8.1917 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 23. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


SHAW, JOHN LESLIE ROBERT. Private. No 1749. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Son of Mr Sam Shaw, 32 College Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. Joined the local Territorials in 1908 and, for a period of six months, served with the Royal Field Artillery at Newcastle-on-Tyne. Was in business as a taxi-cab proprietor at Huddersfield Railway Station. Took an active interest in the boy scout movement. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action, 22.9.1915, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. Major Norton wrote to his father on 22.9.1915, ‘I deeply regret to have to inform you that your son, No. 1749 Private J. L. R. Shaw, was killed yesterday by a sniper, being shot through the chest. He died almost immediately. He was buried last night by our Chaplain in a cemetery a few hundred yards behind the firing line. I feel this will be a great blow to you but I trust you will find consolation in remembering that he died for his King and Country. Your son has always done his duty and done it well and you will always have reason to be proud of him. His death is a great loss to the Company and he will be sorely missed by all his comrades. In expressing to you my sincere sympathy I do so on
behalf of all the Officers, N.C.O’s and men of the Company.’ ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.

SHAW, JOHN WILLIAM. Lance Sergeant. No 2331. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs William Shaw, Wharf House, Warehouse Hill, Marsden. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Crowther, Bruce and Company Limited, New Mills, Marsden. Was a member of Marsden Brass Band. He was a well known local pianist and an association football player. As a young boy he was a chorister at Marsden Parish Church. Received severe wounds during the Battle of the Somme on 3.7.1916. Died of wounds at Bradford War Hospital on 31.7.1916, aged 25 years. A letter was received from the military authorities that they were unable to arrange a full military funeral but a gun carriage was sent for the funeral at St. BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCHYARD, MARSDEN. Grave location:- SW, 23, 4. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.


SHAW, JOSEPH LEONARD. Lance Sergeant. No 235794. 9th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Formerly No 2030 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Married. His wife lived with her parents, Mr and Mrs G.H. Pears, at 42 Armitage Road, Birkby. Had served 18 months in France when he was killed in action on 22.3.1918. Buried PERONNE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row F, Grave 15. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Birkby; Huddersfield General Post Office; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


SHAW, PERCY. Private. No 49794. 5th Battalion The King’s (Liverpool Regiment). Formerly No 30502 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Stanley Street, Lockwood, Huddersfield, 11.11.1896. Son of Ann Shaw, 18 Lockwood Scar, Lockwood. Educated Mount Street School, Lockwood and Railway Servants Orphanage, Derby. From April, 1911, until July, 1915, was a railway parcels van boy at Huddersfield Station. Prior to enlistment, on 12.3.1917, was a porter at Fenay Bridge Station. Single. Reported wounded and missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Passchendaele on 20.9.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- New North Road Baptist Church; Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; London and North Western Railway Roll.

SHAW, PERCY. Private. No 12022. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Lepton, Huddersfield. Son of Mr E. Shaw, Sunnybank, Lepton. Killed in action at the
SHAW, RAYMOND. Sapper. No 440433. 428th Field Company, Royal Engineers. Born Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, 10.5.1893. Son of John William and Lizzie Shaw, 23 Frederick Street, Crosland Moor. Educated Crosland Moor Council School and Longwood Grammar School. Employed as a clerk at the Yorkshire Penny Bank, Huddersfield which he joined in September 1913. Had previously worked at the Hunslet and Cleckheaton branches. Single. Enlisted 15.8.1915. Was drowned in the Mediterranean on 1.1.1917, when the troopship SS Ivernia was sunk by a U-boat, aged 23. Has no known grave. Commemorated MIKRA MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING, SALONI. ROH:- Crosland Moor Wesleyan Church; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.


SHAW, THOMAS. Private. No 242084. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Son of James and Mary Shaw of Golcar Brow, Meltham. Died of wounds at No 41 Casualty Clearing Station on 4.4.1918, aged 32 years. Buried DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 6, Row F, Grave 32. ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.

SHAW, WILLIAM. Private. No 269176. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Passchendaele on 9.10.1917. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


SHAW, WILLIAM PERCY. Private. No 40852. 23rd (Tyneside Scottish) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Son of Robert Beeley Shaw and Mary Elizabeth Shaw of Low Gate, Kirkburton. Employed by Messrs John Kaye and Son, Colne Road, Huddersfield. Enlisted in 1915. Was taken prisoner by the Germans in 1917. Died on board SS Guildford Castle whilst returning home to Netley hospital on 8.1.1919, after being a Prisoner of War in Germany. He sustained an accident whilst working with a crane over a ship's hold at Emden and was taken to Munster Hospital. He was 25 years of age. Buried ALL HALLOWS CHURCHYARD, KIRKBURTON. Grave location:- 11, 776. (Brother of Private ROGER RYAN SHAW, died of wounds, 20.9.1918, q.v.). ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton.


SHEARD, JOHN EDWARD. Private. No 3/12767. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Silk Street, Huddersfield 27.4.1888. Son of Mrs Mary Ann Catton, 6 Birkby Lodge Road, Birkby. Educated St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic School, New North Road, Huddersfield. Employed as a yardman at Elland Station. Lived 4 Brunswick Yard, Upper Brunswick Street, Hopwood Lane, Halifax. Married. Enlisted November 1914. Had been in France for a year and had been wounded twice. Killed in action at Contalmaison during the Battle of the Somme on 7.7.1916, aged 28 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIJPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Corporal JOSEPH WILLIAM SHEARD, killed in action, 9.10.1917, and ROBERT HENRY SHEARD, who died on 5.2.1920, q.v.). ROH: Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


SHEARD, ROBERT HENRY. Able Seaman. Royal Navy. HMS Tumult. Born Martin Green, Stainland, Halifax. Son of Mary Ann Catton,
6 Birkby Lodge Road, Birkby, Huddersfield. Educated St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic School, New North Road, Huddersfield. Prior to the war had served with the Mercantile Marine Service. Enlisted just before Easter, 1915, at Portsmouth. Was married in 1919, after being demobilised. Hung himself at 18 Gelder Terrace Tenements, Moldgreen, Huddersfield, on the 5.2.1920 ‘through the horrors of the war and the effects of malaria’. (Brother of Private JOHN EDWARD SHEARD, killed in action, 7.7.1916, and Corporal JOSEPH WILLIAM SHEARD, killed in action, 9.10.1917, q.v.).


SHEARD, WILFRED ROBERT. Private. No 39365. 2/4th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Formerly No 6356 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Employed by Mr Charles Walton Ellis, of Stainland and late of Birkby. Married, with one child. Lived 99 Ravensknowle Road, Moldgreen, Huddersfield. Reported missing 20.7.1918 and afterward presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated SOISSONS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Christ Church, Moldgreen.


SHELLS, HERBERT. Private. No 24779. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Charles France and Elizabeth Shells, 2 Riverside, Armitage Bridge. Employed at Armitage Bridge Mills. Was mobilised at the outbreak of the war. Reported missing, presumed killed, 15.4.1918, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private WILLIAM SHELLS, died of wounds, 15.10.1918, q.v.). ROH:- Armitage Bridge Mills; Armitage Bridge War Memorial.

SHELLS, WILLIAM. Sergeant. No 200788. 1/5th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Born Armitage Bridge. Son of William France and Elizabeth Shells, 2 Riverside, Armitage Bridge. Employed as a presser at Armitage Bridge Mills. Was mobilised with the 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment at the outbreak of the war and served as a cook with the Battalion. Died of wounds at No 62 Casualty Clearing Station on 15.10.1918, aged 25 years. Buried LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 30, Row D, Grave 18. (Brother of Private HERBERT SHELLS, killed in action, 15.4.1918, q.v.). ROH:- Armitage Bridge Mills; Armitage Bridge War Memorial.

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SHIRES, DODSON. Private. No 23585. 6th Battalion The Dorsetshire Regiment. Formerly No 38748 West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Lockwood, Huddersfield. Lived 12 Second Block, Kirkgate, Huddersfield. Employed at the Corporation Tramsheds. Reported wounded and missing on 27.8.1918 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Buried ACHIET-LE-GRAND COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row Y, Grave 7.


SHOESMITH, ARTHUR THOMAS, DCM. Private. No SS/21505. 28th Lines of Communication Company, Army Service Corps. Born Bolton, Lancashire, 1876. Son of John and Mary Shoesmith of Huddersfield. Husband of Amy Shoesmith, 62 Commercial Street, Huddersfield. Educated Spring Grove Council School. Employed as a firer at the Destructor Works by Huddersfield Corporation. Had served in the South African War, where he was awarded the DCM. As a Reservist was called up at the outbreak of the war. Served on the Western Front before going to Salonica in 1917. Died from dysentery in Salonika on 30.8.1917, aged 41 years. Buried SALONIKA ANGLO-FRENCH MILITARY CEMETERY, LEMBET ROAD. Grave location:- No 1161. ROH:- Huddersfield Corporation Roll.


SHORE, LEWIS. Sergeant. No 238005. 9th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly No 198, ‘F’ Company, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of...
ex Lance Sergeant Jesse and Mrs Ruth Shore, of Hey Gap, Holmfirth. Husband of Emily Shore, 81 Taylor Hill Road, Berry Brow, Huddersfield. Served in the Volunteer and Territorial forces from 1901. Was a member of the Yorkshire Rifles Association. Attended St. John’s Church and, as a boy, a member of the choir. Prior to enlistment, married Miss Chaffer, of Binns Farm, Holmfirth. Had been in France 14 weeks when he was killed, of concussion, from a shell which burst close to him on 12.6.1917, aged 33 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial; Armitage Bridge War Memorial.

SHARROCKS, JOHN CHARLES. Private. No 3551. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Hayfield, Derbyshire. Lived Spring Terrace, Binn Road, Marsden. Employed in the dyeshouse at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Moved to Marsden in 1913. Had been a member of the Sherwood Foresters Territorial Force for three years whilst living at Hayfield, Derbyshire. Enlisted 1916. Had been in France six months when he was killed, on 18.9.1916, during the Battle of the Somme. He was 26 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.


SHRIGLEY, WILLIAM H. No 19066. Company Sergeant Major. 12th Battalion Highland Light Infantry. Born Slaithewaite. Enlisted Glasgow. As a boy, apprenticed to his Uncle, Mr William Shrigley, joiner, of Golcar. Attended St. John’s Church and Sunday School, Golcar. Had served in the Regular Army for twenty-six years and a half years. Fought in the Boer War and retired from active service. When the war broke out he rejoined the forces. He married Jeanie McMillan of Rosevale, Kilwinning, Ayrshire and had four children. Killed in action at the Battle of Loos on 25.9.1915, aged 52 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated LOOS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His widow received a letter from CQMS Harry Forsyth, who wrote the following, ‘It is with feelings of heartfelt sorrow that I write to let you know that your noble husband was killed on September 25th whilst leading his Company, which had achieved great feats to still greater feats. By his cheerful encouragement and bravery on the field he was a wonderful example to the younger men of the Company. I pray that the knowledge that your husband died a hero may be some consolation in this hour of cloud and sorrow. The older men realise that they have lost a leader and the younger men a father. I have lost a true comrade. Please accept the heartfelt sympathy of the N.C.O’s and men of his Regiment.’


Husband of Ada Silver, 2 Crowther Street, Lockwood. Employed as a labourer by Messrs David Brown, of Lockwood. Enlisted in December 1913. Killed in action, 21.8.1915, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His widow received a letter from Sergeant Smith, of ‘D’ Company, to which her husband belonged, who wrote that they were going out to dig a new trench when Silver was shot by a bullet just above the heart and passed away two or three minutes later. The Sergeant added, ‘He was a hard working young fellow and I wish every man was like him.’ ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood.


SINGLETON, FRED. Private. No 43740. 11th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly No 12066 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment.
Born Holmfirth. Son of Mrs Singleton, ‘Cart and Horses Inn’, (better known as ‘The Weathercock’). Employed, firstly, as a millhand and later worked on the railway at Dunford Bridge. Enlisted 1915. Killed in action, 4.10.1916, during the Battle of the Somme. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His mother received a letter from a chum of her son, Private Marsland, who wrote, ‘You will known that Fred was killed about the 5th of this month. Fred and I were chums together all along. We were in the same Company in the 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment and we were in the same hospital in England and we came out to France together. The shell that killed him dropped between him and me. We were taking rations to the front line. I could not write any sooner because we have been on the move. I know it will upset you very much, it hurts me to write such a letter but it has to be done.’ ROH:- Hade Edge War Memorial.

SINGLETON, FRED. Private. No 418515. 42nd Battalion Canadian Infantry (Quebec Regiment). Born Golcar. Son of William Singleton, 108 High Street, Scapegoat Hill, Golcar. Had served through the South African War in which he was taken prisoner by the Boers and interned. Subsequently he went out to Canada and in a letter home, dated 5.4.1915, he said, ‘You will be surprised to learn that I am a soldier once more, having joined the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary force, and I expect to leave here for Europe with the next contingent.’ In his last letter, dated 16.3.1916, he said that, ‘he was in the best of health and did not expect leave for a long time. He was glad that the winter was over but the Canadians had been well looked after as regards boots, underclothing, socks and tobacco. He did not think the war would last more than five months longer and it would certainly be over this year.’ Killed in action, 25.3.1916, during a heavy bombardment. He was 40 years of age. Buried SANCTUARY WOOD CEMETERY, ZILLEBEKE, BELGIUM. Grave Location:- Special Memorial.

SINGLETON, HARRY. Private. No 45028. 2nd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Elizabeth and the late George Singleton, ‘Arnden’, 2 Wood Nook, Holmfirth. Educated Hade Edge Council School. Employed by Messrs J. Watkinson and Sons, Washpit Mills, Holmfirth. Married. Lived Flowery Field, Hade Edge. Reported missing on 22.3.1918. His wife received a postcard from him, dated 25.3.1918, which arrived in Holmfirth on 23.4.1918. He told her that he was a Prisoner of War in Germany and getting along satisfactorily after an operation to amputate his right arm. She had not to worry and that, ‘I shall come home and we shall be re-united.’ At the beginning of July, 1918, she received an official communication to the effect that her husband had died of wounds in Germany on 20.4.1918. He was 29 years of age. Buried COLOGNE SOUTHERN CEMETERY, GERMANY. Grave location:- Plot 17, Row A, Grave 5. (Brother of the late Private JOHN SINGLETON, died of wounds, 30.6.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Cartworth War Memorial.

SINGLETON, JAMES. Private. No 11960. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Bradford. Married, with three children. Lived Back Union Street, Huddersfield. Employed as a french polisher by Mr Harry Roebuck of Moldgreen. Enlisted August 1914. Took part in the Dardenelles campaign and had served in Egypt. Killed in the attack on Hessian Trench and Stuff Redoubt on 30.9.1916 He was 28 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.


Seriously wounded in June, 1917. Admitted to No 14 General Hospital at Wimereux. His mother was given permission to visit him there, where she found him quite bright and cheerful. He was able to give her an account of how he was wounded. He said a number of them were laid in a reserve trench waiting for daylight, he himself was asleep at the time when an enemy shell burst amongst them. Of the 20 lads who were there 10 were killed and five were wounded. When Mrs Singleton returned home to Holmfirth she expected her son to be invalided home. But he died of his wounds on 30.6.1917, aged 31 years. Buried WIMEREUX COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row N, Grave 8. (Brother of Private 


SKINNER, WILLIAM TEDMAS. Private. No 52558. ‘A’ Company, 1st Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Dewsbury 2.9.1897. Son of Gertrude Skinner, 52 Marsden Road, Huddersfield and the late Walter Skinner. Educated St. Barnabas’s School, Crosland Moor. Employed as a woollen piecer. Single. Reported missing 21.3.1918 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 19. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial.

SKIPSEY, HAROLD. Private. No 25364. 6th Battalion The King’s Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment). Born Norman Road, Birkby 17.4.1890. Son of William and Helena Skipsey, 18 Trinity Street, Huddersfield. Educated Spring Grove Council School. Attended New North Road Baptist Church. Prior to enlistment, was a clothing salesman for Messrs Bradleys, clothiers, of Barrow. Lived Hanson Street, Barrow-in-Furness. Single. Enlisted 29.5.1916. Went to Mesopotamia in October, 1916. Wounded near Kut on 10.2.1917. Died of wounds 12.2.1917, aged 27. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL.
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SLATER, JAMES ARTHUR. Lance Corporal. No 5805. 1st Battalion The King’s Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment). Born Dewsbury 5.10.1879. Married, with four children. Lived 21 Victoria Street, Moldgreen, Huddersfield. Employed as a tramcar cleaner by the Huddersfield Corporation Tramways Department. Had served through the Boer War. Was called up on 4.8.1914 and embarked for France in November, 1914. Killed in action, 3.5.1915, aged 36 years. Buried BAILLEUL COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row F, Grave 16. His last letter home was written at the end of April, 1915. After thanking them for a parcel he says, ‘This is Friday, your birthday, so I wish you many happy returns of the day. I am hoping to be home for mine if I am lucky enough to get through. I and several more of my comrades had a very narrow escape this morning when the Germans were shelling this place. They dropped one through a house not five yards away from where we were but there was no one hurt, thank goodness. You say it seems a long time since you saw me, it seems a jolly sight longer to me but it is to be hoped it won’t be much longer before we see each other again. We must hope for the best as it no use bothering, it only makes things worse. We must look at the bright side of things if there is a bright side to this war. Do not upset yourself about me, try and keep at your best and keep the children the same. Keep telling them that their Daddy will be coming home someday and bringing them something home as well. You keep on asking me if there is anything I want. Well there are plenty of things I want but I don’t want to put you to any expense. I daresay I could write to plenty of places for different things but I don’t want to humble myself to anyone. I keep managing with the things I get. I don’t like to see things sent out here at the price they have to pay for sending them so don’t bother about sending anything till I ask you. Don’t think that I don’t value anything you send but I don’t want you to spend money on things for me.’ In the closing part of the letter he again asks his wife to keep bright and cheerful. ROH:- Moldgreen War Memorial; Christ Church, Moldgreen; Huddersfield Corporation.


SMEETON, SAMUEL. Private. No 14579. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Marsh, Huddersfield. Married. Lived 36 Manchester Street, Huddersfield. Prior to enlisting, in November 1914, he was a barber. Killed by a sniper at Munster Alley during the Battle of the Somme on 29.7.1916. He was 36 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

SMITH, ABRAHAM. Driver. No 107720. 40th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, Born Huddersfield. Son of Lot and Elizabeth Smith, Fields Head Farm, Upper Clough, Linthwaite. Was a member of the Linthwaite Wesleyan Young Men’s Class. Enlisted in the army in 1916, after being refused entry into the Royal Navy. Embarked for France but was invalided home on account of ill health. Died at the Southern General Hospital, Oxford, on 18.2.1917, aged 19 years. Buried with full military honours at LINTHWAITES WESLEYAN METHODIST BURIAL GROUND. Grave location:- Grave No 538. ROH:- Linthwaite.


SMITH, CHARLES. Gunner. No L/25437. ‘C’ Battery, 34th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Husband of Mary Smith, 94 Ravensknowle Road, Huddersfield. Died, 15.11.1918, aged 37 years. Buried ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 50, Row B, Grave 7.


Wounded on one occasion and had also been invalided home suffering from fever. Killed in action during the Battle of Arras on 29.4.1917. Buried HERMIES BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row A, Grave 14. (Brother of Private GEORGE WILLIAM SMITH, killed in action, 28.9.1915, q.v.). ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.


SMITH, FRED TINKER. Driver. No 202701. ‘B’ Battery, 102nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.
Formerly No R/19542 King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Golcar. Son of Eli Smith, 1 Intake, Leymoor, Golcar. Educated Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge. Employed by Messrs C. and J. Hirst and Sons of Longwood. Attended Parkwood Methodist Church and was a member of the football team belonging to the Sunday School. Played cricket with the Leymoor United Cricket team. Died of wounds, 10.8.1917. Buried AEROPLANE CEMETERY, YPRES. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row C, Grave 15. ROH:- Golcar Baptist Church; St. John’s Church, Golcar; Longwood War Memorial; Parkwood Methodist Church; Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge.

SMITH, FREDERICK ARTHUR. Corporal. No 3565. ‘D’ Company, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Greenwood Street, Primrose Hill, Huddersfield, 19.8.1896. Son of William and Martha Alice Smith, 22 Stoney Cross Street, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield. Educated Berry Brow Council School. Employed as a tailor’s apprentice by Mr William Addy, tailor, of Lockwood. Enlisted, 2.12.1914, into the 2/5th Battalion. Six days after reaching Derby he was posted to the 1/5th Battalion at Doncaster. Embarked for France, 15.4.1915. He wrote home to his parents on the same day, ‘Dear Mam and Dad, we arrived safe and sound and I am in the best of health. It is blazing hot and we are about 4 or 5 miles behind the firing line and expecting to be in tonight. We can hear the Jack Johnsons (shells) whistling and the machine guns crackling. Several aeroplanes have passed over us as we are sat in a field having our feet inspected. I don’t know whether you will get this letter or not but I will keep up correspondence with you by field postcards. I can’t tell you where we are but I am keeping a diary and if you back home I will show you it. Talk about nationalities:- Indian, Scotch, French, Belgian and us. It is quite nutty. Please send me some cigs and a little cake. I shall get them alright. Freddie. xxxxxx’ Died of wounds received on the Yser Canal near Ypres on 16.10.1915, aged 19 years. Buried BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 30. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe; Taylor Hill Primitive Methodist Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

SMITH, GEORGE WILLIAM. Private. No 5/1718. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Townend Row, Huddersfield, 18.3.1884. Son of Henry Smith, 46 Charles Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. Educated Paddock Church of England School. Employed by the Huddersfield Corporation in the Electricity Department. Married, with two children. Had served in the Volunteers and the local Territorials for a period of 12 years. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed by shellfire, 28.9.1915, aged 31 years. Buried NEW IRISH FARM CEMETERY, St. JEAN-LES-YPRES. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row B, Grave 19. (Brother of Private EDGAR SMITH, killed in action, 29.4.1917, q.v.). His wife received a letter from a comrade, Lance Corporal H. Foulkes, her husband’s Section Commander, who wrote, ‘He was killed almost instantly. I remained with him in the last moments and succoured him as a comrade should. You may take great consolation in the fact that his last thoughts and words were of his dear wife and little ones until God called to him. As his Section Commander I deeply regret the loss of your husband as he was a steady, reliable man whom everyone could get along with and I can assure you that the men both of the section and platoon will keenly feel the loss of such a good comrade. You may take consolation also in the fact that he died a soldier’s death, facing the foe and bore himself splendidly throughout the great crisis.’ ROH:- St. Barnabas’s Church, Crosland Moor; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Huddersfield Corporation Roll.


SMITH, HENRY. Private. No 38160. 15th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers. Born Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, 26.2.1891. Husband of May Smith, 7 Dale Street, Chapel Hill, Huddersfield. Prior to enlistment, was manager of the Hebden Bridge branch of the Meadow Dairy Company and, previous to that, was in the Cross Church Street branch, Huddersfield. Was a member of St. Paul’s Church choir. Enlisted 9.11.1916. Killed in action,


SMITH, JOHN EDWARD, MM. Driver. No 120853. ‘B’ Battery, 95th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Born 21 Sheepridge Road, Huddersfield 24.11.1895. Son of Joe and Mary Ellen Smith, 33 Netheroyd Hill Road, Huddersfield. Educated Woodhouse National Schools, Sheepridge. Employed as a ragshaker by Messrs Charles Lockwood and Sons of Blackrock Mills, Linthwaite. Was a member of the Woodhouse Church choir and of the Young Men’s Bible Class. Single. Enlisted 1.11.1915. Was the first Netheroyd Hill soldier to be awarded the Military Medal, which was gazetted on 2.4.1917, for ‘distinguished service in the field’. Died of wounds, 23.9.1917, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNEDALE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Hilda’s Church, Cowcliffe; Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

SMITH, LEONARD. Private. No 242693. 1/5th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Formerly No 3509 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Purhill Clough, Marsden. Employed as a finisher at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Enlisted at the age of 17 years in 1915. Embarked for France, 17.7.1916. Was wounded in the left leg by gunshot on 15.11.1916. After treatment at a base hospital for several weeks he returned to the front line at the beginning of March, 1917. Killed in action through the firing of an enemy trench mortar on 18.3.1917. Buried RUDESHEIM BRITISH CEMETERY No 1. ROH:- Lindley Baptist Church; Lindley Zion Methodist Church.
during our time out of the trenches but alas it cannot be. We used to pretend to a great many of the chaps that we were brothers and we became known to each other as ‘our kid’! I need not tell you what I felt when I received the news. I immediately went to see him but it was too late as he had been prepared for burial. He was well liked here and was one of the best chaps it has been my privilege to know.’ ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.


SMITH, WILFRED. Private. No 300136. 1/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Married, with 3 children. Lived 15 Church Street, Golcar. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Joseph Hoyle and Sons, Prospect Mills, Longwood. Was a member of the Golcar Social Club. Attended Parkwood United Methodist Church. Enlisted September 1916. After three months training embarked for France on New Years Day, 1917. Came home on leave at the beginning of 1918. Died of wounds, 18.3.1918, aged 39. Buried POLYGON WOOD CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row H, Grave 12. His wife received a letter from his Captain, who wrote, ‘that about 3.15pm on the 18th inst. Private Smith was severely wounded and died shortly afterwards. He was quite conscious all the time and spoke continually of you and the kiddies. All the Company join in expressing their deep sympathy with you. Words cannot describe your husband’s courage after he was wounded.’ ROH:- Parkwood Methodist Church.


SOWDEN, HERBERT. Private. No 36823. 12th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Son of Mrs Sowden, 81 Dewhurst Road, Fartown, Huddersfield. Employed by Mr T. H. Rayner, Whitesmith. Killed in action, 20.10.1917, during the Battle of Passchendaele. He was 19 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


SPEIGHT, WILLIE. Private. No 18163. 13th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Born Dewsbury. Son of Walter and Clara Speight, 18 High Street, Hanging Heaton, Batley, Yorkshire. Was employed as an assistant master at Huddersfield School of Art, connected to Huddersfield Technical College. He came to Huddersfield in 1910 from the Batley Technical School, where he rose from student to Assistant Art Master. He was killed by a shell whilst standing at the entrance to the Regimental Aid post, where he was a stretcher-bearer, on 6.7.1916. He was 30 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Thomas’s Church, Longroyd Bridge; Huddersfield General Post Office; Christ Church, Moldgreen; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


SPENCE, NORMAN. Private. No 2271. ‘D’ Company, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 17.12.1897. Son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Spence, 54 Long Lane, Grove Place, Dalton, Huddersfield. Educated St. Thomas’s Church of England School, Longroyd Bridge, Huddersfield. Single. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Killed within five minutes of the return of the Battalion to the trenches on 9.9.1915. He was shot through the body and died almost immediately, aged 18 years. Buried BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY, BOESINGHE. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row H, Grave 26. (Brother of Private FREDERICK SPENCE, killed in action. 19.9.1916, q.v.). ROH:- Christ Church, Moldgreen; St. Thomas’s Church, Longroyd Bridge; Huddersfield Drill Hall. Holmfirth Express of Saturday, 30.9.1916, – HUDDERSFIELD LADY’S DOUBLE BEREAVEMENT. ‘A pathetic coincidence in war tragedies came to light on Wednesday at Blackpool. A few days ago Mrs Spence of Mount Green, Huddersfield arrived for the benefit of her health and stayed at the company house of Mrs Larroway, Central Drive, Blackpool. A year ago her youngest son, Norman Spence was killed in action while Mrs Spence was at Blackpool and she was still suffering from the effects of the shock when she reached the resort recently. Another son, Fred, who for some considerable time had been a despatch rider on the Western Front, wrote home last Friday that he had gone for recuperation to a rest-camp and was feeling the need of a short time there but he promised to write to her at Blackpool in a few days. This was last Friday but the expected letter failed to arrive and Mrs Spence became very uneasy. The landlady described to a newspaper representative the unexpected visit of Mrs Spence’s daughter from Huddersfield at the house. It was immediately apparent that something was the matter and though her daughter did her best to soften the blow by saying that her brother Fred

had only been wounded the mother’s intuition that he had been killed proved correct. The anniversary of the death of her first son who was only 18 years old was within three days of the second son’s death. Fred who was known in Huddersfield as Ted had been four years in the Territorials and would have attained his 29th birthday in a week or two.’


SPIVEY, FRANK, MM and Bar. Sergeant. No 268050. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Kirkburton. Fourth son of the late Mr G. H. and Mrs Spivey, Bath Buildings, Kirkburton. Employed by Messrs Singleton and Company, Brookfield Mills, Kirkburton. Awarded the Military Medal for leading his platoon against the enemy in an attack. On the day of his death he was awarded a bar to the medal for great personal gallantry and good leadership during operations, when his platoon was held up by an enemy nest of machine guns. Died of wounds, 15.9.1918, aged 27 years. Buried RUYAULCOURT MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row J, Grave 7. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

SPIVEY, PERCY. Driver. No L/28164. ‘D’ Battery, 89th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Lived Huddersfield. Killed in action, 4.1.1918. Buried ROCQUIGNY-EQUANCOURT ROAD BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 9, Row D, Grave 7. (Brother of Private WALTER SPIVEY, killed in action, 31.7.1918, and half brother of Private LAWRENCE POLLARD, died of wounds, 27.8.1918, q.v.). ROH:- St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield.

SPIVEY, WILLIAM HENRY. Private. No 3/9836. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Union Street, Huddersfield, 1.6.1895. Son of Mr and Mrs W. H. Spivey, 21 Bradford Road North, Huddersfield. Educated Thomas Street Council School. Employed as a tailor’s presser. Single. Enlisted August 1914. Died from gas poisoning at Hill 60 on 5.5.1915, aged 19 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His last letter home was written on 2.5.1915, in which he wrote, ‘We are having a rather hot time, what with gas, loss of sleep etc. We are not in any fixed place, having to keep shifting anywhere where they think an attack will be attempted but of course it will calm down when the Germans find they have lost their positions. The papers at home say they are starving but I don’t believe it, I know different. We captured some as fat as pigs, a very determined lot they were.’ Referring to Ypres he said it was ‘badly battered in November,’ when they were there, ‘but now it is an absolute ruin and all the people have left. They had returned and were carrying on business almost as usual when the second bombardment occurred. When the top part of the Cloth Hall fell in the people made for the cellars and got away if they could. Next day escape was impossible as the roads were all commanded by the German artillery.’ ROH:- Fitzwilliam Street United Methodist Church; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


STAMPER, JOHN. Private. No 40841. 23rd (Tyneside Scottish) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Oldtown, Hebden Bridge, Halifax, 25.2.1896. Son of Thomas and Fanny Stamper, 3 Colne Street, Paddock. Educated at Rochdale schools. Employed as a labourer to the electricians at the works of Messrs David
Brown and Sons, Lockwood. Single. Enlisted 4.5.1916. Reported missing near Armentieres on 11.2.1917 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 20. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock.


STANDELOW, ALFRED, MM and Bar. Lance Corporal. No 300077. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Milnsbridge. Adopted son of Mrs. C. Crawshaw, 35 School Street, Moldgreen. Employed as a tailor by Mr. W. Moorhouse, Ramsden Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted September 1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Mentioned in despatches in May 1917. Awarded the Military Medal for 'great courage and devotion to duty on November 20 and 21st, 1917'. He acted as runner and was on duty continuously for two days and a night carrying messages under heavy machine gun fire. Awarded a Bar to his Military Medal on 13.3.1918. Reported missing, presumed killed, 29.3.1918, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


STANLEY, ADA. Staff Nurse. Territorial Nursing Service. Born Moss, near Doncaster, 8.12.1871. Daughter of William and Harriet Stanley. Trained as a nurse at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. At the time of enlistment, was living in Manchester. Enlisted in January, 1915, at the 3rd Northern General Hospital, Sheffield. Left for the Dardenelles in July, 1915, on a hospital ship. Contracted dysentery on board the hospital ship, Mauretania, on a return trip to England but she refused to leave her post until every sick soldier was conveyed ashore. She then collapsed and died on 22.12.1915 at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, aged 46. Buried St. PAUL'S CHURCHYARD, ARMITAGE BRIDGE, HUDDERSFIELD. Commemorated KIRKEE 1914–1918 MEMORIAL, INDIA.


STARKEY, BERNARD. Driver. No 284657. 13th Battery, 17th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Son of Willie and Millie Starkey, 2 Woodland Vale, Armitage Bridge. Died of Enteric Fever in India on 30.7.1920, aged 19 years. Buried MHOW NEW CEMETERY. Commemorated KIRKEE 1914–1918 MEMORIAL, INDIA.


STEAD, JAMES. Rifleman. No S/26067. 8th Battalion The Rifle Brigade. Born Meltham Mills. Son of Mr Richard Stead of Meltham Mills. Married. Lived 3 Lane End, Holmfirth. Employed by Messrs Mallinsons, woollen manufacturers, of Linthwaite. Was a member of the Meltham Brass Band and, later, the Hinchcliffe Mill Brass Band. Attended Meltham Mills Church. Died of severe wounds to the head on 23.3.1918, aged 28 years. Buried NOYON NEW BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location: Plot 2, Row C, Grave 4. His wife received a letter from a Chaplain at the Dressing Station, who wrote, 'He was quite unconscious and although he was immediately attended to by very skilful surgeons and nurses he never rallied at all and passed away quite peacefully shortly afterwards. ROH:- St. Bartholomew's Church, Meltham; Holmfirth War Memorial.


STEEL, LUTHER. Private. No 16/1596. 1/6th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Lived 26 Cable Street, St. Thomas’s Road, Huddersfield. Employed as teamer by the Huddersfield Industrial Society Limited. Was married on 6.6.1908 at Huddersfield Parish Church to Miss Lilian Oddy Mellor. Killed in action, 20.7.1918. Buried HAGLE DUMP CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row E, Grave 2. His wife received the following letter from the Chaplain of her husband’s regiment who wrote, ‘It is with great regret that I am writing to inform you that I buried on Sunday morning the body of your husband Private L. Steele of the 1/6th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. He was killed by a shell on the Saturday instantaneously, along with another boy of the same regiment. I did not know your husband as he had only just joined the Battalion but I trust you will accept my deepest sympathy. God grant you strength in your great sorrow as I know the news will come as a great blow to you.’


STEPHENVSON, STANLEY. Private. No 22169. 6th Battalion King’s Own Scottish Borderers. Born 19.3.1883. Son of Priscilla Stevenson, 3 Mark Street, Paddock, Huddersfield. Educated St. Thomas’s Church of England School. Employed as a finisher by Messrs Taylor and Lodge,

STEWART, HARRY. Stoker 1st Class. No K/10894 (PO). Royal Navy Victor Torpedo boat. Born Huddersfield 6.5.1888. Son of Mrs Stewart, 5 Thomas Street, Huddersfield. Educated Thomas Street Board School. Before enlisting in the Navy, in 11.12.1907, was employed as a jam boiler. Had served in India, the Persian Gulf and Somaliland. Was married on 3.7.1915 to Miss Edith Walker. The following day he returned to his ship, berthed at Glasgow. On 27.7.1915, he fell off the gangway into the sea whilst trying to help a shipmate. Another seaman dived into the sea to try and help him but no trace of him could be found and his body was not recovered until the next day. Buried with full military honours in EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 6B, 120. ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church.

STEWART, ROBERT COLIN. Captain. 8th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Peebles, Scotland, in March 1892. Son of John and Mary Stewart of ‘Thornleigh’, Huddersfield. Educated at Mr Roscoe’s school, Harrogate, and Uppingham Public School. Shot at Bisley for his school in 1908 and 1909. Left Uppingham in December 1910. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the ranks and, a few months later, was granted a commission in the York and Lancaster Regiment. Was gazetted Captain before going to France in August, 1915. Killed in the attack on Ovillers on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1.7.1916. (The casualties for the 8th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment for 1.7.1916 were 635 men.) He was 24 years of age. Buried BLIGHTY VALLEY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 5, Row A, Grave 17. ROH:- St. Stephen's Church, Lindley, Huddersfield.


STOKES, WILLIAM THOMAS. Private. No 41054. 27th (Tyneside Irish) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Son of Mr Mark Stokes, Greenhill Bank, New Road, New Mill, Holmfirth. Employed as a millhand by Messrs Middlemost at Birkby, Huddersfield. Was a keen association football player. Enlisted at Easter 1916. Seriously wounded in the chest at the beginning of November, 1916. Admitted to No 2 Casualty Clearing Station, where he died of wounds on 3.11.1916, aged 23 years. Buried BAILLEUL COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location: Plot 3, Row A, Grave 239. His parents received a letter from the Rev. W W Gardener, Chaplain to the forces, who wrote, ‘I am very sorry to be the bearer to you of exceedingly sad news that your son, No 31826 Private W. Stokes of the 3rd Battalion Durham Light Infantry, attached to the 27th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, died in the 2nd Casualty Clearing Station on the 3rd November of the wounds he received in action. The wounds being in the chest he was breathing with great difficulty and though everything was tried to relieve him he suffered a great deal of pain. On the night before he died when I saw him and had prayers with him I noticed that he was very weak and worn out. It will be a source of consolation to you to know how bravely the poor lad bore his wounds as also to remember how faithful he had been to all his duty on the field and finally laid
down his life in his country’s cause. I conducted the funeral service this morning when his remains were reverently laid to rest in the pretty military cemetery here.’ ROH:- New Mill Working Men’s Club; Fulstone War Memorial.


STORER, JOSEPH. Acting Bombardier. No 204514. 123rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Born Heanor, Derbyshire, 19.7.1891. Son of M. A. Storer, Nottingham Road, Gilt Brook, Nottinghamshire. Educated Heanor Church of England School. Married, with one child. Lived 59 Storths, Moldgreen, Huddersfield. For three years he was a Constable in the Huddersfield Borough police force and afterwards was employed as a picric charge-hand by British Dyes Limited. Enlisted 20.1.1917. Killed in action at Kemmel Hill, Belgium, on 23.10.1917. Buried KEMMEL CHATEAU MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row O, Grave 39. ROH:- St. Andrew’s Church.


STYRING, JOHN CROSLAND. Private. No 11510. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born 26.3.1884. Son of the late Mr and Mrs James Crosland Styring. Educated at Birkby School. Married, with three children. (His wife was expecting another child when he was killed). Lived 13 Clayton Fields, Birkby. Attended Highfield Church. Worked on his own account as a taxi-cab proprietor. Enlisted 10.9.1914. Served as an orderly despatch rider. Died from the effects of gas poisoning received at Hill 60 on 6.5.1915. He was 31 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; commemorated on his parents' headstone in Paddock Churchyard


SULCH, ARTHUR. Private. No 2963. ‘C’ Company, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born 4 Honoria Street, Bradford Road, Huddersfield, 21.3.1894. Son of John and Alice Sulch, 107 Blackhouse Road, Fartown, Huddersfield. Educated at Hillhouse Council School, Huddersfield Boys College and the Higher Grade School. Employed as an electrical engineer by Messrs T. Broadbent and Sons Limited, Central Ironworks, Huddersfield. Single. Enlisted 5.9.1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed by shellfire on 18.9.1915, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His parents received a letter from Private Frank Schofield (who later died as a Prisoner of War on 1.4.1918, q.v.), who wrote, 'It is with great regret that I write these few lines, but it is on behalf of myself and my fellow comrades that I do it. Last night Arthur and myself had just had tea when the Germans started shelling us very heavily and we went to take precautions. But hearing that two of our fellows were buried I made a dash to the spot and as I thought left Arthur in safety. But somehow he thought it was safer in the trench bottom. So he and two more fellows lay prone on the ground when all of a sudden a shot hit the dug-out front and I am sorry to say my dear old pal and schoolmate caught the whole concussion but I am glad to say he had no suffering as his very sad death took place instantenously. He died as he lived – a soldier and a gentleum.' ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


SUTCLIFFE, GEORGE GUY. Private. No 268360. 2/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 6 Jagger’s Buildings, Bradford Road, Huddersfield, 8.12.1894. Was the adopted son of the late Mr and Mrs Sutcliffe, 75 Hebble Terrace, Bradford Road, Huddersfield. His name was George Guy but he was better known as George Guy Sutcliffe. Educated Thomas Street Board School and Huddersfield Higher Grade School. Employed as a blacksmith’s striker by Messrs J. Haywood and Company Limited, Bay Hall, Huddersfield. Single. Enlisted 21.10.1916. Killed in action near Rheims on 20.7.1918, aged 23 years. Buried **MARFAUX BRITISH CEMETERY.** Grave location:- Plot 1, Row E, Grave 7. ROH:- Great Northern Street Congregational Chapel.

SUTCLIFFE, MALCOLM. Private. No 3/2098. 1st Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Sands Terrace, Leeds Road, North Deighton, 8.1.1891. Son of Major and Emily Sutcliffe, Rosnall Holme, Beech Street, Paddock. Educated Spring Grove Board School. Employed on his own account as a painter and decorator. Single. Enlisted 31.8.1914. Embarked for France at the beginning of January, 1915. Killed in action at the Battle of Loos on 4.10.1915, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated **LOOS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** His parents received a letter from a chum of their son, Lance Sergeant Jack Walsh, who wrote, ‘The last time I was speaking to him he was talking about his Father and Mother. He passed away like a good British soldier and fell fighting. His Company made an attack on part of the German trenches and he was killed in the attack by a rifle shot. One of his own Company who saw him
fall told me he suffered no pain and he is buried in a true British soldier’s grave. He did his bit with a good heart. God has called him home and he alone can help you to bear the great trouble. Hoping you will accept my deepest sympathy in your hour of trial.’ ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood; All Saints Church, Paddock; commemorated in Salendine Nook Baptist Chapel yard, 283E.


SWALLOW, FRANK. Private. No 33550. 6th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly No 31186 11th Reserve Hussars Regiment. Born Thongsbridge. Son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Swallow of Deanhouse, Thongsbridge. Attended Netherthong Wesleyan Church. Employed at Deanhouse Mills. Was a member of the Netherthong boy scouts. Enlisted soon after the outbreak of the war at the age of 17 years and was discharged on account of illness. He enlisted again early in 1915 and was transferred from the Hussars to the Yorkshire Regiment. Killed by a shell on 15.8.1917, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Netherthong and Thongsbridge War Memorial; Netherthong Working Men’s Club.

SWALE, SOLOMON (ROLLY), MM and Bar. Private. No 241184. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of Jonas and Martha Elizabeth Swale, ‘Nont Sarah’s Hotel’, Scammonden. Enlisted in the Transport Section of the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment in May, 1915. Embarked for France on 2.12.1916. Was an expert rider and driver. Awarded the Military Medal for splendid courage and coolness on the night of September 28th and 29th, 1918. He was in charge of a limber with two mules containing rations and water for one of the Companies. He had to pass through ---- which was being intensely shelled at the time to deliver rations to one of the bridges on the canal. He successfully accomplished his difficult task and got his limber and animals safely away. Entirely by his grit and determination was it possible to get the rations close to the front Company and so prevent a weakening of the line for ration carrying.’ Died of wounds at No 29 Casualty Clearing Station on 21.10.1918, aged 21 years. Awarded a bar to the Military Medal posthumously on 14.5.1919. Buried DELSAUX FARM CEMETERY, BEUGNY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row H, Grave 7. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.
SWALLOW, HAROLD. Lance Corporal. No 26393. 4th Battalion Grenadier Guards. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mrs Lydia Swallow of Longley, Holmfirth. Employed at Washpit Mills, Holmfirth. Attended Choppards Sunday School, where he was a member of the singing class. Was a member of the cricket club and gymnasium. Enlisted 15.8.1916. Killed in action, 13.4.1918, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Hade Edge War Memorial.


SWALLOW, JOHN REGINALD. 2nd Lieutenant. 1st Battalion The King's Liverpool Regiment. Born Hepworth, Holmfirth. Son of Mr Charles Swallow of Wolverhampton. Married. Prior to enlistment was employed as a language master at a London secondary school. Reported wounded and missing after the attack on Guillemont on 8.8.1918 during the Battle of the Somme. The authorities stated that Lieutenant Swallow was wounded and after he was attended to he went on fighting and was then fatally wounded. Was afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.


SWALLOW, PERCY. Private. No 35537. 2nd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly No 5/108062 10th Territorial Reserve Battalion. Born Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs S C Swallow of Butter Nab, Berry Brow, Huddersfield. Killed in action, 8.5.1918, aged 18 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- South Crosland and Netherton War Memorial.

SWALLOW, WILLIAM HENRY. Private. No 40999. 1/5th Battalion The King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment). Born Kirkheaton. Son of John William and Jane Swallow of Lower Hall, Kirkheaton. Attended Kirkheaton Parish Church and School. Employed as a weaver at Spa Mills. Had been in France just one week when he was killed in action on 23.4.1918, aged 19 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated LOOS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private ARTHUR SWALLOW, killed in action, 4.11.1916, q.v.). ROH:- St. John's Church, Kirkheaton; Lepton Parish Church.


SYKES, ALBERT. Private. No 9481. Depot Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. (See GLEDHILL, ALBERT, the true family name).

SYKES, ALBERT. Rifleman. No C/12505. 21st Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps. Born Kirkheaton. Son of Tom B. and Emily Sykes of Stafford House, Kirkheaton. Employed by the Halifax Permanent Building Society, Market Place, Huddersfield. Reported missing, presumed killed, in the attack on Flers during the Battle of the Somme on 15.9.1916, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John's Church, Kirkheaton.

SYKES, ARNOLD WALKER. Captain. 3rd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Huddersfield 26.6.1875. Son of John Henry and Emmeline Sykes, Bryancliffe, Huddersfield. Educated at Uppingham Public School, which he left in August, 1894. Was a member of the firm of Messrs Edward Sykes and Sons, woollen manufacturers, Gosport Mills, Outlane. Was greatly interested in amateur theatricals. For production by the Huddersfield Operatic Society he wrote ‘A Merry Monarch’ and ‘The Squire of Harlington’. Was a freemason. Married, with three children. Lived ‘Netherleigh’, Huddersfield. Had long service with the Volunteers, in which he attained the rank of Captain. He joined the National Reserve on its formation and, on the outbreak of war, he was detailed for duty at the Halifax Depot and later at the York and Lancaster’s depot at Pontefract, where he was appointed Adjutant. He was passed for general service and joined his Regiment in July, 1917. Killed in action, near Ypres on 30.9.1917, aged 42 years. Buried BEDFORD HOUSE ENCLOSURE No 2. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row E, Grave 12. ROH:- Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield; St. Mary Magdalene Church, Outlane; St. Andrew's Church, Stainland.

SYKES, ARTHUR. Private. No 49943. 1st Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Formerly No 5/30140 8th Territorial Reserve Battalion. Born Almondbury. Son of Walter and Charlotte Ann Sykes, 9 Squirrel Ditch,
Huddersfield. Employed by Messrs A. W. Scarr and Sons Limited, Market Hall, Huddersfield. Reported missing on 17.10.1918 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 20. Buried HIGHLAND CEMETERY, LE CATEAU. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row C, Grave 20.


Was a member of the local Territorials prior to the outbreak of the war. Mobilised in August, 1914. He underwent training in Lincolnshire, Doncaster and Bedford. He followed the example of his father, who gained the DCM in the trenches at Ypres and was granted his discharge in 1916, after 31 years with the Volunteers and the Territorials. Had been in France for five weeks when he was killed in action on 14.2.1917, aged 20 years. Buried AUCHONVILLERS MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row K, Grave 9. ROH:- Upperthong War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


SYKES, CLARENCE. Private. No 31779. 2/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Marsden. Son of Mrs W Sykes, North View, Marsden. Reported wounded in the left arm on 21.11.1917 during the Battle of Cambrai and afterwards presumed to have died on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.


SYKES, DAVID. Private. No 235098. 2/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Lepton. Son of John and Mary Sykes, Green
Balk Lane, Lepton. Killed in action, 26.3.1918, aged 37 years, Buried HANNESCAMPS NEW MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row C. Grave 17. ROH:- Lepton Parish Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

SYKES, EDGAR. Private. No 2746. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Slaithwaite. Son of Mr Allan Sykes of Holme, Slaithwaite. Lived with a friend, Norris Ellis and his mother at Hollins Glen, Slaithwaite. Employed at No 1 Mill of the Slaithwaite Spinning Company. Was a member of the local Territorials prior to the outbreak of the war. Embarked for France in April, 1915. On 19.12.1915, during a gas attack by the Germans, Private Sykes was seriously affected by the gas and whilst trying to escape from its effects he fell into the river near the lines and was drowned. Had he not been suffering from the effects of the gas he would have escaped his unfortunate death as he was a strong swimmer. He was 21 years of age. Buried BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 28. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

SYKES, EDWARD (EDDIE). Lance Corporal. No 9115. 2nd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Leeches, Outlane 7.1.1885. Son of Mrs George Haigh, 66 Quarmby Road, Lindley. Educated Outlane and Oakes Board Schools. Employed as a textile worker. At the time of enlistment, was living at 64 Garside Buildings, Cliffe End, Lindley. Was a well known local footballer, playing as a three-quarter back in the Fartown team. Single. Enlisted 8.1.1903. Killed in action near Kemmel on 19.9.1915, aged 30. Buried KEMMEL CHATEAU MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row D, Grave 74. His mother received a letter from her younger son, Lance Sergeant Harry Sykes, of the same Battalion who wrote, ‘Just a few lines hoping you will bear up as much as possible when I break the news to you but we have had a bit of a rough time of it and our Eddie got killed in it. He has been buried in a proper cemetery not far from the firing line. I went down and saw his grave just after he was buried but I could not go to his funeral as I was too ill owing to having heard of his death and being knocked over myself and could not remember anything. I am alright now. He was a favourite out here and all the Company


SYKES, ERIC TURNER. Captain. 5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of James and Emma Amelia Sykes, ‘Dungarth’, Honley, Huddersfield. Educated at Almondbury Grammar School, The Leys School, Cambridge, and was an exhibitioner at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, when war broke out. He joined the University OTC and received his commission in November, 1914. Embarked for France in December, 1915. Was wounded, 3.9.1916, and sent home for convalescence. He returned to France in March, 1917. At 4am on 3.5.1917 he was wounded in the right arm and hip during the early stages of the Battle of Bullecourt. His injuries were attended to but, in organising a counter-attack at noon on the same day and endeavouring to bring a machine gun into action, an enemy machine gun was trained on him and a comrade who was at school with Captain Sykes. The comrade was wounded and taken prisoner and Captain Sykes was killed on 3.5.1917, aged 22 years. Buried BAILLEUL ROAD EAST CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row D, Grave 22. ROH:- Honley War Memorial; Almondbury Grammar School; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

SYKES, ERNEST. Private. No 240730. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Fenay Grange, Almondbury, 17.10.1896. Second son of Mr George Sykes, 3 Holme Place, Grasscroft Road, Marsh, Huddersfield. Educated Almondbury Church of England School and


SYKES, FRED. Private. No 35706. Labour Company, Lincolnshire Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Henry and Ellen Sykes of Underbank, Holmfirth. Prior to the war was a Corporal in the Holmfirth Territorials and was disappointed because he was refused for active service on health grounds. He was determined to serve his country and subsequently joined a Labour Battalion in the Lincolnshire Regiment. Died of pneumonia, 27.4.1917, at the New Zealand Stationary Hospital, Amiens. He was 35 years of age. Buried ST. PIERRE CEMETERY, AMIENS. Grave location:- Plot 7, Row C, Grave 8. ROH:- Underbank War Memorial.


SYKES, GEORGE. Sergeant. No 200585. 1/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Slaithwaite. Son of John Edward Swift Sykes and A M Sykes of Talbot Street, Batley. In business on his own account as an upholsterer in Church Street, Slaithwaite. Was a member of the local Territorials and was mobilised at the outbreak of the war. Wounded in 1917, which resulted in him having both legs amputated. He had also been severely gassed. Died in Leeds Military Hospital on 11.3.1918, aged 33 years. Buried SLAITHWAITE CEMETERY. Grave location:- B, 1, 159. ROH:- Slaithwaite War Memorial.

SYKES, GEORGE. Lance Bombardier. No L/18894. 'A' Battery, 186th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Born Huddersfield. Eldest son of the late Mr Bradley Sykes and Mrs Sykes, 12 Coldwell Street, Linthwaite. Attended Linthwaite Wesleyan Church. Employed as a weaver by Messrs W. and E. Crowther, Crimble Mills. Had been in France for nearly three years when he was killed on 13.10.1918, aged 24 years. Buried ST. AUBERT BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row E, Grave 17. His mother received a letter from his Commander who told her that her son was killed during a bombardment of unusual severity on the night of October 13th. The British guns, it appears from the letter of the Officer, had been brought close to the rear of the retreating Germans with the object of giving them an additional push at dawn when the counter battery work of the Huns fell upon them and Sykes and his friend were killed. Sykes was to have been promoted Corporal the following day for good work during the week. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


SYKES, HAROLD. Private. No 241581. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Son of Mr and Mrs Sykes, 15 Ingfield Terrace, Crimble, Slaithwaite. Attended Crimble Primitive Methodist Chapel and was a former choirboy there. Was a well known local bass vocalist and a skilled violinist. Was a member of the Sons of Temperance. Employed by the Slaithwaite Spinning Company. Enlisted in 1916 and embarked for France in January, 1917. Killed in action, 17.3.1917, aged 28 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


SYKES, HARRY. Private. No 22433. 6th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Longwood, Huddersfield, on 8.5.1887. Son of Eli and Hannah Maria Sykes, 41 Hill Top, Paddock. Employed as a woolen feeder by Messrs John Taylor and Sons, of Milnsbridge. Was a member of Paddock Liberal Club. Enlisted at the beginning of 1915. Embarked for France at Christmas, 1915. Was wounded under the right shoulder on 3.3.1916. Died of wounds at No 11 Stationary Hospital, Rouen, on 19.3.1916, aged 28 years. Buried St. SEVER CEMETERY, ROUEN. Grave location:- Plot A, Row 18, Grave 28. (Twin brother of Private HAROLD SYKES, killed in action, 22.12.1915, q.v.). ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; Shared Church, Paddock; Longwood War Memorial.


SYKES, HARRY. Leading Seaman. Palace ZJ/3594. Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. SS Southborough. Son of Leyland and Edith Sykes, 107 Swallow Lane, Golcar. Attended Parkwood United Methodist Church. Was a member of Thorpe Green Working Men's Club. Prior to enlistment, was employed as a weaver by Messrs Smith and Wood and formerly by Messrs
Titus Calverley and Sons, of Milnsbridge. Had been in the Merchant Service since 1916. He joined at Devonport and made his first voyage to Archangel after a few weeks training. This proved a very eventful journey because shortly after arriving at their destination a big explosion occurred, destroying a number of vessels, the crews of which had to leave the ships and seek safety ashore. For four days and nights Harry found shelter in a thick wood and at the end of that time was piloted back to his ship by a Russian Officer. Saw much active service, having visited West Africa, Norway, Russia and France and, on the return from his second visit to Archangel, his ship was torpedoed on 24.9.1917. Nothing was heard from him for 14 weeks until his parents received a wire from Aberdeen, stating that their son was one of the survivors. Lost his life at sea on 16.7.1918 when the SS Southborough, on which he was serving as a member of the gun crew, was sunk by an enemy submarine off Scarborough. He was 21 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Parkwood Methodist Church.

SYKES, HARRY ASHLEY. 2nd Lieutenant. 16th Battalion The Rifle Brigade. Formerly 3rd Battalion The Cameron Highlanders. Born Huddersfield 11.1.1898. Educated Thomas Street Board School, Huddersfield Higher Grade School and Huddersfield Technical College. Was organist at the Hillhouse P.S.A. and at the Great Northern Street Congregational Church. Was employed as an assistant pupil teacher at Thomas Street School. At the time of enlistment, was living at Chapel House, Great Northern Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted as a Private in the Cameron Highlanders on 9.10.1916. Was recommended for a commission in January, 1917. He went through a Cadet course at Kinmel Park near Rhyl. Wounded and taken prisoner on 21.3.1918. Died in Huddersfield Royal Infirmary of Meningitis, on 14.11.1921. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


SYKES, HILTON. Sapper. No 482237. 49th Signal Company, Royal Engineers. Formerly No 245 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Stalybridge, Cheshire. Son of John Denison and H. A. Sykes, 116 Town End, Golcar. Had been in America for 12 months prior to the outbreak of the war. Had been previously employed in the designing department at Messrs C. and J. Hirst and Sons Limited. Attended St. John’s Church, Golcar. Was a member of Golcar Conservative Club. Enlisted in the local Territorials at the outbreak of the war. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Wounded on one occasion. Died of wounds caused by a gas shell, 25.7.1917, at No 3 General Hospital, Le Treport. He was 27 years of age. Buried MONT HUON MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row B, Grave 6b. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; memorial in Golcar Churchyard; St. James Church, Slaidwaite.

SYKES, HILTON WHITEHEAD. Lance Corporal. No 40427. 16th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Marsden. Youngest son of Mrs Edwin Sykes, Far New Close, Binn, Marsden. Prior to the war he
lived with his widowed mother and his brother and assisted with the general work on the farm. Reported missing, presumed killed, 10.2.1917, aged 22 years. Buried SERRE ROAD CEMETERY No 1. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row E. Grave 27. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.

SYKES, HUBERT WOOD. Private. No 26878. 11th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers. Born Slaithwaite. Eldest son of Mrs A Sykes, 21 Longlands Road, Slaithwaite. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Pearson Brothers, Commercial Mills, Slaithwaite. He formerly attended Slaithwaite Parish Church but afterwards went to the Zion Baptist Church. Was a member of the Socialist Club. Enlisted 5.11.1915. After seven months training at Clipstone Camp he embarked for France in June, 1916. Killed in action, 22.8.1916, during the Battle of the Somme. He was 28 years of age. Buried LONSDALE CEMETERY. Grave location:- Special Memorial B 5. (Brother of Private TOM ERIC SYKES, killed in action, 3.5.1917, q.v.). ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.


SYKES, JAMES. Private. No 29160. 7th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Almondbury. Son of Mrs Mary Sykes of Penistone Road, Fenay Bridge, Huddersfield. Reported missing, presumed killed, 13.5.1917, aged 26 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Lepton Parish Church; Almondbury War Memorial.


SYKES, JAMES HENRY. Lance Corporal. No 240663. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Almondbury. Son of Mr and Mrs Joe Sykes, 21 Northgate, Almondbury. Employed by Messrs John Eccles and Company, cotton spinners, Firth Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted November 1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Along with three of his comrades he was killed instantly whilst asleep in his billet behind the firing line by a shell on 27.8.1917. He was 22 years of age. Buried COXYDE MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row C, Grave 21. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Almondbury War Memorial.


SYKES, JOE. Private. No 63852. 2/5th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Slaithwaite. Lived 11 Sugden's Buildings, Slaithwaite. Attended West Slaithwaite Church School. Was a member of the local branch of the Y.M.C.A. and the Liberal Club. Enlisted February 1918. Embarked for France in July, 1918. Killed in action near Rheims on 29.7.1918, aged 18 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated SOISSONS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private TOM SYKES, killed in action, 19.5.1917, q.v.). His parents received a letter from his Sergeant informing them that, 'he was killed instantenously and suffered no pain. He died a soldier's death, remaining at his post to the last during a heavy bombardment. During the time he was with the platoon he was a quiet and willing lad. The Sergeant says that he personally assisted in burying him near the place where he met his death and his comrades made and erected a cross which, though only rough, proved how he was missed'. (The grave must have been destroyed in later fighting). ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.

SYKES, JOE. Gunner. No L/25781. 'A' Battery, 168th (Huddersfield) Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Born Milnsbridge 12.10.1887. Son of George and Hannah Sykes, 123 Church Street, Paddock. Educated Paddock Council School. Attended Paddock United Methodist Church. Employed as a woollen spinner by Messrs C. and J. Hirst and Sons Limited, Longwood. Husband of Sarah Ellen (Nelly) Sykes, 24 Royds Hall, Longwood. Enlisted 4.5.1915. Killed in action at Nieuport, Belgium, on 11.7.1917, aged 29 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated NIEUPORT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Mark's Parish Church, Longwood; All Saints Church, Paddock; Shared Church, Paddock.

SYKES, JOE EDWIN. Private. No 81071. 1/7th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Born Golcar. Lived 6 Scar Top, Golcar. Died at Frelon as a Prisoner of War on 15.9.1918, aged 19 years. Buried GLAGEON COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row L, Grave 4. ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar; Golcar Baptist Church.

SYKES, JOHN. Private. No 2966. 3/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Saddleworth 5.4.1893. Son of the late Mr Percival Poynton Sykes and Mrs Emma T Sykes, Croft House, 25 Newsome Road, Almondbury. Educated at Crossley and Porter School, Halifax. Was formerly in the employ of Messrs Sharp, Crampton and Smith, Chartered Accountants, but at the time of enlistment, he was engaged in clerical work at the office of Messrs John Beever and Sons, Brook Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted in the local Territorials in September, 1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Was wounded in the right arm and leg by a sniper's bullet on 1.8.1915. Was treated at Birmingham War Hospital and then returned to Huddersfield where he was discharged from military duties on medical grounds. Died in Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, from consumption, on 11.5.1916, aged 23 years. Buried with full military honours in ALMONDBURY CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- CA, ‘C’, 85. ROH:- Almondbury War Memorial.

SYKES, LESLIE GORDON. Second Lieutenant. 168th (Huddersfield) Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, attached 190th (Night) Training Squadron, Royal Flying Corps. Born June 1898. Son of Lieutenant Colonel Herbert H Sykes and Mrs Sykes, Briarcourt, Lindley, and grandson of the late Mr John Sykes, of Acre House, Lindley. Educated at Aldro School, Eastbourne, and Uppingham Public School, which he left in December, 1914. Enlisted in the Huddersfield Artillery Brigade on its formation in May, 1915, and went through training with them but, on account of his youth, he was unable to proceed with them to the front. He was transferred to another Battery and later served at the front from July, 1916, to November, 1917. He was then transferred to the R.F.C. and had been training with them at Upwood, Cambridgeshire. Died from a compound fracture of the skull and laceration of the brain caused by falling to the ground whilst flying his aeroplane on 22.3.1918, aged 19 years. Buried with full military honours in St. STEPHEN’S CHURCHYARD, LINDLEY. Grave location:- in North-East corner. ROH:- St. Stephen's Church, Lindley.


SYKES, NORMAN. Sergeant. No 1044. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Marsden. Son of Mr and Mrs Hiram Sykes, Church Avenue, Linthwaite. Had worked with his father who was surveyor of the Slaithwaite Urban District Council. Prior to enlistment had been in business on his own account as a contractor. Had been in the local Territorials since 1908 and, for a couple of years previous to that, was a Private in the old Volunteers. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war with the rank of Lance Corporal. Married. Embarked for France in April, 1915, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in July, 1915. Died of wounds at a Field Dressing Station on 17.10.1915, aged 28 years. Buried FERME-OLIVER CEMETERY, ELVERDINGHE, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row K, Grave 1. His wife received a letter from Major William U Rothery, who wrote, 'You will no doubt have been informed that your husband didn't survive his wounds. He was wonderfully brave after he had been hit and we all thought he would pull through. I had a long talk with him whilst he was lying on the stretcher waiting to be carried to hospital. I assure you that his loss is a great grief to me. He was a splendid Sergeant and his fine personal character caused him to be liked by everybody. On behalf on myself, my brother Officers, and every member of the Company I offer you my deepest sympathy.' ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


SYKES, ROBERT. Gunner. No 50519. 'S' Battery, Royal Horse Artillery. Born Lepton, Huddersfield. Son of Mr Edward Sykes, Field House, Lepton. Employed as a clerk at the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank, Market Place, Huddersfield. Enlisted in the R.H.A. in 1908 and had been stationed in India for seven years. Was serving with the Indian Expeditionary Force in Mesopotamia, where he died of wounds on 23.11.1915, aged 30 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated BASRA MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING, IRAQ. ROH:- Lepton Parish Church; commemorated on headstone in Kirkheaton Cemetery.

Educated Armitage Bridge Church of England School. Attended Armitage Bridge Church. Was a member of Armitage Bridge Conservative Club. Employed as a butcher by the Berry Brow Cooperative Society. Husband of Henney Etta Sykes, 1 Scott Gate Road, Honley. Enlisted 13.1.1915. Served as a butcher in the A.S.C. for 19 months. He was then transferred to the Royal Fusiliers and embarked for France in June, 1917. Killed in action near Ypres on 7.8.1917, aged 27 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private CHRISTOPHER TINKER SYKES, killed in action, 7.6.1917, q.v.). Armitage Bridge War Memorial; memorial in Armitage Bridge Churchyard.


SYKES, WILLIE. Private. No 32194. 2nd Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Linthwaite. Son of Mrs Sykes, 38 New Street, Upper Clough, Linthwaite. Employed as a weaver at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Was a member of the Hoyle Ing Working Men's Club. Enlisted 16.5.1916. Had been in France for two months when he was reported missing, presumed killed, during the Battle of the Somme on 26.10.1916, aged 33 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


**TATE, WILFRID.** Private. No 241613. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar. Son of John William and Sarah Tate, 131 Station Road, Golcar. Assisted his father in his duties as a rate collector and sanitary inspector. Was secretary of the Christian Endeavour Society and also a teacher and assistant secretary of the Golcar Baptist Sunday School. Enlisted March 1916. Embarked for France in January, 1917. Reported missing, presumed killed, at the Battle of Bullecourt on 3.5.1917. He was 22 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Golcar Baptist Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**TATTERSALL, HARRY SHAW.** Private. No PO/1223 (S). Royal Marine Light Infantry. Portsmouth Division, Born Linthwaite. Son of Thomas and Helena Tattersall, 1 Lowerhouses, Linthwaite. Employed as a spinner by Messrs Thomas, Bates and Son, Platt Mill, Slaitwaite and previously at Messrs J. Crowther and Sons of Milnsbridge. Attended Linthwaitea Church, where he had been a choirboy, and was a member of the Young Men’s Class. Played football for the Pymroyd (Milnsbridge) Association football club. Enlisted in December 1915. Was stationed at Gosport, near Portsmouth, and was drafted to Ireland to take part in the quelling of the rebellion. Was accidentally shot on Sunday, 14.5.1916, at Queenstown, Ireland, and died at about 8.30am, aged 20. It appears that a comrade was cleaning his rifle in a tent some distance away from that in which Private Tattersall was living when the gun, which was loaded, went off and the shot penetrated two tents and struck him on the side of his head killing him instantly. Buried with full military honours at CHRIST CHURCH, LINTHWAITE, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- C, 68. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


and skill in commanding his Company after the Officers were killed or wounded on 8.11.1914 near Ypres, in retaking trenches and bringing men out of action.’ He was promoted Company Sergeant Major. Was wounded at St. Eloi in 1915 and, whilst convalescing in England, was married to Miss Mary E Lumb of Paddock. Whilst in Huddersfield he took part in many recruiting meetings. His devoted service when he rejoined the Battalion earned him a recommendation for a commission. He had only been back with his Battalion in France for a few weeks, after going through the necessary Officers’ training, when he was killed in action on 9.4.1917 at Fampoux, near Arras. He was 26 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:– All Saints Church, Paddock; Shared Church, Paddock.

TAYLOR, ALFRED CASTLE. Private. No 98842. 3rd Battalion Sherwood Foresters. Born 94a Deighton Road, Deighton, Huddersfield. Son of John and Jane Taylor, 96 Deighton Road, Deighton. Educated Deighton Council School and Huddersfield Municipal Secondary School. Assisted his father in the family grocery business. Attended Deighton United Methodist Church and was a member of the choir. Single. Enlisted 31.5.1917. Died at Cannock Chase Isolation Hospital of meningitis on 12.1.1918, aged 19. Buried DEIGHTON UNITED METHODIST CHAPEL YARD, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:– West of Chapel. ROH:– St. John’s Church, Golcar; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; St. ‘Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor.


TAYLOR, CHARLES. Rifleman. No R/20893. 16th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Golcar. Lived with his sister, Mrs Bottomley at 6 Victoria Street, Marsden. Employed as a spinner at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Attended Marsden Parish Church and was a member of Marsden Conservative Club. Reported missing, presumed killed, 26.9.1917, aged 25 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:– Marsden War Memorial; Marsden Conservative Club.

TAYLOR, EDGAR. Sergeant. No 5514. 10th Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born Halifax. Enlisted Huddersfield. Lived Netherthong, Holmfirth. Had served eight years in the ranks and four in the reserves. He had fought in the Boer War and afterwards was stationed in India. Had been a porter at Thongsbridge Station for five years when he rejoined the Colours in September, 1914. He lodged with Mrs Rusby at Deanhouse. Attended Netherthong Parish Church. Was a member of the Netherthong Working Men’s Club. Killed by a shell on 19.2.1917. Buried A.I.F. BURIAL GROUND, FLERS. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row K, Grave 27. ROH:- Netherthong and Thongsbridge War Memorial; Netherthong Working Men’s Club; Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance; Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Roll.


TAYLOR, FRANK WILLIAM. Private. No M2/046049. Army Service Corps (Motor Transport Section). Born Wedmore, Somerset. Husband of Jane Taylor, 42 Knowle Terrace, Slaithwaite. Attended Slaithwaite Wesleyan Chapel. Employed as a chauffeur by Mr William Crowther, J.P., Field House, Slaithwaite. Enlisted January 1915. Embarked for France in September, 1915, where he was employed on motor repair work. In June, 1916, he was crushed by a car reversing into him. His injuries were not regarded as serious and he was sent home to England. He was admitted to Lakenham Military Hospital, Norwich, where it was thought he would recover. But he suffered a relapse and died of his injuries on 10.7.1916, aged 33 years. Buried SLAITHWAITE CEMETERY. Grave location:- B, 4, 8. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.


TAYLOR, FRED. Private. No 29/601. 11th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Golcar. Son of the late James Taylor and Leviah Atkinson (formerly Taylor). Married. Lived 7 Hanging Royd, Wellhouse, Golcar. Employed as a fettler on the night shift by the Colne Valley Spinning Company Limited. Was a member of the Wellhouse Liberal Club. Enlisted 16.5.1916. Embarked for France during the summer of 1916 and was invalided home with trench feet. Returned to the front in April, 1917. Died of wounds at No 44 Casualty Clearing Station on 7.6.1917, aged 23 years. Buried BRANDHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row D, Grave 8. (Brother of Private PERCY TAYLOR, killed in action, 7.8.1917, q.v.). ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar.


TAYLOR, GEORGE. Guardsman. No 22655. 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards. Born Marsden. Only son of Mr Joe Taylor of Nab Lane, Mirfield. Had worked in the Colne Valley for many years. At the time of enlisting was employed as a weaver by Mr J E Crowther of Marsden. Single. Enlisted February 1915. Embarked for France in November, 1915. Killed in action at the Battle of the Somme on 10.9.1916, aged 35 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.


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TAYLOR, JOE. Private. No 4925. ‘A’ Company, 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of William Henry and Eleanor Taylor, 16 Spring Mill, Milnsbridge. Employed as a tailor's cutter by Messrs Bairstows, Sons and Company, of Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield. He formerly attended Thornton Lodge Wesleyan Church but, prior to enlistment, attended Lepton Wesleyan Church. Was a well known athlete, having won several prizes for running and walking. He also played as wing three-quarter with...


TAYLOR, JOHN THOMAS. Private. No 790. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Eldest son of Mr Walter Taylor of Handel Street, Golcar. Was in the 1/7th Battalion prior to the outbreak of the war and had just finished his four years training but had not received his discharge papers. Was married before he embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action, 22.10.1915, aged 22 years. Buried TALANA FARM CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row C, Grave 18. His wife received the following letter from Lieutenant J W Tetlow, who wrote, ‘I am more than sorry to have to tell you that your husband was killed this afternoon. He had gone down to the canal bank...’
with me and a shell hit a tree and part of the dugout
where he was and burst. He was killed at once and
suffered no pain which was a blessing. He was my
servant and was much more than that, he was a
friend. We all felt his loss very much indeed and
sympathise with you in your great sorrow. Yet there
is one consolation — that he died a death which we
should all wish to die if the time comes.’  

ROH: - St. John's Church, Golcar; Huddersfield Drill Hall;
Longwood War Memorial.

TAYLOR, JOHN WILLIAM. Private. No 242980. 1/5th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire
Light Infantry. Born Golcar. Married, with
one child. Lived 21 Scar House Fold, Golcar.
Employed as a weaver by Messrs George
Mallinson and Sons Limited, Linthwaite. Was
a member of the Smith Ryding Working Men’s
Club. Enlisted 14.9.1916. Had been in France
about eleven weeks when he was killed in action
on 18.3.1917, aged 33 years. Buried
RUE-DU-BACQUEROT No 1 MILITARY CEMETERY.
Grave location:- Plot 3, Row A, Grave 2.
(Brother of Private EDGAR TAYLOR, who died
of wounds, 11.12.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Longwood
War Memorial; St. John’s Church, Golcar.

TAYLOR, LAMBERT. Gunner. No 342015. 1st
Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery. Born Golcar.
Son of Mr and Mrs H. Taylor, 24 Cliffe Ash,
Golcar. Formerly worked as a pattern weaver
by Messrs Charles Lockwood and Sons Limited,
Blackrock Mills, Linthwaite. Attended Golcar
Providence United Methodist Sunday School.
Went to Canada in 1903. Was married there in
January, 1917. Husband of Rose Taylor, 340
Pine Street, Jacksonville, Illinois, U.S.A. Enlisted
in the Canadian Artillery in October, 1916.
Whilst completing his training in England he
visited his home in Golcar in May, 1917, and
embarked for France a few days later. Died from
wounds and gas poisoning, having been struck
by a gas shell, on 26.8.1917, aged 34 years. Buried
LAPUGNOY MILITARY CEMETERY.
Grave location:- Plot 4, Row D, Grave 7.
ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.

TAYLOR, NORMAN. Private. No 241546.
2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment.
Lived with his Uncle and Aunt, Mr and Mrs
George Roebuck, 68 Parkgate, Berry Brow.
Employed as a cleaner in the Huddersfield
Corporation Tramsheds. Embarked for France
in January, 1917. Killed in action, 11.6.1917,
aged 23 years. Buried
FLESQUIERES HILL BRITISH CEMETERY.
Grave location:- Plot 4, Row D, Grave 7. ROH:-
St. Andrew’s Church of England School, Leeds
Road, Huddersfield. Employed as a mill tuner by
Messrs Learoyd Brothers and Company Limited,
Trafalgar Mills, Huddersfield. Single. Enlisted
8.8.1914. He was commissioned in April, 1918.
Killed in action, 27.8.1918, aged 25 years.
Has no known grave. Commemorated VIS-en-
ARTOIS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.
ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Deighton
United Methodist Chapel; St. Andrew’s Church,
Leeds Road, Huddersfield; Learoyd Brothers;
Deighton War Memorial.

TAYLOR, NORMAN STRINGER. Gunner.
No 240308. 'D’ Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Born
Lepton, 29.9.1892. Son of Albert Edward
and Alice Taylor, 16 North Street, Lockwood,
Huddersfield. Educated Lepton Board School.
Employed as a weaver by Messrs Walter Sykes
Enlisted 23.5.1917. Killed in action in Italy on
15.6.1918, aged 25 years. Buried GRANEZZA
BRITISH CEMETERY, ITALY.
Grave location:- Plot 1, Row D, Grave 4.
ROH:- Lockwood Baptist Church; Emmanuel Church, Lockwood;
Mount Pleasant Chapel, Lockwood; Armitage

St. Andrew’s Church of England School, Leeds
Road, Huddersfield. Employed as a mill tuner by
Messrs Learoyd Brothers and Company Limited,
Trafalgar Mills, Huddersfield. Single. Enlisted
8.8.1914. He was commissioned in April, 1918.
Killed in action, 27.8.1918, aged 25 years.
Has no known grave. Commemorated VIS-en-
ARTOIS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.
ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Deighton
United Methodist Chapel; St. Andrew’s Church,
Leeds Road, Huddersfield; Learoyd Brothers;
Deighton War Memorial.
Bridge War Memorial; commemorated on headstone in Kirkheaton Cemetery.


TAYLOR, WILLIAM FERGUS. Sergeant. 1st Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Yew Green, Lockwood, Huddersfield. Son of David and Ada Taylor, 11 Bath Street, Lockwood. Educated Mount Pleasant Council School. Prior to enlistment, was employed as an iron moulder. Enlisted 4.1.1909. Went to India, where he was on the General Staff at Headquarters at Dehli and Simla. Whilst in India he contracted Enteric Fever, followed by tuberculosis. He arrived in England in April, 1917, and, after spending a month in a London hospital, was sent to Mill Hill Sanatorium, Huddersfield, for treatment for tuberculosis. Died at Mill Hill Sanatorium, Huddersfield on 15.5.1917, aged 25 years. (Brother of Private HENRY JOHN TAYLOR, died of wounds, 26.7.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; Mount Pleasant Chapel, Lockwood.

by Messrs B. Armistead and Sons, Longroyd Bridge, Huddersfield. Single. Enlisted 6.3.1916. Killed in action at Miraumont on 17.3.1917, aged 20 years. Buried ADANAC MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row H, Grave 34. ROH:- New North Road Baptist Church; All Saints Church, Paddock; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


THEWLIS, DAN. Private. No 28149. 7th Battalion Duke of Cornwall’s Light Infantry. Formerly No 140550 Royal Field Artillery. Born Milnsbridge, Huddersfield. Son of Mr T. W. Thewlis, 23 Armitage Road, Milnsbridge. Married. Lived 18 Lowergate, Longwood. Employed as a labourer by Messrs Dempsters during the construction of the new works of the Longwood and Slaithwaite Gas Company. Had also been employed as a minder by Messrs John Crowther and Sons Limited, of Milnsbridge. Enlisted 10.4.1916. Embarked for France in September, 1916. Reported missing during an attack on Rainbow Trench, 8.10.1916, during the Battle of the Somme, and afterwards was presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Longwood War Memorial.


THEWLIS, HAROLD DARLING. Lieutenant. ‘C’ Company, 1/7th Battalion Manchester Regiment. Born 27.7.1890 in Manchester. Only son of Mr James Herbert Thewlis, umbrella manufacturer, of Daisy Mount, Victoria Park, Manchester, who was a member of a well known and respected old Huddersfield family and ex Lord Mayor of Manchester, and Isabella Thewlis. His brother, Mr Edgar Thewlis, was connected with the firm of Messrs Thewlis and Company, finishing machinery makers, of Folly Hall. Lieutenant Thewlis was educated at Manchester Grammar School and Manchester University, where he was awarded a BSc. degree.
At the outbreak of the war he was studying at the Cheshire Agricultural College at Holmes Chapel, as he was interested in agricultural research. Single. He was an active member of the OTC at University and was granted a commission in the 7th Battalion Manchester Regiment in 1912. When his Regiment proceeded to Khartoum in September, 1914, he was promoted to full Lieutenant. Killed in action at the Third Battle of Krithia, Gallipoli, on 4.6.1915, aged 24 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. Lieutenant Thewlis’ Will was administered by his father in London on December 23rd, 1915. His estate was valued at £181 16s 10d.


THEWLIS, WALTER. Gunner. No 152658. ‘A’ Battery, 71st Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Born Thongsbridge. Son of Mr and Mrs Albert Thewlis, of West End, Wooldale. Husband of Ada Thewlis of Hollowgate, Thurstonland. Educated Lane Bottom School. Attended Wooldale Wesleyan Chapel, where he was a member of the choir. Was a keen athlete, a member of the Wooldale Association Football Club and the Thurstonland Cricket Club. Employed as a scouer by Messrs Lancaster and Sons, Mytholm Bridge Mills. Enlisted August 1916. Embarked for France on 28.3.1917. Killed in action, 22.3.1918, aged 28 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His wife received the following letter from Major Willett of the 71st Brigade R.F.A. who wrote, ‘It is with the deepest regret that I have to inform you that your husband, Gunner Thewlis of this Battery, was killed in action on the 22nd of this month. He was hit by several pieces of shell while out mending telephone wires and you will be glad to hear that he was killed instantaneously and suffered no pain. Your husband is a very great loss to the Battery as he was good at any work he was given to do. He was an excellent gunner and when he began to learn signalling about four months ago he picked it up very quickly, so much so that after three months he was qualified as a first class signaller. In addition he was a most gallant soldier and I shall find it most difficult to replace him in the Battery.’ ROH:- Wooldale War Memorial; Thurstonland War Memorial.

THOMAS, JAMES ALBERT. Private. No 5/2990. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born 153 Rashcliffe Hill, Lockwood, Huddersfield, 2.10.1888. Son of Mr and Mrs Sam Thomas, 159 Rashcliffe Hill, Lockwood. Educated Rashcliffe Church of England School. Employed as a labourer. Married Nellie Holliday in 1910. Lived 143 Rashcliffe Hill, Lockwood. Was an old Volunteer and a member of the local Territorials prior to the outbreak of the war. Enlisted 6.8.1914. Was wounded three days before Christmas, 1915, and had only been back in France for seven weeks when he was killed in action during the Battle of the Somme.
on 4.7.1916. He was 27 years of age. Buried CONNAUGHT CEMETERY, THIEPVAL. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row M, Grave 8. ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


THOMPSON, BROOMSBANK. Private. No 241361. 5/6th Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Born Crosland Moor 19.1.1883. Educated Crosland Moor Council School. Husband of Phillis Thompson, 11 Barton Road, Crosland Moor. Employed as an insurance agent by the Prudential Assurance Company Limited. Enlisted September 1916. Killed in action at Kemmel Hill on 8.5.1918, aged 35 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; United Methodist Church, Crosland Moor.


THOMPSON, ERNEST. Private. No 18/893. ‘B’ Company, 18th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (2nd Bradford Pals). Born Cliffe End, Longwood, Huddersfield. Son of William and Sarah Ann Thompson, 2 Bull Green Road, Longwood. Educated at Paddock Schools. Employed as a traveller by Messrs Fattorini and Sons of Bradford. Was formerly a tram driver in Halifax. Husband of Nora Elizabeth Thompson, 60 Newlands Place, Undercliffe, Bradford. Reported missing, 1.7.1916, on the first day of the Battle of the Somme and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 30. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood.


THOMPSON, HARRY. Private. No 204737. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Fartown, Huddersfield, 18.9.1892. Son
of John and Ellen Thompson, 8 Ballroyd Road, Fartown. Educated Hillhouse Council School. Employed as a tailor's presser by Messrs Edgerton, St. John’s Road, Huddersfield. Was a member of Woodhouse Church Young Men’s Bible Class. Single. Enlisted 10.2.1916. Wounded on the Somme in July, 1916. Was wounded near Bapaume on 19.7.1917 and died the same day, aged 25. Buried VAULX AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row A, Grave 20. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill, Huddersfield; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


THOMSON, JAMES ALBERT RAYMOND, DSO. Lieutenant-Colonel. 5th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Croix-de-Guerre (French). Born Huddersfield. Son of the late James and Eliza Thomson. Husband of Ethel Norah Mayson Thomson of The Uplands, Malton, Yorkshire. Prior to the outbreak of the war was a partner in the firm of Messrs W. Metcalfe and Sons, millers, Malton. Was a member of the local Territorials before the war. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Was wounded on three occasions. Awarded the DSO in 1918. The following citation is from the London
Gazette, dated 16.9.1918, ‘For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout ten days fighting this Officer had rendered splendid service, inspiring the Brigade by his example of cheerfulness and leadership. When the enemy captured a village he established his Battalion on some high ground above it, holding on from 9am to 3pm although his right was in the air and he had neither orders or information. On a later occasion after encouraging his men throughout a day of intense shelling, he led a counter-attack in the evening to cover the withdrawal of another division. This was successful, as was also his rearguard action afterwards.’ Killed in action at Craonne, France, on 27.5.1918, aged 42 years. Buried VENDRESSE BRITISH CEMETERY.

Grave location:- Plot 2, Row A, Grave 2. The following extract is taken from Volume 3 - 1918. - of the Official History of the Great War (Page 52), ‘From his headquarters at Craonne, Lieutenant Colonel J. A. R Thomson (5th Green Howards) saw enemy troops on the southern edge of the Californie Plateau about 6am and, with his headquarters and the reserve Company of the 4th East Yorkshires, made a gallant attempt to dislodge them by counter-attack: but the ascent was steep and the effort failed with heavy casualties. A Company of the 4th Green Howards, the reserve battalion near La Hutte, about a mile south of Craonne, tried, by Brigadier-General Rees’s orders, to join in this counter-attack, but was swept away by the terrific fire falling near La Hutte. A buried cable communicating with the 5th Green Howards being intact, Brigadier-General Rees ordered the survivors of the counter-attack to fight their way out but few succeeded in doing so, Lieutenant-Colonel Thomson being among the killed.’ ROH:- Commemorated in a memorial window at St. Leonard’s Church, Malton; Sledmere War Memorial.


THORNTON, FRANK. 2nd Lieutenant. ‘C’ Company 7th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. Born Birkby, Huddersfield, 3.4.1893. Son of Mr and Mrs William Thornton, ‘Ashfield’, Fenay Bridge, Huddersfield, and later of 12 South Parade, Llandudno, North Wales. Educated Almondbury Grammar School and The Leys School, Cambridge, where he was in the Officers’ Training Corps. Employed as a traveller in his father’s business, Messrs Woodhead and Barker, woollen merchants, Dundas Street, Huddersfield. Was a playing member of the Huddersfield Old Boys Football Club and had been included in the County trial teams. Was recommended for a commission by the Huddersfield Town Council under a scheme arranged early in the war, and he was gazetted in November, 1914, and posted to the 7th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. Had been in France for six months and returned there for the last time on Whit Saturday, 1916, after a few days leave of absence. Killed in action at Fricourt on 1.7.1916, aged 23 years. Buried FRICOURT NEW MILITARY CEMETERY.

Grave location:- Row B, Grave 5. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton; Waterloo Rugby Union Football Club; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial. The following extract is taken from ‘The East Yorkshire Regiment in the Great War’ by Everard Wyrall:- (7th Battalion, 1.7.1916), ‘At Zero hour – 7.30am – on 1st July, after smoke discharges at many points along the front, and the blowing of mines beneath the enemy’s trenches, the assaulting troops advanced with the utmost steadiness to the attack despite the enemy’s barrage which was falling very heavily on the line of advance across No Man’s Land.

The 50th Brigade of the 17th Division had been given the task of assaulting and clearing Fricourt village and wood, thus ensuring contact between the 7th Division on the right and the 21st Division on the left. The dispositions of the four battalions of the Brigade at Zero hour were: 7th Green Howards held trenches from the cemetery to the ‘Tambour’: this Battalion was to attack the village. The 10th West Yorkshire,
detailed to form the defensive flank, were disposed in a line from the 'Tambour' to the apex at Purfleet: the 7th East Yorkshires were in Becordel and 'Bonte Redoubt' in support. The 6th Dorsets were in Brigade Reserve at Meaulte. The East Yorkshires and Dorsets were ready to follow up as the assault was delivered.

At 7.30am the assault was delivered. Two companies of the West Yorkshires got across No Man's Land and into the first German line with slight loss and reached their objective, but they had no support, for the two remaining Companies were met by a murderous machine-gun fire from Fricourt and were practically annihilated. The two forward Companies in the German line, left without assistance, were gradually overwhelmed and, being separated into small groups, were practically wiped out, only a few survivors getting back to the old British front line: one small detachment however, managed to effect a junction with troops of the 21st Division.

Machine gun and rifle fire prevented a further advance from the British line and the Battalions which had been ordered to follow in rear of the troops detailed for the initial assault were unable to move. 'C' and 'D' Companies of the 7th East Yorkshires were in South Avenue when, at 8.26am the last of the West Yorkshires went over.' By 9am 'A' and 'B' Companies from Bonte Redoubt had moved up to Kingston Road and held the front line with one platoon, two Lewis guns and a trench-mortar carrying party. 'D' Company was then in Surrey Street. At 10.06am the 7th Green Howards reported that their front Company had attacked and was in front of Fricourt and a little later 'A' Company of the East Yorkshires was ordered up in support. The Lewis-gun officers reported that it was impossible to mount a gun on the lip of the crater as long as the German machine guns remained active, though he had mounted a gun on the trench parapet. Just after 11am 'B' Company was moved up towards Rundel Avenue and 2nd Lieutenant Thomas with two other ranks was sent out from Purfleet to try and gain touch with the West Yorkshires. About an hour later he was brought back wounded by his servant. No West Yorkshiremen were found in the front German trench. Two other patrols sent out had not returned by 1.15pm, at which hour the 7th East Yorkshires were ordered to attack in support of the West Yorkshires at second Zero which was to be 2.30pm.

At 2.33pm 'C' and 'D' Companies of the East Yorkshires advanced over the parapet towards Red Cottage. They were met at once by a murderous machine-gun and rifle fire and were unable to get on. 'B' Company, which had been detailed to support the attack did not get beyond the front line. Terrible casualties were suffered in this second attempt. The two attacking companies of the East Yorkshires, 'C' and 'D' were practically swept away when ever they set foot in No Man's Land, which was already thick with dead and wounded men. This second attempt also failed and during the night of 1/2nd July the 50th Brigade was relieved and marched back to Heilly and Meaulte to reorganise, though having to provide carrying parties for the 51st Brigade.

The 7th East Yorkshires lost on the 1st July 4 Officers killed and 1 Officer wounded:- in other ranks the losses were - killed 29, wounded 72 and missing 17: a total of 5 Officers and 118 other ranks'.


ROH:- Netheroyd Hill Methodist Church; Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.

THORNTON, JOSEPH EDWIN HAROLD. Driver. No 27030. ‘A’ Battery, 86th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Born Huddersfield. Only son of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Thornton, 202 Manchester Road, Milnsbridge. He was apprenticed to Mr J. W. Thorpe, joiner, of Linthwaite and afterwards worked for Mr R. Quarmby, Triangle, Paddock. At the outbreak of war he worked at the Y.M.C.A. at Wrexham and Rhyl for a few months. Enlisted in January, 1915, and embarked for France in June, 1915. Died of wounds at No 11 Stationary Hospital, Rouen, on 16.10.1918. He was 25 years of age. Buried St. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION.

Grave location:- Block S, Plot 2, Row M, Grave 2. ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial.


Grave location:- Row C, Grave 5. ROH:- Armitage Bridge War Memorial; memorial in Armitage Bridge Churchyard.

THORPE, ERNEST. Private. No 3576. ‘D’ Company, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Filbert Street, Birkby, Huddersfield, 31.12.1895. Son of Joe and Florence Thorpe, 212 Olive Terrace, Bradford Road, Huddersfield, and later of Ettrick Cottages, Selkirk, Scotland. Employed as an iron turner by Messrs Hopkinsons, of Birkby. Prior to enlistment had lived for a time at Prone, Wellington, New Zealand, and had undergone four years military training there. Enlisted in November, 1914, on returning to England. Died of wounds, 30.11.1915, aged 19 years. Buried TALANA FARM CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row F, Grave 1. His parents received a letter from Sergeant Howard, who wrote, ‘It is with deep regret and heartfelt sympathy that I am writing to inform you of the death of your brave son Private E. Thorpe who was in my platoon. He died this morning of wounds which he received at about 11.30pm last night. We had just been relieved from our advanced trench and your son was one of a party of five who were carrying water to the platoon which had relieved us when he was hit by a stray bullet in the stomach. He seemed to bear up for an hour or two but must have had a relapse after getting to the field hospital. I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and all his comrades in the platoon.’

ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


THORPE, FRANK. Private. No 245441. 20th Battalion Manchester Regiment. Formerly No 205182 West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Married. Lived 66 Leymoor Road,
Golcar. Employed in the finishing department at Messrs C. and J. Hirst and Sons, of Longwood. Attended Golcar Baptist Chapel and was formerly a member of the Reading Room. Enlisted April 1916. Embarked for France in July, 1916. Was transferred to Italy in November, 1916, and returned to France in September, 1918. Was seriously wounded by machine gun fire and died of his wounds on 23.10.1918, aged 33 years. Buried HONNECHY BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 69/71. ROH:- Golcar Baptist Church.

THORPE, GEORGE HERBERT. Corporal. No 2787. 'A' Company, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Walton, Liverpool, 16.5.1893. Elder son of the late Thomas Henry Thorpe, Customs and Excise Officer, and Jane Middlebrook Thorpe, Cleveland Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield. Since his father's death had lodged with Mrs Haigh, of George Street, Huddersfield. Educated Oakes Council School, Huddersfield College and Municipal Secondary School. Employed as a bank clerk in the Huddersfield branch of the Yorkshire Penny Bank. Was one of three joint secretaries of the Gledholt Wesleyan Sunday School. Enlisted 4.9.1914. Was promoted Lance Corporal a year later. At the beginning of November, 1915, along with Private FRANK DEAN, (died of wounds, 13.11.1915), q.v., was recommended for the Distinguished Conduct Certificate for bomb throwing in an advanced sap on 26.9.1915. A member of the Battalion bombers, of whom Corporal Thorpe was in command, said that their position was about the worst on the front as regarded getting the water away and none of them had had dry clothes on for 12 days, 'We had November 5th in the trenches and the Boche were a bit lively. Bert Thorpe was recommended for the D.C.M. but they granted him a gallantry card and he was complimented by the Colonel. He is the Corporal of the bombers and we were called up to help another Regiment to bomb the Germans and we did very well. Indeed we did everything but go over to them so he was recommended. Bert is a trump and a champion to work under. The last time in the Germans started bombing us so we bombed them. Bert took his coat off and threw 70 bombs back. When things quietened down he said 'Come on lads, let us sing a bit.' He started us and then he was so tired that he fell in the bottom of the trench. He had fallen asleep stood up! We groped for him in the mud and picked him up and then had a good laugh and treated it as a joke.' Killed in action, 17.11.1915, at Boesinghe near Ypres, aged 22. Buried TALANA FARM CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row E, Grave 1. ROH:- Gledholt Wesleyan Church; St. Stephen's Church, Lindley; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


THWAITES, WILLIAM HENRY. Chief Petty Officer. No 138012. Royal Navy. HMS Hampshire. Born Moldgreen 25.12.1870. Brother of John Thwaites, 23 Airedale Crescent, Otley Road, Bradford. Enlisted in the Navy in 1888. Killed by mine explosion off the Orkneys when HMS Hampshire was sunk on 5.6.1916. He was 44 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

TIFANY, CHARLES EDWARD, MC. Regimental Sergeant Major. No 240002. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Almondbury 8.7.1873. Father of Ernest Tiffany, 4 Colne Street, Paddock. Educated Paddock Board School. Employed as an engine packing maker. Married. (His only son had joined the local Territorial battalion, as a drummer, at the age of 13 and accompanied the 1/5th Battalion to the Western front). Had served in the local Volunteer and Territorial battalions for a period of 27 years and, during the whole of that time, never missed a single camp. When the Territorials were mobilised he was Colour Sergeant of 'G' (Kirkburton) Company, to which he was transferred from 'A' Company Headquarters when the formation of the new Company was sanctioned. Embarked for France in April, 1915, and was promoted C.S.M. He was awarded the Military Cross on 1.7.1916. for, 'conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at all times. His coolness under fire has been particularly valuable, a man of untiring energy.' (London Gazette 19th August 1916). Killed in action at Nieuport on 7.8.1917. Buried RAMSCAPPELE ROAD


TODD, NATHAN. Private. No 12547. 2nd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Netherton, Huddersfield. Son of Edward and Martha Todd, 154 Birks Road, Lockwood, Huddersfield. Killed in action, 22.3.1918, aged 23 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- South Crosland and Netherton War Memorial; Emmanuel Church, Lockwood.

Netherton, Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs George Todd, The Fold, Netherton. Killed in action, 28.4.1917, at the Battle of Arras. He was 29 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- South Crosland and Netherton War Memorial.


TOLSON, HORACE. 2nd Lieutenant. 6th Battalion The Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Formerly 87th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps. Son of Joah and Sarah Tolson, Ryefield, Holmfirth. Educated Holmfirth Wesleyan Day School. After training as a teacher at Westminster College, London, he took up a post at a large school in Liverpool. Enlisted September 1914. Served with the R.A.M.C in the Dardanelles. Was commissioned in November, 1917. Was in charge of machine guns at Demuin on 29.2.1918 when he was reported missing, presumed killed. He was 33 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated POZIERES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial; Holmfirth Secondary School.

TOLSON, JAMES MARTIN. 2nd Lieutenant. ‘A’ Battery, 74th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Born Oaklands, 1 Greenhead Lane, Dalton, Huddersfield 26.3.1898. Youngest son of Whiteley and Jessy Tolson, Educated at Bramcote, Scarborough, and Uppingham Public School, Rutland, which he left in December, 1915. He had been awarded a place at University College, Oxford. Single. Enlisted in the Honourable Artillery Company in April, 1916. Was commissioned into the R.F.A. on 20.2.1917. Was wounded in October, 1917, near Ypres. He was treated at Fazakerley Hospital. He returned to France and was gassed in June, 1918, near Adinfer. He rejoined his Battery in July, 1918. Was wounded, 20.10.1918, near Cambrai. Died of wounds, 20.10.1918, aged 20 years. Buried QUIEVY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 52. (Brother of 2nd Lieutenant JAMES MARTIN TOLSON, killed of wounds, 20.10.1918, q.v.). ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church; St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton; The Tolson Memorial Museum.

TOLSON, ROBERT HUNTRISS. Lieutenant. 15th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (1st Leeds Pals). Born Elm Lea, Dalton, Huddersfield, 6.11.1884. Son of Whiteley and Jessy Tolson, Oaklands, 1 Greenhead Lane, Dalton. Educated Aysgarth School, near Newton le Willows, and King William’s College, Castletown, Isle of Man. Employed at the Leeds branch of the Becketts Bank. On 9.10.1909 married Miss Zoe A. Stanley, ‘Kirk Lea’, Driffield. Enlisted as a Private in the Public Schools Battalion in September, 1914. Obtained a commission in the King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry in January, 1915. Transferred to the 15th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment in September, 1915. Went with them to Egypt in September, 1915. Returned to France in March, 1916. Killed in action at Serre, 1.7.1916, on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, aged 31. His father received a telegram informing him that his son had been wounded. Second Lieutenant Tolson’s body was eventually found in March, 1917, and he is buried in SERRE ROAD CEMETERY No 1. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 52. (Brother of 2nd Lieutenant JAMES MARTIN TOLSON, died of wounds, 20.10.1918, q.v.). ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church; St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton; The Tolson Memorial Museum; commemorated on headstone in Kirkheaton Cemetery.

Grave 25. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

TOMLINSON, HUGH, MC. Captain. 57th Squadron, Royal Flying Corps. Born Huddersfield 1882. Son of the late G. W. Tomlinson, F.S.A., of Woodfield, Huddersfield, and Charlotte Tomlinson, 65 Iverna Court, Kensington, London. Educated at Lockers Park and Charterhouse Public School. Worked in Java as a tea planter. On the outbreak of war he came back to England to enlist. He joined the Red Cross as a motor ambulance driver and served in France. In April, 1915, he went to Hendon and was gazetted into the Royal Flying Corps in November, 1915. After being stationed at various places, he was put on the night defence of London and was up in several Zeppelin raids. Had a bad accident during one raid on 31.1.1916. He did a great deal of experimental night work and had another serious accident in May, 1916, due to engine failure. He was awarded the Military Cross in June, 1916, for, ‘gallantry and devotion to duty. Captain Tomlinson has taken part in several raids. On two occasions he has had serious accidents at night flying, but he has not been in the least discouraged, and he has continued to do most valuable work.’ (London Gazette 27th July, 1916). Was Mentioned in Despatches in January, 1917. Involved in a battle over Oignies, France, and was seriously wounded. He was taken prisoner and died of his wounds in a German Field Hospital on 2.4.1917. He was 34 years of age. Buried CABARET ROUGE BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 7, Row J, Grave 3. ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church.


TOPPING, TOM. Private. No 41854. 2nd Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment. Formerly No 50653 North Staffordshire Regiment. Born Marsden. Married, with one child. Lived Towngate, Marsden. Was in business on his own account as a plumber and glazier in Towngate, Marsden. He was a very clever comic singer and was in great demand at local concerts and


TOWLSON, WILLIAM HOLLAND. 2nd Lieutenant. 122nd Company, Machine Gun Corps. Formerly Private Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Born Huddersfield 16.2.1887. Son of Herbert and Mary Towlson, 4 Cobcroft Road, Fartown, Huddersfield. Educated Spring Grove Board School. Served his articles as a solicitor with Mr F. A. Reed of the firm of Messrs Learoyd and Company, Huddersfield, and on completion practiced for 12 months in Liverpool, 12 months in Staffordshire and 2 years in Aberdare, South Wales. Enlisted in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers as a Private in June, 1916, at Kimmel and had gained his first stripe as a Lance Corporal when he was recommended for a commission. He went through his course with a Cadet battalion at Bisley and was granted a commission into the Machine Gun Corps on 26.1.1917. Embarked for France in March, 1917. Suffered serious gunshot wounds on 31.7.1917 and underwent an emergency operation. He was gradually moved down the line and arrived at No 10 British Red Cross Hospital (Lady Murray's Hospital) on 26.8.1917. At 1.30pm on 28.9.1917 his parents received telegrams from the War Office and Lady Murray to say that their son's condition was critical after a serious operation, followed by a third telegram at 5.30pm containing the sad news of his death and conveying the sympathy of the Army Council. Died of wounds at 9am on 28.9.1917, aged 30 years. Buried MONT HUON MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 12; Row A; Grave 8. ROH:- St. John's Church, Golcar; Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge.

TOWNSEND, CHARLES WILLIAM. Private. No 40620. 8th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Vicarage Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, 24.3.1883. Son of the late Oliver and Louisa Townend, 73 Thornhill Road, Longwood. Was in business on his own account as a rug manufacturer at Thornhill Road, Longwood. Single. Enlisted 24.5.1916. Killed in action, 16.8.1917, at the Battle of Langemarck. He was 34 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Mark's Parish Church, Longwood War Memorial.

TOWNSEND, DONALD WHITELEY. Private. No 62300. 1/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Formerly No 93616 8th Territorial Reserve Battalion. Born 5 Hope Street, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, 23.9.1899. Son of Josiah and Mary Ann Townend, 5 Hope Street, Milnsbridge. Educated Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge, where he won a scholarship to the Huddersfield Municipal School. He attended there for six years. In 1917 he was awarded a local scholarship to Huddersfield Municipal School and later gained the Ackroyd Scholarship at Leeds University. Enlisted 23.10.1917. He was on the teaching staff at Brockton Camp prior to going to France on 11.4.1918. Single. Killed in action at Kemmel Hill on 26.4.1918.
He was 18 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated **TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** ROH:- Oakes Baptist Church; St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood; Crow Lane Board School, Milnsbridge; commemorated in Salendine Nook Baptist Chapel yard, F282.


**TOWNEND, HAROLD.** Private. No 204526. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Son of Horace and Syble Townend, 2 Golder Terrace, Moldgreen, Huddersfield. Husband of Lavinia Townend, 2 Golder Terrace, Moldgreen. Had four children. Prior to enlistment, was employed as a collier by British Dyes Limited. Reported missing 15.4.1918 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. He was 23 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated **PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** ROH:- Christ Church, Moldgreen.

**TOWNEND, LEWIS.** Private. No 242009. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Paddock 11.8.1892. Son of Benjamin and Annie Townend, 117 May Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. Educated All Saints Church of England School, Paddock. Employed as a dyer’s labourer by Messrs Tom Liversedge and Sons Limited, Canal Bank Works, Huddersfield. Was a member of the Paddock All Saints Church Choir, the Huddersfield and District Light Opera Society and the Huddersfield Amateur Operatic Society. Single. Enlisted 28.3.1916. Killed in action, 3.5.1917, at Bullecourt during the Battle of Arras, aged 24. Has no known grave. Commemorated **ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**TOWNSEND, JOHN.** 2nd Lieutenant. 12th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly a Sergeant in the York and Lancaster Regiment. Only son of David F. and Mary Hannah Townsend, of Bradshaw Road, Honley. Educated Honley National School and Huddersfield College Higher Grade School. He then studied at Sheffield University, where he was awarded a BA degree. After holding a teaching post for a month he enlisted in the ranks of the York and Lancaster Regiment, in August, 1914. He went with his Regiment to Egypt from December, 1915, until March, 1916, when he was drafted to France. In June, 1916, he was gazetted Second Lieutenant and transferred to the West Yorkshire Regiment. He was an expert Scout and Signaller and was made Intelligence Officer. Killed in action on 14.7.1916 at Bazein-le-Grand, during the Battle of the Somme. He was 23 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated **THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** ROH:- Honley War Memorial.

SALONICA. Grave location:- No 1202. ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe.


TUCK, JOHN WILLIAM. Private. No 19897. 2nd Battalion Border Regiment. Born Salford, Manchester. Husband of Annie Tuck, 8 Bay Hall, Birkby, Huddersfield. Died on 28.10.1917 at No 10 Casualty Clearing Station as the result of severe head wounds. He was 32 years of age. Buried LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 21, Row G, Grave 17a.


TUNNACLIFFE, HARRY. Private. No 202820. 1/4th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Lepton, Huddersfield. Husband of Janet Tunnaciiffe, 10 Tandem, Kirkheaton. Employed by Mr C. H. Best, painter and decorator, of Moldgreen. Enlisted September 1916. Died from gas poisoning on 25.7.1917 at No 24 Casualty Clearing Station at Oosthoek, Belgium. He was 33 years of age. Buried ADINKERKE CHURCHYARD EXTENSION.
Grave location:- Grave No 848. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Kirkheaton; Lepton Parish Church.


TURNER, FRED. Private. No 28671 West Yorkshire Regiment, transferred to No 376845 Labour Corps. Son of John and Ellen Turton, Cinderhills Road, Holmfirth. Prior to enlistment, was employed by Messrs Taylor and Littlewood Limited, Newsome Mills. Enlisted May 1916. Had been serving in Belgium with the Labour Corps. Was taken to hospital at the beginning of March, 1919, suffering from influenza and pneumonia. Died at the Holmfirth Auxiliary Hospital on 10.3.1919, where he was the last patient. He was 39 years of age. Buried LANE CONGREGATIONAL BURIAL GROUND. Grave location:- J. 7. ROH:- Underbank War Memorial; Messrs. Taylor and Littlewood, Newsome Mills.


TYAS, JAMES. Rifleman. No 242696. 1/5th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Formerly No 3874 3/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Penistone 17.9.1891. Son of Walter and Martha Tyas, 20 Bentley Street, Lockwood. Educated at Penistone Schools. Employed as a shop assistant at the Maypole Dairy. Single. Enlisted June 1916. Reported missing at Nieuport on 23.7.1917 and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 27. Has no known grave. Commemorated NIEUPORT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; St. Stephen’s Church, Rashcliffe.

Commemorated **TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING**. Commemorated on his parents’ headstone in Edgerton Cemetery, Huddersfield.


**ULRICH, ERNEST WILLIAM.** Private. No 49812. 1/5th Battalion The King’s (Liverpool Regiment). Born Chorley, Lancashire, 11.9.1897. Son of Emma Ulrich and the late Frederick William Ulrich, 45 Wakefield Road, Moldgreen, Huddersfield. Educated Middleton Junction Church of England School, near Manchester. Was in business as a newsagent on his own account. Husband of Madeline Florence Ulrich, 45 Wakefield Road, Moldgreen. Enlisted 28.2.1917. Killed in action at St. Julien, near Ypres, on 20.9.1917. Has no known grave. Commemated **TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING**. ROH:- Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; Christ Church, Moldgreen.


**UTTLEY, SIDNEY.** Corporal. No 1853. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Marsden, Huddersfield. Son of Emily Uttley and the late William Uttley, Bankfield, Manchester Road, Marsden. Employed as a weaver by Mr J. E. Crowther, Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Had served four years with the local Territorials. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. On 21.9.1915 a trench mortar shell burst in the middle of a group of seven Territorials and Lance Sergeant Uttley was very seriously wounded. Within ten minutes his right leg had been amputated and the other leg was severely mutilated. He was admitted to No 10 Casualty Clearing Station, where he died of his wounds on 24.7.1915. He was 30 years of age. Buried **LIJSSENTOEK MILITARY CEMETERY**. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row A, Grave 18. (Both Lance Sergeant Uttley’s father and grandfather died from gunshot wounds. His grandfather, who was a gamekeeper was killed accidentally by his gun discharging as he climbed a wall and his father was found murdered on the Marsden Moors on 9.9.1903). ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.

**VALERIO, ALFRED.** Driver. No 89791. ‘C’ Battery, 165th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Born Huddersfield. Son of Salvatore and Emily Harriet Valerio, Hawk Street, Huddersfield. One of five brothers serving in the war. Had 14 years service to his credit when he enlisted...
at the outbreak of the war. Died of wounds at No 6 British Red Cross Hospital on 27.9.1917, aged 35 years. Buried **ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY.** Grave location:- Plot 26, Row R, Grave 11a. (Brother of Private SYLVESTER VALERIO, died of wounds, 24.6.1918, q.v.).

**VALERIO, SYLVESTER.** Private. No 31558. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Son of Salvatore and Emily Harriet Valerio, Hawk Street, Huddersfield. Was in business with Valerio and Rushworth, hatters and hosiers, Market Street, Milnsbridge. Died of wounds at No 18 Casualty Clearing Station on 24.6.1918, aged 35 years. Buried **LAPUGNOY MILITARY CEMETERY.** Grave location:- Plot 10, Row B, Grave 7. (Brother of Private ALFRED VALERIO, died of wounds, 27.9.1917, q.v.).


**VARLEY, HARRY.** Private. No 14892. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Ripponden near Halifax. Lived with his sister, Mrs Joe Johnson, 15 Station Road, Marsden. Employed by Messrs Robinson Brothers, Clough Lea Mills, Marsden. Was a member of Marsden Cricket Club. Was a keen football player and was one of the founders and chief supporters of the Marsden United Football Club. Enlisted November 1914. Went to the Dardenelles in August, 1915. Killed in action, 19.10.1915, aged 31 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated **HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** His sister received a letter from Private W R Cooper, of the same Battalion, who wrote, 'I am writing to tell you as a friend of Private Harry Varley to tell you he has unfortunately been killed whilst on duty. He was in the trenches putting up sandbags for cover when he put his head up rather too high and was shot right through the head. He only lived a few minutes and never spoke. The Sergeant Major dug his grave and took charge of his personal belongings. The whole Company send their sympathy to you in your sad trouble. He was my pal and it has given me a bad shock.' ROH:- Marsden Liberal Club; Marsden War Memorial.


**VARLEY, JOE.** Lance Sergeant. No 1174. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Marsden. Second son of Luke and Agnes Varley, 28 Plains, Marsden. Employed as a spinner by Mr J. E. Crowther, of Marsden. Was a member of the Marsden Wesleyan Sunday School. Played the cornet in the Marsden Brass Band. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action, 20.9.1915, aged 20 years. Buried **BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY, BOESINGHE, BELGIUM.** Grave Location:- Plot 1, Row H, Grave 22. (Brother of Private JAMES W. VARLEY, died at home, 6.5.1919, q.v.). His parents received a letter from their son, Private James W. Varley, who wrote, 'Yesterday afternoon about 3pm our Joe was hit by a bullet but mercifully he did not suffer a moment's pain as it at once made him unconscious. He lived about twenty minutes and passed away quite peacefully in my arms. Fortunately I was close to him at the time and I am thankful to say that everything was done that could be done for him both before and after he passed away by both Officers and men. He was buried in a graveyard about one and a half miles behind the firing line. Major Wilkinson completely broke down once reading the service.' ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.
VARLEY, LESLIE. Gunner. No 25483. ‘A’ Company, 168th (Huddersfield) Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Born Marsden, Huddersfield. Son of William and Emma Varley, Grange Avenue, Marsden. Was head of the pattern department at Clough Lea Mills, Marsden. Was a member of the Wesleyan Adult Bible Class, secretary to the Old Folks Treat Committee, assistant secretary to the Marsden branch of the Sons of Temperance and played the violin with the Slaithwaite Philharmonic Band. Enlisted May 1915. Embarked for France on Boxing Day, 1915. Died from wounds at No 4 Casualty Clearing Station on 19.10.1917, aged 24 years. Buried DOZINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 11, Row G, Grave 3. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.


VARLEY, WOOD. Private. No 26750. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar. Married. Lived 10 Grange Cottages, Marsden. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Crowther, Bruce and Company Limited, of Marsden. Was formerly a teacher at the Slaithwaite Zion Baptist Sunday School and a member of the Young Men’s Class. Enlisted 5.10.1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, on 11.4.1917, during the Battle of Arras. He was 30 years of age. Buried BROWN’S COPSE CEMETERY, ROEUX. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row E, Grave 6. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial; Longwood War Memorial.


VIGRASS, EDWIN. Corporal. No 36166. 9th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Formerly TR/5/56362 84th Training Reserve Battalion. Born Marsh, Huddersfield. Son of Mr and Mrs T H Vigrass, 19 Calton Street, Bradford Road, Huddersfield. Educated Spring Grove Council School. Was a Sunday School teacher at the Railway Mission. Employed as a heating engineer by Messrs T. A. Heaps and Company Limited. Enlisted April, 1916, in the 29th Reserve Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers and trained at Hornsea. Remained at Hornsea with the 84th Training Reserve Battalion as a Corporal and Machine Gun Instructor. Embarked for France at the beginning of 1917. He was posted as a reinforcement to the 9th (Service) Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Reported missing, presumed killed, at Polygon Wood on 4.10.1917, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. The following summary of the attack in which Corporal Vigrass was killed was written by Captains A E Day and J H Frank who were there, leading their Companies,

'On the night of the 2nd/3rd October the 9th Battalion moved from CLAPHAM JUNCTION and relieved the Leicesters in the front line in POLYGON WOOD. During the 24 hours that we spent in these trenches the Battalion suffered about 50 casualties. On the night of the 3rd/4th we took up battle positions and were in the assembly trenches by 5am. The 3rd/4th Queens were on our left, with the 2nd Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry on our right. Twice during the night we were barraged at midnight and 5.30am.

We were in position by 5am with our leading waves 50yds. behind the road running north and south in J. 10.d. we were in touch with our flank battalions.

Just before 6am all was more or less quiet, at Zero the barrage opened with a fearsome noise and we leapt from our shell holes and went forward in snake formation. It was the darkness that precedes the dawn and one could recognise nobody. We are thankful to say that we got away from our assembly positions before the full force of the German barrage descended, but we were immediately subjected to a withering machine gun fire, men were falling right and left, but who cared? Our one idea was to get forward. JOIST FARM proved to be our first stumbling block and was a tough nut to crack. Even when our left had reached the swamp, lights were being fired at us from this point which was eventually mopped up by two sections of D. Coy. under Captain SYKES, and one section of B. Coy. under Sgt. Pyott. This place was found to contain one officer, twelve men and four machine guns.

As soon as we left our assembly positions we found a party of D.C.L.I. crossing our front to the North, it is evident that this Battalion completely lost direction.

The swamp proved a veritable death trap, we were up to our knees in slush and at the same time subjected to enfilade machine gun fire from the right. A small strong point not concreted and immediately on the west bank of the swamp we took by surprise and the garrison surrendered without firing a shot. On this same bank were a considerable number of German bivouacs constructed of ‘elephants’ and filled with Germans, more of these had been blown in by our bombardment. The remainder containing Germans were bombed by our men and the Germans shot as they ran out. On the East side the ground rose rapidly and contained a number of concreted strong points two of which were in our area. These fired at us until we were within 50yds. The garrisons then surrendered, the majority of them being bombed and shot. The left strong point turned out to be Battalion H.Q. and was an elaborate concern. Each contained two machine guns.

JUNIPER TRENCH was strongly held but the garrison preferred to retire rather than fight. 2nd Lieut. Spicer, by a quick manoeuvre, cut off the majority of these who gave themselves up to him. On the right the garrison showed a little more pluck and attempted to counter-attack us. They were immediately squashed by D. Coy. After attacking these strong points we received little
opposition until our own objective was reached. All the troops of the Brigade were mixed up and we had a considerable number of Northumberland Fusiliers and Queen’s with us. During the one hour and forty minutes bombardment we were considerably troubled by a strong point on the east edge of REUTEL which was eventually knocked out by a tank. It was at this time that we realised that our right flank was absolutely in the air. At the allotted time the remainder of the 10th and Northumberland Fusiliers attempted to go forward to the eastern extremity of the village. They were not successful and we dug in slightly in advance of our first objective i.e. 100yds in front of the road running N and S on the western extremity of the village. We were in touch with the Northumberland Fusiliers on our left. We were now joined by the remnants of one Coy. of the 15th Durham Light Infantry and one Coy. of the East Yorkshires. These we sent over to the right to form a defensive flank. It did not take the enemy long to realise our position because we were immediately subjected to a heavy bombardment which continued throughout the day.

About noon the enemy commenced to advance up the valley out of the village of GHELUVELT and massed about the road in front of POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. They continued until about 3 in the afternoon. We should say that at least 3 battalions left the village. We sent out a party under Lieut. Spicer with two Lewis guns and one Vickers to flank the advancing enemy and got enfilade fire to bear upon them. Later in the day this party disappeared and that evening we searched the ground both to the right of us and in front of the village for signs of them or their bodies but found nothing. We can only conclude that they were cut off and probably taken prisoner’. ROH:- Marsh War Memorial.

VIGUS, GEORGE ALBERT. Able Seaman.

VOUTT, NORMAN. Private. No 52646. 1st Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly No 268821 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Marsden, Huddersfield. Married. Lived 15 Chapel Street, Slaitwaite. Attended Holthead General Sunday School, where he was a teacher for many years. Employed at Messrs Brook’s dyeworks, Slaitwaite. Enlisted June 1917.Embarked for France in November, 1917. Was out with a working party when he was hit by a piece of shell on 14.2.1918 and death was instantaneous. He was 30 years of age. Buried FAVREUIL BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row E, Grave 11. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaitwaite; Slaitwaite War Memorial.

WADDINGTON, DOUGLAS. Rifleman. No 37629. 2nd Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Formerly No 86691 Territorial Reserve Battalion. Born Slaitwaite. Son of Ernest and Elizabeth Waddington. 17 Netherend Road, Slaitwaite. Employed as head counterman at Messrs Wallace’s grocery store at Slaitwaite. Attended the Young Men’s Class at St. James’s Church Sunday School. Killed in action, 11.8.1918, aged 19 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated VIS-en-ARTOIS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaitwaite; Slaitwaite War Memorial.

WADDINGTON, EDGAR. Ordinary Seaman.
No Z/3634. Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. SS Wathfield. Born New Hey Road, Oakes, Huddersfield, 20.4.1890. Son of Mr and Mrs Tom Waddington, 7 Weatherhill Road, Lindley, Huddersfield. Educated Oakes Board School. Employed in the scouring and milling department of Messrs Martin, Sons and Company Limited, Oakes, Huddersfield. Attended St. Stephen’s Parish Church, Lindley. Married, with one child. Before the war was in the Army Service Corps, attached to the West Lancashire Regiment, for about two years. Enlisted in the Naval service on 14.8.1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, when the SS Wathfield was struck by two torpedoes from a submarine in the Mediterranean on 21.2.1917. He was 26 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLYMOUTH NAVAL
MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Stephen’s Church, Lindley.


WADE, JOHN. Marconi Wireless Operator. Pilot Service, Liverpool. Born Cowcliffe, Huddersfield, 9.11.1897. Son of Mr R. Wade, Garden House, Heaton Lodge, Colne Bridge, Bradley, Huddersfield. Educated Hillhouse Church of England School. Was previously employed as a wireless operator by the Aberdeen Line, London, on SS Jukosi. Transferred to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, Liverpool. Was serving on board HM Examining Vessel No 1 at Mersey Bar, Liverpool, when the vessel was either mined or torpedoed and he was killed on 27.12.1917, aged 20 years. His body was washed ashore at Formby, near Liverpool, on March 18th, 1918. Buried EDGERTON CEMETARY, HUDDERSFIELD.


WAGSTAFF, JOHN WILLIAM. Corporal. No 1147. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield 5.11.1893. Son of Joseph and Emma Wagstaff, 33 Cliffe End, Longwood, Huddersfield. Educated Lindley Church of England School. Employed as a finisher by Messrs Crowther Brothers, Milnsbridge. Had been a member of the local Territorials since 10.7.1911. Single. Enlisted 23.10.1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action, 1.10.1915, aged 21 years. Buried BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY, BOESINGHE, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row I, Grave 28. His parents received a letter from Major W U Rothery, who wrote on the 2.10.1915, ‘I am extremely sorry to inform you that your son was killed yesterday. He was in charge of the bombers and after a successful sniping shot he received a bullet through the head. I saw him immediately afterwards and death was instantaneous. He was buried in our cemetery last night by the Brigade Chaplain and his grave will be marked with a cross. His death is a blow to me as he was one of the very few old members of the Milnsbridge Company and I knew him intimately. He was a good soldier and will be a great loss to the Company. I am afraid I can say nothing which will comfort you but it will be some satisfaction to you to know that he gave his life whilst actually fighting for his country. My brother Officers and the whole Company join me in offering our deepest sympathy.’ ROH:- St. Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood; Salendine Nook Baptist Chapel; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


WAITE, HENRY. Private. No 241476. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born
Acre Street, Lindley, 29.4.1890. Son of Mrs Mary Waite, 60 Eldon Road, Marsh, Huddersfield. Educated Lindley Church of England School. Was in business as a jobbing yarn merchant at the bottom of May Street, Crosland Moor. Attended the Buxton Road Wesleyan School. Single. Enlisted 17.2.1916. Reported missing, presumed dead, on 3.9.1916, during the attack on the Schwaben Redoubt. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Marsh War Memorial; All Saints Church, Paddock, Huddersfield; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


WALKDEN, JAMES. Private. No 31769. 2/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar, Huddersfield. Son of Charles and Emma Walkden, of Scar Bottom, Golcar. Husband of Maud Walkden, 173 Scar Lane, Milnsbridge. Employed as a spinner by Messrs Shaw and Shaw, Britannia Mills, Milnsbridge. Enlisted June 1917. Had been in France for six weeks when he was killed on 20.11.1917, aged 28, during the Battle of Cambrai. Has no known grave. Commemorated CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar; Longwood War Memorial.


WALKER, GEORGE WILLIAM QUARMBY. Lieutenant. 7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Youngest son of Benjamin Henry Sykes Walker and Hannah Walker, Croft House, Slaithwaite. Educated Neilds School, Slaithwaite; Longwood Grammar School; Devonport High School and New College, Harrogate. Was apprenticed to Messrs Pogson and Company,
yarn spinners, of Slaithwaite, where he was learning the business of mill manager. Was gazetted Second Lieutenant on 14.10.1914 and was in training at Milnsbridge, Withernsea, Strensall and at Chelsea Barracks with the Grenadier Guards. Killed by the explosion of a shell on 7.7.1916 during the Battle of the Somme. He was 20 years of age. Buried AUTHUILE MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row H, Grave 12. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.

WALKER, HARRY. Private. No 241372. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Slaithwaite, Huddersfield. Son of the late Mr and Mrs Lister G. Walker, Wharf House, Carr Lane, Slaithwaite. Employed as a weaver by Messrs Hirst and Mallinson Limited, Milnsbridge. Was a member of the Slaithwaite Liberal Club and the Slaithwaite Y.M.C.A. Enlisted October 1915. Reported missing, presumed killed, on 3.9.1916 during the attack on the Schwaben Redoubt. He was 22 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


WALKER, JOHN. Private. No 2007. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of John and Sarah Walker, Amber Hill, near Boston, Lincolnshire. Was married but lived apart from his wife. Had lodged with Mrs Casson, Bridge Street, Slaithwaite, for five years. (She was the guardian of his child). Employed as a teamer by Messrs Joseph Sykes and Sons, Slaithwaite. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Died from heart failure at No 2 West Riding Field Ambulance Dressing Station on 5.11.1915, aged 42 years. Buried FERME-OLIVER CEMETERY, ELVERDINGHE, BELGIUM. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row H, Grave 2. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


WALKER, JOSEPH ROBERTS. Private. No 28481. 40th General Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corps. Born New Mill, Holmfirth, 30.6.1883. Son of Thomas and Thirza Walker, Royde House, New Mill. Husband of Annie Elizabeth Walker, 106 Eldon Road, Marsh, Huddersfield. Educated at New Mill National School and Shepley Board School. Employed by the Pearl Assurance Company as an insurance agent. Was a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the Crosland Moor Conservative Club. Sang in the choir at Crosland Moor Church. Enlisted 17.11.1914. Was stationed at Sheerness until July, 1916, when he went out to
India. Died from typhoid at the Victoria War Hospital, Bombay, on 24.10.1916, aged 33 years. Was originally buried in SEWRI CEMETERY, BOMBAY, INDIA. Grave Location:- Plot 15, Row C, Grave 11. Commemorated KIRKEE 1914-1918 MEMORIAL, INDIA. ROH:- Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield; Marsh War Memorial.

WALKER, LEWIS. Lance Corporal. No 3006. 'A' Company, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield, 13.3.1892. Son of James and Catherine Mary Walker, School Lane, Armitage Bridge. Educated Armitage Bridge Church of England School and Huddersfield College Higher Grade School. Was a chorister at Armitage Bridge Church and a member of the choir at Huddersfield Parish Church. He was a baritone and soloist of great promise. Employed as an electrical engineer in the motor department of Messrs David Browns Limited, Lockwood. Enlisted 4.9.1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action at Fleurbaix on 15.5.1915, aged 23 years. Buried RUE-DAVID MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 20. His parents received a letter from Lieutenant Middlemost who stated that, ‘Lance Corporal Walker was struck with shrapnel between the eyes and killed instantaneously.’ ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Armitage Bridge War Memorial.

WALKER, LISTER WADE. Sergeant. No 203609. 1/5th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Son of the late James Walker, of Slaithwaite. Husband of Sarah Louisa Walker, Pickle Top, Slaithwaite. Was a member of Slaithwaite Church gymnasium and won the Huddersfield and District championship for the high jump in 1901. Attended Slaithwaite Parish Church and was a member of the Slaithwaite Conservative Club. Employed by the Slaithwaite Spinning Company Limited and was a member of the fire brigade there. Was a National Reservist and was called up at the outbreak of the war. He was sent to York to guard prisoners, He was afterwards on duty at British Dyes Limited for 18 months. Embarked for France on 7.1.1917. Killed in action, 9.10.1917, at Passchendaele. He was 35 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Oakes Baptist Church; Giggleswick School; commemorated in Salendine Nook Baptist Chapel yard, D308.


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WALLIS, JOHN WILLIAM. Private. No 14594. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Milnsbridge. Son of Joseph Wallis, 133 Upper Brow Road, Paddock. Husband of Alice Wallis, 115 Upper Brow Road, Paddock. Employed by Mr Tom Dyson, Ballroyd, Longwood. Was a member of the Paddock Church Sunday School. Enlisted November 1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Reported missing, presumed killed, on 1.7.1916 during the first day of the Battle of the Somme. He was 32 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock.

WALMSLEY, THOMAS RICHARDSON, DCM. Sergeant. No 49872. ‘Y’, 14th Trench Mortar Battery, Royal Field Artillery. Born Saddleworth. Eldest son of Police Sergeant and Mrs Walmsley, Station Road, Holmfirth. Attended Holmfirth Parish Church and was a member of the choir and of Mr Fletcher's bible class. He formerly worked for the firm of Messrs B. Mellor and Son Limited, Albert Mills, Holmfirth but at the outbreak of the war he was a tram driver employed by the Halifax Corporation Tramways Department. Engaged to Alice, who lived at West View, Lightcliffe Road, Brighouse. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Awarded the DCM 4.6.1917. Died of wounds, 3.12.1917, aged 24 years. Buried OXFORD ROAD CEMETERY, YPRES. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row E, Grave 6. His parents received a letter from the Lieutenant of the section of the Trench Mortar Battery of which Sergeant Walmsley was a member. He wrote, 'I am extremely sorry to have very bad news to report to you. Your son was killed in action at 10am yesterday, December 3rd, by an enemy shell. He was taken to a dressing station a few yards distant but died almost immediately. We have lost a good friend who was loved by everyone. He met his death as he was going to the help of comrades who were being shelled. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to his relatives who must feel his loss very keenly.' ROH:- Wooldale War Memorial; Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance.

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WALTON, JOHN. Private. No 13448. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Employed by Messrs. Taylor and...
Littlewood, Newsome Mills, Huddersfield. 
Died of wounds at the Dardenelles 28.10.15. 
Buried HILL 10 CEMETERY, GALLIPOLI. 
Grave location:- Plot 1, Row G, Grave 7. ROH:- Messrs. Taylor and Littlewood, Newsome Mills.

Buried St. THOMAS’ CHURCHYARD, THURSTONLAND, BROCKHOLES. Grave location:- 197, (west). ROH:- Thurstonland War Memorial.


WARD, HARRY. Private. No 12072. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Longroyd Bridge, Huddersfield, 18.11.1893. Son of Mrs Ward, 20 Fisher's Yard, Longroyd Bridge. Educated St. Thomas's School of England School, Longroyd Bridge. Employed as a teamer by Mr Henry Hanson, furniture remover. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Served in the Dardenelles, where he was killed in action on 29.8.1915 at Jephson's Post. He was 22 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. Thomas's Church, Longroyd Bridge.


WARD, HERBERT. Guardsman. No 27792. 4th Company, 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards. Born Lindley. Son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Ward, 26 New Hey Road, Huddersfield. Educated Oakes Board School. Was formerly a clerk in the employ of Isaac Robson and Sons Limited and was later on the postal staff at the G.P.O., Shrewsbury. Single. Attended Lindley United Methodist Church and was a local preacher. Enlisted on 4.11.1916 at Shrewsbury Barracks. Reported missing on 27.11.1917 at Fontaine-Notre-Dame and afterwards was presumed to have been killed on that date, aged 26. Buried ANNEUX BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row F, Grave 3.


WAREY, CHARLES STUART. Air Mechanic 2nd Class. No 48537. Recruits Depot Royal Flying Corps. Born Kirkburton, Huddersfield. Son of David George and Mary Jane Warey. Husband of Elizabeth Warey, of Hallas, Kirkburton. Was treasurer of Dogley Lane Congregational Church and of the local Belgian Refugee Committee. He was a member of the Kirkburton Literary and Debating Society. Had taken over his father’s jewellry business. Enlisted in the R.F.C. at Farnborough, Hampshire on Thursday, 28.10.1916. On Saturday, 30.10.1916, he was taken seriously ill and admitted to the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot. He underwent an operation for a perforated gastric ulcer but he died the same day, 30.9.1916. His wife arrived at Aldershot too late to see him alive. He was 30 years of age. Buried with full military honours at ALL HALLOWS CHURCHYARD, KIRKBURTON. Grave location:- 23, 1788. ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church.

WARHURST, JAMES EWART. Private. No 241817. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Slaitwaite. Son of John William and Sarah Ann Warhurst, 8 Booth Banks, Slaitwaite. Attended the West Slaitwaite Sunday School and was a member of the choir. Employed by the Slaitwaite Spinning Company Limited. Enlisted March 1916. Embarked for France, 10.1.1917. Was wounded on one occasion and received treatment at the Norfolk Military Hospital. Returned to France in September, 1917. Reported missing, presumed killed, 27.11.1917, at the Battle of Cambrai,


WARING, NORMAN. Fusilier. No 45554. 20th (Tyneside Scottish) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Formerly No 37472 Durham Light Infantry. Born Crown Street, Honley, 12.8.1897. Son of George and Ann Waring, 18 Lower Road, Berry Brow, Huddersfield. Educated Honley Church of England School. He was formerly assistant to Mr Albert Atkinson, butcher, of Honley but worked for the Argentine Meat Company, King Street, Huddersfield, prior to enlistment. Was a member of William Brook’s bible class and was formerly in the Honley Parish Church choir. Enlisted 25.7.1916. Embarked for France at Christmas, 1916. Was killed by shrapnel whilst on the way to the trenches on 2.4.1917. He was 19 years of age. Buried Ste. CATHERINE BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row A, Grave 19. ROH:- Honley War Memorial; Armitage Bridge War Memorial.


WARWICK, GEORGE, MM. Sergeant. No7/417. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Woolwich, London. Employed by Messrs Crowther, Bruce and Company. Formerly lived in Brougham Road, Marsden, but, prior to enlistment, lived at Idle, Bradford. Married, with three children. Was a member of the local Territorial battalion prior to the war. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Killed by a bomb explosion in a dugout on 22.7.1916 during the Battle of the Somme. He was 36 years of age. Buried CONNAUGHT CEMETERY, THIPEVAL. Grave Location:- Plot 13, Row D, Grave 5. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.


In a letter, Second Lieutenant Thropler describes how Private Webster met his death, ‘At the time of this sad happening we had just relieved a Company on the front line when a whizz-bang burst just a few yards away hitting Jack and another. The injuries he received were to the top of the head. He was unconscious immediately and in a few minutes he expired. His end was painless. He has a soldier’s grave about two miles from the line, the service being conducted by our Chaplain.’ ROH:- Netherthong and Thongsbridge War Memorial; Netherthong Working Men’s Club.

WEBSTER, RALPH. Private. No 57489. 2/7th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Leeds 6.8.1896. Son of Joseph and Alice Webster, 78 Church Street, Paddock, Huddersfield. Educated at the National School, Burley, Leeds, and Knowle Bank School, Golcar. Was a member of the choir at the Paddock Congregational Church. Employed as a woollen piecer by Messrs Crowther Brothers of Milnsbridge. Single. Enlisted July 1917. Killed in action at Buquoys, France, on 27.3.1918, aged 21 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock; Shared Church, Paddock.


BELGIUM. Grave location: Plot 3, Row F, Grave 8. ROH: Marsden War Memorial.


WEST, EDWIN. Lance Corporal. No 241526. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Towngate, Newsome, Huddersfield, 13.10.1896. Son of Mr and Mrs Arthur West, Weetwood House, Newsome. Educated Newsome Church of England School. Employed by his father as an assistant in the family grocery and drapery business at Newsome. Attended Newsome United Methodist Church. Enlisted 6.3.1916. Was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans. Died of wounds on 12.6.1917, aged 20. Buried Mons Communal Cemetery. Grave location: Plot 6, Row E, Grave 7. His family were informed both by the Record Office, York and the British Red Cross Society of his death in hospital at Mons. But in September, 1917, they received a postcard from him dated 2.8.1917 from Limburg, Germany, stating that he was well as can be expected under the circumstances. (According to the Huddersfield Examiner of 15.9.1917, this is one of three cases of men from Huddersfield who had been officially reported dead and who subsequently wrote to their families.) ROH: Newsome United Methodist Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


missing, presumed killed, on 3.5.1917 at the Battle of Bullecourt. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Great Northern Street Congregational Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


Crosland and Netherton War Memorial; Mount Pleasant Chapel, Lockwood.

WHITEHEAD, MILTON. Private. No 29191. 8th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born Paddock. Son of Mr and Mrs Fred Whitehead, 76 George Street, Milnsbridge. Employed by Mr Sam Hirst, cloth finisher, Bridge Croft Mills, Milnsbridge. Attended Milnsbridge Wesleyan Sunday School and Ramsden Street Chapel, Huddersfield. Was a member of the Longwood Harriers. Enlisted 31.3.1916. Was wounded on 13.3.1917 and was on the Hospital Ship Lanfranc on 17.4.1917 when it was torpedoed in the Channel when crossing to England. Killed in action, 28.9.1917, aged 22 years. Buried TYNE COT CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 63, Row F, Grave 4. ROH:- Milnsbridge; St. Mark's Parish Church, Longwood.

WHITEHEAD, PERCY. Sergeant. No 7610. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Linthwaite. Son of George and Minnie Whitehead. Was married on Easter Monday, 1914, to Priscilla Whitehead, and lived West Mount, Linthwaite. Employed in the finishing department of Messrs Mallinsons, Spring Grove Mills, Linthwaite. Was a Reservist and had served six years in India, where he attained the rank of Lance Corporal. He had also fought in the Boer War. Recalled to the Colours on 5.8.1914 and sailed for France on 14.8.1914. After a brief rest, his Regiment had a two days march and then went straight into action at Mons. Was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on 23.11.1914 and was also in the fighting at the Aisne, Festubert, Ypres and La Bassee. During the winter he did duty in the trenches. During the last week in February he was granted a brief home leave where he saw his baby daughter, born eight weeks previously, for the first time. Killed in action in the attack on Hill 60 on 18.4.1915, aged 27. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial. (Brother of Private HERBERT WHITELEY, killed in action, 16.9.1916, q.v.).

WHITELEY, ARTHUR. Lance Corporal. No 45131. The Rifle Brigade, posted to 1st Battalion London Rifle Brigade. Born Linthwaite. Son of the late John Whiteley and Mrs Whiteley, Colne Terrace, Manchester Road, Linthwaite. Employed as a cotton twiner by the Slaithwaite Spinning Company Limited. Was a member of the Slaithwaite Conservative Club. Enlisted January 1917. Invalided home at the beginning of 1918 suffering from septic poisoning but returned to France on Good Friday, 1918. Killed in action, 26.8.1918, aged 28 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated VIS-en-ARTOIS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial. (Brother of Private HERBERT WHITELEY, killed in action, 16.9.1916, q.v.).

WHITELEY, ARTHUR. Private. No 42060. 6th Battalion King’s Own Scottish Borderers. Born Holmfirth. Son of Joshua and Eliza Whiteley, Carr Green, Holmfirth. Educated Netherthong National School. Employed in the receiving and delivery department of Messrs T. and J. Tinker, Bottom Mills, Holmfirth. Was a keen cyclist. Enlisted in the summer of 1916. Went into training in the South of England and then went to Ireland. After that he went to East Anglia and came home to Holmfirth on his draft leave. Had been in France for five weeks when he was killed in action on 26.7.1918. He was 30 years of age. Buried LA KREULE MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row B, Grave 2. ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial.

WHITELEY, CHARLES TAYLOR. Lieutenant. 2/8th Battalion, attached 14th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Son of the late Tom and Ada Taylor of Huddersfield. Was a member of two old Huddersfield families. He was a grandson of the late William Whiteley, machine maker, of Lockwood, and of the late Joseph Taylor, iron and steel merchant, of Huddersfield. Educated Pembroke College, Harrogate, and later at the Bradford Grammar School.
He was an architect and surveyor and was engaged as assistant with Mr Rhodes Calvert of Forster Square, Bradford. Enlisted in 1915 in the Artist's Rifles. Later he was gazetted as a Second Lieutenant into the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Died of wounds at No 39 Stationary Hospital on 1.7.1918. He was 32 years of age. Buried AIRE COMMUNAL CEMETERY. 


WHITELEY, HERBERT. Private. No 4691. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Halifax. Son of the late John Whiteley and Mrs Whiteley, Colne Terrace, Manchester Road, Linthwaite. Attended Slaithwaite United Methodist Church Young Men's Class. Acting as accompanist he was also a member of the choir. Enlisted February 1916. Was home on his last leave about Whitsuntide, returning on Whit Sunday to his duties. Embarked for France on 24.6.1916. Killed through the bursting of a shell on 16.9.1916 at the Leipzig Salient during the Battle of the Somme. He was 24 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private ARTHUR WHITELEY, killed in action, 26.6.1918, q.v.). ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial.


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Club. Employed as a weaver at Digley Mills.
Buried COLOGNE SOUTHERN CEMETERY, GERMANY. Grave location:- Plot 15, Row A, Grave 9. His parents received a letter from a Captain Rosier, who wrote, 'No doubt you will wonder who I am and for what reason I am taking the liberty of writing to you. First of all I can state that I am English interpreter in the same party as your son Willie. I had not the pleasure of knowing your son long, only about two months and during that short time I always found him a good colleague. Unfortunately the time came when him above called one of his children home. Your dear son was only ill a matter of four days and everything possible was done for him but he passed away on 19th October in Gelsenkirchen Hospital from lung trouble.' ROH:- Holme and Holmbridge War Memorial.


WHITTAKER, R. HERBERT. Gunner. No 775972. ‘B' Battery, 310th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Born Pontefract. Only son of Mr and Mrs Sam Whittaker, 56 George Street, Milnsbridge. Employed as an operator at the Star Picture House, Castleford, where the family lived before moving to Milnsbridge. Died of wounds on 5.5.1917, aged 20 years. Buried ACHIET-LE-GRAND COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row A, Grave 21. ROH:- Milnsbridge War Memorial; Longwood War Memorial.

WHITTAKER, WILLIAM. Private. No 6662. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Clayton West near Huddersfield. Lived Clayton West. Killed in action on 11.11.1914 during the 1st Battle of Ypres. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. The following extract is taken from the diary of Colonel E. G. Harrison (who was in command of the 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment at the time), 'Wednesday 11th November. – Exceptionally heavy shelling started 7am, practically all shrapnel, covering the whole position from the firing line to the reserves, continuing the bombardment till 8am when it abated. At this
time a message came to me by an orderly from Lieut. R. O. D. Carey, saying, ‘Am very hard pressed but will hang on as long as possible.’ I then advanced with the remainder of my force. We found the Germans had advanced past the Veldhoek Chateau, but we managed to repulse them, gaining back the ground, being nearly as far as our old firing line, which Lieut. R. O. D. Carey, with D Company, had been driven out of. We could have actually regained these trenches if the troops on the right and left of us had been up, but in this position behind a small rise in the ground our right rested on the Ypres-Menin Road, the next troops being about 300 yards in rear on the south side of the road. On our left a company of the Zouaves occupied a position between us and the next British troops on our left, but immediately after the advance, in which they materially assisted, they vacated the position, thus leaving both our flanks exposed. At 10am I sent back a message saying I could retake my original trenches if I had another Company in support, but got no reply until 3pm. I also sent two more messages, which, however, were never received. By this time we had dug ourselves in under a small bank some 60 yards from the Germans, who were occupying our old trenches. Our losses during the day were 8 officers and about 300 men.

WHITTELL, JOSEPH HAROLD. Rifleman. No S/10326. 3rd Battalion The Rifle Brigade. Born Scissett. Only son of Mrs and the late Mr J. P. Whitteell, Highbridge House, Scissett. Employed as a dyer’s apprentice by Messrs Thornton of Honley. Enlisted May 1915. Was wounded shortly after going to France in July, 1915. By this time we had dug ourselves in under a small bank some 60 yards from the Germans, who were occupying our old trenches. Our losses during the day were 8 officers and about 300 men. ROH:- Clayton West and High Hoyland War Memorial.


WHITWAM, ALBERT EDWARD. Private. No 36247. 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Golcar. Eldest son of David and Mary Whitwam, 59 Handel Street, Golcar. Attended Golcar Baptist Chapel and was a member of the Young Men’s Class. Enlisted 1916. Severely wounded in the shoulder on 11.4.1918. Died of wounds and tuberculosis of the lungs on 16.10.1918 at Whitkirk V.A.D. Auxiliary Hospital. He was 29 years of age. Buried GOLCAR BAPTIST CHAPEL YARD. Grave location:- SE, G, 8. ROH:- Golcar Baptist Chapel; St. John’s Church, Golcar.
WHITWAM, ALBERT WILLIAM. Private. No 32972. 13th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Born Golcar. Son of Henry and Lavina Whitwam, 88 Swallow Lane, Golcar. Attended Golcar Baptist Chapel. Was a member of the Golcar Cricket and Bowling Club. Employed by Messrs Pearson Brothers, Victoria Mills, Golcar. Enlisted 30.5.1916. Embarked for France in September, 1916. He was expected home on leave when he was killed in action on 20.9.1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele. He was 39 years of age. Buried TYNE COT CEMETERY. Grave location: Plot 59, Row F, Grave 34. (Brother of Private JOHN HENRY WHITWAM, killed in action, 27.9.1918, q.v.). ROH:- Golcar Baptist Chapel; St. John's Church, Golcar.

WHITWAM, ARTHUR EDWARD. Armourers Crew. No M/16731. Royal Navy. HMS Champagne. Born Golcar. Son of Sam Edwin and Harriet H. Whitwam, 26 The Avenue, Golcar. Employed as a tuner by Messrs Middlemost Brothers, of Birkby. Attended Golcar Baptist Chapel and was a member of the Young Men's Reading Room. Enlisted in the Navy in 1915. On 1.10.1917 HMS Champagne left port and shortly after 6am the following morning was attacked by an enemy submarine and hit by about four torpedoes. A terrific explosion occurred which killed many of the men at the guns including Armourer Whitwam. 56 of the crew were drowned, the total number on board being about 310. The boat sank in ten minutes after being attacked. Has no known grave. Commemorated PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Golcar Baptist Chapel; St. John's Church, Golcar.


WHITWAM, HAROLD. Private. No 332779. 9th (Glasgow Highland) Battalion Highland Light Infantry. Born Golcar. Eldest son of Henry and Lavina Whitwam, 1 Waterhouse Farm, Scapegoat Hill, Golcar. Employed as a spinner by Messrs Pearson Brothers, Victoria Mills, Golcar. Attended Scapegoat Hill Baptist Chapel and Sunday School. Was a member of the Thorpe Green Working Men’s Club. Enlisted in 1916. Came home on leave in November, 1917, having served in France for 12 months. Killed in action, 26.2.1918, aged 23 years. Buried TYNE COT CEMETERY. Grave location: Special Memorial No 3. His parents received a letter from a chum of their son, who wrote, ‘I write to convey to you the sad news that your son Harold was killed in action during our last tour of the trenches. He met his death when he was going out at about 11.30 on the morning of the 26th February. A shell landed about three yards in front of him, killing him instantaneously and wounding two others. Your son was always cheery with a kind word for each. He was a most respected lad in the platoon and a great favourite with us all.’

WHITWAM, HAROLD ERNEST. Captain. 7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar. Elder son of Mr and Mrs Joe Whitwam, Clifton House, Golcar. Was a member of the firm of Messrs B. and J. Whitwam and Sons Limited, Stanley Mills, Golcar. Attended St. John’s Parish Church, Golcar and was a teacher and organist in the Sunday School. Had served in the Colne Valley Territorials for five years prior to the war. Embarked for France in April, 1915, as a Lieutenant. After six months service was invalided home suffering from gas poisoning. He then acted as instructor in musketry at Strensall, York, for more than 12 months. Returned to France in September, 1917. Killed in action on 9.10.1917 at the Battle of Passchendaele. He was 27 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.


son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Whitwam, 3 Laneside, Linthwaite. Was a member of the Linthwaite Church Young Men's Bible Class. Employed as a piecer by Messrs Stead and Mallinson, Bootham Hall Mills, Milnsbridge. Enlisted at Halifax on 15.11.1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Took part in the fighting on Hill 60 in May, 1915. Died of wounds at No 3 Casualty Clearing Station on 13.6.1915, aged 19 years. Buried BAILLEUL COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row E, Grave 118. His parents received a letter from the Rev. F R G Fletcher, Church of England Chaplain, who wrote, ‘It is my painful duty to send you very bad news of your son, Lance Corporal Whitwam, No 14625, 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. He received very severe wounds in both legs while in action last week and was brought into this hospital in a dying condition. Both his legs were practically shattered and soon gangrene set in. Everything possible was at once done for him by both Doctors and Nurses but in spite of all efforts he passed away on June 13th. This I know will be a very sad blow to you and I pray that God may comfort you. Your son died a noble death – he was bravely doing his duty and like our Master he gave his life for the sake of others. So great was the shock to his system he was practically unconscious and passed away very quietly. He was buried in Bailleul Military Cemetery in grave No 1298 on Monday June 14th. A cross is erected at the head of the grave bearing his name, number, Regiment, date of death and an intimation of the fact that he died of wounds received in action. In the course of the burial service I recited these words which may bring a message of comfort to you, ‘Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends.’’ ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial.


WHITWAM, TOM. Private. No 202616. 9th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Meltham. Died at home, 10.12.1918. Buried MELTHAM METHODIST BURIAL GROUND. Grave location:- 2, 94. ROH:- St. Bartholomew’s Church, Meltham.

WHITWAM, WALTER. Private. No 24777. 147th Company, Machine Gun Corps. Formerly
No 1832 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar. Fourth son of Mrs Whitwam, 86 Handel Street, Golcar. Employed as a weaver by Mr J. E. Crowther, Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. Attended Golcar Baptist Chapel and was a member of the Young Men’s Bible Class. He was also a member of the Golcar Liberal Club. Enlisted December 1914. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Died of wounds at No 20 Casualty Clearing Station on 2.12.1916, aged 22 years. Buried WARLINCOURT HALTE BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 3, Row G, Grave 1. ROH:- Golcar Baptist Chapel; St. John’s Church, Golcar.


FRANK, WHITWORTH. Private. No 306034. 2/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Son of the late Edwin and Harriet Whitworth, Ashworth Road, Dewsbury. Husband of Agnes Whitworth, 17 Chapel Lane, Milnsbridge. Killed in action on 3.5.1917 at the Battle of Bullecourt. He was 37 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.


Employed as a journeyman by Mr Allen Towlson, fishmonger and poulterer, Westgate, Huddersfield, and was previously apprenticed to Mr Robert Wynn, Victoria Street, Huddersfield. Attended the Brierley Wood Wesleyan Mission. Single. Enlisted 11.10.1914. Wounded at Bourlon Wood on 28.11.1917 during the Battle of Cambrai. Died of wounds at No 5 General Hospital, Rouen, on 5.12.1917, aged 28 years. Buried St. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, ROUEN. Grave location:- Block P, Plot 5, Row 1, Grave 9A. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall.

WILCOCK, LEONARD. Corporal. No 7871. Depot Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers. Son of John and Hannah Wilcock, of Ovenden, Halifax. Husband of Annie Wilcock, 1 Club Row, Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield. Had served 16 years in the Army prior to the outbreak of the war. He saw six years in India and was engaged in the Boxer rebellion in China. Was employed at the G.P.O. in Huddersfield. As a Reservist he was called up in August, 1914, and was stationed at Berwick-on-Tweed, where he acted as military postman and orderly in camp. Whilst in India he had contracted tuberculosis and he died of this disease at Doncaster on 20.7.1915, aged 37 years. Buried DONCASTER CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row 15, Grave 139. ROH:- Huddersfield G.P.O.; Armitage Bridge War Memorial.


WILDBLOOD, WILLIAM ARTHUR. Lieutenant. 24th Divisional Train, Army Service Corps (Horse Transport). Born Bridport, Dorset, 25.3.1889. Son of the Rev. Peter Charles Wildblood, Wesleyan Minister, of Grimsby and formerly of the Buxton Road circuit, Huddersfield, and Marion Wildblood. Educated Halifax Secondary School, left 1904, and Kingswood School, Bath. Was the holder of a Jones history scholarship at Manchester University, where he was awarded the M.A. (honours degree). Employed as a master at the Huddersfield Municipal Secondary School, Huddersfield, from October, 1912, until Easter, 1914. Played with the Huddersfield first team at cricket and rugby with the Waterloo Rugby Union Football Club. At the outbreak of the war was a master at Colston’s School, near Bristol. Enlisted in October, 1914, as a Trooper in the Inns of Court Cavalry Squadron, Berkhamsted. Embarked for France in August, 1915. Killed in action on 16.6.1917 by shellfire at the military railhead near Ouderdom village, south of Ypres, Belgium. He was 28 years of age. Buried RENINGHELST NEW MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row E, Grave 26. ROH:- Waterloo Rugby Union Football Club; Mount Pleasant Chapel, Lockwood; Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance; Halifax Secondary School.


WILDE, THOMAS. Private. No 265. 31st Battalion Australian Infantry. Born Linthwaite, Huddersfield. Son of Mr Jonas Wilde, Wilde Brow, Linthwaite. Before going out to Australia in 1913, was engaged in farming at Wood Nook, Meltham. In Australia he worked on a sheep station in Queensland. Enlisted in 1916 and arrived in France in November, 1916. Was over on leave at Linthwaite in the Spring of 1917, after being in hospital suffering from trench fe...
Treport, on 2.10.1917, aged 25 years. Buried MONT HUON MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row O, Grave 8A. ROH:- Linthwaite War Memorial; memorial in Christ Church, Linthwaite.


WILKINSON, ARTHUR. Corporal. No 267618. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, in 1893. Second son of Mr and Mrs Clarence W. Wilkinson, Rose Cottage, Outlane. Educated Huddersfield College Secondary School. Was by profession a teacher of music and was organist at Salendine Nook Baptist Church. He was a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and a L.R.C.M. Whilst in training he formed a concert party and also gave recitals in the vicinity of the camps. Single. Enlisted June 1917. Killed in action, 11.4.1918. Has no known grave. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Lance Corporal STANLEY WILKINSON, died of wounds, 21.7.1918, q.v.). ROH:- Outlane Trinity Methodist Church; Salendine Nook Church; Huddersfield Drill Hall; memorial in Salendine Nook Churchyard; 423E. ‘they fought, they died, they live.’ Plaque adjacent to the organ in the Chapel.


WILKINSON, FELIX. Private. No 32626. 15th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Leeds Pals). Born Litton. Son of Mrs Jane Wilkinson, Park View, Kirkburton, Huddersfield. Killed in action on 3.5.1917 in the attack on Gavrelle during the Battle of Arras. Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private GEORGE EMSLEY WILKINSON, MM, died of wounds, 26.7.1919, q.v.). ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton; commemorated on headstone in Kirkburton Churchyard, and on a plaque in Conistone Church, Wharfedale.

WILKINSON, FRANK. Private. No 136997. 32nd Battalion Machine Gun Corps. Formerly No 60612 West Yorkshire Regiment. Born Marsden, Huddersfield. Only son of Mrs George Wilkinson, ‘Junction Inn’, Marsden. Employed as a carding engineer at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. In his leisure time was a keen student of natural history. Enlisted May 1917. Crossed to France eight weeks later. Suffered from a flesh wound in the arm on 3.6.1918. Was wounded again in the leg on 11.6.1918. Admitted to the Australian General Hospital, Rouen, where his leg was amputated. Died of wounds, 15.6.1918, aged 19 years. Buried St. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, ROUEN. Grave location:- Block Q, Plot 2, Row G, Grave 22. His mother received a letter from a Major, who wrote, ‘Your son passed away this evening. Amputation of his right leg had been done to try and save his life but unfortunately without avail. His end was painless and very peaceful. All who had anything to do with him feel keenly the loss of so fine a young man.’ ROH:- Marsden War Memorial; memorial in Marsden Churchyard.


WILKINSON, GEORGE EMSLEY, MM. Sergeant. No 240112. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Litton. Son of Jane Wilkinson, Park View, Kirkburton. Employed by Messrs Taylor and Hobson, cabinet makers, of Huddersfield. Was mobilised with other Territorials at the outbreak of the war. Was awarded the Military Medal on 19.2.1917 for bravery in the field. Died of wounds on 26.7.1918, aged 23 years. Buried VERTUS COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave Location:- Grave No 79. (Brother of Private FELIX WILKINSON, killed in action, 3.5.1917, q.v.). ROH:- All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton; Huddersfield Drill Hall; commemorated on headstone in Kirkburton Churchyard, and on a plaque in Conistone Church, Wharfedale.


WILKINSON, PERCY. Lieutenant. 6th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, attached 2/7th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Was assistant master at the Neilds School, Slaithwaite. He was a member of the Slaithwaite Cricket Club, the Slaithwaite and District Golf Club and the Slaithwaite Y.M.C.A. Attended the Zion Baptist Church. Enlisted in the Durham Light Infantry as a Private in November, 1914. Was granted a commission in the Lancashire Fusiliers as a Second Lieutenant at Christmas, 1915, becoming a full Lieutenant in July 1917. He first embarked for France in July 1916. Married in 1917. His wife lived at 6 Brook Terrace, Slaithwaite. Killed in action, 4.12.1917, in the attack on La Vacquerie during the Battle of Cambrai. He was 27 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His wife received a letter from the Colonel of his Regiment, who wrote, ‘The enemy made a determined attack on one trench about 2pm. That part of the line which was attacked was held by your husband’s company. He organised a party to counter-attack and successfully led it, ejecting the enemy but whilst at the head of the party he was killed by bombs thrown by the enemy. Three bombs fell at his feet almost simultaneously and he appears to have been killed instantly. It was at the time impossible to recover his body and the following day the Regiment was relieved after a very hard fight over the same ground. I have hopes that we may be able to recover it for burial. The sympathy of the
Regiment is with you in your great bereavement. Your husband was devoted to his men and beloved by them. He had only soldiered with me for a few weeks. I quickly picked him out for command of a Company and was never better served by any Company Commander. He was one of the best Officers I have ever served with - quiet, cool, brave and possessing my utmost confidence. His death is a great loss to the Regiment and to me a bitter blow. His gallantry during these recent operations was very fine.’ ROH:- Carr Lane United Methodist Church, Slaithwaite; St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.


WILKINSON, STANLEY. Lance Corporal. No 2551. 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Lockwood, Huddersfield. Son of Fred and Frances Wilkinson, 73 Woodfield Road, Lockwood. Was shot accidentally by a comrade and died at the Selby Cottage Hospital on 18.4.1915, aged 17 years. Buried LOCKWOOD CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- A, 314. It appears that Wilkinson was in the Guard Room on Monday night with the guard who was off duty. One of them then unloaded his rifle which he placed on the guardroom table. Another soldier placed the unloaded rifle against the loaded one. The Commanding Officer was going to inspect the guard when the order ‘Guard – turn out’ was given the man who had placed the unloaded rifle on the table picked up what he thought was his own rifle. Noticing it was cocked he pulled the trigger with the result that the rifle which was loaded went off and the bullet, striking Wilkinson just above the thigh, inflicted a fatal wound. ROH:- Emmanuel Church, Lockwood; Huddersfield Drill Hall; Armitage Bridge War Memorial.


WILLIAMS, FRED STANLEY. Rifleman. No C/12822. 21st Battalion King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Born The Storth, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, 13.4.1888. Son of Mary Brook, 14 Dudley Road, Marsh. Educated Paddock Church of England School. Was a teacher at Paddock National School. He was a member of the Paddock Church choir. Had been a year at teacher training college in Leeds when he enlisted in December 1915. Killed in action on 15.9.1916 in the attack on Flers during the Battle of the Somme. Buried A.I.F.
BURIAL GROUND, FLERS. Grave location:- Plot 10, Row D, Grave 2. ROH:- Marsh War Memorial; All Saints Church, Paddock.


WILLIAMSON, ARTHUR ERNEST. Lance Corporal. No 12959. 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Crich, Derbyshire. Lodged with Mr Fenton-Smith of Highfield, Shepley. Employed by Mr Harris Wood at the Brick and Tile Works, Lower Cumberworth. Attended Birdsedge Wesleyan Reform Chapel and was a member of the choir. His fiancé lived in Birdsedge. Killed in action 2.3.1916. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Almondbury War Memorial; Lowerhouses War Memorial.


WILSON, CHARLES HENRY. Captain. 5th Battalion King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Crosland Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, 21.2.1894. Son of Herbert Henry and Jane Wilson, 2 Bland Street, Lockwood. Educated Mount Pleasant Council School, Almondbury Grammar School and Huddersfield Technical College, where he obtained a BA degree in art and literature, as an external student of London University, at the age of 19 years. Enlisted as a Private in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers on 13.11.1914. Obtained his commission in the K.O.Y.L.I. and served with them in France during the whole of 1917. After serving in Ireland for a few months he returned to France in June 1918. Was wounded on 29.10.1918 at Maroing
near Cambrai. Admitted into No 56 Casualty Clearing Station, where he died of wounds on 30.9.1918, aged 24 years. Buried GREVILLERS BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 15, Row A, Grave 20. ROH:- St. Stephen's Church, Rashcliffe; Lockwood Baptist Church; memorial in Lockwood Cemetery.


WILTON, ERNEST PARKIN. Lieutenant. Royal Flying Corps and Royal Air Force. Born Roundhay Road, Leeds. Son of Ernest and Jane Ann Wilton, ‘Studley’, Westbourne Road, Marsh, Huddersfield. Educated Fartown Grammar School and Bradford Grammar School. Was in business with his father as a coal merchant at Gledholt, Huddersfield. Joined the local Territorials in 1907 and was in camp with them at the outbreak of the war. Enlisted in August, 1914, in the Army Service Corps as a Sergeant Major. In July, 1918, he obtained a commission in the Royal Flying Corps but met with a serious accident at Thetford, Norfolk. He was in hospital for nine weeks. After recovering he was on the staff of the Cadet School at Leigh. Died on 5.11.1918 in the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, of pneumonia following upon influenza. He was 27 years of age. Buried EDGERTON CEMETERY, HUDDERSFIELD. Grave location:- 49, 46G. ROH:- Gledholt Wesleyan Church; Longwood Methodist Church; Mount Pleasant Chapel, Lockwood.


WIMPENNY, JOHN. Private. No 305189. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Golcar. Son of Mrs B Wimpenny, Chain, Marsden. Employed as a teamer by Mr Albert Schofield. Was a member of the Colne Valley Territorials before the outbreak of the war. Enlisted August 1914. Embarked for France
in April, 1915. Reported missing, presumed killed, on 23.11.1916, aged 20 years. Buried SHRINE CEMETERY, BUCQUOY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row B, Grave 25. (Brother of Private JOE WIMPENNY, killed in action, 21.11.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.


WINDLE, KEMPTON. Trooper. No 2279. Household Battalion. Born Shepley. Youngest son of Mr and Mrs Sam Windle, Lea Head, Shepley. Employed as a woollen piecer by Messrs Firth Brothers, of Shepley. Had only been in Belgium a few weeks when he was shot by a sniper whilst leaving the trenches on 8.10.1917. He was 19 years of age. Buried BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 5, Row A, Grave 10. ROH:- Shepley War Memorial.

WINDLE, SHEARD. Ordinary Seaman. No J/75899. Royal Navy. HMS Partridge. Born Kirkheaton 4.8.1891. Son of Harry and Emma Windle, 190, Kilner Bank, Moldgreen, Huddersfield. Educated at Moldgreen Schools. Employed as a fettler by Messrs John Fenton and Sons, Bradley Mills. Husband of Edith Windle, 5 Tindall’s Yard, Hawk Street, Huddersfield. Enlisted in the Royal Navy on 15.8.1917. Was drowned in the North Sea on 12.12.1917 when German destroyers raided a British convoy and HMS Partridge was sunk. His body was washed ashore at Cogshiem, Saellijnorne, Norway on 21.12.1917. Buried FITJAR CHURCHYARD (which is on a large island south of Bergen, Norway. (Brother of Private CHARLES WINDLE, killed in action, 15.9.1916, and Gunner WILLIAM WINDLE, killed in action, 7.6.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Christ Church, Moldgreen. (Three other men from Huddersfield were drowned aboard HMS Partridge. They were Ordinary Seaman FRED DRANSFIELD, Able
Seaman DONALD HAIGH and Able Seaman WALKER BAMFORTH, q.v.).


WINTERINGHAM, EDWIN. Private. No 11908. ‘Y’ Company, 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Boroughbridge 12.9.1891. Son of Robert and Louisa Phillis Winteringham, 72 South Street, Huddersfield. Educated Boroughbridge National School. Along with his younger brother, Horace, was employed as a labourer at Messrs Hopkinsons of Birkby, Huddersfield. They enlisted together in August, 1914, and went out to the Dardenelles in August, 1915. Killed in action on 7.8.1915 at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, aged 22. Has no known grave. Commemorated HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His parents received a letter from Horace (who survived the war); he wrote, ’I am just sending a line or two but I do not know how to put it together as we had it very hard. There are many of us left (over the top of these words the censor had written ‘ quite a lot - cheer up’). We have been fighting for four or five days and we have come for a rest at the back of the line. I am sorry to say that Ted got killed on August 8th. I was not with him at the time but not far off. He only lived about a minute. The Turks made us go back so I could not get to him but don’t bother, he died doing his duty. Well I am living yet and we shall be going up again in a day or two. We had to go where there had been no fighting before so you can just tell how we had to do.’ ROH:- Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield.

WINTOUR, CHARLES JOHN. Captain. Royal Navy. HMS Tipperary. Born High Hoyland 10.12..1871. Son of the Rev. Fitzgerald Wintour (former Vicar of Clayton West) and Mrs Wintour of High Hoyland. Husband of Katherine Mary Wintour, of Pickering Cottage, Loose, Maidstone, Kent. (Married 3.10.1900). Entered the Royal Navy on 15.11.1887 as a midshipman aboard HMS Britannia. Killed in action on 1.6.1916 at the Battle of Jutland. He was 44 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. Admiral Jellicoe, in a despatch dealing with the Battle of Jutland, paid a warm tribute to the Captain, ’During the night’ reads the despatch, ‘ the British heavy ships were not attacked but the 4th, 11th and the 12th Flotillas under Commodore Hawksley, Captain C. J. Wintour and Captain A. J. B. Stirling, delivered a series of very gallant and successful attacks on the enemy, causing him heavy losses. It was during these attacks that severe losses in the 4th Flotilla occurred, including that of the Tipperary with the gallant leader of the flotilla, Captain Wintour. He had brought the flotilla to a high pitch of perfection and although suffering severely from the fire of the enemy a heavy toll of the enemy
vessels was taken and many gallant actions were performed by the Flotilla.’ ROH:- Clayton West and High Hoyland War Memorial; memorial in Clayton West Parish Church.

WISEMAN, JOHN WALLACE. Sergeant. No 46443. 1st/1st Staffordshire Yeomanry. Formerly No 4982 19th Hussars. Born Almondbury 18.3.1881. Youngest son of Mr and Mrs J Wiseman, 5 Arnold Street, Birkby. Educated Huddersfield Higher Grade School, New North Road, Huddersfield. Employed by the London and North Western Railway Company as a railway shunter. Husband of Lizzie Wiseman, 182 Bradford Road North, Fartown, Huddersfield. Saw service in South Africa where he was wounded. He was awarded the King’s Medal with four clasps. Enlisted 4.8.1914. Died of pneumonia on 27.12.1918 in Beirut, Lebanon, aged 37. Buried BEIRUT BRITISH WAR CEMETERY. Grave location:- Grave No 243. ROH:- Christ Church, Woodhouse Hill; Fartown and Birkby War Memorial; London and North Western Railway Company Roll.


WOMERSLEY, BEN ABBOTT. Private. No 15603. 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Huddersfield. Lived Lockwood. Killed in action, 14.9.1916. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIPEVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. The following extract is taken from the Official History, ‘Advancing from Hindenburg Trench behind an excellent barrage at 6.30pm on the 14th September two Companies of the 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment and two of the 9th Battalion West Yorkshires carried without a pause the German front line and then the Wonder Werk, together with the 250 yards of Hohenzollern Trench on the right: also the trench on the left as far as the Thiipval road.’ War Diary notes – Objectives reached – attacking Companies advanced 40 yards beyond and dug themselves in – communication trench to new position dug immediately. Counter attacks repulsed. 15.9.1916. Relieved at 4pm and to Hedauville. Casualties - 258. ROH:- St. Paul’s Church, Southgate, Huddersfield.


ROH:- New Mill Working Men’s Club; Fullstone War Memorial; memorial in Christ Church Churchyard, New Mill.


WOOD, ALBERT. Private. No 18363. 10th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Milnsbridge. Son of Mrs Wood and the late Mr Fred Wood, 130 Scar Lane, Milnsbridge. Husband of M. Wood of Manchester and formerly of 81 Station Road, Golcar. Attended Milnsbridge Baptist Sunday School. Employed by Messrs John Lockwood and Sons Limited. Enlisted August 1914. After serving in France for some time he was invalided home and was in hospital in Glasgow. He returned to France in October, 1916. Killed in action, 17.5.1917, aged 32 years. In the middle of a terrific bombardment a shell burst in the trench and killed him instantly. Buried RAILWAY DUGOUTS (TRANSPORT FARM) BURIAL GROUND. Grave location:- Special Memorial D 32. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.

WOOD, ARCHIE. Private. No 59777. 2nd Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Born 168 Longwood Gate, Huddersfield, 26.3. 1899. Son of Fred and Mary Ann Wood, 18 Gilead Road, Longwood, Huddersfield. Educated Spark Hall Infants School and Goitfield Boys School. Employed as a woollen piecer. Single. Enlisted April 1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, on 23.5.1918 on the Chemin-des-Dames. He was 19 years of age. Has no known grave. Commemorated SOISSONS MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Longwood Wesleyan Church. Extract from the CWGC Memorial Register, ’At the end of April 1918 five Divisions, forming 1X Corps, were transferred to the French Sixth Army to rest and refit. They were the 8th, 19th (Western), 21st, 25th and 50th (Northumbrian) Division. (The 2nd Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment was in the 8th Division). During the first fortnight in May the 21st, 8th and 50th Divisions were put into the line on a front of 24 kilometres running East and West between Reims and Soissons, with their left flank close to the Eastern end of the Chemin des Dames. Extract from The West Yorkshire Regiment in the War 1914-1918, Vol 2, by Everard Wyrall, ‘The front held by the 8th Division was peculiar;
it formed a right-angled salient pushed out into the German positions. The northern side was about seven thousand and the eastern side some three thousand yards in length. The Aisne and the Canal ran through Pontavert on the left, the village being roughly six thousand yards in rear of the front line trenches. On the right, the flank of the division rested on the Aisne itself at Berry au Bac. The river and the canal then swung forward and, running up along the eastern side of the salient, formed an obstacle both to the Germans and British so protected the front line trenches from surprise attacks.

The 8th Division had received strict orders that 'not one yard of ground must be lost,' and this necessitated the trenches being held in strength, the bulk of the infantry of the division being within range of the enemy's trench-mortars. Each night patrols crossed No Man's Land with the object of capturing a German prisoner for identification. On the night of 23rd May one of two patrols sent out bumped up against a strong German patrol and a fight ensued, during which seven of the enemy were accounted for, one being taken prisoner but afterwards killed in the fighting. Two men of the West Yorkshires were wounded and three were missing.


WOOD, ARTHUR JAMES. Lance Corporal. No 11122. 'Y' Company, 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born 12 Sunset Terrace, Birkby, Huddersfield 5.3.1895. Son of Emily Wood, 4 Blacker Road, Birkby, Huddersfield. Educated Hillhouse Board School. Employed as a clerk by Messrs J. Hopkinsons, of Birkby. Single. Enlisted September 1914. Went to the Dardenelles in July, 1915. Killed in action in the assault on Lala Baba, Suvla, Gallipoli, on 11.8.1915, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His mother received a letter from Corporal J Uttley who lived at 35 Netheroyd Hill Road, Cowcliffe, Huddersfield, and wrote, 'It is with deep regret that I write these few lines to tell you of your son's death. No doubt before you receive this letter you will have seen his name in the Roll of Honour but being his chum and sharing the trials of soldiering for 12 months together I thought it my duty to write you a short letter giving you an account of his death. On August 11th he went off with a small party after some snipers who were giving us a lot of trouble. They had located them near a house and they went out but failed to find them on three sides. On coming to the rear they were immediately fired upon, your son being killed immediately. At some future date, God willing, we may come across his grave which like every soldier's will bear his name on a small wooden cross and I am sure I and all his pals will see it suitably looked after while they are about the place where he is buried. Hoping that this letter will be a little consolation and also the knowledge that he died fighting for his King


WOOD, EDGAR. Gunner. No 241630. No 1 ‘A’ Reserve Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Son of William and Elizabeth Wood. Husband of Mary Wood, 6 Hudson Street, Hudson Road, Leeds, and formerly of Shepley. Was a foreman
for Messrs Morton Joynt, wholesale clothiers, of Leeds. He learned the business with Mr Arthur Roebuck of Shepley. Had attended both the Thurstonland and Shepley Wesleyan Churches. Died in hospital at Newcastle on 17.3.1918 from injuries sustained from a fall from a hay wagon on 1.3.1918. He had been in training since September, 1917, and should have gone to the front the week he was injured. He was 29 years of age. Buried SHEPLEY UNITED METHODIST CHAPEL YARD. Grave location:- in North part, 106. ROH:- Shepley War Memorial.


WOOD, ERNEST. Private. No 1616. 1/7th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment, Born Marsden. Eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Henry Wood, 12 Royds Terrace, Binn Road, Marsden. Was a member of the local Territorials prior to the outbreak of the war. Enlisted in August 1914. Was seriously injured on 17.9.1916 in the attack on the Thiepval/Leipzig Salient ( Casualties – 220). Both his thighs, sides and arm were very badly wounded and very little hope could be given for his recovery although he was quite conscious. Was admitted to the No 16 General Hospital, Le Treport, France. His parents were given permission to visit their son and arrived on Sunday, 23.9.1916, but he had just died. They were cared for by members of the Y.M.C.A. and attended their son’s funeral the next day. Buried MONT HUON MILITARY CEMETERY, LE TREPORT. Grave Location:- Plot 2, Row E, Grave 8. ROH:- Huddersfield Drill Hall; Marsden War Memorial.


WOOD, FREDERICK DOUGLAS. Private. No 14534. 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Chapeltown, Leeds. Son of ex Police Sergeant Fred Wood and Therese Celestine Wood, 12 Council Terrace, New Mill Road, Honley. Employed as a joiner. Was a member of the Honley Parish Church choir. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Had been in France for one year when he was killed in action on 29.7.1916, at Munster Alley, during the Battle of the Somme, aged 25 ( Casualties – 205). According to five comrades who wrote to the parents he was carrying a bag of bombs to the front line when he was killed by a piece of shell. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Honley War Memorial.

WOOD, GEORGE. Sapper. No WR/501185. 3rd Port Construction Company, Inland Water Transport, Royal Engineers. Formerly 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Bradford 22.7.1886. Son of Samuel and Annis Hirst Wood, Parkside House, Somerset Road, Huddersfield. Educated Stile Common Council School and Huddersfield Higher Grade School. Employed as a cabinet maker. Single. Enlisted in the local Territorial battalion at the outbreak of the war. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Was discharged as time expired and temporarily unfit due to trench feet and a shrapnel wound in the shoulder in April, 1916. He re-enlisted into the Royal Engineers, voluntarily, in July 1916. Accidentally killed on 9.1.1919, aged 32 years. He was assisting in some repairs to the jetty at Dieppe when he slipped and fell a distance of twenty eight feet. He suffered multiple injuries including...
a fractured skull and died nine hours later in hospital without regaining consciousness. Buried JANVAL CEMETERY, DIEPPE. Grave location:- Plot 2, Row C, Grave 5. ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church; commemorated on his parents’ headstone in Edgerton Cemetery, Huddersfield.

WOOD, GEORGE WALKER. Private. No G/20145. 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment. Formerly No 33752 3rd Reserve Cavalry Regiment. Born Golcar. Son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Wood, 50 Upper Wellhouse, Golcar. Married, with one child. Had served in France and was seriously wounded in the spine. Was admitted to a military hospital at Chichester, where he died of his wounds on 16.11.1918, aged 25 years. Buried WELLHOUSE METHODIST CHAPEL YARD. Grave location:- A, 32. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.


missing, presumed killed, 31.8.1917, q.v.). ROH:- Outlane Trinity Methodist Church.

WOOD, HARRY. Private. No 203037. 1/4th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Born Marsden. Son of Abel and Betsy Wood, 8 Sandhurst Cottages, Marsden. Employed as a scouter at Crimble Mills, Slaithwaite. Was a member of the Marsden Conservative Club. Attended Marsden Parish Church. Reported missing, presumed killed, 10.10.1917, aged 22 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated **TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** ROH:- Marsden War Memorial; Marsden Conservative Club.


WOOD, HUBERT. Private. No 47200. 9th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly No 29819 Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Gomersal, Yorkshire. Married. Lived 22 Tandem, Kirkheaton. Was the owner of a fish and chip business at Kirkheaton. Enlisted in 1916. Reported missing, presumed killed, on 27.8.1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele. Has no known grave. Commemorated **TYNE COT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** The following extract in taken from 'Passchendaele - the day by day account' by Chris McCarthy, *11th Division (XVIII Corps). 32nd Brigade:- The advance started well for the 9th West Yorkshires but soon came under fire from Pheasant Trench and Vancouver. However, they pressed on. The right came under fire from Vieilles Maisons and they seized the nearest concrete buildings. Two platoons from the 6th York and Lancs. were sent up to reinforce.* ROH:- St. John's Church, Kirkheaton; Lepton Parish Church.


15.4.1917, aged 25 years. Buried BELLICOURT BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row F, Grave 5. His wife received a letter from her husband’s chum, who wrote, ‘The Germans had been shelling us very heavily during the day and after tea we were sitting together and laughing at Joe who was trying to mend his stocking. Joe and another fellow ran into the yard and were both hit by a bursting shell and killed instantly. We buried them both together in the little churchyard. The Company was engaged in road mending at the time.’ ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.


TO THE MISSING. ROH:- High Street United Methodist Church.

WOOD, JOHN WILLIAM. Private. No 82052. 23rd Company, Machine Gun Corps. Formerly No 29676 Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Slaithwaite. Married, with three children. Lived 28 Grange Cottages, Marsden. He formerly resided at Slaithwaite and attended Zion Baptist Church and Sunday School, Slaithwaite. Employed as a weaver by Messrs George Mallinson and Sons Limited, Linthwaite. Was a member of the Marsden Socialist Club. Played cricket with the Marsden Second Eleven. Enlisted 4.10.1916. Had only been in Belgium eight weeks when he was killed in action on 7.10.1917. He was 35 years of age. Buried MOTOR CAR CORNER CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row B, Grave 32. ROH:- Marsden War Memorial.

WOOD, JOSEPH WALKER (Served under the name of SANDERSON). Private. No 299. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Husband of Edith Wood, 108 School Lane, Newtown, Holmfirth. Employed as a motor engineer’s labourer by Messrs Coldwell Brothers, automobilists. Attended Cliffe Sunday School. Was a member of ‘F’ Company of the local Territorials before the outbreak of the war. Enlisted August 1914. Admitted to No 13 General Hospital, Boulogne, with serious head wounds. Died of wounds, 19.7.1915, aged 27 years. Buried BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 8, Row B, Grave 64. His wife received a letter from the Sister-in-charge, who wrote, ‘Your husband, Drummer Sanderson passed away quietly at 4.10pm on July 19th. He has only been with us a few days but was dangerously ill when he came to hospital, the wounds in his head being very severe. He has never been conscious and so I do not think he has suffered any pain. The doctors did everything for him that could be done, you may be assured about that.’ ROH:- Holmfirth War Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall.

WOOD, OLIVER. Lance Corporal. No 241042. 5th Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Formerly No 23398 York and Lancaster Regiment. Born Thurlstone. Son of Matthew Henry and Frances Revner Wood of Dunford Bridge. Employed by Mr Barger, Waterworks Manager, of the Dewsbury and Heckmondwike
Corporation Reservoir at Dunford Bridge.
Attended Townhead Chapel, Dunford Bridge.
Enlisted 4.3.1916. On 29.8.1917 the family
received a field postcard from Oliver stating that:
he was wounded and was being sent down to the
base. In a letter which was received immediately
afterwards he said that: he had been operated
upon and he had been shown a big piece of
shrapnel which had been taken from him. He
remarked that it was a big piece and that he was
also gassed. This made it worse for him as he
could feel his wound more when he coughed.
‘However,’ he added, ‘he could see plenty of lads
worse than himself and now that it was done
he would have to put up with it.’ The family
received a telegram on the 8th inst. stating that:
Oliver was in a more serious condition and
nobody could be allowed to visit him.
Died of pneumonia following wounds on 8.9.1917,
aged 32 years. Buried BOULOGNE EASTERN
CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 8, Row I,
Grave 31. (Brother of Ordinary Seaman
HARRY
WOOD, killed in action, 20.1.1918, q.v.).

WOOD, PERCY. Lance Corporal. No 9/12654.
9th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment.
Born Great Northern Street, Huddersfield.
Educated Thomas Street Council School.
Employed as a tailor’s presser by Messrs Bairstow
and Sons and Company Limited. Husband
of Mary Wood, 8 School Lane, Paddock,
Huddersfield. Enlisted at the outbreak of the
war. Suffered serious head wounds on 2.3.1916.
Admitted to No 10 Casualty Clearing Station,
where he died of wounds on 3.3.1916. He was 25
years of age. Buried LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY
CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 4, Row D,
Grave 46. ROH:- All Saints Church, Paddock.

WOOD, ROBERT FREDERICK. Lance
Corporal. No 2762. 15th (Service) Battalion (1st Glasgow)
Highland Light Infantry. Born Marsden. Son
of James and Sarah Wood. Husband of Mary
Elizabeth Wood, 11 Grange Avenue, Marsden.
Employed as a weaver by Messrs Crowther, Bruce
and Company, New Mills. Enlisted October
Killed in action 11.4.1918, aged 40 years. Buried
BIENVILLERS MILITARY CEMETERY. Grave
location:- Plot 11, Row C, Grave 6. ROH:-
Marsden War Memorial.

WOOD, STANLEY HERBERT. Private. No
CH/ 21026. R.M. Depot (Deal), Royal Marine
Light Infantry. Born Huddersfield. Son of Herbert
Josiah and Sarah Ann Wood of ‘Stanholme’,
144 Newsome Road, Huddersfield. Lived 212
Leeds Road North, Huddersfield. Died at Deal
Infirmary on 21.3.1917, aged 17 years. Buried
DEAL CEMETERY, KENT. Grave location:-
2, 1264. ROH:- St. Andrew’s Church, Leeds
Road, Huddersfield.

WOOD, SYKES. Private. No 42002. 12th
Battalion Manchester Regiment. Born Golcar
27.4.1890. Educated Knowle Bank School,
Golcar. Married. Lived 15 Siggot Street.
Longwood, Huddersfield. Employed as a woollen
power loom tuner by Messrs C. and J. Hirst and
Sons Limited, Longwood. Was a member of the
choir at Golcar Providence Church. Enlisted
18.11.1916. Killed in action, 26.5.1917, during
the Battle of Arras. He was 27 years of age.
Has no known grave. Commemorated ARRAS
MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- St.
Mark’s Parish Church, Longwood.

WOOD, TEDDY. Private. No 41531. 17th
Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (2nd Leeds
Pals). Born Huddersfield. Son of Eliza Ann
Wood, Burkinshaw Road, Outlane, and the late
Joseph Wood. Employed as a night worker in
the weaving department by Messrs Ben Hall
and Sons, of Milnsbridge. Reported missing,
presumed killed, 31.8.1917. Has no known
grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL
TO THE MISSING. (Brother of Private HARRY
WOOD, died of wounds, 2.4.1918, q.v.). ROH:-
Outlane Trinity Methodist Chapel.

WOOD, TOM. Corporal. No 242571. ‘C’
Company, 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s

**WOOD, VERDI.** Private. No 14832. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Born Denby Dale near Huddersfield. Enlisted Huddersfield. Lived Moldgreen. Killed in action 12.10.1916, aged 39. During the research for this book, I discovered that once again the Commonwealth War Graves Commission held no records for this soldier. After further investigation the CWGC have now engraved his name on the **THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.**


**WOOD, WALKER.** Gunner. No 47778. ‘D’ Battery, 186th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Born Huddersfield. Son of the late A. A. Wood and Betty Backhouse Wood, Union Street, Hill Top, Slaithwaite. Was in the Regular Army for three years before the outbreak of the war, being stationed in India. In December, 1914, he was sent to France where he served until December, 1915, when he was sent out to Salonica. Here he contracted Malaria and was invalided home, being sent to hospital at Stockport. He returned to France in February, 1917, and was wounded in the arm at Arras on 9.4.1917. Was sent to England to a hospital at Bradford. Returned to France at the beginning of July, 1917. Killed in action, 27.9.1917, aged 29 years. Buried **LA CLYTTE MILITARY CEMETERY.** Grave location:- Plot 3, Row C, Grave 4. ROH:- St. James Church, Slaithwaite; Slaithwaite War Memorial.

**WOODHEAD, CHARLIE.** Private. No 1331. ‘Y Company, 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Netherthong, Holmfirth. Son of Mr and Mrs Fred Woodhead, Cut Lane, Netherthong. For six years had played the clarinet in the band of the Huddersfield and was a former member of the Netherthong Philharmonic Band. Employed as a joiner at Holmfirth. Enlisted October 1914. Went out to the Dardenelles in July, 1915. Killed in action, 21.8.1915, aged 26 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated **HELLES MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.** The following extract is taken from
‘British Regiments at Gallipoli’ by Ray Westlake, 21.8.1915. Official History of the Gallipoli campaign records that the Battalion, with the 9th Battalion West Yorkshires were hurried forward to capture first objective, but they swung left-handed, ending up in position north of Hetman Chair. An attempt was then made to assault a communication trench, but this turned out to be a heavily defended fire trench. ‘The enemy’s resistance could not be overcome and the troops fell back towards the southern slopes of Green Hill.’ The War Diary rerecords, ‘high casualties.’ Held position under heavy artillery fire until relieved on 23.8.1915.

ROH:- Netherthong and Thongsbridge War Memorial; Netherthong Working Men’s Club.


WOODHEAD, HUBERT. Private. No 20390. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Meltham. Son of Alfred and Elizabeth Ellen Woodhead, Green’s End, Meltham. Killed in action on 12.10.1916 in the attack on Flers during the Battle of the Somme. He was 19 years of age. Buried ROISIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row A, Grave 8. ROH:- New Mill Working Men’s Club; Fulstone War Memorial; memorial in Christ Church Churchyard, New Mill. His wife received a letter from Private F Green, who wrote, ‘Your husband has been killed in action. I know it is my duty to let you know otherwise you might have never know what has become of him. The poor lad must have been instantly killed by a shell during the recent advance for I came across his body two or three days after his Battalion went over the top and I may say I buried him on the field of battle as respectfully as I could. I came across his body quite accidentally and I thought it my duty to let you know that he rests in peace.’


WOODHEAD, LOUIS. Private. No 38162. 1st Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. Born New Mill. Son of Mr and Mrs Walter Woodhead, Scar Hall, New Mill. Educated New Mill National Day School. Attended New Mill Parish Church Sunday School. As a boy, he was chorister in the Parish Church choir. Employed by Messrs Copley, Marshall and Company, Wildspur Mills. Married. Enlisted September 1916. Embarked for France at Christmas, 1916. Killed in action, 5.11.1918, aged 28 years. Buried ROISIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave location:- Row A, Grave 8. ROH:- New Mill Working Men’s Club; Fulstone War Memorial; memorial in Christ Church Churchyard, New Mill. His wife received a letter from Private F Green, who wrote, ‘Your husband has been killed in action. I know it is my duty to let you know otherwise you might have never know what has become of him. The poor lad must have been instantly killed by a shell during the recent advance for I came across his body two or three days after his Battalion went over the top and I may say I buried him on the field of battle as respectfully as I could. I came across his body quite accidentally and I thought it my duty to let you know that he rests in peace.’

WOODHEAD, NORMAN. Lance Corporal. No 14242. 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Son of Mr Joshua
Woodhead, chemical manufacturer, of Upperthong, Holmfirth. Reported missing, 1.7.1916, during the 1st day of the Battle of the Somme, when he was lost sight of in a wood where there was some severe fighting and afterwards presumed to have been killed on that date. Has no known grave. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

The following extract is taken from ‘British Battalions on the Somme’ by Ray Westlake, ‘2nd Battalion. 12th Brigade, 4th Division: From assembly trenches east of the sugar factory on Mailly-Maillet - Serre Road. moved forward 8.55am. in support of attack between Beaumont Hamel and Serre. Advancing on Brigade’s left fought through into The Quadrilateral - by nightfall holding Burrow, Wolf and Legend Trenches. Casualties – 323. Withdrew to Ellis Square in support’. ROH:- Upperthong War Memorial.


London and North Western Railway Company as a goods porter. Killed in action during the Battle of Cambrai on 27.11.1917, aged 20 years. Has no known grave. Commemorated CAMBRAI MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. ROH:- Huddersfield Parish Church; London and North Western Railway Company Roll.


WORSLEY, JOSEPH. Private. No 1854. 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. Born Holmfirth. Nephew of Mr and Mrs Albert Downes of Thongsbridge. Attended St. Andrew’s Church, Thongsbridge, where he was a member of the choir and Young Men’s Bible Class. He was also a member of the Free Gardener’s Lodge and the cricket club. Enlisted at the outbreak of the war. Embarked for France in April, 1915. Killed in action, 28.9.1915. Has no known grave. Commemorated MENIN GATE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING. His Uncle received a letter from Lieutenant Keith Sykes, who wrote, ‘It is with the utmost grief and sorrow that I write to tell you that Joseph was killed early this morning. He has looked after me in every way and I shall ever hold his memory dear. He was a good soldier and you have the consolation of knowing that he has paid the supreme sacrifice of his patriotism and he has died nobly fighting for King and Country. The Officers of his Company and his many friends wish to sympathise with you in your great loss. May God comfort you and Mrs Downes in your great trial.’ ROH:- Netherthong and Thongsbridge War Memorial; Huddersfield Drill Hall.


WORTLEY, HARRY. Private. No 62411. 92nd Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps. Born Shepley. Youngest son of the late John Wortley of Lane Head, Shepley. Lived with his brother-in-law, Councillor Henry Tyas. Attended Shepley United Methodist School. Was a member of the Shepley Bowling Club and Conservative Club. Employed as a painter by Messrs Seth Senior and Sons Limited, Highfield Brewery, Shepley. Single. Enlisted September 1915. Was killed, 1.4.1917, whilst acting as a stretcher-bearer. A shell dropped on the party just as they arrived at a dressing station and only one of them escaped. He was 34 years of age. Buried SAVY BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 1, Row I, Grave 22. ROH:- Shepley War Memorial.


WRAGG, JOHN (JACK). Private. No 56158. 15th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Formerly...


WRA Y, JAMES EDWARD. Private. No 5058. 1/4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born Longwood, Huddersfield. Eldest son of Mr and Mrs Reuben Whitwam, of Scapegoat Hill, Golcar. Was a member of the Scapegoat Hill Brass Band. Enlisted in May 1916. Had only been in France a short time when he was killed in action on 28.10.1916, aged 38 years. Buried WARLENCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY. Grave location:- Plot 7, Row A, Grave 12. ROH:- St. John’s Church, Golcar.


YATES, GEORGE HERBERT FOURTH.
Lieutenant. 4th Army H.Q. Army Pay Corps.


WAR MEMORIALS AND ROLLS OF HONOUR

Although individual memorials to soldiers and seamen have been placed in churches for hundreds of years and national memorials were erected at the end of the Napoleonic Wars, in particular to commemorate the Battle of Waterloo (such as at Pule Hill outside Halifax) it was not until the Boer War that these memorials were inscribed with names. The Duke of Wellington’s Regiment erected a Boer War memorial in West End Park, inscribed with the names of those who had died, many from fever, during that conflict. In addition, a memorial plaque in Huddersfield Drill Hall lists the names of the town’s Volunteers who had embarked with the Active Service Companies to bolster the Regulars in the Field in South Africa. Fortunately, very few of the Volunteers died of disease and only one was killed by enemy action.

However, during the Great War there was a desire to commemorate those who gave their lives, which permeated every facet of society. As a result, War Memorials were established in cities, towns and villages throughout the land during and just after the war. One of the earliest local examples is the Primrose Hill Memorial, unveiled on 20th January, 1917, at the Primrose Hotel, bearing 316 names of local men who had enlisted from the area since 1914, as announced in the *Huddersfield Examiner* on Monday 22nd January, 1917. Military garrisons were quick to commemorate those lost and Rolls of Honour were also placed in churches, work places and in many social venues. The result of this national fervour, headed by Sir Edwin Lutyens with his magnificent memorials, to those unfortunate men who have no known grave, at Ypres, Thiepval and Arras, is that, throughout this book, there are references to local servicemen being commemorated on local War Memorials and, among other places, Churches, Schools, Factories, Working Men’s Clubs and Public Houses. The most outstanding example of a local family memorial is, of course, the Tolson Museum, which commemorates the Tolson brothers from Dalton.

In some cases, where there were smaller numbers of losses in local villages, the names are gathered together on one larger memorial such as that in Holmfirth. For example, the Rolls of Honour mentioned in the main text of the following villages and townships are incorporated on the Holme Valley War Memorial, situated in the grounds of the Home Valley Memorial Hospital in Holmfirth: Holme and Holmbridge – Plaques 1 & 2; Underbank – Plaque 2; Cartworth – Plaque 2; Holmfirth – Plaque 3; Upperthong – Plaque 4; Wooldale – Plaques 4 & 5; Netherthong and Thongsbridge – Plaque 5; Fulstone – Plaques 5 & 6; Hepworth and Scholes – Plaque 6; Hade Edge – Plaque 6.

Indeed, efforts are still being made to commemorate the fallen in this 100th anniversary year of the outbreak of the war and those listed on the new memorial at Farnley Tyas have been incorporated into this work.

In some cases servicemen are commemorated in several places but, in other cases, nowhere except in the pages of this book, fulfilling Margaret’s wish that all those she was able to trace from Huddersfield and district would be remembered.
My friendship with Margaret did not start until she and Alan joined one of my tours of the First World War battlefields in France and Belgium in 1985. There turned out to be two Margarets. First there was the quiet, contemplative lady who listened carefully to everything I had to say and was completely cooperative and helpful. What shone out above all, was the compassion she had for the individual soldiers who died on the Western Front in 1914–18, particularly for those who came from her native Yorkshire, a county that had no less than six regiments, each with many battalions, 15 of them being the iconic ’Pals’ raised by local initiative and serving together – at least until casualties whittled down the numbers of original members.

However, the ’after-dinner’ Margaret was a very different person. After our evening meals there was always a group who would gather either in our hotel, or at some bar not too far away. Serious conversation soon gave way to jokes and sometimes to song. Our daytime pilgrimage to the battlefields had been serious, as had the service in the trenches for the soldiers we were honouring been serious. But those soldiers when ‘out of the line’ had done exactly the same – egg and chips usually, then jokes and songs. Margaret was often the main contributor to these evening parties, with a swift and piercing sense of humour and contributing alternative wording for otherwise well known songs. We enjoyed these evenings as part of the ’pilgrimage’ aspect of the tours; we were doing exactly what the soldiers of 1914–18 had done.

Later, usually working from home, she became a seriously skilled researcher and archivist, helping anyone who needed help with their own work. I benefitted myself from her skill many times. All of this was done for devotion to the memory of the war, nothing for personal gain.

It did not surprise me when I was shown the contents of this publication. It reflects diligence, skill and sheer hard work so that the County Borough of Huddersfield can have, not just a comprehensive list of the names of the men who died in the First World War, but personal details of where, and often how, they died, where they are buried or are commemorated. There are 3,439 such entries, a significant number of which are for men and one woman who, for various reasons, had not been commemorated on the War Memorial in Greenhead Park.

How sad that Margaret died before she could see this marvelous work published.

Mr Martin Middlebrook
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