This work comprises of 3 parts: -

**Halton Casualties in WW1 (25 + 1 in Silverdale.)** 

Halton Casualties in WW2 (7)

**Boer War Casualty 1900. South Africa (1)** 

The research began on 11th November 2018 on the Centenary end of WW1.

It was completed on 18th November 2022.

It is written in the hope of offering a ready and lasting record of Halton's War Casualties and remembering them in perpetuity.

Trevor Green. Halton. November 2022.

### **Introduction:**

There are 32 names on the Halton War Memorial; 25 casualties during WW1 and 7 from WW2. (There is one WW1 casualty, John Hayton, who is recorded in the "Roll of Honour," but not the actual War Memorial. He has full recognition in this work.)

11am on 11th November 1918 was a time for world reflection, thinking of service men and women who gave their lives in the Great War a hundred years ago.

I have attended Armistice Services in France, Holland, Belgium (Menin Gate, Leper,) and, frequently at the German Military Cemetery on Cannock Chase, where it is known as "Volkstrauertag," ("People's Day of Mourning.") Here, Forget-me-Not flowers are laid at headstones, instead of poppies.

The 73 ANZACS are also remembered here at Broadhurst Green Cemetery.

The Centenary occasion was bought to the world by major Services of Remembrance on broadcasting platforms; for me it was to be present at Halton War Memorial which was well supported and led me to thinking that I could probably add more information and images to every name, using primary and secondary sources and contacts to mark the occasion.

I created hard copies in individual folders and offered them to the library for the benefit of the village, families and friends. How sad to be told the library doesn't accept such offers, other than the work be sent to the Public Record Office, Bow Lane, Preston, where it probably wouldn't see the light of day again.

I decided to move the printed work onto a USB Flash Drive and offer it to various interested organisations and persons in Halton, as a way of perpetuating the memory of these men of Halton who are commemorated here and in a foreign field.

I hope each soldier becomes a personal memory to every reader in the 800+ slides.

Perhaps new generations will learn and know about them; reflect and remember their sacrifice and share it in promoting the memory of these men who died over a century ago.

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Trevor Green Halton 2022

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St. W Wilfrid's C of E Primary School, Halton.

## The Men of Halton and Aughton who died in the Great War 1914 – 1918

**Remembered with Honour** 

### The Ode of Remembrance



"For the Fallen."

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them."

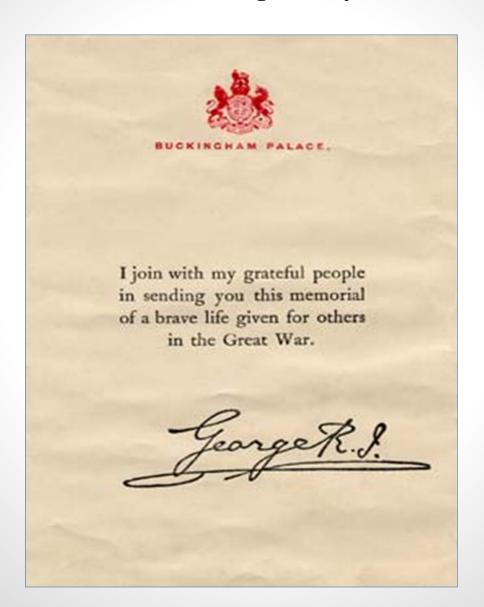
Words recited since 1928 every evening at 8pm at the "Last Post," Menin Gate, Ypres and at Cenotaphs and Memorials throughout Britain on Remembrance Sunday.

Laurence Binyon.

Quaker, Pacifist, Poet and WW1 Volunteer Aid Worker.

Born in Lancaster 1869. Died in 1943.

### **Facsimile of Letter from The King to every Bereaved Family**



### **The Burnt Army Documents:**

Unfortunately, about 60% of the soldiers' Service Records were irretrievably damaged or lost completely as a result of enemy bombing in 7th/8th September 1940 at the War Office warehouse in Arnside Street, Walworth, South London. The exact number of serving British soldiers is not known because of the loss of so many records.

However, about a third, approximately 2 million, were saved from destruction. These records are known as the "Burnt Records". Officially they are classed as WO 363 records, which is the reference number given to them by the National Archives. (The "WO" classification code stands for "War Office".) As a result of the loss of so many of the First World War Service Records, there is now only a 40% chance that the Service Record of a particular individual will have survived.

The surviving 2 million "Burnt Documents" Service Records are for soldiers who were discharged, demobilised at the end of the war, who died between 1914 and 1920 and who were not eligible for an Army pension. Some soldiers who were in the regular army before the outbreak of war in August 1914 may, however, be included in this class of records.

Regrettably, some Army papers in respect of Halton's casualties did not survive the bombing.



**The Arnside Street, London Bombing 1940** 



A Casualty Clearing Station. France. April 1916.



The Medal of Sacrifice or "Dead Man's Penny" is a commemorative medallion which was presented to the next-of-kin of the men and women who died during World War One.

Next to Lady Britannia is the deceased soldier's name, with no rank provided to show equality in sacrifice.

Some considered it poor reward for the loss of a loved one, hence the "Dead Man's Penny."

In some cases multiple medals were awarded.

In Flanders Fields In Handers fields the poppies them Between the crosses, mur on row. That mere our place; and with sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amis to gums before We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived feet down, sow sweet your. Loved, and were loved, and mor who his In Kanders fields. Jake-up our quarrel with the for: To you from failing how's we then The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with we who die We shall not sleep. Through poppies grow In Kanders fields Punch Bec 8-1915"

"In Flanders Fields" (With the Men of Halton in mind.)



FLANDERS FIELDS In Flanders fields the poppies blow & Between the Crosses, row on row. That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly. Scarce heard amidst the guns below. We are the dead. Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sugget glow. Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields. Take up our quarrel with the foe. To you from falling hands we throw the torch. Be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow-In Flanders fields

The hand-written poem by John McCrae

### **CWGC:**

Note is made in this work to the CWGC – Commonwealth War Graves Commission. In 1915 there was no organised or formal way of collecting casualties to commemorate them. Wooden crosses marked where they lay or just a hasty burial in the ground as the battlefront moved.

In May 1917 the vision of one man, (later Major General Sir) Fabian Ware, considered it very important to bury and commemorate the World War 1 dead from Britain, together with its allies in collective cemeteries, wherever and whatever their loss. He was neither a soldier or politician at the time. Ware led a mobile Red Cross ambulance unit searching for British wounded and missing in the Mons district; seeing at first hand the dreadful losses and was very much affected by the experience. At his instigation, together with other influential people, the Imperial War Graves Commission was founded by Royal Charter.

In March 1960 the Imperial War Grave Commission was renamed to reflect the shift from colonialism, and became the Commonwealth War Graves Commission - CWGC.

The Commission today cares for 1.7 million graves in some 23,000 locations throughout the world.

Sir Fabian Ware 1869 – 1949 He is commemorated in Westminster Abbey and buried in Amberley, Arundel.





St. Wilfrid's Parish Church Halton and its strong associations with the many families and casualties of war in the village.

There are 25 WW1 Casualties on Halton War Memorial.

However, Private John Hayton, is shown on the Roll of Honour at Halton Memorial Club, but <u>not</u> on the village War Memorial for reasons that are unclear.

He was Halton born, but served with a Canadian Regiment.

It is not known if he met the criteria for inclusion in the 1920's.

Halton Parish Council are now aware of this situation and will add Private John Hayton's name if deemed appropriate.

He is included in the work.

### **Halton Social Club Memorial**

Left side:

## TO THE MEMORY OF THE MEN OF HALTON WITH AUGHTION WHO FELL IN THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY

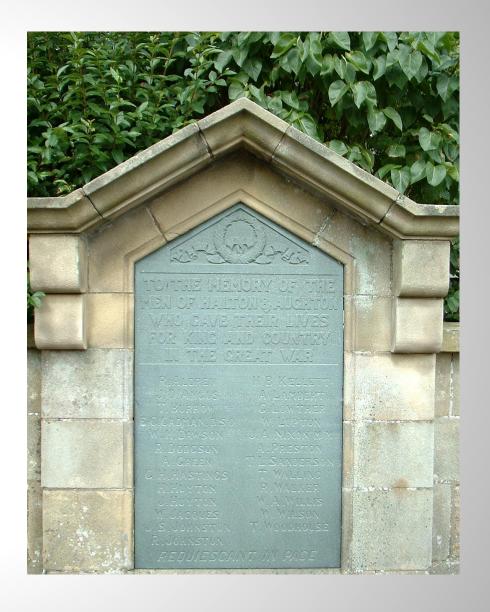
Right side:

AND TO RECORD THE NAMES OF THEIR COMRADES WHO SERVED IN THE GREAT WAR



To the Memory of the Men of Halton and Aughton who gave their
Lives for King and Country in the Great War

Reveille – Lancaster Military Heritage Group



# "They passed from sight by the path of duty. Pray for their Souls."

**Halton War Memorial** 

## War Memorial on North Wall, Halton. They passed from sight by the path of duty. Pray for their Souls.

1914 - 1918

**Robert Aldren** Richard Johnston

James Angus Henry Kellett

Thomas Burrow Alfred Lambert

**Edward Cadman DSO** George Lowther

William Dawson William Lupton

Robert Dodgson Alick Nixon

**Arthur Green Arthur Preston** 

Herbert Hastings Thomas Lancelot Sanderson (Cadet)

John Hayton \* Robert Walker

Henry Huyton Thomas Walling

John Huyton Wilfred Willis

Walter Jacques William Wilson

John Johnston Thomas Woodhouse

\*John Hayton's name appears in the War Memorial Club Remembrance Book, but not on the War Memorial itself.



The Halton Memorial Social Club holds records of the names of men who died in WW1, together with those Halton men who also enlisted and came home again. It does not say how many men returned wounded, physically impaired or mentally affected by their war service.

The total listed number given is 108 men.

### **Context:**

The first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1st July 1916, remains the worst day in British military history, with British forces suffering around 57,000 casualties in just one day of fighting, 19,240 of these were fatalities.

### The First British soldier to be killed in WW1:

Private John Parr was killed on 21st August 1914 while on patrol on the outskirts of Mons, Belgium. He was a reconnaissance cyclist in the 4th Battalion of the Middlesex regiment. He enlisted in 1912, giving his age as 17. In fact he was much younger.

He was the first British soldier to be killed in WW1. Aged 15/16, clearly lying about his age on enlistment as many young men did in their eagerness to take part.

He is buried in St. Symphorien Military Cemetery, Mons, Belgium.





### The Last British soldier to be killed WW1:

That was the fate of Private George Edwin Ellison from Leeds, who was the last British soldier to be killed in World War One. Pte. Ellison died just hours before the war ended on the morning of 11th November 1918. He was killed at about 09:30, by a German sniper, while patrolling in woods near the Belgian town of Mons. He was 40 years of age.

By pure coincidence just 15ft separates the 2 casualties in St. Symphorien Military Cemetery, Mons.





### The Final Day of WW1:

The Great War was bloodiest of conflicts and death continued until seconds before the Armistice came into force.

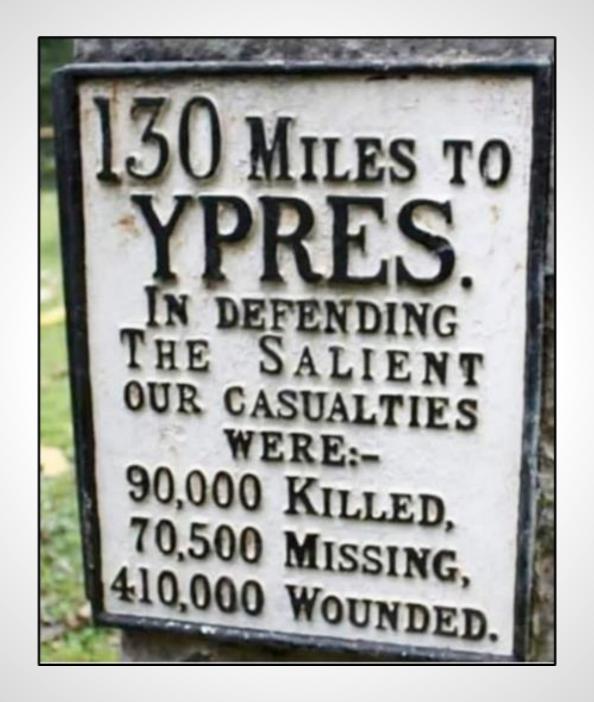
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's records reveal more than 860 servicemen and women from across Britain and the former Empire died on 11th November 1918, the day the fighting on the Western Front came to an end.

Estimates for the total number killed on the final day of war suggest 10,900 were killed, many of them Americans under General John Pershing, who was bent on continuing the fighting until the last second before Armistice.

"But let my death be memoried on this disc. Wear it, sweet friend. Inscribe no date nor deed. But let thy heart-beat kiss it night and day, Until the name grow vague and wear away."

Lt. Wilfred Edward Salter Owen. WW1 Poet. KIA 4th November 1918, France. Aged 18







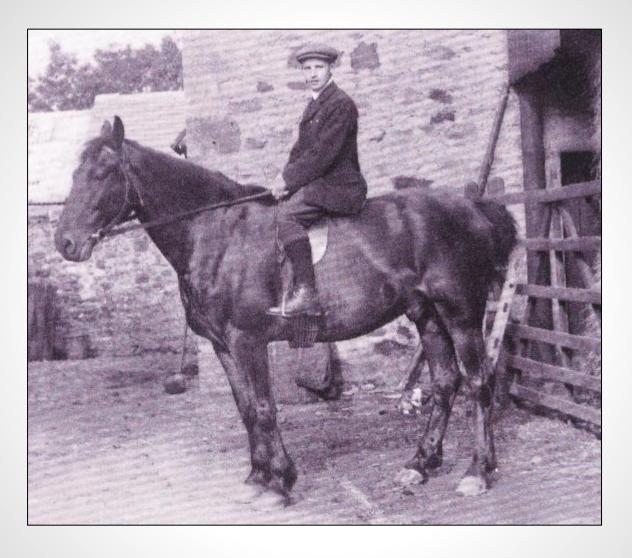


Scholars at Halton National School 1894/95
A poignant and significant photograph. At the outbreak of war in 1914, these boys were eligible for military service. Tom Teasdale is far left; a former pupil, now a probationary teacher. No other names given. Ref: Bill Hosfield.

## NEW SOLDIER'S RECORD

Private 24800 Robert Aldren
7th Batt. King's Own Royal Regiment
Died of Wounds 20th September 1917
Buried at Bus House Cemetery
near Ypres, Belgium
Aged 24





Robert Aldren 1893 -1917

#### **Robert Aldren - Personal Life:**

Robert was born to Moses Aldren (b. 1843) and Phoebe Roberts (b. 1850). They were both born in Halton. The family home was Miller's Farm, Halton. (Miller is spelt Millar in the Army Papers.)

There were 8 children born to the couple:

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Mary Agnes 1876 – 1957
Thomas 1878 – 1934
Betsy 1880 – 1959
Richard 1882 – 1953
William 1883 – 1962
Margaret 1887 – 1957
Myles 1890 – 1976
Robert 1893 – 1917
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Robert attended Halton National School in the village.

Moses died in 1905, aged 62. Responsibility passed then to his widow, Phoebe.

Most of the family seem to be engaged on the dairy farm except Betsy, who worked as a Cotton Weaver. In 1911 Myles is a Sweet Shopkeeper and Richard a Domestic Chauffer.

At the outbreak of war, Agriculture was a Reserved Occupation, with few being called up for military service as food supply was vital. However, the Government changed the rules in 1915 with the fortunes of war proving difficult with the loss of men and battle setbacks. More men were needed on the front and agricultural workers were ordered to enlist. Although farm employers appealed the order, most were rejected.

In 1916 Robert was 23 years old and Enlisted into the army in Lancaster, with the King's Own Royal Regiment. There is no military evidence to suggest that other brothers were called up.



The original wooden cross marking the grave of Robert Aldren. It may be taken at Bus House Cemetery or a temporary burial plot. It is not known who took the photograph.



### **Enlargement of the IWGC Inscription of Robert Aldren's Grave**



Private 24800 7th Batt. Royal Lancaster Regiment Showing his Grave in Bus House Cemetery, near Ypres, Belgium.

His mother's chosen inscription is clearly seen:

"PEACE, PERFECT, PEACE"

**Ref: TWGPP** 



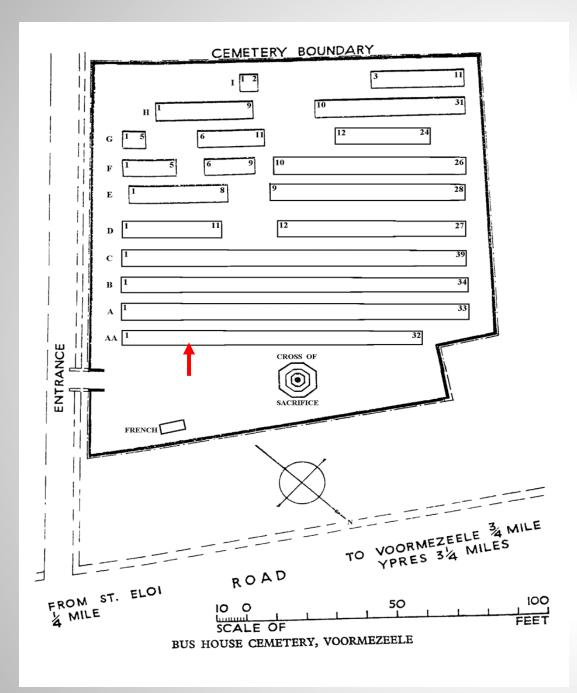
**Signs to Ypres Salient Cemeteries** 



Bus House Cemetery showing the Grave of Pte. Robert Aldren. Row 1. Grave 8. CWGC Image.



**Bus House Cemetery. CWGC Image** 



The approximate position of Pte. Robert Aldren's Grave in Bus House Cemetery, Ypres. It takes its name given by British troops at the time after a nearby farm house.

There are 209 WW1 casualties buried here.

## BUS HOUSE CEMETERY, VOORMEZEELE

CEMETERY INDEX NUMBER B. 154.

JOORMEZEELE is a village and commune in the Province of West Flanders, two miles South of Ypres; and Bus House Cemetery is 1,000 yards South-East of the village, on the South-West side of the road to St. Eloi. It stands behind a farm-house, called "Bus House" during the War. It was made in June-November, 1917; one grave of January, 1915, was brought in during the War, and four were added in April, 1918.

The cemetery contains the graves of 190 soldiers from the United Kingdom, ten Australian, two Canadian, one New Zealand and one of the British West Indies Regiment; twelve are unnamed, and special memorials are erected to two soldiers from the United Kingdom, known to be buried among them. It covers an area of 1,863 square yards, it is enclosed by a brick wall, and planted with thorn-trees, flowering shrubs and a tulip tree. It commands a wide view over undulating agricultural land.

The Register records particulars of 204 War Graves.

#### THE REGISTER OF THE GRAVES

Royal Fusiliers. 22nd June, 1917. Age 41. Son of Henry and Annie Adams; husband of Nellie Sophia Adams, 248, Lower Addiscombe Rd., Croydon, Surrey. D. 14.19

ADAMS, Spr. John, 176266. 223rd Field Coy. Royal Engineers. 21st July, 1917. Age 36. Son of John and Alma Adams; husband of Sarah Adams, of 4, Pine Avenue, Chesterton Rd., Sparkbrook, Birmingham.

ALDREN, Pte. R., 24800. 7th Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. Died of wounds 20th Sept., 1917. Age 24. Son of Moses and Phoebe Aldren, of Millar's Farm, Halton, in action 22nd July, 1917. Age 21. Son of Lancaster, I. 8.

ALMOND, Dvr. G., 56735. "D" Bty. 103rd Bde. Royal Field Artillery. 9th July, 1917. C. 10. 30

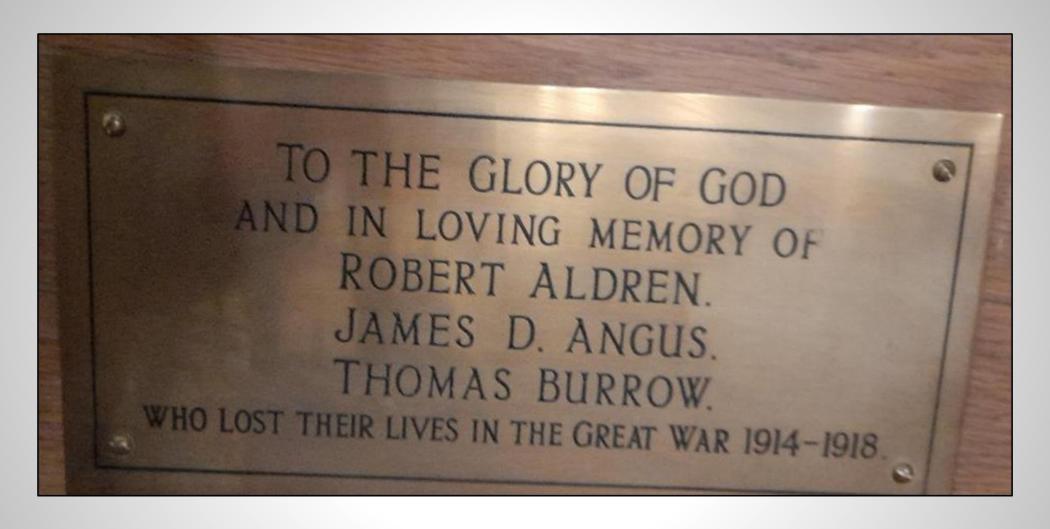
ADAMS, 2nd Lt. Ernest Frederick. 26th Bn. ANSELL, Pte. Edward Richard, 20521. 15th INDEX No. B. 154 Bn. Hampshire Regt. Killed in action 27th BUS HOUSE June, 1917. Age 41. Son of Edward and CEM. Jane Ansell, of Winchester; husband of Mary VOORMEZEELE. Ann Ansell, 2, Maple Cottages, Butts Rd., Hedge End, Botley, Hants. Enlisted Nov., 1915. D. 18. 23

> ARCHER, Pte. Robert, 11421. 23rd Bn. Middlesex Regt. 7th June, 1917. Age 20. Son of Annie Archer, of 26, Bowring Rd., Ramsey, Isle of Man, and the late William Archer. A. M. 13

> ASHHURST, Gnr. John Kenworthy, 6421. 11th Bde. Australian Field Artillery. Killed Thomas and Nina Ashhurst, of Bridgewater, South Australia. F. 18: 19

> AUGUSTE, Pte. J., 10458. 8th Bn. British West Indies Regt. 27th Sept., 1917. I. 10.

**IWGC Register Index of Graves** showing entry for Robert Aldren at **Bus Stop Cemetery.** 



Memorial Plaque in the United Reform Church, Halton Photograph taken by Barbara Wilkinson



Private James Dowbiggin Angus – 2nd Batt. Royal Scots Born in Halton in 1893 Died 6th October 1918 in France Aged 25 Commemorated at Vin-en-Artois Memorial Cemetery, Harcourt, Pas de Calais.





Private 26260 James Dowbiggin Angus – Royal Scots



Pie Nanny, Halton. The home of James Dowbiggin Angus upon enlistment. The centre of the building dates back to Elizabeth I Era.

## **Life Story - Part 1:**

**Dowbiggin is Lake District name.** 

James was born to John, an Oilcloth Foreman and Jane Angus at Pye Nanny, Foundry Lane in Halton in July 1893. John was born in Manchester in 1868 and Jane in Halton in 1869. James attended Slyne and Bowerham Schools. In 1901 the family are to be found living on High Road, Halton and it would appear next door to John's younger brother, Arthur and his wife, Mary.

James enlisted into the Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) 2nd Battalion in Kendal on 19th July 1915 as Private 262620 aged 22. He had previously served with the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 32757 and North Staffordshire Regiment 24982.

James married Nora Crossfield in October 1917 in Halton. She was born in Halton in 1896 and in 1911 was living at 40 Kirkby Terrace, with her widowed mother, Mary. At the time Nora, now aged 15, was an apprentice Dress Maker following her mother's footsteps.

## **Life Story Part 2:**

In the Arras area of war, the Germans were overwhelmed with prisoners during the spring offensive in March 1918. Conditions for Allied prisoners varied markedly depending on the camp, its location and its administration. Some prisoners were treated in an appalling manner; forced labour in support of the German war effort, pitiful rations, confinement and intimidation. Many died in captivity. A notorious German camp was at Lille, Pas de Calais. It was compared to the Black Hole in Calcutta in India, 1756, where 146 British prisoners suffocated to death. In Lille, 110 Allied prisoners died when confined to a room measuring just 20'x15'. James Angus was certainly confined here at some point and died of pneumonia on 8th October 1918. A fellow soldier met his widow, Nora, to inform her of this.

However, the place of his death is a mystery. Captain Cockerill informed her that James Angus was buried at Vin-en-Artois Cemetery.\*

His sister-in-law, Mary, made desperate enquiries which led her to visit the Citadel prisoner of war camp in Lille. However, the lack of any German records at the time frustrated her attempts to discover the truth about what became of her son.

What is certain is that James Angus died whilst a German prisoner on 6th October 1918, but his body was never found. The CGWC name him on the Vin-en-Artois Memorial, one of 9847 soldiers with no known grave. The memorial at Edinburgh Castle erroneously lists James Angus as having died in action; he died whilst a prisoner of war. James was 25 years of age.

James' widow, Nora, married Hubert Leach from Halton in October 1929. The 1939 Census register shows them to be living at Runswick, Kirkby Terrace, Halton. Hubert is Senior Production Clerk in a Lino Works whilst Nora is involved in domestic duties.

\*This does not mean James is buried here, but remembered and commemorated.



The Germans occupied Lille in 1914 and commanded the best, imposing buildings to form both their civil and military administration of the city. The Citadel (above) in the centre formed a prisoner of war camp which had a reputation for its harsh treatment. On an almost daily basis allied prisoners were marched through the city to the Citadel by the Landsturm (Home Guard) to undermine the French civilians and boost the morale of the Germans. Civilians were forbidden to speak to the prisoners or showing them any form of sympathy.

## The Citadel in Lille – Contemporary Testimonials: (1)

The following comes from the private diary of 6553 Pte Claude Robert Marsh of the 16th Battalion AIF who was one of many captured at 1st Bullecourt on April 11th 1917:

After detraining they were paraded through the streets to a set of barracks (which they knew as Fort MacDonald) with cold floors that were wet. No blankets were provided, and they remained locked up there all of the next day, and again on Wednesday 18th April. During this time they were half starved, receiving only one slice of bread each day. Claude's diary is illustrative of the conditions:

"The Fort is partly underground. 110 men in a room about 20 ft x 50 ft with three small windows at one end; big barrel at one end the only toilet. It filled and overflowed on the floor. Was given cold coffee and pigwash soup of old mangols and swedes. Slept on old stone floor huddled together to try and keep warm. Was shut up for a week, only allowed out twice for about 5 minutes for fresh air."

### **Testimonials Part 2**

5451 Pte John Francis Ullyott (16th Bn AIF) in his POW debrief commenting on his capture and subsequent treatment said that they were locked up in Fort Macdonald after being paraded through the town. Here he was one of 105 men crowded into one cell where they received very little food. The daily meal comprising one slice of black bread, two drinks of coffee, and about a gill of soup. The soup being water that dried vegetables had been boiled in to rehydrate them.

Interview with Private Fred Williams who was with the 12th Gloucester's when captured on May 8th 1917. After about a week working behind the lines, he with others was transferred to Lille and marched through the town. At Fort Macdonald they were informed it was a retaliation camp and kept 50 to a room with only one skylight and a water butt in the middle of the concrete floor. Food was one bowl of soup and a slice of bread. They were kept like this for 12 days, and on being let out many collapsed and their tongues were swollen from lack of water.

He was then transferred to a registered camp at Dulmen.

### Vis-en-Artois Memorial

### **Commonwealth War Graves Commission:**

To the Glory of God and to the memory of 9,843 officers and men of the forces of Great Britain, Ireland and South Africa who fell during the Advance to Victory in Artois and Picardy whose names are here recorded, but to whom the fortune of war denied the known and honoured burial given to their comrades in death.

They were killed during the Advance to Victory, from 8th August 1918 to the Armistice (11th November 1918). The area of the frontline covered is described as, "In Picardy and Artois, between the Somme and Loos." Canadian, Australian and New Zealand forces that fell during this period and were not found, are commemorated elsewhere on other memorials to the missing.

The memorial has a screen wall in three parts on which are carved the names of the missing listed by regiment. The central screen is flanked by 70-foot high columns, with a Stone of Remembrance at centre. The carvings include one representing St George and the Dragon. The memorial was designed by the architect J. R. Truelove, with sculpture by Ernest Gillick.

A sculpted relief of St. George and the Dragon is located on the wall behind the Stone of Remembrance.

INDEX No. M.R.16 ANDREWS, Pte. William Henry, G/68178. APPLEBY, Rfn. William James, 596006. 1st Bn VIS-EN-ARTOIS 8th Bn. The Queen's. 11th Oct., 1918. London Irish Rifles. 23rd Aug., 1918. Age 19. MEMORIAL ANGLISS, Pte. George Emile, 492892. 1st/13th Son of William and Florence E. Appleby, of PART ONE Kensington Bn. London Regt. 11th Aug., 1918. 20, Stainforth Rd., Battersea, London. APPLETON, Pte. Sydney, 12816. 2nd Bn. ANGUS, Serjt. George, 350270 (1461). "C" Coldstream Guards. 27th Aug., 1918. Coy. 1st/7th Bn. London Regt. 9th Aug., 1918. Age 22. Son of John and Agnes Angus, of 90, APPLETON, A.B., Thomas Henry, R/5443. Bulwer Rd., Upper Edmonton, London. R.N.V.R. "Drake" Bn. R.N. Div. 8th Nov., ANGUS, Pte. James Dowbiggin, 26260. 2nd Bn. Royal Scots. Died of pneumonia whilst prisoner ARCHER, Rfn. Bertie, R/22217. 1st Bn. King's of war 6th Oct., 1918. Age 25. Son of John and Royal Rifle Corps. 29th Sept., 1918. Jane Angus, of "Pye Nanny," Halton; husband of Nora Angus, of Runswick House, Halton, ARCHER, Pte. George Hezekiah, TF/201797. Lancaster. 1st/7th Bn. Middlesex Regt. 30th Aug., 1918. Age 33. Son of Mary Archer, of 25, Caroline ANGUS, Pte. John Crosby, 58858. 1st/6th Bn. Place, Bayswater, London, and the late Hezekiah West Yorkshire Regt. 1st Nov., 1918. Age 19. Son of James and Catherine Angus, of 5, Stakeford Terrace, Choppington, Northumberland. ARCHER, Pte. Harold Squires, 38998. 1st Bn. South Wales Borderers. 22nd Oct., 1918. ANITERS, Lce. Cpl. Heibert, 200816. 2nd Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers. 2nd Sept., 1918. ARCHER, Pte. Joseph, 19584. 2nd Bn. King's ANKERS, Pte. Josiah Henry, 66100. 14th Bn. Own Yorkshire Light Inf. 8th Sept., 1918. Royal Welch Fusiliers. 23rd Aug., 1918. Age 22. Age 34. Son of Mrs. Agnes Archer, of Annie St., Son of Josiah Ankers, of 8, Ingham St., Chester. Outwood; husband of Eleanor Archer, of 5, Princess St., Outwood, Wakefield. ANSCOMBE, Pte. Frederick Charles, 51134 4th Bn. Bedfordshire Regt. 5th Sept., 1918. ARCHER, Pte. William, 18485. 2nd Bn. Royal Age 19. Son of John Henry and Susan Anscombe, Welch Fusiliers. 27th Aug., 1918. of 4, Westbury Terrace, Junction Rd., Burgess Hill, ARCHIBALD, Pte. Alexander, 50953. 2nd Bn. Royal Scots. 23rd Aug., 1918. Age 20. Son of ANSLOW, Pte. Charles, 76380. Royal Fusiliers, the late William Gilbert Archibald and Elizabeth posted to 1st Bn. London Regt. (R. Fus.). 30th Aug., 1918. ARCHIBALD, Lce. Cpl. Alexander, S/42085. ANSLOW, Pte. Horace Charles, 240476. 1st/6th 1st Bn. Gordon Highlanders. 23rd Aug., 1918. Bn. South Staffordshire Regt. 13th Oct., 1918. ARDEN, Pte. John William, G/63133. Middlesex ANSLOW, Pte. Thomas, 47696. "D" Cov. Regt., posted to 7th Bn. London Regt. 8th Sept., 1st/7th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. 22nd Aug., 1918. Age 33. Son of Mrs. Catherine Davis, of 55, William St., Derby; husband of Bertha Louisa ARDLEY, Pte. Leonard Edwin, G/76479. 4th Bn. Anslow, of 57, William St., Derby. Royal Fusiliers. 21st Aug., 1918. Age 19. Son of Walter and Emma Ardley, of 9, Egham Rd. ANSTEE, Serjt. William, 57336. 13th Bn. Plaistow, London. Welch Regt. 18th Sept., 1918. Age 37. Son of James and Mary Anstee. ARKWRIGHT, Gnr. R, 54418. North Riding Heavy Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery. 17th Sept., ANTHONY, Pte. George, 49255. 15th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. 2nd Nov., 1918. Age 36. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony, of 6, Dorset St., ARMER, Pte. William, 90993. 8th Bn. The Essex Rd., Islington; husband of Daisy Anthony, King's Liverpool Regt. 13th Sept., 1918. Age 19. of 9, Kingsbury Rd., Balls Pond Rd., Islington, Son of William and Mary Armer, of The Ship Inn, London. Pilling, Garstang, Lancs.

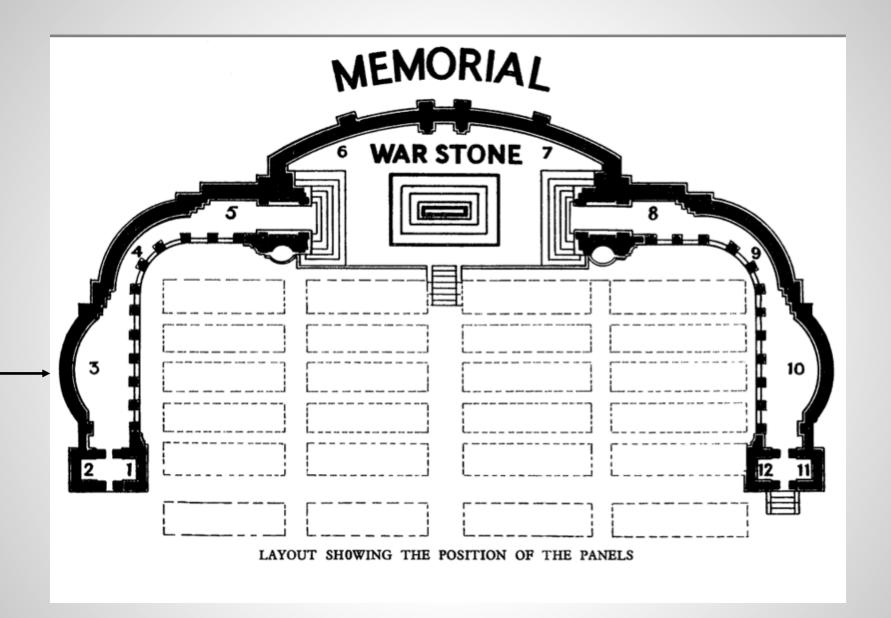
Registry Index at Vis-en-Artois Memorial Panel 3, showing Pte. 26260 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots James Dowbiggin Angus. Died 6th October 1918. Aged 25.

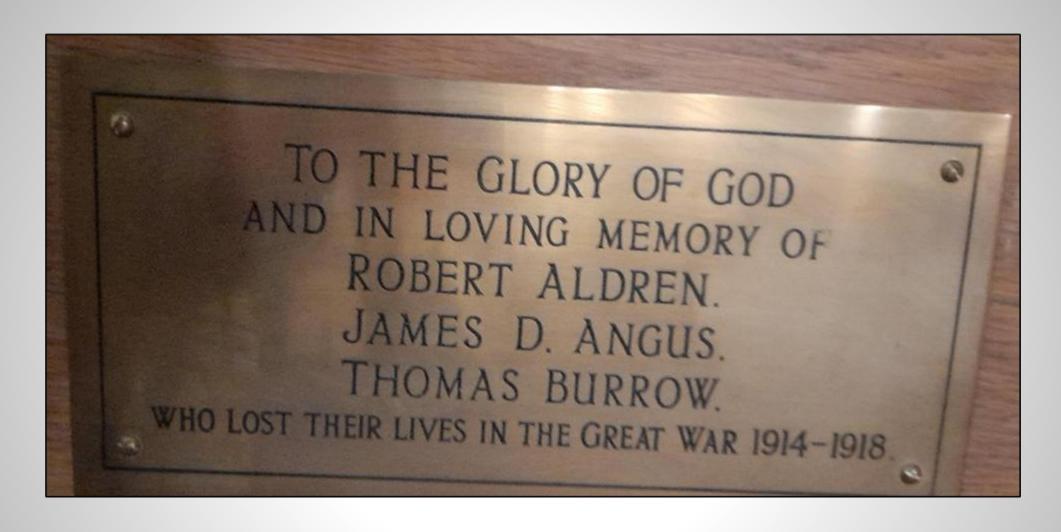
Died as a Prisoner of War of pneumonia.

Son of John and Jane Angus and husband of Nora Angus.



Vin-en Artois Cemetery and Mémorial, Pas-de Calais





Memorial Plaque in the United Reform Church, Halton. Photograph taken by Barbara Wilkinson



Poppy Art showing James Dowbiggin Angus.

Now in the Old School House Garden, High Road, home of Barbara Wilkinson

**Lancaster and Morecambe College** 





L/Cpl. 1512 Thomas Burrow. Son of Edward and Sarah Alice Burrow. King's Own Royal Regiment. 1896 – 1915.

KIA with British Expeditionary Force, Ypres. 23rd April 1915 Aged 19.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium.



# Background History of the Burrow Family and the Military history of their eldest son Thomas, KIA aged 19:

The lineage of the Burrows Family is closely linked with the Angus Family, both lines having strong associations with Halton, Lancaster. \*\*

\*\*Sarah Alice Angus was born on 17th February 1876 in Lancaster, to Margaret Lowther, age 38, and William Angus, age 39. In 1881 Sarah was living in Lancaster, but is in Halton by 1891.

Edward Burrow (1873 – 1937) married Sarah Alice Angus (1876 – 1959) in Halton on 19th October 1893. Sarah was 17 years old.

They had 16 children in 24 years. Sarah (Alice) died in 1959 at the age of 83.

## **Synopsis Part 1:**

Henry Burrow, son of John and Mary Burrow, was baptised at St Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton on 7th August 1842. John was a farmer. On 16th June 1864, Henry married Ellen Blackow, born 1843, at St. Peter's Heysham. She was 24.

The family home was in High Road, Halton. They had 3 children by 1871; James, Mary and Helena.

In 1881 the family are still in High Road, Halton. Henry is 38 and General labourer. James and Mary are workers in the Cotton Mills. Helena is at school. However, there are 4 more children: - Edward aged 8, born 1873 and will marry into the Angus family in later years, William aged 6, Clara aged 4 and Henry H aged 1.

Ten years later, the Burrow family are living in Halton Green. Edward, the family head is now an Oil Cloth Worker. Edward and William are Paint Work Labourers, Helena and Clara are Cotton Weavers.

There is another child born in 1882, Ethel.

## **Synopsis Part 2:**

1901 is the next generation with a new line, new home and children. Edward Burrow is now 28, a Yarn Layer and married to Sarah Alice Angus, 17, daughter of William and Margaret Angus, nee Lowther. They married on 19th October 1893 at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton. The family home is Kirkby Terrace, Halton. The Census shows they have 5 children: - Thomas 5, Elsie 4, Clara 2, Henry 1, and Ella 3 months. All children are Halton born.

The 1911 Census is confusing with incorrect names and dates. Edward is 33 and still a Cotton Layer, but his wife is given as Jane, instead of Sarah Alice. The length of marriage is also wrong. The 1911 census reflects the corrections. Thomas 15, is a Cotton Twister, Elsie 14, a Weaver, Mary 9, Ethel 7, Edward 5, Alice 3 and Margaret 7 months.

In just four years' time, Thomas will be a member of the British Army, newly arrived in France at the beginning of the 2nd Battle of Ypres, April 1915. He was to be KIA, after just 8 days active service.

## **Thomas Burrow Military History:**

The outbreak of WW1 was 4th August 1914. Thomas enlisted with The King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment as Private 1512, 1/5th Batt. Records show that he enlisted at an early date, as his Regimental No. is so low.

The Battalion Diaries clearly show the preparations for France on 14th February 1915 when 3 trains leave Sevenoaks, Kent for Southampton, and arriving the next day, 15th February, in Le Havre, France.

(Battalion Diaries which show the move to the strategic town of Ypres to join the 2nd Battle of Ypres 21st March 1915 – 25th May 1915.)



Gas! Gas! Ypres April 1915 The first use of gas. The same time as Thomas Burrow arrived in France.

## The Daily Mail (April 1915):

"Dusk was falling when from the German trenches in front of the French line rose that strange green cloud of death. The light northeasterly breeze wafted it toward them, and in a moment death had them by the throat. One cannot blame them that they broke and fled. In the gathering dark of that awful night, they fought with the terror, running blindly in the gas-cloud, and dropping with breasts heaving in agony and the slow poison of suffocation mantling their dark faces. Hundreds of them fell and died; others lay helpless, froth upon their agonized lips and their racked bodies powerfully sick, with tearing nausea at short intervals. They too would die later – a slow and lingering death of agony unspeakable. The whole air was tainted with the acrid smell of chlorine that caught at the back of men's throats and filled their mouths with its metallic taste."

Captain Alfred Oliver Pollard, The Memoirs of a VC (1932)

## **KORR Diary Entry for 23rd April 1915 - PART 1:**

"The King's Own War Diary, held in the King's Own Museum, gives the following details about the battle and the part 5 King's Own played in it. Their orders for the 23rd April 1915 stated that, "5th King's Own Royal Lancaster, less one company, will follow the attack in reserve moving with its left on the PILCKEM-YPRES road. The Battalion will move on a front of 500 yards."

The Diary continues "At 5pm the Battalion moved for attack-"C" Company leading. As they deployed, they were met with heavy shellfire. Immediately they reached their position they came under machine-gun fire and rifle fire from the front and both flanks. Casualties were numerous from the outset.

The advance was carried out in perfect order, every man pressing forward to the objective. On coming in line with the troops of the attack, they were held up for lack of support. A halt was made and each man selected or made for himself cover. Later it was deemed advisable to fall back 1/200 yards and dig in a new line. "A" Coy and a platoon of "D" Coy taking this duty whilst the remainder of the Battalion fell back to its position prior to the commencement of the attack."

## **KORR Diary Entry for 23rd April 1915 – PART 2:**

Casualties were recorded as; Officers, 1 killed and two died of wounds. Other Ranks: - 36 Killed. Wounded: - 3 Officers and 144 Other Ranks. Missing; - 21 Other Ranks.

It was during this operation that Halton lost three of its sons. By some irony the 23rd April, St George's Day, is a day that the Regiment has traditionally celebrated.

Whilst it is not clear about how Thomas Burrows died; it is highly probable that it involved gas. The effect was slow and men often wandered away from the lines to be found slumped in groups together. Gas gathered in trenches and men struggled to get into open fields up to half a mile distant.

The body of L/Cpl. 1512 Tomas Burrow was never found and he is commemorated in the Menin Gate, Ypres (Now Leper.) Panel 12.

INDEX No. M.R.29 BURNS, Rfn. William, 1248. 9th Bn. Royal YPRES Irish Rifles, 8th Aug., 1917. Age 26. Son of (MENIN GATE) William Burns, of "Willowbank," Knockbreda MEMORIAL Rd., Cregagh, Belfast.

PART XV (U.K.) BURNS, Pte. William, 3/7170. 1st Bn. Dorset- BURROW, Lce. Cpl. Tom, 1946. 2nd Bn. Royal shire Regt. 1st May, 1915. Age 22. Son of Patrick and Mary Burns, of 110, Shaftesbury St., New North Rd., London.

> BURNS, Pte. William, 9046. 2nd Bn. Bedfordshire Regt. 31st Oct., 1914.

> BURNS, Serit. William Phillip, L/9663. 1st Bn. The Buffs. 19th April, 1916. Age 23. Son of William Burns, of 16, Queen St., Chatham.

> BURNSIDE, Pte. James, 1129. 1st Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. 10th May, 1915. Age 23. Son of Walter and Isabella Burnside, of 13, Main St., Bainsford, Falkirk.

> BURNSIDE, Pte. Peter, 4756. See "CAMERON," the true family name.

> BUROW, Serjt. Leonard Percival, 4067. 1st Bn. Scots Guards. 2nd Nov., 1914. Age 30. Husband of Elizabeth May Burow, of 55, York Rd., South Farnborough, Hants.

> BURR, Pte. Sydney Fred, 15348. 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards. 1st Nov., 1914.

> BURR, Pte. S. T., 22017. 8th Bn. Bedfordshire Regt. 20th April, 1916.

> BURRAGE, Rfn. Audrey Hamilton Harcourt, 2/42500. 2nd Bn. Royal Irish Rifles. 6th Aug., 1917. Age 27. Son of Alice Louisa Burrage, of 168, Station Rd., Red Hill, Surrey, and the late Edwin Harcourt Burrage.

BURRELL, Lt. Arthur David Claypham. Machine Gun Corps. 15th Aug., 1917. Age 29. Son of David Burrell, of 14, St. Catherine's Rd., Grantham, Lincs; husband of Ida C. Burrell, of 15, Mount Carmel, Derby.

BURRELL, Lce. Cpl. Edward George, 8822. "G" Coy. 2nd Bn. King's Shropshire Light Inf. 6th May, 1915. Age 24. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Burrell, of 32, Idenden Cottages, Blackwall Lane, East Greenwich, London.

BURRINGTON, Pte. John Sidney, 6282. King's Dragoon Guards. 1st Nov., 1914. Age 31. Son of the late William George and Mary Elizabeth Burrington.

BURROW, Lce. Cpl. Thomas, 1512. 1st/5th Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. 23rd April, 1915. Age 19. Son of Edward and Sarah Alice Burrow, of Fern Bank, Halton, Lancaster.

Warwickshire Regt. 25th Oct., 1914.

BURROW, Pte. William, 28508. "B" Sqdn. 18th Hussars. 13th May, 1915. Age 24. Son of Edmund and Harriet Burrow, of Coptstone House, Workington, Cumberland.

BURROW, Pte. William John, 8201. 2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards. 6th Nov., 1914. Age 26. Son of Frank and Susan Burrow, of Lower St., Chagford, Devon. 4

BURROWS, Rfn. Alfred Britton, 260005. 1st/6th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. 31st July, 1917.

BURROWS, Lce. Cpl. Charles Edward, 7513. "A" Coy. 1st Bn. Hampshire Regt. 26th April, 1915. Age 29. Son of Joseph and Jane Burrows, of 5, Railway Cottages, Longparish, Whitchurch,

BURROWS, Pte. Charles Henry James, 1442. 5th Bn. Lincolnshire Regt. 16th Aug., 1915. Age 19. Son of William Burrows, of 2, Rutland Rd., Skegness, Lincs.

BURROWS, Pte. Frederick, 20092. 5th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Inf. 25th Sept., 1915. Age 25. Son of Selina Holman (formerly Burrows), of East Church St., Kenninghall, Attleborough, and the late Thomas Burrows.

BURROWS, Pte. George, G/11462. 11th Bn. The Queen's. 31st July, 1917.

BURROWS, Ptc. George, 58533. 11th Bn. Sherwood Foresters. 9th April, 1917. X

BURROWS, Serit. Harry Heather, 6262. "D" Coy. 1st Bn. Gloucestershire Regt. 31st Oct., 1914. Age 28. Son of Mrs. Mary Ann Burrows, of Rock St., Thornbury, Glos.

BURROWS, Pte. Henry, 20508. 10th Bn. Sherwood Foresters. 14th Feb., 1916.

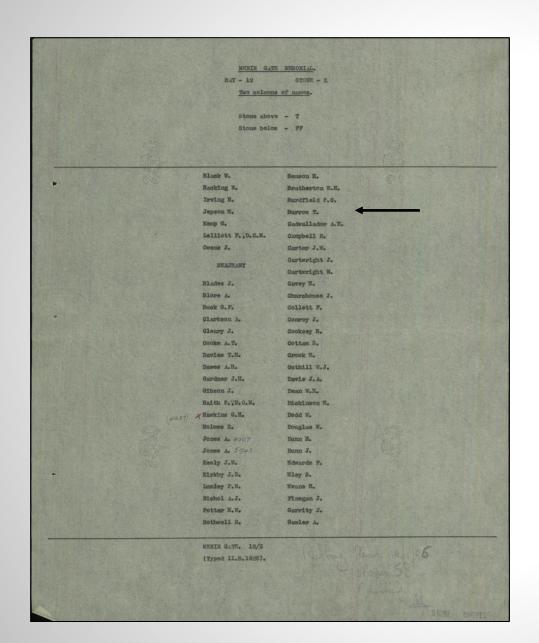
BURROWS, Rfn. Herbert Alison, Z/1850. 4th Bn. The Rifle Brigade. 4th March, 1915.

BURROWS, Pte. Herbert Charles, TF/457. 1st/8th Bn. Middlesex Regt. 11th May, 1915.

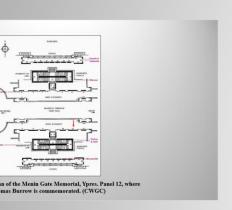
BURROWS, Cpl. John, 7351. 2nd Bn. Gloucestershire Regt. 10th May, 1915.

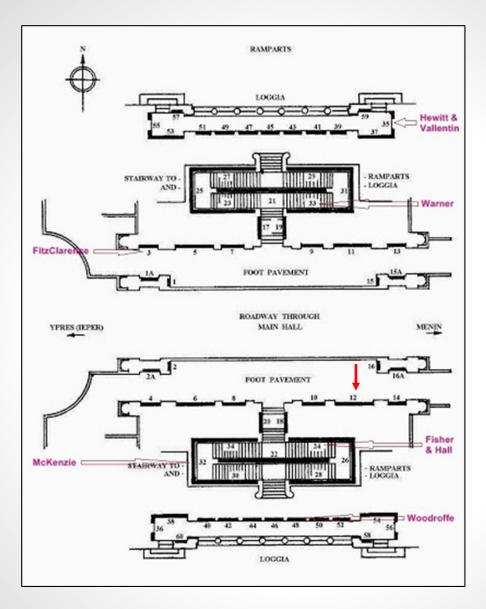
\* Now Knows to be bunied in Sanctuary Wood Cemeheny, Zillebette, Belgium.

**Index of Names on Menin Gate, Ypres showing L/Cpl. Thomas** Burrow, KORR Died 23rd April 1915. Aged 19



Panel 12, Menin Gate.





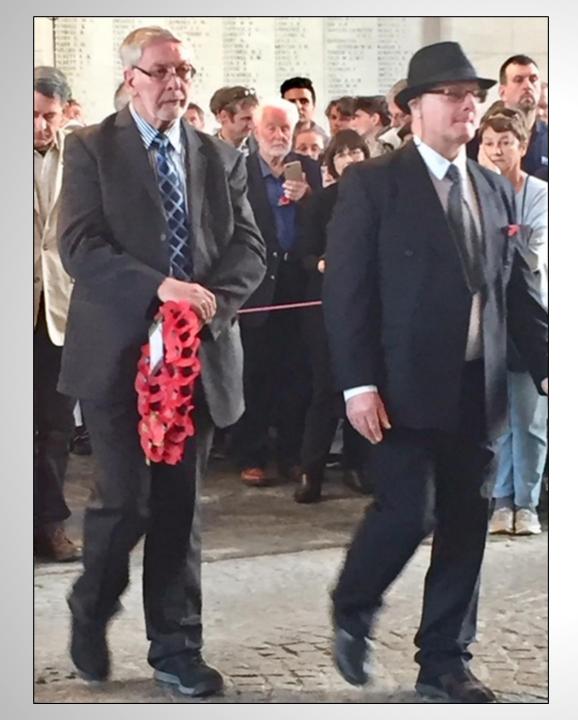
Ground Floor Plan of the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres. Panel 12, where Thomas Burrow is commemorated. (CWGC)



The Menin Gate, Belgium, is one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders, which cover the area known as the Ypres Salient. Broadly speaking, the salient stretched from Langemarck in the north to the northern edge in Ploegsteert Wood in the south, but it varied in area and shape throughout the war. The names of 54,393 fallen are remembered here on the panels including Halton men, Henry Huyton, Thomas Burrow and John Septimus Johnston.

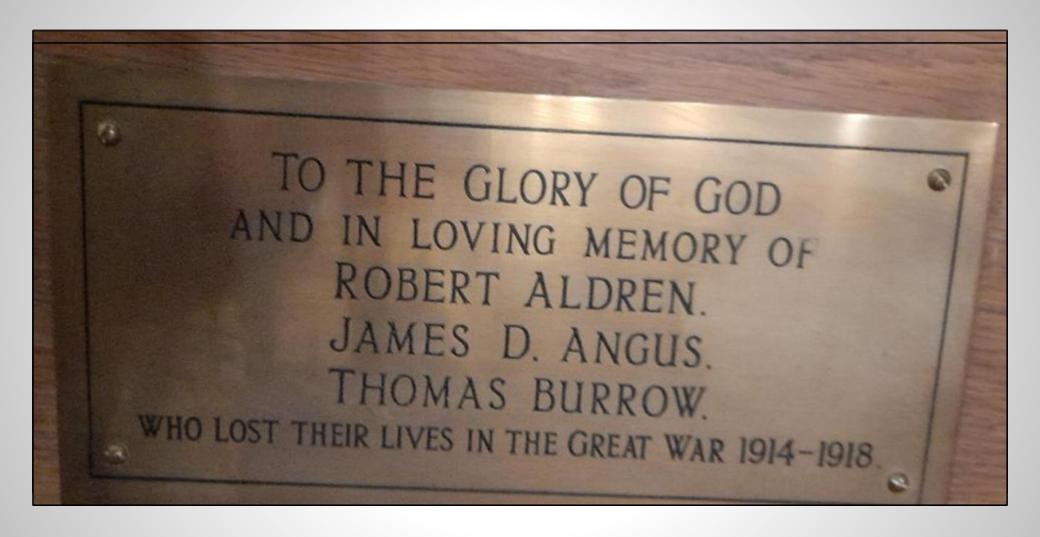


The Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. (Photograph by Trevor 2018)



Trevor (left) with Brian Holmes laying a wreath at the Menin Gate to the Fallen Men of Halton 17th April 2018.

Our faces reflect the solemnity of this very moving experience.



Memorial Plaque in the United Reform Church, Halton Photograph taken by Barbara Wilkinson

### **Lancaster Observer 14th May 1915:**

At Halton on Sunday evening a memorial service was held for three Halton young men: -

L/ Cop T Burrow and Ptes Henry Hayton and J Johnston, of the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment who fell in the fighting of April 23rd, was held at Halton Congregational Chapel.

An appropriate service was preached by Mr. A. E. Wilkinson of Lancaster. Suitable songs were sung and the solo "Goodnight beloved" L/Corporal Burrow's favourite was sung by Mr. J Crossfield. A large congregation included members of the Halton Home Defence League in charge of Mr. T Gibson. Flowers were sent.

#### The solo sung by Mr. J. Crossfield:

"Goodnight, goodnight beloved mine!
Goodnight sleep well, my dear. (2x)
May cherubim and seraphim watch over you and hover near.

Goodnight, goodnight beloved mine! Goodnight sleep well, my dear!"

Henry Wordsworth Longfellow 1855



## Lt. Col. Edward Cadman-Cadman DSO. 1875 – 1918

Husband of Winifred, nee Sharp of Mayo House, Lancaster.

5th Batt. Royal Lancaster Regiment.

He also commanded the 10th Batt. Cheshire Regiment and latterly commanded the 2nd/8th Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1916 – 1918 when he was KIA on 27th May 1918, aged 43.



Commemorated in Soissons Memorial, Department of de L'Asine, Picardie, France. (3917 commemorated here.)

**Memorial ID 56064713** 



In the 1901 Census, Edward Cadman is shown as being born in York and a Land Agent aged 24 and his wife, Winifred, (nee Sharpe) aged 26. In fact, Edward was baptised in Heslington, York on 27th August 1876. Edward was the son of William John Smelter Cadman and his wife, Alice. (Also shown as Smelke Cadman in the marriage details.)

In the 1871 Census they were living at Mill Field House, Hull Road, York. William is a Barrister in Law in Practice. There are 3 children, siblings to Edward; Margaret born 1869, Edith born 1870 and Philip born 1871, aged 5 months. The family had 5 servants including a Groom. Edward was yet born.

Edward Cadman-Cadman married Winifred Sharpe in Halton St.Wilfirid's Parish Parish Church on 10th October1900. In 1901 they are living with her parents Edward Sharpe, aged 53, a Cotton Manufacturer\*\* and an employer, and his wife, Alice, aged 49.



Repton School, Derby, War Memorial. Lt. Col. Edward Cadman-Cadman's name is inscribed on its base. (See next slide.)



Repton School War Memorial. Edward Cadman-Cadman was a pupil here.

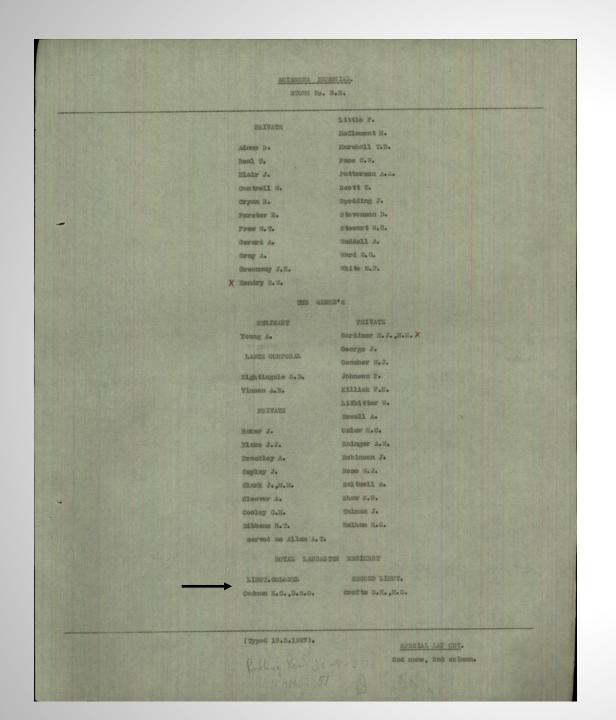
Public Schools were rich grounds for privileged young men seeking career lives in the army as officers.

This accounts for his enlistment and officer status prior to WW1.





Memorial at Soissons Memorial. 3,917 are commemorated here.



Panel List Stone No. 3 B at Soissant Memorial, Picardie, France.

**Showing Lt. Col. Edward Cadman-Cadman** 

BUTLER, Pte. Thomas, 70412. 2nd Bn. Devon- BYERS, Pte. Robert, 49737. 9th Bn. King's INDEX No. M.R. 18 shire Regt. 31st May, 1918. Age 19. Son of Mrs. A. Butler, of 22, Belmont Passage, Lawley St., Birmingham.

BUTLER, Pte. William, 55094. 8th Bn. North Staffordshire Regt. 6th June, 1918. Age 18. Son of Sam and Mary Butler, of 13, Yew Tree Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 27th May, 1918. Avenue, Carrington, Nottingham.

Northumberland Fusiliers. 27th May, 1918. Age 40. Son of Mary Anna Bygate, of 17, Age 18. Son of Mrs. Ada Elizabeth Butler, of Doddington Villas, Windy Nook, Gateshead, and "Roseville," Aldbrough, Hull.

BUTLER, Pte. William James, 35622. 4th Bn. BYRNES, Pte. Bertram, 33369. 1st Bn. Worcester-Yorkshire Regt. 27th May, 1918.

BUTT, Pte. Sidney, 84718. 25th Bn. Machine BYWATER, Pte. John Charles, 40082. 6th Bn. Gun Corps (Inf.). 28th May, 1918. Son of Mrs. Alice J. Butt, of 65, Murillo Rd., Lee, London.

BUTTERFIELD, Pte. Joseph Henry, 30284. "B" Coy. 8th Bn. Border Regt. 28th May, 1918. Age 23. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Butterfield.

BUTTERFIELD, Pte. William H., 91180. 22nd Bn. Durham Light Inf. 27th May, 1918. Age 19. Son of John Richard and Annie Butterfield, of 84, Valley Rd., Shipley, Yorks.

BUTTERWORTH, Pte. Clifford, 36376. 11th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. 28th May, 1918. Age 24. Son of Abraham and Matilda Butterworth, of 5, Tweedale St., Rochdale.

BUTTON, 2nd Lt. Charles Augustus. 45th Bde. Royal Field Artillery. 27th May, 1918.

Bn. North Staffordshire Regt. 6th June, 1918. Age 23. Son of William Frederick and Julia Louisa Buttress, of West Cottage, Parsonage Lane, Clewer, Windsor.

BUXTON, Pte. Cyril, 85092. 22nd Bn. Durham Light Inf. 27th May, 1918. Age 17. Son of Mrs. Annie E. Buxton, of 21, Welton Terrace, Courtney St., Hull.

BUXTON, Dvr. George, 765294. "Y" 50th T.M. Northumberland Fusiliers. 27th May, 1918. Bty. Royal Field Artillery. 27th May, 1918.

BUXTON, Rfn. William, P/370. 2nd Bn. The Bn. Devonshire Regt. 27th May, 1918. Age 19. Rifle Brigade. 28th May, 1918. Age 22. Son of Edwin Buxton, of 8. Leverton St., Kentish Town, Ulverley Terrace, Warwick Rd., Olton, Acock's London.

Own Yorkshire Light Inf. 14th Aug., 1918. Age SOISSONS 39. Son of Herbert and Hannah Byers, of Well MEMORIAL Lane, Kippax; husband of Gertie Byers, of Leeds PART ONE Lane, Kippax, Leeds.

BYERS, Pte. William Edward, 241391. 1st/5th

BYGATE, Pte. William, 27/807. 12th/13th Bn. BUTLER, Pte. William, 75840. 1st/5th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 29th May, 1918. the late William Bygate.

shire Regt. 6th June, 1918.

South Wales Borderers. 28th May, 1918.

CADMAN, Lt. Col. Edward Cadman, D.S.O. 5th Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt., Commanding 10th Bn. Cheshire Regt. 27th May, 1918. Age 43. Husband of Winifred Mannix (formerly Cadman), of Mayo House, Lancaster. Also commanded 2nd/8th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. from 1916 to Feb., 1918.

CADMAN, Pte. Ernest, 34640. 1st/4th Bn. Yorkshire Regt. 10th Nov., 1918. Age 33. Son of John and Rachael Cadman, of 345, Ashton Old Rd., Openshaw, Manchester; husband of Sarah Ann Cadman, of 11, Second Avenue, Folkestone Rd. West, Clayton, Manchester.

CAHILL, Lce. Cpl. George G., 36419. "A" Coy. 8th Bn. Machine Gun Corps. (Inf.). 27th BUTTRESS, Pte. William Hillam, 43056. 8th May, 1918. Age 24. Husband of Hannah Cahill, of Main St., Cloyne, Co. Cork.

> CAINE, Cpl. John, 19583, M.M. 2nd Bn. East Lancashire Regt. 27th May, 1918.

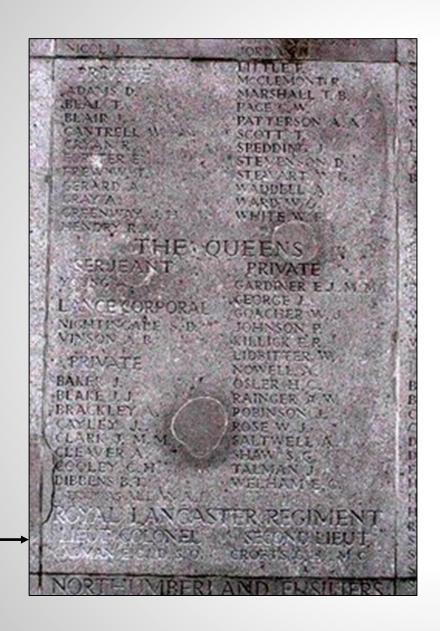
> CAINEY, Cpl. George, 204640. 1st Bn. Wiltshire Regt. 27th May, 1918. Husband of Olive Turtle (formerly Cainey), of Purlpit, Atworth, Wilts.

CAIRNS, Pte. Henry Robson, 75935. 1st/6th Bn.

CAKEBREAD, Pte. Edward George, 70424. 2nd Son of George and Bertha Cakebread, of 7, Green, Birmingham.

**Grave Registry Index for Soissons Memorial** showing Lt. Col. Edward Caman-Cadman.

His former wife has remarried and is now **Winifred Mannix** 



Panel 3 B showing the Commemoration of
Lt. Col. Cadman – Cadman DSO.

The Distinguished Service Order was awarded posthumously.



The route march, 5th Battalion, Denbigh Camp, 1913.

On horseback left to right: Major John Henry Bates and Major Robinson (Fleetwood).

Walking left to right: Sergeant Instructor Brown and Captain Edward Cadman
Cadman.

**Accession Number: KO0104/32** 

## The King's Own

(Royal Lancaster) Regt.

The 5th King's Own (Royal Lancaster)
Regt. has removed its Headquarters
from Phoenix Street, Lancaster, to the

## TRENCHES, EAST OF YPRES

where they have held the Germans, in spite of their gas, for the past six weeks, and intend to he are till their mates come up.

## ARE YOU GOING BROTHER?

Their Lives depend on it.

GOD SAVE THE KING.



Captain Edward Cadman-Cadman seated left with men of the Band, 5th Battalion, King's Own, Denbigh Camp, 1913.



Officers of 5th Batt. Capt. Cadman 2nd Left seated. Denbigh Annual Camp August 1913.



Lois Sharpe with a horse thought to be "Miss Jones." The following report is taken from the Morecambe visitor 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014. Edited.

A Halton horse called "Miss Jones" was pressed into service on the battlefields of the First World War. She was the mount of Lieutenant Colonel Edward Cadman, a decorated soldier who was killed in action in May 1918.

As the war still raged, Cadman's father-in-law, Edmund Sharpe of Halton Hall, began his campaign to bring "Miss Jones" back home to his daughter.

The Army at first told him they would have trouble finding the horse. But despite the obstacles and difficulties, Sharpe was not to be denied and after several months, "Miss Jones" returned home via Lancaster Railway Station to be reunited with Lois.

Lois Sharpe, who lived until she was about 97, was in her 20s when Miss Jones went off to war.

Her grandson James Unett, ironically a racehorse trainer said, "The story was that granny had had this horse and it was either requisitioned or donated to the Army, and went to France as the charger of Cadman, who was killed in action.

My great-grandfather had to buy it back from the War Office.

James doesn't know if Lt. Col. Cadman was riding "Miss Jones" when he died. Information on the internet talks of him being killed when he was machine-gunned by an aircraft. He originally was in the 5th King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) but at the time of his death was commanding the 10th Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment.

"You would think it was a one in a million chance of getting the horse back," he said, "but my great-grandfather seemed very resilient and kept plugging away.

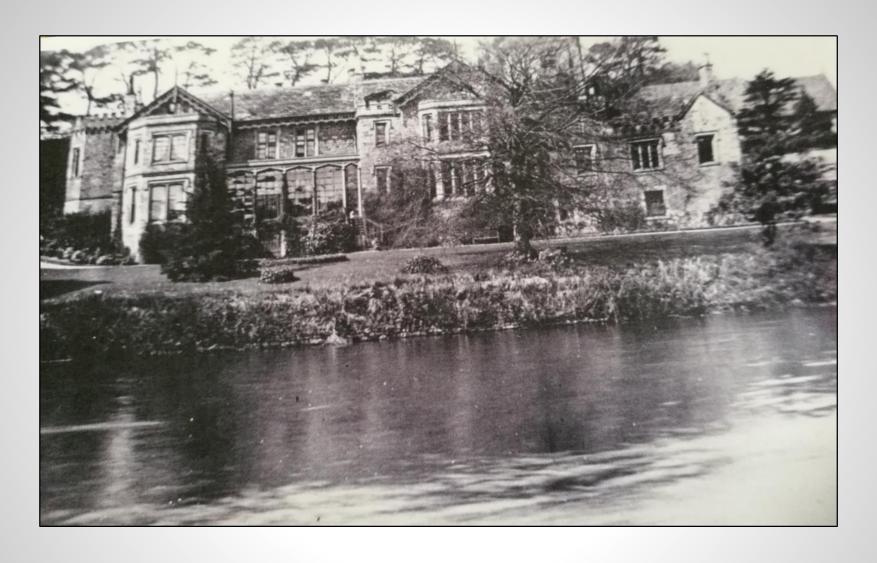
An August 1918 letter to Sharpe from the War Office reads: "I am directed to inform you that the original purchase of the horse ridden by the late Colonel Cadman cannot be traced".

"I am to add that since the application was received it has been decided for veterinary reasons that no horses are to be returned to this country from France, unless first subjected to four months' quarantine, and in these circumstances it is regretted that the repurchase of the animal cannot be sanctioned."

But the Army gave way, and after a period of four months quarantine in France, Miss Jones arrived at the remount depot at Swaythling, near Southampton, on November 17th 1918.

She was valued at £25 and on receipt of Sharpe's cheque, plus carriage costs of £3.13s.3d., the mare was sent on her way, arriving at Lancaster railway station on December 10th 1918, where there was no doubt an emotional reunion of the horse with the Sharpe family.

James said, "It's nice that there was a happy ending to the story."



Halton Hall looking over the River Lune from the south side. Home of the Sharpe family and Edward Cadman-Cadman.



The Sharpe Family at Halton Hall: Standing L to R: Marjory, Lois\*\* Wilfrid, and Barbara. Seated L to R: Gerald, Dorothy, Mr. Edmund Sharpe, Mrs. Alice Sharpe, Ella, and Winifred, who married Edward Cadman-Cadman.

\*\*Note: it was Lois, Edward's sister-in-law, who arranged for his horse, "Miss Jones," to be returned to Halton from France (See later text for details.)

**Ref: - "A Look at Old Halton" - Bill Hosfield (Inner cover)** 



Mayo House at the corner of Dallas Road and Meeting House Lane in Lancaster. The home of Edward Cadman-Cadman and his wife, Winifred. It later became the home of Patrick Mannix and Winifred Cadman (widow) after their marriage in Liverpool in 1919

A substantial and comfortable home for the time, very close to the City Centre. Now a Dental Practice. Photograph taken August 2019

Lt. Colonel Edward Cadman-Cadman left £3,436.6s.6d to his widow, Winifred, in a Probate proved in Lancaster 1918. The Medal of Sacrifice (or Dead Man's Penny) was sent to the newly married Winifred Mannix, nee Cadman.





# Private 40417 Harry Walmsley Dawson 2/3rd Batt. Loyal Royal Lancaster Regiment

Also served with The Royal Military Police (Foot Soldier 1723)

Born 1891 in Arnside, Westmorland Son of Thomas Dawson (1841 – 1921) and Margaret Mary Parker (1844 – 1930)

Married Sarah Bateman 27th July 1918 in Carnforth, Lancashire

KIA Pas-de-Calais, France - August 1918. Aged 27

Re-interred in the Cemetery of Ecoust-St-Mein, near Arras, Pas de Calais



Plot VI Row G 10

The Dawson Family Background and Military History of Harry Walmsley Dawson:

Thomas Dawson (1810 -1892), was born in Priest Hutton, Westmorland. He married Martha Walmsley (1810 - 1882), born in Pilling, Lancashire. They married in St. Cuthbert's, Over Kellett, Lancashire on 28th February 1831.

Harry was given his grandmother's surname in his full name i.e. Harry Walmsley Dawson. They had a son, Thomas b.1841 in Yealand, Warton, near Carnforth. Thomas Dawson 1841 - 1921, born in Yealand Conyers, N. Lancashire, married Margaret Mary Parker 1844 - 1930, born in Farlton, Preston Patrick, Westmorland. Their wedding took place in in Hutton Roof, Westmorland on 17th April 1864.

Most Children were born in Preston Patrick, Westmorland.

Children: -

Martha Alice 1865 – 1937, Hannah 1867 – 1922, Thomas 1870 – 1944, Elizabeth Mary 1872 – 1922, Joseph 1874 – 1929, Edith Anne 1875 – 1944, Eleanor 1876, John William 1881 – 1944, Robert Gaskill 1884 – 1961,

Harry Walmsley 1890 – 1918. Born Arnside, Westmorland. (Baptised on12th February 1890 in Arnside.)

Carnforth was an important town and a centre for the NWR having repair and coach facilities to support the important rail development along the west coast. A number of local families had workers there, including the Dawson family – stokers, firemen, etc.

Harry Dawson was the last born of 10 children in Arnside, Westmorland in February 1890. Harry served as a Policeman in Lancaster then enlisted with the Military Police as a Foot Soldier, Private1723 in 1915, in Lancaster. At the time he was living with his mother at 88 Addlecroft, Scotforth, Lancaster.

He served 4 months at home, then was posted to France where he served for 3 years and 10 months and with the Loyal North Royal Lancaster Regiment as Private 40417 2/3 Batt. Territorial Force.

He was home on leave in July 1918 as he married Sarah Margaret Bateman b.1891 in Carnforth to John and Alice. They married at Christ Church Parish Church, Carnforth on 27th July 1918.

He was married just 34 days.



Christ Church Parish Church, Carnforth, where Harry Walmsley Dawson Married Sarah (Margaret) Bateman on 27th July 1918

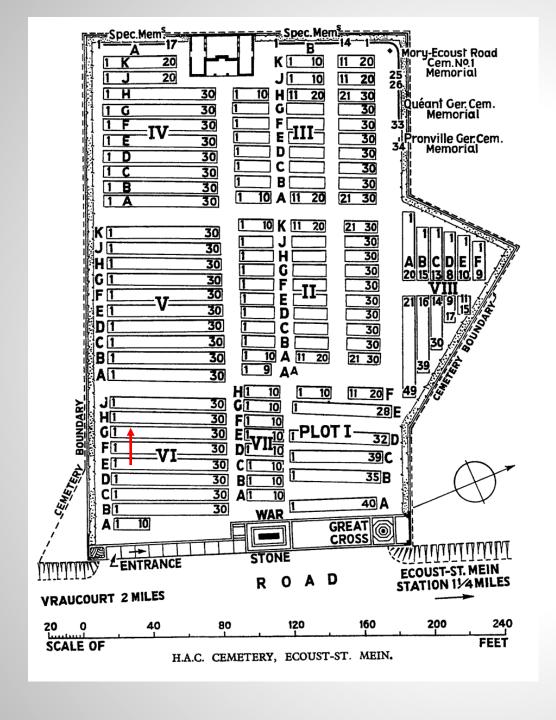


Forward Field Dressing Station at Ecoust-St. Mein. Pas-de-Calais (IWM)

Harry was KIA on 29th August 1918 in the Pas-de-Calais Department, Somme. His body may have been buried in L'Homme Mort Cemetery No.2, Ecoust-St-Mein, but was one of 19 casualties later re-interred by the IWGC at H.A.C. Cemetery Ecoust-St.-Mein, a separate, larger Cemetery.

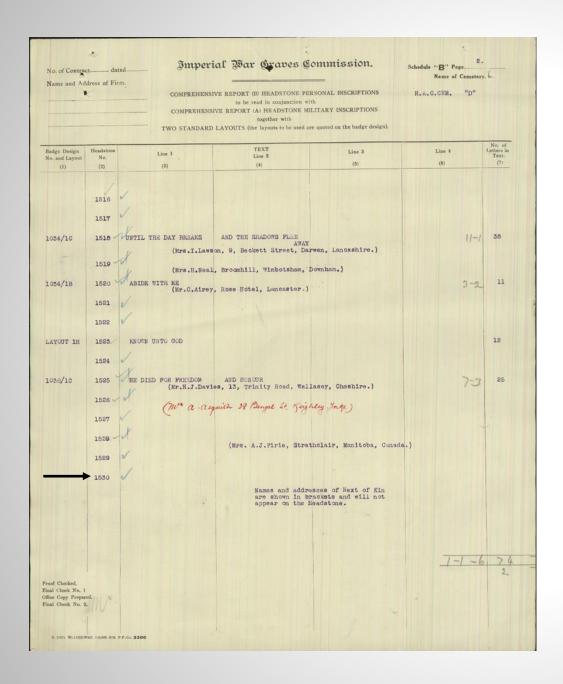
Private 40417 Harry Walmsley Dawson is buried in Plot VI Row G, Grave 10.

The Cemetery is located 10 miles south east of Arras. There are nearly 2,000 soldiers buried here, many unknown.



# 830 Casualties The Grave of Private 40417 Harry Walmsley Dawson Grave VI G 10 is arrowed





## IWGC Entries of Personal or Family Inscriptions.

Sadly, there is no entry for Pte. H. W. Dawson.

It may be correspondence was lost or Sarah Dawson could not bring herself to write words expressing her loss.

#### Schedule "A" Page Imperial War Graves Commission. Name and Address of Firm. COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS to this report is attached To be stencilled on foot of COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS headstones below ground level abbreviated thus (those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined) TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design). To be stencilled on foot of Headstones below ground level, 4th Line Number and Bank Initials NAME and Honour Date of Death, SOTE AUGUST 1918 HONE CROSS 6 0 2 9 RUYAL LANCASTER 16732 LANCE CPL. T.W. WHARTON 41419 1034/14 NEAL 240788 PRIVATE OF THE GREAT WAR 15398 PRIVATE 189631 SAPPER PIRIS W18562 PRIVATE JOHN 265307 GUNNER Proof Checked. Final Check No. I. Office Copy Prepared. Final Check No. 2.

# IWGC Headstone Inscriptions showing Private 40417 H.W. Dawson,

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Concentration of Graves (Exhumation and Reburials 10 Casualties) for W.H. Dawson

Field Artillery. 15th April, 1917. III. J. 17.

COWNDEN, Pte. S., 352682. "A" Coy. 7th Bn. London Regt. 31st May, 1917. Age 23. Son of William Charles and Julia Cownden, of 37, Morley Rd., West Ham, London. Native of Rotherhithe, London. III. F. 28.

COX, Serjt. James Harold, 513736. 1st Bn. London Scottish. 29th Aug., 1918. Age 21. Son of Mr. J. M. Cox, of Burton Overy, Leicester. IV. H. 19.

CRIPPS, Pte. F., 495924. 13th Kensington Bn. Grenadier Guards. 27th Aug., 1918. I. F. 7. London Regt. 29th Aug., 1918. IV. B. 7.

CROFT, Pte. Percy, 22775. 1st Bn. Grenadier Guards. 25th Aug., 1918. Age 24. Son of William and Fanny Croft, of 27, Walker St., Earlsheaton, Yorks. IV. K. 10.

CROOK, Pte. T., 23514. 1st Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers. 15th May, 1917. IV. G. 24.

CROOK, Pte. W., 632024. 20th Bn. London Regt. 30th Aug., 1918. Age 28. Brother of Mrs. J. E. Baxter, of 80, Randlesdown Rd., Bellingham, London. IV. H. 9.

CROSBIE, Pte. J., 12259. 13th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. 1st Sept., 1918. I. C. 36.

CROWTHER, Pte. George Albert, 202513. 2nd/4th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. 19th May, 1917. Age 34. Son of Tom and Mary Elizabeth Crowther, of Todmorden. VI. C. 7.

CROWTHER, Ptc. J. T., 23861. 1st Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers. 15th May, 1917. IV. H. 11.

CULPAN, Pte. G. A., 200993. 2nd/4th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. 16th April, 1917. III. D. 19.

CUMMINGS, Pte. H. A., 18042. 10th Bn. Yorkshire Regt. 2nd June, 1917. VI. A. I.

CUNNINGHAM, Pte. A., 271365. 2nd Bn. Royal Scots. 2nd Sept., 1918. V. K. 30.

DADSON, Serit. William, L/9329. 2nd Bn. The Queen's. 11th May, 1917. Age 28. Son of Henry and Sarah Ann Dadson, of 82, West St., Gravesend. IV. G. 26.

DALGLEISH, Cpl. James, 2328. 9th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. Taken Prisoner of War and died on or since 7th April, 1916. Age 25. Son of the late John Russell Dalgleish and Margaret Bruce Dalgleish. Born at Edinburgh. VIII. A. I.

COWLAND, 2nd Lt. H. S. 291st Bde. Royal DAVEY, Dvr. Reginald Frank, 304113. 1st Div. INDEX No. Fr. 56 Ammunition Col. Canadian Field Artillery. 5th H.A.C. CEM. Sept., 1918. Age 25. Son of Mrs. Francis Davey, ECOUST-ST. of 42, Sherborne Rd., Yeovil, England. VI. MEIN

> DAVIDSON, Pte. George, 1042826. 2nd Bn. Canadian Inf. (Eastern Ontario Regt.) Killed in action 30th Aug., 1918. Age 21. Son of George and Margaret Davidson, of Pembroke, Ontario. VI. J. 24.

DAVIDSON, Lce. Cpl. T. W., 24032. 2nd Bn.

DAVIDSON, Pte. William, S/43477. 2nd Bn. Gordon Highlanders. 29th March, 1917. Age 19. Son of James and Caroline Davidson, of "Keithbank," Balmoral Rd., Blairgowrie, Perthshire. Born at Dundee. III. E. 26.

DAVIDSON, Cpl. William Hart, 5401. 2nd Bn. Hon. Artillery Company. Killed in action at Ecoust. 1st April, 1917. Age 34. Son of William and Caroline Davidson, of 78, Bury Old Rd., Heaton Park, Manchester. I. A. 17.

DAVIE, Pte. R., 42637. 12th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. 20th Nov., 1917. V. C. 5.

DAVIES, Rfn. Edward, R/42471. King's Royal Rifle Corps, posted to 13th Kensington Bn. London Regt. 29th Aug., 1918. Age 37. Husband of Mrs. E. K. Davies, of 258, Barking Rd., East Ham, London. II. D. 5.

DAVIES, Pte. William Robert, 15398. 8th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt., formerly 17th Bn. 30th Aug., 1918. Age 31. Son of Humphrey J. and C. J. Davies, of 13, Trinity Rd., Wallasey, Cheshire. VI. G. 11.

DAVIS, Pte. A. L., 24139. 6th Bn. Wiltshire Regt. 28th April, 1918. VIII. A. 48.

DAVISON, Pte. W. N., 515162. London Scottish. Killed in action 31st Aug., 1918. VII. G. 9.

DAWN, Pte. Horace George, 633804. "B" Coy. 2nd/20th Bn. London Regt. 30th Aug., 1918. Age 32. Son of George and Louisa Dawn, of 16, Loveday Rd., West Ealing, London. Sp. Mem.

DAWSON, Pte. H. W., 40417. 2nd/4th Bn. Loyal North Lancs Regt. 29th Aug., 1918. VI. G. 10

**Index Entry in Cemetery Book** for Private 40417 H.W. Dawson. Plot VI, Row G, Grave 10

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# IWGC Cemetery Grave Registration Form showing Private 40417 H.W. Dawson VI G 10

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Attestation showing Private 40417
Harry Walmsley as a Policeman.
This refers to his time in 1915 when he served with the Royal Military Police
No. 1723, as a Foot Soldier in
Aldershot, prior to Posting in France
This Regimental Number supersedes
his previous old number on
enlistment.

**Ref: Burned Papers** 

#### INSTRUCTIONS as to the transmission of a Soldier's documents on transfer, posting, &c.

- 1. When a soldier is transferred, posted, or detached for duty for a lengthened period, his commanding officer and officer i/c records will send to his new commanding officer and officer i/c records respectively, the documents mentioned on this form. No documents will be forwarded in blank except the regimental and company conduct sheets.
- 2. When a soldier is attached to the permanent staff of the yeomanry the whole of his documents (excepting his original attestation and regimental conduct sheet, which will be kept by the officer i/c cavalry records), will be sent to his new commanding officer.
- 3. A copy of Army Form B. 279, duly filled up, will, at the same time, be sent to the officers concerned.
- 4. Before transmission the documents should be arranged in the sequence shown on this form and placed within it. A separate form will be prepared or each man, and in the case of a draft the forms will be arranged alphabetically. Should any document be missing, an explanation of the deficiency, signed by the commanding officer, must be substituted.
- 5. The statement of accounts, Army Form O. 1811 (and Army Form O. 1814, in the case of men transferred to the army reserve), will be sent as directed in the Financial Instructions.
- 6. When a man is transferred on probation to a departmental corps, the Army Service Corps, or the Royal Army Medical Corps, the following documents only will be forwarded, the other documents being retained until the transfer is confirmed:—
  - a. Statement of accounts (Army Form O. 1811).
     b. Savings bank transfer statement.

  - c. List of necessaries.
  - d. Clothing return.
  - Regimental conduct sheet.
  - f. Squadron, troop, battery, or company conduct sheet, g. Medical history sheet.

  - . Copy of 3rd page of attestation.
- 7. When an army schoolmaster is moved from a home station to a station ad, the duplicate attestation will be forwarded to the officer i/c records, War e, in order that the necessary entries may be made in the original attestation.

The other documents specified on this form (except the list of necessaries and musketry transfer return), will be sent direct to the Commander in Chief in India, or to the General Officer Commanding in the Command to which the schoolmaster has been posted,

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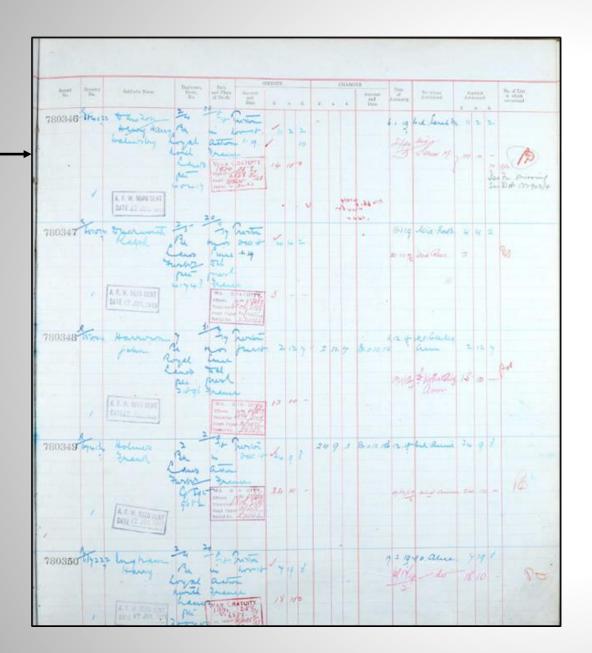
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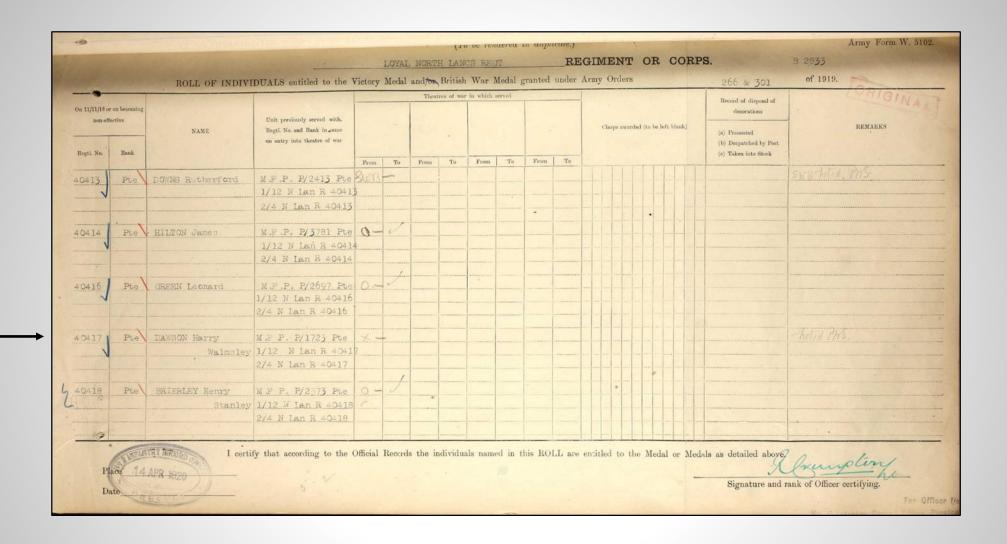
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Soldier Effects showing Pte. 40417 Henry Walmsley Dawson KORR.

His widow, Sarah, received £11.2s.d. Gratuity.

Dated and sent 6th January 1929 as "Assumed Missing."



Medal Rolls for Private 40417 Harry Walmsley Dawson - War and Victory Medals Awarded



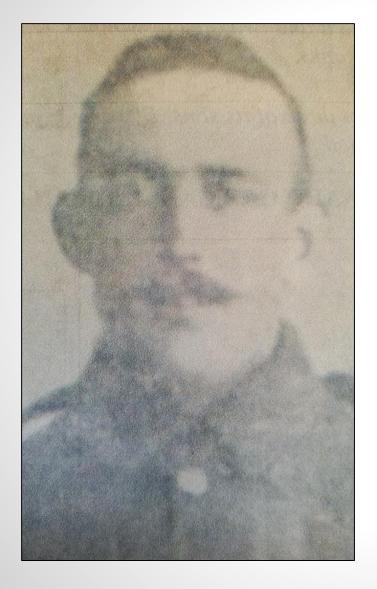
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H.A.C. Cemetery Ecoust, Mein, Pas-de-Calais (TWGPP) 2







Private 3958 Thomas Robert Dodgson of 1st/5th Battalion King's Own Royal Regiment.



**Thomas Robert Dodgson – known as Robert** 

Born 1890 and Died 27th June 1916, France.

Son of Margaret Annie Dodgson. Father unknown. Brought up by Harry and Maggie Bainbridge, his birth mother, of Claughton, near Lancaster.

Lived in the Manor House, above Farleton, Roubendale in Beckbottom, near Hornby, Lancaster. Married Annie Broe, born in Salford, in 1914 in Lancaster. A son Leonard Gibson was born in April 1916 and died in May 2006, aged 91.

Enlisted into the King's Own Royal Regiment in December 1915 as Private 3958 of 1st/5th Battalion.

Died of Wounds in Casualty Clearing Station 37, near Arras on 21st June 1916. aged 25. Records show "Died of wounds in the field."

**Buried in Le-Conte Cemetery Extension, Pas-de-Calais, France.** 



Manor House built on a truly commanding position above Farleton, near Hornby. It is an almost solitary building with spectacular rural views over the Lune Valley to Cumbria. The home of Simon Dodgson, Farmer, together with Robert, Frank, both now aged 21, Nancy and Grace in the 1911 Census. It is where Robert left home for the Army and Western Front in 1915.

Photograph taken August 2019 with permission of the present tenants.



45 Westham Street, Primrose Hill, Lancaster - the cottage to the right in the picture. The home of Robert Dodgson's mother, Maggie Rogerson, (later Bainbridge) when she received the news about the death of her son in France in June 1916.

Annie had 15 children in all, but Robert was the first born in Hornby to a father unknown. She died in Caton in 1941.

Robert's name does not appear on the village War Memorial there, but in Halton.

Photograph taken August 2019

## **Military Life:**

Robert enlisted into the King's Own Royal Regiment in December 1915 as Private 3958 of 1st/5th Battalion. His Attestation Papers show he was enlisted by L/Cpl. E. L. Bennett, probably at Phoenix Street Depot, Lancaster or Bowerham Barracks, Lancaster.

His first 4 months of Army life was spent in shortened training; such was the need for new soldiers on the battlefields. Robert was a sniper, but ironically was to die of wounds inflicted by an enemy sniper to his head after just 3 months in the trenches and succumbed on Wednesday, 21st June 1916.

The authorities at a Casualty Clearing Station in the Arras sector sent a telegram on 17th June 1916 to his wife informing her that Robert that relatives be informed that Robert was one of 3 Kings men who had died at No. 37 Casualty Clearing Station, France.



**Image of 37th Casualty Clearing Station Avesnes, near Arras** 

The authorities at a Casualty Clearing Station in the Arras sector sent a telegram on 17th June 1916 to his wife informing her that Robert that relatives be informed that Robert was one of 3 Kings men who had died at No. 37 Casualty Clearing Station, France.

Also included in Robert's papers is a remarkable list of his personal effects which were returned to his widow, Annie Dodgson at 45 Westham Street, Lancaster in January 1917. This brings home the reality of his loss to his widow and son.

All Robert's extensive papers remarkably survived the Army Records bombing in Arnside Street, London in 1940. His "Burned Papers" are shown here.

Robert's Personal Effects record show an award of £2.1s.9d to his widow of owed back pay.

Robert's Probate was proved in Lancaster in September 1916 and awarded Annie £161. 7s. 8d. (The entry gives his death as 24th June 1916.)

The CCS was the first large, well-equipped and static medical facility that the wounded man would visit. Its role was to retain all serious cases that were unfit for further travel; to treat and return slight cases to their unit; and evacuate all others to Base Hospitals.

It was often a tented camp, although when possible the accommodation would be in huts. CCS's were often grouped into clusters of two or three in a small area, usually a few miles behind the lines and on a railway line. A typical CCS could hold 1,000 casualties at any time, and each would admit 15-300 cases, in rotation.

At peak times of battle, even the CCS's were overflowing. Serious operations such as limb amputations were carried out here. Some CCS's were specialist units, for nervous disorders, skin diseases, infectious diseases, certain types of wounds, etc. CCS's did not move location very often, and the transport infrastructure of railways usually dictated their location. Most evacuated casualties came away from the CCS by rail, although motor ambulances and canal barges also carried casualties to Base Hospitals, or directly to a port of embarkation if the man had been identified as a "Blighty" case.

"Blighty" was a one way ticket back home to England.

Avesnes CCS was there 1st April 1916 to 15th July 1916

### **CWGC**:

Avesnes-le-Comte is a large village in the Department of the Pas-de-Calais, approximately 20 km west of Arras and 18 km south-east of St. Pol. The Communal Cemetery lies on the CD8 between the road to Manin and a side road called "Petit chemin de Manin" on the north-west side of the village. There is an extension on the western side of it.

#### **Historical Information:**

The village of Avesnes-le-Comte was for some time the VI Corps headquarters. The 37th and 30th Casualty Clearing Stations were there from April 1916, the 42nd in June 1916, and the 41st in January 1917.

The communal cemetery contains 2 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, both made in April 1916. Thereafter, burials were made in the extension, which contains 333 graves, 4 of which are unidentified. Most of these were from the 37th CCS which stayed in the village until July 1917.

The IWGC "Burned Papers" - for Robert Dodgson.

These papers given an insight into Personal possessions from Enlistment to Casualty of War.

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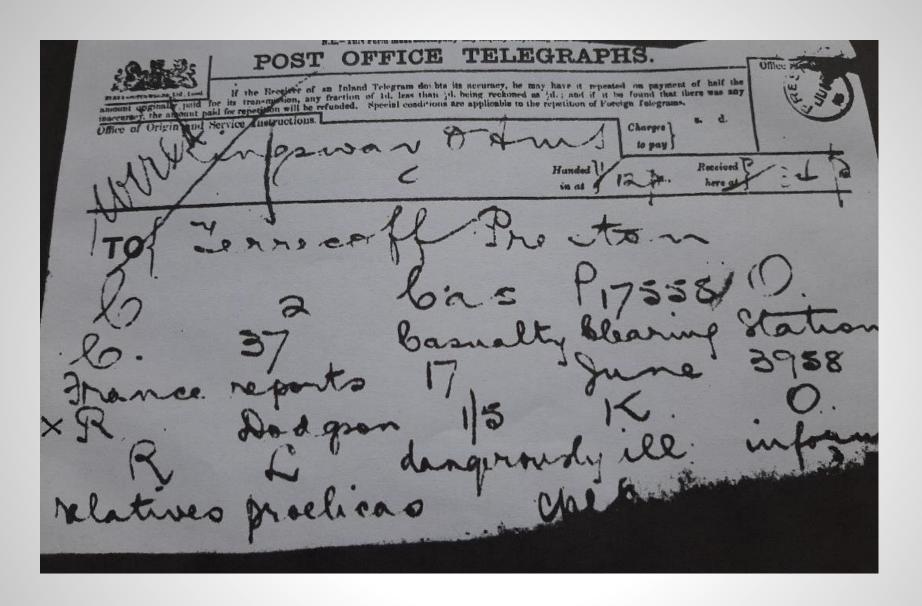
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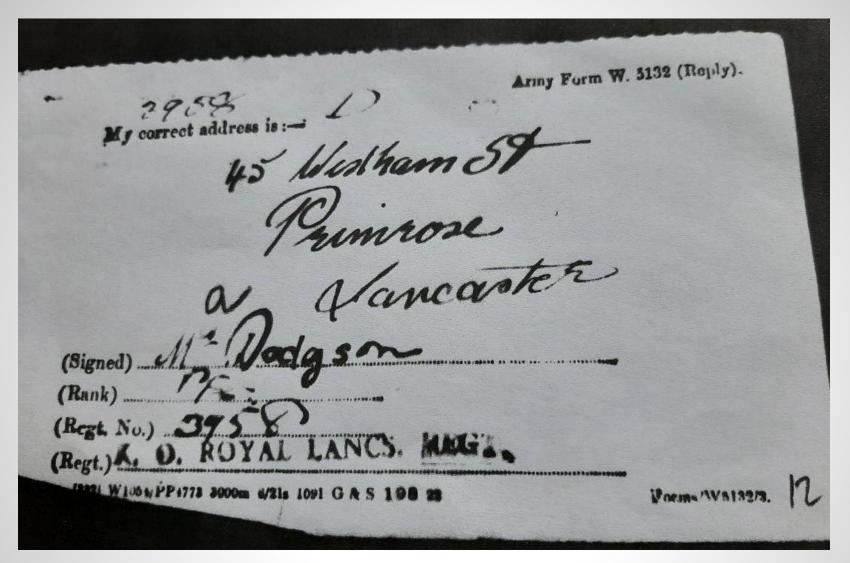
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Post Office Telegram to Robert's mother, Annie from CCS 37 stating that her son is in a dangerous condition from head wounds.



War Office Correspondence showing Address of Robert's mother, Annie. This may be in respect of the return of Robert's Personal Effects.

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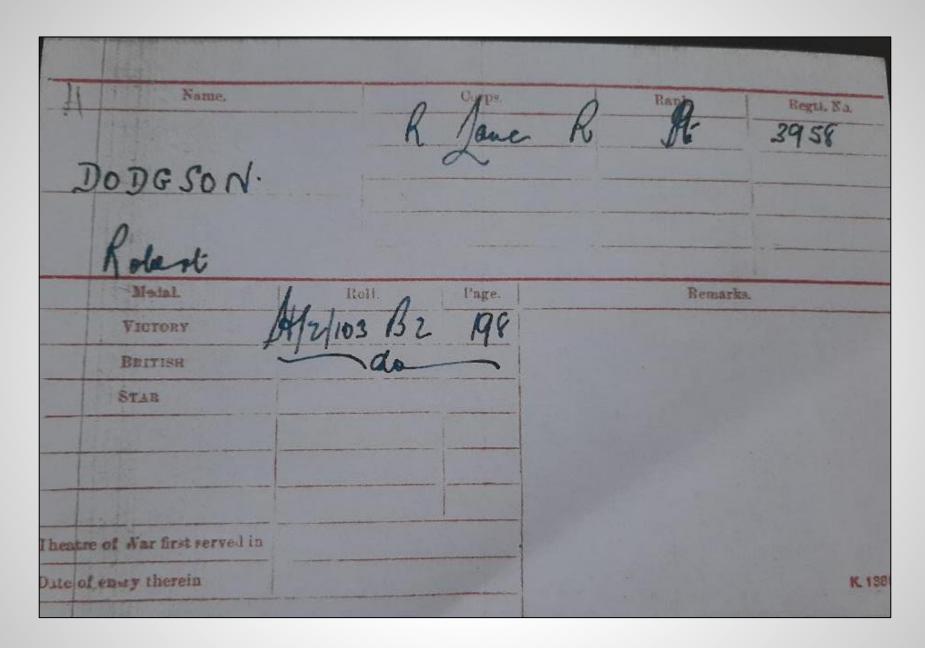
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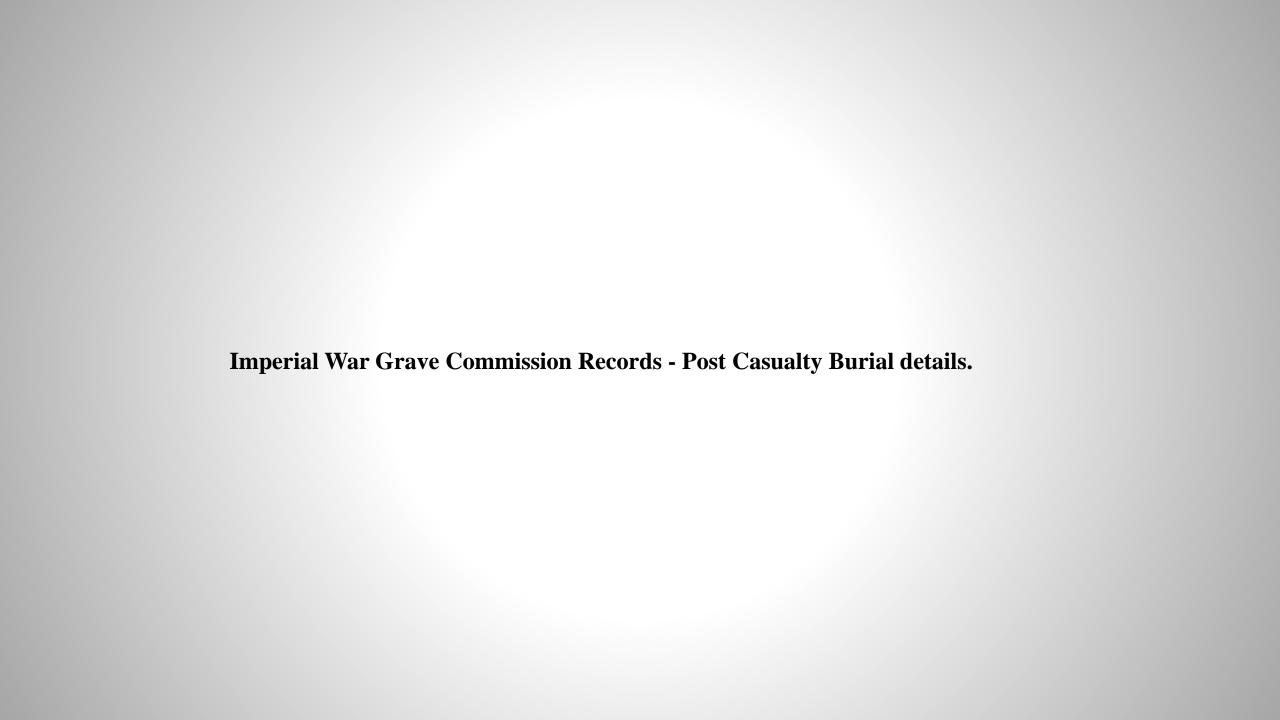
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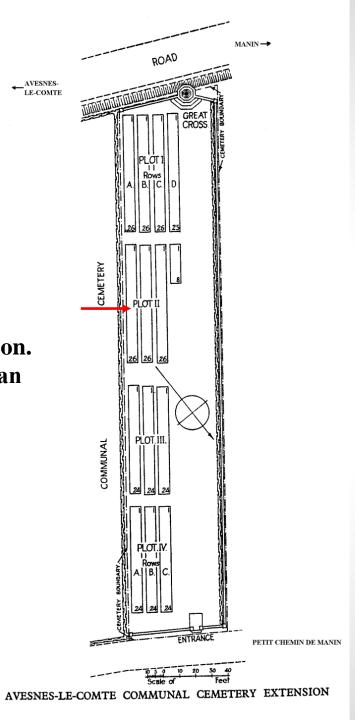
Letter from the War Office dated 1st February 1917 showing Pension award to Robert Dodgson's widow; an award of £1.10s. a week.



Medal Rolls Award (1914 – 1920) for Pte. 3958 Robert Dodgson



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> CULLEN, Pte. J., 19177. 6th Bn. Duke of DUMBELL, Pte. Arthur Herbert, 2215. 18t/5th Cornwall's Light Inf. 4th May, 1916. I. A. 15.

DAFT, Pte. W., 2308. 1st/5th Bn. Loyal North Lancs. Regt. 12th July, 1916. III. A. 21.

DAVEY, Pte. F. G., 17500. 6th Bn. Somerset Light Inf. Died of wounds 6th April, 1917. Age 27. Husband of N. Davey, of Chapel Lane, Uffington, nr. Faringdon, Berks. Native of Wellington, Somerset. IV. C. 6.

DAVIES, Pte. G., 6765. 5th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Inf. 27th April, 1916. I. A. 5.

DAVIES, 2nd Lt. William Bryan. 6th Bn. Sherwood Foresters. 18th Sept., 1916. Age 35. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Davies, of Welshpool, Montgomeryshire. I. B. 21.

DAVISON, Pte. A., 6428. 8th Bn. East Yorkshire Regt. 17th March, 1917. Age 20. Ward of M. J. Williams, of 210, Regent St., Hessle Rd., Hull. I. C. 24.

DAY, Pte. Edmund James, 308534. Canteen "A," Royal Army Service Corps, attd. Royal Flying Corps. Died of disease 7th April, 1917. Age 35. Son of Cornelius and Elizabeth Day, of Cardiff; husband of Nellie Day, of 106, Treharris St., Roath, Cardiff. IV. C. 5.

DENNERLEY, Gnr. William, 56585. "Z" 14th Trench Mortar Bty. Royal Field Artillery. Died of wounds 26th July, 1916. Age 26. Son of Francis and Sarah Ann Dennerley, of Bury, Lancs.; husband of Jane S. Dennerley, of 6, Pleasant St., Castleton, Lancs. IV. A. 17.

DODGSON, Pte. R., 3958. 1st/5th Bn. Royal Lancaster Regt. Died of wounds 21st June, 1916. Age 25. Son of Harry and Maggie Bainbridge, of Claghton, nr. Lancaster; husband of Annie Dodgson of 45, Westham St., Primrose Hill, Lancaster. II. A. 16.

DRAKE, Pte C., 25925. 17th Bn. West Yorkshire Devonshire Regt. 1st July, 1916. Age 22. Son Regt. 23rd Oct., 1916. Age 26. Son of Herbert and Hannah Drake, of 15, Mabel Royd, Lidget Hindley Rd., Daisy Hill, Westhoughton, Lancs. Green, Bradford, Yorks. II. B. q.

DRAY, Lce. Cpl. Percy John, 10941. 5th Bn. Royal Berkshire Regt. Died of wounds 25th March, 1917. Age 22. Son of Mr. and Mrs. August, 1914. III. C. 13.

Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. Died of wounds 4th June, 1916. Age 22. Son of Arthur Herbert and Mary Dumbell, of Walton, Liverpool. II.

DUPUIS, 2nd Lt. Alfred. 1st Bn. Lincolnshire Regt. Died of wounds 8th Aug., 1916. Age 20. Son of Alfred and Agnes Dupuis, of East Sheen, Surrey. I. B. 8.

DURR, Pte. J., 48290. 20th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. Died of wounds 18th March. 1917. Age 39. Husband of Elizabeth Durr, of 80, Smithdown Lane, Liverpool. I. C. 25.

EASTWOOD, Pte. W., 1332. 1st/5th Bn. Royal Lancaster Regt. 9th July, 1916. III. A. 20. EDDLESTON, Lt. Bert. 43rd Sqdn. Royal Air Force. Died of accidental injuries, received whilst flying, 25th April, 1918. Age 19. Son of Thomas and Martha Ellen Eddleston, of 170, St. Hubert's Rd., Great Harwood, Lancs. II. D. 1.

EDWARDS, Serjt. Charles, 41190. 11th Siege Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery. 22nd March, 1917. Age 22. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edwards, of The Corner, Ducklington, Witney, Oxon. II. C. 18.

ELLIOTT, C.S.M., Alfred William, 9854. "A" Coy. 6th Bn. Somerset Light Inf. Died of wounds 19th March, 1917. Age 39. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott, of Crewkerne, Somerset; husband of Sarah Jane Elliott, of 5, Church Terrace, Silver St., Yeovil, Somerset. II. C. 3.

ELLIOTT, Lt. Walter Leonard. 9th Bn. Rifle Brigade. 21st Nov., 1916. Age 24 years and 11 months. Son of Frederick and Harriett Elliott, of 17, Stourcliffe St., Edgware Rd., London. II.

FARR, Pte. A., 31214. 9th Bn. Essex Regt. 24th March, 1917. III. C. 7.

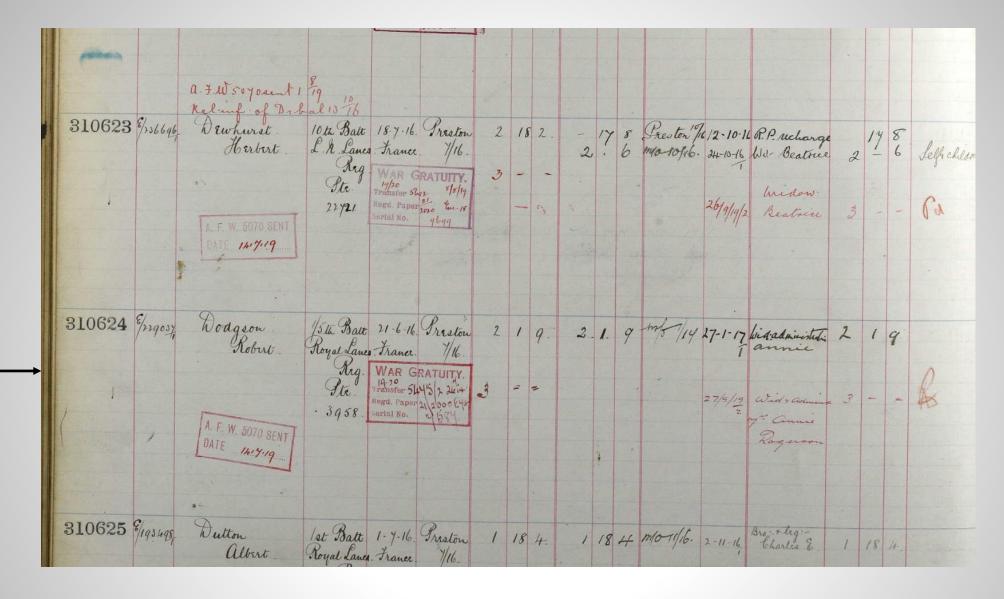
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#### **IWGC Grave Index:**

Pte. 3958 Robert Dodgson Son of Maggie and Harry Bainbridge. Husband of Annie **Dodgson of Primrose Hill, Lancaster.** Plot II, Row A, Grave 16.

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IWGC Headstone Inscription by next of Kin."Thy Will Be done"chosen by Annie Rogerson – widow.45 Westham Street, Primrose, Lancaster.



Soldier's Effects Register.

This show payments to Robert Dodgson's widow, now re-married, Annie Rogerson.

An award of £2.1s.9d.







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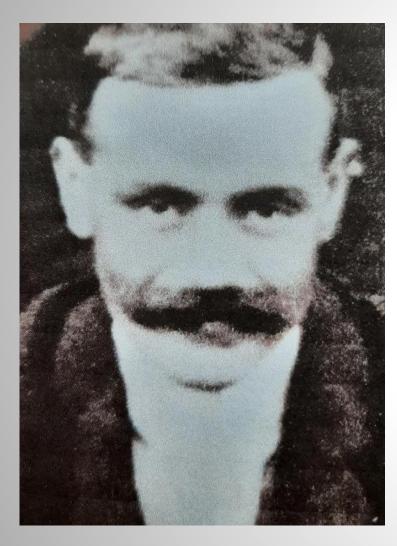
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Private 24196 Arthur Green (1877 -1918)

Son of Joshua and Elizabeth Green

**Husband of Katie Green, nee Pitcher** 

Served with 1st/5th Batt. Kings Own Royal Lancaster Regiment KIA 9th May 1918. Aged 40

Buried in Houchin Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France Plot 1. Row D. Grave 26.

"UNTIL WE MET AGAIN."



### The Green Family Background:

Arthur's parents were Joshua Green (1854 – 1930), son of Ralph Green. He married Elizabeth Marsden, daughter of Thomas Marsden, a painter. Joshua was a Coachman much of his life in Halton. He married Elizabeth (1851 – 1933) at St. Mary's and St. Michael parish Church, Garstang, near Lancaster.

### They had 7 Children: -

Arthur b. October 1877 in Garstang. KIA 9th May 1918 in France.

**Edith b.1880** 

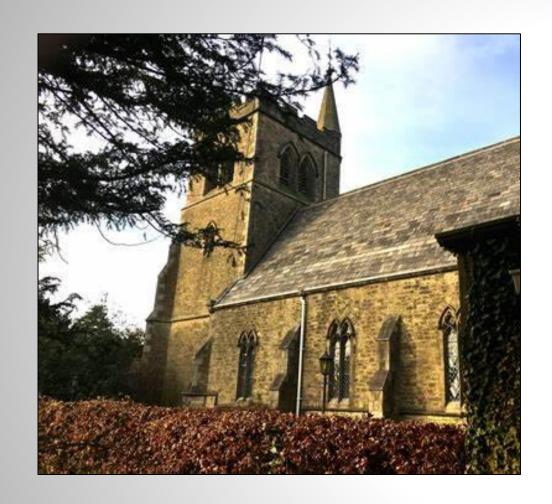
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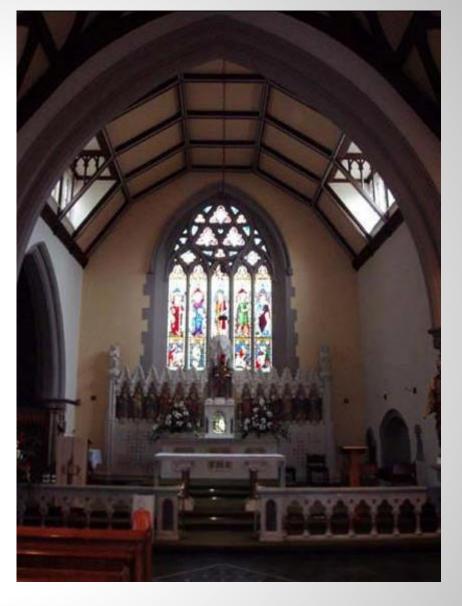
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**Sidney (1889 – 1975)** 

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Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Michael, Garstang where Joshua Green married Elizabeth Marsden on 19th November 1886

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Marriage entry in the Parish Records of Joshua Green to Elizabeth Marsden in Garstang

Arthur was born in October 1877 in Madeley, Garstang, Lancashire and baptised there on 31st October 1877.

Katie Pitcher was the 2nd born of 5 children to Augustus Walter Pitcher b.1850 in London. In turn, he had married Ellen Sarah Draper b.1850 in Hanover Square, London, on 14th October 1843 in Bethnal Green, London.

Arthur married Katie in the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity, Bolton-le-Sands on 25th June 1910. Arthur's brother, Bernard, was witness in the ceremony. Katie's father is shown as a News Agent in the village.

The signatures on the Marriage Certificate show fluency and being literate. Arthur is 32, and Katie 31.



Parish Church of the Holy Trinity, Bolton le Sands where Arthur Green married Katie Pitcher on 25th June 1910 At the time, Katie was living in Hest Bank, a coastal village near Halton

### **Military Background:**

Arthur progressed from being a Messenger/Letter Carrier to become a Postman by 1901. The 1911 Census shows Arthur and Katie living in their married home. They were to have 2 children - Gladys b.19th March 1913 and Doris b.11th July 1914. Doris, their second baby daughter, would have only been 18 months old when Arthur enlisted on 17th December 1915 to serve as a soldier in WW1.

His Enlistment paper show him as a Postman.



Halton Post Office where Arthur Green worked to deliver village post. Little had changed in 100 years. (2021)

The 1st/5th Batt. King's Own Royal Regiment Diaries offer some possible evidence to the death of Private Arthur Green on 9th May 1918: -

"Weather fine, usual shelling. Information received that enemy may attack during the night or next morning. Battalions "stand to" all night. 2 support platoons of "C" Coy moved into main support line. Heavy burst of shelling about 8pm.

#### **Casualties:**

Other ranks 2 killed, 4 wounded."

Probably Arthur Green was one of the 2 men killed that day.

A niece, Rita Jones, in Poulton-le-Fylde believes Arthur was killed by a German sniper whilst carrying documents.

Private 24196 Arthur Green died on Thursday, 9th May 1918, aged 40 years.

Army correspondence to Katie, now a widow, suggest that the family had moved to New Street, Halton, before his enlistment in 1916. However, New Street had one of the highest numbers of casualties.

There was no Probate on Arthur's death.

The Imperial War Grave Commission Inscription Form shows the words chosen by Katie:

#### "UNTIL WE MET AGAIN."

Katie died in the summer of 1928 in Halton, aged 49. Her 2 children had lost their father an now their mother.

#### Note:

Had it been an Officer killed that day, his name would have been recorded in the Batt. Diaries.

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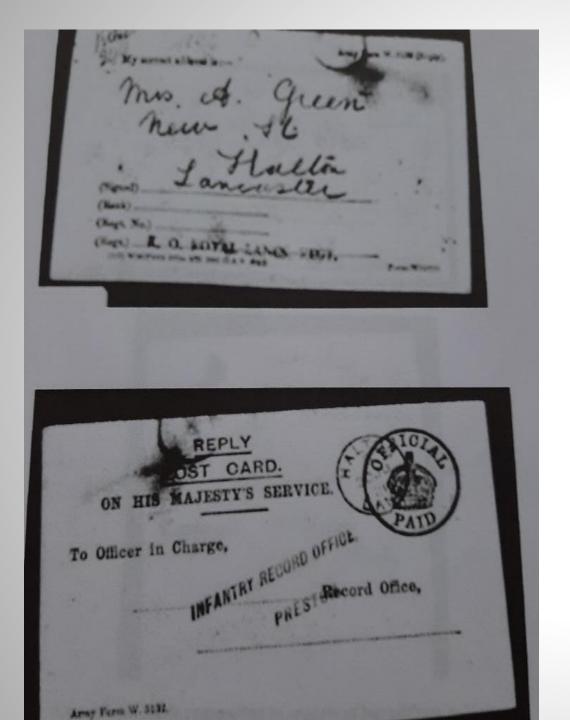
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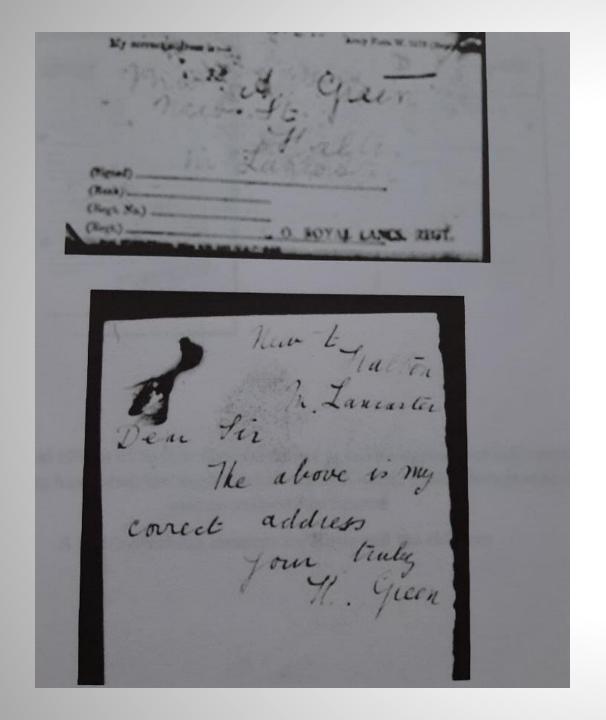
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Casualty Form – Active Service. Arthur departed Folkstone for Boulogne on 10th November 1916, after basic army training. Arrived in France the same day. Boulogne, the "Master Port" for arriving troops – and for those returning home on leave or to hospitals in Britain. Etaples (The "Bull Ring") nearby had a huge Military Hospital.

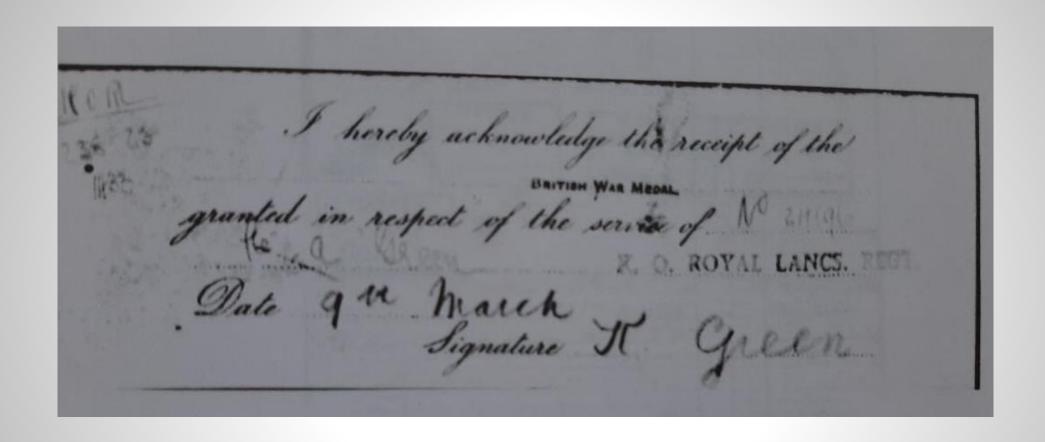
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Official Army Correspondence to Katie Green. (Widow)



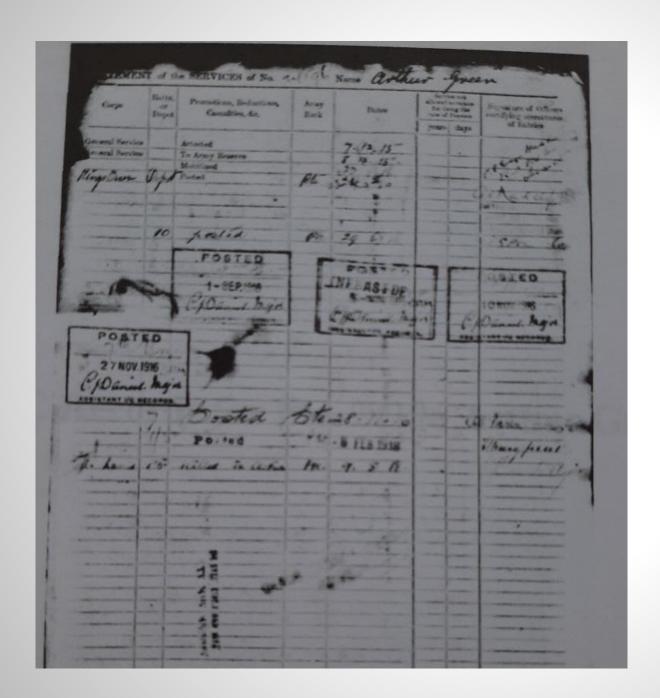
Letter from Katie responding to her address in Halton.



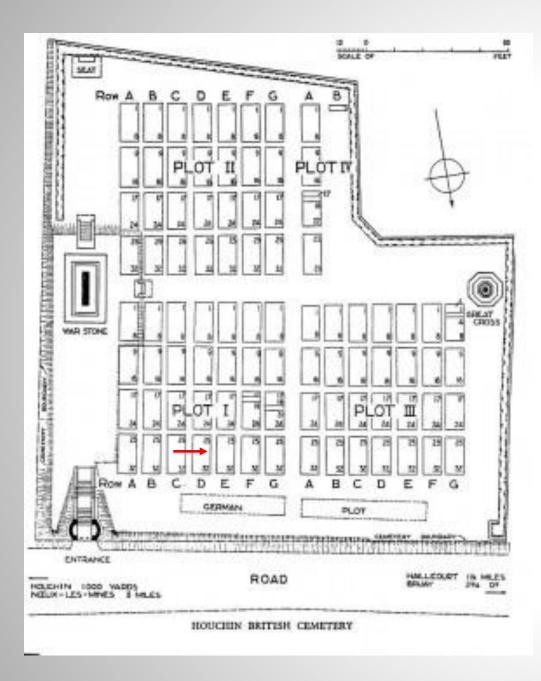
Card written by Katies Green acknowledging receipt of Arthur's British War Medal

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Letter from War Office, London requesting Katie's address confirmation and a reference to any awarded medals



Statement of Service Postings with King's Own Royal Regiment 2. Casualty Record



Plan of Houchin British Cemetery, Near Bethune, Pas de Calais The Grave of Pte. 24196 Arthur Green in Plot 1, Row D, Grave 26 is arrowed (CWGC)

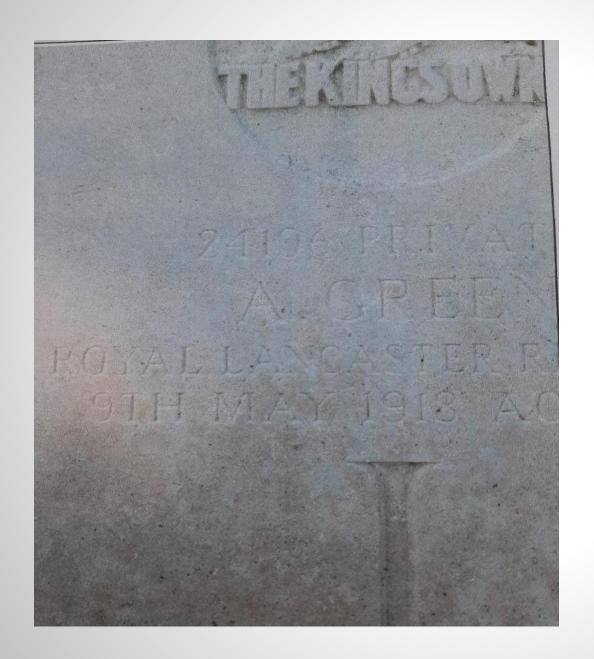


## Headstone of Arthur Green's grave in Houchin Military Cemetery.

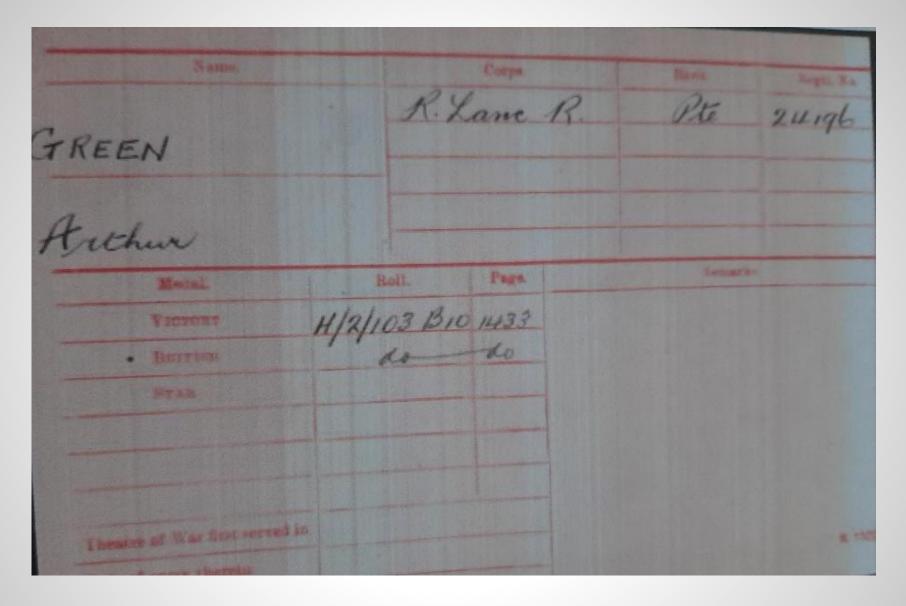
The Inscription chosen by Katie at the base is clear:

"UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN"

(TWGPP)



Enlarged image of Arthur's Name (TWGPP)



Medal Rolls 1914 – 1920 showing the award of the Victory Medal



**Houchin British Cemetery 1. (742 casualties.) CWGC** 



**Houchin British Cemetery 2. CWGC** 



**Houchin British Cemetery 3. CWGC** 

**Imperial War Grave Commission Records - Post Casualty Burial Details.** 

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Army Form W3372.

#### GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

SECTION

REPORT No. 2.

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Commune: - HOUCHIN.

PLACE OF BURIAL

HOUCHIN BRITISH CEMETERY.

Map ref. Sheet 44b. K.14.d.8.8.

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**IWGC Grave Registration Form** showing Pte. Arthur Green Plot 1, Row D, Grave 26

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GERRISH, Pte. Joseph, 29282. 1st/4th Bn. Loval North Lancs Regt. 3rd Sept., 1918. Age 34. Husband of Mrs. Gerrish, of 26, Durants Rd., Ponders End, Middx. III. G. 30.

GIBBS, Lce. Cpl. J. B., P/3106. Military Police Corps, transf. to (443448) 241st Div. Employment Cov. Labour Corps. 20th Feb., 1919. IV. A. 6.

GIBSON, Lce. Cpl. John, 8534. 1st/8th Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. 9th Oct., 1918. Age 21. Brother of Christina Russell, of Castle Hill, Larbert, Stirlingshire. III. B. 11.

GIBSON, Pte. William Thomas, 201015. 1st/4th Bn. South Lancashire Regt. 14th July, 1918. Age 35. Husband of Mary Gibson, of 19, Nicholson St., Warrington. II. D. 27.

GILBERTSON, Pte. Robert, 29127. 1st/4th Bn. Loyal North Lancs Regt. Killed in action 8th July, 1918. Age 19. Son of Mary Ann Gilbertson, of 75, Easby Rd., Kirkdale, Liverpool. II. D. 2.

GILL, Lce. Cpl. F., 240053. 5th Coy. 1st Bn. Black Watch. 28th May, 1918. Age 22. Son of William and S. A. Gill, of Kenton Cottage, Garstang, Preston. II. B. 1. Jamieson St., Arbroath. I. A. 9.

Royal Field Artillery. 17th July, 1918. II. D.

GLAISTER, Pte. William Alexandra, 241422. 1st/5th Bn. Royal Lancaster Regt. Killed in action 2nd May, 1918. Age 22. Son of Mark and Elizabeth Glaister, of 36, Hill St., Carnforth. I. D. 11.

GOFF, Sh. Smith Cpl. Charles Thomas, 970143. 47th Div. Ammunition Col. Royal Field Artillery. Died of heart failure, following pneumonia, 14th March, 1919. Age 23. Son of the late George and Frances Mary Goff, of Barnes; husband of Hilda Kate Goff, of 89, Railway St., Barnes, London. IV. A. 14.

Light Railway Operating Coy. Royal Engineers. Lancashire Fusiliers. 24th Sept., 1918. III. 6th Oct., 1918. III. C. 30.

GEDDES, Pte. James Gibb, 276804. 1st/8th Bn. GORDON, Gnr. Robert Lockey, 165862. 41st INDEX No. Fr. 106 Bty. 42nd Bde. Royal Field Artillery. 10th April, HOUCHIN 1918. Age 19. Son of Henry Watt Geddes, of 1918. Age 24. Son of Mary Robson Gordon, of BRIT. CEM. 10, Athol Rd., Hendon, Sunderland, and the late FRANCE Robert Lockey Gordon. I. F. 14.

> GRAHAM, Pte. J., S/6802. 8th Bn. Seaforth Highlanders. 13th Oct., 1918. III. B. 17.

GRANT, Pte. Charles, 89726. 55th Bn. Machine Gun Corps (Inf.). Killed in action 8th June, 1918. Age 27. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grant, of Beechgrove, Mountgarrie, Aberdeen. II. G. 21.

GRAVES, Serjt. Frederick, 720758. "A" Coy. 2nd/24th Bn. London Regt. Died of wounds 4th Oct., 1918. Age 34. Son of Jabez and Sarah Ann Graves, of Bethnal Green, London; husband of Florence Graves, of 39, Southboro' Rd., South Hackney, London. III. C. 21.

GREAVES, 2nd Lt. Frederic. 7th Bn. Royal Lancaster Regt., attd. 1st/4th Bn. Loyal North Lancs Regt. Killed in action 1st June, 1918. Age 28. Son of John William and Margaret Elizabeth Greaves, of Prestwich, Manchester.

GREAVES, Serjt. John, 23824, M.M., Croix de Guerre (Belgium). 55th Bn. Machine Gun Corps (Inf.). Died of wounds 10th Aug., 1918. Age 25. Son of Ann Walker, of The Holme, Calder Vale,

GREEN, Pte. Arthur, 24196. 1st/5th Bn. Royal GILL, Gnr. F., 240847. 380th Bty. 158th Bde. Lancaster Regt. Killed in action 9th May, 1918. Age 40. Son of Joshua and Elizabeth Green; husband of Katie Green, of New St., Halton, Lancaster. Born at Garstang, Preston. I. D. 26.

> GREEN, Spr. John Alexander, 503057. 4th Field Coy. Canadian Engineers. 5th April, 1918. Age 34. Son of W. S. and Mary F. Green, of Calgary, Alberta, I. F. 8.

GREEN, Lce. Cpl. J., 33634. 2nd/5th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. 23rd July, 1918. II. C. 9.

GREEN, Pte. Thomas John, 423829. 2nd/10th Bn. London Regt. Died of wounds 17th Oct., 1918. Age 27. Youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Green, of Plumstead, London. III.

GOODLAND, Cpl. H. S., WR/269323. 9th GREENWOOD, Pte. J. R., 202759. 2nd/5th Bn. D. 14.

**Cemetery Index of Burials showing Pte.** 21496 Arthur Green KIA. Son of Joshua and Elizabeth Green. Husband of Katie Green of New Street, Halton, Lancaster,

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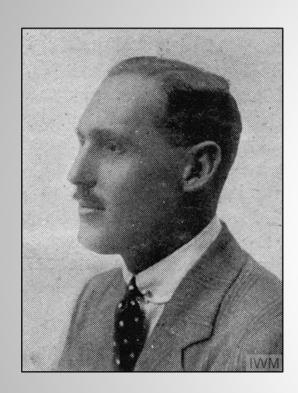
#### IWGC Personal Family Inscriptions –

"UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN"



### NEW SOLDIER'S RECORD

#### Captain George Herbert Hastings – Duke of Cambridge, 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment October 1880 - February 1915



Son of Samuel Herbert Hastings, Rector of St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton and his wife, Sarah Louisa

Boarded at Pitt Street School, Gloucester and Aldenham School, Elstree, near London

Joined Militia of King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment.

Saw service in South Africa, West Indies, West Africa Gold Coast and India Held rank of 1st Battalion Captain at Woolwich Barracks

Wounded in the trenches during the Retreat from Mons on Wednesday, 4th August 1915. Died the following day.

Aged 34





Buried at Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres, Nord, France. 15 miles north east of Lille

Grave IX. B. 62.

George Herbert Hastings was born on 21st October 1880, the third son of his father, Samuel Herbert Hastings, who had been born in Downpatrick, Ireland but had become the Rector of St. Wilfrid's Parish Church in the village of Halton. George was born and spent his young life in the Rectory, an imposing family home, on Foundry Lane. He was baptised by his father on 17th February 1881.

He married Sarah Louisa in October 1875 in Lancaster. George was born in St. Wilfrid's House, the imposing family home and Rectory on Foundry Lane.

He was the youngest of three sons – John Henry, William Howitt, then George Herbert, and was baptised by his father in Halton 17th February 1881.

George's older brother, John, also became a clergy member and is found in York, at Bishopgate Road, in the Civil parish of St. Mary's Bishopric with St. Clement, Castlegate Borough in 1901. He is a Lodger, aged 24 years, and described as "Clergy in Holy Orders."

John was to benefit from George's Probate, proved in Lancaster in 1915.

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Baptism of George Herbert Hastings by his father, Rev. Samuel Hastings on 17th February 1881



Rev. Harold Hastings. Vicar of St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton and father to George Hastings

Rev. Harold Hastings with his wife, Sarah, seated, outside the Rectory



1891 Census finds George, aged 10, at Pitt Street, Gloucester. He is a Boarder at a school close to the Cathedral; the Kings School under the Headship of Canon Bernard Foster. He is one of the youngest boarders.

From here George became a pupil at Aldenham School in Hertfordshire in May 1894, aged 14. He remained here until July 1896. The records show the school's sport related curriculum of football, cricket and 5's, but that George Hastings was not a particularly interested in these areas. It is highly probable that he enlisted from here into the army from Aldenham's Officer Cadets to train as a professional soldier, aged 16.

Ref: 3rd Register 1908. P69. 4th Register 1913. P.77. "The Aldenham" June 1915, pp 407-418. March 1915 pp, 407-418.

He does not appear on the 1901 Census as he was serving in the army abroad.

#### Images of Rev. Harold Hastings MA. Ref: Bill Hosfield



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Over 950 former pupils and staff of Aldenham School served their King and country during the Great War.

One hundred and sixty-three paid the ultimate sacrifice

Aldenham School War Memorial to the former boys who died whilst serving their country.

Captain George Hastings is shown on the right side of the top panel of names.



Camps Oct. 1900-Jan. 1901 (Medal and three bars). At present in Government employ in Natal. BRUNNER, Stanley, Jan. 1894-July 1896. 11, Gray's Inn Square, W.C., and The Knoll, Sefton Park, Liverpool. Entered Trin. Hall, Camb., 1896; B.A. 1900. Solicitor 1903. SCOTT, Bernard Bodley, Jan. 1894-April 1897. Pakokka, Burma, and Aldington, Poole Road, Bournemouth. Studied at Cooper's Hill, 1897-1900. Public Works Dept. of India: Executive Engineer. SMITH, Henry Murray Stanley, Jan. 1894-Dec. 1894. Died at Bridger, Montana, U.S.A., March 5th, 1904. SOOLE, Lawrence Headde, Jan. 1894-July 1896. Easthams, Hendon Lane, Church End, Finchley. With Bennett & Stratton, Architects, Finchley. ALLMAN, Montague Bingham, May 1894-April 1898. Was in the service of Finlay, Muir & Co. Died in Assam, July 23rd, 1907. GOODDAY, Claud, May 1894-July 1897. 6, Hillside Mansions, Highgate, N. Assistant to Lord Rayleigh's steward at Witham. HASTINGS, George Herbert, May 1894-July 1896. St. Wilfrid's House, Halton, Lancaster. 2nd Lieut. Lancs. Fusiliers 1899; Lieut. 1900; Captain 1903. Served in S. Africa 1899-1902; Troop leader in Steinaecker's Horse 1900. With Sir Redvers Buller in Natal, at Spion Kop and in other engagements (two Medals and seven bars). Gold Coast Regt. 1906. LATHBURY, Ernest Browning, May 1894-July 1895. Penmans, Chipperfield, King's Langley, and Royal Herbert Hosp., Woolwich. M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.) 1904 (St. Bart.'s). Late House Surgeon Hereford Hosp. 1st Lieut. R.A.M.C. LAURENCE, George, May 1894-July 1897. 115, Inchmery Road, Catford, S.E. M.D. (Brux.) 1904. L.R.C.P. (Lond.). M.R.C.S. (Eng.) (St. George's Hosp.). Late House Physician Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea. In partnership with T. W.

#### Roll of Honour at Aldenham School showing Military Details of George Herbert Hastings

**Courtesy of Aldenham School** 

#### **Army Career: (Edited - IWM Non-Commercial License HV123056)**

Joined 3rd Lancashire Fusiliers in May 1900 with the rank of Lieutenant and then Captain in May 1903.

Sailed with his new Battalion for active service in South Africa in December 1899 and served throughout the campaign. In the latter stages he was with "Steinaecker's Horse" formed in 1900 by Major von Steinaecker and based in Zululand on the Swaziland border of the Transval, South Africa. (Anglo Boer War Site.)

He was present at the Relief of Ladysmith, at operations in Transval, of Natal, east of Pretoria, in the Orange River Colony, and actions at Spion Kop, Val Kranz and Laing's Nek.

He received the Queen's Medal with five clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps.

He subsequently served in the West Indies and again in South Africa.

From 1906 to 1910 he was seconded to serve with the West African Frontier Force at Kumasi on the Gold Coast. In May 1908 he had been transferred to the Middlesex Regiment, 1st Battalion of which he joined in India on ending the West African tour of duty.

When returning to England from West Africa he was a passenger on the Elder -Dempster SS "Jebba," a South African ship, when she was wrecked off the Devon coast on 18th March 1907 in dense fog.

Post card of the SS "Jebba" 1907



In 1911 he was appointed Adjutant of his Battalion. That same year, George Hastings was posted at Woolwich Barracks, London, where he holds the rank of Captain, aged 30; one of only 3 Captains and the youngest. (1911 Census.) Later in the same year he was appointed and posted to India until the autumn. While in India, he was present at the Coronation for the Durbar.

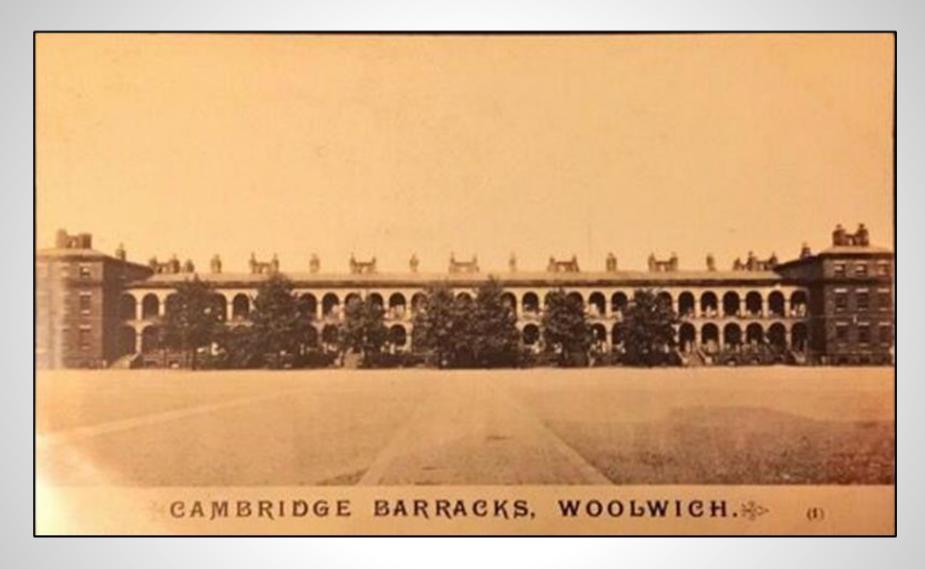
In 1913 Captain Hastings was in Aden and then travelled back to join the original British Expeditionary Forces (BEF) for active service in World War 1, landing at Le Havre on Tuesday, 14th August 1914.

He was wounded in the trenches during the Retreat from Mons on Wednesday, 4th August 1915. The wound was to prove fatal; he had been shot through the right lung and died from its impact the next day in a field ambulance.

He was buried at Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres, Nord, France. Grave IX. B. 62.



**Woolwich Barracks Sunday Parade c1900** 



Captain George Hastings was attached to Cambridge Barracks as an Officer

#### 1st Battalion, Duke of Cambridge, Middlesex Regiment in WW1: (Edited.)

In the First World War, The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) formed a total of 49 Battalions this was mainly due to a surplus of volunteers seeking to enlist.

The Regiment received a total of 81 battle honours,5 Victoria Crosses and lost approximately 12,270 casualties during the course of the war.

**Middlesex Regiment during WW1:** 

The 1st Battalion:

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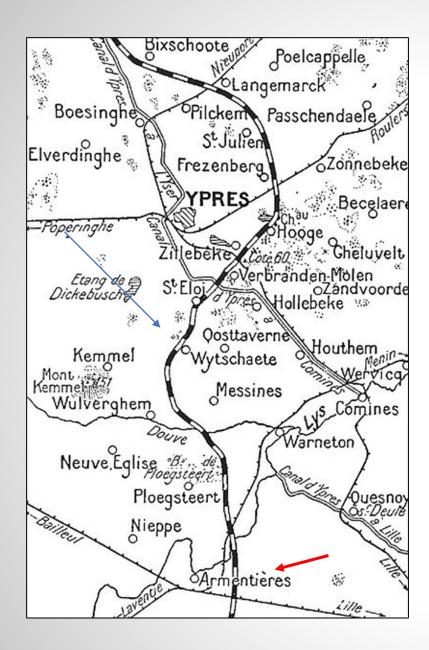
11.08.1914 Mobilised for war and landed at Havre as Lines of Communication Troops in preparation for the Expeditionary Force.

22.08.1914 Joined the 19th Infantry Brigade forming at Valenciennes under the command of Major-General L. G. Drummond.

#### Captain George Herbert Hastings in the England, United Grand Lodge of England Freemason Membership Registers, 1751-1921 Old Rock Lodge, James Town, St. Helena.

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- 12.10.1914 The 19th Infantry Brigade transferred to the 6th Division. Were involved in action at Hooge.
- 31.05.1915 Transferred to the 27th Division, to add valuable experience to the ranks of the New Army Divisions.
- 19.08.1915 Transferred to the 2nd Division to replace the 4th (Guards) Brigade. Were involved in action at The Battle of Loos.
- 25.11.1915 Transferred to the 98th Brigade, 33rd Division Battalion. Involved in action Battles of the Somme, Third Battles of Ypres, Battles of the Lys, Battles of the Hindenburg Line, Final Advance in Picardy
  - 11.11.1918 Ended war in France at Sassegnies, S.W. of Aulnoye.



#### **Armentieres is shown south of Ypres**



1915 Armentieres



#### **Mademoiselle from Armentieres (Part)**

Melody - attr. to Glitz Rice, 1915; Seq. by Jim Sheldon attr. to Edward Rowland, 1915 |: Mademoiselle from Armentieres, Parlez-vous, :|

> Mademoiselle from Armentieres, She hasn't been kissed for forty years,

**Chorus:** 

Hinky-dinky parlez-vous.

2. |: Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, Parlez-vous :|

She got the palm and the croix de guerre, For washin' soldiers' underwear, Chorus:

3. |: The Colonel got the Croix de Guerre,
Parlez-vous :|
The Colonel got the Croix de Guerre,
The son-of-a-gun was never there!
Chorus:

#### Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery Nord, History CWGC. (Edited.)

Armentieres was occupied by the 4th Division on 17th October 1914 and it remained within the Allied lines until its evacuation ahead of the German advance on 10 April 1918, after a prolonged and heavy bombardment with gas shell. It was occupied by the Germans next day, and was not recovered until 3rd October 1918. CITE BONJEAN MILITARY CEMETERY was begun (Plot IX) in October 1914 and during the winter of 1914-15 it was used for civilian burials (later removed), the town cemetery at Le Bizet being too greatly exposed.

The cemetery continued to be used by field ambulances and fighting units (particularly the 4th, 6th, 21st, New Zealand, 17th and 57th (West Lancashire) Divisions and the Australian Corps) until April 1918. Plots V, VI, VII and X were then used by the Germans.

The cemetery now contains 2,132 Commonwealth burials of the First World War. In 1925, 455 German graves were removed from Plots V and VI, but more than 500 remain in the cemetery.



The Grave of Captain George Herbert Hastings in Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery in France

"THOU THY WORLDLY TASK HAST DONE HOME ART GONE AND TA'EN THY WAGES"

#### Army Form W. 3372. COMPREHENSIVE REPORT. GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM. D.A.D. CR & E. SOUTH SUB DISTRICT. No. 5 DISTRICT. REPORT No. 1. SCHEDULE No. 68.C. Serial No.3304 COMMUNER ARMENTERIES. PLACE OF BURIAL CITE BONJEAN MILITARY CEMETERY, Map Reference Sheet 36.B.30.c.0.5. The following are buried here:-Cross Erected Plot. Row Rank Regiment PLOT 9 ROW " and Initials of Death or G. R. U'd. and Grave 1/Buffs. 9.12.14 PH/LS/1/7468 57 V COLQUHOUM 5/Scot Rifs. 2.3.15 584 2/Y & Lancs.R. 5/Scot Rifs. 3/12182 S. A. 9.12.14 59V COWAN 7655 1/Leicester R. Pte.A. 9.12.14 5415/6/8/2 Capt. V.H. 5.2.15 CROSSES 2/R. Welah Fus. 62V HASTINGS 1/Middx R. 63V 2/R.W.Fus. 4.18.14 7.2.15 TAYLOR 64V 13/Y & Lancs.R. 4.12.14 65V 4/15600 MURRAY 1/R. Fus. 66V H. E. WILLIAMS 28.8.15 5/L.N.Lancs. 1560 3/8249 1/W. Yorks. R. GREENWOOD -ERECTED 68V 7370 BRITTON' L/Cpl. RJ 6.3.12.14 2/Lancs.Fus. 19.2.15 69V 2/Notts & Derbys. 3402 176.11.14 70 2/R. Inns. Fus. 7257 ANDERSON 71 GUTTERI DGE 22.2.15 11522 Leister R. 72 4065 16.11.14 2/R. Inns. Fus. 20,2,15 73 CREEVAY-L/Lenster R. 38 59 2/Leinster R. 74V FOGARTY 15.11.14 7/A & Suth. Hrs. 1184 MCQUEEN 20.2.15 75V GARDNER 2137 16.11.14 76V 1/R. Warwicks. R. 77 Q. Westmnstr. 2546 Rfn.F.E. 20.2.15 1/Leicesters. Pte.H.J. 12.11.14 78 7165 WADDINGTON Rin. W.S. 21.2.15 G.R.Ud. Q. Westmisters. 2/R. Dublin Fus. DOYLE 12.11.14 80V DIXON J. H 2119.2.15 1/W. Yorks. R. W. M 10.11.14 CRENILS/1966 824 1/R. Warwicks. 1/Leisters. (6 81 5) W3150-P2723 100,000 0/19 HWV(P1024) Forms W3372/8 ac. 18-1-21

IWGC Burial Register showing Captain George Hastings in Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres ARMENTIERES.

INDEXNo. Fr. 922 HART, Pte. F. L., 55539. 16th Bn. Welch HATCHER, Pte. Thomas Harry, 1144. 34th CITE BONJEAN Regt., attd. 115th T.M. Bty. 21st Oct., 1917. Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 27th Jan., MIL. CEM., VIII C. 2.

> HARTVIGSEN, Pte. Walter John, 1879. 5th Australian Pioneers. Died of wounds 28th Sept., 1916. Age 23. Son of Oscar Albert Michael and Ann Hartvigsen, of Arno Bay, South Australia. Born at Cleve, South Australia. III. A. 8.

HARVEY, Pte. Alexander Almer, 841. 40th Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 17th Jan., √ 1917. Age 23. Son of Alexander and Eleanor Susannah Harvey, of Myalla, Tasmania. Born at Deloraine, Tasmania. III. D. 36.

HARVEY, Pte. Fred, 6/3342. 2nd Bn. Canterbury Regt. N.Z.E.F. Killed in action 6th Nov., 1916. Son of Mrs. F. J. Harvey, of Ferntown, Collingwood, Nelson, New Zealand. IV. A. 37.

HARVEY, Pte. Thomas James, 193. See "HURLEY," the true family name.

HARVIE, Pte. J., 9233. 2nd Bn. Seaforth Highlanders. 20th Dec., 1914. IX. B. 47.

HARWOOD, Pte. J., 10834. 1st Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. 28th Oct., 1914. IX. A. 26.

Royal Engineers. 27th Feb., 1917. Age 32. action 22nd May, 1916. I. B. 36. Son of William and Martha Haslam, of 25, St. Bartholomew St., Bolton. III. F. 23.

HASLAM, Pte. G., 267827. 2nd/7th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. 20th July, 1917. Age 32. Son of Thomas and Catherine Haslam, of 18, Groveland Rd., Wallasey, Cheshire; HAYDEN, Pte. C., 9013. 1st Bn. Royal VIII. E. 32.

Middlesex Regt. Killed in action 5th Feb., 1915. Age 34. Son of the Rev. Samuel and Sarah Louisa Hastings, of St. Wilfrid's House, Halton, Lancaster, IX. B. 62.

HATCHER, Pte. Howard Sidney, 1650. 35th HAYMAN, Pte. B., 1208. 1st/8th Bn. Argyll V. A. 25.

1917. Age 19. Son of Joseph and Jessie May Hatcher, of Summer Hill, Branxton, New South Wales. III. E. 38.

HAWKE, Pte. Ernest Henry, 10/2962. 1st Bn. Wellington Regt. N.Z.E.F. Killed in action 20th July, 1916. Age 32. Son of Richard and Ann Hawke, of Bathurst, New Zealand. II. E. 34.

HAWKER, Rfn. Henry John, 26/808. 4th Bn. 3rd N.Z. (Rifle) Brigade. Killed in action 5th June, 1916. Age 35. Son of Percival and Elizabeth Hawker, of 107, Raglan St., Ballarat, Victoria, Australia. II. A. 19. A.

HAWKIN, Pte. J. W., 12992. 9th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. 25th April, 1916. IX.

HAWKINS, 2nd Lt. Harold George. 11th Bn. Middlesex Regt. 24th July, 1915. Age 24. Son of Francis Henry and Frances Lydia Hawkins, of 6, Crouch Hall Rd., Hornsey, London. Born at Wrexham, Denbighshire. IX. A. 3.

HAWKINS, Pte. J. F., 2871. 4th Bn. Yorkshire Regt. 10th Oct., 1915. Age 25. Son of John and Hannah Hawkins, of The Cottage, Easington, Loftus, Yorks. IX. D. 20.

HAWKSWORTH, Pte. Frank, 6/3734. 2nd HASLAM, Spr. E., 153047. 1st Special Bn. Bn. Canterbury Regt. N.Z.E.F. Killed in

> HAWORTH, Pte. Jesse, 241965. 2nd/5th Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. 25th July, 1917. Age 30. Son of John Haworth, of 47. Stockbridge Rd., Padiham, Lancs. VIII. E. 26.

husband of Dora Haslam. Born at Liverpool. Irish Fusiliers. 5th April, 1915. IX. A. 11. HAYDOCK, Pte. Daniel Patrick, 889. Aus-HASTINGS, Capt. George Herbert. 1st Bn. tralian T.M. Battery. Killed in action 14th March, 1917. V. A. 21.

HAYLES, Bglr. G. E., 23954. 12th Coy. Royal Engineers. 7th Feb., 1915. IX.

Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 14th and Sutherland Highlanders, attd. 152nd March, 1917. Age 30. Son of Albert and T.M. Bty. 15th Sept., 1916. Age 25. Son Rachael Hatcher, of Virginia, South Australia. of Richard and Hetty E. Hayman, of Zuyder Cottage, Sidmouth, Devon. II. F. 21.

Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery Grave Index.

IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES CUMMISSION No. of Contract......dated.... SCHEDULE "A" PAGE 46 ------NAME OF CEMETERY Name and address of Firm. COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* CITE BONJEAN M.C. "D" to this report is attached \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS (those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined) To be stencilled at foot of headstone below ground level abbreviated thus:-TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design.) C. BON. M.C. sign Centre To be stenc' 1st line 2nd line .and 3rd line 4th line 20 ed on foot of yout Stone headstones below ground level. Initials, NAME and Number and Rank Regiment Date of Death Age Relig. Honours. Emb. Row R In any instance where the entry "NONE" appears in Col.6. the Age will be omitted from the headstone Grave G | Sto and the Date of Death centred laterally. (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) 8328 PRIVATE STENSON ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS 9TH DECEMBER 1914 NONE CROSS 9 B 61 CAPTAIN HASTINGS MIDDLESEX REGIMENT 5TH FEBRUARY 1915 AGE 34 CROSS 9 B 62 /1A 8565 5TH DECEMBER 1914 PRIVATE NICHOLLS ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS NONE CROSS 9 B 63 /1C 3/2808 PRIVATE TAYLOR YORK & LANCASTER REGT. 7TH FEBRUARY 1915 AGE 25 CROSS B 64 MURRAY /1E 15600 PRIVATE J.D.F. ROYAL FUSILIERS 4TH DECEMBER 1914 AGE 19 CROSS 9 B 65 /20 1560 PRIVATE WILLIAMS LOYAL NORTH LANCS. REGT. 1915 AGE 19 CROSS WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT 16TH FEBRUARY 1915 3/8249 PRIVATE GREENWOOD NONE CROSS 9 B 67 /2B 7370 LANCE CPL. BRITTON LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS 3RD DECEMBER 1914 AGE 32 /IB PRIVATE CRINAGE NOTTS. & DERBY REGIMENT 19TH FEBRUARY 1915 118 7257 PRIVATE ANDER SON ROYAL INNISKILLING FUS 17TH NOVEMBER 71914 AGE 33 CROSS 9 B 70 /IA 11522 PRIVATE E.H. GUTTERILGE LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT 22ND FEBRUARY 1915 NONE CROSS 9 B 71 1586 MC CAFFERY ROYAL INNISKILLING FUS. 16TH NOVEMBER 1914 AGE 19 CROSS 4065 PRIVATE 9 B 72 13859 PRIVATE CREEVY LEINSTER REGIMENT 20TH FEBRUARY 1915 NONE CROSS 9 B 73 /IA 6073 PRIVATE FOGARTY LEINSTER REGIMENT 15TH NOVEMBER 1914 NONE CROSS 9 B 74 1589 /IA 11184 PRIVATE MC QUEEN ARG.& SUTH'D HIGHRS. 20TH FEBRUARY 1915 NONE CROSS 9 B 75 1590

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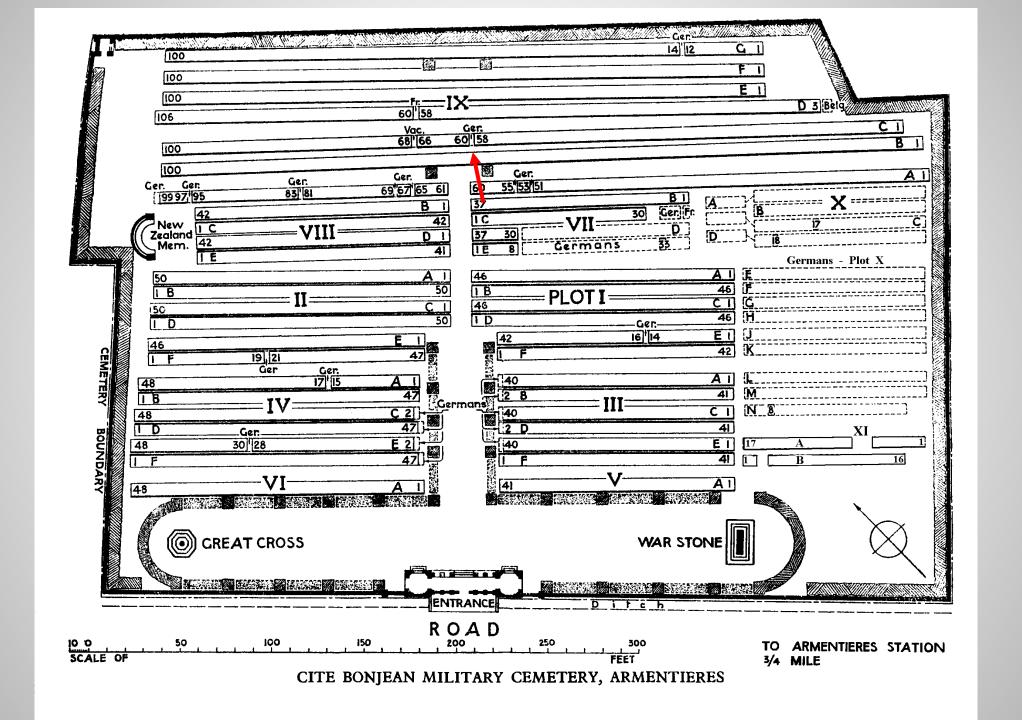
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#### **IWGC Family Grave Headstone Inscription**

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"Cymbeline" by William Shakespeare





Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Nord France 2625 Identified Casualties.







#### Note:

The Medal Rolls Index show that Captain Hasting's brother, Rev. John Hastings in Halton, applied to the War Office for the 1914 Star awarded to George Herbert, recorded December 1917. This would be granted as John was probably named as next of kin. (See correspondence on Medal Rolls.)

#### Addendum1:

A Brigadier - General writing of Captain Hastings said:

"At the end of October, I recommended him for recognition for his excellent services, and it is a matter of great regret that he, like many others, did not survive to see his name mentioned in Dispatches. He was a most gallant officer, faithful, loyal to duty at all costs and selfless. His loss is a severe one to the Battalion, for which he was so devoted."

Captain Hastings was mentioned by Sir John French's Dispatch of 14th January 1915, which was published after his death.

#### Addendum 2:

During his time in West Africa, Captain Hastings made several gaming expeditions, for big wild game. He became an expert in taking down antelope and horned game – elephants, rhinoceros, hippopotamus and lions. He also hunted whilst in Aden to add to his collection.

At home in England he hunted with hounds.



St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton and its long Associations with the Hastings Family



St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton. The joint grave of John Harold Hastings and his wife, Katie Charlotte near the church entrance.

Joint grave with cross laid flat:

Left side: Right side:

Katie Charlotte John Harold Hastings

Wife of J.H. Hastings Priest

Died August 29th 1954 Rector of this parish for 35 years

Aged 83 years Died 29th December 1947 Aged 71 years

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## Adjacent next grave nearer to the church:

Edmund Sharpe
Of Halton Hall. Born 29th November 1847. Died 25th April
1925.

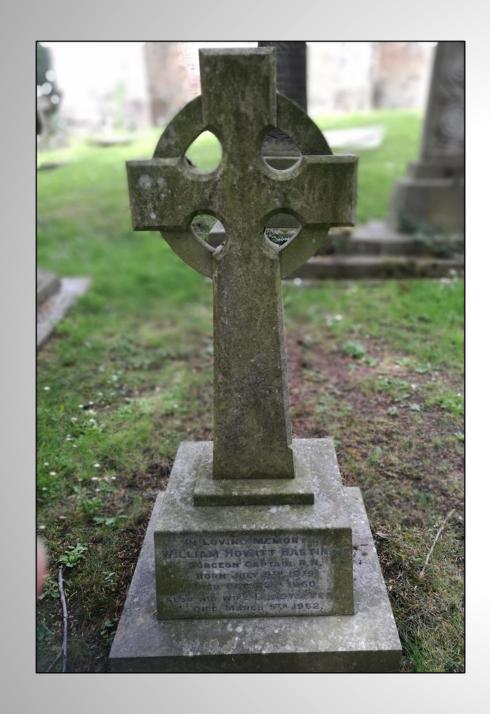
Alice Sharpe His Wife. Born 8th December 1847. Died 4th September 1926.

\*\*Note:

The vicar's twin brother died of injuries on Pennystone Bridge near Halton as a result of a railway accident. He died at the Rectory on 11th August 1880 a few later.



St. Wilfrid's Parish Church Burial Ground:
Two Memorial Headstones relating to Captain George Herbert Hastings and his brother, William Howitt Hastings, who survived the war.



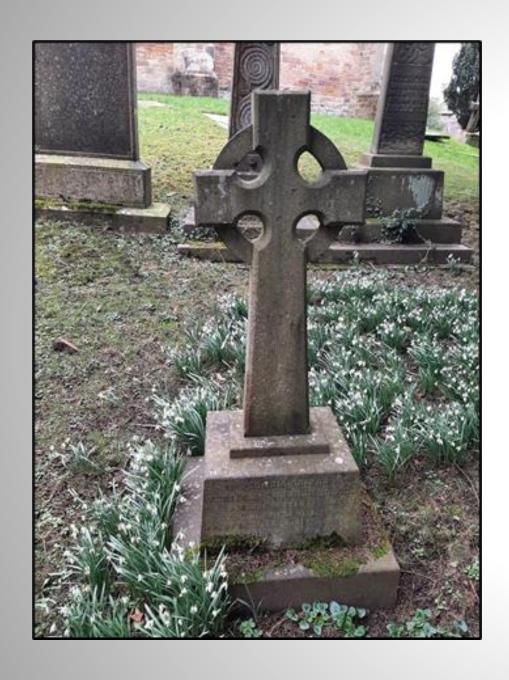
Approaching the church from the Lychgate on the right of the path are two similar Memorial Headstones next to each other, relating to the Hastings Family.

The Memorial on the left reads:

In Loving Memory
William Howitt Hastings\*\*
Surgeon Captain R.N.
Born July 9th 1879
Died October 25th 1960
and
His Wife
Gladys Vera
Died March 5th 1962

**\*\* Note:** 

The name Howitt was the mother's maiden name i.e. Miss Howitt.



# The Memorial to the right reads:

"In Loving Memory
George Herbert Hastings
Captain 1st Batt. 1st Middlesex Regt
Who fell in action in France
February 5th 1915. Aged 34 years.
And is buried at Armentieres."

**Re:** Captain G H Hastings

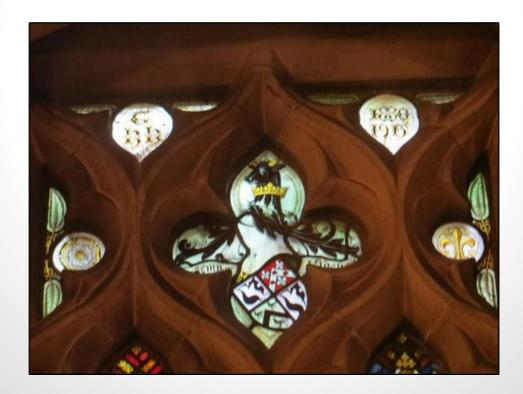
# **Rectors of Halton**

Rev. Samuel Hastings MA 1870 - 1902. Father to Captain Hastings

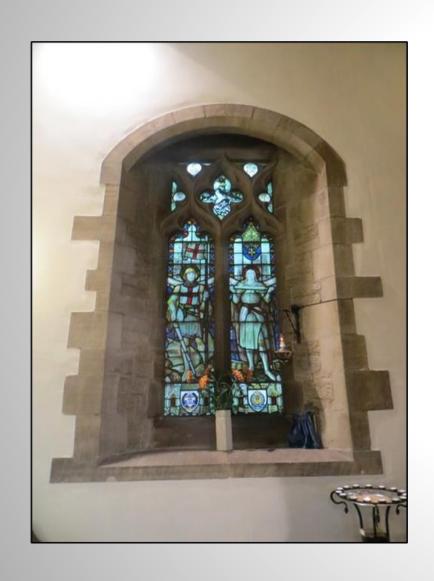
Rev. John Harold Hastings MA 1903 -1938. Brother to Captain Hastings

One can only imagine the sense of depth of despair, anguish and loss the family experienced when it received the news of their son's death in France in February, 1915.

The memorial windows and headstone in the Parish Church reflect their grief.



# Memorial Windows in St. Wilfrid's Parish Church to Captain George Herbert Hastings







Memorial Stone to George Herbert Hastings in the Garden of Remembrance Ref: Bill Hosfield

#### HALTON MEMORIAL GARDEN – CHURCH BROW

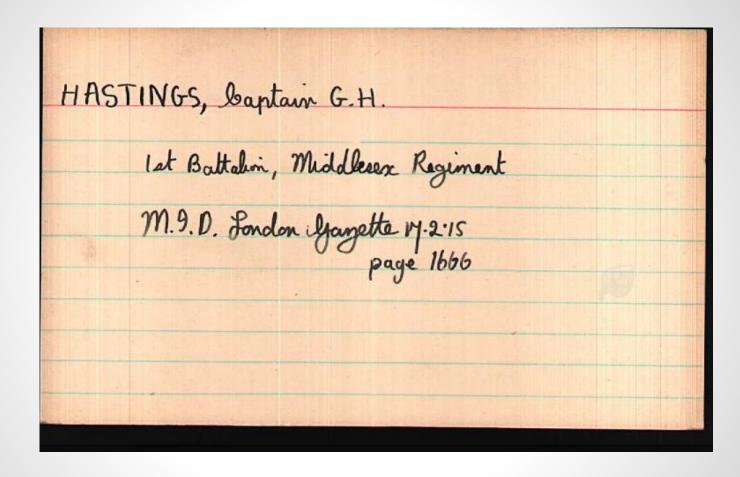
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Memorial Stone 2018 - looking rather weather-worn

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Captain Hastings gained 5 Clasps to his Medal Ribbons for Acts of Bravery in Battle



Medal Rolls 1914 – 1920 - Gazetted

- HASSALL Amos of Rushton near Tarporley Cheshire died 31 March 1915 Administration London 28 April to Ann Wrench widow. Effects £108 5s. gd.
- HASSALL Eliza Jane of Cliff-dale Augusta-street Llandudno Carnarvonshire spinster died 31 January 1915 Administration Bangor 23 February to John Charles Hassall print shop labourer. Effects £617 8s. 9d.
- HASSALL Elizabeth of Egerton-road Whitchurch Shropshire widow died 7 March 1915 Administration London 14 May to William Edward Hassall assistant gas works manager. Effects £383 13s. 9d.
- HASSALL Helen of 33 Albion-road Fallowfield Rusholme Manchester widow died 22 July 1915 Probate Manchester 14 September to Thomas Albert Hassall canal company's clerk. Effects £221.
- HASSALL otherwise HARRIS Kezia of 7 Clara-street Cottages Lelcester widow died 12 June 1915 Probate Leicester 5 August to Zillah Buckler widow. Effects £76 6s. 3d.
- HASSALL Thomas of Yeowood Farm Sandbach Cheshire retired farmer died 21 July 1914 Probate Chester 18 August to John Tom Hassall and William Hassall farmers. Effects £1637 15s. 4d.
- HASSALL Walter of 22 Wild-street Derby died 7 April 1915
  Probate Derby 11 May to George Bryan railway clerk and
  John Spencer retired waterworks employe.
  Effects £489 2s. 7d.
- HASSALLS Emma of 49 Salem-street Etruria Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire widow died 29 March 1914 Probate Lichfield 7 June to George Hassalls earthenware manufacturer's manager and George Edward Hassalls civil servant. Effects £685 19s. 4d.
- HASSAN Fanny Elizabeth of Oakham Rutland widow died 4
  December 1914 Probate Leicester 22 February to Edward
  Hugh Hassan and Arthur Hassan drapers.
  Effects £828 8s. 7d.

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- HASTIE Janet of Houghton le Spring county Durham widow died 9 September 1915 Probate Durham 20 October to George Harle Reed auctioneer. Effects £563 5s. 6d.
- HASTINGS Agnes of Ferncliffe-walk Ilkley Yorkshire widow died 12 May 1915 Probate London 6 July to John Ratcliffe Sampson solicitor. Effects £9667 198. 2d.
- HASTINGS Barbara of 712 Walmersley-road Walmersley near Bury Lancashire widow died 4 March 1915 Administration London 19 October to Thomas Cannan Hastings colourist. Effects £40 1s. 1d.

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- HASTINGS David Livingstone. See SCHULTZ for HASTINGS.
- HASTINGS Edward Hugh Hastings Rawdon of The Manor House Ashby de la Zouche Leicestershire second-lieutenant 2nd battalion Black Watch died 15 September 1915 at Wimereux in France Administration London 8 November to the right honourable lady Maud Rawdon Hastings widow. Effects £266.
- HASTINGS Esther of Warkworth House Tynemouth Northumberland widow died 19 February 1915 at Gyseburn Hexham Northumberland Probate Newcastle-upon-Tyne 6 May to Jonathan Drewry Hastings wholesale stationer. Effects £3991 11s. 4d.
- HASTINGS Frederick Hector of Bishopsgate Englefield Green Surrey died 1 January 1915 at sea Administration London 18 May to Charles Hastings gardener.
  Effects £103 9s. 1d.
- HASTINGS George Herbert of St. Wilfrid's House Halton Lancashire captain H.M. Army died 5 February 1915 at Armentieres in France Administration Lancaster 24 April to the reverend John Harold Hastings clerk. Effects £3322 7s. 5d.

Probate for Captain George Herbert Hastings proved in Lancaster 24th April 1915. Benefit to brother, John, Hastings, Clerk -£3,322.7s.5d



# NEW SOLDIER'S RECORD



# **Private 446784 John Hayton**

**50th Batt. Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF)** 

Born 1882 in Heslington, Brigsteer,\* Lancashire \* Now Cumbria.

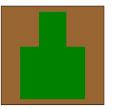
Died of Wounds, in Etaples, France on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1916, France. Age 34

(Probably held Canadian Citizenship)

Son of James and Agnes Hayton

Married to Alice Simerton (1882 – 1925)

**Buried in Etaples Military Cemetery Block VIII C 11A** 





# The Background History of the Hayton Family:

James Hayton was born in Helsington, Brigsteer, Westmorland to John and Mary Hayton. He married Agnes Walker, daughter of Joseph and Eleanor Walker, who was a neighbour.

John Hayton was born to James (1855 - 1934) and Agnes (1854 -1914) in Silverdale, Warton in Lindeth, Carnforth. James was a Gardener Labourer. There were 3 children: John b.1882, Joseph b.1885 and Mary Eleanor b.1887.

John was baptised at Silverdale Parish Church on 21st January 1883.

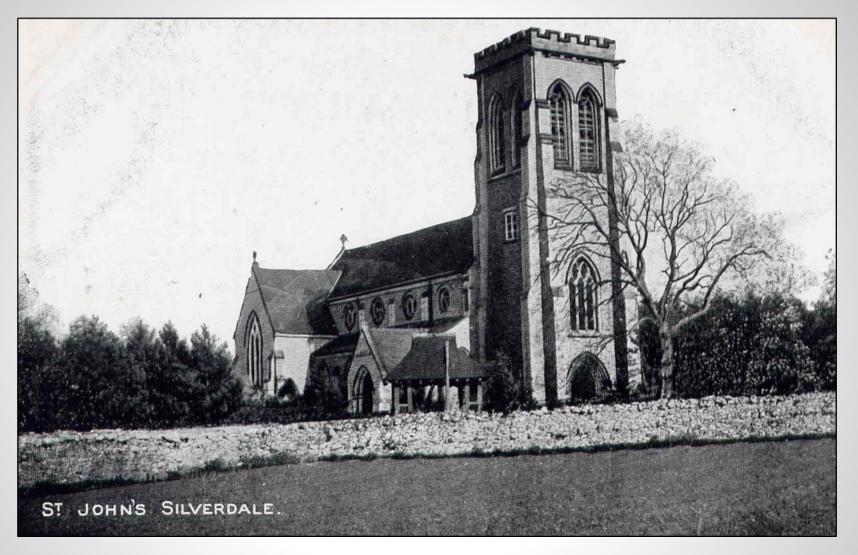
The 1901 Census shows James 18, now living at 29 King Street, in the centre of Lancaster and shown as a Coachman. There are various tradesmen living in the property.

Sometime later, John also became a Coachman to Mrs. Harris of Halton Hall, a prestigious property in a countryside village near Lancaster.

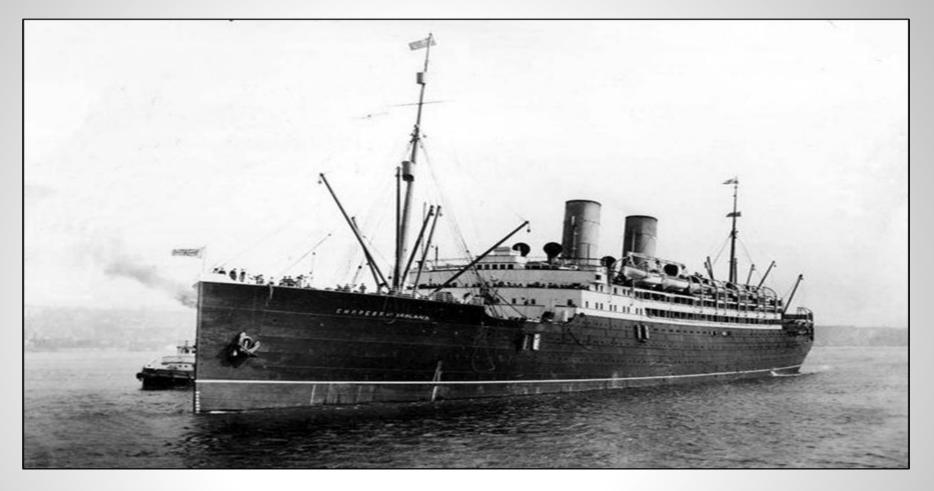
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Baptism of John Hayton in Silverdale Parish Church 21st January 1883.

His father, James, is a labourer. his mother is Agnes



Old Post Card of the Parish Church of St. John's, Silverdale where John Hayton was Baptised on 21st January 1883



"Empress of Ireland" the Liner John Hayton probably sailed to Canada on February 1911.

RMS Empress of Ireland was a Scottish-built ocean liner that sank near the mouth of the Saint Lawrence River following a collision in thick fog with the Norwegian collier," SS Storstad" in the early hours of 29th May 1914. ... Empress of Ireland had just begun her 96th voyage when she sank. Over 1,000 passengers lost their lives. It was known as, "Canada's Titanic," and has always lived in the shadow of the Titanic disaster 1912.

# **Military Background:**

In 1905 it is thought John may have married Alice Simerton, in Lunesdale, but he left for Canada in 1910, leaving Alice in Halton.

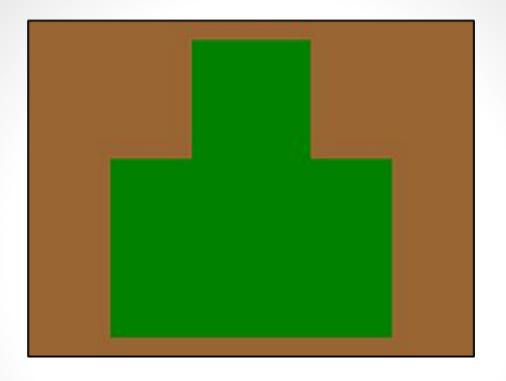
It is not clear if John intended to set up a new life in Canada and that Alice was to follow, but the war intervened. Certainly, she was in Halton when he left home and when he died 6 years later.

It was here that John probably took Canadian Nationality and enlisted with the 50th Canadian Expeditionary Force, sailing for England in October 1915. He then disembarked in France, most likely at Boulogne.

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James was wounded the Battle of Ancre, Somme where he was wounded in October 1916. He was almost certainly taken to hospital in Etaples, where he died on 24th October 1916 and buried in Etaples Military Cemetery.

His Probate was proved in Lancaster in 1916 and the beneficiary was his widow, Alice, in Halton, to value of £125. Alice died in December 1925.



The distinguishing patch of the 50th Battalion (Calgary), CEF.

The 50th Infantry Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) - later known, starting in 1946, as the King's Own Calgary Regiment, originated when the 103rd Calgary Rifles were formed in 1910, four years prior to the outbreak of the First World War.

Questions were raised about why a militia such as the 103rd Rifles needed to be raised, considering there really wasn't any real threat of invasion of another country. However, the unit was created because of fears of an invasion; an invasion of a different kind.

"The current elite in the city were worried of a cultural invasion with a large number of American immigrants coming to Alberta from the Southern United States and Eastern European states," says Al Judson, archivist for the King's Own Calgary Regiment (2014). "So people feared that British culture would be lost. So, what better way to maintain British tradition then to have an Infantry Regiment to rally the folks around the Empire?"

For the Canadians, there were multiple reasons why they wanted to be a part of this war. Many of them wanted a sense of adventure, while others felt like they were doing the right thing by fighting a nation they deemed to be evil (Germany). Peer pressure ultimately guided some Canadians to sign up for this bloody conflict as they saw their friends, brothers, uncles and fathers enlisting.

As a result of this passion, the Calgary Rifles quickly organised the 10th Battalion on 22nd September 1914, which eventually went overseas with the first contingent of Canadian soldiers.

The 50th Battalion commenced organisation on 17th November 1914, under the command of Colonel E. G. Mason.

Many of the men recruited for this unit were from Calgary and surrounding Alberta towns. It would be close to another 10 months until the unit actually departed for England on 27th October 1915, from Halifax. In the meantime, this unit of 1,000 men trained at Victoria Park until 15th July 1915, and then moved to the newly opened Sarcee Camp.

The 50th Battalion was able to send 200 men to support the war effort in 1915 before the full unit was sent over. This company of 200 men fought in Ypres and Festubert.

The 50th Battalion (Calgary), CEF, was an infantry battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the Great War. The 50th Battalion was authorised on 7th November 1914 and embarked for Britain on 27th October 1915.

The battalion disembarked in France on 11th August 1916, where it fought as part of the 10th Canadian Infantry Brigade, 4th Canadian Division in France and Flanders until the end of the war.

The 50th Battalion recruited in and was mobilised at Calgary, Alberta.

## 1916 - Ancre Heights - Somme:

The battalion was ordered to Ancre Heights in October. Ancre Heights was the scene of Canada's first involvement in the Battle of the Somme, which had begun on 1st July and which ultimately resulted in 25,000 Canadian casualties. Later, the 50th was ordered into the fighting and during the battle, the 50th Battalion's non-commissioned officers (NCOs) suffered heavily. Positioned in the second wave, they were killed by hidden German machine-gun posts that had been bypassed by the initial assault.

The Canadian Record Office reported the death from wounds of Private John Hayton of the Canadian Infantry on 24th October and have expressed sympathy to his widow, Mrs. Hayton of Woodside, Halton. He had received gunshot wounds to the thigh and had been reported seriously ill on 23rd October.

He would probably have been transported to the No.1 Canadian Military Stationary Hospital in Etaples, but quickly succumbed to his wounds.

Private Hayton emigrated to Canada 6 years ago (1910) after his Brother-in-Law, Private T. M. Simerton. Joining the Canadian forces in May 1915, he returned to the old country in April 1916, moving to France in August.

He was coachman to Mrs. Harris of Halton Hall.

#### 1926.

- HAYTHORNTHWAITE Thomas Septimus of 29 Lee Park Black-heath Kent died 21 March 1926 at the Lewishum Hospital Kent Probate London 28 April to Elizabeth Haythornthwaite

  HAYWARD Edward Hight of 31 Gordon-road Sevenoaks Kent died 10 November 1925 Probate London 9 February to Martha Floreace Hayward widow and Elizabeth Battam Hayward widow. Effects (701 3s. 9d.
- HAYTON Alice of High-road Halton Lancashire widow died 4 December 2925 Frobate London 22 January to Thomas Morgan Sunner joiner and George Brown Walling farmer,
- HAYTON James of 34 Hodge-street Blackley Manchester died 8 May 1926 Probate Manchester 4 June to Herbert Welch commercial clerk. Effects £152 ros. ad.
- HAYTON May Florence of the St. Albans and Mid-Herts Hospital St. Albans Hertfordshire spinster died z June 1926 at Belle Vue Bembrook county Armagh Administration Chester 18 August to Neilie Caroline Hayton spinster. Effects £578 11s. 11d.
- HAYTON Sydney Wilfred of The Cauliflower Hotel High-road Hord Essex died 13 April 1926 at 417 High-road Blord Administration London 20 May to Hilda Hayton widow, Effects £406 178.
- HAYWARD Albert Alfred of Bhamo Winsten-avenue Branksome Dersetshire died 16 March 1926 Probate London 13 May to John Henry Barrow and Elgar Lydford railway workers. Effects 4963 184 3d.
- HAYWARD Alice Mary of 126 Spargate-affect Dever spinster died 24 March 3926 Administration London 27 May to Arthur Augustus Hayward general labourer and Edith Chittenden pwife of Walter Edward Chittenden). Effects £77 7s. 6d.
- HAYWARD Annie Maude Douglass of Braeside St. George Grenaria British West Indies (wife of Alfred Hayward) died 13 June 1925 at Regents Park Middlesex Probate Grenada to the said Alfred Hayward. Effects £154 5s. 10d. in England. Sealed London 2 June.
- HAYWARD Arnold of Newgate Pattingham Staffordshire died 29 March 1926 at Hill House Trysull Staffordshire Administration Lichfield 3 June to Clara Ann Heath (wife of William Heath). Effects 466 5s. 6d.
- HAYWARD Asthur Alfred of 225 Frierra-road East Dulwich Surrey died 4 April 1906 Administration London 27 August to Arthur James Hayward outlitter and George Hayward bank storekeeper. Effects £1796 cs. 8d.
- HAYWARD Charles of 86 Alexandra-street Ebbw Vale Monmouthshire died 7 February 1925 Administration Llandaff in April to Martha Jane Hayward widow. Effects (380 ros.
- HAYWARD Charles of 126 Highbury Hill Highbury Middlesex died 18 November 1923 at Boughs-lane Boughton near Faversham Kent Probate London 17 June to Ligette Mary Ann Sloggett spinster, Effects £88 8s.

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- HAYWARD Edwin George of 52 Russell-road Walthamstow Essa.
  died 30 March 1935 Administration London 15 April to
  Susannah Sarah Hayward widow. Effects £251 108.
- HAYWARD Eleanor of Ripon Lodge St. Helens Hastings (wife of William Hayward) died 18 July 1926 Probate Lews 12 August to Eleanor Kate Hayward spinster. Effects £401 15s. 3d.
- HAYWARD Elizabeth of xzs Ingestre Flats Ingestre-place Westminster Middlesex widow died 24 March 1926 Administration London 7 May to Charlotte Nellie Hayward spinster. Effects £144 154. 5d.
- HAYWARD Ellen Elizabeth of 34 Seymour-road Gloucester (vife of William Hayward) died 19 March 1926 Administration Gloucester 14 April to the said William Hayward aswyer.
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- HAYWARD Frances Ann of 1 Priory-street Laws spinster died 18 May 1026 Administration (with Will) Lewes 16 August to Alice Eliza Salvage (wife of Thomas Salvage). Effects £125 ns. 8d.
- HAYWARD Frank of 25 Albien-street Coventry died 8 February 1926 at 28 St. Nicholas-street Coventry Probate Birmingham 13 March to Walter Charles Hayward pipe fitter. Effects £908 8s.
- HAYWARD George of 22 Howley-road Croydon Surrey died 24 March 1926 Probate London 10 May to Emily Hayward widow. Effects (652 4s. 11d.
- HAYWARD George of 32 Nightingale-road Clapton Middlesex died 2 December 1926 at 230 High-street Homerton Middlesex Administration (with Will) London 23 December to Annie Hayward widow. Effects £246 5s.
- HAYWARD George Edward of Thorn-cottage Pluckley Kent died 21 October 1925 Probate London 22 January to Engerie Louise Hayward widow. Effects (123 3s.

**Probate for Alice Hayton, widow, of High** Road, Halton. Died 4th December 1925.

Probate proved 11th January 1926 in favour of **Thomas Morgan Simner, Joiner and George** Brown Walling, Farmer in London in 1926. Effects £492.6s.3d.

Alice never remarried after her husband John's death in 1916.

#### Canadians at the Battle of Ancre 1 1st October to 11th November 1916





#### **Canadians at the Battle of Ancre 2**





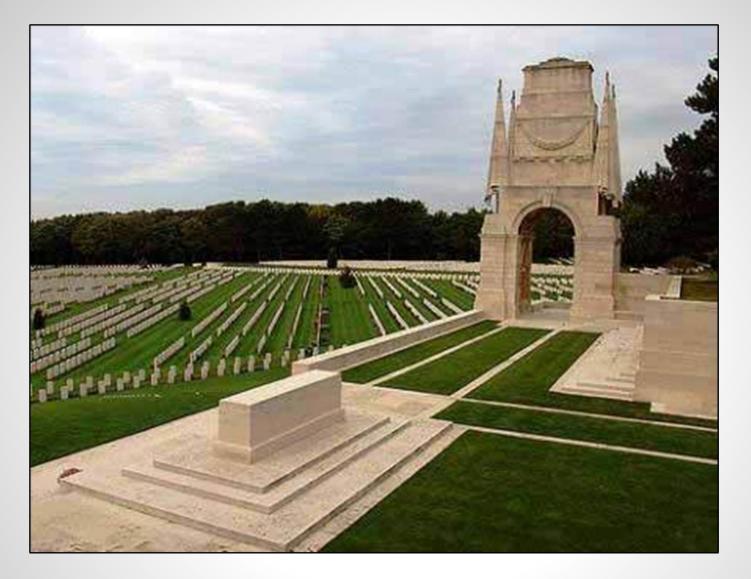
Military Records for Private 446784 John Hayton



**Etaples Military Cemetery (TWGPP)** 



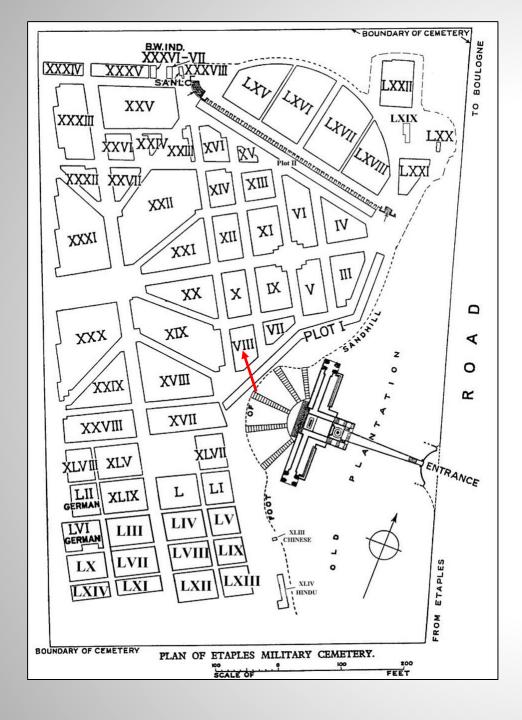
**Etaples Military Cemetery 1** 



**Etaples Military Cemetery 2** 



**Etaples Military Cemetery 3. The scale of it all is hard to believe** 



**Etaples Military Cemetery Plan. Plot VIII is arrowed.** 

There are 11,500 casualties buried here; so many because Etaples had a major Military Hospital close by.

Casualties were buried in date of death order, not by rank.



The Cemetery was unveiled on 14th May 1922, by King George V and General Douglas Haig. (IWGC)



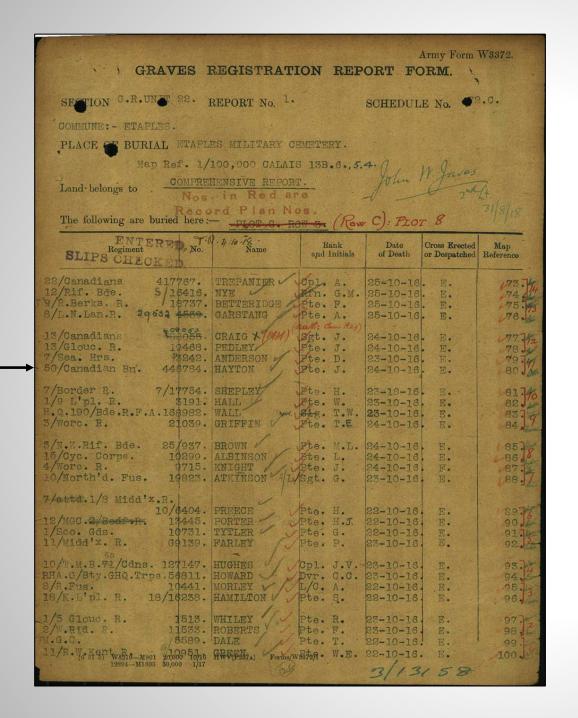
**Burial at Etaples Military Cemetery. Casualty probably died at Etaples Military Stationary Hospital. (IWGC)** 



Headstone of Private 446784 John Hayton. 50th Batt. Canadian Infantry. Died 24th October 1916.

**Buried in Etaples Military Cemetery (TWGPP)** 

Plot VIII, Row C, Grave 11A



**IWGC Graves Registration Form Showing John Hayton in Etaples Military Cemetery** 

CEMETERY Fr. 40 HASLER, Cpl. Frank George, A35003, 10th ETAPLES Bn. Canadian Inf. (Alberta Regt.). Died of FRANCE wounds oth May, 1917. Age 21. Son of George PART I and Emilie Johanna Margareta ("Gretchen") CANADA Hasler, of "The Rosary," Lindfield, Sussex, England. XIX. Q. 12A.

> HASTINGS, Lt. Melville Alfred. 52nd Bn. Canadian Inf. (Manitoba Regt.). Died of wounds, received at Cambrai, 3rd Oct., 1918. Age 42. Son of Alfred and Mary Elizabeth Miller (née Kent). B.A. Native of St. Leonards-on-Sea, England. Name changed from "Miller" to "Hastings" by Deed Poll about 1910. XLVIII. A. 4.

> HASTINGS, Pte. Newell, 844575. 18th Bn. Canadian Inf. (Western Ontario Regt.). Died of wounds, received at Cambrai, 31st Oct., 1918. Age 19. Son of John R. and Leila Hastings, of 718, Dougall Avenue, Windsor, Ontario. LXVI. M. 25.

HAWKEY, Pte. W. J., 669188. 124th Bn. Canadian Pioneers. 12th April, 1917. Age 39. Son of Mrs. M. A. Hawkey, of 6, St. David's St., Toronto, Ontario, XXII. F. 6.

HAY, Pte. James Birrell, 466358. 2nd Coy., 7th Bn. Canadian Inf. (British Columbia Regt.). Died of wounds, received at Vimy Ridge, 17th April, 1917. Age 28. Son of Isabella and the late Alexander Hay, of Edmonton, Alberta; late of Perth, Scotland. XIX. B. 18.

HAYES, Pte. Francis Joseph, 65435. 24th Bn. Canadian Inf. Died of wounds 15th April, 1916. Age 23. Son of Martin and Elizabeth Haves (née Hicks), of Montreal. V. A. 22.

HAYLETT, Pte. F., 700109. 3rd Cov. Canadian Machine Gun Corps. 16th April, 1917. XXII. J. 14A.

HAYTON, Pte. John, 446784. 50th Bn. Canadian Inf. (Alberta Regt.). 24th Oct., 1916. Age 34. Son of James and Agnes Hayton, of Silverdale, nr. Carnforth, Lancs. VIII. C. 11A.

HEFFERNAN, Spr. Francis William, 733096. 1st Tramway Coy. Canadian Engineers. Died of disease 6th July, 1918. Age 22. Son of Patrick W. and Helena T. Hefferman, of Halifax, Nova Scotia. LXVII F. 29.

HEGGIE, Pte. David, 602769. 4th Bn. Canadian Inf. (1st Central Ontario Regt.). 8th Oct., 1918. Husband of Lizzie D. Heggie, of 8, King St., Perth, Scotland. LXVI. H. 18.

HELLYER, Pte. Albert Hall, 201427. Signal Pool, Canadian Engineers. 6th March, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hellyer, of 5, Horsa Rd., Erith, Kent. Native of Belvedere, Kent. England. LXXII. E. 4.

HENDERSON, Dvr. Alex T., 43884. 9th Bde. Canadian Field Artillery, 15th Nov., 1918. Son of Ias. T. Henderson, of 104, Duke St., West St. John, New Brunswick. L. C. 19.

HENDERSON, Pte. D., 434605. 2nd Bn. Canadian Inf. (Eastern Ontario Regt.). Died of wounds 12th Nov., 1917. Age 27. Son of Catherine Phimister, of Lybster, Caithness. XXX. L. 5.

HENDERSON, Pte. J., 721422. 43rd Bn. Canadian Inf. (Manitoba Regt.). Died of wounds 24th Oct., 1918. Age 19. Son of Charles and Clara Henderson, of Stonewall, Manitoba. LXV. K. 4.

HENDERSON, Pte. W. H., 219463. 16th Bn. Canadian Inf. (Manitoba Regt.). 20th May, 1918. LXVII. C. 14.

HENRY, Pte. William Rupert, 401217. 5th Bn. Canadian Mounted Rifles (Quebec Regt.). Died of wounds 16th June, 1916. Age 18. Son of John and Rose Henry, of Belmont, Ontario. II. B. 47.

HEPBURN, Lt. Dennis Peter. 47th Bn. Canadian Inf. (Western Ontario Regt.). Died of wounds, received at Cambrai, 3rd Nov., 1918. Age 21. Son of John and Isabella Thorburn Scott Hepburn, of Sardis, B.C. Born at Shapansey, Orkney Islands, Scotland. XLVIII.

HEPWORTH, Pte. George William, 531732. 11th Field Amb. Canadian Army Medical Corps. 6th July, 1917. Age 22. Son of Edward and Elizabeth H. Hepworth, of Manor Farm, Shoal Lake, Manitoba. XXII. M. 20A.

HEPWORTH, Pte. H., 406736. 18th Bn. Canadian Inf. (Western Ontario Regt.), 20th Sept., 1916. XV. D. 4A.

HEROD, Pte. J. F., 2334444. Canadian Corps Cyclist Battalion. Died of wounds 18th Nov., 1918. Age 19. Son of Frederick and Ada Herod. Born at Nottingham, England. L. D. 15. **Cemetery Grave Index showing John Hayton's Grave Details.** 

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Communication was sent to John Hayton's next of kin, Agnes, in Silverdale, but there seems to have been no reply on her part.



John Hayton's name on Silverdale War Memorial, Lancashire goes some way in explaining why his name is not on Halton's War Memorial.

There are 28 names given.

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"Erected by public subscription in honour of the men of Silverdale and Lindeth whose names are hereon inscribed who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1919.

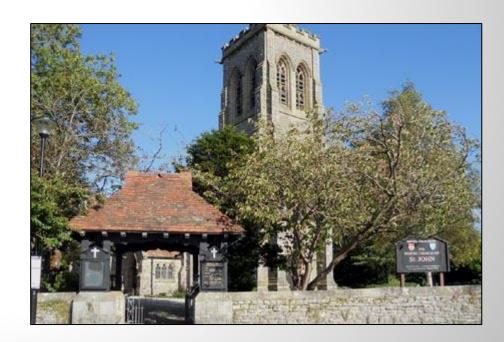
Their names shall remain for ever and their glory shall not be blotted out."

Ref: The Society for the Old Parish of Warton, Lancashire.

**Mourholme Local History Society.** 



St. John's Church, Silverdale, also carries a memorial to those who died in the Great War 1914-1919.







#### John and Henry Huyton

Brothers who died at a young age from 16 New Street, Halton.

The Family background is covered under Henry's name, but their Military experience is covered separately, with very different outcomes.

## Private 2384 Henry Huyton of 16 New Street, Halton

1st/5th Service Batt. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment

KIA 23rd April 1915

**Age 18** 

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium Panel 12



#### The Huyton Family Background:

The maternal line of the Huyton family in 1881 is the Smith family, living in Beetham, Milnthorpe and Kendal. Joseph Smith is 40 and a Labourer. His wife, Dorothy, is 30 and they have 5 children; the oldest is Mary Ann, 10, and the youngest, Samuel, 3 months. Harriet is the 2nd born in 1872, now aged 8 and a Scholar. She was baptised in Milnthorpe on 16th April 1873.

In 1891 Harriet, now 18, has left home and is a Domestic Servant at New Parkside Farm, Quernmore, in the Lune Valley.

On the paternal line, John ("Jack") Huyton was born to Henry, 42, a Farmer's Labourer. and Ellen Huyton, 42, and living at Aspinwall Lane, Ormskirk, near St. Helens, west Lancashire in 1881. There are 4 children: William, 10, John, 8, Mary, 6 and Henry, 10 months.

By 1891, John Huyton has left home and is a farm labourer at Hudson's Farm, Bulk, Lancaster, close to the city. The Farmer/owner is John Fisher.

After the Banns of Marriage had been read 3 times, Harriet married John Huyton at St. Mary's Church, Lancaster (Later to become Lancaster Priory) on 3rd June 1895.

Henry Huyton was born on 30th April 1895 and John just before 16th April 1899. In 1901, the family – including a daughter Ellen – were living in Church Street, Halton. Henry and John were Scholars at Halton National School.

Henry's death was later recorded in the School Log Book: "Killed in France".

The 1911 Census shows the Huyton Family still living in Church Street. Henry, now 13, is an Oil Cloth worker with his father. John is at School with Ellen and new family members Joseph, 8, and Tom, 5. Alice is 3 and Nora 3 months, all born in Halton. Another child, Harriet, was born in 1912, a year after the Census.

The parents had borne the deaths of two of their sons (Henry and John) killed in action and another (Joseph) through illness at the tender age of 13. At the time of (father) John Huyton's unexpected death in 1936, the family had moved to 16 New Street, Halton. Harriet died on 5th November 1938 at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary.

Ellen, born 1901, was to live 85 years and seemingly never married, died in Lancaster Moor Hospital which nursed patients with mental health issues.

#### **Dates for the Huyton Family:**

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John (1872 – 1936)

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Henry (1895 – 1915) KIA

John (1899 – 1916) KIA

Ellen (1900 – 1986)

Joseph (1903 – 1916) Aged 13.

Tom (1906 – 1962)

Alice (1908 – 1980)

Nora (1910 – 1976)

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The Marriage of John Huyton to Harriet on 3rd June 1895



Priory Church of St. Mary's Lancaster where John Huyton married Harriet Smith on 3rd June 1895



Bottom Mill Yard in the 1890's. Arthur Preston (Jnr) KIA is standing far right in the back row. His father, Arthur Preston (Snr), is seated 4th from the left with the full beard. John "Jack" Huyton is seated 2nd right.in a waist coat.

Ref: Bill Hosfield – Red Book.





# Private 238358 John Huyton Formerly of Main Street (now known as Church Brow), Halton, then of 16 New Street, Halton

6th Batt. Shropshire Light Infantry Herefordshire Regiment. Enlisted as 2764 with King's Own Regiment

> KIA 21st March 1918 - Somme Age 19

Buried in Roye New Military Cemetery, Picardy, France

#### **Military Life of Henry Huyton:**

Both brothers enlisted into the Army, but transferred to different Regiments. Henry joined on Saturday, 5th September 1914 as Private 2384 of the 1st/5th King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment.

Henry was one of 3 Halton villagers who were probably killed in the Second Battle of Ypres, dying with him were another 2 casualties, L/Cpl. T. Burrow and J. S. Johnston, on Friday 23rd April 1915.

#### Action on 23rd April 1915:

#### King's Own Royal Regiment Diaries for 1st/5th Batt:

Their orders for 23rd April 1915 state that "5th King's Own Royal Regiment, less one company, will follow the attack in reserve moving with its left on the Pilchem – Ypres Road. The Battalions will move on a front of 500 yards."

The Diary continues, "At 5pm the Battalion moved for the attack – "C" Company leading. As they deployed, they were met with heavy shellfire. they reached their position they came under machine-Immediately gun fire and rifle fire from the front and both flanks. Casualties were numerous from the outset.

The advance was carried out in perfect order, every man pressing forward to the objective. In coming in line with the troops of the attack, they were held up for lack of support. A halt was made and each man selected or made for himself cover. Later it was deemed advisable to fall back 1/200 yards and dig in a new line. "A" Company and a platoon of "D" Coy taking this duty whilst the remainder of the Battalion fell back to its position prior to the commencement of the attack.

Casualties were recorded as: Officers - 1 killed and two died of wounds. Other Ranks – 36 killed. Wounded - 3 Officers and 144 Other Ranks. Missing 21 Other Ranks.

It was during this operation that Halton lost three of its sons. By some irony it was the 23rd April, St. George's Day, that the Regiment has traditionally celebrated.

Henry's WW1 Records fortunately survive and give an insight into the background of his army life and the correspondence between the War Office and Henry's father, John.

As his body was never recovered, Henry is commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres, (now Leper,) Belgium. Panel 12.

There was no Probate.

It was later, that the family moved to 16 New Street, Halton, having lived in Main Road in Halton.

### WW1 Records for Pte.2384 Henry Huyton The Burned Papers

It fortuitous that the records survive at all as the War Office Records His brother John's Records did not survive.

They are shown in the order they appear in the originals. From them, inferences can be drawn about Henry's Enlistment, Medical Records, his death, his personal effects and correspondence to Henry's father, John Huyton in Halton.

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Church Street, Halton where the Huyton Family lived before moving to New Street.

**Ref: Bill Hosfield** 

Miltary Papers, Part 1:

**Attestation on Enlistment in Lancaster** 

Receipt acknowledged by John Huyton, father October 22nd 1919

**Unknown receipt dated 29th February 1920** 

**Unknown receipt dated 21st September?** 

Letter written by John Huyton, of Main Street, Halton –

February 9th 1916 in respect of the return of personal effects

Receipt of Identity Disc by John Huyton in Lancaster

Signed acknowledgement of letter by John Huyton, father

Post Card to Officer in Charge at Infantry Record Office, Preston

Miltary Papers, Part 2:

Post Card to Officer in Charge at Infantry Record Office, Preston

Army disclaimer form about service abroad

**Conditions of Service abroad** 

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Certificate of Medical Examination by W. D. Barrow. M.O. declaring Henry fit for service

**Short Service Contract Form** 

Casualty Form - Active Service showing Henry embarked from Southampton 14.2.1915. Killed in Action in the Field 23.4.1915

Dates of Service and Medal Award. (Abroad 5th 1914 to 23rd April 1915)

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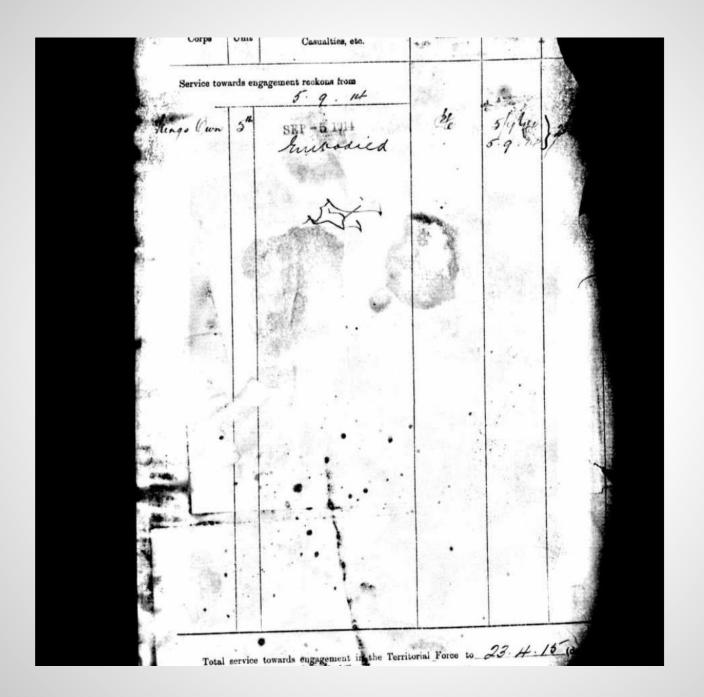
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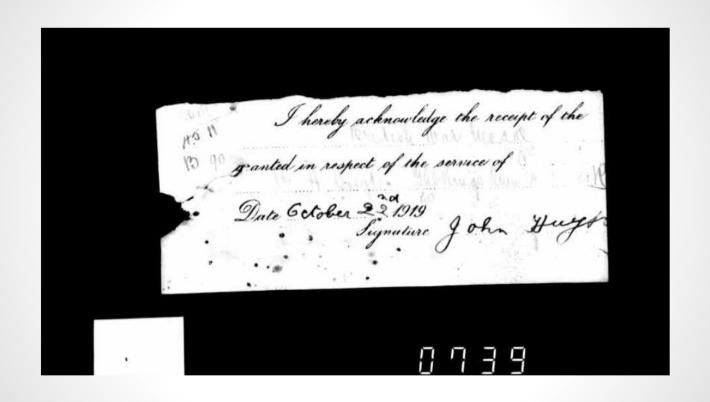
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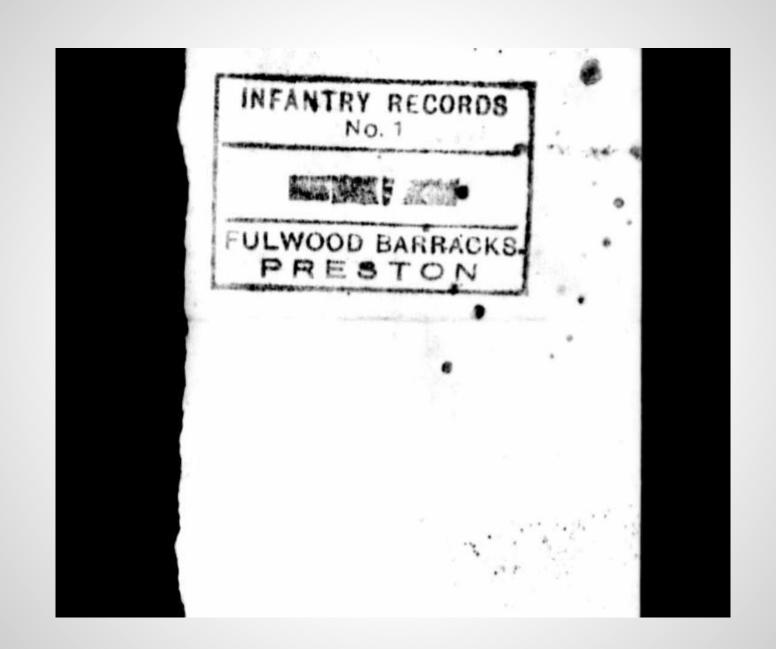
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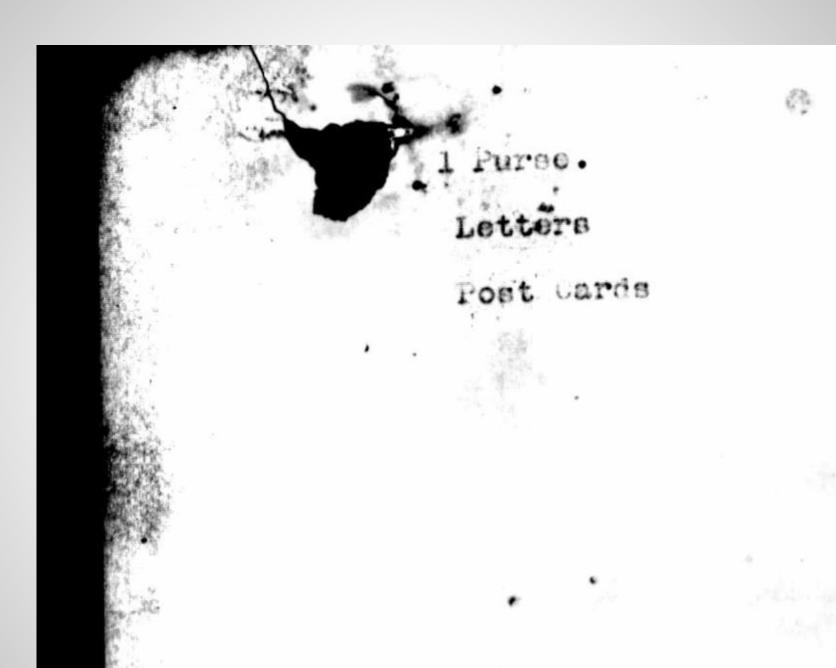
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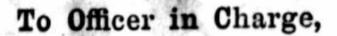
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5th Royal Lancaster Regt.

Battalion Diary (part of) for 23rd April 1915 showing heavy casualties including Henry Huyton and Thomas Burrow whose bodies were never found.

Diary written at St. Jean



The Menin Gate, Belgium, is one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders, which cover the area known as the Ypres Salient. Broadly speaking, the salient stretched from Langemarck in the north to the northern edge in Ploegsteert Wood in the south, but it varied in area and shape throughout the war. The names of 54,393 fallen are remembered here on the panels including Henry Huyton and Thomas Burrow

**Menin Gate Record at Ypres for Henry Huyton - Panel 12** 

HUXTABLE, Alfred Henry Edgar, Died: 08-Jun-1915, Rifleman, King's Royal Rifle Corps, 7th Bn., Service# R/11830, Age:15, Location: Panel 51 and 53., Son of Eliza Jane Huxtable, of 17, Alexandra Rd., Erith, Kent, and the late Arthur Ernest Huxtable.

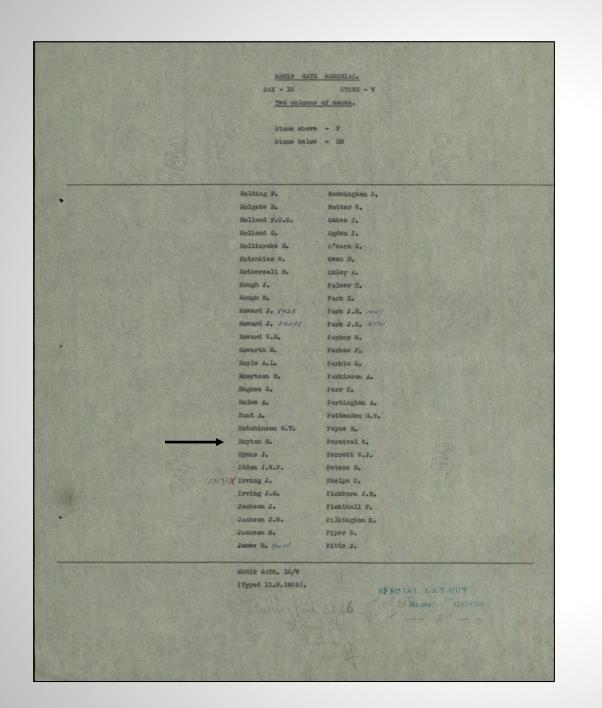
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HUYTON, Henry, Died: 23-Apr-1915, Private, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/5th Bn., Service 2 No. 2384, Age: 18, Location: Panel 12., Son of John and Harriet Huyton, of 16, New St., Halton, Lancaster.

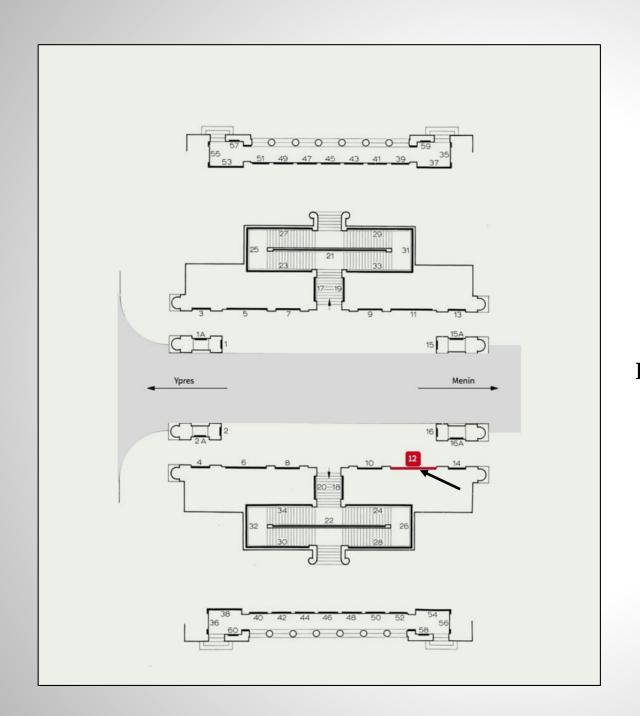
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HYAMS, Alec Hallenstein, Died: 05-Mar-1915, Lieutenant, Royal Fusiliers, 9th Bn. attd. 3rd Bn., Age: 20, Location: Panel 6 and 8., Son of Frank Hyams, of The Old House, Eastergate, Sussex.

Panel 12 at The Menin Gate



Names of casualties on Panel 12, Menin Gate.
John Huyton is shown on the left column.
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## Menin Gate Plan showing Panel 12 for Henry Huyton and L/Cpl. Thomas Burrow

INDEX No. M.R. 29 HUTTON, Pte. Walter Frederick, G/1585. 4th YPRES Bn. Royal Fusiliers. 27th March, 1916.

(MENIN GATE) HUTTON, Pte. William Walter, 9680. 2nd Bn. MEMORIAL Worcestershire Regt. 21st Oct., 1914. Age 26.
PART XXIII Son of Mrs. J. Hutton; husband of Mrs. H. A. E. (U.K.) Hutton, of 52, Barnsbury St., Upper St., Islington,

> HUTTON, Pte. William Henry, 9656. 1st Bn. Gloucestershire Regt. 5th Nov., 1914. Age 19. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hutton, of 16, Old Charlotte St., Bedminster, Bristol.

> HUTTON, Pte. William Thomas, 10883. "D" Coy. 5th Bn. Oxf. and Bucks Light Inf. 25th Sept., 1915. Age 22. Son of Frederick and Eleanor Hutton, of Shoppenhangers Cottage, Curl Lane, Maidenhead.

HUXTABLE, Rfn. Alfred Henry Edgar, R/11830. 7th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps. 6th Aug., 1915. Age 15. Son of Eliza Jane Huxtable, of 17, Alexandra Rd., Erith, Kent, and the late Arthur Ernest Huxtable.

HUYTON, Pte. Henry, 2384. 1st/5th Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. 23rd April, 1915. Age 18. Son of John and Harriet Huyton, of 16, New St., Halton, Lancaster.

HYAM, Pte. William Charles, 33751. 12th Bn. East Surrey Regt. 1st Aug., 1917. Age 20. Son of Samuel and Mary Hyam, of 101, Grosvenor Rd., Hanwell, Middx.

HYAMS, Lt. Alec Hallenstein. 9th attd. 3rd Bn. Royal Fusiliers. 3rd May, 1915. Age 20. Son of Frank Hyams, of The Old House, Eastergate,

HYAMS, Pte. Ernest, 3262. 1st/4th Bn. East Yorkshire Regt. 3rd May, 1915.

HYBART, Pte. John, 25030. 9th Bn. East Surrey HYDE, Cpl. Walter Thomas, 34250. 8th Bn. Regt. 16th June, 1917.

fordshire Regt. 30th Oct., 1914.

HYDE, Pte. Alfred, 1222. 3rd Bn. Royal Fusiliers. 24th May, 1915.

HYDE, Rfn. Arthur T., 302972. 1st Bn. London Rifle Brigade. 15th Aug., 1917. Age 19. Son of John and Alice Hyde, of I, Elm Cottage, Anyards Rd., Cobham, Surrey.

HYDE, Pte. Edgar, 17630. 1st Bn. York and Lancaster Regt. 8th May, 1915.

HYDE, Gnr. Frederick Arthur, 134577. "C" Bty. 83rd Bde. Royal Field Artillery. 10th Aug., 1917. Age 23. Son of J. W. and Frances Hyde, of 43A, High St., Hucknall, Notts.

HYDE, Lce. Cpl. George, 39454. 2nd Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. 1st Aug., 1917.

HYDE, Rfn. George Harry, 2087. 1st Bn. Monmouthshire Regt. 8th May, 1915. Son of Josiah and Jane Hyde, of 54, Clarence Place, Newport, Mon.

HYDE, Rfn. Henry E., 2813. 1st/6th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. 5th May, 1915. Age 19. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hyde, of 6, St. Oswald St., Old Swan, Liverpool.

HYDE, Pte. James, 11229. 1st Bn. Royal Irish Fusiliers. 25th April, 1915. Age 24. Son of Crawford and Rachael Hyde, of 18, Bentham St.,

HYDE, Pte. Joseph, 2093. 3rd Bn. Monmouthshire Regt. 2nd May, 1915. Age 26. Son of Thomas and Mary Ann Hyde, of 21, Holloway St., Upper Gornal, Dudley.

HYDE, Pte. Sidney John, 7367. 3rd Dragoon Guards. 13th May, 1915. Age 20. Son of Annie Howard (formerly Hyde), of 12, Cassidy Rd., Walham Green, London, and the late Sydney

HYDE, Pte. Thomas Frederick Allison, 25086. 9th Bn. East Surrey Regt. 3rd Aug., 1917.

HYDE, Pte. Thomas Harold, 17311. 10th Bn. Sherwood Foresters. 14th Feb., 1916. Age 25. Son of Thomas Hyde, of Pool, Hartshorne; husband of Leah Betteridge (formerly Hyde), of Bagnall Cottages, Hartshorne, Burton-on-Trent.

Loval North Lancs Regt. 5th Aug., 1917.

HYATT, Pte. John Henry, 7919. 1st Bn. S. Staf- HYDE, Pte. William, 9915. 2nd Bn. Cheshire Regt. 24th May, 1915.

> HYDER, Rfn. Lewis, R/6571. 9th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps. 30th July, 1915. Age 19. Son of Frederick and Jessie Hyder, of 92, Streathleven Rd., Acre Lane, Brixton, London.

> HYLAND, Dvr. Alfred John James, 2271. "F' Bty. Royal Horse Artillery. 20th Oct., 1914. Age 34. Husband of Bessie M. Hyland, of 35, Haydock Rd., Bermondsey, London.

Index of entry for Pte. 2384 Henry **Huyton at the Menin Gate, Ypres.** Son of Henry and Harriet Huyton of 16 New Street, Halton, Lancaster **IWGC** 





### Private 238358 John Huyton of 16 New Street, Halton

Son of Harriet and John Huyton

6th Batt. Shropshire Light Infantry Herefordshire Regiment

Formerly 2764 with King's Own Regiment



THE KIN COOWN

**Buried in Roye New Military Cemetery, Picardy, France** 





St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton and its long Associations with the Huyton Family

#### The Military Life of John Huyton:

John Huyton's Military Records are sparse.

Initially he enlisted as Pte. 2764 with the King's Own Lancaster Regiment.

He was then posted to the 6th Batt. Shropshire Light Infantry Herefordshire Regiment as Private 238358.

He was killed by a mine while travelling on a train on Thursday, 23rd March 1918, aged 19.

His body was later reburied in Roye New Military Cemetery, Picardy, France. Grave II A 18. (See IWGC/CWGC Records)

There is no known image of John Huyton, also no Probate.



Troops being moved by train to the Front. Ref: IWM

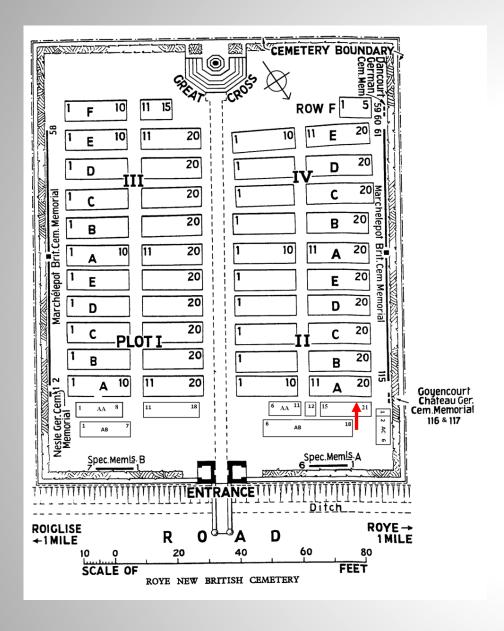
**Roye New Military Cemetery, Picardie, France – CWGC (Edited)** 

Roye was in German hands from 30th August 1914 until the French retook it on 17th March 1917. The town was recaptured by the Germans on 26th March 1918, but was evacuated by them on 26th August. The French First Army entered the town the following day.

Roye Old British Cemetery was 1.6 kilometres south of the town. It was made in March 1918, by the 53rd Casualty Clearing Station but there was little time to mark the graves before the town was captured by the Germans, who extended this cemetery for the burial of their own dead.

In 1920 the Commonwealth graves were moved from the Old Cemetery to Roye New British Cemetery, which was expanded when other burials from the battlefields and numerous smaller cemeteries in the vicinity were consolidated there.

John Huyton was bought here at a later date for reburial from another cemetery which fell into German hands.



Roye New Military Cemetery with 557 casualties Private John Huyton is buried in II A 18 (Arrowed Lancaster. II. A. 18.

Sussex Regt. 22nd March, 1918. Marchélepot Brit. Cem. Mem. 90.

JACKMAN, Pte. W. H., 241378. 7th Bn. Royal West Kent Regt. 25th March, 1918. Sp. Mem. B. 7.

JACKSON, Capt. Theophilus Rudolph, M.C. JACKSON, Capt. Theophilus Rudolph, M.C. JOHNSTON, Pte. J. F., 41126. 9th (North 7th Bn. Duke of Cornwall's Light Inf. Died of Irish Horse) Bn. Royal Irish Fusiliers, formerly wounds 25th March, 1918. Age 41. Son of Inniskilling Dragoons. Died of wounds 25th Frederick James Jackson and Mary Anne March, 1918. Age 20. Son of Joseph and Jackson; husband of Janet Jordan Lindsay. Mary J. Johnston, of Blacklion, Co. Cavan. (formerly Jackson) of 5, South Learmouth IV. B. 3. Gardens, Edinburgh. Sp. Mem. A. 5.

JACKSON, Lce. Cpl. William, 241856. 6th Bn. 52nd Bn. Canadian Inf. (Manitoba Regt.). Lancashire Fusiliers. 22nd March, 1918. Age 20. Son of James Jackson, of Heatley, Knowl Farm, Firgrove, Rochdale. Marchélepot Brit. Cem. Mem. 17.

JACOBS, Pte. B., 32671. 11th Bn. South Lancashire Regt. 24th March, 1918. III.

JACOBSOHN, Pte. J., 14096. 1st Regt. South African Inf. 22nd Feb., 1918. Marchélepot Brit. Cem. Mem. 30.

JACQUES, Pte. R. A., 89554. 17th Bn. Middlesex Regt. 22nd March, 1918. Marchélepot Brit. Cem. Mem. 93.

JAMIESON, Pte. W., 24357. 2nd Bn. Royal Rd., Chester. IV. A. 3. Scots Fusiliers. 2nd April, 1918. IV. D. 8. 1918. I. A. 2.

JAUTRAS, Pte. Emile, 1004050. See "CLOUTIER," the true family name.

JEBSON, Gnr. Lawrence, 127364. 189th Bde. Royal Field Artillery. 21st March, 1918. Age 23. Son of Elizabeth and the late Walter Jebson. Marchélepot Brit. Cem. Mem. 46. JENKINS, Pte. Thomas, 30093. 2nd/4th Bn. Royal Berkshire Regt. 5th April, 1918. Age 38. Son of John and Sarah Jenkins; husband of Clara Jenkins, of The Square, Highworth, Wilts. Born at Uffington, Faringdon, Berks. JUNIPER, Pte. T. C., 43398. 17th Bn. Man-IV. D. 17.

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HYDER, Cpl. J. H., 17647. 9th Bn. Royal JOBSON, Pte. R., 73045. 10th Bn. Durham Light Inf. 22nd March, 1918 Marchélepot Brit. Cem. Mem. 115.

> JOHNSON, Spr. J. C., 471149. 432nd Field Cov., Royal Engineers. 22nd March, 1918. Marchélepot Brit. Cem. Mem. 40.

IOHNSTONE, Lt. William, M.C. and Bar. 15th Aug., 1918. I. B. 15.

JONES, Pte. A., 15693. 11th Bn. Hampshire Regt. 21st March, 1918. Age 22. Son of Mrs. Ellen Jones, of 59, Grasmere Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham. II. C. 3.

IONES, Pte. A. J., 100076. 1st Bn. Sherwood Foresters. 31st March, 1918. Age 20. Son of Mrs. Maria Jones, of 76, Hill St., Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford, Dudley. IV. D. 5.

JONES, 2nd. Lt. Harry Reynolds, 80th Sqdn. Royal Flying Corps. Killed while flying near Rove 17th March, 1918. Age 19. Son of William and Charlotte Iones, of Tattenhall

IONES, Spr. Leonard, 103515. 104th Field JAMISON, Pte. H. J. R. E., 424956. 43rd Coy. Royal Engineers. Died of wounds 23rd Bn. Canadian Inf. (Manitoba Regt.). 16th Aug., March, 1918. Age 31. Born at Hackney, London. Son of Fredrick and Ellen Jones, of "Oakdene," Worthing Rd., Laindon, Essex. Marchélepot Brit, Cem. Mem. 62.

> IONES, Pte. William Henry, 31071. 2nd/5th Bn. East Lancashire Regt. Died of wounds 21st March, 1918. Age 19. Son of James Richard and Harriett Jones, of I, Albert St., Heaton Park, Manchester. II. C. I.

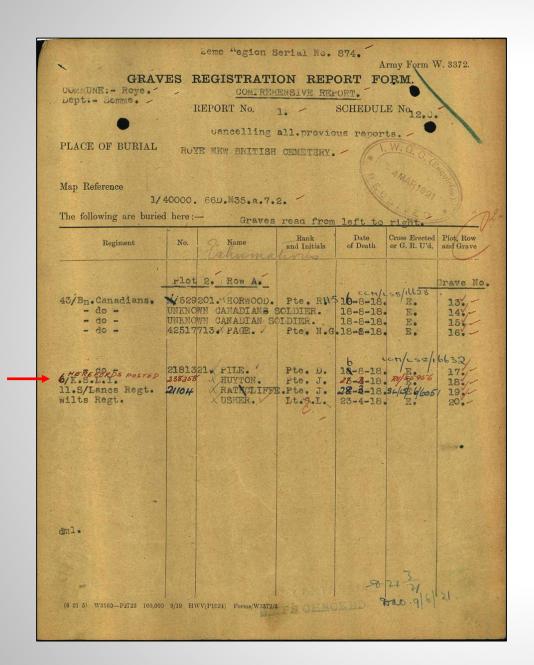
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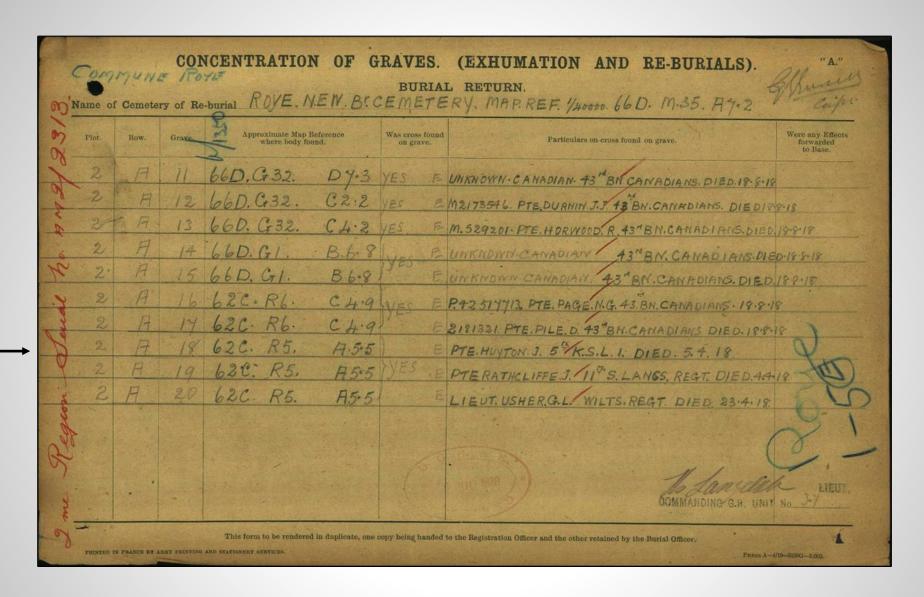
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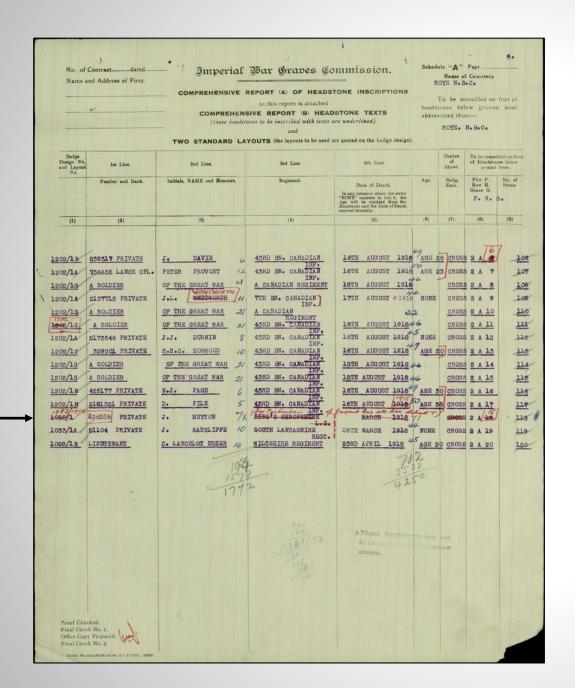
Headstone Personal Inscription was not chosen by John's parents as the records show



Burial Record of John Huyton - K.S.L.I. Roye New Military Cemetery



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WW1 Army Register of Soldier's Effects showing John Huyton, presumed dead. Award of £27.17s., including £20 War Gratuity. Given at Shrewsbury in April 1919. Sent to John Huyton, father, as Next of Kin.





**Roye New Military Cemetery, Picardy, France** 



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# NEW SOLDIER'S RECORD



# **Serjeant\* Walter Jacques**

Son of James and Clara Jacques, nee Young

**Husband of Lucy nee Wright** 

218th Coy Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)

Died of Wounds in the Scottish Red Cross Hospital, Rouen 13th April 1917 Aged 35 Years

Serjeant Walter Jacques in buried in St. Sever Cemetery Extension Block O Plot VIII Row 41 Grave 10

(Serjeant is a specialist Army rank with particular skills. Walter Jacques was a Machine Gun Instructor.)



# **Walter Jacques – Personal Life:**

Walter was born to James and Clara Jacques in 1882. The 1891 Census shows the family living at 31 Lissadel Street, Pendleton, Salford, close to the River Irwell. James is a Foreman Engraver, a trade that Walter was to follow in life. Walter is aged 9. At the time there were 2 younger sisters; Gertrude 5 and Eva 2.

By 1901, the family are found living in New Street, Halton, Lancaster. James is still an Engraver at Helmes Mill, where he is shown as a Copper Engraver and Walter now an Apprentice Engraver with his father. Walter is now 19, but must have moved to Halton in the mid 1890's as he attended Halton National School. Gertrude and Eva are still in the family home, but there is a new child, Gladys aged 6.

Living next door is Arthur Preston who was also killed in September 1916 whilst serving with the Leeds Pals Bantams. In fact, New Street, Halton had the highest density of casualties in the village; not just neighbours, but work colleagues in Halton's Mills.

On 4th April 1908 Walter married Lucy Wright, a Spinster, born in Galgate, Lancaster into a family of 9 children. They married at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church. Walter and Lucy were both aged 26 years.

1911 Census shows the couple still living in Halton and Walter a Copper Roller Engraver at Halton Mill having served his Apprenticeship. They have son, Harold, aged 9 months. their family home is Furnace Cottage, Halton.

It was from this house that Walter enlisted in September 1914 into 2nd/5th The King's Own Royal Regiment and became a Kingsman.

### **Sgt.** Walter Jacques Military Life:

Walter was 32 on his enlistment. His Military Papers and Correspondence from the War Office were lost in WW2. His postings and war engagements are not clear. He was a keen athlete and won trophies.

At later date, possibly 1915, Walter was posted to Grantham, Lincolnshire where the newly founded Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) was trained. He rose to become a Serjeant Machine Gun Instructor with 218 Coy, a specialist role. The army moved many of its best men to train as Machine Gunners as the war escalated and weapons developed.

(See separate section about the Machine Gun Corps where the records are desperately scant; if they were ever kept in the haste to train men to battle level standards.)

Later Walter was posted to the Machine Gun Depot in France. This served machine gunners to support Infantry Battalions at the Front.

It is not clear where Walter was wounded. He received very serious head injuries and would have been quickly passed through the battle lines from Field Hospital, Casualty Clearing Station and then Rouen, probably by a train carrying hundreds of men daily to the city's tented hospitals. Many soldiers were repatriated to England for treatment where possible.

It seems that in about a month of being posted, Lucy, his wife, received a communication dated 6th April 1917 (Good Friday) informing her of his condition as dangerous. Walter died of his wounds a week later, 13th April, his condition being judged to be hopeless by the surgeon. Walter died in the Red Cross Scottish Hospital, Rouen. His commanding officer wrote expressing Walter's zeal and excellent character.

Lucy then received further communication dated 14th April informing her of his death in Rouen. This would have been by War Office telegram. Later communications came from Field Marshal Kitchener and King George V expressing their sorrow.

Walter is buried in St. Sever Military Cemetery Extension, Rouen. The deceased were buried very quickly, but with respect; often on the same day of dying and certainly by the next. Headstones show the high numbers of casualties and the daily death rate.

The Imperial War Graves Commission would record burials in individual graves, plots and blocks. Forms would have been sent to Lucy inviting her to write her personal words to be inscribed on each stone. It seems Lucy either didn't get the letters or chose not to reply.

### **Lucy Jacques nee Wright:**

Lucy was born in Galgate in 1882, a village south of Lancaster. In 1891 she is shown as living with her parents, Roger and Alice. The are 9 children and Lucy is 9. Her father is a Railway Porter. In 1901 the family have moved to High Road, Halton where Roger is now working in a local Oil Cloth Mill. Lucy is 19 and a Cotton Weaver, together with several older siblings.

In moving to Halton, this would bring Lucy and Walter together, leading to their marriage in 1908.

### Addendum:

War widows showed their grief by dressing heavily in black and closed curtains at home in their loss. Lucy's life would be reshaped, so too that of Harold now 16. Walter was the family breadwinner and the Government pension to widows (if any) was a pittance. 18/- a week and no husband were considered by some to be heaven and a discouragement from supporting themselves. Lucy was 35 years old.

Many war widows remarried out of social and financial need and this was the case with Lucy. In January 1921 she married Albert Clement Parkinson, a Farm Labourer, in Halton Parish Church. She was 39.

Lucy died 18th December 1962 in Lancaster Royal Infirmary. She left £412.10s

### **Harold Jacques:**

Lucy's son, Harold, died in 1985, aged 75. He married Esther Walling in Halton in 1928. They had a daughter, Sheila Constance (1929 – 2002) in Glasson Dock, Lancaster.

Walter Derek (1932 – 2003.) in Glasson Dock, Lancaster. The 1939 Census shows Harold to be a General Electrician and Charge Hand. Harold remarried in 1949 in Liverpool to Hilda Lane, after divorce.

### Note:

Gertrude Jacques married Arthur Gorst in October 1907. Died 1932.

Gladys Jacques married Frank Brodrick in Halton in April 1918. Died in 1961.

Eva Jacques died in Manitoba, Canada.



Walter Jacques 1882 - 1917



Pte. 3125 Walter Jacques KORR 1914 (Professional Photograph)

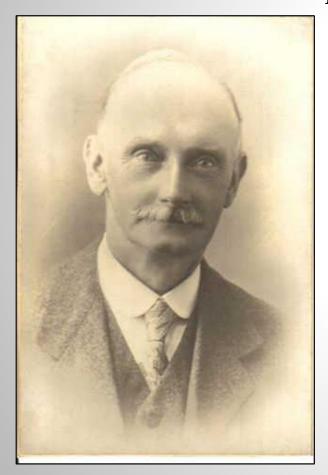


James and Clara Jacques with their son Walter c1913
The girl is Gertrude (Cissie)

Walter's Parents

James Jacques 1858 - 1938 Clara Jaques, née Young 1859 – 1930

**Inset is Cissie 1886 - 1932** 









James Jacques and Walter (right)
Probably taken before WW1



Furnace Cottages, Halton, the home of Lucy and Walter Jacques in 1917 when he was KIA

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Marriage of James Jacques and Clara Young at St. Mary's, Prestwich on 12th February 1880

# **Civil Registration of Marriage:**

**Name: Walter Jacques** 

**Registration Year: 1908** 

**Registration Quarter: Apr-May-June (4th April 1908)** 

Registration District: Lunesdale (St. Wilfrid's Parish

Church, Halton

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Name:

**Walter Jacques** 

**Lucy Wright** 



**WW1 Vickers Machine Gun** 

### **Machine Gun Corps (Infantry):**

"No military pomp attended its birth or decease. It was not a famous regiment with glamour and whatnot, but a great fighting corps, born for war only and not for parades. From the moment of its formation it was kicking. It was with much sadness that I recall its disbandment in 1922; like old soldiers it simply faded away."

Machine Gunner George Coppard, in his autobiography "With a machine gun to Cambrai."

218 Coy Machine Gun Corps came into being on the 23rd March 1917, joining 8 Division, and making up the Machine Gun element of that Division with Nos 23, 24 and 25 Companies. Serjeant Walter Jacques was posted to this Company, probably whist serving as an Instructor at Belton Park Gunnery School in Grantham, Lincolnshire.

### **Background:**

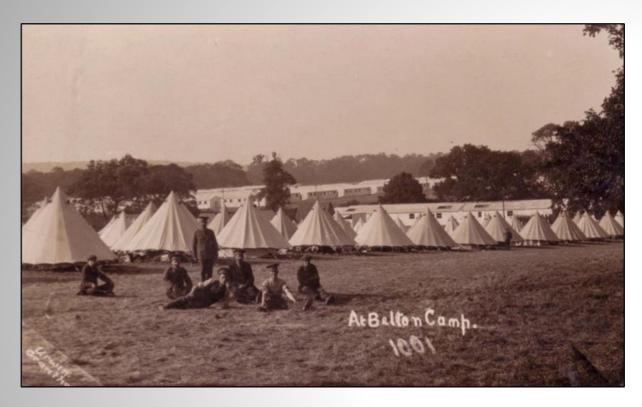
At the outbreak of the First World War in August 1914, the tactical potential of machine guns was not appreciated by the British Armed Forces. The prevalent attitude of senior ranks at the outbreak of the Great War can be summed up by the opinion of an officer (albeit expressed a decade earlier) that a single battery of machine guns per army corps was a sufficient level of issue.

Despite the evidence of fighting in Manchuria (1905 onwards) the army therefore went to war with each infantry battalion and cavalry regiment containing a machine gun section of just two guns.

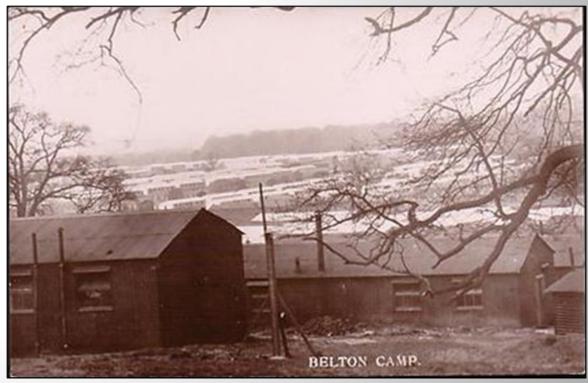
These organic (embedded) formation of the Motor Machine Gun Service (MMGS) units were supplemented in November 1914 by the operated by the Royal Artillery, consisting of motor-cycle mounted machine gun batteries.

After a year of warfare on the Western Front it was self-evident, even to sceptics, that machine guns must be used in larger units to be fully effective. Some commanders advocated crewing them with specially trained men who were not only thoroughly conversant with their weapons, but who understood how they should be best deployed for maximum effect - a skill Walter would have known. To achieve this, the Machine Gun Corps was formed in October 1915 with Infantry, Cavalry, and Motor branches, followed in 1916 by the Heavy Branch. It was soon recognised that a Base Depot and training centre was urgently needed; not just at Belton Park, but a base depot near the actual fighting in France at Camiers.

The Infantry Branch was by far the largest and was formed by the transfer of battalion machine gun sections to the MGC. These sections were grouped into Brigade Machine Gun Companies, three per division. New companies were raised at Grantham. In 1917, a fourth company was added to each division.



**Belton Camp, Grantham** 



In its short history, the MGC gained an enviable record for heroism as a front -line fighting force. Indeed, in the latter part of the war, as tactics changed to defence in depth, it commonly served well in advanced positions on the front line. Gunners were the target of camouflaged German snipers and shelling; more because their killing potential and effectiveness over significant distances. Additionally, at the actual front - line gunners worked in pairs; one carrying the tripod and ammunition, the other the gun barrel. Support to the gunners was vital in terms of ammunition supplies, replacements, wire, water and communication. It required well organised structure for a lengthy time at the front.

It had a less enviable record for its casualty rate. Some 170,500 officers and men served in the MGC, with 62,049 becoming casualties, including 12,498 killed, earning it the nickname the, "Suicide Club."

It is thought that Walter arrived in France just a week before he was wounded. Lack of army records do not suggest the place or circumstances of Walter Jacques being seriously wounded in April 1917; suffice to say his men took him by stretcher to an FCS (Forward Casualty Station), then quickly taken to the Scottish Hospital in Rouen where he succumbed to his wounds.

# **Composition and structure of Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) Headquarters: (1)**

- 1 Major or Captain in command
- 1 Captain or Lieutenant as second in command and acting as adjutant
- 1 Company Sergeant Major
- 1 Company Quartermaster Sergeant
- 1 Transport Sergeant
- 1 Artificer
- 1 Shoeing Smith
- 28 Rank & File (4 Signallers, 16 Privates, 3 Drivers, 1 Storeman, 2 Cooks, 2 Officers' servants)
- 2 Rank & File attached from the Royal Army Medical Corps
- 1 Rank & File driver attached from Army Service Corps
- Four Sections, each of:
- 2 Subalterns (Lieutenant or Second Lieutenants)
- 2 Staff Sergeants or Sergeants
- 25 Rank & File (2 Corporals, 16 Privates, 5 Drivers, 2 Batmen)

### **Headquarters: (2)**

- 3 Riding Horses, 5 Draught Horses, 4 Bicycles, 1 Cooks Cart, 1 Water Cart
- 8 Riding Horses per Section, 40 Draught Horses in total
- 8 Wagons (for machine guns & 7000 rounds of ammunition each)
- 4 GS Wagons (for 18,000 rounds of ammunition each)

#### **Company armament:**

4 Machine Guns per Section

Each man of the Rank & File, except those attached, was equipped with the SMLE rifle

The above structure is as officially defined in September 1916.



"Suicide Squad" – Machine Gun Corps (Probably taken at Belton Park)



Imperial War Museum photograph Q2864. A British Vickers machine gun crew in action during the Battle of Menin Road, Ypres, 1917.

#### **Conclusion:**

The role of the machine gun section was extremely risky, which was reflected in high casualties. When properly employed it was unarguably a devastating deterrent, as witnessed by those who took the trouble to seek out the areas interdicted. However, those witnesses were often regarded uncritical advocates of novel, untried tactics. This extract from the Vickers machine gun article clearly conveys the concept:

"The Vickers was used for indirect fire against enemy positions at ranges up to 4,500 yards (2.5 miles or 4.1 km). This plunging fire was used to great effect against road junctions, trench systems, forming up points, and other locations that might be observed by a forward observer, or zeroed in at one time for future attacks, or guessed at by men using maps and experience.

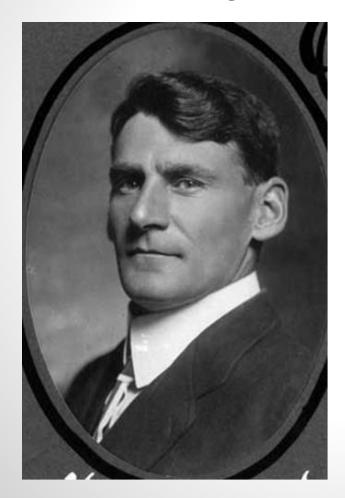
Sometimes a location might be zeroed in during the day, and then attacked at night, much to the surprise and confusion of the enemy....

#### **Continued:**

Perhaps the most incredible [action] was the action by the 100th Company of the Machine Gun Corps at High Wood on 24th August 1916. This company had ten Vickers guns, and it was ordered to give sustained covering fire for 12 hours onto a selected area 2000 yards away in order to prevent German troops forming up for a counter-attack while a British attack was in progress... a hundred new barrels were used up, and every drop of water in the neighbourhood, including the men's drinking water and contents of the latrine buckets, went up in steam to keep the guns cool. And in that 12-hour period the ten guns fired a million rounds..."

## Colonel Goodland Images - IWGC Who took photographs of cemeteries under his care, including St. Sever.

Somewhere in these images that follow is the grave of Serjeant Walter Jacques



Colonel Herbert Thomas Goodland CB., DSO Imperial War Graves Commission

The work of the Commission respected that every fallen soldier should be permanently commemorated either by a headstone or memorial. These visible testaments of sacrifice were uniform in nature with no distinction made based upon "military or civil rank, race or creed."

At all times, it was important for the Commission to assist with the needs of parents, relatives and friends wishing to pay their respects to the departed. Many individuals travelled to the cemeteries, either on personal visits or as part of organised pilgrimages, always charged with great emotion and memories.

Goodland photographed most major British cemeteries to build up evidence and a picture of the huge task faced. These at St. Sever which follow show the haste in which men were buried, with wooden, iron and stone memorials. By comrades and families.









St. Sever Cemetery and St. Sever Cemetery Extension are located within a large communal cemetery situated on the eastern edge of the southern Rouen suburbs of Le Grand Quevilly and Le Petit Quevilly. (It is best found by Rouen Football Ground, Stade Robert Diochon, on the main road; the cemetery is behind the stadium.)

During the First World War, Commonwealth camps and hospitals were stationed on the southern outskirts of Rouen. A base supply depot and the 3rd Echelon of General Headquarters were also established in the city. Almost all of the hospitals at Rouen remained there for practically the whole of the war. They included eight general, five stationary, one British Red Cross, one labour hospital, and No. 2 Convalescent Depot. A number of the dead from these hospitals were buried in other cemeteries, but the great majority were taken to the city cemetery of St. Sever.

In September 1916, it was found necessary to begin an extension. St. Sever Cemetery contains 3082 Commonwealth burials of the First World War. There is also 1 French burial and 1 non-war service burial here. The Commonwealth plots were designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield.

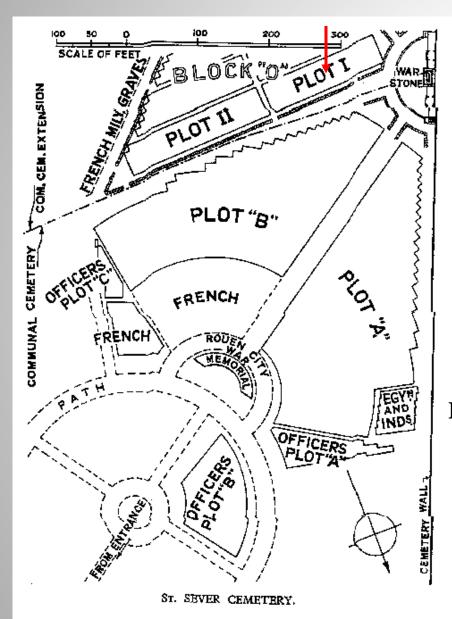
There are few "Unknown" soldiers at St. Sever because it holds only those who were bought here from Forward Field Stations, but mainly large Casualty Clearing Stations. Their comrades would have given names to those assisting the wounded. The most severely wounded were transferred to Stationary Hospitals or Base Hospitals.

In the case of Walter Jacques, the severe head injuries were so such that the surgeon deemed his situation as hopeless.

As one walks around St. Sever Cemetery, it is noticeable that the casualties are buried in date order of death, no matter the rank, regiment or country as received from the nearby hospitals. Only the headstone gives a clue to name and army unit.

**Serjeant Walter Jacques in buried in:** 

**Block O Plot VIII Row 41 Grave 10** 



Serjeant Walter Jacques is buried in:

Block O Plot VIII Row 41 Grave 10 One of 3,096 casualties

**Images below of St. Sever Military Cemetery Extension** 



St. Sever Military Cemetery Extension, Seine-Maritime, Rouen x 5









'Army Form W3372.

#### GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

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31st Aug., 1918. R. II. G. 24.

JACKSON, Pte. J., 53327. 15th Bn. Durham Light Inf. 15th Nov., 1917. P. III. R. 78.

JACKSON, Ptc. J. E., 46504. 4th Bn. Yorkshire Regt. 10th April, 1918. P. IX. J. 88.

JACKSON, Pte. J. T., 39303. 2nd/7th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. 29th March, 1918. P. VII. L. 12A.

JACKSON, Sh. Smith Robert, L/1438. 16th Lancers. 12th April, 1917. Age 31. Husband of Blanche E. Jackson, of Finch Hill, Bulmer, Sudbury, Suffolk. O. VIII. H. 6.

JACKSON, Pte. R., 022430. 6th Special Coy. Royal Army Ordnance Corps. 12th March, 1917. O. VI. M. I.

JACKSON, Spr. R., WR/258399. C.M.E. 37th Miscellaneous Trades Coy. Royal Engineers. 16th Nov., 1918. Husband of Elizabeth Jackson, of Bridgend, Bridge-of-Weir, Renfrewshire. S. III. R. 6.

JACKSON, Ptc. S., 39518. 2nd Bn. South Wales Borderers. 18th Feb., 1917. O. VI. D. 11.

JACKSON, Cpl. W. W., 277532. 2nd/7th Bn. Manchester Regt. 13th Nov., 1917. P. III. L. 14B.

JACOBS, Rfn. Phillip, 675025. 21st County of London Regt. 29th Aug., 1918. Age 19. Son of Abraham and Sarah Jacobs, of 78, Eric St., Bow, London. Born at Edmonton, London. Q. V. C. 6.

JACQUES, Serjt. W., 55939. 218th Coy. Machine Gun Corps (Inf.). 13th April, 1917. O. VIII. H. 10.

JACQUES, Ptc. W. F., 51476. 4th Sqdn. Machine Gun Corps (Cav.), 15th April, 1918. P. IX. P. 13A.

Bde. Signal Coy. Royal Engineers. Died of pneumonia 20th Dec., 1918. Age 21. Brother of Mrs. L. R. Britton, of 16, Eve Rd., Easton, Bristol, Native of Plymouth. S. IV. H. 17.

JAKES, A.M. II. Leonard Frederick, 43679. JACKSON, Pte. G. E., 84128. Royal Fusiliers. 12th Sodn. Royal Air Force, attd. Royal Garrison Artillery. Died of pneumonia 13th Dec., 1918. Age 23. Son of Tom and Jane Elizabeth Jakes, of Handcross, Hayward's Heath, Sussex. A Wireless Operator. S. IV. D. 3.

> JAMES, Pte. A., 241530. 10th Bn. Sherwood Foresters. 22nd Aug., 1918. Q. IV. I. 23.

> JAMES, Gnr. A. C., 180417. 233rd Siege Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery. 11th Sept., 1918. R. III. H. 16.

JAMES, Ptc. George Francis, 136773. 18th Bn. Machine Gun Corps (Inf.). 7th Nov., 1918. Age 20. Son of George and Louisa James, of 51, Ifield Rd., West Brompton, London, S. III.

JAMES, Gnr. George Thomas, 105311. "D" Bty. 24th Bde. Royal Field Artillery. 1st Nov., 1918. Age 22. Son of William John and Surah James, of Bishton, Newport, Mon. S. II.

JAMES, Cpl. Herbert, 35796. "B" Bty. 117th Bde, Royal Field Artillery, 14th Oct., 1918. Age 29. Husband of Mrs. E. V. James, of 9, Forest View, Manor Park, London. S. II. X. 15.

JAMES, Lee. Cpl. John George, 29625. 19th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. Died of wounds 27th April, 1917. Age 26. Son of Walter S. and Mary James, of Bootle, Liverpool. P. I. E. 11A.

JAMES, Pte. J., 9194. 6th Bn. Oxf. and Bucks Light Inf. 2nd Dec., 1917. P. V. C. 48.

JAMES, Pte. R. W., 41743. 1st Bn. S. Staffordshire Regt. 11th Nov., 1917. Age 19. Son of Richard and Clara L. James, of Pitsford, Northampton. P. III. N. 13B.

IAMES, C.S.M. S., 21550. 10th Bn. South Wales Borderers. 18th June, 1918. Q. II. G. 8.

## **CWGC Grave Registration St. Sever showing Serjeant** Walter Jacques

Machine Gun Corps. Died 13th April 1917

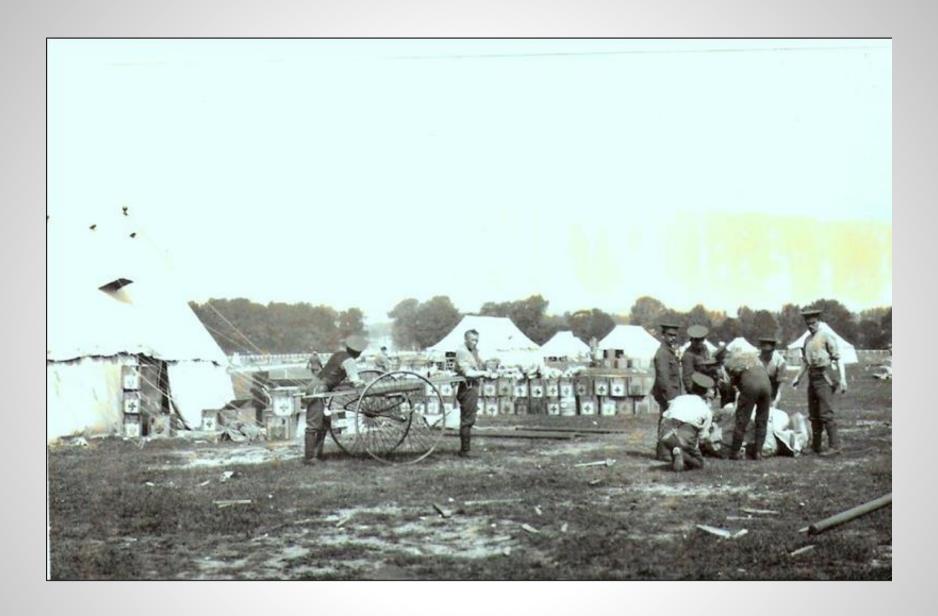
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**Nurses at Base Hospitals Rouen in WW1** 



No. 5 Military Hospital, Rouen - Courtesy of Royal Army Medical Corps Museum 2013



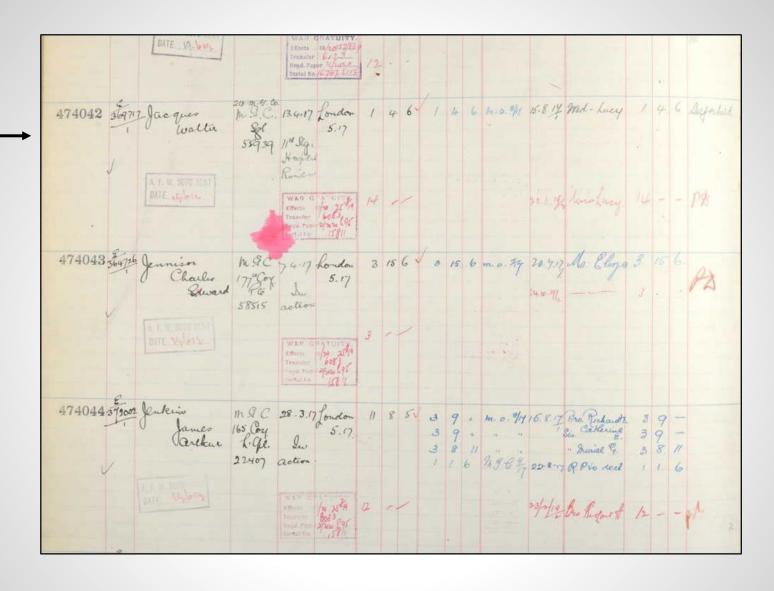
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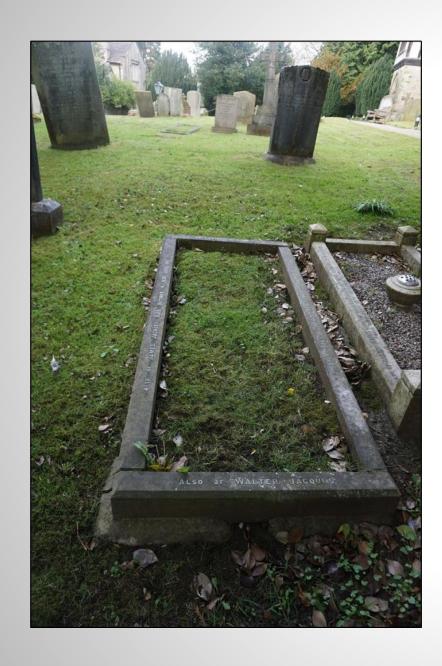
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Note that there is no personal inscription at the base of the headstone



Register of Soldier's Personal Effects of Walter Jacques showing a payment of £1.4s.6d. to Lucy his Widow



## **Jacques Family Grave in Halton Parish Church**

In Memory of Clara Jacques. Died 10th April 1930

**James Jacques. Died 4th October 1938** 

**In Memory of Walter Jacques** 

Grave is through the Lychgate on the left





**Private 1505 John Septimus Johnston** 

1st/5th Battalion

**Kings Own Royal Lancaster Regiment** 

KIA France and Flanders 23rd April 1915

**Aged 19 Years** 

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres Panel 12





St. Luke's Skerton, Lancaster where Edward Johnston married Jane Proctor on 27th June 1881



St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton and its long Associations with the Johnston Family

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Entry showing the Baptism of John Septimus Johnston on 15th September 1895 at St. Wilfrid's Halton.

### **Background to the Johnston Family:**

Edward Johnstone (1877 – 1948), a Blacksmith by trade, was born in Clifton Wray in Cumberland (Cumbria) in 1857. He married Jane Proctor, born (1863 - 19230, born in Halton and daughter of Anne and William Proctor, a plate-layer. In the 1881 Census (on 3rd April), the Proctor family are living in Main Street, Halton. Jane is the oldest of 6 children in the family home, and is a Dressmaker aged 17.

Jane and Edward married at St. Luke's, Skerton, Lancaster on 27th June 1881 (three months after the Census). It would seem she was pregnant with her first born, Clifford, who was born in late November 1881. they were to have 8 children born to Edward and Jane between 1882 - 1900, including 3rd born Richard in August 1885 in Halton. Also, is the 7th born, is John Septimus. (Septimus is Latin for 7 born).

Both John and Richard were to lose their lives in WW1; John in 1815 and Richard in 1918.

The family lived at 22 Kirkby Terrace, Halton on High Road.

### In total there were 9 children, all born in Halton:

Clifford born 1882 a Paint worker.

Richard born 1886 a Paint worker. KIA.

Albert Victor born 1887 a Paint worker.

Robert born 1889.

George Wilfred born 1893.

John Septimus born 1895. KIA

Thomas born 1896.

Laura Ellen born 1901. (Twin)

Hannah born 1901. (Twin)

Richard was baptised at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton on 23rd August 1885 and John on 15th September 1895.

The 1891 Census shows the Johnson family still in Kirkby Terrace, Halton. Edward is 44, a Blacksmith and Jane 37. The older 3 children, Clifford, Richard 15 and Albert are Paint labourers. There are 5 younger children – John 5 and Thomas, aged 1.

In 1911, John is 15 and working as an Edge Minder in a Paint Works in the Oil Cloth Works, Edward is still a Blacksmith, but nearly all the children are employed in some way in the paint Works. Laura, 10, is a Cotton Weaver Tender in the Oil ClothWorks.

Military Records for Private 1505 John Septimus Johnson



The Menin Gate, Belgium, is one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders, which cover the area known as the Ypres Salient. Broadly speaking, the salient stretched from Langemarck in the north to the northern edge in Ploegsteert Wood in the south, but it varied in area and shape throughout the war. The names of 54,393 fallen are remembered here on the panels including Henry Huyton, Thomas Burrow and John

**Septimus Johnston** 

INDEX No. M.R. 29 JOHNSTON, Pte. George Ernest, 11277. "C" YPRES Coy. 1st Bn. Welch Regt. Killed in action 17th (MENIN GATE) Feb., 1915. Age 21. Son of the late Mrs. MEMORIAL Catherine Thomas (formerly Johnston), of 12, PART XXIV Broughton Rd., Thornton Heath, Surrey, and (U.K.) the late Clr. Serjt. W. Johnston (Welch Regt.).

> JOHNSTON (served as MILLER), Pte. George Miller, 2611. 2nd Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 8th May, 1915. Age 28. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Johnston, of 24, Fairless St., Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

JOHNSTON, Pte. Henry Alexander, 5638. 1st Tyne, and the late William Johnston. Bn. King's Own Yorkshire Light Inf. 25th April,

JOHNSTON, Rfn. Hugh, 6467. "C" Cov. 2nd Bn. Royal Irish Rifles. 16th June, 1915. Age 19. Son of Mrs. Sarah Johnston, of 2, Carew St., Ballymacarrett, Belfast.

JOHNSTON, Pte. Hugh, S/9286. 1st Bn. Gordon Highlanders. 25th Sept., 1915.

JOHNSTON, Pte. H. J., TF/2454. 1st/8th Bn. Middlesex Regt. 28th April, 1915.

JOHNSTON, Rfn. Irwen Raymond, 608138. London Irish Rifles, posted to 9th Bn. Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Aug., 1917.

JOHNSTON, Lce. Cpl. James, 76478. 17th Bn. Sherwood Foresters. 30th July, 1917.

IOHNSTON, Tpr. James, 2489. 1st Life Guards. 13th May, 1915.

Highlanders. 22nd Oct., 1914. Age 30. Husband of Margaret Johnston, of 51, Ashton Place, Airble St., Motherwell.

JOHNSTON, Pte. James George Alexander, 2199. "E" Coy. 1st Bn. London Scottish. 13th Nov., 1914. Age 20. Son of Grace Rutherford Johnston, of Kilronan, South Nutfield, Surrey, and the late John William Johnston.

JOHNSTON, Pte. John, 6452. 1st Bn. Cameron Highlanders. 11th Nov., 1914. Age 31. Father of John L. Johnston, of 74, Kelvinhaugh Rd., Overnewton, Glasgow.

JOHNSTON, Lce. Cpl. John Cruickshank, 2810. "B" Coy. 4th Bn. Gordon Highlanders. 20th July, 1915. Age 30. Son of Mary Wood Johnston, of 22, Mount St., Aberdeen, and the late John Johnston.

JOHNSTON, Pte. John Septimus, 1505. 1st/5th Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. 23rd April, 1915. Age 19. Son of Edward and Jane Johnston, of 22, Kirkby Terrace, Halton, Lancaster. One of seven brothers who served.

JOHNSTON, Pte. Matthew, S/3360. 1st Bn. Gordon Highlanders. 11th April, 1915.

JOHNSTON, Serjt. Robert Douglass, 1977. 1st/5th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 24th May, 1915. Age 23. Son of Dorothy Ann Johnston, of 174, Heaton Park Rd., Heaton, Newcastle-on-

JOHNSTON, Pte. Rupert Hamilton, 2781. 1st Bn. London Scottish. 1st Nov., 1914. Age 28. Son of William and Margaret Johnston, of 4, Clyde Rd., Addiscombe, Croydon, late of Bedford.

IOHNSTON, Lce. Cpl. Thomas, 25329. 8th Bn. Border Regt. 16th June, 1917.

IOHNSTON, Serjt. Walter, 7988. 2nd Bn Yorkshire Regt. 1st Aug., 1917.

IOHNSTON, Pte. William Finlay, S/13863. 8th/10th Bn. Gordon Highlanders. 1st Aug., 1917. Age 23. Son of Alexander and Annie Johnston, of 43, Aylesbury Rd., Portsmouth.

IOHNSTON, Rfn. William Henry, 15012. 8th Bn. Royal Irish Rifles. 6th Aug., 1917.

TOHNSTONE, Pte. Charles, 244996. "B" Coy. 6th/7th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers. 20th July, 1917. Age 30. Son of Alexander and Agnes Miller Johnstone, of Canglour Cottage, St. Ninians, JOHNSTON, Pte. James, 6139. 1st Bn. Cameron Stirling. Native of Polmaise, Bannockburn,

> JOHNSTONE, Pte. James, 926. 1st Bn. Gordon Highlanders. 3rd March, 1916.

> IOHNSTONE, Pte. James Thomas, 3324. 1st/ 10th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. 16th June,

> JOHNSTONE, Pte. John, S/4667. 9th Bn. Black Watch. 31st July, 1917.

> IOHNSTONE, Lt. John Douglas. 4th Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. 31st July,

> JOHNSTONE, Pte. John Grant, 12748. 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 22nd April, 1915. Age 36. Husband of the late Roseanna Johnstone.

JOHNSTONE, Pte. Joseph, 3849. 10th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. 26th Sept., 1915.

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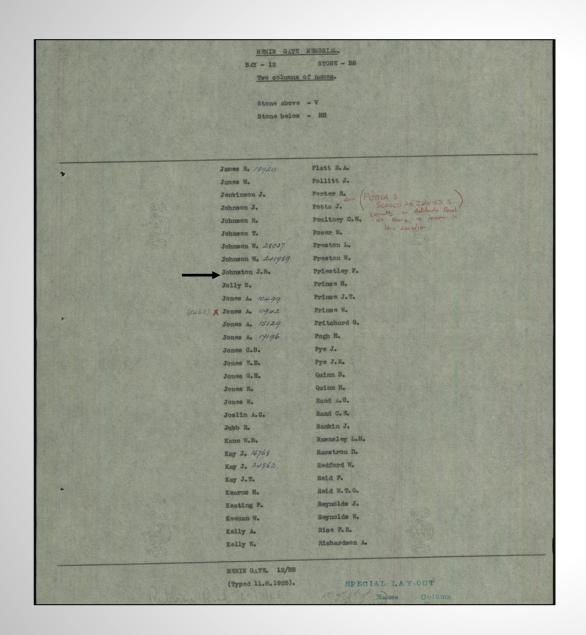
### **Index of Names on Menin Gate**

**Showing Private 1505 John Septimus Johnston** as one of 7 brothers who served

Family is living at 22 Kirkby Terrace, Halton



A view across the main hall to, left to right, Panels 12, 10, 8 & 6 on the southern side. The sheer number of names is already close to overwhelming. The archway in the centre (there is another one directly opposite on this side) leads to the ramparts and loggias (open galleries)



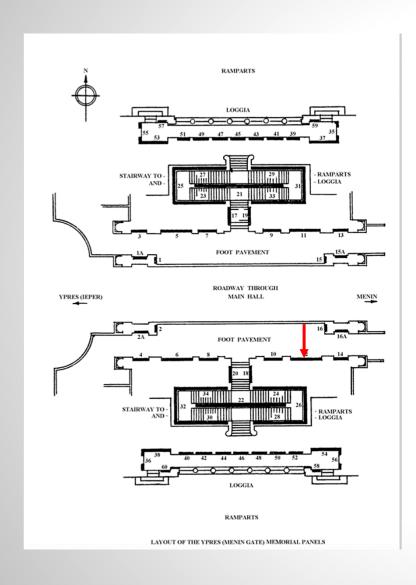
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**Roll of Individuals in the Royal Lancaster Regiment** 



# Pte. 1505 John Septimus Johnson. Named on Panel 12 Menin Gate, Ypres

# NEW SOLDIER'S RECORD

### **Corporal 33018 Richard Johnston**

1st /4th Batt. Scots Guards

Formerly a Police Officer in Lancashire

KIA 4th October 1918 Aged 33

**Buried at Flesquieres Hill Military Cemetery Nord, France. II D 10** 

Son of Edward and Jane Johnston of Halton

**Husband of Sarah Johnson, nee Hodgson** 

Brother of John Septimus Johnston also KIA April 1915 and Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres



# The Family Background and Military Life of Corporal Richard Johnston:

(See additional notes about the family in the previous section about John Johnston)

Richard was baptised at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton on 23rd August 1885.

The 1891 Census shows the Johnston Family. Edward, 44, is a Blacksmith and Jane 37. The older 3 children, Clifford, Richard 15 and Albert are Paint Labourers and there are 4 younger children, the youngest being Thomas, 1. The family home is Kirkby Terrace, Halton.

In April 1908, Richard married \*Sarah Hodgson in Lancaster, both were 22.

In 1911 Richard 25, is living in Barrow-in-Furness and a Police Constable. He is married with Sarah, also 25. They have 2 children – Edward 2 and Sarah 1, both born in Lancaster.

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Baptism of Richard Johnston at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton on 23rd August 1885. Shows parents as Edward and Jane

\*The 1881 Census shows Sarah 5, as the 2nd child of 4 born to Jonathan Hodgson 33, a Painter's Labourer, born in Forton, Lancaster and Mary 34, born in Lancaster, living at the family home in 35 Charles Street, Lancaster.

In 1901 the Hodgson Family are now in 7 West Street, Lancaster. Jonathan, 42, is still a Painter's Labourer. There are another 3 children. Sarah is now 15 and a Domestic Servant.

It is possible that Sarah was introduced to Richard through her father as both were Paint Labourers, possibly employed in the same workplace.

In 1939 the Wartime Census shows Sarah Johnston, a widow since 1918, is in Lancaster and an Unpaid Domestic, living with her son John.

She died in Lancaster in April 1959. Her Probate, proved in London, left £1,000.1s.10d.

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Baptism of Sarah Hodgson at St. Paul's Parish Church, Scotforth on 2nd May 1886

# **Military History for Corporal Richard Johnston:**

Richard was Corporal 33018 in the 1st/4th Batt, Scots Guards, His Military Records in Richmond, London do not survive, and the National Archives at Edinburgh Castle are closed until 2050. There is no Digital Access. It can be assumed that his position as a policeman would be an advantage to his rank in leading young men. It is not known when or where Richard enlisted and took the King's Shilling.

His death occurred in the Arras sector of the war, an epicentre of the war in Nord, not far from Cambrai, which saw the first British tanks in active service in 1917.

It is not known how Richard died other than he was KIA on Sunday, 4th October 1918, about 7 weeks before the Armistice of 1918.

From the history of Flesquieres Hill Military Cemetery, his grave is shown not to be a re-interment, unlike so many there as shown in the edited page about the later changes and additions there. The records show his headstone has no personal inscription by Sarah.

He is buried in Plot II D 10 shown on the Cemetery plan. The standard IWGC records are shown.

The Soldier's Personal Effects Form show his widow, Sarah, as sole beneficiary of £24, but does not show if the payment includes the two children.

The Army Medal Rolls 1914 – 1920, erroneously give Richard Johnston's Rank as a Private.

Sarah would have been sent her husband's Military War Medal and Victory Medal, together with the Medal of Sacrifice.

Military Records for Corporal 33018 Ricard Johston



Cpl. Richard Johnstone Headstone at Flesquieres Hill Military Cemetery (TWGPP)

**Plot II Row D Grave 10** 



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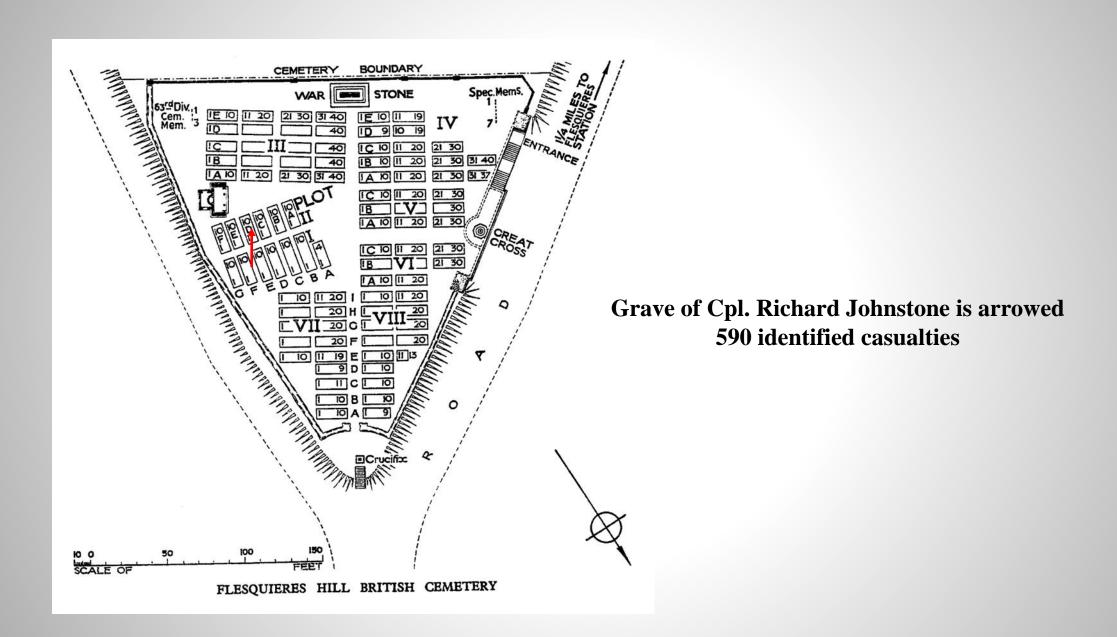
Flesquieres Hill Military Cemetery (TWGPP)



**Flesquieres Hill Military Cemetery (CWGC)** 



Flesquieres Hill Military Cemetery (CWGC)



# **Flesquieres Hill Military Cemetery:**

### **HISTORY INFORMATION – CWGC - Edited**

Flesquieres village was attacked by the 51st (Highland) Division, with tanks, on the 20th November 1917, in the Battle of Cambrai, but held for a time by a German officer with a few men; it was captured on the 21st. It was lost in the later stages of the battle, and retaken on the 27th September 1918, by the 3rd Division.

Flesquieres Hill Cemetery was originally made by the 2nd Division, in 1918, behind a German cemetery ("Flesquieres Soldiers' Cemetery No.2"); but the German graves were removed after the Armistice to FLESQUIERES COMMUNAL CEMETERY GERMAN EXTENSION (which in its turn was removed, with 583 graves, in 1924).

Plots III-VIII were created on the site of the German cemetery, in which were reburied 688 British soldiers from the battlefields of Havrincourt, Flesquieres, Marcoing and Masnieres and from a few other burial grounds, including:-

ABANCOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY GERMAN EXTENSION (Nord), in which 38 British soldiers and four men of the Chinese Labour Corps were buried in 1917-18. (The four Chinese burials were re-buried in Ayette Indian and Chinese Cemetery).

HAVRINCOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY, from which four British soldiers were taken to Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension and three to Flesquieres.

HAYNECOURT GERMAN CEMETERY, on the South side of the village, from which eight British graves were removed to Flesquieres and two to H.A.C. Cemetery, Ecoust-St. Mein, and 138 German to other cemeteries.

MASNIERES-CREVECOEUR ROAD CEMETERY, CREVECOEUR SUR-L'ESCAUT, where 13 New Zealand soldiers and seven of the Devons were buried in October, 1918.

MASNIERES GERMAN CEMETERY, South of Masnieres, used by the New Zealand Division for eleven burials in October, 1918.

RIBECOURT CHURCHYARD, in which four Canadian, one Australian and three British soldiers were buried in 1916-1917.

63RD DIVISION CEMETERY, between MARCOING and Villers-Plouich, made by the Royal Naval Division at the end of 1917, which contained 41 graves.

There are now over 900 casualties of the 1914-18 war commemorated on this site. Over one third of these casualties remain unidentified. Special memorials are erected to five officers and men from the United Kingdom and two from New Zealand, known or believed to be buried among them.

Other special memorials record the names of three men of the R.N.D. buried at the end of 1917 in the 63rd Division Cemetery, Marcoing, whose graves were destroyed by shell fire. The cemetery covers an area of 3,797 square metres.

HUGHES, Rfn. R. M. C., R/37085. 1st Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps. 29th Sept., 1918. Age 20. Son of Ralph Merton Hughes and Baron's Court, London, VI. B. 10.

HULL, Pte. Henry Vickers, 10142. 2nd Bn. Wellington Regt., N.Z.E.F. Killed in action 1st Oct., 1918. Son of Mrs. J. G. Ball, of 114, Southampton St., Christchurch, New Zealand. VIII. H. 15.

HUNT, Gnr. Harvey, 69979. "G" Bn. Tank VII. D. 4. Corps. 21st Nov., 1917. Age 21. Son of Samuel and Harriet Hunt, of II, Westwood Grove, Leek, Staffs. VII. D. 6. Joint Grave. HUNTER, Lce. Cpl. A., 288078. 1st/6th Bn. Gordon Highlanders. 23rd Nov., 1917. VIII.

HUNTER, Pte. G., 65330. 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 27th Sept., 1918. III.

INGOLD, Pte. H. W., 61270. 24th Bn. Royal Fusiliers. 28th Sept., 1918. I. B. 7.

JACKSON, Lce. Cpl. G., 63011. 20th Bn. London Regt. 27th Sept., 1918. Age 21. Son of Mrs. Alice A. Jackson, of 3, Blashford shire. VII. A. 5. St., Hither Green Lane, Lewisham, London. II. E. I.

JACQUES, 2nd Lt. T. H. 12th Sqdn. Royal Air Force. 30th Sept., 1918. VI. B. 17.

JARRETT, 2nd Lt. Owen George, 24/474. 2nd Bn. 3rd New Zealand (Rifle) Brigade. Died of wounds 8th Oct., 1918. Age 24. Son of Richard Owen and Maria Jennison Jarrett, of "Willowbank," Oxford St., Lansdowne, Masterton, New Zealand, Also served in Egypt. VIII. H. 7.

JEFFCOCK, Lce. Cpl. C., 307762, M.M. 15th Bn. Tank Corps. Killed in action 27th Sept., 1918. Age 24. Husband of Ethel Jeffcock, of 104, Church St., Hunslet, Leeds. Native of Leeds. VIII. E. 6.

JENKINS, Dvr. W. G., 26811. 401st Bty. 14th Bde. Royal Horse Artillery. 8th Oct., of 10, "H," Peabody Buildings, Duke St., Stamford St., London. II. A. 8.

JERRAM, Bmdr. A., 126795. 336th Siege Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery. 4th Oct., 1918. VI. B. 9.

JOHNSON, A.B. E. O., R/42. R.N.V.R. INDEX No.F 'Drake "Bn. R.N. Div. 30th Dec, 1917. FLESQUIER Age 42. Son of Alfred and Emily Johnson, of HILL BRIT. Ethel May Hughes, of 25, St. Dunstan's Rd., Wootton, Isle of Wight; husband of Caroline Johnson, of New Barn Cottages, New Barn Rd., East Cowes, Isle of Wight. V. C. 13.

JOHNSON, Pte. Reginald Thomas, 41113. 8th Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. 27th Sept., 1918. Age 19. Son of Thomas and Eliza Johnson, of Partney, Spilsby, Lincs.

JOHNSTONE, Cpl. R., 33018. 1st/4th Bn. Royal Scots. 4th Oct., 1918. II. D. 10.

JONES, Capt. Evan Lawrence. Royal Army Medical Corps, attd. 2nd Bn. Highland Light Inf. Killed in action 30th Sept., 1918. Age 30. Son of Henry John Jones, M.R.C.S., and Mary Helen Jones, of Fulham, London; husband of Edyth Davina Jones, of George Hotel, Rye, Sussex. I. E. 10.

JONES, Pte. E., 41287. 2nd Bn. South Wales Borderers. 21st Nov., 1917. Age 19. Son of Mrs. M. L. Jones, of 5, Penbryn Factory Terrace, Llanllyfni Rd., Penygroes, Carnarvon-

JONES, Gnr. George Thomas, 687404. V/47th Heavy T.M. Bty. Royal Field Artillery. 31st Dec., 1917. Age 23. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Jones, of 5, Shallot St., Princes Park, Liverpool. III. D. 27.

JONES, Pte. H. G., 46342. 17th Bn. Welch Regt. 25th Nov., 1917. IV. B. 1.

JONES, Gnr. I., 21284. 119th Heavy Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery. 8th Oct., 1918. VI.

JONES, Pte. Richard, 51273. 2nd Bn. Suffolk Regt. Died of wounds 3rd Sept., 1918. Age 22. Son of Mr. R. and Mrs. A. Jones, of 9, Alsford St., Pimlico, London. IV. E. 18.

JONES, 2nd Lt. R. A. "D" Bn. Tank Corps. 20th Nov., 1917. VIII. E. 10.

JONES, Lce. Cpl. K., 9060. 10th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. 8th Feb., 1918. VII. I. 12.

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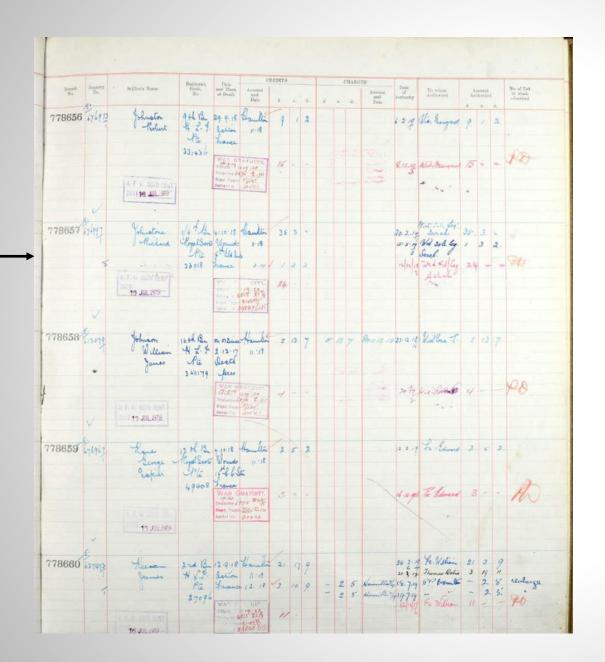
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Probate for Sarah Johnson 11 Scotforth Road, Lancaster. Widow.

Died Royal Lancaster Infirmary 12th April 1959

Proved in London 14th May 1959 to Edward Johnstone, Retired Police Officer and Joseph A Jones, Solicitor

Effects £1,000. 1s. 10d.

# NEW SOLDIER'S RECORD



# Pte. 245790 Henry Bernard Kellett King's Own Royal Regiment

1890 -1918

Discharged from Army as Unfit for Active Service July 1918

> Died in Halton October 1918 – Aged 28

Buried in the Family Grave in St. Wilfrid's, Halton



The Kellett Family Background for Private 24780 KORR Henry Bernard Kellett:

Henry was born on 10th December 1890 in Tunstall, in the Lune Valley, Lancaster to William (1863 – 1917) and Elizabeth Isobel Kellett, b.1867. Daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Bargh. They married in late December 1889 in Lunesdale.

The family was living at Tunstall Hall in 1891, with Henry (Snr) aged 64, born in Tunstall in 1824, and his wife, Elizabeth, born in Thornton, Yorkshire in 1862. It was quite and affluent family owning an extensive farm and having 3 servant/farm workers.

Henry was the first of 4 children – Thomas b.1892, Elizabeth b.1894 and Alice b.1897. The 1901 Census shows the Kellett family at "The Crosses," Applethwaite, Windermere, Westmorland. William, now 37, is a gardener (domestic), living with Elizabeth and the 4 children.

In 1911, Henry, now 20, is a Cowman working for Joseph Parkinson, a Corn Merchant, in Quernmore, near Caton, Lancaster in a property of 8 persons.

Henry married Priscilla Sharples b.1891, daughter of William (1864 – 1900) and Hannah Sharples b.1862, on 22nd May 1915 at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton. They had a daughter, Gertrude, born 12th April 1916, in Halton. (Army Records.)

Gertrude married Thomas Harrison b.1914 in January 1936. In the 1939 Census the couple are found living in Halton, with Priscilla, Gertrude's widowed mother, now aged 48 and working as an Oilcloth machinist. Thomas is 25 and a heavy goods driver.

Gertrude died on 10th May 2003 and is buried in St. Wilfrid's Parish Churchyard with her parents, Henry and Priscilla. Thomas Harrison died in January 1997.

Gertrude and Thomas had 3 boys and a girl. The firstborn boy was named, Bernard, and the girl, Barbara.

The family tragedy was compounded by the fact that Priscilla's sister, Mary Sharpless who married William Wilson, is also on the Halton War Memorial.

Priscilla died on 17th September 1970 at 7 New Street, Halton, the home of Gertrude. She was aged 87.

Her Probate was proved in Liverpool on 25th November 1970. Administration shows a value of £1,563.

### Pte. 24780 Henry Bernard Kellett - Military Life:

Henry Kellett enlisted in the Kings Own Royal Regiment, Lancaster on 18th August 1916, and embarked from Folkstone to Boulogne on 12th December 1916, after compulsory training. He left behind a young wife, Priscilla, and a baby, Gertrude, aged 8 months, in Halton.

He was severely wounded by a poison gas shell on the head and taken along the battle lines, through medical stations, and embarked for England by Hospital Ship, by the British Army.

The actual disabilities are not recorded, but show Henry was 80% disabled and there not fit for active war service. It is highly probable that the hospital docked at Southampton, and Henry taken to Netley Hospital, on Southampton Water. It was the largest British military hospital, dating from The Crimean War and specialised in treating serious WW1 casualties, including shell-shock and gas poisoning victims.

It is questionable whether Henry ever came home to Halton, owing to his life-threatening disability. but it may be possible to think of Henry receiving family visits from Priscilla in a hospital.

Henry died in October 1918 and is buried in St. Wilfrid's Parish Churchyard. He was 28. Priscilla was later buried with him, 57 years later, in 1970. She never remarried. Gertrude died in May 2003, aged 83, and it was later that a family headstone was erected commemorating all three.

Henry was awarded the "Silver War Badge," a Certificate award given by the King after Service Discharge.

His Probate was proved in Wakefield in 1951 and valued at £112.10s.

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Nursing Assistant Register showing 102669 Gertrude Harrison (nee Kellet) Enrolment on 16th May 1966

WW1 Army Records showing the War Service for Pte.
24780 Henry Bernard Kellett KORR – Leading to his
Medical Discharge from the Army as being
Unfit for Active Service.

The papers are in the order given in the records

# **Edited works by the RAMC and Imperial War Museum:**

Medical care throughout the First World War was largely the responsibility of the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC). The RAMC's job was both to maintain the health and fighting strength of the forces in the field and ensure that in the event of sickness or wounding they were treated and evacuated as quickly as possible.

Every battalion had a medical officer, assisted by at least 16 stretcherbearers. The medical officer was tasked with establishing a Regimental Aid Post near the front line. From here, the wounded were evacuated and cared for by men of a Field Ambulance\* in an Advanced Dressing Station.

The hospitals set up immediately behind the lines were often housed in tents during the First World War, including wards and operating theatres. This was particularly true of Casualty Clearing Stations, (CCSs) with base hospitals further away from the fighting sometimes making use of existing or more permanent buildings.

A casualty then travelled by motor or horse ambulance to a Casualty Clearing Station. These were basic hospitals and were the closest point to the front where female nurses were allowed to serve. Patients were usually transferred to a stationary or general hospital at a base for further treatment. A network of ambulance trains and hospital barges provided transport between these facilities, while hospital ships carried casualties evacuated back home to "Blighty."

As well as battle injuries inflicted by shells and bullets, the First World War saw the first use of poison gas. It also saw the first recognition of psychological trauma, initially known as 'shell shock'. In terms of physical injury, the heavily manured soil of the Western Front encouraged the growth of tetanus and gas gangrene, causing medical complications. Disease also flourished in unhygienic conditions, and the influenza epidemic of 1918 claimed many lives.

185,000 British and Empire soldiers were classed as gas casualties, 175,000 in the last 2 years of the war.

### \*Note:

The Field Ambulance was not a vehicle, but a group of men with basic First Aid Training who attended casualties on foot then taken from the front line on stretchers or simply carried. It was a high-risk task, often performed under enemy fire.

It is this particular horror of gas that is captured in Wilfred Owen's poem, "Dulce et Decorum Est," arguably the most widely read description of the horrors of war in the English language.

"In all my dreams, before my helpless sight, He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning."

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Short Service Attestation Form showing the Personal Details of Henry Bernard Kellett signed 18th August 1916, at the Old Town Hall and witnessed by Sgt. P. Johnstone.

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Statement of Service showing Pte.24780 Henry Kellet, posted to France 12th December -1916 Folkstone to Boulogne.

Posted home 26th March 1918 – Head Dilaceration (Trauma) after gas poison.

He had 2 years and 209 service days with the KORR

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This entry gives significant information: -

23rd February 1917 – In the Line.

15th January 1918 – Granted Leave of Absence.

24th March 1918 – Admitted to Forward Field Casualty Station, then taken to a rear Casualty Clearing Station, followed by Admission to Hospital.

This says much for the professional, organised way in which Henry was taken from the front, probably by stretcher, to the rear lines for emergency treatment, before admission to a RAMC Stationary Hospital.

It suggests the recognised gravity of Henry's condition after the gas shell explosion to his head.

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Proceedings of Discharge giving a personal description of Pte.24789 Henry Bernard Kellett.

Of good character and aged 27.

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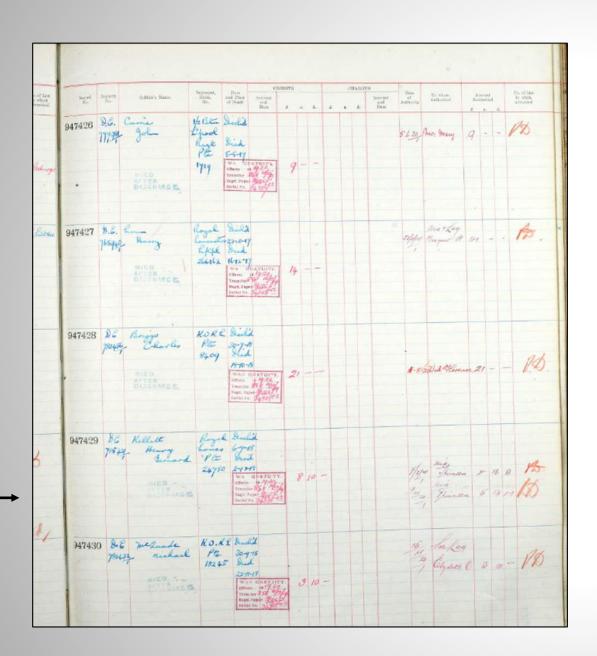
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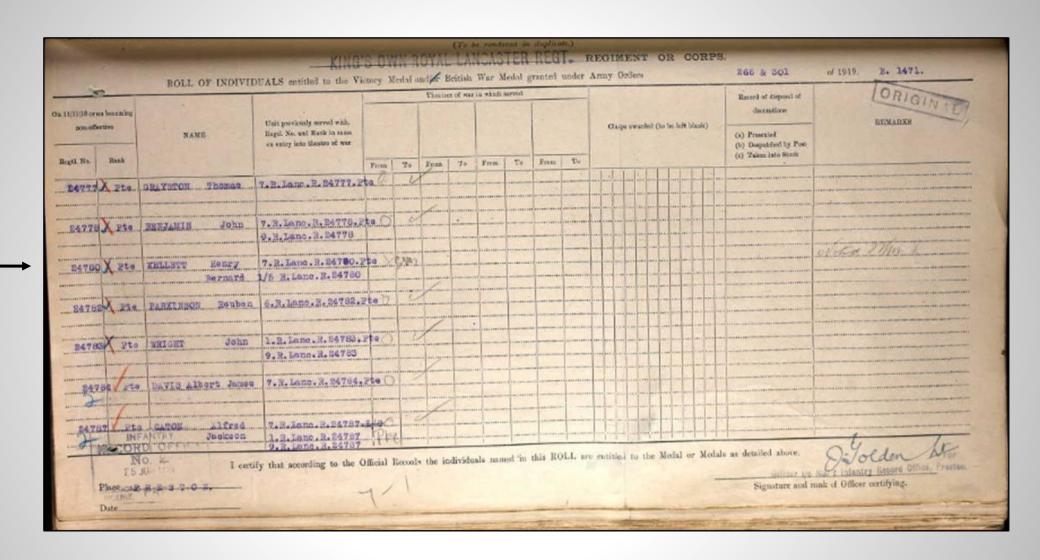
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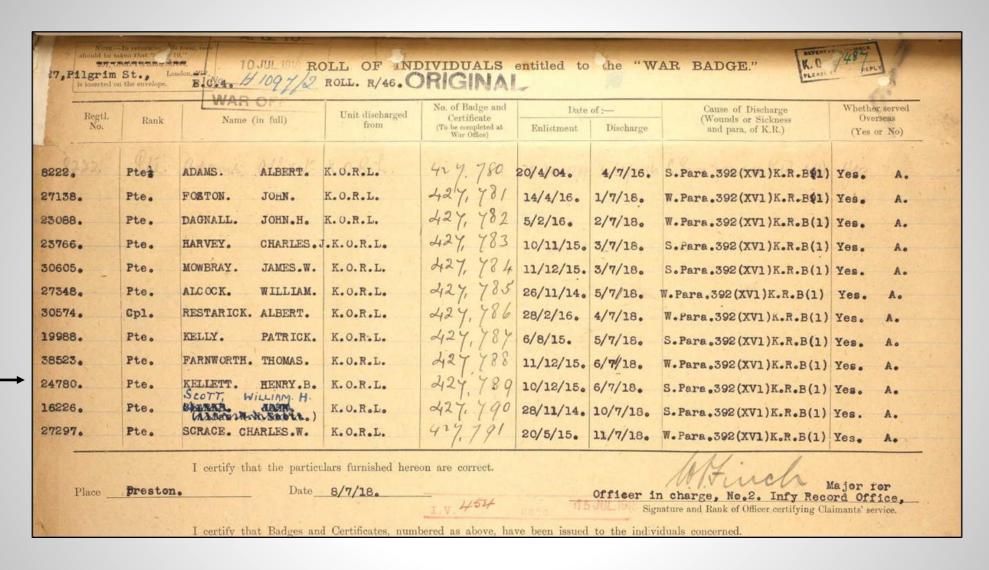


Soldier's Effects showing Henry Kellett buried after Discharge on 7th October 1918. (Effects of gas.)

A War Gratuity was made for £8.10s. and two further payments - £7.16s.8d on 8th March 1920 and the next £5.12s.4d on 15th April 1920 to his widow, Priscilla Kellett



Medal Rolls 1914 – 1920 showing Henry Bernard Kellett (KORR) Lancaster



Roll of "War Badge" Awarded to Henry Kellett KORR. Entitlement 10th December 1918. Issued at Preston



Grave of Gertrude Harrison, daughter of Henry Bernard Kellett and Priscilla Kellet (nee Sharples.)

Both parents are buried with her in St. Wilfrid's Parish Church Burial Ground; just inside the Lych-gate on the left

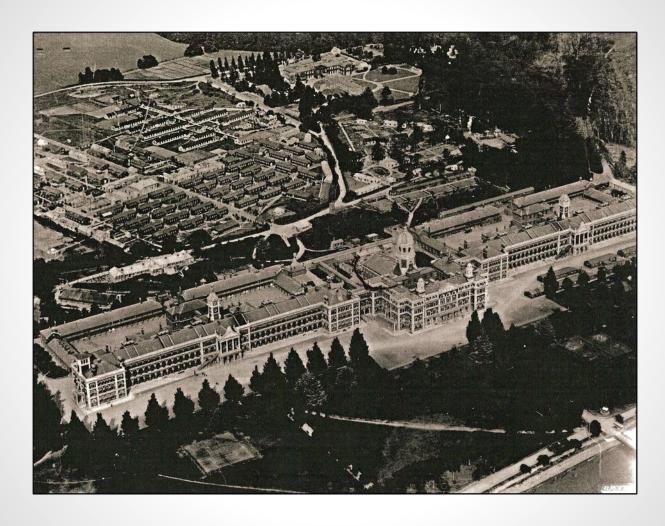
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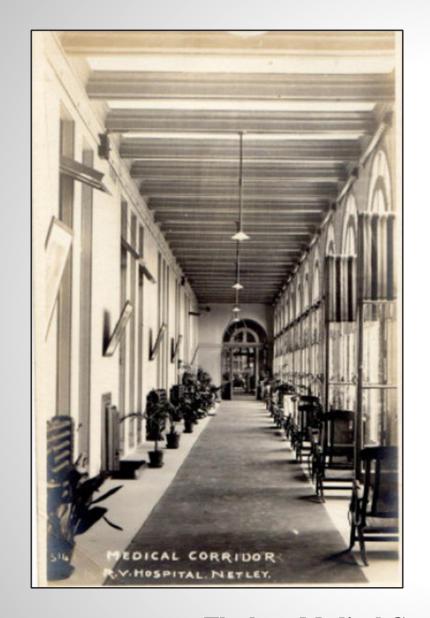
After the Crimean war Queen Victoria ordered a military hospital to be built in the UK. Its purpose was to train army nurses and doctors and to treat military patients to ensure their swift return to duty. Netley was chosen as the site because it was near to Southampton so that hospital ships from around the British Empire could safely dock and disembark patients.

Construction started in 1856 at the suggestion of Queen Victoria but its design caused some controversy, chiefly from Florence Nightingale. Often visited by Queen Victoria, the hospital was extensively used during the First World War. It had 2,500 hospital beds and in WW1 treated almost 50,000 wounded or sick soldiers; about 5% of whom died whilst in the Hospital's care.

It became the 28th US General Hospital from 1944 to 1945 for the Normandy landings.



The "Palace of Pain." Queen Victoria Hospital, Netley, so called having been built for an Empire





The long Medical Corridors at Netley Hospital



Queen Victoria Hospital, Netley, Southampton







Private 4574 Alfred Lambert (Also known as Sam after his father, Samuel)

23rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers

Born in Halton, Lancaster 1887 Lived in New Street, Halton

Son of Mrs. Margaret Lambert of Ruskin Road, Skerton, Lancaster

KIA 13th September 1916. Aged 29

Buried Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps, Somme, France

Plot 1 Row F Grave 20

#### The Life of Alfred (Sam) Lambert:

Samuel Lambert, born in Nether Kellet, near Lancaster, married Margaret Townson, also from the same village, in Halton (Lunesdale) on 26th January 1875. Both fathers are described as a Labourers in the Marriage Register at St. Wilfrid's.

Alfred was baptised at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church on 7th March 1887.

In 1891 the family are found living in High Road, Halton. Alfred is 4 years old. He attended Halton National School on High Road, Halton in 1892.

The 1901 Census shows 6 children in the new family home in New Street, Halton – Annie, Mary, John, Margaret, Alfred (now 14 and employed as a Labourer in the Oilcloth Works) and Elizabeth.

1911 Census shows Samuel as a Roadman for the Council. John and Alfred, 24 years, are Painters in the Oilcloth Mill in Halton, the last two children living at home.

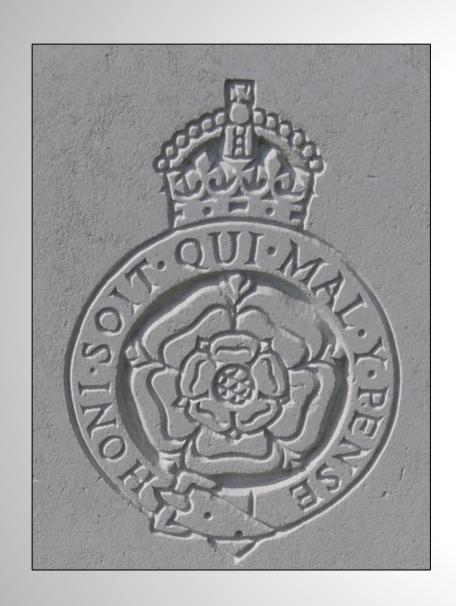
Samuel died in October 1913 aged 69 in Halton.

Alfred enlisted into the Army in Ulverston, Cumberland as Private 4574 and posted to 23rd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. He was killed in action on 13th September 1916 and buried in Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps near Albert in France. His body was laid to rest in Plot 1; the original part of the cemetery.

Other casualties were later interred here from 5 other cemeteries and churchyards. 170 are unidentified and there are special memorials to 32 casualties buried among them.

Alfred was better known as "Sam" after his father, an accepted tradition in some families. This is supported by an entry in Mrs. Hastings "Annals of Halton" October 1916, where she records Alfred's death in France,

"Sam Lambert killed in France."



# Engraving of 23rd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers Badge on a WW1 Headstone

**Translation:** 

"Shame on he who thinks badly."

The "Lancaster Guardian" wrote of Alfred's death on 7th October 1916. Page 8:

"Lambert Alfred Private Royal Fusiliers killed in action 13th September 1916. Educated at Halton National School, Messrs. Helme and Co.\* and at Barrow. Youngest son of the late Mr. Samuel Lambert of Halton, his mother resides in Skerton."

It was Alfred's mother who chose the words inscribed on his grave in Euston Road Cemetery. Margaret Lambert died in Lancaster in early 1924, aged 86.

\* Alfred was probably apprenticed to this company.

### 23rd Service Battalion (The Sportsman's Battalion)

The Sportsman's Battalions – also known as the 23rd (Service) Battalion and 24th (Service) Battalion (2nd Sportsman's), part of the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) – were among the Pals Battalions formed by the British Army in the early stages of the First World War.

Rather than be taken from a small geographical area, these particular battalions were largely made up of men who had made their name in sports such as cricket, golf, boxing and football or the media.

The first battalion, which accepted men up to the age of 45, was formed at the Hotel Cecil in The Strand in early September 1914 by Mrs. E. Cunliffe-Owen after she gained permission from Lord Kitchener. From November 1914 until June 1915, training took place at a purpose-built camp at Grey Towers in Hornchurch, Essex.

In June 1915 the battalion was attached to 99th Brigade, 33rd Division, and landed at Boulogne in November 1915 and on 25th November transferred with the 99th Brigade to the 2nd Division. It is possible that Alfred was seen as old at 27 years on enlistment, but could be accommodated.

The battalion saw action on the Western Front at Vimy Ridge, the Somme and the battle for Delville Wood. (25th–27th July 1916) Then moved to the attack on Waterlot Farm. Guillemont, Pas de Calais.

It is not entirely clear how Alfred was killed, but it was in an area of battle between Albert and Arras, in a battalion of older men at the time.



Postcard of Officers of 23rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers 1915



23rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers. (Possibly in Arras 1915)



The Grave of Private 4574 Albert Lambert in Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps, Somme, France Block 1, Row F, Grave 20

The Epitaph chosen by his mother reads:

"TOO FAR AWAY
THY GRAVE TO SEE
BUT NOT TOO FAR
TO THINK OF THEE."

**Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps – CWGC: Edited.** 

Colincamps is a village 11 kilometres north of Albert.

Colincamps and "Euston," a road junction a little east of the village, were within the Allied lines before the Somme offensive of July 1916. The Cemetery is situated on a lane, along which troops would have marched up to the trenches from Colincamps.

The Cemetery was started as a front line burial ground, during and after the unsuccessful attack on Serre on 1st July, when 139 men, nearly all of the 31st Division, were buried - men who were shelled in the British trenches, who died of wounds before being evacuated to the rear, or whose bodies were recovered at night from the British side of No Man's Land.

After the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line in March 1917 the Cemetery was scarcely used. It was briefly in German hands towards the end of March 1918, when it marked the limit of the German advance, but the line was held and pushed forward by the New Zealand Division allowing the Cemetery to be used again for burials in April and May 1918.

The Cemetery is particularly associated with three dates and engagements; the attack on Serre on 1st July 1916; the capture of Beaumont-Hamel on 13th November 1916; and the German attack on the 3rd New Zealand (Rifle) Brigade trenches before Colincamps on Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps on 5th April 1918.

The whole of Plot I, except five graves in the last row, represents the original cemetery of 501 graves. After the Armistice, more than 750 graves were brought in from small cemeteries in the neighbouring communes and the battlefields, including Alfred Lambert.

The Cemetery now contains 1,293 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War.

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EUSTON ROAD CEMETERY, COLINCAMPS

The Grave of Private 4574 Albert Lambert in Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps, Somme, France

Block 1, Row F, Grave 20



**Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps 1920** 



Plot 1 where Alfred Lambert is buried is at the far end from the Cross of Sacrifice

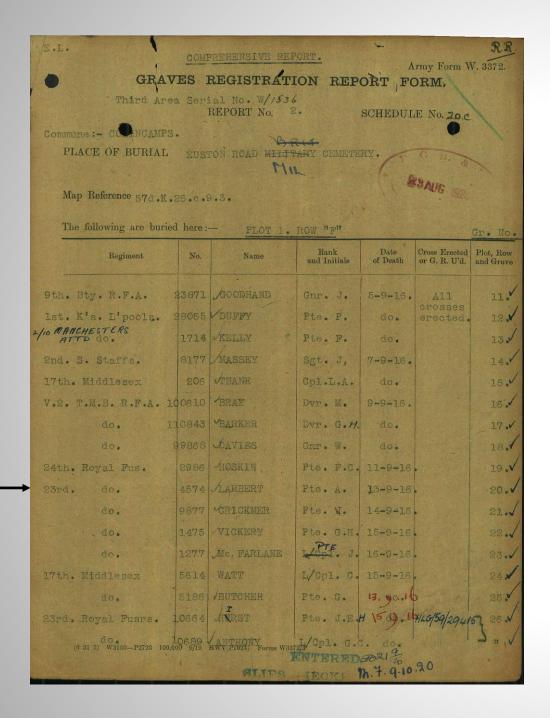
1,128 Identified Casualties

More images follow (CWGC)









## IWGC Grave Registration Report at Euston Road Cemetery showing Pte. 4574 Alfred Lambert

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KNAPPING, Pte. Christopher John, 30817. 10th Bn. East Yorkshire Regt. Killed in action 2nd Bn. Auckland Regt. N.Z.E.F. Killed in 12th March, 1917. Age 22. Son of William and action 30th March, 1918. Age 27. Son of Kate Langdale, of 34, Cannon St., Hull. III. Ernest and Rosa Knapping, of East Tamaki, L. 3. Auckland, New Zealand. Native of Otahuhu, Auckland. III. C. 7.

KNIGHT, Pte. Leslie Ernest, 17307. 1st Bn. Somerset Light Inf. 1st July, 1916. Age 18. Son of Annie G. Knight, of 49, Victoria St., Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, and the late Thomas Knight. IV. E. 3.

Yorkshire Regt. Killed in action 13th Nov., 1916. III. Q. 4.

Lancashire Regt. Killed in action at Serre, Somme, 1st July, 1916. Age 22. Only son of Arthur and Rosie Kohn, of 79, Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London. I. D. 13.

KUPLI, Rfn. M., 55979. 4th Bn. New Zealand√ (Rifle) Brigade. Killed in action 29th March, 1918. Brother of Mr. J. E. Kupli, of 74, Leeside Crescent, Golders Green, London. V. A. 2.

Fusiliers. 13th Sept., 1916. Age 29. Son of LAWSON, Cpl. Clifford Peter, 10/2671. 1st caster. Native of Halton, Lancaster. I. F. 20.

LAMBERT, Pte. J. E., 48736. 13th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. 14th Oct., 1916. Age 35. Son of John and Sarah Ann Lambert; husband of Sarah Jane Bower (formerly Lambert), of 3, Pritchard Terrace, Lotus St., Nottingham. I. C. 32.

LANDER, Pte. G. C., 41232. 1st Bn. Norfolk Regt. 4th Sept., 1918. III. G. 4.

LANFEAR, Pte. Arthur Sydney, 12/431. "B" Coy. 12th Bn. York and Lancaster Regt. Killed LEAH, Lce. Cpl. Henry Lawson, 12209. "A" in action 1st July, 1916. Age 20. Son of Charles Herbert and Grace Lanfear, of 46, Highfield Rd., Doncaster. Old boy Doncaster Grammar School, Son of Joseph Andrew and Martha Jane Leah, and bank clerk. I. A. 12.

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LANGDON, Pte. J., 26596. 10th Bn. Duke of Cornwall's Light Inf. 9th Oct., 1916. 1. C. 41.

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KOHN, 2nd Lt. Wilfrid Arthur. 11th Bn. East / LARKIN, Pte. William John, G/16237. 12th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. 10th Oct., 1916. Age 26. Son of William George and Agnes Larkin. Native of Shoreham, Kent. IV. M. 7.

> LARNACH, Cpl. Magnus James, 38840. 1st / Bn. Auckland Regt. N.Z.E.F. Killed in action 26th/27th March, 1918. Age 33. Son of David Larnach, of Dunedin, New Zealand. III. B. 9.

LAUGHTON, Pte. S., 11/1088. 12th Bn. East LAMBERT, Pte. A., 4574. 23rd Bn. Royal Vorkshire Regt. 13th Nov., 1916. I. G. 59.

Mrs. Lambert, of 16, Ruskin Rd., Skerton, Lan- Bn. Wellington Regt. N.Z.E.F. Killed in action 30th March, 1918. Age 24. Son of Peter and Cathrine Annie Lawson, of Mangamaire, New Zealand. Also served in Gallipoli and Egypt. III.

> LEA, Pte. T., 25897. 13th Bn. East Yorkshire Regt. 13th Nov., 1916. II. T. 7.

> LEACH, Rfn. Charles Edwin, 57100. 3rd Bn. 3rd New Zealand (Rifle) Brigade. Killed in action 9th May, 1918. Son of Henry Wise Leach, of Putara, Eketahuna, New Zealand. IV. C. 6.

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# Family Headstone Inscriptions. Mrs. Lambert has chosen her words:

"TOO FAR AWAY
THY GRAVE TO SEE
BUT NOT TOO FAR
TO THINK OF THEE."



16 Ruskin Road, Skerton. Lancaster. Home of Alfred (Sam) Lambert.

His father, Sam Lambert, was living here when his son was KIA







# Pte. 15689 Harold William Lupton The Royal Scots

Son of George and Lily Lupton of Burnley

KIA 11th August 1916 Aged 23

Commemorated at Thiepval Memorial to the Missing -Thiepval, Somme, France

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Parish of St. Luke's, Skerton, Lancaster showing the Marriage of George Lupton to Lily Longton 17th September 1892



St. Luke's Skerton, Lancaster where George and Lily married

#### The Lupton Family Background:

George Lupton (1873 – 1946) from Over Kellett, married Lily Longton (1869 – 1936) at St. Luke's Parish Church, Skerton, Lancaster on 17th September 1892.

The family home was in 12 Main Street, Skerton itself. Lily was a Winder and George a Labourer. Their signatures on the Marriage entry show fluency.

There were 4 children of the marriage:

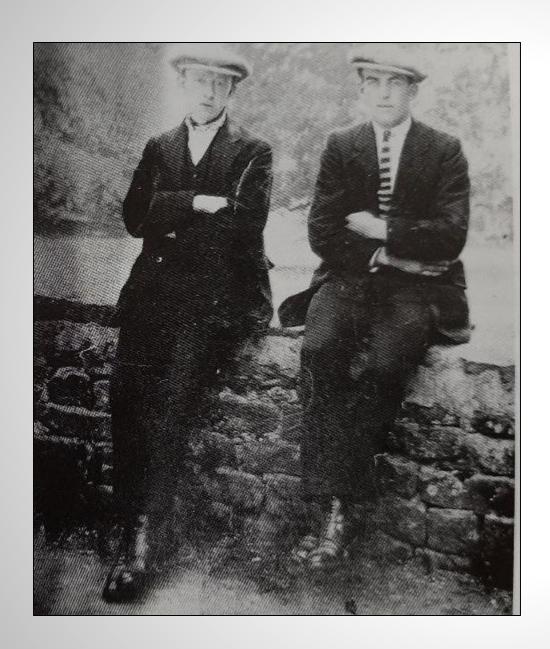
Herbert 1894/95, first born, who died in infancy.

Harold William b.2nd March 1893 – 1916 (William appears as first name on Military records)

John 1897 – 1961

James 1899 - 1959

The 1911 Census shows the family living in Halton.



William Lupton with Bob Edmundson on Low Road Wall, Halton

**Ref: Bill Hosfield** 



Victoria Place, formerly Victoria Street, where the Lupton family lived.



Originally there were 10 cottages back-to-back; now there are 4 cottages which were knocked through, with the loss of 2 cottages. Quite which was the Lupton home is difficult to say.

William attended Halton National School (1902 - 1907) along with James.

In 1911 George is working as a Labourer, but William and John are employed in the Oil Cloth Mill in Halton.

The School Log entry shows William as, "Killed in France."

William enlisted into the Army in Lancaster. He was posted to 4th Coy, 13th Batt. Scots Guards as Private 15689.

He was killed in very tragic circumstances on 11th August 1916. The circumstances follow.

His death was reported in a letter to his mother Lily from his Commanding Officer, Captain Crawford:

"I am sorry to find you have not been acquainted with the circumstances of your son's death which was the result of an accident. While in the firing line on 12th August, he was breaking wood when he accidently struck a live bomb which was buried in the ground where he was working. The bomb exploded causing his instant death. His comrades buried him near where he met his death and a wooden cross put up to mark his grave.

He has gone, as many other fellows have done, doing heir duty for their King and country. He was a good soldier and well liked by all who knew him. His death is mourned by us all, please accept our heartfelt sympathy on your bereavement." It is not known what happened to his body or exactly where he was buried, given moving battle lines and shelling. Medal Rolls show him to be KIA.

William is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial to The Missing of the Somme, commemorating 72, 337 British and South African servicemen to those who have no known grave. It is the largest and most impressive Memorial to the Missing and designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and unveiled by Prince Edward, Prince of Wales on 31st July 1932. (It contains over 10,000,000 bricks.)

War correspondence was addressed to George and Lily at 31 Harling Street, Rose Grove, Burnley, so presumably they had moved from Halton.

Lily received a payment from William's Soldier's Effects of £3.1s.8d.

There was no Probate.

The inscription of names on the Thiepval Memorial is reserved for those missing, or unidentified, soldiers who have no known grave. A large inscription on an internal surface of the memorial reads:

"Here are recorded names of officers and men of the British Armies who fell on the Somme battlefields between July 1915 and March 1918 but to whom the fortune of war denied the known and honoured burial given to their comrades in death."

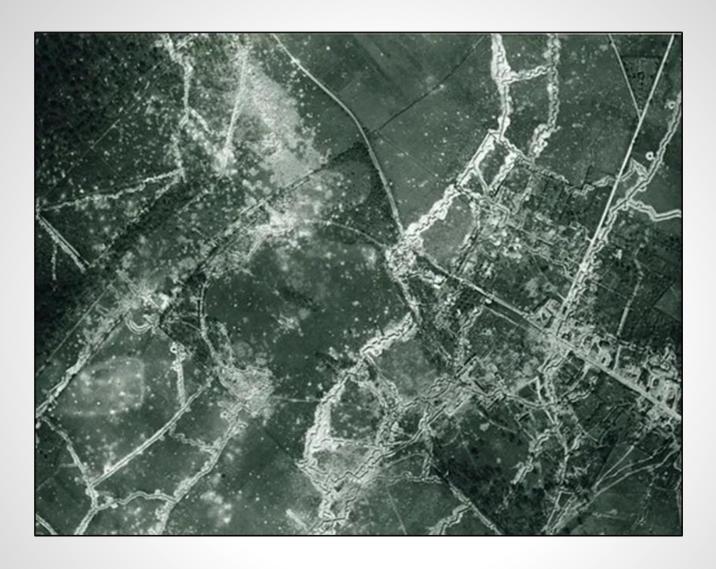
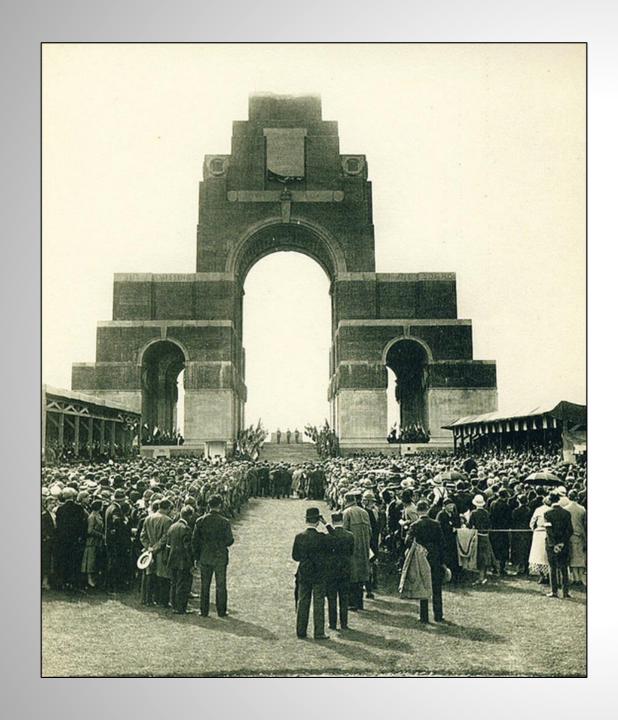


Image showing the devastation caused by shelling at Thiepval Village where the huge Memorial was to be built to commemorate the missing 1928 - 1932

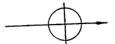


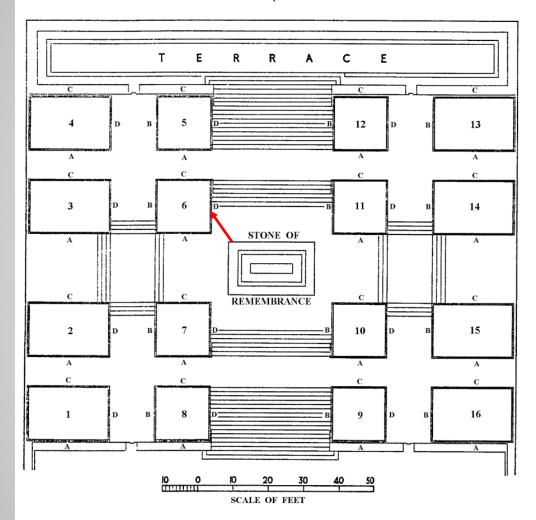
The Unveiling of Thiepval Memorial by Prince Edward, Prince of Wales in 1932



**Thiepval Memorial CWGC** 







#### THIEPVAL MEMORIAL

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LUNDY, Ptc. Thomas, 9335. 17th Bn. Manchester Regt. 15th Oct., 1916.

LUNN, Ptc. Ernest Charles Edward, 203740. 2nd/4th Bn. Royal Berkshire Regt. 16th April, 1917. Age 34. Son of Charles Lunn; husband of Laura Andrews Lunn, of North St., Winkfield, Windsor.

LUNN, Rfn. Frederick James, 13146. 16th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps. 5th Nov., 1916. Age 17. Son of Mrs. Eleanor Lunn, of 4, Hope Cottages, Bracknell Rd., Bracknell, Berks.

LUNN, Lce. Cpl. George, 13455. 12th Bn. Royal Scots. 15th July, 1916.

LUNN, Cpl. James, 18058. 11th Bn. Royal Irish Rifles. 1st July, 1916.

LUNN, Ptc. Samuel, 5503. 1st Bn. Royal Irish Fusiliers. 12th Oct., 1916. Age 23. Son of John and Mary Lunn, of 159, Hill St., Lurgan, Co. Armagh.

LUNN, Ptc. Walter Charles, 18069. 2nd Bn. Essex Regt., formerly 13th Bn. 23td Oct., 1916. Age 41. Husband of Jane Alice Lunn, of 180, Corporation St., West Ham, London.

LUNN, Pte. William, 27268. 1st Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. 23rd Oct., 1916.

LUNNISS, Pte. Frank, 20856. 1st/8th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. 27th Aug., 1916. Age 18. Brother of Mr. H. Lunniss, of The Leeds Arms, Eltisley, St. Neots, Hunts

LUNNON, Ptc. Walter Ernest, 20074. 2nd Bn. Royal Berkshire Regt. 1st July, 1916.

LUNT, Ptc. Ernest, 29717. 19th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. 30th July, 1916. Age 25. Son of Mr. R. J. and Mrs. M. E. Lunt, of 19, Harvey St., Liverpool.

LUNT, Pte. James, 10162. 18th Bn. Manchester Regt. 30th July, 1916.

LUPTON, Pte. Enoch Falshaw, 33431, 23rd Bn. Manchester Regt. 25th Aug., 1916.

LUPTON, 2nd Lt. Frank William. Royal Fusiliers, attd. 9th Bn. 4th Aug., 1916.

LUPTON, Pte. Frederick George, 22/836. 22nd (Tyneside Scottish) Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 1st July, 1916. Age 27. Son of the late William Henry and Margaret Lupton.

LUPTON, Pte. James, 27473. 15th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. 30th April, 1916.

LUPTON, Pre. Joseph, 6685. 3rd Bn. South INDEX No. M.R 21 African Inf. 1st Aug., 1916.

LUPTON, Pte. Walter, 4008. 1st/5th Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. 15th Aug.,

LUPTON, Pte. William, 15689. "D" Coy. 13th Bn. Royal Scots. 11th Aug., 1916. Age 23. Son of George and Lily Lupton, of 31, Harling St., Rose Grove, Burnley.

LUPTON, Pte. William John, 38764. 11th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 24th Sept., 1916.

LUSCOMBE, Rfn. Ernest, R/19900. 17th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps. 21st Oct., 1916.

LUSH, Scrit. George, 2529. 1st/4th Bn. Royal Berkshire Regt. 24th Nov., 1916. Age 25. Son of Herbert and Mary Jane Lush, of "Homelea", Easthampstead Rd., Wokingham,

LUSHER, Ptc. George, 40391. 2nd Bn. Lincolnshire Regt. 15th Nov., 1916.

LUSHER, Pte. Sydney James, 307669. 1st/8th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. 27th Aug., 1916.

LUSHINGTON, Lt. Cecil Henry Gosset. "A" Cov. 10th Bn. Worcestershire Regt. 3rd July, 1916. Age 31. Son of Maj. and Mrs. Arthur James Lushington, of The Park, Sandling, Maidstone, Kent; husband of Evelyn Marian

LUSTED, Lce. Cpl. Hubert Vilder, 23672. 3rd Bn. Grenadier Guards. 14th Sept., 1916.

LUTHER, Lce. Serit. Frederick George, 3/6518. 1st Bn. Dorsetshire Regt. 1st July, 1916.

LUTHER, Pte. Martin, 49210. 13th Bn. Cheshire Regt., formerly Shropshire Yeomanry. 21st Oct., 1916. Age 22. Son of Edwin and Annie Luther, of Old Woods, Bomere Heath, Shrewsbury.

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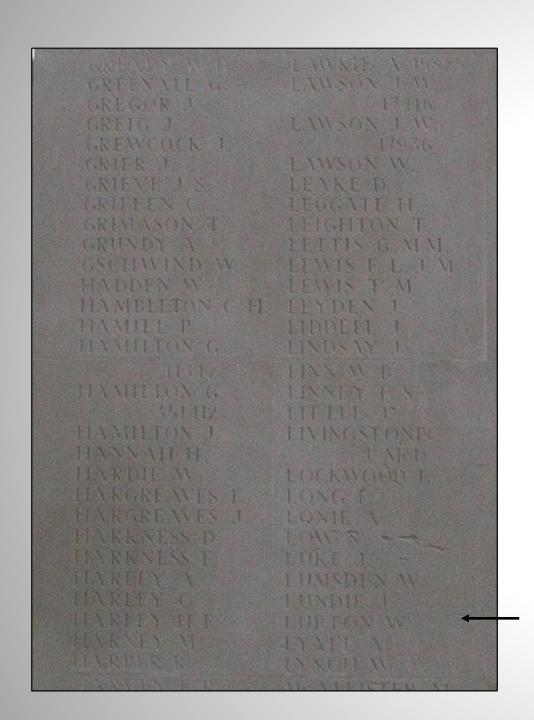
LUTKIN, Pte. Fred, 4298. 1st Bn. Cambridgeshire Regt. 13th Nov., 1916.

LUTKIN, Pte. Sidney Edward, 4770. 9th (Glasgow Hdrs.) Bn. Highland Light Inf. 22nd Aug., 1916. Age 18. Son of Sarah Lutkin, of 5, Burnbank Terrace, Oban, Argyll, and the late Edward Lutkin.

THIEPVAL MEM. PART XXVIII

> **Index registration for** William Lupton's name on the Thiepval Memorial. Part XVIII. Department de la Somme, France

> > Pier and Face 6D and 7D



**Panel Inscription on Fricourt War Memorial** 

Military Records for Pte. 15689 Harold William Lupton

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Soldier's Effects showing Harold W Lupton Awarded £3.1s.8d. to Mrs. Lily Lupton









# **Bombardier 31597 George Lowther**

Royal Horse Artillery and 70th Battery Royal Field Artillery

Born 1887 – KIA August 1914 at Mons Aged 27

> British Expeditionary Force In France

Commemorated at La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial Seine-et-Marne

Husband of Ethelberga Lowther of Scorton, Garstang

#### **The Lowther Family:**

(See also 1911 Synopsis that follows.)

The family background is quite complex owing to family numbers and the arising questions relating to George's 2nd marriage to Ethelberga Whitton in December 1913.

James Lowther was born in 1860 in Arkholme, Lunesdale. He married Ambrass Agnes Musgrove, born in Penrith in September 1867, at Christ Church, Carnforth on 18th July 1899. James' father, George, was a deceased Farmer and Ambrass' father, also George, was a Miner.

In 1891 the family are living in a cottage in Nether Kellet, near the Lime Burners Arms and the General Store. (Both still extant.) There were 3 children.

George was born 1887, the 1st child to James and Ambrass (Agnes) in Dalton-in-Furness.

The 2nd child was also called George M, born a year later.

There were 15 children recorded born to the couple. (Listed later)

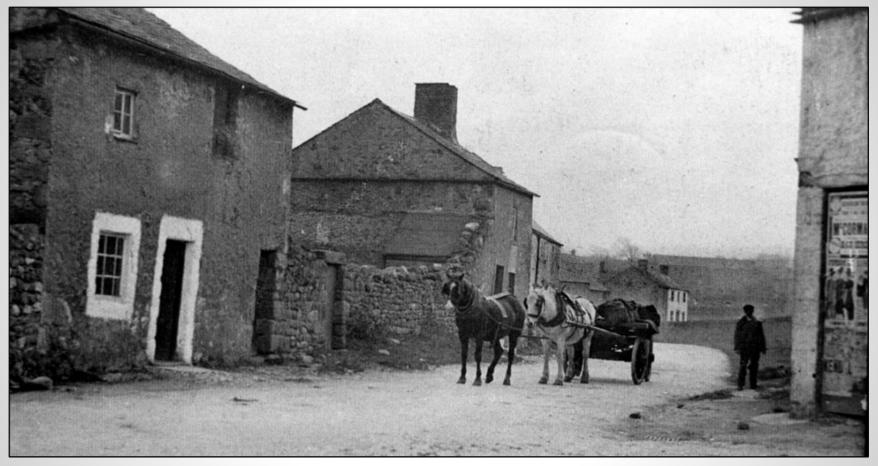
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Marriage of James Lowther, a Widower and Labourer 29, son of George Lowther, deceased, to Ambrass Agnes Musgrove 22, daughter of George Musgrove, a miner.

In Christ Church, Carnforth (Warton) 18th July 1889



Christ Church Carnforth where James Lowther married Ambrass Agnes Musgrave on 18th July 1899



Nether Kellett c1900. The General Stores referred to on the 1891 Census is partly shown on the right.

The cottages may be the ones given as 45/46 also on the Census.



**Lime Burners Arms, Nether Kellett** 

The 1901 Census finds the family still in Nether Kellett, but now there are 7 children. James is an Iron Labourer, living next door to his brother, George and his wife, Mary, they have 5 children. George, now 14, has left home, but there are still 9 siblings in the family home.

The same Census shows George 15, working in Ellel, Galgate as a Cattle Stockman to Mr. Joseph Whitaker, a Farmer. He appears to be living in the actual farmhouse.

The 1901 Census shows Mary Ann Stewart (Stuart) 15, daughter of George and Agnes Stewart living in Makinson Row, Galgate. She is a Silk Piece Worker and the future wife of George Lowther, 4 years later.

On 2nd December 1905, aged 19, George is now a Farm Labourer and marries Mary Ann Stuart, also 19, in Ellel Church, near Galgate. Mary and her family are all born in Galgate. Her father, George is a Labourer, born 1857, and his wife Elizabeth is born in 1867 in Low Bentham, Yorkshire. The family home is in Makison Row, Galgate.

George and Mary were to have 3 children – Dorothy who died in infancy in 1907. Gwendolen, born 1908 and Herbert 1909.

The surviving children and Mary are living with her family in the 1911 Census in Galgate. George is not with them. He is to be found living in a caravan at No. 2 Blue Anchor Lane, Skerton, Lancaster in 1911, but not on the Census.

His name appears on separate Listings/Summaries, but not official records.; the name is given as George Lawther.

There is no public evidence of a Divorce between George and his wife, Mary, but it appears there is a separation.

Similarly, the 1911 Census also shows George's parents, James 50 and Agnes (Ambassa) 42, now living in Halton-with-Aughton at Green Hill Farm. James is now a Farmer and Blacksmith Striker. There are still 10 children living at home, variously aged between 21 and 1 years of age.

Additionally, there are 4 Boarders at the Farm involved in laying the new water pipe supply from Thirlmere Lake, Allerdale in the Cumbrian Hills, to supply Manchester some 56 miles away.

In December 1913, George married Ethelberga Whitton, born in Preston, the service being in Galgate, Lancaster.

# The 15 children born to James and Ambrass Agnes Lowther: (Am-Brass is a French word meaning courage, motivation.)

Mary Ann 1886

**George 1887 – 1914 KIA – France** 

**George 2 1888** 

**James 1890** 

Francis 1891

**Thomas 1893** 

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Entry of Marriage of George Lowther 19, Farm Labourer, to Mary Ann Stuart 19, on 2nd December 1905 at Ellell Church near Galgate, Lancaster. Both are showing to be living at Makinson's Row, Galgate and both fathers are Labourers.



St. John the Evangelist, Ellel where George Lowther married Mary Ann Stuart in December 1905

#### **George Lowther, Military History:**

The Army WW1 records did not survive the London Blitz, so there is no clear details of George's date of Attestation on Enlistment, Medical factors and importantly, Next of kin.

The next significant event is that George enlists into the army as Private 31597 with The Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery, rising to become a Bombardier with the British Expeditionary Force 1914. He was KIA in the retreat from the Battle of Mons, west of Paris, on 23rd August 1914, just 26 days after the outbreak of WW1.

His body was never recovered and George is commemorated at La Ferte-Sous-Jourre Memorial, Siene-et-Marne, France. He had been married 7 months and was 27 years of age.

Ethelberga Lowther, now a widow, is living in Scorton, Galgate according to the CWGC Commemoration Certificate, and outlives George by some 60 years.

The Register of Soldier's Effects shows a Pension Gratuity of £2.5s.1d to her sole benefit. She would also have received the WW1 Medal of Honour Memorial Plaque marking her loss in tragedy.

In turn, Mary, George's former Spouse, survived her husband by over 40 years. She never remarried. She was living in Newton, Lancaster when she died in 1957, aged 71.

There is no Probate in respect of George Lowther.

### **George Lowther 1911 Census Synopsis:**

George and Mary Lowther had 3 children – Dorothy b. 6/12/1906 – d. 21/5/1907, aged 5 months. Gwendolen b. 21st May 1908 and Herbert Stuart b.21st December 1909.

In 1911, Mary Lowther and the two surviving children are recorded in the Census living in Mackinson Row, Galgate with Mary's parents, George and Elizabeth. It would appear that Mary and George have separated at some point: George is not on the Census Returns, but is living in a caravan at the Blue Anchor Public House, Main Way, Skerton, Lancaster. His name is spelled as Lawther and appears on Listings/Summary for 1911.

No Divorce is known to have taken place, and Mary never remarried after George's death. Her father died in 1933. Mary died in December 1957 in the Newton District of Lancaster.

Seemingly, however, George remarried in December 1913 in Garstang to Ethelberga Whitton (born in Lancaster, 1889). She died in Preston in 1974. (It is possible that this marriage was not legal!)

Ethelberga is shown on the CWGC Commemoration for George Lowther, KIA 23rd August 1914, as his next-of-kin. (No known grave exists for George.) Mary and the children were excluded from any Army Gratuities, such as Pensions, which they otherwise would have been entitled to.

Gwendolen died in 1999 in Galgate aged 81. Herbert died in 1983 in Lancaster aged 74.



Terraced Cottages on Makinson Row, Galgate. 2021. Little changed.



The soldier arrowed in the left seat is the Bombardier

"The No.1 was the sergeant or NCO in charge. He'd repeat the orders that would come from the officers, say they got the order, "drop 50 yards!" He used to give that order. The No. 2 on the right-hand side of the gun, he worked the range drum, it was just a dial all calibrated up to about 6,800 yards that was your total range. Instead of sitting on the seat facing forward, he always used to sit swivel legged, with his left leg and left arm out. His right arm was on the range drum. When the gun fired, the recoil brought the cam lever practically into his hand, he used to whip that out, the breech would open and the empty cartridge case fly out. The No.3, the gun layer got onto the aiming point, laid the gun and actually fired it, he had a handle at the side. We used to register [calculate distance and trajectory of the shell]; you couldn't see the targets you were shooting at. They used to plant an aiming post out in front about four feet high, black and white and on the top was a little square that was white. They used to lay the gun on to that post and any target was so many degrees to the left or right of this post.

The No. 4 and No. 5 worked alternately as loaders, standing there with another shell, they'd whip the shell in. The weight of the shell going in practically helped close the breech. While No 5 was loading No. 4 would be picking another one and setting the fuses. No. 6 would assist in this. No 2 would close the breech again. As soon as he'd closed the breech he would say, "set!" No. 3 used to say "ready!" No. 1 would say "fire!" Set, ready, fire!

When you've got into the style, you could fire the gun, and before the gun came to the end of its recoil it was nearly loaded again."



**Royal Horse Artillery near Mons 1914** 



**Royal Field Artillery Battery at Mons** 



The Battle of Mons 1914. British Troops Advance



**The Retreat from Mons 1914** 

INDEX No. M.R. 15 LOOMES, Lt. Herbert Reuben. 1st Bn. Loyal LUCY, Pte. Thomas, S/3328. 1st Bn. Royal LA FERTE-SOUS- North Lancs Regt. 14th Sept., 1914.

JOUARRE LOOSLEY, Pte. William Robert, 12843. 2nd Bn. LUFF, Pte. Allen, L/7211. 1st Bn. The Queen's. MEMORIAL Grenadier Guards. 14th /16th Sept., 1914. Age A-L 26. Son of Joseph and Sarah Ann Loosley, of Thame, Oxon.

> LORD, Pte. Frank, 9441. 2nd Bn. Manchester Regt. 26th Aug., 1914.

LORD, Lce. Cpl. Sylvester, 8887. 2nd Bn. of 72, Portland St., Hull. Manchester Regt. 14th Sept., 1914.

LOVATT, Pte. Thomas, 7229. 2nd Bn. South Lancashire Regt. 7th Sept., 1914. Age 29. Son of the late Jabus and Sarah Ellen Lovatt, of 10, Holywood Rd., Aigburth, Liverpool; husband of Margaret Scott, (formerly Lovatt), of 3, Forge Cottages, Lark Lane, Liverpool.

LOWE, Pte. Thomas Frederick, 10032. 2nd Bn. Essex Regt. 13th Sept., 1914.

LOWIE, Pte. John E., 12115. 2nd Bn. Highland African Campaign. Light Inf. 20th Sept., 1914.

LOWRY, Pte. Henry J., 8541. 2nd Bn. Highland Light Inf. 20th Sept., 1914. Age 28. Son of Mrs. Lowry, of 183, Pentonville Rd, Islington; husband of Annie Sturgeon (formerly Lowry), of 5, Wharfdale Rd., King's Cross, London.

LOWTHER, Bmdr. George, 31597. 70th Bty. Royal Field Artillery. 23rd Aug., 1914. Age 27. Husband of Ethelberga Lowther, of R.C. School House, Snow Hill, Scorton, Garstang, Lancs.

LUARD, Maj. Charles Elmhirst, D.S.O. 1st Bn. Norfolk Regt. 15th Sept., 1914.

LUCAS, Act. Bmdr. Frank Ernest, 50733. 41st Bty. Royal Field Artillery. 24th Sept., 1914.

LUCAS, Pte. Henry, 9728. 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards. 26th Sept., 1914. Age 20. Son of Elizabeth Lucas, of Mount Pleasant, Shipston-on-Stour, Worcs., and the late Frederick Lucas.

LUCAS, Pte. William Albert, 9774. 3rd Bn. Worcestershire Regt. 28th Aug., 1914. Age 26. Son of Frederick and Frances Eliza Lucas, of Shottenden, Chilham, Canterbury.

LUCAS, Rfn. William George, 8843. 2nd Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps. 14th Sept., 1914. Age 24. Son of Arthur and Elizabeth Emma Lucas, of 52. St. George's Rd., Leamington Spa.

LUCY, Lce. Cpl. Denis, 9895. 2nd Bn. Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Sept., 1914.

LUCKETT, Pte. Ernest, 9030. 1st Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers. 15th Sept., 1914.

West Kent Regt. 1st Oct., 1914.

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LUKE, C.S.M. Stephen, 6000. 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 14th Sept., 1914. Age 33. Son of Annie Luke, of 9, Barmston St., Hull, and the late John Luke; husband of Ada Ellen Luke,

LUKER, Pte. Alfred, 963. 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 9th Sept., 1914. Age 27. Son of Alfred Luker, of 7, Ebenezer Terrace, Wymondham, Norfolk. Served on the North West Frontier of India (1908).

LUMSDEN, Capt. Charles Ramsay. 1st Bn. Gordon Highlanders. 26th Aug., 1914. Age 34. Son of the late Mr. W. H. Lumsden, of Balmedie, and of Mrs. Lumsden. Served in the South

LUNDY, Pte. Albert James, 1263. 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 19th Sept., 1914.

LUSHER, Pte. Albert Edward, 8767. 2nd Bn. Suffolk Regt. 26th Aug., 1914.

LUXFORD, Pte. Jesse, L/10179. 2nd Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. 14th Sept., 1914.

LYNCH, Pte. Hugh, 8292. 1st Bn. South Wales Borderers. 26th Sept., 1914.

LYNCH, Rfn. John, 8672. 2nd Bn. Royal Irish Rifles. 20th Sept., 1914. Age 25. Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Lynch, of 26, East Essex St.,

LYNCH, Rfn. Patrick, 10175. 2nd Bn. Royal Irish Rifles. 21st Sept., 1914. Age 17. Son of Thomas Lynch, of 10, The Boro', Phisiboro',

LYNESS, C.S.M. David Andrew, 4588. "A" Coy. 2nd Bn. Royal Irish Rifles. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. 15th Sept., 1914. Age 34. Son of William and Margaret Lyness (Stepmother), of 29, Carlisle St., Belfast; husband of Helena Lyness, of 158, New Lodge Rd., Belfast.

LYONS, Gnr. Archibald, 2710. 56th Bty. Royal Field Artillery. 2nd Oct., 1914.

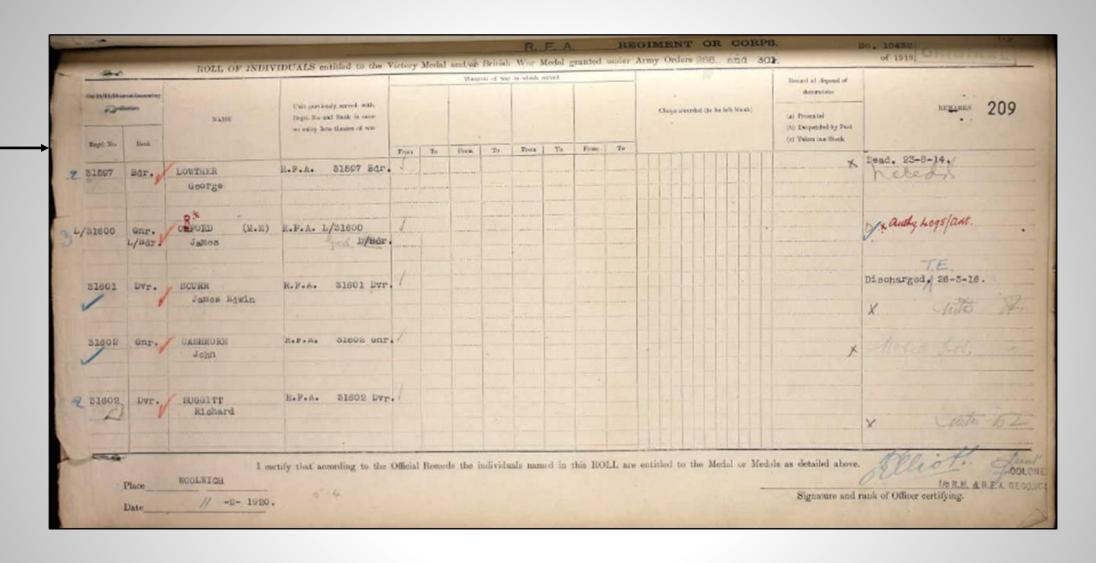
LYONS, Pte. John, 8534. 2nd Bn. Royal Irish Regt. 6th Sept., 1914.

LYSON, Pte. Thomas Henry, 7653. 1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. 25th Sept., 1914. Age 29. Son of Alfred and Fanny Lyson.

**Index at La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, France,** showing Bmdr 31597 George Lowther, Royal Field **Artillery Died 23rd August 1917. Husband of Ethelberga** 

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Medal Rolls 1914 - 1920 for Pte. 31597 George Lowther RFA - Award of the Victory and War Medals

La Ferté-sous-Jouarre Memorial to the Missing: (CWGC) Edited.

Opened 1928.

The La Ferté-sous-Jouarre Memorial commemorates 3,765 officers and men of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) who fell at the battles of Mons, Le Cateau, the Marne and the Aisne between the end of August and early October 1914 and have no known graves. The memorial is situated on land provided by Adrien Fizeau, sometime Mayor of Jouarre, in memory of his father, Hippolyte Fizeau, the distinguished scientist. The 4 pillars represent the nations forming the United Kingdom.

Close to the bridge on both banks of the river stand the stone columns which make up the 4th Division Royal Engineers Memorial. The columns are surmounted with the flaming grenade of the Royal Engineers and mark the spot at which British sappers constructed a pontoon bridge under German artillery fire on 9th and 10th September 1914.

#### The British Expeditionary Force at the Battle of the Marne: (BEF)

By the beginning of September 1914, the German Imperial Army had swept through much of Belgium and north eastern France and was fast approaching Paris. By 3 September, the British and French forces had been retreating south west for over two weeks, German victory was a definite possibility, and the Allied Commander, General Joffre, prepared to launch a major counter offensive. As night fell on 5th September, the men of the British Expeditionary Force began to halt approximately 40 kilometres south east of Paris and their grueling retreat was at an end. For the next two days, British I, II and III Corps advanced north eastward, encountering only minor resistance from the German forces in the area, which had reached the limit of their advance and were now carrying out a tactical retreat. On 8 September, British infantry brigades advancing toward the Marne came under heavy machinegun and artillery fire from German units in La Ferté sous Jouarre and on the north bank of the river where they had formed a bridgehead.

The British withdrew, began bombarding the German positions, and by mid-afternoon had entered the town in force. Both of the local bridges had been blown, but the Royal Engineers immediately began to construct a floating bridge, over which III Corps crossed the Marne on 10th September and joined I and II Corps which had crossed the river further to the east the previous today.

The German armies were now in full retreat to the north and east, hotly pursued by the combined British and French forces. Retreating German units fought rearguard actions under heavy rainfall throughout the day on 11th September and by the morning of the 12th they had occupied defensive positions on the high ground overlooking the northern banks of the River Aisne.

The Battle of the Marne, referred to in the French press as the "Miracle of the Marne," halted the month-long advance of the German forces toward Paris and decisively ended the possibility of an early German victory. The battle also marked the beginning of trench warfare as Allied and German forces entrenched during and after the Battle of the Aisne in mid-September.

By November battle lines had been drawn that would remain virtually unchanged for almost four years. The British Expeditionary Force suffered almost 13,000 casualties during the Battle of the Marne, of whom some 7,000 had been killed.

The date of BMDR George Lowther's death in August 1914 would suggest he died during the BEF withdrawal.

#### Note:

Names are listed on the Memorial by Regiments in order of precedence, under the title of each Regiment by rank, and under each rank alphabetically.

The rank of Bombardier (BMBR) was a nominal one. It was the equivalent of being a Lance Corporal, but didn't entitle a pay of rank; this was discretionary. The BMBR was responsible for directing the unit gun's shell fire.

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La Ferté-sous-Jouarre Memorial to the Missing. Unveiling 1928



La Ferté-sous-Jouarre Memorial to the Missing



# Private 206880 John Alick Nixon MM Known as "Alick"

Son of Robert and "Minnie" Nixon of Victoria Street\*, Halton

September 1896 – October 1918

Served with Kings Own Royal Lancaster Regiment and 2nd Lincolnshire Regiment

Buried in Charleville Communal Cemetery, Ardennes 1918 and then transferred to Terlincthun Military Cemetery near Boulogne,

> Pas-de-Calais, in December 1962 by CWGC

\* Now known as Victoria Place off High Road





\*Note: -

Victoria Terrace, now Victoria Place, off High Road, Halton, originally consisted of 10 cottages. They were later expanded to create 5 homes by knocking down the dividing wall.

## The Family Background for Private 206880 Alick Nixon MM:

Robert Nixon was born to John Nixon of Skerton, Lancaster who married Mary from Ellel, a village south of Lancaster. Robert was their first-born child.

John Alick Nixon was born to Robert 25, and Abennie 25, also called "Minnie" Nixon, in the village of Quernmore, south of the River Lune in the Oct 1896. Robert was a Grainer of paint. He died in 1941 aged 70 years. Alick was born on 1st September 1896 and baptised at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton on18th October 1896 by the Rev. Samuel Hastings, the Rector, who had lost his own son, Captain George Hastings, KIA in 1915.

"Alick" as he was-better known by, was 4 and there were 2 other children – Arthur b.1898 and a Baby, aged 1 month, on the 1901 Census. The family were living at Bath Cottage, Halton Green. He attended Halton National School from January 1902 to 1909.

In 1911, Alick has left home and is found working as a Servant/Labourer at Carus Farm, a Dairy Farm to the west of Halton. He was 14. At the time he was lodging with the Loxam family – John 47 and his wife, Mariah 55. They had 3 children and employed 3 other servants, so was a quite wealthy business.

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Baptism of John Alick Nixon in St. Wilfrid's Parish Church on 18th October 1916

#### The Military Background of Private 206880 Alick Nixon MM:

Alick enlisted into the King's Own Royal Regiment Lancaster as Private 2514. (His number was later changed to 240714.) It was while serving with the KORR, that he was awarded the Military Medal, an award not give lightly, but for outstanding bravery.

The circumstances of the award are as follows:

"After having saved the life of his officer when seriously wounded and carrying him to a station (Casualty Station) he was wounded himself."

It is probable that he was hospitalised from his wounds and on recovery and fit again for active service, Alick was then posted to 2nd Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment, as Private 206880.

Alick is next seen in records as being buried in Charleville Military Cemetery after his death on 22nd October 1918, only a few weeks before the Armistice. It is not clear whether Alick died in battle or died of wounds in Charleville Hospital, but several Lincolnshire men were killed on and around the 22nd.

#### **Charleville:**

The town of Charleville sits on the north bank of the River Meuse in the Ardennes department, the only department of France to be wholly occupied by the German army throughout the First World War.

After falling to the German army early in the war, in September 1914 the town became the site of the supreme German headquarters, the component parts of which were established in the best homes, chateau and municipal buildings throughout the town.

Although French prisoners had been treated in the town in the civil hospital since 1914, in late 1917 the Kriegslazarett began to accept British prisoners of war. The prisoners who died in the hospital were buried in the town's old cemetery, known as "Cimetière du Boutet," in the western suburbs of Charleville.

## In his story of the occupation of the town, Domelier writes:

"There was another kind of ceremony which used to perturb the police, namely, the funeral of French or Allied soldiers. A certain number of these brave men had died in hospital and were buried in the cemetery at Charleville, in a plot specially reserved for our heroes.

At the beginning of the occupation, the bodies were handed over to the civil authorities, who celebrated their responsibilities with due solemnity. A flag in the national colours was laid upon the coffin; the fire-brigade, in uniform, but without arms, paid military honours in the name of the French army. The municipality was officially represented, and in its train marched a long procession of patriots. The hearse was buried beneath flowers and wreaths tied with tricolour ribbons.

At the graveside, the head of the municipal council spoke a few words of farewell, impregnated with a lofty spirit of patriotism.

Yet, Germany was in danger! First of all, one of Bauer's agents was sent to the cemetery to eavesdrop on the speeches and conversations. Next came an order to remove the flags and national colours of 'the enemy'. Then the procession was limited to fifty persons, and finally, as the result of an incident created on 5th April, 1918, by a pastor who celebrated the obsequies half an hour before the time fixed by the Kommandantur (an incident which provoked a protest on our own part, and cost us seven days in prison at the Charleville Detention House), the population was forbidden to take any part whatever in these obsequies. Only a delegation from the municipal council, composed of three members, was admitted to the cemetery.

These regulations lasted till 10th November, 1918, when Charleville was finally liberated, and, without constraint or spies, but under the shells of a bombardment, was able to bury two brave young French soldiers who had been mortally wounded at the crossing of the Aisne."

Buried there by the end of the war were 341 Allied casualties. They were mostly men who had died as prisoners of war, most of whom had died in the Kriegslazarett (hospital) in Charleville. Of these, 177 were British, 137 were French, three were from the United States and the remainder were Belgian, Romanian and Russian.

Some prisoners worked in the Kriegslazarett as volunteers; perhaps Alick was one such, but Dysentery was a major problem and he may have died from this infection and buried in Charleville Cemetery. Charles Guengnien, a French prisoner described Charleville as, "True German poison."

The Imperial War Graves Commission established Charleville Communal Cemetery in the south-west part of the town cemetery, in Division M. Although mostly buried in national groups, some French, Russian and Romanian casualties were buried amongst the British graves.

In 1962 Charleville Communal Cemetery was closed. The remains of the British and United States casualties were removed and reinterred in Terlincthun British Cemetery at Wimille in early December 1962. The reinterred comprised 170 known casualties, one unknown British soldier, and one officer and two soldiers of the United States Army. The British casualties were reinterred in Plots VIII (Rows B, C & D), and Plots XVI and XVII (Rows E & F) (See the Terlincthun Cemetery map).

In addition, a soldier of the Native Military Corps of the South African Army, who died in 1944 and who had been buried in the French plot at Charleville, was reinterred in Plot XIX at Terlincthun.

The graves of six other British soldiers buried in Charleville Communal Cemetery had not been identified when the cemetery was constructed in the years after the First World War.

To the Memory of these six soldiers:

"Buried at the time in Charleville Communal Cemetery, Ardennes:

But whose graves

Are now lost

Their glory

Shall not be blotted out."

The transfer of the casualties from Charleville to Boulogne was no mean task – a distance of about 220 miles, whilst showing every respect and dignity throughout by the CWGC. Almost certainly any known family would have been informed of the reinterment. Presumably, family members would have been invited to any graveside service.

Private 206880 Nixon is shown on page 6 of the transfer pages between cemeteries. Alick's Army Records sadly did not survive the London Blitz, so we will never know of his Attestation for Service, his Medial history, his Postings, his Personal Effects, Pension Ledger and the correspondence to and from the War Office to his family in Halton after his death.

There was no Probate.



**Carus Lodge, Halton** 



Carus Lodge 2



Prisoners at Charleville POW Camp. some seem to be dressed as Hospital Orderlies (1916)

**British Base Hospitals in France – Long Trail:** 

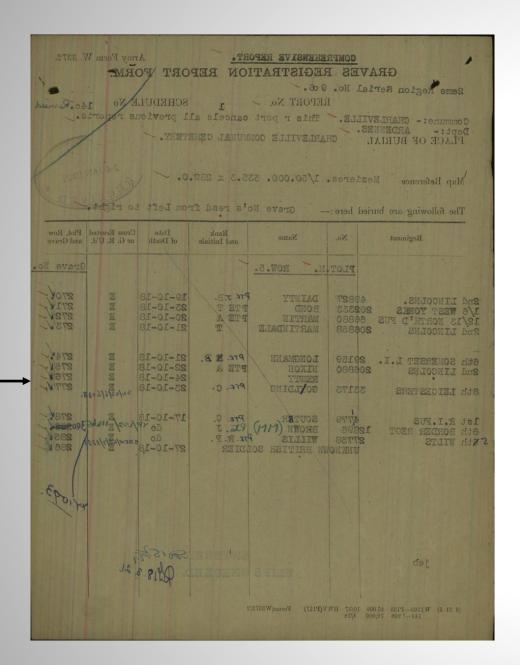
What was a Base Hospital?

The Base Hospital was part of the casualty evacuation chain, further back from the front line than the Casualty Clearing Stations. They were manned by troops of the Royal Army Medical Corps, with attached Royal Engineers and men of the Army Service Corps. In the theatre of war in France and Flanders, the British hospitals were generally located near the coast. They needed to be close to a railway line, in order for casualties to arrive (although some also came by canal barge); they also needed to be near a port where men could be evacuated for longer-term treatment in Britain.

There were two types of Base Hospital, known as Stationary and General Hospitals. They were large facilities, often centred on some pre-war buildings such as seaside hotels. The hospitals grew hugely in number and scale throughout the war. Most of the hospitals moved very rarely until the larger movements of the armies in 1918. Some hospitals moved into the Rhine bridgehead in Germany and many were operating in France well into 1919. Most hospitals were assisted by voluntary organisations, most notably the British Red Cross.



Original Graves at Charleville Communal Cemetery prior to the placement of Imperial War Graves Commission Headstones



Charleville Communal Cemetery Record of Burials showing Private 260880 Alick Nixon in Row N, Grave 258.

In 1962 this Cemetery was closed by the CWGC and the bodies reinterred at Terlincthun Military cemetery near Boulogne

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MAIRE, Pte. W., 24608. 10th Bn. Cheshire PARKER, Pte. J., 29748. 10th Bn. Cheshire Regt. 13th Sept., 1918. 1. 46. Regt. 14th Oct., 1918. Son of Mr. J. R. Parker, of 2, Jasmine St., Everton. 5. 239. MALLETT, Pte. J. C. H. V. J., 27188. 1st Bn. Wiltshire Regt. 30th Aug., 1918. Age 34. PEMBERTON, Pte. Fred, 16671,/7th Bn. Son of George and Louisa Mallett, of Tavistock; Leicestershire Regt. Died of bronchitis 10th husband of Eliza Mallett, of 38, Oxford St., Oct., 1918. Age 30. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stirchley, Birmingham. 1. 33. Pemberton, of Sopcote, Leicestershire; husband of Mrs. F. Churms (formerly Pemberton), of 207, MARKS, Rfn. D. H., A/203278. 16th Bn. Queen's Rd., Nuneaton. 5./220. King's Royal Rifle Corps. 18th Oct., 1918. Son of Mr. W. P. Marks, of 77, Parr Rd., Barking PERRY, Rfn. John William, 40937. 2nd Bn. Rd., East Ham, London. Sp. Mem. 4. The Rifle Brigade. Died of wounds 2nd Aug., 1918. Age 19. Son of Alfred and Sarah Perry, MARTIN, Pte. Arthur, 66880. 12th/13th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 20th Oct., 1918. of 69, Chapel St., Abstock, Leicester. 1. 17. Age 19. Son of John and Ada Martin, of Stoke PICKERING, Pte John William, 27558. 1st Bn. Golding, near Nuneaton. 5. 255. Wiltshire Regt/Died of dysentery 24th Aug., MARTINDALE, Ptc. Tom, 206858. 2nd Bn. 1918. Age 19/Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Pickering, Lincolnshire Regt. 21st Oct., 1918. Age 19. of 29, Vicarage Park, Plumstead, Kent. 1. 22. Son of Mrs. E. Martindale, of 24, Bengal St., PILE, Pro. James, 10460. 1st Bn. Wiltshire Chorley, Lancs. 5. 256. Regt. 20th Oct., 1918. Age 37. Son of Jacob MASON, Pte. Alfred John, 27537. 1st Bn. and Sarah Ann Pile, of Oare, Wilts. 5. 248. Wiltshire Regt. Died of dysentery 6th Sept., PRICE, Pte. Reuben, 42391. 2nd Bn. Royal 1918. Age 19. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Berkshire Regt. Died of wounds 27th June, 1918. Mason, of 215, Abbey St., Bermondsey, London. Age 19. Son of Reuben and Alice Price, of 16, I. 40. Friar St., Droitwich, Worcestershire. 4. 165. MEAD, Pte. John, 51626. 1st Bn. Lincolnshire PRICE, Pte. R., 85963. 1st/6th Bn. Durham Regt. 13th Oct., 1918. Age 35. Husband/of Light Inf. 23rd Sept., 1918. Son of Mr. D. Emily Mead, of I, Luton Rd., Markyate, hear Price, of 14, Overton St., Dowlais, Glam. 4. 184. Dunstable. 4. 172. MORGAN, Pte. Henry Ernest, 316064. 10th PRIESTLEY, Pte. Walter, 42768. 4th Bn. Bn. Cheshire Regt. 12th Sept., 1918, Age 20. Son of Ernest Bidder Morgan and Edith Mary South Staffordshire Regt. Died of pneumonia 27th Aug., 1918. Age 19. Son of Arthur and Morgan, of 46, Donald St., Roath Park, Cardiff. Annie Priestley, of 77, Manor Lane, Shipley, Yorks. 1, 28, MOWLEM, Pte. T. J., 26671. 6th Bn. Wiltshire PYE, Pte. H., 235615. 8th Bn. Leicestershire Regt. 2nd Nov., 1918. Husband of Mrs. G. E. Regt. 10th Oct., 1918. Son of Mr. W. Pye, of Mowlem, of 39, Princes St., Dorchester. 5. 282. 25, Bedford St., Wisbech, Cambs. 5. 219. NEWBURG, Spr. T., 385809. 490th Field RADWELL, Pte. Ezra, 27342. "B" Coy. Coy. Royal Engineers. 4th June, 1918. 4. 147. 8th Bn. Gloucestershire Regt. 23rd Aug., 1918. NICHOLSON, Pte/C. H., 63603. 25th Bn. Age 38. Son of Mrs. Sarah Radwell, of School Machine Gun Coxps (Inf.). Croix de Guerre Lane, Upper Winchendon, Aylesbury. 1. 24. (Belgium). 12th Oct., 1918. 5. 227. RILEY, Pte. A. J., 42165. 8th Bn. Leicestershire NIGHTINGALE, Rfn. H., 48244. 2nd Bn. Regt. 14th Oct., 1918. Age 19. Son of Mrs. A. F. The Rifle Brigade. 9th July, 1918. Husband of Riley, of 20, Henry St., St. John's Wood, London. Mrs. F. W. Fage (formerly Nightingale), of 5. 226. 19, Ingal Rd., Plaistow, London. 4. 174. ROBERTS, Pte. E., 26257. 2nd Bn. Lincolnshire NIXON, Pte. A., 206880. 2nd Bn. Lincolnshire Regt. 23rd Oct., 1918. Age 22. Son of Mr. J. E. Regt. 22nd Oct., 1918. Son of Mr. R. Nixon, Roberts, near Manor House, Wrangle, Boston. of Victoria St., Halton, Lancaster. 5. 258. 5. 275.

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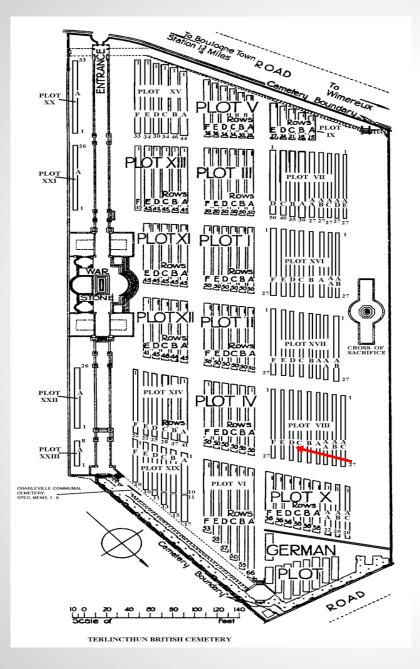


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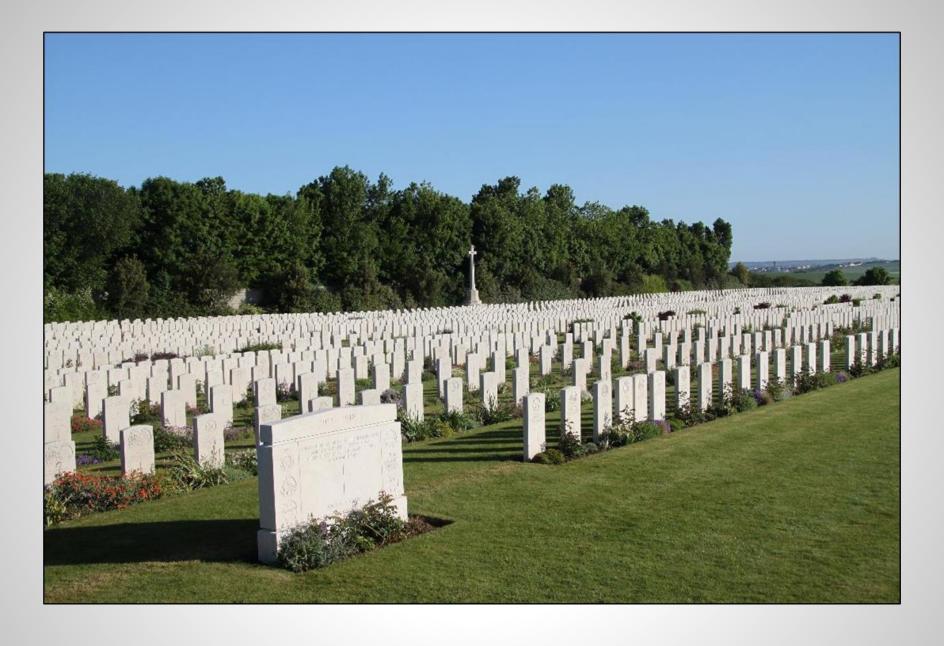
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Pte. Alick Nixon. Plot VIII. Row C. 23 (Arrowed)



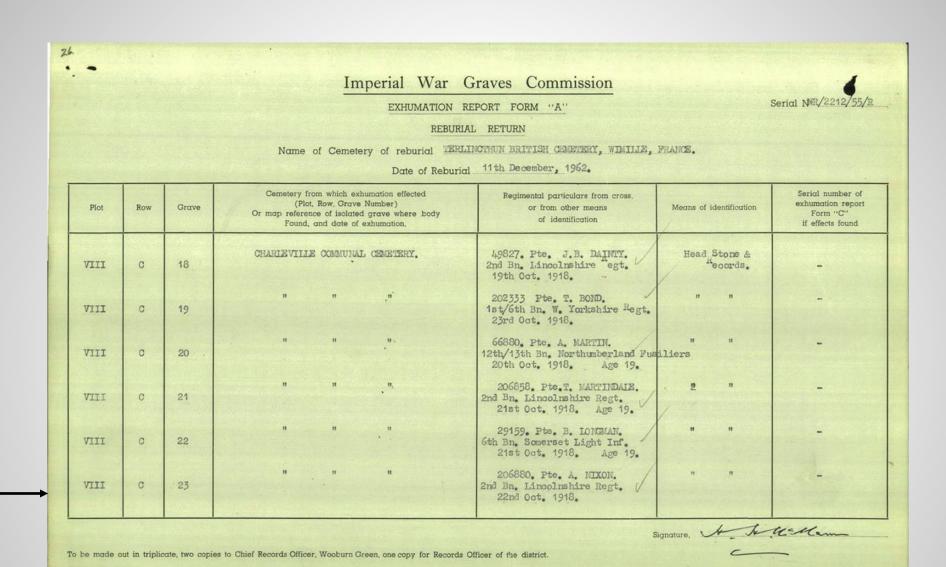
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### \* > NEWBORG, Spr. T., 38509, (Sa P160)

CEMETERY Fr. 34 NEWBURY, Rfn. Dennis, 552021. 2nd Bn. TERLINCTHUN Queen's Westminsters. Died of disease 2nd Nov., FRANCE 1918. Age 21. Son of Theresa Mary and the PART II late George James Newbury, of "Raby," 51, M—Z Knolly's Rd., Streatham, London. X. A. 11.

> Transport Coy. Canadian Army Service Corps. 1st Feb., 1919. XIII. B. 24.

 NEWEY, Spr. Walter Henry, 282240. 39th Div.
 Signal Coy. Royal Engineers. Died of disease 19th July, 1918. Age 29. Son of Walter Newey, of Kidderminster; husband of Eliza Newey, of 91, North Bridge St., Monkwearmouth, Sunderland. I. F. 16.

 NEWLING, Ptc. E. A., 137374. 63rd Bn. Machine Gun Corps, attd. Royal Naval Division. 28th Aug., 1918, II. E. 34.

NEWTON, Pte. A. A., 128880. Loaders Bn. Royal Army Service Corps, transf. to (693271) 700th Coy. Labour Corps. 26th Oct., 1919. XIV. C. 4.

V NICHOLAS, Gnr. Robert Edward, 697507. "D" Bty. 52nd Bde. Royal Field Artillery. Died of wounds 11th Oct., 1918. Age 32. Son of David and Cecilia Nicholas, of 8, Woodland Rd., Newport, Mon. V. D. 27.

NICHOLS, A.M. III. C., 135825. 1st Aeroplane Supply Depot, Royal Air Force. Died of wounds 24th Sept., 1918. Age 33. Son of Matthew and Ellen Nichols, of 120, Harbottle St., South Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne. IV. C. 33.

NICHOLS, Pte. W., 35217. 29th Bn. Middlesex Regt., transf. to 168th Coy. Labour Corps. 7th Oct., 1918. IV. F. 44.

NICHOLSON, Pte. Charles Herbert, 48426. 16th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. Died of wounds 24th Sept., 1918. Age 22. Son of Mrs. B. J. and the late Mr. J. W. Nicholson, of 13, Park Crescent, Park St., Hull. Native of Hull. IV. B. 44.

/ NICHOLSON, Lce. Cpl. G. H., 201714. 1st/7th Bn. Middlesex Regt. Died of wounds 24th Sept., 1918. Age 21. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nicholson, of 7, Hornsey Park Rd., Hornsey, London. IV. B. 42.

NICOL, Cpl. William, 43727. 1st Aeroplane Supply Depot Repair Park, Royal Air Force. Died of wounds 23rd Sept., 1918. Age 24. Son of Janet and Charles Nicol, of Auchterarder, Perth. IV C. 36.

3) NIXON, Pte. A., 206886

(See P160)

MORRIS, Pte.Charles George, 39138,2nd Bn. Weleh Regt. 16th June 1917, Age 24, Son of George and Julia Morris, of 112, Abbey Rd., West Ham, London. Vill E 14.

NIGHTINGALE, Pte. Ephraim Albert, 62175. 15th/17th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. Died of wounds 18th July, 1918. Age 19. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nightingale, of Spalding, Lincoln-Shire. I. F. 17. ANGENTINGALE DAIXON ONIXA

NEWBY, Pte. W. R., 36163. 1st Div. Mechanical NOAKES, Pte. Thomas George, 365080. 7un Bn. London Regt., posted to 1st/8th Bn. Middlesex Regt. Died of wounds 9th Sept., 1918. Age 29. Son of Edward and Ellen Hannah Noakes, of 68, Colegrove Rd., Hill St., Peckham, London. III. D. I. SEE MOAKES PAGE 101

NOAKES, Ptc. W. A., 54435. 19th Bn. Middlesex Regt. 10th July, 1918. I. E. 27.

NOBLE, Cpl. William Balloch, 350346. 1st/7th Bn. Black Watch. Died of wounds (gas) 13th Sept., 1918. Age 19. Son of William and Joan Noble, of 64, Russel St., Falkirk. III. E. 50.

NODDER, Spr. Charlie Ernest, 506789. Signal Coy. Royal Engineers. Died of wounds 29th Sept., 1918. Age 28. Son of Samuel and Ellen Nodder; husband of Lily Nodder, of I, Cromwell Rd., Walthamstow, London. IV. D. 39.

NODEN, Pte. W. J., 40810. 1st Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers. 6th Oct., 1918. Age 23. Son of William and Kate Noden, of 75, Lower Stafford St., Wolverhampton. IV. F. 12.

NOLAN, Pte. G. A., 356621. 1st/10th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. 3rd Nov., 1918. IX. C. 2.

NORGROVE, Pte. G., 29382. 6th Bn. South Wales Borderers. 9th Nov., 1918. IX. E. 1.

NORMAN, Gnr. Frank Webster, 74142. 251st Siege Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery. Died of wounds 21st Oct., 1918. Age 27. Husband of Mrs. A. B. Norman, of Park Farm, Stow, nr. Downham Market, Norfolk. VI. A. 39.

NORRIS, Spr. Frederick Guy, 267994. 18th Div. Signal Coy. Royal Engineers. Died of disease 6th July, 1918. Age 34. Son of Frederick and Emma Norris, of Trowbridge, Wilts. I. D. 27.

NORTHCOMBE, A.B., W., R/1184. R.N.V.R., Drake Bn. R.N.D. 7th Oct., 1918. IV. F. 20.

NORTHCOTE, Pte. Richard, 52624. 1st Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers. 6th Oct., 1918. Age 21. Son of James Northcote, of 55, Gray St., Shettleston, Glasgow. IV. F. 15.

NOTT, Pte. T. J., 889. 5th Bn. Royal Irish Regt. 4th July, 1918. I. D. 10.

NIXON, 2ng LT. WALTER HENRY KINGS OWN ROYAL LANCASTER REGT AND ROYAL FLY ING BOAD. 19TH TULY 1915 AGE 20. SEN C = JANE NIXON OF 218 STLEENARDS RD. EAST SHEEN SURREY AND THE LATE THOMAS ALFRED NIVEN

(1) NIGHTINGALE, RM. H., 48244 (See P160) (2) NICHTHAGALE, PER 5., M2/156 891. (SEE P169) **Terlincthum Cemetery Index Book showing** the Name of Alick Nixon in Red Ink.

There are 2 arrows: one shows Alick's name and the second lower down, the details.

Clearly an over-sight discovered on final check

# 21061-WtP9668/163-10m-7/-57-REIBLd.-999/15 Graves Registration Report Form.

REPORT NO. :

SCHEDULE No. : #

PLACE OF BURIAL: TERLINCTHUN BRITISH CEMETERY, WIMILLE, FRANCE

Concentrations from Charleville Communal Cemetery

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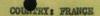
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Signature.... Date...

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20	66880	Pte.	A. MARTIN	12th/13th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers	20.10.18				
21	206858	Pte.	T. MARTINDALE	2nd Bn. Lincolnshire Regt.	21.10.18				
22	29159	Pte.	B. LONGMAN	6th Bn.Somerset Light Inf.	21.10.18				
23	206880	Pte.	A. NIXON	2nd Bn. Lincolnshire Regt.	22.10.18				
24	12896	Pte.	J.W. BROWN (M.M.)	8th Bn. Border Regt.	17.10.18				
25	33173	Pte.	C. GOLDING	8th Bn. Leicestershire Regt.	23.10.18				
26	41779	Pte.	C. SOUTAR	lst Bn. Royal Irish Fusiliers	17.10.18				
27	27 27738 Pte.		R.F. WILLIS	6th Bn. Wiltshire Regt.	17.10.18				

# **Grave Registration Form showing** reinterment of Alick Nixon at Terlincthun Military Cemetery

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Graves Registration Report Form.

GOMMUNE

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SCHEDULE No. : 39

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26	41779	Pte.	C. SOUTAR	lst Rn. Royal Irish Fusiliers	17,10,18	
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Rolls showing Pte. 206880 Alick Nixon, Lincolnshire Regiment, for Award of Victory Medal

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Military Rolls showing Alick Nixon

# NEW SOLDIER'S RECORD

# 15/1563 Private Arthur Preston

**Son of Arthur and Margaret Preston** 

**Brother of Mrs. E. Greg of Doncaster** 

Enlisted November 1914 from Halton into the 15th Batt. West Yorkshire Regt. (Leeds Pals Bantam Battalion)

KIA on 21st September 1916

Age given at death 30\*

Buried in Gorre British and Indian Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

Plot III, Row A, Grave 17

\* In fact, Arthur Preston was aged 36 at death



Arthur was born on 31st May 1880 in Skipton, North Yorkshire to Arthur and Margaret Preston, nee Witham. Arthur (Snr) was born at Stanton Lees, Bakewell Derbyshire in 1852, whilst his wife was born in Skipton in 1852. The family were living at 22 Russell Street in Skipton.

He was the first-born son of three children; Emma born 1876, Annie born 1879 and Thomas born 1880; aged 9 months on the 1881 Census. All children were born in Skipton. At the time Thomas (Snr) was a Railway Signalman.

Prior to 1891 the family are living at 60 Windermere Road, Lancaster. Arthur (Snr) is a Foreman Porter, whilst Emma now aged 14, is a General Domestic Servant. Annie and Arthur are at school. There is a new child, Edith, born 1884 in Lancaster. However, Arthur is at school in Halton in August 1892 so the family must have moved to the village.

By 1901 the family have moved to Halton, living at 12 New Street in a Tithe Mill house. Arthur (SNR) is now a Pattern Book Maker worker in one of Halton's Oilcloth Mills on the banks of the River Lune, the water of which powered the mills. Arthur (Jnr) is now a Labourer for Riveters, also in the Lune Mills. The girls are workers in the Cotton Mills. Emma has left home.

In the 1911 Census, the family are still in Halton. Arthur (Snr) is a Warehouseman in an Oilcloth works, Arthur (Jnr) aged 30, is now in a Shipping Warehouse. Of the girls, only Edith, now 27, is still at home. Margaret, on the Census, is now 59 and performing domestic duties.

At the outbreak of War Arthur (Jnr) enlisted in 15th (Service) Batt., Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment - 1st Leeds), informally known as the "Leeds Pals." He was joining men he probably knew.

It amalgamated with the 17th (Service) Batt., Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment - 2nd Leeds) to form the 15th/17th Batt., on 7th December 1917.

# **Arthur Preston - Military Life:**

Just 2 years before the outbreak of WW1, Arthur's sister, Annie, died. Then in 1913 his father died in Lunesdale. (Halton)

Arthurs's time with the Colours is not an easy one to cover. A single man, he enlisted on 13th November 1914 at Colsterdale Training Camp at Masham, North Yorkshire. Arthur became Private 15/1563 of the Prince of Wales Own (West Yorkshire Regiment.) 15th Service Battalion.

His Attestation Papers would have given his full details, but it appears Arthur was economic with his actual date of birth. Nor is there a record of his Medical History. He would have been 34 on enlistment; an age perhaps considered too old for active service. Indeed, at his death in 1916 he is shown as 30 years old, yet in reality Arthur was 36.

Arthur landed with the Battalion on 5th February 1915 at Le Havre, France. He would have been involved in the Somme Battle in 1st July 1916 which saw the huge loss of life on the first day; 20,000 killed or wounded. The First Battle of the Somme lasted until 18th November 1916. (Somme Offensive.) He survived this massive initiation to war.

Arthur was killed in action on Friday, 22st September 1916, probably at the Battle of Festubert; the British fighting alongside Indian soldiers, hence the joint cemetery at Gorre. The circumstances are not known. The Imperial War Graves Commission would have written to her enclosing a form requesting whether the family wanted an inscription on Arthur's grave of their choice. As there is no image, it is impossible to know if this was done. Nor is it known what personal effects, if any, were returned to his family.

His mother, Margaret claimed his War Gratuity of £1.11s.7d sent by Postal Order and encashed by her at the local Post Office.

Margaret died in Halton, Lunesdale in 1922, but had lived with her daughter in Liverpool at some point.



# 60 Windermere Road, Freehold, Lancaster. (The house on the right.)

The home of Arthur Preston and his family in 1891. Arthur (Jnr) is now 10. It was from here they moved to New Street, Halton.

Lancaster was to become their home city for the next 20 years

Photograph August 2019



Spinners and doffers in Lancaster Cotton Mills. Lancaster - December 1908
(Doffers remove bobbins and spindles and replace with new ones)



**Doffers in a Lancaster Cotton Mill** 

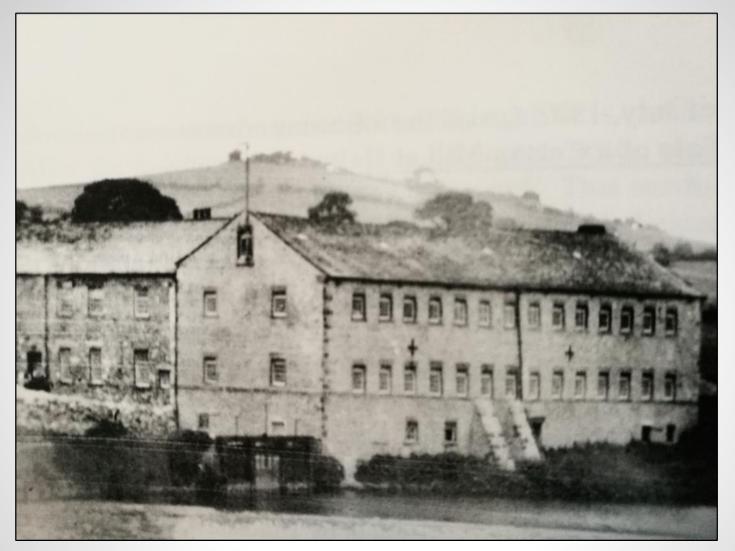


No. 12 New Street, Halton. The given home of the Preston Family from before 1901 until about 1922 and the death of Margaret Preston, Arthur's widow of 6 years.

The home was a Mill Worker's house owned by the Mill, but rented to the workers. Each house was exactly the same, but a Mill Foreman had a larger designed property to give recognition of his status

It was from here that Arthur returned to his native Yorkshire to enlist int0 the Army in the Leeds Pals in November 1914. He never returned

With thanks and appreciation to the present owners for allowing me to photograph their home so freely. August 2019



Bottom End Mill, Halton where Arthur Preston worked in the Pattern Room and his son, also Arthur, worked as a Riveter Labourer in the 1890's



Bottom Mill Yard in the 1890's. Arthur Preston (Jnr) is standing far right in the back row
His father, Arthur Preston (Snr), is seated 4th from the left with the full beard



**Cap Badge of Prince of Wales Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)** 

## **Recruitment in Leeds:**

15th Battalion, 1st (City) Leeds Pals; 17th Battalion, 2nd (Bantams) Leeds Pals; and 15/17th Battalion, Leeds Pals

This list is a compilation made from all the various lists and names we have come across in the course of researching the Pals, and includes the names of anyone we have found who was in any of the battalions, for whatever period of time. Each entry aims to have the number, name and ultimate fate for other ranks, and the name, rank and fate for officers. Inevitably some entries are incomplete, some are likely to be inaccurate, some may be duplicates and, for the officers, the rank given is that on the Medal Roll and may not include subsequent promotions.

(Note that the officers are listed separately at the end.)

A further complication is that all the battalions of the West Yorkshire Regiment, and there were some 35 in the course of the war, were known as The Prince of Wales's Own. This title was also given to battalions of different regiments entirely. So unless listings are very precise, or additional information is given, it is not always possible to be certain to which battalion a soldier belonged.

# When recruiting for the Leeds Pals (15th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment, Prince of Wales' Own,) started in August 1914 the volunteers were given a regimental number with the prefix 15.

# **Extract from the enlistments and what became of each man:**

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17/127 Preston, Abraham, tr 10th Y&L KIA 15/11/16
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15/1563 Preston, Arthur, KIA 21/09/16

56019 Preston, Ernest, 15/17th Res 31/1/20

15/1032 (& 1033?) Preston, Harold, POW Res 6/04/19

15/1071 Preston, Henry, KIA 1/07/16 (RSM)

61785 Price, Michael, 15/17th tr 21st re-enl KOYLI 5/11/19

64304 Priestley, Harold Alberta, 15/17th Res 22/12/19

41658 Priestley, James, 17th Res 3/03/19

18/131 Priestley, John Edward, 15/17th Res 7/03/19

17/238 Priestley, Tom, tr 1/7th DOW 16/07/18

# Pals' Battalions (Also known as Service Battalions)

Pals' Battalions proved very popular with men and communities in Northern England at the outbreak of WW1. They recruited men from the same trade and occupation to form a fighting body. These Battalions comprised men who had enlisted together in local recruiting drives, with the promise that they would be able to serve alongside their friends, neighbours and colleagues, rather than being arbitrarily allocated to Battalions where needed most.

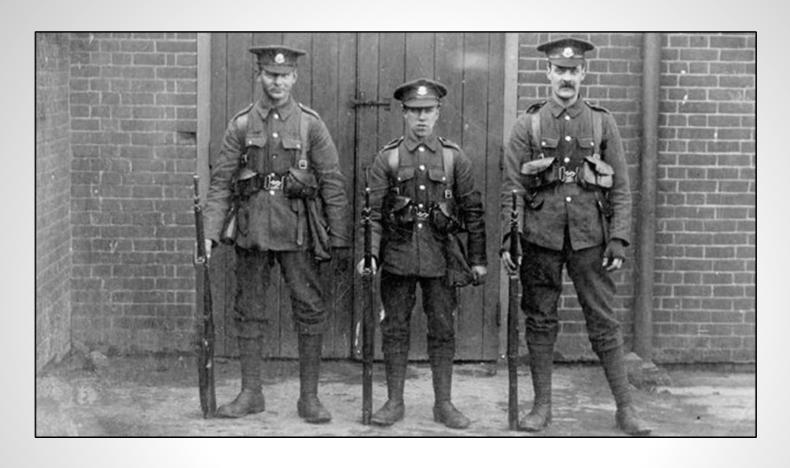
The men were happy to fight with people they knew, and their families were pleased. They knew the friends would be there to look after each other during the war. The locally-raised Pals Battalions were, in essence, a notable manifestation of the British voluntary tradition and of the distinct mixture of patriotism, civic pride and lingering parochialism that characterised Britain in the early 20th Century. It cut across social classes, miners, civil servants, bankers, and fishermen (The Grimsby Chums.)

By the end of September 1914, over 50 towns had formed Pals Battalions. Among the most well-known are the Acrington Pals, the Chorley Pals, the Tyneside Pals, the Preston Pals and the Bradford Pals. By 1916 145 Pals' Battalions had been formed.

A Service Battalion provided combat service support to a Brigade group and its elements. It was able to fight in a defensive role as well as provide the vital logistical support to sustain the operations of the other units within the Brigade group.



The Leeds Pals Battalion pre July1916



BBC News 9th February 2015
The Bantam Recruits:

The "Bantams" were men who fell short of Army requirements physically by virtue of being under the regulation 5ft. 6in in height and an expanded chest measurement of 34".



Albert Knowles being sworn in on enlisting with the 'Leeds Pals', later the 15th Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own West Yorkshire Regiment, at Leeds Town Hall on the outbreak of the First World War.



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Leeds Pals at Colsterdale Training Camp, Masham North Yorkshire for basic soldiering.

The name of the Leeds Pals Battalion is synonymous with one of the bloodiest phases of World War One.

The troops, most of whom came from the city, suffered huge losses in just a few minutes at the Battle of the Somme in July 1916.

But in the months before their departure for France, the soldiers were sent to the Yorkshire Dales to prepare them for action.

The men camped at Brears Scale, Colsterdale, near Masham, with some soldiers staying in old huts left behind by Irish navvies. The townspeople of Leeds also donated tents, bedding and other items for the troops' comfort.

Many of the young men in this picture would have been among the 24 officers and 504 other ranks who were killed or injured at the Somme later that summer. The depleted battalion was amalgamated with the 17th battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment a year later.





Colsterdale



Memorial to the Leeds Pals at Colsterdale erected 1935



Gorre British Cemetery, Pas - de - Calais, France

Died Thursday, 21st September 1916

Arthur Preston is buried in Block III Row A
Grave 17 of 942 casualties

**Images follow CWGC/TWGPP** 

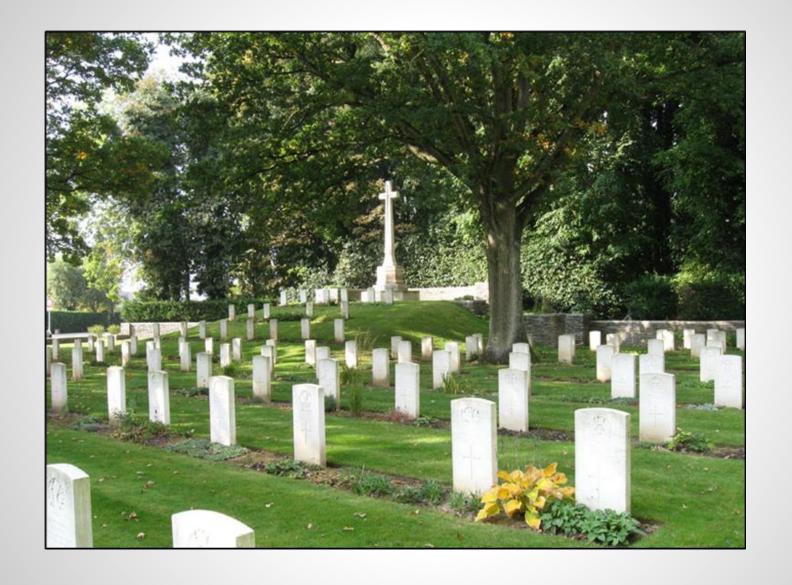


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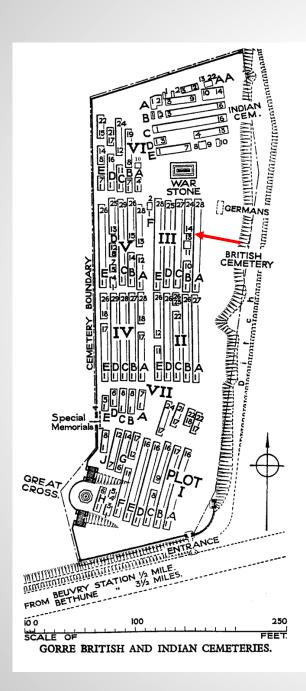
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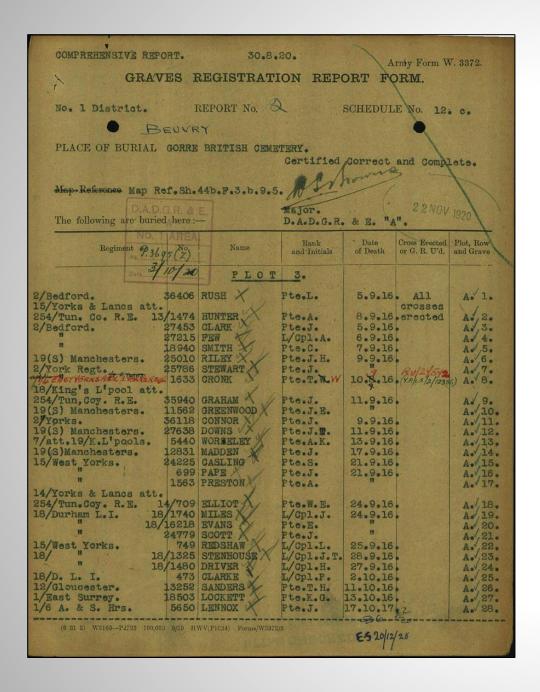








Arthur Preston is buried in Block III, Row A, Grave 17



#### Burial Record for Arthur Preston at Gorre British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

A closer look at the dates in September/October show casualties from a major battle near to Gorre and the men were buried as the fighting progressed, then moved on

It is doubtful if the family were ever able to visit his grave

GORRE BRIT & INDIAN CEM.

PLUMRIDGE, Pte. James Thomas, G/42636. PRIVETT, Pte. C. G., 9810. 1st Bn. Devonshire 17th Bn. Middlesex Regt. 8th July, 1917. Age 20. of Ship Lane, Aveley, Essex. IV. C. 12.

PODMORE, Spr. W., 151493. 251st Tunnelling Coy. Royal Engineers. 11th Aug., 1917. Husband of R. Podmore, of 44, Parsonage St., Tunstall, Staffs. IV. E. 2.

Killed in action 18th April, 1918. Age 20. Son shire Regt. 16th Feb., 1917. III. C. 13. of William Warner Pond and Louisa Pond, of 82, PUGH, Pte. W. N., 356635. 1st/10th Bn. The Eastfield Rd., Peterborough, Northants. III. F. King's Liverpool Regt. 9th April, 1918. Age 31.

POOLEY, Pte. B., 240813. 2nd/5th Bn. East
Lancashire Regt. 30th May, 1917. Son of
George and Mary Pooley, of Borfire Hill, Crawshawbooth, Manchester. Native of Rawtenstall,

PURCHASE, Pte. A. J., 31762. 1st
Cornwall's Light Inf., attd. Trench Lancs. IV. B. 20.

Gloucestershire Regt. 23rd May, 1916. I.

Regt. 29th Oct., 1914. Age 32. Husband of II. A. 14. Maud Powell, of 9, Pimlico, Torquay. I. C. 4. OUESNEL.

Regt. 23rd Oct., 1914. Husband of M. A. Phillips (formerly Powell), of 84, Albany Rd., Reading. I. D. 4.

Yorkshire Regt. 21st Sept., 1916. Age 30. Brother of Mrs. E. Gregg, of 74, Elmfield Rd., Doncaster. III. A. 17.

PRICE, Pte. A., 281012. Ist/7th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. 8th Jan., 1918. Age 22. Son of Mrs. Gertrude Norcott, of Myers, South Carolina, U.S.A. V. B. 6.

PRICE, Spr. A., 79435. 176th Tunnelling Coy. RAINEY, Pte. J., 66032. 203rd Coy. Machine Royal Engineers. 30th Nov., 1915. I. C. 13.

PRINCE, Pte. F., 5859. 2nd Bn. Yorkshire Regt. 13th Aug., 1916. Age 40. Son of William and Emma Prince, of Leeds. II. B. 26.

PRINCE, Pte. Reginald Adonis, 32514. 1st Bn. East Surrey Regt. (formerly (1538) Denbighshire Yeomanry and (18140) 17th Lancers). Killed in action 14th March, 1917. Age 19. Son of Henry Brindley Prince and Elizabeth Prince, of 13, Palatine St., West Derby Rd., Liverpool. Native of Birkenhead, Cheshire. Enlisted Oct., 1915, in Denbighshire Hussars. I. J. 7.

Regt. 30th Jan., 1917. Son of Mrs. A. E. Son of William James and Clara Annie Plumridge, Thomson, of 1, Mount Place, Dartmouth, Devon. III. E. 23.

> PROUDFOOT, Pte. W., 18226. 2nd Bn. King's Own Scottish Borderers. Killed in action 19th Nov., 1916. Age 37. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Proudfoot, of Burns St., Dumfries. III. B. 22.

POND, Pte. W. W., 47731. 2nd Bn. Welch Regt. PRYOR, Pte. J. H., 37414. 12th Bn. Gloucester-

King's Liverpool Regt. 9th April, 1918. Age 31. Husband of Harriet Isabel Pugh, of 4, Amos St.,

PURCHASE, Pte. A. J., 31762. 1st Bn. Duke of Cornwall's Light Inf., attd. Trench Mortar Bty. 6th Feb., 1917. Brother of Mrs. E. J. Lee, of POULTON, Serjt. A. W., 18108. 13th Bn. The Greenway, Dawlish, Dorchester. III. E. 26.

PYATT, Lce. Cpl. J. W., 9536. 2nd Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers. 22nd June, 1916. Son of POWELL, Pte. Henry, 7036. 1st Bn. Devonshire Mr. J. Pyatt, of 94, High St., Cheadle, Staffs.

QUESNEL, Cpl. P. E., 9860. 1st Bn. Devonshire POWELL, Pte. T., 249. 2nd Bn. Manchester Regt. 4th Jan., 1917. Son of Mrs. S. Quesnel, of Seaside Cottage, Beaumont, Jersey. III. E. 13. QUIGLEY, Pte. Martin, 252216. 1st/6th Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. 1st March. PRESTON, Pte. A., 1563. 15th Bn. West 1917. Age 19. Son of Hugh and Isabella Quigley, of 36, Underwood Rd., Paisley. III. C. 19.

QUINLAN, Pte. J., 30779. 1st Bn. East Surrey Regt. 20th Nov., 1916. III. B. 24.

RAFFERTY, Pte. P., S/3400. 8th Bn. Black Watch. 7th July, 1915. Son of Mr. T. Rafferty, of 13, Middle St., Prestonpans, Edinburgh.

Gun Corps (Inf.). 8th June, 1917. Age 22. Son of John and Hannah Rainey, of Scarriff, Ballinacura, Co. Cork. IV. B. 24.

RALPH, Spr. Henry, 3807. Australian Mining and Boring Coy. Died of wounds 29th Nov., 1917. Age 19. Son of Henry and Mabel Ralph, of 33, Parslow St., Malvern, Victoria, Australia. Native of Bendigo, Victoria, Australia. V. A. 14.

RAMSAY, Pte. A., 3557. 8th Bn. Black Watch. 16th July, 1915. Brother of Mr. A. Ramsay, of 3, Stoneybank Terrace, Musselburgh, Midlothian.

Record of Entries for the book retained in the **Repository Box at the Cemetery** 

The entry gives Arthur's death as aged 30. In fact, he was born in 1880, so was 36

It would appear he gave his Sister - in - Law, Mrs. E. Griggs, in Doncaster, had some control over contact to the Imperial War Graves Commission, hence the confusion over the age at death



# NEW SOLDIER'S RECORD

# **Thomas Lancelot Sanderson Cadet – Coldstream Guards**

Died in Barnet Military Hospital, London on 9th December 1918 Aged 18.

Buried in Lancaster Road Cemetery, Lancaster.







Thomas Lancelot Sanderson in Uniform (1918)
Lancaster Road Cemetery Family Grave
(Details follow in Text.)
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Baptism Record of Thomas Tunstall Sanderson at the Parish Church of Ellel, Lancaster on 17th June 1900, having been born 4th April 1900. The family are living at Thorneycroft, Lancaster. John and Josephine are shown as parents, he being a Solicitor.



St. John the Evangelist, Ellel where Thomas Tunstall Sanderson was baptised 17th June 1900

Corps. 24th Nov., 1918. M. CE. 155. PEARSON, Pte. H., 27299. Royal Defence Corps. 2nd Oct., 1916. Age 53. Husband of Catherine Pearson, of 14, Bridge Lane,

PHILLIPS, Capt. T. King's Own Royal Laneaster Regt. and Royal Air Force. 19th Aug., 1918. E. CE. 701.

PILKINGTON, Pte. Albert, T/406610. Vehicle Reserve Depot M.T., Royal Army Service Corps. 30th Nov., 1918. Age 29. Son of Eli Pilkington; husband of Louisa Pilkington. A.

RAY, Lce. Serjt. William James Frederick, Royal Lancaster Regt. 5th Nov., 1915. Age 30. Son of James and Mary Agnes Ray; husband of Sarah Ann Ray, of 26, Denmark St., The Marsh, Lancaster. Born at Kendal, Westmorland. H. CE. 56.

RICHARDSON, Dvr. John Robert, 1390. "B" Bty. 278th Bde. Royal Field Artillery. Died 8th Sept., 1916, of wounds received in France. Age 19. Son of John Thomas and Lily Richardson, of 17, Springfield St., Lancaster. E. NC. 552.

808th Coy. Labour Corps. 7th Aug., 1918. Age 44. Husband of Mrs. S. A. Robinson, of 8, Bulk Rd., Lancaster. F. NC. 401.

SAMPSON, Pte. J. W., 735042. "A" Coy. 24th Bn. London Regt. 19th Feb., 1920. Age 40. Husband of Annie Sampson, of 2, Knight's Yard, North Rd., Lancaster. H. CE. 218.

SANDERSON, Cadet Thomas Lancelot, 28179. Officer Cadet Bn. Household Bde. Died of pneumonia 9th Dec., 1918. Age 18. Son of John Tunstall Sanderson and Josephine Mary Sanderson, of Carus Lodge, Lancaster. E. CE. 536.

SAUL, Pte. Percy, S/2986. 7th Bn. Seaforth Highlanders. 19th May, 1915. Age 25. Son of John and Jane Saul, of 9, Springfield St., Lancaster. G. NC. 609.

SCHOLES, Rfn. E., S/12631. 12th Bn. The Rifle Brigade. 2nd Nov., 1918. H. CE.

32 PELLICK, Ple. William, 20408. 51 Bn. The King's Liverpool Kegt. 5th Feb, 1919.
Age 49. Husband of Margaret Ann Fellick,
of 5, Sandown Lane, Wavertree, Liverpool. C. R.C. 680.

PARTRIDGE, Pte. H., 507543. Labour SHUTTLEWORTH, Spr. F., WR/176854. Royal Engineers. 10th Aug., 1919. Age 30. Husband of Irene Shuttleworth, of 35, Gregson Rd., Lancaster. H. CE. 81.

> SMYTHIES, Dvr. T., 604408. "A" Coy. Reserve Mounted Depot, Royal Engineers. 5th March, 1920. Age 17. Son of Margaret Smythies, of 12, Golgotha Village, Lancaster, and the late Charles Smythies. B. RC.

STRICKLAND, Pte. William, TR3/97582. "E" Coy. 53rd Bn. Manchester Regt. Died of pneumonia 17th Oct., 1918. Age 18. Son of John William and Elizabeth Strickland, of Lee, Serjt, William James Frederick, 70, Seaborn Rd., Newlands, Morecambe. E. "A" Coy. 1st/5th Bn. King's Own CE. 719.

SWALES, Pte. J., G/2226. 2nd Reserve Bn. Royal Munster Fusiliers. 20th Oct., 1918. B.

SWARBRICK, Pte. Richard, 45904. 3rd Bn. South Wales Borderers. Died of wounds 30th Jan., 1918. Age 19. Son of Robert and Anne Swarbrick, of 46, Eastham St., Lancaster. B.

SWEENEY, Serjt. A., 3703293. Ist Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. 20th Sept., ROBINSON, Pte. T., 20239. 5th Bn. King's 1920. Age 33. Husband of M. Sweeney, of Own Royal Lancaster Regt., transf. to (360861) 32, Adelphi St., Bowerhaws, Lancaster. M.

> TEASDALE, Pte. 17, 2105. No. 5 Eastern Coy. Non-Combatant Corps. 16th May, 1918.

THEXTON, Pte. George Clifton, 3399. 37th Bn. Australian Inf. Died of sickness 10th April, 1918. Age 18. Son of William Bainbridge Thexton and Elizabeth Mewes Thexton, of Dalston Rd., Oakleigh, Victoria, Australia. Born at Bairnsdale, Victoria, G.

THOMAS, Lce. Cpl. M., 2217. 1st/5th Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. 9th June, 1915. H. CE. 278.

THOMPSON, Pte. Peter, 1912. 1st/5th Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. Died of wounds (gas) 3rd Jan., 1917. Age 34. Son of William and Frances Thompson; husband of Elizabeth Thompson, of 30, Tarbet St.. Lancaster. Born at Lancaster. A. RC. 174. **IWGC Grave Registration Index showing Thomas Tunstall Sanderson buried in** Lancaster Road Cemetery, Lancaster.

Grave Ref: - E CE 536.

His parents give Carus Lodge, Halton, Lancaster as their residence

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#### **IWGC Final Personal Headstone Inscriptions**

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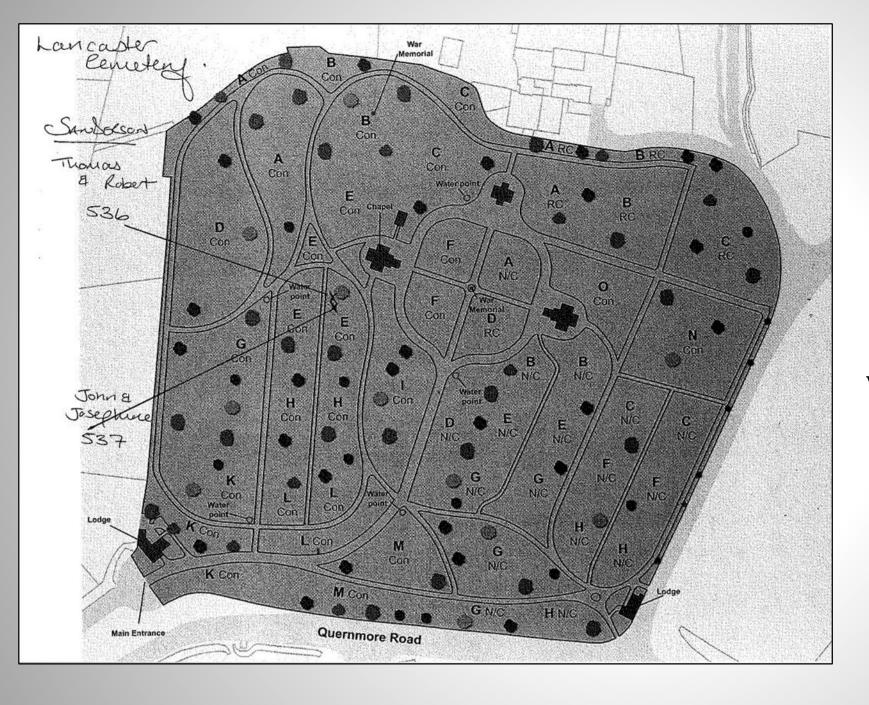
IWGC Burial Registration Form for 28179 Thomas Tunstall Sanderson at Lancaster Road Cemetery. Shows a Limestone Slab in grass for 2 family spaces

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## **IWGC Grave Inscriptions. Records** show 117 Casualties are buried here



Postcard of Barnet Auxiliary Military Hospital, The Barracks, Barnet, Hertfordshire. It had 10 beds for military personnel. It was here that Cadet Thomas Tunstall Sanderson died of Pneumonia, 9th December 1918. Aged 18.



Lancaster Road Cemetery
showing the Burials for the
Sanderson family.
With thanks to Claire Adams at
Lancaster City Council
Cemeteries Dept

### Interments At Lancaster Road Cemetery in respect of the Sanderson Family: - 536-E-Con

Thomas Lancelot Sanderson – Aged 18 Years – Occupation: Cadet- Coldstream Guards – Date of Death: 09/12/1918 at The War Hospital, Barnet, London – Date of Burial: 12/12/1918

Robert Tunstall Sanderson of Carus Lodge, Halton, Lancaster – Aged 80 years – Date of Death: 11/02/1987 – Date of Interment: 15/02/1987

**537-E-Con** 

**Grave Owner: Mr. John Tunstall Sanderson** 

Interments: John Tunstall Sanderson of Carus Lodge, Halton, Lancaster – Aged 71 Years – Occupation: Solicitor – Date of Death: 18/07/1938 – Date of Burial: 20/07/1938 Josephine Mary Sanderson of Carus Lodge, Halton, Lancaster – Aged 86 Years – Date of Burial: 20/02/1959

Courtesy of Claire Adams, Lancaster City Council Burials and Cemeteries Department. Also, for the Plan of Lancaster Road Cemetery identifying the Sanderson Graves.

#### THOMAS LANCELOT SANDERSON

Cadet 28179, Officer Cadet Bn. Household Batt., who died on Monday 09/12/1918 Age: 18. Son of John Tunstall Sanderson and Josephine Mary Sanderson, of Carus Lodge, Lancaster.

LANCASTER CEMETERY Ref: - E CE 536.

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Form Shows:

Thomas Lancelot Sanderson. Resided at Carus Lodge,
Lancaster, A single man.

Cadet Household Brigade Coldstream Guards. He served 4
months at home. Died from pneumonia at Military Hospital
at High Barnet 9th. December 1918

(Not on Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919)

IM LOVING MEMORY OF CADET THOMAS LANCELOT SANDERSON, H.B.O. C. B. (COLDS TREAM GUARDS) ELDER SON OF JOHN TUNSTALL AND JOSEPHINE WARY SANDERSON OF LANCASTER. EORN 14 18 APRIL 1900, DIED 918 DEC. 1918 T THE WILLTARY HOSPITAL, HIGH FARNET.

- **SANDERSON** Ernest Augustus of 11 North-view Jarrow county **Durham** died 15 December 1937 at 169 Harton-lane South Shields Probate **Durham** 3 February to to Albert Richard Sanderson solicitors managing clerk John Turnley Sanderson manual instructor and Grace Edith Moderate (wife of Ernest Moderate). Effects £4567 3s. 11d.
- SANDERSON Fred of 57 Fern Bank-terrace Oughtibridge Sheffield died 8 January 1938 Administration London 26 February to Sidney Sanderson joiner. Effects £916 10s. 11d.
- SANDERSON Frederick of 25 Airmyn-avenue Kingston-upon-Hull died 25 October 1938 at 30 Norland-avenue Kingston-upon-Hull Probate London 17 November to George Lee Sanderson railway clerk and Amy Dickinson (wife of William Dickinson). Effects £356 9s. 9d.
- SANDERSON Frederick Percy of 47 Exeter-street Cottingham Yorkshire died 16 January 1938 Probate York 17 February to Elma Sanderson widow. Effects £898 6s.
- SANDERSON Frederick Thomas of 5 Apton-road Bishops Stortford Hertfordshire died 21 May 1938 at Haymeads Bishops Stortford Probate London 15 June to Mary Ann Sanderson widow and Walter John Harris accountant. Effects £2419 8s. 9d.
- SANDERSON George of Wickham Southfield-avenue Paignton Devonshire died 25 December 1937 Probate London 17 February to George Dudley Herbert of no occupation and Horace Harvey Taylor company director. Effects £8732 7s. 10d.

- 23 December 1937 Probate **London** 22 March to Alec Sanderson farmer. Effects £1531 10s. 5d. Resworn £1503 12s. 1d.
- SANDERSON John Joseph of Church-street Giggleswick Yorkshire died 23 November 1937 at Cumberland Infirmary Carlisle Probate Wakefield 20 January to Isaac Sanderson miner and Thomas Fletcher Sanderson railway guard. Effects £375 12s.
- SANDERSON John Tunstall of Carns Lodge and of 67 Church-street both in Lancaster died 18 July 1938 Probate London 19 August to Josephine Mary Sanderson widow Robert Tunstall Sanderson and Vernon Peter Royle solicitors.
  Effects £74907 8s. 2d. Resworn £75005 6s. 1d.
- SANDERSON John Whiteside of Tower End Farm Greenhalgh Kirkham Lancashire died 15 May 1938 Administration London 14 June to Margaret Sanderson widow. Effects £467.
- SANDERSON John William of 12 Warth-road Bury Lancashire died 6 March 1938 Administration Manchester 21 March to Elizabeth Maden married woman. Effects £201 5s. 7d.
- SANDERSON Jonadab of 102 Chapel-street Wath-upon-Dearne Yorkshire died 21 August 1938 Probate London 12 September to Cora Sanderson widow. Effects £331.
- SANDERSON Joseph of 9 East-crescent Whitby died 20 June 1938
  Probate London 20 September to Lilian Robinson Sawdon
  (wife of Robert Kennersley Sawdon).

  Effects 5702 155

Probate for John Tunstall Sanderson showing his death 18th July 1938 living at 67 Church Street, and also Carns (Carus) Lodge, Lancaster. Proved in London 19th August 1938 to Josephine Mary Sanderson, Widow, Robert Tunstall Sanderson and Vernon Royle, Solicitor. Effects: £74,907.

Re Sworn: - £75,005. 6s. 10d.



# NEW SOLDIER'S RECORD

# Private 241776 Thomas Walling 1st/5th Batt. Royal Lancaster Regiment

Son of Thomas and Alice Walling of Halton

Lived at Ivy Cottage, Low Road

Died of Wounds Thursday, 27th March 1917 Aged 26

Buried at Wimereux Communal Cemetery Pas de Calais

**Grave II F 8** 



"PEACE PERFECT PEACE"



Pre 1914 Line Drawing of Ivy Cottage, Halton. (Bill Hosfield)



Ivy Cottage, Low Road, Halton - August 2019



**Ivy Cottage Halton - August 2019** 

#### **The Life of Thomas Walling** – (1891 – 1917)

The Walling Family is a well-established name in Halton.

Thomas Walling married Alice Ann Sharples on 14th November 1883 at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton. He was from Halton and Alice was born in Slyne. In 1891 the family were living in Davidson Street, Lancaster. Thomas was employed as a Barman and they had 3 children; Joseph 6, William 4 and Thomas aged just 1 month.

1901 saw them now living in Halton on Low Road. Alice is a widow, her husband having died in 1898, and she is with her parents, Joseph and Ann. The 3 boys are there too.

However, in 1911 the Census shows Ann is now widowed too. Alice is working to sustain the family as a Cotton Winder at an Oil Cloth Works. Thomas in now 20 and a Gardener. There is an older Boarder, also a Gardener. The family are together in Ivy Cottage, Low Road, Halton.

With Britain at war, Thomas enlisted into the Army in February 1916; in the Kings Own Royal Regiment in Lancaster. He is 25. He signed his own Attestation Form, possibly at Phoenix Street Depot, Lancaster, giving his brother, Joseph, as next of kin.

Thomas is now a Kingsman, Private 241776 of 1/5th Battalion.

He had been serving in the Army only 13 months, being in France since December 1916. Thomas was wounded in the right leg on 12th March 1917 whilst in action and taken to Wimereux Communal Hospital. Here the leg was amputated, but then infection set in and he succumbed to his wounds on Thursday 22nd March 1917. All in 10 days. He was 26.

Thomas is buried in Wimereux Communal Cemetery in Grave II F 8, Pas de Calais. The family chose the inscription "PEACE PERFECT PEACE" at the base of his headstone.

Maggie Agnes Walling (believed to be his cousin), received £4.14s. 9d in back pay according to his effects which she collected at Halton Post Office.

Wimereux Hospitals

Wimereux was the Headquarters of the British Army and had major hospitals serving Boulogne, Etaples and Rouen. The Australians, Canadians, French and British had hospitals here too, some requisitioned country houses, others formed from large, hastily constructed wooden huts. The Nursing Corps were strongly represented here in support of the hospitals.

Wimereux covered the major conflicts in the Arras and Ypres war area.

Casualties were buried at Wimereux in date order of death, principally from the hospitals.

The upper image is of a Wimereux British Hospital. Bed space is at a premium and confined. The risk of cross infection is high and not fully understood. Antibiotics were unknown for another thirty years and Sepsis a common complication in the cause of death.

It is possible that Thomas Walling had his wounds treated here before the decision to amputate his leg was made in 1917. Then followed the onset of infection (Sepsis) leading to his inevitable death.

The lower images show a French country house converted into a hospital, whilst still retaining its splendour. There is much more space and air. It is deceptive in some ways as the very scale of the hall/room is not shown.

#### **Historical Background:**

Wimereux was the headquarters of the Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps during the First World War and in 1919 it became the General Headquarters of the British Army.

From October 1914 onwards, Boulogne and Wimereux formed an important hospital centre and until June 1918, the medical units at Wimereux used the communal cemetery for burials, the south-eastern half having been set aside for Commonwealth graves, although a few burial were also made among the civilian graves.

By June 1918, this half of the cemetery was filled, and subsequent burials from the hospitals at Wimereux were made in the new military cemetery at Terlincthun.

#### **Notable Burial: - John McCrae**

There are 2,847 casualties buried in Wimereux, 2,347 are British. Among the 8 Canadians is Lt. Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian Military Surgeon, Teacher and Poet. He was born in Ontario in 1872 and died in 1918 at Wimereux.

On 4th August 1914, Britain declared war on Germany. Canada, as a member of the British Empire, was automatically at war, and its citizens from all across the land responded quickly. Within three weeks of the outbreak of war, 45,000 Canadians had rushed to join up. John McCrae was among them. He was appointed a medical officer with the First Brigade of the Canadian Field Artillery with the rank of Major and second-in-command.

In April 1915, John McCrae was in the trenches near Ypres, Belgium, in the area traditionally called Flanders. Some of the heaviest fighting of the First World War took place there during what was known as the Second Battle of Ypres.

The day before he wrote his famous poem, "In Flanders Fields" one of McCrae's closest friends, Lt. Alexis Helmer, was killed in the fighting and buried in a makeshift grave with a simple wooden cross. Wild poppies were already beginning to bloom between the crosses marking the many graves. Unable to help his friend or any of the others who had died, John McCrae gave them a voice through his poem.

John McCrae was deeply affected by the fighting and losses in France. He became bitter and disillusioned. He felt he should have made greater sacrifices, and insisted on living in a tent through the year, like his comrades at the front, rather than in the officers' huts. When this affected his health in mid-winter he had to be ordered into warmer surroundings. To many he gave the impression that he felt he should still be with his old artillery brigade.

During the summer of 1917, John McCrae was troubled by severe asthma attacks and occasional bouts of bronchitis. He became very ill in January 1918 and diagnosed his condition as pneumonia. He was moved to Number 14 British General Hospital for Officers where he continued to grow weak.

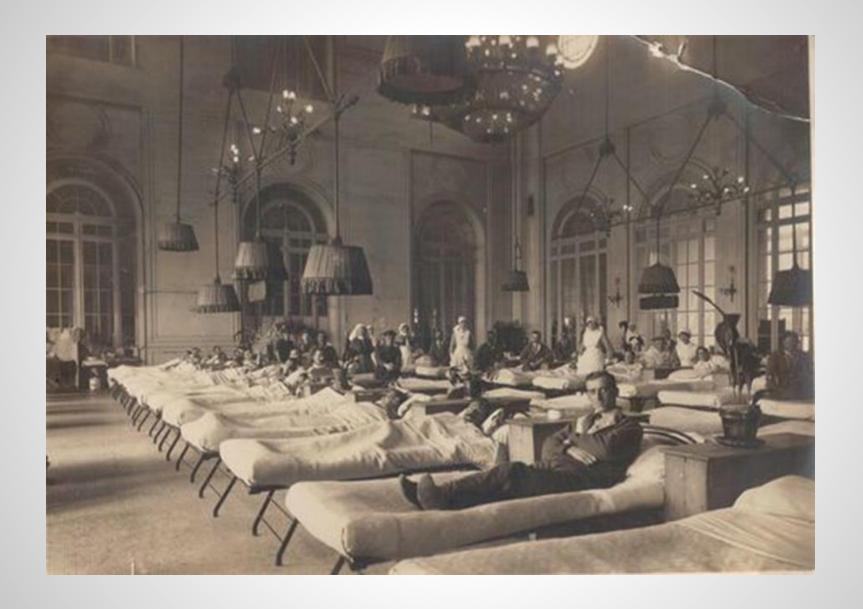
On 28th January 28, after an illness of five days, he died of pneumonia and meningitis. The day he fell ill, he learned he had been appointed consulting physician to the First British Army, the first Canadian so honoured.

John McCrae was buried with full military honours in Wimereux Cemetery, just north of Boulogne, not far from the fields of Flanders. His personal horse Bonfire led the procession, McCrae's riding boots reversed in the stirrups. His death was met with great grief among his friends and contemporaries



The British presence in the hospitals in Wimereux





# WORLD WAR ONE SOLDIERS' DOCUMENTS WO 363

# NEW SOLDIER'S RECORD

Filmed by Microformat Systems b.v. at the Public Record Office. The project is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Public Record Office The Burned Papers in respect of Pte. 241776
Thomas Walling comprise of 20 + pages. Some are filmed twice and a few are blank or illegible, so not included.

The important ones are shown here including personal items, a letter from Maggie H Walling regarding a missing protective vest belonging to Thomas, Attestation and Medical reports.

Some are self-explanatory, so have no notes

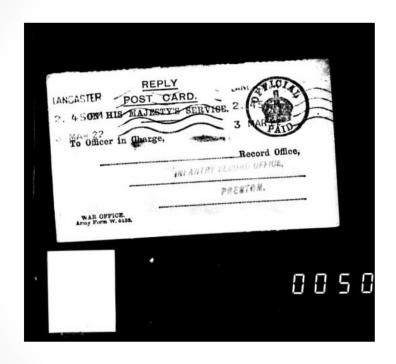
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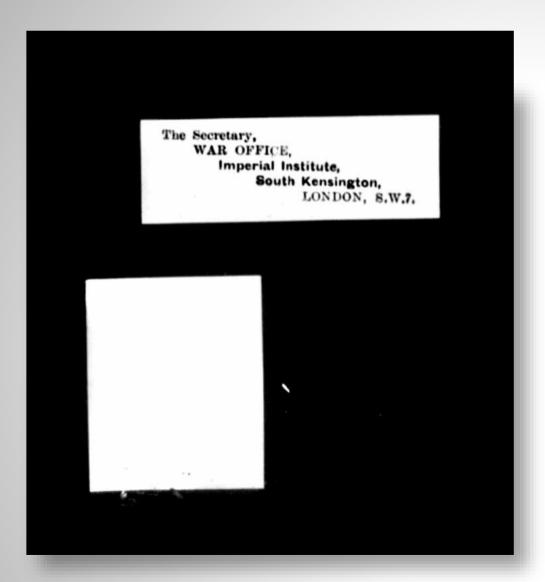
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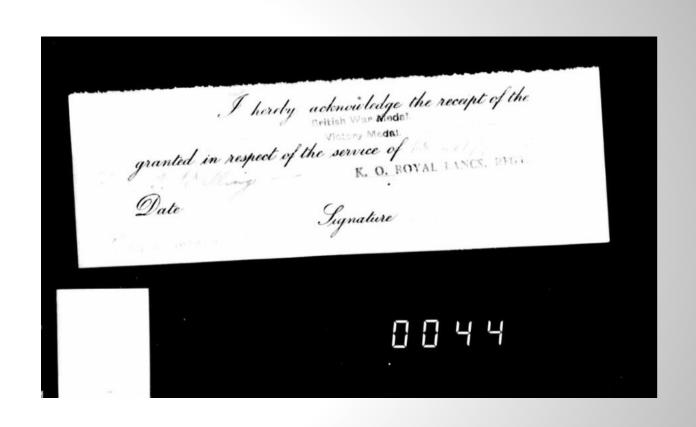
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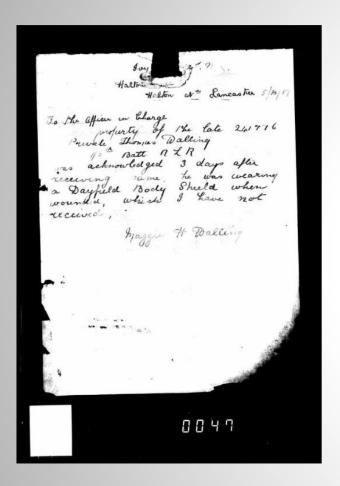
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Thomas' Personal effects listing of items sent to Maggie H Walling; -

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1 pocket wallet,
1 cigarette case,
1 Testament,
1 metal mirror in case,
1 silver wrist watch,
2 photographs,
1 coin.



Letter from Maggie H Walling to Preston in regard to a missing Day-field Body Shield\* 3 days after personal effects arrived at Ivy Cottage.

\*Rigid metal plates sandwiched between fabric and worn as body protection. Can be worn under or over service dress, allowing free movement

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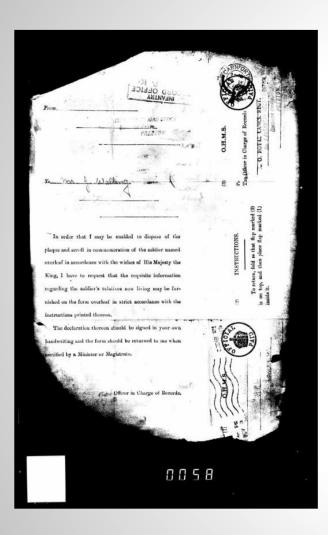
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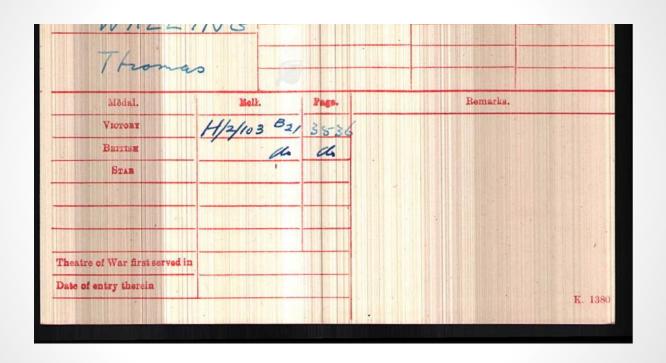
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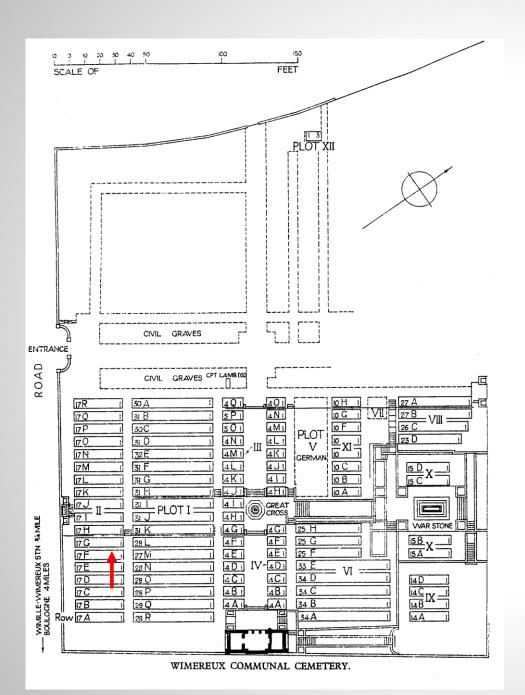
#### **The Grave of Thomas Walling**

Buried at Wimereux Communal Cemetery Pas de Calais, France.

**Grave II F 8** 

Died Thursday, 22nd March 1917

"PEACE PERFECT PEACE" (TWGPP)



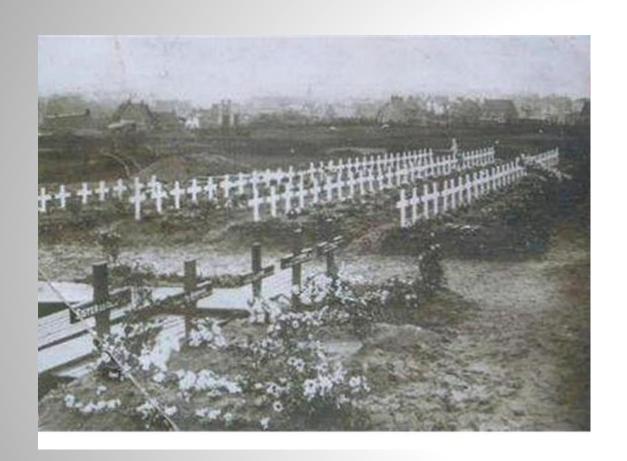
Plan showing the grave position of Plot II Row F Grave 8 where Pte. 242776 Thomas Walling is buried

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The Headstones are laid flat here since the cemetery is built on mainly sand and will not accept the footings of upright ones



Wimereux Communal Cemetery – The early crosses and groundwork. (CWGC)





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WALKER, Pte. J., 7389. 1st Bn. King's Shropshire Light Inf. 28th May, 1916. I. N. 1A.

WALKER, Dvr. Leopold Arthur, 956226. "C" Bty. 104th Bde. Royal Field Artillery. Died of spinal meningitis 21st April, 1918. Age 21. Son of William and Sarah Walker, of Heddington, Wilts. XI. D. I.

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WALKER, Pte. Walter Richard, 27354. 2nd Bn. Northamptonshire Regt. Died of wounds 6th of Biggleswade, Beds. II. E. 13A.

WALL, Gnr. Joseph, 63192. 42nd Bty. Royal Field Artillery. 10th April, 1915. Age 23. Son of Joseph and Jane Wall; husband of Mrs. M. A. Wall, of 77, Clarendon St., Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester. I. E. 25.

WALLACE, Pte. Archibald, S/9258. 1st Bn. Gordon Highlanders. Died of wounds 4th Aug., 1915. Age 23. Son of Archibald and Agnes Wallace; husband of Barbara Wallace, of 36, High St., Dalmellington, Ayrshire. Native of Ayr. I. J. 16A.

WALLACE, Lce. Cpl. Frederick Rance, 38774. 2nd Bn. Hampshire Regt. Died of wounds 23rd Oct., 1917. Age 26. Son of George and Susannah Wallace, of Devonport. VI. E. 17.

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WALLACE, Pte. Samuel, 1348. (See "Willis" the true family name).

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WALTERS, Pte. Frederick, 9196. 10th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. Died of wounds 29th July, 1916. Age 29. Husband of E. Walters, of 6a, Ridgeway, Edgbaston, Birmingham. I. O. 27.

WALTON, Lt. Harold Arthur Gordon. 33rd Div. Ammunition Col. Royal Field Artillery. Died of pneumonia 2nd May, 1917. Age 30. Son of Oriel Farnell Walton and Katherine WALKER, Pte. Thomas Charles, 42063. 11th Augusta, his wife, of "Maperton," Wincanton, Somerset. III. C. 4.

> WANKLIN, Pte. Bert, 8251. 2nd Bn. Worcestershire Regt. 11th Nov., 1914. Age 30. Husband of Matilda Wanklin, of 18, High St., Wall Heath, nr. Dudley. I. A. 30A.

March, 1917. Age 31. Husband of Ethel Walker, WARBURTON, Gnr. Harold Harris, 155012. Heavy Trench Mortar Bty. Royal Field Artillery. Died of wounds 16th Oct., 1917. Age 20. Son of Elizabeth A. and the late Joseph Warburton, of Bury, Lancs. VI. D. 17A.

> WARBURTON, Pte. Wilfred, 31674. 8th Bn. South Lancashire Regt. 31st Oct., 1916. Age 20. Son of James and Elizabeth Warburton, of Bollington, Cheshire. I. R. 25.

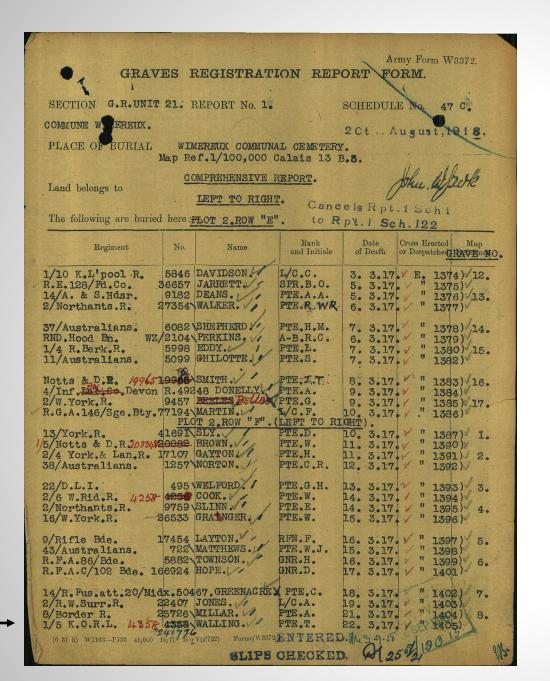
> WARD, Capt. Alfred Claude Leonard. 5th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Inf. Died of pulmonary embolism 18th Nov., 1915. Age 29. Eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Adolphus Ward, of "Cintra," Palmerston Crescent, Palmer's Green, London. III. M. 4.

> WARD, Pte. G. H., 31796. 16th Bn. Yorkshire Regt., transf. to (13678) 23rd Coy. Labour Corps. 11th Feb., 1918. VIII. C. 19.

> WARD, Pte. Joseph, 7713. 2nd Bn. Worcestershire Regt. 23rd April, 1915. I. E. 31.

> WARD, Pte. Percy Charles, 14320. 5th Bn. Worcestershire Regt. Died of enteric fever 7th May, 1915. Age 27. Son of Thomas and Annie Ward, of Stratford, London. I. G. 3.

**Register Index of Burials at Wimereux Community Cemetery** 



**Graves Registration Report showing Pte. Thomas Walling** 



NEW SOLDIER'S RECORD



Lance Corporal 306917 Robert John Walker

Son of Joseph James and Mary Agnes Walker

(Formerly 3538 Royal Lancaster Regiment)

2/8th Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regiment

KIA 30th March 1917 Aged 22

"He Loved Honour More Than He Feared Death" (Headstone Inscription)

**Buried in Roisel Communal Cemetery, Picardy, Somme** 

Plot 1 Row K Grave 10

#### The Walker Family Background: -

Joseph James Walker (1868 – 1906) was born in Belfast, County Down, Ireland and married Mary Agnes (1873 – 1920), born in Lancaster.

1891 sees Joseph living on St. George's Quay, Lancaster, on the River Lune. Joseph is an Iron Moulder. Agnes Robinson, is Head and there are 4 Lodgers.

In 1901 the family are living in 96 High Road, Halton. Joseph is still an Iron Moulder. They have 4 children: - Eleanor 7, Robert 6, Frederick 4 and John Thomas 2.

The 1911 Census shows Joseph has died 5 years previously and Mary is Head and a Cleaner. Eleanor is a Domestic Kitchen Maid, while Robert is employed as an Oilcloth Edge Minder. (Halton had Oilcloth Mills on the River Lune in the village.) there is another child, a half-brother, George Robinson 9.

Mary Angus died in Halton, Lunesdale in January 1920, aged 47.

#### Military Background: -

Robert enlisted as a Private 3538 in the Royal Lancaster Regiment. At some point he was transferred to the 2nd/8th Royal Warwickshire Regiment and was Lance Corporal 306917. This may be a move to supplement losses and replace an NCO.

Robert was KIA in Picardy, Somme on 20th March 1917 at an unidentified place. However, his body was re-interred in Roisel Community Military Cemetery as part of bringing casualties from smaller cemeteries to one concentrated location. The IWGC Records do not show where Robert was initially buried, but he was among 8 men moved to Roisel.

A later CWGC page gives names and information about which smaller cemeteries were selected for the re-interment of casualties, but does not give numbers taken from each.

Within Plot I at Riesel Cemetery there are 318 re-interments. Plots II has 267 and Plot III 253. Plot IV has just 20, adjacent to the German burials. A total of 858. Among the burials are some Unknown Soldiers. The men are buried randomly and not by Regiment. In Row K there are 2 Warwickshire men, including Robert Walker.

Robert's sister, Eleanor, chose her brother's grave inscription – "He Loved Honour More Than Death."

The Medal Roll Index shows the Award of the Victory Medal to Robert. There is no mention of his time with the Royal Lancaster Regiment.

The Army Ledger of Soldier's Effects show an award to Mary Agnes, Robert's mother, of £4.13s.3d dated, 6th November 1917. A Gratuity Award of £5.15s. was issued individually to both Eleanor and George on 18h March 1920, after their mother had died. (See later Soldier's Ledger.)

There is no given record of Robert's personal items which would have been sent to his family e.g., Bible, coins, cigarette lighter, photos and letters etc.

There was no Probate in respect of Robert or his parents.



**Roisel Communal Cemetery, Picardy, Somme** 

#### **Historical Background to Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension: - (CWGC Edited.)**

Roisel town was occupied by British troops in April 1917, and evacuated after a strong defence by the 66th (East Lancashire) Division in the evening of the 22nd March 1918.

It was retaken in the following September.

Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension was begun by German troops, who buried immediately to the North of the Communal Cemetery.

It was developed in October and November 1918, by the 41st, 48th, 53rd and 58th Casualty Clearing Stations, and it was completed after the Armistice by the concentration of British and German graves from the country North, East and South of Roisel.

The following were among the burial grounds from which British graves were removed to the Extension: -

BERNES CHURCHYARD, in which 49 soldiers of the 46th (North Midland) Division and the Royal Field Artillery were buried in September 1918; and the GERMAN EXTENSION, in which one soldier from the United Kingdom was buried in September 1917.

HESBECOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, in which 35 Australian soldiers and 28 from the United Kingdom were buried by the 59th (North Midland) Division in April 1917, and by Australian units in September and October 1918.

L'ABBAYE GERMAN CEMETERY, VERMAND, between the village of Vermand and the hamlet of Villecholles, which contained the graves of 300 German soldiers and ten from the United Kingdom and one from Canada who fell in April and May 1917.

**POEUILLY BRITISH CEMETERY**, which was 200 metres South of the village of Poeuilly. It contained the graves of 27 soldiers from the United Kingdom and one from Australia, who fell in September and October 1918.

**ROISEL CHURCHYARD**, in which one R.F.C officer was buried in August 1916.

\*VERMAND COMMUNAL CEMETERY GERMAN EXTENSION, in which 7 soldiers from the United Kingdom were buried by the enemy in March and April 1918.

\*Pte. Robert Walker may be one of the 7 casualties transferred from here.

There are now 878, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, 120 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 12 soldiers from the United Kingdom and one from Australia who are known or believed to be buried among them.

Other special memorials record the names of two soldiers from the United Kingdom, buried in other cemeteries, whose graves could not be found on concentration.

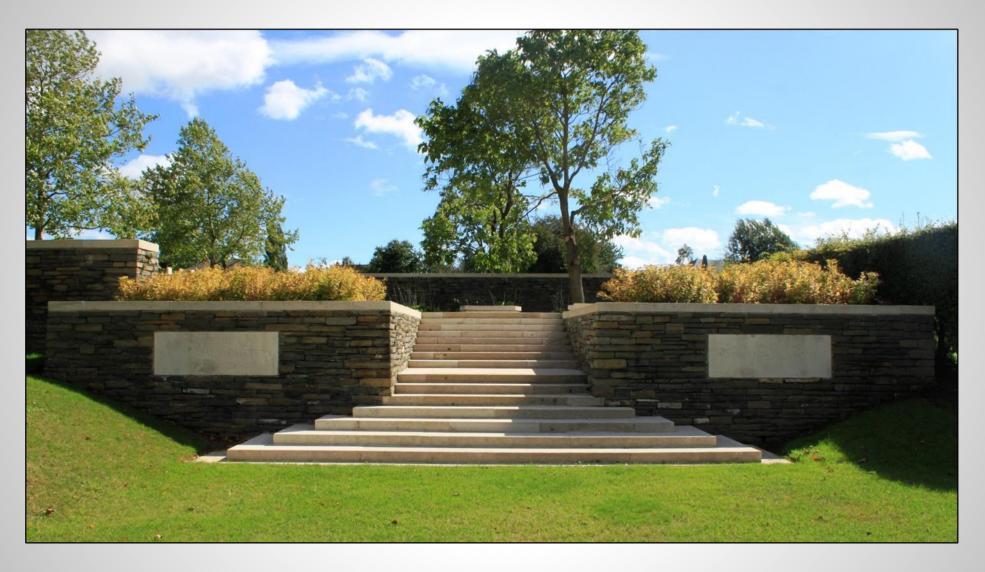
The graves of 88 soldiers of the United States Army buried here in October 1918, have been removed to another cemetery.

There are also 514, German Foreign Nationals commemorated in this site, 190 being unidentified.



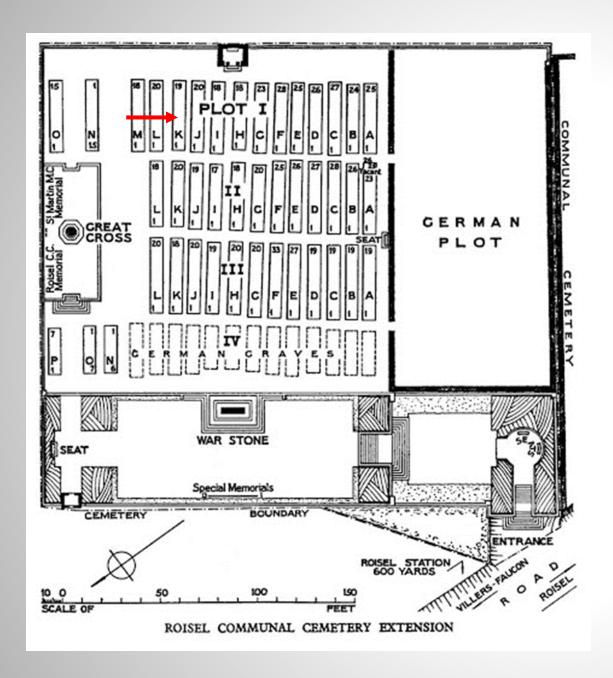
The Headstone of L/Cpl. Robert Walker.
The grave inscription was chosen by his sister, Eleanor.
Plot 1, Row K, Grave 10

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**Roisel - Steps leading up to the main Cemetery CWGC** 





Plan of Roisel Communal Cemetery: -

The Grave of Private Robert Walker is arrowed.
Plot 1 Row K 10

TILLEY, Pte. G., 202018. 2nd/4th Bn. Leicestershire Regt. 12th April, 1917. II. G. 3.

TISSINGTON, Pte. William, 306775. 2nd/8th Bn. Sherwood Foresters. Died of wounds 21st April, 1917. Age 24. Son of Mr. G. Tissington, of 5, Gilbert Rd., Bircoates, Bawtry, Yorks. III. B. 13.

TODD, Gnr. James, 66139. "A" Bty. 117th Bde. Royal Field Artillery. Killed in action 28th Sept., 1918. Age 23. Husband of Elizabeth Todd, of 22, Lyle St., Bishop's Rd., Bethnal Green, London. III. E. 27.

TODD, Pte. John Leighton, 101529. 13th Bn. Durham Light Inf. 14th Oct., 1918. Age 23. Son of Forster Fawcett Todd and Alice Eleanor Todd, of 39, Hadrian Rd., Wallsend-on-Tyne. II. A. 3.

TODD, Pte. J., 241323. 5th Bn. Border Regt. 26th April, 1918. IV. N. 4.

TODD, Gnr. R. D., 113770. 1st Siege Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery. 18th Oct., 1918. II. B. 3.

TOMLINSON, Lce. Cpl. Herbert, S4/252644. 2nd Coy. 66th Div. Train, Royal Army Service Corps. 30th Oct., 1918. Age 32. Son of Sampson and Ellen Tomlinson, of 22, Augustus St., Brooks's Bar, Manchester; husband of Esther Tomlinson, I. E. 8.

TOMPKINS, Pte. F., 28191. Royal Berkshire Regt., transf. to (96796). 162nd Coy. Labour Corps. 25th Feb., 1918. I. O. 1.

TONKS, Pte. A., 242962. 1st/8th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. 11th Oct., 1918. II. A. 16.

TOWERS, Pte. W., 23423. 5th Bn. Border Regt. 21st March, 1918. IV. N. 2.

TRIM, Pte. E., S/307497. 61st Railhead Supply Detachment, Royal Army Service Corps. 5th Nov., 1918. Age 30. Son of Henry and Sarah Trim, of Lyme Regis, Dorset; husband of Edith S. Trim, of 66, High St., Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset. II. E. 26.

TRODD, Pte. H., 14510. "B" Coy. 7th Bn. I. D. 23. Wiltshire Regt. Died of wounds 19th Oct., 1918. Age 21. Son of the late Walter and Olivia Trodd, of New Bradwell, Bucks. II. B. 9.

Warwickshire Regt. 29th March, 1917. I. I. 3. I. K. 10.

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TURNER, Pte. C., 3488. 9th Bn. Manchester Regt. 20th Oct., 1918. II. C. 6.

TWINING, Pte. James George, 3943. 55th Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 30th Sept., 1918. Age 21. Son of Frederick William and Ada Twining, of Lily Cottage, Hugh St., Ashfield, New South Wales, II. H. I.

USSHER, Pte. Archibald, 31509. 6th Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Died of influenza 2nd Nov., 1918. Age 20. Stepson of Mrs. Elizabeth Ussher, of 18, Jersey St., Belfast. Born at Belfast. I. F. 20.

VERION, Cpl. H., 1784. 11th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. 22nd March, 1918. III. E. 5.

VERRION, Pte. Richard, 315196. 16th (Sussex Yeomanry) Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. 15th Sept., 1918. Age 20. Son of Edwin and Elizabeth Verrion, of Brighton. II. F. 6.

VOWLES, Pte. J. F., 342. Royal Canadian Dragoons. 1st Oct., 1918. II. L. 13.

WADDINGTON, 2nd Lt. J. H. 80th Sqdn. Royal Air Force. 22nd Oct., 1918. I. D. 1.

WAINMAN, Dvr. T. A., 771648. 50th Div. Ammunition Col. Royal Field Artillery. 3rd Nov., 1918. Son of John and Florence Wainman.

WALKER, Serjt. James Coxon, 107144. 1st/6th Bn. Sherwood Foresters. 26th Sept., 1918. Age 32. Son of Lucy Walker, of The Old Post Office, Spondon, Derbyshire, and the late Charles Walker. II. J. 3.

WALKER, Gnr. John, 35672. 4th Bde. Australian Field Artillery. 5th Oct., 1918. Age 37. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of 206, High St., Elgin, Scotland. I. N. 13.

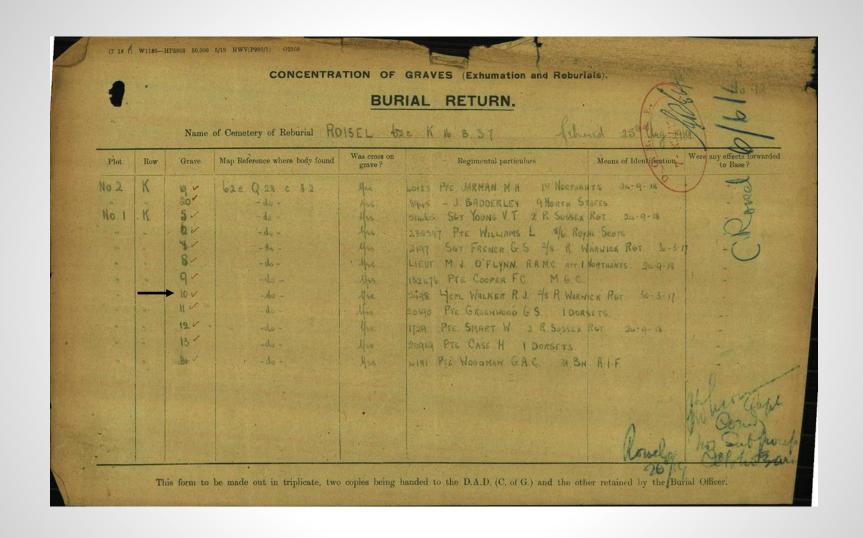
WALKER, Pte. Joseph Louis, 136442. 25th Bn. Machine Gun Corps (Inf.). 21st Oct., 1918. Age 20. Son of Albert and Elizabeth Walker.

WALKER, Lce. Cpl. Robert James, 306996. 2nd/8th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. 30th March, 1917. Age 22. Son of Joseph James and TRUEMAN, Pte. W., 200287. 5th Bn. Royal Mary Agnes Walker, of Halton, Lancaster.

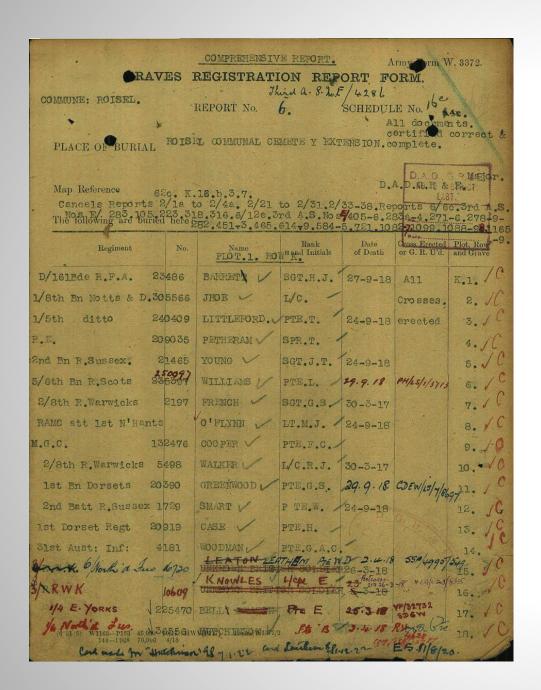
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Grave Index showing L/Cpl. 306996 Robert James Walker. 1 K 10

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Burial Return (Exhumation and Reburial) for Roisel Communal Cemetery showing L/Cpl. Robert J. Walker



### IWGC Grave Registration Report Form Roisel Communal Cemetery showing L/Cpl. Robert James Walker

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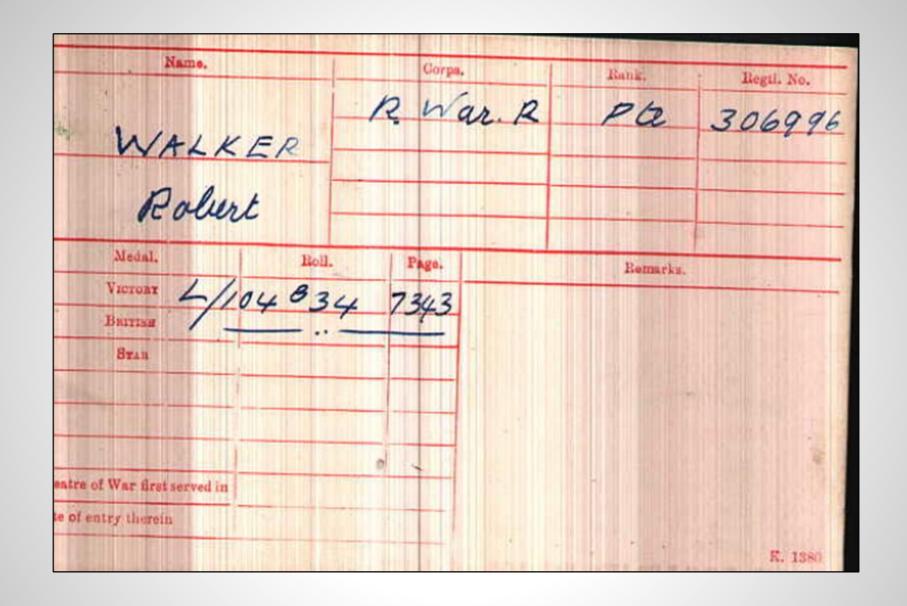
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Register of Army Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929, showing Robert Walker. Payment of £4. 13s. 3d. Paid to Mrs. Mary A.



Medal Rolls Card Index 1914 – 1920 showing L/C Robert Walker – Victory Medal



# NEW SOLDIER'S RECORD

## Pte. 50646 William Wilson 7th Batt. Royal Liverpool Regiment

1890 - 1918

Son of Edward and Ellen Wilson

**Husband of Polly Wilson nee Sharples** 

Died 9th May 1918 in France and Flanders Age 28

Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial Panel 34 Zonnnebeke, Leper, Belgium



#### The Wilson Family Background: -

Edward Wilson (1868 1948) was the son of William Wilson (1845 – 1921), born in Thurnham, near Lancaster and married Margaret Mallingson (1845 – 1912), in February 1864.

Edward was born in Galgate, a village south of Lancaster was to marry Ellen Walling (1870 – 1948), born in Borwick, near Carnforth on 26th October 1887.

1891 Census shows the family living at 9 Eastham Street, Lancaster. They have 2 children: George aged 2, and William aged 1. Edward is an Over-Looker in a Cotton Mill, aged 23. He is a middle-manager ensuring the smooth running of the Mill and closing the machinery at the end of the day. It was a job he followed for life. Ellen is shown as 21.

William was baptised at Christ Church Parish Church, near Williamson Park, Lancaster on 2nd March 1890.

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Marriage of Edward Wilson to Ellen Walling on 22nd October 1887 at Christ Church, Lancaster.

Edward's father, William, is a Labourer and Ellen's father a Coal Miner

1901 finds the family living in Low Road, Halton. There are now 5 children: George 13, William 11, Edith 8, Margaret 5 and Albert 2. George is a Cotton Twister in the weaving shed.

The family had moved by 1911 and are now living at 2 Kirkby Terrace on High Road, Halton, as the name suggests, a Victorian row of terraced houses. George has left home, William is now a Cotton Twister, with Edith and Margaret as Cotton Weavers. Albert is 12.

Both Edward and Ellen died in 1948. Ellen is named on the Walling Family Headstone in St. Wilfrid's Churchyard, Halton to the right of the church doorway.

William Wilson married into the Sharples family, by his marriage to Polly Sharples (1890 - 1980) at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton in January, 1917. They were both 27 years of age.

Polly Sharples was one of three girls born to William Sharples b.1861 and Hannah Wilson b.1863. The 1891 Census shows the family living in Low Road, Halton, near the Greyhound Inn. William is a Painter's Labourer, born in Slyne while Hannah was born in Borwick, near Carnforth. The girls are Edith, 14, Polly, 11 and new-born, Priscilla, 1/12 month.

Polly was baptised in St. Wilfrid's Parish Church on 18th May 1890.

The Sharples family were neighbours to the Wilson family on Low Road and Polly was to marry William in 1917 in the village church. This further suggests that the couple were at school together on High Road.

Before 1891, it seems that William has died, and Hannah 41, is shown as a widow and working as a Charwoman, still living with her 3 children.

In 1911, Hannah is 51, still a widow. The girls are all employed at the Oilcloth Works in Halton.

As stated earlier, Polly married William Wilson, a neighbour, in 1917.

He enlisted with the King's Royal Liverpool Regiment on a date and place not known.

William was reported missing on 9th May 1918 in the Vierstaat Sector, Ypres, Belgium. His body was never found and William is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

Now a widow herself, she remarried a John Turner in April 1926 at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church in Halton. They had an infant who died in August 1930. John died on 24th December 1946, aged 54 years.

Polly was widowed for a second time, but never remarried again. She died on 2nd August 1980 in Halton, aged 90 years. The family grave is in St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton.

Polly's sister, Priscilla, married William Bernard Kellet, who was very seriously injured by a gas shell explosion in France and Flanders in July 1918. He was brought home, but died of his wounds in England, at Netley Military Hospital in Southampton, in October 1918. He is buried and commemorated by the CWGC in Halton.

William and Priscilla, 70 when she died, together with their only child, Gertrude, (Harrison) who died in May 2003, aged 87; are all buried together in a grave close to Polly and John, but on the other side of the path leading to St. Wilfrid's Church.



Grave in St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton showing the Burial of John Turner and his wife, Polly, formerly Wilson, nee Sharples



Christ Church Parish Church, near Williamson Park, Lancaster where William Wilson was Baptised on 2nd March 1890

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Baptism Entry showing William Wilson on 2nd March 1890 at Christ Church Parish Church. The family are at 4 St. Peter's Road, Lancaster. Parents are William and Ellen

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Baptism Register showing the entry for Polly Sharples on 18th May 1890 at St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Halton

#### Pte. 50646 William Wilson. King's Royal Liverpool Regiment:

Along with most British soldiers entering France and Flanders, William would have sailed from Folkstone to Boulogne. From here he would march or take London buses/open lorries to the Front.

It is only known that he was serving with the 2nd Battalion, KRLR that the Diaries tell us something of his last days fighting near Ypres, Belgium. The Diaries are written in pencil and show the movement of troops, encounters with the enemy and casualty numbers.

In this case the Diaries show the Vierstaat Sector on 9th May 1918 where William was probably Missing in Action, but the full casualty figures are shown too. Pte. 50646 William Wilson. King's Royal Liverpool Regiment:

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The Diaries give actual complex compass points of troop movements and positions at a given time. These are not shown here as the figures deflect from the actual Battalion details. However, the Original Diaries in this work are included. Place movements are given and the actions taken by day and time.

The KRLR Diaries used are..... pages 81,82, 83,84 May 1918.

William is Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Panel 34, near Ypres, which gives names of 11, 961 men whose bodies were never found.

#### War Diaries of 17th Battalion

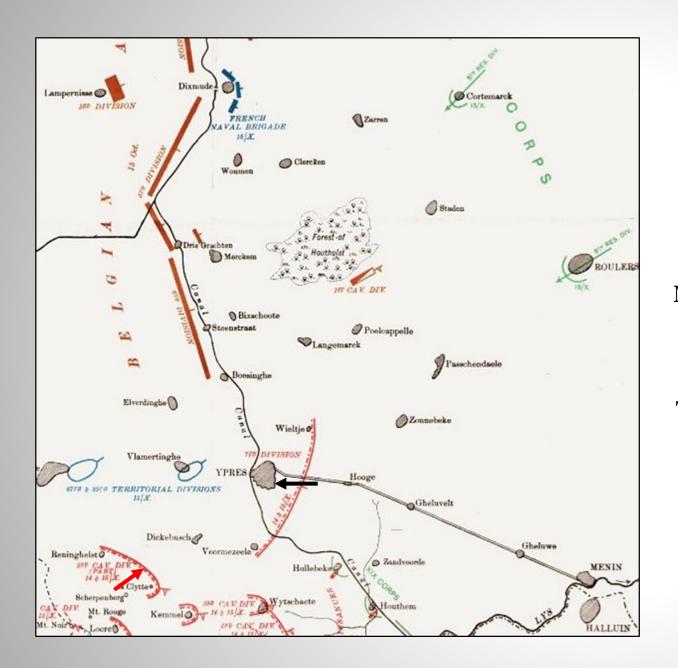
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May 1918

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Pages 81 – 84

(Pages 82/83 have been transcribed)



Map showing Ypres in the 4th/5th Battle of Ypres 1918.

Also known as the battle of Lys.
Ypres is arrowed in black.
The 17th Battalion, KLR held the line to the SW, arrowed in red.

# War Diary or Intelligence Reports WO 95/2334/1:

17th Battalion Royal Kings Own Regiment
8th – 9th May 1918.
Near Ypres, Belgium
(CP) = Compass Point. (OR) = Ordinary Ranks. Coy =
Company.

Concerning the loss of Private 50646 William Wilson - Missing 9th May 1918.

(Vierstaat Ridge - Sometimes known as the 4th/5th Battle of Ypres.)

#### Page 82 -Vierstaat Sector: (6 miles SW of Ypres.)

8/5/18: 8:45pm. Ridge originally held by us in the morning of 8th inst.

9:25pm. (Prisoners (1 Officer and 6 men) captured by 'A' Company.

10:30pm. Situation reported to be as follows: -

One party comprised of 2 Officers of 17 KLR and 80 men and several units hold a line from CP [Control Point] to CP. Another party comprises 40 strong held from CP to CP of second line was being held CP to CP by 2nd Yorks, 2nd Bedfords and 8 machine guns was in touch with French on the Right and NEW ZEALAND RIFLES on the left. Reinforcements were badly needed before dawn if forward positions were to be held.

#### **Vierstaat Sector:**

9/5/18: 3am. Message received from Brigade HQ timed 1am stating objectives had appeared to have been gained. 2nd Bedfords and 2nd Yorks ordered to withdraw.

4am. 2 Companies 17th KLR moved forward in ones and two re-establish a line CP to CP. We failed to do so before daylight. Brigade Sector was reorganised.

5:40pm. Dispositions of Brigade Front Line were CP to CP. (Liaison has been obtained with the French at this point) from CP to CP held by 'D' Coy, 17th KLR, from CP to CP by 'B' Coy of KLR. At this point CP to CP by 2 Platoons of 'C' Coy. 17th KLR.

At this point Battalion are in touch with 'A' Coy, 4th Coy KLR (attached by this Company of 4th KLR and from CP to CP south of the RIDGE WOOD) by the 5th Scottish Rifles.

End of Page 82.

#### Page 83 - Vierstaat Sector:

9/5/18: 5:40pm. Enemy reported to be 200 yards from our lines and swimming NE and SW in CP. 'C' 17th KLR (less 2 Platoons) holding the Reserve Line.this line has liaison with the French on the left with NEW ZEALAND RIFLES.

17th KLR moved from Forward Zone by 1st Queens and took up Brigade Reserve Position on the LA CLYTTE and MALLEBAST-CORNER ROAD Line.

#### **Vierstaat Sector:**

10/5/18: Battalion relieved by 1st Queens and moved back to ST. LAWRENCE CAMP.

ST. LAWRENCE CAMP. 6am. Battalion arrived in Camp.

During period 5/5/18 to 10/5/18 the following Casualties were sustained:
17th KLR. Captain H. Henry MC. 2nd Lt. D.H. Black – Killed.
10 OR Killed.
57 OR Wounded.
19 OR Missing.

#### **BUYSSCHEURE:**

5am. Battalion embussed on the POPERINGHE-ABELLE ROAD and moved to BUYSSCHEURE by 7:30pm – delousing. 8:30pm. In camp at BUYSSCHEURE.

13/5/18 - 14/5/18

Day spent in cleaning up Battalion Transport – moved to CWCQ (Transport Depot) for dispersal day G.H.Q. on account of Unit being reduced to a Training Cadre.

#### **BUYSSCHEURE:**

18/5/18: Battalion Training Staff marched to AUDRUIQ where entrained for WOINCOURT.

#### **WOINCOURT:**

19/5/18: Detrained. March to Billets in MENESLIES arriving about 10am. 19/5/18: 4 Officers and 218 OR's dispatched to 'G' Base Depot, ETAPLES as a surplus to Training Establishment.

Signed by Lt. Col. J.P. Pith. Commanding Officer.

Note: -

The Diaries show the Casualties for a 5-day period in May 1918. The 9 Missing OR's would include Pte. Wilfrid Wilson, though whether he died singly or with others is not clear nor stated.

## **Brief Background History of Tyne Cot Memorial:**

Like many of the names for features, buildings or woods in the First World War "Tyne Cot" or "Tyne Cottage" was a familiar name given by the men of the Northumberland Fusiliers to a barn that stood near the level crossing on the Passchendaele-Broodseinde Road. For the Geordies it was said that the barn resembled the cottages near the River Tyne. Despite this affectionate name any visitor to the area can see that it was tactical significant high ground dominating the ground to the south and the approaches to the shell battered tow of Passchendaele.

The ridge was therefore the centre of a defensive complex built around five or six German bunkers but despite this it was captured by the 3rd Australian Division on 4th October 1917, in their advance on Passchendaele. One of these pill-boxes was unusually large and was used as an advanced dressing station after its capture. From 6th October to the end of March 1918, 343 graves were made, on two sides of it, by the 50th (Northumbrian) and 33rd Divisions, and by two Canadian units.

The cemetery was in German hands again from 13th April to 28th September, when it was finally recaptured, with Passchendaele, by the Belgian Army.

At the suggestion of King George V, who visited the cemetery in 1922, the bunker that had served as a dressing station formed the base for the Cross of Sacrifice. It is easy to see that when men died at the dressing station they were buried outside. The slightly unstructured layout of the head stones include those of four German soldiers – three of whom are unidentified – which hints at the struggle to save life in the ghastly conditions of the Salient.

After the war the dead from cemeteries dotted around the Salient, including those constructed by the Germans for British and Imperial Forces soldiers were brought together in a huge "Concentration" cemetery.

Tyne Cot consequently became the biggest cemetery on the Western Front with the graves of 11,956 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in Tyne Cot Cemetery. 8,369 of the burials are unidentified, but there are special memorials to more than 80 casualties known or believed to be buried among them.

A new Visitors Centre and coach park to the rear of the cemetery was officially opened on 12th July 2007: the Queen was present at Tyne Cot as part of the run-up to the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele. The Visitors Centre is a plain grey structure with displays in an area to one side. There are also a number of contemporary photographs on display and artefacts that were recovered when the coach park was constructed, including a British soldiers "Housewife" clothing repair and sewing kit that looks hauntingly contemporary with its safety pins.

On a personal level, I have visited Menin Gate and Tyne Cot Memorials on more occasions that I can remember, but each visit evokes the sheer scale of loss of life of men who have no known grave, and the sheer scale of the Memorials dedicated to their sacrifice. It begs the unanswerable question, "WHY?" Each name a casualty loss belonging to a family and only a name is recognised by an inscription on stone as a lasting memory.

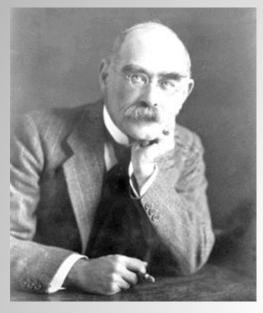
The grief must have been untold for those who received an official letter or telegram at home. You visit – and then you leave – but what you see and feel stays with you, until the next time.

**CWGC** Website

# Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Leper, Belgium

Tyne Cot Memorial, Ypres Salient 11,961 White Cross Graves 8,373 Unknown 34,957 names on the Memorial Wall.

**Tyne Cot Memorial Images (CWGC)** 





And there lay gentlemen from out of all the seas

That ever called him King.

'Twixt Nieuport sands and the eastward lands where the

Four Red Rivers spring,

Five hundred thousand gentlemen of those that served their

King.

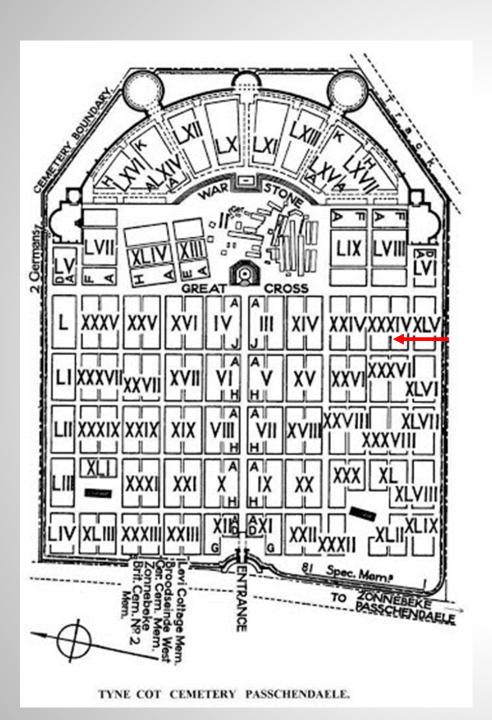
## **By Rudyard Kipling**

This poem by Kipling appeared in The Times while Literary Advisor to the IWGC and commemorates King George V's visit to Tyne Cot on 22nd May 1922.

"And when all was done, and the People of the Graves were laid at ease and in honour, it pleased the Padishah to cross the little water between Belait (England) and Frangistan (France), and look upon them. He give order for his going in this way. He said: "Let there be neither music nor elephants nor princes about my way, nor at my stirrup. For it is a pilgrimage. I go to salute the People of the Graves." Then he went over. And where he saw his dead laid in their multitudes, there he drew rein; there he saluted; there he laid flowers upon great stones after the custom of his people...and the old women and the little staring children of Frangistan pressed him close, as he halted among the bricks and the ashes and the broken wood of the towns which had been killed in the War."

By Rudyard Kipling "The Debt" (1930) when King George was very ill and his condition was broadcast the Nation. Again the words are centred on Tyne Cot.





# Tyne Cot Memorial Plan Stone 34A is arrowed



**Tyne Cot Memorial 1 CWGC** 











Private William Wilson
Tyne Cot
Died 9th May 1918 Zonnebeke, Leper
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Citation – Teresa L. Watson
11th November 2005 (Armistice Day)

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Pte. 50646 William Wilson Commemorated on Stone 34 A at Tyne Cot Memorial



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> WILSON, Pte. William, 33022. 6th Bn. Oxf. and Bucks Light Inf. 10th Aug., 1917.

> WILSON, Pte. William, 34179. 12th Bn. Royal Scots. 12th Oct., 1917. Age 27. Son of the late William Ogilvie Wilson and Elizabeth Wilson, of East Pilmore, Invergowrie, Dundee; husband of Frances Wilson, of Castle Rd., Longforgan,

WILSON, Pte. William, 50646. 17th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. 9th May, 1918. Age 28. Husband of Polly Wilson, of Low Rd., Halton, Lancaster.

WILSON, Pte. William, 203139. 1st/4th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. 10th April, 1918. Age 31. Son of Maurice and Sarah Wilson; husband of Annie Wilson of Brooklyn, Walsden, Todmorden.

WILSON, Pte. William, 290544. 1st/6th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 25th Oct., 1917.

WILSON, 2nd Lt. William Arnold. Manchester Regt. attd. 23rd Bn. 22nd Oct., 1917.

WILSON, Pte. William Henry, 35296. 1st Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. 11th Oct.,

WILSON, Pte. William James, 353008. 2nd/7th Bn. London Regt. 31st Oct., 1917. Age 36. Husband of Emily Ellen Wilson, of 147, Engadine St., Southfields, London.

WILSON, Pte. William John, 14938. "C" Coy. 11th Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 16th Aug., 1917. Age 27. Son of Robert and Dorothea Wilson, of 2, Monteith Row, Glasgow.

WILSON, Pte. William Kennedy, 50738. 17th Bn. Royal Scots. 30th Sept., 1918.

WILSON, Pte. William Naylor, 202693. 1st/5th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. 9th Oct., 1917.

WILSON, Pte. William Solomon, 26902. 8th Bn. King's Own Yorkshire Light Inf. 29th Sept.,

WILSON, Lce. Cpl. Willie, 240262. 1st/6th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. 9th Oct., 1917.

WILSON-BARKWORTH, Capt. Kenneth Arthur, M.C. 4th Bn. East Yorkshire Regt. 25th Oct., 1917.

WILTON, 2nd Lt. Richard Birkinhead. 15th attd. 9th Bn. Yorkshire Regt. 1st Oct., 1917. Age 21. Son of Charles Birkinhead Wilton and Ellen Sophia Wilton, of Hill Crest, Weeping Cross, Stafford.

WILTON, Pte. Walter Leonard, 40308. 16th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. 2nd Dec., 1917.

WILTSHIRE, Pte. James Charles, 205163. 2nd/5th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. 20th Sept., 1917. Age 27. Husband of Lily Wiltshire, of 41, West Clover St., Salford, Manchester.

WILTSHIRE, Serjt. Rowland J., 16481. 13th Bn. Gloucestershire Regt. 21st April, 1918. Age 22. Son of William and Alice E. Wiltshire, of "Daisy Bank," Southfield, Westbury-on-Trym,

WILTSHIRE, Lce. Cpl. Walter Bernard, 47015. 9th Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 15th Oct.,

WILTSHIRE, Gnr. Willie Chester, 155060. "X" oth T.M. Bty. Royal Field Artillery. 24th April, 1918. Age 20. Son of Harry and Amelia Wiltshire, of 16, Egerton St., Canton, Cardiff.

WIMBLES, Rfn. Fred, 306642. 1st/8th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. 9th Oct., 1917. Age 24. Son of William Wimbles and the late Rose Ann Wimbles, of 9, Mill St., Marsh Lane, Leeds; husband of Sarah Jane Mawson (formerly Wimbles), of 11, Ironstone St., York Rd., Leeds.

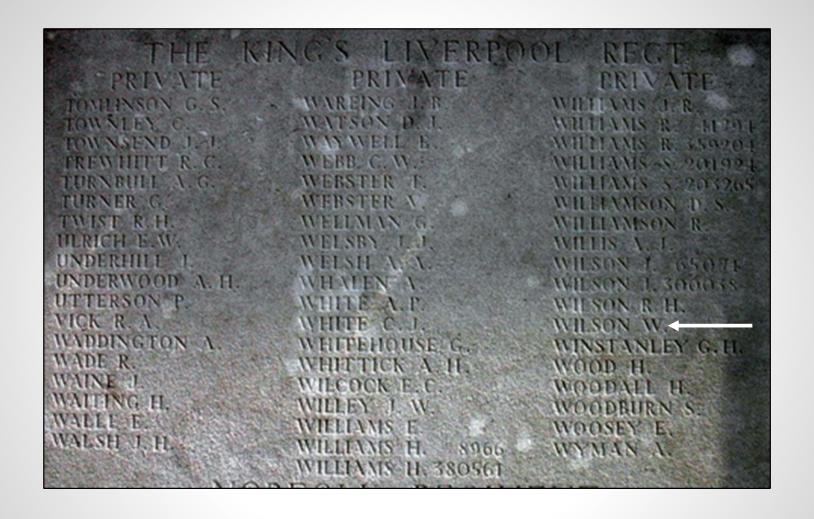
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WIMPENNY, Pte. William John, 265982. 2nd Bn. South Lancashire Regt. 30th April, 1918. Age 21. Son of the late James and Margaret

WIMSETT, Pte. Ernest Alfred, G/17987. 1st Bn. Royal West Kent Regt. 3rd Oct., 1917. Age 40. Son of David and Jane Wimsett, of 61, Wincheap St., Canterbury; husband of Violet May Wimsett, of 90, Parrock St., Gravesend.

WINCHESTER, Pte. William, 266545. 1st Bn. Gordon Highlanders. 26th Sept., 1917. Age 26. Son of Margaret Winchester, of 25, Main St., Newmill, Keith, Banffshire, and the late William Winchester.

Tyne Cot Cemetery Register Entry for Pte. 50646AWilliam Wilson 17th Batt. The King's Liverpool Regiment



Tyne Cot Stone 34 A showing Pte. 50646 William Wilson on The King's Liverpool Regiment Memorial citation R & S August 2012

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Medal Rolls 1914 -1920 showing Pte. 50646 Royal Liverpool Regiment as eligible for the Victory Medal





#### Pte. 67138 Wilfrid Arthur Willis

# 1st Batt. Sherwood Foresters - Notts and Derby Regiment. Sherwood Foresters



**Born in Manchester 1882** 

Died at Passchendaele, 31st July 1917

(3rd Battle of the Somme) Aged 35

**Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Panel 41** 



## The Willis Family Background:

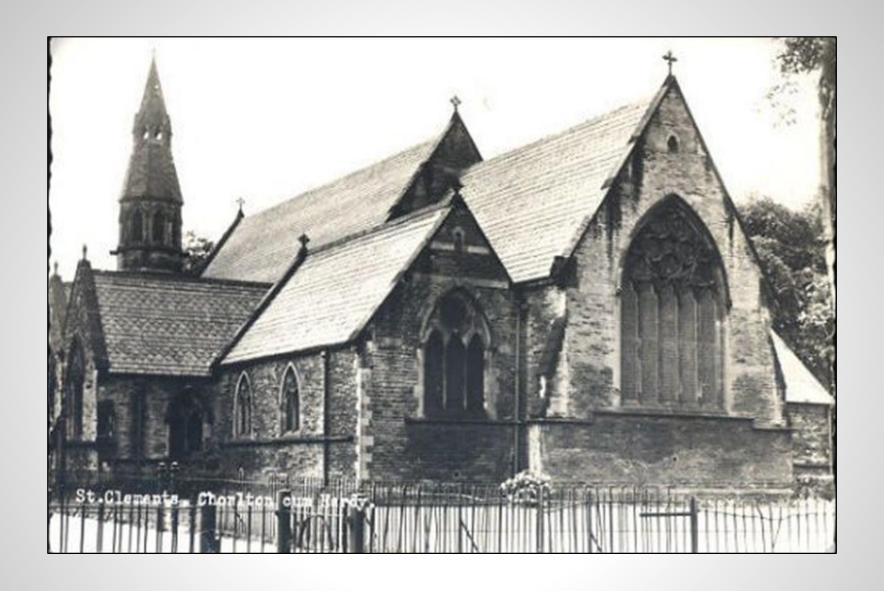
Thomas Willis 65, and born in 1806 in Selby, North Yorkshire. In 1871 he is living in Gowthorpe, a district of Selby, and is a Line Merchant married to Mary 66, born in Hillam, Leeds in 1807. Their son, also Thomas 33, is a Line Merchant too. At the same time, their Grandson, Alfred Willis 14, born 1857 in Adwick-Le-Street, Doncaster, is also living in the family home and a scholar.

The 1881 Census tells us that Alfred Willis is now married and living with his wife, Sarah/Sara in Orton, Carlisle. He is a Certified School Teacher. They have a son, Herbert aged 10 months.

Alfred married Sarah in Chorlton, (sometimes known as Chorlton - cum-Hardy,) now part of Manchester, at Chorlton Parish Church in March 1879. Sarah Ann Timperley, was born in Almondbury, Huddersfield in 1853.

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Baptism of Alice Ann Hodkinson, (born 7am 2nd March 1881) at St. Bartholomew's Parish Church, West Houghton.
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Baptism of Edgar Willis, St. Mary's, Hulme, Manchester shows Alfred and Sara Willis. 2nd September 1883 (Seems Sara is with an "h" or without.)

In 1891 Herbert is not shown in the Census, so may have died before the age of 10 years. The family home now is 28 Front Street, Rawcliffe. Alfred is still a School Master and there are now 3 children: - Wilfred Arthur 9, born in Manchester, Edgar 7, also born in Manchester and Esme Ellen 5, born in Failsworth, Oldham.

The 1901 Census shows the family now living in Halton, Lancaster. Alfred is still a School Master, but now Head Teacher. The family home is 24 Kirkby Terrance, High Road, Halton, a row of late Victorian, solid stone houses. Wilfred Arthur 19, is an Apprentice Glass Maker – inscriptions, bowls, decanters, goblets and mirrors. Esme is a Candidate for Pupil Teaching, Mildred 14, born in Failsworth and Alfred E 10, born in Manchester.

By 1911 Wilfrid Arthur has left the family home and now married living in Nottingham.

Alfred Eustace 21, is also following the teaching path and is a Student Teacher. Mildred 24, is already an Assistant Teacher. Edgar 27, is a Post Office Telegraphist, married to Florence with a daughter 11 months.

Alfred Willis, Head Teacher, died in Lancaster on 15th May1942, aged 86. He was living at 13 Slyne Road, Lancaster where he died.

Probate was proved in Lancaster, 7th August 1942 in Lancaster. Esme Ellen Smith, his widowed daughter benefited solely by £873.10s.9d. She died in 1943 in Newton le Willows, Lancashire. It is not known when Sarah, died.

## The Military History for Private 40417 Wilfred Arthur Willis:

2nd/4th Batt. Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
He married Alice Hodkinson in Lancaster in the summer of 1906, probably in Halton, St.
Wilfrid's Parish Church

In 1911 the Census shows Wilfrid 29 in Nottingham, living at 5 Claremont Terrace, Francis Street. He is a Glass Painter and married to Alice 26, born in Lancaster. They have a daughter, Esme 3, born in Nottingham.

Sadly, Wilfrid's WW1 Army papers do not survive, giving dates of Attestation and Personal background, only to say he would have appointed Alice as his next of kin, on enlistment in Nottingham in 1914 in the 1st Batt. Sherwood Foresters.

Wilfrid probably arrived in France in 1915, sailing into Boulogne, the usual port of entry for British soldiers in France and Flanders.

The Diaries of the 1st Batt do not give prominence to casualties in July 1917

Prior to 24th July 1917 the Diaries list names of Officers going home on leave and new Offices joining the Battalion.

24th - 30th July the Batt. is based in DROUVILLE. 1/8th Batt. The Sherwood Foresters relived other men in the line on the night of the 30th/31st July, 2 Coys (Companies) were moved in support at PHILOSOPHIE. (Near Bethune, Pas-de-Calais)

The details are signed by Lt. Col. Benton Johnson. Officer Commanding Sherwood Foresters. Ref: WO 95-26941 -1.

It can only be implied that Wilfried was among the supporting group of men in the trenches and came under attack from shelling, thus explaining why his body was never recovered after the incident. He would have been reported as "Missing," then "Assumed KIA." The findings would then be forwarded by Telegram to Wilfrid's family home, possibly accompanied by a letter from an Officer or soldier-friend giving information of the circumstances known.

The diaries then continue with assessments of the overall situations and orders in several typed pages.

Wilfrid's Medals and a Memorial Plaque of his sacrifice would have been sent to Alice after the end of the war, but could take several years to arrive.

The IWGC, as was the custom, inscribed the names of missing soldiers on the huge Commemorative Memorials - Menin Gate, Tyne Cot and Thiepval where a whole generation are remembered. Wilfrid is honoured on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium.

There was no Probate.

Sadly, Alfred Willis, as Head Teacher in Halton, would have known and taught some of the village casualties. A simple entry appears against the names of former pupils in the School Log Book, "Killed in France."



Bomb carrying party of the 1st Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Regiment) going up to the front line at La Boisselle, 6th July 1916. IWM (Image Q780)



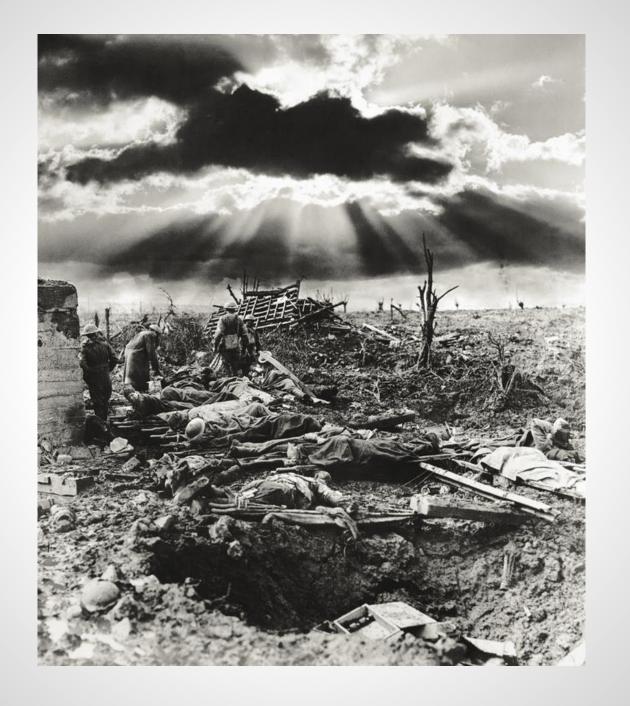
**Sherwood Foresters (Ref: Wikiwand)** 

# **Battle of Passchendaele**

Officially known as the Third Battle of Ypres, Passchendaele became infamous not only for the scale of casualties, but also for the mud.

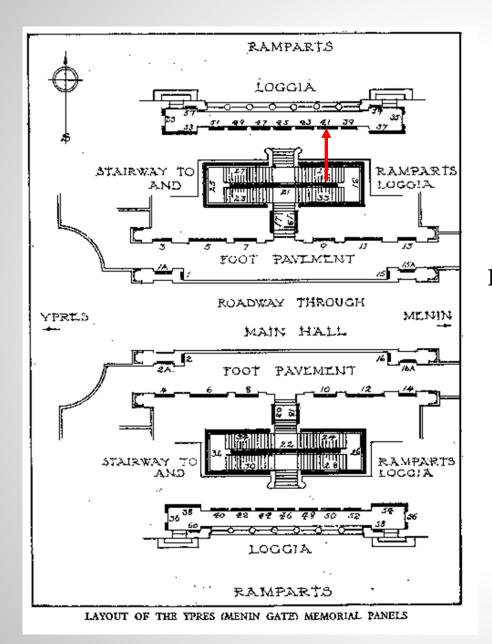








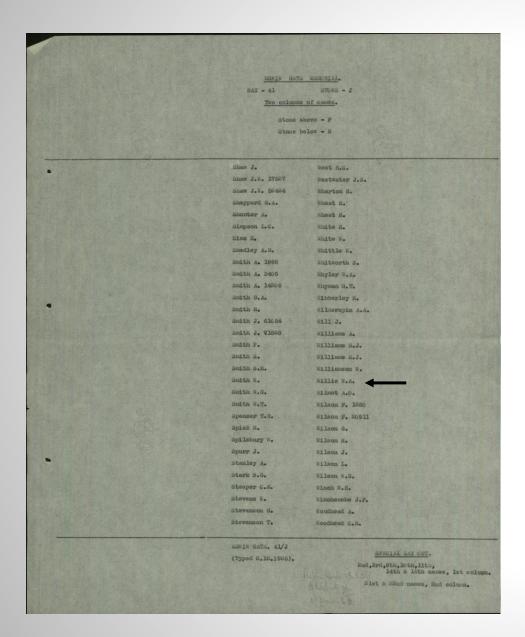
The Menin Gate, Belgium, is one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders, which cover the area known as the Ypres Salient. Broadly speaking, the salient stretched from Langemarck in the north to the northern edge in Ploegsteert Wood in the south, but it varied in area and shape throughout the war. The names of 54,393 fallen are remembered here on the panels including Albert Arthur Wallis, Sherwood Foresters



**Bay 41 Menin Gate on the Loggia, Ramparts (Arrowed)** 

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                   WILMOT A. O
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                   WILSON F. 20911
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                   WILSON G.
SPILSBURY W.
                   WILSON H.
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STEVENS W
                   WINCHCOMBE J. F.
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                   WOODHEAD, A.
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                   WOODHEAD, C. E.
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Wilfred Arthur Willis. Panel 41 Menin Gate, Ypres



# Bay 41 Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium showing the name of Wilfred Arthur Willis

PART XXXVI

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(MENIN GATE) WILLIS, Pte. John Frederick, L/9294. 2nd Bn. MEMORIAL The Queen's. 29th Oct., 1914.

(U.K.) WILLIS, Pte. Joseph Edmund, 7477. 5th Bn. Oxf. and Bucks Light Inf. 25th Sept., 1915.

> WILLIS, Pte. Robert, 6048. 1st Bn. Lincolnshire Regt. 1st Nov., 1914. Age 23. Son of Edward and Charlotte Willis, of 91, Weelsby St., New Clee, Grimsby.

> WILLIS, Pte. Robert, 281645. 4th, attd. 1st/3rd Bn. London Regt. (R. Fus.). 13th Aug., 1917.

Queen Victoria's Rifles. 13th Aug., 1917.

WILLIS, Pte. Stanley John, 202156. 1st/4th Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt. 31st July, WILLMOTT, Pte. Thomas, 1311. 2nd Bn. 1917. Age 19. Son of Elizabeth Ann Matthews, of Court Cottages, Chittlehampton, Devon.

WILLIS, Pte. Thomas Edward, 51142. 17th Bn. Manchester Regt. 31st July, 1917. Age 31. Son of J. J. and S. Willis, of Goldstone, Ash, Canterbury; husband of Winifred M. Willis, of 2, Rushams Cottages, Wingham, Canterbury.

WILLIS, Rfn. Thomas Henry, 13106. 11th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps. 31st July, 1917. Age 19. Son of William and Fanny Willis, of 2, Durham St., Forton Rd., Gosport, Hants.

WILLIS, Pte. Victor Claud, 295305. 2nd/4th Bn. London Regt. (R. Fus.). 20th Sept., 1917.

WILLIS, Pte. Wilfred Arthur, 67138. 1st Bn. Sherwood Foresters. 31st July, 1917.

WILLIS, Cpl. William Alfred, 12192. 7th Bn. Duke of Cornwall's Light Inf. 31st March, 1916. Age 22. Son of William John and H. L. Willis, of 434, Wick Rd., Hackney Wick, London.

WILLIS, Rfn. William Frederick, R/6858. 4th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps. 25th May, 1915. WILLISON, Pte. Albert, 13858. "C" Cov. 7th Bn. Lincolnshire Regt. 3rd March, 1916. Age 23. Son of Frederick and Hannah Maria Willison, of 56, Humberville Rd., Immingham,

WILLISON, Pte. William Alfred, G/21727. 7th Bn. The Queen's. 10th Aug., 1917. Age 30. Son of Eustace C. and M. A. Willison, of Streatham, London.

\* WILLMAN, Pte. Herbert, 12323. 7th Bn. King's Own Yorkshire Light Inf. 23rd May, 1916.

Tunnelling Coy. Royal Engineers. 16th May.

WILLMOTT, Pte. Alfred, 21921. 8th Bn. Gloucestershire Regt. 9th July, 1917. Age 38. Husband of Lydia Willmott, of 3/56 Bromsgrove St., Birmingham.

WILLMOTT, Gnr. George Charles, 75771. "U" Bty. Anti-Aircraft Sect. Royal Field Artillery. 25th Sept., 1915. Age 20. Son of Naomi Haines (formerly Willmott), of 87, Albion St., Rotherhithe, London, and the late Arthur G. Willmott.

WILLIS, Rfn. Stanley Frank, 415208. 1st Bn. \*WILLMOTT, Ptc. H. J. C., 19094. 7th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Inf. 5th March, 1916. Age 20. Son of the late Capt. A. E. Willmott.

Leinster Regt. 31st July, 1917.

WILLOTT, C.S.M. Samuel, 14603, M.M. 11th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. 7th June, 1917.

WILLOUGHBY, Pte. Christopher Thomas, 9988. "D" Cov. 1st Bn. Royal Berkshire Regt. 6th Nov., 1914. Age 19. Son of Thomas and Emma Jane Willoughby, of 677, Oxford Rd., Reading.

WILLOUGHBY, Capt. the Hon. Francis George Godfrey. 9th Bn. The Rifle Brigade. 9th Aug., 1915. Age 25. Son of the 10th Baron Middleton, of Birdsall, Malton, Yorks.

WILLOUGHBY, Rfn. Frank, 653343. 1st Bn. First Surrey Rifles. 7th June, 1917. Age 22. Son of Walter and Maria Willoughby, of 11, Bakers Rd., Eastbourne.

WILLOUGHBY, Pte. John, 10728. 2nd Bn. King's Own Yorkshire Light Inf. 9th April, 1915. Son of the late Thomas and Margaret Willoughby.

WILLOUGHBY, Pte. William, 2163. 2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards. 21st Oct., 1914. Age 33. Husband of Annie Elsie Willoughby, of 58, Observatory St., Oxford.

WILLOUGHBY, Rfn. William, S/6855. 1st Bn. The Rifle Brigade. 6th July, 1915. Age 19. Son of William Charles and Elizabeth Ann Willoughby, of 3, George Rd., West Bridgford, Nottingham.

WILLOWS, Pte. Joseph, L/9591. 2nd Bn. The Queen's. 29th Oct., 1914. Age 24. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Willows, of 84, Hall Place, Paddington, London.

Grimsby.

### Name Index at Menin Gate, Ypres showing Private 61738 Wilfred Arthur Willis

<sup>\*</sup> NOW KNOWN TO BE BURIED IN LIJSSONTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY

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Medal Rolls showing the Award of the Victory Medal to Private 67138 Wilfred Arthur Willis,
1st Batt. Notts and Derby Sherwood Foresters.

- WILLIES or WILLOWS Thomas of The Cottage Colwick Woods Nottingham died 24 February 1942 at The City Hospital Nottingham Probate Nottingham 10 March to George Deakin parks superintendent. Effects £119 17s. 5d.
- WILLIMENT Selina Mary Brett of Sunnyside 40 Clarence-road Gorleston-on-Sea Great Yarmouth (wife of Hubert Ernest Williment) died 31 August 1942 at The General Hospital Great Yarmouth Probate Norwich 12 December to the said Hubert Ernest Williment chartered accountant. Effects £3767 1s. 3d.
- Somersetshire spinster died 18 February 1942 at Willesden Middlesex Probate Bodmin 16 April to Barclays Bank Limited. Effects £3442 13s. 1d. Resworn £3480 11s.
- WILLIMOTT Gertrude of 92 Grove Hall-drive Leeds (wife of Harry Willimott) died 19 October 1942 at High Royds Menston near Leeds Administration Wakefield 17 November to the said Harry Willimott grocers manager. Effects £324 19s. 2d.
- WILLING Ethel Mina of 35 Grove Park Wanstead London E.11 (wife of Arthur Willing) died 28 February 1942 at Aldersbrook Hospital Wanstead Administration Llandudno 15 October to the said Arthur Willing retired insurance clerk.

  Effects £218 11s. 7d.
- WILLING Frederick Henry of 113 Prince Regents-lane Plaistow
  Essex died 4 August 1936 Administration Llandudno 19 September to Frederick John Willing garage proprietor.

  Effects £485. Former Grant P.R. 26 August 1936.

- shire spinster died 17 December 1941 Probate Bristol 28 January to Louisa Mary Willis spinster and Edgar Robson Tanner solicitor. Effects £3546 5s. 5d.
- WILLIS Alfred of 219 Northgate Darlington died 29 November 1941 at Cleveland Nursing Home Darlington Probate Durham 27 January to William Arthur Willis jeweller. Effects £1689 1s.
- WILLIS Alfred of 26 Fitzharris-avenue Bournemouth died 27 October 1941 Administration (with Will) Llandudno 31 January to Lloyds Bank Limited. Effects £1039 13s. 4d.
- WILLIS Alfred of Caerleon Oakfield-road Birkby Huddersfield died 1 January 1942 at Storthes Hall Mental Hospital Kirkburton Yorkshire Probate Llandudno 4 June to Edwin Willis grocer Florence Aubrey Willis spinster and David James Cartwright solicitor. Effects £6969 18s. 3d.
- WILLIS Alfred of 13 Slyne-road Lancaster died 15 May 1942 Probate Lancaster 7 August to Esme Ellen Smith widow. Effects £873 10s. 9d.
- WILLIS Alfred James of Hornehurch Essex died 23 February 1942 at Old Church Hospital Romford Essex Administration (with Will) Llandudno 22 May to Harold Valentine Willis omnibus companys inspector. Effects £255 0s, 9d.
- WILLIS Alice of Clifton Fillingley near Coventry widow ded 6
  November 1941 Probate Birmingham 29 June to Alice Elizabeth
  Willis spinster. Effects £600 0s. 10d.

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Probate in respect of Alfred Willis, 13 Slyne Road, Lancaster. Died 15th May 1942. Probate proved 7th August 1942 in Lancaster. £873.10s.9d to Esme Ellen Smith – Widow.



13 Slyne Road, Lancaster. Home of Alfred Willis in 1942, retired Head Teacher







**Lance Corporal 8248 Thomas Woodhouse** 

2nd Batt. Royal Scots Fusiliers

**Son of Thomas and Mary Ann Woodhouse** 

Born 1886 in Skerton, Lancaster

KIA 31st October 1914 - BEF
Aged 28
at
First Battle of Ypres
(19th October 1914 - 30th November 1914

**France and Flanders** 

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Leper Panel 19 Memorial to the Missing



#### The Woodhouse Family Background:

Thomas Woodhouse (1854 -1910) was born in Lancaster and a Painter's Labourer in the 1881 Census. He was married to Mary Ann Ellwood (1864 – 1900), a Cotton Rover – one who replaced new yarn onto bobbins. They married in 1887 in Lancaster. The Census also shows their 2 children, Jane Ann b.1879 and Martha b.1880. The family home in a City yard, suggesting a poor, crowded area of Lancaster; No.2. Boars Head Yard. The yard is still there, near the Duke's theatre on Moor Lane. However, much has changed, and the name "Boars Head Yard" has gone.

1901 Census finds the family now living in New Street, Halton. The family must have moved after 1881 as Thomas the 4th child, now 6, is shown as being born in Skerton, Lancaster, and the next 2 children, Alice and James, in Slyne, near Morecambe. Thomas (Snr) is still a Painter's Labourer and Jane is a Cotton Weaver. Thomas is now a Scholar at Halton National School, on High Road in the village.

1911 saw marked changes in the Woodhouse family structure. The parents, Thomas and Mary have died, some children had left home and married. (Jane's husband was Earnest Copsey in 1911. He was KIA during WW1.)

#### **Thomas Woodhouse – Military Background:**

Thomas, named after his father, is not found on the 1911 Census, which suggests that at some point, he enlisted in the Royal Scots Fusiliers. His records do not survive, but in 1911 he is found serving in South Africa with the 2nd Batt. He was bought back to England by troop ship to join the BEF (British Expeditionary Force.) The Medal Rolls show that Thomas sailed to France on 5th October 1914, and engaged 2 weeks later in the First Battle of Ypres (19th October 1914 to 30th November 1914.)

He was reported missing on 30th October 1914 and his body was never recovered. (See De Ruvignys Roll of Honour. Vol 2.)

Thomas is commemorated by the CWGC on the Menin Gate Memorial for the Missing, Ypres on Panel 19.

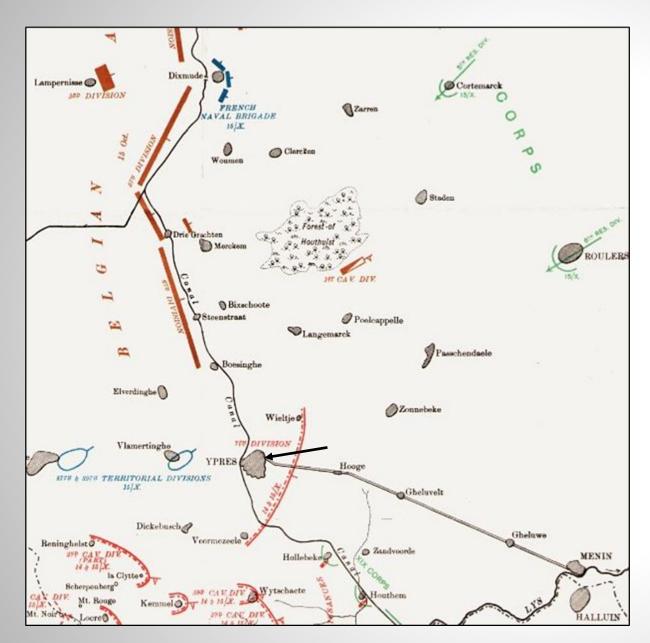
The Army WW1 records for Thomas Woodhouse were lost to bombing in 1940 of London.

Sad as well to reflect that Thomas' own personal possessions were never recovered for return to his family.

However, the Army Register of Personal Effects does shed some light on the Gratuity Payments of £6.14s. 14d to his four siblings as Next of Kin after the war.

It further suggests then that he did not marry.

There was no Probate proved.



Map showing Ypres and its position in the First Battle of Ypres October 1914 to November 1914



2nd Batt. Scots Guards at First Battle of Ypres (IWM)





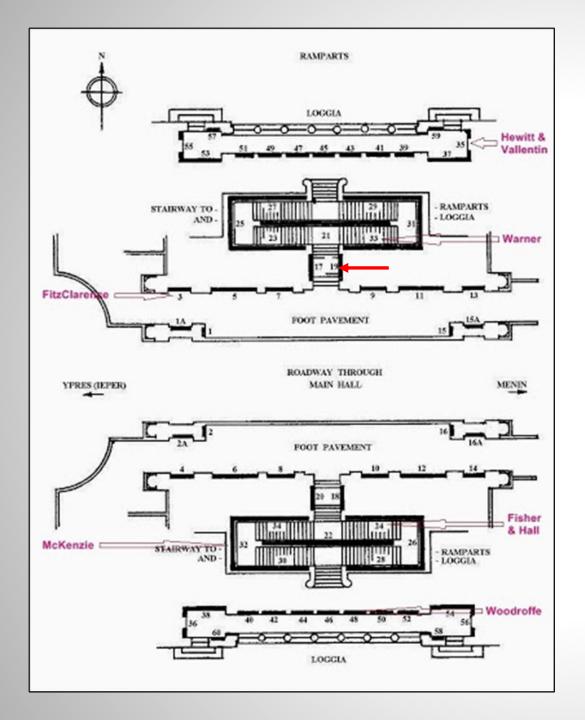


The First Battle of Ypres 1914
This seems to be a Forward Ambulance Station near the
Front Lines with men awaiting evacuation to a CSS



The Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. (Photograph by Trevor 1918)





Ground Floor Plan of the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres. Panel 19, where Thomas Woodhouse is Commemorated.

served at the Dardanelles, and was killed in action there 21 Aug. 1915; unm.

WOOD, JOSEPH, L.-Sergt., No. 13203, 11th (Service) Battn. (Lonsdale) The Border Regt., 2nd s. of Joseph Wood, of Cooper House, Selside, near Kendal,



Joseph Wood.

Farmer, by his wife, Hannah, dau. of Edmund Robinson Martindale; b. Whinfell, near Kendal, co. Westmorland, 22 Oct. 1892; educ. Selside Elementary School, and Kendal Grammar School; was a Clerk in the Lowther Estate Office; enlisted in Sept. 1914, after the outbreak of war; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from 23 Nov. 1915, and was killed in action 11 Feb. 1916. Buried at Aveluy. Lieut. Colin Brown wrote: "He was outside his dug-out when a high-explosive shell burst just beside him, and he was killed instantaneously. His loss to me personally is great, as his work was so thorough and an example to all, and his loyalty to me and to his men was undoubted. It was only the other day that I had occasion to remark that he was fast becoming one of the best non-commissioned officers we had," and Sergt.-Major R. Atkinson: "It is now 17 months since I first became acquainted with him at Kendal when he joined us, and I have

watched him gradually master his duties as a non-commissioned officer until he became one of the most efficient N.C.O.'s we had. I can only say that he had the respect of all ranks from the Captain downwards. He was always cheerful, and willing and ready to do any duty for which he was called upon. He was also kind to all the men who had to work under him. His loss to his platoon is felt very much." Unm.

WOOD, PETER, Private, No. 16450, 9th (Service) Battn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), yr. s. of Robert Wood, of 21, Bridge Street, Galashiels, by his wife, Christina, dau. of Peter Finney, of Galashiels; b. at 21, Bridge Street, Galashiels, 23 Nov. 1894; educ. Burgh Public School, Galashiels: was a Spinner in Ladhope Mill; enlisted 4 Nov. 1914; went to France 12 May, 1915, and was killed in action during the Battle of Loos 25 Sept. following. His Sergeant wrote: "Your son was one of the best soldiers in my platoon and is a great loss to us all, but he died doing his duty. He did good work among his wounded comrades the day before he met his death; he was shot through the head with a rifle bullet, death being instantaneous." Unm.

WOOD, SAMUEL, Private, No. 8186, 2nd Battn. Royal Sussex Regt., s. of David Wood, of Lewes; served with the Expeditionary Force; died of wounds at Boulogne 22 Nov. 1914.

WOOD, WILLIAM, Private, No. 10152, 2nd Battn. Royal Scots Fusiliers, s. of David Wood, of Edinburgh; served with the Expeditionary Force; reported

who were still thought to be lying between the English and German lines from the engagement of 13 Oct. When he returned he reported that he had found the body of your son Harold. . . . The Lance-Corporal was a brave boy and went out quite voluntarily. He says that the body was lying about twenty yards in front of our barbed wire, and that there was a bullet wound in the head." Unm.

WOODHOUSE, THOMAS, L.-Corpl., No. 8248, 2nd Battn. Royal Scots Fusiliers; served with the Expeditionary Force; reported missing 31 Oct. 1914, and now assumed killed.

WOODHOUSE, WILLIAM, Private, No. 11761, 6th Battn. The East Lancashire Regt., s. of Thomas Woodhouse, by his wife, Lettice; b. Preston, co. Lancaster, 10 Nov. 1893; educ. St. Mary's School there; enlisted 21 Aug. 1914, after the outbreak of war; served with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force at the Dardanelles, and was killed in action there 11 Dec. 1915. Buried on Chocolate Hill; unm.

WOODING, CECIL HENRY, Rifleman, No. 4283, 13th Battn. The King's



Cecil Henry Wooding.

Royal Rifle Corps, 2nd s. of Bill Wooding, of Castle Ashby, near Northampton, Plumber, by his wife, Elizabeth Ann, dau. of Thomas Wright; b. Castle Ashby, 1 March, 1896; educ. there; was a Gardener; enlisted 12 Sept. 1914, after the outbreak of war; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from 28 July, 1915, and died at a Dressing Station 2 May, 1916, from wounds received in action. Buried in the Military Cemetery, Bienvilliers. Second Lieut. F. Beddington wrote: "He was on duty as sentry in an advanced listening post at the side of a road which runs through the English and German lines. At this point the Germans are very near; at 11.30 p.m. a bullet struck the wire in front of him, and was deflected on to his helmet, piercing it and penetrating his skull. . . . All his comrades feel his loss very deeply, and I, his officer, mourn the loss of a brave and faithful soldier, who always did his duty and was an example to his comrades." Unm.

WOODIWISS, ISAAC NEWTON, 2nd Lieut., 3rd Battn. The Lincolnshire Regt., attd. R.F.C., only s. of Isaac Newton Woodiwiss, of Trusthorpe Manor, co. Lincoln, J.P.; and gdson. of Sir Abraham Woodiwiss, of Derby; b. Duffield, near Derby, 12 Aug. 1896; educ. Cheltenham College, and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst; was gazetted 2nd Lieut. The Lincolnshire Regt. 11 Nov. 1914; transferred to the Flying Corps; went to France, and was killed in action there 10 May following. Buried in Fournes Cemetery. The Commanding Officer, 3rd Squadron, R.F.C., reported that on 10 May Lieut. Corbett-Wilson

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Showing L/Cpl. Thomas Woodhouse, "reported missing 31st October 1914, now assumed killed."

NDEX No. M.R. 29 WOODHAMS, Cpl. William Walter, 55249. YPRES 50th T.M. Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery. 30th (MENIN GATE) Nov., 1915. Age 38. Husband of Annie Son of Alfred Woodh MEMORIAL Woodhams, of Chapel Cottage, East Hoathly, Altrincham, Cheshire. PART XXXVI Halland, Sussex.

(U.K.) WOODHEAD, Pte. Albert, 1171. 1st/8th Bn. Sherwood Foresters. 30th July, 1915. Age 23. Son of William and Harriet Woodhead, of "Glen Roy," Welbeck St., Whitwell, Mansfield.

> WOODHEAD, Pte. Albert, 3/10070. 2nd Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. 18th April, 1915. Age 22. Son of Sarah Woodhead, of 21, Kershaw St., Bacup, and the late William Woodhead.

> WOODHEAD, Pte. Charles Edward, 14326. 12th Bn. Sherwood Foresters. 7th June, 1917.

> WOODHEAD, Pte. Harry, 266383. "A" Coy. 1st/6th Bn. Cheshire Regt. 31st July, 1917. Age 21. Son of Henry Woodhead, of 202, Lodge Lane, Dukinfield, Cheshire.

> WOODHEAD, Pte. Joe, 3/697. 2nd Bn. King's Own Yorkshire Light Inf. 7th May, 1915.

WOODHEAD, Rfn. John William, S/2475. 12th Bn. The Rifle Brigade. 12th Feb., 1916. Age 19. Son of J. W. and Elizabeth Woodhead, of Omdurman St., Attercliffe, Sheffield; husband of Bessie Williams (formerly Woodhead), of 21, Askern St., Carbrook, Sheffield.

WOODHEAD, Pte. John William, 11583. 2nd Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. 18th April, 1915. Age 30. Son of Hannah Woodhead, of 13, The Marsh, Pudsey, Leeds, and the late John R. Woodhead.

WOODHEAD, Pte. Joseph, 49587. 13th Bn. Cheshire Regt. 7th June, 1917. Age 36. Son of the late Joseph and Nancy Woodhead, of 107, Charlestown Rd., Glossop, Derbyshire.

WOODHEAD, Pte. J., 9846. 5th Bn. King's St., Northwich, Cheshire. Shropshire Light Inf. 25th Sept., 1915.

WOODHEAD, Lce. Cpl. William Henry, 1174. 2nd Bn. King's Own Yorkshire Light Inf. 25th Jan., 1915.

WOODHOUSE, Capt. Alfred James. 35th Bde. Royal Field Artillery. 30th Oct., 1914. Age 28. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodhouse, of Margaret Woodhouse, of Womborne Cottage, Speldhurst, Kent.

WOODHOUSE, Lce. Serjt. Arthur, 9047. 2nd Bn. Cheshire Regt. 27th April, 1915. Son of Alfred Woodhouse, of 64, Gladstone Rd.,

WOODHOUSE, Pte. Charles Henry, 10021. 2nd Bn. East Surrey Regt. 14th Feb., 1915.

WOODHOUSE, Pte. G. P., 40720. 8th Bn. N. Staffordshire Regt. 10th June, 1917.

WOODHOUSE, Pte. Herbert, 8834. 1st Bn. York and Lancaster Regt. 24th May, 1915. Age 28. Son of Mrs. Starr, of 4, Spencer Rd., Heeley, Sheffield.

WOODHOUSE, Pte. Joe William, 28784. 10th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. 10th June, 1917.

WOODHOUSE, Pte. John Joseph, 8579. 1st Bn. S. Staffordshire Regt. 7th Nov., 1914. Age 34 Son of Mrs. P. M. Hill (formerly Woodhouse), and Mr. James Hill (Stepfather), of 68, Beehive St., Cradley Heath, Staffs.

WOODHOUSE, Pte. Joseph, 24798. "B" Coy. 8th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. 11th Aug. 1917. Age 26. Son of John Alfred and Sarah Iane Woodhouse, of 9, Shore Bank, Ramsden St., Huddersfield.

WOODHOUSE, Lce. Cpl. Thomas, 8248. 2nd Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers. 31st Oct., 1914. Age 28. Son of the late Thomas and Mary Ann Woodhouse.

WOODHOUSE, Pte. William, 30233. 8th Bn. Somerset Light Inf. 31st July, 1917.

WOODHOUSE, Dvr. William, 79126. 367th Bty. Royal Field Artillery. 28th April, 1915. Age 20. Son of Isabella Woodhouse, of Craft Cottage, Kelling, Holt, Norfolk.

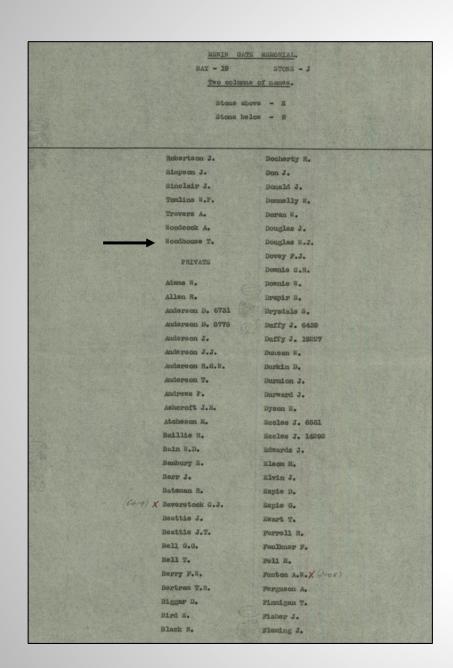
WOODIER, Pte. Joseph, 16202. 2nd Bn. South Lancashire Regt. 25th Sept., 1915. Age 21. Son of Albert Woodier, of 35, Tabley

WOODING, Serit. Frederick Charles, 858. 2nd Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. 25th Oct., 1914. Age 25. Son of Miriam Wooding, of 5, Caroline Row, Ordnance St., Chatham.

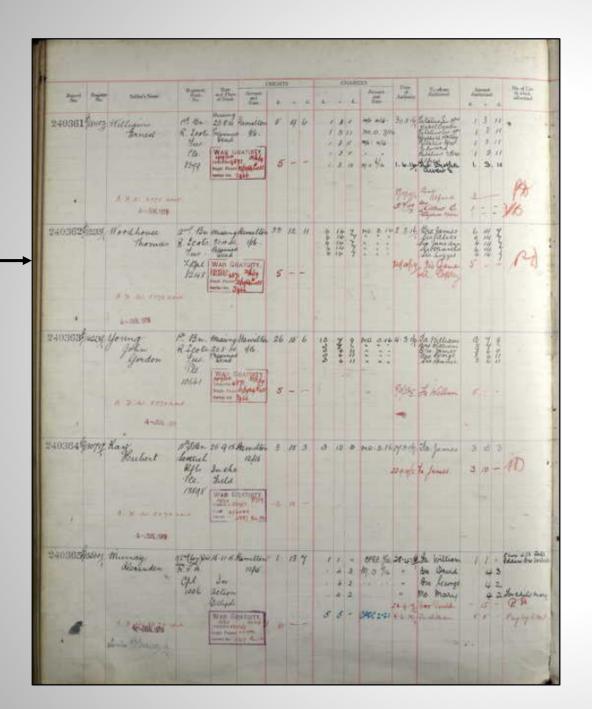
WOODLAND, Lt. Richard William. 1st Bn. King's Shropshire Light Inf. 9th Aug., 1915.

WOODLEY, Pte. Frederick, 9745. 1st Bn. Ralsbury, Ealing, London; husband of Esther Royal Berkshire Regt. 1st Nov., 1914. Age 21. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Woodley, of 6, Brixton Rise, Cheap St., Newbury, Berks.

**Menin Gate Register of Casualties** showing L/Cpl. 8248 Thomas Woodhouse

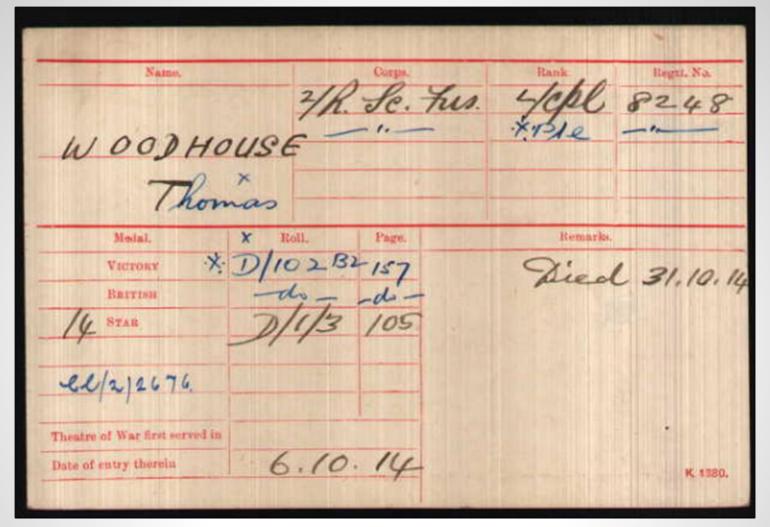


Panel List showing L/Cpl. Thomas Woodhouse in Bay 19



Army Register of Soldier's Effects for L/Cpl. 8248
Thomas Woodhouse. Showing £6.14s.14d to each of
Thomas' siblings – James, Alice, Jane Ann\* and
Lizzie on 24th October 1919

\*Jane Ann is now married to Earnest Copsey of Halton, also killed in WW1



Medal Rolls 1914 – 1920 showing L/Cpl. 8248 Thomas Woodhouse.

2nd Batt. Royal Scots Fusiliers. He entered France on 6th October 1914 and KIA on 30th November 1914; just 55 days of service.

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Victory Medal Roll for L/C 8248 Thomas Woodhouse Royal Scots Fusiliers. KIA 31st October 1914.



Appendix 1

(Post 1918)



Mrs. Alice Sharp and Mr. Edmund Sharp of Halton Hall.

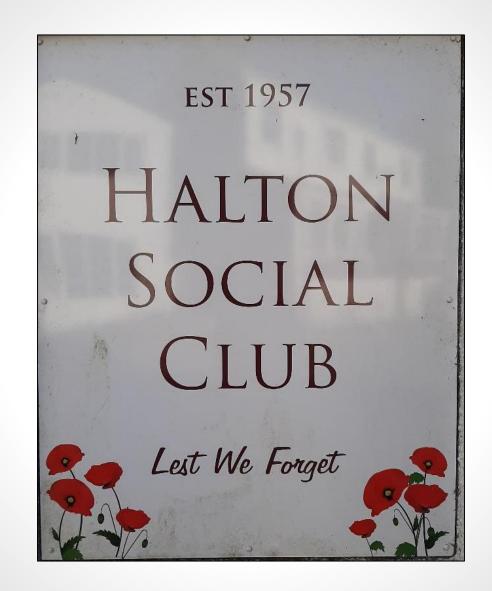
Edmund Sharp paid the entire cost of building the War Memorial Club and "gifted" it to the village in 1925.

The Deeds from the time are held by Halton Social Club and the Parish Clerk.

**Image Ref: Bill Hosfield (Edited)** 



**Halton Social Club 2022** 



# **Important people in Halton War Memorials**











**Alice Sharpe** 

**Edmund Sharpe** 

Lt Col G W Sharpe

**Rev J W Hastings** 

Sir Norval Helme

Rev. John Hastings was a wealthy man who owned the land extending from the Rectory to Low Road and the land where Rectory Cottages are today. He bequeathed the land in 1919. The War Memorial Plaque was dedicated by the Rector on 27th March 1920.\*\*

The Memorial Cross was dedicated on Saturday 3rd April 1920. It had been been sculptured by H.F. Birch and G.H. Leader from Stancliffe Stone. The "Lancaster Guardian" reports the occasion on the same day – 1920, p5, column 5.

\*\* IWM Grave Registration Ref No: 3334. Registered in April 1920.

It is perhaps significant that Easter fell on Sunday, 4th April 1920 and would have been symbolic, and probably uppermost in the mind of the incumbent, Rev. Hastings, who would have played a central role in the service. The Memorial and Cross would have been a focal point for bereaved families and those who wished to remember their fallen comrades.

Within the land donated, adjacent to the actual War Memorial, Rev. Hastings dedicated a personal tribute to his parents, Samuel and Sarah Louise Hastings, his brother, Captain George Herbert KIA, and King George V's Jubilee, in the form of a stone placed in a wall within a Memorial Garden. It was dedicated on 6th May 1935.

In his Probate, proved in Lancaster 24th April 1915, George Herbert made Rev. John Harold Hastings his brother, the sole beneficiary of £3,322.7s.5d.

He was also a founding Trustee of the Halton War Memorial Institute.

### **The War Memorial Cross at Halton**



Lancaster Guardian. Saturday, 3rd April 1920. Page 5. Column 5. (50 Lines.)

#### **Dedication of the War Memorial Cross:**

There was a huge gathering at Halton on Saturday afternoon, when the cross erected as a memorial to the men of Halton and Aughton who fell in the war., was formally dedicated by the Rector of Halton (The Rev. J. Harold Hastings). The cross, which stands on a site given by Mrs. Hastings, of St. Wilfrid's House, at the corner of the cross-roads, where it will be seen by everyone passing through the village, was designed by Messrs. Austin and Paley, of Lancaster, the stone-masonry work and masonry being executed by Mr. A.O. Thoms, Lancaster and the carving by Messrs. H.F. Birch an G.H. Leader, Lancaster. The total height of the memorial is about 15ft., the cross itself worked from one block of stone. The design is early English in character, and the cross is of Stancliffe stone, artistically carved in the Anglican style with the seventh century characteristics. Erected on a square base and circular step, the cross is enclosed in a space surrounded by a low masonry wall, into which is built a Lakeland gravestone tablet, upon which is carved a laurel wreath and the names of the 25 men of Halton and Aughton who fell in the war.

The fallen are as follows: - "R. Aldren, J.D. Angus, T. Burrow, E.C. Cadman DSO, W.H. Dawson, R. Dodgson, A. Green, G.H. Hastings, J. Huyton, W. Huyton, W. Jacques, J.S. Johnston, R. Johnstone, H.B. Kellett, A. Lambert, G. Lowther, W. Lupton, J.A. Nixon MM, A. Preston, T.L. Sanderson, T. Walling, R. Walker, W.A. Willis, W. Wilson and T. Woodhouse. Requiescant in pace. 1914 – 1918."

On the base of the cross is the following inscription: - "They passed out of sight of men by the path of duty and self- sacrifice." At the base of the cross were many beautiful wreaths placed there by friends and relatives of the fallen. Altogether 120 men belonging to Halton and Aughton served in the war.

Amongst those present at the dedication, which was fully choral were Mr. E. Sharpe, Mrs. Sharpe, Miss Sharpe, Mrs. Hastings, Dr. Mannix, Mr. J.G. Wright, etc. the singing was led by the combined choirs of St. Wilfrid's Church and the Congregational Chapel, the hymns being "Jesus, lover of my soul," and "Abide with me," whilst the choirs also chanted the Psalm 130. The service was of a most impressive character, and at the close the, "Last Post" was sounded by Messrs. Nixon, Burrow and Baldwin.

Note: - 3rd April was Easter Saturday 1920.

Report as written.

#### War Memorial on North Wall

#### They passed from sight by the path of duty. Pray for their Souls.

#### 1914 - 1918

**Robert Aldren** Richard Johnston

James Angus Henry Kellett

Thomas Burrow Alfred Lambert

**Edward Cadman DSO** George Lowther

William Dawson William Lupton

Robert Dodgson Alick Nixon

**Arthur Green Arthur Preston** 

**Herbert Hastings** Lancelot Sanderson

John Hayton \* Robert Walker

Henry Huyton Thomas Walling

John Huyton Wilfred Willis

Walter Jacques William Wilson

John Johnston Thomas Woodhouse



113 men enlisted from Halton and returned, almost all in local army regiments; some travelling to their former home towns to join "Pals" regiments. Halton Social Club holds a record of every man that signed the Oath and Attestation Form. In addition to the 113 names, a further 26 men, nearly a quarter, are shown to have died, but only 25 are on the actual Memorial. The anomaly is Private John Hayton (43), who enlisted with his brother-in-law in Canada into the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1914. He died of wounds at Etaples Military Hospital, France, in October 1916 and is buried there. He is commemorated in St. John's Churchyard Silverdale, whilst leaving his widow, Alice, in Halton at the time.

There are 2 brothers from 2 families who became casualties – Henry (18) and John Huyton (19) together with John Septimus Johnson (19) and Richard Johnston (33). Arthur Green, village Postman, was 40 when KIA in France. Robert Dodgson (25) died after serving 3 just months in France. One of the youngest on the Roll of Honour is Cadet Thomas Lancelot Sanderson (18) Coldstream Guards, who died in Barnet Military Hospital for Officers in London of Influenza. He lived at Carus Lodge. He is buried in Lancaster Road Cemetery in a family grave. He never left these shores. Henry Walmsley Dawson (28) married Sarah Bateman in July 1918 and was KIA in France. less than 2 months later.

Most were employed locally in agriculture or at the Oilcloth or Textile Mills in Halton, alongside family members.

The Roll of Honour makes no mention of those who returned wounded, truamatised, shell shocked or victims of debilitating gas attacks. It certainly wasn't the image widely proclaimed by PM David Lloyd George, "A Land Fit for Heroes," when these men came home. Depression was on the distant horizon.

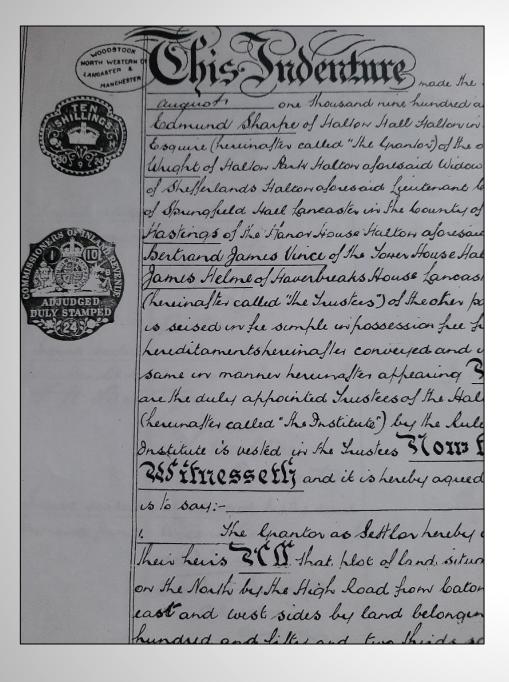
The Halton War Memorial Institute was formally opened on 24th October 1925 to commemorate the men who enlisted at the outbreak of war on 28th July 1914. Its cost of £2,000 and was "gifted" to the village by Edmund Sharp of Halton Hall and £1,000 by James Helme & Co. of Halton Mills, The Institute, the Memorial Cross and the inscribed Memorial Plaque commemorating the men who died, TOGETHER they form the vision of the village at the time.

Edmund Sharpe was a leading Architect with Messrs Edmund, Austin and Paley. He and his family lived at the prestigious Halton Hall, on the banks of the river Lune. He was well connected with people in creating fine buildings.

He owned the land between the Greyhound and the boundary of Lilac Cottage; the land which now forms the Greyhound car park was a garden and, the remainder a field, abutting Low Road. The land chosen for the Halton War Memorial Institute formed 350sq. yds adjacent to the garden boundary wall to the present-day development of Riverside Close.

The total cost was about £2,000 and the Memorial Institute was almost debt free when the Trustees took responsibility.

The builder was Wright and Son.



An Indenture was drawn up on 22nd August 1924 between: -

**Edmund Sharpe** of Halton Hall (called the "Grantor") Lancaster

Sarah Charlotte Wright, nee Bowering, widow, of Halton Park, Lancaster

**Gerald Whittaker Sharpe** of Shefferland Hall, aforesaid Lieutenant Colonel

Thomas Wilson Helme JP of Springfield Hall, Lancaster

John Harold Hastings of the Manor House, Halton, aforesaid Clerk in Holy Orders.

**Bertrand James Vince** of Tower House, Halton, aforesaid Bank Clerk

James Helme of Haverbreaks House, Lancaster, aforesaid Manufacturer

(Hereinafter called to Trustees of Halton War Memorial Institute.)

It is noted, by the Trustees, that work of construction was well developed.

The next section of the Indenture concerns the transfer of the specific land from the Grantor to the Trustees as joint tenants.

Signed, sealed and delivered signatures of each trustee: -

<b>Edmund Sharples</b>	Edward Sharfse	J. H. Hastings	J. H. Hartz
Sarah Charlotte Wright	s.C. bright.	B. J. Vince	Bolince
Gerald W. Sharpe	Jeral div Sharpe	James Helme	James Helme
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The Halton War Memorial Institute was unveiled by Mrs. E. Sharp, with the support of Colonel G. Sharpe. The ceremony was presided over by Sir Norval Helme.

He said, his mother was very honoured to unveil the tablet and declare the Institute open. She felt that the tablet was a very excellent thing, which would remind future generations of the reason for putting up the building and show them that in wat they were united. Words of Lt. Colonel G. Sharp.

Mr. Angus, who lost a son in the war, \* thanked Sir Norval Helme and Mrs. Sharpe for performing the ceremony. \*Private James Dowbiggin Angus. Scots Guards.

"It had been a spontaneous expression of gratitude and although there had been some differences of opinion these were never allowed to disturb the harmony or to interfere with the common purpose – to have the best memorial they could."

Mr. J. Helme, Secretary and Trustee, son of Norval Helme.

"To the memory of the men of Halton and Aughton who fell in the cause of liberty 1914 -1918, and to record the names of their comrades who served in the Great War."



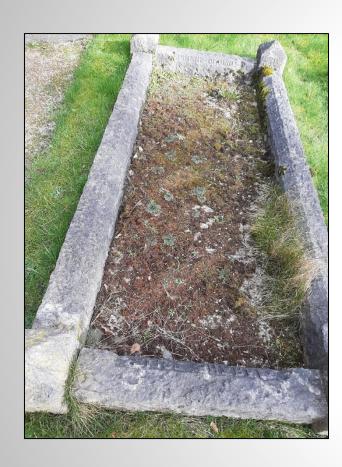


The Oak Panel with the inscribed names was the work of Mr. J. Jackson.

Sadly. Edmund Sharpe died on 5th April 1925. He did not quite live to see his dream in its fulfilment. Alice Sharpe died on 4th September 1926.

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J. Addison	S. Bryning	C.W. Dawson	S. Green
P. Addison	J. Burrow	R.T. Dawson	J.H. Hastings
J.W. Alston	T. Burrow	J. Dobson	W.H. Hastings
H.H. Alston	J. Casson	R. Eccles	A. Hewitt
W. Alston	A. Caton	J. Edmonson	C.E. Hewitt
F.H. Bateson	R. Caton	R. Edmonson	J. Hosfield
W.B. Bateson	T. Caton	J. Ellwod	W.H. Hosfield
E. Beaumont	E. Copsey	D. Fishwick	J.J. Huddart
F. Beaumont	G. Copsey	J. Fishwick	C.W.R. Johnston
T. Bentfield	G. Cressfield	J. Frear	R. Johnston
A. Bradburn	J. Cressfield	T.E. Frear	T. Johnston
G. Bridges	J. Cressfield	S. Gibson	V. Johnston
W. Brocklebank	H. Croxall	E.I. Gledhill	W.P. Johnston
E. Brodrick	E. Danson	J.E. Goodwin	T.H. Laidman
F. Brodrick		F. Green	

Column 3		Column 4	
R. Lambert	T.H. Massick	W. Sharpe	E. Walling
T. Lambert	E. Nelson	R. Shaw	J. Walling
H. Leach	A. Nixon	T. Shaw	E. Westworth
F. Lowther	E. Nixon	G.L. Shearson	T. Westworth
J. Lowther	J. Nixon	T. Simner	W. Westworth
T. Lowther	T. Nixon	C. Skeats	W.H. Wilkinson
T. Lowther	C. Parker	E. Stephenson	E. Willis
J. Lupton	W.L. Parkinson	A. Stockdale	G. Winder
A. Makinson	A.R. Pearson	R. Stockdale	J. Woodhouse
E. Makinson	N.B. Pearson	W. Stockdale	J.P. Wright
A. Mason	E. Redfearn	F. Taylor	W. Wright
C.D. Mason	A. Sedgebeer	R. Taylor	E.M. Mount*
H. Mason	R.H. Sedgebeer	M.J. Titterington	* (Male Nurse from Aughton)
J. Mason	G.W. Sharpe	B.J. Vince	



The grave of Edmund and Alice Sharpe in St. Wilfrid's churchyard, Halton.

It lies prominently opposite the church porch.

The inscription around the edge reads: -

Edmund Sharpe of Halton Hall. Born+29+November+1847. Died 25+4+1925.

His wife. Alice. Born 3+December+1851. Died 4+September+1926.

In the adjacent grave lies: -

Mary Jane Monks ("Spanny").

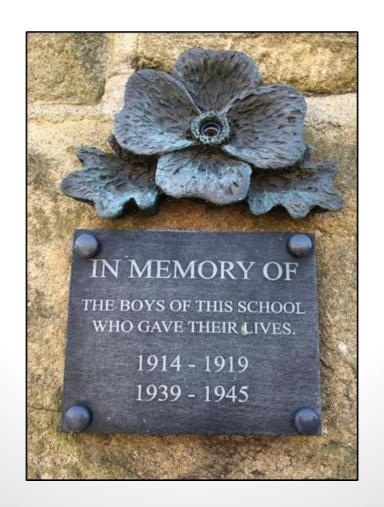


For 54 years the Beloved Nurse of the Family of Edmund and Alice Sharpe.

Born August 1842. Died September 1932.

# Plaque on the frontage of the Old National School on High Road in Memory of boys lost in both World Wars.

It is placed just left of "Old School House" sign.





**Ref: DCG** 

#### The Soldier

If I should die, think only this of me: That there's some corner of a foreign field That is forever England. There shall be In that rich earth a richer dust concealed; A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware, Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam; A body of England's, breathing English air, Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home. And think, this heart, all evil shed away, A pulse in the eternal mind, no less Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given; Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day; And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness, In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.



**Rupert Brooke** 

### "Thankful Villages"

Barely a family or community across the UK escaped World War I was untouched by such terrible loss, except that is for the "Thankful Villages."

The term "Thankful Villages," was first used by the British writer and journalist Arthur Mee in his King's England, a guide to the counties of England in the 1930's. A Thankful Village was said to be one which lost no men in the Great War as all those who had left to serve "King and Country" and came home again.

For instance, in Yorkshire East Riding he writes about Catwick, "Thirty men went from Catwick, near Beverley to the Great War and thirty came back. Incredibly, Arkholme saw 59 of their sons go to war and all returned. It was also suggested that such villages had no war memorials, although some had monuments, usually in the church, in gratitude for their good fortune.

Among the 16,000 villages in England, Arthur Mee estimated that there were at most 32 Thankful Villages, although he could only positively identify 24. There are possibly 17 "Double Thankful Villages."

More recent and ongoing research by Norman Thorpe and Tom Morgan, has identified 41 parishes throughout England and Wales.

By contrast, Over Kellet, near Carnforth, has a memorial to the 10 men who died in WW1.

(Edited from an article by Ben Johnson.)

# Arkholme Peace Stone. IWM Ref: 66668. Ref: Stuart Nicholson.



#### **Nether Kellet. Stone of Remembrance**

IWM Ref: 66656. 8th September 1945. Ref: Dr. James Palmer



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Here ends the research on the WW1 Casualties and Memorial in Halton.



The Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate began on 24th July 1927. It has continued only with a break of 4 years in WW2. The Leper Fire Brigade Buglers have led the service every night at 8pm since its inception.

The bugle call signifies the end of the day. It is also sounded at military funerals to indicate that the soldier has gone to his final resting place.

Field Marshal Herbert Plumer said at the first ceremony:

"They are not missing. They are here."

### **Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate, Ypres: YouTube**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQFeB2vNs54

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvFOXPR 4js

## Appendix 2

**World War 2 Casualties** 

**Synopsis** 

#### A WW2 plaque was added later commemorating the 7 men who had lost their lives.

(Full names are given here.)

In Memoriam

1939 - 1945

They Gave their lives for God, King and Country. Pray for them.

**Henry Hadwen Burrow** 

Walter Howard George Mount

**Robert Fawcett** Thomas Stackhouse

**Robert Hunter Harrison** Sydney Stamp

All they had they gave.

No Rank, Award, Faith or Creed shown. All are equal in death.

In 2002 the Lancaster Military Heritage Group presented a Book of Honour with the names of men named on both Memorials. The Book was presented by Mrs. Anne Wright who had never known her father who served in the RAF as an Air Gunner.



Ref: Reveille. LMHG.

### **HENRY HADWIN BURROW**

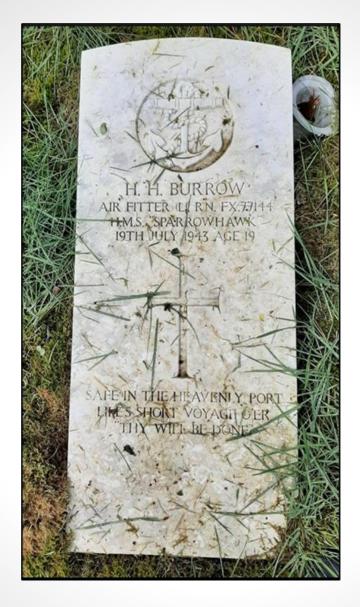
Service Number: FX. 77144 H.M.S. Sparrowhawk, Royal Navy

**Died on 19th July 1943. Age 19** 

Son of Henry Hadwin Burrow and Eleanor Burrow, of Halton.

"SAFE IN THE HEAVENLY PORT LIFE'S SHORT VOYAGE O'ER THY WILL BE DONE"

Remembered with Honour HALTON (ST. WILFRID) CHURCHYARD Grave 167



The Headstone lies flat on the grave of his parents, Henry and Eleanor. (April 2022 TG)

#### Sergeant ROBERT FAWCETT Service Number: 552816

220 Sqdn., Royal Air Force who died on 1st June 1941 Age 19
Son of Cecil Capstick Fawcett and Margaret Ann Fawcett; husband of Margaret Fawcett, of
Hawkshaw Lane, Lancashire.
Remembered with Honour

# **RUNNYMEDE MEMORIAL, Surrey Panel 41**

The squadron became operational in its role of anti-shipping missions, flying Lockheed Hudsons, with Coastal Command in the North Sea, from May 1940 onwards, leaving a section at RAF Thornaby, North Yorkshire. In April 1941, still in the anti-shipping role, it moved to RAF Wick to fly strikes against Norwegian coastal traffic.

The "Thornaby Bag" was dropped to downed air crews – food, drink, cigarettes, etc.

"Failed to return..."





Runnymede Memorial (Inset of Sgt. Robert Fawcett)

# MAJOR ROBERT HUNTER HARRISON

Service Number: 94706

1st Bn., South Lancashire Regiment.

Died on 7th June 1944. Age 26
Son of Major Robert Hunter Harrison and Ruth Harrison; husband of Freda Eileen
Harrison, of Parkstone, Poole, Dorsetshire.

# "YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL"

Remembered with Honour
HERMANVILLE SUR MERE WAR CEMETERY, CALVADOS, NORMANDY
Plot 1. Row D. Grave 5

KIA on D-Day+1 near Hermanville



**Hermanville War Cemetery - CWGC** 



**Hermanville War Cemetery - TWGPP** 



The Grave of R. H. Harrison at Hermanville War Cemetery - TWGPP

#### LT. WALTER PEAT HOWARD Service Number: 300228

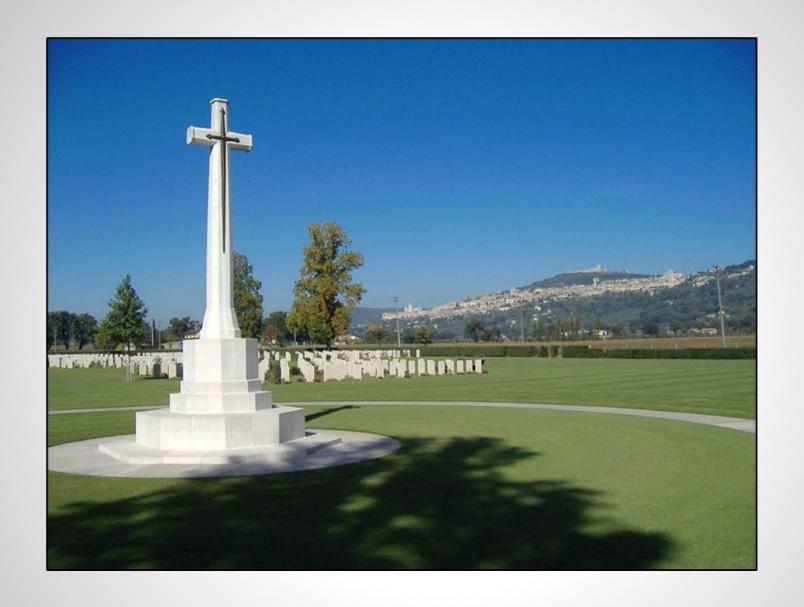
1st Batt. Durham Light Infantry who died on 15 July 1944 Age 26

Son of Arthur and Helen Howard; husband of Vera Mary Howard, of Caton, Lancashire

"WITHOUT FAREWELL HE FELL ASLEEP LEAVING US MEMORIES TO KEEP.
ONE OF THE BEST"

Remembered with Honour ASSISI WAR CEMETERY, PERUGIA, ITALY

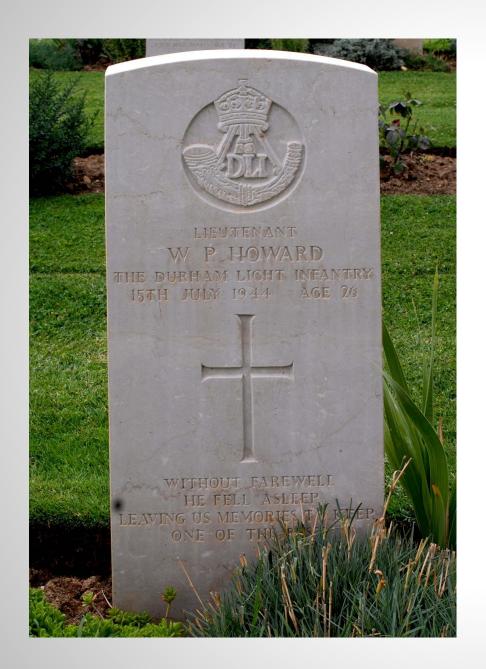
**Plot IX Row A Grave 5** 



**Assisi War Cemetery** 



**Assisi War Cemetery 2 - CWGC** 



The Grave of W. P. Howard in Assisi War Cemetery, Italy. TWGPP

## DRIVER GEORGE MOUNT Service Number: 14349282

Royal Engineers who died on 14th February 1945. Age 30

Son of John and Harriett Mount, of Halton; husband of Mary Elizabeth Mount, of Halton.

"TO A DEAR LIFE CAME SUDDEN END. HE DIED AS HE LIVED EVERYONE'S FRIEND. R.I.P."

Remembered with Honour HALTON ST. WILFID'S CHURCHYARD

**Grave 168** 

Headstone of Driver George Mount. April 2022. (TG)



## CORPORAL THOMAS STACKHOUSE

Service Number: 814079

107th (5th Bn. The King's Own Royal Regt. (Lancaster) Regt., Royal Armoured Corps

Died on 21st October 1944. Age 30

**Remembered with Honour** 

**GEEL WAR CEMETERY, BELGIUM** 

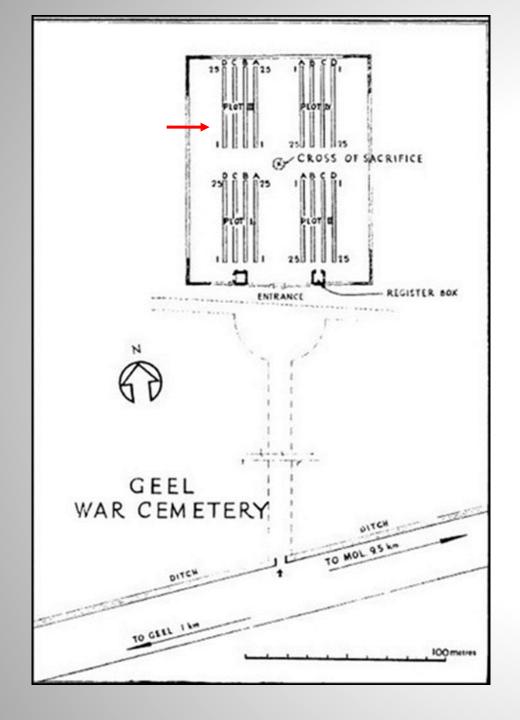
Plot III Row C Grave 6



**Ref: Find a Grave** 



Geel War Cemetery. Between Antwerp and Haselt, Belgium. 395 WW2 Casualties.



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## CORPORAL SYDNEY STAMP

Service Number: T/10682373

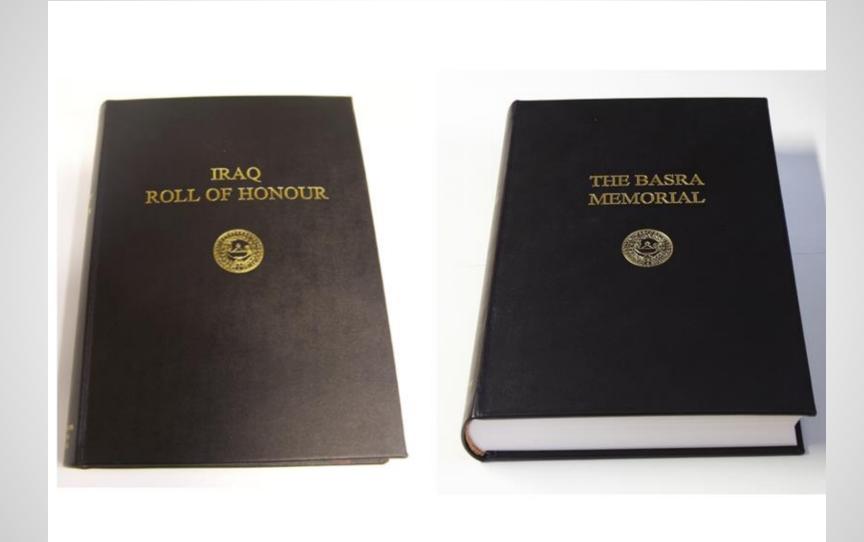
Royal Army Service Corps
Died on 7th February 1944 of Infectious Hepatitis. Age 33

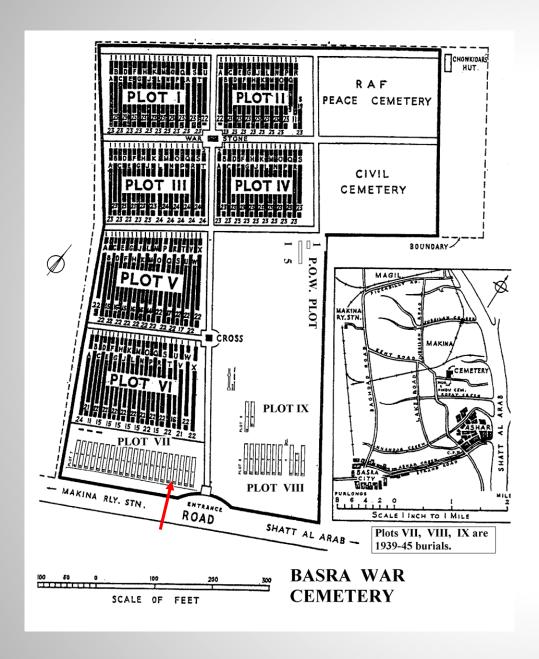
Son of Frank and Rachel Stamp; husband of Edith Stamp, of Halton, Lancashire

"HE WAS LOVED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM, MAY HE FIND ETERNAL REST AND PEACE"

Remembered with Honour BASRA WAR CEMETERY, IRAQ

PLOT 7 Row Q Grave 9





The War Graves Photographic Project informed me that Basra War Cemetery was caught up in the Iraq War 1990.

"Very few of the headstones have been replaced in Iraq since the first Gulf War and most in Basra are still missing. The cemetery was used as a lorry park."

**Plot V11 is the 1939 -1945 Cemetery.** 



The Basra Memorial in Iraq which bears 40,662 names of Commonwealth troops missing from WW1 has been declared by CWGC as being unfit for the purpose of commemorating those men. The whole structure will have to be demolished due to its "beyond repair" condition. CWGC Statement.

## **Refences for World War 2 Casualties:**

"Reveille" – Lancaster Military Heritage Group

**CWGC** 

**TWGPP** 

Photographs of St. Wilfrid's Churchyard – (TG)



WW2 Roll of Honour in the Belfry area of St. Wilfrid's Church, Halton (TG)

# Appendix 3

The Boer War in South Africa



Dr. Herbert Davis. MB., CrB. (Civil Surgeon Volunteer) Anglo-Welsh Hospital, Springfontein, Transvaal, South Africa.

Died on 15th June 1900.

Ref: - "The Graphic." 1900. An Illustrated Weekly Newspaper published in Kruger, South Africa. Doctor Herbert Davies, MB, CH B (Vict), Civilian Surgeon on the staff of the Welsh Hospital (No 12 General Hospital) that was funded by Wales and deployed to Springfontein in the Orange Free State, in South Africa during the Second Anglo Boer War.

He was the fourth son of Henry Davies, JP, and Mary Davies of Preston, Lancashire. Baptised on 26 Jul 1874 at St Andrew's Church, Ashton-on-Ribble, Preston, Lancashire. He was educated at Shrewsbury School, and Owen's College, Manchester, and took the M.B., and Ch.B. Degrees at Victoria University in 1898. He had been House Physician at the Brompton Hospital for Consumption, and was House Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Manchester.

At the outbreak of the Boer War he volunteered for active service, and travelled to South Africa to join the staff of the Welsh Hospital. Died of dysentery at No 12 General Hospital, Springfontein aged 26 years. He is also commemorated on the Welsh Hospital Boer War brass memorial plaque in St David's Cathedral, Cardiff and on a memorial in Cathay's Park, Cardiff, Wales.



Ref: - Image of the Grave of Dr. Herbert Davies in the Welsh Hospital, South Africa. (1998)

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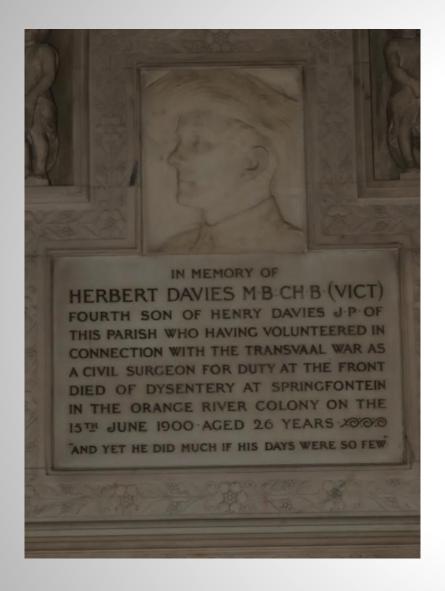
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A WELSH HOSPITAL IN SOUTH AFRICA

The military cemetery in Springfontein, showing the graves of L to R: Dr Herbert Davies,
Professor Thomas Jones, and
Nursing Sister Florence Louise Sage.

Image by the South African Military Society Journal.



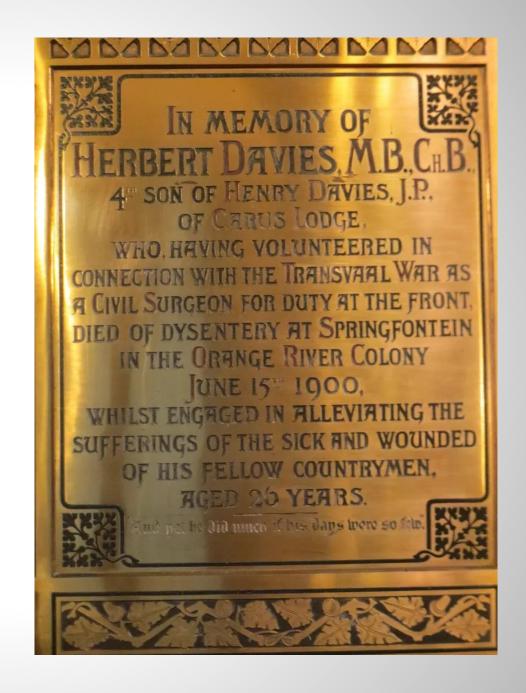
Memorial in St Andrew's Church, Ashton-on-Ribble,
Preston, showing Herbert Davies MB. ChB.
His father was Mayor of Preston arranged for memorial on
the left.

Additionally, giving £2,000 to Preston Royal Infirmary Hospital.

Alderman Davies, of Carus Lodge, Lancaster, and Mayor of Preston during the Jubilee year, has announced his intention of giving two thousand pounds to the Royal Infirmary at Preston, to be expended in any way the Board of Management may think proper, as a memorial to his son, Dr Herbert Davies, who died in South Africa while doing duty as a civil surgeon with the Army.

#### HERBERT DAVIS. M.B. Ch.B.

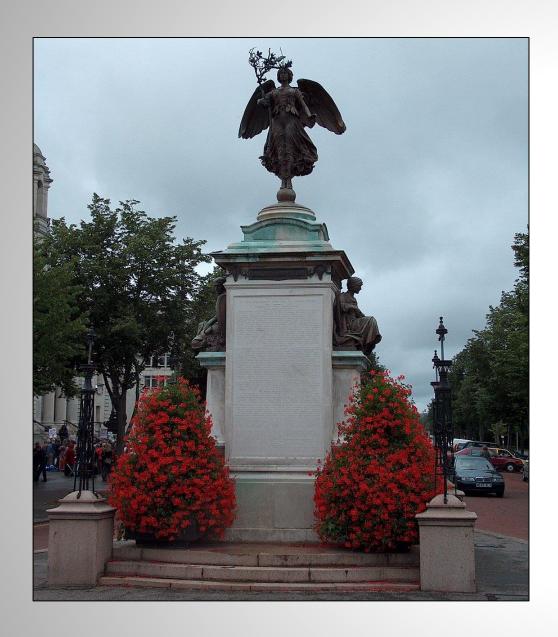
The Brass Plaque on the south wall of St. Wilfrid's Parish Church in honour of Dr. Herbert Davis of Carus Lodge, Halton. (TG)



IN MEMORY OF HERBERT DAVIS M.B., ChB. 4th SON OF HENRY DAVIS JP., Of CARUS LODGE **VOLUNTEERED IN** CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSVALL WAR AS A CIVIL SURGEON FOR DUTY ON THE FRONT. **DIED OF DYSENTERY AT SPRINGFONTEIN** IN THE ORANGE RIVER COLONY **JUNE 15th 1900** WHILST ENGANGED IN ALEVIATING OF THE SICK AND WOUNDED OF HIS FELLOW COUNTRYMEN. AGED 26 YEARS.

"Yet he did much if his days were so few."

Ref: St. Wilfrid's Church, Halton



South African Boer War Memorial, Cathays Park, Cardiff.

Gives 874 names.

Dr. Herbert Davis is commemorated here.

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