



Awards Records from the Ilkley Gazette

World War I

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FOREWORD

By 1914 the Ilkley Gazette had been in print for over 60 years – commencing in May 1861, although archival records only date from January 1868. The paper in peacetime not only covered local news but aspects of national and international news.

During the First World War a few more photographs began to appear and there were accounts of the achievements of the living and dead on the battlefields of Europe, and the Middle East; at sea globally; and increasingly the activities of Ilkley personnel in the Royal Flying Corps (later the RAF).

Adverts were rather sparse, but there were regular messages from government sources. Sport and items of interest to women and children were included along with increasing acknowledgement of women's role in the War. The stories of refugees from war-torn Belgium in Ilkley were covered regularly.

Ilkley even in Wartime was seen as a place to holiday, convalesce, walk the Moors, to take the waters and breathe in unpolluted air. People in the pre-radio era relied on the local papers for a great deal of varied information; and the picture houses also played their part.

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Ambler, Norman

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Awards:

MC

Experience:

IG Oct 1918; 8/8/19; 21/2/19.

'Hard recce at Haute Deule Canal. Area swept by machine gun fire and went forward alone to house on canal bank to recce enemy movements. Stayed several hours until finally forced by flooding to retire. On open ground there was a lot of machine gun fire.'

Armistead, T.E.

Age:

21

Rank:

Temp Capt.

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment

Awards:

MC

Pre-war Occupations:

Surveyor - Worked for father, a surveyor in Bradford.

Experience:

IG 5/1/17.

Footballer & Ilkley rugby club member.

Armitage, Lawrie R.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Cemetery:

Otley

Awards:

MC - For gallantry in field in Oct 1916.

Pre-war Occupations:

Bank Clerk - At one time employed in Ilkley branch of United Counties Bank, now Barclay & Co.

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 1/12/1916.

Died in hospital in Woolwich 25/11/1916 as a result of wounds.
Buried in Otley cemetery grave 378.

Aykroyd, H.E.

Rank:

Lt. Col.

Regiment:

Royal Engineers; West Riding Regiment - Divisional
Ammunition Column

Awards:

MiD

Experience:

IG 7/1/16.

Connected with Ilkley Company Royal Engineers (volunteers).

Bates, H.T.

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

RAMC - West Riding Casualty Hospital

Awards:

MiD - 7/1/16; OBE (Military Division)

Experience:

IG 19/12/19; 7/1/16.

Captain and later Major.

Beaumont, Cecil

Awards:

Mentioned for Bravery (MfB)

Experience:

IG 27/11/14; 22/1/15.

Serving under Commander Samson (RN) with aeroplanes and armoured cars. Escaped from Antwerp through German lines - lost 100 dead in trench defending Antwerp. Germans had very heavy artillery and we had none. Slight wound in right hand.

Attacked by bomb at Dunkirk shortly after arriving from Dover & took cover under train. Then moved to get a tram and huge bomb fell 20 yards away & killed 4 and injured 12. Total killed in Dunkirk raids: 70 women & children, sickened by sights & hopes to seek revenge.

Boyd, Donald F.

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

RAF

Awards:

MC

Pre-war Occupations:

Worked for Leeds Mercury (Yorkshire Post).

Experience:

IG 1/11/18.

On staff of 'Leeds Mercury'. Son of Mr / Mrs Crichton Boyd of BR. During evening attack i/c gun limbers & teams standing by to withdraw guns when necessary. Two teams destroyed under heavy shell fire. He galloped back to wagon lines & procured two fresh teams & got guns away. He did splendid service.

Bradley, W.R.

Rank:

Temporary 2nd Lt.

Regiment:

Notts / Derby Regiment - Garrison Batt

Awards:

Promotion

War Regions:

Egypt

Experience:

IG 24/8/17 re Wool camp; 25/9/14; 2/10/14 re day's duty.

In Egypt & granted Company rank of Lieutenant whilst acting as Adjutant. Joined Ilkley Pals company WR Regt in 1914 & given commission. Mr Bradley visited his son at Wool camp. Area covered 10 square miles - 20,000 recruits under canvas. Huge range of backgrounds and this proven by variation in clothing. Clothing provided: blue trousers, scarlet tunics and khaki caps. Canteens anything from boiled beef meals to buying tea, beer drinking from beef tins and jam jars. Forces brown as berries and eating like fighting cocks. Each man received a blanket. Washing dishes, serving food and menial tasks. Day's work:

Up at 6am, tent flaps up and blankets shaken

Parade 7 - 8

Breakfast 8 - 9

Parade 9 - 12

Dinner 12 - 2

Parade 2 - 4

Day finishes 4pm except on special occasions e.g. 'picket 8am
hove 11pm'.

No uniform yet. Several route marches to seaside for purposes
of having a bath.

Brierley, Dorothy Scott

Rank:

Nurse

Awards:

MiD

Pre-war Occupations:

Nurse

War Regions:

France

Experience:

IG 25/7/1919.

In France three and a half years as a V.A.D. nurse. Mentioned by Sir D. Haigh in his last despatch.

Burkhill, T.

Rank:

Stretcher bearer Sgt

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 9th Battalion; West Riding Regiment

Awards:

French Cross Militaire

Pre-war Occupations:

Assistant - Assistant to Mr S. de Lacey, a hairdresser, Leeds Road.

War Regions:

Dardanelles (Turkey)

Experience:

IG 8/10/15.

Letter to Mr. S. de Lacey, hairdresser:

"In Dardanelles had a very busy time over the last few weeks. Terribly hilly place and hard to walk up and down. Bad for stretcher bearers like me. As acting Sergeant (serving Sergeant hit in groin) so instead of 8 I have 16 stretcher bearers to look after plus drugs & pills for sick. Yorks & Lancs doctor wounded on scalp but stays with us. No clothes off for 3 weeks - can't get water to drink let alone wash.

Have to fight our way & at present in fire trenches 400 yards from the Turks. Some cases our men carry wounded men over 2 miles on stretchers over hilly & rocky ground to field

ambulance. A bullet just missed me and went through a shovel. My joints ache due to wet blankets."

IG 10/12/15.

Member of British Expeditionary Force to Dardanelles.
Recommended French Cross Militaire - for general good service in the field. Digging & sapping only yards from Turks.
Stretcher bearers close to advanced trenches, each night several killed & wounded.

IG 29/9/16.

In a letter to a friend:

"Just been in action and our boys done well capturing some strong positions and heaps of prisoners. Germans glad to surrender - little wonder as under our artillery made us very nervous. RAMC did fine work from our station carrying wounded on top of parapets."

Butcher, H.W.

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

Royal Field Artillery

Awards:

Military Medal for gallantry while getting guns into action under heavy shell fire at Neuf Mesnil

War Regions:

Germany

Experience:

IG 3/1/1919.

Mobilized with Ilkley Howitzers 1914. Decorated in Germany by one of British Generals with Army of Occupations in Germany.

Clarkson, Amos

Age:

23

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 8th; West Riding Regiment; Trench Mortar Battery

Cemetery:

Delsaux Farm Cemetery

Awards:

MC while attached to trench mortar battery, also mentioned in dispatches for meritorious service; MiD

Experience:

IG 8/11/18.

Died at Beugny 24/10/18 and buried at Delsaux Farm Cemetery IIC9. Death notification from keeper Privy Seal on 5/11/18.

Clarkson, Arnold

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

Royal Field Artillery - 4 Divisional Ammunition Column

Awards:

DCM - For rescuing several men when under heavy shell fire;
MiD

Pre-war Occupations:

House Painter

Experience:

IG 28/1/16.

To the front April 1915. Joined Ammunition Column in Sheffield in September 1914. Duty includes supplying guns in their section with ammunition needed & the more firing there is the more work they have to do. Howitzers now moved up close to first line of the trenches and we have to feed them with all the ammunition they require. The grub is good but we have to rough it. Country flat but wonderfully fertile.

Mentioned in Dispatches. Kept guns supplied with ammunition. 1000 rounds a day except 9/5/16 when despite difficulties and dangers carried through work with great success.

He had interesting views about the Belgians. The people lived simple lives and are very frugal. No pictures on the walls in houses, but in every one prominence given to a crucifix. Baking done in clay ovens that serve a number of houses. Roads made

with bundles of brush wood covered with soil and as there are ditches on each side of the road, water is thrown out of these to bind the soil and wood together with an implement like a long ladle. Regarding air attacks the British are more daring than the Germans.

On 28/1/1916. The regiment's infantry were on a road of which German artillery had an exact range and the shell dropped in the middle with disastrous results. Clarkson and his mate rushed to the spot and shelling continued, but they moved all the wounded to cover under safety. No injury to Clarkson. His plucky action was witnessed by an observer in an observation balloon ahead and reported to HQ. Clarkson was called up and congratulated and the DCM followed.

Crump, J.A.

Rank:

Lt. Col.

Regiment:

Royal North Lancashire Regiment

Awards:

DSO

Experience:

IG 21/6/1918.

At front from June 1915.

Dalton, P.

Rank:

Bombardier

Regiment:

Royal Field Artillery

Awards:

DCM

Experience:

IG 8/2/18.

Conspicuous Gallantry & dedication to duty. When an ammunition dump was set alight after position had been evacuated he ran across, and after a stiff fight succeeded in extinguishing the flames under very heavy shell fire.

Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Dean, Arthur Reginald

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

East Yorkshire Regiment - 4th Batt; W. Yorks Regiment; WR
Regiment - 9th Batt.

Cemetery:

Croiselles British Cemetery

Awards:

DCM

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 31/3/16.

Recently wounded.

DCM. Conspicuous gallantry during operations. Worked machine gun over parapet under heavy shell fire & accurate sniper fire in order to repulse enemy counter attack.

Dean's own account in letter to Gazette 21/7/1916:

"As day broke on the second march we took enemies front line. It fell to the bombers of the Duke of Wellington's and Gordon's to clear the enemy out of his dug outs. With this completed the

task of consolidating the position began. This was half done when the Huns opened heavy fire which lasted 30 minutes after which the enemy attempted to re-take the trenches. They only got past their wire when they fell back due to our shell fire.

Heavy guns opened on us and pounding away until noon. Enemy attacked again under cover of communication trench which supported artillery and machine guns. Shrapnel poured into the trenches and the men fell left and right. I lost four of my gun team, ordered to check enemy's advance and gun firmly and accurately responded. Enemy had enough and retired. Relieved after 11pm. Handed over gun position and made way to the rear for a well earned rest, but a shell dropped on the machine gun section and I was wounded."

IG 3/9/15.

Acting as Cpl 5th Battalion W. Yorks Regiment.

Dean had a spell in hospital with gas poisoning plus a bullet through the muscles of his right arm. "Very anxious we should quickly learn to love our enemies - so say the milk sops of the earth. Problem of peace at any price for some individuals."

At the front from April & then 6 weeks in an English hospital. He was acting Quarter Master Sgt. He was getting rations when "tapped" on arm. Took part in sniping duties in Belgium & in heavy fighting.

IG 13/7/17 - 2nd Lt.

One of four soldier sons of Tom Dean. Killed in action 3/7/17 - i/c wiring party of 10 men, 50 yards in front trench, hit by a bullet in the head on trying to enter trench & fell in shell hole.

Unconscious & survived 10 minutes (so doctor said). Died at Croiselles and buried in Croiselles British Cemetery.

DCM for conspicuous gallantry after being wounded in March 1916 - A private i/c machine gun & sniping & worked this over the parapet despite heavy shell fire. After enemy forced to retire handed over the position and made way to rear.

Denison, Norman

Age:

19

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

Royal Army Medical Corps; Royal Flying Corps

Awards:

MiD

Experience:

IG 18/5/17.

Joined RAMC as Pte & later received commission in Royal Flying Corps. POW Karlsruhe Germany. Attacked 6 German machines and 2 destroyed. 2 British planes went further over German lines and no more news. Queen Victoria Jubilee Fund Association in Geneva reported Denison was a POW.

MiD just before the incident leading to his capture.

Denison, P.B.

Rank:
Captain

Awards:
MC

Experience:
IG 18/1/18.

Identified with formation of Ilkley RUFC.

To France in 1914 and mentioned in Sir D. Haigh's despatches in May 1917. Awarded the Military Cross.

Dickinson, Ernest

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

Royal Dragoons Cavalry Regt and attached Machine Gun Unit
in the trenches

Awards:

Cross of St. George - At Ypres in a big fight on 13 May; DCM

Pre-war Occupations:

Army

War Regions:

Belgium (Ypres); France; India; S. Africa

Experience:

IG 8/1/15.

Enlisted for 7 years in the Colours (3 India, 3 S.Africa). From
S.Africa in 1914 to England in Sept and straight to France.

Won a Russian Order (The Cross of the Order of St. George)!
In big fight at Ypres on 13 May. There were 14 killed in his
regiment and 50 wounded. In charge of machine gun and got to
work splendidly with much damage. 4 other chaps with him &
they deserved honour, but he got it because he happened to i/c.
4 men in his regiment have Russian Cross but he is the only one
who boasts DCM as well.

Near Ypres awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for
consistent gallantry:

In note to Gazette 9/7/1916:

'Under fire of snipers and artillery, rushing along on horseback, bike and foot with messages from one section of British line to another. Corporal Dickinson is a real hero and a modest man. His fighting mainly in Ypres salient to try & prevent Kaiser's big effort to reach Calais.

Regiment was at Neuve Chapelle waiting for a move that never came off. British Tommy when saw red like a bloodhound on trail - got four Germans in one place and then another until he dropped.

Not so the German. He did not believe in hand to hand encounter & as soon as tackled in the open would dig himself in at the first opportunity & then commence "pot shooting" behind his cover. German shells raining on British at a rate of 90 to 100 per minute - dropped high explosives into trenches & swept ground with shrapnel. Could not say what shells British were using but seen the Germans blown out of the trenches not 30 yards away & blown a considerable height too.'

Dobson, M.R.

Rank:

Major

Regiment:

RAMC

Awards:

OBE

Experience:

IG 6/6/1919.

From 1917 medical officer with RAF.

Dobson, R.C.

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

Royal Garrison Artillery

Awards:

MC

Pre-war Occupations:

Partner Messrs Hewson, Goodall & Dobson, Solicitors, Ilkley.

Experience:

IG 6/6/19.

Driver, A.

Rank:

Gunner

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 11 (Battery RFA)

Awards:

DCM - For conspicuous gallantry and devotion.

Experience:

IG 17/3/16.

After the observation station had been destroyed by shell fire Gunner Driver returned and entered the building at great personal risk owing to heavy fire to obtain bandages for the wounded. On another occasion he took a telephone instrument to the observation position through a heavily shelled area.

Eddison, J.H.

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 4 Howitzer Bgde

Awards:

MiD

Experience:

IG 7/1/16.

On furlough he gave an interview to Ilkley Gazette. No attack on British lines since 16/5 & that was at Richebourg. Occasional shelling 3 or 4 times a day. Trenches shelled periodically each day and lads from Ilkley District doing very well in every way. He spoke very highly of their work, although lately experienced anything but exciting times. If Ilkley is not proud of these lads its towns folk ought to be ashamed of themselves.

Ellwood, J

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

Duke of Wellington Regiment; Royal Engineers

Awards:

French Military Medal

Pre-war Occupations:

Clerk - Clerk at Ilkley post office

Experience:

IG 13/4/17.

Ilkley rugby club member. Wounded in neck by shell splinter and in Paisley hospital but as a sick case to the UK due to operation on old sports wound, in cheek, which is discharging. He had an operation and expected to return to the front.

Foster, Edward

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

Royal Engineers

Awards:

MM

Experience:

IG 19/1/17.

Joined RE in 1914 & formerly Yorkshire Hussars. Wounded 3 months ago, but now back at the front. Awarded MM for devotion to duty.

Fox, John

Rank:

Gunner

Regiment:

Motor Machine Gun Corps W. Riding Regiment - 4th

Awards:

MM

Experience:

IG 15/3/18.

Joined Ilkley pals in Sept 1914, later transferred to Motor Machine Gun Corps. At front from Feb 1915 - first taking part in fighting Hill 60 & at 2nd battle Ypres.

France, Reginald

Awards:

MBE

Experience:

IG 24/1/19.

Civilian.

Deputy Superintendant National Ordnance Factories in Leeds.
A civilian ward for developing scientific measuring instruments for optical methods, design of gauges and jigs for guns, gun ammunition and mine sinker components.

Gee, A.E.

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 4 Howitzer Bgde (Territorials)

Awards:

MM

Pre-war Occupations:

Assistant Clerk, Ilkley District Council.

Experience:

14/5/15.

Letter to Councillor Dobson:

Now got guns in position & each day fire a few rounds to show them who is in charge. Now working with First Division, First Army Corps. Country flat / monotonous & straight runs popular. Whole district here like one vast orchard with stagnant dykes. Large smashed up woollen mill and smashed up machinery.

A later letter (10/5/15):

Yesterday in action & hundreds of rounds fired. The move was terrible & nasty to see our wounded chaps walking back. A mile

off firing over heads of infantry. Awaiting order to open fire and sitting round our guns.

IG 6/8/15.

Very impressed with our planes flying low over enemy lines. Calm of day broken by gun reports (sometimes low and distant), often loud and very near. After labours and toils of the day (digging, felling trees and building protections & shelters for guns) - an evening stroll is very refreshing. Occasionally star shells illuminate whole countryside giving a very powerful light. Along the road come infantry men (keen & fresh) loaded up with kit and equipment on way to relieve those in the trenches.

IG 14/9/17.

Awarded MM. To front May 1915.

Gordon, WB

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

RAMC

Awards:

MiD

Experience:

IG 14/6/18.

Slightly wounded and in a London hospital. At front attached to brigade Field Artillery. His youngest brother has recovered from wounds received in autumn 1917 (Lt. A.B. Gordon KOYLI).

Gubbins, Colin

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

Royal Artillery

Awards:

MC

Experience:

IG 29/9/16.

Later in SWW was one of the chief figures in S.O.E. (Special Operations Executive). Awarded MC for conspicuous gallantry in rescuing men under heavy shell fire.

Hardisty, Herbert

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

Royal Engineers

Awards:

MM

War Regions:

France

Experience:

IG 23/3/17.

Brother of Pte Robert Hardisty (WR Regt) & Pte Charles Hardisty (WR Regt). All brothers live in North Parade, Ilkley. All served in France.

Hartley, Ronald

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Awards:

MM

Experience:

IG 9/6/16.

Joined in the early stages of the war and acted as a stretcher bearer. During the gas attack on 19th December he rescued 20 men single-handed.

Hastings, J.H.

Rank:

Lt. Col.

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 6th

Awards:

French Légion D'Honneur; MiD; OBE - In King's Birthday Honours.

Experience:

IG 27/7/17; 6/6/19; 17/10/19.

Hobbs, Charles

Rank:

Petty Officer

Regiment:

Royal Navy

Awards:

DSM

War Regions:

Caspian Sea

Experience:

IG 21/11/1919.

DSM for services in Caspian Sea 1918-1919. Served in Royal Navy from 1914 in many parts of the world.

Illingworth, R.C.

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

Notts / Derby Regiment

Awards:

Bar to MC - June 1917. For gallantry and devotion to duty;
DSO - Aug 1918; MC - Jan 1917

Experience:

IG 2/8/18.

Maintained line with great skill, organising local counter-attacks & drove the enemy back. Due to his good leadership & courage that battalion in heat of fight rendered such a good account of itself; both then & again on a subsequent occasion. DSO Aug 1918. Took over, and partly trained, composite battalion from a wounded officer.

Johnson, Horace Swales

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment; York / Lancaster Regiment - 3

Awards:

OBE - For war services.

War Regions:

Belgium (Ypres); Flanders (Belgium); France

Experience:

IG 29/10/15.

1914 France - defence Ypres & Hooge.

OBE for war services. Two periods on the W. Front. Staff Officer England & Ireland and Brigade Major. Appointed Captain Prince of Wales own West Yorkshire Regt; an honour for work done in France. Capt Johnson was with 1st York & Lancaster Regt at Ypres & only officer left to lead men out of action.

Due to heavy casualties had taken command of battalion on occasion.

Keighley, W.

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

RAMC

Awards:

MiD

Experience:

IG 25/5/17.

Stretcher bearer & transferred to RAMC. Recently Married.

Kemp, W.G.

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

Leeds Rifles; W. Yorks Regiment

Awards:

MC for devotion to duty & gallantry in field

Experience:

IG 19/4/18; 22/6/17.

From October 1915 was at front with Leeds Rifles. Formerly 2nd Lieutenant in Leeds Rifles.

In hospital in Stockport suffering severe wound received in action on Easter Day 1918.

King, P.

Rank:

Bombardier

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 4th Howitzer

Awards:

MiD

Experience:

IG 7/1/16.

Lane, R.G.

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

Royal Garrison Artillery

Awards:

MiD

Experience:

IG 25/5/17.

Son in law of F.W.B Maufe.

Longbottom, Henry

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

South Lancs Regiment

Awards:

Kings Medal

War Regions:

Dardanelles (Turkey)

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 1/9/16.

Head boy of Wellington College. To Trinity Coll Camb, in Oct 1913.

Presumed to have fallen in action in Gallipoli on 9/8/15 (his younger brother killed at Hooge, Flanders on 30/7/15). Name on Helles Memorial Panel 139 & 140.

Lupton, B. C.

Awards:

MC - For conspicuous gallantry and skilful leadership before Rumilly 29/9 to 1/10/18.

War Regions:

France

Experience:

IG Oct 1918 & 8/8/19.

Commanded company with great skill. Enemy counter attacked into his trench and he organised bomb attacks to clear them and when company commander wounded he took charge / command of two companies. He continued to hold position collecting such ammunition as he could from dead and wounded.

Lupton, Basil C.

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 49th

Awards:

MC

Experience:

IG 20/9/18; 22/9/16.

Joined up while an undergraduate at Cambridge. First slightly wounded and in a London hospital & last went to France in July 1918. His elder brother Lance Corp Geoff Arthur Lupton (Royal Fusiliers) killed in action 17/2/17.

17/9/16

Lupton's unit had been attacked by a storm of mortar fire which fell in the trenches exploding a store of hundreds of hand grenades. Casualties were caused and in the horror and confusion Lupton calmly climbed onto the trench parapet and rallied the men. For his courage he was later ordered the Military Cross, the citation reads "Lupton commanded and rallied a detachment with great gallantry under very heavy fire". What it didn't say is that the very heavy fire was British because the new mortar bombs were not used correctly, that is, inexperienced men got the range wrong.

Maufe, F.W.B

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 4th Howitzer

Awards:

Bar to MC; MC; MiD

Experience:

IG 25/1/18.

Attached to Ilkley battery 4WR Howitzer Brigade when war declared & mobilised for active services & with Bgde to France early 1915. Wounded in August 1915 and went to France again in Nov 1915, again wounded & very seriously in Nov 1917 & still in hospital in London.

Eldest brother Major S.B. Maufe West Yorkshire Regiment in regular army MiD and killed on Somme in July 1916. Youngest brother Capt T.H.B. Maufe Royal Garrison Artillery awarded VC for 2 acts of gallantry in August 1917.

MC & bar - a double distinction - said to be reward for 2 separate acts of gallantry closely following each other.

IG 3/5/18.

MC: "Brigade forward observation officer - kept up communication & sent back vital information under heavy fire personally led ammunition wagons singly to battery position while truck being very heavily shelled. Coolness by him saved many casualties. "

Bar to MC: "On two occasions in attending wounded under shell fire and carrying them clear of danger showed great courage. Later on battery again under shell fire, Maufe cleared detachments to a flank, led them back at double to the guns, the fire of which was much needed. Filled a vacancy caused by a casualty in most exposed gun emplacement & worked gun until cease fire. Most inspiring effect on men & he kept all guns in action."

Maufe, Statham Broadbent

Age:

29

Rank:

Major

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment

Cemetery:

Heilly Station Cemetery

Awards:

MiD

Cause of Death:

Fatally wounded

Experience:

IG 14/7/16.

Married. Died of wounds 5/7/16 at Merricourt l'Abbé. Went to front with one of service battalions & mentioned in dispatches. Buried at Heilly Station Cemetery.

Maufe, T.H.B.

Age:

19

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

Royal Artillery

Awards:

VC

Experience:

IG 3/8/17 & again 29/8/17.

Another brother in Royal Field Artillery & back at front after being wounded. Elder brother Major Brian Statham Maufe died of wounds July 1916.

Citation: "Under intense artillery fire officer on his own initiative repaired, unaided, the telephone line between forward and rear positions, thereby enabling battery to open immediate fire on enemy. He further saved a disastrous occurrence by extinguishing a fire in advanced ammunition dump caused by heavy explosion and regardless of risk he ran from the effects of gas shells which he knew were in the dump. By great promptitude, resource and entire disregard of his own personal safety he was a magnificent example to all ranks."

Mawson, J.H.

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

Royal Engineers

Awards:

MC

War Regions:

Flanders (Belgium); France; Gallipoli

Experience:

IG 14/6/18.

Military Cross - joined R.N. Division of Engineers in early war years as a private and served in Gallipoli. Afterwards he was commissioned & then served in France and Flanders.

McClellan, John

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

WR Regiment

Awards:

MM - For gallantry in the field.

Pre-war Occupations:

Ellis Beanlands, Ben Rhydding.

Experience:

IG 15/9/16; IG 11/5/17.

Wounded 1/5/17 on left side of body by a bomb, luckily a splinter struck his full pack otherwise he would have been killed. Operated on in France & then in Newcastle on Tyne military hospital.

Mennell, William

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment

Awards:

MM

Pre-war Occupations:

Gas Inspector - Ilkley District Council.

Experience:

IG 19/4/18; 7/6/18.

POW in Germany in 1918. Military Medal for bringing in wounded under heavy shell fire.

Middlebrook, John

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

Rifle Brigade

Awards:

MC

Experience:

IG 14/6/18.

To France April 1915 - commissioned Dec 1916, in Rifle Brigade to France July 1917 & wounded 1/12/1917 after involvement in battle of Cambrai.

Moisley, Jason

Rank:

Quartermaster Sergeant

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Awards:

DCM

Pre-war Occupations:

Shoe & boot business owned by his Father on The Grove.

Experience:

IG 26/1/17.

Some years in France before taking over father's boot & shoe business on the Grove. Enlisted 9th WR 1914, but owing to his knowledge of France & French language transferred to Army Service Corps attached to Infantry Brigade HQ Staff.

Moorhouse, Alfred

Rank:

Driver

Regiment:

RFA - 4 West Riding Bde; 11 Bty

Awards:

DCM - For gallantry and distinguished conduct in field.

Experience:

IG 29/9/16.

Wounded and in hospital.

IG 13/10/16.

Pre-war attached to 11th Battery 4th WR Howitzer Bgde RFA (Territorial Force). Moorhouse helped a doctor who was later awarded the Military Cross (acting as orderly to one of the doctors), out attending wounded under heavy fire where he himself was wounded and continued with great pluck & endurance.

Parkinson, J.

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

Royal Engineers

Awards:

MiD

Pre-war Occupations:

Electrical Engineer

Experience:

IG 25/5/17.

Assoc M.I.C.E. an electrical engineer. Commissioned in RE & attached, undertook training at Ilkley & to Egypt Oct 1915 & France Feb 1916.

Pell, Henry William Leach

Awards:

OBE - Civilian

Experience:

IG 11/1/18.

Chief Assistant Engineer - Ministry of Munitions No 3 Area (Yorks) Associate Member Mechanical Engineers and attached to technical staff of Ministry of Munitions. Worked in Sheffield & services in shell making & general components & in munitions of war.

Petrie, P.C.

Rank:

Major

Regiment:

RFA - 4 West Riding Bde; 11 Bty

Awards:

MC; MiD

Experience:

IG Oct 1918.

On 11/10/18 near Iwny he showed remarkable initiative in the force of the enemy tank attack. He visited the front line on horseback and by initiative and with utter disregard for his personal safety showed marked ability as a soldier in handling the situation.

Potter, C.F.

Rank:

Major

Regiment:

RFA - Attached 24th Division HQ Staff

Awards:

DSO for gallantry and devotion to duty

War Regions:

France; India

Experience:

IG 23/6/16; 8/6/17; 25/10/18.

Before going to France he was stationed in India. Also Temporary Lt-Col RA. Promoted to Brevet Lt. Col for service in the field.

IG 25/10/18.

Potter was reported to be in hospital wounded.

Potter, Kenneth Mitchell

Rank:

Major

Regiment:

Royal Artillery - D Battery 2th Bde

Cemetery:

Dickebusch New Military Cemetery Extension

Awards:

DSO

War Regions:

Flanders (Belgium)

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 13/7/17.

K.i.a 8/7/17. He heard that he had been awarded DSO for bravery in the field on the day of his death. Buried Dickebusch New Military Cemetery Extension.

His brother Brevet Lt. Col. C.F. Potter DSO had been recently promoted in rank for distinguished service in the field.

Powell, R.

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

Royal Field Artillery (TF) - WR Brigade D/245

Awards:

DCM

War Regions:

France; S. Africa

Experience:

IG 6/6/19.

Active Service S. African war & 1914 in Ilkley battery of Wharfedale Howitzers. Earned DCM on Western Front.

Priestley, H.

Rank:

Sgt.

Awards:

MM - For conspicuous gallantry & devotion to duty.

Experience:

IG 20/7/17.

During an attack on 7th, 8th and 9th June 1917 on Hill 60 he set a splendid example to men by untiring energy & magnificent courage. Excellent service in whole Somme offensive.

Pullan, P.E.

Rank:

B.Q.M.S

Regiment:

RFA - B.Q.M.S. (Otley)

Awards:

DCM - Conspicuous gallantry & devotion to duty especially during 6 weeks of operations when he displayed energy & resource in superintending the supply of ammunition.

Experience:

Unknown Ilkley Gazette date.

Rabagliati, H.

Awards:

Médaille De La Reine Elisabeth (Belgium)

War Regions:

Belgium

Experience:

IG 5/7/18.

Médaille de la reine Elizabeth (Belgian Award) for recognition of kind help and valuable assistance personally given to Belgian refugees & Belgian soldiers during the war. She was President of Ilkley ladies Belgian Hospitality Committee from Sept 1914.

Rabagliati, Cuthbert Euan Charles

Age:

21

Rank:

Lt. Col.

Regiment:

KOYLI; RFC; Yorks Light Infantry

Awards:

Airforce Cross; Chevalier de la légion d'honneur; MC; MiD

War Regions:

France

Experience:

IG 25/7/1919.

Nephew of John Bright & Lord Aberconway. Represented RAF on Armistice Commission at Spa. MC Award I/G 5/11/15. On 29/9/15 had to carry out a reconnaissance over Valenciennes and Douai. They had to fly in thick cloud for nearly the whole distance & several times the plane got into a spin. The pilot however each time succeeded in righting the machine and they reached their objective and carried out the reconnaissance at 2,800 feet under very heavy fire.

Mentioned in General French's Dispatch for distinguished service in the field.

25/8/14

Euan Rabagliati and his co-pilot Lieutenant Wilson had just landed after a mission when a German plane was seen approaching the airfield. Euan and his colleague took off immediately armed with a .303 service rifle. He chased and buzzed the German plane and Rabagliati fired over 100 shots. Eventually his efforts were rewarded, "To my intense joy, I saw the German pilot fall forward on his joystick and the machine tipped up and went down". He had just become the first of the Royal Airforce pilots to shoot down an enemy plane. Throughout the war he continued to fly many sorties and won both the Military Cross and the Airforce Cross.

Rabagliati, A. H.

Regiment:

RAMC

Awards:

MiD

War Regions:

E. Africa

Experience:

IG 8/3/18.

Mentioned in Despatches for services with S. African Force in E. Africa. Served in Nyasaland (Malawi).

Raithby, T.W.

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Awards:

DCM - For conspicuous gallantry during operations

Pre-war Occupations:

Gardener for Mr Cooke

Experience:

IG 31/3/16.

When every other NCO of his company had become a casualty he ably assisted officer and displayed great bravery in rescuing wounded men in dugouts.

Rhodes, G.E.

Rank:

Lt & Col

Regiment:

Royal Engineers

Awards:

MiD - 1917 & in SWW 1944

War Regions:

France; Italy; N. Africa; Sicily

Experience:

IG 10/9/15.

Wounded in France & at front attached to first bridging train. Sprained right knee badly in mounting his horse. In hospital in France and sent to Great Worley Hospital in Essex.

Mentioned in dispatches for 2nd time after 19 months in N.Africa, Sicily & Italy. Sept 1943 to March 1945 Deputy Director Control Commission in Italy. Then Chief Engineer for Military Government in Berlin. First Mentioned in Dispatches in 1917 regarding Naval Siege Guns on Belgium Coast.

Rhodes, Herbert

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

Royal Engineers

Awards:

MiD

Experience:

IG 25/5/17.

Royal Engineers (Special Reserve). Promoted to Capt in RE (SR) M.I.C.E.

Rhodes, J. Reginald

Rank:

Bombardier

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 4 Howitzer Bgde

Awards:

MiD

Experience:

IG 7/1/16.

Riley, Fred

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

Canadian Pioneers

Awards:

MC

Experience:

IG 15/3/18.

One brother serving in France, with Canadian's; another a Lieutenant in Canada Field Artillery died from wounds 9/11/17. 4th brother in Royal Navy.

Scott, C.H.

Rank:
2nd Lt.

Awards:
MC

Experience:
IG 25/1/18.

Scott, Katie

Awards:

Red Cross Medal - Received from King of Greece

Pre-war Occupations:

Nurse - Staff Royal Infirmary Manchester

War Regions:

Greece

Experience:

IG 15/1/15; 3/9/15; 26/3/15.

Eldest daughter of William Scott, photographer, Ilkley.

On duty in Balkan War with Greek army as nursing sister.
Received Red Cross Medal from the Queen of Greece & then further distinction of Greek war medal and ribbon conferred by the king of Greece.

Manchester Royal Infirmary 2nd Military hospital in Manchester received & treated more sick and wounded soldiers of Expeditionary force than any other hospital in the UK. Total in last Hospital report was 10,507.

Met her brother Claude at a military hospital in France.

IG 3/9/15.

Short period in Belgium & attached to No. 4 clearing hospital. She worked from an ambulance conveying wounded from the front during which time she dressed the wounds and helped to perform emergency operations and then down in the ambulance train to one of the base hospitals. It was just such a hospital where Ilkley ambulance men were stationed. After Neuve Chappelle, hill 60 and Festubert she had as many as 800 cases through her hospital in 24 hours. On one occasion the Germans dropped a shell in the hospital yard. One of the German patients gave her his shoulder strap and badge. She enjoyed work despite the duties being unpleasant and tiring at times.

Smith, A.W.L.

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

WR Regiment

Awards:

MC

Experience:

IG 18/5/17.

After getting MC, wounded & in hospital in Manchester.

Smith, G.M.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

RFA

Awards:

MC

Cause of Death:

Tetanus & bronchitis

Experience:

IG 1/11/18 & 21/2/19.

Died of tetanus and bronchitis in hospital following wounds received on 28/10/18. Announced in February 1919 that he had been awarded the MC.

Smith, Godfrey Michael

Age:

22

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

RFA - 51 Division

Cemetery:

Ilkley Cemetery

Awards:

MC

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 1/11/18.

Gunner in Howitzer Bgde (Territorials) & mobilised with Brigade - to France in Sept 1914. Returned to France Spring 1915 & home for Commission July 1917. Only back at front 6 weeks when wounded.

Badly wounded in action 13/10/1918. Died at 3rd London Hospital 28/10/18.

He had resolution, will-power, an NCO aptitude & fulfilled the responsibilities of his tasks. Funeral at St Margaret's & interred Ilkley Cemetery.

Tennant, Norman

Rank:

Gunner

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 4 Howitzer Bgde

Awards:

DCM

Experience:

IG 14/5/15.

Later Bombadier & awarded DCM. In France from April 1915.

"Wounded by glancing blow from a shell - took just a bit off top of my head. The same shell killed a Cameron Highlander & took 4 fingers off hand of another chap. I was hit when standing by a door when a big shell landed in middle of road 8 yards off." Later in hospital at Nottingham having suffered shrapnel wounds to his face, at the Front.

Tetley, Gerald Spence

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

East Surrey Regt

Awards:

MC

Pre-war Occupations:

Barrister - At Inner Temple.

Experience:

IG 29/6/17.

Wounded 17/6/1917 & right leg amputated below knee - going on well. Wounded twice before.

Thorp, Roland

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

RFA

Awards:

MC

Experience:

IG 12/1/17.

Tomalin, Harry

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

Yrks Regiment - Attached to KOYLI 5th Battalion

Awards:

Bar to MC - For conspicuous gallantry during attack on Havrincourt (France); MC

War Regions:

France (Havrincourt)

Experience:

IG 7/2/1919.

2nd Lt. Yorkshire regiments attached to 5th battalion KOYLI.

Already had an MC in 1916 and was awarded bar to MC for conspicuous gallantry during attack on Havrincourt (France) 25/9/18 as battalion intelligence officer. Kept coolness collecting remnants of company which lost all officers & leading it to the objective where he held position and gained ground in spite of attempts of the enemy to break his front line.

Walker, P.H.

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

Wharfedale Howitzers

Awards:

Bar to MC; MC

Experience:

IG 7/2/19.

Prominent member of Ilkley RUFC. Joined Wharfedale Howitzers 1914 & to France April 1915. Won both MC and bar for gallantry in action.

Walters, R.A.

Rank:

Bombardier

Awards:

Croix de Guerre - 28/5/1918 for gallantry near Dickebusch

War Regions:

Belgium (Ypres)

Experience:

IG 19/7/18.

Awarded Croix de Guerre 28/5/1918 for conspicuous gallantry near Dickebusch. Acting as a mounted orderly and was sent with a demand for ammo required for one of the Batteries assisting in a defensive barrage on the French front. He delivered the message after passing through heavy barrage and guided ammunition wagons back to battery through heavily shelled area.

Whitaker, Victor

Age:

30

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

RFA; WR Regiment - 4 Howitzer Bgde

Awards:

MC – 1916; MiD

Experience:

IG 20/4/17.

Brother T. Whitaker, Middleton, Ilkley. At front for two years - formerly with Ilkley Howitzers. Shell portions in various places in body - calf of right leg, buttock and back and piece through the right thigh - yet not serious. In hospital abroad then in UK.

Wilkinson, Eric Fitzwalter

Rank:

2nd Lt & Captain

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 1/8 Battalion (Leeds Rifles); W. Yorks Regiment - 9th Battalion

Awards:

MC - For conspicuous gallantry and coolness on 15/7/15 near St. Julien. Assisted to carry a wounded man to cover for 120 yards in circumstances of great difficulty and danger; MiD - January 1916.

Pre-war Occupations:

Master - Master at Ilkley GS up to start of the war.

Cause of Death:

K.i.a. 9/10/17

Experience:

IG 7/1/16.

West Yorks 1/8 Battalion (Leeds Rifles).

Conspicuous gallantry & coolness in 15/7/15 near St Julien. Lt Wilkinson, Rifleman Clough & Pte Mudd out on reconnoitring patrol when the Germans threw in lights and saw them. Mudd shot through the lungs and succumbed in trench 30 minutes later after being carried back by Wilkinson and Clough.

Fellow soldier gives testimony to his bravery - simply adored by his men and they were prepared to go anywhere with him.

Wounded on four occasions and twice mentioned in dispatches.

IG 9/10/17.

K.i.a. on 9/10/17. He was a poet who published a book of verse written at the front.

Woodhall, F.

Regiment:

Kings Own Hussars

Awards:

Commanders letter

Experience:

IG 1/3/18.

Letter from commander of regiment. Commands Dismounted section in late tour in trenches. 'Have reported to me the specially good work did during that time. I congratulate you.'

Wright, A.E.

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Sherwood Foresters

Awards:

Belgium Croix de Guerre

Pre-war Occupations:

Baker - Great Central Railway, Leicester in bakery dept.

Experience:

IG 22/2/18.

Wounded in head in August 1917 by shrapnel from a shell which killed 8 comrades & wounded 2 others. Won distinction at hand of King in October 1917. Employed as a messenger and not - withstanding heavy artillery fire he got through an important message, even after being wounded.

Yoxall, G.B.

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 6th (Territorial Force) attached to 185th Territorial Mobile Brigade.

Awards:

MC

Experience:

IG 6/6/19.

Acting as Captain won Military Cross.