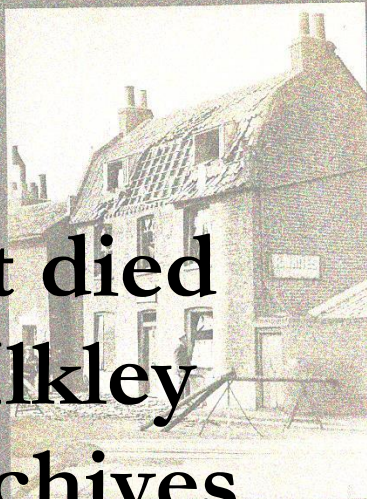
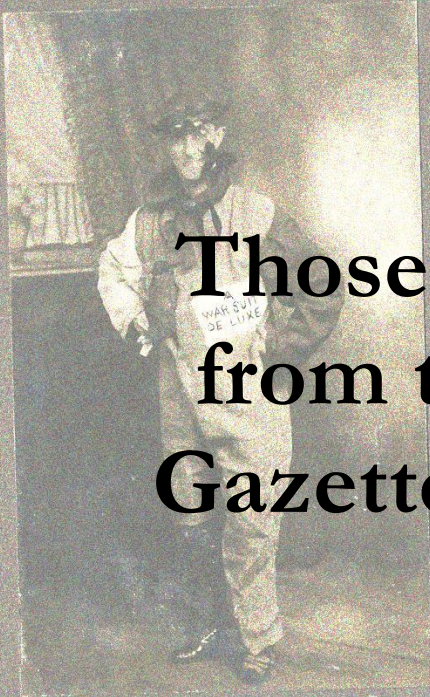


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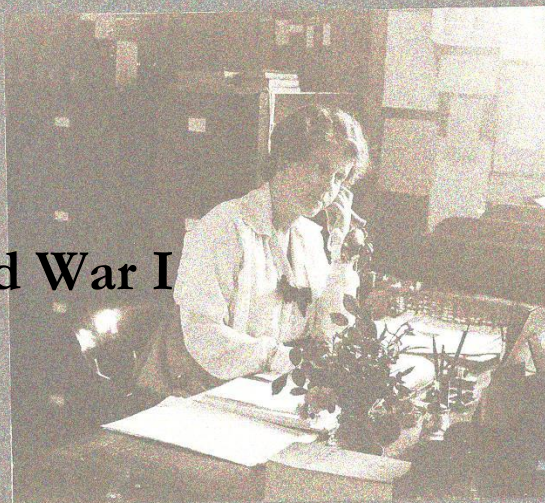


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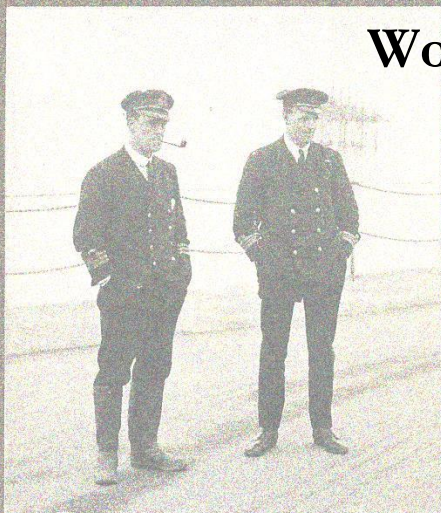


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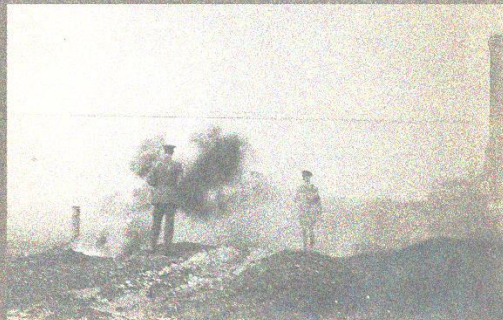


Miss Rowe - Secretary



At Dover

Wing-Commander Brock RN Eng^r Lt-Commander Curre RN
Killed at Zeebrugge 22/4/18



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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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Allerton, Thomas

Age:

26

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment

War Regions:

France (Arras)

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 11/5/17.

Joined West Riding Regiment 1914. Twice wounded.
Employed in machine gun section. Killed 25/4/1917 near Arras.
Name on Arras memorial Bay 6.

Amos, John Wesley (Jack)

Rank:

Lance Corporal

Regiment:

Duke of Wellington Regiment

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 26/10/1917.

Brother of Mrs Rhys-Davies, Bron Haul, Ilkley. Joined the Dukes on a visit to Ilkley Sept 1914. To France June 1915. Attached to Royal Engineers and only rejoined Dukes a few days before death.

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.

Atkinson, Clarence

Age:

24

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 1/6

Cemetery:

Lonsdale Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Police Constable - In Ilkley

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Trench Mortar

Experience:

IG 1/9/1916.

Killed by trench mortar blowing trench on top of him - died instantly and buried near trenches and white cross marks the spot. Buried at Lonsdale Cemetery V11 F7. Died at Authuille.

Barnes, Edward

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) - 18th

War Regions:

Northern France

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 6/11/1914. Photograph IG 20/11/1914.

Beanland, Reginald James

Age:

22

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

Northumberland Fusiliers, WR Regiment

Pre-war Occupations:

Group Assistant - In employment of his uncle Ellis Beanlands at B.R.

War Regions:

France, Malta

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 25/5/17.

For 10 years he was a member of St. Mary's church choir. Joined WR Regiment in 1914 later transferring into West Yorks Regt and to Malta for garrison duty. Here he transferred from W Yks to Northumberland Fusiliers and to front on Dec 1916.

In Malta he held rank of Sgt. Name on Arras Memorial Bay 2&3.

Beaumont, A.E.

Age:

32

Rank:

Rifleman

Regiment:

London Scottish Rifles, Royal Irish Rifles

Pre-war Occupations:

Teacher of languages in Ghent - diploma in French and conversant in German, Dutch, Flemish and Walloon - Prominent in pre-war scout movement in Ghent and met George V on a visit there.

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 23/10/14.

2 brothers in Belgium. Cecil in Navy and Bert an interpreter in the Belgian army who had escaped from Antwerp through German lines. Lost our own party & joined in Marines defending Antwerp. Lost 100 in our trenches in 1 hour dead / wounded.

Wounded taken to a farm house which the Germans then struck and blew up. Retreated down the road with trees and houses on either side falling. Slight wound in right hand. Mentioned for bravery. Lost everything & no clothes off for 10 days. "Wounded off their heads" after their terrible experiences.

In a letter to his father:

"Was an interpreter in Ghent, but now in the fighting line. Right in the thick of it as the Germans are only 200 yards away. Total desolation - villages wrecked & absolutely deserted while between the trenches lie the dead. Apart from dead ones seen no Germans. Lots of ammunition fired without obvious result. Just missed bayonet charge. Germans sapped trench near to us but short by 30 yards & therefore Germans did not come. When we are in trenches we sleep the best we can & at dawn stand ready to attack. Rows of graves by the roadside & in gardens."

IG 23/7/15.

Escaped from Ghent to UK via Holland in Dec 1914. Enlisted in Royal Irish Rifles. Killed in action by shell splinters striking him in the stomach.

Bellerby, Harry

Age:

21

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Machine Gun Corps - 26

Pre-war Occupations:

Parcel Van Driver - Ilkley Rail Station.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 24/5/18.

Missing 21/3/1918. Carried a photo of mother with her name and address. Then reported killed 21/3/1918.

Name on Pozieres Memorial Panel 90 to 93.

Lady from Leicester wrote to Mrs B. whose "young man" a prisoner in Germany who prior to POW a stretcher bearer and just before taken prisoner a shell burst in trench which he and others survived, killing 4 men and wounding 3 others. In pocket of one of the dead men found photo of mother with address

which he sent to Leicester as under prison rules he was only allowed to write home. Photo had German prison mark.

Boddy, Bert

Age:

18

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 1/7

Pre-war Occupations:

Apprentice - With Mr. H. Moisley, boot maker / repairer The Grove.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 11/10/18.

Eldest brother in Royal Garrison Artillery.

Bott, Fred

Age:

36

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 2/5

Pre-war Occupations:

Gardener - In employment of Mr. Norman Daniel

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 31/5/18.

Killed in action 18/5/1918 at night when company out digging. A machine gun turned on us hit Bott in back who fell unconscious dying almost immediately. Buried in French village military cemetery behind lines. Enclosed 15 Francs in husband's pocket and returned to Bott's widow. Leaves behind wife and 4 children.

Bowker, John Christopher

Age:

26

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 2/6

Cemetery:

Wagon Road Cemetery

War Regions:

France

Experience:

IG 2/3/17.

Only in France 2 weeks. Buried Waggon Road Cemetery E18.

Bradfield, Walter Lanning

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 15

Cemetery:

Couin British Cemetery

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 15/12/16.

Enlisted 4/9/1914 in Leeds 'Pals' Battalion W. Yorks. When Pals sent to Egypt he was kept on the reserve list in England, but rejoined Battalion in April 1916.

Killed 5/12/1916 in trench at front by a shell at Couin. Buried in Couin British Cemetery VC3.

Bradley, Walter Robinson

Age:

27

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

RAF, WR Regiment - 1st

Pre-war Occupations:

Outdoor staff duties at Ilkley Post Office.

War Regions:

Egypt

Cause of Death:

Died of Malaria

Experience:

IG 12/7/18.

Paying member of Ilkley RUFC.

Ilkley 'Pals' Comp W.Riding Regt in late 1914. Sgt and later commissioned June 1915 and with various battalions in this Rgt. In Egypt wounded by shrapnel in leg and moved to Salonica as adjutant of RAF. Died of malaria in Salonica 25/6/1918. Buried there.

Brear, Ernest

Age:

34

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

Royal Hussars - 15

War Regions:

India

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 27/11/14.

Died at Stobhill Military Hospital, Glasgow as a result of wounds received at Lille, 30/10/14.

Brunskill, Joseph P.

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 1st

Pre-war Occupations:

Denton Hall - employment of Mr. H. Illingworth.

Experience:

IG 29/11/18.

His two and a half year old son drowned in a trough in Denton Village on Nov 1918.

Bryant, Jack Harold

Age:

19

Rank:

Gunner

Regiment:

Royal Field Artillery - D Bty 312 Bde

Cemetery:

Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery

War Regions:

Northern France

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 27/4/17.

Joined RFA April 1915 and to W. Front in Jan 1917. Died at Casualty Clearing Station from wounds received in action 14/4/17 at Achiet-le-Grand. Buried Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery 1B26.

Buck, Henry

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Duke of Wellington Regiment - 'C' Company

Pre-war Occupations:

Hall man at Denton Hall & then gardens at Ben Rhydding Hydro.

War Regions:

Northern France

Cause of Death:

Shellfire

Experience:

IG 7/1/16.

Bucknall, George Ernest

Age:

21

Rank:

Bombardier

Regiment:

Royal Field Artillery - D Bty 312 Bde

Cemetery:

H.A.C. Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Assistant in grocery dept of Leeds Coop Soc Ilkley Store.

War Regions:

Northern France

Cause of Death:

Explosion

Experience:

IG 8/6/17.

Died 26/6/1917 as a result of an explosion in a gun pit caused by a German shell. Germans dropped shell into British Guard Pit resulting in a fire and 12 officers and 13 men made an effort to extinguish flames before reached an ammo dump, but explosion led to the death or wounding of everyone. Buried HAC Cemetery 111 B25.

Calvert, George Edward (Teddy)

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

N. Staff Regiment - 2/6

Cemetery:

Niederzwehren Cemetery

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 18/1/18.

Killed in action 21/5/1917 at Niederzwehren. Buried at Niederzwehren Cemetery 11J3.

Chapman, Ernest

Age:

19

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Pre-war Occupations:

Clerk in Leeds.

Cause of Death:

Shellfire

Experience:

IG 7/1/16.

Joined Ilkley Pals at Kings Hall 31/8/1914 and engaged in office work connected with the regiment. 30/12/1915 badly wounded in chest and leg, in critical condition at the time. Died on 12/1/16 at 17th Casualty Clearing Station.

Clark, Leonard

Age:

31

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Durham Light Infantry Regiment

Cemetery:

Wancourt British Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Ilkley Brewery Co.

Experience:

IG 10/8/17.

To France Dec 1916 and invalided before suffering trench fever in early 1917. On return to France June 1917 killed 31/7/17 returning to Allied lines after successful patrol in No Man's Land, was shot through the head and died instantly. Died at Wancourt and buried in Wancourt British Cemetery 1B43.

Clarkson, Amos

Age:

23

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 8th, WR Regiment

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, Harold

Rank:

Private

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 31/5/18.

Killed in action in France 30/5/17.

Clarkson, J.

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Duke of Wellington Regiment

Experience:

IG 20/11/14.

Wounded at Ypres 8/11/14, bullet below left eye through tongue and lodging in jaw. When Germans saw a bit of steel they cried out "Mercy! Mercy! Goodily English! & screamed like pigs". Hundreds of dead lying around & in making a bayonet charge had to rush over these.

Clarkson, James

Age:

23

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - Depot

Cemetery:

Ilkley Cemetery

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 22/11/18.

Badly wounded 1915 and later injury through shell shock 17/3/17. 4 brothers in army interned Ilkley Cemetery. Died in hospital in Colchester on 21/11/18 from illness resulting from wounds and shell shock.

Clemons, Arthur J.

Age:

34

Rank:

Lance Corporal

Regiment:

Australian Imperial Force - 40th Battalion

Pre-war Occupations:

Employed in Wool trade in Bradford; In 1907 went out to King's Island, Tasmania where he had a cousin engaged in cattle raising.

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 16/2/17.

Youngest son of George H. Clemons of Bradford and Ilkley. Educated St. Bees. Commissioned to W. Front fighting line. Wounded 9/2/17. Died of wounds 6/12/17.

Cook, Walter

Age:

20

Rank:

Driver

Regiment:

RFA - B Bty 312 Bde

Cemetery:

H.A.C. Cemetery

Cause of Death:

Shellfire

Experience:

IG 18/5/17.

Joined RFA battery in 1915 and to front beginning 1917. Killed by a shell on 2/5/17 along with two pals who volunteered for signalling duty at Ecourt St Mein.

Coultas, John H.

Age:

22

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

York / Lancaster Regiment

Pre-war Occupations:

Railway worker at Wombwell near Barnsley.

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 19/10/17.

Son of Mr Herman Coultas, Wilmot Road. Joined up Feb 1917 and at front in 3 months. K.I.A. 29/5/18.

Cowling, Roy

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th Duke Wellingtons

Experience:

IG 20/8/15.

Youngest son of Mr J. S. Cowling, Heath Cottage, Crossbeck Road, Ilkley. Joined Pals company of West Ridings in Sept 1914. Killed at Flanders 13/8/15. Just before his death his papers signed and sent to W.O. (War Office) for promotion to commissioned rank.

Crabtree, John Rhodes

Age:

22

Rank:

Lance Sgt

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 9th Batallion

Pre-war Occupations:

A business with Father Messrs Farnish, Crabtree and Co, Well St. Bradford.

War Regions:

Turkey

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 10/9/15.

Enlisted 1914 and straight to Dardanelles. Dardanelles wounded & missing 15/8/1915, killed in action 19/8/1915.

Crawley, Harold

Age:

36

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

South African RAMC

Pre-war Occupations:

Resident in South Africa pre War and as member of Cape Mounted Police took part in Somaliland Expedition. By 1914 engaged in mining industry.

Cause of Death:

Shellfire

Experience:

IG 9/2/17.

Married. Enlisted in RAMC and sent to Gallipoli Peninsula. 9 months later badly injured by shell fire and shock left him paralysed. Died in a London Military Hosp on 4/2/17.

Cryer, Henry Scott

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 6th

War Regions:

Flanders (Belgium)

Cause of Death:

Shellfire

Experience:

IG 27/8/15.

Killed by shell in Flanders on 19/8/1915.

Dacre, Brian

Age:

28

Rank:

Capt & Acting Adjutant

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 8th

Pre-war Occupations:

Auctioneers / Valuers - Dacre & Son auctioneers and valuers
Ilkley & Otley.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 25/10/18.

Ilkley Pals W.R. Regiment late 1914 as a private and then to
France July 1915. Commissioned after service in the field and
then wounded. Fine soldier, cool & fearless and Christian
Character.

Dacre, Maurice

Age:

26

Regiment:

British West India Regiment

Pre-war Occupations:

Salesman with father's firm Messrs Dacre & Son auctioneers & valuers Otley and Ilkley.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Pneumonia

Experience:

IG 9/11/17.

Joined up Sept 1914 W.R. Regiment and then to France 20/7/1915 & wounded 15/12/1915. Much time in hosp & camp in England & to France Aug 1916 and in 1917 married daughter of Jason Saville, High Garth, Ilkley. Feb 1917 posted to army aircraft school. Died from pneumonia in France on 15/10/1917, at time of death with British West India Regt.

Dacre, Maurice

Rank:

Quartermaster

Experience:

IG 7/1/16.

Wounded in thigh by bomb from an aeroplane on 30/12/15 and in a military hospital in Sheffield.

Dalton, Horace Montague

Age:

32

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

East Yorkshire Regiment

Pre-war Occupations:

Organist and Choirmaster - St Margaret's Church Ilkley since
Nov 1914.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 18/5/17.

Jan 1916 Yrks Regt (Green Howards) as a private then E. Yorks
Regt.

Darnsbrough, William

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Sherwood Foresters - 1

War Regions:

Belgium

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 21/9/17.

Reported killed 10/8/1917. Name on Menin Gate.

Dean, Arthur Reginald

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

East Yorkshire Regiment - 4th Batt, W. Yorks Regiment - 5, WR
Regiment - 9th

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 second March we took enemy's front line in trenches and assailant. It fell to the bombers of the Duke of Wellington's and Gordon's to clear the enemy out of his dug

outs. This completed the task of consolidating the position begun. 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 4 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 peace at any price for individuals."

'At the front since April & then 6 weeks in an English hospital. He was acting Quarter Master Sgt. 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.

Dixon, Farrell

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Pre-war Occupations:

Barman at Star Hotel

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 17/3/16.

9th West Ridings (Ilkley Pals). Originally from Morcambe.
Killed 2/3/1916 at Ypres and name on Menin Gate Memorial.

Dixon, Philip Fletcher

Age:

25

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

Motor Machine gun corps W. Riding Regiment - 4th

Cemetery:

House Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Architect and assistant in office J.C. Proctor Architect, Leeds.

Cause of Death:

Aeroplane Machine Gun

Experience:

IG 15/6/17.

Ardent Quaker. Ilkley distr Motor Cycle Club. Born in Tasmania, moved to UK at the age of 5 - parents previously resided in Ilkley.

Joined WR Regt 1914 then transferred to motor machine gun corps. Killed in action 8/6/1917. Shot through the head by aeroplane machine gun during engagement. Died 1 hour later on way to dressing station in Ypres. Buried Bradford House Cemetery. Enclosure No 2 11B 26.

Dobson, Norman

Age:

18

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 2

War Regions:

Northern France

Experience:

IG 12/3/15.

Joined 2 Batt Duke of Wellington WR Regt, in Sept 1914, as a reservist.

Duell, George

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Northumberland Fusiliers - 1st

Experience:

IG 8/9/16.

1914 invalided home late 1914 and to France again in Feb 1915.
Wounded in knee in March 1916 and then to front and heavy
fighting. Missing since 14/7/1916.

Earnshaw, Edgar

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

Northumberland Fusiliers - 1st

Cemetery:

Ilkley Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Yorkshire Penny Bank Leeds, Otley, Ilkley.

Cause of Death:

Pneumonia

Experience:

IG 13/9/18.

Wounded 1/9/18 in some brisk scrapping as eventually we occupied an old German trench. Jerry artillery opened up & we were in part of trench being enfiladed ie. the position was such that the direction of fire was in at the end rather than from the parapet so you see we got rather a drubbing. At 7.30pm a big gas shell burst 3 yards away. I threw myself to the ground with fearful concussion & slight shrapnel wound on the temple. Now in 3rd Australian General Base Hospital.

IG 1919.

High class musician and pianist. Joined army in Jan 1916 - Sgt instructor musketry & machine gun. Wounded in France 1/9/18 having arrived in France 30/3/18. In hospital in France

until 11/11 and convalescent camp. Then in army of occupation in Germany.

Died at 31 Middleton Road 17/12/1919 on leave in Ilkley - influenza led to pneumonia. Buried in Ilkley cemetery.

Earnshaw, George H.

Age:

32

Rank:

Lance Bombadier

Regiment:

Royal Garrison Artillery

Cemetery:

Gonnehem British Cemetery, 323 Siege Battery

Pre-war Occupations:

1900 started spinning and manufacturing with Messrs William Haggas & Son. Cross Road & Harden Mills, Keighley.

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 17/5/18.

Before aged 22 given distinction and success in markets. In 1911 joined Messrs. E.H. Gates & Co and gained prominent position successful business man.

Killed while working his gun at Gonnehem.

Joined forces Feb 1917 & i/c one of big guns.

Eddison, Thomas Denton

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

King's Liverpool Regt - 14th attached to 19th

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 18/8/16.

Educated Charney Hall, Grange-over-Sands and Merton College, Oxford.

Enlisted in public schools battalion and granted commission in King's Liverpool Regiment in November 1914. Only son of Mr and Mrs J.C. Eddison.

After training he went to the front in February 1916. Killed in action 30/7/16 leading his platoon, near Thiepval. Name on Thiepval memorial pier and face 1D8B8C.

Ellis, Charles

Age:

29

Rank:

Trooper (Pte)

Regiment:

Yorkshire Hussars Yeomanry

Pre-war Occupations:

Mr W. Wood, Butcher, Church Street, Ilkley

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 4/6/15.

Killed Whit Monday. Instantly shot in head by a piece of shrapnel, high percussion shell - in trenches. Near Ypres. Orders to move at 04:30 when shell burst overhead and killed him instantly. They were "dosed" with shrapnel and gas for 15 hours.

Name on Menin Gate Ypres, Panel 5.

Ellis, Percival Clement

Age:

23

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Hon Artillery Company - 1 Battalion 'D' Company

Cemetery:

Loker Churchyard, grave 2E11

Pre-war Occupations:

Thwaites Bros Ltd, Vulcan Ironworks, Bradford.

War Regions:

Belgium

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 15/1/15 & 22/1/15.

Youngest son of Arthur Devonshire Ellis, Mount Royd, Ilkley and formerly of Lark Hill, Ilkley and later Richmond, Surrey. Member of Saltaire Rowing Club and follower Airedale Beagles, ex-student Leeds University.

Ellis, William James (Jimmy)

Age:

22

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Durham Light Infantry Regiment - 15

Cause of Death:

Wounds, 14 November 1918. Died at Casualty Clearing Station.

Experience:

IG 22/11/18.

Died from wounds received at a Casualty Clearing Station abroad.

Farrar, Harry

Age:

29

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 2

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 13/9/18.

Joined Ilkley Pals Comp of WR Regt late 1914. Wounded 3 times and transferred to another battalion this Regt in which serving at time of death.

Fawcett, Richard Wilfrid

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

South Staffs Regt 2nd Battalion attached from 4th.

Cemetery:

Béthune Town Cemetery

War Regions:

France

Experience:

IG 1/10/15.

At the front he was attached to the 2nd Battalion. Initially in navy as Surgeon-Probationer on HM Ferret (torpedo boat destroyer), but resigned to take up commission in army.

Killed at Béthune 26/9/15 and buried at Béthune Town Cemetery, grave 11JS.

Featherstone, Albert

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Northumberland Fusiliers

Cemetery:

Vermelles British Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Vanman - For 5 1/2 years at Ilkley Sanitary Steam Laundry.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 12/1/17.

Eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. Featherstone, Moorview, Leeds Road, Ilkley (formerly of Oswaldkirk). Leaves widow and child. Killed in action 23/12/16 at Vermelles. Buried in Vermelles British Cemetery VF42. His younger brother aged 19 A/B G.H. Featherstone (RND) killed 13/11/16.

Featherstone, Ernest Alfred

Age:

34

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Northumberland Fusiliers - 2nd Battalion.

Cemetery:

Struma Military Cemetery

War Regions:

Greece

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 16/3/17.

Joined May 1917 and to Salonika in 7/11/17. Wrote home on coming out of the trenches but at the same time his parents received news of his death. Died at Struma and buried in Struma Military Cemetery VID10.

Featherstone, George H.

Age:

19

Rank:

Abel Seaman

Regiment:

Royal Naval Division - Hood

Cemetery:

Acre British Cemetery

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 29/12/16.

Killed in action 13/11/16 at Beaumont Hamel. Buried in Acre British Cemetery 11C18.

Fenwick, Basil Middleton

Rank:

Acting Sgt.

Regiment:

Australian Imperial Force - 10

War Regions:

Turkey

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 3/9/15.

Killed in Gallipoli on 7/8/15

Field, Edwin Arthur

Age:

22

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 14 attch 9

Cemetery:

Lonsdale Cemetery

War Regions:

Egypt, Flanders (Belgium), Turkey

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 29/9/16.

Enlisted 1914 in Grenadier guards - after 4 months' service he was given commission in W. Yorks Regt. Fought in Gallipoli and based in Egypt.

Killed in action 14/9/16 in Flanders - during big push against the enemy - died in attack on enemy's strongest positions.

Forrest, Edgar

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Royal Fusiliers - 10th B Co, W. Yorks Regiment

Cemetery:

Klein-Vierstraat British Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Employed in family business.

Cause of Death:

Shellfire

Experience:

IG 4/1/18.

Initially joined W. Yorks and transferred to R.Fusiliers.
Employed in family business. Youngest son of Amos Forrest,
carrier carting agent, Wellington Road, Ilkley. Leaves wife and
family.

Drafted to France in May 1917.

Hit by part of a shell 18/12/17 while taking rations up the line
and died soon after admission to hospital.

Geare, William Duncan

Rank:

Chaplain 4th class. Chaplain to the Forces RA, ChD, HA and assistant curate, St Margaret's.

Regiment:

Indian Civil Service - 165, Royal Artillery ChD

Cemetery:

Vlamatinghe New Military Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Assistant Curate, St. Margaret's, ordained latter part 1913 and took up work in Ilkley in early 1914.

War Regions:

Belgium

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 10/8/17.

Was at Westminster Schl and Queen's College Cambridge prior to ordination at Leeds Clergy Schl. Killed in action 31/7/1917. Shared dangers and hardships of men in the trenches and utterly regardless of his own personal safety won their confidence, esteem and reverence.

Gill, William

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

New Brunswick Regt. - 44

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 14/12/17.

Missing since 23/8/1917. Killed in action on 23/8/1917 at Vimy. Name on the Vimy memorial.

Glover, Edwin Norman

Age:

18

Rank:

Gunner

Regiment:

RFA - D Batt 311 Brigade

Cemetery:

St. Catherine Military Cemetery, Arras

Experience:

IG 20/4/17.

Wounded at Battle of Arras due to shell splinters. Shell struck dug out and set fire to some of charges. Died 9/4/1917, same day as was wounded near Arras.

Goulding, John William

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 8

Pre-war Occupations:

Gardener with Ilkley gentleman

War Regions:

Turkey

Experience:

After Mother's death he lived with his father in Embsay.

He tried to join the 9th Battalion, but was rejected due to varicose veins and op in Coronation Hospital and into 8th Battalion. For part of the time at Front attached to one of Ammunition Columns as a staff groom.

Gravell, Claude

Age:

23

Rank:

Acting Sgt. Maj.

Regiment:

Royal Field Artillery - C 116th Bde

Cemetery:

Karasouli Military Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Grocer's worker - Beanlands grocers, Brook Street, Ilkley

War Regions:

Greece

Experience:

IG 25/8/16.

Killed near Salonica 11/8/16 at Karasouli in Greece.

Gray, Martin Kenion

Age:

19

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

KOYLI - 6

Cemetery:

Delville Wood Cemetery

War Regions:

France (Delville Wood)

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 8/9/16.

Recruited 1915 from Leeds Univ, Commissioned Nov 1915, but at the front for only 9 weeks. Killed in action 28/8/16 at Delville Wood - Longueval, France.

Green, Gordon Criff

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Central Ontario Regiment

War Regions:

Flanders (Belgium), France

Experience:

IG 27/8/15.

Reported wounded and missing then confirmed dead. Wife and three children returned to England and resided in Deal. Name on the Vimy memorial.

Green, Riby

Rank:

Private

Cause of Death:

Suddenly - natural

Experience:

IG 28/4/16.

Died suddenly at Strensall Camp 25/4/16.

Habishaw, William Clifford

Rank:

Sapper

Regiment:

Royal Engineers - 102

Cemetery:

Giavera British Cemetery

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 10/1/19.

Husband of Margaret Alice Habishaw, 'Glenholm', Parish Ghyll, Ilkley. Died 29/12/18 in Italy at Arcade after 3 years of service.

Haigh, James

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 2/4

Pre-war Occupations:

Porter-guard - Ilkley railway station for 7 years.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 12/4/18.

Leaves widow and child. In France for 5 months. Killed in action 26/3/18.

Hall, Wilfred

Age:

20

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

King's Liverpool Regt - 18

War Regions:

France

Experience:

IG 17/5/18.

Joined K.L. Rgt July 1915 & for 18 months as instructor of musketry. To France 8/6/17. Reported missing from 31/7/17 near Ypres and days later reported dead. Name on Menin Gate memorial.

Hardisty, Robert

Age:

37

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 1/6

Cemetery:

Dunkirk Cemetery

War Regions:

France (Dunkirk)

Cause of Death:

Fatally wounded

Experience:

IG 7/9/17.

Joiner + caretaker Ilkley P.S.A Hall for 11 years.

Joined WR Regt in early 1915 and was in France 18 months. 2/9/17 wounded at Dunkirk very badly by aeroplane bomb which fell on room of house where billeted. Received immediate medical attention, but died in an ambulance on the way to hospital. Buried Dunkirk Town Cemetery.

Harrington, Ernest Edward

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Middlesex Regt - 12

War Regions:

France (Somme)

Experience:

IG 24/11/16

Killed 26/9/16 - name on Thiepval memorial.

Hawkins, Fred

Age:

19

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 2/8

Cause of Death:

Active Service

Experience:

IG 7/12/17.

Leaves wife and 3 children. Joined up at York where he lived.
To France April 1916. K.i.a 22/11/17.

Healey, Thomas Morton

Age:

20

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Cemetery:

Bedford House Cemetery

War Regions:

Belgium

Experience:

IG 17/3/16.

Played football for Ilkley Assoc Club.

Killed in fighting 2/3/16 in Ypres.

Higham, Arthur S.

Age:

26

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Cameron Highlanders - 43

Pre-war Occupations:

Joiner - Joiner for Eagle & Maisson joiners / builders Ilkley & went to Canada in 1912 - Joined CCH 5/11/15.

War Regions:

France

Experience:

IG 20/10/16.

Aged 26 (day before he died). Ilkley RUFC. 1915. To front in June 1915. Died on 4/10/16 at Vimy. Name on Vimy memorial.

Hirst, Harold

Age:

27

Rank:

Air Mechanic

Regiment:

3 class RAF - 9 Balloon Company

Cemetery:

Montevecchio Precaicino Communal Cemtery

Cause of Death:

Pneumonia

Experience:

IG 25/10/18.

Youngest son of Mrs J.B. Hirst of "Wordville", Easby Drive, Ilkley.

Married at Addingham Parish Church 18/9/18 to May Fox, 'Peak Rhydding', Addingham. Joined French Red Cross & then RAF & had served in France & Italy for 2 ½ years.

Died in Italy of Pneumonia on 16/10/18.

Hodgson, Albert

Age:

18

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th Battalion

Pre-war Occupations:

Milkman - Worked for Mr R Binns, Ilkley, former Milk Dealer.

War Regions:

France (Arras)

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 23/8/18.

Joined on reaching military age and to France 18/7/16. Wrote home 21/7/16 and then nothing. Killed in action 25/4/17 Arras. Name on Arras memorial.

Hodgson, Edward

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 9/12

Pre-war Occupations:

Hairdresser - Assistant to Mr S. de Lacey, hairdresser, Wells Road, Ilkley.

War Regions:

Flanders (Belgium)

Cause of Death:

Fatally wounded

Experience:

IG 19/11/15.

'A noble and kind comrade'. Died at Flanders - hit by stray bullet on 7/11/15 and died the same day . Bullet lodged in left lung.

Holroyd, Lister

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

East Yorkshire Regiment - 7

Cemetery:

Etretat Churchyard

Pre-war Occupations:

Government worker - in Nigeria.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 15/9/16.

Rugby for Ilkley & Yorkshire.

Volunteered for Cameronians in 1914 - invalided home & commissioned to East Yorks, to W. Front Sept 1915.

Promoted Captain after the battle of Fricourt.

Badly wounded face, arm, leg and body by shrapnel. Died of wounds 12/9/16.

Holt, Harold

Age:

29

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

Royal Hussars (18th Queen Mary's Own Royal)

Pre-war Occupations:

Slater - Worked for Mr Nelson as a slater and resided with the Nelson family.

War Regions:

France (Flanders)

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 21/5/15.

By 1914 a reservist. Last battle of Ypres - met death in bayonet charge. Though a cavalry man he had done several months' duty in the trenches. Bilingual in French and German.

Houston, James

Age:

23

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

Leeds Rifles - 7

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 28/5/15.

Attached to 7th Battalion, Leeds Rifles. Killed whilst placing sandbags around his machine gun when a German sniper shot him.

Hudson, Charles

Age:

30

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Northumberland Fusiliers and later the West Riding Regiment -
2nd Battalion

Cemetery:

Tincourt Military Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Watch maker & jeweller - Apprentice to Mr. H.S. King Market
Place, Otley.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 21/9/17.

Joined up early March 1916 WR Regt & to France 17/7/16,
invalided Oct 1916 (septic poisoning). In Birmingham Hospital.
To front again with Northumberland Fusiliers in March 1917.

Died at Tincourt and buried in Tincourt Military Cemetery.

Died in Casualty Clearing Station on 10/9/17 after badly wounded on 9/9/17 - gunshot wounds, both legs & shoulder, only conscious for a very few minutes.

Hudson, Fred

Age:

28

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 9th Batallion

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 6/9/18.

Joined Ilkley Pals Comp WR Regt 1914. To France with battalion July 1915. Died from wounds 26/8/18 at Casualty Clearing Station in France.

Hudson, George Gregory

Rank:

Lance Corporal

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Cemetery:

Heilly Station Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Messrs James Spencer & Son, cab proprietors & coal merchant, Ilkley.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 14/7/16.

He was a widower with 2 children. Joined pals Sept 1914 while Colonel Haydon with battalion, L/C Hudson acted as his servant.

Died of wounds 6/7/16 France while engaged on trench work at Merricourt-l'Abbe.

Ideson, Joseph H.

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

RFC, Sherwood Foresters

Cemetery:

Ilkley Cemetery

Cause of Death:

Flying accident

Experience:

IG 22/12/16.

Joined Sherwood Foresters autumn 1914, later wounded & attached to Royal Flying Corps. Accidentally killed 13/3/1917 flying in England. Elder brother Pte Maurice Ideson of A.I.F (Australian Imperial Force) killed in action 3/9/1916.

Ideson, Maurice

Age:

27

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Australian Imperial Force - 51

Pre-war Occupations:

Worked in Australia 1910 as Marine Store Dealer. Previously ships steward.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 15/9/16.

Married. 1914 W. Front. Killed in action W. Front 3/9/16 instantaneously at Villers-Bretonneux. Name on Villers-Bretonneux memorial.

Jagger, Joseph

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

KOYLI - 12

Cemetery:

White House Cemetery

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 23/11/17.

K.i.a 15/10/17 at St. Jean Les Ypres.

Kelley, Fred

Rank:

Lance Corporal

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 5

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 23/7/15.

In National Reserve & volunteered outbreak of war - going to front with Regt in April 1915. Died of wounds at No 2 Stationary Hosp, Boulogne.

Kempe, Harold

Age:

39

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

Canadian Infantry - 4

War Regions:

Belgium (Ypres), Flanders (Belgium)

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 8/9/16.

Killed in action, had been missing since 2/6/16 at Ypres. Name on Menin Gate Panel 30,32.

Kendall, William Lambert

Age:

25

Rank:

Gunner

Regiment:

Royal Garrison Artillery

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 11/10/18.

Joined army early 1915, to France December 1915 & wounded May 1916. Back in France March 1917.

Eldest brother Signaller Thomas Sylvester Kendall in France with Signalling Corps.

King, John Abbott ('Jock')

Rank:

Lance Corporal

Regiment:

Liverpool Scottish - 1/10

Pre-war Occupations:

Farmer in at Wharfedale Grange Farm in Ben Rhydding.

War Regions:

Northern France

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 8/9/16.

1914 Yorkshire Hussars & transferred to Liverpool Scottish.
Died 9/8/16 at Thiepval. Name on Thiepval Memorial (Pier &
Face 1D8B and 8C).

Knowles, Eric Wilkinson

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

Chemist section of Royal Engineers

Cemetery:

Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Business man - in business with father, Messrs H & M Knowles wool & noil Merchants 23 Dale Street Bradford.

War Regions:

Flanders (Belgium)

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 20/7/17.

Originally recruited for Army Service owing to defective eye sight, eventually accepted for RAMC & later transferred to R.E. Died of wounds at casualty clearing station on 14/7/17 at Lijssenthoek. Buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery XV1 B8A.

Lambert, Barden Stanley

Age:

18

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

East Yorkshire Regiment - 4th reserve

Cause of Death:

Pneumonia

Experience:

IG 22/11/18.

Joined on reaching military age. Died in a Hull hospital 18/11/18 from pneumonia following influenza. Interred Ilkley Cemetery. All brothers in army.

Lambert, Harry

Age:

19

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

East Yorkshire Regiment - 7

Cemetery:

New Military Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Clerk at Pickersgills Brewery Offices, Pontefract.

War Regions:

France (Somme)

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 14/7/16.

Killed 1/7/16 leading a platoon after officer got killed. Only 3 of the platoon returned from this action at Fricourt. Buried New Military Cemetery B3 at Fricourt.

Lansdale, Ernest Conway

Age:

21

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

RAF, RASC

Pre-war Occupations:

Rep - Returned to Ilkley from Denmark in July 1914 where rep Leigh & Pearce Ltd Provision Merchants of Bradford.

Cause of Death:

POW (in German hands)

Experience:

IG 20/10/16.

Commissioned in A.S.C. in Oct 1914. Promoted full Lieut June 1915 & to France Jan 1916 - transferred to RFC July and post training to France 17/9/16 doing light work enemy lines.

POW and died in German hands 30/9/16. Reported missing at Bancourt 30/9/16 after flying over German lines. Plane seen in flames & falling to ground. Observer Sgt Clarkson from Blackpool alive and a prisoner.

Lee, Arthur Basil

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 5th

Pre-war Occupations:

Stuff Merchant - Messrs Sutherland Parker & Co Stuff Merchants, Bradford.

War Regions:

France (Somme)

Cause of Death:

Shot

Experience:

IG 14/7/16.

Playing member of Ilkley RUFC. Joined W.Riding Division Ammunition Column in early days of war and after 3 months service got commissioned with W. Yrks Rgt.

Killed 2/7/16 by German Officer with revolver at Thiepval in a dug out while Lee was leading men along the trench. At the front from July 1915 & had been accidentally wounded. Name on Thiepval Memorial.

Leyland, Henry Edmund

Age:

35

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 2/6

Cemetery:

Guiseley Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Teacher - For 13 years artist teacher in boys dept Ilkley National School.

Cause of Death:

Appendicitis

Experience:

IG 22/12/16.

Married for 6 years - wife only lived year or so and he then resided with relatives in Guiseley. Died in Bradford Military Hospital - appendicitis. Buried in Guiseley Cemetery, grave 1065.

Lister, Edward Oswald

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

Royal Engineers - 284 Army Troops Coy

Cemetery:

Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Army - Served 7 years in regular army (RE) & period in reserves.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Suddenly - natural

Experience:

IG 4/1/18.

Rejoined army 1914 & to France in 1915. One of the first members of Ilkley Camp. RE Volunteers. Died in his sleep in France, in a hut with other sergeants 13/12/17 near Lijssenthoek.

Longbottom, Henry

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

South Lancs Regt - 6

Awards:

King's 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.

Lund, James Arthur

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Cyclist Corps - 17 Div

Cemetery:

Etaples Military Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Coal merchant with Mr. J. Nunns of Ben Rhydding.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 25/2/16.

Promising footballer. Died of wounds at Etaples. Engaged on night work when trench mortar shell burst near him wounding him in thigh & injuring 3 others. Had been bomb instructor in Divis School & expert at bomb throwing.

His brother George 4 BR (How) Bde R.F.A. home on month's leave 3 weeks previously.

Lupton, Geoffery Arthur

Age:

23

Rank:

Lance Corporal

Regiment:

Royal Fusiliers - 23rd, A Comp

Cemetery:

Regina Trench Cemetery

Experience:

IG 9/3/17.

4 attempts to join up (rejected due to eyesight). Eventually a Pte in Pub Schools Batt of Royal Fusiliers. Excellent Linguist & used as interpreter. Killed in action 17/2/17 at Grandcourt.

Recommended for commission and expected home but then killed. Younger brother Lt. B.C.Lupton WR Regt won MC cross and had been wounded some time before. Buried Regina Trench Cemetery Grandcourt IVE 14.

Mallard, Norman

Rank:

Flight Sub Lt.

Regiment:

RNAS

Cemetery:

Ilkley Cemetery

Cause of Death:

Drowned

Experience:

IG 5/4/18.

Accidentally drowned when plane crashed into water on 30/3/18. Buried in Ilkley Cemetery (CC89).

Mallinson, Eric

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Cemetery:

Gordon Dump Cemetery

War Regions:

France (Somme)

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 21/7/16.

Lt Ilkley Pals Comp WR Regt 9th (attached to 3rd). Returned from Vancouver to serve in the Army in January 1915. Buried at Gordon Dump Cemetery III G2.

Mann, Basil Stainforth

Age:

21

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

Duke of Wellington Regiment - 2/6

Experience:

IG 7/12/17.

Joined Inns Court OTC Nov 1914, gazetted March 1915 & to front Nov 1915. Killed 27/11/17 leading his company.

Maufe, Ernest Gordon

Age:

31

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Royal Fusiliers, Royal West Kent Regt - 11

Pre-war Occupations:

Business man in Barnstaple, Devon.

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 3/11/16.

Member of local volunteer training Corps. Married: widow and 1 child. Joined Royal Fusiliers May 1916 & in France from Sept 16 when attached to Royal West Kents. Killed at Thiepval. Name on Thiepval memorial.

Maufe, Statham Broadbent

Age:

29

Rank:

Major

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 11

Cemetery:

Heilly Station Cemetery

Awards:

MID - 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 & recently mentioned in dispatches.

Millson, Alvan Ewen

Age:

25

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

Royal Fusiliers - 4

Cemetery:

Beaurains Road Cemetery

War Regions:

France, Turkey

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 20/4/17.

Joined Inns Court OTC 1914 & commissioned in Royal Fusiliers Feb 1915. Autumn 1915 to Suvla Bay (Turkey) where he served until invalided home. In France from Aug 1916 K.i.a 9/4/17 at Beaurains.

Moisley, Alan

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Canadian Mounted Rifles - 5

Cemetery:

La Chaudière Military Cemetery

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 27/4/17.

Joined Canadian Mounted Rifles in Montreal Feb 1915 - to England in July 1915 & to France Oct 1916. Killed in action at Vimy 6/4/17.

Newton, Thomas H.

Rank:

Sgt. Wheelwright

Regiment:

RASC, RFA

Cemetery:

Chatby Military Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Postman in Ilkley - then Sanitary Dept IUDC.

War Regions:

Egypt

Cause of Death:

Disease

Experience:

Unknown IG reference.

In RASC "Base Horse Transport Dept". Member of Territorial Force attached to 11th Battery 4th WR Howitzer Brigade, RFA. Joined up with British Middle East Force initially.

Died from disease in Gallipoli & served in Boer War for 3 years. Name on War Memorial in Alexandria (Egypt).

Nunns, William Arthur

Age:

22

Rank:

Cpl. Wheeler

Regiment:

Royal Field Artillery - 11th battery of 4 WR Howitzer Brigade

Cemetery:

Boulogne Eastern Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Joiner - Played football Ilkley Rugby Club 2nd team & later with 1st team.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Nephritis

Experience:

IG 24/9/15.

11th Battery 4 West Riding Howitzer Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Connected with Howitzers for 4 ½ years. Died at General Hosp Boulogne on 24/3/18 from nephritis. In France from April 1915. Taken ill in August and sent to hospital.

Oddy, James Leslie

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 6th

Cemetery:

Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery

War Regions:

France (Somme)

Cause of Death:

Fatally wounded

Experience:

IG 15/9/16.

Hit by a shell just as moving out with company preparatory to big operation. Died from wounds 3/9/16 at Warloy-Baillon.

Owston, Victor Maxwell

Age:

29

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Australian Imperial Force - 53

Cemetery:

Ration Military Cemetery - La Chapelle-d'Armentières

Pre-war Occupations:

Before going to Australia in employment of Mr. Dalton, Skipton Road, Ilkley.

Experience:

IG 22/12/16.

Died 19/7/16 at La Chapelle-d'Armentières. Buried Ration Farm Military Cemetery.

Patey, Edward

Age:

35

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

Rifle Brigade - 5 attached 3rd

Pre-war Occupations:

Master at Clevedon House School Ben Rhydding.

War Regions:

Belgium (Ypres)

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 17/8/17.

Enlisted in 1914 Univ & Pub Schools Brigade - in France.
Commission July 1916 & promoted to Captain Feb 1917. Killed
in action 2/8/17 Ypres - name on Menin Gate Memorial.

Peacock, George

Age:

22

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 1/6

Pre-war Occupations:

Gardener employed by Dobson, Woodbank, Ilkley.

War Regions:

Flanders (Belgium)

Cause of Death:

Fatally wounded

Experience:

IG 8/3/18.

Twice wounded & once gassed, returned to front, leave 18/2/18. Severe injuries to buttock, shoulder and ankle. Died from wounds at Casualty Clearing station in Flanders on 28/2/18. Laid to rest in Military Cemetery nearby.

Perks, Leslie Seymour

Age:

19

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 10

Pre-war Occupations:

Apprentice - For 4 years an apprentice in Taylors Drug Stores,
The Grove, Ilkley

Experience:

IG 20/10/16.

Joined WR Regiment Sept 1914 & was in France 14 months.
Fell in action 9/10/16, name on Thiepval Memorial.

Petty, James, Lister

Rank:

Lance Corporal

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 10

War Regions:

Flanders (Belgium)

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 19/10/17.

Name on Tyne Cot Memorial near Ypres.

Philpot, John Edgar

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Canadian Infantry - 47

Cemetery:

Etaples Military Cemetery

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

Wharfedale & Airedale Observer 12/10/17.

Killed in action 8/9/17.

Other brother Pte Harry Philpot, Australians (wounded & now discharged). Other brother Major D. Philpot D.S.O Canadians in France.

Pickard, Bernard

Age:

20

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Northumberland Fusiliers - 23

Cemetery:

Cologne British Cemetery

War Regions:

France (Flanders)

Cause of Death:

Pneumonia

Experience:

IG 30/5/19.

In army from late 1916 including 16 months on W. Front. Died in Cologne while with Army Occup in Germany on 21/6/1919 from pneumonia.

Plows, Fred

Age:

19

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Durham Light Infantry Regiment - 19

Pre-war Occupations:

Plumber with William Lawson in Brook Street.

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 26/4/18.

In France from Dec 1917. Killed in action 21/3/18 - shot through head during German offensive, body found buried by Australian NCO & on Plows body was address. First Air Mechanic G.A. Plows Farnborough England forwarded to person named in hope he would identify the dead man & tell parents. Top part of letter Air Mech Plows sent to brother who forwarded to parents.

Pool, John, Henry

Age:

32

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Pre-war Occupations:

Wharfedale Estate Company and then kept a bird shop in the Arcade in Ilkley.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Grenade

Experience:

IG 15/10/15.

On 29/9/15 killed by grenade dropped in trench occupied by 9th WR Regiment. Killed instantly while serving breakfast.

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 on the day heard that he had been awarded DSO for bravery. In the field on the day of his death.

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

Priestman, Kenneth Mallorie

Age:

25

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

Royal Engineers - 105 Field Co

Cemetery:

Blighty Valley Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Electrical Works, Rugby & then his father's firm in Bradford

War Regions:

France (Somme)

Cause of Death:

Fatally wounded

Experience:

IG 8/9/16.

Commissioned RE 1915 & voluntary driver. Friends
Ambulance Unit at the front. Home in Ilkley weeks ago.

Killed 31/8/1916 in Authuille Wood - large shell fragment
broke his spine - killed in advanced front line. Brother Sgt
RAMC(T.F.) & at Casualty Clearing Station.

Reeve, Charles Sims

Age:

29

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

East Surrey Regt - 2

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 19/2/15.

Killed in action 14/2/1915.

Renton, George Lister

Age:

19

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

NZ Infantry - 1

Pre-war Occupations:

Timber trade

War Regions:

Egypt, France (Somme), Turkey

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 13/10/16.

Engaged in timber trade in NZ, 1st batch to join the army in NZ after the war had started. Recruited in 1914 and served in Egypt / Gallipoli before fighting on Western front.

Killed 17/9/1916 near Caterpillar Valley - name on Caterpillar Valley memorial.

Renton, Joseph

Age:

18

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Cemetery:

Ilkley Cemetery

Cause of Death:

Weak heart

Experience:

IG 27/11/14.

Under training at Bovington Camp, Wool Dorset, contracted blood poisoning in foot. In Dorchester hospital. Died 23/11/14 weak heart. His condition meant that they could not operate under any circumstance. Buried in Ilkley Cemetery 28/11/14.

Reynard, Thomas

Age:

27

Rank:

Lance Corporal

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Pre-war Occupations:

Farmer - Worked on father's farm. Young fellow literary tastes and intellectually inclined.

War Regions:

France (Arras)

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 22/6/17.

Single. Joined in Ilkley Sept 1914 & in France 2 years. His brother in France with Canadian Engineers. Killed in action 25/4/17 near Arras. Name on Arras Memorial Bay G.

Robbins, Arthur J.

Rank:

Cpl Farrier

Regiment:

RASC (Meerut Division HQ)

Cemetery:

Caboret Rouge British Cemetery

War Regions:

France

Experience:

IG 7/5/15.

Killed 29/4/1915 while serving with Indian Expeditionary Force Meerut Division at Souchez in France. Buried at Caboret Rouge British Cemetery XVII B2.

Robinson, Arthur (locally called 'Jack')

Rank:

Gunner

Regiment:

RFA - 295

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Pneumonia

Experience:

Died of pneumonia in France 24/9/17. His brother Bernard died from wounds 27/8/18 & his brother-in-law Pte L. Eccles is in hospital 'gassed'.

Robinson, Bernard

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Cause of Death:

Fatally wounded

Experience:

IG 12/5/16.

Wounded in arm by shrapnel.

IG 6/9/18.

Died 27/8/18 of wounds received 26/8/18 in attack on a German position. Another son a POW in Germany & a son in Italy. Son-in-law in France, another in England.

Robinson, Frederick

Age:

34

Rank:

Sgt.

Regiment:

RAMC - 7 CCS

Cemetery:

Longuenesse Souvenir Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Clerical Worker - Clerical Staff Garnett & Son paper manufacturer, Otley.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 13/4/17.

Left leg amputated while serving in France and in critical condition. Had been working in casualty clearing station (weakness in left leg due to sledging accident in childhood).

Died from wounds 18/4/17 at St Omer.

Scaife, Jasper

Age:

37

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Pre-war Occupations:

For 9 years with Mr. F Walker of Ilkley Corn Mill.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 18/1/18.

Joined 'Ilkley Pals' (WR Regt 9th) in 1914 - 3 times wounded & once gassed. Terrible injuries to his back on 6/1/18. Died from wounds 13/1/18 at Stationary Hosp, Rouen.

Scott, Eric Bertram Ralph

Rank:

First Lt.

Regiment:

Royal Engineers (Brigade Signalling Officer) - 25 Div Signal Coy

Cemetery:

Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 21/7/16.

Joined London Electrical Engineers (Territorial) at outbreak of war & commissioned with RE 5/1/15. Went to France Sept 1915 as Brigade Signalling Officer.

Died 10/7/18 at Warloy-Baillon and buried in Communal Cemetery.

Scott, Eric Joseph

Age:

20

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

Cemetery:

Bedford House Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Cabinet maker Bradford & with Mr. W. Tomlinson, The Grove, Ilkley.

War Regions:

Belgium (Ypres)

Cause of Death:

Shot

Experience:

IG 30/3/16.

Died after being shot in face by a sniper 2/3/16 - walked to field dressing station, but died the next day 3/3/16 near Ypres.

Shaw, E.H.

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

Cheshire Regt - 13

Cemetery:

Berks Cemetery Extension, Belgium

War Regions:

Belgium

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 16/2/17.

K.i.a. 22/1/17.

Sheard, Roland

Rank:

Gunner

Regiment:

RFA - C Bty 246 Bde

Cemetery:

Coxyde Military Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Army - In Ilkley Battery 4th WR Regiment Howitzer Brigade and resigned from it. Rejoined April 1915 and to 2/4 and later to 3/4.

War Regions:

Flanders (Belgium)

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 17/18/17.

In action as Wheeler Corporal 9th (Siege) Battery RGA when first wounded. Narrow escape in fighting - knocked down by bursting German shell, but only injury was a damaged finger & hit on the knee with a bit of the shell. German shell hit top of farmhouse where he was staying & it was set on fire.

Left widow and baby son.

Killed in action on 7/8/17 at Coxyde - hit by a shell while he was with battery light guns and killed.

Silverwood, Albert

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Durham Light Infantry Regiment - 15

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Missing (presumed dead)

Experience:

IG 10/5/18.

Well known as cricketer.

Joined army 12/6/16 and to France 17/11/16 - on leave for Christmas 1917. Missing since 21/3/1918.

Simpson, Paul James Calvert

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

KOYLI - 3

War Regions:

France (Loos)

Cause of Death:

Missing (presumed dead)

Experience:

IG 29/10/15.

Joined Special Reserve 1914 & Univ & Public Schools Corps in waiting period. To France 1/6 & wounded in action & missing 4/10/15 when attached to 1 Batt at Battle of Loos. Name on Loos memorial.

Smeeth, William Sutton

Age:

22

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

RFC, Royal Irish Rifles

Cemetery:

Bolton Abbey Cemetery

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Accident

Experience:

IG 27/7/17; 7/7/16..

Joined public schools battalion as private in Dec 1914 & commission in Royal Irish Rifles with which Regt to W. Front. Wounded July 1916 & later attached RFC, only obtaining wings shortly before death. Death 17/7/17 as result of accident near Bolton Abbey churchyard. Had links with Ben Rhydding.

Smith, David

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment

Pre-war Occupations:

Plasterer

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 6/7/17.

Wife lives Middleton Road and has 1 year 7 month old son who is very ill. To France January 1916. Seriously wounded 25/6/17 - duty on front line. Died later 14/4/1918.

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.

Smith, Joseph

Age:

18

Rank:

Cpl

Regiment:

WR Regiment

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 2/11/17.

Joined WR Regt in Sept 1914 & to France July 1915. Wounded by shrapnel in Nov 1915 & in hospital & in England for a year. Returned to France Nov 1916 - promoted to Lance Corporal & Corporal.

K.i.a. 18/10/1917 in front line trenches when enemy shell burst and killed him and two of his comrades - buried by comrades, where he fell

Smith, Ralph

Age:

34

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 1/8

Pre-war Occupations:

Apprentice house painter with Mr. G.W. Hampshire of Ilkley.
Working in Leeds in 1914 in a shop.

War Regions:

France (Somme)

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 20/10/16.

Married with 3 young children. Oct 1914 joined W. Yorks Regt. & to France from Feb 1915. In Somme advances, unscathed but bullet went through his cap.

K.i.a. 27/3/1918.

Smith, W.

Rank:

Gunner

Regiment:

RFA - 157 Bde, B Bty

Cemetery:

Dozinghem Military Cemetery

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

In Signalling Work

Experience:

IG 25/8/16.

Playing member of the rugby club. Joined RFA Dec 1914 and to France. On 2/11/1917 while engaged in signalling work near Dozinghem.

Sparrow, Benjamin Charles

Age:

33

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

Garhwal Rifles - Indian Army - 39

Cemetery:

Laventie Military Cemetery

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 19/3/15.

Killed in action at Neuve Chapelle on 10/3/15.

Stones, Harold Allen

Age:

28

Rank:

Lance Corporal

Regiment:

WR Regiment, York / Lancaster Regiment - 13

Cemetery:

Albuera Cemetery

War Regions:

Belgium (Ypres), France

Cause of Death:

Unknown

Experience:

IG 27/7/17.

First joined WR Regt & then transferred to Yk / Lincs after being wounded. Enlisted in 1914 - attached to Duke of Wellington Rgt & after several months' training sent to France where served 1st battle Ypres, but invalided home rheumatism. Recovered - back to trenches wounded - returned to Glasgow - back to trenches and then killed.

Killed 15/6/17 while on active servive in France at Bailleul-Sir-Bethoult.

Sutcliffe, Leslie Peveril

Age:

26

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

Royal Engineers

Cause of Death:

Influenza

Experience:

IG 8/11/18.

Died of influenza 4/11/1918 in British Columbia, Canada.
Invalided out of the army due to wounds & dysentery & to
Canada for health reasons.

Taylor, Francis Lawrie Vincent

Age:

18

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

London Regiment (Artists' Rifles - OTC 2/18 'A' Coy)

Cemetery:

Ilkley Cemetery

Cause of Death:

Pneumonia

Experience:

IG 16/11/17.

Died from pneumonia 10/11/1917 contracted when under training at First London General Hospital. Interred at Ilkley Cemetery.

Thirkell, Walter

Age:

28

Rank:

Shoing Smith

Regiment:

RFA - 4 West Riding Bde, 11 Bty

Cemetery:

Ilkley Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Fireman and Midland Railway.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Influenza and Pneumonia

Experience:

IG 7/3/19.

In Wharfedale Howitzers & mobilised with this unit - to France in 1915. Discharged mid February 1919 & came home suffering from influenza and pneumonia. Died 3/3/1919 from influenza and pneumonia.

Thornton, Charles Alfred

Rank:

Shoeing Smith

Regiment:

RFA - 183 Bde A Bty

Cemetery:

Beaulencourt British Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Blacksmith at Barkston Ash.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Unknown

Experience:

IG 4/10/18.

Leaves wife & 2 children. In France from July 1915. Killed 3/9/1918 at Ligny-Thillois.

Thwaites, Edward

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 2/6

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 21/12/17.

Joined army March 1915 & to Front Line Feb 1917. K.i.a.
27/11/17 instantaneously.

Titley, Anthony Graham

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 10 (attached from 4)

Cemetery:

Orange Trench Cemetery

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 27/4/17.

Joined West Yorkshire Militia when about 19 years old & rejoined his own regiment 2 years after, being appointed machine gun officer & instructor.

2 months after going to the front he was reported killed 13/4/17 at Monchy-le-Preux.

Tolson, Joseph

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

Sherwood Foresters - 1/6

Cemetery:

Choques Military Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Partner - Tolson & Chisnall, Manchester.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Fatally wounded

Experience:

IG 16/11/17.

Died from wounds 28/10/17 at Casualty Clearing Station in France at Choques.

Topham, William T.

Age:

32

Rank:

Driver

Regiment:

Royal Engineers - 9 Div Signals HQ

Cemetery:

Duisans Military Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

A carter employed by Mssrs Ellis Beanlands & Co, Grocers, the Grove.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Fatally wounded

Experience:

IG 18/5/17.

Died from wounds same day as wounded 23/4/17.

Travis, John Wilfred

Age:

21

Rank:

Gunner

Regiment:

RFA - 1/4 Bde, C Bty

Cemetery:

Tyne Cot Cemetery

War Regions:

Belgium (Ypres)

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 25/1/18.

Clerk at Ilkley Gasworks under Ilkley District Council. Killed in action 12/1/18 instantaneously at Tyne Cot.

Tristram, John Hutchinson

Rank:

Lt.

Regiment:

Durham Light Infantry Regiment

War Regions:

Dardanelles (Turkey)

Cause of Death:

Wounds

Experience:

IG 19/3/15.

Gazetted in 1911 3 Battalion Worcestershire Regiment & later to
1 Battalion in Cairo in 1914.

Turner, George Corral

Age:

32

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 2/6

Cemetery:

Favreuil British Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Civil Engineer - Spent 3 years in British Columbia.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Shellfire

Experience:

IG 21/9/17.

Aug 1914 joined the Leeds Univ OTC & commissioned West Yorkshire's 1915. Killed in action 13/9/1917 at Favreuil. From post to post from 4am during continuous & severe shell & trench mortar fire. 5am enemy attacked in force - attack repelled & enemy heavy casualties. Killed instantly by a shell just after leaving a post where leading a hand to hand fight.

Turner, John Henry

Rank:

Lance Corporal

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 9th

War Regions:

France (Arras)

Cause of Death:

Shellfire

Experience:

IG 21/7/16.

West Riding Regt Sept 1914. At front 6/7/16. Killed in his sleep by a shell & died instantly in trench near Arras. Name on Arras memorial.

Vaughan, William

Age:

36

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Labour Corps (Pioneer Corps) - 85 Coy

Cemetery:

Mendinghem Military Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Malborough House Hydro, Ilkley

War Regions:

Belgium, France

Cause of Death:

Fatally wounded

Experience:

IG 25/1/18.

Recruited November 1916 to France Jan 1917. Dangerously wounded abdomen & neck by shell 7/1/18. Died of wounds 18/1/18.

His youngest brother Charles Vaughan wounded at Mons (Belgium) & then in ranks - commissioned in regular army & a lieut.

Vertigan, Alfred

Rank:

Gunner

Regiment:

RFA - 331 Bde A Bty

Cemetery:

Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension

Pre-war Occupations:

Farm hand for 5 years.

War Regions:

France (Somme)

Cause of Death:

Fatally wounded

Experience:

IG 19/4/18.

On 25/3/18 died of wounds in Abbeville.

Vowles, J.H.

Rank:

Signal Sgt.

Regiment:

Rifle Brigade - 7

Pre-war Occupations:

Postman - in Ilkley.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 1/9/16.

Married for two years previous last April. A reservist & joined the Rifle Brigade 5/8/14. Stationed in Sheerness on signalling duty until moved to France for similar work.

K.i.a. 18/8/16 by shell while out superintending telephone lines along the trench. Name on Thiepval Memorial.

Waggitt, William

Age:

27

Rank:

Lance Corporal

Pre-war Occupations:

Gardener for Mr Crabtree, Fairmont, Ilkley.

Cause of Death:

Fatally wounded

Experience:

IG 20/10/16.

Engaged to Miss L.M. Milburn - elder daughter G. Milburn, Gordon Street, Ilkley. Recruited late August, to France June 1915. Wounded in August 1916, 4 months in England & to front Jan 1915.

Badly wounded by German bomb dropped in the trench, had been clearing obstacles on the way to take Boche position. Died on 4/10/16 of wounds - Name on Thiepval Memorial.

Waugh, Ernest

Age:

36

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 2/5 (Machine gun section)

Pre-war Occupations:

Builder / Contractor - In business Mssrs A Waugh & Sons, builders & contractors.

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 12/4/18.

Leaves widow and child. To W. Front early 1917 & on furlough 8 weeks previously. K.i.a. gallantly fighting the enemy 26/3/18. Mrs Waugh's brother in RN lost his wife a month ago. Served on subs.

Whitehead, Charles Harrison

Age:

20

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Northumberland Fusiliers - 17 (NER Pioneers)

Pre-war Occupations:

NE Railway at Marsh Lane Station Leeds as a goods clerk.

Cause of Death:

Fatally wounded

Experience:

IG 10/5/18.

To front Dec 1916 & home on furlough in Feb 1918. Wounded in action on night 19/4/18 - wiring by trenches. Wounded in the bowels close to left hip & in great pain. Twice dressed at different ambulance stations. Died at a Casualty Clearing Station 20/4/18.

Whittaker, James F.

Age:

24

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

KOYLI - 6, Shropshire Regiment

Cemetery:

Delville Wood Cemetery

Pre-war Occupations:

Auctioneers / Valuers - Auctioneer Oswestry.

War Regions:

France

Cause of Death:

Unknown

Experience:

IG 8/9/16.

Nephew of Mr W Whitfield of Oswestry. 1914 Shropshire regt & commissioned June 1916. Died 29/8/16 Delville Wood, Longueval.

Wilkinson, Eric Fitzwater

Rank:

Captain

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 9th Batallion

Awards:

MC

Pre-war Occupations:

Master at Ilkley GS up to start of the war.

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

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. MC 1915 conspicuous gallantry in assisting to carry a wounded man to cover & twice mentioned in dispatches. Wounded on four occasions.

Wintle, Edward Collingwood

Age:

21

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - (Leeds 'Pals') 15 C Coy

Pre-war Occupations:

Clerk - Liverpool, London & Globe insurance company.
Bradford Office.

War Regions:

Egypt

Cause of Death:

Accident

Experience:

IG 18/2/16.

Accidentally killed in Egypt near Kantara on 9/2/16 - accidental discharge of another man's rifle, bullet passing through his body.

IG 14/1/16

Left for overseas by sea - an adventure, as collided at night with a French Steamer which sank in an hour and a chase by three submarines which chased us the whole afternoon and night and one fired a torpedo which went wide (missed us by anything from 10 feet to 300 yards) - quite near enough to be unpleasant.

Witting, Stanley Newson

Age:

20

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

Royal Marines Light Infantry - 2 RM Bn RN Div

War Regions:

France (Arras)

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 29/3/18.

Killed 23/3/1918 near Arras. Name on Arras Memorial.

Witting, Thomas Noel

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Durham Light Infantry Regiment - 19

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 15/11/18.

K.i.a 14/10/18.

Wood, Fred Norman

Age:
27

Rank:
Private

Regiment:
Gloucester Regiment - 12

Cause of Death:
In action

Experience:
IG 26/10/17.

K.i.a. 4/10/17.

Woodcock, Arthur D.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Regiment:

W. Yorks Regiment - 10

War Regions:

Belgium (Ypres), France

Experience:

IG 14/9/17.

Wounded 23/4 & in a Manchester Hosp & rejoined Regt & returned to France 10/7/17. Missing on 16/8/17 at Ypres - name on Tyne Cot Memorial.

Wright, J.

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

Durham Light Infantry Regiment

Cause of Death:

Missing (presumed dead)

Experience:

IG 5/7/18.

Reported missing since 27/5/1918.

Wright, James William

Age:

34

Rank:

Private

Regiment:

WR Regiment - 1/6

Pre-war Occupations:

Shop Assistant - Mr. H. Hampshire first / front shop, Brook Street Ilkley.

Cause of Death:

In action

Experience:

IG 11/18.

Wife and 2 children East Parade Ilkley. To France Jan 1917.
Killed in action 1/11/18. Splendid fellow, cheerful and in face of danger never shirked.