WELCOME TO
THE BLAYDON WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

Welcome to the Blaydon War Memorial Project whIch began on 1 January 2013 to honour all those we lost from our area and is run entirely by volunteers. Much information on the casualties of war is freely available in public records or the internet and the aim of this project is to gather together in one place all the information available on each individual, to honour and preserve the memory of those from Blaydon whom we so sadly lost, giving information on their jobs, homes and the families they left behind. There are 307 names on the Blaydon Memorial and we have also included those not named on the memorial but who are buried at Blaydon cemetery. Many thanks to everyone who has helped with this project by sharing their family stories and photographs.

Welcome, then, as you meet those who never came home. As you join us, please remember in your thoughts and prayers those who gave their tomorrow for our today.

Their Name Liveth For Evermore

1914-1918

BLAYDON WAR MEMORIAL THE UNVEILING - 7 APRIL 1923

Built in granite at a cost of £1000.00, the subscription fund was started by Miss Jane Cowen and Col. Joseph Cowen who each gave £200 and then they made up the deficit at the end so that the memorial could be unveiled free of debt. Rutter Carr the Chairman of the War Memorial Committee said that over 1500 lads had joined the colours and it was sad and sorrowful that over 300 fell, most of them on foreign soil and 'Made that foreign soil forever part of England'.

Silver Statuette presesented to Miss Jane Cowen

The statue was unveiled by Miss Cowen who gave an eloquent speech praising the valiant souls whose names were inscribed on the stone and she said she felt acutely her deficiencies for the sacred task and knew her only qualification was that she was a Blaydonian born and bred. The memorial booklet was paid for by Miss Cowen and copies were given to the nearest relatives of the fallen.

Miss Cowen was presented with a silver statuette of the memorial to mark the occasion.

PART OF PROCESSION, including various Members of Committee

9th Battalion DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY (Territorial)

4th NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS BAND

THE BRITISH LEGION, Blaydon Branch.

SALVATION ARMY BAND, Blaydon.

Miss Jane Cowen , centre, at the unveiling ceremony

Blaydon War Memorial - the Names of the Fallen WWI
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ADAMSON, Private James Stanley (1898 -1921)

James Stanley Adamson was the son of coal miner John and Mrs. Jane Adamson of 133 John Street, Blaydon and one of seven children.

He enlisted in the Northumberland Fusiliers 1st Battalion service No: 83935.

Stanley died on 9 January 1921 age 23 years and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref: FU 193. Awarded the British War and Victory medals he is also remembered on Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/022013 ADAMSON/BLAYDON 001

ALLAN ,Private George Henry (1899- 1919)

George Henry Allan was the son of coal miner Andrew and Mrs. Annie Allan of 3 Oswin Street, Cuthbert Square, Blaydon; one of seven children. He enlisted into the R.A.S.C. R/259083 at Blaydon and was transferred to the Cheshire Regiment service No: 64562. Posted to France he died of wounds on 7 June 1918 age 19 years. He is buried at Sezanne Communal Cemetery, Marne, France grave ref: C.44 The town of Sezanne is 100 km east of Paris and French medical units were at Sezanne from September 1914 onwards, and of the 32nd Casualty Clearing Station in June and July 1918.The communal cemetery contains a plot of 127 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, four of them unidentified.
He was awarded the British War and Victory Medals. and is also remembered on Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/022013 ALLAN/BLAYDON 002

AMOS , Private George Septimus 1889 – 1916

George Septimus Amos was born on 22 November 1889 at Swalwell and was the son of Andrew, a colliery labourer and Mary Amos . The family were living at 59 George Street, Blaydon by 1911 and Septimus worked as a labourer (blacksmith's helper) at an iron foundry. It would appear that Septimus had emigrated to Canada as he joined the Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment) 8th Battalion service No: 1318 on 21 September 1914 at Val Cartier, Quebec, Canada. When he attested to the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force he stated that he had previously been in the military - 5th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers 1907-1911. He was 6' in height with blue eyes, light brown hair and a fair complexion. A George Amos sailed from Liverpool

to Quebec on the 'Victorian', Allan Line Ships on 24 June 1914 giving his occupation as labourer but age 21 and dob:1893. NB: Canadian soldiers were paid more than English soldiers. He died in England on 5 November 1916 age 26 years and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref: MC 227. He is named on the Canadian Virtual War Memorial, commemorated on page 46 on the Canadian WWI Book of Remembrance and on the Blaydon War Memorial. Awarded the Canadian 14/15 Star. www. Mapleleaflegacy.ca

SL/022013 AMOS/BLAYDON 003

ANDERSON , Private Robert (Peel) 1892 – 1918

Robert Anderson was a painter and the only son of John and Eleanor Anderson of 3 Nixon Terrace,Winlaton. He married Margaret Clark at the Register Office, Gateshead and they lived at 4 Garden Terrace, Winlaton with their two young sons John born 2 November 1914 and Henry born 3 July 1916. Robert enlisted to the Durham Light Infantry at Blaydon service No: 73421 on 11 December 1915 and was posted to France on 2 January 1918. He was 5'6 ¼ " tall. Missing presumed dead by war on 31 March 1918 he is named on the Pozieres Memorial, Panel 68-72 and. His widow was awarded a pension of 25/- 5d (£1.26) per week. Awarded the British War and Victory Medals,locally Robert is remembered at Winlaton War Memorial,Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/022013 ANDERSON/BLAYDON 004 ANDERSON/WINLATON 001

ANDERSON , Gunner Thomas 1894 – 1918

Thomas Anderson was a coal miner who lived at 5 Path Head, Blaydon with his parents William and Sophia Anderson and six other siblings. He enlisted the Royal Horse Artillery, Royal Field Artillery service Nos: 1428 & 750418. Posted to France he was killed in action on 28 May 1918, he is named on the Loos Memorial, France - Panel 3 Awarded the 14/15 star, British War & Victory medals Thomas is remembered locally at Blaydon War Memorial and St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/022013 ANDERSON/BLAYDON 005

ARCHER , Private John Matthew 1898- 1917

John M. Archer was still at school in 1911 and lived with his parents William and Jane Archer and three other siblings at 9 Burnley Street, Blaydon. His father worked as a horsekeeper, underground at a colliery. John joined the Northumberland Fusiliers, Tyneside Scottish 22d Battalion service No: 204382. Posted to France he was killed in action on 9 April 1917 aged 20 years. Awarded the British war and Victory Medals he is buried at Roclincourt Valley Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France grave ref: II.B.I and remembered locally on Blaydon War Memorial, St. Cuthbert's Church Blaydon and Trinity Methodist Church, Blaydon. His parents later moved to Gill House, Alston, Cumbria.

SL/022013 ARCHER/BLAYDON 006

ARMSTRONG, George E.

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no other information available.

SL/112013 ARMSTRONG/BLAYDON 007

ARMSTRONG , Private John 1890-191

John was born at 4.05 am on the morning of 17th October 1889 at Church Street, Inverkeithing, Fife the son of John and
Sarah Armstrong and one of eight surviving children . His father was working in the area as a "hammerman" (possibly in connection with the Forth Bridge, because in the 1891 census he

was working on the Manchester Ship Canal) although we have no definite proof as yet. When the 1891 Census was taken, his father was in Ince, Cheshire working on the canal, but
John, his mother and two elder siblings had gone to live with his grandparents, Matthew and Martha Cousin, in Oakey Cottages, Stanley.By the time of the 1901 census, he was living with both his parents and siblings at Staithe Terrace, Derwenthaugh. The family were still there in 1911 and John was working as a labourer. Sometime between 1911 and 1917 (when his brother Robert enlisted) the family moved to Delta House. John's date of enlistment is not known, but a comparison of his number with that of other soldiers would suggest a date around mid November 1914, which fits well with the November date for the raising of the 2nd Battalion of the Tyneside Irish. The 25th sailed from Southampton to Boulogne on 11th January 1916. By the 21st January 1916 when he signed his informal will leaving all his effects to his mother, he was a Lance Corporal. At first, the battalion including John were in trenches near Bois Grenier, but by 10th May they were stationed in an area known as Tara and Usna Redoubts, north of Albert, where they took over a section of the front line on 15th May.

There is some confusion over John's actual date of death, some records say 21st May and some the 22nd. There is a very feasible explanation for this discrepancy. The extracts from the 25th Battalion War Diaries provided to me by Mrs Lesley Frater of The Fusiliers Museum of Northumberland describe an attack on John's company's position, during which he was mortally wounded, which began on the night of 21st May and continued into the early hours of 22nd May. The diary was written up on the morning of the 22nd, so this is the date which has tended to be used, although the 21st is the date on his grave stone. A tree at the Woodland Trust's Centenary Wood at Langley Vale near Epsom was dedicated to John by his family .John served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 25th Battalion Tyneside Irish service No; 25/755. Killed in action on 22 May 1916 age 26 years he is buried at Becourt Military Cemetery, Somme, France grave ref: I.M.1.
Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally John is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

Sl/112013 ARMSTRONG/BLAYDON 008

AYRE , Sergeant Thomas 1891-1916

Thomas Ayre was born at South Shields the son of Joseph Charles and Mary Ellen Ayre. He worked as a coal miner at Blaydon Main Colliery and lived with his family at Shibdon House, Blaydon. He had already been in the territorial force for four years from 17 December 1908 – 16 December 1912 when he attested to the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service no: 1520. We know from surviving records that he was single and 5' 3 ½" tall. He was posted abroad on 20 April 1915 and promoted to Corporal on 27 May 1915 and Sergeant on 2 March 1916. He was accidentally wounded by a hand grenade on 5 October 1915 and killed in action on 15 September 1916 age 25 years. In his army will dated 26 April 1915 Thomas left his property and effects to his mother.
Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory Medals he is named on the Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 14A & 15C.
Locally Thomas is remembered on Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/022013 AYRE/BLAYDON 009

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BAILEY, Private Joseph Edward 1900-1918

Joseph was born in Newcastle upon Tyne. In 1911 he was living at 31 Countess Avenue, Whitley Bay with his parents John, a fruit seller and Louisa Bailey and his younger siblings.The family later moved to 67 James Street, Blaydon. Joseph enlisted into the Durham Light Infantry 53d Battalion service No: TR5/118383. He died of sickness on 7 February 1918 and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave reference: S.U. 387 and is remembered also on Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/012013 BAILEY/BLAYDON 010

BALLANTYNE ,Pte. Thomas 1888-1916

Thomas Ballantyne born 1888, the son of J.H. & Catherine Ballantyne of 42 Thomas Terrace, Blaydon and worked as a general labourer at a chemical works. Married to Mary in 1909 the family lived at 16 Thomas Tce.,Blaydon with their two young children Bella & Thomas jnr.. Thomas joined the 9TH Battalion Durham Light Infantry service No. 2561 and was killed in action in France on 1 October 1916 aqed 28 years. His name is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier & Face 14A & 15C. Mary died in 1920 at age 30.
Awarded the 15 star, British war and Victory medals, locally Thomas is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial

SL/012013 BALLANTYNE/BLAYDON011

BANKS ,Private James

James Banks was born c1884 the son of Thomas and Isabella Banks of Stella Bank, Blaydon. In 1901 he was still single and living with his parents. His father worked as a labourer at the coke yard while James was an apprentice at the sanitary pipe works.By 1911 James was married to Sarah with a young son James born c1907. The family were living at 18 Boathouse, South Benwell and James was working as a labourer at a brickyard.We have been unable to trace James' military record but he is named on the Blaydon War Memorial

Brother of Thomas Banks ref: Blaydon 013

SL/112013 BANKS/BLAYDON 012

BANKS ,Private Thomas 1892-1916

Thomas Banks was one of five children and the son of Thomas and Bella Banks of 11 Stella, Blaydon. He worked as a labourer at the colliery as did his father. He enlisted on 5 November 1914 into the Northumberland Fusiliers, 24th Tyneside Irish Battalion service No: 24/622. Killed in action on 16 September 1916 he is named on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Pier and face 10B, 11B and 12B.

Awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally he is remembered on Blaydon War Memorial, St. Cuthbert's Church and the Roll of Honour at St. Cuthbert's Church Hall.

Brother of James Banks ref: Blaydon 012

SL/KA/012013 BANKS/BLAYDON 013

BARRETT, John

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial

We regret we have no other information available.

SL/112013 BARRETT/BLAYDON 014

BARTON , Sapper James Frederick (Fred) 1888-1916

James Frederick Barton (Fred) was born in Newcastle upon Tyne the son of James and Mary Barton. In 1891 the family lived at Whitley Bay where Fred's father worked as a watch maker. By 1901 Fred was at school in Barnard Castle as a boarder and by 1911 he was living again as a boarder at 9 West View, Blaydon and working as a watchmaker on his own account.He married Harriett Ellen Robson in the July/August/September quarter of 1911 and they lived together at 4 Thorneyholme Terrace, Blaydon.Fred served with the Royal Engineers 225th Field Company, service no 101157. Posted to France he was killed in action on 27 July 1916 age 28 years. He was buried at Le Touret Military Cemetery. Richebourg-L'Avou, Pas de Calais ,France grave ref : III.K.8
Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, Fred is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church Blaydon.
SL/112013 BARTON/BLAYDON 015

BARTON , Private Tom (Thomas) 1879-1916

Tom Barton was a miner at Addison Colliery and lived at 67 John Street, Blaydon with his wife M.A.Barton. He enlisted at Newcastle in the Northumberland Fusiliers 25th Battalion, 2nd Battalion Tyneside Irish service No: 25/94. He was in action at the Battle of the Somme and the Battle of Albert 1 – 13 July 1916 , was killed in action on 1 July 1916 and is named on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and face 10B,11B and 12 B.
Awarded the British Victory and War medals, locally Tom is remembered on the Addision Colliery War Memorial, The Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
SL/022013 BARTON/BLAYDON 016

BATES, Private John 1894 – 1917
John Bates was the son of Alfred and Eliza Bates of 64 Theresa Street, Blaydon. John worked as a coal miner and joined the Northumberland Fusiliers 24th Battalion Tyneside Irish, Service No: 19691. Posted to France he was pronounced missing presumed dead on 28 April 1917. Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory Medals he is named on the Arras Memorial , Bay 2 & 3 and locally remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

BATES,Tom
Tom was the son of Joshua and Jane Bates, born 19 May 1886. He served as a stoker with the Royal Navy on HMS Victory and was killed on 28 August 1915.
Named on the Blaydon war Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
SL/112013 BATES/BLAYDON 018

BATEY ,Private George Albert 1895-1915

Albert was the son of Jacob Thomas and Harriet Batey of 86 George Street, Blaydon. Born at Lemington and one of six surviving children 1911 both father and son worked for the Stella Coal Company as coal miners.Albert enlisted at Blaydon on 24 April 1913 and served with the Durham Light Infantry 9th Battalion, service No: 1543. From surviving records we know he was 5' 6 1/2 " tall with a 35" chest.Posted to France he disembarked at Boulogne on 20 April 1915 and died from wounds received in combat on 3 May 1915 at the age of 20 years. He was buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension plot no: I.F.20. The record states that he was 'Buried in the Military Cemetery and the grave was marked with a wooden cross giving full particulars'.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally Albert is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon as Albert G. Batey.

SL/112013 BATEY/BLAYDON 019

BATEY , Lance Corporal James 1889-1916

James Batey was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Batey. He was born in Blaydon in 1889 and by 1911 was living at 67 Edward Street, Blaydon with his wife Mary Ellen and baby son of 4 months, Ernest. James worked as a clay moulder at the sanitary pipe works where his father worked as a foreman.James served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion, service No: 2584 promoted to Lance Corporal he was posted to France and killed in action on 17 September 1916age 28 years. Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory medals James is named on the Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 14A & 15C. Locally James is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/112013 BATEY/BLAYDON 020

BECKINGHAM ,Private John J. c1899 – 1918

John James Beckingham was the son of Peter and Margaret Beckingham of 22 Cowen Street, Blaydon Haughs. He served with the Durham Light Infantry, Service No: 82089 and the Northumberland Fusiliers, Service No: TR/5/19516. John James was only 15 years old when he went to fight in the First World War, having lied to the Army about his age. He survived the war, only to be killed by the Spanish Flu before making it home to England.

He died on 7 December 1918 age 19 years and is buried at Terlincthun British Cemetery, grave reference XII.B.37. Awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally John is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/ 052013 BECKINGHAM/ BLAYDON 021

BELL ,Lance Sergeant Herbert Sidney MM 1895-1918

Herbert Sidney Bell was the son of Hannah and James Bell of 13 Loup Terrace, Blaydon and one of nine surviving children. In 1911 Sidney was an apprentice engineer pattern maker while his father was a blacksmith. Sidney had enlisted with the 61st Territorial Battalion service No: 4/16875 and was later transferred to the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry service No; 43653. Sidney was awarded the Military medal for conspicuous bravery.

The Military Medal (M.M.)is a Level 3 Gallantry Award instituted on 25th March 1916 (and backdated to 1914) it was awarded to other ranks of the British Army and Commonwealth Forces. It was an award for gallantry and devotion to duty when under fire in battle on land.On the reverse of the medal is inscribed "For Bravery in the Field". Recipients of the medal are entitled to use the letters M.M. after their name.The Military Medal is the British Army equivalent of the Distinguished Conduct Medal (D.C.M.), the Distinguished Flying Medal (D.F.M.) and the Air Force Medal (A.F.M.).Also awarded the British War an Victory medals Sidney was killed in action on 19 July 1918 and buried at Le Grand Hasard Military Cemetery, Morbeque, France Plo1,Row B,Grave 11.

Locally Sidney is rememberd on the Blaydon War Memorial (as H.Sidney Bell), the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and on the St. John Weslyan Memorial.

SL/112013 BELL/BLAYDON 022

BELL , Private John Allan 1882 – 1915

John Allan Bell was born at Houghten le Spring, Co. Durham in 1899 he married Harriett E.H. Lowden and by 1911 they were living at 29 James Street, Blaydon with their three young children: Jane, Robert and Harriet. John was working as a coal miner deputy overman. John enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion, service No; 2530 posted to France he died of wounds received on 11 June 1915 age 33 years. He was buried at Wimereux Communal Cemetery grave ref: I.I.29.After the war his widow moved to 205 Marsden Street, Westoe, South Shields.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals John is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/112013 BELL/BLAYDON 023

BELL, Private T.

Served with the Northumberland Fusiliers, 21st Tyneside Scottish service No: 21/1400 .

Died on 15 February 1915 and buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref: HU95. We regret we have no other information available.

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BELLAMY ,Able Seaman James Joseph DCM 1897 – 1918

James Bellamy the son of the late Samuel and Jane Bellamy was employed as a driver at a coal mine. Born in Sunderland by 1911 he was living in Blaydon with his mother and stepfather Joseph Settle at 78 Edward Street and later 11 Railway Street, Blaydon. He joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Hood Battalion on 18 October 1915 service No: Tyneside Z/7755. He died of wounds at 10.45am at 8th General Hospital Rouen age 22 years, having suffered gunshot wounds to his right thigh and compound fracture to the femur. Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal on 15 October 1918 the following citation appeared in the London Gazette on 16 January 1919 p 828.
" He was acting as a runner to the Company Commander during an attack north west of Achiet-le-Petit on 21 August 1918 and working with great gallantry and complete disregard of danger. In country swept by shellfire he rendered services of great value. In company with another man he located and captured an enemy MG, disposing of the crew. By his courage and initiative he saved many wounded men by getting them to places of safety in spite of heavy fire."
Instigated by the British as a means of recognising acts of gallantry performed by 'other ranks' (i.e. non-commissioned officers) during the Crimean War (from 4 December 1854), the Distinguished Conduct Medal was regarded as second only to the Victoria Cross in prestige.

He is buried at Boisguillaume Communal Cemetery Extension (FR 17) Seine Maritime, France grave reference F.II B and remembered locally on Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/022013 BELLAMY/BLAYDON 024

BIRKETT , Private James 1889-1919

James Birkett was the son of George and Charlotte Birkett, 95 James Street, Blaydon. In 1911 he was working as a coal miner and living with his aunt and uncle at 23 James Street, his parents having died. He married Elizabeth and lived at 8 Warkworth Street, Lemington, Newcastle upon Tyne. He enlisted as a private in the Royal Field Artillery service No: 34034 as a gunner and was later transferred to the Labour Corps service No: 499112. Hi died on 20 March 1919 age 30 and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave reference: C.C.64.

Awarded 14/15 Star,British War and Victory Medals, James is also named on the Blaydon War Memorial

and St. Cuthberts Church Blaydon.

SL/012013 BIRKETT/BLAYDON 025

BIRSS ,Private John Stephen 1880-1918

John Stephen Birss was born in Walker the son of John and Frances Birss. In 1911 he was working as a marine engineer and living at 139 George Street, Blaydon with his wife Mary Agnes, born South Shields, and two children John Stephen age 5 and Robert Raymond age 4 both born at Cullercoats. He enlisted in the Royal Army Service Corps. where he was a driver service No. M2/076036, 7th Division Mechanical Transport Company. Posted to Italy he died on 14 October 1918 aged 38years.

He is buried at Montecchio Precalcino Communal Cemetery Extension, Italy (near Vicenza) grave ref: Plot 6,Row D, Grave 5The Italians entered the war on the Allied side, declaring war on Austria, in May 1915. Commonwealth forces were at the Italian front between November 1917 and November 1918, and rest camps and medical units were established at various locations in northern Italy behind the front, some of them remaining until 1919.Between April 1918 and February 1919 those who died from wounds or disease in the 9th, 24th and 39th Casualty Clearing Stations were buried either here or at Dueville. Certain graves were brought in after the Armistice from other burial grounds in the area. Montecchio Precalcino Communal Cemetery Extension contains 439 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Awarded 14/15 Star, British War and Victory medals, locally John is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/012013 BIRSS/BLAYDON 026

BLACKBURN , Private David Thacker Marriott 1891-1916

David was the son of John and Isabella Blackburn and born in Newcastle upon Tyne. In 1911 he was living with his father and four other siblings at Lemington and working as a labourer. He married Sarah Elizabeth Hertbertson in 1914 and their daughter Constance was born later that year. Sadly David never met his daughter Constance as he was away when she was born. They lived at 9 Cuthbert Square, Blaydon while David worked at the Addison Colliery. He enlisted at Newburn and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 14th Battalion, service No; 100439. Posted to France he was killed in action at Armentieres on 20 February 1916 age 24 years and buried at Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery,Armentieres, France grave ref IX.F,79.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals , David is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial, the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and the Addison Colliery War Memorial.

He is also listed again on the Blaydon War Memorial as Marriott Blackburn.

SL/112013 BLACKBURN/BLAYDON 027
BLACKBURN/BLAYDON 028

BOWEN , Able Seaman George Robert 1895- 1922

George Robert Bowen was born at Trimdon Grange, Co. Durham where the family were living in 1901. By 1911 the family were living at Shibdon Cottages, Blaydon where George lived with his parents George and Sarah Bowen. He worked at the Blaydon Main Colliery as a miner , underground.He enlisted on 14 November 1914 in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve service No: TZ/1581.
Enlisted 14/11/14 ; Joined Collingwood from 1st Reserve Bn. 9/5/15, transferred to Howe Bn. 8/6/15 -7/8/15 admitted to Hospital Alexandria Otitis Media, rejoined Howe Bn. 1/10/15-17/2/17 SW Legs severe, Invalided to UK 28/2/17 ; Draft for BEF 18/10/17, joined Howe Bn. 13/11/17-30/12/17 GSW Forehead, rejoined Howe Bn. 25/1/18-22/2/18 joined 7th Entrenching Bn., posted to Drake Bn. 14/3/18-25/3/18 missing, POW ; Repatriated 2/1/19 ; Demob. 6/3/19. Tyneside Z/1581.

ADM/171 = St.V.B. issued to Father, IC/1989/1922 ; b.26/2/1895 ; A Miner ; Home address & Next-of-Kin: Parents, George & Sarah, Shibdon Cottages, Blaydon Main Colliery, Blaydon-on-Tyne, later of: 10 March Terrace, Blaydon Main Colliery, Blaydon-on-Tyne. ; GRO = September Quarter 1922, age 27, Morpeth, Vol.10b, p.372.
He was badly injured in 1917, rejoined his battalion and was captured and held as a prisoner of war until 1918. Repatriated and demobbed in 1919. He died in September 1922 at St. Mary's Hospital Morpeth. This hospital was built in 1913 as a pauper asylum but was requisitioned by the military for the duration of WWI. Following the end of its war duties the hospital was returned to Gateshead and used as a sanatorium for TB patients. Closed 1995.

George is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/012013 BOWEN/BLAYDON 029

BREWIS , Private William E. BREWIS

William Brewis enlisted at Newburn to the Northumberland Fusiliers 14th Battalion service No: 13952. Posted to France he was killed in action on 31 March 1916 AND he is buried at Caestre Communal Cemetery, France Nord grave ref: II.A.2 along with ten other WWI casualties. Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, he is remembered locally at Addison War Memorial, Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
SL/022013 BREWIS/BLAYDON 030

BRINTON, Staff Nurse May G.

The only woman named on either Memorial appears on the Blaydon memorial. In 1911 she was living at Ryton – her father Frederick was manager of the Ryton Hotel & she was there with he mother Hannah, two brothers and two sisters. One of her sisters was a school teacher but no occupation was listed for May.The Territorial Force Nursing Service was formed in 1908 as a result of the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act of 1907. It provided a nursing service for the Territorial Force, and was intended to staff twenty-three territorial military hospitals in the United Kingdom. The women who enrolled in the service from 1909 were civilian nurses who continued to work in their usual capacity, but had undertaken to be mobilised at short notice in case of war. Over 8000 women enrolled.She probably served at the Northern General Hospital, Newcastle either at the Newcastle Workhouse Infirmary or at Framlingham Villa. She died on at the Northern General Hospital on 30 October 1918, aged 25 years – which given the date could have been influenza. She is buried at Blaydon Cemetery, grave ref: M.C.210.

SL/ 042013 BRINTON/ BLAYDON 307

BROWN ,Alexander Stuart. died 1917

Alexander and his brother Charles appear on the 1911 census living at 53 Cuthbert Street , Blaydon with their parents Thomas and Janetta Brown and three other siblings. Thomas was a miner while Alexander was still at school in 1911 and Charles was an apprentice glass blower. Alexander served with the Northumberland Fusiliers service no 19/1639 , 19th. and then moved to14th. bttn., he was killed in action on Thursday 13 July 1916. He is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial Pier & Face 10B, 11B & 12B
Alexander and Charles are remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
x/ref Charles Brown Blaydon 033
SL/112013BROWN/BLAYDON 031

BROWN , Sapper Alfred 1896 – 1917

Alfred Brown was the son of Alfred and Elizabeth Brown of Robinson Street, Blaydon and one of six surviving children. In 1911 Alfred was working as brickyard labourer while his father worked as a chemical labourer. Alfred served with the Royal Engineers 560th Battalion Service No's: 2190 & 459405. He was wounded in action and died of wounds received on 7 June 1917.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL / 052013 BROWN / BLAYDON 032

BROWN, Charles

Charles and his brother Alexander appear on the 1911 census living at 53 Cuthbert Street, Blaydon with their parents Thomas and Janetta Brown and three other siblings. Thomas was a miner while Alexander was still at school in 1911 and Charles was an apprentice glass blower.

Alexander and Charles are remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

We have no other positive information on this soldier.

x/ref Alexander S. Brown Blaydon 031

SL/112013 BROWN/BLAYDON 033

BROWN , 2nd. Lt. Donald Andrew 1896 – 1916

Donald was the son of Daniel Angus (1853-1917) and Jane Ann (Spoor 1856-1915) Brown, one of three surviving children. Donald's father was a merchant tailor and woollen draper with a shop in Blaydon and in 1911 the family were living at Bute House ,Lucy Street,Blaydon, the household included his brother Stephen age 25, an incorporated accountant, sister Elizabeth age 30 and two servants . Donald was a Dental Student. In 1907 he had been a pupil at a Dentistry College at Harrowgate, Yorkshire Dales.

Donald served with the Durham Light Infantry 9th Territorial Battalion. Posted to France he died in enemy hands between the 22 and 23 July 1916 age 20 years. He is buried at Pont–du– Hem Military Cemetery, La Gorgue, France Nord. Grave ref: IV.H.2. On 22 July 1916 the British attacked along the whole front from Pozieres to Guillemont, violent fighting occurred. On 23 July the 2d phase Battle of the Somme began with intense fighting in and around Pozieres. The British recaptured the whole of Longueval but the Germans re-took the north end of the village

BROWN , Private Isaac 1899 – 1918

Isaac Brown was the son of Robert (1865-1898) and Rose Lee (Wordsworth) Brown late of Gateshead. In 1901 he was living with his widowed mother and siblings in Gateshead where his mother worked on her own account at home running a provision shop. By 1911 Isaac was working as a miner at the Stargate Colliery, his mother had remarried and the family were living at 36 George Street, Blaydon. He had four full siblings and three half siblings. Isaac enlisted at the Drill Hall, Blaydon on 3 January 1917 giving his address as 39 Mary Street, Blaydon. He served with the East Yorkshire Regiment Reserve Battalion service No: 81839, then the Northumberland Fusiliers service No: 64760 and the Durham Light Infantry, service No: 46635.From surviving records we know he was 5' 5 1/2 " tall with a 36" chest and weighed 121 lbs. Posted to France on the 27 March 1918 he gave his sister Mary Ann as his next of kin. His mother having died in 1913.Isaac saw action in the second battle of the Somme 1918 and the Battle of Albert and was killed in action on 24 August 1918 age 19 years. On that day the British advance on Bapaume, capture Bray (south of Albert), Thiepval Ridge (north-east of Albert), Miraumont (west of Bapaume), Biefvillers (north of Albert) and reach Avesnes les Bapaume (western outskirts of Bapaume).He was buried at Regina Trench Cemetery, Somme, France grave ref: VIII. A. 16 and was awarded the British War and Victory medals which were signed for by his sister Mary Ann Ridley of 39 Mary Street, Blaydon.Isaac's obituary appeared in the Blaydon Courier p4, 28 September 1918 and locally Isaac is remembered on the Ryton War Memorial, Blaydon War Memorial, St. Cuthbert's Church , Blaydon and on the United Methodist Church Memorial. Awarded the British War and Victory medals. Isaac's Brother Robert Brown is also named on the Blaydon War Memorial ref BROWN

BROWN , Private James 1881 – 1916

Awarded the British War & Victory Medals his medals were applied for by Miss E.S. Brown (sister)15 Whitley Avenue, Hexham and W.H.Stephenson of 30 Park Parade, Whitley Bay..

James Brown was the son of Charles and Jane Scott Brown, one of ten children. Born at Blaydon, in 1881 and 1891 he was living with his family at Path Head while his father worked as a coal miner. In 1901 his widowed mother was living in Cullercoats with two of her daughters working on her own account running a refreshment room at 10 Front Street. James was living at Path Head, Blaydon as a boarder and working as a railway porter.By 1911 he was working as a coal miner, hewer and living with his widowed mother and youngest sister Ellen at 20 Path Head, Blaydon. He served with the Durham Light Infantry service No: 27059. Posted to France he died of wounds received on 1 November 1916. He is buried at Etaples Military Cemetery grave ref: XII.C.19A.

Locally, James is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

BROWN , Private Robert 1895 – 1916

Robert Brown was the son of Robert (1865-1898) and Rose Lee

(Wordsworth) Brown late of Gateshead. In 1901 he was living with his widowed mother and siblings in Gateshead where his mother worked on her own account at home running a provision shop. By 1911 Robert was working as a miner , his mother had remarried and the family were living at 36 George Street, Blaydon. He had four full siblings and three half siblings. Robert enlisted at the Drill Hall, Blaydon giving his address as 39 Mary Street, Blaydon. He served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion, service No: 2535.His next of kin was his sister Mary Ann Ridley of 39 Mary Street, Blaydon, their mother having died in 1913.Posted to France he died of wounds received on 2 October 1916. Awarded the 15 Star, British War & Victory Medals, Robert was buried at Flatiron Copse Cememtery, Mametz, Somme, France. Grave ref: I.G.34.Locally Robert is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, St. Cuthbert's Church ,Blaydon and at Trinity Methodist Church, Blaydon.

His brother Isaac Brown is also named on the Blaydon War Memorial see ref: BROWN / BLAYDON 035

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BROWN, Robert

Named on Blaydon War Memorial & Plaque at Trinity Methodist Church, Blaydon We regret we have no other information available.

SL/112013 BROWN/BLAYDON 038

BROWN,Thomas

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial.
No other information at present.

SL/112013 BROWN/BLAYDON 039

BROWN , Private Thomas (Tom) Nixon 1899-1918

Tom Was the son of Mary Alice and John Nixon Brown. In 1911 the family were living at 114 James Street, Blaydon with Tom's two older brothers John and Robert. Tom's father was a pattern maker and Tom was still at school. Tom served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 1st Battalion , service No: 83913. He enlisted at Blaydon, posted to France he died of wounds on 27 October 1918 age 19 years. He is buried at Awoingt British Cemetery, France grave ref: II.D.2.
Awarded the British War and Victory Medals locally Tom is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
Tom's cousin also Thomas (Tommy) Nixon Brown died in the service of his country. See BROWN/BLAYDON 041

SL/112013 BROWN/BLAYDON 040

BROWN ,Private Thomas (Tommy) Nixon BROWN 1892-1917

Tommy was the son of Sarah Hannah (Hurst) and Stephen N. Brown. In 1911 he was living with his parents and four other siblings at 5 Shibdon Street, Blaydon. Tommy's father was a grocer working on his own account and Tommy was employed by his father as a grocery assistant. Tommy enlisted at Blaydon and served with Army Service Corps. 15th division Supply Co. service No: M2/081168. Posted to Belgium he died of wounds on 15 July 1917 age 25 years and wad buried at Lijssenhoek Military Cemetery, Belgium grave ref: XVI.F.1A Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally Tommy is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and on the Roll of Honour at St. Cuthbert's Mens Club in St. Cuthbert's Church Hall. Tommy's cousin Tom Nixon Brown also died serving his country see: Brown/Blaydon 040
SL/112013 BROWN/BLAYDON 041

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BROWN ,Private William 1899-1918

William Brown was the son of William and Margaret Brown and one of five children. In 1911 the family were living at 33 Cuthbert Street, Blaydon , William was still at school while his father worked as a glassbottle maker. William served with the Territorial Reserve Battalion service No: 5/14514 and was transferred to the Northumberland Fusiliers Territorials service No: 66316. Posted to Belgium he was killed in action on 11 April 1918 age 19 years. He is named on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Panel 2. Awarded the British war and Victory Medals, locally William is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.
SL/112013 BROWN/BLAYDON 042

BRYANT , Private Albert William 1867 – 1922

Albert W. Bryant was born in Buckinghamshire. He married his first wife Mary H. Adams in 1890 and they two children James born 1892 and George W. in 1894. Following the death of Mary, Albert remarried in 1903 to Sarah and together they had five children; Albert,Vernon,Greta,Grace andSydney.By 1911 the family were living at 1 Shibdon Street, Blaydon and Albert and his two eldest sons were all working as coal miners.
There is a record of an Albert Bryant who served with the Royal Defence Corps service No: 23076 who enlisted on 14 February 1915 and was discharged on 1 August 1919.
Albert died in March 1922 age 56, but his death is not registered by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Locally Albert is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

His son George was killed in action see: BRYANT/BLAYDON 044.
After the war son James is living at 129 Arkwright Town,Chesterfield

SL/072013 BRYANT/BLAYDON 043

BRYANT , Private George William 1894 – 1917

George was the son of Albert William Bryant and Mary H. Adams. They had married in 1890 and had two children, George and his elder brother James. Following the death of Mary, Albert remarried in 1903 and with second wife Sarah they had five more children. . In 1911 the family were living at 1 Shibdon Street, Blaydon and George, James and their father were all working as coal miners.
George enlisted at Bishop Auckland and served with the Royal Army Medical Corps 3d Field Ambulance service No: 11182. He was killed in action on 1 December 1917 and buried at Metz-en-Couture Communal Cemetery British Extension grave ref: II.E.20

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals George is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial.
See also Albert W. Bryant BRYANT/BLAYDON 043
SL/072013 BRYANT/BLAYDON 044

BURKE , Sergeant William 1884-1917

24th Tyneside Irish – William Burke No43 – 3d row from front, 4th from right.

William Burke was born in Blaydon the son of Michael and Mary Ann Burke. He worked as a stoneman at a colliery and in 1905 married Edith Graham. In 1911 they were living at 39 George Street, Blaydon and had no children. William joined the Northumberland Fusiliers 24th Battalion Tyneside Irish service No: 24/550. He died of wounds, records are confusing he may have been injured on 10 April 1917 and died on 17 May, other records suggest he died on 10 April 1917. He is buried at St. Catherine's British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference A12. He was awarded the British War and Victory Medals. At the time of his death their address was 17 Evelyn Terrace, Blaydon.
Locally remembered at Blaydon War Memorial and on the Roll of Honour at St. Joseph's RC Church, Blaydon.

SL/012013 BURKE/BLAYDON 045

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CAIRNS , Gunner William Nelson 1889- 1919

William was born in Sunderland the son of William and Eleanor Cairns. He married Ethel May Cottier on 3 October 1914 at Newcastle Register Office and they lived at 66 Edward Street, Blaydon with William working as a machinist. They had one son together William Telford Nelson Cairns born 7 May 1916. William was called up for service on 27 July 1917 to the Royal Garrison Artillery service No: 175575 and posted to France. He survived the hostilities but died at 12 noon on 13 March 1919 of heart failure following broncho pneumonia and influenza. He is buried at Houchin British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France grave ref: III.A.30. His widow was awarded a pension of 36/- 8d (£1-83p)for herself and her son. She later remarried and moved to 54 Greenhow Place, Elswick,Newcastle upon Tyne.

William was awarded the British war and Victory medals and is remembered locally on Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/022013 CAIRNS/BLAYDON 046

CAMPBELL ,Sergeant John 1873 – 1918

John Campbell was born at Jarrow the son of John and Mary (Anderson) Campbell. In 1891 he was a serving soldier with the rank of private based at Bradford Barracks. He fought in the South Africa Campaign from 1901.

In 1907 he married Mary Lowey (1881-1971) and they had two sons James Lowey Campbell (1906-1985) and George Peter Campbell (1913-1983). By 1911 they were living at 24 Pioneer Street, Blaydon Haughs and John was working as a coke yard labourer.He rejoined the army at Prudhoe and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers service No: 1078 later transferred to the Durham Light Infantry service No: 252657.He died at the Northern General Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne on 15 October 1918 age 45 years and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery, grave ref: S.U.386.

Locally John is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and also on the South Africa Memorial at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/ 052013 CAMPBELL/ BLAYDON 047

CANN , Private Frederick William 1893-1917

Fred Cann was born in Swanton Morley, Norfolk the first surviving son of Frederick ** and Mary Bell. In 1911 the family, including two other siblings were living at 20 Railway Street, (later they were living in George Street,) Blaydon where Fred's father worked as a postman for the GPO and Fred himself worked as a general labourer for a building contractor. Fred married Jane Isabella Bridge in 1912 and they had two children, Lilian M. born 1912 and William H. born 1914. Their address was 22 Bewicke Street,Willington Quay, Northumberland. Fred enlisted in the Northumberland Fusiliers 1/6th Battalion (territorial) service No's; 8123,7940,267395 and was posted to France. He died on 29 June 1917 of wounds received and is buried at Achiet- le- Grand Communal

Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference 1.N.2.

Extract from War Diary: 27 June 1917 – Cherisy

It was intended to hold this position for four days but on June 27th orders were received to take over a length of the front line from the 5th N.F. The relief commenced at 5pm and was successfully carried out in small parties during daylight – B, C & D Companies took up their positions in the front line. 'A' Coy. was in close support. The line was a very long one 1500x with 8 saps. Enemy Artillery was mostly inactive in the forward area, but 'fishtails' were projected on our saps and front line.

28th/29th June 1917

On the night of 28/29 a wiring party of 6 O.R. under 2d. Lt. H. Waugh was attacked by a Bosche patrol of about 20 men who threw bombs but were repulsed by our men. The Bosche Officer in command was killed, 3 or 4 other Bosche wounded, one gave himself up later in the morning (The prisoner claimed to be an Alsatian with French sympathies). The saps were joined up to make a new Front Line on the right half of the Bn. Sector and those on the left wired and put in a state of defence.

30 June 1917:Work of joining up saps continued. Achiet-le-Grand 19 kms south of Arras was occupied by the 7th Bedfords on 17 March 1917, lost on 25 March 1918 after a defence by the 1st/6th Manchesters, and recaptured on 23 August 1918. From April 1917 to March 1918, the village was occupied by the 45th and 49th Casualty Clearing Stations. Achiet station was an allied railhead.

Awarded the British war and Victory medals, locally Fred is remembered at Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

** Fred's father Frederick (b 1870 @ Lyng, Norfolk) Cann occ. Postman also served in the war :106887 Driver F W Cann, D/17 Battery RFA Flanders, 1917 - on the 20th July on the Elverdinghe-Boesinghe road, Driver Cann was wheel driver of a wagon taking ammunition to his battery under heavy shell fire and gas barrage. A shell kiled the off-leader and wounded the NCO in charge of the wagon. Though himself wounded subsequently by another shell he assisted the lead driver to deliver the ammunition to the guns with four horses, and returned with the empty wagon to the wagon line. (MM-immediate : 28 Sep 17).

MM=Military Medal

SLMMcK / 052013 CANN/BLAYDON 048

CARR ,Private James 1884 – 1916

James Carr, born in Blaydon worked as a cartman at the iron works and in 1911 was living at 23 Bridge Street, Blaydon with his wife Sarah and their three young children James 6, Thomas 4 and Lena age 2 years. He attested at Newcastle upon Tyne to the Northumberland Fusiliers 25th Tyneside Irish Battalion service No: 25/861. Posted to France he was killed in action at the Somme on 1 July 1916 and is named on the Thiepval Memroial to the Missing Pier and Face 10B,11B and 12B.Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, James is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/112013 CARR/BLAYDON 049

CARR ,Private Michael 1886-1918

In 1911 Michael Carr appears on the census as living as boarder at 22 John Street, Blaydon. He was single, worked as a coal miner and had been born at Derwenthaugh.The only Michael Carr recorded in military lists worked at Hamsterley Colliery and enlisted at Chopwell to the

Durham Light Infantry service no: 203620.Posted to France he was killed in action on 5 October 1918 and us buried at Beaurevoir British Cemetery grave ref: F.26.

Awarded the British war and Victory Medals, locally Michael is remembered on Blaydon War Memorial and the Roll of Honour at Hamsterley Colliery.

CARR, R.

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no other information on this soldier.

SL/122013 CARR/BLAYDON 051

CARR , Private Robert 1887 -1916

Robert Carr was born in Blaydon the son of James Carr of 10 Garden Street, Blaydon and later 6 Hawdon Place Blaydon. His siblings were Joseph,Thomas,Victor,Hannah,Edith and Sarah. In 1911 James was unmarried, living as a boarder at 88 John Street, Blaydon and working as a general labourer. He enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry 15th Battalion service No: 30813. From surviving records we know he was 5'8" tall and weighed 154lbs.Posted to France on 23 June 1916 he was killed in action on 1 July 1916. He is named on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing Pier and Face 14A & 15C,
Awarded the British War and Victory Medals locally Robert is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, The plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and he was also named on the St. John's Wesleyan Methodist Memorial.

SL/122013 CARR/BLAYDON 052

CAWTHORN , Corporal Mark 1884-1915 Mark Cawthorn, standing on the right of the picture, was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Cawthorn. He was born at Stargate where his father worked as a miner,one of six children. He married Elizabeth in 1909 they lived at 91 George Street and later at 45 Hawthorn Road, Blaydon. Their children were a daughter,Hilda, two sons Robert and Mark jnr. and a third son, Albert, born three months after his father died. Mark enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne to the Durham Light Infantry 13th Battalion service No; 13312. Posted to France he was killed in action on 6 December 1915, only four months after arriving in France. Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War & Victory Medals he is buried at X Farm Cemetery, La Chappell, D'Armentierres, France grave ref: B16. Locally remembered at Blaydon War Memorial and St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon. His obituary appeared in the Blaydon Courier page 8 on 25 December 1915 and page 7 on 6 March 1916

La Chapelle-d'Armentieres was in British hands from October 1914 until the fall of Armentieres on 10 April 1918, and it was retaken in the following October. During the British occupation it was very close to the front line, and the cemeteries

which it contains are those made by fighting units and Field Ambulances in the earlier days of trench warfare. "X" Farm Cemetery was begun in April 1915 and used until June 1916, and it was sometimes called "Wine Avenue". It was intended to take the place to Desplanque Farm Cemetery.There are now over 100, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site,the Cemetery covers an area of 1,065 square metres and is enclosed by a low rubble wall.
SL/012013 CAWTHORN/BLAYDON 053

CAWTHORN , Private William 1888-1916

William Cawthorn was born at Ryton the son of Robert Cawthorn, a miner, and one of seven children. In 1901 William was living with his widowed father and siblings at Bog Pit, Stargate and already at age 13 working at the pit. In 1909 he married Laura Beatrice and by 1911 they were living with their baby daughter Phyllis Mary at 89 Edward Street, Blaydon, William working as a coal miner.Their children were Phyllis Mary, John and Florence May who was born on 13/1/1916 He enlisted at Blaydon and joined the Durham Light Infantry 1/6th Battalion service No: 9/1476 and then 6/6016.Posted to France he was killed in action at the Somme and died on 5 November 1916.He is named on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme ,France Pier and Face 14A & 15C

Awarded the British War and Victory medals and locally remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon.
SL/012013 CAWTHORN/BLAYDON 055

CAWTHORN, W.
Named on Blaydon War Memorial
And the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon.
No other information available.
SL/122013 CAWTHORN/BLAYDON 054

CHAPMAN, G.
Named on Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no information on this soldier.
SL/122013 CHAPMAN/BLAYDON 056

CHILTON ,Lance Corporal Edward 1889-1916

Edward was a coal miner, putter the son of James & Euphemia Chilton of Sibdon Road, Blaydon. His father was a commission agent for a firm of photographers and there 8 children in the family. Edward joined the Durham Light Infantry service no: 3546 and was killed in action 16 September 1916. His name is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing in France Pier & Face 14A & 15C.
Awarded the 15 Star,British War and Victory medals and locally remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/012013 CHILTON/BLAYDON057

CHILTON , Sapper William Douglass 1883-1919

William Douglass Chilton was the son of Robert and Hannah Chilton. William was born on 19 August 1883 at Stella and the family lived at Stella and then at Field House, Blaydon where Robert worked as a steam engine fitter. In 1901 William was an apprentice steam engine fitter. He married Joanna Hope Watson in 1903.William enlisted on 25 August 1915 at Ottawa, Ontario Canada in the Canadian Engineers Reinforcement Pool, service No: 711. He died of pneumonia on 12 March 1919. His wife gave her address as Ridley place, Newcastle upon Tyne. She died in 1981 in Australia.William is buried at St. Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, France Div 64. V1. H. 4.
William is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/012013 CHILTON/BLAYDON 058

CHISHOLM , Robert

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon. We regret we have no information on this soldier.
SL/122013 CHISHOLM/BLAYDON 059

CLARK,Albert

In the 1911 census Albert Clark is listed as one of six children living with his parents Joseph and Esther Clark at 5 Garden Terrace, Blaydon the household included one live in domestic servant. Albert had been born at Ryton in 1893 , his father was a turf accountant and he worked as an assistant turf accountant.

Albert is named on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/122013 CLARK/BLAYDON 060
CLARK , Private Richard H. 1894-1915
Richard was the son of Frank and Esther Clark. In 1911 the family were living at 138 George Street, Blaydon. Richard who was born in Dartford , London was working as a miner, his father Frank was working as a labourer, also in the family were brother Charles a coal miner, half brother Samuel Wood a labourer and a 9 year old nephew James.Richard enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No: 1408. Posted to France he was killed in action on 14 October 1915 and buried at Houplines Communal Cemetery Extension , grave ref: II.A.22.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, Richard is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/072013 CLARK/BLAYDON 061

CLARK , Private Robert d 1915
Robert Clark was the son of Frank Clark of 138 George Street, Blaydon. He served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No: 1408 and died on 14 October 1915. He s buried at Houplines Communal Cemetery Extension grave ref: II.A.22.
Locally Robert is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon.
SL/122013 CLARK/BLAYDON 062

COATES,Thomas

On the 1911 census Thomas is listed as being married to Jane. He is staying as a visitor at Highfield Road, Rowlands Gill with his wife and two of his children: Anne and Mary. He was born at Craghead and worked as a coal miner hewer.
Locally Thomas is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
SL/122013 COATES/BLAYDON 063

Lance Corporal JOHN COLGAN MM 1894-1917

John Colgan was a coal miner, putter below ground. He lived at 22 Polmaise Street, Blaydon with his brother, sister in law, niece and two other brothers. He joined the Durham Light Infantry 1st/9th Battalion service No: 325155. He was killed in action 15 July 1917 and his name is recorded in France on the Arras Memorial to the missing Bay 8. He was awarded the Military Medal for Gallantry which was an award for other ranks for gallantry and devotion to duty when under fire in battle on land and also the 15 Star British War and Victory medals.

Locally John is remembered on Blaydon War Memorial.
SL/012013 COLGAN/BLAYDON064

CONLON, Seargeant P.J.

Served with the Royal Defence Corps. Service No: 5115.
Died 23 May 1916 and buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref: RU191.
We regret we have no other information..
Not named on war memorial.

CORBY , Private William O. 1869-1917

William Oxford Corby was born in Peckham, London in 1869.
He was in Newcastle in 1891 aged 23 as a serving soldier with the rank of private and stationed at the soldiers barracks Newcastle upon Tyne.He married Mary Porthouse in 1894 and by 1901 they were living at 7 Hawdon Place, Stella where William was working as a mason's labourer. In the 1911 census they are living at 78 George Street, Blaydon with their three children and William is working as an insurance collector. A later address is 92 John Street, Blaydon
He was an army reservist during the Boer War and is named on the campaign plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church Blaydon , also the WWI plaque at St. Cuthbert's as well as the Blaydon War Memorial. Listed with the Durham Light Infantry with rank of private service No: 3/10675.
William died in 1917 at the age of 47 and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref: H.U.133 and he is also named on Blaydon War Memorial.
SL/012013 CORBY/BLAYDON 065

COTTRELL , Driver Henry

Henry Cottrell was born in Gateshead and worked as a stone mason. He married Sarah Jane Bryson on 14 August 1900 and by 1911 they lived at 6 Middle Court, Blaydon and later at 18 Albert Terrace, Blaydon.
They had five children:Iasabella,Joseph,Henry,John and Thomasina. Henry enlisted on 14 October 1914 and served with the Royal Field Artillery with the rank of driver, service no: 1354 then 751699. Posted to France and Belgium he contracted Bronchitis whilst on home leave and was admitted to the Northern General Hospital from 5 January 1916 to 3 April 1916 and returned to the field as fit for duty, He again suffered from Bronchitis and Emphysema and was admitted to the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital Extension @ Millbank from 4 April 1916 to 17 April 1916. After this he was posted as only fit for light home service duty and posted to a reserve battalion, he was finally discharged as medically unfit for duty on 10 October 1917.
Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals Henry died on 20 November 1920 age 40 years. He is buried at Blaydon Cemetery, grave ref: HU124.

SL / 102013 COTTRELL/BLAYDON 066

CRAIG , Private George MM 1898 – 1918

George Craig was born at Lintz, Co. Durham the son of William and Isabella Craig, one of six surviving children. By 1911 the family were living at 13 Northumberland Square, Blaydon and both George and his father worked as coal miners.George enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers Territorial service No,s: 4/7544 then 242177.George died of wounds on 7 June 1918 and us buried at Vailly British Cemetery grave ref:II.AA.23.George was awarded the British War and Victory Medals and the Military Medal.

The Military medal is a Level 3 Gallantry Award,Instituted on 25th March 1916 (and backdated to 1914). It was awarded to other ranks of the British Army and Commonwealth Forces. It was an award for gallantry and devotion to duty when under fire in battle on land.On the reverse of the medal is inscribed “For Bravery in the Field”. Recipients of the medal are entitled to use the letters M.M. after their name.The Military Medal is the British Army equivalent of the Distinguished Conduct Medal (D.C.M.), the Distinguished Flying Medal (D.F.M.) and the Air Force Medal (A.F.M.).

Locally George is remembered on Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert’s Church, Blaydon.

SL/062013 CRAIG/BLAYDON 067

CREIGHTON , Private John Wilson 1893 - 1916

John Wilson Creighton was the son of Joseph and Dorothy Creighton. In 1901 he was living with his parents and grandparents William and Dorothy Wilson, his brother William J. and sister Margaret at 71 Thomas Street, Blaydon. His father and grandfather worked as miners. In 1911 he is working as a coal miner, pony driver and still at 71 Thomas Street but the household then consisted of him, his mother Dorothy and brother William. He served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 24th Battalion Tyneside Irish service No: 24/541. Posted to France he was posted missing presumed dead in the 1 July 1917age 22 years.On that day the Great Franco-British offensive begins on 25-mile front north and south of Somme. British capture Montauban and Mametz; break through towards Bapaume. French attack towards Peronne; reach outskirts of Hardecourt and Curlu; take Dompierre, Becquincourt, Bussus, and Fay. 5,000 prisoners taken.

Awarded the British War and Victory medals he is named on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing , Pier and Face 10B,11B and 12B.Locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

CREIGHTON/BLAYDON 068

CROMPTON , Corporal James Edwin 1896 – 1916

James Edwin Crompton was the son of James and Mary Jane Crompton, one of five surviving children. In 1911 the family were living at 41 George Street, Blaydon. James, born at Shildon Co. Durham worked as a labourer at the glass bottle works, while his father was a coal hewer. James enlisted at Blaydon to the Durham Light Infantry service No: 1962 but was later transferred to the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, service No: 34977.During 1916 the Germans attempted to "bleed France white" at Verdun, and the British strove to breakthrough along the Somme river. Both were doomed to failure; both were titanic struggles with correspondingly heavy losses.James was killed in action on 28 October 1916 and buried at Cambrin Churchyard Extension, grave ref: S.18.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, James is remembered locally at Blaydon War Memorial, on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and he was also named on the Roll of Honour at Addison Colliery Institute which was destroyed by fire in 1930.

SL/ 052013 CROMPTON/ BLAYDON 069

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DAGLISH Private Walter 1888 – 1917

Walter Daglish was born in Blaydon the son of Thomas and Sarah Ann Daglish. His father was a blacksmith and in 1901 Walter lived with his family at 37 Mary Street, Blaydon. By 1911 Walter was working as a gardener and living as a boarder at Bridge Street, Howden le Wear, Co. Durham.He married Hannah Beattie Mack at Hexham in 1914 and their daughter

Hannah was born in 1916.Walter attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 9th Battalion, service No: 32781. He died of wounds received at the Battle of Arras on 3 July 1917 and was buried at Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun, France grave ref: IV.N.38.
The area around Duisans was occupied by Commonwealth forces from March 1916, but it was not until February 1917 that the site of this cemetery was selected for the 8th Casualty Clearing Station. The first burials took place in March and from the beginning of April the cemetery grew very quickly, with burials being made from the 8th Casualty Clearing Station (until April 1918), the 19th (until March 1918), and the 41st (until July 1917).

Most of the graves relate to the Battles of Arras in 1917, and the trench warfare that followed. From May to August 1918, the cemetery was used by divisions and smaller fighting units for burials from the front line. In the Autumn of 1918 the 23rd, 1st Canadian and 4th Canadian Clearing Stations remained at Duisans for two months, and the 7th was there from November 1918 to November 1920.
Awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally Walter is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL / 062013 DAGLISH / BLAYDON 070

DALE , Private Tom 1883 – 1917

Tom Dale was born in Newcastle upon Tyne one of seven children. In 1901 tom was living at 1 Stokoe Street, All Saints, Newcastle with his father Joseph, a groom/horse keeper at a livery, mother Hannah and siblings. He married Sarah Sim, the daughter of a compositor in 1905 at Newcastle. By 1911 they were living at 30 Cuthbert Street, Blaydon with their baby daughter Elizabeth and Tom was working as a railway shunter.Tom served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 1/4th Battalion Territorials, service No: 204630. Posted to Belgium he was killed in action on 26 October 1917 age 34 years. On that day the Franco-British attack east, north-east and north of Ypres.British positions improved from Passchendaele to Poelcapelle.French capture Draibank; bad weather.He is named on the Tynecot Memorial near Ypres, Belgium. Panel 19-23 and 162. Locally Tom is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, St. Cuthberts Church Blaydon and All Saints Memorial, Newcastle upon Tyne. I have been unable to trace his medal record card but he should have at least been awarded the British War & Victory medals.

SL/ 032013 DALE/ BLAYDON 071

DAVIDSON,John W.

Remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon. We regret we have no other records available.

SL/122013 DAVIDSON/BLAYDON 072

DAVISON , Private James 1897 – 1917

James was the son of Joseph and Alice Davison of 5 West View Blaydon, later 11 Lynwood Avenue,Blaydon. He was born in Blaydon, one of eight children and in 1911 he was working as a drapers assistant, while his father worked as a life insurance superintendant.James enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Royal Fusiliers, City of London Regiment service No: 9814 and was killed in action on 23 April 1917 age 20 years. He has no known grave and is named on the Arras Memorial to the Missing, Bay 3.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally James is remembered on Blaydon War Memorial,the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon and on the St. Cuthbert Stella Mens Club Roll of Honour.

SL/072013 DAVISON/BLAYDON 073

DAVISON , Private Nicholas Forster 1898 – 1918

Nicholas was the son of John Edward and Margaret Davison and one of five children. In 1911 the family were living at 15 March Terrace, Blaydon and Nicholas' father was working as a coke filler at the coke works. Nicholas, born in Blaydon, was still at school.Nicholas attested to the Durham Light Infantry, service No: 40159 and was later transferred to the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 1/4th Battalion service No: 36001. Posted to Belgium he was killed in action on 14 April 1918 age 20 years. By the time of his death his father had also died and his mother was living at 16 Lanercost Avenue,Blaydon. Nicholas is named on the Tynecot Memorial to the missing, panel 108-111.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals , Nicholas is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/072013 DAVISON/BLAYDON 074

DENNY , Private Thomas 1893 - 1918

Thomas Denny was the son of James and Mary Ann Denny. One of seven surviving children he was born at Newcastle upon Tyne. By 1911 the family were living at 34 Cuthbert Street, Blaydon and later 25 Cuthbert Street, Blaydon. Thomas worked as a coal miner putter while his father worked as a plasterer and his brother John as a metal moulder.

Thomas attested to the army at Workington on 3 September 1914 and served with the Kings Border Regiment 5th and 7th Battalions, service No: 12391. From surviving records we know that he was 5'7 1/4 " tall with a fresh complexion, blue eyes, light brown hair, 37" chest and weighed 140lbs. Posted to France he received a gun shot wound to the shoulder on 7 July 1916 , in hospital 7/7/1916 - 28/7/1916 and wounded again in the thigh on 29 July 1916 and hospitalised 29/7/1916 – 8/8/1916. Passed as fit he was transferred to a tunnelling company on 18 November 1916. Having gone absent without leave on 2 April 1918 Thomas re-joined his regiment from Durham on 28 May 1918. As a punishment he was stopped pay amounting to £1.5s.5d and sentenced to 112 days detention. The unexpired portion of detention (38 days) was remitted on 16 August 1918 and he was posted back to France on 16 August 1918 only to be killed in action on 29 September 1918.On that day there was good progress of Anglo-Belgian attack; Dixmude, Passchendaele, Messines, Gheluvelt and other places occupied; Allies reach Roulers-Menin road. British reach outskirts of Cambrai and break Hindenburg Line on a 6-mile front. 22,000 prisoners taken in three days.Stiff fighting by Australian and American troops about St. Quentin tunnel and General Mangin reaches the Ailette.

Awarded the 15 Star, British war and Victory Medals, Thomas is named on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, France; Panel 6

Locally Thomas is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL / 062013 DENNY / BLAYDON 075

DEVLIN , Private Peter 1883 – 1921

Peter Devlin was the son of Patrick (1850-1899) and Catherine (O'Neill) (1860-1951) Devlin. In 1901 Peter, still single and working as a miner was living with his widowed mother and 5 siblings and 5 boarders at 23 Robinson Street, Blaydon while his mother worked from home as a fishmonger. By 1911 Peter was working as a stoker for the Royal Navy and was stationed on HMS 'Conflict' at Sheerness, Kent along with 22 other crew. He married Margaret Welsh at Stella on 9 October 1912. He lived at 125 John Street, Blaydon with Margaret and step children Frances Mary b 1906 and Joseph Welsh b 1906. Their other children were Catherine b 1913, Laurence b 1917 and Annie E. b1919

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Peter attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers Army Reserve(Special Reservists) service No: 9116 on 3 September 1914 but was discharged after 25 days on 27 September 1914 as 'Not likely to become an efficient soldier'. He stated that he had been a stoker with the Royal Navy for seven years.

He re-enlisted on 18 November 1914 to the Durham Light Infantry 9th Battalion service No: 3403 but was discharged on 31 July 1916 due to sickness. From surviving records he was 5'5" tall, weighed 118 lbs with a 35" chest. He had grey eyes, dark brown hair and tattoos on both forearms and had been working as a miner once more. He died at Sunderland on 10 June 1921, believed to be from the effects of gassing in the war, and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref: R.U.149. Awarded the 15Star,British War and Victory Medals he is also remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Roll of Honour at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Blaydon.

SL/ 032013 DEVLIN/ BLAYDON 076

DIXON FAMILY TREE

George William Dixon 1861-1903 m Margaret Ray b1852

John William Dixon Joseph Dixon James Dixon Irving Dixon

Brother Joseph Dixon (1885 – 1918) who lived in Cumberland served with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers service No: 72222 and was killed in action in Egypt on 6 November 1918. Tragically four brothers in the Dixon family laid down their lives during the conflict. John, James and Irving are all remembered locally at Blaydon and Winlaton – see reference numbers below: while Joseph is remembered in Cumberland.

DIXON , Corporal Irving 1889 – 1915

Irving Dixon, coal miner, was the son of Margaret and the late William Dixon. He was born in Cumberland and at the time of the 1911 census was living with his widowed mother at 15 Monarch Terrace, Blaydon. He joined the Northumberland Fusiliers 13th Battalion 'C' Coy service No. 5802.
He was killed in action 26 September 1915 and He is remembered on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France panel 20 to 22.

Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War & Victory medals, locally Irving is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/012013 DIXON/WINLATON 035
DIXON/ BLAYDON 077

DIXON , Private James 1887 – 1916

James, born in Cumberland was the son of George William and Margaret (Ray) Dixon. His father died in 1903 and by 1911 his mother lived at 15 Monarch Terrace, Blaydon with brother Irving. James had married Georgina Nichol in 1903 and in 1911 he was working as a coal miner and they lived at 42 Burnley Street, Blaydon with their daughters Elsie, Margaret,Sarah Ann and Ada, sadly Olive died as a baby.
James served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 1/4th Territorials service No: 4193 and was killed in action on 15 September 1916 age 29 years. He is buried at Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval grave ref: XIX.I.10.
Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally James is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, The plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.
Tragically four brothers in the Dixon family laid down their lives during the conflict. John, James and Irving are all remembered locally at Blaydon and Winlaton – see reference numbers below: while Joseph is remembered in Cumberland.
Brother Joseph Dixon (1885 – 1918) who lived in Cumberland served with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers service No: 72222 and was killed in action in Egypt on 6 November 1918.

SL/082013 DIXON/WINLATON 032 DIXON/BLAYDON 078

DIXON, Private John William 1883 – 1916

John, born in Cumberland was the son of George William and Margaret (Ray) Dixon. By 1911 his widowed mother was living at 15 Monarch Terrace, Blaydon with brother Irving. John, working as a coal miner was married to Eleanor and living at 17 Harriet Street, Blaydon with their children Margaret Isabella and William Leslie. A later address is 217 Polmaise Street, Blaydon.John attested at Newcastle at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 12th Battalion, service No: 19023. He was killed in action on 22 June 1916 age 33 years and is buried at Dartmoor Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt,Somme,France.
Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals locally John is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

Tragically four brothers in the Dixon family laid down their lives during the conflict. John, James and Irving are all remembered locally at Blaydon and Winlaton – see reference numbers below: while Joseph is remembered in Cumberland.

Brother Joseph Dixon (1885 – 1918) who lived in Cumberland served with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers service No: 72222 and was killed in action in Egypt on 6 November 1918.

SL/082013 DIXON/WINLATON 034 DIXON/BLAYDON 079

DIXON William

Remembered on Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no other information available.

SL/122013 DIXON/BLAYDON 080

DOBBY , Petty Officer John 1891-1918

John Dobby born 25 November 1890 was the son of William and Isabella and one of eleven children. The family lived at 11 Stargate, Ryton where John worked as a coal miner. He married Florence Stewart in 1913 and they lived at Path Head, Blaydon with their son Stanley. John enlisted in the Royal Naval Volunteer reserve, Regimental Depot, Royal Naval Division formerly Hood Battalion at HMS Calliope, Elswick,Newcastle upon Tyne on 7 August 1915. He was drafted for the British Expeditionary Force on 25 September 1916 and joined Hood battalion 25 November 1916-28 March 1918. Rated Acting Able Seaman Higher Grade on 12 May 1917, Leading Seaman on 30 May 1917 and promoted to Petty Officer on 20 November 1917.
He was wounded in action with severe gunshot wounds to his chest and right knee and died of pneumonia at 10.15am on 29 October 1918 at the Connaught Hospital, Aldershot, Hampshire. Awarded the British War and Victory medals he was buried with full military honours at Ryton Cemetery grave reference D189 and is remembered both at Ryton and at Blaydon.
SL/ 012013 DOBBY / BLAYDON 081

DODDS, John K.

Remembered on Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no other information available.

SL/122013 DODDS/BLAYDON 082

DODDS , Private Thomas 1896 – 1916

Thomas Dodds was born at Bridge Street Blaydon the son of Joseph and Sarah Jane Dodds and one of six children. In 1911 the family lived at 54 Edward Street, Blaydon. Thomas worked as a coal miner while his father worked as a bricklayer's labourer. Thomas enlisted at Gateshead and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers service No: 6672 and the Machine Gun Corps Infantry, service No: 7571. Posted to France he was killed in action on 30 September 1916 age 21 years and buried at Heburterne Military Cemetery grave ref: IV.Q.2.
The village gave its name to a severe action fought by the French on the 10th-13th June 1915, in the "Second Battle of Artois". It was taken over by British troops from the French in the same summer, and it remained subject to shell fire during the Battles of the Somme. It was again the scene of fighting in March 1918, when the New Zealand Division held up the advancing enemy; and during the following summer it was partly in German hands. It was later "adopted" by the Borough of Evesham.

Hebuterne Military Cemetery was begun by the 48th (South Midland) Division in August 1915, and used by fighting units and Field Ambulances (particularly those of the 56th (London) Division) until the spring of 1917; and it was reopened in 1918. The conditions of burial explain the irregularity of the rows.There are now over 750, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site.
Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, Thomas is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial.
SL/122013 DODDS/BLAYDON 083

DODDS ,Private William 1894-1915

William Dodds was born at Chester le Street the son of John and Margaret Dodds and one of five children. In 1911 the family were living at 43 Cuthbert Street, Blaydon then later at 27 St. Cuthbert place, Blaydon. William worked as a coal miner while his father worked as a bricklayers labourer. William enlisted at Newcastle and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 'C' Coy. 13th Battalion, service No; 5826. He was killed in action, posted missing presumed dead on 26 September 1915 age 22 years. He is named on the Loos Memorial, panel 20 to 22.
Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally William is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.
Sl/122013 DODDS/BLAYDON 084.

DOUGLASS ,Sapper Joseph 1896 – 1918

Joseph was born at Blaydon the son of William and Helen Douglass. In 1891 his father's occupation was blacksmith but by 1901 this had changed to publican. Joseph attested to the

army at Newcastle upon Tyne on 14 June 1915 giving his address as The Oaks, Blaydon and his occupation as telegraphist. He worked at 18 Eldon Square, Newcastle upon Tyne and the manager of the company Norman Hall attested to his good character. He served with the Northumbrian Division territorial Force, service No: T2584, Corps of Royal Engineers, service No: 463227. Surviving records confirm that he was 5'8 1/2" tall with a 36" chest. He was posted abroad on 18 June 1916.
He had been sent to a signals training unit in Bedfordshire and having passed his final exam was granted leave. On his way home before rejoining his Battalion he stayed with friends Mr. Couling and family of Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire. It was here that he was seized with illness and the Doctor was called and forbade him to move. He died of influenza and pneumonia on 8 July 1918 age 22 years. The Doctor testified that Joseph has been partially, but severely gassed and this had made him susceptible to pneumonia. His death was reported to the Royal Engineers Corps, Biggleswade and Joseph was buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref: D.C.66.
His next of kin were his sister Jane Douglass of 12 Summerhill, Blaydon and his brother Nicholas who farmed at Park Head Farm, Winlaton. Probate was granted to his sister Jane Douglass on 6 July 1920 and his memorial scroll was sent to her on 6 September 1923 by which time she was living at Beda Lodge, Rowlands Gill.
Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally Joseph is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
SL/ 052013 DOUGLASS/ BLAYDON 085

DUNWOODIE , Corporal John 1896-1918
John Dunwoodie was a coal miner, the son of John Dunwoodie who in 1911 was living at 37 Edward St., Blaydon with his father and sister Isabella. He joined the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No: 325149 and was promoted to Corporal. He was killed in action on 23 July 1918 and buried at Marfaux British Cemetery, Marne France. Marfaux was captured by the Germans in May 1918, and retaken, after severe fighting, on the 23rd July, John Dunwoodie was killed on this day aged 22 years. The cemetery was begun after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from the battlefields and from other Military Cemeteries in the Marne.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory medals, locally John is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.
SL/012013 DUNWOODIE/BLAYDON 086

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EDGAR , Private John William 1896-1916

John William Edgar was a pony driver in a coal mine and lived with his parents Adam; a miner and Margaret Jane and his brothers Adam,Alfred Norman, Edward and cousin Andrew Brown at 27 Harriet Street, Blaydon. He enlisted in Blaydon to the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No: 2862. He was killed in action on 16 September 1916 aged 21 years. Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory medals his name is remembered at Blaydon and on the Thiepval Memorial, France; Pier and Face 14A & 15C. John is remembered locally on Blaydon War Memorial & on Winlaton War Memorial Cross.

SL/012013 EDGAR /BLAYDON 087 EDGAR/WINLATON 040

ELDER , Private John 1893-1918

John who was born in Jarrow was the son of George, a shipyard labourer from Sunderland and Georgina Elder. By 1911 he was working as a miner at Blaydon Burn Colliery and living at 3 Skinnery, Blaydon Burn with his widowed Uncle George who was a steam craneman at the Blaydon Burn Brickworks. Also in the house were John's sister Elizabeth and their cousins. John joined the 14th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers service No: 10111 and was transferred to the Tank Corps Reserve Unit service No: 304500. Awarded the 15 Star British War and Victory medals he died after the cessation of hostilities and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref: HU 184.Locally John is remembered on Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/012013 ELDER/BLAYDON 088

ELLIOTT , Private Wilfred 1894-1918

Wifred Elliott was born in Ryton the son of William Elliott, born Weardale. Wilf worked as a clerk at Blaydon Burn Colliery where his father was a miner and lived with his parents and two brothers and two sisters at 34 Bridge Street,Blaydon. He joined the Durham Light Infantry service No: 31436 later transferred to the 9th Glasgow Highlanders Battalion Highland Light Infantry service No: 281838.His brother Harold served with the 17th Battalion Royal Defence Corps.
Wilf died of wounds on 30 September 1918 aged 25 years. He is buried at Domino British Cemetery, Epehy, France. Grave ref: 1.B.4. He was awarded the British Victory and War medals and is remembered at Blaydon and an obituary in the Blaydon Courier, page 8, on 2 November 1918.

SL/012013 ELLIOTT/BLAYDON 089

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FARROW , Private George FARROW 1899-1918

George Farrow was the son of William & Sarah Farrow and he was born at 53 Thomas Street, Blaydon. By 1911 the family, including George's brother John and sister Jane, were living at 33 Aline Street, Benwell where father William worked as a cleaner of steel castings. George served with the 1st Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, Prince of Wales Own service No: 56974. He was killed in action, posted missing presumed dead on 21 March 1918 aged 19 years. His family by this time were living at Greener Terrace, Stella.
Awarded the British War & Victory medals he is remembered at Blaydon and on the Arras Memorial @ Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, France, Bay 4.

SL/012013 FARROW/BLAYDON 090

FINLAY , Private Frederick 1889-1914

Frederick Finlay was born in Scotswood, Newcastle, one of nine children; the son of Edward Finlay, a brickmaker from Swalwell and Margaret. Frederick worked as a coal miner and first enlisted into the military on 10 August 1909. However, in the 1911 census he was living as a boarder at a house in Swalwell and working in the pit. On 7 February 1914 he married Elizabeth Somerville the daughter of Robert and Rachel Somerville of 5 Turret Place, Blaydon, although they had already had a child together John Somerville born in Blaydon on 19 February 1913.Frederick was in the East Yorkshire Regiment 1st Battalion service No: 3/5492. Frederick was killed in action on 18 October 1914.
He was awarded the 14 Star,British War and Victory medals and the 14 Clasp.This bronze medal award was authorized by King George V in April 1917 for those who had served in France or Belgium between 5th August 1914 to midnight on 22nd November 1914 inclusive. A narrow horizontal bronze clasp sewn onto the ribbon, bearing the dates '5th AUG. - 22nd NOV. 1914' shows that the recipient had actually served under fire of the enemy during that period. For every seven medals issued without a clasp there were approximately five issued with the clasp. Recipients who received the medal with the clasp were also entitled to attach a small silver heraldic rose to the ribbon when just the ribbon was being worn.The reverse is plain with the recipient's service number, rank, name and unit impressed on it. It should be remembered that recipients of this medal were responsible for assisting the French to hold back the German army while new recruits could be trained and equipped. Collectively, they fully deserve a great deal of honour for their part in the first sixteen weeks of the Great War. This included the battle of Mons, the retreat to the Seine, the battles of Le Cateau, the Marne, the Aisne and the first battle of Ypres. There were approximately 378,000 1914 Stars issued.

Frederick is named on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium on Panel 4 which commemorates more than 11,000 servicemen of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in this sector during the First World War and have no known grave.Locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial. Another tragedy in this family Frederick's brother Pte.William Finlay DCM was killed in action in 1916 and is remembered at Swalwell.

SL/012013 FINLAY/BLAYDON 091

FLEMING , Joseph

Remembered on Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no other information available.

SL/122013 FLEMING/BLAYDON 092

FLETCHER, Gunner George Wilfred 1886-1919

George Wilfred Fletcher was the son of William and Sarah Ann Fletcher. George was a gardener born at Dringhouses, York where his father had also worked as a gardener. George married Maggie Sanderson in Knaresborough in 1908 and by 1911 they had moved north and lived at The Lodge, Hedgefield House, Stella. On 15 May 1914 their daughter Nora was born.

George attested to the military at the Drill Hall, Blaydon on 10 December 1915. Assigned to the Royal Garrison Artillery service No: 123025 he was mobilised on 6 October 1916. From surviving records we know he was 5' 7" tall with a 38" chest and of good character. He had been unwell with diarrhoea and vomiting in 1917 and suffered from diabetes. He survived the war

only to die at home on 16 August 1919. His widow was awarded a pension of 26s 8d (£1. 33p),for herself and Nora. George was awarded the British War and Victory Medals. He is buried at Blaydon Cemetery Grave ref: H.U.15 and remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
He was also named on the Addison memorial which was destroyed by fire in 1930.

SL 052013 FLETCHER/ BLAYDON 093

FORSTER , Private James William 1895-1918

James Forster was the second son of John and Jane Anne Forster. In 1911 the family were living at 27 John Street, Blaydon. Later at 31 John Street, Blaydon.
James was working as a driver below ground and his father was a coal miner, hewer. As per the census return John Forster was born at Dipton, Co. Durham, Jane Ann at Walker, Newcastle but James and his elder brother Harold, were born at Coal City, Illinois, USA and younger brother John Jewitt Forster was born at Blaydon.
James enlisted at Newcastle and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 3d Tyneside Irish service No: 26/897 and the 11th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) service No: 79648. Posted to France he was wounded on 1 July 1916, treat at 3d Casualty Clearing Station and evacuated with gunshot wounds on 2 July 1916. This was reported in the Blaydon Courier on 15 July 1916.He saw action on the Hindenberg Line and the Battle of St. Quentin Canal which lasted from 29/9/1918 until 2 /10/1918. James was killed in action on 29 September 1918 age 23 years and is buried at Unicorn Cemetery, Vendhuile, Aisne, France grave ref: II.B.19. Obituary Blaydon Courier page 8 2 November 1918.

Awarded the British war and Victory Medals locally James is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and on Ryton War Memorial.

SL/122013 FORSTER/BLAYDON 094

FORSTER , John W.

Remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no other information available.

SL/122013 FORSTER/BLAYDON 095

G

GADSDEN , Cyril E.

Remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon. We regret we have no other information available.

SL/122013 GADSDEN/BLAYDON 096

GAIR , Private John Edward 1890-1918

John Edward Gair was born at Victoria Garesfield, Co. Durham the only surviving child of Edward and Hannah Gair. By 1911 John was living with his mother and father at 40 Bowland Crescent, Blaydon. John was working as a grocer's assistant and his father was a coal miner. In 1915 John married Margaret Ann Woodcock. He served with the North Staffordshire Regiment service No: 43129.

He died at home and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery, grave ref: FU197 and named on Blaydon War Memorial. His widow remarried and as Mrs. Stephenson applied for his medals from her new home at West Cramlington. John was awarded the British War and Victory Medals.

SL / 102013 GAIR / BLAYDON 097

GEE , Private Thomas 1889-1916

Thomas Gee was the son of Thomas, a waterman at the chemical works, and Margaret Gee and one of 6 children. In 1911 they were living at 32 Thomas Tce., Blaydon and Thomas Was working as a labourer at the chemical works. At the time he enlisted in the army he was working as a barman.
He joined the Durham Light Infantry 15th Battalion service No: 30812 and we know from surviving records that he was 5'7" tall and had an artificial upper denture. He was posted to France on 8 June 1916 and killed in action on 1 July 1916 aged 28 years. He was awarded the British Victory and War medals and his mother signed for his personal possessions and was awarded his allowance of 9s/7d separation pay plus 3s/6d pay allotment, a total of 12s/6d (12 ½ P).
Thomas is remembered at Blaydon and on the Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 14A & 15C.

SL/012013 GEE/BLAYDON 098

GILHESPY , Private John Robson 1880 – 1918

John Robson Gilhespy, born at Blaydon, was the son of Henry and Ann (Robson) Gilhespy. Married to Elizabeth McFarlane in 1905 by 1911 they were living at 120 John Street, Blaydon with their children Phyllis born 1906 and John jnr. born 1910. John had his own painting and paperhanging business and was an employer of men. He attested to the Durham Light Infantry service No: 37302 and was later transferred to the Machine Gun Corps 19th Battalion Infantry, service No: 67382.
John died of wounds received on 21 October 1918 and is buried at Delsaux Farm Cemetery; near the village of Beugny 19km SW of Cambrai, France; grave ref: I.H.6. At the time of his death the family lived at 6 Edith Avenue,Blaydon. Awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally John is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and at on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church Blaydon.

SL/ 052013 GILHESPY / BLAYDON 099

GILL , Private Robert Henry 1897 – 1918

Robert was the son of Burnip and Sarah Gill of 35 Burnley Street, Blaydon and one of six surviving children. His father worked as a coal miner and in the 1911 census Robert was still at school.Robert served with the Yorkshire Light Infantry service No: 50446 and the

23d Battalion , Cheshire Regiment service No: 77589. Killed in action on 7 September 1918 he is remembered on the Ploegsteert Memorial to the missing, Panel 4 & 5. On that day there was rapid British and French pursuit of Germans, who retreat towards the "Hindenburg Line".British take Roisel (railway junction for St. Quentin and Cambrai) and greater part of Havrincourt Wood.Somme French capture Pithon, Dury and Ollezy, east of Ham, cross Crozat canal at Pont de Tugny and St. Simon after heavy fighting.Lys front enemy display strong resistance.Robert was awarded the British War and Victory medals and is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SLJL / 052013 GILL / BLAYDON 100

GLENNON , Private William 1885 – 1915

William Glennon was the son of Julia Glennon who had been born in Ireland. In 1891 the widowed Julia was living at 1 Turret Place, Blaydon with her five children; Mary,Maggie,Kate,William & Julia. By 1911 William was living at 108 Edward Street, Blaydon with his sister Mary, her husband Robert King, nephew Edward King age 2 and his sister Julia Glennon and Patrick Glennon age 9years. William was working as a labourer at an iron foundry.

He attested at Blaydon to the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion, service no: 2601. Posted abroad William died of wounds on 21 October 1915 age 30 years and was buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension , grave ref: I.F.159.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally William is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and at
St. Joseph's RC Church, Blaydon.

SL/ 052013 GLENNON / BLAYDON 101

GOBEY , Lieutenant Alfred John 1876-1920

Alfred John Gobey was already a serving soldier in 1911. Born in Islington, married in Kent, with children born in Aldershot,Newcastle and Sunderland by 1911 he was living in Blaydon and employed as a drill instructor with the 9th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. During WWI he served with the 2nd Battalion service No. 3837. He died after the end of the war on 19 November 1920 at York Military Hospital. His effects were granted to his widow Wilhelmina of 31 Burnley Street, Blaydon. He is buried at Blaydon, grave reference HU171 and named on the Blaydon War Memorial.

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GRAY, Trooper John 1894-1918

John Gray was the son of Thomas Gray. In 1911 he was living with his father, stepmother Isabella (his mother Elizabeth having died in 1902) and younger brother Joseph at Stella Road, Blaydon. John was then working as a butchers apprentice although he later went to work as a miner at Addison Colliery. His father was a horsekeeper underground.

John enlisted at Newcastle and served with the Northumberland Hussars Yeomanry service No: 1384 and was later transferred to the Worcestershire Yeomanry (The Queen's Own Worcester Hussars) service No: 270557. posted abroad he died of malaria on 2 November 1918 age 24 years and is buried at Beirut War Cemetery, Lebanese Republic grave ref: 21.

Lebanon was taken from the Turks in 1918 by Commonwealth forces with small French and Arab detachments. Beirut was occupied by the 7th (Meerut) Division on 8 October 1918 when French warships were already in the harbour, and the 32nd and 15th Combined Clearing Hospitals were sent to the town. Beirut War Cemetery is in two sections. One section, originally known as Beirut British War Cemetery, was begun in October 1918 and was later enlarged when graves were brought in from other burial grounds in the area.

Awarded the British War and Victory medals locally John is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, the Addison Colliery War Memorial (destroyed by fire) and the Roll of Honour at St. Mary and St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church, Stella.

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GRAY ,Private William 1888 – 1915

William Gray was born at Bishop Auckland Co Durham the son of James R. and Sarah Jane (Veal) Gray. One of four children, William worked as a coal miner as did his father. In 1911 the family were living at 11 Florence Street, Winlaton.

William attested to the Durham Light Infantry 14th Battalion, Service No;14279 at Deaf Hill Colliery, Co. Durham on 7 September 1914 the family by then had moved to Trimdon Colliery, Co. Durham. From surviving records we know that William was 5'112 tall with blue eyes and light brown hair, he was posted to France as part of an expeditionary force on 11 September 1915. A subsidiary attack of the Somme Offensive, the Battle of Flers-Courcelette was notable for the introduction of tanks. The attack was launched across a 12 km front from Rawlinson's Fourth Army salient on 15 September. Twelve divisions were employed, along with all the tanks the British army possessed: 49. William was posted missing on 27 September 1915 records stating that he was regarded as having died.

However, a letter was sent to his father to say that his son had been wounded in the right forearm and was at a military hospital in London.Then in a cruel twist the military again wrote to say that the wounded man was another of the same name, 12th Battalion DLI service No: 17679 and that their William was regarded as having died on 27 September 1915.

Awarded the 14/15 Star, British war and Victory Medals, William's name is recorded on the Loos Memorial, Panel 106 and 107.

Locally, William is recorded on the Blaydon War Memorial.

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GREENER , Private Joseph 1881 – 1915

Joseph Greener was a coal miner born in Blaydon. He was the son of George and Mary Ann Greener and he married Ellen Isabella Armstrong at Gateshead Registry Office on 20 August 1904. They had five children; Joseph b1905,Arthur b 1907 Gladys b1908,Hilda b 1912 and Stanley b 1914. In 1911 the family were living at 5 Burnside, Blaydon Burn, Blaydon.

Joseph attested to the Royal Iniskilling Fusiliers 2d Battalion, service No: 18285. Posted to France he was killed in action on 16 May 1915 age 34. 1915 was the first full year of the war, which saw the Allies strive vainly to achieve a breakthrough on the Western Front, while the Germans achieved numerous successes elsewhere. It was to prove a disappointing year for the Allies, a correspondingly positive one for Germany and its allies.

Joseph was awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory medals, he is named on the Le Touret Memorial, Panel 16 & 17 and locally remembered on the Blaydon war Memorial, the plaque at St. Cutthbert's Church Blaydon and the St. John Wesley Memorial Plaque which was destroyed by fire.

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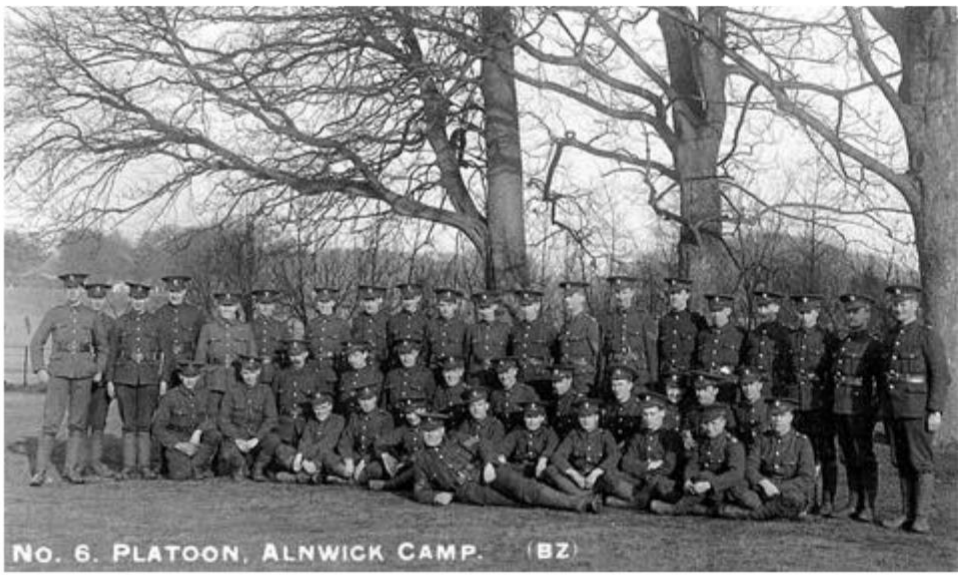
GRUNDY, Private Jesse 1883 - 1916



16th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers

Jesse Grundy was born at St. Helen's, Lancashire the son of Robert & Ellen Grundy although they later moved to Horden, Co. Durham. By 1911 Jesse was married to Annie (Ann Mary) from Allendale Northumberland and they were living at Helen's Court, Church Street, Blaydon with their two young sons John age 6 and William age 4.Jesse was working as a coal miner hewer. They later moved to Hawthorn Gardens ,Stargate.
Jesse attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 16th Battalion service No: 16/1332.

Posted to France Jesse saw action in the Battles of the Somme and the Battle of Albert 1-13 July 1916 where he was killed in action on 1 July 1916. Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory Medals he is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, France, Somme. Pier and Face 10B, 11B and 12B. His obituary appeared in the Blaydon Courier page 8 on 9/9/1916 and again on page 8, 30/9/1916

Locally Jesse in remembered on the Stargate War Memorial, Ryton War Memorial, Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

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HALL, Private William 1884 – 1918

William Hall was the son of Mrs. B.Hall of Polmaise Street,Blaydon and the husband of Annie Hall of 58 Trewhitt Road,Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne. William served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 1/5th Battalion service No: 47372. He was killed in action on 22 March 1918 and named on the Pozieres Memorial, panel 16-18. The POZIERES MEMORIAL relates to the period of crisis in March and April 1918 when the Allied Fifth Army was driven back by overwhelming numbers across the former Somme battlefields, and the months that followed before the Advance to Victory,
which began on 8 August 1918.The Memorial commemorates over 14,000 casualties of the United Kingdom and 300 of the South African Forces who have no known grave and who died on the Somme from 21 March to 7 August 1918. The Corps and Regiments most largely represented are The Rifle Brigade with over 600 names, The Durham Light Infantry with approximately 600 names, the Machine Gun Corps with over 500, The Manchester Regiment with approximately 500 and The Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery with over 400 names.
Awarded the British
War and Victory Medals, locally William is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

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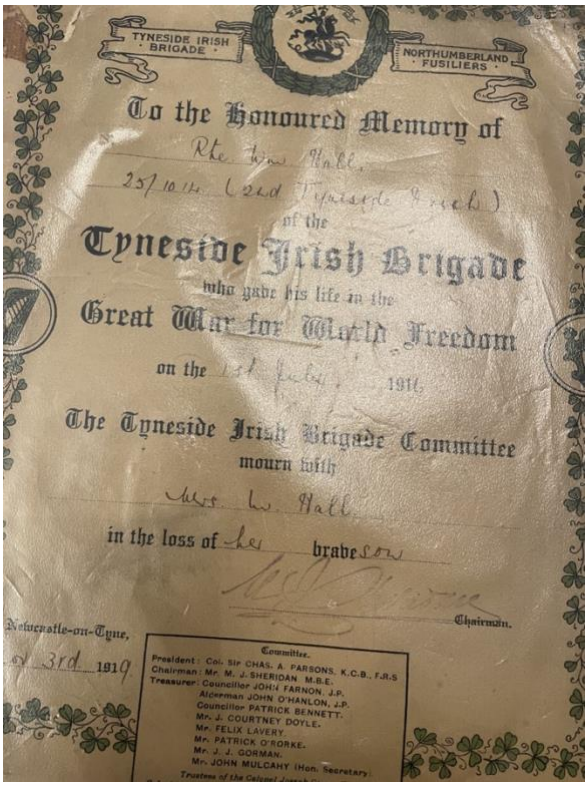
HALL, William

Private William Hall, killed first day of The Somme offensive 1 July 1916. 25 Battalion 2nd Tyneside Irish --number 1014 D Corp. William was one of 12 children of Mary and William Hall of Bute Buildings, Derwenthaugh. Born 7 January 1894, he attended Blaydon Board School where he was a good footballer.

The Tyneside Irish was formed 9 November 1914 in Newcastle, moved to Birtley January 1915, then Woolsington Park in May 1915. On 20 May 1915 they paraded on the Town Moor, inspected by King George 6th and Lord Kitchener. On August Bank Holiday, 1915 there was a recruiting march from the west end of Newcastle into the city centre.

On 28 August the Tyneside Irish entrained to Salisbury Plain from Ponteland for training and sailed from Southampton 11 January 1916 to Le Havre. Train to St Omer then Wizernes for trench training. Their first experience of trench warfare was 14 January 1916. On 4 May 1916 they entrained to Amiens and the Somme front (La Boisselle). On 25 May 1916 the 25 battalion took over the front line. Saturday 1 July 1916 was the first day of the Somme offensive. The 7.30 am Tyneside Irish advance was from north of the Albert-Bapaume road into Mash Valley.


TYNESIDE IRISH BRIGADE

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS

To the Honoured Memory of

Rte. Wm. Hall.

25/1014. (2nd Tyneside Irish)

of the

Tyneside Irish Brigade

who gave his life in the

Great War for World Freedom

on the 1st July 1916.

The Tyneside Irish Brigade Committee

mourn with

Mrs W. Hall

in the loss of her brave son

Chairman.

Newcastle-on-Tyne,

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There were huge losses in the Tyneside Irish and the body of William was never identified. He was declared missing on October 16 1916 and on 3 November 1919 his parents received a scroll from the Tyneside Irish Committee.

He should have been commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial but wasn't until 1996. His parents received an invitation to the opening of the War Memorial by Field Marshal Haig at Eldon Square 26 September 1923 but it isn't known if they attended.

William was my Mother's older brother, the Uncle I never knew.
David Rochester.

HALLIDAY, Private Duncan 1897 – 1915

Duncan Halliday was the son of James and Margaret (Barber) Halliday.In 1901 the family were living at 25 Victoria Street, Blaydon where Duncan's father worked as a bricklayer's labourer.Duncan enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers, 25thTyneside Irish Battalion, service No: 35551. Posted abroad he was killed in action,posted missing presumed dead on 12 April 1918. Awarded the British War and Victory medals, Duncan is named on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Panel 2.

The Ploegsteert Memorial commemorates more than 11,000 servicemen of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in this sector during the First World War and have no known grave. The memorial serves the area from the line Caestre-Dranoutre-Warneton to the north, to Haverskerque-Estaires-Fournes to the south, including the towns of Hazebrouck, Merville, Bailleul and Armentieres, the Forest of Nieppe, and Ploegsteert Wood. The original intention had been to erect the memorial in Lille. Most of those commemorated by the memorial did not die in major offensives,such as those which took place around Ypres to the north, or Loos to the south.

Most were killed in the course of the day-to-day trench warfare which characterised this part of the line, or in small scale set engagements, usually carried out in support of the major attacks taking place elsewhere. It does not include the names of officers and men of Canadian or Indian regiments (they are found on the Memorials at Vimy and Neuve-Chapelle) and those lost at the Battl of Aubers Ridge, 9 May 1915, who were involved in the Southern Pincer (the 1st, 2nd, Meerut and 47th Divisions - they are commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial).
Locally, Duncan is remembered on the Blaydon War
Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

HANDS, Able Seaman Charles Clark 1898 – 1916

Charles Clark Hands was born in Blaydon one of five surviving children. In 1911 he was living at 24 George Street, Blaydon with his father George, a quarry worker, mother Alice Maria and siblings including older brother Thomas. Charles enlisted into the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Service No: Tyneside Z/9150 and served on HMS Invincible. HMS Invincible was an Invincible Class Battlecruiser built at Elswick, and launched in March 1909, at a cost of £1,767,515.

Invincible was fitted with experimental electrically powered gun turrets, but after disappointing trials they were found to be slower then hydraulic turrets, so in 1914 the turrets were re-fitted with conventional hydraulic power. Charles was killed in action on 31 May 1916 age 18 years at the Battle of Jutland when HMS Invincible sank with the loss of 1,026 of her crew; only 5 men survived. After the First World War, an appropriate way had to be found of commemorating those members of the Royal Navy who had no known grave, the majority of deaths having occurred at sea where no permanent memorial could be provided.

An Admiralty committee recommended that the three manning ports in Great Britain - Chatham, Plymouth and Portsmouth - should each have an identical memorial of unmistakable naval form, an obelisk, which would serve as a leading mark for shipping. The memorials were designed by Sir Robert Lorimer, who had already carried out a considerable amount of work for the Commission, with sculpture by Henry Poole. The Chatham Naval Memorial was unveiled by the Prince of Wales (the future King Edward VIII) on 26 April 1924.After the Second World War it was decided that the naval memorials should be extended to provide space for commemorating the naval dead without graves of that war, but since the three sites were dissimilar, a different architectural treatment was required for each. The architect for the Second World War extension at Chatham was Sir Edward Maufe (who also designed the Air Forces memorial at Runnymede) and the additional sculpture was by Charles Wheeler and William McMillan. The Extension was unveiled by the Duke of Edinburgh on 15 October 1952. Chatham Naval Memorial commemorates 8,517 sailors of the First World War and
10,098 of the Second World War.

Locally
Charles is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial at on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

Tragically
Charles' older brother Thomas was killed only a month later on 1 July 1916. See Blaydon 111.

HANDS. **Private Thomas 1896 – 1916**

Thomas Hands, one of five surviving children was the son of George and Alice Maria Hands. In the 1911 census he was living with his family including younger brother Charles at 24 George Street, Blaydon. Later the family lived at 22 George Street,Blaydon. Thomas worked as a colliery driver below ground while his father worked as a quarry stone sawyer. Thomas attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 27th Tyneside Irish battalion, service No: 27/1006. Posted to France, Thomas was killed in action on 1 July 1916 age 20years. On that day the Great Franco-British offensive begins on 25-mile front north and south of Somme. British capture Montauban and Mametz; break through towards Bapaume. French attack towards Peronne; reach outskirts of Hardecourt and Curlu; take Dompierre, Becquincourt, Bussus, and Fay. 5,000 prisoners taken.Thomas is named on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Pier and Face 10B, 11B and 12B.

On 1 July 1916, supported by a French attack to the south, thirteen divisions of Commonwealth forces launched an offensive on a line from north of Gommecourt to Maricourt. Despite a preliminary bombardment lasting seven days, the German defences were barely touched and the attack met unexpectedly fierce resistance. Losses were catastrophic and with only minimal advances on the southern flank, the initial attack was a failure. In the following weeks, huge resources of manpower and equipment were deployed in an attempt to exploit the modest successes of the first day. However, the German Army resisted tenaciously and repeated attacks and counter attacks meant a major battle for every village, copse and farmhouse gained. At

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In the spring of 1917, the German forces fell back to their newly prepared defences, the Hindenburg Line, and there were no further significant engagements in the Somme sector until the Germans mounted their major offensive in March 1918. The Thiepval Memorial, the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

Awarded the
British War and Victory Medals, Thomas is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

Tragically Thomas' younger brother Charles had been killed only a month earlier on 31 May 1916.

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HANDYSIDE Private Charles Hope 1898-1918

Charles Hope Handyside was the son of Joseph and Jane Handyside. The family lived at 2 Cowen's Buildings, Blaydon and included three other siblings Ann,Thomas and Joseph. Charle's father was a storeman at the colliery. Charles enlisted in the Wests Yorkshire Regiment, Prince of Wales Own 10th Battalion service No. 50488. He was killed in action on 18 September 1918 aged 21 years. He is remembered on the Vis en Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France :Panel 4. This Memorial bears the names of over 9,000 men who fell in the period from 8 August 1918 to the date of the Armistice in the Advance to Victory in Picardy and Artois,between the Somme and Loos, and who have no known grave. They belonged to the forces of Great Britain and Ireland and South Africa; the Canadian, Australian and New Zealand forces being commemorated on other memorials to the missing.

Locally, Charles is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals

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HARRISON, Private George 1885-1916

George was born at Crook, Co. Durham the son of John G. and Alice Harrison. By 1911 he was married to Dorothy , working as a coal miner and living at 13 Prospect Place, Winlaton. George attested at High Spen and served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th

Battalion service No; 4125. Posted to France George died of wounds on 29 September 1916 age 31 years. He is buried at Etaples Military Cemetery , plot XI.C.2A.

During the First World War, the area around Etaples was the scene of immense concentrations of Commonwealth reinforcement camps and hospitals. It was remote from attack,except from aircraft, and accessible by railway from both the northern or the southern battlefields. In 1917, 100,000 troops were camped among the sand dunes and the hospitals, which included eleven general, one stationary, four Red Cross hospitals and a convalescent depot, could deal with 22,000 wounded or sick. In September 1919, ten months after the Armistice, three hospitals and the Q.M.A.A.C. convalescent depot remained.The cemetery contains 10,771 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, the earliest dating from May 1915.35 of which are unidentified.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally George is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

HARRISON, Able Seaman Richard 1888-1917

Richard was born at Sunniside the son of Martha Birbeck Harrison. In 1911 he was working as a coal miner and living as a boarder at 3 Burn Road, Winlaton. He married Hannah and later addresses are Quality Row, Swalwell and 34 Cuthbert Street,Blaydon.Richard attested to the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Howe Battalion Royal Naval Division,Tyneside Z/2157 on 3 December 1914. He was mobilised on 28 June 1915 and joined Howe Battalion. Returned home for medical treatment in November 1916 he was remobilised on 30 July 1917 and re-joined Howe battalion on 25 August 1917.Posted assumed killed in action on 26 October 1917, age 29 years, Richard is named on the Tynecot Memorial to the Missing, Panel 2-3 and 162-162A.

The Tyne Cot Memorial is one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders which cover the area known as the Ypres Salient. Broadly speaking, the Salient stretched from Langemarck in the north to the northern edge in Ploegsteert Wood in the south, but it varied in area and shape throughout the war. The Salient was formed during the First Battle of Ypres in October and November 1914, when a small British Expeditionary Force succeeded in securing the town before the onset of winter, pushing the German forces back to the Passchendaele Ridge. The Second Battle of Ypres began in April 1915 when the Germans released poison gas into the Allied lines north of Ypres. In 1917,when in the Third Battle of Ypres an offensive was mounted by Commonwealth forces to divert German attention from a weakened French front further south.The initial attempt in June to dislodge the Germans from the Messines Ridge was a complete success, but the main assault north-eastward, which began at the end of July, quickly became a dogged struggle against determined opposition and the rapidly deteriorating weather. The campaign finally came to a close in November with the capture of PasschendaeleThe battles of the Ypres Salient claimed many lives on both sides and it quickly became clear that the commemoration of members of the Commonwealth forces with no known grave would have to be divided between several different sites. The

memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery, which was established around a captured German blockhouse or pill-box used as an advanced dressing station. The original battlefield cemetery of 343 graves was greatly enlarged after the Armistice when remains were brought in from the battlefields of Passchendaele and Langemarck, and from a few small burial grounds. It is now the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the world in terms of burials. At the suggestion of King George V, who visited the cemetery in 1922, the Cross of Sacrifice was placed on the original large pill-box. There are three other pill-boxes in the cemetery. There are now 11,956 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in Tyne Cot Cemetery.

Awarded the Star, Victory and British War Medals, locally Richard is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

HARWOOD, Private John William 1898 – 1918

John W. Harwood was the son of John, a general labourer at the sanitary pipe works & Mary Harwood and one of five children. In the 1911 census John was still at school giving his age as 13 and the family were living at 22 Thomas Terrace, Blaydon. He is recorded as serving with the Manchester Regiment 1/6th Battalion service No:53320. Posted to France he was killed in action on 27 September 1918. He is recorded as having a wife Eliza Foster (formerly Harwood) of 2 Cross Terrace, Scotswood and his age at death is recorded as 23 years. He was awarded the British War & Victory Medals. He is buried at Ribecourt Road Cemetery,Pas de Calais, France grave ref: III.E.5 and remembered locally at Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon. RIBECOURT ROAD CEMETERY, PAS DE CALAIS, FRANCE
Ribecourt was taken on the 20th November 1917 by the 6th Division, but at the conclusion of the Battle of Cambrai it remained practically on the British front line; it was lost in March 1918 and recaptured by the 3rd and 42nd (East Lancashire) Divisions on the following 27th September. Trescault remained in British hands until March 1918 and was retaken by the 37th Division on the following 12th September. In Ribecourt Road Cemetery, Rows B, C and D in Plot I contain graves of November 1917 to February 1918, chiefly of the 51st (Highland) and 59th (North Midland) Divisions; but the remainder of the cemetery was made in October 1918, almost entirely by the 42nd Division (who called it the Divisional Cemetery, Trescault).There are now over 250, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, a small number are unidentified.The Cemetery covers an area of 1,015 square metres and is enclosed by a low rubble wall. 274 metres to the West is a Battle Memorial erected by the 42nd Division.

HAWDON, Private William Routledge 1884 – 1916

William Hawdon was born at Lamesley, Co. Durham the son of William George Hawdon and Mary Ann Routledge. One of ten surviving children ,in 1911 he was living with his family at 14, then 12 Edward Street, Blaydon. Both he and his father worked as labourers at the coke works.William attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 'C' Coy. 9th Battalion, service No: 6901. Posted to France he is
reported as having died of wounds on 7 July 1916 age 32 years. On that day the British again advance; portion of Leipzig Redoubt carried on Thiepval Plateau. Fighting at Ovillers and east of La Boiselle. Contalmaison won but not held.His name is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Pier and face 10B,11B and 12B.

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Locally William is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at

St.Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

HAYES, James

Named on the Blaydon war memorial.

We regret we have no other information available.

HAYWOOD, Henry

Henry Haywood is named on the 1911 census as living at 6 Railway Street, Blaydon as a boarder, age 25 years. He was born at Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne is single and worked as a sanitary clay pipe moulder.

Remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

We regret we have no other information available.

HAYWOOD, Private Thomas Henry d1916

Thomas, born in Gateshead, worked as a labourer and lived at 65 Tyne Street, Blaydon. He was the brother of Mary
Ann Pearson of 14 Evelyn Terrace, Blaydon. Thomas attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 13th Battallion service No: 9200. Posted to France he was killed in action on 28 April 1916 and is buried at Dartmoor Cemetery Becordel-Becourt plot: I.D.24.Dartmoor Cemetery was begun (as Becordel-Becourt Military Cemetery) in August 1915 and was used by the battalions holding that part of the line; its name was changed in May 1916 at the request of the 8th and 9th Battalions of the Devonshire Regiment. Dartmoor Cemetery contains 768 Commonwealth burials of the First World war.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals,
locally Thomas is remembered on the

Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

HEANAGHAN, John P.

John, born in 1877 is named on the 1911 census living with his family at 27 Robinson Street, Blaydon. He was the son of Martin and Mary Ann Heanaghan and one of six children. His father Martin who worked as a coal miner hewer had been born in Ireland,
while John born at St. Helen's, Lancashire worked as a labourer.

John is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

We regret we have no other information available.

HEPPELL, Private William Robson 1880 – 1918

William Robson Heppell was the son of John and Mary Jane Heppell. He was born at Elswick,Newcastle upon Tyne where his father was working as a coal miner. William married Carrie Gray in 1903 and by 1911 the family were living at 11 James Street, Blaydon with their children. William worked as a coal miner,hewer and they had five children together – Edward,Frank,George,William and Carrie.William served with the 20th battalion Northumberland Fusiliers service No: 177 and was later transferred to the Cheshire regiment 9th Battalion service No: 52329. He was killed in action on 24 March 1918 age 38 years. On that day the Germans held in desperate fighting round Bapaume, cross Somme between Peronne and Ham, and take Nesle and Peronne, and further south capture Guiscard and Chauny. They now claim 30,000 prisoners and 600 guns.British aeroplanes raid Mannheim by day and Cologne by night. William was buried at the Delsaux Farm Cemetery, Beugny grave ref: III.B.6 (buried near this spot).Delsaux lFarm was a point on the German defensive system known as the Beugny-Ytres line, which was reached by Commonwealth troops on 18 March 1917, and passed on the following day. The farm was lost on 23 March 1918 after the gallant defence of Beugny by the 9th Welsh Regiment and their withdrawal, but it was retaken by the 5th Division on 2 September 1918, and on the next day the same division occupied Beugny village.

After their advance in March 1918, the Germans made a cemetery (Beugny Military Cemetery No.18) at the cross-roads, and in it buried 103 Commonwealth and 82 German dead. The site was extended in October - November 1918 by the 29th and 46th Casualty Clearing Stations, which came to Delsaux Farm and made the present cemetery. A little later, the German graves of March 1918 were removed and the 103 Commonwealth dead reburied in Plot I, Row J, Plot II, Row A, and Plot III, Rows B, C and D. The rest of the cemetery was made when graves were later brought in from the battlefield.Delsaux Farm Cemetery contains 495 burials and commemorations of the First World War. 61 of the burials are unidentified and 32 others, identified as a whole but not individually, are marked with headstones inscribed "Buried near this spot".

Awarded the
British War and Victory Medals, locally James is remembered on the

Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon

HEWITT, Private John Cousins 1891 – 1916

John Cousins Hewitt known as Jack was born at Hamsterly Colliery, Co. Durham. He was one of seven children and in 1901 was living with his family – father Samuel, mother Sarah Ann (Cousins) Hewitt, including older brother William, at 7 Garden Street, Blaydon. He was working as a coke yard labourer while his brother worked as a miner at Addison Colliery. Jack enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne on 3 September 1914 and served with the Durham Light Infantry, service No: 13306.He was killed in action on 11 February 1916 and is buried at Ferme-Olivier Cemetery, grave ref:Plot 2, Row G, Grave 2. Ferme-Olivier Cemetery is located 7 kilometres north west of Ieper The cemetery was used continuously between 9 June 1915 and 5 August 1917, with the 62nd, 16th, 9th, 11th, 129th and 130th Field Ambulances successively having dressing stations close by. Throughout this period, the village was just within range of the

German artillery and a collective grave in Plot 2, Row E, contains the remains of 37 men of the 3rd Bn Monmouthshire Regiment killed on parade on 29 December 1915 by a single shell fired from a naval gun in Houthulst Forest. The graves in Plot 3 run in order of date of death and show the successive occupations of Elverdinghe Chateau by the 38th (Welsh) Division, the Guards Division and units of the Royal Artillery. The cemetery contains 408 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 6 of which are unidentified, and three German war graves. Sadly Jack's older brother William was killed nine months later on 16 November 1916. See Hewitt/Blaydon 123.

Awarded the 14/15 star, British War and Victory Medals, locally Jack is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

HEWITT, Private William 1886 – 1916

William Hewitt, born at Easington Lane, Co. Durham was the son of Samuel and Sarah Ann (Cousins) Hewitt and one of seven children. In 1911 the family were living at 7 Garden Street, Blaydon where William worked as a miner at Addison Colliery and his younger brother Jack worked as a coke yard labourer.William enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Hussars of the Line, service No: 22355 and the 2d Battalion, Suffolk regiment, service No: 19035. Posted to France he was killed in action on 16 November 1916. On that day there were heavy French and German air fights near Amiens.The British line extended east from Beaucourt, retreat from part of ground east of Butte de Warlencourt.French regain ground east of Pressoir.
Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory medals in his army will William left all his personal possessions to his mother and he was buried at Bertrancourt Military Cemetery, France grave ref: Plot 1, Row K, Grave 8. His obituary appeared in the Blaydon Courier on 2 December 1916, page 5. Pertrancourt is a village in the Department of the Somme The cemetery was used by field ambulances in 1916 and 1917 and again by corps and divisional burial parties in the critical months of June, July and August 1918, when German advances brought the front line to within 8 kilometres of Bertrancourt. There are 416 Commonwealth burials of the First World War in the cemetery.
Sadly, William's brother John C. (Jack) Hewitt was also killed in action nine months earlier on 11 February 1916. See Hewitt/Blaydon 122.

Locally William is remembered on the Blaydon war memorial, the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and he was also named on the Addison Colliery war memorial.

HIGGINS, Private Samuel 1892 – 1916

Samuel Higgins was born at Harrington, near Whitehaven, Cumberland. He was the son of Mary Jane Watson and at the time of the 1911 census was living at 4 Church Terrace, Blaydon and later at 37 Theresa Street, Blaydon with his mother, sister Margaret, step father Ralph Watson and seven other half siblings. He worked as a bottle gatherer at the glass bottle works as did his step father. Samuel attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 27th Battalion Tyneside Irish, service No: 25/566. Posted to France, Samuel was killed in action on 4 September 1916 age 23 years. On that day the British had attacked on line Eaucourt-le-Sars (on the Albert – Baupaume Road) all objectives were taken on a front of three thousand yards and Eaucourt was occupied.Samuel is named on Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, France; Pier and Face 10B, 11B and 12B. July 1916, supported by a French attack to the south, thirteen divisions of Commonwealth forces launched an offensive on a line from north of Gommecourt to Maricourt.Despite a preliminary bombardment lasting seven days, the German defences were barely touched and the attack met unexpectedly fierce resistance. Losses were catastrophic and with only minimal advances on the southern flank, the initial attack was a failure. In the following weeks, huge resources of manpower and equipment were deployed in an attempt to exploit the modest successes of the first day. However, the German Army resisted tenaciously and repeated attacks and counter attacks meant a major battle for every village, copse and farmhouse gained. At the end of September, Thiepval was finally captured. The village had been an original objective of 1 July. Attacks north and east continued throughout October and into November in increasingly difficult weather conditions. The Battle of the Somme finally ended on 18 November with the onset of winter.In the spring of 1917, the German forces fell back to their newly Prepared defences, the Hindenburg Line, and there were no further significant engagements in the Somme sector until the Germans mounted their major offensive in March 1918.

The Thiepval Memorial, the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally Samuel is remembered on the

Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

HINDMORE, Private Thomas 1892 – 1916

Thomas Hindmore was a coal miner and the son of Thomas Hindmore of 70 James Street Blaydon and the husband of Ellen Surrey (formerly Hindmore) of 23 Robinson Street, Blaydon.Enlisted Durham Light Infantry service No: 16492 and transferred to Northumberland Fusiliers 'B' Coy. 24th Battalion Tyneside Irish Service No: 24/1578. Posted to France he was killed in action on 1 July 1916 age 24 years. Awarded the British war and Victory medals he was buried at Cerisy – Gailly French National Cemetery, Somme which was the site of the 39th and 13th Casualty Clearing Stations during the early part of 1917, and of the 41st Stationary Hospital from May 1917 to March 1918. The villages were then captured by the Germans, but were retaken by the Australian Corps in

august 1918.Cerisy-Gailly French National Cemetery was begun by a clearing hospital of the French Tenth Army in February 1916. The great majority of these soldiers died in the Battle of the Somme in 1916. The cemetery now contains 393 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Locally remembered at Blaydon War Memorial and St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

HODGSON,**Private Adam 1886 – 1914**

Adam Hodgson was the son of Joseph and Isabella (Laffie) Hodgson, one of seven children. In 1901 the family were living at 118 James Street, Blaydon where Adam worked as a clerk at an iron works and his father was a railway foreman. By 1911 father Joseph had died and Isabella was at 47 Mary Street with three of her sons, she later lived at 58 Theresa Street, Blaydon. Adam was already a member of the military services and serving abroad.Adam enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the East
Yorkshire Regiment 'A' Company 1st Battalion, service No: 8129. Posted to France he died from wounds received on 20 October 1914 age 28 years and is buried at Lille Southern Cemetery, grave ref: III.A.7. Lille was occupied by the Germans from 27th August to the 5th September 1914, and again on the 12th October; and it remained in their hands, undamaged by Allied artillery, until the 17th October 1918. Southern Cemetery was used by the Germans during the greater part of the War, and after the Armistice by the 39th Stationary Hospital and the 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Station.There are now over 600, 1914-18 and nearly 300, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, a small number from the 1914-18 War are unidentified and a special memorial is erected to one soldier from the United Kingdom known to be buried among them. From the 1939-45 War nearly 40 are unidentified.The French number of Plot I is V.2; that of Plot II, V.4; and that of Plot III (where British prisoners of War are buried) J.1.The Second War graves are in French plot 82.

Adam was awarded the 14 Star and Clasp, British War and Victory Medals and locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

The 14 Star bronze medal award was authorized by King George V in April 1917 for those who had served in France or Belgium between 5th August 1914 to midnight on 22nd November 1914 inclusive. The award was open to officers and men of the British and Indian Expeditionary Forces, doctors and nurses as well as Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Navy Reserve and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve who served ashore with the Royal Naval Division in France or Belgium.A narrow horizontal bronze clasp sewn onto the ribbon, bearing the dates '5th AUG. - 22nd NOV. 1914' shows that the recipient had actually served under fire of the enemy during that period.For every seven medals issued without a clasp there were approximately five issued with the clasp.Recipients who received the medal with the clasp were also entitled to attach a small silver heraldic rose to the ribbon when just the ribbon was being worn.The reverse is plain with the recipient's service number, rank, name and unit impressed on it. It should be remembered that recipients of this medal were responsible for assisting the French to hold back the German army while new recruits could be trained and equipped. Collectively,
they fully deserve a great deal of honour for their part in the first sixteen weeks of the Great War. This included the battle of Mons, the retreat to the Seine, the battles of Le Cateau, the Marne, the Aisne and the first battle of Ypres. There were approximately 378,000 1914 Stars issued.

HOGG, Sergeant Albert 1883-1917

In 1911 Albert Hogg, coalminer stoneman born Trenholme, Yorkshire was living at 92 Edward Street, Blaydon with his wife Florence, born Worcestershire, son Albert and a nephew. He was the second son of William and Mary Ann Hogg of Glen Street, Hebburn and had five brothers and two sisters. He married in 1908. In all he had three sons - Albert Edward,Harold, and Arthur Stanley who were approximately 8yrs, 6yrs and 3 years old at the time of his death. In 1901 he was serving with the Coldstream Guards. He re-enlisted on 19th September 1914, joining the Durham Light Infantry 19th Battalion service No. 54661 . He was killed on 25 August 1917 and is buried at Villers-Faucon Communal Cemetery, Somme, France. Villers-Faucon was captured on 27 March 1917, lost on 22 March 1918, and retaken on 7 September 1918.The Commonwealth graves in the communal cemetery are those of soldiers who died in February-August 1917.The communal cemetery contains 227 First World War burials, five of them unidentified, and 91 German graves.

Awarded the British War & Victory medals
Locally, Albert is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

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HOLLIDAY, Corporal Robert 1894 – 1916

Robert Holliday was the son of William Holliday of 38 Polmaise Street, Blaydon. Robert served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 23d Battalion Tyneside Scottish service No: 23/728.Posted to France, Robert died of wounds on 5 April 1916 and he is buried at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery grave ref: VIII.D.92 Boulogne was one of the three base ports most extensively used by the Commonwealth armies on the Western Front throughout the First World War. It was closed and cleared on the 27 August 1914 when the Allies were forced to fall back ahead of the German advance, but was opened again in October and from that month to the end of the war, Boulogne and Wimereux formed one of the chief hospital areas.Until June 1918, the dead from the hospitals at Boulogne itself were buried in the Cimetiere de L'Est, one of the town cemeteries, the Commonwealth graves forming a long, narrow strip along he right hand edge of the cemetery. In the spring of 1918, it was found that space was running short in the Eastern Cemetery in spite of repeated extensions to the south, and the site of the new cemetery at Terlincthun was chosen. During the Second World War, hospitals were again posted to Boulogne for a short time in May 1940. The town was taken by the Germans at the end of that month and remained in their hands until recaptured by the Canadians on 22 September 1944.Boulogne Eastern Cemetery contains 5,577 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 224 from the Second World War.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals,locally Robert is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, the plaque at St.Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and the St. John Wesley Memorial at Trinity Methodist Church, Blaydon.

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HOLMES, Private Joseph d1916

Joseph Homes was born at Tanfield, Co. Durham. He worked as a miner at Addison Colliery and attested at Newcastle upon Tyne to the Northumberland Fusiliers, 'B' Company 23d Battalion, 4th Tyneside Scottish, service No: 23/214.Posted to France he was killed in action on 1 July 1916. On 1 July 1916,the first day of the Battle of the Somme, the 8th Division attacked Ovillers and the 34th Division La Boisselle. The villages were not captured, but ground was won between them and to the south of La Boisselle. On 4 July, the 19th
(Western) Division cleared La Boisselle and on 7 July the 12th (Eastern) and 25th Divisions gained part of Ovillers, the village being cleared by the 48th (South Midland) Division on 17 July. The two villages were lost during the German advance in March 1918, but they were retaken on the following 24 August by the 38th (Welsh) Division.

Joseph was buried at Ovillers Military Cemetery, grave ref: XII.J.I.

Ovillers Military Cemetery was begun before the capture of Ovillers, as a battle cemetery behind a dressing station. It was used until March 1917, by which time it contained 143 graves, about half the present Plot I. The cemetery was increased after the Armistice when Commonwealth and French graves where brought in, mainly from the battlefields of Pozieres, Ovillers, La Boisselle and Contalmaison, and from the following two cemeteries:- Mash Valley Cemetery, Ovillers-La Boisselle, was about 200 metres North of Ovillers Military
Cemetery. It was named from one of two valleys (Mash and Sausage) which run from South-West to North-East on either side of La Boisselle. It contained the graves of 76 soldiers from the United Kingdom who fell in July-September 1916.Red Dragon Cemetery, Ovillers-La Boisselle, was midway between Ovillers and La Boisselle. It was made by the 16th and 17th Royal Welch Fusiliers, and
named from their badge. It contained the graves of 25 soldiers who fell in August 1918, all of whom belonged to the 38th (Welsh) Division, and all but three to the Royal Welch Fusiliers.There are now 3,440 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in the cemetery. 2,480 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 24 casualties believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials record the names of 35 casualties, buried in Mash Valley Cemetery, whose graves were destroyed in later fighting. The cemetery also contains 120 French war graves.

Awarded the

British War and Victory Medals, Joseph is remembered locally on the Blaydon war Memorial, the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and he was named on the Addison War Memorial.

HOME, Private James 1885 – 1917

James Home was the son of William and Mary Ann Home. He was born in Blaydon and in 1901 the family; James, his parents, sister Mary and brother James were living at 10 Cowen Street, Blaydon where James' father worked as a blacksmith. Another brother William lived in the same street. In 1907 James married Margaret Swann Gilfillin of Hood Square, Winlaton and by 1911 they were living in lodgings at 8 Townely Street, Blaydon Haughs and James was working as a general labourer at the iron works. James enlisted at Gateshead and served with the Border Regiment 'B' Company 7th Battalion service No: 18461. NB: the Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists him as James Holmes service No: 181461.James was killed in action on 23 April 1917. On that day the 2d phase of the Battle of Arras began and the British attacked north and south of the Scarpe (Arras) capturing two villages. James is named on the Arras Memorial, Bay 6.The French had handed over Arras to Commonwealth forces in the spring of 1916 and the system of tunnels upon which the town is built were used and developed in preparation for the major offensive planned for April 1917.The Commonwealth section of the Faubourg D'amiens Cemetery was begun in March 1916, behind the French military cemetery established earlier.It continued to be used by field ambulances and fighting units until November 1918. The cemetery was enlarged after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields and from two smaller cemeteries in the vicinity.The cemetery contains over 2,650 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 10 of which are unidentified. The graves in the French military cemetery were removed after the war to other burial grounds and the land they had occupied was used for the construction of the Arras Memorial and Arras Flying Services Memorial. The adjacent Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7 August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and have no known grave. The most conspicuous events of this period were the Arras offensive of April-May 1917, and the German attack in the spring of 1918. Canadian and Australian servicemen killed in these operations are commemorated by memorials at Vimy and Villers-Bretonneux. A separate memorial remembers those killed in the Battle of Cambrai in 1917. James was awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals and is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon. James widow Margaret remarried in 1918 to William Montgomery and lived at 4 Town Yard,Asfordby,Melton Mowbray,Leics.

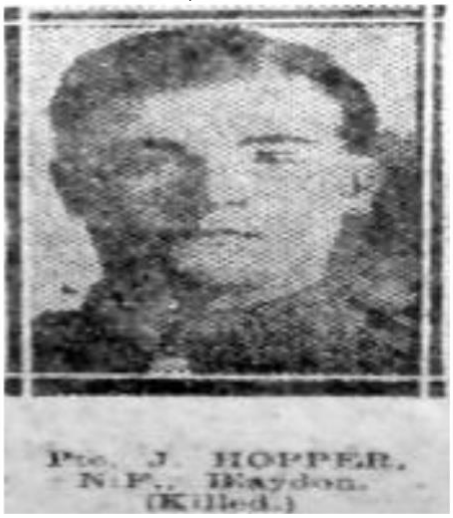
HOPPER, George1892– 1923

George Hopper born in Blaydon was the son of John and Mary Hopper and one of 10 surviving children, including younger brother John. In 1911 George was working as a labourer at a coke works while his father worked as a waterman. At this time they lived at 9 Hawdon Place Gateshead. A later address is 23 James Street, Blaydon. George served with Durham Light Infantry he was wounded as spent time as a prisoner of war. This was reported in the Blaydon Courier on 29 June 1918. George died in February 1923.

Brother John also served. See: HOPPER/BLAYDON 132

HOPPER, Private John Hymers 1897 – 1916

John Hymers Hopper was one of 10 surviving children and the son of John and Mary Hopper. The family were all born in Blaydon but in 1911 were at 9 Hawdon Place, Gateshead. John's father was working as a waterman while elder brother George was a labourer at a coke works. They later lived at 23 James Street, Blaydon and John worked as a miner at Addison Colliery. John enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne on 21 November 1914 to the Northumberland Fusiliers 25th Battalion 'C' Company Tyneside Irish.Service No: 25/994. Posted to France he served in the battle of the Somme and was killed in action on 1 July 1916. His name is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme, France. Pier and Face 10B,11B, and 12B. On 1 July 1916,supported by a French attack to the south, thirteen divisions of Commonwealth forces launched an offensive on a line from north of Gommecourt to Maricourt.



Despite a preliminary bombardment lasting seven days, the German defences were barely touched and the attack met unexpectedly fierce resistance. Losses were catastrophic and with only minimal advances on the southern flank, the initial attack was a failure. In the following weeks, huge resources of manpower and equipment were deployed in an attempt to exploit the modest successes of the first day. However, the German Army resisted tenaciously and repeated attacks and counter attacks meant a major battle for every village, copse and farmhouse gained. At the end of September, Thiepval was finally captured. The village had been an original objective of 1 July. Attacks north and east continued throughout October and into November in increasingly difficult weather conditions. The Battle of the Somme finally ended on 18 November with the onset of winter. In the spring of 1917, the German forces fell back to their newly prepared defences, the Hindenburg Line, and there were no further significant engagements in the Somme sector until the Germans mounted their major offensive in March 1918.The Thiepval Memorial, the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

John's obituary appeared in the Blaydon Courier p8, on 24/2/1917.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally, John is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and he was also named on the Addison Colliery War Memorial.

John's brother George also served . See HOPPER/BLAYDON 131

HOPPER, Private Robert 1885-1918

Robert Hopper was the son of John and Sarah (Greener) Hopper and one of six children. In 1911 the family were living at 16 Path Head, Blaydon while Robert worked as a coke yard labourer. He married Mary Whitfield on 10 April 1911 and they had one child, Albert born in 1914. Robert enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry 15th Battalion service No; 104502. From surviving records we know he was 5' 10" tall with light brown hair, grey eyes and weighed 134lbs. He had attested to the army reserve but was mobilised on 25 June 1918 and posted to France where he disembarked at Etaples on 24 October 1918 He was killed in action on 7 November 1918 age 33 years while his regiment were taking the village of Limont Fontaine on the Somme and was buried by his comrades near the village. Later his remains were exhumed and his body was reburied at Dourlers Communal Cemetery Extension , plot:II.A.13. A letter from his commanding officer confirms that the new grave had been duly marked with a cross bearing all the late soldiers particulars. The removal had been undertaken with every measure of care and reverence and the re-interment conducted by an army chaplain. Dourlers village was in German hands during almost the whole of the First World War. It was taken on 7 November 1918, after heavy fighting. The communal cemetery was used by the Germans during the war, but in November 1918, a small extension was made by Commonwealth troops at the west end. After the Armistice, the German graves from the communal cemetery and others from the battlefields, together with Commonwealth graves from isolated positions and the following small cemeteries, were brought into the extension:-Limont-Fontaine Communal Cemetery German Extension, contained 45 graves.The Extension contains 161 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War. 14 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to four casualties known or believed to be buried among them. The extension also contains 108 German burials, 62 of which are unidentified.

Sadly Robert's widow Mary Hopper died not long after her husband and their only child Albert was in the care of his grandmother Mrs. Whitfield of Church Street, Winlaton. Robert's medals were sent to his brother George Hopper of Path Head, Blaydon.

Awarded the
British War and Victory medals, locally Robert is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and he was also named on the Plaque at St. John's Methodist Chapel, Chapel, Blaydon.

HOPPER, Private Thomas Hymers 1897 – 1918

Thomas, one of six surviving children, was the son of Thomas Hymers Hopper senior, an engine fitter, and Emma (Parker) Hopper. In 1911 the family were living at 67 Theresa Street, Blaydon and Thomas age 14 was working as a telegraph messenger boy. He attested to the Royal Field Artillery as a gunner, service No: 149110 and was later transferred to the Tanks Corps 13th Battalion service No: 300427. Killed in action on 9 May 1918 age 21 years, he was awarded the British War and Victory medals and is buried at Tournai Communal Cemetery Allied Extension, Tournai, Hainaut, Belgium - grave ref: I.M.15.On that day enemy attacks in La Clytte-Voormezeele sector repulsed; French and British positions re-established. Germans gain small success at Albert. French success at Grivesnes, north-west of Montdidier.Tournai was captured by the German II Corps on 23 August 1914, in spite of resistance from a French Territorial Brigade, and the town remained in German hands until it was entered by the 47th (London) and 74th (Yeomanry) Divisions

on 8 November 1918. The 51st (Highland) Casualty Clearing Station arrived on 14 November and remained until 20 July 1919. During the occupation, the German sick and wounded were nursed in the "Asile", whilst the Commonwealth and Allied were cared for in the Hopital Notre-Dame.

Locally Thomas is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, St. Cuthbert's Church Blaydon and the St. John Wesleyan Memorial at Trinity Methodist Church, Blaydon.

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HORROCKS, Private Thomas 1895 – 1916

Thomas Horrocks was born in Wigan, Lancashire, one of six children. By 1911 he was living with his widowed mother Ellen Horrocks in two rooms at 66A Back Robinson Street, Blaydon and working as a coal miner, driver. He served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion, service No: 2899. Posted abroad he was killed in action on 12 February 1916 age 21 years and buried at Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, grave Ref: II.C.5. Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery was started by French troops in 1914 and was taken over by Commonwealth forces in April 1915. It was used by fighting units and field ambulances until June 1917, when the land adjoining the cemetery was claimed for a military railway preventing further extension. The cemetery is remarkable for the care with which men of the same unit were buried side by side if they died at about the same time. There is also a very high proportion of graves of Territorial units, in particular Lancashire Territorials, who have nearly 250 graves in plots IV, V and VI. During the early months of 1917, whenever it was possible, the 55th Division brought their dead from the front for burial here.The cemetery now contains 1,175 Commonwealth burials of the First World War. The French graves were removed after the war, but three German war graves remain. There are also four Second World War burials dating from the Allied retreat to Dunkirk in May 1940.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally Thomas is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

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HOWIE, David

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no other information available.

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HOYLAND, Private Ernest E. 1884 – 1918

Ernest Hoyland was the son of Arthur and Maria (Snaith Butler) Hoyland. The family had all been born at Swinton, Yorkshire and in 1901 were living at 6 John Street,Blaydon father, mother and three sons. Ernest was working as a labourer at the iron works while his father worked as a glass blower. Ernest married Margaret Ellen Anderson in October 1913 and they lived at 9 John Street, Blaydon.
Ernest served with the Durham Light Infantry 2nd Battalion, service no: 205098. Posted to France he was killed in action on 18 September 1918 and is buried at Chappelle British Cemetery, Aisne, France; grave ref: On that day the I.A.8. Great Australian (5th/6th Australian Infantry Brigades) advance on 16-mile front (north-west of St. Quentin, extending from Holnon Wood to Gouzeaucourt; over 6,000 prisoners and a number of guns captured; outer defences of Hindenburg Line stormed in many places. TheFrench, in liaison with British, capture Savy Wood and Fontaine-les-Cleres.End of battle of Epehy.Germans continue strong counter-attacks north and south of
Moeuvres.Holnon village and wood were the scene of heavy fighting between the 6th Division and the enemy on the 14th-19th September, 1918.Chapelle British Cemetery, named from a wayside shrine, was made after the Armistice, by the concentration of graves of 1917-18 from the battlefields West of St. Quentin and from Holnon Communal and French Military Cemeteries.There are now over 600, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 250 are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 17 soldiers, known or believed to be buried here. Other special memorials record the names of four United Kingdom soldiers, buried in Holnon Communal Cemetery, whose graves were destroyed by shell fire.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals,
locally Ernest is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

HUGHES, John

Named on the Blaydon war Memorial.
We regret there is insufficient information to identify this soldier.

HUTCHINSON, Private John Jobson 1895-1915

John, born in Northumberland was the son of David and Elizabeth Hutchinson and one of eight children. In 1911 he was living with his family at 44 George Street, Blaydon and working as a coal miner while his father worked as a steam motor driver for Blaydon Urban District Council. A later address is 129 John Street, Blaydon John attested at Blaydon on 4 June 1912 and was posted abroad on 20 April 1915. Before he was mobilised he had been working as a mechanic for Armstrong Whitworth at Scotswood Road, Newcastle.From surviving records we know he was 5'3" tall with a 33" chest. Heserved with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battallion 'D' Company,
servcie No: 1437. Posted to Belgium he was killed in action on 11 may 1915 age 20 years. John is named on the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing at Ypres, Belgium, Panel 36 and one of 54,406 names. The Menin Gate is one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders which cover the area known as the Ypres Salient. Broadly speaking, the Salient stretched from
Langemarck in the north to the northern edge in Ploegsteert Wood in the south, but it varied in area and shape throughout the war.The Salient was formed during the First Battle of Ypres in October and November 1914, when a small British Expeditionary Force succeeded in securing the town before the onset of winter,pushing the German forces back to the Passchendaele Ridge. The Second Battle of
Ypres began in April 1915 when the Germans released poison gas into the Allied lines north of Ypres. This was the first time
gas had been used by either side and the violence of the attack forced an Allied withdrawal and a shortening of the line of defence.The battles of the Ypres Salient claimed many lives on both sides and it quickly became clear that the commemoration of members of the Commonwealth forces with no known grave would have to be divided between several different sites. The site of the Menin
Gate was chosen because of the hundreds of thousands of men who passed through it on their way to the battlefields. It commemorates casualties from the forces of Australia, Canada, India, South Africa and United Kingdom who died in the Salient. In the case of United Kingdom casualties, only those prior 16 August 1917 (with some exceptions).
United Kingdom and New Zealand servicemen who died after that date are named on the memorial at Tyne Cot, a site which marks the furthest point reached by Commonwealth forces in Belgium until nearly the end of the war.

Awarded the 15
Star, British war and Victory Medals locally John is remembered on the Blaydon
War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

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IRVING,Thomas
Named on the Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no other information available.
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JAMES , Private Ernest Llewellyn 1897-1916
In 1911 Llewellyn was still at school the son of Thomas and Rosa James and one of four children. His Welsh born father worked as a bricklayer at the colliery above ground and the family were living at 25 railway Street, Blaydon.
Llewellyn attested at Blaydon on 22 March 1915 to the Durham Light Infantry 9th Battalion service No: 302238. From surviving records we know he was 5'6" tall with a 34" chest. Posted to France on 11 May 1916 he was killed in action on 5 November 1916. Llewellyn is buried at Warlencourt British Cemetery plot VII.B.29. A letter from the War Office to his parents dated 3 January 1921 advises that it was necessary for the reburial of a number of scattered graves for concentration in proper cemeteries. The body had been exhumed and moved to Warlencourt, the necessity for the removal was much regretted but found unavoidable and the work was carried out with every measure of care and reverence and with the appropriate religious service.
Warlencourt, the Butte de Warlencourt and Eaucourt-L'Abbaye were the scene of very fierce fighting in 1916.
Awarded the British War and Victory Medals locally Llewellyn is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
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JOBLING ,A/Corporal Reginald Daglish 1892 – 1918

Reggie

Reggie & Leo

Reginald Jobling was born at Lemington, Newcastle the son of Joseph Bewick Jobling and Elizabeth Denton, one of four surviving children. His father was a warehouseman for the Co-operative society. In 1901 the family were living at 11 James Street, Blaydon and by 1911 they were at 68 Theresa Street, Blaydon and Reggie, as he was known, worked as a

draughtsman and wages clerk for Harfield & Co, Blaydon Iron Works, Engineering, Iron,Steel & Brass Founders and was engaged to a young lady by the name of Maggie Prudhoe. He attested to the Durham Light Infantry Pioneers 22nd battalion service No: 22/646 on 25 November 1915. Posted to France on 16 June 1916 he was twice wounded in action on 29 August 1916 and again on 3 May 1917. From surviving records we know he was 5'5" tall, weighed 123lbs with a 34" chest.

He was killed in action on 26 March 1918 at Pargny, France age 25 years. On that day the British make stand north of Somme on line Roeux-Ayette-Beaumont Hamel-Albert-Bray, but lose Albert and Bray.Very heavy fighting south of Somme; Germans capture Lihons, Chaulnes, Roye and Noyon.Momentous Franco-British Conference at Doullens on unity of command. On 2 December 1920 the army wrote to Reggie's father to advise him as follows: "I beg to advise you that owing to the agreement with the French and Belgian governments to remove all scattered graves for concentration in proper cemeteries, it has been found necessary to exhume the body of the late A/C Reginald Jobling for re burial.

I am to say that the necessity for the removal is much regretted but was found unavoidable. I am to assure you that the work has been carried out with every measure of care and reverence and that special arrangements were made for the appropriate religious services to be held".
Reginald was re-buried at Pargny British Cemetery, Somme
,France: grave ref: III.B.15.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally Reginald is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and on the St. John Weslyan Memorial (now at Trinity Methodist Church,Blaydon).

Reggie's brother Leo Denton Jobling (1891-1974) also served with the Durham Light Infantry, he survived the war although badly wounded and was awarded the 15 Star, British War & Victory Medals.

JOHNSON, A.
Named on the Blaydon War Memorial.

We regret we have no other information available.

JOHNSON, Private Charles 1877-1916

Charles was born at Winlaton 19 September 1877. In 1901 he is recorded as living with his parents Charles and Elizabeth (Kelly) Johnson at 45 North Street, Winlaton along with 7 siblings and a sister in law. His parents record their occupations as hawkers on own account while Charles jnr. worked as a coal miner, stone work. His father was born at Warkworth and his mother at Rochester, Northumberland but Charles and his siblings were all born at

Winlaton. In 1906 he married Mary Ann Chatburn who was born at West Hartlepool and by 1911 Charles and Mary Ann are living at 4 Messenger Bank, Shotley Bridge where Charles is working as a labourer to a mason, they have a young child Norah Victoria age 4 and two lodgers.

Charles served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 6th Battalion service No: 6/5068 and was killed in action on 23 March 1916 age 39 years. He is buried at Railway Dugouts Burial Ground(transport farm), Belgium, grave ref: I.B.19.

Awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally Charles is remembered on the Winlaton War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton, Blaydon War Memorial, the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon, Shotley Bridge War Memorial Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Benfieldside and the war memorial cottages at Shotley Bridge.

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JOHNSON , Lance Corporal James 1889-1918

James Johnson was the son of John W. and Catherine A.C.Spedding Johnson and one of four children. In 1911 the family were living at 111 George Street, Blaydon while James worked as a coal miner and his father as a labourer. James who was born at Sunderland enlisted at Newcastle and served with the Durham Light Infantry service No: 5241, the Border Regiment service No: 4135 and finally Border Regiment 5th Battalion service No: 241711.

Posted to France he was killed in action on 21 March 1918 age 29 years and his name is recorded on the Pozieres Memorial, Panel 46.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally James is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial. His parents emigrated to 'Moira',Mount View Road,Cessknock,New South Wales, Australia.

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JOHNSTON, Able Seaman E.

Served with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, service No: Tyneside Z/438. Died 23 November 1918 and buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref:
DC77 Not named on war memorial

JONES , Able Seaman William Littlefair 1890 – 1917

William Littlefair Jones was the son of Littlefair and Mary Ann (Dodds) Jones and one of seven surviving children. In 1911 the family were living at 49 Robinson Street, Blaydon where William worked as an apprentice at the glass bottle works and where his father worked as a glass blower.

William enlisted to the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve on 17 February 1914, Drake Battalion service No: B/369 from 22/8/1914-30/8/1915 suffered from dystentry. Drake battalion 2/12/1015-10/2/1916 – tonsilitis invalided to UK 13/2/1916- draft for British Expeditionary Force 25/9/1916.Joined Anson Battalion ,service No: 6/180 from 26/11/1916 – 4/2/1917 to hospital – rejoined Anson 4/2/1917 -17/2/1917.
William was killed in action on 17 February 1917 age 27 years.

William is named on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 1 A.

Awarded the 14 Star, British War and Victory Medal which were issued to his parents at 55 Robinson Street, Blaydon. Locally William is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon

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KELLY , Corporal Felix Harding 1892-1916

Felix Harding Kelly was the son of James and Mary Ann (Brooks) Kelly, born 27 June 1892 at 27 Nuns Lane, Gateshead and christened at St. Joseph's Church, Gateshead. In 1901 the family lived at 25 Penman Street, Gateshead. One of nine children Felix worked as a fitter hewer and by 1911 lived at 31 Path Head, Blaydon. He married Elizabeth Richardson in 1913. He enlisted at Blaydon for the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion, service No: 1942. Posted to Belgium he was killed in action on 27 March 1916 during the Bluff Ypres Commines campaign.He is buried at Woods Cemetery,West Vlaanderen nr, Ypres, grave reference: 1.B.34. On that day two lines of German trenches were captured at St. Eloi (Ypres).

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory medals they were collected by his widow who remarried Thomas Cottrell in September 1916. Obituary Blaydon Courier page 8 on 8 April 1916 and page 3 on 16 September 1916.

He is remembered on Blaydon War Memorial; also at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Stella and at Woods Cemetery in Belgium.

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KELLY , Private Patrick 1890 – 1916

Patrick, one of six children, was the son of John and Mary Jane kelly. His father born in Co. Galway, Ireland worked as a mason's labourer while Patrick worked at the cement works. In 1911 the family were living at 23 Robinson Street, Blaydon a later address was 8 Shibdon Road, Blaydon.Patrick attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers Tyneside Irish 24th Battalion service No: 24/441.He was killed in action on 1 July 1916 and is named on the Thiepval memorial to the Missing, France , Pier and Face 10B,11B and 12B.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally Patrick is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

KELLY ,C.

Charles Kelly the son of William and Moralee Kendal of 1 Old Pit, Blaydon Bank. Charles was one of five children his father worked as a deputy overman while Charles worked as a crane driver.

Locally Charles is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no other information available.

KENDAL , Lance Corporal Charles 1887 – 1916

Charles Kendal was born at Felling, Co. Durham the son of George and Elizabeth Kendal. In 1901 he was living with his family at 23 Cowen Street, Blaydon where his father worked as a coal miner and Charles was working as a general labourer. By 1911 he had married Ellen Victoria Gould and they were living at 102 George Street, Blaydon and Charles was working as a coal miner. Together they had six children, Marjory, Grace Ellen,John Albert,Charles,Elizabeth J. and the youngest George Kitchener b1915.
Charles served with the Northumberland Fusiliers, 24th Tyneside Irish Battalion, service no; 24/545. He was killed in action on 1 March 1916 age 29 years and buried at Erquinham – Lys Churchyard Extension near Armentieres,France ; grave ref: 1.H.8

Awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally Charles is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

KENDAL, Private George

Born at Blaydon, attested at Blaydon and served with Alexandra Princess of Wales Own Yorkshire regiment 9th Battalion service No: 61425. George died of wounds on 23 October 1918 and is buried at Pommereuil British Cemetery Plot E.29.

Awarded the British war and Victory Medals, locally George is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

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KILLALA , Private Timothy 1896-1915

Timothy Killala was born in Blaydon in 1896. He was the son of coalminer Michael Killala, born in Ireland and Margaret born in Sacriston, Co. Durham. Timothy, one of seven children, was named after his grandfather Timothy Sirbkey also born in Ireland. In 1901 the family were living at 15 Shop Spouts, Blaydon but by 1911 father Michael had died and the family had moved to 30 Walker Street, Gateshead. Timothy joined the Border Regiment 2nd Battalion in Carlisle service No. 10725. He was posted to France and killed in action on 16 May 1915. He is remembered on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France,Panel 19 & 20 and at Blaydon. His mother Margaret applied for his medals giving her address as 35 St. Mary's Street,Quayside,Newcastle upon Tyne.

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KINSEY (POYZER) , Gunner John 1895- 1916

John Poyzer John's original grave marker John left in group picture

John Kinsey's real name is John Poyzer. He was the son of Henry Poyzer, born Hanley Staffordshire and Mary Ann Faill, born Coxlodge, Newcastle upon Tyne who married in Newcastle in 1886. Henry had previously served in the army himself. John was born in Blaydon one of seven surviving children. In 1911 the family were living at 26 John Street, Blaydon and John worked as a coal miner as did his father and two of his brothers. John served with the Royal Garrison Artillery 40th 'V' trench mortar battery, service No: 64399. He changed his name, or was advised to change, as it was thought that his surname might be mistaken as German. Why he chose or was given the name 'Kinsey' is not known.

He was killed in action on 15 August 1916 age 21 years and buried at Mazingarbe Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

Awarded the British War & Victory medals John is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial.

KIRKUP , Private Joseph 1887 – 1914

Joseph Kirkup was born in Blaydon the son of John Kirkup of 98 George Street, Blaydon. By 1911 Joseph was working as a coal miner, married to Ada Louise McCaughern and they were living at 23 Turret Place, Blaydon. Joseph had enlisted to the Durham Light Infantry Reservists 2d Battalion on 15 July 1903. Service No: 8420.We know from surviving records that he was 5' 5" tall, weighed 139 lbs, had brown hair, brown eyes and a complexion described as tanned or sallow. He had several decayed teeth and scars on his left leg and right forearm. He was hospitalised on 29 October 1914 with a sprained ankle.The couple had a daughter Hannah Winifred born in 1913. Joseph was posted abroad to Belgium in August

1914 and was killed in action on 19 November 1914 age 28 years. On that day fighting had been limited to artillery duels and local skirmishes. Joseph was awarded the 14 Star, British War and Victory medals and is named on the Ploegsteert Memorial Panel 8 & 9.

Joseph's widow was informed of his death on 5 December 1914, by then she was living at 10 John Street, Blaydon. Tragically she gave birth to a son Joseph, on 2 January 1915 who died on 31 January 1915. Ada remarried in 1916 to Charles W. Clark.

Locally Joseph is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and at
St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/ 032013 KIRKUP/ BLAYDON 155

KNOTTS , Private Richard 1892 – 1920

Seaman A. LAYBOURN, R.N.V.R., of Blaydon. (Died of wounds).

Richard Knotts was born at Winlaton Mill. His parents were Thomas Knotts an iron worker born at Hobson, Co. Durham and Anne Bulman born North Shields. They married in Gateshead in 1885. In 1901 the family were living at Winlaton Mill with Richard's four siblings. By 1911 Annie was widowed and still at Winlaton Mill working as a washer woman. Richard was working as a colliery labourer under ground and living with relatives of his mother – John and Hannah Bulman and their four children at 11 Pioneer Street, Blaydon.
Richard served with the Durham Light Infantry service No's: 9/1568 and 204948. He died at Whickham Cottage Hospital on 11 May 1920 and is buried at Whickham Garden House Cemetery grave ref: I.C.204.

He was awarded the 15 Star,British War & Victory medals and he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, The Whickham War Memorial Cottage Hospital, Swalwell Roll of Honour and on Swalwell War Memorial

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LAKEY,William

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

We regret we have no other information available.

SL/122013 LAKEY/BLAYDON 157

LAVERY ,Private John 1889 – 1916

John Lavery was born at Pomeroy, Co. Tyrone, Ireland. He lived with his widowed mother Ann Lavery and his brothers Patrick,Michael,Joseph and Thomas at 1 South Street, Blaydon and was working as a labourer. He also had sisters Sarah and Mary.John attested at Newcastle upon Tyne on 27 August 1914 to the Durham Light Infantry 15th Battalion, service No: 13411. From surviving records we know he was 5'7" tall, weighed 157 lbs with 34" chest and had blue eyes, dark brown hair and a dark complexion. Posted abroad on 12

February 1916 he disembarked at Etaples and was killed in action on 1 July 1916.John is named on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 14A & 15C.
Awarded the British War and Victory medals, his mother Ann signed for the medals. Locally John is remembered on the Blaydon war Memorial.
SL/062013 LAVERY/BLAYDON 158

LAYBOURN , Leading Seaman Alexander 1894 – 1915

Alexander Laybourn was born 9 July 1894. Alexander had been sharing a house with his sister Mary Jane Laybourn at 11 Clifford Street, Blaydon, both his parents having died, his father Alexander Carr Laybourn in 1910 and his mother Jane (Watson) Laybourn in 1902.
Alex had worked as a miner at Addison Colliery and enlisted on 14 November 1914 serving with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Anson Battalion, Royal Naval Division, service No: Tyneside Z/1580.
He was drafted to Military Expeditionary Force on 28 June 1915 and joined 3d platoon Anson battalion 18 July 1915 to 19 August 1915.He took part in the Dardanelles/Gallipoli Campaign in Turkey 1915, Gully Ravine Kartha Nullah sector and following gun shot wounds to the head on 8 August 1915 died at Alexandria 15th General Hospital on 19 August 1915.Alex was buried at Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.
His obituary appeared in the Blaydon Courier page 3 on 23 September 1916.
Locally Alexander is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon, Swalwell War Memorial and he was also named on the Addison Colliery War Memorial.
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LEE, James
Named on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at
St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.We regret we have no other information available.
SL/122013 LEE/BLAYDON 160

LENNOX , Lieutenant Frederick William 1893 – 1918

A RYTON WEDDING.

Frederick William Lennox was an insurance clerk born in Dunston and the son of John, a Co-op butcher, & Mary Ann Lennox, the family lived at 40 James Street, Blaydon. He married Ann Urwin in October 1917 at Holy Cross Ryton and the young couple set up home at 23 Holly Avenue, Ryton.

It is recorded that Frederick was not of robust health, but he still answered his country's call when war broke out. He enlisted in the Northumberland Fusiliers in September 1914 and subsequently sat for his commission at Trinity College, Oxford. He later served with the Durham Light Infantry as a 2nd Lieutenant service No: 2021 (his commission was announced in the Blaydon Courier, 11th November 1916 and 28th April 1917). He embarked for France in April 1915. Whilst serving with the Northumberland Fusiliers in France he was wounded in the leg at Ypres, Belgium, and was transferred to a hospital in England. Having recovered, he returned to active service but contracted trench fever and pneumonia. He again returned to England where he was given light employment of a clerical nature. He became a drill instructor and trained recruits for nine months before going to Oxford. Frederick never recovered from his illness. Frederick was well known and respected in the district. He was an enthusiastic cricketer and played for Blaydon Cricket Club for several years. Later he played for Chester-le-Street Cricket Club, where his main strengths were his bowling. On the 3rd May 1913, a friendly cricket match took place at Blaydon Cricket ground (Denefield) to officially open the premises. The opposing team was Lieutenant Colonel Simpson's XI, mostly comprising officers of the 9th Durham Light Infantry. The visitor's score card that day read: Lt. M H Bettison caught Lennox, bowled Rushworth. Fred took a catch that day when he caught a skier off Lieutenant Bettison (killed in action 18th April 1916) as he tried to hit Rushworth out of the field. Fred also took the wicket of Lieutenant Colonel Simpson, his first and last wicket at Denefield. Frederick died at home age 25 years and was buried with full military honours in Ryton Cemetery, grave ref: CU 348. The coffin was covered by the Union Jack and was borne by a gun carriage. Three volleys were fired over the grave and the Last Post was sounded. He was awarded the 14/15 Star, British War & Victory Medals

Locally he is also remembered on Ryton War Memorial, Blaydon War Memorial, St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and the St. Cuthbert's Mens Club Roll of Honour.

SL/022013 LENNOX/BLAYDON 161

LERTORIA , Pte. Charles 1899-1918

Charles, of Italian descent was the son of Charles & Juanna Lertoria, Confectioners of 13/15 Thomas Terrace, Blaydon. He had five other siblings and the family also kept one house servant. He joined the Notts & Derby regiment service No. 98431 and was later transferred to the Norfolks service No. 98431. Killed in action, he died on 27 September 1918 and is buried with 507 other casualties at Lebucquiere Communal Cemetary Extension, Pas de Calais, France. Grave ref. III.C.24.
Awarded British War Medal & Victory Medal, locally Charles is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/012013 LERTORIA/BLAYDON162

LLEWELLYN , Air Mechanic 1st Class, Richard 1889 – 1918

Richard Llewellyn was the son of Richard and Elizabeth Llewellyn. In 1911 the family were living at 37 Denton Road, Scotswood, Newcastle upon Tyne. Richard worked as an engineer fitter, his father as an engineer machinist and younger brother Robert as an engineer apprentice. The family also included sisters Emily age 13 and Annie age 7. The family later lived at 98 John Street, Blaydon and at 1 James Street, Blaydon. Richard served with the Royal Air Force Training Squadron as an air mechanic , Service No: 82160. He died on 20 September 1918 and is named on the Chatby Memorial.

Richard is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

Sadly Richard's brother Robert was also killed – see Llewellyn/Blaydon 164

LLEWELLYN , Able Seaman Robert 1896 – 1915

Robert Llewellyn, born 17 December 1895 was the son of Richard and Elizabeth Llewellyn. In 1911 the family were living at 37, Denton Road, Scotswood, Newcastle upon Tyne and Robert was working as an engineering apprentice at harfields & Co. while his father worked as an engineer machinist and brother Richard was an engineer fitter. The family also included Emily age 13 and Annie age 7.
The family later lived at 98 John Street,Blaydon and at 1 James Street, Blaydon.
Robert enlisted to the Royal Naval Volunteer reserve and served with Drake Battalion, Royal Naval Division C/556 from 22/8/1914. Service No: Tyneside Z/222.
He was killed in action on 11 May 1915 and was buried on the right side of Krithia Road between two forks off Achi Baba Gully in the rear of the redout lines. Robert is named on the Helles Memorial, Addenda Panel.The eight month campaign in Gallipoli was fought by Commonwealth and French forces in an attempt to force Turkey out of the war, to relieve the deadlock of the Western Front in France and Belgium, and to open a supply route to Russia through the Dardanelles and the Black Sea.

The Allies landed on the peninsula on 25-26 April 1915; the 29th Division at Cape Helles in the south and the Australian and New Zealand Corps north of Gaba Tepe on the west coast, an area soon known as Anzac. On 6 August, further landings were made at Suvla, just north of Anzac, and the climax of the campaign came in early August when simultaneous assaults were launched on all three fronts. However, the difficult terrain and stiff Turkish resistance soon led to the stalemate of trench warfare. From the end of August, no further serious action was fought and the lines remained unchanged. The peninsula was successfully evacuated in December and early January 1916.

The Helles Memorial serves the dual function of Commonwealth battle memorial for the whole Gallipoli campaign and place of commemoration for many of those Commonwealth servicemen who died there and have no known grave.The United Kingdom and Indian forces named on the memorial died in operations throughout the peninsula, the Australians at Helles. There are also panels for those who died or were buried at sea in Gallipoli waters. The memorial bears more than 21,000 names.

Awarded the 14 Star, British War and Victory Medals, Robert is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial, the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and on St. Cuthbert's Mens Club Roll of Honour

Sadly, Robert's brother Richard was also killed – see Llewellyn/Blaydon 163

LOWDON , Private Alfred Holmes 1882-1917

In 1911 Alfred was working as a barman at the Station Hotel, Blaydon and living with his wife Catherine (Kate) whom he had married in 1910 at 44 John Street, Blaydon. By 1916 he was Hotel Manager at the Fox & Hounds Inn, Crawcrook. He joined the military on 14 July 1916 the Durham Light Infantry 1st Battalion service No: 37097 and was posted to India on 26 December 1016. He was 5'5 ½ " tall. He died at Murree Hospital on 16 October 1917 of a gastric ulcer and was buried at the Murree Cemetery. Awarded the British War Medal, his widow was awarded a pension of 13s /9d (68p).
Locally he is remembered at Blaydon War Memorial and St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
His obituary was printed in the Blaydon Courier, page 8 on 27 October 1917.

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LOWDON , Sergeant Edward 1895 – 1918

Edward Lowdon was the son of Ralph and Jane Lowdon. In 1901 the family were living at 71 Robinson Street, Blaydon. Edward, his mother, father Ralph who worked as a butcher and brother Charles who worked as a house painter.
Ed ward served with the Dorset Regiment service No: 13782 and the Royal Munster Fusiliers, service No: 20401. He died on 2 November 1918 age 23 years and was buried at the Busigny Communal Cemetery extension, grave ref: II.A.27.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally, Edward is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

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LOWDON , Able Seaman George 1896-1916

George was the son of John and E. Lowdon. He worked as a miner and lived with his family at 19 George Street, Blaydon later 33 Robinson Street, Blaydon.

He enlisted on 7 November 1914 and served with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Hawke Battalion service No: Tyneside Z/1010.
He was killed in action by shellfire on 1 January 1916 and buried at the Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Helles, Turkey , Plot J91.
The eight month campaign in Gallipoli was fought by Commonwealth and French forces in an attempt to force Turkey out of the war, to relieve the deadlock of the Western Front in France and Belgium, and to open a supply route to Russia through the Dardanelles and the Black Sea.

Locally George is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

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LOWDON , J.

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no other information available.

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LUCAS , Corporal George 1886-1915

George Lucas was born at Hook Green,Lamberhurst, Kent one of five children and the son of Charles & Charity Lucas. By 1911 he was living at 10 Townley Street, Blaydon Haughs, Blaydon with his wife Mary Tunley whom he married in 1908 and their two young sons Charles and George. He worked as a furnaceman at the Rolled Weldless Chain Company.We know from surviving records that he was 5' 6 1/2 " tall and he enlisted as a territorial at Blaydon on 25 April 1911, Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No: 1188, promoted to Lance Corporal on 9 June 1913 and Corporal on 31 October 1913. He was posted abroad on 5 August 1914.
Killed in action on 11 May 1915 aged 29 years, it is noted that he was buried near the Messines Road but that his grave could not be located and his name is recorded on the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing, Ypres, Belgium, Panel 36&38. Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory medals, his wife Mary signed for his medals on 9 April 1920.

George is remembered locally on the Blaydon war memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church. Blaydon.

SL/012013 LUCAS/BLAYDON 169

LYALL , Private Alexander 1895 – 1917

Alexander Lyall was the son of James and Ann Isabella (Lieper) Lyall and born at Blaydon. In 1891 the family were living at 13 Turret Place, Blaydon where Alex's father worked as a brickyard labourer. The family lived in Glasgow in 1901 and by 1911 Alex was working as a messenger boy and living with his widowed mother and brother John, who worked as a hotel bootboy, at 37 Chapel Street, Berwick.

Alex joined the Royal Marine Light Infantry 2d Battalion , service No: PO/638/S. He was drafted for military expeditionary force on 9 May 1915 and joined Portsmouth Battalion MEF Dardanelles from 30 May 1915 – 22 August 1915. He was then invalided back to the UK as sick, then returned to his Battalion. He was killed in action on 17 February 1917.

Awarded the Star, British War and Victory Medals his mother by now was living at 1 Douglas Terrace , Blaydon and Alexander is named on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 1A. Sadly brother John was also killed on 23 April 1915 . See Lyall/Blaydon 171.

Locally Alexander is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Berwick War Memorial.

SL/062013 LYALL/BLAYDON 170

LYALL , Private John 1887 – 1915

John Lyall was the son of James an Ann Isabella (Lieper) Lyall. In 1891 the family were living at 13 Turret Place, Blaydon where father James worked as a brickyard labourer. In 1901 they were in Glasgow and by 1911 Ann, by now widowed, was living at 37 Chapel Street, Berwick with John who worked as a hotel bootboy and Alexander who worked as a messanger boy.

John served with the Kings Own Scottish Borderers 2nd Battalion service no 8117 (or 8171). He was killed in Action on 23 April 1915 and is named on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium. Panel 22.

Awarded the 15Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally John is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Berwick War Memorial.
Sadly his brother Alexander was also killed on 17 February 1917. See Lyall/Blaydon 170

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MARCH , Private Joseph 1885 – 1916

Joseph was the son of John March and Mary (Hunter) March. His father had worked as a night watchman but 1911 John March had died and Joseph was living with his widowed mother at 21 Theresa Street, Blaydon. Joseph worked as a labourer at an iron foundry; brother William was an apprentice at the sanitary sink works, brother Patterson at school, sister Elizabeth a tailoress and sister Mildred a boot and shoe sales assistant.Joseph served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 25th Tyneside Irish Battalion, service No: 25/1102. Posted to France he was killed in action on 12 February 1916.He was buried at Brewery Orchard Cemetery, Bois Grenier, France Nord, grave ref: IV.A.4. Bois Grenier is a village 3km south of Armentieres.The cellar of the brewery was used as a dressing station and the cemetery was started in the orchard nearby in November 1914. It was sheltered from enemy observation by ruined houses and continued in use until January 1918.

Awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally Joseph is remembered on the Blaydon war Memorial, the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and on the St. John Wesley Methodist Memorial (now at Trinity Methodist, Blaydon.

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MARSHALL,George

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the
Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
We regret we have no other information available.

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MARSHALL , John

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial and the
Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

We regret we have no other information available.

SL/122013 MARSHALL/BLAYDON 174

MARSHALL , Private Joseph 1898 – 1916

Joseph Marshall born at Blaydon was the son of George and Elizabeth Marshall and one of five children. In 1911 Joseph was still at school, his father worked as a miner and the family were living at 81 Thomas Terrace, Blaydon.
Joseph enlisted at Newcastle and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 26th Tyneside Irish Battalion service No: 26/1102. Posted to France he was killed in action on 1 April 1916 age 19 years and buried at Brewery Orchard Cemetery, Bois-Grenier plot IV.B.32.The cellar of the brewery was used as a dressing station and the cemetery was started in the orchard nearby in November 1914. It was sheltered from enemy observation by ruined houses and continued in use until January 1918.Brewery Orchard Cemetery contains 339 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally Joseph is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/122013 MARSHALL/BLAYDON 175

MASON , Private Charles Edwin 1892-1918

Charles Edwin Mason was born at Knaresborough in Yorkshire the son of Mrs. Mason who later lived at Foundry Lane, Hexham,Northumberland. He worked as a farm labourer in the Hexham area and later became the adopted son of Mr. & Mrs. Broderick of 7 Tempest Street, Stella, Blaydon. Charles enlisted into the army in 1909 at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the 18th battalion, Queen Mary's Own Hussars service No: 10328 and 10th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders service No: 13425 (also recorded as 13485). Charles was wounded at the 1st Battle of Ypres in 1914 and in all before his death wounded nine times and gassed once. He was mentioned in the Illustrated Chronicle on 7 December 1914, 4 January 1915, 3 April 1915 and 18 April 1918. Charles died on either the 4 or 5 April 1918 in a military hospital of injuries caused by being kicked by a horse. He is buried at Bois Guillaume Communal Cemetery Extension , France plot C.178.

Awarded the 14 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally Charles is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and on the St. Wilfred's War Memorial Cross at Hexham,Northumberland.

SL/122013 MASON/BLAYDON 176

MAUDE , Lance Corporal John Blackburn 1889-1917

John Blackburn Maude was born in Newcastle upon Tyne and lived variously at Benwell, Elswick, Edmondsly, Co. Durham and finally as a miner at Addison Colliery. His parents were George Abell & Hannah Maude and he had three older sisters. John enlisted at Newburn in the Northumberland Fusiliers 13th Battalion service No: 12773 and was killed in action on 26 February 1917 aged 28 years.

Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory medals he is remembered at Blaydon and at

Vermelles British Cemtery, Pas de Calais , France ref: VB33. His name was also on the Addison Colliery Memorial which was lost during a fire in 1930.

SL/012013 MAUDE/BLAYDON 177

MAUGHAN , Lance Sergeant John 1881-1917

John Maughan was a miner at Addison Colliery. He married Elizabeth Jane Usher in 1901 and in 1911 they were living at 6 Shop Spouts, Blaydon with their four young children: Joseph,John,Margaret and Norah. John enlisted into the Northumberland Fusiliers 24th Battalion Tyneside Irish service No: 24/517. John was involved in the Battle of Arras in 1917, the Second Battle of the Scarpe 23/24 April 1917 and died on 28 April 1917 age 36 years. He is named on the Arras Memorial, Bay 2&3. Awarded the British War and Victory medals his widow was now living at 7 Widdrington Road, Blaydon.

He is remembered on the Addison Colliery war memorial, Blaydon war memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/012013 MAUGHAN/BLAYDON 178

McC(H)RYSTAL , Private James d 1916

James served with the Durham Light Infantry 9th Battalion, service No: 3217. He was killed in action on 12 February 1916 and buried at Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, grave ref: II.E.II.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally James is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL / 062013 McCHRYSTAL/BLAYDON 179

McFARLANE , Private Anthony 1880 – 1917

Anthony McFarlane was one of eight children and the son of Mathew and Mary Jane (Hall) McFarlane. By 1911 Anthony's father had died and he was living at School House, St. Cuthbert's Square, Blaydon with his widowed mother, sister Phyllis and brother Mathew. Anthony was working as a general labourer while his mother worked as a school caretaker.

Anthony attested to the Durham Light Infantry 11 th Battalion, service No: 16467 , at Gateshead on 5 September 1914. We know from surviving records that he was 5'6" tall weighed 128lbs and had a 36" chest and suffered from a corneal eye ulcer in 1916.He was killed in action on 30 November 1917. On that day on the Cambrai front: enemy attacks salient at Vendhuille, Bourlon Wood and Moeuvres; penetrating British position as far as La Vacquerie and Gouzeaucourt. British counter-attack regains La Vacquerie.

Mrs. McFarlane was later informed by the military that it had been found necessary to exhume her son's body for re-burial. This had been carried out with every measure of care and reverence and that special arrangements were made for the appropriate religious service to be held. Anthony's remains were reburied at Gouzeaucourt New British Cemetery grave ref: IV.E.II..

Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory medals, for which his mother signed, locally Anthony is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St.

Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon. Anthony's brother Mathew also served with the Durham Light Infantry and survived the war.

SL/062013 McFARLANE/BLAYDON 180

McGURK , Sergeant Thomas William 1887-1916

Thomas was born in Blaydon and spent his life living with his extended family. In 1891 at Turret place, Blaydon, in 1901 at Stella and in 1911 as a visitor (possibly on leave) at 6 Edward Street, Blaydon. He joined the army before the onset of war and was already a serving soldier in 1911 enlisted in the Kings Own Scottish Borderers 8th Battalion service number 17136. He was killed in action on the 14 May 1916 age 29 years and is named on the Loos memorial, Pas de Calais, France Panel 53-56.
Awarded the 14/15 star, British war and Victory medals he is also remembered locally on Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/012013 McGURK/BLAYDON 181

McKAY , Private James 1892 – 1917

James McKay was born in Gosforth the son of Frank and Bridget McKay. In 1911 the family were living at 3 The Bairns, Chopwell and James was working as a coal putter. By the time of his death his parents were living at 2 Store Street, Winlaton.
James attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 16th Battalion service No: 24/715 and was posted to Belgium. He was killed in action on 12 July 1917 age 25 years and his name is recorded on the Nieuport Memorial, West-Vlaanderen Belgium.
Awarded the British War and Victory Medals he is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SLKA/032013 McKAY/BLAYDON 182

McKENNA , Able Seaman Peter 1887 – 1915

Peter McKenna, born 2 August 1887 was the son of the late Mr. McKenna and Mrs. Margaret (Moralee)Mckenna of 53 Bridge Street, Blaydon. Peter worked as a coal miner and enlisted to the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve on November 14th 1914 ; Collingwood Bn. 'D' Company 1st Platoon 4/3/15-4/6/15 DD. Service No: Tyneside Z/1546. He served with the Meditteranean expeditionary force at the Dardenelles and he was posted missing, assumed killed in action on 4 Jun 1915.He is named on the Helles Memorial (MR 4) which stands on the tip of the Gallipoli Peninsula. It takes the form of an obelisk over 30 metres high that can be seen by ships passing through the Dardanelles. The eight month campaign in Gallipoli was fought by Commonwealth and French forces in an attempt to force Turkey out of the war, to relieve the deadlock of the Western Front in France and Belgium, and to open a supply route to Russia through the Dardanelles and the Black Sea.

Awarded the Star, British War and Victory Medals, Peter is remembered
Locally on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/062013 McKENNA/BLAYDON 183

McKENNA , Sergeant Stephen 1888 – 1918
DCM & Croix de Guerre

Stephen McKenna was the son of Joseph, born Tyrone, Ireland and Bridget (Donnelly) McKenna and one of eight surviving children. Born at Jarrow by 1911 the family were living at 215 Whitfield Road, Scotswood, Newcastle upon Tyne. Stephen worked as a general labourer, as did his father.
Stephen enlisted at Jarrow and served with the Royal Army Medical Corps. 37th Field Ambulance , service No: 54003.
On 22 September 1916 while he was still a Corporal he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal and this citation appeared in the London Gazette on 15 April 1916.
" For gallantry and devotion in attending to and carrying in under heavy fire large numbers of wounded, who had been lying in the open. He repeatedly led stretcher parties to the front line and refused rest and food while he knew wounded were lying about." Stephen was killed in action on 28 March 1918 age 30 years and is buried at Varennes Military Cemetery, Somme, France.

Stephen was awarded the following medals:
DCM & Bar
15 Star, British War and Victory Medals
Croix de Guerre

Locally Stephen is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/062013 McKENNA/BLAYDON 184

McLAUGHLIN, Private Richard 1880-1917

Richard married Margaret Glennon in 1909 and by 1911 they were living at 10 Patterson Street, Blaydon with their four young children while Richard worked as a labourer. Called up for service Richard attested to the Durham Light Infantry 4th Battalion, service No 40073. He died at home on 10 April 1917 age 37 years and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery, grave ref: RU176.
Not named on war memorial.

McMASTER , Lance Corporal Samuel 1891 – 1916

Samuel McMaster was born at Parton, Cumberland the son of Francis and Eleanor McMaster. Both Samuel and his father worked as coal miners. Samuel married Mary and they had two children Sydney and Andrew, they were all still living in Cumberland in 1911.
Samuel enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and is recorded as living at Blaydon. He served with the Northumberland Fusiliers service no: 14301 and was later transferred to 8th Battalion Prince Albert's Somerset Light Infantry service No: 15692. He was killed in action, posted missing assumed dead on 1 July 1916 age 25 years and is named on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Pier and Face 2A.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory medals, locally Samuel is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/122013 McMASTER/BLAYDON 185

McRAE , Private Alfred 1899 – 1918

Alfred Mcrae was the son of John McRae and Jane Hird and one of nine surviving children. His father was born in Dingwall and worked as a blacksmith, his mother was born in Aberdeenshire but all the children had been born in Blaydon. Alfred worked as a munitions worker and lived with his family at 30 Bowland Crescent, Blaydon. He was conscripted into the army and enlisted at the Drill Hall, Blaydon on 5 March 1917. From surviving records we know he was 5' 6 ¼ " tall with a 34 ½ " chest. Assigned initially to the Training Reserve Battalion, then the Leicesters he was transferred to the Sherwood Forresters (Notts & Derby) 1st Battalion service No: 102109 and posted to France on 11 March 1918.
Alfred was killed in action on 24 April 1918. On that day there were violent attacks on junction of British and French in Amiens sector south of Somme; Villers-Bretonneux lost.Battle very severe at Hangard; Germans finally capture village.Attacks beaten off east of Robecq and north-east of Bailleul.Heavy artillery fire in Woevre.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals he is named on the Pozieres Memorial, Panel 52 & 54. The Pozieres Memorial relates to the period of crisis in March and April 1918 when the Allied Fifth Army was driven back by overwhelming numbers across the former Somme battlefields, and the months that followed before the Advance to Victory, which began on 8 August 1918.
Locally Alfred is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL / 052013 McRAE / BLAYDON 186

MELVIN , Private William John 1894-1918

William John Melvin was born in Cumbria and in 1901 the family were living in Workington. The son of the late Samuel and Ann Melvin and one of four children. By 1911 Ann and her family were living at 19 James Street, Blaydon and William was working as a labourer. He enlisted in the Durham Light Infantry in Blaydon, transferred to the Border regiment and was posted to France. Service No's: DLI 3174,Border 4142,Border 241718.

He died of wounds on 1 October 1918 age 24 years and is buried at Brie British Cemetery, Somme, France , grave reference 111.E.10. Awarded British War and Victory medals he is remembered locally at Blaydon War Memorial,St. Cuthbert's Church Blaydon and at Trinity Methodist Church Blaydon.This memorial having been formerly at St. John's Weslyan Methodist Chapel, Blaydon which was destroyed by fire.

SL/012013 MELVIN/BLAYDON 187

MILLS,Able Seaman John Joseph C.

John Joseph C. Mills was the son of the late Francis and Jane Mills of Askew Road, Gateshead, Co. Durham. He had lived at James Street Blaydon and Whorlton Terrace

Swalwell.Husband of Margaret Carbutt (formerly Mills) of 10 Hawthorn Gardens, Stargate, Ryton on Tyne, Co. Durham. Joseph worked as a crane driver and had two children. Joseph had completed five years regular service and enrolled with the Regular Fleet Reserve on 15th January 1912. HMS Good Hope was lost with all hands whilst engaging a German naval squadron off Coronel, South America. He was involved in the Battle of Coronel, Pacific Ocean off the coast of Chile and killed in action on 1st November 1914. He has no known grave.

His obituary appeared in the *Blaydon Courier*, 28th November 1914. *Blaydon Courier*, page 3, 11th September 1915. Locally he is remembered on theBlaydon War Memorial, Blaydon on Tyne, Co. Durham. Wesleyan Methodist Church War Memorial, Blaydon on Tyne, Co. Durham. Ryton War Memorial, Station Bank, Ryton on Tyne, Co. Durham. Greenside War Memorial, Greenside, Ryton on Tyne, Co. Durham. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire Reference 2.

SL/122013 MILLS/BLAYDON 188

MITCHINSON , Private Andrew 1893-1917

Andrew was born in Blaydon and worked as a miner at Blaydon Burn Colliery. He was unmarried and lived with his parents David & Mary Ann Mitchinson at 47 Mary Street, Blaydon. He joined the Northumberland Fusiliers, Tyneside Irish Battalion service no 25/1093 but was later transferred to the Tyneside Scottish 21st Battalion and was killed in action, missing presumed dead on 5 June 1917.
Andy is named on the Arras memorial, bay 2 & 3. Awarded the British War and Victory Medals he is also named on the Blaydon War Memorial and the tablet at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon. His mother who died in 1945 never gave up believing that he might return.

SL/012013 BLAYDON/189

MITCHINSON , Corporal Thomas 1880 – 1919

Thomas Mitchinson was the son of Thomas and Annie Mitchinson of Durham.
He served with the Canadian Infantry 14th Battalion , Quebec Regiment service No: 23027. He died on 3 April 1919 and is buried in Canada at the Nelson Memorial Park, British Colombia, grave ref: MIL.Plot.B.4.G.17. This cemetery contains 31 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war. His name is also recorded on the Canadian Virtual War Memorial.

Locally Thomas is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL / 062013 MITCHINSON / BLAYDON 190

MULVANEY , Private Thomas 1881 – 1918

Thomas Mulvaney was born in Kells, Co. Meath ,Ireland. He married Carlisle born Annie Elizabeth Nicholson in 1909 in Gateshead. In 1911 they were living at 65 George Street, Blaydon with their two young children John Joseph and Lizzie Nicholson. Thomas was working as a coal hewer.He attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers service No: 20/438 but was transferred to the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry service No: 63419. Posted to France he was killed in action on 4 November 1918 age 37 years, only one week before the armistice. On that day was the Great British (1st, 3rd and 4th Armies) and French offensive on 30-mile front from east of Scheldt at Valenciennes to Guise on Oise, reaching to east of Le Quesnoy, half way through Mormal Forest, past Landrecies on Sambre and across Sambre-Oise Canal. 10,000 prisoners and 200 guns were captured.The Belgians advanced to north-west and southern suburbs of Ghent.French reach Le Chesne on Ardennes

Canal.Americans advance to Stenay on Meuse.Thomas was awarded the British War and Victory medals and is buried at Ruesnes Communal Cemetery, Nord, France.

Locally, Thomas is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/ 032013 MULVANEY/ BLAYDON 191

MURPHY , Private Dominic 1896 – 1918

Dominic Murphy was the son of John, a colliery labourer, and Mary Murphy. One of nine children he was born in Blaydon and the family lived at 18 Skiff Row, Derwenthaugh, Swalwell. In 1911 Dominic was working as a colliery labourer but by the time he joined the army he described his occupation as press hand. He attested on 11 December 1915 and was assigned to a training reserve battalion. However on 15 January 1917 he was mobilised and assigned to the York and Lancaster Regiment, 2/4th (Hallamshire) (TF) Battalion, service No: 32899 and posted to France on 14 May 1917.From surviving service records we know he was 5'7" tall with a 36" chest. Killed in action on 22 April 1918 he was awarded the British War and Victory Medals. His father signed for his personal possessions as next of kin on 25 August 1918. These were listed as; photos, writing case with pad, religious set of medallions, religious book, safety razor, strop, comb, 3d in coins, letters, pipe, religious medallion, flask lamp (damaged), rosary (broken), match box cover and a shoulder title(?).

On 22 April 1918 there was local fighting to British advantage in Albert, Robecq and Wytschaete sectors.Near Villers Brettoneux and on Ancre river, enemy concentrations were dispersed.Austrian troops reported to be arriving in Belgium.Dominic was buried at Bienvillers Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France grave ref: XIII>C.5.

Locally Dominic is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/ 032013 MURPHY/ BLAYDON 192

MURRAY , Private William 1886-1918

William Murray was the son of the late William and Mrs. D. Murray and married to Esther. He lived at 5 Forster Terrace, Stella and worked as a miner at Addision Colliery. He enlisted in the Durham Light Infantry 1/6th battalion D Company. Posted to France he was killed in action on 27 May 1918 aged 32 years during the offensive in Champagne, France. The battle of the Aisne lasted from 27 May – 6 June 1918. Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory medals, when his widow collected his medals she had re-married and become Esther Chatto of 8 Summerhill.William is named on the Soissons memorial which commemorates almost 4,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom forces who died during the Battles of the Aisne and the Marne in 1918 and who have no known grave.

His obituary appeared in the Blaydon Courier page 8 on 13 September 1919 and locally he is remembered on the Addison Memorial and is named on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/012013 MURRAY/BLAYDON 193

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NACEY , Lance Corporal Michael 1881-1917

Michael was a coal miner born at Scotswood, Newcastle upon Tyne and the son of John, also a coal miner and Mary Nacey living at 17 Shibdon Street, Blaydon. In 1911 Michael, one of eight surviving children was living with his parents brother Martin and nephew Robert.In 1914/15 he was living at Millerton, South Island, New Zealand.
A soldier of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, Canterbury Regiment service No: 6/2230.Michael was killed in action on 24 December 1917 aged 37 years and is named on the Buttes New British Cemetery New Zealand Memorial , Polygon Wood.
He is also remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the New Zealand WWI Roll of Honour.

SL032013 NACEY/BLAYDON 194

NELSON , James 1891-1914

James Nelson L/Cpl 5840 2nd Bn Kings Own Scottish Borderers
Born 13th Dec 1891 in Swalwell, son of Edward and Jane (nee Gray)
Married to Amy Ellen Brown 12th Aug 1912 in Winlaton
Died 1st Nov 1914 at battle of Le Bassee France
Leaving one son Alfred Edward Nelson
James Played local football and had won several Gold medals "

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

MD 022020 NELSON/BLAYDON197

NEWTON, William b1879

William was the son of Jane Ann Newton and in 1891 was living at 61 Stella Road with his grandfather Thomas Daglish who was employed at the brickworks. In 1901 William was a coal miner and he was living with his mother and uncle Thomas Daglish, a foreman at the brickworks, at 70 Bridge street. By 1911 he is living at 112 James Street with his mother but his name is recorded as William Daglish.

We have been unable to trace William's military records, locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the Plaque that was at St. John Methodist Church,Blaydon.

SL032014 NEWTON/BLAYDON 195

NELSON, Edward

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no other information.

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NELSON, Philip

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no other information.

SL032014

NICHOLSON, Private Robert Ernest 1891-1916

Robert, born at Newcastle upon Tyne was the son of John and Hannah Nicholson. One of four surviving children he lived at 54 George Street Blaydon with his family while both he and his father worked as coal miners. In 1914 he married Hilda Lobelia Cunningham.Robert enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry service No: 1391 and was later transferred to the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 10th Battalion service No: 35022. Posted to France he was reported dead, killed in action on 25 September 1916 age 25 years. Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally Robert is remembered on the Blaydon NOON/BLAYDON 201
War Memorial. Hilda remarried in 1917 to Benjamin Arckless, 14 Hardie Street,Highfield,Rowlands Gill.

SL032014 NICHOLSON/BLAYDON 199

NOBLE , Private David John 1891 - 1915

David, one of five children was born in Blaydon the son of Thomas & Margaret (Parkin) Noble. By 1911 Margaret had died and Thomas, David and three other children were living at a lodging house 56 James Street, Blaydon. David worked as a labourer at the iron works whilst his father was a labourer at the chemical works.David attested at Newburn and served with the Alexandra, Princess of Wales own Yorkshire regiment 10th Battalion, service No: 17508.Posted to France he was killed in action on 28 September 1915. On that day there was severe fighting round and north of Loos; ground recaptured north of Hill 70.British capture altogether 3,000 men and 21 guns.French continue to gain ground east of Souchez and progress in Champagne.David is named on the Loos Memorial,

Awarded the 15 Star, British War & Victory medals, David's father still living at 56 James Street applied for his son's medals. Locally David is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church Blaydon.

SL032013 NOBLE/BLAYDON200

NOON , Private John Joseph 1886- 1917

(John)Joseph Noon was the son of John and Mary Noon who had been born in Ireland. In 1891 and 1901 he was living at 4 North Street, Blaydon with his family, including brother Robert (1891). By 1901 his mother was widowed and Joseph was working as an apprentice bottle maker.
By 1911 Joseph was already serving in the army, giving his civilian occupation as bottle maker. He had enlisted at Edinburgh to the 1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders service No: 224.He was killed in action on 5 November 1917 in the Persian Gulf and he is named on the Basra War Memorial, Iraq, Panel 37 and 64
The Basra Memorial commemorates more than 40,500 members of the Commonwealth forces who died in the operations in Mesopotamia from the Autumn of 1914 to the end of

August 1921 and whose graves are not known.Awarded the 14 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally Joseph is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the League of the Cross at St. Joseph's RC Church,Blaydon.
Joseph's brother Robert Noon also died: See Noon/Blaydon
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NOON , Private Robert 1878 – 1918

Robert Noon was the son of John and Mary Noon who had been born in Ireland. In 1891 Robert was living with his parents and brothers – James and John Joseph and sisters Elen and Annie at 4 North Street,Blaydon. Robert's father worked as labourer at the glass works and Robert was an apprentice bottlemaker.
By 1901 Robert was living as a boarder in Yorkshire and working as glass bottle blower. By 1911 he was living at 44 Totnes Road,Canning Town,Victoria Docks, London. He was single, living as a boarder and working as a glass bottle blower.
The only military record to be found for R. Noon is as a private in the London Regiment, Royal Fusiliers, service No: 233884, died on 23 November 1918, just twelve days after the armistice. He is buried at Premont British Cemetery,France. Grave ref: III.C.19.Premont village was captured by the 30th American Division on the 8th October 1918. Premont British Cemetery was made and used by four Casualty Clearing Stations (the 20th, 50th, 55th and 61st), which came to Bohain in October 1918, and it was closed in the following December.

Locally, Robert is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.
Brother Joseph Noon also died – see Noon/Blaydon 201
SL/062013 NOON/BLAYDON 202

OGILVIE, George John 1880 – 1935

George John Ogilvie was the son of George and Ann Ogilvie. In 1891 he was living with his parents and two brothers at 13 Mabel Street, Blaydon. He was still at school while his father worked as a cupola man at a foundry. George married Jane Bewick in 1901 and by 1911 was living with his wife at 9 Mayfair Road West, Jesmond and working as a journalist. George is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL032014 OGILVIE/BLAYDON 204

OGLE , Private John 1882-1918

John Ogle was born in Newcastle upon Tyne and at the time of the 1911 census was working as a stationary engine man at the colliery and living at Townley Terrace, Summer Hill, Blaydon with his stepmother Isabella and stepsister. His father William having died. He enlisted at Blaydon and joined the 1/4th Battalion East Yorkshire regiment service No: 205411. Following the attack on Sambre et Oise canal sector John was severely injured and taken prisoner of war. He died of wounds on 10 October 1918.

Awarded the British War and Victory medals he is buried in Berlin at the South West Cemetery, Brandenberg, Berlin.

Locally he is remembered on Blaydon War Memorial,
St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and on Ryton War Memorial.

SL022013 OGLE/BLAYDON 203

ORMSTON , Sergeant John 1880-1917

John Ormston, born in Blaydon, was the son of Isabella and the late John Ormston and grandson of William and Dorothy Ormston of Blaydon. He had various jobs having been a miner at the Addison Colliery, an oil merchant(hawker self employed) and a labourer. He married Amy c 1904 and they had three sons – John, Leslie and Ernest. In 1911 the family were living at 23 John Street, Blaydon. He joined the army on 31 August 1914 at Consett – the Durham Light Infantry 11th Battalion Pioneers service No: 14065 and was posted to France on 20 July 1915. Promoted to lance Corporal 2 /10/1914, Corporal 14/10/1914 and Sergeant 24/12/1915. We know from surviving service records that he was 5' 8 1/2 " tall with black hair and blue eyes. And was allowed leave home on 15/5/1917.

He was severely wounded and died from his wounds on 5 December 1917 at the 8th General Hospital aged 37 years and was buried at Bois Guillaume Communal Cemetery Extension, Seine- Maritime, France. Grave ref: B.11B.Bois Guillaume is a suburb of Rouen, the extension adjoins Bois Guillaume Communal Cemetery. It was begun in March 1917 and most of the burials came from No.8 General Hospital, which was quartered at Bois Guillaume in a large country house and grounds. There are now 360 First World War burials in the extension and one from the Second World War. The communal cemetery contains a further 20 First World War graves.

His personal possessions were :- comb, 2 religious books, knife, copy of army orders, measure, watch, purse, compass, rosary (although he had recorded his religion as Church of England), watch chain, charm, badge, wallet and some Franc notes. His widow signed for his goods on 25 March 1918 but by the time she signed for his medals in June 1921 she had remarried on 26 July 1919 and was now Amy Paxton of 28 Gladstone St., Consett. In his army will John left his gold albert chain and silver watch to his son John and everything else to his wife Amy. Amy was awarded a pension of 32/- 1d (£1 -62p) per week for herself and the three children.

John is remembered locally at the Blaydon War Memorial, St John's Weslyan Methodist War Memorial (now at Trinity Methodist), Blaydon and the Consett War Memorial Cross. He was also named on the Addison Colliery Memorial which was destroyed by fire in 1930.

SL/012013 ORMSTON/BLAYDON 205

OSBORNE, William 1892-1918

William, born in Cumberland was the son of Thomas and Jane Holliday Osborne, one of eight children. In 1911 the family were living at 9 St. Cuthbert's Place, Blaydon where William and his father both worked as coal miners. A later address is 18 St. Cuthbert's Place. William enlisted in Cumberland and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 4th Battalion service No: 10922.

He died of wounds on 3 April 1918 age 26 years and is buried at St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France grave ref: P.VII.I.2A.
Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally William is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
SL032014 OSBORNE/BLAYDON 206

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PARKER , Private Edward 1893 – 1918

Edward Parker was born in Blaydon the son of John and Elizabeth (Gray)Parker and one of nine children. In 1911 the family were living at 105 James Street, Blaydon. Edward was working as a crane driver at an engineering works and his father was a boiler fitter.Edward attested at Blaydon to the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No: 1409 and was later transferred to the Dorsetshire Regiment 6th Battalion, service No: 202595. Edward died of wounds on 31 March 1918 and he is buried at Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery,Somme,France grave ref: XI.C.Z.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals. Locally, Edward is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and on the St. John Wesley Memorial at Trinity Methodist Church, Blaydon.

SL/072013 PARKER/BLAYDON 207

PARKIN , Private Launcelot 1888- 1916

Launcelot Parkin was the son of William and Jane Ann Parkin. In 1911 he was working as a coal miner and living at 76 James Street, Blaydon with his wife Lily and baby daughter Margaret.Enlisted Durham Light Infantry service No: 2570. John died of wounds on 27 March 1916 and is buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, France grave ref: V1.E.19
During the First World War, the area around Etaples was the scene of immense concentrations of Commonwealth reinforcement camps and hospitals. It was remote from attack, except from aircraft, and accessible by railway from both the northern or the southern battlefields. In 1917, 100,000 troops were camped among the sand dunes and the hospitals, which included eleven general, one stationary, four Red Cross hospitals and a convalescent depot, could deal with 22,000 wounded or sick. In September 1919, ten months after the Armistice, three hospitals and the Q.M.A.A.C. convalescent depot remained.

Awarded the Star, British War and Victory medals, locally Lance is remembered on Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/012013 PARKIN/BLAYDON 208

PATTERSON , Private Bolton 1893-1918

Bolton Patterson, born at Usworth Co. Durham was the son of James and Catherine Patterson he worked as a coal miner putter and in 1911 the family lived at 7 West View, Blaydon. Bolton joined the Northumberland Fusiliers 12th Battalion service No: 6842 on 3 September 1914. He was posted to France on 3 September 1915 and wounded on 1 October

1915 when he was injured by gunshot wounds to the left thigh. We know from surviving records that he was 5' 7 1/2 " tall with dark hair & brown eyes with a good character.

He was discharged on 13 August 1917 as being no longer physically fit for war and an army pension was awarded. He was transferred to the 3rd Battalion Training Reserve service No:TR5/8495. He married after discharge Bella Jobson on 29 September 1917 and lived at 20 Lister Ave.,Greenside.

Awarded the 14/15 Star, British war and Victory Medals he died on 29 January 1918 of wounds he suffered at the Battle of Loos age 26 and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref: S.U.388 and remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/012013 PATTERSON/BLAYDON 209

PATTERSON, James

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the Roll of Honour League of the Cross at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church,Blaydon.
Served with the Northumberland Fusiliers.
We regret we have no other information available.

SL032014 PATTERSON/BLAYDON 210

PATTISON , Private John Forster 1894 – 1917

John Forster Pattison was the son of Richard Summerside Pattison and Ellen Forster and one of six children. His father worked as a draper's assistant and in 1911 the family lived at 34 Bowland Terrace, Blaydon. John was working as an office boy for a distillery works. He served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 16th Battalion, service No: 1461. He was killed in action on 12 February 1917 age 23 years. Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals he is buried at Auchonvillers Military Cemetery, grave ref: II.K.14. Auchonvillers is approximately 20 Kms south of Arras. From the outbreak of the war to the summer of 1915, this part of the front was held by French troops, who began the military cemetery in June 1915. It continued to be used by Commonwealth field ambulances and fighting units, but burials practically ceased with the German withdrawal in February 1917. After the Armistice, 15 of the graves (Plot II, Row M, Graves 4-18) were brought in from scattered positions east of the cemetery.The cemetery now contains 528 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, the French graves having been removed to other burial grounds.

Locally John is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SLKA / PATTISON / BLAYDON 211

PAYNE. Walter

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

We regret we have no other information available.

SL032014 PAYNE/BLAYDON 212

PEDELTY , Private George Henry 1894-1915

George was born at Spennymoor, Co. Durham the son of Ralph, a coal miner , and Jane E. Pedelty, one of eight children. In 1911 the family were living at 33 Burnely Street, Blaydon and George was working in the mine as a putter belowground. He enlisted in the Northumberland Fusiliers 8th Battalion service No: 5079. He was killed in action in Turkey on 10 August 1915 age 21 years and is named on the Helles Memorial, Panel 33 to 35.

He was awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory medals and is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial, St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and the St. John's Wesleyan Memorial at Trinity Methodist, Blaydon.

SL/012013 PEDELTY/BLAYDON 213

PENTLAND , Private Joseph 1894- 1916

Joseph Pentland one of six children was born at Swalwell. In 1911 the family were living at 94 Edward Street, Blaydon. Joseph was working as a pony drive at a mine and his father was a labourer at a fire clay manufacturer, so probably both working at Blaydon Burn. Joseph joined the Northumberland Fusiliers, 27th Battalion Tyneside Irish and was posted to France. He was killed in action on 1 July 1916 the first day of the Somme offensive and one of 539 casualties from the battalion on that day.
He is buried at Gordon Dump cemetery, Ouillers la Boisselle grave ref: XN9. On 1 July 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme, the 8th Division attacked Ovillers and the 34th Division La Boisselle. The villages were not captured, but ground was won between them and to the south of La Boisselle. On 4 July, the 19th (Western) Division cleared La Boisselle and on 7 July the 12th (Eastern) and 25th Divisions gained part of Ovillers, the village being cleared by the 48th (South Midland) Division on 17 July. The two villages were lost during the German advance in March 1918, but they were retaken on the following 24 August by the 38th (Welsh) Division. Plot I of the Cemetery was made by fighting units after 10 July 1916 and closed in September when it contained the graves of 95 soldiers, mainly Australian. It was called variously Gordon (or Gordon's) Dump Cemetery or Sausage Valley Cemetery, from the name given to the broad, shallow valley that runs down from it to Becourt.
The remainder of the cemetery was formed after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the 1916 battlefields immediately surrounding the cemetery.

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PENTLAND/ BLAYDON 214

PHILIPSON , Private George Wilfred 1895 – 1916

George, born at Allendale,Hexham,Northumberland was the son of Thomas Heslop and Jane (Graham) Philipson. In 1911 George was living with his mother Jane and sister Mary Jean as boarders at 99 George Street, Blaydon. The head of the household was Henry William Bell a fish dealer and shopkeeper. Jane worked as a house helper, Mary Jean was a general servant and George was an apprentice engineer at the glass bottle works. George enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 24th Battalion Tyneside Irish service No: 24/1039. Posted to France he died of wounds on 2 July 1916 age 21 years. He was buried at Meaulte Cemetery, Somme, France, grave ref: C.7. Meaulte was held by Commonwealth forces (and inhabited by three quarters of its civilian population) from 1915 to 26 March 1918, when it was evacuated after a rearguard fight by the 9th (Scottish) Division. It was recaptured by the 12th (Eastern) Division and tanks on 22 August 1918.The military cemetery was begun in December 1915, and used until February 1917. A few further burials were made after the recapture of the village and after the Armistice, graves (mainly of 1918) were brought in from the neighbouring battlefields and other burial grounds.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, George is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/072013 PHILIPSON/BLAYDON 215

PHILIPSON, Petty Officer James. 1888 – 1917

James Philipson was born at Stella, Blaydon on 5 April 1888 the son of George and Emma Philipson and one of seven surviving children. His father was the Manager of the Board Inn, Stella and this was where James worked as a barman. His parents later lived at 6 Tempest Street, Stella.He enlisted on 7 October 1914 to serve with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Hood Battalion service No: TZ/2269. James was killed in action on 23 April 1917 age 29 years. He is named on the Arras Memorial, Bay 1.

Awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally James is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL032014 PHILIPSON/BLAYDON 216

PLETTS , Private Charles 1896-1917

Charles Pletts was the son of Thomas and Margaret Pletts. In 1911 he was living with his family at 18 Turret Place, Blaydon.Attested to the Welsh Regiment 17th Battalion he signed up at Blaydon service No: 60956. Posted to France he was killed in action on the 25 November 1917 aged 21 years. He is named on the Cambrai Memorial , Louvernal, France Panel 7. Awarded the British War and Victory medals his mother signed for these medals on 10 October 1922 giving her address as 35 Front Street, Leadgate. Co Durham.

Charles is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and at
St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/012013 PLETTS/BLAYDON 217

POLKINGHORN , Private William James 1890-1917

William was born at Hunwick, Co Durham and lived near Bishop Auckland with his parents William (a coalminer, born in Cornwall) and mother Hannah. In 1911 he was staying in Newcastle upon Tyne and in April 1911 he married Margaret Ellen, worked as a coal miner and they lived at 8 Staith Terrace,Derwenthaugh,Swalwell, Co. Durham.William attested to the Durham Light Infantry service No: 2142 and later transferred to the Lancashire Fusiliers service No: 238231. William was killed in action on 27 September 1917 and his name is recorded at Trois Abres, Cemetery Nord, France ref: 11.Q.4 .
Awarded 14/15 Star, British War and Victory medals. His name is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/012013 POLKINGHORN/BLAYDON 218

PORTHOUSE , George Robert

Born in Blaydon about 1898, father Joseph a coal miner born Carlisle and mother Georgina. In 1911 the family were living at 71 John Street, Blaydon and father Joseph worked as a metal planer at an iron foundry.

I have been unable to trace any military record for George.
He is named on the Blaydon War Memorial and there is a record of a George R. Porthouse died age 22 within Gateshead.
GRO ref: Gateshead Durham 10A 1619 .

PORTHOUSE/BLAYDON 219

POTTER , Private Henry 1894 – 1916

Henry Potter was the son of factory labourer Edward Potter & Emma Potter. One of eight surviving children in 1911 the family were living at 18 Patterson Street, Blaydon and Henry was working as a labourer.

He attested at Blaydon Drill Hall to the Durham Light Infantry 12th Battalion, service No: 31858 on 11 December 1915 and gave his occupation as ferryman. Surviving records confirm that he was 5'6" tall weighed 137lbs with 36" chest. Posted to the reserve he was mobilised on 25 April 1916 and disembarked at Boulogne on 8 August 1916.He was wounded then posted missing presumed dead on 7 October 1916. On that day the British and French advance on Albert-Bapaume road.British advance 1,000 yards and capture Le Sars.French advance north-east of Morval to within 200 yards of Sailly. Henry was awrded the British War and Victory medals and is named on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 14A & 15C.

Locally Henry is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

Sadly, Henry's brother Septimus was killed on 31 December 1916 – see Potter/Blaydon 221

SL/ 052013 POTTER/ BLAYDON 220

POTTER , Driver Septimus 1896-1916

Septimus Potter was a factory labourer and in 1911 lived with parents Edward and Emma Potter at 16 Patterson Street, Blaydon. He was born in Lemington. He enlisted and was posted to the Royal Field Artillery as a driver, in charge of a horse not a vehicle, and was in the 20th Division Ammunition Column service No: 80281. He was posted abroad on 17 May 1915 and killed in action on 31 December 1916 age 20 years and buried at Guards Cemetery Les Boeufs, Somme France grave ref: XII.E.6. We know from surviving service records that he was 5' 5 1/2 " tall with fair hair, grey/blue eyes and weighed 118 lbs. His personal possessions included correspondence and photographs.

Awarded the 15/15 star, British war and Victory medals he is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's, Blaydon.

Sadly, Septimus' older brother Henry Potter was killed in action on 7 October 1916 – see Potter/ Blaydon 220

POTTS , Private James Robert 1883 – 1917

James was the son of John, a colliery labourer and Leah (Hall) Potts born at Haydon Bridge, Northumberland. By 1891 his father had died and he was living with his widowed mother and brother William with their grandparents Joseph and Mary Hall and their uncles at Edge House Farm, Chollerford where his grandfather and uncles worked as agricultural labourers. In 1901 he was living with his grandmother and mother at Errington Red House Farm, Cocklaw, Northumberland and working as a limestone breaker and by 1911 he was living as a boarder in Lincolnshire and working as a gas fitter mechanic.
James enlisted at Stockton on Tees and served with the Royal Engineers service No: 212409 and the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, service No: 36768. He died of wounds received in France on 6 December 1917 and was buried at Etaples Military Cemetery grave ref: XXXI.B.21.During the First World War, the area around Etaples was the scene of immense concentrations of Commonwealth reinforcement camps and hospitals. It was remote from attack, except from aircraft, and accessible by railway from both the northern or the southern battlefields. In 1917, 100,000 troops were camped among the sand dunes and the hospitals, which included eleven general, one stationary, four Red Cross hospitals and a convalescent depot, could deal with 22,000 wounded or sick.

James was awarded the British War and Victory Medals. Probate records state that following James' death administration with will was granted to his uncle Joseph Elliott Hall, labourer (the brother of Leah, James' mother) of 5 Henderson's Buildings, Stella, Blaydon.

Locally James is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

PUDDIFOOT , Bertie 1888-1918

Bertie Puddifoot was the youngest son of George and Rhoda Puddifoot of 107 Thomas Terrace, Blaydon. George, his father, was born in Watford and worked as a cement drain layer. Bertie worked as an engineering fitter for a firm of shipbuilders.He joined the Royal Naval Reserve with the rank of E.R.A. (Engine Room Artificer) service No: 1701EA(ch) on HMS Conquest. He died on 13 June 1918 as a direct result of enemy action and was buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref: F 258.MS Conquest was a C-class light cruiser of the Royal Navy. She was part of the *Caroline* group of the C-class of cruisers.She was laid down in March 1914, launched 20 January 1915 and commissioned into the navy in June 1915. She was assigned to the 5th Light Cruiser Squadron, Harwich Force, guarding the eastern approaches to the English Channel. She was damaged on 25 April 1916 by German battlecruisers during the German raid of Lowestoft. On 5 June 1917 *Conquest* sank the German destroyer *S 20*, and in July 1918 she was damaged by a mine and needed to be repaired. She survived the war, but was considered obsolete before the outbreak of the Second World War and was sold on 29 August 1930 to Metal Industries, of Rosyth to be broken up.

Bertie is remembered locally at Blaydon War Memorial and St. Cuthbert's Church Blaydon.

Sadly Bertie's brother Edward A. Puddifoot was also killed see ref:224

PUDDIFOOT , Private Edward A. 1885-1916

Edward A. Puddifoot was the second youngest son of George and Rhoda Puddifoot of 107 Thomas Terrace, Blaydon. George, his father, was born in Watford and worked as a cement drain layer. Edward worked as a bricklayer. He joined the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No: 2967 and was killed in action on 15 September 1916 in France.

On 1 July 1916, supported by a French attack to the south, thirteen divisions of Commonwealth forces launched an offensive on a line from north of Gommecourt to Maricourt. Despite a preliminary bombardment lasting seven days, the German defences were barely touched and the attack met unexpectedly fierce resistance. Losses were catastrophic and with only minimal advances on the southern flank, the initial attack was a failure. In the following weeks, huge resources of manpower and equipment were deployed in an attempt to exploit the modest successes of the first day. However, the German Army resisted tenaciously and repeated attacks and counter attacks meant a major battle for every village, copse and farmhouse gained. At the end of September, Thiepval was finally captured. The village had been an original objective of 1 July. Attacks north and east continued throughout October and into November in increasingly difficult weather conditions. The Battle of the Somme finally ended on 18 November with the onset of winter.

Awarded the 14/15 Star, British war and Victory medals he is named on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and France 14A & 15C. Locally he is remembered on the

Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church Blaydon.

Sadly Edward's younger brother Bertie also died during WWI see ref: PUDDIFOOT/BLAYDON223

Joseph George Purvis was one of eleven children. In 1901 he was still single and living at 80 Addison Colliery with his father Stephen, a coal miner, mother Elizabeth and siblings.Joseph married Hilda Watson in 1910 and at the time of the 1911 census Joseph was working as a coal miner and they were living at 53 Edward Street, Blaydon. Later 55 Edward Street. Their son Robert was born in 1912. Joseph enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion Territorial Force, service No's: 9/2921 and 327219.He was killed in action on 27 March 1918 and is buried at Gommecourt British Cemetery No. 2, Somme, France. Grave ref: special memorial B.6.
On that day the Germans had advanced on both side of Somme in night attack, reaching Sailly le Sec (12 miles from Amiens), but lose ground in British counter-attacks. Germans afterwards fail in attacks from Bucquoy to Rosieres and are checked near Lassigny and Noyon, but take Montdidier after rapid advance.

Ten sons served in the forces during World War 1, some were wounded and three were killed. Joseph's brother, Arthur Lee Purvis, died of dysentery on 16th September 1915 whilst serving with the Royal Naval Division. Another brother, Joseph Albert, was killed in action on 15th April 1918 whilst serving with the Lincolnshire Regiment. Other members of the Purvis family lost their lives during World War 2. Thomas Charles Purvis (son of Stephen) was killed in action on 31st May 1940 whilst serving with the Durham Light Infantry. William Atkinson Purvis (son of Henry) died as a result of an accident on 16th February 1942
whilst serving with the Royal Artillery

Locally Joseph is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon, Ryton War Memorial and the
Addison Colliery Memorial.

PURVIS , Private William 1886 – 1916

William Purvis married Annie Tulip in 1910 and by 1911 they were living at 115 Edward Street, Blaydon and William was working as a coal miner.
He enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry at first with the 9th Battalion, service No: 9/2890 and then with the 6th Battalion, service No: 6/6086. Posted to France he was killed in action on 2 October 1916.

On 1 July 1916, supported by a French attack to the south, thirteen divisions of Commonwealth forces launched an offensive on a line from north of Gommecourt to Maricourt. Despite a preliminary bombardment lasting seven days, the German defences were barely touched and the attack met unexpectedly fierce resistance. Losses were catastrophic and with only minimal advances on the southern flank, the initial attack was a failure. In the following weeks, huge resources of manpower and equipment were deployed in an attempt to exploit the modest successes of the first day. However, the German Army resisted tenaciously and repeated attacks and counter attacks meant a major battle for every village, copse and farmhouse gained. At the end of September, Thiepval was finally captured. The village had been an original objective of 1 July. Attacks north and east continued throughout October and into November in increasingly difficult weather conditions. The Battle of the Somme finally ended on 18 November with the onset of winter. William is named on the Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier and Face 14A & 15c.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, William is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

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RAPER , Private Joseph 1890 – 1917

Joseph Raper was a coal porter and in 1911 was living as a boarder at 13 Short Row West, High Spen. He had been born in Gateshead in September 1889 the son of William, a bridge rivetter & Elizabeth Jane (Irwin) Raper and one of eight surviving children. Both his parents died in 1929. (Although the CWGC records states his parents as Joseph & Mary Raper of 22 Leopold Street, Gateshad I believe those names are incorrect) In 1911 William and Elizabeth Raper are living at 32 Leopold Street, Gateshead.

Joseph married Esther Olive Crompton in 1914 and the couple lived at 16 Evelyn Street, Blaydon their only child together Joseph Arthur Edwin Raper being born on 5 September 1915. Joseph attested at Blaydon on 22 March 1915 to the Durham Light Infantry Territorial Force, 2d Line 9th Battalion service No:3876. He was 5' 3" tall with a 36" chest and was posted to France on 19 July 1916. He was later transferred within the DLI to 1/6th Battalion service No: 6095 the service No:250912.

He was killed in action on 22 February 1917 age 27 years. On that day east of Vermelles and south of Neuve Chapelle hostile raids were repulsed with heavy loss. North of Gueudecourt British take enemy trench and 30 prisoners. British push forward cautiously. Awarded the British war and Victory Medlas he is named on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and face 14A and 15C.Joseph's widow Esther re-married in late 1917 at Sunderland to John Whitehead and moved to 21 Milton St, Wombwell and then 25 Pickup Court,Wombwell,Barnsley,Yorkshire.

Locally Joseph is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/032013 RAPER/ WINLATON 081 RAPER/ BLAYDON 227

RICHARDSON, Harry

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon. We regret we have no other information.

RICHARDSON, James

Named on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon. We regret we have no other information.

RICHARDSON, Lance Corporal Thomas Henry 1882-1916

Thomas was born at Mitcholm Cumberland and by 1911 was married to Hannah and working as a coal miner hewer at Emma Colliery. They lived at 77 John Street, Blaydon with their two young children Thomas and Phyllis. Thomas enlised on 21 September 1914 as a reservist. However, he was called to the front and served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 11th Battalion service No: 18946.Posted to France he saw action at the battle of the Somme and was killed in action on 1 July 1916. With no known grave, Thomas is named on the Thiepval Memorial Pier and face 4D & 5B.

His obituary appeared in the Blaydon Courier page 8 on 7 April 1917.
Awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally Thomas is remembered on the Ryton War Memorial, Emma Colliery War Memorial, Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

RIDLEY , Private Henry 1893 – 1917

Henry Ridley was the son of Margaret Ridley and one of seven surviving children. In 1911 he was working as a coal miner and living with his widowed mother and siblings at 25 Cowen Street, Blaydon Haughs. In 1915 he married Margaret Jane Brown and they lived at 21 Clifford Street, Blaydon.Henry attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 26th Tyneside Irish Battalion service No: 1186. Posted abroad he died of wounds on 11 July 1917 and is buried at Coxyde Military Cemetery, Belgium grave ref: I.D.66 and awarded the British War & Victory Medals.

Locally Henry is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

RILEY , Private William 1888 – 1918

William, one of two surviving children, was the son of John, a joiner's labourer with the Co-operative Society and Bridget Riley. Although born at Jarrow by 1911 the family were living at 57 Cuthbert Street, Blaydon. On 6 December 1913 William, working as a brickyard labourer, married Alice Riley and they had two children William born 22 July 1915 and Caroline Ann born 29 March 1917. William attested to the Durham Light Infantry at South Shields on 17 July 1916 and was posted to France on 5 November 1916. At that time his home address was 107 Edward Street, Blaydon. From surviving records we know he was 5'7" tall with a 37" chest.Killed in action on 24 September 1918 he is named on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, Panel 9. On that day French and British co-operate in attack in St. Quentin sector, good progress made, in spite of strong resistance, around hamlets of Salency (Noyon) and Gricourt.Allies within two miles of St. Quentin.French capture Francilly-Selency and Dallon; approach Giffecourt.

He was awarded the British War and Victory Medals and locally remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/ 042013 RILEY/ BLAYDON 232

ROBERTS, Private Frank 1899-1918

Frank Roberts was born in Kibarty, Russia c1899 but by 1911 he was living at 2 George Street, Blaydon with his family. The family group who were all born Russia/Poland but were British residents were father Frank, mother Frances, sister Hannah, uncle Charles and a boarder Adam Stundins. All the adult men worked as boot and shoe repairers on own account at home. Frank enlisted to the Durham Light Infantry, service No: 91995 and later 5-170085, at Blaydon on 7 February 1917 giving his age as 18. He was 5'5" tall, brown hair and eyes. He worked as a forgehand and by this time lived at 17 Railway Street, Blaydon.Frank was posted to France on 18 December 1917 and killed in action on 24 September 1918. His final resting place is unknown and he is named on the Memorial at Vis-en-Artois, Panel 9. At his death his possessions returned home included 2 religious books, a rosary and a medallion.

Awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally Frank is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the League of the Cross at St. Joseph's Church, Blaydon.

SL032014 ROBERTS/BLAYDON 233

ROBERTSON, Private John 1889-1917

John (Jack) Robertson was born in Scotland and in 1911 was working as a groom at Axwell Hall, Blaydon.He enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry service No: 37439 and the Northumberland Fusiliers 26th Tyneside Irish service No: 35601. Killed in action on 9 April 1917 and awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and as Jack Robertson on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon.

SL042014 ROBERTSON/BLAYDON 234

ROBINSON, Private William 1886 – 1918

William Robinson was born at Frizington, Cumberland the son of Ellen and William Robinson. He moved to Blaydon and lived as a boarder at 4 Cromwell Street, Stella, working as a coal miner.He enlisted at Gateshead and served with the 9th Battallion Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry service No: 32047 and the Machine Gun Corps. Service No: 77348. Posted to France he died of wounds on 25 April 1918 age 32 years. William is buried at Crouy British Cemetery grave ref: I.B.13.His obituary appeared in the Blaydon Courier page 8 on 25 May 1918.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally William is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the Rolls of Honour at St. Mary and St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Stella and at Ryton Social Club.

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ROBSON, John

Named on Blaydon War Memorial.

We regret we have no other information.

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ROBSON , Lance Corporal Joseph 1889-1919

Northumberland Fusiliers service No; 18/568 died 14 February 1919

Joseph was born in 1889, the oldest child of Robert and Sarah Ann Robson. On the 1911 census, the family were living at 4 Thorneyholme Terrace, Blaydon:
Robert 55: Private means – previously a fruiterer & greengrocer at Church St., Blaydon; Sara Ann, 45; Joseph, 22, Electrical engineer; Harriet ,19, John, C.T. 16, Draper's assistant; Jane, 13; Charles, 10 and Robert, 8.
Joseph enlisted with the Northumberland Fusiliers
Service no. 18/568.
He died on 14th February 1919 and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery. Grave Ref: HU105
He had married Catherine in 1917.
CWGC records confirm her as his widow, giving the address as above. Also Foulberry Road, Scotswood – possibly her own family's address.
Medal record not traced.
Joseph is named on the Blaydon War Memorial
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ROCHESTER,Sergeant Charles 1880 – 1915

Charles John T. Rochester was the son of George Rochester, a joiner and Margaret(nee) Tait. One of five children he was born at Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne and where he was living with his family in 1891.
By 1911 Charles was working as a coal miner for the Stella Coal Company and living as a boarder at 23 Nelson Street, Greenside in the home of Christopher Arthur and
family. Charles enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 12th Battalion, service No: 10008. He was killed in action at the Battle of Loos on 27 September 1918, age 35 years. His name is recorded on the Loos Memorial, France, Panel 20 – 22.
Locally, Charles is remembered on the Blaydon war Memorial, the plaque at St. Cuthbert's
Church Blaydon and the Addison Colliery Memorial.
SL / 062013 ROCHESTER / BLAYDON 240

ROCHESTER, Thomas – air mechanic 2d class

Thomas, born in Blaydon was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Rochester and one of three surviving children. In 1911 the

family lived at 1 John Street, Blaydon and Thomas' father worked as a cartman. Thomas served with the Royal Air Force service no: 296167.

Thomas died on 30 July 1919 and he is buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref: D.C.127. Thomas is also remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

Death divides but memory clings.

SL042014 ROCHESTER/BLAYDON 241

ROGERS , Private Frederick Thomas 1874-1916

Frederick Thomas Rogers was a coal miner born at Morpeth. He married Elizabeth Batey in 1896 and they lived at 18 Bridge Street. Blaydon with their six children. He enlisted in the Northumberland Fusiliers 24th Battalion Tyneside Irish with the rank of private, service No: 24/321. Wounded in July 1916 he died on 7 September 1916 aged 44 years and is buried at Flatiron Copse Cemetery, Mametz, Somme,France grave reference: 111.1.20. Awarded the British War and Victory medals he is also remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

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ROGERSON , Private William 1886 – 1916

William Rogerson born in Blaydon, a coal miner, stonemason married to Violet. In 1911 they were living at 5 Rifle Court, Blaydon with their two young children Edith age 4 and John age 1.

William attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 25th Tyneside Irish Battalion service No: 25/574. Posted to France William died either on 1 July 1916 or 1 August 1916 – there are conflicting records of the date. By the time of his death their address is recorded as 67 Back Robinson Street, Blaydon. On 1 July 1916 the Great Franco-British offensive begins on 25-mile front north and south of Somme. British capture Montauban and Mametz; break through towards Bapaume. French attack towards Peronne; reach outskirts of Hardecourt and Curlu; take Dompierre, Becquincourt, Bussus, and Fay. 5,000 prisoners taken. Awarded the British War and Victory medals , William was killed in action and his name is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 10B, 11B & 12B.

Locally William is remembered on the Blaydon war Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

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SCOTT , Private Ernest 1890 – 1915

Ernest Scott was the son of Henry and Elizabeth Scott, one of five surviving children. His father Henry worked as a foreman at the sanitary pipe works while Ernest worked as an insurance agent. In 1911 the family were living at 108 George Street, Blaydon later at 116 James Street, Blaydon.

Ernest attested to the Durham Light Infantry 'D' Coy. 1/9th Battalion service No: 2554. He was killed in action on 27 May 1915 age 25 years and buried at the Ypres Town Cemetery extension, Belgium grave ref: I.C.7.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally Ernest is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

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SCOTT, J. William

The Son of William and Mary Scott who lived at 26 Bowland terrace, Blaydon. One of eight surviving children his father worked as a deputy at a coal mine while his mother was a dressmaker.

We regret we have no other information about this soldier. He is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL062014 SCOTT/BLAYDON 243

SHAW, Private John Warwick 1897 – 1917

John Warwick Shaw was born in Blaydon the son of George and Charlotte (Warwick) Shaw. In 1911 he was living with his parents, sister Margaret Annie and other members of his extended family at 4 Birdhill Street, Blaydon. John was working as a colliery labourer while his father worked as a cartman at the glass bottle works.John enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Yorkshire Regiment, service No; 45037 and the Manchester Regiment, service No; 50862.Posted to Belgium he was killed in action on 9 October 1917 during the 3d phase of the 3d Battle of Ypres. On that day there was a Franco-British attack east and north-east. Outskirts of Houthulst Forest were taken and there was a one-mile advance on Passchendaele Ridge taking 2,000 prisoners. Enemy counter-attack drives in advance troops south of Ypres-Staden railway on 2,000 yards front.Keen artillery struggle, north of Chaume Wood (Verdun).John was awarded the British War and Victory Medals and he is named on the Tynecot Memorial to the Missing, Belgium, Panel 120-124 & 162-162A & 163A.

Locally John is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial, the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and the plaque at Trinity Methodist Church, Blaydon.

SL / 062013 SHAW / BLAYDON 244

SHIPPEN , Lance Corporal John 1891 – 1919

John Shippen was a miner the son of Joseph and Sarah Shippen of Addison Colliery, Blaydon. By the onset of war he was working as a glass moulder and living at 63 Cuthbert Street, Blaydon with his wife Elizabeth Waggot whom he had married at Gateshead register office on 29 June 1912. Their daughter Elizabeth Jane was born on 21 August 1912. John enlisted into the Machine Gun Corps service No: 82745 as a sapper engaged in tunneling work and he was later promoted to Lance Corporal. His records state that he was 5' 4" with brown eyes, brown hair, weighed 140lbs. and had a tattoo on his left foreman. His character was described as very good.

However he had suffered from rheumatic fever in 1908 which had weakened his heart. He suffered from gun shot wounds to the left foot and together with an enlarged heart and palpitations he was discharged from the military hospital in Grantham on 24 September 1917 as no longer fit for military service. He was awarded an 80% pension (20% for the

gunshot wounds & 60% for the heart problem) @ 13 s 9d plus 2s 6d for his child. By now the family were living at 2 South Street, Blaydon.
The death of John Shippen is recorded in December 1919 at Gateshead.
Locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.
SL/022013 SHIPPEN/BLAYDON 245

SMITH, Sergeant J.R.

Served with the Northumberland Fusiliers No: 155 Died 3 January 1919 and buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref: NC74. We regret we have no other information. Not named on war memorial.

SOMERVILLE, Driver Robert

Robert served with the Royal Field Artillery service no 32835 with the rank of driver. He had served abroad and was awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals. Robert died on 21 October 1919 and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery, grave ref: CC397.
Robert is also remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the memorial Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
SL042014 SOMERVILLE/BLAYDON 246

SOMERVILLE, William

William Somerville ,one of eight surviving children, was the son of Robert and Rachel Somerville of 5 Turret place, Blaydon.

We regret we have no other information about this soldier.
William is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial.
AL062013 SOMERVILLE/BLAYDON 247

SPOORS , Richard Hammond 1891-1918

Richard Hammond Spoors was a miner at Addison Colliery and the son of Thomas and Mary Jane Spoors of 5 Stella Cottages, Stella, Blaydon. He enlisted at Blaydon on 28 April 1914 to the territorial reserve but was later called up for action at the Front. Regiments Durham Light Infantry 2861, Border regiment 4155 and 8th Battalion Border Regiment 241729. He saw action at the Battle of the Lys, Belgium 9 -29 April 1918, 1st battle of Kemmel 17-19 April 1918. We know from surviving service records that he was 5' 9¼ " tall and suffered a mild elbow wound on 11 November 1916. He was seriously wounded in the chest and arm on 19 April 1918 at Etaples his condition was described as dangerous and he died of his wounds on 20 April 1918. Awarded the British War and Victory medals, his father signed for these medals in 1922. He is buried at Mendinghem Military Cemetery in Belgium grave ref: X.B.II.

Locally, Richard is remembered at Addison War Memorial,
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Stella and on Blaydon War Memorial.
SL/ 012013 SPOORS/BLAYDON 248

STEEL ,Private Thomas Edward 1889 – 1916

Thomas was the son of Thomas Edward and Mary Jane Steel and one of four surviving children. At the time of the 1911 census he lived with his family at Front Street, Swalwell, Co. Durham. He was working as a coal miner while his father worked as a tool store keeper at an engineering works.
In 1911 he married Amelia Blythe and the couple lived at Blaydon.
Thomas enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 10th Battalion service No: 13871.
Posted to Belgium, he was killed in action on 25 October 1916 age 29 years. He is buried at Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, grave ref: IV.J.18
Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally Thomas is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial,the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon and on Swalwell War Memorial.

SL/072013 STEEL/BLAYDON 249

STOCKDALE, SergeantWilliam Henry

William was born in Keswick, he worked as a teacher and in the 1911 census was living as a boarder at 14 Frederick Street, Chopwell. In 1915 he married Edith

Pritchard in Newcastle upon Tyne.He enlisted at Durham to the Durham Light Infantry 1/8th Battalion service No: 3473. Posted to Belgium he was killed in action on 2 March 1916 and buried at railway Dugouts Cemetery, Ieper grave ref:II.D.2.
Awarded the 15Star, British War and Victory medals, locally he is remembered on Blaydon War Memorial.

SL062014 STOCKDALE/BLAYDON250

Stokoe , Gunner Alfred E. 1884-1917

Alfred Stokoe was a joiner born in 1884 and one of five children of Jane Stokoe (widow) they lived at 17 Cochrane Street, Blaydon. Alfred attested on 25 October 1915 to the Royal Garrison Artillery 67th Siege Battalion service no: 60548. Posted to Belgium he was killed in action on 30 October 1917 and buried at the White House Military Cemetery at St. Jean –les-Ypres grave ref: III.M.2 He was awarded the British War and Victory Medals and his mother signed for his personal possessions which were returned to her on 20 February 1918. They were: a disc,letter,photo,pipe,diary,tobacco tin,purse,wallet,christmas card,fountain pen, and a pin cushion.

Locally Alfred is remembered on the Blaydon war memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church Blaydon.
SL/012013 STOKOE/BLAYDON 251

STONEHOUSE, Pte. Thomas 1897 – 1916

Thomas was born at Winlaton the son of Edward and Isabella Stonehouse. In 1911 the family were living at Medomsley Thomas' father worked as a coal miner.
Thomas enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers service No's: 4/3194, 5/7186 and 242373. He was declared missing presumed dead on 14 November 1916 and his name is recorded on the Menin Gate at Ypres, Belgium panel 8 & 12.
Awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally Thomas is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL032014 STONEHOUSE/BLAYDON 252

STOREY , Private Robert 1878 – 1916

Robert Storey, born in South Shields (listed as Story on war memorial) was a coal miner stone man and in 1911 was living at 80 George Street, Blaydon with his wife Isabella and three young children; Oswald, Robert and baby Lizzie. He attested at Newburn to the Northumberland Fusiliers 14th Battalion service No: 13978. Killed in action at the Somme on 27 September 1916 age 38 years he was awarded the 15 Star, British War & Victory Medals and his name is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France ; Pier and Face 10B, 11B and 12B.
Locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/032013 STOREY/ BLAYDON 253

STRANGE , Private George Edward 1898- 1918

George was born in Hebburn the son of Henry and Dorothy strange. In 1911 George was still at school living with his parents Henry, a fitter's labourer at a colliery, & Dorothy Strange at 63 John Street, Blaydon.
He joined the Durham Light Infantry 72920 and was later transferred to the Northumberland Fusiliers 9th Battalion service No: 64842. He was killed in action on 24 August 1918 aged 20 years. Awarded the British war and Victory medals he was buried at Merville Communal Cemetery Extension grave ref: I.F.48.

Locally he is remembered at Blaydon War Memorial, St. Cuthbert's Church Blaydon and Trinity Methodist Church, Blaydon.

SL/012013 STRANGE/BLAYDON 254

SULLIVAN , Private Owen 1893-1915

Owen Sullivan was the son of James and Ann Sullivan. Born at Leadgate in 1911 he was living with his brother James and family at 130 Cross Row, Hamsterley and working as a pony putter in a coal mine.
He joined the Northumberland Fusiliers 13th Battalion service No: 5750 he was posted missing presumed dead on 27 September 1915. He is named On the Loos Memorial, Panel 20 – 22.

Locally Owen is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/012013 SULLIVAN/BLAYDON 255

SURREY , Private John James 1891 – 1915

John Surrey, born in Blaydon was the son of William and Mary Surrey of 39 Cuthbert Street, Blaydon and one of ten children. He worked as a general labourer above ground at the colliery. In 1913 he married Lily Bagnall and they had child Lily Surrey born in March 1914.

John attested to the Durham Light Infantry 11th Pioneer Battalion on 18 August 1914, service No: 12185. From surviving records we know he was 5'10" tall, weighed 132 lbs with a 35" chest. Posted to France he was killed in action on 20 December 1915 age 24 years. His widow Lily was awarded a pension of 15/- (75p) for herself and her child. However, sadly John's widow Lily herself died in September 1918 leaving their young daughter Lily an orphan at only 4 years old. Her appointed guardian was her maternal grandmother Mrs. Barbara Walker of 4 Blaydon Burn. John's medals were to be held in trust for young Lily with instructions from the war office :
" It should be made clear they (*the medals*) are the property of and should be handed to the child on attaining an age to appreciate their value."
The medals awarded were the 14/15 Star, British War & Victory Medals. John was buried at Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France
(near Armentieres) grave ref: II.K.22 and is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
Lily Surrey died age 10 years in December 1924

.SL/032013 SURREY/BLAYDON 256

Private Lancelot Jobling SWAN 1893-1919

Lancelot swan was born in Winlaton and in 1911 lived with his parents Roger and Mary Swan at 15 Blaydon Burn. He was working as a screener at the Blaydon Burn Colliery and enlisted into the Durham Light Infantry service No: 40314 on 11 December 1915 and classed as reserve. He was mobilised on 26 April 1917 and posted abroad. We know from surviving records that he was 5'3 ½ " tall and weighed 126lbs his address now was 5 Townley Terrace, Summerhill and his occupation was as a shell filler. He suffered a gunshot wound to the left hand 27 September 1917 and was discharged from hospital on 12 October 1917 the wound having healed. However, he was wounded again on 21 March 1918 this time a gun shot wound to the right arm. He was also diagnosed with Diabetes. Discharged from hospital on 8 August 1918 he was classed as permanently no longer fit for war service and granted a pension. He married Hannah Bousfield in early 1917 and a son Lancelot was born on 15 October 1917.

Awarded the British War and Victory medals, Lancelot died in 1919 aged 27 years and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref: HU 179. He is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church Winlaton, Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SWAN/WINLATON 096
SL/012013 SWAN/BLAYDON 257

SWAN ,Able Seaman Thomas 1890 – 1918

Thomas Swan born Blaydon was the son of William and Jane Swan and one of seven children. He worked as a coal miner. In 1911 the family lived at 11 Cromwell Place, Winlaton then later at 57 Robinson Street, Blaydon.
Thomas joined the Durham Light Infantry and later transferred to the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, service No: TZ/761
During the First World War the British army was enlarged to many times its peacetime strength. This was done mainly by adding new battalions to existing regiments Although sometimes identified by shoulder titles, generally the new battalions could not be identified from appearance Men of the Royal Navy served on land in many areas throughout the world, The Hawke Battalion served as an infantry division in Belgium and France (the 63rd (Royal Naval) Division)

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Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve,

Hawke Bn.
Able Seaman Higher Grade
21 Mar 1918
Killed in action
Arras Memorial (MR 20) Bay 1
Formerly served 4 years in 9th Durham Light Infantry Territorials ; Enlisted RNVR 29/10/14

; Benbow Bn. 'B' Company 24/4/15, transferred to Nelson Bn. 12/6/15-23/11/15 Dysentery, Invalided to UK 3/1/16 ; Draft for Nelson Bn. BEF 21/1/18, joined 7th Entrenching Bn. from RND Wing 22/2/18-15/3/18 crossposted to Hawke Bn.
Tyneside Z/761
CWGC = AB ; Rated AB Higher Grade 6/5/15, Acting Leading Seaman 26/8/15, Leading Seaman 17/3/17, reverts to AB Higher Grade 17/1/18 ; A Miner ; b.31/12/1890 ; Next-of-Kin & home address: Father, William, 57 Robinson St., Blaydon-on-Tyne.

Awarded the Star, British War and Victory Medals Thomas is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial, at St. Cuthbert's Church ,Blaydon and on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

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TAYLOR, John G.
Named on the Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no other information available.
SL/032014 TAYLOR/BLAYDON 259

TELFORD, Able Seaman Higher Grade Edward Dobson 1895 – 1920

Edward was the son of George and Susan Telford. Born on 8 June 1895 in the 1911 census Edward, who worked as a miner, was one of four surviving children and living with his parents and siblings at 8 St. Cuthbert Square, Blaydon.Edward enlisted 4 November 1914 to the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. He was attached to unit 189th Brigade Light Trench Mortar Battery (Hawke Bn. attached 189th Brigade Light Trench Mortar Battery, Service No: Tyneside Z/914. He served with Hawke Bn. 'A' Company. Invalided 3/5/15-20/8/15 with Impetigo, rejoined Hawke Bn. 15/9/15-10/7/16 and transferred to 2nd Brigade Light Trench Mortar Battery.
On 19 January 1917 he was badly wounded suffering, gun shot wounds to right jaw/cheek, and invalided to UK on 1 February 1917. On 5 October 1917 he was transferred to Crystal Palace Depot. ; HMS "Victory VI" where he stayed from 6 October 1917 to 28 October 1918. He was then demobbed. Edward died in December 1920 at the age of 24 years. His records are not listed by the CWGC.

Locally Edward is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL / 062013 TELFORD / BLAYDON 260

TENCH , Private Richard 1881 – 1916

Richard Tench was the son of James and Jane Anne Tench and one of 8 children. James Tench, who worked as a contractor's cartman and his 2d wife Mary had another 8 children including Thomas Tench 1894 – 1917 (ref Blaydon/262). In 1901 Richard was living with his family at 4 Victoria Street, Stella. Richard was working as a mason's labourer. The Tench family ran a long established and long lasting haulage business in the Blaydon area. By the time of WWI Richard was living at 20 Russell Street, Low Teams, Gateshead with his wife Mary Martha (Telford) whom he'd married at Gateshead Registry Office in 1912 and their two young children John born 1905 and James born 1908. His father & stepmother were living at 19 George Street, Blaydon.Richard attested to the Durham Light Infantry

1/9th Battalion on 25 August 1915, service No: 5055. We know from surviving service records that he was 5’ 6 1/4” tall with dark brown hair, blue eyes a fair complexion, weighed 112 lbs with a 38” chest. He was posted to France on 15 August 1916 disembarking at Boulogne and killed in action, posted missing presumed dead 5 November 1916. On that day the French occupy whole of Vaux.Somme front north: British progress and retreat near Butte de Warlencourt; attack on Le Transloy.French capture most of Saillisel and attack St. Pierre Vaast Wood. His widow Mary was awarded a pension of 22/- 11d for herself and the two children. Awarded the British War & Victory Medals his name is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier and Face 14A & 15C. Locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert’s Church, Blaydon. . (Richard was killed exactly 11 months before his half brother Thomas who died in 5 October 1917).

TENCH , Private Thomas 1894 – 1917

Thomas Tench was the son of James Tench and his 2d wife Mary and one of 8 children. His father James working as a contractor's cartman also had 8 other children with his first wife Jane, including Richard Tench 1881-1916 (ref: Blaydon 261). The Tench family ran a long established and long lasting haulage business in the Blaydon area. In 1911 the family were living at 4 Douglas Terrace, Blaydon Haughs and Thomas was working as a general labourer. He attested to the Durham Light Infantry service No: 36398 and was later transferred to the Machine Gun Corps. (Infantry) service No: 58571.He was killed on 5 October 1917 age 23, exactly 11 months after his half brother was killed in France, and buried at Hooge Crater Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium, on this day the number of German prisoners taken in the previous five days on Ypres front totalled 4,446. Congratulations were sent from the King. Grave ref: X.K.5.Awarded the British War and Victory medals Thomas is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

SL/032013 TENCH/ BLAYDON 262

THOMPSON, Lance Sergeant Walter 1892-1917 (MILITARY MEDAL) Walter, one of six surviving children, was born at Darlington the son of Arnold and Esther Thompson. In 1911 the family were living at 6 John Street Blaydon where Walter worked as a metal moulder and his father was a railway worker.Walter served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 8th Battalion service No; 4508. Posted to the Balkans and France he was killed in action on 27 November 1917 and is named on the Arras Memorial Bay 2& 3.Walter was awarded the Military Medal for bravery and the 15 star, British War and Victory medals.After the death of his father , his mother Esther moved to 2 Clarks Yard,Princess Street, Scarborough.
Locally Walter is remembered on the Blaydon war Memorial and he was also named on the plaque at St. John Methodist Church, Blaydon.

SL032014 THOMPSON/BLAYDON 263

THOMPSON, William b1882

William Thompson was born at Felling, Gateshead. In 1911 he was working as a miner and living at 5 Oldwell Lane, Winlaton with his wife Ellen and young children Thomas, Catherine and John.
Locally William is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

We regret we have no other information available.

SL032014 THOMPSON/BLAYDON 264

THORBURN , Stoker Robert Andrew 1899 – 1917

Robert Andrew Thorburn was the son of Frank Thorburn and Margaret Ann Peel and one of five surviving children. In 1911 he was still at school and the family were living at 12 Old Pit Blaydon, later recorded as 2 Mary Pit, Blaydon where his father and two older brothers worked as coal miners.Robert joined the Royal Navy and served as a stoker first class , service No: K/25646 aboard HMS Attack. Robert was killed in action on 30 December 1917 age 19 years.HMS Attack, one of two Yarrow Specials and one of the old Acheron Class Destroyers of the Royal Navy, was built by Yarrow and Co, Scotstoun, Glasgow and launched in 1911. Attack was part of the 1st Flotilla from 1911-12 joining the Grand Fleet in 1914 until 1916; transferred to the 3rd Battle Squadron. On the 30th of December 1917 the transport ship HMS Aragon arrived at Alexandria with 2, 700 onboard and was ordered back out of the harbour as no berth was available. Immediately having cleared the harbour she was torpedoed by U-34 and sank with a loss of 610 lives. HMS Attack, a destroyer who came to her aid, was also torpedoed by U-34 and sunk. On 27 December 1917, *Attack* and two Imperial Japanese Navy destroyers escorted two transport ships, HMT *Aragon* and SS *Nile*, from Malta to Egypt. The convoy weathered a gale and off the Egyptian coast at

daybreak on Sunday 30 December it divided *Nile* and the two Japanese destroyers proceeded to Port Said, while *Aragon* and *Attack* made for Alexandria. *Aragon* and *Attack* were in Alexandria Roads about 8 miles (13 km) or 10 miles (16 km) outside the port, awaiting permission to enter, when at about 1100 hrs the German Type UC II submarine SM *UC-34* torpedoed *Aragon* which rapidly began to sink. *Attack* and the armed trawler HMT Points Castle came to the rescue. Attack drew right alongside Aragon to take survivors aboard as quickly as possible, helped by lines cast between the two ships. About 17 to 20 minutes after being hit *Aragon* went down, and she suffered a second explosion as the cold seawater reached her hot boilers. Some of her boats were left upturned in the water. *Attack* was now crowded with 300 to 400 survivors: some naked, some wounded, many unconscious and dying.Then a torpedo struck *Attack* amidships and blew her into two pieces, both of which sank with five to seven minutes. The explosion ruptured *Attack*'s bunkers, spilling tons of thick, black bunker fuel oil into the sea as she sank Hundreds of men were in the water, and many of them became covered in oil or overcome by its fumes. *Aragon*'s surviving lifeboats now ferried hundreds of survivors to the two trawlers and other trawlers came out to assist. While 10 sailors from *Attack* died, one of whom was Robert, 600 lives were lost in *Aragon*. With no known grave Robert is remembered on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel ref: 26 and locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon

.SLKA / 062013 THORBURN / BLAYDON 265

TODD , Private Thomas 1897 – 1918

Thomas was born at Derwenthaugh, Swalwell the son of Moses Todd and Isabella Graham and one of seven children. In 1911 the family were living at Derwenthaugh, Swalwell where Thomas' father was working as a labourer at the shipping staith. Thomas himself was still at school.Thomas served with the East Yorkshire Regiment 9th Battalion and 7th Battalion Training Reserve, service No: TR5/127250.

Thomas died at home on 7 November 1918 age 21 years and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery, grave ref: DC148. Locally he is remembered on Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/072013 TODD/BLAYDON 266

TOLSON , Private Joseph B. 1888-1916

Joseph B. Tolson was born in Crewe, Cheshire and worked as a coal miner.One of 3 children he lived with his parents at 27 Path Head , Blaydon. He enlisted into the Northumberland Fusiliers 21st Battalion Tyneside Scottish service No: 21/88. He died of wounds received on 2 July 1916 and is buried at the Somme, France at Warloy Communal Cemetery Extension. Awarded the British war and Victory medals, he is remembered locally on Blaydon War Memorial and St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon.

SL/012013 TOLSON/BLAYDON 267

TREMBATH, Pte. William John 1899 - 1918

William John Trembath was the son of Mary Taylor and the stepson of William Taylor of 4 Burnside, Blaydon. In 1911 he was living with his grandparents John and Elizabeth Dodds of 2 Skinnery, Bridge Street, Blaydon where John Dodds worked as a waterman.William, who was possibly known as John, served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 1st Battalion service No: 66603. He died on 8 October 1918 age 19 years and is buried at Masnieres British Cemetery, Marcoing,France grave ref: II.C.23.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL032014 TREMBATH/BLAYDON 268

TROTTER , Private David died 1916

David Trotter was born in County Durham. He attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 22nd Tyneside Scottish Battalion service No: 22/918The origins of the Tyneside Scottish are in the Kitchener's Army and the call to arms in World War I. The Recruitment to the British Army during World War I saw the raising of the Pals battalion. The Tyneside Scottish Committee was formed and raised the Tyneside Scottish Brigade of four service Battalions of the Northumberland Fusiliers. The Brigade's first major action was the Battle of the Somme where it sustained a large number of casualties. The Brigade was subsequently brought up to strength and served at Armentiers, Battle of Arras (1917), and the final battles of 1918. The Brigade was disbanded in 1919.On 1 July 1916 David was killed in action. On this day the Great Franco-British offensive begins on 25-mile front north and souh of Somme. British capture Montauban and Mametz; break through towards Bapaume. French attack towards Peronne; reach outskirts of Hardecourt and Curlu; take Dompierre, Becquincourt, Bussus, and Fay. He was awarded the British War and Victory Medals and his name is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 10B, 11B and 12B.Locally David is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL013 TROTTER/ BLAYDON 269

TULIP , Private Joseph 1885-1916

Joseph Tulip was born at Barlow and in 1911 he was working as a labourer and living at 13 Twizell Avenue with his wife Ethel Jane and baby daughter Ivy. By 1914 he was working as a miner and they lived at 31 Edward Street, Blaydon. He joined the Durham Light Infantry 9th Battalion ‘D’ Company service No: 3209 in the reserve on 10 November 1914. He was 5’ 6” tall with dark brown hair and blue eyes and of good character. He was discharged on 9 January 1916 as no longer physically fit for war service due to heart disease.Notes on his file state that he had never been to hospital, he was playing in the band and he fell on his face as if he was dead. He came around again after ten minutes. Since then he has never been able to do any parades owing to shortness of breath and palpitations, caused by rheumatic fever. He was on active or ordinary military service and exposed to cold when he had the first attack or heart failure.
Joseph died on 23 March 1916 age 30 years and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery Grave ref: H.U.44 and named on Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/012013 TULIP/BLAYDON 270

TULIP , Private Robert 1877 – 1918

Robert Tulip was born in Blaydon and was the son of Thomas and Isabella Tulip of Walbottle. He married Elizabeth (known as Lizzie) Alice Picton and their daughter Alice was born in 1898.The couple went on to have four more children; Thomas born 1900, Robert born 1902, Elizabeth born 1910 and Phyllis born 1912 Robert was a steel worker and they lived at 37 Bridge Street, Blaydon. He attested to the Durham Light Infantry 1/8th Battalion service No: 202509.Posted to France he was mortally wounded and died of injuries received at the Battle of Lys on 10 April 1918. He is buried at Haverskerque British Cemetery, France Nord. Grave ref: A.20.
Awarded the British War and Victory Medals he is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
SL/032013 TULIP/BLAYDON 271

TUNLEY , Lance Corporal William 1881 – 1916

William Tunley or Tunly was born in Cumberland the son of James and Annie of Townley Terrace, Blaydon Haughs. A railway labourer he married Georgina Purvis in 1900 and in 1901 they were living at 3 Victoria Street, Stella (although their surname is recorded as Harris). He attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 24th Tyneside Irish Battalion service number 24/543. He was killed in action on 1 July 1916 at the Somme and his name is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Pier and Face 10B, 11B and 12B.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals he is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/032013 TUNLY/ BLAYDON 272

TURBITT, Private James Samuel H. 1892-1916

James Samuel H. Turbitt was born at Stella in 1892 one of six children and the son of Robert and Jane Turbitt. James worked below ground for Priestman's Collieries and in 1911 the family were living at 21 Burnley Street, Blaydon. He enlisted at Blaydon the 1/9th Battalion Durham Light Infantry on 2 July 1911 aged 19, service No: 1213. Gradually promoted to Sergeant he reverted back to Private at his own request. He was 5'8" tall and he died of wounds received on 21 January 1916 age 24 years.
Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory medals. His obituary appeared in the Blaydon Courier, page 8 on 12 February 1916 and he was buried at Perth Cemetery (China Wall) Belgium, his body having been removed there after the war ended. A letter from his commanding officer to his next of kin, his father Robert Turbitt of 56 Theresa St., Blaydon advises as follows : 9 September 1919 I beg to inform you that it has been necessary to

exhume the remains of the late No 1213 Pte. James Turbitt 1/9th battalion D.L.I. for proper burial at Perth Cemetery (China Wall), Zillebeke ½ mile east of Ypres. The new grave has been duly marked with a cross bearing all the late soldiers particulars. The removal was undertaken with every measure of reverence and the re-interrment conducted by an army chaplain.
James is remembered locally at Blaydon War Memorial, St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and on the
Mens Club Roll of Honour at St. Cuthbert's Church Hall.
SL/012013 TURBITT/BLAYDON 273

TURNER , 2nd Lieutenant Cuthbert 1893 – 1917
Cuthbert Turner was the son of Cuthbert and Mary Turner, one of seven children. In 1911 the family were living at Bute Terrace, Derwenthaugh, Swalwell. Cuthbert's father worked as a staithe traffic manager while young Cuthbert, a former pupil of Blaydon Secondary School, worked as a clerk. He joined the Border Regiment 4th Battalion attached to the 7th Battalion Territorial Force and was commissioned on 4 September 1916. Service No: 4621. Posted to France he was involved in the 2d phase of the Battle of Arras and the British attack north and south of the Scarpe (Arras) when troops captured two villages. Cuthbert was killed in action on this day 23 April 1917 age 23 years. An Easter edition of the Old Blaydonian Magazine recorded the names of the nine former pupils of the school who had "gone west" with photographs. This was reported in the Blaydon Courier 22 April 1922 and the Newcastle Daily Chronicle 6 April 1920. The medal record card notes his brother W.L.Turner of Heatherlea,Stocksfield,Northumberland. The Probate Register records the death of 2d Lt. Cuthbert Turner, killed in action.
Awarded the British War and Victory Medals his name is recorded on the Arras Memorial, Bay 6. Locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and also the Memorial Plaque to former pupils of Blaydon Secondary (later Grammar) School, originally in the school building but now at St. Paul's Church Winlaton
SL/032013 TURNER/ BLAYDON 274

TURNER, George
Named on the Blaydon War Memorial.
We regret we have no other information available.
SL032014 TURNER/BLAYDON 275

TWEDDLE , Sapper John Hawarden 1881-1918
John H. Tweddle was the second son of the late Thomas and Mrs. Catherine Tweddle of Loup Farm, Blaydon. In 1911 he was working as a plumber and living with his parents and siblings at 10 Parliament Street, Winlaton. He enlisted at Blaydon to the Corps. Of Royal Engineers 248th Field Company service No: 223704 and was posted to France. While on leave he married Florence Davison at Newcastle upon Tyne in 1917 and their address was 133 Farndale Road, Benwell Grove, Newcastle upon Tyne.John was mortally wounded and died of wounds on 26 August 1918 and he is buried at Bucquoy Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France grave ref: B.5. Awarded the British War and Victory Medals oddly a note on the medal record card states that his widow Florence did not desire the medals and they were returned on 8 March 1922 as unwanted.
John is remembered on the Ryton War Memorial,Blaydon War Memorial and the Winlaton War Memorial at St. Paul's Church.
SL/012013 TWEDDLE/BLAYDON 276 and WINLATON 103

TWIZELL , Pte. Matthew Martin 1894-1917

Matthew was born in June 1894, his parents were Matthew, a blacksmith and Susannah Twizell. One of fifteen children Matthew was their 8th child, he was named after his father and Martin was his mother's maiden name. He worked at Addison Colliery as a miner while living with his family in a two up, two down cottage at 9 Stella Bank. At Christmas 1900 he won a book prize for good attendance and good conduct at Stella School, presented to him by Canon Wrennall.Matthew served with Alexandra Princess of Wales Own Yorkshire Regiment as a Private, service No: 45839.He was killed in action on 29 November 1917 age 23 years and is buried at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Loos, Pas de Calais, France grave ref: II.E.6. On that day there had been a slight British gain west of Bourlon Wood an enemy attack on Belgian positions near Aschhoopand and artillery activity in Ypres sector. St. Patrick's Cemetery was begun during the Battle of Loos by French and British troops and closed in June 1918, but a small number of graves were brought into it after the Armistice from the battlefields between Loos and Hulluch. There are now 583 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-18 war commemorated in this cemetery. Of these, 41 are unidentified and the graves of 23, destroyed by shell fire, are now represented by special memorials. There are also 54 French burials here. Awarded the British War & Victory Medals, locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and at the church of St. Thomas Aquinas, Stella. He was also named on the Addison Colliery Roll of Honour, this memorial was lost in 1930 when the Addison Colliery Miners Institute was destroyed by fire. Awarded the British War & Victory Medals, locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and at the church of St. Thomas Aquinas, Stella. He was also named on the Addison Colliery Roll of Honour, this memorial was lost in 1930 when the Addison Colliery Miners Institute was destroyed by fire.

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U

USHER , Pte. Charles Edward 1891-1915

Born at Walbottle the son of Joseph T. and Susannah Usher. In 1901 the family were living at Belts Square, Winlaton and Joseph was a miner. Charles married Dora (Dorothy) Proud from Westerhope in 1911. Lived at 54, Larch,Benwell,Newcastle upon Tyne. Joined Northumberland Fusiliers, service no. 12982 and was killed in action 28 September 1915. Buried at Ridge wood Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium grave ref: I.L.6 Ridge Wood was the name given to a wood standing on high ground between the Kemmel road and Dickebusch Lake.The cemetery lies in a hollow on the western side of the ridge and the position was chosen for a front line cemetery as early as May 1915 for troops defending the Ypres Salient.The German advance in the spring of 1918 pushed the front line back on to the ridge, and it was not till July that the wood was finally cleared by British troops. SL/012013 USHER/BLAYDON278

V

VALLANS
Family Tree of the Vallans family of Blaydon
John Vallans b1828
Waterman – lived at Tyne Street,Blaydon
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William Vallans Thomas Vallans John Vallans George Vallans

| | | |

Frederick 1889-1918 William b 1884 John b 1885 Thomas 1890
LLoyd b 1889 Joseph 1890 John 1892
Thomas
1891 William 1892

Isaac b 1894 George 1896

Seven members of the extended Vallans family – brothers and cousins died as a result of the conflict. Six are remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and Frederick Vallans the son of William Vallans is named on the War Memorial at Lemington, Newcastle upon Tyne.

2d Lieutenant Thomas VALLANS 1891-1919

Thomas was the son of Thomas Vallans and in 1911 was living with his father and siblings at 34 Theresa Street, Blaydon and working as a fitters apprentice. He served with the Durham Light Infantry and Royal Engineers , Service Nos: 2534,190875 and 348038. He died on active service on 28 April 1919 age 28 years and is buried at Basra War Cemetery plot III.J.5. Awarded the Star, British War and Victory Medals his father applied for his medals on 27 September 1921 and probate records confirm that he died in Mespotamia on active service.

VALLANS/BLAYDON/283

Three sons of John Vallans, a widower and labourer at the glass foundry.

Private Joseph VALLANS 1891 – 1923

Joseph was the son of John Vallans and worked as a brick works labourer. In 1911 he was living as a boarder at 22 George Street, Blaydon. Joseph served with the Durham Light Infantry service No: 11495.
Awarded the Star, British War and Victory Medals, Joseph died in 1923.

VALLANS/BLAYDON 281

Private William VALLANS 1983-1923

William was the son of John Vallans and worked as a labourer. He had lived at 12 Cowen Street and at 16 Cowen Street, Blaydon. His service record is fragmentary but he attested to the army reserve West Yorkshire Regiment , service No: 20504 on a short service on 29 November 1915. He was 5’ 4” tall and was mobilised on 4 November 1916 and posted to

France on 18 September 1917. He was discharged on 24 March 1919 and awarded a disability pension Class 5, Code 25 although it is not possible to read the nature of his

disability. Awarded the British War and Victory Medals he was able to sign for his own medals but subsequently died in 1923.
VALLANS/BLAYDON 284

Private George VALLANS 1896 - 1918

George was the son of John Vallans he worked as a labourer and lived at 12 and then 16 Cowen Street, Blaydon. George served with the Royal Dublin Fusiliers 1st Battalion service No: 30567. Posted to France he died of wounds on 20 May 1918 age 22 years. Awarded the British War and Victory Medals he is buried at Etaples Military Cemetery plot LXV.C.23.
VALLANS/BLAYDON 279

Two sons of George Vallans, a labourer at a sawmill

Private Thomas VALLANS M.M. 1890-1918

George was the son of Thomas Vallans and worked as a labourer at a metal foundry. He lived with his family at 10 Garden Street, Blaydon and later was able to work in a skilled occupation as a platelayer. He served with the Durham Light Infantry service No: 2534 having first enlisted on 5 September 1914 – 29 February 1916 in the territorial force for four years and then re-enlisted in the Royal Engineers from 27 June 1916. He joined the railway troop depot service No: 348038.George's service records are fragmentary but record that he died of influenza in France on 6 December 1918 age 28 years and was buried at Charleroi Communal Cemetery in Belgium plot O.9.
Awarded the MILITARY MEDAL for gallantry and the Star, British War and Victory Medals his possessions listed at his death were: letters,photographs,match box,watch,2 chains,2 rings,3 rosaries, a wallet and 2 coins. His notes also confirm that his only brother died 23 April 1917.
VALLANS/BLAYDON282

Private John VALLANS 1892-1917

John was the son of George Vallans living with his family at 10 Garden Street, Blaydon and working as a labourer at the colliery.He served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/5th Battalion , service No: 201013 and 9691. John was killed in action on 23 April 1917 and named on the Arras Memorial to the missing Bay 8.
John was awarded the British War and Victory Medals.
VALLANS/BLAYDON
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W

WALLACE ,Sapper William 1893 – 1917

William was born in Blaydon the son of George, a steel dresser and Sarah Wallace. In 1911 he lived at 53 Mary Street, Blaydon with his parents and five siblings and gave his occupation as an iron moulder. By the time he signed up the family were living at 60 Thomas Terrace, Blaydon and he worked as a machine man. He attested at Blaydon on 10 February 1916 to the Royal Engineers service No: 145994. From surviving records we know he was 5 ' 8½ " tall with a 32" chest.
Posted to France he was killed in action on 8 November 1917 age 24 years his personal possessions included letters, photographs and his wallet.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals his name is recorded on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Panel 1. Locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

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WALSH, Private Philip 1893 – 1916

Philip Walsh was born at Stella, the son of Patrick & Elizabeth Walsh and one of seven children.In 1911 he was working as a miner and living at 2 Summerhill, Blaydon with his family.He enlisted at Newburn to Alexandra, Princess of Wales Own Yorkshire regiment 10th Battalion service No: 17595. He was killed in action on 1 July 1917 in France. On this day the great Franco-British offensive begins on 25-mile front north and south of Somme. British capture Montauban and Mametz; break through towards Bapaume. French attack towards Peronne; reach outskirts of Hardecourt and Curlu; take Dompierre, Becquincourt, Bussus, and Fay. 5,000 prisoners taken.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory medals his name is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial , Pier and Face 3A & 3D. Locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial.

SL/032013 WALSH/ BLAYDON 287

WALTON , John T.

Named on Blaydon War Memorial.
No other information available.

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WATSON, J.

Named on Blaydon War Memorial
And the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon.
No other information available.

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WATSON , J.

Named on Blaydon War Memorial And the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon. No other information available.

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WATSON , George H.

Named on Blaydon War Memorial And the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon. No other information available.

SL/122013 WATSON/BLAYDON 291

WATSON , Robert

Named on Blaydon War Memorial And the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon. No other information available.

SL/122013 WATSON/BLAYDON 292

WATSON,Thomas
Named on Blaydon War Memorial
And the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
No other information available.

SL/122013 WATSON/BLAYDON 293

WAUGH , Ernest

In 1911 Ernest Waugh, the son of Andrew and Elizabeth Waugh, is married to Margaret and works as a colliery boiler minder; they are living at 32 John Street, Blaydon with their four young children : Andrew,William,Ernest and Elsie.

Named on Blaydon War Memorial.
Possibly died 1921 – no other information available.

SL/122013 WAUGH/BLAYDON 294

WEARS , Private James 1876 – 1917

James Wears was an iron moulder married to Matilda and they lived at 20 Cowen Street , Blaydon in two rooms and later at 21 Victoria Street, Blaydon Haughs. Their children : James b 1899, Priscilla b 1901,Thomas b 1906, Jane b 1910 and Elizabeth b 1914. James attested at Blaydon on 25 January 1915 to the Durham Light Infantry 9th Battalion service No: 3642 and was later transferred to the Border Regiment 1/5th Battalion service No: 241736. From surviving service records we know he was 5' 5 ¾ " tall. Posted to Etaples, France on 15 July 1916 he was killed in action on 18 January 1917 age 41 years. His body was later exhumed and he was re-buried at Warlencourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France Grave ref: II.L.37.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals he is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon. His widow was awarded a pension of 26/-3d (£1 – 32p) for herself and the children.

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WELSH , Private John George 1877-1917

John George Welsh was born 6 September 1877 at Bywell, Northumberland the son of George and Elizabeth Welsh. He married Sarah Rutherford in 1901, worked as an insurance agent and lived at White House,Stella, Blaydon with his wife and two young daughters Mary Elizabeth and Sarah Agnes. He served with the Royal Marines Field Ambulance, Royal Marines Medical Unit service No: deal/3646/S.

Enlisted 26/3/15 ; Draft for MEF 12/5/15, joined 2nd (RN) Field Ambulance 29/5/15-1/12/15 transferred to reorganised 1st (RN) Field Ambulance ; Embarked Mudros 15/5/16, disembarked Marseille 21/5/16 (1st RN Field Ambulance).148th (RN) Field Ambulance War Diary 24/10/17:- "6pm Relieved 27th Field Ambulance, 9th Division in the line & took over charge of the evacuation of the forward area. Relief completed 6pm. HQ of this Ambulance situated at C.17.d.2.6 map ref. Sheet 28. S/3646 Private J.G. Welsh. killed in action." ; b.Bywell, Northumberland 6/9/1877 ; Wife, Sarah, Whitehouse, Stella, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

Killed in action on 24 October 1917 John is buried at Dochy farm Cemetery, Ypres Plot V.B.18. Dochy Farm, which had become a German strong point, was taken by the 4th New Zealand Brigade on 4 October 1917, in the Battle of Broodseinde. The cemetery was made after the Armistice when isolated graves were brought in from the battlefields of Boesinghe, St. Julien, Frezenberg and Passchendaele.

Awarded the Star,British War and Victory Medals, locally John is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon.

WHINHAM , Sergeant William Davison 1883-1916

William was the son of William, a grocery mananger at the Co-op and Jane Whinham of Bewes Hill House, Blaydon, one of four children. He served an apprenticeship as a pattern maker at Smith,Patterson & Co. of Blaydon. A keen naturalist he studied natural history with Isaac Clark and was a member of the Tyne & Derwent Field Club. He was also a member of the Old Volunteers and had a reputation as being a good shot.
He was a Sergeant with the Durham Light Infantry (Territorial Force) 1/9th Battalion service No: 2639. He died of wounds on 19 April 1916 age 33 and is buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery, France grave ref: II.D.173
Remembered locally at Blaydon War Memorial, Blaydon Wesleyan Methodist Memorial, Greenside and Ryton War Memorials. His obituary appeared in the Blaydon Courier pages 4& 8 on 29 April 1916

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WHITE , Private Alexander 1886 – 1917

Alexander White was born at Frizington, Cumberland the son of Jane and the late Alexander White. In 1901 Alex was still living in Cumberland with his widowed mother and siblings at 13 Dyke Street, Frizington where he worked as a quarryman. By 1911 they lived at 13 Cuthbert Street, Blaydon, later 12 Ruth Avenue, Blaydon and Alex, one of six children, was working as a miner at Addison Colliery. He attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 1st Battalion service No: 8/5063. He had enlisted at Whitehaven and died of wounds received on 9 April 1917 age 31 years. On this day was the Battle of Arras (on 12-mile front from Henin-sur-Cojeul, south-east of Arras, to Givenchy-en-Gohelle, north of Arras).British (Canadians) take Vimy Ridge (northern end excepted), five villages and 6,000 prisoners.North of St. Quentin and towards Cambrai British take six villages and enter Havrincourt Wood.

Alexander is buried at Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun, France grave ref: I.Q.9. Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals he is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial, St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon and the Addison Colliery Memorial. His obituary appeared on the Blaydon Courier page 8 on 12 May 1917.

SL/032013 WHITE/ BLAYDON 297

WILSON , John

Named on Blaydon War Memorial
No other information available.

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WILSON , Joseph

Named on:
Blaydon War Memorial
Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon
Winlaton War memorial

No other information available

SL/122013 WILSON/BLAYDON 299
WILSON/WINLATON 106

WILSON , Private Thomas William 1890 – 1917

William was the son of Mary and the late Isaac Wilson. In 1911 he was working as a house painter and living with his widowed mother at 85 Thomas Street, Blaydon. He married Jessie Halliday in 1913.
William served with the 7th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment service No; 40130 and was killed in action on 17 August 1917 age 27 years. He is buried at Sunken Road Cemetery, Fampaux, France grave ref: I.C.7.

Awarded the British War and Victory medals, William is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial and on the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

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WILSON , William

Named on:
Blaydon War Memorial
Winlaton War Memorial
No other information available

SL/122013 WILSON/BLAYDON 301
WILSON/WINLATON 107

WINTRIP , Private William 1899-1918

William Wintrip was the son of James and Annie Wintrip, one of four children. Born in Alnwick in 1911 they lived at 100 John Street, Blaydon and William's father worked as a road foreman while William himself was still at school. He enlisted into the Northumberland Fusiliers 12/13th battalion service No: 205724, later in the 1/4th Battalion. He was killed in action in France on 22 March 1918 and is buried at Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Grave reference No: 1V.G.10.
Awarded the British Victory and War medals he is remembered locally at Blaydon War Memorial, St. Cuthbert's Church Blaydon and at Trinity Methodist Church, Blaydon.

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WOODS , Lance Corporal Richard 1894 – 1916

Richard was one of eight children, a miner and the son of the late George and Margaret Ann Woods. In 1911 the family were living at 5 Pioneer Street, Blaydon.

Richard attested to the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No: 2627. Posted to France he was killed in action on 15 September 1916 age 22 years. Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory medals he is named on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 14A & 15C. Locally he is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
SL/022013 WOODS/ BLAYDON 303

WORMALD , Pte. TENNANT 1894-1916

Tennant Wormald was born 14.10.1893 Charlestown Baildon West Yorkshire. Miranda Wormald was Tennant's step-mother. His parents were Tennant and Rebecca Wormald. She died from TB when he was just a baby. Tennant senior later remarried a Miranda London in West Yorkshire where the family originated from.Research has established that Thomas Wormald (ref Blaydon) is not a brother but it is possible that he could be a relative. Tennant did have other siblings Mary Hannah B 1889 and Ellen 1891 who were still living in the Bradford area when the 1911 census was conducted. For some reason obviously due to work Tennant Senior moved the rest of the family up North to Blaydon before 1911 where he worked as a gas operator. Tennant was a pit boy driver in the 1911 census and they are the only family of that surname in Blaydon at the time. Tennant joined the Northumberland Fusiliers, 22nd Battalion Tyneside Scottish, service no. 22/1557 and at the time of enlistment his address was 6 Townley Terrace, Rowlands Gill. He died unmarried,his only child (Eleanor) was born on 4th July 1916, but only two days later on 6 July 1916 he unfortunately died of wounds sustained from The Battle of the Somme. Its unknown whether Tennant knew he was going to be a father and Eleanor was brought up by her maternal grandparents. He is buried at Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'Abbe, Somme, France, grave ref I.F.35.The 36th Casualty Clearing Station was at Heilly from April 1916, the cemetery was begun in May 1916 and was used by three medical units until April 1917. The last burial was made in May 1919.
Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally Tennant is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.

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WORMALD, Private Thomas

We regret we have been unable to trace any information regarding Thomas Wormald. This name is very uncommon in the Blaydon area and it is possible that he is related to Tennant Wormald
but we have been unable to verify this.

Thomas is remembered locally on the Blaydon War Memorial.

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YALLOP , Pte. CHARLES 1888-1917

Charles Yallop was an iron moulder at a foundry, the son of Charles and Mary Yallop, they lived at 2 Patterson Street, Blaydon. He joined the Northumberland Fusiliers 16th Battalion service No. 24/538. Killed in action on 5 April 1917 he is buried at Savy British Cemetary, Aisne, France ref: I.C.8 along with 428 comrades.
Savy was taken 1st April 1917, after hard fighting, and Savy Wood on the 2nd. On the 21st March 1918 Savy and Roupy were successfully defended , but the line was withdrawn after nightfall. The village and the wood were retaken on the 17th September 1918. Savy British Cemetery was made in 1919, and the graves from the battlefields and from the following small cemeteries in the neighbourhood were concentrated into it.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally Charles is remembered on the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon.
SLKA/012013 YALLOP/BLAYDON306

Blaydon WWII 1939-1945

We have set up this virtual memorial to honour those from Blaydon and Winlaton who gave their lives during World War II As yet we do not have very much information relating to those named on the war memorials at Blaydon & Winlaton.We give here such information as we have and we will add to this site if more information becomes available.
"When you go home, tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow we gave our today"

WORLD WAR TWO NAMES Lower Pedestal Those of Blaydon who died home and abroad
Their name liveth for evermore 1939-1945

Lower Pedestal – Right Face ARMY

G.E.Aiston	W.R.Boyd	J.Brennen	J.Brett
G.W.G.Brown	J.R.Cairns	J.G.Chatto	E.R.Copeland
R.Covell	WG.Crone	G.Dixon	T.Dodd
M.Duffy	F.Elliott	M.Forster	
TGascoigne	W.Gee	J.Gray	
G.Gaul	H.F.Hall	J.R.Hall	
G.Hepple	J.T.Ideson	T.W.Kelly	
J.King	R.King	J.Leighton	
J.N.March			

Lower Pedestal – Rear Face ARMY

R.Maughan	T.Moore	R.M.K.McCloud
T.McElvough	A.J.McRae	M.G.Parker
W.Pelling	W.S.Porter	J.Purvis
R.Richardson	R.Rogerson	J.J.Rowley
T.W.Sheldon	J.G.Stainthorpe	J.D.Thompson MM
F.Thorburn	R.Watson	A.Whistance
J.H.Whistance		

N.A.A.F.I

Frances Nacey

R.A.F.

W.H.Browell	J.Horan	G.Hughes
D.McEwen	W.J.Mordue	J.Taylor

Lower Pedestal – Left Face R.N.

R.Beveridge	G.Cameron	H.Carr
A.Charlton	P.F.Crossey DSM	G. Davison
R.Faulder	J.B.Ivison	E.Parker
G.S.Pringle	J.Thompson	
M.N. N.Fenwick	J.H.Gee	A.Hogg
G.Maughan	J.Summerville	

CIVILIANS

Albert Dodgson	Emily Dodgson	Thelma Dodgson
Martin Heanaghan	John H. Moore	Margaret Moore

BELL, Walter Hedley

Served with the Royal Naval Patrol Service on HMS Philante
Service No : LT/KX 157200 , Stoker 2nd. Class
Died 27 October 1943.
Buried at Blaydon Cemetery , section N grave 106

Petty Officer Roy Beveridge RN

Served with the Royal Navy , Service No P/MX62732, Ordnance Artificer 4th. Class

Roy was born on 29 June 1913 to parents Thomas and Catherine Beveridge, Blaydon on Tyne, Co. Durham. He was killed in action on 24
May 1941 age 27 years. He was one of 1415 crew who lost their lives when HMS Hood was sunk by the German Warship Bismarck.

Roy is remembered at Blaydon Cemetery, Blaydon War Memorial, Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 56 Column 3; HMS Excellent and at
Hood Chapel, Church of St. John the Baptist, Beldre,Hampshire.

Edward Roxby COPELAND

Served with the Royal Artillery, Service No 2064820, with the rank of gunner.
348 Bty., 67 (6th Bn. The Welch Regt.) Searchlight Regt

Died 29 September 1940 age 24 years. Edward was the son of Thomas & Ruth Copeland of Shibdon Bank and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery, Sec.J grave 264. He is also remembered on Blaydon War Memorial.

CORR, Bernard

Served with the Royal Northumberland Fusliers

Fusilier, Service no: 4278197, 7th. Battalion

The son of Patrick and Annie Corr of Winlaton,Bernard died on 27 April 1943 age 24 years.

Buried at Blaydon Cemetery , section R, grave 94

“Treasured memories of my dear son, died on active service”

R.I.P.

Crossey, Patrick Fenwick DSM

Petty Office Patrick Fenwick Crossey is buried in the Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery at Rhodes, Service No. P/JX 126527, grave
ref:4.A.6.. He died on 15 January 1945 while serving with the Royal Navy. That attached picture and notes supplied by kind permission of Tony Martin has notes on the back which read : Beirut – July 1944, PO (Coxon Pat Crossey) ML 350, wounded at Sousse in 1943 and killed on ML350 in action off Kalymnos, Jan 1945.Buried in Simi, pictured with Bob Montgomery. Picture taken just before returning to the Aegean for a raid in Simi 12/13 July’44. He was awarded the DSM.

Petty Officer Crossey’s story is told in ‘The War of the Motor Gun Boats – One man’s Personal War at sea with the Coastal Forces
1943-1945’, A.J.Chapman, Pen 7 sword, 2013 ISBN9781783462247.

CURRIE , Philip Raymond

Leading Aircraftman Philip served with the Royal Air Force 50 Sqdn. Service no: 570163 He died on 19 September 1940 and is buried at Blaydon Cemetery Section S, grave 259

Also his brother Flight Sgt. J.A.Currie died 1 Jan 1973 age 53

R.I.P.

Gilbert Dixon 1908-1943

Gilbert Dixon 1908 -1943

Gunner Dixon served with the Royal Artillery service No: 1606325, 517 Bty., 84 Searchlight Regiment.

He was the son of Frank and Jane Dixon of Blaydon and died on 29 January 1943 age 35 years. He is buried at Blaydon Cemetery grave ref: Sec C Grave 330

Gaul, George 1895-1940

Chronicle - Tuesday 25 June 1940A dramatic coincidence of the war is revealed by the news that a Blaydon soldier was killed at Dunkirk on the same day that his brother was wounded in Belgium.The brother killed in action was Company Quartermaster Sergeant George Gaul whose widow lives at 3 Whitmore Rd,Blaydon. CQMS Gaul, who would have been 45 on June 23 went to the last war direct from a camp of the Territorials, served through the war, and maintained his connection with the DLI up to the time of his death at Dunkirk. This fine army record has been mentioned in an order. He had the King's Certificate as a sergeant-major. He had a long and prominent connection with sport in the Blaydon district and played rugger for the Winlaton Vulcans Club, of which he was the treasurer.

HORAN, James

Served with Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Aircraftman 1st. class, service no: 1074006

The son of James and Mary Horan of Bleach Green , Blaydon

James died on 23 October 1941 age 20 years.

Buried at Blaydon Cemeetry section S, grave 252

Ivison, John Burgess 1918-1941

John Burgess Ivison was born 18 October 1918, he was single and served with the Royal Naval Special Reserve as an engineer. Petty Officer No. 16340 on 'Mohawk' he was killed in action on 16 April 1941. Medals awarded - 1939-45 Star, North Africa Star and War Medal.The letter reproduced below was sent by Miss Jane Cowen to his grieving parents at their address in Delacour Road, Blaydon.Stella Hall, Blaydon - on-Tyne

29 April 1941

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Iveson,

I have learnt with feelings of the most profound regret that your dearly loved son has passed from this world. Most sincerely, most
lamentably do I sympathise with you in your unbearable bereavement.You are indeed sorely bereaved to have to mourn the loss of a son so good and so brave, at the beginning of his beautiful manhood. He lived a blameless life and he has died a Hero fighting for his country and for us all. Words are cold to express all I feel, but having a firm belief that death is the beginning of another life where at some future day we shall again rejoin our beloved ones in a happier and brighter world consoles us all in our deepest sorrow.

I have often thought of your dear sister Mrs. Gaule and have felt much for her in her sorrow. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to her as it does to you.
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Iveson, Yours very truly, Jane
Cowen.
To Mrs. & Mrs. Iveson. PS. I would have written before but have been ill. JC

McELVOGUE, Thomas

Private Thomas McElvogue served with the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)

Service no: 4456056, 1st. Bn. The Tyneside Scottish

Thomas, the son of Matthew and Jane McElvogue and the husband of Mona McElvogue all of Blaydon

Died 13 June 1943 age 29 years.

Buried at Blaydon cemetery Section S, grave 230

Nacey, Frances 1918-1941

Frances Nacey of Blaydon was the daughter of Alice & Martin Nacey. She worked for the NAAFI at RAF, Waddington and was killed by enemy action in an air raid alongside six other girls, including the manageress Mrs. Constance Raven, on the night of 9 May 1941.

ROWE, Joseph Henry

Joseph served as a signal man with the Royal Corps of Signals
11 Wireless Sqn., service no: 19157710
The son of Joseph Henry and Gladys Rowe of Blaydon he died on 15 November 1947 age 18 years.
Buried at Blaydon Cemetery , section H, grave 241

" In life in death O Lord, Abide with me"
Until the Dawn

WATSON , Ralph Septimus

Corporal Ralph Watson served with the Royal Engineers, 505 Field Coy.
Service no: 2078725.

The son of Ralph S. and Mary Jane Watson and the husband of Edith Watson, all of Blaydon

Ralph died on 11 July 1943 age 32 years. Buried at Blaydon Cemetery section H grave 27

"Greater love hath no man than t