THE WINLATON WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

WINLATON AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

WELCOME TO

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In Memory Of Those Who Have Given Their Lives For God, For King and For Country In The Great War

Winlaton War Memorial

Welcome to the Winlaton War Memorial project**.** The Project began on 1 January 2013 to honour all those we lost from our area during two world wars. 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 Winlaton whom we so sadly lost, giving information on their jobs, homes and the families they left behind. There are 107 names at Winlaton and we have also included those not named on the memorial but who are buried at Winlaton 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.

Winlaton War Memorial - the Unveiling Ceremony

WINLATON WAR MEMORIAL

The War Memorial Cross at Winlaton is unusual in that it was dedicated six months before the end of WWI.A public meeting was called in August 1916 to decide on a war memorial. It cost £330 and the money was raised by public subscription + a large anonymous donation. The stone used is from Chollerford, the same stone was used for the spire and lantern at St. Nicholas, Newcastle.
The memorial was unveiled by Frank Priestman JP and dedicated on 22 May 1918 with a service attended by the Lord Bishop of Durham, Dr. Moule and the Rector of Winlaton Arthur Jones. A detachment from Tynemouth garrison played through the streets and gave the salute and 'last post'. At the unveiling Mr. Priestman said 'Between 800 and 1000 men had gone from that Parish. A large proportion had worked for firms with which he was connected and that made him more than ever interested in the memorial'.
In the photographs Frank Priestman in army uniform, Canon Arthur Jones wearing beretta and Bishop of Durham wearing velvet beret.

Photographs of the unveiling ceremony courtesy of Brian Davy and St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES
FOR GOD FOR KING AND FOR COUNTRY
IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-
THOMAS H. SIDDLE
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WILLIAM G. DOBSON
NORMAN ESKDALE
STANLEY ESKDALE
WILLIAM PURDY
JAMES PURDY
MATTHEW MAILES
THOMAS HERON
ROBERT RENFORTH
JOHN C. RENFORTH
JOHN McPHERSON
DAVID BARKER
R-I-P

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IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-
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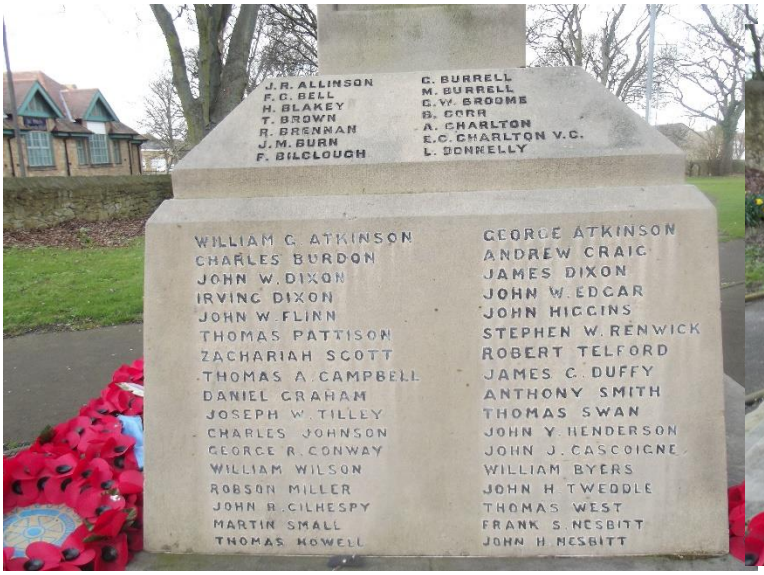
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THOMAS PATTISON
ZACHARIAH SCOTT
THOMAS A. CAMPBELL
DANIEL GRAHAM
JOSEPH W. TILLEY
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GEORGE R. CONWAY
WILLIAM WILSON
ROBSON MILLER
JOHN R. GILHESPY
MARTIN SMALL
THOMAS HOWELL
GEORGE ATKINSON
ANDREW CRAIG
JAMES DIXON
JOHN W. EDGAR
JOHN HIGGINS
STEPHEN W. RENWICK
ROBERT TELFORD
JAMES C. DUFFY
ANTHONY SMITH
THOMAS SWAN
JOHN Y. HENDERSON
JOHN J. CASCOIGNE
WILLIAM BYERS
JOHN H. TWEDDLE
THOMAS WEST
FRANK S. NESBITT
JOHN H. NESBITT

G. DAVISON
JENNIE DAVIDSON
W. ESSON
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J. PROCTOR
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WILLIAM J. CRAVE
CEDRIC E.A. DAVOURNE
JOSEPH LAYBOURNE
PHILIP L. CRANE
JOHN C. CLARKE
WILLIAM ATKINSON
GEORGE IRWIN
WILKIE BURDON
ROBERT S. McLEAN
ROBERT ANDERSON
WESLEY JOHNSTON
CHARLES W. REAY
JOHN J. McGRAY
JOSEPH LOWDON
JOSEPH WILSON
LANCELOT J. SWAN
JOSEPH HAFER
JOSEPH STEWART
JOHN E. DIXON
T. JOHN McDONNELL
JAMES T. HUNTER
THOMAS H. BAINES

T. ROBSON
R. ROBSON
J. REEVES
A. RENWICK
J. SANDERSON
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RICHARD ARMSTRONG
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JAMES TILLEY
MICHAEL GARDNER
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WILLIAM GILL
WILLIAM CHAPMAN
DAVID BLAKEY
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FRANK BOYD
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WILLIAM BELL
ROBERT CHAMBERS
JAMES KELLY
ERNEST T. WALKER
JOHN J. MARCH
FORSTER BURRELL
LIONEL BENNETT
JOHN YOUNG
WILLIAM YOUNG

UPON THE CRUCIFIED ONE LOOK
AND THOU SHALT READ AS IN A BOOK
WHAT ALL IS WORTH THY LEARNING
IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES
FOR GOD FOR KING AND FOR COUNTRY
IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918
AND IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR 1939-1945
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The Fallen – World War I

A and B

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 awarded the British War and Victory Medals. His widow was awarded a pension of 25/- 5d (£1.26) per week. 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

ARMSTRONG , Private Richard 1893 – 1916

Richard born in Winlaton was the son of Isabella Armstrong. In 1901 he was living at 61 North Street, Winlaton with his widowed mother, coal miner brother Robert age 14 and younger brother Edward age 5. By 1911 Richard, working as a miner was living in Chopwell with his brother Robert and his wife Kate, mother Isabella and younger brothers Edward and Thomas. Richard enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No; 2024. Posted to Belgium he was killed in action on 15 September 1916 age 23 years. He is buried at Railway Dugout Burial Ground, Ieper.
Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, Richard is remembered locally on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton. There is also a R. Armstrong named on the Chopwell War Memorial.

SL/082013 ARMSTRONG/WINLATON 002

ARMSTRONG , Private Samuel Joseph 1884 – 1916

Samuel was the son of Samuel and Isabella (Micheson) Armstrong, one of five surviving children. In 1911 he was living with his parents and sister Hannah at 26 Content Street, Winlaton. Samuel was working as a NER locomotive boiler washer while his father worked as a railway guard. Sam enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 1/6th Battalion service No: 3914. Posted to France he was killed in action on 3 September 1916 age 32 years and buried at Mill Road Cemetery, Thiepval.

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

SL/082013 ARMSTRONG/WINLATON 003

ATKINSON , Able Seaman George 1894 – 1915

George Atkinson was born on 19 July 1894 at Winlaton. He worked as a miner and lived with his grandparents Robert and Ann Atkinson and his widowed Aunt Margaret at 11 Rectory Lane, Winlaton.

George enlisted on 7 November 1914 served with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Hawke Battalion C/59 10 March 1915-28 August 1915, when he was wounded in action. Service No: Tyneside Z/991. He was invalided to the UK on 3 September 1915 and died of his wounds at 11.45am on 27 December 1915 age 21 years in RN Hospital, Haslar due to a bomb wound to the head penetrating the brain.

Awarded the Star, British War and Victory Medals ,George is buried at St. Paul's Churchyard Cemetery Extension, Winlaton grave ref: S.536.
He is also remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church,Winlaton.

SL/072013 ATKINSON/WINLATON 004

ATKINSON , Private Robert Gladstone 1884 – 1916

Robert Atkinson was the son of Isabella Atkinson (later Hudson) of 30 North Street, Winlaton. During his childhood he lived with his grandparents Richard, a blacksmith and Margaret Bagnall at 12 Cromwell Place Winlaton. On leaving school Robert worked as a blacksmith's striker. He married Mary Ann Wright on 3 August 1908 and they lived at Alma Cottage, Winlaton. Robert enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry 'C'Coy. 1/9th Battalion, service No; 3204. Posted to France he was killed in action on 15 September 1916 age 31 years and 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 War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

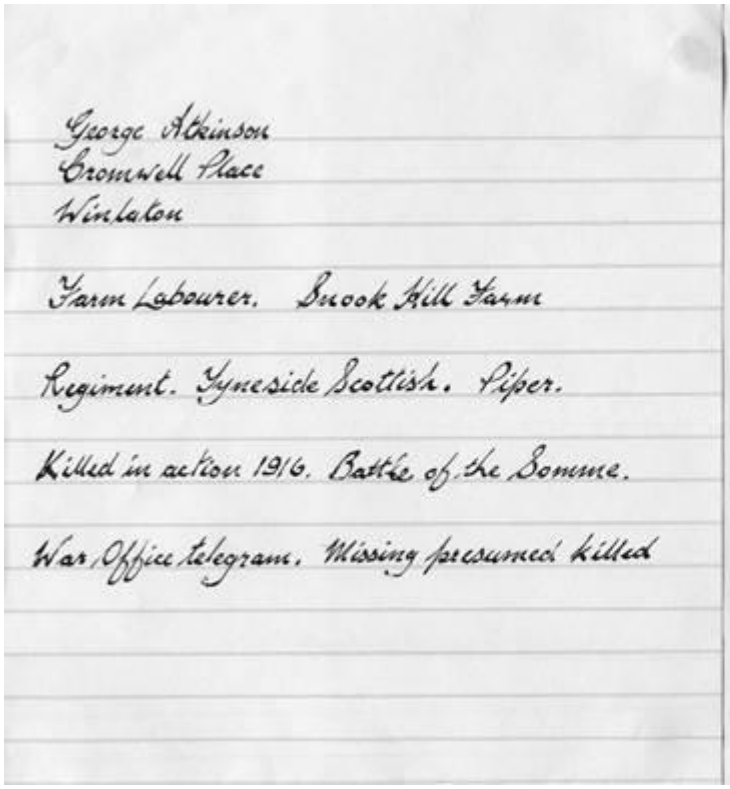
SL/082013 ATKINSON/WINLATON 005

ATKINSON , Private William 1893 – 1916

William, one of ten children was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Atkinson of 25 Back Lane, Winlaton Mill. He was an ironworker as was his father.
William attested on 3 September 1914 and served with the Durham Light Infantry 13th Battalion, service No: 21627. From surviving records we know he was 5'7" tall, weighed 120 lbs, 36" chest, blue eyes, light brown hair and had a scar on his left chest. Posted to France as part of a BEF on 25 August 1915 he was killed in action on 21 March 1916 age 23 years. He is buried at the Bully-Grenay Communal Cemetery French extension grave ref: A.51.
Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals locally William is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton and also on the plaque at Winlaton Mill Village Hall.

SL/082013 ATKINSON/WINLATON 006

ATKINSON , Pte. William George 1887-1917


George Atkinson
Cromwell Place
Winlaton

Farm Labourer. Brook Hill Farm

Regiment. Tyneside Scottish. Piper.

Killed in action 1916. Battle of the Somme.

War Office telegram. Missing presumed killed

William George Atkinson son of Robert & Madeline Atkinson served with the 21st Battalion Tyneside Scottish service No.22/652. He married Ann Robinson Dresser in 1906 and in the 1911 census he states he is married, although he is living with his parents and his wife is living at the Commercial Hotel Winlaton and working as a domestic servant. They had a daughter Elizabeth born in 1912 and possibly another child born earlier who did not survive. George was killed in action, missing presumed dead 10 October 1917. Awarded British War Medal & Victory Medal, Williams' name recorded on Winlaton War Memorial & Tynecot Memorial to the Missing, panel 19-23 & 162.

SL/012013 ATKINSON/WINLATON 007

BAINES , Private Thomas Henry 1896-1918

Thomas Henry Baines was a miner, banksman who lived at 13 Florence Street, Winlaton with his parents John and Mary Baines and eight other family members. His father was an engineman at the nut and bolt works in Winlaton. Thomas joined the Northumberland Fusliers, 22nd Battalion Tyneside Scottish service No. 204371. He was posted to France and was pronounced missing, presumed dead on 21 March 1918, aged 22 years. Thomas is remembered on the Arras Memorial, France - Bay 2 & 3Awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally Thomas is remembered on the Winlaton War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church,Winlaton.

SL/012013 BAINES/WINLATON 008

BARBER , Sapper David 1886 – 1915

David Barber was one of five children and the son of Duncan, a pig iron moulder at a foundry & Jane Barber. In 1901 they were living at 1 Victoria Street, Stella. In 1911 David was living with his brother and family at 4 Windsor Steet, Middlesborough. He was single and worked as a labourer at a steel works. He attested as a Private to the Durham Light Infantry service No: 13379 and was transferred as a Sapper to the Royal Engineers 174th Tunnelling Company service No: 86411. He was killed in action on 13 November 1915 and buried at Point 110 Old Military Cemetery, Fricourt, Somme, France. He was awarded the 14 Star,British War and Victory Medals and although I have not traced a marriage it appears that he was married sometime after 1911 as in 1918 his widow Lilian married William H Troughton and on 12 September 1919 as Mrs. L. Troughton applied for his 14 Star giving her address as 63 Mary Street, Blaydon. Locally David is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/022013 BARBER/WINLATON 009

BATSON , Private Albert John 1895-1917

Albert John Batson, born Stamfordham, Northumberland was a butchers apprentice , the only child of John, a stonemason & Annie Batson who lived at 6 Front Street, Winlaton. Albert Joined the Machine Gun Corp.s Infantry 49th Company service No, 89513 (Formerley S/4/58583 R.A.S.C.) He was killed in action on 16 August 1917 with no known grave.His name is remembered on the Tynecot memorial, Belgium, Panel 154-159 and 163A.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally Albert is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Pauls' Church, Winlaton.

SL/012013 BATSON/WINLATON 010

BELL , Private William 1880-1916

William, born in Newcastle upon Tyne was married to Esther Jane Bell and lived at 64 Back Street, Winlaton. He served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 'C' Coy. 11th Battalion service No: 6264. Posted to France, William was killed in action on 7 July 1916 and is buried at Gordon Dump Cemetery, Ovillers-le-Boiselle, grave ref: V.G.8. Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory medals, locally William is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/082013 BELL/WINLATON 011

BENNETT , Lance Corporal Lionel 1892 – 1917

Lionel Bennett, back row 2d left –

Back Row:Mildred,Lionel,Thomas Friend jnr.,Henry,Theodosia,Eliza Jane,Elizabeth Ann & Isabella.Front Row: Florence May,Sarah Jane, Thomas Friend snr.,Eveline,Hannah (nee Hurst), John & Butch the dog.

Lionel was a miner and the son of Thomas Friend Bennett, a cartman and Hannah (nee Hurst) and one of twelve children. In 1911 the family were living at 22 Hood Square, Winlaton.Lionel joined the Northumberland Fusiliers 20th Battalion Tyneside Scottish service No: 20/142 and was promoted to Lance Corporal. He was killed in action on 21 August 1917. On this day the British captured enemy positions west and north-west of Lens on front of 200 yards.Verdun front, French take Cote de l'Oie, Regneville (on left bank), Samogneux and fortified trenches connecting village with Hill 344. Lionel was buried at Hargicourt British Cemetery grave ref: I.A.18. Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally Lionel is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton

SL/032013 BENNETT/ WINLATON 012

BILCLOUGH , Driver Thomas d 1917

Thomas enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery 'D' Bty. 315th BDE. Service No: 110162.
He died of his wounds on 1 June 1917 and is buried at Reninghelst Military Cemetery, Belgium grave ref: II.C.21. Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally Thomas is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Pauls' Church, Winlaton.

SL/082013 BILCLOUGH/WINLATON 014

BILCLOUGH , Lance Corporal William 1895 – 1917

William, born in Winlaton was the son of Henry and Dorothy Bilclough. They lived at 6 Alice Street, Winlaton. William worked as a driver below ground while his father was a bench hand at the iron foundry. William served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 22d battalion Tyneside Scottish , service No: 22/922. He was killed in action on 5 June 1917 age 22 years and is named on the Arras Memorial, Bay 2 & 3

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

SL/082013 BILCLOUGH/WINLATON 015

BLAKEY, Sargeant David Harkness MM 1890-1916

David Harkness Blakey was born in Felling. He worked as a coal miner at the Stargate Colliery and lived at 70 Front Street Winlaton with his wife Sarah (Kendall) and his two young children Henry,Vivien and Isabella. He served with the Blaydon territorial army unit from 1909 until his enlistment with the Inniskilling Fusiliers 11th Battalion service No. 18634. He joined as a private but was later promoted to Sargeant. Killed in action, missing presumed dead on 1 July 1916 age 26 his name is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier & face 4D & 5B.

Then in 2014 amazingly David's remains were discovered by French road workers and David is to be re-buried with full military honours.

As well as the British War Medal and Victory Medal he was also awarded the Military Medal for Valour. Locally David is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

L12013 BLAKEY/WINLATON016

BOYD , Lance Sergeant Frank 1897 – 1917

Frank Boyd was the son of Christopher, a rolling mill worker, and Dorothy Boyd and one of eight surviving children. In 1911 the family were living at 7 Cowen Street, Winlaton and Frank was working as a coal miner (driver).
He attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 22nd Battalion Tyneside Scottish service No : 22/726. Posted to France he died of wounds received on 29 August 1917 aged 20 years. Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, his medal record card records his rank as Lance Corporal, although records state L/Sergeant. He is buried
at Tincourt New British Cemetery, Somme, France grave ref: I.G.13 and remembered locally on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/032013 BOYD/ WINLATON 017

BURDON , Private Charles 1886 – 1918

Charles Burdon was the son of William, occupation lamplighter, and Mary Burdon and one of nine surviving children. In 1911 the family were living at 40 Golden Hill, Winlaton and Charles was working as a miner. By the time of the war the family address is recorded as Oldwell Avenue, Winlaton. Charles attested on 1 September 1914 at Newcastle to the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion, service No 14817. He was in France on active service 20 July 1915 – 31 December 1916 and again 11 October 1917 – 30 march 1918. He was admitted to hospital on 7 December 1916 for an accidental knee injury , while on active service, caused when he was jacking railway sleepers. This was adjudged would not affect his efficiency as a soldier. He was in hospital again with further knee trouble on 15 March 1917, loose cartilege due to strain while on active service. We know from surviving records he was 5' 4 ¼ " tall, weighed 136 lbs with 36" chest. He had brown hair, grey eyes and a fair complexion.

Charles was killed in action on 30 March 1918 and buried at Gommecourt British Cemetery No.2, Hebuterne, Pas de Calais, France. Ref: Special Memorial B.5.

Awarded the 15 Star,British War and Victory Medals, locally Charles is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/ 032013 BURDON/ WINLATON 018

BURDON , Private Wilkie 1882-1918

Wilkie Burdon a Winlaton blacksmith was the son of John & the late Annie Burdon living at 14 Caledonia, Winlaton during the time of the 1911 census and later at Church St.,Winlaton. Wilkie joined the Northumberland Fusiliers 16th Battalion service No. 837. He was killed in action, missing presumed dead in France on 4 April 1918 age 36 years. He is named on the Suzanne Military Cemetary No. 3 extension, Grave ref: II.C.10. Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals locally Wilkie is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton

SLKA/012013 BURDON/WINLATON 019

BURRELL, Able Seaman Forster Slater 1896 - 1917

Forster, born in Winlaton was the son of Thomas Burrell of 11 Belts Buildings, Saltmarket, Winlaton. In 1911 he was working as a coal miner and living with his grandparents John and Olga Slater and five other family members at 34 Robinson Street,Blaydon.Forster enlisted on 15 October 1914 and served with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Nelson Bn. Service No: Tyneside Z/386.
Benbow Bn. B/192 22/2/15.Tf to Nelson Bn. 12/6/15.Tf to 2d Brigade MG Co. 29/5/16-9/11/16.Dermatitis invalided to UK 14/11/16.Draft for BEF 11/9/17.Joined Nelson Bn. 27/9/17-27/12/17.He was killed in action on 27 February 1917 age 21 years and buried at Villers-Plouich Communal Cemetery (Fr667), France grave ref: British A44.
Awarded the Star, British War and Victory Medals, Forster is remembered locally on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/072013 BURRELL/WINLATON 020

BYERS , Private William 1882 – 1916

William Byers was born at Dereham, Cumberland c 1882. He was the stepson of William and Mary Robinson of 21 John Street, Maryport, Cumberland with a stepbrother William and stepsisters Mary Ann & Elizabeth. By 1911 William was single, working as a miner and living as a boarder at 9 Fell View, Crawcrook. He had a brother John Byers who lived at 12 Mary Street, Blaydon Burn.
William enlisted at Newcastle to the Northumberland Fusiliers 12th Battalion service No: 10002. Posted to France he was in action in the battles of the Somme and killed in action on 26 June 1916. William was awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory medals.
He is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial , Pier & Face 10B,11B and 12B. Locally William is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton. His obituary was in the Blaydon Courier, Page 8 on 2 September 1916.

SL/022013 BYERS/WINLATON 021

C to F

CAMPBELL ,Acting Bombardier Thomas Allen 1884 – 1917

Thomas Allen Campbell was a house painter married Elizabeth Gardner in 1908. At the time of the 1911 census they were living at 23 Florence Street, Winlaton with their 2 year old son Thomas and Elizabeth's parents Richard, a chain maker, and Sarah Gardner. A later address is recorded as 2 California, Winlaton. Thomas served with the Royal Garrison Artillery 124th Seige Battalion service No: 161651 with the rank of gunner. By the time of his death he was Acting Bombardier. He was killed in action on 30 October 1917 age 33 years. On this day the British attack in bad weather at Ypres from Poelcapelle to Passchendaele; enter latter but are driven back to outskirts. Five German counter-attacks repulsed. Saarbrucken and Pirmasens bombed by British.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals , Thomas was buried at Talana Farm Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium grave ref: IV.I.15. Locally he is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/032013 CAMPBELL/WINLATON 022

CARTER , Private Robert 1892 – 1916

Robert, born at High Spen, Co. Durham, was the son of George and Phillis (Prudhoe) Carter and one of nine children. In 1911 the family were living at 53 Front Row, Barlow. Robert's occupation was described as off hand worker underground while his father was a coal miner hewer.Robert enlisted at Chopwell, Co. Durham and served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion, service No: 4218. He died whilst at home and is buried at St. Paul's Churchyard extension, St. Paul's Church, Winlaton, grave ref; S402.

Awarded the British War and Victory medals Robert is not named on the Winlaton War Memorial but he was named on the War Memorial Cross at St. Patrick's Church, High Spen and on a dedication stone at United Methodist Sunday School, Barlow with three others.

SL/082013 CARTER/ WINLATON XXX

CHAMBERS , Private Robert 1897 – 1917

Robert was the son of Joseph, a labourer at the iron works, and Margaret Chambers and one of four children. In 1911 Robert was still at school and the family lived at 12 Florence Street, Winlaton. Robert attested to the Durham Light Infantry 15th Battalion on 15 December 1915, service No: 205008. From surviving service records we know that he was 5' 6" tall and weighed 115 lbs. Posted abroad he disembarked at Boulogne on 19 March 1917 and died from wounds received in action on 4 October 1917 at 10th CAS Clearing Station. He is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery grave ref: XX.D.10A. His personal possessions listed at the time of his death and returned to his parents were: a disc, photos,2 religious books,wallet,match box case,folding scissors and a cap badge.

Awarded the British war and Victory medals, locally Robert is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church,Winlaton.

SL/022013 CHAMBERS/WINLATON 023

CHAPMAN , Private William 1888 – 1916

William was born at Halvergate, Norwich, Norfolk and by 1901 was living in Winlaton at 16 Derwent Place with his parents Benjamin and Ellen and six other siblings, all born in Norfolk. William's father was working as a miner. In 1911 William was working as a coal miner and living at 15 Northumberland Square, Winlaton with his wife Mary, son Wilfred age 10 months and two other family members. He attested at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Durham Light Infantry 13th Battalion, service No: 13328. Posted to France William died of wounds on 4 March 1916 age 28 years and is buried at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery grave ref: VIII.D.70. Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory medals, locally William is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's' Church, Winlaton.

SL/082013 GILL/WINLATON 024

CLARK(E) , Able Seaman John G. 1896 – 1918

John G.Clark(e) was born on 3 October 1896, one of four surviving children, his parents were Joseph, a metal dresser, and Annie (Towns) Clarke(e). In the 1911 census the family were living at 7 Tench Buildings, California, Winlaton and John was working as a miner.
Enlisted 3/1/15 to the Royal Naval Volunteer reserve service No: TZ/2685; Draft for MEF 28/6/15, joined Nelson Bn. 1st Platoon 17/7/15-25/7/15 Diarrhoea, rejoined Nelson Bn. 22/12/15-2/11/16 Pyrexia Unknown Origin, rejoined Nelson Bn. 2/12/16-22/2/18 joined 7th Entrenching Bn., cross-posted to Hawke Bn. 15/3/18-16/3/18 Gassed, rejoined Hawke Bn. 6/6/18-9/10/18 DD.
John was wounded in the knee and left ankle and died of those wounds at 12.35am at the 46th Casualty Clearing Station, Delsaux Farm,Beugny,France on the 9 October 1918, just six days after his 21st birthday. he is buried at Delsaux Farm Cemetery grave ref: I.B.16.
Awarded the Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally John is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/032013 CLARK(E)/ WINLATON 025

CONWAY , Private George Robert 1896 – 1917

George Robert Conway was born in North Shields but by 1911 he was living at 19 Rectory Lane, Winlaton with his sister, brother in law and family and working as a coal miner at the Blaydon Burn Colliery. He attested at Newcastle to the Northumberland Fusiliers Tyneside Scottish 21st Battalion, service no: 21/117. Posted to France he was killed in action on 15 June 1917 age 21 years. He his buried at the Canadian No 2 Cemetery, Neuville-St.,Vaast, Pas de Calais, France grave ref: 18.E.16.

George was awarded the British War and Victory Medals,
and locally is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Pauls' Church, Winlaton.

SL/022013 CONWAY/WINLATON 026

COWEN , Private John 1885 – 1917

John Cowen, a coal miner, was the son of George and Mary Cowen. In 1907 he married Mary Jane Chambers and by 1911 they were living at 66 Back Street, Winlaton with their young daughter Margaret Ellen and two other relatives. He enlisted at Blaydon to the Durham Light Infantry 5th Battalion service No : 8539 then 200864. Posted to France John died of wounds on 25 April 1917 age 32 years and was buried at Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheaux.
John was awarded the British War and Victory Medals and is remembered locally on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/022013 COWEN/WINLATON 027

CRAIG ,Private Andrew 1880 - 1915

Andrew Craig was the son of George Craig of 23 Bleach Green, Winlaton. By 1911 he was working as a coal miner and living with his wife of seven years, Elizabeth and their four young children : John, Elizabeth May, Andrew and George at 9 Jobling's Garth, Winlaton.

He attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 13th Battalion, service No; 6660. Posted to France he died on 26 September 1915 age 36 years. On that day stubborn British defence against counter-attacks round Loos; French progress in Champagne, taking 16,000 prisoners. British bag 2,600 prisoners, nine guns, etc.His name is recorded on the Loos Memorial, Panel 20 – 22. His widow by this time was living at 23 Ash Street, Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne. The tragedy for this family was compounded by the death of Andrew's brother Thomas a year later on 16 September 1916 (see Craig/Winlaton 029).

Awarded the 15 star, British War and Victory Medals ,locally Andrew is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/032013 CRAIG/ WINLATON 028

CRAIG , Private Thomas 1893 – 1916

Thomas Craig was the son of George, a colliery engineman, and Elizabeth (Devlin) Craig of 6 Bleach Green , Winlaton and one of nine children including Andrew. Thomas worked as a miner onsetting at the mine. He attested to the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No: (2966) 6014. Posted to France he was killed in action on 16 September 1916 age 23 years. On that day at Somme near Courcelette the British front advanced 1,000 yards; "Danube" trench taken, and Mouquet farm (Thiepval) captured.His name is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 14A & 15C. A huge tragedy for this family as brother Andrew had been killed almost exactly one year earlier on 26 September 1915 and also has no known grave. (See Craig/Winlaton 028).

Awarded the British War and Victory medals Locally Thomas is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/032013 CRAIG/ WINLATON 029

CRANE , Private Philip Edmund 1897 -1918

Philip Edmund Crane was a coal cleaner above ground in a local colliery. In 1911 he was living with his parents, Patrick & Margaret Crane and his siblings at 65 North Street, Winlaton. He attested to the Durham Light Infantry Service No: 40453 and was later transferred to the Kings Own
(Yorkshire Light Infantry) Service No: 36198. Posted to France he was killed in action on 18 September 1918 age 21 years. He is named on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, Panel 8.

Philip was awarded the British War and Victory Medals and
locally he is remembered on the Winlaton Cross War Memorial at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/022013 CRANE/WINLATON 030

DAWSON , Sergeant Willian 1891 – 1916

William Dawson was the son of Robert and Isabella Dawson, one of three children. In 1911 the family were living at 13 Westwood, Medomsley, where both William and his father worked as coal miners. The family later moved to Villa Real, Quarry Gardens, Blaydon. William enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Royal Field Artillery 'B' Bty. 53d Bde. Service No: 27527. Promoted to Sergeant William was killed in action at the Somme on 18 June 1916. He is buried at Cerisy-Gailly Military Cemetery, grave ref: II.F.6.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals locally William is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/072013 DAWSON/WINLATON 031

DIXON FAMILY TREE

George William Dixon 1861-1903 m Margaret Ray b1852

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John William Dixon	Joseph Dixon	James Dixon	Irving Dixon

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.
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

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.

SUSAN LYNN Dixon/Winlaton034 Dixon/Blaydon 079

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DIXON , Private James 1887 – 1916

Paul's Church, Winlaton.

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.

SUSAN LYNN Dixon/Winlaton032 Dixon/Blaydon 078

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.

SUSAN LYNN Dixon/Winlaton035 Dixon/Blaydon077

DIXON, Private John Elliott 1897 – 1918

John was born at Heworth the son of George and Elizabeth Dixon. In 1911 he was living with his parents and younger brother George at 24 Parliament Street, Winlaton. John's father worked as a miner stoneman while John was employed as a pit driver.
He enlisted at Blaydon and served first with the Durham Light Infantry service No: 205055 and was then transferred to the Machine Gun Corps.(Infantry) 17th Battalion, service No: 162362. He was killed in action on 4 November 1918 age 21 years and is buried at Ghissignies British Cemetery, grave ref: A.33.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, John is remembered locally on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton and he was also named on the silver plaque on the piano at the Primitive Methodist Church,Winlaton.

SL/082013 DIXON/WINLATON 033

DIXON , Private Robert Hewitson 1892 – 1915

Robert, one of five children was born in Gateshead the son of Thomas H. and Elizabeth (Fothergill) Dixon. In 1911 the family were living at 3 Oak Terrace, Winlaton where Robert was working as a clerk at an iron manufactury, while his father worked as a NE railway guard.
Robert attested at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 9th Battalion 'B' Coy. Service No: 12328.He was killed in action on 4 October 1915 age 23 years. He is buried at Larch Wood 'Railway Cutting' Cemetery, Ypres, grave ref: III.E.1.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, Robert is remembered locally on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton and on the St. Cuthbert's Mens Club Roll of Honour, Blaydon.
sl082013 DIXON/WINLATON 036

DOBSON, William G.

Named on the Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.
We regret we have no other information available on this soldier

SL/032014 DOBSON/WINLATON 037

DUFFY , Private James 1894 – 1915

James Godrick Duffy, born at Croxdale, Durham was the son of James and Catherine Duffy, born 24 August 1894 and one of five surviving children. In 1911 the family were living at 8 Mary Street, Blaydon Burn. James was working as a driver below ground while his father worked as a coal miner.James attested at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion, service No: 2629. Posted to Belgium he was killed in action on 12 May 1915 age 20 years and his name is recorded on the Menin Gate at Ypres, Panel 36 & 38.
Awarded the 15 star, British War and Victory medals, locally James is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton and the League of the Cross Roll of Honour at St. Joseph's R.C. Church,Blaydon.
SL/082013 DUFFY/WINLATON 039

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 and named on the Thiepval Memorial, France; Pier and Face 14A & 15C.
Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory medals, John is remembered locally on Blaydon War Memorial & on Winlaton War Memorial Cross.
SL/012013 EDGAR /BLAYDON 087 EDGAR/WINLATON 040

ESKDALE , Private Norman 1896 – 1915

In 1911 Norman was working as a butcher and living with his parents Robert, a self-employed hairdresser, and Margaret Eskdale at 36 Victoria Terrace, Tynemouth. Younger brother Robert Stanley was still at school. The family later moved to 39 Front Street, Winlaton. Norman signed up to the Northumberland Fusiliers 13th Battalion service No 5861. Posted to France he was killed in action on 27 September 1915 and he is named on the Loos Memorial, Panel 20-22. Awarded the 14/14 Star, British War & Victory Medals.
Locally Norman is remembered on the Winlaton War Memorial Cross,
the Tynemouth Memorial Piller in Tynemouth Village and the Tynemouth Roll of Honour.Tragically Norman's brother Stanley was killed in 1917.See Eskdale/Winlaton 042 SL/022013 ESKDALE/WINLATON 041

ESKDALE , Lance Corporal Robert Stanley 1898 – 1917

In 1911 Stanley was still at school and living with his parents Robert, a self employed hairdresser, and Margaret Eskdale at 36Victoria Terrace, Tynemouth. Older brother Norman was working as a butcher. The family later moved to 39 Front Street , Winlaton.
Stanley signed up to the South Staffordshire regiment 2/5 th Battalion service No 202690. Posted to France he was killed in action on 25 June 1917 and he is Buried at Metz-en-Couture Communal Cemetery British Extension grave ref: II.A.16.Awarded the British War & Victory MedalsLocally Robert is remembered on the Winlaton War Memorial Cross,
The Tynemouth Village Memorial Pillar, the Tynemouth Roll of Honour and
the Tynemouth Village Roll of Honour.Tragically his brother Norman was killed on 27 September 1915. See Eskdale/Winlaton 041.

SL/022013 ESKDALE/WINLATON 042

FLINN , Private John William 1892-1918

John William (known as Jack)Flinn lived with his father William Flinn and sister Sarah Ann at 3 California, Winlaton. He worked for Priestman's Colliery as an engine cleaner and joined the Durham Light Infantry service No. 2574 on 15 September 1914. He was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps. Service No 70416 on 5 September 1916. We know from surviving service records that he was 5' 5" tall with good eyesight. He was killed in action on 28 March 1918 and commemorated on the Pozieres
Memorial, Somme, France ref: Panel 90 to 93.

Awarded 14/15 Star, British War & Victory Medals, locally John is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church,Winlaton.

SL/012013 FLINN/WINLATON 043

FLINN , Private Thomas Robson 1894-1920

Thomas, one of four children, was born at Winlaton the son of Michael and Elizabeth (Robson) Flinn. In 1911 the family were living at 2 Hood Square Winlaton and Thomas worked as a miner minding landing while his father was a colliery shifter underground. They spelled their name 'Flynn' on the census form.Thomas served with the Northumberland Fusiliers service No: 78941.He survived the cessation of hostilities but died at home on 13 November 1920 age 26 years.

Thomas was awarded the British War and Victory medals and is buried at St. Paul's Churchyard Extension, Winlaton grave ref: S506. He is not named on the Winlaton War Memorial.

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GARDNER , Private Michael 1879 – 1916

Michael Gardner, one of nine children, was the son of James and Mary Gardner. He married Mary Emma McDermott in 1903 and together they had six children. They lived at 5 Northumberland Sq., Golden Hill, Winlaton and Michael worked as a miner hewer. Michael attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 27th Battalion Tyneside Irish, service No: 27/260. Posted to France he was killed in action on 3 September 1916 age 36 years. He is named on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Pier and Face 10B, 11B and 12B.

Awarded the British War and Victory medals,
locally Michael is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at
St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/072013 GARDNER/WINLATON 044

GASCOIGNE , Corporal John James 1894 – 1917

John James Gascoigne was a cartman and the son of John, a bricklayer at the brickworks, and Margareta Gascoigne, one of 7 children. In 1911 the family were living at 53 James Street, Blaydon although by the time that John died they were living at 55 North Street, Winlaton. John attested to the Durham Light Infantry 2nd Battalion service No: 22296 on 27 November 1914.

He was posted to France where he served 28 June 1915 – 14 November 1915 and again from 10 February 1916 until 22 April 1917. We know from surviving service records that he was 5' 7" tall with a fair complexion, light brown hair, hazel eyes and weighed 135 lbs. He was promoted to Corporal on 4 April 1917 and killed in action on 22 April 1917 age 24 years. After death his personal possessions, returned to his family were recorded as: letters, photos, religious book, bomber badge (cloth), 4 buttons and a small purse. He is buried at Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, Pas de Calais, France grave ref: II.0.7

He was awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals
and locally remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church.

SL/022013 GASCOIGNE/WINLATON 045

GAUL , Lance Corporal William J. 1888 -1918

William James Gaul was born in Dunston the son of James & Elizabeth Gaul. His father worked as a fireman at the gas yard and in 1891 they were living at Teams Cottages, Dunston Road. William married in 1910 and in 1911 he was living with his wife Emma age 20 at 23 Twizell Avenue, Blaydon. They were living as boarders at the home of coal miner Alfred Wilson, his wife, four children and another boarder, altogether nine people living in four rooms. William was working as a sulphate amonia assistant at the chemical works.
He enlisted to the Northumberland Fusilers 14th Battalion service No: 6305. Posted abroad he died in Germany in 1918 age 30 years and he is buried at Hamburg Cemetery grave ref: III.B.9.

Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory Medals
Locally William is remembered on the Winlaton Cross War Memorial

SL/022013 GAUL/WINLATON 046

GILHESPY , Private John Robson 1881-1918

John Robson Gilhespy was a house painter. He married Elizabeth in 1905 and at the time of the 1911 census they were living at 120 John Street, Blaydon with their two young children Phyllis and John. His familylater moved to 6 Edith Avenue, Blaydon. John joined the Durham Light Infantry 37302 and was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps service No. 67382. He died of wounds age 38 on 21 October 1918 and is buried
at Delsaux Farm Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.John was awarded the British War and Victory medals and locally is remembered on the Winlaton War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/012013 GILHESPY/WINLATON 047

GILL , Private William 1877-1916

William Gill was born at Stargate near Blaydon in 1877. By 1911 he was married to Margaret, working as a coal miner and living at 57 North Street, Winlaton with Margaret and his two sons John and Robert.
He attested at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 11th Battalion, service No: 17458. Posted to france he was killed in action on 1 July 1916 age 39 years and is buried at Mill Road Cemetery, Thiepval grave ref: XIX.G.3. Battles : Battles of the Somme, Battle of Albert 1-13 July 1916.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory medals,
locally William is remembered on the Winlaton War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/082013 GILL/WINLATON 048

GRAHAM , Private Daniel 1885 – 1916

Daniel Graham was the son of John & Mary Graham and was born at Emma vill, Ryton. In 1901 he was living with his parents and siblings at 35 Delaval Road, Benwell. He had married Sarah Smith on 28 March 1910 and by 1911 he was working as a coal miner and living with his wife and stepdaughter at 29 Newburn Bridge End, Newburn. They went on to have two more children Mary and John. He enlisted at Gateshead to the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion, service No: 2317.
Posted to Belgium he was killed in action on 1 March 1916 when his home residence was listed as Winlaton. He is named on the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing, panel 36 & 38.

Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory Medals
Locally, Daniel is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Pauls' Church, Winlaton.

HAILES, Private Matthew 1886 – 1915

Matthew Hailes was a coal miner and the son of Margaret Norvil of 26 Hood Street, Swalwell. In 1911 he was living at 4 Corner Houses, Winlaton with his wife Mary and their three young children John, Robert and Jane.
He enlisted at Blaydon and attested to the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No: 2590. He was killed in action on 4 July 1915 age 29 years and buried at Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery, Heuvelland,West Vlaanderen, Blegium grave ref: L.79.

Awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medals,
locally Matthew is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.
SL/022013 HAILES/WINLATON 050

HENDERSON , Private John Young 1883-1916

2nd Tyneside Scottish 'Harder Than Hammers' 102nd Brigade 21st Service Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.
Service No 21/433.Killed in Action 1St July 1916 – Battle of the Somme La Boisselle France

John was born at 34 Back George Street in Newcastle in 1883, son to John & Janet (Nee Young) Henderson. Siblings: Elizabeth (Lizzie),Henderson.Thomas William Henderson.Isabella Henderson.Janet Lindors Henderson.Kate (Kitty) Henderson. The 1901 census shows the Family living at 6 Robinson Street at Blaydon, where John was working at the Brick Works in Blaydon, Later family documents around 1920 show that the family were living at Manor House, North Street Winlaton and 3 Lichfield Street in Winlaton, the latter address is most likely the address at the time of enlistment as this was his parents' home, we have been unable to establish if John was married or had children at the time he was killed.
John is recorded as place of residence Winlaton when he was listed as missing in action on the 1st day of the battle of the Somme at La Boisselle near the Lochnagar mine crater France, John along with many comrades from Winlaton, Blaydon, Crawcrook, Ryton and Tyneside went over the top with the first wave of the 21st Battalion at 7.28 am zero Hour with after witnessing the Detonation of massive the Lochnagar & Y Sap Mines under the enemy lines. John along 72,336 other casualties from the battle of the Somme, are listed as having no know grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial in France Memorial Pier and Face 10B, 11B and 12B and is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton. John was awarded the British War and Victory Medals

SL/022013 HENDERSON/WINLATON 051

HERRON , Private Thomas 1894 – 1915

Thomas Herron was the son of the late George and Mary Herron of 10 Cromwell place, Winlaton. He worked as a miner at Priestman's Colliery, Blaydon Burn. He attested to the Durham Light Infantry 9th Battalion service No: 1209. Records confirm he was 5'7" and weighed 10stones 10lb.
He spent 8 days in hospital 22/30 December 1914 with a septic foot. Posted to Belgium he died of wounds on 11 May 1915 age 21 years and is named on the Menin Gate Memorial, Panel36 & 38
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. The Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial now bears the names of more than 54,000 officers and men whose graves are not known.

Thomas was awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory medals which were signed for by his mother Mary Herron of 12 Zion Place, Winlaton and locally remembered on the Winlaton War Memorial Cross

SL/022013 HERRON/WINLATON 052

HIGGINS , Lance Corporal Henry 1894 – 1919

Henry Higgins was a miner born at Mary Pit, Blaydon and at the time of the 1911 census lived with his parents Michael and Margaret Higgins and his brothers John and Roger Patrick at 22 Back Street, Winlaton. He joined the Durham Light Infantry service No. 9/2578 and was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal. Awarded 14/15 Star, British War and Victory medals. He died after the war on 18 August 1919 aged 25. He is buried at St. Paul's Cemetery, Winlaton – extension near entrance from West Lane ref: N.443. He is not named on the Winlaton War Memorial, cause of death not known.

Henry is not named on the Winlaton War Memorial, cause of death not known.

See also notes on Henry's brother John Higgins – ref HIGGINS/WINLATON 053

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HIGGINS , Private John 1889-1917

John Higgins was the son of Michael and Margaret Higgins from the Mary Pit, Blaydon Burn. The family were living at 22 Back Street, Winlaton in 1911. He had two brothers Henry and Roger Patrick. By 1913 he was married to Grace Ann Johnson with a baby son Roger Patrick and living at 8 Zion Terrace, Winlaton. He worked as a miner and joined the Durham Light Infantry service No. 13348 on 5 September 1914 but was discharged after 54 days on 28 October 1914 with the comment that his character was good but that he was not likely to become an efficient soldier. We also know that he was 5' 9" tall with brown hair,blue eyes and a heart and dagger tattoo on his right forearm.
However, he re joined the army and was attested to the Durham Light Infantry 1/6th Battalion service No. 204181. Killed in action on 19 July 1917 he was buried
at Wancourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France near Arras. Grave ref I.A.30.
Awarded British War & Victory medals, LOCALLY
John is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.
See also notes on John's brother Henry Higgins who died in 1919 and is buried at Winlaton
SL/012013 HIGGINS/WINLATON053

HOWELL , Private Thomas 1885 - 1916

Thomas Howell was born at Charlestown, Staffordshire but came to the north east to work as a coal miner hewer. In 1911 he was living at 5 Quarry Houses, Blaydon with his wife Florence Hannah and their three young children Harriett, William Taylor and Alice. He attested to the Durham Light Infantry 13th Battalion service No: 13326. Posted to France he was killed in action on 11 October 1918 age 33 years and buried
at Roisel Communal Cemetery extension grave ref: I.A.10 by which time his home address was 5 Widdrington Road, Blaydon.
Thomas was awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals
Locally he is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.
SL/022013 HOWELL/WINLATON 054

HUDSON , Petty Officer Alma 1894-1916

Alma Hudson was the son of a quarryman Shadrack Hudson and Isabella Hudson. In 1911 he was working as a colliery labourer and the family lived at 28 North Street, Winlaton along with his six siblings. He enlisted in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve on 9 January 1915 service No: TZ/2886. Attached to
the Port of Tyneside and HMS Drake Battalion Royal Naval Division. He died as the result of enemy action on 13 November 1916 of wounds in 2/1st South Midland Casualty Clearing Station Special Hospital Warloy. His grave is
at Warloy Baillon Communal Cemetery extension, Somme, France ref: 11.D.4
Alma Hudson was deployed to France with the Royal Naval Division Drake Battalion.
The Battle of the Ancre 13–18 November,was the final large British attack of the Battle of the Somme in 1916, before the winter weather forced a pause in British attacks until the new year. Awarded the Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally Alma is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church,Winlaton

SL/012013 HUDSON/WINLATON 055

HUNTER , Private George 1886 – 1917

George Hunter was born on 16 January 1886 at Prudhoe. By 1911 he was working as a coal miner hewer at Emma Colliery and living at 47 Rectory Lane, Winlaton and later at 18 Back Street, Winlaton. He was married to Elizabeth Jane and they had three young children Francis, Christopher and Gladys. He attested the Durham Light Infantry territorial Force at Blaydon on 14 September 1914 to 1/9th Battalion service No's: 2591 & 32592. Posted to France he was engaged in the Battle of Arras 1917 and the 1st Battle of the Scarpe. He died of wounds on 25 April 1917 and is buried at Warlincourt Halte British Cemetery, Saulty grave ref: IX.E.1

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory medals George is remembered locally on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church Winlaton and also on Ryton War Memorial, Ryton and Emma Colliery Memorial, Crawcrook.

SL/022013 HUNTER/WINLATON 056

HUNTER , Able Seaman James Thomas 1895 – 1915

James and his sister Meggie

James Hunter was born on 17 March 1895 at Medomsley, Co. Durham one of six surviving children. His parents were John George, a coal miner and Phoebe (Snowdon) Hunter. In 1911 the family were living at Medomsley where James is recorded as a blacksmth's apprentice. They later moved to 1 Store Street, Winlaton and then 19 Park Terrace, Winlaton. James enlisted on 4 November 1914 and served with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Hawke Battalion R.N. Division, service No: Tyneside Z/915, giving his peacetime occupation as miner. From surviving records we know he was 5'8" tall with black hair and grey eyes.

James was reported as wounded during the Battle of Dardanelles, then posted missing presumed killed in action on 20 June 1915 age 20 years. He is named on the Helles Memorial Panel 8 to 15.

Awarded the Star, British War and Victory medals, locally James is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church Winlaton.He was also named on a silver plaque on the piano at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Winlaton.

SL/072013 HUNTER/WINLATON 057

IRWIN , Private George 1887 – 1918

George Irwin was born at Ryton. In 1911 he was working as a miner and living with his parents George and Sarah and his young wife Elizabeth and other family members at Dyke Heads, Greenside. George and Elizabeth later moved to 2 Caledonia Street, Winlaton. George attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers 23d Battalion, 4th Tyneside Scottish service No: 21/264. He enlisted at Newcastle and posted to France and saw action at the Battles of the Somme 1918 and St. Quentin 21-23 March 1918, where he was killed in action on 21 March 1918. His name is recorded on the Arras Memorial, Bay 2&3.
George's brother William Irwin also of the Northumberland Fusiliers ¼th Battalion Territorial Force Service No:1041 was killed in action on 15 September 1916 and is named on the Thiepval Memorial.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals locally George is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton and on Ryton War Memorial.

SL/022013 IRWIN/WINLATON 058

JOBLING , Captain Ernest 1893 – 1918

Ernest Jobling was the son of Thomas and Mary A. Jobling of 69 Theresa Street, Blaydon. His father Thomas was an accountant for the Gas Co. while Ernest was a clerk with a shipping company. He had three other siblings. He married Winifred Isobel Davey from Sunderland during the 1st quarter of 1918 and their address is given as 36 Bexley Street, Sunderland.
He became a Captain in the 6th Battalion Army Cyclist Corps. Posted to France and was Mentioned in Dispatches this notice appeared in the London Gazette 22 June 1918:
" For conspicuous gallantry & devotion to duty. During a discharge of gas projectors when 3 batteries of projectors were rendered useless owing to breakages in the connections, he himself, under a very heavy fire, repaired the damaged wires single handed and succeeded in firing the batteries.He has consistently shown a high example of courage and initiative to his men".
"Mentioned in Despatches" is not an award of a medal, but a commendation of an act of gallantry.
Ernest was killed in action on 23 October 1918 age 25 years and was buried at Romeries Communal Cemetery Extension, France Nord grave ref: IV.B.2.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals he would also have been entitled to wear the MID Oakleaf. Locally he is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton, the Blaydon War Memorial and the plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church Blaydon.

SL/032013 JOBLING/BLAYDON 142 JOBLING/ WINLATON 059

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.

SL/122013 JOHNSON/WINLATON 060 JOHNSON/BLAYDON 145

JOHNSTON , Private Wesley 1898 – 1918

Wesley Johnston was the son of Richard and Mary Johnston of 18 Lime Street, Winlaton. Wesley's father was a joiner working for the N.E. Railway he had one older brother Percy. In the 1911 census Wesley was still at school but after school he became a fitter. He attested to the Northumberland Fusiliers, service No: 1002 on 28 November 1914. However he was transferred back to Armstrong Whitworth on 22 January 1915 as being supernumery to his Company. He was recalled on 12 June 1918, posted to France he was transferred to the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment No 2 Section,16 Platoon, D Company service No. 35438.

We know from surviving service records that he was 5' 4 1/2 " tall with a 33" chest. He died of wounds received on 22 September 1918. Records confirm that on that day at 5.10pm he and a Pte. Cough were boiling water to make tea using strips of wood with a canteen suspended from the side of the trench by a bayonet. The witness (Capt. Coulson) said he heard an explosion and rushing out from his shelter he found Pte. Clough lying at the bottom of the trench and Pte. Johnston was running towards the aid post, wounded. Capt. Coulson ran out to help and fetched a stretcher bearer. Going back to the trench he ascertained Pte. Clough was dead. Neither of the men were in possession of bombs and the nearest bomb was eight yards away. Testimony of Capt. Coulson & 3 others. Pieces of shrapnel found in the hole caused by the explosion was from a German cylindrical stick bomb buried in the trench. Wesley suffered multiple wounds to the left leg, left thigh, right knee, left arm and right arm and hand and severe haemorrhage. The death was recorded as accidental.

Wesley's personal possessions returned to his family were: letters, a religious book, cigarette case, wrist watch with ribbon guard, purse and a penknife. Wesley was buried at Wancourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France grave ref: VIII.F.18

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals Wesley is remembered locally on the Winlaton Cross at St. Pauls' Church, Winlaton.

SL/032013 JOHNSTON/WINLATON 061

KELLY , Private James 1892 – 1917

James, one of eight surviving children was the son of James and Sarah Ann (Burns) Kelly. He was born at Croxdale, Co. Durham but by 1911 was living with his family at 15 Mary Street, Blaydon Burn. He was working as a putter below ground while is father worked as a coal hewer. Later the family lived at 8 Alice Street, Winlaton. James attested at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry 13th Battalion, service No: 43712. posted to Belgium he died on 7 July 1917 and he is named on the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing at Ypres, Addenda Panel 59.
Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally James is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton and the League of the Cross Roll of Honour at St. Joseph
's RC Church, Blaydon.

1. James was the eldest child, his siblings being born between 1893 and 1909. His youngest sister, Monica, died in 1912, leaving, 8 surviving children.
2. The family were living in Tudhoe on the 1901 census.
3. James enlisted at Blaydon on 23 September 1914 with the 9th Battalion DLI, service nr 2849. He was sent overseas, to Belgium, on 20 April 1915. Following a minor bullet wound in September 1916 he spent 4 months in England before being posted to the 13th Battalion on 19 January 1917, service no. 43712.
4. The 13th Battalion took over the trenches near Klein Zillebeke, just South of Ypres, on 6 July 1917, where they were under heavy attack from German raids. I presume this is how he was killed on 7 July. This was the same day that 2/Lt Frederick Youens of the 13th Battalion was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallantry.

SL/082013 KELLY/WINLATON 062

LAMONBY , Private Joseph 1889 – 1916

Joseph was born at Bedlington, Northumberland. In 1912 he married Mary C. Brooks and they lived at 3 Florence Street, Winlaton. Joseph enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion, service No: 1847. He died of wounds on 21 April 1916 and is buried in the Cemetery extension at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals he is remembered also on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church.

SL/072013 LAMONBY/WINLATON 063

LAYBOURNE , Private George Edward Armstrong 1898-1918

George was the son of John and Eleanor (Ellen) Laybourne of 64 High Square, Winlaton Mill. Born at Winlaton Mill in 1911 he was still at school and living with his uncle James Massey and Aunt Margaret Armstrong at Winlaton Mill. George served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/5th Battalion, service No: 204303. Posted to Belgium he was killed in action no 12 April 1918 age 20 years and is named on the Ploegsteert Memorial , Panel 8 & 9.

Awarded the British War and Victory medals Locally George is remembered on the plaque at Winlaton Mill Village Hall and on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church,Winlaton.

SL/072013 LAYBOURNE/WINLATON 064

LAYBOURNE , Private Joseph 1889 – 1918

Joseph Laybourne was born at Winlaton Mill, one of five children and the son of William and Eleanor (Kendall) Laybourne. The family lived at 70 Winlaton Mill where Joseph worked as a bricklayer's labourer and his father was a mill furnaceman.Joseph attested at Newcastle upon Tyne on 27 February 1917 to the Training Reserve Battalion service No's :42565 & 52560. Based at home until 8 June 1917 he was posted to France and landed at Boulogne on 9 June 1917. He was transferred to the Kings Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, service No: 28043 on 24 June 1917. From surviving records we know he was 5'7" tall with 35" chest.He was killed in action, posted missing presumed dead on 10 April 1918 age 29 years and he is named on the Loos Memorial, Panel 19 & 20. His sister Mary wrote to the war office on 8 August 1921 enquiring about his medals which had not been received and a reply on 13 August 1921 said they would be forwarded in due course.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, Joseph is remembered locally on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton and on the Memorial Plaque at Winlaton Mill Village Hall.

SL/082013 LAYBOURNE/WINLATON 065

LOWDON , Private Joseph 1891-1918

Joseph Lowdon was born in Blaydon in 1911 he was living with parents John & Elizabeth Lowdon and four other siblings at 33 Robinson Street, Blaydon. He worked as a farm labourer. He joined the military and was assigned to the East Yorkshire Regiment service No: 56925 then Alexandra, Princess of Wales Own Yorkshire Regiment, 9th Battalion service No: 35924. He was killed in action in France on 27 October 1918 and buried at Cross Roads Cemetery, Fontaine au Bois, France (Nord).

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals Joseph is remembered locally at Winlaton War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/012013 LOWDON/WINLATON 066

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McGRAY, Rifleman. John James 1885-1918

John James McGray was born at Winlaton in 1885, the son of Henry and Hannah McGray. He was living with his parents at 13 Bleach Green, Winlaton in 1901 and following the same job as his father of coal miner. He married Margaret Ann Hudson early in 1911 and by the 1911 census they are living at 45 North Street, Winlaton. John enlisted at Blaydon in to the Durham Light Infantry, Service No. 2602 in 1915 he was posted abroad and later transferred to the 5th. City of London Btn.,London Rifle Brigade, Service No 315355, promoted to Corporal he reverted back to the rank of private at his own request. He was killed in action at Mons on 4 November 1918 and buried at Agreau Communal Cemetery, Honnell Arrondissemont, Mons, Hainant, Belgium. Plot I.B.I. memorial ID 12963973.

Awarded the 15star, British War & Victory Medals.

Locally John is remembered on the Winlaton War Memorial

SL/082013 McGray/WINLATON 067

McDONNELL , 2nd Lieutenant Thomas John 1888 – 1917

John was born in Gateshead the son of Thomas J. and Elizabeth McDonnell and one of four children. His father worked as a railway clerk. In 1891 he was living with his parents and siblings at 5 Chandos Street, Gateshead. By 1901 his father had died and he was living at 11 California, Winlaton with his mother; who was working as a school teacher; his aunt Mary Rodger; a school mistress; and his siblings. In 1911 John working as a bank clerk for Lloyds Bank, Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne was living at 6 Holborn Terrace , Ryton with his sister Lillian, a school teacher.
John married Margaret Isabella during the 3d quarter of 1917.
He served with the Northumberland Fusiliers and was attached to 1/2 Battalion, 26th Tyneside Irish 3d Battalion, service No; 6/2309. Posted to France he was killed in action on 1 November 1917 and is named on the Arras Memorial, bay 2 & 3.
John was awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory medals and by the time the medals were issued Mrs. McDonnell had moved to 2 Choppington Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.

John is remembered locally:
War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton
Ryton War Memorial
Roll of Honour for all Bank Staff killed during WWI

SL/082013 McDONNELL/WINLATON 068

McLEAN , Private Robert Stevenson 1898 – 1918

Robert was born at Windy Nook, Felling, Co. Durham and in 1901 was living age two years as a visitor in the home of Thomas Harrison age 50, his wife Dorothy, son Walton and daughter Philis at 63 Primrose Cottage, Pelaw Main. In 1911 he was living at 21 Mary Street, Blaydon Burn with his grandfather Nicholas McLean age 60 a coal mine repairer of the way, grandmother Jane, James age 23, Agnes age 19; who was a lady clerk at the engineering works at Elswick; and Ivy age 8 also described as a grandaughter. Robert became a pupil at Blaydon Secondary School.Robert enlisted at Blaydon to a Training Reserve Battalion service No: 86750 and posted to Belgium was transferred to the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 9th Battalion, service No: 37208. He was killed in action on 20 April 1918 age 19 years. His name is recorded on the Tynecot Memorial to the Missing, Panel 108 – 111. Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, Robert is remembered locally: War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church Winlaton.Blaydon Secondary School Plaque, now at St. Paul's Church,Winlaton .Blaydonian Magazine Easter Edition 1920 Newcastle Daily Journal 6 April 1920 & Blaydon Courier 22 April 1922

SL/082013 McLEAN/WINLATON 069

McPHERSON , Private John 1887 -1915

John born at Winlaton was the son of William and Ellen (Forbes) McPherson, one of ten surviving children. In 1911 he was living with his family at 16 Jobling's Garth, Winlaton and working as a coal miner stoneman while his father worked as a labourer at the alkali and manure works. In 1901 John had been an apprentice nut & bolt maker. John served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 8th Battalion, service No: 4424 and was killed in action in Turkey on 10 August 1915 age 28 years. He is named on the Helles Memorial, Panel 33-35. Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory medals, John is remembered locally on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/082013 McPHERSON/WINLATON 070

McPHERSON , Able Seaman John 1892 – 1916

John was born on 10 November 1892 at Winlaton the son of John and Isabella McPherson and one of three surviving children. In 1911 the family lived at 1 North Street, Winlaton. John worked as a clerk at the alkali works while his father was a clerk for a merchant.

John enlisted with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Howe Battalion service No: Tyneside Z/2446. He is recorded as having died from disease on 9 October 1916 age 24 years. Awarded the Star, British War and Victory Medals he is buried at St. Paul's Cemetery Churchyard Extension, Winlaton grave ref: S73 and also remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church,Winlaton.

SL/072013 McPHERSON/WINLATON 071

MARCH , Private John Joseph 1894 – 1917

John Joseph March was the son of William and Maria (Morton) March one of seven surviving children the family lived at 10 Zion Place, Winlaton and John worked as a pony driver underground.

He attested to the Durham Light Infantry, service No: 40437 but was later transferred to the Manchester regiment service No: 516657. He was killed in action on 27 October 1917 age 22 years.On that day French progress on Aisne front, occupy Froidmont Farm, fail to cross Canal.French and Belgians advance astride Ypres-Dixmude road.U.S.A. troops in action. John has no known grave and his name is recorded on the Tynecot Memorial, Panel 120-124,162-162A & 163A.

Awarded the British war and Victory Medals locally he John is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/ 032013 MARCH/ WINLATON 072

MILLER , Pte. Robson 1896 – 1918

Robson Miller the son of the late James & Elizabeth Miller lived with his brother in law and other family members at 14 Rectory Lane, Winlaton. A coal miner hewer he joined the Northumberland Fusiliers Territorial Battalion 1/5th Division, service No. 61573 and was posted to France. He died of his wounds on 21 June 1918 and is buried at Sezanne Communal Cemetery, France, Marne. Grave ref: C.25.

Awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally Robson is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/012013 MILLER/WINLATON 073

MORGAN , Lance Corporal William 1893 – 1917

William Morgan was the son of Henry, a plumber at a coal mine, and Isabel Morgan and one of seven surviving children. In 1911 the family were living at Blaydon Burn and later their address was given at 17 Francis Street, Blaydon Burn. William who had been born at Consett worked as a colliery labourer. William served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 11th Battalion, service No: 18936. Posted to France he was killed in action on 16 August 1917 aged 25 years. On that day Allies attack on mine-mile front north of Ypres-Menin road, crossing Steenbeek River, and capturing all objectives. British carry Langemarck, and establish positions 0.5 mile beyond; on high ground north of Menin Road Germans press back British from ground won earlier in the day. French advance on Craonne ridge.Willaim is buried at the New Irish farm Cemetery grave ref: XVII.B.13.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals locally William is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/032013 MORGAN/ WINLATON 074

NESBITT , Lance Corporal Frank Smith 1892 – 1917

Francis (Frank) was the son of James and Mary Nesbitt. One of six children and born in Gateshead. By 1911 the family were living at 27 Twizell Avenue, Blaydon later at 16 Lime Street, Winlaton. Frank was a colliery worker while his father was a forestry worker.
Frank served with the Northumberland Fusiliers Commercial Battalion 16th service No: 16/1321. Posted abroad he was killed in action, missing presumed dead on 12 July 1917 age 25 years. He is named on the Nieuport Memorial in Belgium.

Frank was awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals and is remembered locally on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church Winlaton and the Weslyan Methodist Memorial Plaque at St. Paul's Church.

Sadly, Frank's brother John H. Nesbitt also died in the conflict:
see Nesbitt/Winlaton 076.

SLKA/072013 NESBITT/WINLATON 075

NESBITT , Private John Harold 1895 -1918

John, born in Gateshead, was the son of James and Mary Nesbitt and one of six children. In 1911 the family were living at 27 Twizell Avenue, Blaydon and later at 16 Lime Street, Winlaton. John worked as a pony driver underground, his father was a forestry worker and brother Frank was a collier.
John enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 22nd Battalion Tyneside Scottish, service No: 20884. Posted to Belgium he died of wounds on 8 April 1918,age 23 years. He is buried at Tournai Communal Cemetery Allied extension, grave ref: V.M.19.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally John is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton and the Weslyan Methodist plaque (as J.T.Nesbitt) also at St. Paul's Church.

Sadly John's brother Frank Nesbitt was also killed in the conflict.
See: Nesbitt/Winlaton 075

SL/072013 NESBITT/WINLATON 076

PARKIN , Pte. Launcelet 1888-1916

Launcelot Parkin, coal miner was the son of William & Jane Anne Parkin. In 1911 he was living at 76 James Street, Blaydon with his wife Lily and baby daughter Margaret who was born in 1910. He joined the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion Service No. 2570 and was posted to France. He died of wounds on 27 March 1916 and is buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France – Part V, UK Graves Manns to Semple. Grave ref: VI.E.19.

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

SL /012013 PARKIN/WINLATON 077

PATTISON , Gunner Thomas 1896 – 1918

Thomas, one of five children, was the son of John (a blacksmith) and Isabella Pattison and in 1911 Thomas was an apprentice and the family lived at 3 Twizell Avenue. They later moved to Ashcroft, California, Winlaton.

Thomas enlisted at Newcastle and served with the Royal Horse Arillery and Royal Field Artillery 'A' Bty. 94th Bde. Territorial Force Service No; 751184. Posted to France he died of wounds received on 29 March 1918 age 22 years. On that day there was no serious fighting north of Somme. Between Somme and Avre Germans continue to advance, taking Hamel, Mezieres and Demuin.French hold line west of Mezieres-La Neuville-Sire Bernard-outskirts of Montdidier.Continued French counter-attacks on southern flank.Germans claim 70,000 prisoners and 1,100 guns since opening of offensive.General Foch appointed to co-ordinate action of Allied Armies.Long-range gun causes 160 casualties in Parish church.

Thomas is buried at St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen grave ref: P.VII.L.10B.

Locally Thomas is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton. He was also mentioned in the Blaydon Courier on 22 April 1922 and the Newcastle Daily Journal on 6 April 1920. An article in the Easter edition of the Blaydon Secondary School Journal printed an article commemorating Thomas and the other former pupils of the school who had died during the conflict. Unable to trace medal records.

SL/ 032013 PATTISON/ WINLATON 078

PURDY , Corporal James 1889 – 1916

James was the son of James (a coal miner) and Margaret Ann (Elliott) Purdy.

He was one of five children Martha, James, Mary A., John T. and William. In 1901 they lived in Whickham. James snr. however died in 1910 and by 1911 the family were living at 12 Front Street, Winlaton. James was working as a coal miner wasteman while his two younger brothers were still at school.

James served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No: 2851 and was promoted to Corporal. Posted to France he was killed in action on 16 September 1916, age 27 years. On that day at the Somme near Courcelette the British front advanced 1,000 yards; "Danube" trench taken, and Mouquet farm (Thiepval) captured., James is named on the Thiepval Memorial, France Pier and Face 14A & 15c – as is his brother William. The tragedy of this family that his younger brother William was killed in action only two weeks later. See Purdy/Winlaton 080.

Their only surviving brother John married in 1924 and died in 1986.

Awarded the 15 star, British War and Victory Medals , locally James is remembered on the War Mermorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/ 032013 PURDY/WINLATON 079

PURDY , Private William 1898 – 1916

William was the son of James (a coal miner) and Margaret Ann (Elliott) Purdy.He was one of five children Martha, James, Mary A., John T. and William. In 1901 they lived in Whickham. James snr. however died in 1910 and by 1911 the family were living at 12 Front Street, Winlaton. William was still at school, while older brother James was working as a coal miner wasteman.William served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No: 5188, then transferred within the DLI to 1/6th Battalion service No: 6088. Posted to France he was killed in action on 1 October 1916, age 19 years. On that day the British attack on line Eaucourt-Le Sars (on Albert-Bapaume road); all objectives taken on front of 3,000 yards, Eaucourt occupied. William is named on the Thiepval Memorial, France Pier and Face 14A & 15c – as is James.

The tragedy of this family that his older brother James was killed in action only two weeks earlier also at the Somme. See Purdy/Winlaton 079.

Their only surviving brother John married in 1924 and died in 1986.
Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally William is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church,Winlaton.
SL/ 032013 PURDY/WINLATON 080

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.oseph 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 and he is named on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and face 14A and 15C. 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. 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.

Awarded the British war and Victory Medlas 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

REAY , Private Charles Walter 1897 – 1918

Charles, born in Blaydon was the son of William and Annie Errington Reay of Chapel House, Litchfield Lane, Winlaton. He had one sister Evelyn and in 1911 Charles was still a scholar while his father worked as a machineman in the engineering trade. After school he worked as a clerk with a shipping company. A later address is 15 California,Winlaton.Charles enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne to a training reserve battalion. He went on to serve with the Lincolnshire Regiment, No: 44642, West Yorkshire Regiment No: 50526 and the Border Regiment 7th Westmoreland and Cumberland Yeomanry Battalion No:30575. From records we know he was 5'5" tall, 33" chest and weighed 110lbs. Posted to France he was killed in action on 4 November 1918 age 21 years. His remaining possessions were listed as an unopened letter, photos, 4 religious books, a diary, a mirror and one bag. He was buried at Englefontaine British Cemetery, France grave ref: A5.Had he survived Charles intended training as a Methodist Minister after the war. Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally Charles is remembered on the Winlaton War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church,Winlaton and as C.Walter Reay on a plaque which was at the Weslyan Methodist Church,Litchfield Lane,Winlaton.

SL/072013 REAY/WINLATON 082

REA , Private Robert Adam 1887 – 1915

Robert, one of four children was the son of James Walter and Mary Ellen Rea. Both Robert and his father gave their occupation as colonial meat salesmen in 1911 they were living at 36 Front Street, Winlaton having previously lived at 12 Parliament Street, Winlaton.Robert, born at Prudhoe, served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 8th Battalion service No: 4423. He was killed in action at Suvla bay, Gallipoli on 10 August 1915 age 28years. He is named on the Helles Memorial, panel 33 – 35.Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, Robert is remembered locally on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton,

SL/082013 REA/WINLATON 083

RENFORTH ,Private John George 1892 – 1917

John , one of six children was born at Dipton, Co. Durham his parents William and Margaret Ann Renforth. In 1911 he was living with his parents, all his siblings having left home, at 51 Back Street, Winlaton and working as a coal miner for Priestman's Collieries , as was his father.John enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No's: 1392 and 325056. Home based from 5 August 1914 to 30 July 1915 he was posted to France with a British Expeditionary Force on 20 April 1915. Wounded twice; on 18 June 1916 and again 5 October 1916 he was killed in action on 30 July 1917 posted missing presumed dead. His effects are listed as: cigarette case,testament,photos,cards and a letter. Joh is named on the Arras Memorial, France ref: Bay 8. Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals John is remembered locally on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church,Winlaton.

Sadly John's brother Robert also died. See:Renforth/Winlaton 085

SL/082013 RENFORTH/WINLATON 084

RENFORTH , Private Robert 1890 – 1915

Robert was the son of William and Margaret Ann Renforth and one of six children. His father worked as a coal miner. In 1901 he was living with his parents and siblings at Jobling's Garth, Winlaton.Robert enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No: 2583.Posted to France Robert died of wounds on 5 October 1915 age 25 years. He is buried at Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery,Armentieres.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally Robert is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

Sadly Robert's brother John also died in the conflict.
See Renforth/Winlaton 084.

SL/082013 RENFORTH/WINLATON 085

RENWICK , Private Stephen Watson 1899 – 1917

Stephen Watson Renwick, born at Winlaton was the son of Stephen Watson Renwick senior and Annie Helena Egerton (who had died in 1902). He was one of five children, the family lived at 8 Waterloo Street, Winlaton and his father worked as a blacksmith. In 1911 young Stephen was still at school.

He served with the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 90th Training Reserve Battalion service No: 5/8/1905. He died on 11 March 1917 aged 18 years and is buried at St. Paul's Church Cemetery extension, grave ref: N686.

He is also named on the Winlaton Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton and on the Winlaton Weslyan Methodist Church Memorial.

SL/ 032013 RENWICK/ WINLATON 086

RICHARDSON , Private Norman Henry 1889 – 1919

Henry was born at Houghton-le-Spring the son of Charles and Mary Richardson. Henry's father was a joiner and carpenter but by 1911 Henry was living with his employer T.J.Wannop at 40 Front Street, Winlaton and working as an assistant butcher. He served with the Labour Corps. 412th Agricultural Company service No: 507036 but died on 7 January age 30 years. Henry is buried at St. Paul's Cemetery extension, Winlaton grave ref N868 and is also remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/072013 RICHARDSON/WINLATON 087

RICHARDSON , Thomas b 1881

Thomas Richardson was born at Hendon, Co. Durham. In 1911 he was working as a coal miner and living at 22 Corner Houses, Winlaton with his wife Isabella and four young children.

There is not enough information available to trace Thomas' military record, however he is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/072013 RICHARDSON/WINLATON 088

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SCOTT , Private Zachariah 1889 – 1918

Zachariah Scott was the son of Zachariah; a coal miner and also Sexton and a bell ringer at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton and Isabella Scott of 7 Lime Street, Winlaton. Zachariah was baptised at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton on 4 September 1889 and by 1911 was working as an engine cleaner on the railway. He married May Annie Hopper in 1914 and the couple had two children Lillian born 11 August 1915 and Norman born 6 July 1917. He attested to the Durham Light Infantry 1/6th Battalion service No:73317 on 9 December 1915 by which time the family's home address was No 7, then No 14 California, Winlaton. Mobilised on 25 August 1917 he was posted to France on 16 August 1917.

On 5 April 1918 he was wounded in action; on this day Germans again attack from Somme to beyond Bucquoy.British take 200 prisoners in counter-attack near Hebuterne.French attack north of Montdidier and near Noyon.End of Second Battle of the Somme.

Zachariah suffered gunshot wounds to the upper arm, shoulder and left thigh and transferred to the Scottish National Red Cross General, Bellahouston ,Cardonald, Glasgow. It was here that sadly he died following amputation, haemorrhage and shock at 6.30am on 14 April 1918 , at the age of 29years.His wife May was awarded a pension of 25/- (£1 .05p) for herself and their two children. Zachariah was buried in the churchyard extension St. Paul's Church, Winlaton grave ref: S.579.Although his service records have survived several pages are illegible. The Army did enquire of May after the funeral 'Whether the grave was marked by a cross?' to which she replied "grave not marked with anything" and ' Whether the funeral was carried out by Military Authorities' to which she replied " I was at the expense of all funeral fees at this end. A firing party was in attendance"

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, locally he is also remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/032013 SCOTT/WINLATON 089

SIDDLE, Private Thomas Henry 1894-1915

Thomas Henry Siddle, one of seven children, was the son of John George (a blacksmith) and Elizabeth (Battensby) Siddle. Thomas had been born at Chester – le-Street. Co Durham and by 1911 the family were living at 13 California Villas, Winlaton and Thomas worked as a labourer.He served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 10th Battalion, service No: 6846. Posted to France he died of wounds received in action on 15 October 1915 aged 21 years and he is buried at Sailly-sur-la-Lys Canadian Cemetery near Armentieres, France. Grave ref: I.E.109.

Awarded the 14/15 Star, British War and Victory Medals His father applied for his medals on the 23 February 1920 and locally Thomas is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at St. Pauls' Church, Winlaton.

SL/ 032013 SIDDLE/ WINLATON 090

SMALL , Stoker 2d Class Martin 1898-1918

Martin Small was born at Winlaton one of five surviving children, his parents were Thomas, a coal miner hewer and Mary Ann (Atkinson) Small. In 1911 the family were living at 3 Zion's Place, Winlaton and Martin was a pupil
at Winlaton Church School. He served with the Royal Navy service No: K.51318 on HMS Glatton. Martin was killed by an internal explosion on the ship in Dover Harbour on 16 September 1918 age 20 years. He was named on the memorial register and was buried
at Gillingham Woodlands Cemetery, Kent.Naval 15 ref: 814-6

Winlaton Church School Football Team 1911-1912
Front row holding ball is MARTIN SMALL
believed killed in action Royal Navy 1914-18 War

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

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SMITH , Able Seaman Anthony 1894 – 1916

Anthony, born in Winlaton on 10 October 1894 and one of eleven surviving children was the son of James and Sarah Isabella Smith. In 1911 he was working as a pit pony driver while his father also worked as a coal miner. Later addresses are recorded at 8 Dene Terrace, Winlaton and 'Wingrove', Quarry Gardens, Blaydon Burn. Anthony served with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Anson Battalion R.N. Division service No: Tyneside Z/3390 recording his peacetime occupation as miner. He enlisted on 16 January 1915 and was drafted for MEF on 28 June 1915 joining the 1st platoon Anson Battalion from 18 July 1915 to 13 November 1916. He was posted as missing and later reported as killed in action on 13 November 1916 age 22 years. He was buried at Ancre British Cemetery Beaumont Hamel grave ref: I.F.16.The majority of those buried in the cemetery died on 1 July, 3 September or 13 November 1916. Awarded the Star, British War and Victory Medals, Anthony is also remembered locally on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/072013 SMITH/WINLATON 092

SPIRES , Private James 1888 – 1917

James Spires was a coal miner hewer and in 1911 was living with his wife Sarah Jane and their two young daughters Sarah Jane age 3 and Eddyreanor age 1 ,in one room at 24 Back Street, Winlaton.
James served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 1/5th Battalion Territorial Force service No: 242208. Posted to France James died of wounds on 25 May 1917 and was buried at Sunken Road Cemetery, Boisleux- St. Marc, Pas de Calais, France. Grave ref: I.C.9.

I have been unable to trace a medal record card for James under service No: 242208. The only James Spires I have been able to trace in the Northumberland Fusiliers is with service No: 6/3252. He could well have been transferred within the regiment and if this is him then he was awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals.After the war James' widow Sarah was living at 63 Back Street, Winlaton.

Locally, James is remembered on the Winlaton Cross at
St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/ 032013 SPIRES / WINLATON 093

SPIRES , Private William Willis 1892 – 1915

William was born at Newcastle upon Tyne the son of Mrs. Mary F. Knotts of 12A Church Street, Winlaton.
William enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 8th Battalion, service No; 4597. Posted abroad he died on 19 August 1915 age 23 years. He is named on the Helles Memorial to the Missing, Panel 33 – 35.Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, William is remembered locally on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/082013 SPIRES/WINLATON 094

STEWART , Private Joseph d 1916

Joseph enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry 1/9th Battalion service No: 2998. He was killed in action on 2 October 1916 and is named on the Thiepval memorial, Pier and Face 14A & 15C.

Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, locally Joseph is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/082013 STEWART/WINLATON 095

Able Seaman Thomas SWAN 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)

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.

SL/032013 SWAN/BLAYDON SWAN/WINLATON 097

SWAN, Private Lancelot Jobling 1893-1919

Lancelot Swan was born in Winlaton and in 1911 lived with 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.

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TAYLOR , Private William Telford M.M. 1893 – 1916

William, born at Stargate was the son of Robert and Hannah Taylor. In 1911 the family were living at 9 Blaydon Burn where both William and his father worked as coal miners. William enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 10th Battalion, service No; 24464. Posted to France he was killed in action on 30 September 1916 age 24 years. He is named on the Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier and Face 10B,11B and 12B.

Awarded the Military Medal, 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals William is remembered locally on the ROH at St. John's Church, Greenside and on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church,Winlaton.
His obituary appeared in the Blaydon Courier page 8 on 21 October 1916.
Robert and Hannah Taylor never recovered from the death of their son.
Hannah died 4 December 1918 and Robert died only ten months later on 5 October 1919.

William with friends in 1912.

TELFORD , Private Robert 1898 – 1917

Robert was the son of Thomas and Margaret Telford born in Shieldfield, Newcastle upon Tyne and one of five surviving children. His father Thomas, a labourer had been born in Winlaton as were his sisters Barbara and Isobel, while mother Margaret and brother Edward were born in Newcastle and sister Agnes at Byker. In 1911 the family were living at 25 Lime Street, Newcastle and later addresses were 42 Hood Square, Winlaton and 34 Golden Hill, Winlaton.
Robert previously working as a leading lad at the pit and enlisted at Blaydon on 23 May 1916. He was posted to BEF and arrived at Etaples on 28 August 1917 and posted 9th Battalion York Regiment then transferred to 8th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment service No: 29186 on 1 September 1917. We know from surviving records he was 5'3" tall, weighed 110lbs with 33" chest. He was wounded and posted missing presumed dead on 26 September 1917 age 19 years
Robert is named on the Tynecot Memorial to the Missing, Panel 47-48 and 163A.
Awarded the British War and Victory Medals , Robert is remembered locally on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

SL/072013 TELFORD/WINLATON 099

TENNICK , Pte. George 1880-1916

George Tennick was born in Sunderland the son of agricultural labourer George & Margaret Tennick. By 1911 he was working as a mason's labourer and living at 12 Cromwell Place, Winlaton with his wife Margaret and their three children George,Joseph & Margaret. He joined the Durham Light Infantry service No. 3202 and wad later transferred to the Border regiment service No. 4161. He was killed in action on 16 September 1916 and is remembered at Delville Wood Cemetary, Longueval,Somme,France grave ref: XIX.K.4
Awarded the British War and Victory medals, locally George is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

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TILLEY , Private James 1891 – 1916

James was the son of John and Elizabeth Tilley, one of 8 surviving children. In 1911 the family were living at 28 Florence Street, Winlaton and both James and his father worked as coal miners. Born in Winlaton, James enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 10th Battalion service No: 19789. Posted abroad James died of wounds on 9 July 1916 and was buried at Helly Station Cemtetery, Mericourt-L'Abbe .
Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, James is remembered locally on the Winlaton War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

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TILLEY , Private Joseph William 1887 – 1917

Joseph was the son of Joseph and Mary Tilley. Born in Winlaton in 1891 the family were living at 44 Back Street, Winlaton. By 1901 they had moved to 31 Long Row East, Chopwell. Both Joseph and his father worked as coal miners.
Joseph enlisted at Cramlington and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 22d Tyneside Scottish Battalion service No:20/1167. Posted to France James died from wounds on 31 December 1917 and is buried at Bucquoy Rod. Cemetery, Ficheux. Grave ref: II.G.15.

Awarded the British War and Victory Medals, James is remembered locally on the war memorial cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.
SL/072013 TILLEY/WINLATON 102

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 on 26 August 1918 and 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

WALKER , Gunner Ernest Thompson 1895 – 1916

Ernest, born in Gateshead was the son of John Edward and Hannah Walker of 14 Lime Street, Winlaton. Ernest's father worked as a railway engine driver. Ernest was a pupil at Blaydon Secondary School and later worked as a clerk in the India Office, Military Department, Whitehall, London.
He served with the Royal Field Artillery 237th Bde. Service No: 2626, posted to France he was killed in action on 21 May 1916 age 21 years.Ernest was buried at Ecoivres Military Cemetery at Mont. St. Eloi, grave reference II.C.1
Awarded the 15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, Ernest is remembered locally: War Memorial Cross, Winlaton Weslyan Memorial Plaque and the Blaydon Secondary School Plaque all at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.
Blaydon Courier, Illustrated Chronicle and Newcastle Weekly Chronicle on 22 April 1922 and the Easter Edition of The Blaydonian School Magazine 1922.
SL/082013 WALKER/WINLATON 104

WEST , Private Thomas 1896 – 1918 MM

Thomas was born at Victoria Garesfield Colliery. In 1911 he was living with his grandmother Sarah West and four other members of his extended family at 7 May Street, Winlaton. He was working as a coal miner.
Thomas enlisted at Blaydon and served with the Durham Light Infantry service No: 2884 and Border Regiment service Nos: 4164 & 241737.and died of wounds on 19 September 1918 age 22 years. He is buried at Thilloy Road Cemetery, Beaulencourt, France grave ref: A6
Thomas was awarded the Military Medal, British War and Victory Medals and locally he is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church, Winlaton.

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WILSON, Joseph
Named on:
Blaydon War Memorial
Plaque at St. Cuthbert's Church,Blaydon
Winlaton War memorial
We regret we have no other information available

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WILSON , William

Named on:
Blaydon War Memorial
Winlaton War memorial
We regret we have no other information available

SL/122013 WILSON/BLAYDON 301 WILSON/WINLATON 107

YOUNG, John
Named on:
Winlaton War memorial
We regret we have no other information available

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YOUNG , Private William 1887 – 1915

William was the son of John and Agnes Young and in 1901 he was living at 18 Corner Houses, Winlaton with his parents, sister Agnes and younger brother John. By 1911 his father had died and he lived with his widowed mother and John at 11 Clara Street, Winlaton.
William worked as a coal miner, married Blanche and they lived at 3 Scotland Head, Winlaton. He enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne and served with the Northumberland Fusiliers 13th Battalion, service No: 7398. He was killed in action no 26 September 1915 age 28 years and his name is recorded on the Loos Memorial, Panel 20 – 22.
Awarded the 15 star, British War and Victory medals, locally William is remembered on the War Memorial Cross at St. Paul's Church,Winlaton.

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Winlaton War Memorial WWII

Those of Winlaton who died home and abroad

Their name liveth for evermore1939-1945

J.R.ALLINSON	F.G.BELL	H.BLAKEY
T.BROWN	R.BRENNAN	J.M.BURN
P.BILCLOUGH	G.BURRELL	M.BURRELL
G.W.BROOME	B.CORR	A.CHARLTON
E.C.CHARLTON V.C.	G.DAVISON	JENNIE DAVIDSON
J.DONNELLY	W.ESSON	J.GRADY
J.GOUNDRY	E.HARDY	R.W.HODGSON
J.HOPPER	F.HUGHES	W.T.HUGHES
R.JOHNSON	J.R.JOHNSON	J.R.JEAVONS
N.JOWETT	G.KENDAL	T.LEWIS
W.MORGAN	J.MORTON	J.E.MAUGHAN
J.W.PATTERSON	J.PROCTOR	T.ROBSON
R.ROBSON	J.REEVES	A.RENWICK
J.SANDERSON	F.SHARP	N.SLATER
A.V.SMITH	W.J.SINTON	H.T.THORNTON
J.J.WARD	J.WALKER	G.WATSON
T.WILSON		

"When you go home, tell them of us and say,

For your tomorrow we gave our today"

Burrell, George Charlton

BURRELL, Pte. George Charlton
Durham Light Infantry service no: 4448938
Died 3 October 1945 age 39
Son of George and Mary Ann Burrell of Winlaton
Buried at St. Paul's Churchyard Cemetery extension,
Winlaton
Section C south , grave 11
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O for the touch of a vanished hand
and the sound of a voice that is still

CARR, Henry and William

CARR, Henry
Joiner 3d class Royal Navy HMS Pembroke service no: C/MX76416
Died 5 January 1946 age 28 years
Son of Henry & Mary Carr of Blaydon
buried at St. Paul's Cemetery extension
Section C
south, grave 59

CARR William
Engine room artificer 4th class Royal Navy
HMS Hecla, service no: D/MX70509
Died 12 November age 32
Plymouth Naval memorial panel 63, column 3
son of Henry & Mary Carr of Blaydon
husband of Lavinia Carr of Ryton

In loving memory of Our dear sons CPO
William Carr RNKilled in action at seaNovember 1942 aged 35 years
also PO Henry Carr RNWho died on active service
5th Jan 1946 aged 28 years also Henry Carr
Father of the above died 12 Oct. 1950
Aged 75 years

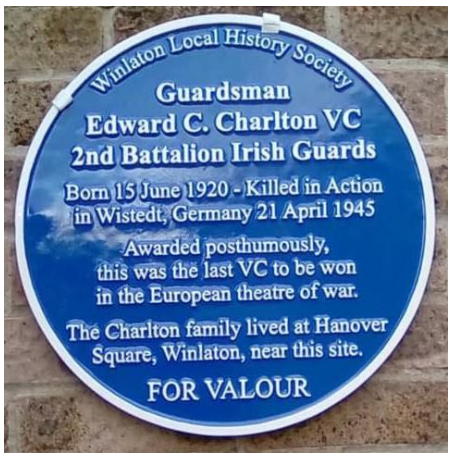
CHARLTON, Edward Colquhoun VC

Edward Colquhoun Charlton VC (15 June 1920 - 21 April 1945) was an English recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest and most prestigious award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces.

The Charlton family lived in Winlaton and in 1911 Eddie's father and grandparents are recorded living at 18 Hanover Square, Winlaton. Albert Charlton, Eddie's dad, was an apprentice butcher at Winlaton Coop when he married Edith Colquhoun who was an apprentice milliner there. In WWI, Albert was with the Army Services Corp and was sent to German East Africa, now Tanzania, where he sourced, bought and slaughtered cattle to feed the army. On his return to Winlaton his second son Edward, brother to John, was born albeit this was actually at his grandmother's house,11 Cowan Terrace Rowlands Gill, because his mother had chosen to stay at her mother's house for the birth.
Albert qualified as a health inspector and the family moved to Manchester where their youngest son Alwyn would be born. However, the
Charlton family would retain their links with Winlaton as they would return to visit family who still lived there. The last time Edward's parents and younger brother (his older brother John was serving with the RAF) saw Eddie alive was when they were in Winlaton visiting family and Eddie, who was then stationed at Catterick Camp, came north to meet up with them all before his regiment was shipped out to France.

Charlton was a guardsman in the 2nd Battalion, Irish Guards, Guards Armoured Division, British Army during the Second World War. On 21 April 1945 Guardsman Charlton was a co-driver of one tank of a troop that was supporting an infantry platoon. They occupied the village of Wistedt, Germany which the German army then attempted to re-take. The numerically superior German forces consisted largely of officer cadets under the command of experienced instructor officers, supported by two or three self-propelled guns. Three of the four Irish Guards tanks were badly hit, while Charlton's had been disabled by a complete electrical failure before the attack began. Charlton had been ordered to dismount the turret 0.30 Browning machine gun and support the infantry.

The Irish Guards were in danger of being overrun by the Germans. Charlton, on his own authority, took the machine gun and advanced in full view of the attacking Germans, firing the weapon from his hip as he did so and inflicting heavy German casualties. The lead German company was halted and this allowed the rest of the Guards a respite in which to re-organise and retire. He continued his bold attack, even
when he was wounded in his left arm. Charlton placed the machine-gun on a fence where he launched a further attack before his left arm was hit again by further enemy fire becoming shattered and useless. Charlton, now with just one usable arm, carried on his attack until a further wound and loss of blood resulted in the Guardsman collapsing. His courageous and selfless disregard for his own safety allowed the rest of the Irish Guards troop and infantry to escape. He later died of the wounds.



He was awarded the posthumous VC,it was the last Victoria Cross of the European theatre, and the last, so far, awarded to a member of the Irish Guards. Unusually much of the citation was based on German accounts of the fight as most of his later actions were not witnessed by any of the Guards officers or surviving non-commissioned officers.

There is a memorial plaque to Edward at Stretford Town Hall in Manchester and at the National Aboretum in Staffordshire.

Hewitt, George Robert

HEWITT, Pte. George Robert
Kings Own Scottish Borderers
6th battalion, service No. 3191368
Die 18 November 1940 age 21
Buried St.Paul's Churchyard Cemetery extension
Section E south, grave 59
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In loving memory of George,
beloved husband of Edith Hewitt
Died 3 February 1941 age 56 years
Also Pte. Geo.R. Hewitt , son of the above
Killed in action 18 November 1940 age 21 years

King, Daniel O'Connell

KING, Bdr. Daniel O'Connell
Lt. AA Regt. Royal Artillery
Service No:1742572 133
Died 15 February 1946 age 36 years
Husband of Norah King of Winlaton
Buried at St. Paul's churchyard cemetery extension,Winlaton
Section C South, grave 47

Peacock, William Spenseley

PEACOCK, Sergeant William Spenseley
wireless operator and air gunner
Royal Air Force
Service No: 1087499 Royal Naval Voluntary Reserve
died 31 December 1942 age 22 years

son of Spenseley & Ellen Peacock of Winlaton Mill.
Greater love hath no man
Then he who giveth his life for others

buried at Winlaton, St. Paul's churchyard cemetery extension
Section E South, Grave 61

Sinton, William James 1921-1945

Billy was born in Carlisle the son of Ernest John and Lily (nee Crawford) Sinton. They came to live at 17 Lime Street, Winlaton. In 1943 Billy married Eva March and they lived at 34 Sycamore Road, Blaydon.
Billy initially served with the Royal Artillery. Eva said " he got bored in the Artillery in Aberdour underneath the Forth Bridge and when they asked for volunteers for the Scots Guards Billy was away (to Pubright). He rose to Lance Sergeant in under two years. He was a great chap – a lovely lad". Billy was involved in the D Day landings from the third day and very sadly killed at the very end of the war on 16 July 1945, age 24, clearing mines in Cologne.

Billy. Service No 11001564 is buried at Cologne Southern Cemetery, Plot7,Row F, Grave
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Information on the various grave and memorial sites is available from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website - www.cwcg.org

Information about medals can be found at www.greatwar.co.uk/medals/ww1.

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Posted by Sarah E Newell-Solomon on 03/08/2020

John William Flinn Born April 1892 in Winlaton, Durham. Parents William O Flinn and Ann Flinn Nee Brown Enlisted in Blaydon dec 1914 Reg Number 70416 Machine Gun Corps, Was employed By Priestmans Colliery Ltd, resided 3, California ? K I A Flanders 28th March 1918 aged 25yrs Never to be forgotten R I P

Posted by Richard Heron on 15/03/2019 **Email**

Anyone remember John Johnson , hawesdale crescent or nrthstreet , Johnson s North street

Posted by Ray Spoors on 17/12/2018 **Email**

Thank you to all who have contributed to this site, it's really important that these brave men are never forgotten.RE Sue Pilbeam, are you aware that your great-grandfather William Gill served in the same regiment and was sadly killed on the same day, 1st July 1916, as David Harkness Blakey who is also listed here? If anyone has any info regarding any of these men having played rugby for Winlaton Vulcans would you please contact me rayspoors@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you

Posted by Joanne Hughes on 05/08/2017

My Great Uncle was Wilkie Burdon who died in France in 1918. Thank you for all you are doing it is good to know that these brave men are not forgotten.

Posted by sue pilbeam on 12/05/2015
thanks for all the hard work in this site my great grand father named william gilll came from the winlaton area and died at the age of 39 in the first world war he left behind a wife and 2 children one of which was only 9 years old iam research the family and if any one has any information on them i would be most intrested many thanks sue

Posted by Alison Starkey on 12/11/2014
Thank you to the Blaydon Memorial Project. My grandfather eas only 9 years old when his older brother William Osborne died in WW1 so my mother knew no details of her Uncle Bill. Within minutes we have learned about my Great Uncle's fate and that he sadly died in April 1918. It has been useful to find information about the Uncle my mother and her siblings never got to meet.

Posted by Janet Todman on 19/10/2014 **Email**
Thank you to everyone who created and contributed to this website. It is much appreciated. My great grandfather lived in Blaydon and died in the Battle of Lys in 1918. His family remained in Blaydon. His supreme sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Posted by Dennis Shaw on 19/08/2014
Great work many thanks

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