

Burials and Memorials of those who died in World War One and World War Two in All Saints Churchyard



We hope this booklet gives you an insight into some of the men who are buried or remembered in the churchyard of All Saints Church, Halifax, having died in World War 1 and 2.

It is very much a work in progress, and so if you come across any additional information about the men in this booklet or others found in the churchyard, please do let us know and we will seek to include it in future prints.

The booklet starts with those lost in WWI in alphabetical order by surname and then those from WW2.

We hope this little glimpse into their lives helps us to remember them as people, rather than just names, and reflect on the sacrifice they made.

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

Norman Bennett. He lived in the Westgate Hotel in Halifax and had been educated at Crossley and Porter School. Norman had a career as a book keeper and married Lucy Ethel. He served as a Clerk 3rd Class, with the recruits training wing of the RAF



Private William Booth. He was an electoral engineering apprentice at the Skircoat Tram Depot and was living with his Aunt at 40 Northgate, Halifax. He served with the 5th Battalion Grenadier Guards and died of Cerebro-spinal meningitis in hospital in Caterham Surrey.



Private Arnold Earless. He grew up at 18 Ashgrove Ave, Siddal. During World War One he served as a Private with the Training Reserve Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers. He died of pneumonia in Darlington Military Hospital 19th November 1918 aged 19



2nd Lieutenant Geoffrey Otho Charles Edwards.

Born in 1876 He was the son of Arthur Hancock Edwards and Eleanor Louisa Pease.

He graduated from New College, Oxford with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), competing in 2 boatraces while studying.

He served as a Lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion, Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. He died on 7 July 1916 at age 39, killed in action.



Captain F Thomas Fielding:

He was the son of Eli and Sarah Fielding; who lived at 7, Bayswater Tce, Halifax. In 1904, he married Lily Whitehead in Halifax. During World War I, he served as a Captain with the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) and was mentioned in despatches. He died 31st October 1918 (aged 48).





**2nd Air Mechanic
Henry Arnold Hardcastle.**

He lived at Burtree, Laurence Road, Skircoat Green, and trained as an electrician. During World War I. He enlisted in March 1916, and served as an Air Mechanic 2nd Class with the (No 3 Training Centre) Royal Flying Corps.

He died of influenza in Tidworth Military Hospital, Hampshire 1st April 1916 (aged 25).



**Captain Henry Percy Valentine Hickman: HMS Undaunted
Royal Navy**

He was a Commander of the Order of St. Stanislas "with swords" (an award given for service in Russia). Son of the late Maj. R. J. Hickman (60th Rifles), of Hersham, Surrey; husband of Charlotte Louise Hickman, of The Manor House, Ottery St. Mary Devon.



Captain E H Hill:

Born in 1861 the Son of John Edwards Hill and lived at Savile Lawn, Halifax.

He was a clerk to Hipperholme Council / solicitor / Coroner for Halifax and Huddersfield districts / Coroner for the Honour of Pontefract / Coroner for the West Riding (1905) / employed at military records in York.

During World War I, he served as a Captain with the 4th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He died following an operation for appendicitis at Fulford Military Hospital, York 11th April 1918. His wife was present at his death.

Major T H Hunt:



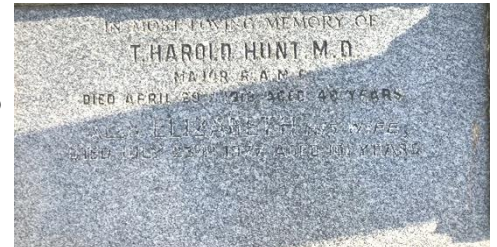
Born in Northwich, Cheshire 5th December 1869. He was educated at Elmfield College, York & Owen's College Manchester & Leeds University then became house surgeon at Royal Halifax Infirmary for 20 years and then surgeon at St Luke's Military Hospital, Halifax.

In 1906, he married Elizabeth Adams in Omagh, Ireland.

They lived at Crevanagh, King Cross Lane, Halifax.

During World War I, he enlisted in 1916, and served as a Major with the Royal Army Medical Corps.

In March 1918, he had been attending those injured in World War I, at the Infirmary and at St Luke's Hospital when he complained of feeling ill. He was able to drive himself home, but later became much worse. He died of pneumonia the following morning 29th April 1918 (aged 48).



Private Ernest Edgar Jennings:

Son of George and Susan Jennings, of 29, Gladstone View, Siddal, Halifax and died of wounds Nov 8th 1918

Private Manger.

He was born in Halifax the son of Charles Manger.

7th Batallion Duke of Wellington's

He was a florist's assistant boarding at Wood Terrace, Salterhebble in 1901 moving to 10 Second Avenue, Manor Drive, Halifax in 1911. In 1907, he married Margaret Shelmerdine in Halifax and had two children, Randolph and Kenneth. The family lived at 7 Rufford Villas, Halifax.

During World War I, he served as a Private with the Royal Army Service Corps. He died 2nd November 1920.



Private William Richardson Lisle

Having immigrated to Australia, he chose to serve with the Australia Infinitary Force during WWI. He died in France in 1918 aged 28 - he is buried at Frevant. His parents lived in Halifax, and his family returned here after the war

Able Seaman James Henry Massam:

Served in the Royal Navy on HMS Pembroke

The family lived at 7 Dudwell Terrace, Halifax



Lieut. NORMAN MELLOR,

Born in Halifax and educated at the school of Henry Richard Starke-Jones and at Bradford Grammar School. He grew up in Balmoral Place, Halifax.

He joined the OTC in 1915 and was commissioned in the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), and transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. He served as a Lieutenant with the Royal Air Force. His service included being in the trenches at the Somme.

He was temporarily blinded in a battle, following which he became an instructor.

Two weeks before he was killed, he had been at home visiting his family. He had been ordered to Ireland but had sent a telegram to his parents telling them he was to return home again at the end of the week. The following night they were informed of his death.

He died on 10th October 1918 (aged 21) when the Leinster was torpedoed by German Submarine UB-123 and sank off Dun Laoghaire in the Irish Sea, with the loss of 523 lives.



LIEUT NORMAN MELLOR,
Balmoral-place, Halifax, drowned by
the torpedoing of the Leinster.



Private Cyril Metcalfe: Born in Elland he was the son of Thomas Frederick and Caroline Metcalfe, of 54, St. Alban's Rd, Skircoat Green, Halifax. He had trained as an assistant chemist

During World War I, he enlisted in Halifax, and served as a Private with the 3rd Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

He was shot in the throat at Cambrai. And died of wounds in Trent Bridge Military Hospital, Nottingham



Private George Mounsey

He was born in Carlisle but moved to 41 Woodside View, Halifax. He started work as a carpet weaver and then progressed to become an engineer for the Halifax Flour Society. He served with the West Riding Regiment and was killed in action in France aged 34



Private Robert Harold Robinson:

He was the son of Fred Robinson and lived at 13 Glen Terrace, Halifax. On 18th August 1913, he married Edith Alice Wannan here at All Saints Church.

During World War I, he enlisted, 3rd August 1914, and served as a Private with the 2nd/1st Battalion Yorkshire Dragoons Yeomanry (Queen's Own). He was discharged with TB (24th November 1915) and then died after a long illness 3rd October 1917.

Private James W Shuttleworth

He was the Son of William and Annie and educated at Holy Trinity School and Halifax Secondary School. He lived at 5 Shaw Hill, Halifax and is buried at Dozinghem, Belgium.



Private Edwin Arnold Sladdin

Born in Halifax the son of John Sladdin. He was a member of St Augustine's Church, Pellon and a teacher at St Augustine's School, Pellon and at St Andrew's School, Brighouse.

During World War I, he enlisted March 1916, and served as a Private with the 3rd Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

He died in Walkergate Fever Hospital, Newcastle, following inoculations in 1916

Private Lewis Spink

He was born in Salterhebble, and was baptised at All Saints in 1893. He was employed by Crossley's and in October 1910, he married Emma Mitchell. The had 2 children, Fred and Sylvia and lived at 2 Farrar Hill Lane, Siddal

He enlisted in 1908, having received notice to sign up for the army.

During World War I, he served as a Private with the 4th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

On 22nd January 1915, Lewis was officially discharged from the Duke of Wellington Regiment.

He died 18th August 1919 (aged 30).



Private J. Swift

Born in Halifax he was a mechanic's labourer / a brickyard labourer with Oates & Green Limited, living at 22 Back Foundry Street, Halifax.

During World War I, he enlisted 1915, and served as a Private with the 10th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own).

He was wounded on the first day of the Somme 1st July 1916, had his leg amputated in Sheffield Royal Infirmary 8th September 1916 and died of wounds (9th October 1916)



Private Horace Sykes

He was born in Salterhebble the Son of Walter and Lavinia Sykes; husband of Edith Sykes, of 31, Chapel Lane, Salterhebble.

He was a butcher at the Skircoat Green Co-Op and then manager of the butcher's department. He was also a singer and trained with the choir of the Salterhebble United Methodist Free Chapel. In 1914, he married Edith Smith in Halifax.

During World War I, he enlisted in November 1914, and served as a Private and went to France with the 1st/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He entertained his fellow soldiers, and the townspeople where he was stationed, with his singing.

He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in December 1915 for conspicuous gallantry during the German gas attack on the West Ridings in standing by a man who had become incapacitated under heavy fire, and carrying him to a place of safety. On two or three occasions, he helped carry the wounded from the trenches under shellfire

After the war, he returned to his job with the Halifax Industrial Society in Skircoat Green. He died of Spanish Flu one week later 4th March 1919 aged 27.





2nd Lieutenant George R Townsend :

Born in Halifax in December 1884, the son of George Townsend.
He was a cooper.

During World War I, he served as a 2nd Lieutenant with the Royal Navy, aboard HMS Pembroke.

He died at the Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham

Private Lawrence R. Washington: He was born in Sowerby Bridge 8th November 1882 and married Hannah Swaine in 1909.

During World War I, he served as a Private with 14th Section Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

He was wounded in action and died in Salterhebble 11th December 1919



Private John William Woolerton:

His family lived at 27 Bright Street, Mount Pleasant, Halifax.
He was employed by the Maypole Dairy Company Limited and transferred to Jarrow, then in County Durham.

In 1904, he married Amy Helen Beel in Halifax and moved to 37 Newstead Place, Halifax.

During World War I, he enlisted June 1915, and served as a Private with the 1st Garrison Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

He died of pneumonia in Middlesbrough Military Hospital 18th February 1917

World War Two



Flight Lieutenant Norman Garforth

On 26th January 1945 the crew of this 578 Squadron aircraft took off at 14.30hrs to undertake a combined fighter affiliation and bombing training flight. The weather was good with clear visibility. Half an hour after taking off the aircraft's port outer engine caught fire while flying at around 5,000 feet, the crew tried to extinguish the fire but without success. The fire spread to the port wing and having lost height the pilot instructed the crew to bale out and two successfully jumped. A third left the aircraft but by the time he jumped the aircraft was flying at around 1,000 feet and he did not survive the descent. As the third airman jumped the fire burnt through the port wing which folded and broke away and the aircraft then dived into the ground.

Sadly everyone else in the aircraft was killed when it crashed into a field a few hundred metres north of the village of West Haddlesey at 15.02hrs. The pilot's parachute pack was later found on the ground well away from the eventual crash site and it was thought that it had fallen through the open escape hatch and that he had stayed with the aircraft to try and force-land it. Air historians Albert Pritchard, Eric Barton and Ken Reast located small fragments on the surface at the crash site in 1999 with permission from the landowner, confirming the crash location.



Corporal David Smith Elliot Greenwood

Son of Miranda & George Elliott.

In 1923, he married Theresa Connolly in Halifax. They lived at Pellon, Halifax.

He served with the 30th Battalion Green Howards - Yorkshire Regiment

Captain Donald Sagar Haigh

Born 10th May 1914. He lived at 1 Heath Villas, Halifax.

During World War II, he served as a Captain with the 59th Division Ammunition Col. Royal Army Service Corps.

He died 29th September 1940.





Sgt Observer John Gregson Hitchin :

Served with Bomber Command.

His plane took off at 17:10 to bomb a target in North West Germany. The Raid was successful but on return poor visibility led to a crash at approx 23:00 in a wood near Coleby. All 3 crew died.

Lieutenant Harold Cuthbert Marchant:

During World War II, he served as a Lieutenant with the 13th (Prince of Wales's Own).

He died 3rd February 1941.



Leading Aircraftman Harry Morton

He lived at 24 Pear Street, Halifax.

During World War II, he served as a Leading Aircraftman with the Royal Air Force.

On 6th May 1940 his aircraft crashed on a 'hill' 5 miles south from Moretonhampstead, Devon in heavy weather conditions (fog)



Pilot Officer Roger Bourne Wark

The Son of Capt Frank Wark (Royal Horse Artillery) and Ellise Mary Wark.

He grew up at King Cross, Halifax.

On returning from a bombing mission his aircraft crashed in Norfolk .



Major John Nesbitt Whitworth



Royal Artillery

Died aged 41 and is buried in De Panne cemetery in Belgium

Born in Halifax he was a boarder at Aysgarth School, Newton le Willows, Yorkshire and the further educated at Wellington where he played rugby and cricket.

In 1923, he married Kathleen St John Gorman and moved to Ripon

He entered the Royal Academy, Woolwich when he played for the regiment. Having served in the army after WWI retiring in 1938 to work for the family firm Robert Whitworth & Company.

He returned to the Army in 1939 as Staff Captain, then Major, with the Royal Artillery. He was killed in action in Dunkirk in 1940

Ever-living God
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;

may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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