

John Hirst AINLEY

Killed in action 21st June 1918, age 19.

Second Lieutenant, Rifle Brigade 1st Battalion. Commissioned straight from College
18th February 1918.

Buried in Le Vertannoy British Cemetery, Bethune, France.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Born 19th February 1899. Son of Hirst & Lilian Mary Ainley of Woodlands, Lindley Moor. Brother: Wilfrid Hirst Ainley. Sister: Grace Mary Ainley.

Educated at Oundle School (Northamptonshire) and Huddersfield College.

Census:

1901: living at Woodlands, Lindley Moor, with parents Hirst and Lilian Mary Ainley.

1911: living at Woodlands, Lindley Moor with parents Hirst and Lilian Mary Ainley and siblings Wilfrid Hirst and Grace Mary. Father's occupation given as Brewer.

William AKROYD

Killed in action 3rd September 1916, age 18.

Lance Corporal, 200772, 1st/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier & Face 6A & 6B.

Remembered on rolls of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland, and Holywell Green Congregational Church.

Walk 3, no. 4

Son of Walter & Matilda Akroyd. Born in Stainland, 4th child of 6 children.

Census:

1901: living at St Helen's Square, Holywell Green

1911: living at Station Row, Holywell Green, apprentice butcher at Stainland Co-op.

1914: when recruited to army he was living at 53 New Road, West Vale.

John (Johnny) ATKINSON

Died of wounds 10th April 1918, age 36.

Private 242826, 2nd/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment (B Coy).

Buried in Blackley Baptist Chapel Graveyard.

Remembered on rolls of honour of Stainland Wesleyan Methodist Chapel and St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 3, no. 6

Born in 1882, son of George & Elizabeth Ann Atkinson, Holywell Brook. Johnny was a textile worker at Messrs. John E. Shaw and Sons, Holywell Green.

Brighthouse Echo 3rd May 1918:

Photograph with caption:

"Pte. J. Atkinson, West Riding Regt., Holywell Brook. Died of wounds April 10; aged 36."

also

"Pte. Johnny Atkinson

Pte. Johnny Atkinson (36), W.R.R., died of wounds on April 10. He was the eldest son of the late George and Mrs. Atkinson, Holywell Brook, and in civil life was employed by Messrs. John E. Shaw and Sons. He joined the colours, Sept. 18, 1916."



Pte. J. Atkinson,
West Riding Regt.,
Holywell Brook. Died
of wounds April 10;
aged 36.

George Norman BARKER

Killed in action 15th August 1918, age 20.

Private, 38368, 10th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)

Buried in Cerisy-Gailly Military Cemetery, Somme, France.

Remembered on rolls of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland, and Holywell Green Congregational Church.

Walk 4, no. 3

Only child of John William & Emma (nee Norcliffe) Barker, Crossfield, Stainland. John William Barker was a Foreman Indigo Dyer working for a Woollen & Worsted Manufacturer.

Census:

1901: Living at Crossfield, Stainland with parents.

1911: Still living at Crossfield, Stainland with parents and maternal grandmother.

Albert BEAUMONT

Killed in action 3rd May 1917, age 26.

Private, 306870, 2nd/7th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France, Bay 6.

Remembered on the memorial of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 2, no. 12

Albert was the son of Benjamin & Elizabeth Beaumont ,Holroyd Square, Stainland. The family of seven sons and one daughter comprised Granville, Verney, Albert, Bertie, Percy, George, Leonard & Agnes Vera. Albert was killed just two months after his brother, Granville, who was killed in action on 12th March 1917, aged 31.

Census:

1891: Albert was living with his parents, Ben and Elizabeth, and brothers, Verney and Granville, at Sowood Green. Ben was working as a greengrocer and all three boys were scholars.

1901: The family were living at Sowood Green . Father, Ben, was working as a teamster on a farm. Granville and his brother, Verney, were working as woollen piecers, while Albert was still at school. They had three other brothers, Bertie, Percy and George.

1911: The address given was simply "Sowood, Stainland". Father, Ben, was working as a teamer for a coal merchant. Albert was working as a stone delver. The family had expanded to include Leonard and Agnes Vera.

Granville BEAUMONT

Killed in action (wounded by shrapnel at Arras and died quickly in a dressing station)
12th March 1917, age 31.

Private, 6610, 1st/6th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Buried at Saint Vaast Post Military Cemetery, Richebourg-l'Avoue, France, Plot 4,
Row E, Grave 6.

Remembered on the roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 2, no. 12

Granville was the son of Benjamin & Elizabeth Beaumont, Holroyd Square, Stainland. The family of seven sons and one daughter comprised Granville, Verney, Albert, Bertie, Percy, George, Leonard & Agnes Vera. Granville was a Cloth Presser at J. Shaw & Sons, Brookroyd Mill, Holywell Green. He enlisted in July 1916. The "Medical History" section of the enlistment form gives the following information:

"Examined: 19th July 1916

Age: 30yrs 132 days

Occupation: Cloth Presser

Height: 5ft 5ins

Weight: 144lbs

Chest measurement: 38ins expanding by 2ins

Physical development: Good

Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease: Eczema on both feet"

A list of Granville's belongings sent to his father included "letter, razor blades, cap badge and religious book".

Granville's brother, Albert, was killed just two months earlier on 3rd May 1917, aged 26.

Census:

1891: Granville was living with his parents, Ben and Elizabeth, and brothers, Albert and Verney, at Sowood Green. Ben was working as a greengrocer and all three boys were scholars.

1901: The family were living at Sowood Green. Father, Ben, was working as a teamster on a farm. Granville and his brother, Verney, were working as woollen piecers, while Albert was still at school. They had three other brothers, Bertie, Percy and George.

1911: The address given was simply "Sowood, Stainland". Father, Ben, was working as a teamer for a coal merchant. Granville was working as a cloth presser. The family had expanded to include Leonard and Agnes Vera.

Joseph (Joe) BINNS

Killed in action 22nd September 1917, age 19.

Private, 24162, 10th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium (grave reference XXIV-C-6A). The inscription on his grave reads "loved, honoured and remembered".

Remembered on the plaques in St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Holywell Green Congregational Church.

Walk 4, no. 7

Fourth of ten children of Hyde and Sarah Hannah (nee Woodcock) Binns. Hyde Binns was a boiler maker. Joseph was born in October 1897 in Newton Heath, nr Manchester although his father was born in Stainland and his mother was born in Holywell Brook. Joseph's father, Hyde, died in 1909, aged 37. The family moved to Holywell Green some time after that and in 1911 were living at 20 Rawroyds, Holywell Green. Joseph enlisted in 1915 when his family were living at Greaves Place, Holywell Brook. At the time of Joseph's death they were living at 15 Chapel Street, Holywell Green.

On 7th June 1917 during an attack on the German position south of Hill 60, part of Joseph's battalion was held up by an enemy machine gun. Without hesitation Joseph and two others dashed forward and killed the enemy gunners, turned the machine gun around and fired into the retreating enemy. This brave act resulted in his being awarded the Military Medal. After his death Joseph was awarded the Victory Medal and the British War Medal.

Census:

1911: aged 13, living with widowed mother and 8 of his siblings at 20 Rawroyds, Holywell Green. The census indicates that one of his siblings had died. Joseph was working as a cotton spinner.



John Henry BINTCLIFFE

Died of septic poisoning in hospital in France on 18th February 1918, age 25.

Private, 306909, "C" company, 2nd/7th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Yorkshire Regiment). Awarded Military Medal.

Buried in Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, France, plot 111, C 23.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 1, no. 4

Born at Greengate Head in 1892, John Henry was the only son of Mrs Zillah Bintcliffe and the late Reuben, Greengate Head, Sowood. He had four sisters. He worked as a woollen weaver at C & J Hirst, Longwood. He was also Scholar at Wesleyan Sunday School, Outlane. Member of United Mutual Society and the Wesleyan Institute. He joined the army on 27th March 1916.

Frank BOOTH

Drowned 16th July 1918, age 23, off the North coast of Ireland when HMS Anchusa was sunk by a U54 German submarine.

Ordinary Seaman, J/50575, Royal Navy.

Commemorated on Plymouth Naval Memorial 27.

Remembered on the gravestone on the family grave in
St Andrew's Churchyard, Stainland

Walk 1, no. 5

Frank was the son of George Henry & Mary Hannah Booth of Wilderness Farm, Outlane. Their family comprised 8 sons and 3 daughters: Thomas, Harold, Joseph, Norman, Harry, Miriam, Florence (who died in 1912 aged 21), Willie, Frank, Selwyn & Amy. Of these, Frank, Selwyn and Willie were all killed during World War I.

George Henry Booth was a dairy farmer, born in Soyland, nr Ripponden. He farmed at South Hey Farm, Sowood, Shepherd Thorn Farm, Bradley, and, finally, at Wilderness Farm, Outlane.

Frank was born on 1st October 1894. In the 1911 census he was working as a cloth tenterer in a woollen mill.

He was an Ordinary Seaman, J/50575, in the Royal Navy. He served on the HMS Anchusa that acted as a convoy escort along the north coast of Ireland. Her last voyage began on 14th July 1918 from Lough Swilly with a crew of 91. After escorting a convoy she was diverted to search for a submarine. The submarine was not found and HMS Anchusa was returning to port in Lough Swilly when she was torpedoed early in the morning of 16th July 1918. U-boat U54 claimed the sinking and the loss of life was put at 79.

Frank's brother, Selwyn was killed in action on 27th November, aged 21. His brother, Willie, was killed in action on 15th June 1916, aged 23.



Selwyn BOOTH

Killed in action 27th November 1917, age 21.

Corporal , 241401, 2nd/5th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)

Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, France, Panel 6 & 7.

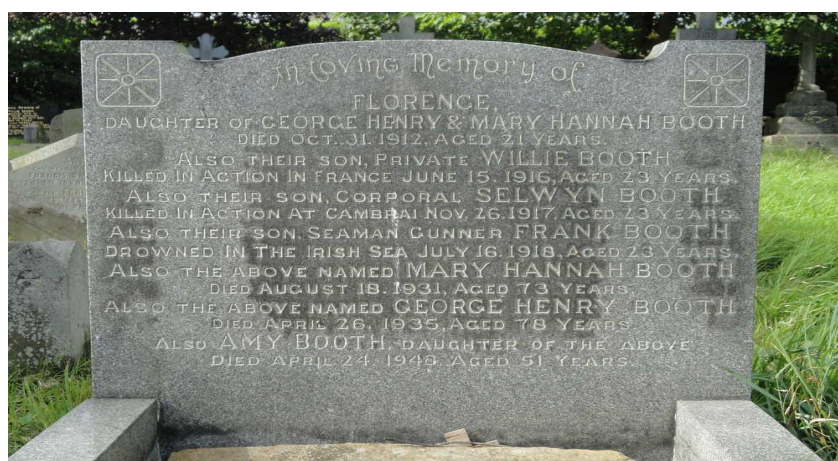
Remembered on the gravestone on the family grave in
St Andrew's Churchyard, Stainland

Walk 1, no. 5

Selwyn was the son of George Henry & Mary Hannah Booth of Wilderness Farm, Outlane. Their family comprised 8 sons and 3 daughters: Thomas, Harold, Joseph, Norman, Harry, Miriam, Florence (who died in 1912 aged 21), Willie, Frank, Selwyn & Amy. Of these, Frank, Selwyn and Willie were all killed during World War I.

George Henry Booth was a dairy farmer, born in Soyland, nr Ripponden. He farmed at South Hey Farm, Sowood, Shepherd Thorn Farm, Bradley, and, finally, at Wilderness Farm, Outlane.

Selwyn was born between April and June 1896. In the 1911 census, when he was 14, he was working as a pattern boy in a woollen mill. He became a Corporal 241401 in the 2nd/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). Selwyn died at the Battle of Cambrai on 27th November 1917, aged 21, and has no known grave. He was one of over 7,000 of the UK and South Africa troops who were killed in that battle and have no known grave. The Battle of Cambrai was the first time that tanks were used in significant numbers. After the war his father received a death grant of £10.17s.6d.



Willie BOOTH

Killed in action 15th June 1916, age 23.

Private, 10/3839, 2nd Battalion Wellington Regiment, New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

Buried in Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres, France, Grave reference 11.B.40.

Remembered on the gravestone on the family grave in St Andrew's Churchyard, Stainland

Walk 1, no. 5

Willie was the son of George Henry & Mary Hannah Booth of Wilderness Farm, Outlane. Their family comprised 8 sons and 3 daughters: Thomas, Harold, Joseph, Norman, Harry, Miriam, Florence (who died in 1912 aged 21), Willie, Frank, Selwyn & Amy. Of these, Frank, Selwyn and Willie were all killed during World War I.

George Henry Booth was a dairy farmer, born in Soyland, nr Ripponden. He farmed at South Hey Farm, Sowood, Shepherd Thorn Farm, Bradley, and, finally, at Wilderness Farm, Outlane.

Willie was born at South Hey Farm and baptised at St Andrew's Church, Stainland on 19th February 1893. In the 1911 census he was working as a beamer in a woollen mill. On 6th March 1914, aged 21, he left London bound for New Zealand on the SS Corinthic. On the passenger list he put his occupation as farming. He was travelling alone and his final destination was Wellington, New Zealand. Arriving on the North Island of New Zealand he became a store assistant at the Hawera Farmer Co-op and lived at 1 High Street, Hawera.

He enlisted on 15th November 1915 and became a private in the Wellington Regiment of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force 2nd Battalion. His service number was 10/3839. He was made a Corporal on 29th January 1916 and Sergeant on 2nd March 1916.

He left New Zealand on 4th March 1916, arriving in Suez on 12th April 1916. The force then went on to France, arriving there on 17th May 1916. On arrival in France he reverted back to being a Private (although a photograph at his death names him as Sergeant-Major W. Booth). Less than a month later, on 16th June 1916 at the age of 23, Willie was killed in action and buried at Cite Bonjean Cemetery, Armentieres, France by the Rev. A. Mitchell who was attached to the 2nd Wellington Battalion.



SERGT.-MJR. W. BOOTH
of Manaia,
Killed in action.



Joe Leonard BOTTOMLEY

Killed in action 18th April 1915, age 38.

Sergeant, 3/10877, 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Commemorated on Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium, panel 20.

Remembered on the rolls of honour of Stainland (Providence) Congregational Church, St Andrew's Church and both Elland and Barkisland War Memorials.

Walk 2, no. 4

Born in Stainland in 1877. Son of Eli & Mary Ann Bottomley of Broad Royd, Stainland. Brother of Willie D.A. Bottomley (killed in action 14th July 1917). Husband of Mary Ellen (nee Bell), married 16th July 1906, of Penny Hill, Barkisland. Two children: Arthur Leonard born 1908, Elsie born 1909. Joe enlisted in the Duke of Wellington's at Halifax on 9th February 1898. He served in the Boer War in South Africa 1899-1902 and then went to India before leaving the Army on 7th February 1910. As a reservist he was recalled in August 1914 and was sent to France in November 1914. He was probably one of a draft of 200 men who joined the 2nd Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's at Ypres on 3rd December 1914. By 13th December they were in trenches that were extremely wet and muddy and in some places were only 25 yards from the German trenches, so close that as well as constantly sniping they also resorted to throwing mud at each other. On 17th April 1915 a successful attack was made to capture the tactically important position of Hill 60 west of Ypres. Although the Dukes did not take part in the initial action, they were sent forward the next day to relieve the attacking troops. They came under constant attack throughout the day and in the evening mounted an advance of their own to recover trenches that had been lost to the German counterattacks. In this they were successful and, early in the morning of 19th April, they were relieved and moved into reserve. Unfortunately Sergeant Joseph Bottomley was not with them but was one of the 79 men killed during the action. His body was never recovered.

Census:

1911: living at Bankhouse Mills, Stainland and working as a fettler/teaser in a wool carding room.

Halifax Courier:

In an article headed "Barkislander's Thanks" the Courier published an item which included a letter from Sergeant Bottomley:

"Through the 'Courier' Soldier's Comfort Fund, Miss Margaret Brayshaw, Holly Bank, Beestonley-lane, Stainland, aged 8, on Dec. 9 sent us a beautiful scarf, and a sweet message with it for the recipient. We sent the goods off on Dec. 15. The kind contributor has received the following acknowledgement:-

18/12/1914

Dear Little Friend- I was glad to see in the paper about you knitting things for our soldiers out here at the Front. I am writing you, as you are a neighbour of mine. I live

at Penny Hill, Barkisland when I am at home. My mother lives just below you at Broad Royd, Stainland, and we all are very much obliged to you for trying to make us more comfortable. We are having some terrible weather out here - bitter cold at night. These things will help to keep us warm. I am writing you this letter from the trenches; now we are only 50 yards away from the German trenches: we can hear them talking. We shall beat them after a bit. We lost three men yesterday - killed. I hope you receive my letter thanking you for helping us to fight the Germans. I think this is about all this time. From your friend and neighbour.
No.10,877, Sergt. J. L. Bottomley, No. 1 Platoon, A Company, Duke of Wellington's Regt., British Expeditionary Force, France."

Willie Dyson Atkinson **BOTTOMLEY**

Killed in action 14th July 1917, age 34.

Private 5432, 5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in Brandhoek Military Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium, Plot I.M.18.

Remembered on the memorials of Providence Congregational Church, Stainland
and St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 2, no. 4a

Born in Stainland in 1883. Son of the late Eli & Mary Ann Bottomley, Broadroyd, Stainland. Brother of Joe Leonard Bottomley (killed in action 18th April 1915). He also had a sister who lived at Broadroyd. . Willie was known as "Atty". He enlisted in April 1916. He was unmarried and worked as a spinner at Beeston Mill, Stainland.

Census:

1901: working as a woollen spinner.

1911: living at Broadroyd, Stainland with widowed mother and 3 siblings.

Occupation: Machinery oiler & greaser, woollen factory.

Clarence BRAITHWAITE

Killed in action in the German attack of Barastre (North of the Somme, France) on 23rd March 1918, age 19.

Private 223821, 10th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own).
Previously with the 18th West Yorkshire Regiment.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, France (no. 519, Bay 4, Course G, Stone no. 8)

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 1, no. 7

Son of James & Frances Braithwaite, Broom Hill Bottom, Stainland. Eldest of four children. Clarence Braithwaite was born on 14th March 1898 to James & Frances Braithwaite who were living at Lower Park, Park Lane, Sowood, and was baptised at St Mark's Church, Longwood on 8th July 1907 together with his brother Fred & sister Ada. He also had another sister, Amy. Clarence was posthumously awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Census:

1911: living at Broom Hill Bottom with parents and 3 siblings, Clarence was still at school and also working part-time as a woollen piecer.

Vincent BRAY

Died of dysentery 16th August 1916, age 32.

Private 983, 79th Sanitary Section, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Buried in Salonika (Lembet Road) Anglo-French Military Cemetery, Greece.

Remembered, with honour, at Beestonley Lane Congregational Chapel, Stainland and on marble plaque previously in Stainland Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 1, no. 1

Son of George & Phoebe Ann Bray of Stainland. Husband of Emily M. and father of a daughter. After his death Emily re-married a Mr Oakes and lived at Hopewell House, Robin Hood, Wakefield.

Census:

1891: living at Sowood Green with parents George & Phoebe Ann and 8 siblings (Edith, Hannah, Miranda, Bethuel, Robert W, Minetta, Olive, Leah M). Father was a woollen spinner.

1901: living at Sowood Green with parents and 8 siblings. Occupation: student teacher.

1911: boarder at Westgate, Lofthouse, Wakefield. Occupation: Clerk (Education Department County Council).

Halifax Courier 23rd September 1916:

"Private Vincent Bray

At Providence Congregational Church, Stainland, on Sunday evening a memorial service was held for Vincent Bray.

At the outbreak of the war he was engaged in the County Hall, Wakefield. In due course he joined the Sanitary section of the Army and deemed keenly interested in his work, last autumn he was drafted East, and eventually settled with the army in Salonika, last spring he had an attack of dysentery but recovered. A second attack came this summer and he passed peacefully away on August 15th. Up to his time of leaving Stainland he was in constant and regular fellowship at Beestonley Lane Chapel working in the Christian Endeavour. He was of gentle disposition and beloved by those who knew him. He is missed by his wife and little girl and brothers and sisters for whom sincere sympathy is expressed. As a private in the Sanitary department he would never have got into the fighting line, but nevertheless he freely gave his life for home and Country."



Pte. V. Bray,
A.S.C., of Wakefield,
formerly of Stainland
Died of dysentery.

George Herbert BROOK

Killed in action 28th March 1918, age 34.

Private 38105, 5th Yorkshire Regiment.

Commemorated on Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France.

Remembered on rolls of honour of Jagger Green Baptist Church and St Andrew's Church, Stainland and on the Barkisland War Memorial.

Walk 4, no. 12

Son of John Frederick & the late Ann Brook of Lightcliffe Royd, Barkisland. Husband of Jane Hannah Brook, Jagger Green Dean, Holywell Green. He married Jane Hannah in 1913.

Census:

1911: living with father John Frederick and step-mother Emma at Lightcliffe Royd, Barkisland.

William (Willie) CARNEY

Killed in action 8th October 1918, age 35.

Rifleman 8954, Kings Royal Rifle Corps.

Buried at Guizancourt Farm Cemetery, Gouy, France.

Remembered on the rolls of honour of Providence Congregational Church,
Beestonley Lane, Stainland and St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 2, no. 8

Son of Thomas & Emma Carney, South Parade, Stainland.

Census:

1891: living at New Street, Stainland.

His mother received the following letter from his officer:

" I am sorry to have to write to you and tell you that your son has fallen in action. I and all his chums in No. 11 Platoon wish to tender our sincere expressions of sympathy and try if possible to cheer you in your great loss.

Rifleman Carney was a true rifleman and it is an honour for me to have commanded such men as he, always cheery and always willing and above all fearless. He fell trying to re-organise his section, and by his action he saved them from heavy gun fire, I am very sorry he is not spared to receive recognition of his noble act and the thanks of the men he rallied. I trust you will not let this sad occurrence weigh you down. Remember he died saving others' lives and in the service of his country, a true rifleman.

Yours sincerely, Hugh T Williams, 2nd Lieut."

Halifax Courier, November 1918:

"Pte. W. Corney (sic) Killed - The news was received at Stainland yesterday morning of the death in action on Oct. 8, of Pte. Willie Corney (35), K.R.R. Pte. Corney had seen 12 1/2 years service with the colours, and was in India at the outbreak of the war. During the past four years he had served in Salonika as well as France. Prior to joining the army he attended Beestonley-lane Congregational Church and School, while he was also a member of the local Mechanics' Institute. He had an aptitude for entertaining and his services were largely sought after in the district in this respect. Pte. Corney's mother and family reside at South-parade, Stainland. His brother, Thomas, was killed in the South African war."

The following appeared in the Halifax Courier in May 1915. Although it says it was from Private N. Carney, the information given links it strongly with Private Willie Carney:

"STAINLAND YOUNG MAN'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE GERMANS

Pte. N. Carney, a Stainland young man, who came over with the Indian contingent, and was in the trenches before Christmas, is in Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport.

This is the second time he has been wounded. A few months ago he was invalided home with frost bite and a shrapnel wound in his heel. Writing to Mr. E. C. Rothwell, Stainland, he says: 'during my last five days in the firing line the noise was deafening and the sights were horrible. One has no conception of it until he has experienced it. It made me wonder where these people are getting their shells from. They were firing them into us for about three days as if they were only costing about 1d. each. There were ground shells of every description, shape, and size, ordinary shrapnel shell, high velocity shrapnel, 17-inch shell, and also the famous steam rollers, better known as Jack Johnsons. Add to this lot those beastly shells with the smothering and obnoxious gases, and you will come to the conclusion that these things won't leave one's memory in a hurry. In spite of all this, our lads kept up their usual good spirits and held on to our position. I have come to the conclusion that it was a last and desperate effort of these cultured, civilised heathen to break our line whatever methods they had to adopt. .. I thank God that I was able to hobble out of the reach of a people whom I honestly believe to be more barbaric than the lowest tribe of Pathars in the Bolan Pass.' Alluding to events in hospital in France, he proceeds: 'One thing that struck me was a very bad case of shrapnel wounds. The man had four big wounds, and was relating to the doctor, who was dressing his wounds, exactly what was happening in the firing line, just as if he had not been hurt at all. That must prove to you that when fighting alongside men like these, one feels proud to belong to the British. What I could say about the bravery of the Canadians would fill a whole book. I personally feel honoured to belong to a division that some of these chaps are in. When I tell you I have had one or two knocks from bursting shells, one of these being on the head, you will realise how lucky I am to be writing to you again. You might let all my friends know that I am in the pink of condition, and I hope Stainland people are all in the best of spirits.'

Frank CARTER

Killed in action 3rd August 1917, age 19. Died of wounds at a casualty clearing station.

Private 18847, 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards.

Buried in Dozingham Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, Belgium, Plot 11.1.32.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Stainland Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 2, no. 10

Second son of George Herbert & Elizabeth Ann Carter of Westgate, Stainland , later of 25 Lambert Street, West Vale.

Census:

1911: living at New Yard, Stainland with parents and older brother , Harry. Both Harry and Frank were working as woollen piecers.

George CHADWICK

Killed in action at Passchendaele 9th November 1917, age 27.

Private 41936, 12th Battalion Manchester Regiment (formerly 3/31767 North Staffs Regiment).

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium .

Remembered on the memorial boards of St Andrew's Church, Stainland, Holywell Green Congregational Church and Stainland (Wesleyan) Methodist Church.

Walk 3, no. 9

George was born on 19th March 1890 in Stainland and lived at Burrwood Road, Stainland. He was the son of Joseph and Clara Chadwick. He had three older brothers and younger twin sisters. One brother and both sisters died when they were very young. The family moved to West Vale and their descendants moved to Elland so most of the family have stayed local. Sometime after George's death his parents moved to Ing Wood Terrace, Green Lane, West Vale.

George's great-great niece, Catherine, informs us that her great-great-uncle George has 4 great-nieces and 3 great-great-nieces and 2 great-great-nephews and a great-great-great-niece, some of whom are still living in Yorkshire. She has a photograph of George's nephew, her great-uncle Walter. Although he did not know his uncle as he was born in 1919, he attended the majority of the Remembrance Parades in Stainland. Catherine's grandmother was George's niece but did not know him as she was born only three weeks before he was killed.

Census:

1891: living at Burrwood Road, Stainland with parents and brothers, Allen and William. Father's occupation given as Wool Dyer.

1901: still living at Burrwood Road with parents and two brothers.

1911: living at New Row, Holywell Green with parents. George's occupation is given as Cotton Piecer.

Walter CLARKE

Killed in action 21st March 1918, age 22.

Corporal 400143, 97th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Buried in Ham British Cemetery, Muille-Villette, France, plot I.F.2 (originally buried in a small/isolated cemetery but exhumed and re-buried in a military cemetery).

Remembered on the Halifax roll of honour, in the Halifax Town Hall Book of Remembrance, on the Memorial at Stannary Congregational Church, Halifax and on the Memorial at Crossley's Carpets.

Walk 3, no. 11

Born in Halifax on 20th March 1896 to Edwin & Edith Emily Clarke. Both of his parents were born in Kidderminster, Worcestershire and had worked as carpet weavers. They later had a newsagents at 147 Pellon Lane, Halifax. Walter was in the Stannary Church Boys Brigade and Territorial Army. He was called up in August 1914.

Although it appears that Walter was a resident of Halifax until his death, his mother remarried (becoming Edith Emily Woodcock) after the death of his father and lived at Northlea, Holywell Green.

Census:

1911: aged 15 he was working as a Creeler in the carpet industry and lived at 147 Pellon Lane, Halifax with his parents Edwin (a newsagent) & Edith, and his sisters Jessie, Annie and Edith.

Halifax Courier,

20th April 1918:

"Official notification was received yesterday by Mr E Clarke newsagent, Pellon Lane that his son was killed in action on March 21st the day after his birthday. Mr Clarke was in the Territorials when war broke out and was immediately called up for training. He was sent to France in July 1916 in the RMAC. Corporal Clarke was only 22 years old and prior to enlistment was employed at Dean Clough Mills."

27th April 1918 photograph with caption:

"Died doing his duty on March 21st 1918. Cpl Clarke RMAC, only son of Mr & Mrs Edwin Clarke 197 (*sic*) Pellon Lane. Age 22."

Walter COLLINS

Killed in action 11th October 1918, age 35.

Private 49611, 1st/6th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment (Princes of Wales's Own)

Buried in Iwuy Communal Cemetery, France.

Remembered on the memorial of Stainland Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 4, no. 3

Born in 1883, the son of James & Mary J. Collins of Knowl Top, Stainland. He had two brothers, Willie & John, and three sisters, Phoebe, Martha, Minnie. Walter married Emily Garnett in York in September 1910. They then lived at Longfield, Holywell Green, although it appears that they moved to York where their first child, Roland, was born in 1914. Walter worked as a stone mason.

Census:

1891: aged 8 and living at Knowl Top, Stainland with parents and 5 siblings.

1901: aged 18, still living at Knowl Top with parents and 5 siblings. Working as a stone mason.

1911: aged 28 and living at Longfield, Holywell Green with wife Emily.

Halifax Courier, 16th November 1918.

Death notice:

"In loving memory of Pte Walter Collins, son of Mr and Mrs James Collins who was killed in action Oct 11 1918 age 35 years.

*'If those who made this awful war
Had been the only ones to fight,
A brighter world this would have been,
For aching hearts tonight.'*

A token of love from the family, Dobroyd, Stainland."

Arthur Raymond CULPAN

Wounded on 22nd November 1917 and died 4th December 1917, age 25.

Private 202153, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in Etaples Military Cemetery, France. Plot XXX1.A.16.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Stainland
Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 2, no. 6

Born around 1892, the son of Milford & Ann Culpan. At the time of his baptism at St Andrew's Church, Stainland, on 2nd October 1892 they lived at Thorn Street, Stainland. Arthur had two older sisters, Elizabeth and Mary. The 1901 census shows that his mother had died and Arthur was living with his widowed father, Milford, and his married sister, Eliza, and her husband William Maude.

Halifax Courier, 15th December 1917.

"Mr and Mrs Culpan, High Street, Stainland have received news that their son Pte Arthur Raymond Culpan WRR was wounded on 22nd November and died in hospital in France December 4th. Aged 25 years."

Emanuel DAVIDSON

Killed in action 11th May 1916, age 21.

Private 25077, 13th Battalion Canadian Infantry.

Buried in Maple Copse Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium, Plot Sp. Mem. G. 23.

Remembered on the roll of honour of Jagger Green Baptist Church, Jagger Green.

Walk 4, no. 10

Born in Swansea, Wales on 6th January 1895. Adopted son of Mr & Mrs F. Davidson, Jagger Green Hall, Holywell Green.

Census:

1911: living at Jagger Green Hall, Holywell Green with adoptive parents. Working as Worsted Frame Duffer.

Harry Whiteley DAVIDSON

Killed in action 23rd April 1917, age 39.

Private 203293, 1st/4th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment.

Buried in Cagnicourt British Cemetery, France. II.A.1.

Walk 3, no. 1

Son of Benjamin & Mary Elizabeth Davidson. He lived with his family in Station Road, Holywell Green, until his marriage in 1901 to Amelia. He was father to Doreen, Marion and Ronald. At time of death living at Hargreaves Yard, Birkenshaw. He was a bookkeeper at Clothing Hall Company of Bradford but previously worked at Brookroyd Mills and had been a director of Holywell Green Co-op.

Census:

1881: aged 3 and living with parents and younger sister at Station Road.

1891: still living at Station Road with parents and 2 younger sisters. He was working as an errand boy.

1901: still living at Station Road with parents, 2 younger sisters and younger brother.

Halifax Courier, June 1917:

Photograph with caption

"Pte H. W. Davidson, East Yorks. Regt., Birkenshaw, formerly of Holywell Green. Killed April 23; aged 39."



Pte. H. W. Davidson,
East Yorks Regt.,
Birkenshaw, formerly
of Holywell Green.
Killed April 23; aged
39.

Walter DRAKE

Died of typhoid , in hospital in Rouen, 1st February 1915, age 30.

Lance Corporal 7792, 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France, plot A.4.1.

Remembered on the memorials of Blackley Baptist Chapel and St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 3, no. 5

Born in Stow Bedon, Norfolk but lived in Blackley from childhood. Son of Philip and Mary Ann Drake. Husband of Ellen Drake, Rock View, Holywell Brook. At death left a 4-year old daughter (Evelyn) and 1-week old son. Worked at Springwood Mills, Holywell Green.

Census:

1911: living at Rock View, Holywell Brook with wife, Ellen, and 3-month old daughter, Evelyn. Walter is described as a stripper & grinder working for a cotton spinner.

Fred FAIRBANK

Killed in action 17th March 1917, age 33.

Private 202371, 2nd/4th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in Adanac Military Cemetery, Miraumont, Somme, France, Plot 4 Row C grave 47.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland, Holywell Green Congregational Church and Greetland Liberal Club.

Walk 3, no. 1

Only surviving child of Sam & Hannah Fairbank, Station Road, Holywell Green. Born in Elland. Fred worked at Greetland Dyeworks and attended Holywell Green Congregational Church.

Halifax Courier April 1917: with photograph

"Pte Fred Fairbank

News has reached Mr S. Fairbank, Station Road, Holywell Green, that his only son, Pte Fred Fairbank, 5122, W.R.R., was killed in action on March 16, two days short of his having been in the Army a year. The news was conveyed by Sec-Lt H.S. Wood (a Bradford man), who wrote:- 'It is with deepest sympathy that I write to inform you that your son was killed in action on the 16th inst. It might be some comfort to you to know that death was instantaneous, and that he suffered no pain. I did not know your son personally as I was only put in command of his platoon the previous evening, but his platoon sergeant and comrades speak very highly of him. His comrades laid him to rest near the spot where he was killed and put a suitable inscription over the grave. When the first dreadful sense of loss becomes a little easier to bear I think you will feel proud of your boy, who so nobly gave his all for such a righteous cause. I lost a brother last year, and I know what your feelings must be.'

Pte Fairbank was 33 years of age. During his experiences at the front he won the reputation of being an effective bomb thrower. Prior to enlistment he was employed at Greetland Dyeworks. He was a member of Holywell Green Congregational Church."



Pte. F. Fairbank,
West Riding Regt.,
Station Road, Holy-
well Green. Killed
on March 16; aged 33

George FAIRBANK

Killed in action 19th April 1918, age 27.

Driver 64412, 19th Division Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery.

Buried in Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, Belgium.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church and commemorated in
Outlane Methodist Churchyard.

Walk 1, no. 4

George was born in 1890 and baptised on 27th July 1890 in Greetland Parish. He was the son of Fred (a cotton spinner) & Mary Hannah Fairbank. George enlisted in January 1915.

Census:

1891: the family were living in Grove Terrace, Greetland. George's father is recorded as being 24 years old, born in Barkisland and working as a cotton spinner.

George's mother, Mary Hannah was also 24 years old and was born in Outlane.

1901: George was living at Broad Royd, Stainland with his parents and brother, John (aged 8) and sister, Charlotte (aged 1).

1911: The family now lived at Greengate Head, Sowood and included John and Charlotte plus Emily (aged 8), Nora (aged 4) and Fred (aged 2).



Dvr. G. FAIRBANK,
R.F.A., Green Gate
Head, Forest Hill,
Sowood. Killed April
19; aged 27.

Dvr. GEO. FAIRBANK (27), R.F.A., of
Green Gate Head, Forest Hill, Sowood,
was killed in action April 19. He joined
up Jan. 4, 1915, and served in France
nearly 3 years.

FAIRBANK.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fairbank and
family desire to express their sincere thanks
to ally relative sand friends for their kind ex-
pressions of sympathy in their sad bereave-
ment through the loss of their son, Dvr. George
Fairbank, killed in action in France, April
19th, 1918.—Green Gate Head, Sowood.

Philip Oswald FORREST

Killed in action 14th April 1917, age 37.

Lance Corporal 251017, 1st/6th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France.

Remembered on the memorial at St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 4, no. 4

Eldest of five children of Mary Cooper Forrest and the late Marmaduke (died 1890). Philip's father was a smelter of lead ore in Durham. Philip was born in Saltburn-by-the-Sea in 1880. In 1911 he was working as a grocer's assistant and lodging with his uncle at 135 Queen Street, Coatham. He enlisted at Redcar in December 1915 when he was living and working as a grocer's assistant in Middlesbrough. His address at that time was given as c/o Mrs Henderson, Primrose Terrace, Middlesbrough. He was unmarried and his height was given as 5ft 6 in. He went to France with the Expeditionary Force on 23rd December 1916. Philip's connection with Holywell Green appears to be through his mother who, at the time of his enlistment, was living at Northgate, Holywell Green. The 1919 electoral roll shows her still living at Northgate. The Commonwealth War Graves entry gives her address later as Bradley Hall Golf Club, Holywell Green. Philip's brothers Talbot and Thomas were both golf professionals. Thomas came to Bradley Hall Golf Club in 1913.

Benjamin GEE

Killed in action 3rd September 1916. age 34.

Private 4395, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier & Face 6A & 6B.

Remembered on rolls of honour of Stainland (Wesleyan) Methodist Church and St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 4, no. 1

Benjamin was born in Stainland in 1882. He was the son of Son of Edward & Mary (nee Wood) of New Laithe, Sowood and later of Forest Hill, Sowood. He had 3 brothers, John, Ernest & Joe Edward, and 3 sisters, Ruth, Mary & Annie. His father, Edward was a worsted weaver. Benjamin married Mary Hannah Furness of Co-operative Terrace, Stainland, at Stainland Wesleyan Chapel on 22nd June 1904 when he was aged 22. His wife was aged 25 and was working as a worsted burler. They had a daughter, Ina, who married Norman Cawthra on 21st September 1929 and lived at The Royd, Stainland from 1930 to 1955, and then at 8 Brooklands Avenue, Stainland. They also had a son, Edgar, born 17th November 1914, and, in 1939, living with his mother, sister and brother-in-law at The Royd, Stainland. Benjamin was first reported missing in action and his wife, Mary, placed a notice in the Halifax Courier of 13th October 1916 appealing for any information of him. He was later presumed dead. The Register of Soldier's Effects indicates that Mary received a payment of £2.7s.8d on 15th August 1917 "for self & children", and a war gratuity of £4 on 15th October 1919.

Census:

1891: living at New Laithe, Sowood with his parents, 3 brothers and 3 sisters. At the age of 9 he was a scholar. His father's occupation is given as being a worsted weaver.

1901: aged 19 and living at Forest Hill, Sowood with his parents and 6 siblings. Benjamin was working as a cloth presser. His father's occupation is given as being a road mender.

1911: aged 29 and living at Thorn Street, Stainland (possibly no. 12 Back Thorn Street) with wife, Mary H., and 3-year-old daughter, Ina. The census indicates that the couple had been married for 6 years and had 2 children, one of whom had died. Benjamin was working as a cloth presser in a woollen & worsted mill.

Halifax Courier, 14th October 1916:

"Benjamin Gee was reported by the war office to his wife Mary as 'missing' after an engagement on September 3rd and no news of any kind had been received". He was later officially assumed dead.

A death announcement read:

"Died in his country's service, missing since September 3rd now presumed dead, beloved husband of Mary.

Is not life sacrificed for kith and kin

Noble when out a righteous cause to win."

The War Diary of the 1st.5th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington Regiment indicates that the commanding officer was Lieutenant Col. H.A.S. Stanton, and records the following for September 1916:

"1st September - remained in camp at Foxville

2nd September - left Foxville at 5.30 pm to go into action. Halt at Martinsaut Wood for meal. The battalion moved forward via Pioneer Road and tram line to old British line. Battalion in posts for 3.45 am. A, B & D Corps occupied in assembly parallels and C Corp on old trenches.

3rd September - 39th & 49th Divisions assaulted the German lines across the river Ancre at 5.10 am. The 49th had orders to capture and consolidate the German front line and the support trenches. The 39th's aim was to overrun and capture the German trench at Q18/6 1/2.2 tp Q17.6.5.8. The attack was preceded by intense artillery bombing on German front line for three minutes under which the 39th advanced. The barrage stopped at 5.13 am. Heavy artillery was also fired at Thiepval. The 39th and 49th came under heavy machine gun fire.

The whole attack failed."

Edward GEORGE

Killed in action, as the result of gas poisoning, 19th December 1915, age 23.

Lance Corporal 1212 "A" Company 1st/4th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in Bard Cottage Cemetery, Belgium, plot I.E.3.

Remembered on rolls of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and St Mary's Parish Church, Elland.

Walk 3, no. 1

Edward was one of seven children of Ann and John George (police sergeant, died 1909) of Station Road, Holywell Green. He had 3 brothers, John, George and Robert, and 3 sisters, Mary, Annie and Florrie.

Edward worked as clerk at James Skelton, Greaves Mill and was a member of Holywell Green AFC. As a territorial soldier he was called up in August 1914. He was poisoned in a phosgene and chlorine gas attack on the Ypres Salient and died of his injuries.

Edward's brother, John, was killed in action on 2nd August 1917, aged 28.

Census:

1901: Edward was living with his parents in Milton Street, Goole where his father, John, was a police sergeant. Four more children had been born: Edward, George, Robert & Florrie. Mary was living with relatives in Eastrington.

1911: Edward was living at Station Road, Holywell Green with his widowed mother, Ann, and siblings John, Mary, George, Robert & Florrie. Annie had married and was living in Elland.

Halifax Courier, December 1915

"Memoriam

In loving memory of Lance Corporal Edward George West Riding Regiment, second son of the late Sergeant P S George and Mrs George, Station Road, Holywell Green, who was killed in action 19th December 1915 aged 23 years. From sorrowing Mother, Brothers and Sisters."

Halifax Courier, January 1916

Photograph with caption:

"L.-Cpl. Edward George, First, 4th, Station-road, Holywell Green. Fatally gassed, Dec. 19."

also

"Acknowledgement

Mrs George and family wish to thank all their friends for the many manifestations of sympathy and kindness in their sad loss.

Station Road, Holywell Green."



L.-CPL. EDWARD GEORGE,
First, 4th, Station-road, Holywell Green.
Fatally gassed, Dec. 19.
Photo: Liversmore, Halifax.

John (Jack) GEORGE

Killed in action 2nd August 1917, age 28.

Private 26352, 4th Battalion Grenadier Guards.

Commemorated on Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium, Panel 9 & 11.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and at Holywell Green Congregational Church.

Walk 3, no. 1

John, known as Jack, was the eldest son of Ann and John George (police sergeant, died 1909) of Station Road, Holywell Green. He had 3 brothers, Edward, George and Robert, and 3 sisters, Mary, Annie and Florrie. He worked as a cloth miller at Shaw's, Stainland. His brother, Edward, was killed on 19th December 1915.

Census:

1891: The family comprised father John, mother Ann and 3 children, Mary, John & Annie. They were living in Church Lane, Snaith, where John snr was a police constable.

1901: The family had moved to Milton Street, Goole and John snr was now a police sergeant. Four more children had been born: Edward, George, Robert & Florrie. Mary was living with relatives in Eastrington.

1911: Jack was living at Station Road, Holywell Green with his widowed mother, Ann, and siblings Mary, Edward, George, Robert & Florrie. Annie had married and was living in Elland.

Halifax Courier, 11th August 1917:

"The sorrowful news was received on Wednesday by Mrs George of Holywell Green conveyed by his comrade that her son Jack of the Grenadier Guards had been killed instantly at the front. George was a single man who resided with his mother the widow of ex-Police Sergeant George. He worked at Messrs J. Shaw's before joining the army and was at one time connected to the territorials in Elland.

A younger brother Edward was killed on 19th December last year and yet another brother was wounded about six months ago, and is still in hospital in this country. Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs George who is suffering under the weight of misfortune so terribly distressing."

James Ross GILMOUR

Died of wounds 17th July 1917, age 19.

Private 242850, 1st/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in Noeux-les-Mines Communal Cemetery, France, Plot II.E.35.

Remembered on the memorial of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 3, no. 1

James was born in 1898 in Kiveton Park, Rotherham. He was the son of Stainland policeman William & Clara Gilmour, Holywell Green. James worked at Greetland Dyeworks and attended St Andrew's Church. He enlisted in Elland. He was wounded on 28th June 1917 and died on 17th July 1917 at a casualty clearing station after the amputation of his arm.

Census:

1901: aged 3 and living at Rawshaw, Rotherham with his parents William (a police sergeant) & Clara, and older siblings Ethel Alice and William D. His father is indicated as having been born in Kirkcudbright, Scotland.

1911: aged 13 and living with his parents, sister and brother at Station Road, Holywell Green. His father was a police sergeant and James was working as a cop painter in a cotton spinning mill.

Halifax Courier 28th July 1917:

"Rev Horsley Smith Chaplain had written to Police Sergeant Gilmour, Stainland stating that his son Pte James Gilmour WR Regiment died on July 17th. The Chaplain wrote that death took place quite peacefully adding:-'Your boy died nobly and gave his life for his country. I buried him today (July 18) and remembered you in my prayers at his grave.'

Pte Gilmour who was 19 years of age was severely wounded on June 28th and removed to 7th casualty clearing station where his right arm was amputated. From the first his condition was serious. He enlisted six months ago, prior to which he was employed at Greetland Dyeworks. He was a youth of much promise and his death has been heard with great regret. A memorial service is to be held at St Andrews Church on Sunday afternoon the church with which he was associated."

Halifax Courier 4th August 1917

"Memorial Service

On Sunday afternoon a well attended memorial service was held at St Andrews Church, Stainland, for Private James Ross Gilmour younger son of Police Sergt Gilmour, Holywell Green who died of wounds received in action July 17th aged 19 and was interred in Noeux-Les-Mines Communal Cemetery, France July 18th. The service which was conducted by the Rev H.V. Cowper.

Pte Gilmour enlisted in West Riding Regiment last September and landed in France on New Year's Day."

Irvine GLEDHILL

Killed in action 3rd September 1916 at Thiepval Wood Assembly, age 27.

Private 202151, 1st/4th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)

Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier & Face 6A & 6B.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and on the Elland War Memorial.

Walk 3, no. 5

Son of Luke & Elizabeth Gledhill of Station Road, Holywell Green. Husband of Martha Ann, a widow who he married on 13th November 1915, of Rock View, Holywell Brook. A son, Clarence Irvine Gledhill, was born in 1916. Irvine was reported missing in an unsuccessful attack on the heavily fortified Schwaben Redoubt on the Somme on 3rd September 1916. He was later presumed dead. At the time of his enlistment Irvine's height was 5ft 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins, his chest measurement was 35 inches with expansion of a further 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Leonard GLEDHILL

Lost at sea 26th March 1918, age 25.

Ordinary Seaman J/79250, Royal Navy.

Commemorated on the Plymouth War Memorial, 27.

Remembered on rolls of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland, and Stainland (Wesleyan) Methodist Church.

Walk 4, no. 2

Leonard lived with his grandparents, Joseph & Hannah Gledhill at Beech Street, Stainland (although Commonwealth War Graves Commission gives address as Thornhill, Sowood - this may have been a later address). He worked as a twisting overlooker at Colne Valley Spinning Co., Linthwaite. He attended Sowood Wesleyan Chapel.

Leonard enlisted in October 1917. His first voyage was on Royal Fleet Auxiliary "Lady Cory Wright", a mine carrier. It was torpedoed by a German U-boat (UC-17), 14 miles SSW of the Lizard. 39 sailors died and there was only one survivor.

Census:

1911: living with grandparents at Moor Hey, Sowood. Working as cotton spinner's assistant.

Halifax Courier, April 1918:

Photograph with caption:

"Seaman L. Gledhill, Beech-st., Stainland. Drowned at sea, Mar 26; aged 25." also

"Seaman Leonard Gledhill

Official news has been received by Mr Jos. Gledhill, Beech-street, Stainland, that his only grandson, Ordinary Seaman Leonard Gledhill, was drowned at sea on March 26, 1918, whilst serving on board a destroyer. He joined the navy on Oct. 8, 1917, was in training at Devonport, but unfortunately he lost his life on his first voyage. He was home on leave only seven weeks before setting sail, to attend his grandmother's funeral. Prior to joining the navy he was employed as a twisting overlooker at Colne Valley Spinning Company, Linthwaite, where he was well-known and highly respected. He was 25 years of age, and his name is on the roll of honour at the Wesleyan Chapel, Sowood."



**Seaman L. Gledhill,
Beech-st., Stainland.
Drowned at sea, Mar.
26; aged 25.**

Fred GREENWOOD

Died of wounds 20th June 1918, age 40.

Gunner 143652, Royal Garrison Artillery, 100th Siege Battery.

Buried in Longuenesse (St Omer) Sovereign Cemetery, France.
His memorial stone (Plot 5, row B, grave 73) has the inscription "Gone but not forgotten, from his loving wife".

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 2, no. 8

Born in Stainland, Fred was the son of John & Sarah Greenwood and older brother of Harry. In 1905, at the age of 27, he married Lillian Holroyd, also of Stainland, at St Andrew's Church, Stainland. They lived at South Parade, Stainland. Fred worked as wool warehouseman and bank caretaker. He enlisted in March 1916, aged 38 years and 38 days. At this time he and his wife had no children. His height was given as 5ft 9 ins. His occupation was described as being a Waste Shoddy manufacturer. He was injured on 19th July 1917 and returned to England to recover, returning to the front-line on 11th November 1917. The telegram notifying his wife of his death can be viewed on Ancestry UK along with details of his personal belongs sent to his wife after his death.

Census:

1891: aged 13 and living at Bank House Stainland with his parents John and Sarah and brother Harry aged 9.

1901: aged 23 and living at St Ann's Place, Stainland with his widowed mother and brother Harry. He was working as a wool warehouseman.

1911: aged 33 and living at South Parade, Stainland with his wife, Lillian. He was working as a wool warehouseman and bank caretaker.

Rowland Norcliffe HAIGH

Died of wounds 5th June 1918, age 20.

Private 202522, 1st Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Commemorated on Loos Memorial, France, Panel 46 to 49.

Remembered on rolls of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland, Beestonley Lane Providence Chapel, Stainland and the Huddersfield Roll of Honour. Also on the Scots at War roll of honour.

Walk 1, no. 10

Born June 1898 in Stainland, son of Joe & Sarah Ann Haigh. Rowland had three sisters, Leah, Alma and Olive. All of his family were born in Stainland. He was grandson of Rowland Norcliffe of R. & D. Norcliffe Mill, Stainland Dean who donated a house for the housing of Belgian Refugees as part of the village's Belgium Relief Fund.

Rowland was employed as a night feeder by Messrs Job Thomas & Son Ltd, Woodland Mill.

He enlisted on 6th October 1916 and served in France until March 1918 when he was invalided home with trench fever. He returned to France on 2nd May 1918 and was killed in action on 5th June 1918. He has no known grave. At the time of his death his family lived at 14 Francis Street, Milnsbridge.

Census:

1901: aged 2, living at Knowle Top, Stainland with his parents and two sisters, Leah and Alma.

1911: aged 12 and still at school. He had moved to 73 Rushfield, Manchester Rod, Milnsbridge with his parents and 3 sisters, Leah, Alma and Olive.

Huddersfield roll of honour-

"HAIGH, ROWLAND NORCLIFFE. Private. No 202522 1st Battalion The Royal Scots Fusiliers . Born Stainland, Halifax. Son of Mr and Mrs Joe Haigh , 14 Francis Street, Milnsbridge. Employed as a night feeder by Messrs Job Thomas and son Ltd. Woodland Mill. Enlisted 6.10.16 Served in France until March 1918, when he was invalided home with trench fever. Returning to France 2.5.1918 . Killed in action 5.6.1918 . He has no known grave. Commemorated Loos Memorial to the missing, ROH. Beestonley Lane Providence Chapel, Stainland and St. Andrews Church Stainland."

The Scots at War roll of honour:

"Born in Stainland, West Yorkshire in 1898 son of Sarah Ann Norcliffe and Joseph Haigh and cousin of Roderick Maclean DMC. Enlisted in Huddersfield. Died of wounds on 5th July 1918."

Sam HAIGH

Killed in action 9th April 1918, age 38

Private 41151, 11th Battalion Suffolk Regiment.

Commemorated on Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium, Panel 3.

Remembered on the memorial of Stainland Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 4, no. 12a

Born in Stainland in 1880, the son of Luke & Lucy Haigh. Sam was the youngest child of five children. His siblings were, David, Mary, Fred and Ann. He was the husband of Adeline. In 1919 Adeline received War Grant payments of £7.18s10d and £8.10s. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission entry describes Sam as the son of Luke Haigh of Halifax and husband of Adeline of 27 Albion Street, Huddersfield..

Census:

1881: Sam was aged 5 months. He lived at New Row Brook with his parents and four siblings. His father, Luke, who was aged 42, is described as a mechanic.

1891: Aged 10, Sam was already working as a woollen piecer. The family lived at Carr Hall.

1901: Aged 20, Sam was living with his sisters Mary and Ann at Station Road, Holywell Green. His mother, Lucy, had died in 1896 at the age of 53. Sam is described as being a clerk in an office.

Frank HAYWOOD

Killed in action 21st March 1918, age 28.

Private 18888, 2nd/5th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derby Regiment).

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, France, Bay 7.

Walk 2, no. 7

Son of Harry & Katherine Haywood, New Street, Stainland.

Herbert HELLIWELL

Died of malarial fever 16th October 1918, age 31.

Gunner 154320, 394th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Buried in Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel & Palestine, Z15.

Remembered on rolls of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Beestonley Lane Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 2, no. 7

Son of William & Emma Helliwell, Moor Hey, Sowood. Husband of Edith Mary Helliwell and father of one son (Jack), living at New Street, Stainland. Edith Mary was the sister of Private Arnold Nutton who was killed in action on 10th October 1917 at Passchendaele.

A former stone delver, Herbert served in Italy, Mesopotamia and Egypt. He was reported to have died in Alexandria., Egypt.

Halifax Courier, November 1918:

Photograph with caption:

"Gnr. H. Helliwell, R.G.A., Stainland. Died at Alexandria from malaria fever." also

"Gnr. Herbert Helliwell, R.G.A., Stainland, died from the effects of malaria fever at Alexandria, Egypt, on Oct. 16. He joined the colours on April 11, 1917 and embarked for Italy in July of the same year. The following October he went to Mesopotamia, and in May last was transferred to Egypt. His wife has received the following from his Major: 'It is with great regret that I write to inform you of the recent death in hospital of your husband, from malaria fever. As his commanding officer I may tell you that both officers and men of this battery greatly deplore his loss and sympathise with you in your bereavement. I have always found him a most willing and reliable soldier, one of the best type of artillerymen.'" Gunner Helliwell leaves a wife and a little boy to mourn his loss and much sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Helliwell as she has lost a brother, Pte. Arnold Nutton, who was killed on the Western Front."

Gnr. HERBERT HELLIWELL, R.G.A., Stainland, died from the effects of malaria fever at Alexandria, Egypt, on Oct. 16. He joined the colours on April 11, 1917 and embarked for Italy in July of the same year. The following October he went to Mesopotamia, and in May last was transferred to Egypt. His wife has received the following from his major: "It is with great regret that I write to inform you of the recent death in hospital of your husband, from malaria fever. As his commanding officer I may tell you that both officers and men of this battery greatly deplore his loss and sympathise with you in your bereavement. I have always found him a most willing and reliable soldier, one of the best type of artillerymen." Gunner Helliwell leaves a wife and a little boy to mourn his loss, and much sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Helliwell, as she has lost a brother, Pte. Arnold Nutton, who was killed on the Western Front.



Gnr. H. Helliwell
R.G.A. Stainland.
Died at Alexandria
from malaria
fever.

also, in the Deaths column:

"Died in the Country's Service

Helliwell: In loving memory of a dear husband and father Gnr Herbert Helliwell R.G.A. who died of fever on October 16th 1918 'somewhere in Egypt'.

*In the Springtime of life with its joys just unfolding
From our midst he has suddenly fled
It went to our hearts like a cold blast of morning
As the whisper went round 'he is dead'
No more will he answer when the roll is called
Or start at the bugle sound
But o' Lord when the roll in heaven is called
May his name in that book be found*

From his loving wife and little son Jack, New Street, Stainland."
also

"In loving memory of a dear son and brother Gnr Herbert Helliwell died 16th October 1918 aged 32 years.

*We had pictured his safe returning
And longing to clasp his hand
But God has postponed the meeting
Twill be in a better land*

From mother, brother, sister and Ron, Sowood Green."

John James* HENSON

Died of wounds after being taken prisoner-of-war, 9th May 1917, age 35.

Private 36218, 10th Battalion, York & Lancaster Regiment.

Buried in Douai Communal Cemetery, joint grave G.1.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Stainland
Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 4, no. 4

Born around 1882 in Bramhope, Yorkshire to Henry H & Hannah Henson. Brother to William and Robert. His father was a farmer. He married Mary Ellen Brook Kay in 1906 at St Andrew's Church Stainland. They lived at Northgate, Holywell Green. He enlisted in 1916 at the age of 32 and, at that time, was living in Hebden Bridge and working as a Poultry Breeder. His next of kin is listed as Mary Ellen and they have no children.

Halifax Courier, 10th November 1917:

"Pte John James Henson who lived at both Market Street, Hebden Bridge and at West Vale and whose widow resides at 11, Oak-villas, Charlestown, Hebden Bridge is now definitely known to have been taken prisoner last April and to have since died from his wounds. News has been received that he was buried in Douai, North France on May 9th. At West Vale he was a poultry farmer. He joined the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment in September last year, going abroad in December."

* Ancestry UK war records refer to him as John Joseph Henson.

James Willie HEY

Drowned 11th December 1917, age 25.

Able Seaman, Tyneside Z/10087, S.S. Frankby, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, 27.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Stainland (Wesleyan) Methodist Church.

Walk 4, no. 14

Born in 1894, the son of Joe & Clara Hey of The Cross, Stainland. James was an engine tender at R. & D. Norcliffe & Co., Firth House Mills, previously at Haigh Wright & Co, Dean Valley Mills, Stainland. He enlisted in the Royal Navy on 28th August 1916. After training at Crystal Palace he served as a gunner on several merchantmen and sailed to the Indies, San Francisco and West Africa. He was drowned when his ship, the armed merchantman S.S. Frankby carrying a cargo of nitrate from Antofagasta (Chile) to Marseilles, was wrecked on Formigas Rocks, off St Michael Island in the Azores. He was the first naval man from Stainland to die in World War I.

Smith HINDLE

Killed in action 30th October 1917, age 41

Private 100692, 49th Battalion, Canadian Infantry.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium, Panel 24-28-30.

Remembered on the memorial of Stainland Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 4, no. 4

Born in Stainland to Emma Hindle. His birth was registered in Halifax in the October/December period of 1876. Smith was the middle child of the family. He had two sisters, Mary A and Hannah M. He emigrated to Canada on 19th May 1911, travelling to Quebec. His age at that time is given as 33. At his death the Commonwealth Graves Register gives his date of birth as 12th September 1884.

Census:

1891: Aged 14 and working as a cotton piecer, Smith was living at Northgate, Stainland, with his mother, Emma and two sisters. His mother is aged 37 and working as a woollen feeder. Both sisters are working in the worsted industry.

1901: Aged 24 and working as a cart driver for a laundry, Smith was living at 14 Bairstow Lane, Sowerby Bridge. He was lodging with his sister, Mary, who was married to Harry Tasker. They had two children. The 1891 census shows Smith's mother and younger sister living at Station Road, Holywell Green.

1911: Aged 33 and working as an insurance agent for the Prudential, Smith was still living with the Tasker family. Their address is given as 16 Bairstow Lane, Sowerby Bridge. His mother is still living at Station Road, Holywell Green with daughter Hannah. She describes herself as having been married for 34 years.

Norman HIRST (Rifleman)

Killed in action 31st July 1917, age 27.

Rifleman 40603, 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles.

Commemorated at the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium (Panel 40) and in Ireland's Memorial records (under Hurst).

Remembered on the memorial board in St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 1, no. 9a

Son of Selena and the late James Hirst of Sandbeds, Sowood, formerly of Moor Hey, Sowood. His father, James died in 1904. His mother died in 1935.

Census:

1891: aged 1, he lived at 6 Knowle Top, Stainland with parents and sister Louisa.

His father, James, was a quarryman.

1901: aged 11, he lived at 10 Moor Mires, Stainland with his parents, his sisters Louisa and Laura and his grandmother Margaret.

1911: aged 21, living at Moor Mires, Stainland with his widowed mother and sister Laura. He was working as a Fancy Weaver in a mill.

Norman HIRST (Private)

Killed in action 14th December 1917, age 26.

Private 43130, 8th Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Buried in Giavera British Cemetery Arcade (Italy), Plot 1, Row C, Grave 3.

Walk 1, no. 5b

Born on 13th April 1891 to Henry and Eliza Ann Hirst.

Census:

1901: living at Black Hill Row, Stainland with paternal grandmother, Nancy Hirst, widowed mother Eliza Ann, sisters, Nancy & Violet and brother, Sam.

1911: living at Old Row, Stainland with widowed mother, sisters Nancy & Violet and brother Sam. Working as a Worsted Beamer.

Edward HOLROYD

Died of wounds 19th September 1916, age 32.

Gunner 6871, 124th Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Buried in La Neuville British Cemetery, Corbie, France, Plot II.F.5.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 2, no. 7a

Born in Greetland. Son of Thomas & Martha Ann Holroyd, Gardeners Cottage, Stainland. Edward was a drayman and postman for T. Briggs, Postman and Grocer. When Edward died, a message of love was received from Clara of 29 Arnold Street, Halifax.

Harry HOLROYD

Killed in action 15th September 1916, age 19.

Rifleman C/7676, 18th Battalion Kings Royal Rifle Corps.

Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier & Face 13A & 13B.

Walk 2, no. 7a

Born in Barkisland. Son of Mr & Mrs J. W. Holroyd, Black Horse Inn, Stainland.
Worked at Brighthouse Doubling Co., Victoria Mills, Brighthouse.
Harry's brother, Private B. Holroyd of the West Riding Regiment, was awarded the Military Medal in 1918.

Halifax Courier, November 1916: Photograph with caption:
"Rifleman H. Holroyd, King's Royal Rifles, son of Mr. J. W. Holroyd, Black Horse Inn, Stainland. Wounded and missing, Sept. 15, aged 20."



Rifleman H. Holroyd,
King's Royal Rifles,
son of Mr. J. W.
Holroyd, Black Horse
Inn, Stainland.
Wounded and miss-
ing, Sept. 15, aged 20

John Reginald HOLROYD

Killed in action 1st October 1918, age 22.

Private 35685, Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Buried in Bellicourt British Cemetery, France, plot II.O.10.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Holywell Green Congregational School & Chapel.

Walk 4, no. 6

Son of John William & Annie Holroyd, Thomas Street, Holywell Green. John was unmarried and involved with Holywell Green Congregational Church & Sunday School. He worked at Brookroyd Mills. He enlisted in 1915.

Census:

1901: living at New Road, Stainland with parents, 3 older brothers and 1 younger brother. His father was a joiner.

1911: age 14 and still living at New Road with parents, 3 older brothers, 1 younger brother and a younger sister. He is described as being a "worsted oiler student".

Halifax Courier, October 1918:

"Early Morning Death

Pte. J. R. Holroyd, Holywell Green.

News has reached Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holroyd, of Thomas Street, Holywell Green, from the Staff-Captain on the 97th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, of the death of their son, Pte J. R. (Reggie) Holroyd, of the K.O.Y.L.I., the communication stating that he was killed about 1 a.m. on the 1st inst. The officer adds that Pte Holroyd 'was a good soldier, his cheerfulness and amiable disposition having earned him the finest respect from his officers and comrades. He will be sadly missed, and the personnel of Brigade Headquarters extend to you their deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement.'

Pte. Holroyd was formerly employed at Brookroyd Mills, and was connected with Holywell Green Congregational School and Chapel, where his name appears on the roll of honour. He was 22 years old, and at the age of 19 joined the Duke of Wellington's Regt., being trained at Clipstone Camp, where he obtained distinction in explosives and bombing, reaching the rank of temporary sergeant, and acted as an instructor of bombing at the Brigade Officers' School. He volunteered for foreign service in October, 1916, and was transferred to the K.O.Y.L.I. and has since been in France. Much sympathy is felt in the village for Mr. and Mrs. Holroyd, who are well known.

One brother has seen service abroad, being one of the early recruits from the village, and a third member of the family is in training."

Verney HOLROYD

Killed in action 8th April 1918, age 23.

Gunner 67292, 258th Seige Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Buried in Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, France, plot VIII.Q.36..

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and also commemorated on his parent's grave in St Andrew's Graveyard, Stainland.

Walk 1, no. 9

Youngest of six children of Ben & Hannah Holroyd, Sandbeds, Sowood. His siblings were Alice Maud, George Norman, Harry, Emily and Agnes. His parents are buried in St Andrew's Graveyard, Stainland. His brother George & sister Agnes are also buried at St. Andrew's.

Verney was unmarried but is believed to have been engaged to a girl from the King Cross area of Halifax. They both worked in retail shops in Halifax. Verney had worked in a drapers shop. He was an accomplished pianist who loved music. Verney's brother Harry was wounded in France and was reported missing, presumed dead. However a nurse from Stainland found him in a field hospital in France and informed his parents that he was alive. Harry survived the war, married and had a son who he named Verney in remembrance of his brother.

Verney's other brother, George, was conscripted into the Army but served in Ireland. He worked at the Holywell Green Railway Station. (*Information and photographs kindly provided by Ian Gaukroger, grandson of Verney's sister Alice Maud.*)

Photograph of Verney Holroyd & his two brothers (from left: George, Harry, Verney)



Verney Holroyd and the girl to whom he was engaged - she came from the King Cross area but we do not know her name



Verney Holroyd's headstone



Alfred Wilson (Willie) HOWE

Killed in action 10th April 1917, age 21.

Lance Corporal 430671, 27th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment) part of Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Commemorated on Vimy Memorial, France and also in Canada.

Remembered on the memorial of Stainland Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 2, no. 1

Born 24th December 1895 in Liverpool. Son of John (died Nov 1917 in British Columbia, Canada) & Mary Jane Howe. Alfred and his family (except for one sister) emigrated to Canada in August 1911 on the SS Empress of Britain. He enlisted on 1st March 1915. when his occupation was given as bricklayer.

Census:

1911: living with mother and siblings at Victoria Cottage, Beestonley Lane, Stainland.

Occupation: warp twister.



Cpl. A. W. Howe,
Canadian E.F., for-
merly of Stainland.
Killed April 10; aged
21.

Thomas HYDE

Killed in action 11th July 1915, age 19.

Private 2408, 1st/5th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in Bard Cottage Cemetery, Belgium, I.A.40

Walk 3, no. 4

Son of Frank & Lena (Elena or Eleanor) Hyde (nee Scott), St Helen's Square, Holywell Green. Four siblings: Ernest, Annie, Doris and Florence. Born 1896 in Moldgreen, Huddersfield. Worked as Teaser at Fox & Son, Northgate, Huddersfield. Enlisted March 1914 in Territorial Force. At time of enlistment was living at 41 Cross Lane, Newsome, Huddersfield, recorded as being 5ft 3 inches tall, chest 34 inches expanding by 2 inches, vision "good", physical development "fair".

Census:

1901: living at 17 Grasscroft, Almondbury with parents and 4 siblings. Father's occupation "Woollen Mill Fetter".

1911: living at 71 Whitehead Lane, Primrose Hill, Huddersfield with parents and younger siblings Doris & Florence. Father's occupation "Teaser & Fetter", mother's occupation "Spinner".

Haigh IREDALE

Killed in action 14th April 1918, age 28.

Private 31664, 1st/4th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)..

Buried in Locre Hospice Cemetery, Belgium, Plot II.C.13.

Remembered on rolls of honour at Pole Moor Baptist Church and St Andrew's Church, Stainland. Also remembered on the remembrance plaque of the Joseph Hoyle Mill (now at Longwood Mechanics Institute).

Walk 1, no. 3

Second son of John & Mary Ann Iredale, Sowood Hill, Stainland. Haigh attended Pole Moor Baptist Chapel and worked at Joseph Hoyle & Son, Prospect Mill, Longwood. He enlisted in May 1917 and was killed in action at Bailleul during the Battle of Lys.

Halifax Courier, June 1918:

Photograph with caption:

"Pte. H. Iredale, W.R.R., Sowood Hill, Stainland. Killed April 14; aged 28."

also

"Pte. Haigh Iredale (28), W.R.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Iredale, Sowood Hill, Stainland, was killed on April 14. Previous to joining the forces he was employed by Messrs. Joseph Hoyle and Son, Prospect Mill, Longwood. He joined up on May 10, 1917, and after three months' training was sent to France. He was associated with Pole Moor Baptist Church. Two brothers are in the army, one in France and the other in Salonika."



Pte. H. IREDALE,
W.R.R., Sowood Hill,
Stainland. Killed
April 14; aged 28.

Joe Willie IREDALE

Killed in action 27th November 1917, age 33.

Private 36236, 2nd/5th Battalion, York & Lancaster Regiment.

Commemorated on Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Panel 9 & 10.

Remembered on the memorial of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 4, no. 4

Born in 1884 to Thomas & Sabine Iredale of Holywell Green, Brother of Thomas and Mary. Husband of Jane Elizabeth (nee Crowther) who he married at the Square Chapel, Halifax pm 14th April 1906. Jane later lived at 49 Clive Street, New Bank, Halifax. When he enlisted in 1916, his age was given as 31 years 216 days. He was married without children, living at Northgate, Holywell Green, and working as an over-looker.

Census:

1891: age 6, living at 1 Greaves Place, Holywell Green with parents Thomas & Sabine and brother Fred. Thomas Iredale's occupation is given as "painter".

1901: age 16, living at Brook Hill, Holywell Green with his parents, brother Fred and sister Mary.

1911: age 26, living on Station Road, Holywell Green with wife, Jane Elizabeth, and working as a woollen feeder.

Halifax Courier, 5th October 1918:

"Private Joe Willie Iredale reported wounded and missing on November 27th 1917 is now assumed to have died on that date. Pte Iredale enlisted on September 11th 1916, he was employed by Messrs J. Mackintosh, Albion Mills. He was sent to France on December 17th 1916 and was wounded on April 26th 2017 and returned to the fighting on September 12th 1917. He was connected with Stainland Wesleyan Church."

Arnold JACKSON

Died of pneumonia at Cambridge General Hospital, Aldershot, 1st November 1918, age 28.

Pioneer 77744, 68th Signal Company, Royal Engineers.

Buried in Providence Congregational Cemetery, Stainland, plot 258.

Remembered on rolls of honour of Beestonley Lane, Providence Congregational Chapel and St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 2, no. 2

Born in 1890 in Stainland, son of Thomas & Emma Jackson, Beestonley Lane, Stainland. He had one sister, Sarah. A brother, Harry, died in infancy in 1888 before Arnold was born. His father was a blacksmith.

Census:

1891: aged 1, living with parents and sister, Sarah (aged 6) in Beestonley Lane, Stainland.

1901: still living at Beestonley Lane with parents and sister.

1911: still at Beestonley Lane with parents and sister. He was working as a labourer for a paper maker.

Halifax Courier, 9th November 1918:

" Died in the country's service:

Jackson - on Nov 1st 1918 at the General Hospital, Cambridge from pneumonia Pioneer Arnold Jackson (77744) RE the dearly beloved and only son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Jackson of Beestonley, Stainland, aged 28 years. Interred on Wednesday, Nov 6th at Providence Congregational Cemetery, Stainland."

George LEE

Killed by shellfire 4th November 1915, age 22.

Private 1985, 1st/5th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in Bard Cottage Cemetery, Belgium, plot I.D.24.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 3, no. 1

Son of Tom & Hannah Lee with 5 siblings, George was a Huddersfield Territorial Soldier. He was called up in August 1914. He was husband to Agnes Lee, 53 Station Road, Holywell Green but she later moved to 14 Rawroyds, Holywell Green. and then to Near Lane, Meltham. Agnes was awarded a widow's pension of 10/- per week starting on 26th June 1916.

Halifax Courier, November 1915:

"Pte. George Lee

Mrs. George Lee, 53, Station-road, Holywell Green has been officially informed that her husband, Private George Lee, First 5th W.R. Regiment (Huddersfield Territorials) was killed on November 4. Private Lee's brother has written that George lost his life by a shell bursting close beside him, striking him on the head. He was laid to rest by his comrades the following day, about a mile from the firing line. He was only 22 years of age.

Lee was in the Territorials when the war began, and is the first of the Meltham section to sacrifice his life. His father and two brothers are also at the front."

Arthur LISTER

Killed in action 3rd May 1917, age 24.

Private 13052, 2nd Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France, Bay 6.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Stainland
Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 2, no. 7

Son of John & Mary Hannah Lister. Husband of Jessie (nee Hammond) of New Street, Stainland, who he married in 1915. Arthur attended Providence Congregational Chapel and worked in the finishing department of J. Hoyle & Co., Longwood, Huddersfield. He enlisted in September 1914, was wounded and invalided home in August 1915 but was returned to his unit in April 1916. He was originally reported to be a prisoner of war but was then reported missing, presumed dead.

Halifax Courier, June 1917:

Photograph with caption:

"Pte A. Lister, West Riding Regt., New Street, Stainland. Missing since May 3; aged 24."



Pte. A. Lister,
West Riding Regt.,
New Street, Stain-
land. Missing since
May 3; aged 24.

Joe MELLOR

Killed in action (shell wound to head) 10th October 1917, age 19.

Private 29062, 1st Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment.

Buried in Godewaersvelde British Cemetery, France, plot I.H.16.

Walk 1, no. 6

Son of Sam & Abigail Mellor, New York Farm, Stainland, Joe worked in the finishing department of Hirst & Mallinson Ltd, Longwood, Huddersfield.

On 7th November 1917 Joe's father, Sam, received a post office telegram with 27 words, reporting that Joe had been killed in action, dying from a shell wound to the head. He subsequently received Joe's effects: a disc (medallion), a photograph, pocket case, two religious books, a pair of nail scissors, a notebook, a French phrase book, a cigarette case, a waist belt, a set of dentures and three coins.

(John) Cyril MORTIMER

Killed in action 30th December 1917, age 19.

Private 307645, "C" Company, 2nd/7th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in 19 Belgium Battery Corner Cemetery, Plot II.E.3.

Remembered on the plaque previously in Stainland Providence Church.

Walk 4, no. 4a

Born in Holywell Green. Son of Eli & Annie Mortimer of 11 Spring View, Luddendenfoot. He had a sister, Eva Alice. Cyril enlisted on 27th June 1916 and left for France on 11th October 1916. He was killed on the Western Front on 30th December 1917 when he was 19.

Census:

1898: Born in Stainland to Eli and Annie Mortimer

1901: Living at Broad Royd, Stainland with his parents and baby sister Eva Alice.

1911: Living at Mellor Lane, Holywell Green with his parents and sister, at this time aged 13 he was working as a Worsted Doffer.

Halifax Courier 12th January 1918:

"JOHN CYRIL MORTIMER – Deceased Serviceman.

Pte John Cyril Mortimer WR Regiment son of Mr & Mrs Eli Mortimer, 11 Spring-view Luddendenfoot (formerly of Holywell Green) has been struck by a fragment of shell on the Western Front and killed. On June 27th 1916 he joined up going out to France on October 11th the same year. He previously worked as a woollen fettler for Messrs Longbottom and was a member of Ludden Foot (*sic*) Congregational Church where his name is on the Roll of Honour as it is also on at Providence Church Stainland. He was a member of the Boys' Brigade connected with the former institution. He was 19 years old. Pte W J Priestley writes in reference to Pte Mortimer's death: "I can assure you he was a good lad. He feared nothing, whatever we were doing. It will be a great loss to his parents. "

also

"Mortimer – On December 30th 1917 killed in Country's Service Private (307645) WR Regiment aged 19, only son of Mr and Mrs Eli Mortimer, 11 Spring-view, Luddendenfoot (late of Holywell Green)

Duty called and he was there

To do his bit and take his share

His heart was good, his courage brave

His resting place a soldiers grave

But the hardest part is yet to come

When the warriors shall return

And we miss amongst the gallant lads

The face of our dear son."

Sam MORTON

Gassed 20th December 1915, age 28 on the Ypres Salient.

Lance Corporal 2536, 1st/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium, Plot II.C.23.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland, Holywell Green Congregational Church and St John's Church West Vale and on the Greetland War Memorial

Walk 3, no. 10

Sam was the son of George & Rebecca Morton and brother of Albert Edward, Joe Willie, Fred and Mary. He married Esther Cooper on 25th June 1910 at St John the Baptist Church, Halifax. and they had one son, George, born 12th February 1912. Sam enlisted in the Territorials at Elland on 26th August 1908. He was aged 21 years 7 months and working as a cotton operative at R & J Holroyd, Stainland. He was living at Burr Wood, Stainland. He gave his next of kin as his brother, Albert Edward Morton of Northgate, Holywell Green and his sister, Mrs Alfred Ellis of New Road, Holywell Green. At the time of enlistment his height was 5ft 5 ins, his expanded chest measurement was 34 1/2 inches and his vision and physical development were described as "good". He joined the Duke of Wellington's at the outbreak of war.

Sam was gassed on 19th December 1915 and later died at the Casualty Clearing Station at Elverdinghe.

In 1920 Esther married Alfred Garside and was living at 41 Saddleworth Road, West Vale, Halifax.

Census:

1901: working as a cotton operative, living at Burr Wood, Stainland with widowed mother and 3 brothers (his sister Mary had married Alfred Ellis and was living next door at her grandmother's home).

1911: Sam and Mary were lodging with James & Hanna Pitchforth at 39 Saddleworth Road, Greetland.

Halifax Courier, 1st January 1916, includes a report of his death.

William MORTON

Killed in action 28th September 1917, age 31.

Private 29171, 8th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment.

Buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium, plot LXIV.E.2. (previously buried in a smaller/rural cemetery but later exhumed and reburied at Tyne Cot).

Walk 4, no. 13

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Jagger Green Baptist Sunday School. Also on the Salendine Nook Baptist Church Roll of Honour.

Born in Salendine Nook, son of Dan & Jane (nee Mellor) Morton and brother of Enos and Eveline. The family lived in Lee Green, Old Lindley, later in Clough Head, Holywell Green and later at Moor Side, Old Lindley.

Census:

1891: lived at Denholme with his parents and siblings.

1901: aged 14, lived in Lee Green, Old Lindley with parents and siblings. Working as a cotton worker.

1911: aged 24, lived in Clough Head, Holywell Green with parents and sister. Working as a potter.

Percy Ramsden NICHOL

Killed in action 7th August 1915, age 27.

Private 11047, 1st Battalion attached to 8th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Commemorated on Helles Memorial, Cannakale, Gallipoli, Turkey, panel 118 - 120.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and on the family grave in St Andrew's Churchyard.

Walk 3, no. 8

Percy was born in Sowerby in October 1887, the son of John & Sarah Jane Nichol who later lived at Moor Hey, Sowood. His father was a joiner. Percy was husband to Gladys (nee Shaw).

He had 5 brothers, James, John, William, Thomas and Maurice, and 4 sisters, Helena, Beatrice, Lily and Martha.

Before enlisting he was a member of Stainland Harriers.

He married 22 year old Gladys Shaw of 33 Green Lane, Greetland at St Andrew's Church Stainland in the second quarter of 1915 and must soon after have enlisted with the Duke of Wellington's. His regiment left Liverpool aboard the SS Aquitania on the 3rd July 1915. They had a near miss the next day when their ship was attacked by submarine with a torpedo missing the vessel by about 8 feet.

The regiment's progress can be viewed on the pages from their War Diary but Percy was eventually landed at Suvla Bay as part of the infamous Gallipoli campaign. They were heavily engaged in the night and during the day of the 7th to the 8th July and suffered "Heavy losses". At some point in that engagement Percy was reported missing and later presumed dead. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Helles memorial at Canakkale, Turkey.

Two of Percy's brothers, Thomas and William, were also killed: Thomas on 2nd September 1918, aged 24, and William on 27th April 1918, aged 25.

Census:

1891: The family were living at "Quebec" 47 Spring Field Cottages, Barkisland. Percy's father, John was working as a joiner. There were 6 children: James (aged 10 and already working part-time as a cotton piecer), Helena, Beatrice, Lily, Percy and Martha.

1901: Sarah Jane had been widowed and was living in St Ann's Place, Stainland with 9 of her children: James, Helena, Beatrice, Lily, Percy, John, William, Thomas and Maurice. Percy, aged 13, was working as a cotton spinner.

1911: Sarah Jane was living at Moor Hey, Sowood with Percy, John, William and Thomas. Percy was working as a cotton spinning piecer.

Thomas Henry NICHOL

Killed in action 2nd September 1918, age 24.

Private 63446, 2nd/5th Battalion, Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Buried in Queant Road Cemetery, Buissy, France, plot VIII.E.25.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and on the family grave in St Andrew's Churchyard.

Walk 1, no. 8

Thomas was one of ten children of John and Sarah Jane Nichol. His father was a joiner. Thomas had 5 brothers, Percy, James, John, William and Maurice, and 4 sisters, Helena, Beatrice, Lily and Martha. On 12th December 1912, when he was aged 18, he married 19 year old Emma Jagger of St Ann's Place Stainland. He enlisted in June 1915. Prior to enlistment he worked as a wool teaser for Sykes & Sons, Gosport Mills, Outline.

Two of Thomas's brothers, Percy and William, were also killed: Percy on 7th August 1915, aged 27, and William on 27th April 1918, aged 25.

Census:

1901: Thomas lived with his widowed mother, Sarah Jane in St Ann's Place, Stainland with his siblings: James, Helena, Beatrice, Lily, Percy, John, William, and Maurice. .

1911: Thomas was living at Moor Hey, Sowood with his mother, Sarah Jane, and siblings, Percy, John, and William. He was working as a cotton twining piecer.

William Edwin NICHOL

Killed in action 27th April 1918, age 25.

Private 203384, 1st/6th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)

Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium, Panel 42 to 47 & 162.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and on the family grave in St Andrew's Churchyard.

Walk 1, no. 8

William was one of ten children of John and Sarah Jane Nichol. His father was a joiner. William had 5 brothers, Percy, James, John, Thomas and Maurice, and 4 sisters, Helena, Beatrice, Lily and Martha. He worked as a woollen spinning piecer. The Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects names his brother Thomas's widow, Emma, as receiving his war gratuity in 1920.

Two of William's brothers, Percy and Thomas, were also killed: Percy on 7th August 1915, aged 27, and Thomas on 2nd September, 1918, aged 24.

Census:

1901: William was living with his widowed mother, Sarah Jane, in living in St Ann's Place, Stainland, together with his siblings, James, Helena, Beatrice, Lily, Percy, John, Thomas and Maurice. Percy, aged 13, was working as a cotton spinner.

1911: Sarah Jane was living at Moor Hey, Sowood with Percy, John, William and Thomas. William was working as a woollen spinning piecer.

Halifax Courier, June 1918:

Photograph with caption:

"Pte. W. E. Nichol,, W.Y.R., Forest Hill, Sowood. Killed April 27; aged 25."



Pte. W. E. NICHOL,
W.Y.R., Forest Hill,
Sowood. Killed April
27; aged 25.

Arnold NUTTON

Killed in action 10th October 1917, age 30.

Private 40975, 10th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.

Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium, Panel 19 to 23 & 162.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Stainland
Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 2, no. 7

Son of James Henry & Alice Ann Nutton of New Street, Stainland. Arnold worked for Shaw & Sons, Brookroyd Mills. He enlisted in February 1916. He was invalided home in December 1916 but was returned to his unit in April 1917 and was killed by shellfire in the 3rd Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele). Arnold's sister, Edith Mary, was married to Gunner Herbert Helliwell who died at Alexandria, Egypt on 16th October 1918.

Halifax Courier:

"Pte. Arthur (sic) Nutton

Pte Arnold Nutton, 40975, Northumberland Fusiliers, who was killed on October 10, enlisted Feb 29, 1916, and went to France in July of the same year. He was invalided home in December last, and went to France again in April 1917. Aged 30 years, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Nutton, New-street, Stainland, and was employed before the war at Messrs. R. and J. Holroyd's cotton spinners, Holywell Green. A letter from the chaplain says:-'Dear Mr. Nutton, - you will have heard from the War Office the sad news of the death of your son. He was killed by the bursting of a shell near the trenches east of Ypres, and died absolutely instantaneously. I want to assure you of our deep sympathy with you in your great trouble.. His name is added to the long list of brave men who have laid down their lives for their country in this war. - Yours sincerely, E.G. Wells, chaplain.'"

DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY

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Pte. L. Nutton,
Northumberland Fusiliers,
New Street,
Stainland. Killed
Oct. 10; aged 30.

John James PALEY

Died in hospital, in York, 23rd February 1917, age 24.

Acting Bombardier 780082, "B" Battery 246th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Buried in Stainland (Providence) Congregational Cemetery, Plot 436.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Stainland Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 3, no. 3

John was born in Worksop in 1893 but lived in Chapel Street, Holywell Green and worked for John Shaw & Sons. He was the son of the late Thomas Paley and Betsy Paley. He had two sisters, Alice and Emily, and two brothers, Roger and Tom. As a Territorial soldier he was called up in August 1914 and joined the Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery. In 1917 he was invalided from France and admitted to York City Infirmary with septic poisoning, treated successfully but contracted double pneumonia and died on 23rd February 1917. John was awarded the Victory Medal, the British War Medal and the 1915 Star.

Halifax Courier:

"Death of Bombardier J. Paley of Holywell Green

The death of Bombardier John James Paley of the R.F.A., and of Holywell Green, took place on Feby. 25th. He joined the army soon after the outbreak of the war, having previously served as a Territorial. In April, 1915, he went to France, and after serving twelve months, came to England on a month's furlough. Last month he was brought to hospital at York, suffering from septic poisoning, but had recovered and was expected home next week. Unfortunately he was attacked with double pneumonia and died on Sunday night, at the City and District Infirmary, York. He was 24 years of age. Previous to joining the army he was employed at Messrs. J. Shaw & Sons Ltd., Holywell Green. Deep sympathy is felt throughout the district with his widowed mother and family.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at Providence Congregational Church, Stainland. The body was brought to his mother's home on Tuesday, and from here it was conveyed to the Congregational Church on a gun carriage. Members of the W.R. Regt. attended, together with the depot band, who played the 'Dead March' and other funeral music through the streets. Hundreds of people assembled near the house, and hundreds more crowded along the line of route. Prior to interment a short service was conducted in the house by the Rev. J. G. McKenzie, pastor of Holywell Green Church, who also performed the 1st rites at the graveside.

The family mourners were: - Mrs. Paley (mother), Misses Alice and Emily Paley, Messrs. Roger and Tom Paley (sisters and brothers), Mr. Geo. Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs. R. Paley (uncle and aunt), Miss Parker, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Stubb, Mr. A Strodder (uncle), Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe, Mrs. Lumb, Miss Berry and Mrs Newby. Among the large number who headed the cortege were: Stainland Council, Counsl. D. Schofield, J.P. (chairman), E.C. Rothwell, A.R. Shaw, Sutcliffe Shaw, T. Collins, J. Poplewell and Mr. J.H. Walker (surveyor). Also attending were the following

friends: Messrs. H. Crompton, B.A. Dean, J. Rothwell, W. Tweed, R.C. Shaw and E. Lumb. Sergt. Cullan was in charge of the soldiers and Lance-Corpl. Steel sounded 'The Last Post'.

Wreaths were sent by the family: comrades and Nursing Staff of the District Infirmary, York: Mrs. Newby and family: Mr. and Mrs. Baker and family: Mrs. Wormald and Sister Winnie: Mr Johnson, Laura and John Richard: members of Holywell Green Football Club: Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe: Amy, Ellen and Louie: Rose: Mrs. Pecker and family: Jane, Eliza and Mary."

Halifax Courier, 17th August 1918:

"Stainland

A fall from a tram: Betsy Paley (45) 16 Chapel Street, Holywell Green, was admitted to the Infirmary on Saturday suffering from injuries sustained by falling off a tramcar between West Vale & Halifax."



Bomb. J. Paley,
R. F. A., Holywell
Green. Died of pneu-
monia on Feb. 25;
aged 24.

BOMBARDIER JOHN PALRY.

The death took place in the City and District Infirmary, York, on Sunday, of Bombardier John Paley, R.F.A., a well-known Holywell Green young man. The deceased soldier, who was 24 years of age, joined the R.F.A. at the outbreak of war, and went to France in April, 1915. Last month he was invalided to England, suffering from septic poisoning, and he passed away on Sunday evening, the cause of death being double pneumonia. Prior to the war, he was employed at Brookroyd Mills.

Impressive scenes were witnessed at the funeral on Thursday at Providence Congregational Church, Stainland. The body was brought to his mother's home on Tuesday, and from here it was conveyed to the Congregational Church on a gun carriage. Members of the W.R. Regt. attended, together with the Depot Band, who played the "Dead March," and other funeral music, through the streets. Hundreds of people assembled near the house, and hundreds more crowded along the line of route. Prior to interment, a short service was conducted in the house by Rev. J. G. McKenzie (pastor of Holywell Green Church), who also performed the last rites at the graveside.

The family mourners were:—Mrs. Paley (mother), Misses Alice and Emily Paley, Messrs. Roger and Tom Paley (sisters and brothers), Mr. Geo. Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs. R. Paley (uncle and aunt), Miss Parker, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Stubbs, Mr. A. Strodger (uncle), Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe, Mrs. Lumb, Miss Berry, and Mrs. Newby. Among the large number who headed the cortege were: Stainland Council, Cers S. Schofield, J.P. (chairman), E. C. Rothwell, A. R. Shaw, Sutcliffe Shaw, T. Collins, J. Popplewell, and Mr. J. H. Walker (surveyor). Also attending were the following friends: Messrs. H. Crompton, B. A. Dean, J. Rothwell, W. Tweed, R. C. Shaw, and E. Lumb. Sgt. Cullan was in charge of the soldiers, and L.-Cpl. Steel sounded "The Last Post."

Wreaths were sent by the family; comrades and Nursing Staff of the District Infirmary, York; Mrs. Newby and family; Mr. and Mrs. Baker and family; Mrs. Wormald and Sister Winnie; Mrs. Johnson, Laura, and John Richard; members of Holywell Green Football Club; Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe; Amy, Ellen, and Louie; Rose; Mrs. Pecker and family; Jane, Eliza, and Mary.

Mr. H. J. Shaw had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Wilfred PALFREEMAN

Killed in action 30th July 1916, age 22.

Private 13053, 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier & Face 6A & 6B.

Remembered on the Southowram War Memorial and on the roll of honour of St Andrew's Church Stainland. Member of Sowood Green Sunday School.

Walk 1, no. 1

Born in September 1894 in Sowerby Bridge, Wilfred was the only child of Charles & Elizabeth Ann Palfreeman, Sowood Green, Stainland.

Census:

1901: living with parents in Southowram, Halifax, where his father was a Teamer at a stone quarry.

1911: living at Sowood Green, Stainland with parents. Wilfred's occupation was given as "Blowing Cloth (finishing)". His father was employed as a farm worker.

At the time of his enlistment, the Halifax Courier for 26th September 1914 had the following item:

"PRAYERS FOR A WILLING ONE

At the evening service at Sowood Wesleyan Chapel the hymn 'God be with you till we meet again' was sung, with much feeling, on behalf of Mr. Wilfred Palfreeman, who has enlisted. Mr. Palfreeman has been a member for years, was school secretary and an excellent worker. Prayer by Mr. C. Mager, for his faithfulness, usefulness, and safety was then offered. The proceedings, though short, were very touching, all being deeply affected. Mr Palfreeman leaves not only with the good wishes of his many friends, who are proud of his willingness to serve his country in her time of need, but with the promise of many prayers for his preservation and safe return."

Halifax Courier, August 1916

Photograph with caption:

"Pte. W. Palfreyman (*sic*), Duke of Wellington's, Sowood. Killed Aug. .. aged 22." also

"Pte. Wilfred Palfreyman (*sic*), W. R. Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Palfreyman, Sowood Green, Stainland, was killed in action on July 30. The news was a hard blow to the parents and to all who knew the young soldier, because as a son and as a friend he was held in the deepest regard. He was only 22 years of age. Pte. Palfreyman enlisted Sept. 12, 1914, and went to France Aug. 26, 1915. He has been in regular correspondence with home, and was always cheerful in his letters. Since his death his officers and comrades have testified to his excellent qualities as a soldier. Among the many helpful letters which his parents have received, are those from his employers, from Rev. H. T. Cape, and Rev. A. Snape (Beacon Hill Congregational Church, Hindhead, Surrey, where he has been billeted).

Prior to enlistment he was employed by the Longwood Finishing, Co., Parkwood Mills ..."

STAINLAND.

THE MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

The committee met on Tuesday when, in the unavoidable absence of Dr. N. C. Beaumont, Mr. Wm. Jones was chairman. Mr. William C. Rothwell (treasurer) presented accounts showing receipts £33 18s. 6d. and expenditure £29 18s. 6d., profit £4. It was decided to withdraw £7 10s. from reserve and subscribe £10 10s. to Halifax Infirmary. The amount now in reserve is £30. Mr. Wm. Jones was selected as a governor of the Infirmary.

HOLYWELL GREEN CONGREGATIONAL HARVEST SERVICES FOR DISTRESS.

Harvest services on Sunday were conducted by Rev. J. G. McKenzie, M.A., B.D. Appropriate anthems were given, and at the organ was Mr. C. E. Rothwell. Collections, about £10, for local distress.

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MR. J. H. WHITLEY, M.P., AND THE PRUSSIAN DESPOT.

Stainland's Help Committee had a large meeting in the Mechanics' Hall on Monday. Mr. J. E. Shaw, J.P., Presided, and the chief speaker was the Right Hon. J. H. Whitley, M.P.

Mr. Whitley, M.P., said we were struggling, not merely for ourselves, but for our whole future, for the lives of our children and grandchildren; not merely for this country, nor even this Empire, but for the whole Western Europe. The question was whether this region was to enjoy growing liberty in days to come, or was it to bow down to the blood and iron of Prussian despots? What were we standing for in the first place, the honour of our treaty with Belgium. One thing we must see to, after the War, is that ever penny of reparations money can make is made to Belgium, for the outrage that has been committed upon her.

(cheers) ... make one's blood boil to read the accounts—even putting aside exaggerations—which no doubt there were—there is enough left absolute some of which had not appeared in newspapers yet. It makes one feel the gospel of blood and iron must have driven out, not merely religion but humanity, from the armies which have carried it out. A single word from the German Emperor could have stopped the whole thing.

PTE. W. PALFREYMAN.

Pte. Wilfred Palfreyman, W.R. Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Palfreyman, Sowood Green, Stainland, was killed in action on July 30. The news was a hard blow to the parents, and to all who knew the young soldier, because as a son and as a friend he was held in the deepest regard. He was only 22 years of age.

Pte. Palfreyman enlisted Sept. 12, 1914, and went to France Aug. 26, 1915. He has been in regular correspondence with home, and was always cheerful in his letters. Since his death his officers and comrades have testified to his excellent qualities as a soldier. Among the many helpful letters which his parents have received, expressing sympathy with them in their great loss are those from his employers, from Rev. H. T. Cape, and Rev. A. Snaps (Beacon Hill Congregational Church Hindhead, Surrey, where he has been billeted).

Prior to enlistment he was employed by the Longwood Finishing Co., Parkwood Mills. At Sowood Wesleyan Sunday School he was a pro-



Pte. W. Palfreyman, Duke of Wellington's, Sowood. Killed Aug. 30, 1915.

Francis (Frank) PARKER

Killed in action 3rd September 1916, age 28.

Private 4005, 2nd/5th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in Mill Road Cemetery, Thiepval, France, plot IV.C.1.

Remembered on the Huddersfield roll of honour.

Walk 2, no. 5

Born about 1888 in Lockwood, Huddersfield. Son of Henry & Elizabeth Parker, 8 Thomas Street, Lindley. Husband of Ellen Agnes Parker, Providence Hill, Stainland.

Census:

1911: age 23 he was single living with his parents and sister Agnes at 8 Thomas Street, Lindley. He was working as a cloth finisher.

Halifax Courier, 30th June 1917:

"After a long period of anxiety Mrs Parker of Providence Hill, Stainland has now been informed that her husband Pte. Frank Parker, West Riding Scouts, reported missing since 3rd September 1916 must now be assumed dead. Pte Parker enlisted in 1914 and went to France in April 1915. In June 1916 while on leave from the front he was married to Miss Eilleen (*sic*) A. Connelly, Stainland. For many years he was connected with St Patrick's RC Church, West Vale, first as an altar boy and later as a member of the choir. The deceased was the only son of Mr & Mrs Parker of 8 Thomas Street, Lindley and previous to enlisting was employed at Acre Mills, Lindley where he was much respected among his work mates. Of a somewhat reserved disposition Pte Parker made few friends, but among those who knew his sterling worth his loss will be keenly felt. Much sympathy will be extended to the bereaved widow and parents."

John Gladstone PICKLES

Died of wounds 26th October 1917, age 19.

Private 36109, 1st/4th Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

Buried in St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, plot P.III.Q.8A.

Remembered on memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Stainland
Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 2, no. 3

Born in Stainland, he was the fifth child of John & Sarah Pickles of Holly Bank, Stainland. He died of his wounds at Rouen General Hospital. John Pickles senior was a woollen manufacturer. In 1903 he bought the land and built Holly Bank which was owned by the family until the 1930s. It appears that during some of that time the family lived in Bury and possibly rented out the house. Prior to 1903 the family lived in Wood Cottage (adjacent to Barkisland Mill) and prior to that they lived in Sowerby.

Census:

1901: Aged 2 and living at Wood Cottage, Stainland with his parents, 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

1911: living at 8 Heywood Street, Bury with his widowed father, three older siblings (his brother Lawrence was an agricultural student living in Preston) and two younger sisters.

Arthur RAWNSLEY

Killed in action 3rd November 1916, age 27.

Private 29/524, 9th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.

Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier & Face 10B, 11B & 12B.

Remembered on the memorial of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 2, no. 7

Only child of Amos & Rachel Rawnsley, New Street, Stainland. Worked as a mule spinner at Bottomley's, Holme Mills, Dog Lane, Stainland. He enlisted in July 1916.

Halifax Courier, December 1916

Photograph with caption:

"Pte. A. Rawnsley, Northumberland Fusiliers, New Street, Stainland. Missing since Nov 3: aged 27."

also under the heading of "Missing":

"Pte. Arthur Rawnsley.

News has been received by Mrs. Rawnsley, New-street, Stainland, that her son, Pte. Arthur Rawnsley (29/524), Northumberland Fusiliers, is reported missing since Nov. 3, though; the intimation states, this does not necessarily mean that he is killed or wounded. He joined the army five months ago, and had been in France a month. Prior to the war he was employed as a woollen spinner at Messrs. Bottomley's, Holmes Mills, Doghouse-lane, Stainland. He is 27 years of age."



Eric Bottomley RAYNER

Died 17th October 1918 from injuries sustained in an aeroplane accident, age 18.

Flight Cadet, Royal Air Force.

Buried in St Andrew's Churchyard, Stainland.

Remembered on the memorials at St Paul's Church, King Cross, Halifax and at Rishworth School, also in the Halifax Town Hall Book of Remembrance.

Born in Halifax, Eric was the eldest child of Walter and Caroline Rayner of 11 Kingsley Place, Halifax. He had a brother, Sidney, and a sister, Edith K. His father was born in Leeds. He was a home furnishing store manager. His mother, Caroline, who was born in Manchester, died on 10th June 1913. At the time of Eric's death, his younger brother (born 1901) was a wireless operator in the Merchant Navy. Eric had worked at J.W. Hoyle, Wool Merchant of Halifax but had joined the RAF as a cadet in December 1917. He was awaiting his commission when he was involved in an aeroplane accident and died from his injuries. His death was registered in the Medway district in Kent.

It is unclear as to why he was buried in Stainland as he does not appear to have lived in the immediate area. However, the 1901 census indicates that his grandmother, Hannah Bottomley, was born in Barkisland.

Census:

1901: 1-year old and living at 11 Kingsley Place, Halifax with his parents.

1911: living at 11 Kingsley Place, Halifax with his parents, brother Sidney and sister, Edith K. Also included in the household were his maternal grandmother, Hannah Bottomley, and his aunt, Edith M. Rayner. The census indicates that Eric was born in Halifax

Halifax Courier 19th October 1918, Page 8:

"Flight Cadet Eric Bottomley Rayner, 11 Kingsley Place, Halifax was seriously wounded in an aeroplane accident on Wednesday evening and shortly afterwards succumbed to his injuries. His father has not yet received details as to the nature of the accident.

Eric who was 18 years of age was educated at Rishworth Grammar School where he finished his career a year last July. He entered the employment of Mr J.W. Hoyle, Wool Merchant, Alfred Street East, Halifax but a few months later on nearing military age he joined the RAF going for training as a cadet the week before Christmas. He passed all his examinations and was daily expecting his commission being gazetted. Enthusiastic in his work he did his duty fearlessly and was looking forwards with keen anticipation to the days of active service for which he was fitting himself in every way.

He was connected with St. Pauls Church, Kings Cross, where his name is on the Roll of Honour. Arrangements are being made for his internment to take place at Stainland on Monday. His only brother Sidney is a Marconi Wireless Operator in the Merchant Service."

Albert RILEY

Died of wounds 12th July 1916, age 42.

Private 15216, 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in Heilly Station Cemetery, Merricourt-L'Abbe, France, plot II.B.4.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 1, no. 2

Son of John T & Mary Riley, Sowood Croft, Stainland. Husband of Amy Riley, Sowood Croft, Stainland, and father of five children (including Clarence who was killed in action 2nd September 1918). Albert married Amy Roebuck at St Mary's Church, Elland, on 12th February 1898. At the time of marriage, Albert's father is described as a weaver. Albert died in hospital of a gunshot wound received on the Somme.

Census:

1881: Aged 8 and living at Far Sowood with parents and two sisters. His father, John T. Riley is described as a farmer of 7 1/2 acres.

1891: Aged 18 and still living at Far Sowood with parents and 1 sister. Albert was working as a "twister of warps".

1901: Aged 28 and married to Amy with a son, Clarence, and a daughter, Frances Hannah. They lived in Sowood with Albert's parents. Both Albert and his father were working at home as hand loom weavers.

1911: Aged 38 and living at Sowood Croft with his wife Amy and their children, Clarence (12yrs), Frances Hannah (11 yrs), John Henry (10 yrs), Kathleen Mary (7 yrs) and Florence Ethel (15 months). Albert was working as a woollen cloth weaver.

Clarence RILEY

Killed in action 2nd September 1918, age 19.

Private 41358, 1st Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment).

Commemorated on Vis-en-Artois Memorial, France, Panel 3.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 1, no. 2

Eldest son of Amy & Albert Riley of Sowood Croft, Stainland. He had one brother, John, and 3 sisters, Frances, Kathleen and Florence.

Clarence's father, Albert, who served as a Private in the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) was killed in France on 12th July 1916.

Census:

1911: Clarence was 12 years old and living at Sowood Croft with his parents, Albert & Amy Riley and his siblings, Frances, John, Kathleen and Florence. He was attending school and working part-time as a Warp Rodder at Gosport Mills, Stainland.

Cyril Ainley ROBERTS

Killed in action 25th April 1918, age 22.

Second Lieutenant, 13th Battalion, "C" Company, Tank Corps.

Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium, Panel 159 to 160.

Remembered on the rolls of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Bethel United Methodist Church, Outlane, and the Huddersfield Roll of Honour. He is also remembered on the family grave in Bethel New Connexion graveyard in Outlane.

Walk 1, no. 5a

Born in Stainland in 1895. Son of Fred & Elizabeth Roberts of Maplin Lea, Lindley Moor, Outlane. Cyril was killed at Mitle Krusee Kemmel during the Second Battle of the Kemmelburg in the Ypres area.

Census:

1901: aged 5, living in Maplin Lea, Old Lindley with parents and brother. His father is described as a brewer.

1911: aged 15, still living in Maplin Lea and working as a solicitor's clerk.

Halifax Courier, 11th May 1918:

"Second Lieut. Cyril Ainley Roberts (22), Tank Corps, younger son of Mr Fred Roberts and the late Mrs Roberts of Maplin Lea, Lindley Moor, Outlane, has been killed in action. He was a member of the Huddersfield Hockey Club and the Moorlands Tennis Club."

Huddersfield Roll of Honour:

"Roberts, Cyril Ainley - 2nd Lieutenant 13th Battalion, The Tank Corps. Born Woodland Place, Lindley Moor, Huddersfield 5th September 1895. Son of Fred and Elizabeth Roberts of Maplin Lea, Lindley Moor, Outlane. Educated at Outlane National School and Longwood Grammar School. Was a member of the Huddersfield Hockey Club and Moorlands Tennis Club. Employed as a clerk. Single. Enlisted 19th May 1915 as a motor despatch rider in the Machine Corps (motors branch). Was awarded a commission in the Tank Corps in September 1917. Killed in action at Kemmel, Belgium on 25th April 1918 age 22 he has no known grave. Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial to the missing.

Albert Edward SHAW

Killed in action 26th August 1915, age 30.

Private 2459, 1st/4th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Commemorated on Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium, Panel 20.

Remembered on the rolls of honour of Beestonley Lane Providence Congregational Chapel and St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 3, no. 3

Second son of Councillor Sutcliffe & Louisa Shaw, North View, Holywell Green. Connected with Halifax Light Opera Society. Employed as clerk with Fleming, Birkby & Goodall. He enlisted in September 1914 and embarked for France in April 1915. He was killed while on sentry duty in the trenches of Ypres.

Halifax Courier Saturday 28th August 1915:

"Councillor Sutcliffe Shaw, North View, Holywell Green has received intimation through a comrade's letter of the death of his son Albert Edward Shaw of the 4th West Riding Regiment. Official confirmation is not to hand.

Private Shaw, who was single and 30 years old last December, joined the Territorials last September and went out with the main body in April. He was a clerk with Messrs Fleming, Birkby & Goodall. He was actively associated with Halifax Light Opera from its formation, served on the committee, as assistant secretary for a time, and also in the chorus for the actual productions. He was a member of the Clifton (Savile Park) Tennis Club.

The comrade's letter to which reference is made is dated 'Belgium, Aug. 28 and is in the following terms: 'Dear Mrs Shaw, - Pease allow me to sympathise with you in your sorrow over the death of your son Ted, which occurred about 1.25 this morning. He was engaged on sentry duty in the trenches when he was shot in the head and died instantly. He was reverently laid to rest in a grave behind the firing line, Capt Dettling reading the burial service. Of a quiet and willing disposition, he was much respected by all who knew him. We have been in the same section since coming out here and I could not have wished for a better chum. I am enclosing his cap badge as I think you will want some relic of a son who died for his country. He will be sadly missed by his comrades in the action and his place will be hard to fill. Hoping you will excuse me trespassing on your sorrow. I remain, yours respectfully, Lance Corpl C. Boyes, 2,384 B Company, First 4th Regiment."

Halifax Courier Saturday 4th September 1915

Obituary:

"On August 26th 1915 in Belgium, Private Albert E Shaw 1/4th Battalion West Riding Regiment, second son of Councillor & Mrs S Shaw, North View, Holywell Green, aged 30 years."

Halifax Courier, October 1915, in a report of the meeting of the Stainland-with-Old-Lindley District Council:



" ...The Chairman, moving a resolution of condolence with the family of Ccr. and Mrs. S. Shaw in the loss of their son, Pte. A. E. Shaw, killed in battle, said that Pte. Shaw was known to almost everybody in Stainland. He was in the prime of life, and occupied a good position with a large firm at Halifax, with whom he had bright prospects of advancement. He was of a genial disposition and young fellow who was loved by everybody in the village. At the call of his country, like thousands of others, he left his business and home, and joined the colours, and as a brave Britisher he had fallen in a foreign country. His name would live in the village as one of the gallant sons of Stainland. The resolution was unanimously agreed to, all the members standing."

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE LATE PRIVATE SHAW.

The monthly meeting of the Stainland-with-Old Lindley District Council was held at the Council Offices, on Thursday, Ccr. S. Schofield presiding. Also attending were Cers. Collins, A. W. Norcliff, Poplewell, Quarby, Rothwell, S. Shaw and W. H. Shaw.

The Highways Committee decided on a requisition from owners to take over Thomas-street, Holywell Green, and declare it a highway repairable by the Council. The same committee decided to flag the footpath opposite four houses being erected at Chapel-street, Holywell Green, in consideration of the same being declared a public thoroughfare. The Water, Health and Improvement Committee approved a plan of proposed conversion of house and shop into a through house at Oak-terrace, and of proposed alterations to "Carlton Bank," Sowood. The same committee instructed the Clerk to write the Postmaster at Halifax pointing out that the telephone installation at Stainland Post Office was not sufficiently private and to urge that steps should be taken to ensure complete privacy. The Clerk stated that he had written the Halifax Postmaster and that the communication had been forwarded to the authorities at Rochdale, who had promised to give attention to it.

On a recommendation of the Finance Committee the collector was instructed to issue final notices for the payment of the general district rates.

The Chairman, moving a resolution of condolence with the family of Ccr. and Mrs. S. Shaw in the loss of their son, Pte. A. E. Shaw, killed in battle, said that Pte. Shaw was known to almost everybody in Stainland. He was in the prime of life, and occupied a good position with a large firm at Halifax, with whom he had bright prospects of advancement. He was of a genial disposition, and a young fellow who was loved by everybody in the village. At the call of his country, like thousands of others, he left his business and home, and joined the colours, and as a brave Britisher he had fallen in a foreign country. His name would live in the village as one of the gallant sons of Stainland. The resolution was unanimously agreed to, all the members standing.



PRIVATE A. E. SHAW,
First 425 West Riding Regt., of North Vic.
Holywell Green, who was killed on Aug.
He was an active member of the Halifax L.
Opera Company, and worked at Mes
Fleming, Birby, and Goodall's.

Alexander Morton SHAW

Killed in action at near Steenwerk, France 10th April 1918, age 30.

Captain in 12th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment.

Commemorated on Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium, Panel 4.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland. Plaque to his memory: "In loving memory of Alexander Morton Shaw, B.A. Oxon: Barrister at law. Second son on John Edward & Ella Grant Shaw of Brooklands, Holywell Green who was killed in action nr Steenwerk in France on 10th April 1918. In his 31st year. Whilst serving as Captain in the 12th Batt of the Yorkshire Regiment."

Walk 4, no. 5

Second son of John Edward & Ella Grant Shaw, Brooklands, Holywell Green (previously of Holywell Hall). Brother to:
Captain John Leslie Morton Shaw who was badly wounded at Gallipoli and died 19th December 1925

Major Raymond Morton Shaw who was badly wounded in October 1918, reported dead but subsequently reported to be recovering in a casualty clearing station.

Major Shaw died on 17th February 1983.

and to Evelyn Joyce Morton Shaw and Eileen Monica Morton Shaw (who gained a degree in medicine and practised in London).

Halifax Courier 27th April 1918:

"Capt A. M. Shaw

Many friends will be exceedingly sorry to hear that Capt Alex M. Shaw second son of Mr J. E. Shaw JP and Mrs Shaw of Brooklands, Holywell Green is officially reported missing since April 11th.

Prior to the war Capt Shaw distinguished himself in the legal profession and was a barrister in practice on the North Eastern circuit. At the beginning of the war he joined the Middlesex Regiment and later transferred to the Yorkshire Regiment, last July he was promoted to the rank of Captain.

Only 30 years of age the Captain has a host of friends who will be anxious for his safety.

In the absence of definitive news to the contrary, there is hope that he might have been taken prisoner. In the meantime sympathy will be extended to Mr & Mrs Shaw in their anxiety."

Alexander Morton Shaw's brothers, although they did not die during the 1914 - 1918 War, were wounded and, in the case of Raymond Morton Shaw, reported dead.:

(John) Leslie Morton SHAW

Born in Stainland on 5th June 1886, first child of John Edward & Ella Grant Shaw of Brooklands, Holywell Green (previously of Holywell Hall). Educated at Harrow School.

Captain, 8th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Halifax Courier 28th August 1915:

Mr. J. E. Shaw, J.P., of Brooklands, Holywell Green, has received a telegram stating that his eldest son, Captain Leslie M. Shaw, 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment, while serving in the Dardanelles has been wounded, neither date nor Captain Shaw's condition are stated. Captain Shaw is a director of Messrs J. Shaw & Sons, Holywell Green, where he was employed up to the outbreak of war. He obtained a commission shortly afterwards and his Captaincy was not long delayed."

Captain Shaw married Mary Isabel Alexander on 27th April 1916. He died on 18th December 1925 and is buried in St Luke's Churchyard, Exeter, Devon. He is commemorated on a plaque in St Peter's Church, North Tawton, West Devon, which reads:

"In loving memory of John Leslie Morton Shaw, eldest son of John Edward and Ella Grant Shaw of Brooklands, Holywell Green, who died at the Red House, Exeter, Dec. 18th 1925, aged 39 years. During the Great War he served as Captain in 8th Bn, Duke of Wellington's Regt. and was severely wounded in Gallipoli, Aug. 1915."

Raymond Morton SHAW

Halifax Courier October 1918:

"Major R. M. Shaw, M.C.

Sorrow turned to joy

Earlier in the week we recorded the death of Major R. M. Shaw, M.C., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shaw, Brooklands, Stainland. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have received letters from Major Shaw's officers, informing them of his death at a dressing station, and extending sympathy. Since the receipt of these, however, they have received two letters from their son, both dated later than the day he was supposed to have died. One received from him yesterday, dated Oct. 21, states that he is at a casualty clearing station. Though badly wounded, the doctors have now great hopes of his recovery. These letters have naturally come as a great and delightful surprise. When the first was received from him, hopes were entertained that he was still alive, and the receipt of the second letter seems to place the question beyond doubt. Many friends will be glad to hear this welcome news."

Yorkshire Evening Post 26th October 1918:

under the heading of "Recent casualties among the Yorkshire Troops":

... Major Raymond M. Shaw, M.C., R.F.A., younger son of Mr. J. E. Shaw, Brooklands, Stainland, near Halifax, was unofficially reported to have died of wounds. His father has now received a letter from him stating that he had been badly wounded, but the doctors have great hopes of his recovery. ..."

Manchester Evening News 26th October 1918:

under the heading of "Wounded":

"Major Raymond M. Shaw, M.C., West Riding Brigade, R.F.A., who was officially reported wounded, and later reported killed by brother officers, is in hospital making satisfactory progress. He is the son of Mr. John E. Shaw, chairman of Messrs. John Shaw and Sons Ltd., of Halifax, and nephew of Sir Charles Behrens of Manchester."

Yorkshire Post 22nd October 1953:

"Gift of estate to council

Elland Urban Council last night accepted the gift of a five-acre estate at Holywell Green, near Halifax, for use as a park. The donor is Mr. Raymond M. Shaw, formerly of Holywell Green. The land is the garden of Brooklands, the former home, now demolished, of the Shaw family."



CAPTAIN RAYMOND M. SHAW,
(6th Battery 2nd West Riding Brigade
R.F.A.), son of Mr. J. E. Shaw, J.P.,
The Brooklands, Holywell Green, who, as
we stated on Saturday, has been awarded
the Military Cross.

Arthur SHAW

Died of wounds 16th October 1917, age 32.

Private 37882, 6th Battalion, York & Lancaster Regiment

Buried in Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium, plot IX.G.17.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Stainland
Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 2, no. 9

Son of Walker & Sarah Shaw of Forrester's Terrace Stainland. One of seven children. Married on 31st May 1914 to Charlotte Ethel (nee Hughes). Daughter, Ethel, born 17th February 1916. He attended Holywell Green Congregational Church.

Halifax Courier, November 1917:

Photograph with caption:

"Pte. A. Shaw, York and Lancaster Regt., Stainland. Died of wounds Oct. 16; aged 32."

and

"Pte. Arthur Shaw

Another Stainland soldier in Pte. Arthur Shaw, Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment, has laid down his life for his country. Enlisting on Oct. 23, 1916, he went to France on June 4 this year. He was formerly employed by Messrs. Peckett, at Portland Mills, Lindley. On Sunday a large number of friends and relatives attended Providence Church, Stainland, where a memorial service was held to the deceased soldier, reference being made to his sterling worth as a Sunday School worker. After being a teacher he held the position of superintendent for two years, and was also connected with the Band of Hope, who will miss a very earnest worker. He was wounded on Oct. 11, and died five days later in the 47th C.C.S.*"

* *Casualty Clearing Station*



**Pte. A. Shaw,
York and Lancaster
Regt., Stainland.
Died of wounds Oct.
16; aged 32.**

Percy Allen SHAW

Killed in action, 9th August 1917, age 19.

Private 33200, 1st/5th Battalion, York & Lancaster Regiment.

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Cemetery, Belgium, Plot VI.E.3.

Remembered on the memorial of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 4, no. 1

Born 28th February 1898, son of Charles & Minnie of Thorn Street, Stainland. One of five children. Percy was a member of Stainland Church Choir & Sunday School as well as Stainland Cricket Club. He was a clerk in the offices of John Shaw, Brookroyd Mills. He enlisted in March 1917.

Halifax Courier, September 1917:

Photograph with caption:

"Pte. P. Shaw, York and Lancaster Regt., Thorn Street, Stainland. Killed Aug. 9; aged 19."



Pte. P. Shaw,
York and Lancaster
Regt., Thorn Street,
Stainland. Killed
Aug. 9; aged 19.

David Dunwell SHEPHERD

Died in hospital, St Luke's Military Hospital, Halifax, 26th February 1919, age 29.

Private 20050, Duke of Wellington's Regiment transferred to (210449) 297th
Company, Labour Corps.

Buried in Stainland (Wesleyan) Cemetery (in new grounds South East of Chapel).

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 3, no. 2

Only remaining child of William Tate & Mary Shepherd, Cross Street, Holywell Green.

Census:

1911: living at Back Station Road (Cross Street), Holywell Green with parents and working as a Shoddy Warehouseman. The census indicates that four siblings had died.

Harry Hollingworth SIMPSON

Killed in action 27th July 1916, age 20.

Corporal 27661, 92nd Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier & Face 5C & 12C.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Holywell Green Congregational Church.

Walk 3, no. 11

Harry was born in Leeds, the son of William and Charlotte Simpson. He had a sister, Nellie. His father was station master at Holywell Green. At the time of Harry's death his parents' address is listed as Hartcliffe View, Denby Dale, Huddersfield.

Census:

1901: Living with parents in Holbeck, Leeds. His father was working as a railway clerk.

1911: Living with parents and 4-year-old sister, Nellie, at North Lea, Holywell Green. Harry was working as a clerk to an auctioneer. His father was station master at Holywell Green.

Halifax Courier 22nd July 1916:

" Confirmation has been received of the death of Pte Harry H Simpson, son of Mr W Simpson stationmaster at Holywell Green. Pte Simpson was killed in action on June 27th. He was in the WR Regiment(TF) in the machine gun section. Prior to the war he was in the office of Messrs J Horsfall and Sons West Vale. He was well known in the district and was highly respected. A talented violinist he was ever willing to assist any worthy cause. The news came to the district whilst his mother and father were away on holiday, and the greatest sympathy is felt for them."

Ernest SMITH

Killed in action at Bourem Wood, 27th November 1917, age 24.

Private 25290, 2nd/6th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France, Panel 6 & 7.

Remembered on the Memorial at Victoria Baths, Elland and on the Memorial at Blackley Particular Baptist Church.

Walk 3, no. 7

Son of John B & Elizabeth Smith, 13 Broad Carr Terrace, Holywell Green. Born in 1893 in Elland, Ernest was one of five children (3 younger sisters and one younger brother) plus two half-brothers. He was a member of the St John's Ambulance Brigade.

Census:

1901: living at 25 Blackley End, Elland with parents, 2 half-brothers and 2 younger sisters. His father was a clay miner for a brick works.

1911: living at 11 Broad Carr Terrace with parents one half-brother, 3 sisters and 1 younger brother. Ernest was a cotton twiner piecer at Greetland Dyeworks.

1916: at enlistment he was living at 13 Broad Carr Terrace and was working as a cloth finisher.



Arthur SMITHIES

Died 11th April 1917, age 35.

Rifleman 235174, 2nd/7th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own).

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France, Bay 4.

Remembered on the Stainland memorial.

Walk 1, no. 7

Son of Thomas & Harriet Smithies. Eldest of five children, he was baptised on 5th April 1885. Husband of Hannah and father of Margaret & Thomas. Arthur was employed as a draper in Sowood. He was the Poor Steward and Sunday School Superintendent of Sowood Wesleyan Chapel. He was reported missing at Bullecourt on 11th April 1917 and added to the casualty list on 4th June 1917.

Halifax Courier 28th April 1917:

"Pte Arthur Smithies

Sadness has been caused in the hamlet of Sowood by the news that Arthur Smithies, a well-known young soldier, has lost his life. He was a respected young man, a draper, and from his occupation will be called to mind by friends living distant from his home. He was assistant superintendent of the Sowood Wesleyan Sunday School, and a poor steward of the church. He was married, and two young children are thus left fatherless. In the course of Sunday, The Rev. Wm Cuthbert, superintendent of the circuit, made a pathetic reference to the sad event."

Frank Reynard STOTT

Died in hospital, 27th July 1918, age 19.

Private 49939, 1st Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Buried in Janval Cemetery, Dieppe, France, plot I.O.3.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Holywell Green Congregational Church.

Walk 3, no. 1

Son of Eli & Hannah Stott of Station Road, Holywell Brook and brother of Clarence. Employed as cop painter by Messrs H & J Holroyd, Springwood mills, Holywell Brook.

Halifax Courier, August 1918:

Photograph with caption:

"Sig. F. R. Stott, K.O.Y.L.I., Station Road, Holywell Brook. Died July 27; aged 19." also

Halifax Courier 10th August 1918:

"Sig Frank R. Stott, K.O.Y.L.I., son of Mr and Mrs Eli Stott, Station Road, Holywell Brook, died on July 27. He joined the Army at the age of 18, in March 1917, and went to Salonika in Nov. He was transferred to France on July 13, and was admitted to the Dieppe Stationary Hospital two days later, suffering from malaria fever. Bronchopneumonia supervened and he died on the 27th. He was buried with full military honours. His brother, Lt C. Stott, who is gas officer of the 49th Division in France, arrived at the hospital just too late to see him alive, but was able to be present at the funeral. He was employed by Messrs. H. and J. Holroyd, Springwood Mills, Holywell Brook."



Sig. F. R. Stott,
K.O.Y.L.I., Sta-
tion-rd., Holywell
Brook. Died July
27; aged 19.

George STOTT

Killed in action 4th July 1916, age 26.

Private 4777, 1st/4th battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier & Face 6A & 6B.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Holywell Green Congregational Church.

Walk 3, no. 1

Son of Luke & Alice Stott, Station Road, Holywell Green. Worked at John Shaw & Sons, Holywell Green. George enlisted in February 1916 and was killed on the Somme by shellfire.

Census:

1891: aged 1, living at Station Road with parents and sister, Rebecca.

1901: aged 11, still at Station Road with parents, sister Rebecca and younger brother Wilfred.

1911: aged 21 and living with his parents, brother Wilfred, Younger sisters Hilda & Edna and married sister, Rebecca, her husband, George William Mager and her son Avery Wynn at Holywell Green. His occupation is given as a dyers labourer.

Halifax Courier, July 1916

Photograph with caption:

Pte. George Stott, West Riding Regiment, Station-road, Holywell Green. Killed in France."

also

"Pte. G. Stott, Holywell Green

Mr. and Mrs. Stott, Station-road, Holywell Green, have received a letter from Pte. H. Taylor, saying that their son George has been killed. The letter says: 'I am sorry to have to tell you the sad news of the death of your son George. I thought it my duty to write you these few lines as I was in the same trench and not 5 yards away from him. There were three killed and 5 wounded with the same shell. He would know nothing about it as he was killed instantly. You have the sympathy of the whole Platoon to which he belonged.'

Pte. Stott, who was well-known in the district, was 26 years of age. He joined the West Riding Regiment on Feb. 8, 1916, and had been on active service a month. Previous to going up, he worked at Messrs. J. Shaw and Sons, Brookroyd Mills."



PTE. GEORGE STOTT,

John William STOTT

Killed in action 25th July 1917, age 21.

Private 307844, 1st/7th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery, Belgium, Plot I.B.11.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Stainland
Providence Congregational Church.

Walk 1, no.1a

John was the youngest son of James & Annie Stott. His father was a farmer and the family were brought up at Scarr Hill Farm, Stainland. At the time of John's death they were living at Moor Hey Farm, Sowood.

Census:

1901: John was aged 4 and living with his parents at Scarr Hill Farm, Stainland. He had five siblings, Harry (22), Ellen (17), Joseph (12), Clara (10) and Fred (9).

1911: John was aged 14 and working as a woollen mule piecer at a mill. He was still living at Scarr Hill Farm with his, now widowed, father, James, his brothers, Joseph and Fred, and his sister, Clara.

Halifax Courier, 1st September 1917:

Photograph with caption:

"Pte. J. W. Stott, West Riding, Regt., Moor Hey Farm, Stainland. Killed July 25; aged 21."

and the following death notice:

"STOTT - Killed in action on July 25th, 1917, Pte John William Stott, aged 21 years, youngest son of James and the late Annie Stott, Moor Hey Farm, Sowood, Stainland. - Duty nobly ended.

*His warfare o'er, his battle fought,
His victory won, though dearly bought,
But the unknown grave is the bitterest blow,
None but an aching heart can know.
Fold him, O Father, in Thy arms,
And let him henceforth be
A messenger of love between
Our aching hearts and Thee.
From his sorrowing father and family."*



Pte. J. W. Stott,
West Riding Regt.,
Moor Hey Farm,
Stainland. Killed
July 25; aged 21.

James Henry SUTCLIFFE

Killed in action 4th October 1917, age 26.

Lance Corporal 1059, 21st Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own).

Buried in Bard Cottage Cemetery, Belgium, Plot V.A.39.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Jagger Green Baptist Sunday School.

Walk 4, no. 11

Son of Edward & Eliza Sutcliffe, Holly Tree Cottage, Jagger Green. James was a weaver for Smith & Wood, Parkwood Mills. He attended Salendine Nook Baptist Chapel. He served as part of the battalion's machine gun section and was killed in action in the 3rd Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele). A message of love was received from Miss E Sykes of West Street, Lindley.

Arnold Walker SYKES

Killed in action 30th September 1917, age 42.

Captain, "A" Company, 9th Battalion, York & Lancaster Regiment.

Buried in Bedford House Cemetery, Belgium.

Remembered on the memorial board in St Andrew's Church, Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield and Mary Magdalene Church, Outlane. He is also remembered on the Huddersfield Roll of Honour.

Walk 1, no. 4a

Born about 1875 in Huddersfield, Arnold Walker Sykes was a member of the firm of Messrs Edward Sykes & sons, woollen manufacturers, Gosport Mill, Outlane. He was the son of John Henry & Emmeline Sykes of Bryan Cliffe, Lindley, Huddersfield. He married his wife, Mary (nee Ambler) in 1900 and lived at Netherleigh, 77 New North Road, Huddersfield. At the 1911 census they had three children, John Henry, Emmeline and Kathleen.

Census:

1881: aged 5 and living at Trinity Street, Huddersfield with his parents, sister Florence, brother Edward, maternal grandmother and three servants. John Henry Sykes is described as a woollen manufacturer and cotton spinner employing 380 hands.

1891: aged 15 and a boarder at Uppingham School, Rutland.

1901: Living at Glen Royd, Luddenden, Halifax with wife, Mary, and in-laws. Arnold is described as a worsted manufacturer. His father-in-law, James Ambler, is described as a Worsted Spinner.

1911: Living at Netherleigh, Huddersfield. Arnold and Mary had three children.

Edward SYKES

Died 30th August 1918, age 27.

Corporal 20187, "A" Company, 2nd Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)

Buried at Vis-en-Artois Cemetery, Haucourt, France

Remembered on the rolls of honour of Providence Congregational Church, Stainland, St James' Church, Slaithwaite, Slaithwaite War Memorial and the memorial at Huddersfield Drill Hall.

Walk 2, no. 7

Born in 1891 in Stainland. Son of Walter Sykes of 12 Nabbs Lane, Slaithwaite and the late Ruth Ann Sykes. Edward worked as a weaver at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden. He enlisted in May 1916.

Census:

1891: aged 2 months, he lived with his parents, brother Freddie and sister Jane in Beestonley Lane, Stainland.

1901: aged 10, he lived with his parents, 2 brothers and 2 sisters at New Street Stainland.

1911: aged 20, he lived with his parents, 4 brothers and 3 sisters at Clough Head, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield. He was working as a woollen weaver.

Huddersfield Roll of Honour:

" Sykes Edward. Corporal No. 20387 2nd Battalion of the Duke of Wellington Regiment. Born Stainland near Halifax, son of Walter and the late Ruth Ann Sykes, 23 Nabbs Lane, Slaithwaite.

Employed as a weaver at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden.

Enlisted May 1916. Wounded on one occasion. Killed in action on 30/08/1916 Age 27. Buried at Vis-En-Artois. Remember with Honour at Providence Congregation Church Stainland, St James Church, Slaithwaite, Slaithwaite War Memorial and the Huddersfield Drill Hall."

Colne Valley Guardian, 20th September 1918:

"ROLL OF HONOUR - Killed in Action

Official information has been received of the death in action of Corporal Edward Sykes (27) Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment which occurred on August 30th. He is the son of Mr Sykes of 23 Nabbs Lane, Slaithwaite, and has served with the colours since May 1916. He has once been wounded. Cpl. Sykes has two brothers serving, each of whom has been twice wounded. In civil life Cpl. Sykes was employed as a weaver at Bank Bottom Mills, Marsden."

War diary of the 2nd Battalion, the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) for the 28th to 31st August 1918 covering operations around Harcourt:

"-28th. At 1pm the Battalion marched to Mont St Eloi and from there embussed for unknown destination. At 2.30 pm we debussed at St Catherine near Arras. The battalion then marched to an assembly point at Feuchy Chapel. At 6.30 pm the battalion marched in lines of Platoons towards the front line, keeping their right flank on the Arras – Cambrai road. When they arrived at the front line they relieved the 43rd Canadians (4th Canadian Division) who were holding the line there. The line we took over ran just in front of Vis en Artois along the near banks of the Sensée River from map ref. O.23.c.6.9 to O.23.a.95.95. The 1st Royal Warwickshire Regiment on our left and the Winnipeg Rifles on our right.

- 29th. Our patrols pushed forward in the early morning and captured Haucourt and occupied a line immediately in front of it. 3 other ranks killed, 7 other ranks wounded.

- 30th. At 4 pm the battalion attacked. The men went forward magnificently and attained the final objective [*capture of Stipse Copse and St Servins Farm*] as per schedule, but owing to our flanks being in the air they fell back. 43 prisoners including one officer were taken. Second Lieutenants Ward and Little were killed. Second Lieutenants Tunstall, Hebblethwaite, Morris, Banham MC and Johnson were wounded. 36 other ranks killed, 162 wounded, 7 missing and 16 admitted to hospital. D Company of the 2nd Seaforths were attached as our reserve company.
-31st. etc etc."



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CORPORAL EDWARD SYKES,

2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment,

The beloved son of Walter and the late Ruth Ann Sykes,

KILLED IN ACTION, AUGUST 30TH, 1918,

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE,

AGED 27 YEARS.

23 Nabbs Lane,
Slaithwaite.



With aching hearts we shook his hand,
Tears glistened in our eyes;
We wished him luck, but little thought
It was his last good-bye.

We pictured his safe returning,
And longed to clasp his hand,
But death has postponed the meeting,
'Twill be in a better land.

Fred SYKES

Died of wounds 2nd February 1917, age 19.

Private 2775, 2nd Regiment South African Infantry

Remembered with honour at the Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension located in Pas-de-Calais, France.

Born in Stainland to Hubert and Laura Sykes who were associated with St Andrew's Church Stainland. The family appear to have moved to South Africa when Fred was small.

Halifax Courier, 21st April 1917:

"Death in country's service. Sykes.

February 2nd 1917 died of wounds received in action 'somewhere in France' Pte Fred Sykes aged 19 years and 4 months, South African Infantry, beloved only son of Laura Brooks, 29 Third Avenue, Durban, South Africa and the late Hubert Sykes of Stainland."

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission entry describes Fred as "Son of Laura Brooks (formerly Sykes) of Silver Oak Avenue, Overport, Durban, Natal, South Africa and the late H. Sykes. Born at Stainland, Yorkshire."

Frank TAYLOR

Died at home of tuberculosis, 20th March 1919, age 21.

Private 307407, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in Holywell Green Congregational Churchyard.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Holywell Green Congregational Church.

Walk 3, no. 4

Frank was the son of John & Martha Ann Taylor who had 12 children in total, although the 1911 census records only 9 children still living. He was born in Holywell Brook. His father, John, was a painter. Frank worked as a worsted doffer. At the time of his death the family were living at St Helen's Square, Holywell Green. Frank died just less than a year after his brother Harry had been killed at Passchendaele on 10th April 1918.

Census:

1901: Living in Greaves Place, Stainland, the family comprised parents John & Martha plus children Sarah (22), Mary (17), Leonard (16), Minnie (13), Harry (11), John William (8), Clement (6) and Frank (3). An older sister, Sophia, had married and left home.

1911: Living in Holywell Green, the family comprised parents John & Martha plus Sophia (36 and widowed), Mary, Leonard, Minnie, Harry, John William, Clement and Frank. Frank was working as a worsted doffer.

Harry TAYLOR (Corporal)

Killed in action 10th April 1918, age 28.

Corporal, 1st/4th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

Remembered on rolls of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Beestonley Lane Chapel.

Walk 3, no. 4

Harry Taylor was the son of John & Martha Ann Taylor who had 12 children in total, although the 1911 census records only 9 children still living. Harry was born in Holywell Brook. His father, John, was a painter. Harry worked as a dyer's labourer. At the time of his death the family were living in Shaw Street, Holywell Green. Harry's brother, Frank, died at home of tuberculosis on 20th March 1919. Frank had also served in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Census:

1891: the family were living in Greaves Mill Yard, Stainland. Harry was 1 year old and had 5 siblings: Sophia (16), Sarah (12), Mary (7), Leonard (6) and Minnie (3).

1901: Living in Greaves Place, Stainland, the family comprised parents John & Martha plus children Sarah, Mary, Leonard, Minnie, Harry and new additions John William (8), Clement (6) and Frank (3).

1911: Living in Holywell Green, the family comprised parents John & Martha plus Sophia (36 and widowed), Mary, Leonard, Minnie, Harry, John William, Clement and Frank. Harry was working as a dyer's labourer.

Harold (Harry) TAYLOR (Ordinary Seaman)

Died of pneumonia, 30th June 1918, age 18.

Ordinary Seaman J/74720, HMS "Cornwall", Royal Navy.

Buried in Stainland (Providence) Congregational Church Cemetery.

Walk 2, no. 8

Born at Stainland on 18th May 1899, Harold was the son of Joe & Emily (nee Norcliffe) Taylor. Harry enlisted in July 1917 and served on the cruiser "HMS Cornwall". He died of pneumonia in Belmont Auxiliary Hospital, Liverpool. At the time of his death his parents address was given as 44 Crosland Road, Thornton Lodge, Huddersfield.

Census:

1901: aged 1 he lived at South Parade, Stainland with his parents and brother, Dennis.

1911: aged 11, he was a schoolboy living at 130 Lower Gate, Longwood.

George THORPE

Killed in action 13th May 1917, age 26.

Private 32431, 2nd Battalion, York & Lancaster Regiment.

Buried in Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, France, I.P.10.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland, Holywell Green
Congregational Church and Rose Mount Ironworks, Elland.

Walk 3, no. 1

Born August 1890 in Ripon to Joe & Mary Ann Thorpe. George worked for Dempsters. George was still living in Ripon at the time of the 1911 census. He married Hetty Dixon at St Andrew's Church, Stainland on 2nd September 1916. Hetty's family were originally from Ripon but at the time of the 1911 census were living in Stainland. Hetty had a daughter, Eva, born 15th December 1910 in Ripon. George enlisted at Halifax on 23rd January 1917, giving his occupation as a rivetter's helper and his address as Station Road, Holywell Green. He included Eva Dixon as his daughter. Another daughter, Eileen, was born on 19th September 1917, four months after her father's death.

Halifax Courier, July 1917:

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Sam TURNER

Died 16th January 1920, age 39

Private 324206 Royal Army Service Corps

Buried in Holywell Green Congregational Cemetery

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Holywell
Green Congregational Church, Plot 188.

Walk 3, no. 1

Born 1881. Son of Dan & Ann (Nanny) Turner.

Census:

1881: aged 3 months. Living at Station Road, Holywell Green with Harriet Hepworth (maternal grandmother), father Dan Turner (mason's labourer), mother Ann, brothers John W. and George, sisters Sarah H., Ellen, Jane E., and Emma.

1911: living at Station Road, Holywell Green with mother, Ann, and two sisters, Sarah Hannah and Jane Elizabeth. Working as a cotton doubler.

Harry WALKER

Killed in action 28th July 1917, age 27.

Second Lieutenant , 295th Seige Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Buried in Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres, France, Plot VIII.C.15.

Remembered on the memorials of St Andrew's Church, Stainland, Stainland
Providence Congregational Church and Stainland Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Walk 2, no. 7b

Son of Mr J. H. Walker, surveyor to Stainland District Council. Husband of Marjorie Walker.

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John William WATSON

Killed in action 3rd May 1917, age 19.

Private 235104, 2nd/5th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Bay 6.

Remembered on the memorial of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 2, no. 7

Son of John & Lizzie Walker of Scarborough. John enlisted in Halifax and is thought to have lived in New Street, Stainland. Calderdale War Dead confirm his death as killed in action and that he lived in New Street, Stainland.

Census:

1901: aged 3 and living with parents John & Elizabeth and baby brother in Scarborough.

1911: aged 13 and still living in Scarborough.

Halifax Courier, 7th July 1917:

"Mrs Watson of Stainland would be grateful of any news concerning her son Pte John William who was posted as missing since 3rd May. Pte Watson (235104) was in the WRR and officially intimated that he was missing has been received from the record office at York."

Horace Milton WHEATER

Killed in action 13th May 1917, age 22.

Private 32433, 2nd Battalion, York & Lancaster Regiment.

Buried in Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, Plot I.P.11.

Remembered on the memorials of Blackley Baptist Church, St Andrew's Church, Stainland, Jagger Green Baptist Sunday School and Rose Mount Iron Works, Elland.

Walk 4, no. 8

Born in Bradford in 1895. Foster son of Alice Pilling of Benroyd Terrace, Holywell Green. Horace enlisted in January 1917 giving his brother Ralph as his next of kin. At the time of enlistment he was living at Benroyd Terrace and working as a labourer in an iron and steel works. Alice Pilling was named as his sole legatee.

Census:

1911: Aged 15 and living at Holywell Green with his brother Ralph Burnley Wheeler who was aged 18. They are described as lodgers in the home of farmer Benjamin Pilling and his wife Alice. The household also included Benjamin and Alice's son, John, his wife, Martha, and their son, Fred. Horace's occupation was as a woollen piecer.

Halifax Courier, July 1917:

Photograph with caption

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Arnold WHITELEY

Killed in action on the Somme 30th September 1916, age 21.

Private 16015, 8th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier & Face 6A & 6B.

Remembered on Elland War Memorial and on the memorials of Bethesda Methodist Church, Elland, Elland Providence Congregational Church, St Andrew's Church, Stainland and Rose Mount Iron Works, Elland.

Walk 2, no. 11

Son of Ben & Martha Whiteley, Well Head, Stainland. Arnold was born on the 19th November 1895 to Martha and Ben Whiteley who was a cotton twiner originally from Stainland. The family's address in 1901 was 64 West Street, Lindley. Arnold's younger brother Fred was born in 1898 and his sister Evelyn was born in 1900. By 1911 the family had moved to 27 Gordon Street, Elland and two more sons had been born, Ernest in 1903 and Henry Irvine in 1905. By this time Arnold was working as a cotton piecer.

At some point in the next five years, the family moved once again this time to Well Head, Stainland, which was a shop selling fancy goods and stationery. Prior to his enlistment Arnold had also changed his occupation and was working at the large engineering firm, Dempsters in Elland.

Arnold enlisted on the 26th April 1915 and saw 202 days home service before embarking for the Mediterranean on the 14th November 1915 where his service in the Dardanelles lasted 231 days until the 2nd July 1916 when he embarked for France.

Arnold was plunged straight into the Battle of the Somme which had started on the 1st July and endured 90 days before he was killed in action on the 30th September 1916. He was just 20 years old.

Arnold's body was never recovered and he has no known grave but he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Halifax Courier, November 1916

Photograph with caption:

"Pte. A. Whiteley, West Riding Regt., Well Head, Stainland (late of Elland). Killed Sept. 30; aged 20."

also

Halifax Courier 18th November 1916

Acknowledgement:

"Mr & Mrs B Whiteley wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Well Head, Stainland."



Pte. A. Whiteley, L
West Riding Regt., V
Well Head, Stainland 5
(late of Elland). f
Killed Sept. 30; aged
20.

Lewis Brook WHITELEY

Died of wounds 29th May 1917, age 25.

Acting Bombardier 5831, 321st Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium, plot XII.B.41.

Remembered on the memorial of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 1, no. 2

Son of Clara and the late Robert Whiteley of East View, Sowood. Lewis was a professional musician with the Scapegoat Hill Band and was an asylum assistant in Wakefield, before joining the Rochdale Police. He enlisted in November 1915.

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"BOMBARDIER L. B. WHITELEY

We regret to announce the death from wounds of another popular bandsman, Bombardier Lewis Brook Whiteley (5831) Siege Battery, R. G. A. At the age of 2, and all will sympathise with his bereaved mother, who resides at Sowood, Stainland, in the loss of one of the best of sons, just as the bands of the district have lost a gifted musician. At the age of 12 years he played solo cornet for Outlane Prize Band. He left Outlane and went to Lindley Prize Band, with whom he played three seasons. He was afterwards professional for Scapegoat Hill Prize Band. At the age of 19 years, he joined Rochdale Borough Police Force and Band, with whom he stayed for nearly 2 years as soloist. He afterwards became an attendant at the West Riding Asylum, Wakefield where he became efficient on the cello, playing with the Asylum Band, with both instruments. He joined on the 1st Nov., 1915 in the Wakefield Battery, and soon became the Battery trumpeter, afterwards training other trumpeters attached to other batteries. He went out to France with the siege Battery R.G.A. He composed many hymn tunes, some of which were sung at the chapel anniversaries at Sowood the place which he attended, and was bass singer in the choir. He was severely wounded May 28th and died on the 29th in hospital somewhere in France."

Halifax Courier, June 1917:

Photograph with caption

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R.G.A., Sowood. Died
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Lewis Brook WHITELEY



Lawrence WOLFENDEN

Killed in action 24th October 1918, age 23.

Second Lieutenant, 2nd Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Buried in Verchain British Cemetery, Verchain-Maugre, France.

Remembered on roll of honour of St Andrew's Church, Stainland.

Walk 4, no. 9

Son of John & Mary Wolfenden, Benroyd Terrace, Holywell Green. Husband of Muriel Wolfenden (nee Common) who he married on 17th May 1918 and lived at 83 Cambridge Place, Siddal. Brother to Alfred Ernest, Doris and Amy.

Census:

1911: Living with parents and 3 siblings at Benroyd Terrace, Holywell Green.

Working as an apprentice shirt cutter at a Drapers & Dressmaker.

Robert WRIGHT

Died of pneumonia 14th February 1919, age 32.

Private 74846, 2nd/6th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry (formerly 81234 Training Reserve Battalion)

Buried in Janval Cemetery, Dieppe, France, plot II.F.4

Walk 3, no. 10

Robert was born in Coalville, Leicestershire to Edwin & Jane Wright who later moved to Elland. He was husband to Alice Ann (nee Day) who he married on 30th July 1910 at St John the Baptist Church, Halifax. They lived at 12 Burrwood Terrace, Holywell Green.

When he enlisted he was employed by Robert Dempster & Sons, Elland.

Census:

1901: aged 14, living with parents, sisters Hannah & Elsie and brothers, Alfred, Thomas E and Walter.

1911: aged 24, living in New Road, Holywell Green with wife, Alice, brother-in-law William, sister-in-law Olive and parents-in-law Alfred & Elizabeth Day.