

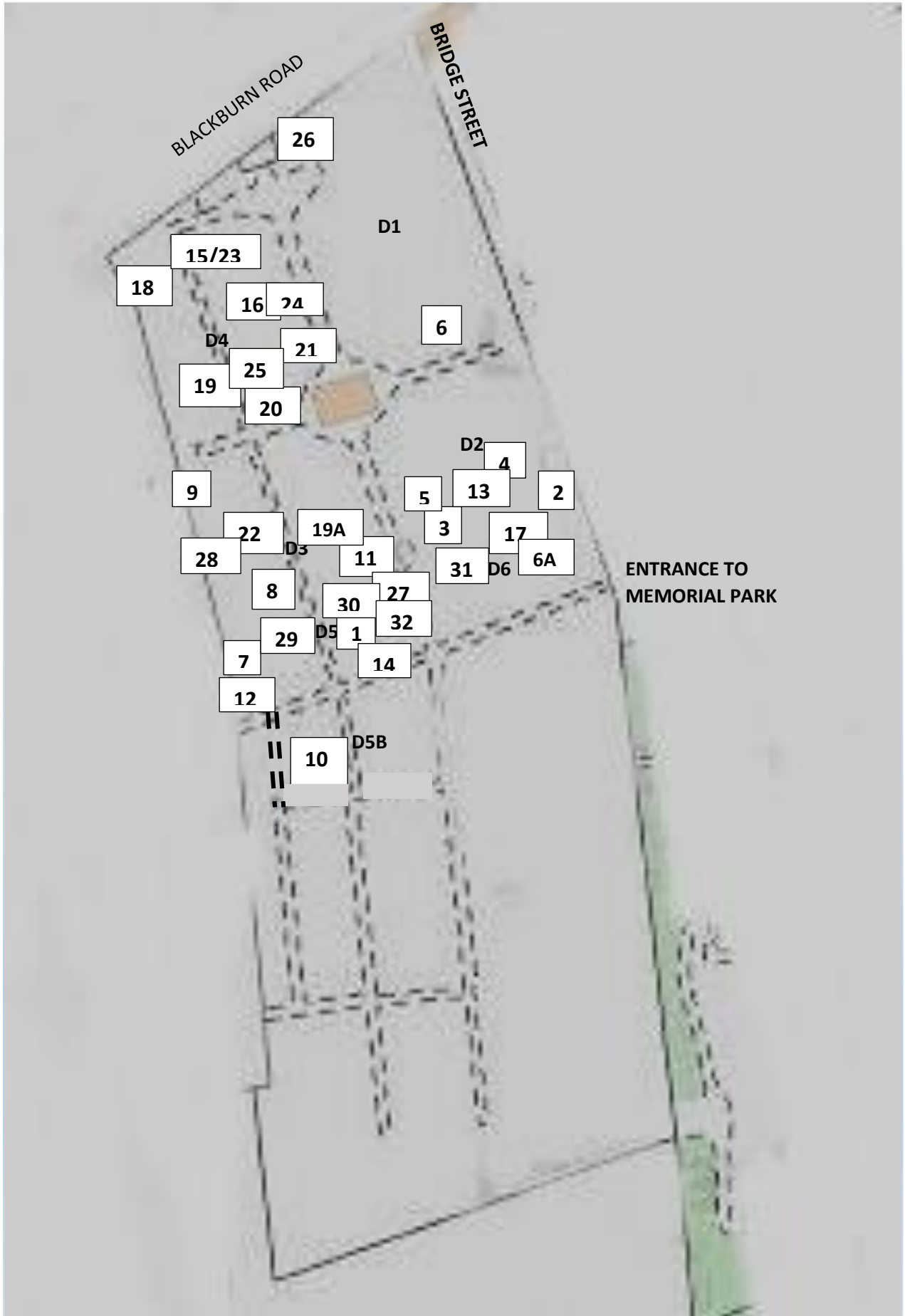


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WW1 COMMEMORATIVE  
&  
COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES  
IN  
PADIHAM  
BLACKBURN ROAD CEMETERY



# GUIDE TO GRAVE LOCATIONS



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## INTRODUCTION

This document has been produced by The Friends of Burnley Cemeteries for the World War One Centenary Commemorations. It aims to identify those service men who are commemorated in Padiham Blackburn Road Cemetery.

There are three types of headstones to be found:

- Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstones for those buried in the cemetery. These are of a simple standard design showing the name and regiment of the service man and sometimes short personal details from bereaved relatives added at the base of the stone.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstones for those buried in the cemetery where the bereaved relatives chose not to have a standard headstone, instead using a family gravestone.
- Family commemorative gravestones for those servicemen who died in action and were buried where they fell.

Inside the cover page is a numbered alphabetical list of all the WW1 headstones together with a plan indicating the location of the numbered graves. The list also shows the page on which the details of the service men can be found.

The document is in two parts – Part 1: The Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstones, and Part 2: The Family commemorative headstones for those buried where they fell. Both sections are in date of death order, reflecting the various stages and battles of WW1.

Many men who were killed in battle were not commemorated on family gravestones as can be seen on pages 1, 5, 15 where brothers of men are reported as killed but not recorded on headstones in the cemetery.

For those searching for more information about individuals or more general information about WW1 useful sources of information are:

- Burnley in the Great War website: <http://burnleyinthegreatwar.info/>
- The Commonwealth War Graves Commission website: <http://www.cwgc.org/>
- The Great War 1914 -1918 website: <http://www.greatwar.co.uk/>

## PADIHAM BLACKBURN ROAD CEMETERY

### WW1 GRAVESTONES IN DATE OF DEATH ORDER

#### PART 1: COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION GRAVES



**Thomas Howarth Lakeland, Grave V.12.22, d 6 Dec 1915 aged 20 (Grave 12 on Plan)**

Private Thomas Howarth Lakeland of the 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment was the son of Thomas Howarth Lakeland and the late Lillie Lakeland formerly of 49 Wordsworth Street Hapton but at the time of Private Lakeland's death of 21 Bird Street Brierfield. He enlisted in the Burnley Territorial Regiment and went to the Dardanelles in August 1915. He was taken ill in October and returned to England where he underwent an operation for an internal complaint at Graylingwell War Hospital Chichester but died from shock following the operation.

LAKELAND, LEONARD \_\_\_\_\_

Rank:	Private
Service No:	201860
Date of Death:	04/11/1918
Age:	26
Regiment/Service:	Royal Welsh Fusiliers 16th Bn.
Grave Reference:	C. 42.
Cemetery:	ENGLEFONTAINE BRITISH CEMETERY
Additional Information:	Son of Thomas Haworth and Lily Lakeland, of Brierfield; husband of Clara Lakeland, of 7, Richard St., Brierfield, Burnley.

HAPTON TERRITORIAL'S DEATH.  
FATAL ILLNESS CONTRACTED IN DARDANELLES.



PRIVATE T. H. LAKELAND.

As announced in Saturday's "Express," the funeral has taken place at Padiham Cemetery of Pte. Thomas Howarth Lakeland, of the Burnley Territorial Regiment, whose death occurred on December 6th at the Graylingwell War Hospital at Chichester from shock following an operation for an internal complaint. Pte. Lakeland, who was aged 21; was a native of Hapton, and attended Hapton Church, being a member of the choir. He was also connected with the Hapton Ambulance Brigade, but when war broke out he grew tired of waiting to be called up for that work, and enlisted in the Burnley Territorial Regiment. He went to the Dardanelles last August, and was taken ill about five weeks ago, being detained in Malta three weeks before being brought to England, a week before his demise. After Lakeland's enlistment the family removed to 21, Bird-street, Brierfield. There was a funeral service conducted at Hapton Church on Sunday.

Bly Express 15 Dec 1915

His brother Leonard Lakeland was killed in action 4 Nov 1918 aged 26 and is buried in Englefontaine British Cemetery, France





**Allan Holland, Grave III.16.2, d 24 Dec 1915 Aged 28  
(Grave 9 on Plan)**

Rifleman Allan Holland of the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps (8455) lived with his aunt at The Welcome Inn, Padiham and had been in the army in India for six years when war was declared. He was sent to the front in January 1915, was wounded in the leg in May and returned to Britain for treatment. He returned to the front in August 1915 but was severely wounded in the head and leg on 25<sup>th</sup> September and returned home again for treatment. In December he had recovered sufficiently to be sent to Sheerness but whilst there began to feel unwell. He received compassionate leave to visit his aunt who was ill but his own condition worsened and he went to Whalley Military Hospital where he died on Christmas Eve.

Burnley Express 1 Jan 1916

**HIT ON HIS BIRTHDAY.  
PADIHAM SOLDIER DIES AT  
WHALLEY.**

The death took place at the Whalley Military Hospital on Christmas Eve of Rifleman Allan Holland, who lived with his aunt at the Welcome Inn, Padiham. Rifleman Holland had had many interesting experiences in the Army, and had been in India six years when war was declared. His regiment, the King's Royal Rifles, was brought home to take an active part in the war, and after a few days' leave at home Rifleman Holland was sent to France.



**RIFLEMAN ALLAN HOLLAND.**

Arriving at the front in January, Rifleman Holland, after some hard fighting, was wounded in the leg in May, and on being brought home was treated in hospital at Perth, and later in a convalescent home at Aberfeldy. When he was recovered he was sent back to the front, and five weeks afterwards, on his birthday, September 28, he was wounded at Loos. Severely injured about the head and leg, and also suffering from asphyxia, he was conveyed back to England, and received treatment in the Great Northern Hospital at Sheffield. In about a month he was stated to have recovered, and after six days' leave at home he was sent to Sheerness. There he began to feel unwell, and receiving a message that his aunt was ill he obtained leave to come home and see her. While at Padiham he became worse, and Dr. Mackenzie recommended him to go to the Whalley Military Hospital. He was soon in a precarious condition, and died as stated on Christmas Eve.

While in India Rifleman Holland was a doctor's orderly. He was with Prince Maurice of Battenburg when the Prince was killed, and Prince Louis of Battenburg presented each member of the battalion with a black ebony ring as a memento of the sad event. Before joining the Army Rifleman Holland was a weaver. He was 30 years of age.

The funeral took place at Padiham Cemetery on Tuesday, the Rev. Thomas Munn officiating. There were 25 soldiers present, including two patients and a R.A.M.C. man from the Whalley Military Hospital, and the rest from Burnley, under two sergeants. A volley was fired over the grave, and the "Last Post" sounded. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack. A large number were present. Mr. D. W. Proger represented the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, and Councillor Nutter the Weavers' Association. There were a large number of wreaths, including one from the Whalley Hospital.



**David Leeming, Grave V.3.22, d.10 May 1916  
aged 29 (Grave 14 on Plan)**

Private David Leeming of the Royal Army Medical Corps (100395) was the son of the late David and Esther Leeming of Spenser Street Padiham and the husband of Alice Leeming (nee Marsden) of 29 Spenser Street, Padiham. He had one child. He enlisted on 4th August 1915 and was posted at home on 6 Aug 1915. He died at Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot of appendicitis after undergoing two operations and suffering from quinsy and influenza.



DIED AT ALDERSHOT.  
PADIHAM R.A.M.C. MAN.

Private David Leeming R.A.M.C. (29), 29, Spenser-street, Padiham, died at Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, on Wednesday afternoon. He was in bed five weeks, and had undergone two operations. His illness commenced with quinsy, which developed into influenza. After being in a convalescent home, he was brought back to the hospital, suffering from appendicitis.

The late Private Leeming went away from Padiham last August 4th, with a large number of others. Prior to then, he worked at Mr. George Green's as a twister. He went to St. Leonard's church and school. He was a married man, with one child.

Burnley News 13 May 1916





**William Wentworth Whitaker, Grave V.1.15., d. 24 Jun 1916 aged 30 (Grave 27 on Plan)**

Private William Wentworth Whitaker of the East Lancashire Regiment Depot (27603) was the son of John Henry and Jane Whitaker of 121 Burnley Road, Padiham and the husband of Emily Whitaker (nee Barnes) and lived at the Victoria Hotel, Padiham.

Only a week before his death he went to Preston to join his regiment and was taken ill and died at the Military Hospital Preston.

THE LATE PTE. WHITAKER.—The funeral took place at the Padiham Church Cemetery, on Wednesday afternoon, of Wm. Wentworth Whitaker, late of the Victoria Hotel, Padiham. The deceased, who went to Preston only a week before he was buried, to join his group (he having attested), was taken suddenly ill and died in the Military Hospital there on Saturday last. The Rev. Thomas Munn (Unitarian minister), officiated at the services, both at the residence of the deceased and also at the cemetery. The mourners were:—Mrs. W. W. Whitaker, Mrs. J. H. Whitaker, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whitaker, Master Henry Forrest, Mr and Mrs Broxup, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest, Master A. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and children, Mrs. Gouldbourne, Mr. and Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Sutcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Berry, Miss Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs Clarkson, Mr Hesketh, Mr. Brown, Mr. Pilling, Mr Metcalfe, Mr. Finnagar, and Mr. Walton. The bearers were Mr. Wm. Bradshaw (Blackburn), Mr. John Bradshaw, Mr. E. Aldred and Mr. F. Holmes. There were numerous beautiful floral emblems. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Cowgill.

Burnley News 1 Jul 1916





**William Hall, Grave V.13.16 d. 3 Nov 1916 aged 33  
(Grave 7 on Plan)**

Private William Hall of The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (G/7314) was the son of the late William and Ann Jane Hall of 18 Adamson Street Padiham. He enlisted at Halifax on St. Patrick's Day 1916 and had

previously been in the army and discharged as medically unfit. He was accidentally killed whilst working in a chalk pit in East Harling, Thetford. Two brothers had lost their lives in the war and two other brothers were in service.

Bly Express 11 Nov 1916

**MILITARY FUNERAL.**—The funeral of the late Private William Hall, of the Buffs, whose death we recorded in our last issue, took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Padiham Church Cemetery. The body arrived from East Harling on Tuesday evening, and was removed to the residence of the deceased's sister in Lawrence-street. Previous to leaving the residence Canon Mills conducted a short service, and also officiated at the graveside. Four men of the R.G.A., East Lancashire, etc., officiated as bearers, the coffin being covered with the Union Jack. The floral tributes were numerous, and included: Wreath, "In deepest sympathy," from the officers commanding the Infantry Works Company, The Buffs, East Harling; wreath, from the non-commissioned officers and men of the 1st Infantry Works Company, The Buffs, East Harling; "With loving memory," from his comrades and friends at East Harling; "In loving memory of Bill," from Mrs. Hunt, East Harling; wreath, from Sister Lily and Jim; spray, brothers Norman, Robert, and Alex; Mrs. Williams and family; Aunt Sarah and cousins; Mr. Proger, the secretary of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Family Associations, attended on the committee's behalf. A large number of people gathered at the residence of the deceased, and also at the cemetery, to pay their last tributes of respect. The whole of the arrangements were in the hands of Mr. T. H. Pate, Burnley-road.

Burnley Express 8 Nov 1916

**ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.**  
**Heavy Blow for Padiham Family.**  
On Saturday noon Mr. Richard Thomas Hall of 1, Adamson-st., Padiham, received a telegram from Thetford Military Barracks, announcing the accidental death, on the 3rd November, of his brother, Pte. William Hall, 7314, of the 1st Infantry Work Co., The Buffs, East Harling, Norfolk. This was a great shock to the relatives, as the telegram gave no detailed account of the accident. The deceased soldier was 33 years of age, and very well known in Padiham, where he formerly was a spinner at Messrs. Thompson's Britannia Mill. Pte. Hall was of a patriotic turn of mind. He answered the call of his country on St. Patrick's Day of the present year, having previously been in the Army and discharged as medically unfit. Two other brothers have sacrificed their lives in the interest of their country, and two others are still in service. Sergt. Fred Hall is with the East Lancashires, now in France, while Pte. Robert Hall is in train-

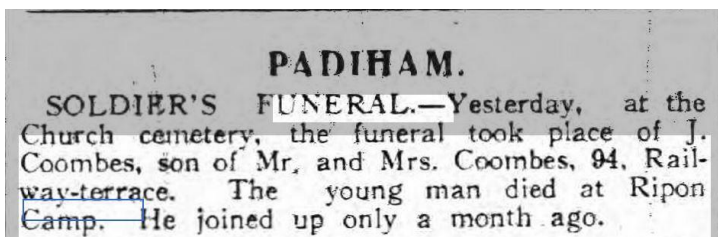
ing at Plymouth. Mrs. Richard Hall has also had a brother killed, and another one is reported missing, while the deceased soldier's sister's husband has also been killed. The Hall family have indeed been the most unfortunate family of the many sons that the Calder town have sent to the war.  
In his last letter home, Pte. Hall expressed his gratitude for the "Express," which had been sent to him every week. He said its pages were read with much pleasure by his company.  
The body was brought by rail to Padiham late on Monday night, and taken to the residence of his sister, Mrs. Strong, of Lawrence-street. The interment will take place to-day (Wednesday) at the Padiham Cemetery.  
Second-Lieut. R. A. Jain, of The Buffs, writes:—"Dear Mr. Hall, It is with deep regret that I have to announce to you the sad death of your brother, Pte. William Hall, who was accidentally killed whilst working in a chalk pit near East Harling, a village not far from Thetford. Your brother proved himself a good worker and a good soldier whilst he was in the company, and he died doing his duty, as a good soldier should. I should like to express, on behalf of myself and of the N.C.O.'s and men of our company, our deep sorrow and regret at the sad and unexpected death of your brother."



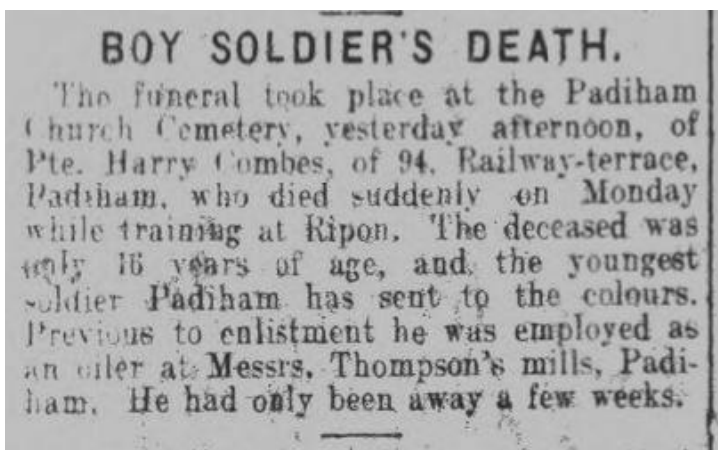


**Harry Coombes, Grave VI.5.5., d.18.2.1917 aged 16 (Grave 5 on Plan)**

Private Harry Coombes of the East Lancashire Regiment 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion (6644) was the son of Joseph and Alice Coombes of 94 Railway Terrace Padiham. He enlisted in January 1917 and died at Ripon Camp only a month afterwards



Burnley News 24 Feb 1917



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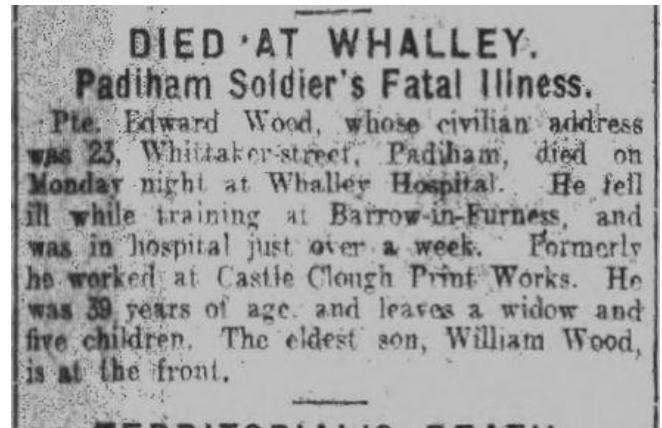


**Edward Wood, Grave VI.4.10, d 19 Feb 1917 aged 39 (Grave 31 on Plan)**

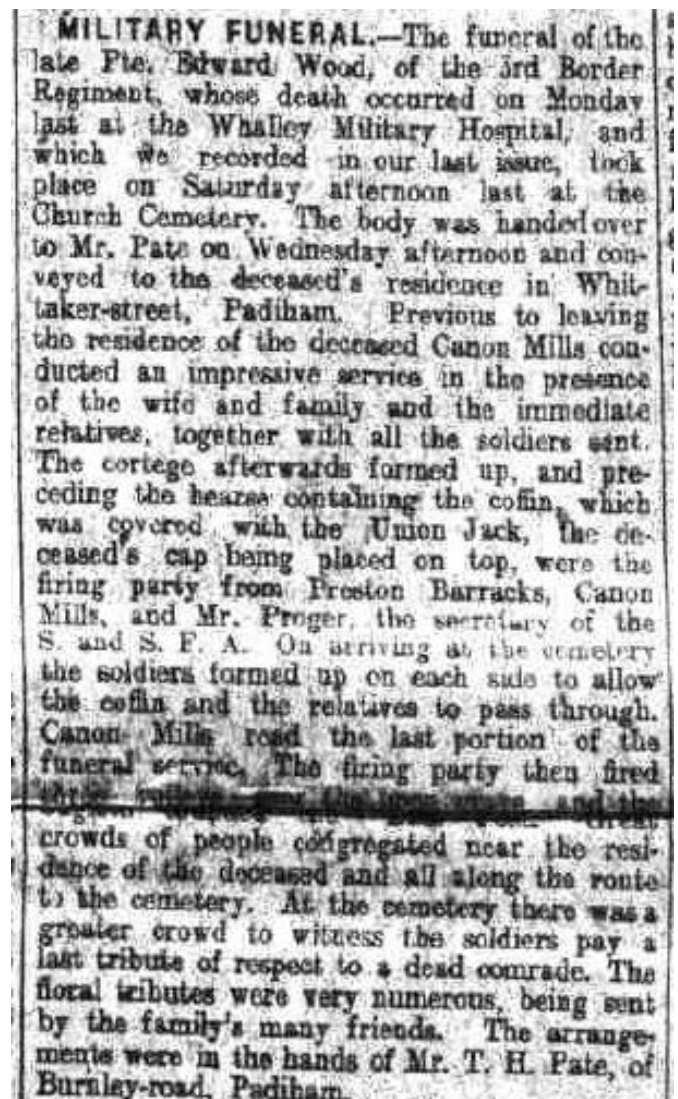
Private Edward Wood of the Border Regiment 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion (32522) was the son of James and Elizabeth Ellen Wood and husband of Sarah Wood (nee Monk) of 23 Whittaker Street Padiham and father of five children. Edward enlisted at Burnley in December 1915, fell ill while training at Barrow-in-Furness and was in hospital for just over a week. He died of pneumonia at Queen Mary's Military Hospital Whalley following a hernia operation.

His brother William was also serving.

Bly Exp 28 Feb 1917



Burnley Express 21 Feb 1917







**Fred Hugh Robinson, Grave IV.4.3. d.29 Mar 1917 aged 30 (Grave 20 on Plan)**

Gunner Fred Hugh Smyth Robinson of the Royal Garrison Artillery, 20<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Coy (148175) was the son of John and Mary Ann Robinson of 8 Victoria Street Padiham and once licensees of the Starkie Arms Padiham. He enlisted in the Veterinary Corps at Woolwich in 1915 and was sent to France but after several months returned home through illness. He recovered and went to Aldershot where he was transferred to the Royal Garrison Artillery and drafted to Sunderland. It was here that he had an accident when returning home to camp one dark evening. He fell down a railway embankment and was not discovered until the following day when he was taken to Sunderland Hospital suffering from a fractured spine and concussion. The injuries proved fatal.

Burnley Express 7 Apr 1917

## PROMINENT PADIHAM CONSERVATIVE.

### ACCIDENTALLY KILLED AFTER SERVICE IN FRANCE.

Padiham readers will regret to learn of the death of Gunner Fred Hugh Smyth Robinson (92090), Royal Garrison Artillery, who had been stationed at Pallion, Sunderland. The deceased gentleman was exceedingly well-known in the town, being the only son of Mrs. Robinson, 8, Victoria-street, and formerly licensee of the Starkie Arms, Padiham, in which licensed house Mr. Robinson was born 30 years ago. He received his education at Alston's Academy, Burnley, and was afterwards a clerk in the Manchester and County



**GUNNER F. H. S. ROBINSON.**

Photo: N. Bradshaw.

Bank at Padiham. He was a prominent member of the Constitutional Club, an ardent Conservative worker in Padiham, and a well-known sportsman.

Answering the call of his country in January, 1915, at Woolwich, he joined the Army Veterinary Corps, and after a short period of training was drafted to France, where, after several months, he became ill and was sent to hospital at Rouen, eventually being invalided home. Recovering, he reported himself at Aldershot, and was transferred to the Royal Garrison Artillery. After training at various places, he was eventually drafted to Sunderland, where he distinguished himself in examination and became the third gunner of his section.

It was while at Pallion that the unfortunate gentleman met with the accident which proved fatal. While making for camp on the very dark evening of the 17th of last month he accidentally fell down the embankment of the North Eastern Railway, where he lay all night. When discovered he was conveyed to the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, where he was found to be suffering from a fractured spine and concussion, and he died on the 29th.

The officers report that Gunner Robinson was a good soldier and was respected by men of all ranks.

The funeral took place at the Church of England Cemetery, Padiham, on Tuesday afternoon. After the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Mills) had conducted a short service at the house, the funeral cortege—the coffin being draped with the Union Jack, and escorted by a firing party and bearers of men of the East Lancashire Regiment stationed at Preston, in command of Sergt. Crawford—proceeded along Burnley-road to the cemetery, many people lining the route to pay their last tribute of respect to the dead gunner. The service in the cemetery church, and at the graveside was impressively read by the Vicar, after which three volleys were fired over the grave, and the bugler sounded the "Last Post." On the removal of his remains from Sunderland to Padiham an officer and a detachment of men of his battery escorted the coffin, draped in the Union Jack, and mounted on a gun carriage, to the station.

The mourners were: First carriage, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Robinson (uncle), Burnley, and Mr. and Mrs. Spence; second, Mr. and Mrs. Lee (Nelson), Mr. and Mrs. Holgate, and Mrs. Burrell; and third, Mrs. Dewhurst, Miss Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. Berwistle, Miss Hacking, and Miss Amy Wilkinson. Friends attending were: Messrs. A. Ireland, William Wilkinson,





**Albert Ellor, Grave I.11.4. d27 Mar 1918 aged 38 (Grave 6 on Plan)**

Private Albert Ellor of the East Lancashire Regiment Depot (240088) was the son of Mary Ellor and the late Joseph of Old Farm House East Street and the husband of Rose Ellor (nee Leonard) of 23 Rycliffe Street Padiham.


He joined the army at 16 and served in the South African War, the Territorials in Egypt and Gallipoli and then in France. In February 1918 he returned home on leave but was not able to return due to ill health. His brother Joseph was on active service.

**MILITARY FUNERAL.**—On Monday, at Padiham Church Cemetery, the funeral took place of Pte. Albert Ellor, of 23, Rycliffe-st., whose death we recorded on Saturday. The Vicar (Rev. F. Wilkins, M.A.) officiated. The bearers were a firing party from the Royal Field Artillery from Preston, and Major V. Korshaw, D.S.O., represented the East Lancs. Regt. The Last Post was sounded at the conclusion of the ceremony.

**PADIHAM SOLDIER'S DEATH.**

**Winner of Two Medals During the South African War.**

The death occurred on Wednesday, at his home, 23, Rycliffe-street, Padiham, of Private Albert Ellor, of the East Lancashires, aged 38 years. Deceased joined the Army when he was only 16 years of age, and served throughout the South African war, for which he was awarded two medals, of which he was very proud. He went out with the Territorials soon after the outbreak of the present war, and served two years in Egypt and Gallipoli. Since then he had seen a good deal of fighting in France. About six weeks ago he came home on leave, and his health had been so bad that he was not able to return to the front. Much sympathy is felt with the widow, who resides at 23, Rycliffe-street, and with the



**PTE. ALBERT ELLOR.**

mother, who lives at the Old Farm House, East-street. Deceased's brother, Joseph, and his brother-in-law, Pte. Joe Barcroft, are both Mons. heroes, and are still on active service. Deceased was, previous to the present war, employed at Messrs. Butterworth & Dickinson's, Rosegrove. There will be a military funeral at Padiham on Monday.

Burnley Express 3 Apr 1918

Bly Express 30 Mar 1918





Charles Murphy, Grave VI.7.11. d. 8 Jul 1918 aged 26 (Grave 17 on Plan)

Private Charles Murphy of the Royal Garrison Artillery 26<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Coy (184614) was the husband of Beatrice Murphy of 10 Calder Street Padiham and father of two children. He enlisted

Deceased was formerly employed at Hapton Chemical Works, where he was highly respected, being of a quiet and genial nature. He was a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, his name being on the Roll of Honour there.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon at the Padiham Church Cemetery. The body, in charge of Mr. Pate, arrived in Padiham on Tuesday evening from Grimsby, and was conveyed to his home in Calder-street. A detachment of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, stationed at Fulwood Barracks, Preston, attended on Thursday afternoon, along with a bearer party and bugler. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, was carried by the deceased's intimate friends, preceded by the soldiers, with arms reversed. On arriving at the cemetery the cortege was met by the Rev. Father McEnery, who conducted the last rites at the graveside. The soldiers fired three volleys over the open grave, the bugler sounding the "Last Post." Amongst the wreaths was one from the officers, N.C.O.'s, and men of the depot at Immingham. A large number of the public witnessed the cortege, and a large number also assembled at the graveside. The whole of the arrangements were in the hands of Mr. T. H. Pate, Burnley-road, Padiham.

Deceased's commanding officer writes to Mrs. Murphy from Immingham on July 10th as follows:—"As your late husband's commanding officer, I am writing these few lines to tender my sincere sympathy in your sad bereavement and to tell you how sorry I was to lose such a good soldier. All the time he was with me he was always ready to carry out any order not only promptly but cheerfully, and his loss is greatly felt by the whole of the detachment. The N.C.O.'s and men join with me in all kind thoughts and sorrow for you in your sad trouble.—P. J. Saul, Sec.-Lient., R.G.A.

### FATAL PNEUMONIA ATTACK.

The death took place on Sunday last of Gunner Charles Murphy, of the R.G.A., after a severe attack of pneumonia. His wife lives at 10, Calder-st., Padiham. Deceased was born at Woolton, near Liverpool, 26 years ago, and came with his parents to Padiham about six years ago. He joined the Army in July, 1917, and was sent to Ashlone, and afterwards to Woolwich, and to Whalston, near Newcastle, where he remained until February this year, when he was transferred to Immingham. On June 25th he was admitted to a military hos-



GUNNER C. MURPHY.

pital at Grimsby suffering from pneumonia. As his condition got worse, his wife was wired for on Friday afternoon last week. She went to Grimsby, and remained there until his death, which took place as stated. Deceased leaves a widow and two children. There is one brother in France and several cousins serving. One of his cousins lost his life in Sept., 1915, whilst serving with the Canadian Forces.

in July 1917 and had been posted to various

places at home finally being transferred to Immingham in June 1918 from where he was admitted to Grimsby military hospital suffering from pneumonia from which he did not recover. He is commemorated on the Roll of Honour at St. John's Roman Catholic Church where he was a member.

Burnley Express 13 Jul 1918





**James Arthur Heyworth, Grave III.10.42, d.1 Sep 1918 aged 28 (Grave 8 on Plan)**

Driver James Arthur Heyworth of the Royal Field Artillery 1<sup>st</sup> East Lancashire Brigade (701063) was the son of Isabella Heyworth of 12 Clitheroe Street Padiham and the husband of Ruby Heyworth (nee Pickles). He enlisted in September 1915 and was trained at Southport, Perbriht and Whitchurch before being drafted to France in 1916. He had been wounded twice, lastly in the head and was sent to Lichfield Military Hospital and then to Whalley where he was operated on but unsuccessfully.

**DIED AT WHALLEY HOSPITAL.**  
 We regret to announce the death, which took place on Sunday morning last at the Military Hospital, Whalley, of Driver James Arthur Heyworth, of 12, Clitheroe-street.



**DRIVER JAS. A. HEYWORTH.**  
*Photo: E. Bradshaw.*  
 Padiham. The deceased, who belonged to the R.F.A., was 28 years of age. He enlisted in September, 1915. He was sent to Southport, thence to Perbriht and Whitchurch. After having undergone his course of training he was drafted to France about two years ago. He has been twice wounded, the last time severely in the head. He was sent to the Military Hospital at Lichfield, and eventually to Whalley. An operation was performed on him in the hope of restoring him to health, but, unfortunately, this was not successful, and he died as stated. Before enlisting he was employed as a clothlooker at the Jubilee Mills, Padiham. The interment will take place to-morrow at the Padiham Church Cemetery.

Burnley Express 7 Sep 1918



**Herbert H Law, Grave VI.6.6., d.31 Oct 1918  
aged 30 (Grave 13 on Plan)**

Private Herbert Henry Law of the Coldstream Guards (20764) was the husband of Lydia Law (nee Veevers) and father of two children of 9 Chapel Walk, Padiham. He had been in the army for nearly two years and in November 1917 was wounded in France. He could not return to the front and was expected to be discharged and had been on leave at Padiham two weeks before his death from pneumonia at Caterham, Surrey.

Bly Express 2 Nov 1918

**DEATH BEFORE DISCHARGE.**



**PTE. H. H. LAW.**

*Photo: E. Bradshaw.*  
Pte. Herbert Henry Law, of the Coldstream Guards, whose wife and two children reside at 9, Chapel Walk, Padiham, died on Sunday from pneumonia at Caterham, Surrey. He was only taken ill the previous Friday, and the news of his death will cause deep regret in Padiham. He had been in the Army nearly two years, and last November he was wounded in France. He had never returned to the front, owing to the physical effects of his wounds, and was expecting his discharge from the Army at an early date. He was recently over at Padiham on leave, and only went back to his depot a fortnight ago. He was 30 years of age, and was formerly employed as a weaver. He was a member of the Wesley Choir, and was much respected by all who knew him.





William Brown, Grave VI.7.4., d.8 Nov 1918 aged 29 (Grave 4 on Plan)

Private William Brown of the Army Service Corps M.T. (M2/188992) was the son of Charles and Annie Brown of 23 Park Lane. He enlisted in June 1916 and was sent to German East Africa where he contracted malarial fever. He returned to England in December 1917 and on coming out of hospital in Somerset he went to Ireland, was transferred to Brighton and then to the depot where he left to go into hospital with influenza a week before his death from Pneumonia.

## CONSERVATIVE WORKER'S DEATH.

Corpl. Wm. Brown, 188992, A.S.C., M.T., son of Mr. Brown, of 23, Park-lane, died in Croydon Hospital, near London, on November 8th, from pneumonia, at the age of 29. The deceased joined up in June, 1916, and was sent to German East Africa, where he contracted malarial fever, arriving in England on December 10th last. Corpl. Brown came out of hospital in Somerset and went to Ireland, where he stayed five weeks, being afterwards transferred to Brighton, and then to the depot, where he left to go into hospital a week ago with influenza. Pneumonia supervening, he died as stated. He was expecting his discharge this week-end.

The unfortunate young man was home on leave three weeks ago. He learned the manufacturing business with several Burnley firms, and was in the office of the Oxford Mill Co., under the late Mr. Thomas Horner, and later was book-keeper for Mr. Thos. Cowpe, Spa Mill, for seven years. Leaving there, he became salesman for Messrs. Atkinson and Co., manufacturers, of Manchester, afterwards going into business as a principal in the firm of Brown and Co., Ltd., yarn agents, Manchester. Corpl. Brown was one of the Savings Club officials of the Conservative bazaar in 1913. He was an enthusiastic Junior Unionist, and was for some time an official of the Junior Unionist Association and a very valuable worker. He was also a well-known member of the Mechanics' Institution, of the Glen View Golf Club, and the Ightenhill Bowling and Tennis Club.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at the Padilham Church Cemetery. The Rev. J. W. Broadbent, M.A., Vicar of St. John's, Gannow, conducted the services at the house and at the graveside. The following floral tributes were sent:—Cross, "In ever-loving memory of Willie," from his sorrowing Father, Mother, and Sisters; anchor, "In loving remembrance of Willie," from Maud and Tom; spray, "To my dear Uncle Willie," from Bitchie; wreath, "In loving memory," from Uncle and Aunt, William and Annie; spray, Cousin Florrie; wreath, from Brown and Co., Ltd., Manchester; wreath, Mr. R. Ashworth and family; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor; spray, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Heap and family; spray, Mrs. J. E. Babbington and family; spray, Miss Falkner; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Cooper and Dorothy; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hart-





**Wilfred Snowden, Grave III.14.6., d.13 Dec 1918 aged 28 (*Grave 22 on Plan*)**

Private Wilfred Snowden of the Cheshire Regiment 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion (293184) was the son of John and Melissa Snowden of 47 Lee Road, Nelson, formerly of Cobden Street, Padiham (1911 Census). He died at the Nell Lane Military Hospital, Didsbury, Manchester. His Medal Record shows that he had also served in the East Lancs and Liverpool Regiments and in the Balkans. No further information is known at the moment.



**Daniel Ayrton, Grave V.4.16, d. 22 Nov 1919 aged 23 (Grave 1 on Plan)**

Private Daniel Ayrton of the Cameron Highlanders (32085) was the son of William and Sarah Ayrton of Mitton Street, Padiham. He joined the army when war broke out and had seen a good deal of service in France. He had been wounded four times, had several operations to his leg and died following an amputation operation at Woolwich Hospital, London.

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## PADIHAM SOLDIER'S DEATH.

The death took place this week, at Woolwich Hospital, of Pte. Daniel Ayrton, of the Cameron Highlanders. His mother lives at 8, Mitton-street, Padiham. He joined the Army when the war broke out, and had seen a good deal of active service in France, having been



PTE. DANIEL AYRTON.

wounded four times. He has not been well since last Easter, when he had an attack of influenza. He has had several operations to his leg, and last Saturday it was amputated, death occurring subsequently. He was 23 years of age, and single, and was formerly a weaver at Higham, the family having lived at Lane-side, Higham, for some years before they came to Padiham. The funeral will take place at Padiham to-day. His brother, Pte. J. W. Ayrton, was killed in March, 1918.

His brother Private James William Ayrton of the East Lancashire Regiment was killed in action in France and is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial.

## AYRTON, JAMES WILLIAM \_\_\_\_\_

Rank:	Private
Service No:	36520
Date of Death:	23/03/1918
Age:	29
Regiment/Service:	East Lancashire Regiment 2nd Bn.
Panel Reference:	Panel 42 and 43.
Memorial:	POZIERES MEMORIAL
Additional Information:	Husband of Emily Jane Ayrton, of 9, Station Rd., Padiham, Burnley.



**Robert Balderstone, Grave VI.11.8, d. 2 Apr 1920 aged 28 (*Grave 2 on Plan*)**

Private Robert Balderstone of the East Lancashire Regiment 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (3343) was the son of Edward and Nancy Balderstone of 31 Pendle Street Padiham and the husband of Mary Jane Balderstone (nee Stevenson) of 10 Rycliffe Street, Padiham. No other information is known at the moment.



## PART 2: COMMEMORATIVE GRAVES TO THOSE KILLED IN ACTION



**James Strong, Grave IV, d.13 Nov 1914 aged 31 (Grave 23 on Plan) NB same stone as grave 15 on plan**

Private James Strong of the 2nd Border Regiment (8053) was the husband of Lily Hall of 23 Lawrence Street, Padiham and they had one son, James, aged not yet one. He enlisted in Burnley in 1903 and was a signaller and then a reservist. He was wounded in the head in October 1914 and died in Boulogne 13 Gen HP and is **buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France, Grave III. C. 28.**

*Boulogne, was one of the three base ports most extensively used by the Commonwealth armies on the Western Front throughout the First World War. It was closed and cleared on the 27 August 1914 when the Allies were forced to fall back ahead of the German advance, but was opened again in October and from that month to the end of the war, Boulogne and Wimereux formed one of the chief hospital areas.*



Burnley News 5 Dec 1914

*Until June 1918, the dead from the hospitals at Boulogne itself were buried in the Cimetiere de L'Est, one of the town cemeteries, the Commonwealth graves forming a long, narrow strip along the right hand edge of the cemetery. In the spring of 1918, it was found that space was running short in the Eastern Cemetery in spite of repeated extensions to the south, and the site of the new cemetery at Terlincthun was chosen.*

*Boulogne Eastern Cemetery contains 5,577 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 224 from the Second World War.*

*The Commonwealth plots were designed by Charles Holden.*



Burnley News 12 Dec 1914

**Ernest Randle, Grave IV.11.32, d.5 Dec 1914 aged 23  
(Grave 18 on Plan)**

Private Ernest Randle of the East Lancashire Regiment 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion (2003) was the son of William and Rachel Randle of 15 Milton Street, Padiham.

He went to Egypt in September 1914 but in November he was operated on for appendicitis and although he had written home cheerfully several times after the operation he died.

He is buried in **Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Grave B.125**

*At the outbreak of the First World War, Cairo was headquarters to the United Kingdom garrison in Egypt. With Alexandria, it became the main hospital centre for Gallipoli in 1915 and later dealt with the sick and wounded from operations in Egypt and Palestine.*

*Cairo War Memorial Cemetery was designed by Sir Robert Lorimer. It was formerly part of the New British Protestant Cemetery, but plots B, D, F, H, K, M, O, P and Q were ceded to the Commission in 1920.*

*There are now 2,056 Commonwealth casualties of the First World War and 340 from the Second World War buried or commemorated in the cemetery. A small number, known to have been buried in other civil cemeteries in Cairo but whose graves are now lost, are commemorated by special memorial.*

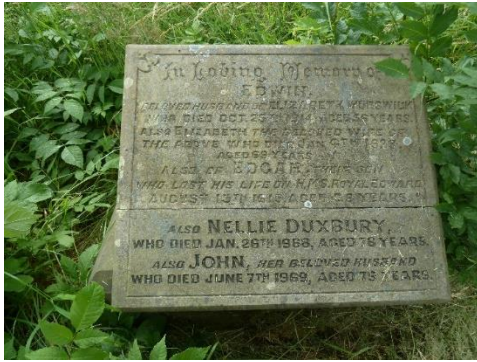
**PADIHAM TERRITORIAL DEAD.**

Mr. and Mrs. Randle, of 15, Milton-street, Padiham, received word this week of the death of their son, Pte. Ernest Randle (23), who was serving with the Territorials in Egypt.

**LATE PRIVATE E. RANDLE.**

The late Pte. Randle, who formerly worked at Messrs. Francis **Helm's** Foundry, joined the Territorials in July. He went to Egypt in September. He was quite well when he left the town. A month ago, however, he was operated on for appendicitis, and last Saturday he died. He wrote home several times after the operation, and his letters were always cheerful. The deceased young man was brought up at Padiham Green Church and School. He was very popular amongst his many friends.





Edgar Worswick, Grave V.1.1. d. 13 Aug 1915 aged 29 (Grave 32 on Plan)

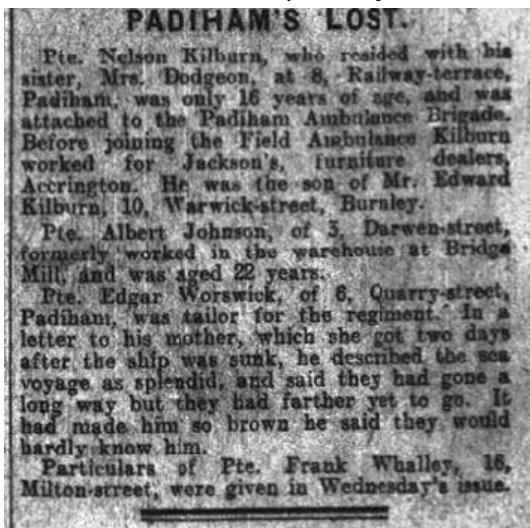


Private Edgar Worswick of the Royal Army Medical Corps 2<sup>nd</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> East Lancashire Field Ambulance (465) was the son of Edwin and Elizabeth Worswick of 4 Quarry Street, Padiham. He was the tailor for the regiment

He was on the Royal Edward troupp ship when it was torpedoed in the Aegean Sea and sank within 4 minutes. He was missing feared drowned and is commemorated on the **Helles Memorial, Gallipoli** Panel 199 & 200 or 236-239 & 328.

*The eight month campaign in Gallipoli was fought by Commonwealth and French forces in an attempt to force Turkey out of the war, to relieve the deadlock of the Western Front in France and Belgium, and to open a supply route to Russia through the Dardanelles and the Black Sea. The Helles Memorial serves the dual function of Commonwealth battle memorial for the whole Gallipoli campaign and place of commemoration for many of those Commonwealth servicemen who died there and have no known grave.*

*The United Kingdom and Indian forces named on the memorial died in operations throughout the peninsula, the Australians at Helles. There are also panels for those who died or were buried*



*at sea in Gallipoli waters. The memorial bears more than 21,000 names.*

Burnley Express 4 Sep 1915

**Records.**  
 Since Tuesday over thirty of these official notices have been received in the Burnley district by relatives of soldiers who were on board the Royal Edward troopship when she was torpedoed in the Aegean Sea and sank within four minutes. This message, which gives the date when the men were missing as August 13, as against the Admiralty message that she was sunk on the 14th, has confirmed the worst fears of the soldiers' friends as to their fate. There are a few, however, who still cling to the hope that the soldiers may have in some way escaped a watery grave, and not been able to acquaint their friends. The majority of relatives, on receipt of the official document, have resigned themselves to the worst, and accepted the loss of their kith and kin as another sacrifice to the State.

**SEVENTY-TWO FROM THIS DISTRICT.**

Actually there were seventy-two men from the Burnley district on board the ship at the time of the disaster, and the fate of these is as follows:—

- 37 saved,
- 1 drowned,
- 32 missing, feared drowned,
- 2 fate unknown.

Of the two whose fate is described as unknown inquiries yesterday at the time of writing showed that the relatives had not received an official notification of any kind.

Of the draft of seventy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> East Lancashire Field Ambulance on board only five proved to be outsiders in the sense that they did not hail from this locality. Perhaps it was not surprising, seeing the battalion was raised by a Burnley officer, Lieut.-Col. Callam, that it should have been largely composed of local men. This accounts for the heavy death roll locally and there being so many sorrowful homes. The five outsiders hailed from as far away as London, Scotland, Manchester, Droitwich, and Gloucester, and of these one, Sergeant Ditcham, who belonged to the Meltham, is known to be safe. There were several men on board belonging to the 2<sup>nd</sup> East Lancashire Field Ambulance and two Burnley men belonging to line regiments, the Lancashire Fusiliers and the South Wales Borderers.

As will be seen from Page 11, there are two further survivors than appeared in the list we published on Wednesday, and now that the whole of the local men have been accounted for, we append the full list of names of the men and their fate:—

**DROWNED.**

- R. A. M. C.
- Pts. J. P. Conway, 43, Lyndhurst-road, Burnley.
- Pts. A. Parker, Whalley-road, Clitheroe.

**MISSING, FEARED DROWNED.**  
**LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS.**

- Sergt. A. McCayll, 1, Cebden-street, Burnley.

- R. A. M. C.
- T. Alcock, 21, Godley-street, Burnley.
- A. G. Ailham, 28, Greenwell-street.
- F. Bassnet, junr., 52, Rumley-road.
- H. Brethford, 20, Saxon-street.
- H. Dent, 10, Marsden-road.
- J. Farrer, 32, New Hall-street.
- L. Hatherly, 50, New Hall-street.
- E. Hewarts, 1, Parish-street.
- P. Kendall, 22, Burdett-street.
- A. Knowles, 32, King-street.
- A. Moore, 58, Barrow-terrace.
- J. Munro, 5, Taylor-street.
- L. Mosley, 20, Lansdowne-street.
- J. R. Newell, 33, Admiral-street.
- F. Rawstron, 65, Olympia-street.
- F. Richmond, 7, Brennan-street.
- J. A. Shuttleworth, 201, Colne-road.
- L. Stankin, 3, Herbert-street.
- W. Starkie, 11, Francis-street.
- T. Stephens, 18, Linby-street.
- J. T. Whitehead, 4, Ronald-street.
- A. G. Whitful, 115, Hurley-street.
- G. F. K. Whittaker, 15, Hebart-street.
- J. R. Whittaker, 20, Laltha-street.
- F. Wilkinson, 31, Leaver-street.
- H. Wilkinson, 45, Ryan-street.
- H. Worswick, 105, Gordon-lane.
- R. Whalley, 16, Milton-street, Padiham.
- A. Johnson, 21, St. Leonard's-road, Padiham.
- N. Kilburn, 8, Railway-street, Padiham.
- E. Worswick, 4, Quarry-street, Padiham.





**Robert Waite, Grave I.5.53, d. 7 Sep 1916 aged 37 (Grave 26 on Plan)**

Private Robert Waite of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion (8645) was the son of the late Robert and Sarah Ann Waite and husband of Clara Waite (nee Hudson) and father of four children. He lived at 13 High Street Padiham.

He enlisted in September 1914 and after training at Southport and Burgess Hill he went to the Dardanelles where he became ill and after being sent to Cairo Hospital was invalided home. On recovering he was sent to Witley Camp Surrey and then to France seven months before his death. He was killed by enemy shells while holding a new forward trench.

He is commemorated on the **Thiepval Memorial France, Pier and Face 11 A.**

*The Thiepval Memorial, the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial. The memorial, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, was built between 1928 and 1932*

**PADIHAM TERRITORIAL KILLED.**

The death in action on Sept. 6th is announced of Pte. (8645) Robert Waite, of the Loyal North Lancashire Regt. His wife and four children reside at 13, High-street, Padiham. The deceased was a native of Padiham, and joined the colours in September, 1914, being attached to the East Lancashire Regt. After training at Southport and Burgess Hill he was drafted to the Dardanelles. Contracting an illness, he was sent into hospital at Cairo, and afterwards invalided home. Pte. Waite, on recovering, was sent to Witley Camp, Surrey, and then to France, where for seven months he has been in the thick of the fighting. He was 37 years of age, and previous to enlistment was a weaver at Britannia Mill, Messrs. Thompson's, Padiham.

The first intimation of his death was from a Padiham comrade in the same regiment, Pte. James Cronshaw. Then followed a letter from Second-Lieut. Taberner, who stated:—"It is with profound regret that I write to acquaint you of the death of your husband. He and another comrade were



**PRIVATE R. WAITE**

killed by a shell on Thursday last while holding a new forward trench. I had not known your husband long, but during the time he has been in my platoon he has struck me as a conscientious soldier, who fulfilled his duties cheerfully and nobly, and I am extremely sorry to lose him. Again expressing my regret.

Mrs. Waite has three brothers who have answered their country's call. Pte. H. Hudson, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, is one who was badly wounded and lost an eye in the Battle of the Somme in July, but is now at Brockton Camp, Stafford. Pte. Richard Hudson is with the 4th Batt. King's Own Royal Lancasters, while Pte. Virgil Hudson is a time-expired soldier of the King's Royal Rifles, and fought in the Dardanelles. Pte. Waite was a scholar at St. Matthew's Sunday School, Padiham, and was on the school roll of honour.

Burnley Express 20 Sep 1916





Burnley News 27 Jun 1917

**William Ingham, Grave V.1.7. d. 11 Apr 1917 aged 31 (Grave 11 on Plan)**

Private William Ingham of the East Lancashire Regiment, 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion (37050) was the son of Daniel and Martha Ingham of 8 Spenser Street Padiham and husband of Maria Ingham of 56 Victoria Road Padiham. They had one child.

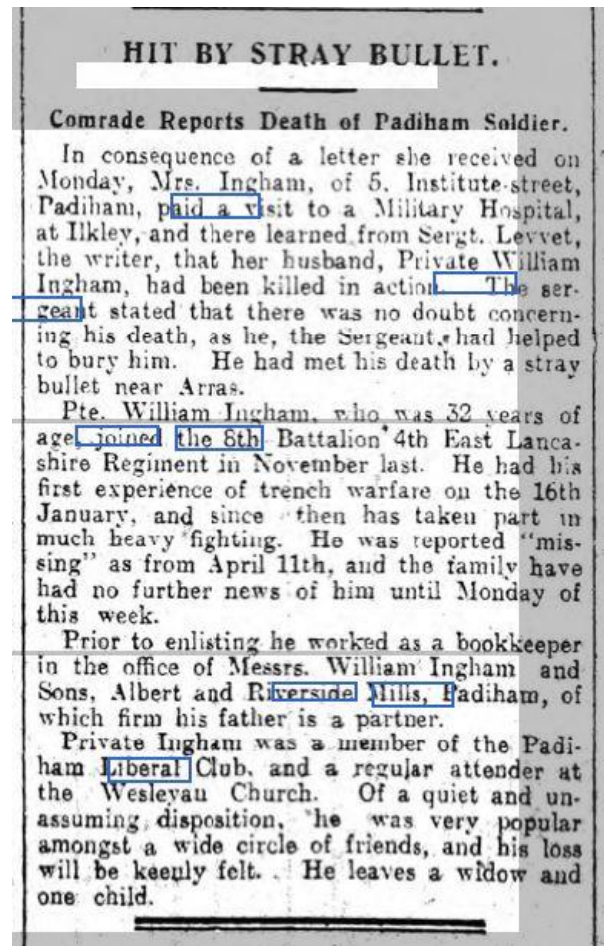
Prior to enlisting he was a book-keeper at William Ingham & Sons, Albert and Riverside Mills, Padiham where his father was a partner. He joined his regiment in November 1916 and was reported missing on 11 April 1917. His wife was informed by a fellow soldier that he had been killed by a stray bullet in a trench near Arras.

He is commemorated on the **Arras Memorial France, Bay 6**

*The Arras Memorial is a World War I memorial in France, located in the Faubourg d'Amiens British Cemetery, in the western part of the town of Arras. The memorial commemorates 34,785 soldiers of the forces of the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand, with no known grave, who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7 August 1918.*

*The major battle in this area during this period was the Battle of Arras. The cut-off date of 7 August 1918 signifies the start of the Advance to Victory, and casualties after that date are listed on other memorials.*

*The Battle of Arras (also known as the Second Battle of Arras) was a British offensive during the First World War. From 9 April to 16 May 1917, British, Canadian, South African, New Zealand, Newfoundland, and Australian troops attacked German defences near the French city of Arras on the Western Front. There were major gains on the first day, followed by stalemate. The battle cost nearly 160,000 British casualties and about 125,000 German casualties.*





**Robert Lund, Grave IV, d 12 Apr 1917 aged 35 (Grave 15 on Plan) NB same stone as grave 23 on plan**

Lance Corporal Robert Lund of the Leicestershire Regiment 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion (36665) was the husband of Jane Lund of 38 Lawrence Street, Padiham. He enlisted in Burnley in April 1916 and was drafted out in December 1916.

He is commemorated on the **Arras Memorial France, Bay 5**

**PADIHAM SPORTSMAN'S LOYALTY.**

A large number of people in Padiham will regret to learn of the death in action on April

**CORPORAL R. LUND**

12th of Lee-Corpl. **Rober** Lund, of the Leicester Regiment. Such was the official intimation received by Mrs. Lund at her home, 38, Lawrence-street, Padiham, on Saturday, though she had previously received a notification from a Padiham comrade of his death - Lee-Corporal **Lund** was 34 years of age, and previous to enlistment was a taper at Messrs. Folds', Trafalgar, Burnley, and closely identified with St. Matthew's Sunday School, Padiham, and on the roll of honour there. The deceased was also a popular member of the Padiham Bowling and Cricket Club, and keenly interested in sport generally. Though he was in an exempted trade, he answered the call of his country at Burnley twelve months ago, and was drafted out in December last.

This family has been very unfortunate in the war, as no fewer than five members of the wife's family have sacrificed their lives. Two of deceased's brothers are also serving. Pte. N. J. **Lund** is with the East Lancashires in India, and Pte. H. **Lund** of the King's Liverpools, is in training, and two brothers-in-law are also serving in Pte. T. Ireland, King's Liverpools, and Pte. W. C. Jackson, R.A.M.C., now in the Royal Salford Hospital suffering from an accident received in the Transport Section.

A funeral service will be held in honour of the deceased soldier on Sunday next at St. Matthew's Church, Padiham.

Burnley Express 2 May 1917





**James Hughes, Grave VB.8.38. d. 28 Apr 1917 aged 29 (Grave 10 on Plan)**

Corporal James Hughes of the Royal Field Artillery 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion (41347) was the husband of Elizabeth Hughes (nee Roberts) and father of Mary and of 25 St. Giles Street, Padiham. He was a reservist of 11 years service and was called up in August 1914 and served in France before being transferred to Salonica where he was killed in action.

Burnley News 19 May 1917

He is commemorated in the **Struma Military Cemetery Greece Grave Ref. IV.D.11**. *The Struma River flows through Bulgaria southward to the Greek frontier, then south-east into the Aegean Sea. From the Allied base at Salonika, a road ran north-east across the river to Seres, and it was this road that the right wing of the Allied army used for the movements of troops and supplies to the Struma front during the Salonika Campaign.*

*In the autumn of 1916, the 40th Casualty Clearing Station was established not far from the road near the 71 Kilometre stone and the cemetery made for it was originally called Kilo 71 Military Cemetery.*


*The original plot, Plot I, was set too close to a ravine and the graves in it were moved after the Armistice to the present plots VIII and IX. The remainder of the cemetery consists almost entirely of graves brought in from the battlefields, from the churchyards at Homondos, Haznatar and Kalendra, and from little front-line cemeteries (established by Field Ambulances or Battalions), of which the chief were those at Ormanli (24 burials), Dolab Wood (17 burials) and Big Tree Well (on the right bank of the Struma, opposite Ormanli; 17 burials).*

Struma Military Cemetery contains 947 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 51 of them unidentified. There are also 15 war graves of other nationalities.

**PADIHAM CORPORAL.**

**DEATH FROM WOUNDS AT SALONICA.**

Corporal **James Hughes**, 41347, 11th Battery Royal Field Artillery, whose home address was 25, St. Giles-street, Padiham, is officially reported to have died from wounds on April 28th. The death occurred at Salonica. Corpl. **Hughes** as a reservist, was called up on August 5th, 1914. He saw 11 years' service. He was on furlough for ten days in November, 1915, and had not been back in Padiham



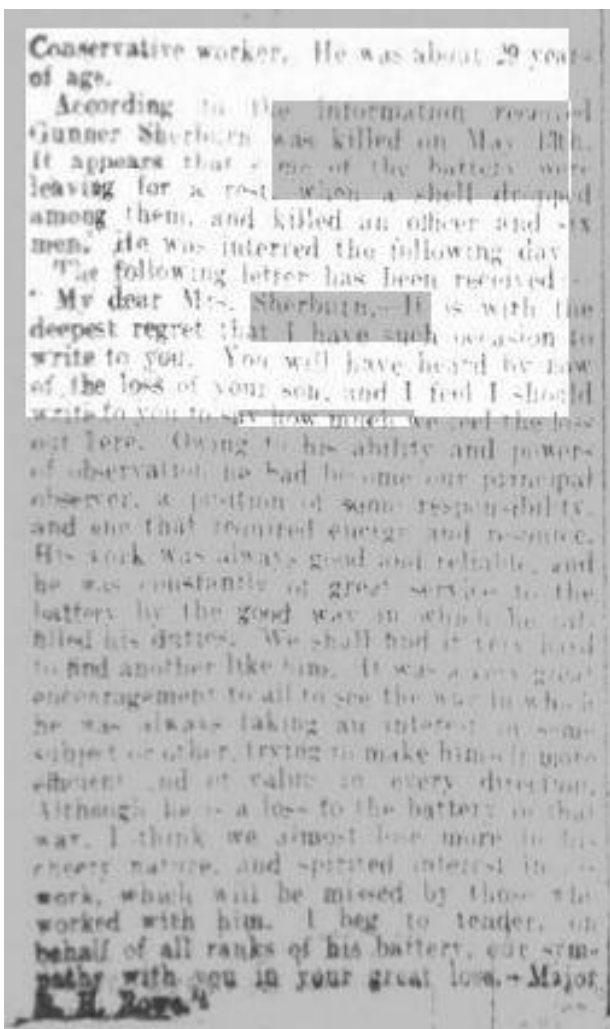
**CORPORAL J. HUGHES.**

since then. Before the war he was a drawer at Hapton Pit. He was 29 years of age, and leaves a widow and one child. His first service in the war was given in France. Afterwards he was transferred to Salonica.



**Frank Sherburn, Grave IV.1.13, d 13 May 1917 aged 29.  
(Grave 21 on Plan)**

Bombardier Frank Sherburn of the Royal Garrison Artillery 161<sup>st</sup> Siege Battery (132872) was the son of the late Joseph Edwin Sherburn and Elizabeth Ann Sherburn of 22 Hapton Road, Padiham. He was killed along with others when a shell dropped whilst they were leaving the battery for a rest. He is buried in **Nine Elms Military Cemetery Thelus France Grave I. B. 25.**



*"NINE ELMS" was the name given by the Army to a group of trees 460 metres East of the Arras-Lens main road, between Thelus and Roelincourt.*

*The cemetery was begun, after the capture of Vimy Ridge, by the burial in what is now Plot I, Row A of 80 men of the 14th Canadian Infantry Battalion, who fell on the 9th April 1917; and this and the next row were filled by June 1917.*

Burnley Express 23 May 1917





Messrs. Foster, Sons, and Co., Ltd., Burnley and Padiham. His work was mainly estimating, measuring up work, and supervision. Eventually he became a partner of the firm, and was much appreciated by all whom he came in contact with.

He, along with the eldest son of Mr. John Foster, enlisted in the Navy in May, 1916, but were not called up until the end of December. Mr. Barton received his training at Devonport, and afterwards joined the Vanguard. He kept up a regular correspondence with Mr. Thomas Foster, his last letter being written on Sunday, July 8, the day before the sad catastrophe, in which letter he wrote in a cheerful strain, and spoke of the time when the war was over they would again be back at work co-operating together for peaceful purposes. He also was a respected brother of the Red Rose of Lancaster Masonic Lodge, Padiham.

In sporting circles, Seaman Barton was the pioneer of the Padiham Rifle Club, and a shot of no mean order, being considered one of the experts of the county. On several occasions he represented his county, as so his country. For some years he was captain and treasurer of the club, and during his captaincy the team one year won the County Championship. Mr. Barton was honoured by being elected a member of the County Miniature Rifle Association. In religion he was identified with St. Leonard's Church, Padiham.

**ART TEACHER'S TRAGIC END.**  
On the Vanguard.

A large number of our readers will mourn with Mr. Barton of 850, Padiham-road, Burnley, at the irreparable loss he has sustained by the death of his son, Able Seaman Enoch Barton who went down with the ill-fated Vanguard on the 9th, when nearly 800 men perished. Such was the official notification received by his father from the Admiralty on Friday last. This is a severe blow to Mr. Barton following so shortly upon the death of his wife, an account of which we published only a month ago.



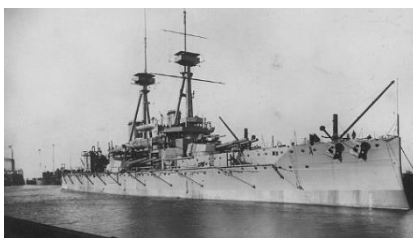
SEAMAN E. BARTON.

Seaman Barton was a young man exceptionally well-known in the district, and whose scholastic attainments were such that a brilliant future for him was the hope and inspiration of his father. The unfortunate young man, who was 29 years of age, was a native of Padiham, and proud of the town of his nativity. He was a product of the Padiham Technical School, where, at eleven years of age, he won a scholarship which entitled him to a free studentship. For three years he pursued his studies there, and then went to the Burnley Technical School, where he took up the study of art as applied more to the architectural section. In three consecutive years he came out with a second, third, and again a second in the architectural section for the whole of England. Then he became a teacher of perspective drawing and geometry in the Burnley Art School, under the late Mr. W. H. Heys, and continued with the latter's successor, Mr. Parkinson. It is noteworthy that the students under Mr. Barton achieved a greater percentage of successes than at any other period in the history of the school.

Amongst the many achievements that the deceased obtained were the following. In seven consecutive sessions for perspective drawing he won the highest honours, and equalled the same in geometry. As a student and teacher he was exceptionally successful in anything appertaining to the subject of architectural art. In commercial life he first commenced with Mr. Matthew Watson, of Burnley, remaining with him several years. Then for a short period he was with Messrs. Birtwistle, joiners and builders, Padiham, and finally settled with Messrs. Foster, Sons, and Co., Ltd., Burnley

### Enoch Barton Grave VI.5.6. d. 9 Jul 1917 aged 29 (Grave 3 on Plan)

Able Seaman Enoch Barton of the Royal Navy HMS Vanguard (J64152) was the son of William Henry and Eleanor Barton of 850 Padiham Road Burnley. He enlisted in the navy in May 1916 and was called up in December, receiving training at Devonport before joining HMS Vanguard. He was killed when the ship exploded and is commemorated on the **Plymouth Naval Memorial** Panel 21. *After the First World War, an appropriate way had to be found of commemorating those members of the Royal Navy who had no known grave, the majority of deaths having occurred at sea where no permanent memorial could be provided. An Admiralty committee recommended that the three manning ports in Great Britain - Chatham, Plymouth and Portsmouth - should each have an identical memorial of unmistakable naval form, an obelisk, which would serve as a leading mark for shipping. The memorials were designed by Sir Robert Lorime, with sculpture by Henry Poole. The Plymouth Naval Memorial was unveiled by HRH Prince George on 29 July 1924. Plymouth Naval Memorial commemorates 7,251 sailors of the First World War and 15,933 of the Second World War.*



Burnley Express 21 Jul 1917

### From Burnley in the Great War

**Website:** The St Vincent class battleship HMS Vanguard was built at Barrow and completed in 1910. She was one of the

earlier descendants of the original Dreadnought and was a powerful warship. HMS Vanguard displaced nearly 20000 tons and was 536 feet long. Her armament included 5 gun turrets each with two 12 inch guns, twelve 4 inch guns and three 18 inch torpedo tubes. Her turbines were powerful. She spent much of her time in WW1 at Scapa Flow, with the odd sortie across the North Sea. She saw action at Jutland, but came out without damage.

The Vanguard was the victim of an internal explosion in Scapa Flow just before midnight on 9th July 1917. Her magazine was detonated by unstable cordite and within seconds the battleship was annihilated together with 843 officers and men. There were 3 survivors of the explosion - one of whom died of wounds and 97 crew members who were on leave also survived. One of her 12 inch turrets was thrown over a mile to land in Flotta.



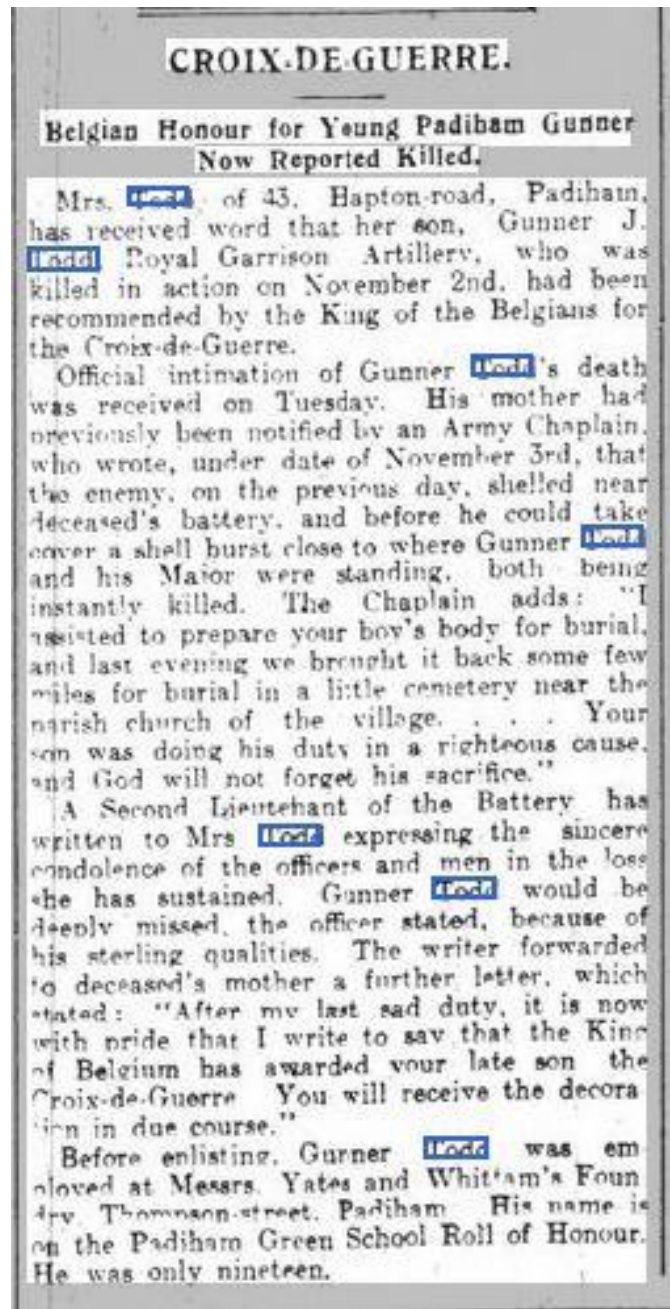


**James Todd, Grave IV.4.10, d 2 Nov 1917  
aged 19 (Grave 25 on Plan)**

Gunner James Todd of the Royal Garrison Artillery 342<sup>nd</sup> Siege Battery (141043) was the son of Betty Todd of 43 Hapton Road Padiham. He was killed along with his Major by enemy shelling and was awarded the Croix-de-Guerre by the King of Belgium.

He is buried in the **Steenkerke Belgian Military Cemetery** West-Vlaanderen, Grave Ref. C.2.

*The Belgian Military cemetery contains a plot of 30 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, more than half of them of men of the Royal Garrison Artillery. All but one of the burials date from October and November 1917.*



Burnley News 24 Dec 1917





**Arthur Milton Monk, Grave IV.5.18, d. 1 Dec 1917 aged 20 (Grave 16 on Plan)**

Private Arthur Milton Monk of the Grenadier Guards No.4 Company 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion (25163) was the son of Margaret E. Monk of 24 Charles Street Castleford, Yorkshire and Milton Monk who was born in Padiham and was the brother of Amelia Monk. The 1911 Census records Arthur Milton Monk as a music student (piano).

He is buried in the **Gouzeaucourt New British Cemetery France** Grave Ref X. A. 17.

*Gouzeaucourt village was captured by the 8th Division on the night of 12-13 April 1917. It was lost on 30 November 1917 in the German counterattack at the end of the Battle of Cambrai, and recaptured the same day by the 1st Irish Guards. It was lost again on 22 March 1918, attacked by the 38th (Welsh) Division on the following 18 September, and finally retaken by the 21st Division on 8 October.*

*The cemetery was begun in November 1917, taken over by the Germans in 1918, and used again by Commonwealth forces in September and October 1918, but the original burials (now in Plot III) are only 55 in number. It was enlarged after the Armistice when graves were brought in from other cemeteries and from the battlefield of Cambrai.*

*The cemetery now contains 1,295 burials and commemorations of the First World War. 381 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 34 casualties known or believed to be buried among them. Another special memorial records the name of a soldier buried in Gouzeaucourt Communal Cemetery in May 1917 whose grave was destroyed by shell fire.*

*The cemetery was designed by Sir Herbert Baker.*



**Richard Wilkinson, Grave V.13.15 d. 21 Mar 1918 aged 30 (*Grave 30 on Plan*)**

Private Richard Wilkinson of the Border Regiment 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion (25619) was the son of Richard and Margaret Wilkinson of 23 St. Leonard's Street Padiham and husband of Margery Wilkinson (nee Blezard) of 72 Milton Street Padiham. He is commemorated on the **Arras Memorial France**, Bay 6. His brother Paul is also commemorated in the cemetery (see page 30). No other information can be found at the moment.





## REE, JOHN HARRY

<b>Rank:</b>	Lance Corporal
<b>Service No:</b>	16845
<b>Date of Death:</b>	23/03/1918
<b>Age:</b>	23
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 9th Bn.
<b>Awards:</b>	M M
<b>Panel Reference:</b>	Panel 37 and 38.
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>POZIERES MEMORIAL</b>
<b>Additional Information:</b>	Son of Mr. H. G. and Mrs. E. Ree, of 54, St. John's Rd., Burnley.

### John Harry Ree MM Grave V.6.6, d 23 Mar 1918 aged 23 (*Grave 19 on Plan*)

Lance Corporal John Harry Ree of the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion (16845) was the son of Henry George and Emma Ree of 54 St. John's Road Burnley. He is commemorated on the **Pozières Memorial Panel 37 and 38** and on the St. John's (Gannow) Memorial. He received the Military Medal for bravery in June 1917 (London Gazette 15<sup>th</sup> June 1917). No more information can be found at the moment.

*The POZIERES MEMORIAL, Somme, relates to the period of crisis in March and April 1918 when the Allied Fifth Army was driven back by overwhelming numbers across the former Somme battlefields, and the months that followed before the Advance to Victory, which began on 8 August 1918.*

*The Memorial commemorates over 14,000 casualties of the United Kingdom and 300 of the South African Forces who have no known grave and who died on the Somme from 21 March to 7 August 1918. The Corps and Regiments most largely represented are The Rifle Brigade with over 600 names, The Durham Light Infantry with approximately 600 names, the Machine Gun Corps with over 500, The Manchester Regiment with approximately 500 and The Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery with over 400 names.*

*The memorial encloses POZIERES BRITISH CEMETERY, Plot II of which contains original burials of 1916, 1917 and 1918, carried out by fighting units and field ambulances. The remaining plots were made after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields immediately surrounding the cemetery, the majority of them of soldiers who died in the Autumn of 1916 during the latter stages of the Battle of the Somme, but a few represent the fighting in August 1918.*

*There are now 2,758 Commonwealth servicemen buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 1,380 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 23 casualties known or believed to be buried among them. There is also 1 German soldier buried here.*

*The cemetery and memorial were designed by W.H. Cowlshaw, with sculpture by Laurence A. Turner. The memorial was unveiled by Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien on 4 August 1930.*



**Paul Wilkinson, Grave V.8.3. d. 23 Apr 1918 aged 28 (Grave 29 on Plan)**

Sergeant Paul Wilkinson of the Lancashire Fusilliers 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (34812) was the son of Richard and Margaret Wilkinson and husband of Leah Wilkinson (nee Ireland) of 18 Raleigh Street Padiham. No further information can be found at the moment

He is Commemorated on the **Loos Memorial**, Panel 45 and 46.

His brother Richard Wilkinson is also commemorated in the cemetery (see page 28)

*The **Battle of Loos** was the largest British offensive mounted in 1915 on the Western Front during World War I. The first British use of poison gas occurred and the battle was the first mass engagement of New Army units. The British offensive was part of the attempt by the French to break through the German defences in Artois and Champagne and restore a war of movement. Despite improved methods, more ammunition and better equipment, the Franco-British attacks were contained by the German armies, except for local losses of ground. Casualties in the Herbstschlacht (Autumn Battle) were high on both sides.*

*The **Loos Memorial** commemorates over 20,000 officers and men who have no known grave, who fell in the area from the River Lys to the old southern boundary of the First Army, east and west of Grenay, from the first day of the Battle of Loos to the end of the war. On either side of the cemetery is a wall 15 feet high, to which are fixed tablets on which are carved the names of those commemorated. At the back are four small circular courts, open to the sky, in which the lines of tablets are continued, and between these courts are three semicircular walls or apses, two of which carry tablets, while on the centre apse is erected the Cross of Sacrifice.*

*The memorial was designed by Sir Herbert Baker with sculpture by Charles Wheeler. It was unveiled by Sir Nevil Macready on 4 August 1930.*

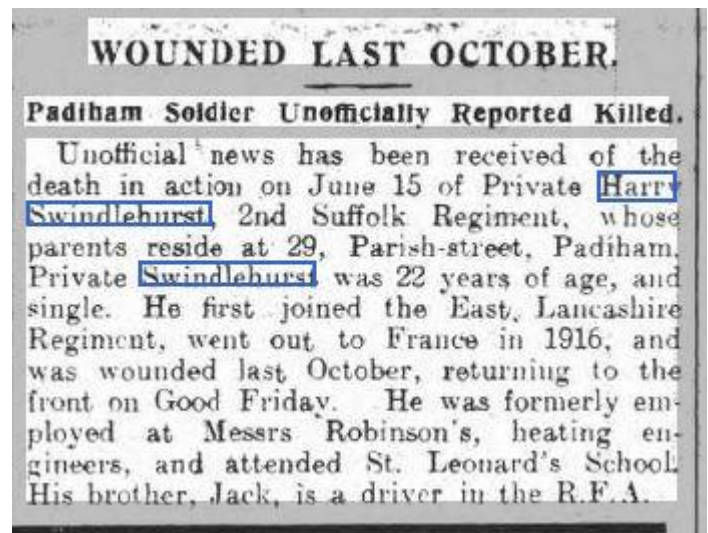




**Harry Swindlehurst, Grave IV.2.17 d. 15  
Jun 1918 aged 24 (Grave 24 on Plan)**

Private Harry Swindlehurst of the Suffolk Regiment 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (42315) was the son of Robert and Sarah Swindlehurst of 29 Parish Street Padiham.

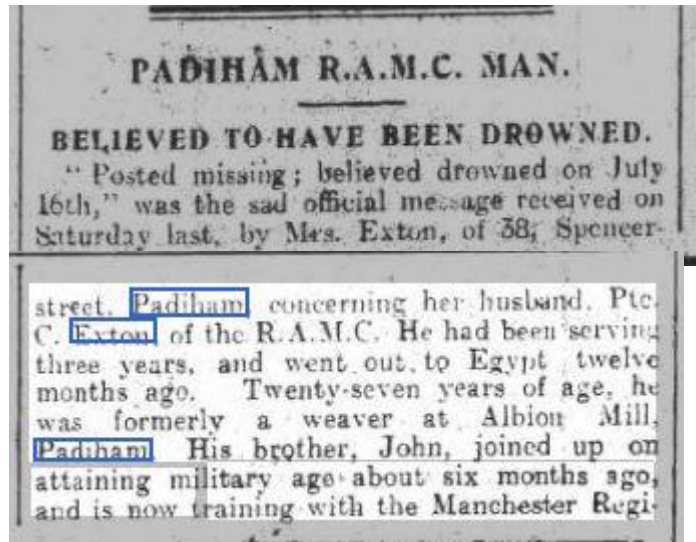
He first joined the East Lancashire Regiment and went out to France in 1916, was wounded in October 1917 returning to the front Good Friday 1918. He was killed in action.



Burnley News 28 Jun 1918

He is commemorated in the **Chocques Military Cemetery France** on the Special Memorial at II Memorial Row.

*Chocques Military Cemetery was occupied by Commonwealth forces from the late autumn of 1914 to the end of the war. The village was at one time the headquarters of I Corps and from January 1915 to April 1918, No.1 Casualty Clearing Station was posted there. Most of the burials from this period are of casualties who died at the clearing station from wounds received at the Bethune front.*



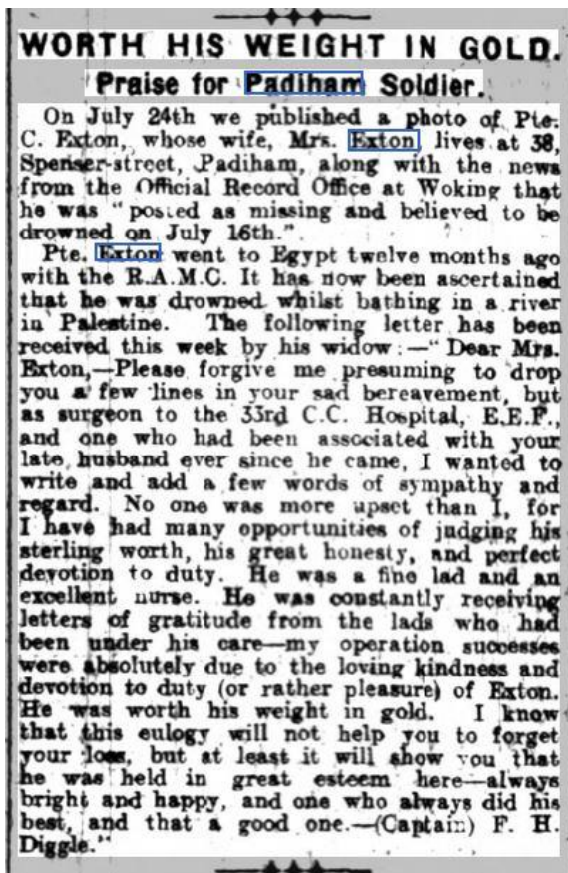
Burnley Express 27 Jul 1918

Charles Exton, Grave VI.9.14 d. 16.Jul 1918 aged 27  
(Grave 6A on Plan)

Private Charles Exton of the Royal Army Medical Corps 33rd Casualty Clearing Station (100387). He was the son of Oliver Exton, of 18 St. Giles St., Padiham and husband of Ellen Exton, of 38, Spenser St., Padiham,.

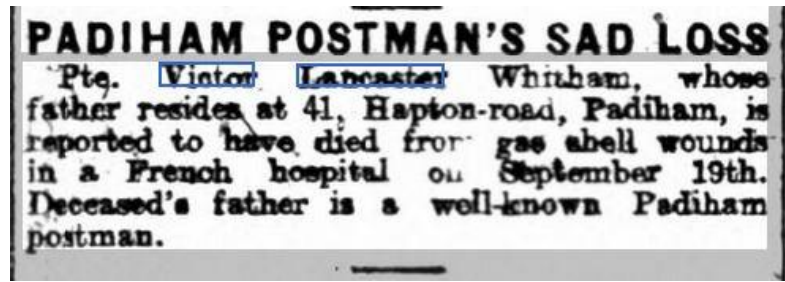


He enlisted in Burnley in 1915 and had been in Egypt for a year when he was drowned whilst bathing in a river in Palestine.



*He is buried in **Ramleh War Cemetery**, Israel, Grave K43 (now Ramla) which dates from the First World War when Ramleh was occupied by the 1st Australian Light Horse Brigade on 1 November 1917. Field Ambulances, and later Casualty Clearing Stations, were posted at Ramleh and Lydda from December 1917 onwards. The cemetery was begun by the medical units, but some graves were brought in later from the battlefields. The cemetery contains 3,300 Commonwealth burials of the First World War. The original war cemetery was designed by Sir John J. Burnet, but following the addition of the 1939-45 war graves, the site was extensively remodelled in the 1950s by Alan Stewart, ARIBA.*





Burnley Express 28 Sep 1918

**Victor Lancaster Whitham, Grave III.16.20, d. 19 Sep 1918 aged 19 (Grave 28 on Plan)**

Private Victor Lancaster Whitham of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion (75100) was the son of Joseph Alfred and Rosanna Whitham and sister of Gladys Whitham of 41 Hapton Road Padiham. He died of gas shell wounds in a French hospital and is buried in **Lapugnoy Military Cemetery** France, Grave Reference X.D.3. Although born in Norfolk, he was of a Padiham family. His grandfather Challenger Whitham had an ironmonger/glazing business at 37 Burnley Road in the 1891 Census, his father was born in Padiham but must have moved to Norfolk, returning between 1901 and 1911 when he is shown in the Census as a tobacconist at 40 Burnley Road.

**Lapugnoy Military Cemetery:** *The first burials were made in Plot I of the cemetery in September 1915, but it was most heavily used during the Battle of Arras, which began in April 1917. The dead were brought to the cemetery from casualty clearing stations, chiefly the 18th and the 23rd at Lapugnoy and Lozinghem, but between May and August 1918 the cemetery was used by fighting units.*

*Lapugnoy Military Cemetery contains 1,324 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 3 being unidentified, and 11 from the Second World War, all dating from May 1940.*

*The cemetery was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.*



**Matthew Roberts, Grave V.4.6. d. 23 Oct 1918 aged 37 (Grave 19A on Plan)**

Gunner Matthew Roberts Royal Field Artillery D Battalion (741341), lived at 27 Garden Street, Padiham. He was the son of Padiham Coal Merchant John Roberts, husband of Lucy and father of three children. He worked in Burnley at Hortus Printing Company and was identified with Padiham Wesleyans.

He joined the regiment in 1916 and had been in France for six months.

*He is buried in **Ovillers New Communal Cemetery, Solesmes, France**. There are now over 60, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site, all of whom fell in October and November 1918.*


Burnley Express 16 Nov 1918

**PADIHAM GUNNER KILLED.**

The regrettable news was received on Monday by Mrs. Roberts, of 27, Garden-street, Padiham, that her husband, Gunner Matthew Roberts, 741341, of the Royal Field Artillery, was killed in action on October 23rd. Gunner Roberts, who was 38 years of age, was a well-known Padiham man, and the son of Mr. Roberts, coal merchant, Padiham. He was a foreman at the Hortus Printing Works, Whittlefield, Burnley, and was identified with Padiham Wesleyans, of which church he is on the roll of honour. A wife and three children mourn his death.

He joined the colours two years ago last July, and after a long period of training was drafted to France six months ago. Several members of the family have sacrificed their lives for their country, amongst whom was the late Pte. Herbert H. Law, whose photo appeared in our issue of Saturday last. Another, Pte. Percy Law, of the Shropshire Light Infantry, is missing; while Pte. Rennie Law is in Queen Mary's Hospital, Whalley.

Mrs. Roberts has received the following letter:—"I expect you will have heard of your husband's death officially, and I am writing this to you trusting it will console you to know that he did not suffer any pain, as he



**GUNNER M. ROBERTS,**

was killed instantly. No doubt you know we have been advancing for some considerable time now, and things have been fairly rough generally. On the 23rd October, about mid-day, we were in action on a road, when the Germans started shelling us. Several people were hit, and amongst them your husband. We immediately went to him, but even then he was dead. He had been hit by a piece of shell in the heart, but he looked so peaceful that he could not have suffered a moment's pain, and he was in no way disfigured. We all deeply sympathise with you in your sad loss, for he was a good and willing lad, always ready to do his work or help anyone. He was as good and brave a comrade as anyone could wish for, and he is sadly missed by all of us.—Captain Bruckshaw."



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