



To Commemorate 100 Years  
since the end of the First World  
War

**A TRIBUTE TO THE 17  
MEN OF  
RIBCHESTER AND  
DISTRICT  
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES,  
AND OF THE OTHER 50  
OR SO WHO FOUGHT  
AND RETURNED SAFELY**

1914 - 1918

## *I vow to Thee my Country*

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:  
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
we may not count her armies, we may not see her king;  
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Tomb of the unknown Soldier. November 1920

Coffin of the Unknown Warrior Westminster Abbey 7.11.20

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# *The Last Post*





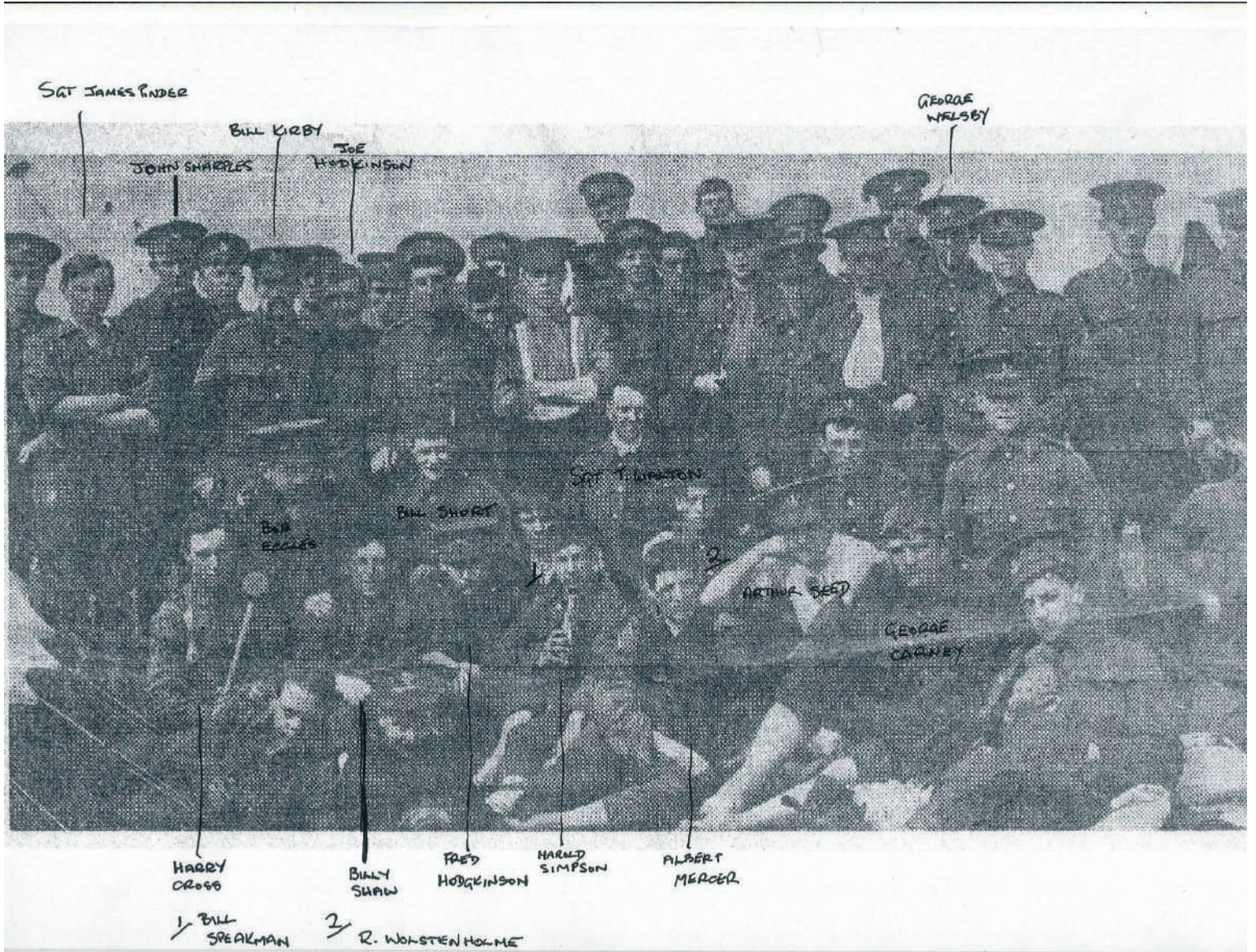
## *Miss Greenall's Bible Class 1912*



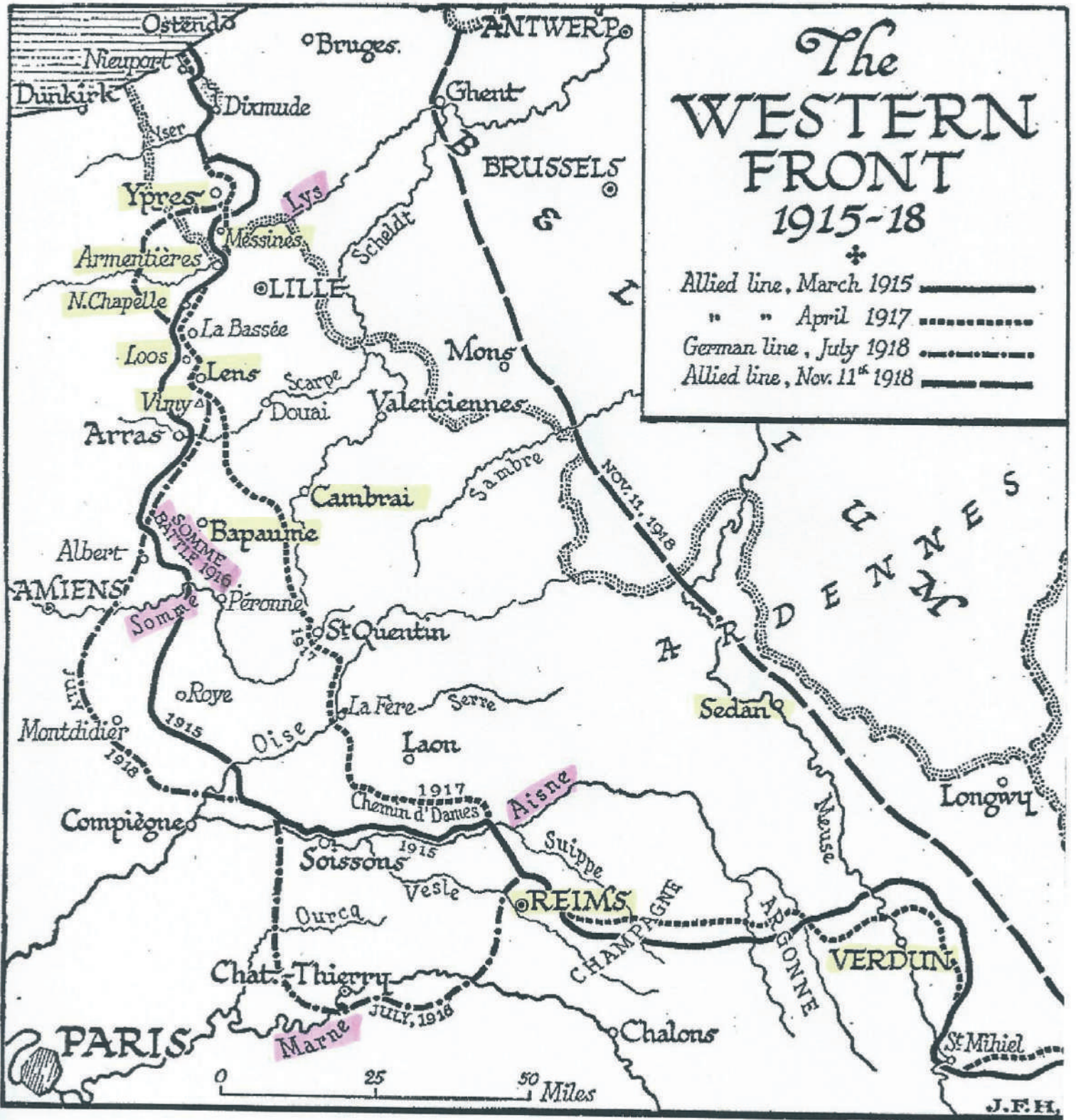
Photograph taken in the garden at Church Gates 1912



# Longridge & District Territorials









# Private Robert Albert Barber



*1st Battalion Loyal North Lancs Regiment*



HE whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

23173, PRIVATE, Robert Alfred BARBER

Depot.

Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Died, Home, 25/12/16

Born: Witherslack, Lancs, Enlisted: Longridge, Lancs, Residence: Ribchester, Lancs

Dead Man's Penny and Commemorative Scroll

# *Private Thomas Smalley*



*10th Battalion The Loyal North Lancs Regiment*



St Wilfid's Church



# *Private Reginald Baines*

*7th Battalion The Loyal North Lancs Regiment*



Thiepval memorial

The Somme  
battlefield  
1916



# *Private Herbert Counsell*

*8th Battalion The Loyal North Lancs Regiment*



## **YPRES**



Perth Cemetery

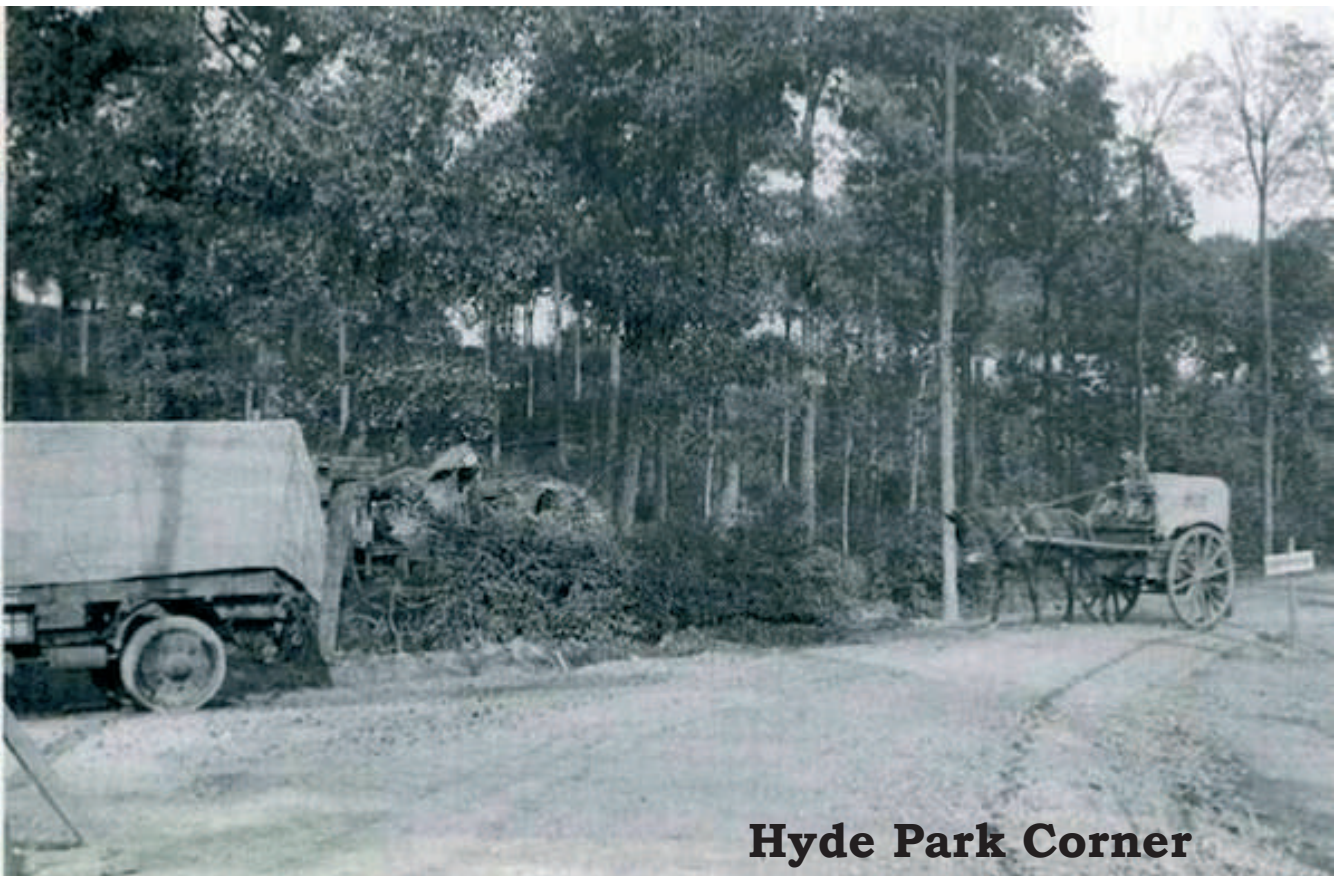




# *Private Robert Talbot*



*8th Battalion Border Regiment*



**Hyde Park Corner**



Ploegsteert  
Memorial



# *Sgt James Pinder*

*2nd/4th Battalion The Loyal North Lancs Regiment*



**Memling Farm**



# *Private John Sharples*



*2nd/4th Battalion The Loyal North Lancs Regiment*



**Tyne Cot Cemetery**

# Private Albert Edward Crook MM



*1st Royal Marines Battalion Royal Navy Division*



**3rd Passchendaele**





# Private Roger Bennett



## 17th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers

No. 9550/90/1330 ARMY FORM B. 104-82  
(If suitable, please quote above No.)

*Infantry* Record Office,  
*Prescot*  
 2009<sup>th</sup> 1914

*Sir,*

It is my painful duty to inform you that a report has been received from the War Office notifying the death of:-

(No.) 26162 (Rank) Plc  
 (Name) Roger Bennett  
 (Regiment) 17<sup>th</sup>

which occurred in France  
 on the 22 October 1914

The report is to the effect that he was killed in action

By His Majesty's command I am to forward the enclosed message of sympathy from Their Gracious Majesties the King and Queen. I am at the same time to express the regret of the Army Council at the soldier's death in his Country's service.

I am to add that any information that may be received as to the soldier's burial will be communicated to you in due course. A separate leaflet dealing more fully with this subject is enclosed.

I am,

Your obedient Servant, *[Signature]*  
 The Officer in charge of Records.

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# *Private Thomas Clayton*



*2nd/4th Battalion The Loyal North Lancs*



*'Christ shall clasp the broken chain close  
when we meet again'*

And this memorial inscription included on the family grave at  
St Wilfrid's churchyard

*Pvte Thomas Clayton  
Loyal North Lancs. The Beloved son of  
John & Jane Clayton  
Who died of wounds in France  
On 31 August 1918. Aged 25 years  
And was interred at a Military Cemetery in France on the above date*



# *Private Thomas Herbert Forrest*



*North Riding Heavy Battery The Royal Garrison Artillery*



Herbert Forrest's original grave  
at Tincourt New British  
cemetery

# *Private Thomas Walmsley*



*1st/5th Battalion The Loyal North Lancs Regiment*



Cambrai Memorial, Louveral



# *Private Astley Duxbury*

*6th Battalion The Loyal North Lancs Regiment*



6th Battalion at Diyala  
River



Basra Memorial



Duxbury's shop, Knowle Green

# *Private Richard Sharples*



*6th Battalion The Loyal North Lancs Regiment*



Amara Cemetery



# *Private John Slater*



*South Lancashire Regiment*



SS Peter & Paul  
Cemetery



Lower Seed  
Green

# *Gunner Robert Cross*

*286th Brigade Royal Artillery*



Nampy au Val cemetery



# *Private Edward Smithies*



*Royal Army Medical Corp*



New House Farm

# *The Cross of Sacrifice*





# *Interval*



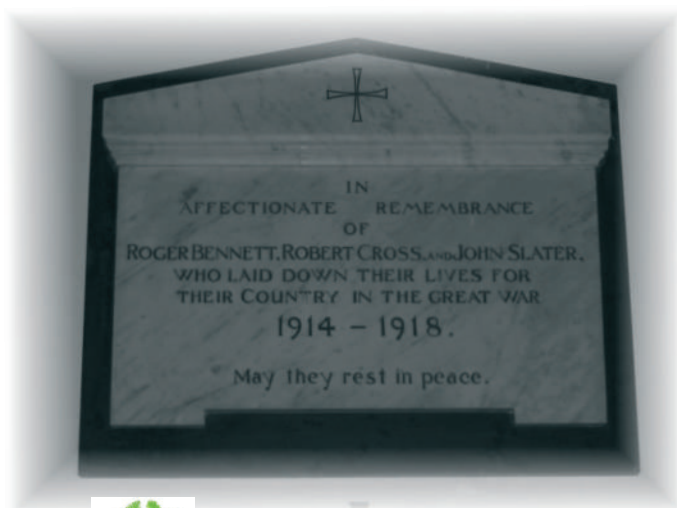
## *Part 2*



# Memorial Plaques



Ribchester  
Parish Church



SS Peter & Paul's RC  
Church



Knowle Green  
Congregational Church



# *Men of Ribchester who fought in the War and returned safely*



Gnr George Wilcock

R H A

**RHA**



Tom Porter



Tom Jackson

Royal Artillery



Fred Jackson

Royal Navy



Richard Forrest



Joseph Bennett

(Gallipoli)





William Crowther

RASC Gallipoli



Gnr Claude Pinder

R F A



Pte R Barton



Pte Thomas Hodkinson



Pte A L Walton

R A S C



James Margerison

Gallipoli



James Fletcher

Loyal North Lancs







William Shaw

RFA



Thomas Hardiker

RFA



Jack Martin

Royal Navy



James Barton

Royal Flying Corps





# Knowle Green Band



*Pre 1918 postcard*

## *Band members*

*G Seed: T Keighley: T J Keighley:*

*Alfred Kerfoot: Roger Seed: T Hesmondhalgh*

*Ernest Counsell: Ezra Anderton: J J Wilkinson:*

*Alfred Riding: ? Ogden: Jack Anderton:*

*Willie Duxbury: Herbert Forrest*



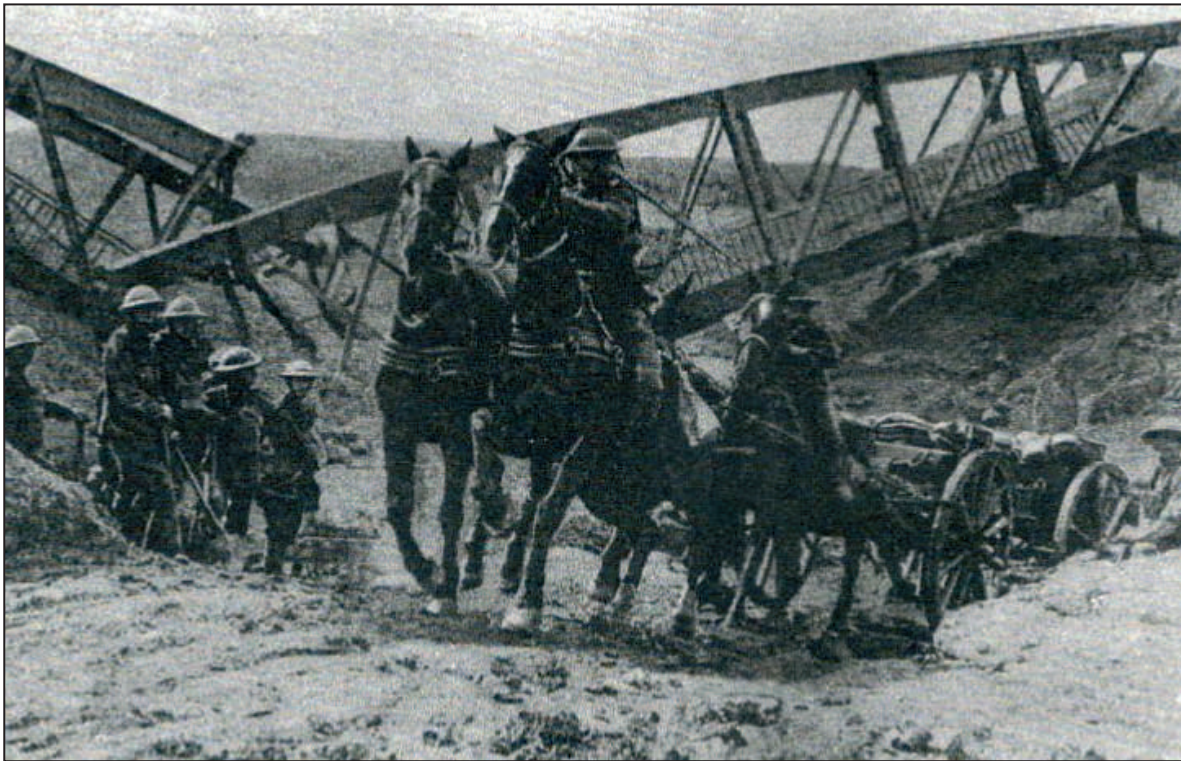
# CSM John (Jack) Ireland

Loyal North Lancs Regiment





## *Harold Fletcher MM*



British Guns at the Canal du Nord 1918



## *Harold Ogden DCM*

# Gnr Colin Crook

Royal Field Artillery



*Records* FRAN

**Awarded the "Meritorious Service Medal."**

Corps RF-A 6/286<sup>th</sup> 2/2<sup>nd</sup> W Ramoos Bde  
(TF)

Regimental Number ~~622192~~ 680973

Surname CROOK

Christian Name COLIN

Rank Driver

Date of Gazette ~~Peace Gazette~~ 68

Registered Paper 0127/5618 Schedule Number 273073

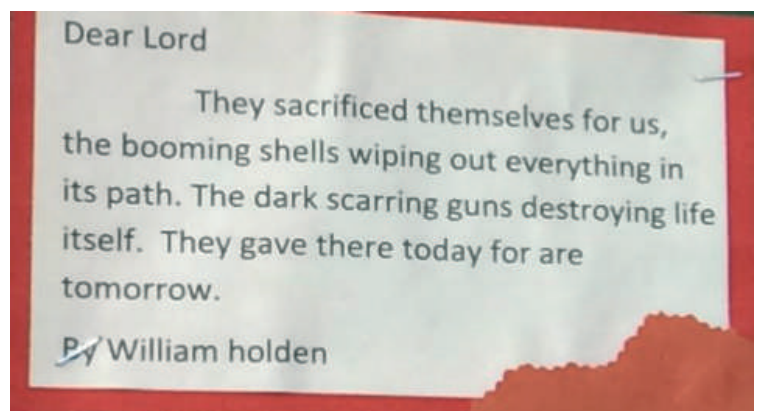
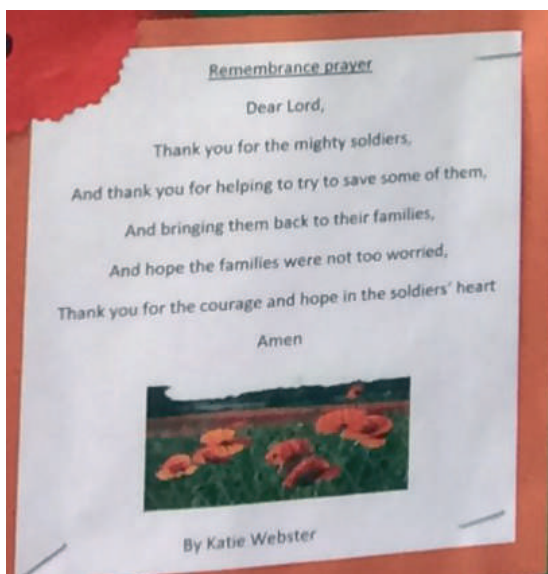
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# St Wilfrid's School

## Centenary Collage



# James Muschamp

*No 5 Ambulance Train (BEF France)*



Red Cross Medal



Typical interior of an Ambulance Train



# *John Edward Pinder*

*The Kings Regiment & The Labour Corp*



Pinder Family outside Hillock House during the War.

# *Pvte John Lakeland*

*Loyal North Lancs Regiment*



Embroidered postcards



# Six Relations



*Who served with 286 Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery*



William Parkinson



Dvr James Parkinson



Dvr William  
Parkinson



Jack & Arthur Nuttall



William Skilbeck



# Harry Clegg

286 Brigade Royal Field Artillery

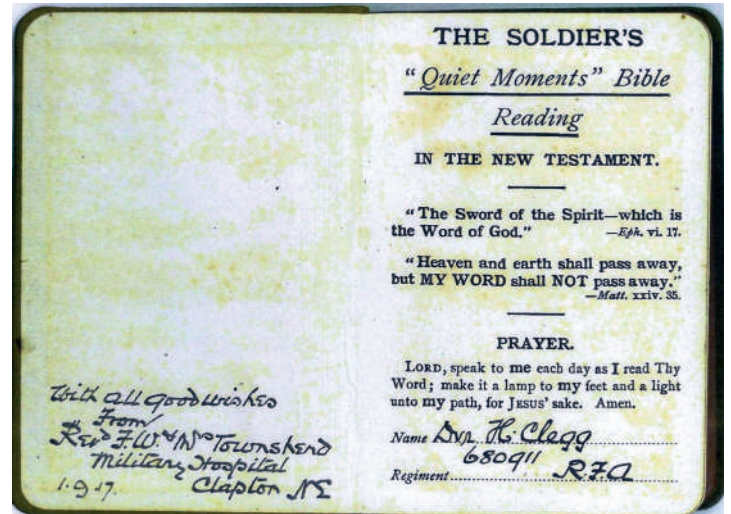


Harry with brother Robert



Clegg's cabin in 1950

Courtesy of 'Longridge Town Archieve'



The Soldier's Bible



# November 1918



*The Country Celebrates*





# The Unknown Warrior



Boulogne castle



Leaving on HMS Verdun



Arrival at Dover



Filing past at the Abbey



November  
1920



# *Their name liveth forever*

## *In Flanders' Fields*

*In Flanders' fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders' fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch, be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders' fields.*

*Major John McCrae, 1915*



# *“Sunset”*



*Music by ‘The Light Infantry Brigade’*



# *The National Anthem*

