



Bedlington Soldiers Who Died in the Great War

*Summaries of the brave soldiers from Bedlington and the surrounding area who did not return
from the 1914 – 1918 War*

This document was compiled by Derek Johnstone to honour these soldiers using information from
the Record of Enlistments book which is held at St Cuthbert's Church at Bedlington,
Northumberland.

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INTRODUCTION

Bedlington would have been like other town in Britain in 1914 when the Great War broke out. Its men would have been eager to join up to a war which they believed would be short and exciting, but it was not. They believed it would be over by Christmas that year but it dragged on for five long years; it devastated families with the loss of loved ones, it affected the lives of all those who suffered with life changing injuries, both physical and mental. This work, compiled by Derek Johnstone, covers only those soldiers from Bedlington who died in the Great War and were recorded in the Record of Enlistments held at St Cuthbert Church. It also recognises all the other brave men who enlisted from around Britain and the Commonwealth.

Dedication

This dedication goes primarily to my grandfathers, William Bruce Johnstone MM who died on 9th October 1917 in the Third Battle Ypres at the age of 27 and John James Hunter who was wounded and returned. As with lots of families and individuals in the period before, during and after the Great War there were many tragedies. Our family was no different. My father, George Jordan Johnstone, the only surviving son of William Bruce Johnstone MM, was born in 1912. In the first five years of life his great grandfather, William Johnstone, an ex-landlord of the Anvil inn at Guide Post died in 1914 and then his mother Jane Jordan Johnstone died as did his younger brother William Hedley Wheatley Johnstone both in 1915. Finally, his father died in 1917. George Jordan Johnstone was then brought up by his aunt Margaret Wheatley Harvey and he lived his early years with his cousins. Details about Grandfather John James Hunter were relatively unknown to our family and only came to light following this research.

Record of Enlistments

The main reference document for this work is the Record of Enlistments which is a hardbound volume listing the names of those who served in the Great War from Bedlington and surrounding area and contains 141 handwritten pages, each entry spread across two sheets. The document contains over 1,000 names of those enlisting with details including addresses, ranks and sphere of service. Additionally it records whether they fell or returned. The Record of Enlistments was compiled by Mr W. Miller, one of the masters of the Whitley CE School, Bedlington and is held in the Memorial Chapel of St Cuthbert's Church Bedlington where it is kept chained in a recess in the West wall.

It should be remembered the Record of Enlistments **does not contain all** the names of the men from Bedlington and surrounding area who enlisted, there were many more that died or were wounded.

The original Record of Enlistment has been transcribed and is available on the North East War Memorial Project (NEWMP) website. It has also been transcribed (alphabetically) by the Northumberland Archives at Woodhorn. Additionally, if those who died were miners their names were placed on the Bedlington and Netherton Coal Companies Rolls of Honour (ROH) for the First World War.

Information Sources

The starting point and the main source of information for this work was the Record of Enlistments, details of which have been described above. Some of the information about these soldiers has been expanded and included in the NEWMP website which aims to record every War Memorial between the River Tweed and River Tees. In addition to providing information showing where individuals are commemorated on memorials it also includes information of soldiers in its 'Every Name A Story Content' section. Where this has been recorded, for Bedlington soldiers shown in the Record of Enlistments, this valuable source has been used in this document. These accurate stories of individuals have been pulled together by Janet Brown, Carole Fife and others at the NEWMP and the writer is grateful for that help. At this time not all soldiers from Bedlington associated with this work have been included on the NEWMP website and hopefully this document may go some way to prepare the ground to complete this. In addition to referencing the NEWMP website information the following sources were checked to obtain as much information as possible about the soldiers to provide an accurate summary of each individual. These sources include:

1. Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) website
2. Ancestry and Family Search websites to establish military records including:

- ✚ UK, Soldiers who Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919
- ✚ UK, Army Resister of Soldiers Effects 1901 – 1929
- ✚ In the British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards
- ✚ British Army WW1 Service Records, 1914 -1920
- ✚ Pension and Enlistment records

3. Ancestry and Family Search websites to identify civilian records including:

- ✚ Births marriages and deaths
- ✚ Census details
- ✚ Family trees

Whilst searching for information it was hoped to include photographs of the soldiers but very few photographs were found. Of the ones found some have been included in this document.

Statistics and Facts

The figures below have been established from the 'Record of Enlistments', as transcribed by the Northumberland Archives at Woodhorn, shows the following statistics associated with the soldiers who enlisted alphabetically. It should be noted the figures shown are approximate values due to the interpretation of the categories contained in the documentation which contains 1019 records.

All Categories

| <u>Killed in Action</u> | <u>Died of Wounds</u> | <u>Died</u> | <u>Wounded</u> | <u>Returned</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 187 | 6 | 16 | 296 | 513 |
| 18.35% | 0.59% | 1.57% | 29.05% | 50.34% |

(Reference - Record of Enlistments – Northumberland Archives at Woodhorn)

Further statistical information was extracted from a study of **only** those killed in action, died of wounds, died of illness or died. This information came from a transcription of the original Record of Enlistments which is available on the North East War Memorial Project (NEWMP) website. The total number was established to be 200 which took into account some duplication of entries which were identified, interpretation of casualty's categories and other changes.

Deaths Only

| <u>Killed in Action</u> | <u>Died of Wounds</u> | <u>Died</u> | <u>Died from Illness</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 152 | 33 | 6 | 9 | 200 |
| 76% | 16.5% | 3% | 4.5% | |

(Reference - Record of Enlistments following the Derek Johnstone study of deaths only)

In one day, July 1st 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme, a total of 40 soldiers (20% of the total) from the Bedlington group studied, were killed in action. In addition to this figure many others were wounded on that day and died of their wounds in the following days.

From the records checked for this document the oldest Bedlington soldier to die during the Great War was [Earnest James Young](#) who was aged 47 when he was killed in action at the Battle of the Somme on July 1st 1916. Four other Bedlington soldiers were identified as being only 18 years old when they perished in this tragic event. They were [Lawrence Molden](#), [Ralph Logan](#), [David Hardy MM](#) and [John William Cunningham](#) and all were killed in action. Checks show that the average age of death for soldiers from Bedlington was 26.4 years.

Initially there was a real effort by the military when recruiting to avoid putting brothers from the same family into the same units to minimise potential loses to families. However, many families still lost more than one son in spite of that arrangement. In Bedlington (this study) there were 16 families who each lost two of their sons and three families who each lost three sons, a terrible sacrifice for all. The families losing three sons

were the McCarthy's, Robson's and Shaw's. There were other families with similar losses in the local area and across the country. The statistics also show more single men died in the conflict than married men, the ration being about 2:1.

The Record of Enlistments contains over 1000 entries of soldiers who enlisted at Bedlington. Examination of those entries shows there were only about 12 who were officers and of this number 5 did not survive the Great War. Statistically, while their numbers were low their survival rate was much lower than the other ranks (about 42% fatality rate). Records show that 300 men who worked at the Bedlington Doctor pit volunteered for the Northumberland Fusiliers Tyneside Scottish.

The photo opposite of the Doctor Pit was taken by Derek Johnstone three years before the colliery closed in 1968.



Most locations and streets in Britain would have seen families informed of the loss of their loved ones and Bedlington was no different. Mining towns and villages, in fact most industrial centres had their workforce housed close to where they worked in streets and multiple occupancy buildings. In Bedlington for example some streets like Shiney Row, which had Doctor Pit Colliery at one end of it, had at least 20 addresses where the occupants did not return from the war. This street has about 50 dwellings places in it which amounts to approximately 40% of these households were affected. At the nearby colliery village of Netherton, near Bedlington, two streets, Third Street and Yard Row each show 10 family members perished. These figures, extracted from the Record of Enlistments document, are high but it should be remembered they do not include all the Bedlington Soldiers who enlisted, so therefore the real figure is much higher.

About the author



The information in this document has been established by Derek Johnstone who was born in Bedlington in 1946 to parents Doris and George Jordan Johnstone. Derek went to Bedlington County Primary School and then to Westridge Secondary Modern. On leaving school at the age of 16 he joined the National Coal Board and served an electrical apprenticeship at Bedlington Doctor Pit. In 1969, Derek left Bedlington and his travels took him to Yorkshire, Liberia in West Africa, Norfolk and Scotland where he is now retired. This work is a tribute to all who served in the Great War, especially those from Bedlington.



BEDLINGTON SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN THE GREAT WAR

These summaries are a dedication to those who were 'killed in action', 'died from wounds' and those who 'died while in service'. The sequence of individuals follows the order they were recorded in Register of Enlistments. Full details of each soldier's regimental battalion can be found in their individual summary.

Alphabetical List of Soldiers Names

| Name | Regiment | Age | Date of Death |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| A | | | |
| (3) Alexander, Russell | Northumberland Fusiliers | 22 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (37) Ayre, George Fairless | Northumberland Fusiliers | 29 | 1919 |
| (86) Arries, John Mansfield | Lancashire Fusiliers | 28 | 2 nd December 1917 |
| (89) Armstrong, John Thomas | Yorkshire Regiment | No known | 8 th October 1916 |
| (166) Alsop, Thomas | Northumberland Fusiliers | 19 | 28 th April 1917 |
| (180) Adams, James | Northumberland Fusiliers | 27 | 6 th September 1915 |
| (181) Adams, Thomas Johnson | Northumberland Fusiliers | 20 | 25 th September 1916 |
| (187) Appleby, Henry | Northumberland Fusiliers | 37 | 1 st July 1916 |
| B | | | |
| (9) Bowey, | Northumberland Fusiliers | Not known | No known |
| (25) Bond, Mark | Northumberland Fusiliers | 36 | 1919 |
| (80) Brown, William | Yorkshire Regiment | 35 | 18 th January 1918 |
| (123) Brooks (Brookes), Edward | Northumberland Fusiliers | 30 | 26 th September 1916 |
| (138) Bradford, John James | Royal Naval Division | 25 | 25 th March 1918 |
| (140) Bell, John Adam | Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) | 41 | 7 th January 1916 |
| (146) Barnes, John | Northumberland Fusiliers | 20 | 7 th July 1916 |
| (165) Brady, Joseph Sidney | Northumberland Fusiliers | 21 | 22 nd October 1917 |
| (191) Brookes, James William | Northumberland Fusiliers | 21 | 26 th September 1916 |
| (197) Bell, Mathew Foster | Northumberland Fusiliers | 42 | 8 th July 1916 |
| C | | | |
| (20) Craze, William J H | Northumberland Fusiliers | 29 | 27 th July 1915 |
| (21) Craze, Robert | Northumberland Fusiliers | 20 | 18 th January 1917 |
| (26) Carrol, James | Northumberland Fusiliers | 20 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (35) Cowans, Thomas William | Royal Garrison Artillery | 33 | 19 th September 1917 |
| (38) Cook, Edward | Northumberland Fusiliers | 24 | 7 th July 1916 |
| (52) Collpits, Thomas Edward | Northumberland Fusiliers | 20 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (114) Clark, John William | Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) | 30 | 4 th November 1918 |
| (117) Crickmer, Leslie | Duke of Wellington's Regiment | 27 | 10 th August 1920 |
| (145) Charlton, Edward | Royal Garrison Artillery | 37 | 3 rd June 1917 |

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| (148) Campbell, Joseph Hugh | Northumberland Fusiliers | 27 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (151) Collingwood, George | Northumberland Fusiliers | 26 | 29 th January 1916 |
| (152) Collingwood, James R | Northumberland Fusiliers | 26 | 5 th June 1916 |
| (157) Cunningham, John W | Northumberland Fusiliers | 18 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (182) Cameron, Donald | Northumberland Fusiliers | 26 | 1 st July 1916 |
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| (29) Dodds, Peter Henry | Northumberland Fusiliers | 22 | 13 th July 1916 |
| (30) Dodds, Patrick | Northumberland Fusiliers | 26 | 1918 |
| (33) Dixon, Harry | Royal Field Artillery | 21 | 2 nd November 1916 |
| (34) Dixon, Ernest William | Canadian Field Artillery | 21 | 10 th November 1917 |
| (36) Docherty, John | Northumberland Fusiliers | 21 | 11 th February 1917 |
| (42) Docherty, James Clarkson | Northumberland Fusiliers | 32 | 3 rd July 1916 |
| (63) Davis, George Edward | Scots Guards | 23 | 30 th July 1917 |
| (78) Dodds, Robert | Royal Engineers | 26 | 7 th September 1918 |
| (92) Dunn, Malcolm | Northumberland Fusiliers | 23 | 9 th April 1918 |
| (126) Dunn, George Robert | Household Cavalry | 22 | 12 th October 1917 |
| (135) Dunn, James Edgar | Notts and Derby Regiment | 19 | 12 th February 1919 |
| (137) Dixon, John William | Northumberland Fusiliers | 35 | 25 th September 1915 |
| (174) Dowie, Joseph George | Northumberland Fusiliers | 27 | 12 th June 1917 |
| (175) Dowie, Andrew | Northumberland Fusiliers | 21 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (179) Dixon, John Thomas | Northumberland Fusiliers | 29 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (190) Davison, George Young | Northumberland Fusiliers | 19 | 28 th March 1915 |
| (195) Douglas, George | Northumberland Fusiliers | 23 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (199) Dawson, Thomas | Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) | 34 | 8 th October 1918 |
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| (2) Elliott, James | Royal Engineers | 33 | 31 st August 1917 |
| (90) Embleton, William | Northumberland Fusiliers | 24 | 4 th November 1918 |
| (96) Earl, John | Northumberland Fusiliers | 34 | 29 th April 1917 |
| (97) Earl, Samuel Heatley | East Yorkshire Regiment | 32 | 1919 |
| (124) Easton, John William | Northumberland Fusiliers | 39 | 1 st November 1917 |
| (131) Elliott, Daniel | East Yorkshire Regiment | 25 | 31 st March 1918 |
| (136) Ellis, John | Northumberland Fusiliers | 31 | 13 th August 1916 |
| F | | | |
| (1) Fitzsimmons, William | Army Cycle Corps | 24 | 4 th October 1916 |
| (139) Foggan, George | Northumberland Fusiliers | 25 | 25 th September 1918 |
| (160) Foster, Edward | Northumberland Fusiliers | 20 | 25 th September 1915 |

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| (193) Ferguson, George Henry | Northumberland Fusiliers | 23 | 1 st July 1916 |
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| (23) Gray, James | Northumberland Fusiliers | 32 | 2 nd July 1916 |
| (28) Glenton, Thomas | Northumberland Fusiliers | 31 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (32) Green, Mark Fairhurst | Northumberland Fusiliers | 30 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (70) Glenton, Thomas | East Yorkshire Regiment | 21 | 2 nd July 1917 |
| (102) Gibson, George | Northumberland Fusiliers | 24 | 29 th October 1918 |
| (147) Grant, William | Somerset Light Infantry | 37 | 9 th August 1916 |
| (150) Gaffey, Robert George | East Yorkshire Regiment | 31 | 9 th August 1915 |
| (184) Goodwill, Joseph | Northumberland Fusiliers | 35 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (188) Gair, George | Northumberland Fusiliers | 22 | 15 th January 1917 |

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| (13) Hinson, Thomas | Yorkshire Regiment | 22 | 26 th September 1915 |
| (14) Henderson, Charles F. | Northumberland Fusiliers | 19 | 4 th October 1915 |
| (18) Hunter, William | Northumberland Fusiliers | 38 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (24) Hay, James Watson | Army Service Corps | 28 | 13 th February 1916 |
| (48) Hindhaugh, George Hayes | Northumberland Fusiliers | 19 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (51) Hutchinson, James | Manchester Regiment | 20 | 26 th July 1916 |
| (55) Hannay, Thomas | Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve | 25 | 4 th June 1915 |
| (56) Hannay, Watson Selby | Northumberland Fusiliers | 24 | 25 th September 1916 |
| (57) Hardy, David | West Yorkshire Regiment | 18 | 3 rd November 1918 |
| (61) Hale, Alexander | Northumberland Fusiliers | 19 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (64) Henderson, Albert James | Northumberland Fusiliers | 19 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (67) Hobson, William | West Yorkshire Regiment | 19 | 28 th June 1918 |
| (81) Hay, George Hindmarsh | Northumberland Fusiliers | 21 | 17 th April 1918 |
| (82) Hay, James | Army Service Corps | 28 | 13 th February 1916 |
| (98) Hallowell, Joseph | Royal Engineers | 32 | 27 th July 1917 |
| (108) Hall, William | East Yorkshire Regiment | 23 | 9 th August 1915 |
| (113) Hann, James | Northumberland Fusiliers | 45 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (149) Hopkins, William | East Yorkshire Regiment | 25 | 15 th December 1915 |
| (173) Hunter, Isaac Whitfield | Northumberland Fusiliers | 20 | 27 th April 1917 |

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| (17) Jordan, Jacob | Northumberland Fusiliers | 23 | 16 th September 1916 |
| (41) Joisce, George Robert | Northumberland Fusiliers | 38 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (62) Jordan, John Buddles | Northumberland Fusiliers | 19 | 1 st July 1916 |

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| (68) Jobson, Christopher | Royal Navy | 27 | 16 th September 1918 |
| (83) Jefferson, Henry | Durham Light Infantry | 29 | 31 st October 1918 |
| (127) Jefferson, William | Royal Horse Artillery | 22 | 18 th August 1917 |
| (71) Jones, John James | Northumberland Fusiliers | 31 | 31 st March 1917 |

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| (142) Kane, John | Northamptonshire Regiment | 24 | 10 th November 1917 |
| (143) Kane, Michael | Yorks and Lancaster Regiment | 21 | 21 st April 1917 |
| (189) Knapper, John | Somerset Light Infantry | 20 | 1 st July 1916 |

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| (16) Leggett, Alfred James | South Lancashire Regiment | 29 | 14 th April 1917 |
| (88) Latty, William | Royal Field Artillery | 22 | 2 nd August 1917 |
| (132) Logan, Ralph | Northumberland Fusiliers | 18 | 8 th September 1916 |

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| (8) Blank due to duplication | | | |
| (12) Millne, Fred | Duke of Wellington's Regiment | 30 | 17 th December 1916 |
| (15) Middlemiss, Herbert Henry | Northumberland Fusiliers | 23 | 23 rd October 1917 |
| (27) McNally, Richard | East Yorkshire Regiment | 31 | 29 th September 1918 |
| (44) Middleton, Samuel Moses | Northumberland Fusiliers | 30 | 30 th November 1917 |
| (73) McCabe, William | East Yorkshire Regiment | 26 | 9 th August 1915 |
| (74) McCabe, Albert | Northumberland Fusiliers | 19 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (75) Molden, Lawrence | East Yorkshire Regiment | 18 | 12 th April 1918 |
| (76) Miller, Robert | Northumberland Fusiliers | 40 | 23 rd October 1916 |
| (100) McHugh, Joseph | Northumberland Fusiliers | 32 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (101) McSherry, James | Northumberland Fusiliers | 24 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (103) Mason, John Kennedy | Northumberland Fusiliers | 35 | 19 th August 1915 |
| (120) Mavin, Anthony | Northumberland Fusiliers | 35 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (154) Middleton, John William | Northumberland Fusiliers | 31 | 17 th October 1917 |
| (155) Martin, Joseph | Northumberland Fusiliers | 25 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (156) Morton, Thomas Hope | Northumberland Fusiliers | 24 | 22 nd March 1918 |
| (168) McCarthy, John William | Royal Naval Reserve | 33 | 26 th March 1918 |
| (169) McCarthy, Harold | Northumberland Fusiliers | 19 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (170) McCarthy, Frederick | Royal Field Artillery | 24 | 25 th July 1917 |
| (178) Miller, Thomas Dodds | Northumberland Fusiliers | 34 | 21 st March 1918 |
| (183) McKenzie, Michael | Northumberland Fusiliers | 33 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (186) Mutton, John | Northumberland Fusiliers | 36 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (196) Morland, George | Northumberland Fusiliers | 24 | 1 st July 1916 |

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| (198) Mather, Edward | Northumberland Fusiliers | 28 | 6 th July 1916 |
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| (4) Nicholson, William | Lincolnshire Regiment | 45 | 23 rd June 1917 |
| (104) Nesbitt, George | Northumberland Fusiliers | 20 | 19 th October 1917 |
| (107) Nixon, Joseph | Durham Light Infantry | 19 | 29 th May 1918 |
| (118) Nordstrom, John William | Somerset Light Infantry | 29 | 26 th September 1915 |
| (129) Newman, Joseph | Northumberland Fusiliers | 24 | 23 rd October 1915 |
| (130) Newman, Mark | Northumberland Fusiliers | 20 | 19 th August 1915 |
| (158) Nelson, William B | Northumberland Fusiliers | 33 | 1 st July 1916 |
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| (43) Orange, Snowden Foggan | Northumberland Fusiliers | 20 | 10 th September 1915 |
| (119) Orange, Joseph Thomas | Durham Light Infantry | 21 | 26 th March 1918 |
| (116) O'Hare, John | West Yorkshire Regiment | 26 | 5 th May 1916 |
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| (11) Patterson, John | Durham Light Infantry | 29 | 27 th November 1915 |
| (49) Pyle John George | Duke of Wellington's Regiment | 32 | 3 rd May 1917 |
| (50) Pattison, William | Northumberland Fusiliers | 28 | 20 th July 1916 |
| (60) Potter, Joseph Daniel | Northumberland Fusiliers | 33 | 27 th October 1917 |
| (79) Pick, James Alfred | Royal Air Force | 23 | 2 nd December 1918 |
| (121) Wight, George Prior | West Yorkshire Regiment | 19 | 21 st March 1918 |
| (159) Palmer, William James | Northumberland Fusiliers | 30 | 28 th April 1917 |
| R | | | |
| (3) Russell, Alexander | Northumberland Fusiliers | 22 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (31) Ridley, William | Northumberland Fusiliers | 23 | 4 th July 1916 |
| (39) Reed, Ernest | Northumberland Fusiliers | 24 | 29 th May 1918 |
| (45) Reay, David | Royal Field Artillery | 21 | 2 nd October 1918 |
| (46) Robson, Charles | Northumberland Fusiliers | 29 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (58) Riddell, Joseph | Northumberland Fusiliers | 22 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (59) Richardson, David | Northumberland Fusiliers | 20 | 31 st March 1918 |
| (65) Rogers, John Henry | Northumberland Fusiliers | 28 | 4 th October 1917 |
| (66) Rogers George Thomas | Northumberland Fusiliers | 23 | 13 th October 1917 |
| (77) Routledge, Thomas R | Yorkshire Hussars | 33 | 22 nd April 1916 |
| (87) Richardson, William | Durham Light Infantry | 25 | 6 th October 1918 |
| (110) Ritchie, William | Northumberland Fusiliers | 21 | 28 th October 1918 |
| (141) Redpath, John | East Yorkshire Regiment | 35 | 29 th September 1918 |
| (161) Robson, Thomas | Yorks and Lancaster | 21 | 13 th October 1918 |

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| (162) Robson, Jacob | Northumberland Fusiliers | 22 | 26 th October 1917 |
| (163) Robson, Richard | Northumberland Fusiliers | 23 | 10 th October 1917 |
| (177) Richardson, Walter Luke | Northumberland Fusiliers | 36 | 7 th June 1917 |
| (40) Riddle, Robert | Northumberland Fusiliers | 35 | 12 th July 1916 |

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| (5) Stephenson, John Mossop | Northumberland Fusiliers | Not known | 1 st July 1916 |
| (19) Scougal, James Fail | East Yorkshire Regiment | 23 | 21 st August 1915 |
| (53) Smith, William E M | Royal Engineers | 19 | 23 rd April 1917 |
| (69) Scougal, Thomas | Royal Garrison Artillery | 23 | 21 st March 1918 |
| (72) Stoker, James Ratcliffe | Northumberland Fusiliers | 39 | 26 th September 1916 |
| (84) Swindale, George Dawson | North Staffordshire Regiment | 33 | 19 th November 1916 |
| (91) Straker, Adrian Charles | Kings Own Rifle Corps | 21 | 18 th September 1916 |
| (93) Shaw, Francis Robertson | Northumberland Fusiliers | 32 | 29 th August 1916 |
| (94) Shaw, William Robertson | Royal Marine Light Infantry | 26 | 24 th June 1915 |
| (95) Shaw, Robert Robinson | Royal Marine Light Infantry | 21 | 26 th June 1915 |
| (99) Stoker, Thomas Joseph | York and Lancaster | 41 | 3 rd May 1917 |
| (105) Stoddart, William | Coldstream Guards | 25 | 13 th March 1917 |
| (106) Stoddart, Albert | Northumberland Fusiliers | 22 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (111) Smyth, Thomas Chester | Northumberland Fusiliers | 29 | 30 th July 1916 |
| (112) Smyth, Henry Richard | Northumberland Fusiliers | 20 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (125) Shadforth, James | Yorkshire Regiment | 22 | 21 st April 1917 |
| (128) Smith, Joseph | Northumberland Fusiliers | 25 | 28 th May 1915 |
| (133) Stewart, Thomas L | Northumberland Fusiliers | 20 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (134) Scott, John | Northumberland Fusiliers | 25 | 9 th April 1917 |
| (153) Stewart, Joseph | Northumberland Fusiliers | 30 | 1 st July 1916 |
| (171) Shotton, John | Irish Guards | 23 | 20 th October 1918 |
| (194) Stevens, Robert Trim | East Yorkshire Regiment | 21 | 21 st March 1918 |
| (200) Sanderson, John | Northumberland Fusiliers | 23 | 26 th October 1917 |

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| (6) Taylor, George | East Yorkshire Regiment | 24 | 9 th August 1915 |
| (7) Taylor, Lewis | Northumberland Fusiliers | 22 | 1 st July 2016 |
| (10) Tindal, Louis | London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers) | 25 | 26 th August 1918 |
| (144) Turner, John | East Yorkshire Regiment | 29 | 20 th September 1917 |
| (167) Thompson, Sydney R | Northumberland Fusiliers | 27 | June 1920 |
| (185) Thompson, Edward M | East Yorkshire Regiment | 22 | 12 th April 1918 |

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| (47) Weatherly, Thomas W | Royal Marines | 25 | 24 th June 1915 |
| (85) Walker, William | Northumberland Fusiliers | 42 | 22 nd June 1916 |
| (109) Wolfendale, Anthony | East Yorkshire Regiment | 29 | 14 th February 1916 |
| (176) Wear, John Robert | Northumberland Fusiliers | 29 | 16 th January 1917 |
| (192) Wallace Christopher N R | Northumberland Fusiliers | 19 | 1 st July 1916 |
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| (115) Young, George Robert | MT Royal Army Service Corps | 30 | 7 th August 1916 |
| (172) Young, Earnest James | Northumberland Fusiliers | 47 | 1 st July 1916 |
| ** Details unclear | | | |



Summaries of Bedlington Soldiers

The following summaries do not contain all soldiers in Bedlington who died in the Great War and only covers those that are included in the Record of Enlistments. The summaries have tried to establish a brief picture of each brave soldier who died fighting for his country. Each soldier has been allocated an individual number 1 – 200 in the document. Details, where possible, include the following information show below.

Soldiers Name *(Blue text)*

His regiment and battalion

His Service Number










Soldiers Rank

Where the soldier served

Date he was killed in action, died of wounds, died from illness or died

Age when he died

Summary details, if available, include:

-  Where he was born and in what year
-  Where he lived before he enlisted
-  Who he lived with
-  Who his siblings were
-  What was his occupation
-  Marital status
-  Where his wife lived after his death
-  Where he is commemorated
-  His commemoration reference

Note Where occupations have been recorded the original wording used in the respective documents consulted i.e. 1911 Census etc. have been used.

1. Fitzsimmons, William

Army Cycle Corps (VI Corps Cyclist Battalion)

5985

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action - 4th October 1916

Age 24

William Fitzsimmons was born at Seaham Harbour, Sunderland in 1892. He enlisted at Bedlington when living at Paradise Cottage in the same town and was originally in the Northumberland Fusiliers with the Service Number 14416. In 1911, he was living with the Golding family at Beechgrove in Bedlington and he married Mary K Naylor in 1912 which was registered at Newcastle. After his death his wife remarried; the CWGC records show William was husband of Mary K Barry (formally Fitzsimmons) of 11, Milbury Street, Dawdon, Co. Durham.

He is buried at Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras France. (Reference I. G. 32)

2. Elliott, James Douglas

Royal Engineers (12th Field Coy)

61182

Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 31st August 1917

Age 33

James Douglas Elliott was born in 1884 at Chevington / Horton, Northumberland to parents Henry Thomas and Ann Douglas. He married Jeannie Crisp on 25th July 1908 at Alnwick, Northumberland and they had four children. Full service records are available for James which shows he was living at Togston Farm, Acklington in 1915. James enlisted at Newcastle when living at Smiths Buildings, Bedlington and went to France on 28th August 1915. Military records show his effects went to his wife Mrs Jeanie Elliott. A war diary says a bomb dropped on the horse lines at 2.30pm caused 21 casualties including the death of Cpl Elliott.

He is buried at the Huts Cemetery, West Vlaanderen Belgium (Reference IV. B. 15)

3. Russell, Alexander

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion

23/199

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action - 1st July 1916

Age 22

Alexander Russell was born at Bedlington in 1894 and was living at Smiths Buildings in that town when he enlisted. His parents were Alexander and Mary Russell. It does not appear he was married as military records show his effects went to his mother Mrs Mary Russell. In 1911 he was living with his family at Coach Road, Bedlington as a single person and was working in the coal mines.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B. 11B. and 12B)

4. Nicholson, William

Lincolnshire Regiment 297th Coy Labour Corps

200705

Private

Served in Italy

Died from Illness- 23rd June 1917

Age 45

William Nicholson was born in Indiana, USA in 1872 and married Mary Jane Neiland in 1891. He was living at Half Close House, Bedlington when he enlisted. William died from nephritis, an inflammation of the kidneys, while serving in Italy. On his gravestone are the words 'Death divides but memory clings'. William was a miner before enlisting.

He is buried at Taranto Town Cemetery in Italy. (Reference IV. G. 10)

5. Stephenson, John Mossop

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20th Battalion

20/918

Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 27

John Mossop Stephenson was born at Drigg, Cumberland in 1889. He was still living there in 1901 but his family moved to the Northumberland in search of work. He married Margaret Hogg from East Sleekburn in 1909 and they had a daughter Roberta Mossop. The 1911 Census shows the family were living at 12½, Jubilee Terrace, Bedlington Station where John was a stoneman in the coal mines. John was living at Hollymount Hall Bedlington when he enlisted.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, France (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

6. Taylor, George

East Yorkshire Regiment (6th Battalion)

10802

Private

Served in Gallipoli

Killed in Action – 9th August 1915

Age 24

George Taylor, born at St Nicholas, Aberdeen in 1892, was living at 15, Hollymount Bedlington at the time he enlisted at Bedlington. His full name is George Alexander Taylor and was the son of Mr John and Margaret Forbes Taylor. He worked in the coal mines as a pony putter underground. Brother of [Lewis Taylor](#) who also died in the Great War. The battalion George joined sailed from Avonmouth to Gallipoli on 11th July 1915 and landed at Sulva Bay on 7th August. George died two days later.

He is commemorated at the Helles Memorial in Turkey. (Reference Panel 52 to 55)

(Photo available for this soldier)

7. Taylor, Lewis

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20th Battalion

20/699

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 22

Lewis Taylor was born in Leith, Edinburgh about 1896. He was the son of John and Margaret Forbes Taylor. His father was born in Insch, Aberdeenshire and his mother was born in Aberdeen. He was the brother of [George Taylor](#) who is shown above. Lewis, who is shown to be 15 in 1911, worked in the coal mines underground as a 'hanger on'. The family lived at 15, Hollymount, Bedlington. His elder brother William Taylor, a sergeant in the Machine Gun Corps, survived the war.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

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9. Bowey,

Northumberland Fusiliers (10th Battalion)

Service Number not known

Private

Served France and Flanders

Died at home - date not known

Age not known

Sadly the first name of this person is not available therefore resulting in difficulties tracing this soldier. The address at the time of his enlistment is shown as 19, Pit Row, Bedlington. It is also possible the spelling of his surname has been recorded incorrectly; this could be Bowie or other. The only information available is from Record of Enlistments which is missing vital detail to enable effective follow up.

His commemoration or burial in the United Kingdom are not known.

10. Tindal, Louis

London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers) 2nd Battalion

92735

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 26th August 1918

Age 25

Louis Tindal, full name Louis Ernest Tindal, was born at Heaton, Northumberland in 1893 to parents James and Isabella Tindal. In the 1901 Census his family were living at 4, Fairfield Road, Jesmond Newcastle where his eldest sister Lottie was a pupil teacher. The family moved to Bedlington where Louis attended the Whitley Memorial School. He was living at Front Street, Bedlington when he enlisted at Newcastle. Evidence indicates Louis was not a miner and was single.

He is buried at Bronfay Farm Military Cemetery, Bray-Sur-Somme France (Reference II. F. 49)

11. Patterson, John

Durham Light Infantry (1st/8th Battalion)

2981

Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 27th November 1915

Age 29

John Patterson was born in 1886 at Bedlington and was the son of James and Mrs Elizabeth Patterson. The family lived at 1, Hollymount, Bedlington when he enlisted at Durham. In the 1901 Census John is 15 years old, his occupation is a school teacher and his father works at the coal mines; the family is still at 1, Hollymount. By 1911, his father has died and John is still shown as being a school teacher, aged 25. John does not appear to have married. Records show his original grave was damaged during subsequent battles. His place of rest is now at West Vlaanderen, Belgium, further details are shown below.

He is buried at Perth Cemetery (China Wall) (Ref. Wallemolen German Cemetery Memorial 1)

(Photo available for this soldier)

12. Millne, Fred

Duke of Wellington (West Riding Regiment) 2nd Battalion

23836

Private

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 17th December 1916

Age 30

Fred Millne was born in 1886 at Bedlington and the husband of Isabella Millne; they married in 1911 and Isabella's maiden name was Stokoe. His parents were James and Margaret Millne and the family were living at Telephone Row, Bedlington in 1891. In 1911, Fred was living at 7, Burdon Terrace, Bedlington and working in the coal mines as wagonman. Fred was living at 11, Hollymount Avenue, Bedlington when he enlisted at Bedlington and his wife was still at that address in the CWGC records. Fred was formally in the Northumberland Fusiliers (29211). The following inscription is on his gravestone 'Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away'.

He is buried at Combles Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme France (Reference III. C. 10)

13. Hinson, Thomas

Yorkshire Hussars (Alexandra, Prince of Wales' Own), 10th Battalion

17444

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 26th September 1915

Age 22

Thomas Hinson, born in Bedlington about 1893, was the son of James and Hannah Hinson of Bebside, Northumberland. Thomas was a hewer in the coal mines and enlisted at Bedlington when living at Carr's Yard, Front Street Bedlington. Both of his parents were dead when Thomas was killed and military records show his effects went to his sister Mrs Margaret J Dixon.

He is commemorated at Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais France (Reference Panel 44 and 45)

14. Henderson, Charles Frederick

Northumberland Fusiliers (12th Battalion)

6263

Private

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 4th October 1915

Age 19

Charles Frederick Henderson was born in 1896 at 37, Newgate Street, Morpeth and was the son Mr John Coe and Sarah Ann Henderson. In 1911, he was living at 18, Hambledon Street, Cowpen Quay, aged 14, and employed in the coal mines as a horse driver. When he enlisted at Bedlington he was living at 2 Foggan's Yard, Bedlington. Charles effects went to his mother indicating he was single. He died at St Clsilde Hospital, Donai.

He is buried at Donai Communal Cemetery, Nord France. (Reference B11)

15. Middlemiss, Herbert Henry

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Irish) 24th Battalion

Second Lieutenant

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 23rd October 1917

Age 23

Herbert Henry Middlemiss was born in Bedlington about 1894. In 1911, he was living with his step father Mr Anthony Mavin and his mother Mrs Hannah Mavin. At this time his occupation was a butcher, he was single and the family were living at Front Street, Bedlington. His will was published in 1920.

He is commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. (Reference 19 to 23 and 162)

16. Leggett, Alfred James

South Lancashire Regiment 6th (Battalion)

36855

Private

Served in Mesopotamia

Died of Wounds – 14th April 1917

Age 29

Alfred James Leggett was born at Bedlington in 1888. In 1901 he was living at Puddlers Row, Bedlington. He was married in 1908 and they had one son. By 1911, Alfred was living at Glebe Row, Bedlington with his wife, Elizabeth (nee Furness) who was 20 at the time, and working in the coal mines. He was living at 3, Bells Place, Bedlington when he enlisted. Alfred who was originally in the East Yorkshire Regiment (16318) died of his wounds while serving in Egypt.

He is buried at Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. (Reference D.99)

17. Jordan, Jacob

Northumberland Fusiliers 1st/7th Battalion (Territorials)

6053

Private

Served in France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 16th September 1916

Age 23

Jacob Jordan was born at Bedlington in 1893 and was the son of Jacob and Jane Ann Jordan. In 1901 his family which included five siblings was living at 36, Cross Row, Cramlington. In 1911, he was living with his uncle William Hedley at 37, Doctor Terrace, Bedlington and working as a pony stone putter. There were ten people sharing two rooms at this property. He married Edith M Sawyer in 1914 and Jacob was living at Pit Row, Bedlington when he enlisted at Blyth, Northumberland.

He is buried at Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt – L'Abbe, France. (Reference IV. D. 64)

18. Hunter, William

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20th Battalion

20/418

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 38

William Hunter was born at Longbenton (Benton), Northumberland in about 1878. He was the son of David and Eliza Hunter and he was married Mary Ann (nee Tiplady) about 1900. In 1891, William was 13 and already working in the mines when his family were living at Cross Row, Bedlington. By 1911 William was married and living at East End of Bedlington and working as a hewer. He enlisted at Bedlington when living at Pit Row, Bedlington. CWGC records shows place of birth as Bedlington.

He is buried at Serre Road Cemetery No. 2 Somme, France (Reference XXVII. F. 16)

19. Scougal, James Fail

East Yorkshire Regiment (6th Battalion)

10806

Private

Served in Gallipoli

Killed in Action – 21st August 1915

Age 23

James Fail Scougal was born at Bedlington in 1892, the second of five children to George and Alice Scrougal. His father was a miner and in 1911 the family were living at Bells Place, Bedlington. James enlisted at Bedlington when living a Pit Row Bedlington; he was single in 1911 and worked as a coal putter underground. His family was living at Hollymount Hall, Bedlington after his death according to the CWGC records and military records show his effects went to his father George.

He is commemorated at Helles Memorial in Turkey. (Reference 52 – 56)

20. Craze, William John Henry

Northumberland Fusiliers (1st Battalion)

767

Lance Corporal

Served in France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 27th July 1915

Age 29

William John Henry Craze, born at Bedlington in 1886, was the eldest son of Richard and Charlotte Craze (maiden name Tucker). His occupation was a coal miner and he enlisted at Blyth when living at 15, Pit Row, Bedlington. William's family were originally from Cornwall. William married Francis Joyce Mills in 1913 which was registered at Morpeth. CWGC records show on his death his effects went to widow. His brother [Robert Craze](#) was also killed in action during the Great War.

He is commemorated at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial. (Reference Panel 8 and 12)

21. Craze, Robert

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|---|-------------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (12 th Battalion) | 22802 |
| Private | Served in France and Flanders |
| Died from Illness – 18 th January 1917 | Age 20 |

Robert Craze, born in Bedlington in 1887, was the brother of William John Henry Craze and enlisted at Newcastle when living at 15, Pit Row, Bedlington. His family originated from Cornwall and his parents were Richard and Charlotte Craze (maiden name Tucker). In 1911 the family were living at Old Colliery Row, Bedlington (also known as Pit Row). He was employed a coal miner before enlisting. On his death Roberts's effects went to his mother indicating it was likely he was single.

He is buried at Lapugnoy Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France (Reference II. A. 6)

22. Steel, William

| | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23 rd battalion | 23/772 |
| Private | Served in France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 29 |

William Steel, the youngest of three children, was born at Bedlington in 1887 to parents Mathew and Margaret Steel. His father was a miner and the family lived at Bells Place, Bedlington in 1891. In the 1901 and 1911 Census reports William's family was living at Half Close House, near the Dun Cow Inn, Bedlington. William was living at 20, Pit Row, Bedlington, working at a colliery labourer, when he enlisted. No evidence of marriage. Commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

23. Gray, James

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20 th Battalion | 20/552 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Died of Wounds – 2 nd July 1916 | Age 32 |

James Gray, born in 1884 at Bedlington, Northumberland and married Emma Stevens in 1909; they had two children John and Henry. James's parents were William and Elizabeth Gray and the family were living at Doctor Terrace in Bedlington in 1901. In 1911 James was a coal miner and his family was living at Glebe Row, Bedlington. The Record of Enlistments shows James was living at the Old Hall, Bedlington when he enlisted. After his death CWGC records show his wife living at 2, Bells Place, Bedlington.

He is buried at Millencourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme France. (Reference A.15)

24. Hay, James Watson

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|---|----------------------------|
| Army Service Corps (4 th Advanced Remount Depot) | RTS/3192 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Died of Wounds – 13 th February 1916 | Age 28 |

James Watson Hay (Hayes in the original Record of Enlistments) was born in 1888 at Bedlington and was the son of Andrew and Catherine Hay. He was a labourer in the coal mines before enlisting at Newcastle as a 'Strapper'. He was single when he enlisted and living at Walker Terrace, Bedlington. On his death his effects went to his sister Mrs Madeline Robertson. In 1911, he was living at Quay East End, Bedlington.

He is buried at Bois- Guillaume Communal Cemetery Seine-Maritime, France (Reference I. D. 12)

25. Bond, Mark

| | |
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| Royal Engineers | 280321 |
| Private | Served England |
| Died – 1919 | Age 36 |

Mark Bond was born in 1883 at Newsham, Blyth, his wife was Mary James. In 1911, he was living at 7, Walker Terrace, East End Bedlington. Mark worked in the coal mines as a stoneman and enlisted first in the Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Irish) at Blyth, Northumberland in December 1914 but was medically discharged in April 1915. In 1916, he enlisted a second time into the Royal Engineers at Newcastle but was medically discharged again in 1917 due to an old injury (broken patella) which had occurred before he joined up. Mark bravely tried to join the war effort but his injuries prevented full involvement. His cause of his death in 1919 is not known.

His commemoration and burial details have not been established.

26. Carrol, James

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23 rd Battalion | 23/506 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Died of Wounds - 1 st July 1916 | Age 20 |

James Carrol was born in 1897 at Bedlington, Northumberland. He was the son of William and Margaret Carrol and the family is shown in the 1901 and 1911 Census report as living at Bedlington. James enlisted into the Northumberland Fusiliers at Bedlington. At this time the Record of Enlistments shows he was living at Coach Road, Bedlington. The CWGC records his parents as living at 3, Coach Road, Bedlington after James's death. James was very young when he died and it's unlikely he was married.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France (Panel reference Pier and Face 10B 11b and 12B)

27. McNally, Richard

| | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| East Yorkshire Regiment (10 th Battalion) | 14324 |
| Lance Corporal | Served Dardanelles and France |
| Killed in Action – 29 th September 1918 | Age 31 |

Richard McNally was born in Bedlington, Northumberland in 1887 to parents John and Margaret McNally. In 1891 when aged 2 he was living with his parents at Walker Terrace, Bedlington. In 1901, now aged 12, he was living with his sister Margaret Riley as a lodger at Coach Road, Bedlington. Richard was a labourer underground in the coal mines; in 1911, he was single and still living as a lodger with the Riley family. He was living at this address when he enlisted at Blyth, Northumberland. His effects went to the Riley children.

He is buried at Underhill Farm Cemetery, Hainaut Belgium (Reference D.6)

28. Glenton, Thomas

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| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20 th Battalion | 20/551 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 31 |

Thomas Glenton was born in 1886 at Bedlington and was a coal miner (hewer). His parents were Thomas and Ellen Glenton (nee Lee). In 1901 the family were living at Bell's Place, Bedlington and in 1911 they were at 47, Doctor Terrace in the same town. He married Minnie Hayes in 1913 which is registered at Morpeth, Northumberland. Thomas was living at Mill Yard, Bedlington when he enlisted.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France (Reference Pier and Face 10 B 11 B and 12 B)

29. Dodds, Peter Henry

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|--|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (12 th Battalion), C Coy | 3949 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 13 th July 1916 | Age 22 |

Peter Henry Dodds was born at Bedlington in 1892 and his parents were Alexander John and Mary Jane Dodds. In 1891 they were living at 34, South Row, Horton Northumberland. His father died in 1894 and his mother married Owen Tucker in 1897. In 1901 the family were living at Coach Road, Bedlington and Peter was living at this address when he enlisted at Newcastle on Tyne. He was single in 1911 and worked in the coal mines as a pony putter. His other brother of [Patrick Dodds](#), shown below was died in the Great War.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France (Panel reference Pier and Face 10 B 11 B and 12 B)

30. Dodds, Patrick

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers | 20118 |
| Private | Served in England |
| Died – 1918 | Age 36 |

Patrick Dodds was born at Bedlington on 29th March 1882 and christened at St Bede's, Bedlington. In 1911, he was working in the coal mines as a shifter. His Short Term (Three Years with the Colours) document was signed at Bedlington on 29th August 1914 when he was living at Coach Road, Bedlington. He was subsequently discharged at the end of September of that year as being medically unfit, possibly due to a hernia. Interestingly, his military records show he had a tattoo of a sailor on his right forearm and a bust of a sailor on his left forearm with the initials PD. He was buried on 4th November 1918. Patrick was the brother of [Peter Henry Dodds](#) who was killed in action in 1916.

Commemoration or burial details have not been established.

31. Ridley, William

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| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20 th Battalion | 20/630 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Died of Wounds – 4 th July 1916 | Age 23 |

William Ridley was born in 1893 at Bedlington and worked in the coal mines as a 'dragging up at pit shape below'. He was the son of Francis Anne, born in London, and William Ridley, born in Bedlington, a miner. His family lived at Old Colliery Row, Bedlington when he was eight in 1901. In 1911, he was 18 years old living with his parents and single. When he enlisted at Bedlington William was living at Coach Road, Bedlington. He is buried at Daours Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme France. (Reference II. B. 38)

32. Green, Mark Fairhurst

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23 rd Battalion | 23/982 |
| Corporal | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 30 |

Mark Fairhurst Green was born at Barrington, Northumberland in 1886 and was the only child of Robert and Margaret Green. In 1891, Mark's family were living at Wood Row, Bedlington Station and in 1901 their address was Railway Row, Barrington. Mark married Eleanor Jane Lamb in 1909 and they had two children. Vicarage Terrace is shown as his residence when he enlisted. Probate was granted in 1920 to his wife when living at 7, Gordon Terrace, Bedlington. Mark was a hairdresser. He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

33. Dixon, Harry

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Royal Field Artillery, (No 4 Sect. 63 rd Div. Ammunition Col). | 2264 |
| Gunner | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 2 nd November 1916 | Age 21 |

Harry Dixon was born in 1885 and his parents were Thomas and Mary Dixon. He enlisted in the Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery at Newcastle while living at 1, Vicarage Terrace, Bedlington. In 1911, Harry, age 16, worked in the coal mines as an underground labourer but was not married. The document, detailing the awarding of his effects, shows that he was accidentally killed on the date shown. He is buried at Bouzincourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme France. (Reference II. I. 22)

34. Dixon, William Ernest

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| Canadian Field Artillery (8 th Brigade) | 43601 |
| Sergeant | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 10 th November 1917 | Age 21 |

William Ernest Dixon was born in 1896 at Bedlington, Northumberland. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Casualty Records show he was a Canadian national and he was the cousin of Mary Elizabeth Dixon of 1, Vicarage Terrace, Bedlington. It would appear that his parents immigrated to Canada and this could be the reason why he joined the Canadian Field Artillery. The Record of Enlistment document shows the Vicarage Terrace address.

He is buried at Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, France. (Reference XII. D. 13)

35. Cowans, Thomas William MM

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|---|----------------------------|
| Royal Garrison Artillery (84 th Heavy Artillery Group) | 113351 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 19 th September 1917 | Age 33 |

Thomas William Cowans was born at Longbenton, Northumberland in 1885. His parents were William and Mary Cowans who lived at Burradon, Northumberland until 1912, he was their third child. William married Annie Hartley on 4th October 1911 at North Shields and after working in the coal mines became a barman. He enlisted at Bedlington on 7th June 1916 leaving his wife to run the Sun Inn where he was the publican. Thomas went to France on 9th February 1917 and was awarded the Military Medal weeks before his death. The inscription on his memorial reads 'His duty nobly done'. Thomas's wife asked for the Military Medal to be presented to her privately.

He is buried at Spoilbank Cemetery, West Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference I. O. 17)

36. Dockerty, John

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23 rd Battalion | 23/578 |
| Lance Corporal | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 11 th February 1917 | Age 21 |

John Dockerty the son of John and Mary Dockerty was born in 1897 at Cleator Moor, Cumberland. John's parents, also from Cumberland, lived at White House Yard, Bedlington in 1911 when John was working in the mines at the age of 14 as a pony driver. In the family home in 1911 were John's three brothers Michael (19), Hugh (8) and William (1). At the time John enlisted at Bedlington, Northumberland he was living at the Sun Inn Yard in the same town. Original name in the Record of Enlistments is Docherty.

He is buried at Ploegstreert Cemetery Belgium. (Reference Plot, Panel 2)

37. Ayre, George Fairless

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| Northumberland Fusiliers | Service Number not known |
| Private | Served in England |
| Died – 21 st March 1919 | Age 29 |

George Fairless Ayre was born in Bedlington, Northumberland about 1890 to parents John Alexander and Isabella (nee Fairless) Ayre. He was married in 1909 to Jane Ann Wardlaw when living at 15, Shiney Row, Bedlington. In 1911, the family were living in Foggan's Yard, Bedlington. At the time of his enlistment he was a bricklayer's labourer and it appears he was living at the Old Hall, Bedlington. He died in 1919 and his death was registered at Morpeth, Northumberland. At this time no military details have been found. However, two photos of him, including one in uniform, were discovered. He died from endocarditis nephritis at Old Hall, Bedlington.

No commemoration or burial information has been located.

38. Cook, Edward

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (11 th Battalion) | 6205 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 7 th July 1916 | Age 24 |

Edward Cook was born at Bedlington, Northumberland about 1892. He enlisted at Bedlington but census records do not reveal much information. His parents were William and Sarah Ann Cook. On his death Edward's effects went to his half-sister Dorothy Wills and half-brother James Dixon. Edward does not appear to have married. Edward's enlistments records show him to be living at Murray's Yard, Bedlington.

He is buried at Gordon Dump Cemetery, Ovillers-la Boisselle Somme. (Reference V.J.6)

39. Reed, Ernest

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|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (12 th /13 th Battalion) | 13413 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 29 th May 1918 | Age 24 |

Ernest Reed was born in 1894 at Blyth, Northumberland. Census information is not conclusive but indicates his father was Foster Reed born at Seghill, Northumberland and his mother Mary Reed was born at Westmoor, Northumberland. In 1901 his family lived at Black Callerton, Tynemouth and in 1911 the Reed family were resident at 7, Priestmans Cottages, East Benwell. Earnest enlisted at Ashington, Northumberland when he was living at Front Street West at Bedlington. He went out to France on 9th September 1915. The CWGC records show his wife was Beatrice Isabella Reed and was living at Front Street West after his death.

He is commemorated at Soisson Memorial, Aisne France. (Reference not available in CWGC records)

40. Riddle, Robert

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| Northumberland Fusiliers (1 st Battalion) | 19/1035 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Died of Wounds – 12 th July 1916 | Age 31 |

Robert was born in North Shields, Northumberland in about 1888. His parents were George Riddle from Scotland and Mary Riddle born in South Shields. In 1901 Robert was a 'shipyard smith' living at South Shields. The 1911 Census shows he is a blacksmith residing at 58, Eldon Street, South Shields. Robert married Ellen Brown in 1914 and then moved to Foresters Buildings, Bedlington where he enlisted.

He is buried at Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz Somme France. (Reference VII. O. 6)

41. Joice, George Robert

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20 th Battalion | 20/572 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 38 |

George Robert Joice was born at Bedlington in 1878 to parents were John and Hannah Joice (nee Wilkinson). George is shown to be working in the coal mines in 1891, aged 14. In 1901, George was still single, age 24 and living with his parents at West End, Bedlington. George married Ethel Pattison in 1909 and by 1911 was still working in the coal mines and living at Hollymount Hall, Bedlington with one child. He enlisted at Bedlington when living at Colville's Yard, Bedlington; he was wounded on the 4th of June weeks before he was killed. He is buried at Ovillers Military Cemetery, Somme France. (Reference XII. J. 8)

42. Docherty, James Clarkson

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 21 st Battalion | 21/355 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 3 rd July 1916 | Age 32 |

James Clarkson Docherty was born in 1884 at Bedlington to parents Samuel and Robina Docherty. In 1891, his father was already dead and his mother Robina was head of household at Front Street, Bedlington. James married Isabella Tully in 1905 which was registered at Tynemouth, Northumberland. The 1911 census records show he was living at Ridge Terrace, Bedlington with three children Allan, Dorothy and Rolina. After James died CWGC records show his wife Isabella was still living at Ridge Terrace, Bedlington. His memorial contains the inscription 'Forever Remembered'.

He is buried at Belcourt Military Cemetery, Belcortel – Becourt, France. (Reference is I. N. 15)

43. Orange, Snowden Foggan

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| Northumberland Fusiliers (2 nd Battalion) | 14588 |
| Lance Sergeant | Served France and Flanders |
| Died of Wounds – 10 th September 1915 | Age 20 |

Snowden Foggan Orange was born at Bedlington in 1895 and his parents were Joseph and Elizabeth Orange. In 1901, when Snowden was age 5, his father was a butcher farmer and the family lived at Market Place, Bedlington. Snowden was living at Meadow Dale Farm, Bedlington in 1911 where his father was still a farmer butcher. Snowden enlisted at Bedlington and his occupation at this time was a plumber. On his death his effects went to his father Joseph indicating he was not married. He was very young to be a Lance Sergeant. He is buried at Loker Churchyard, West Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference I. E. 15)

44. Middleton, Samuel Moses

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|--|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Irish) 25 th Battalion | 18027 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 30 th November 1917 | Age 30 |

Samuel Moses Middleton was born in 1888 at Bedlington, Northumberland; his father was Thomas, a coal miner and his mother Hannah Middleton. The 1891 Census shows his family living at Doctor Terrace, Bedlington. In 1901, Samuel lived at Old Colliery Row, Bedlington with his family when he was aged 13 and employed in the coal mines. When he enlisted at Newcastle on Tyne he was living at Catholic Row, Bedlington. Samuel is listed in the Ireland Memorial Records 1914 – 1920. His brother [John William Middleton](#) was killed in action on 17th October 1917. Records do not indicate he was married.

He is commemorated is at Arras Memorial France. (Reference Bay 2 and Bay 3)

45. Reay, David

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|--|----------------------------|
| Royal Field Artillery ("C" Battery 52 nd Bde) | 84875 |
| Gunner | Served France and Flanders |
| Died of Wounds – 2 nd October 1918 | Age 21 |

David Reay was born at Ouston in Durham in 1897. His mother was Elizabeth Reay who married Charles Perry in 1887 who became his stepfather. In 1901 David's family lived at 10, Eden Street, Fullwell County Durham. By 1911 Davis was 14 and employed as a draper's errand boy. David lived at Catholic Row, Bedlington around the time he enlisted at Blyth, Northumberland. He was wounded in France and died in England.

He is buried at Greenwich Cemetery, London. (Reference Screen Wall 1 "C" B. 1145)

46. Robson, Charles

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20 th Battalion | 20/637 |
| Sergeant | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 29 |

Charles Robson was born in Cornwood / Lambley Northumberland on 30th December 1886 to parents Francis and Jane Robson. Charles was living at Lane Heads, Haltwhistle in 1901 where his father was a colliery deputy overman and he was a colliery labourer. In 1911, he was living at Vulcan Place Bedlington single and worked as a hewer in the coal mines. The CWGC documents confirm he was the son of Francis and the late Jane Robson of Porch House, West End Bedlington. Charles enlisted when living at Newcastle Bank, Bedlington. None of the documents seen indicate he was married.

He is buried at Ovillers Military Cemetery, Somme France. (Reference X. O. 8.)

47. Weatherley, William Thomas

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|--|-----------------------|
| Royal Marine Light Infantry (Portsmouth Bn RN Div) | PO/366(S) |
| Private / Corporal | Served in Dardanelles |
| Died – 24 th June 1915 | Age 25 |

Thomas William Weatherley was born at Choppington, Northumberland in 1891; his parents were Thomas and Margaret Weatherley. His family lived at Ridge Terrace in 1901 which is the same address shown in the Record of Enlistment. William was living in Shinney Row in the same town in 1911 when he was 20 and employed on the surface looking after the boilers. No evidence seen to show he was married.

He is commemorated at Helles Memorial, Turkey. (Reference Panel 2 to 7)

(Photo available for this soldier)

48. Hindhaugh, George Hayes

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|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20 th Battalion | 20/569 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 19 |

George Hayes Hindhaugh was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1898 and his parents were Robert Wardlaw and Sarah Ann Hindhaugh. The Hindhaugh family lived in Gateshead in 1901 where George's father was a stationary engineman. In 1911, George, aged 13, was a newspaper paperboy and his family were living at 2, Deanery Street, Bedlington. The CWGC records show his parents were living at 58, Third Street, Ashington when George died. George was living in Deanery Street, Bedlington when he enlisted. His effects amounting to £7 0s 0d went to his mother Sarah Ann. George does not appear to marry.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B. 11B and 12B)

49. Pyle, John George

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) 2 nd Battalion | 23845 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 3 rd May 1917 | Age 32 |

John George Pyle was born in Bedlington, Northumberland about 1885. His parents were John and Isabella Pyle who were living at Ridge Terrace, Bedlington in 1911. John, a cartman, married Mary Eleanor Rebecca Penner in 1913 when living at Jasmine Cottage, Scotland Gate Choppington. John who was a Methodist enlisted originally in the Northumberland Fusiliers (29207) when living at Ridge Terrace, Bedlington. John attended the Whitley Memorial School in Bedlington.

He is commemorated at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Bay 6)

50. Pattison, William

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|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20 th Battalion | 20/607 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Died of Wounds – 20 th July 1916 | Age 28 |

William Pattison was born in 1889 at Blyth, Northumberland. His mother was Mary Ann Pattison who married George Duff in 1889 at Tynemouth, same county. In 1911, Mary Ann Duff is shown as a boarding house keeper at 1, Bells Place Bedlington. At this time William was single and working in the coal mines. William was living at living at Dowson's Buildings when he enlisted Bedlington. In all probability, after being wounded in early July William died in England hence the burial in Bedlington.

He is buried at Bedlington (Netherton Lane) Cemetery. (Reference C 534A)

51. Hutchison, James

Manchester Regiment (27th Battalion)

2nd Lieutenant

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 26th July 1916

Age 20

James Hutchison was the son of David and Isabella Hutchison who lived at the Blyth, Northumberland. In 1911, at the age of 16, he was living at the Police Station, Blyth where his father, born in Wooler, Northumberland, was a police sergeant. James who was single was employed as a solicitor's clerk with Mr C. Alderson at Morpeth. James's, was 6ft 3ins tall, and originally enlisted in the Life Guards however, when he obtained a commission he was transferred to the Manchester Regiment.

He is buried at Carnoy Military Cemetery, Somme France. (Reference N. 33)

52. Collpits, Thomas Edward

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Irish) 25th Battalion

25/813

Lance Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 20

Thomas Edward Collpits was born at Bedlington on 8th October 1895 to parents Thomas and Margaret Collpits and christened at St Bede's RC Church in same town. Before this about 1901 his family lived at Market Place, Bedlington. In 1911, he was working in the coal mines and living with his family, which included seven children, at 23, North Terrace, Bedlington. Thomas enlisted at Blyth, Northumberland when living at 1, Shiney Row, Bedlington according to the Record of Enlistments. Indications are that he was single.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B. 11B and 12B)

(Photo available for this soldier)

53. Smith, William Edward Miller

Royal Engineers (447th Field Coy)

459379

Lance Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 23rd April 1917

Age 19

William Edward Miller Smith the son of David and Elizabeth Smith was born at Bedlington in 1897. In 1911, his family was living at 14, Telephone Row, Bedlington when William, now aged 14, was working in the coal mines as rope boy. He enlisted at Newcastle when living at 4, Shiney Row, Bedlington. CWGC information shows William's parents were still living at 4 Shiney Row after his death. Williams's effects went to his mother which would indicate he did not marry.

He is buried at Wancourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais France. (Reference III. E. 5)

54. Miller, Thomas Martin

Northumberland Fusiliers (8th Battalion)

3946

Private

Served in Dardenelles

Killed in Action – 11th August 1915

Age 22

Thomas Martin Miller was the son of Thomas and Barbara Miller and was born in 1893. William's family lived at High Street, Bedlington in 1901. Thomas would have attended Whitley Memorial School at Bedlington as his name in on their remembrance plaque. In 1911, he was single aged 17 and employed in the coal mines when living at 7, Shiney Row, Bedlington. Thomas enlisted at Newcastle when living at 9, Shiney Row, Bedlington and this is where his parents were living after he died.

He is commemorated at Helles Memorial, Turkey. (Reference Panel 34 to 36)

55. Hannay, Thomas

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RN Div) Collingwood Battalion

Tyneside Z/986

Able Seaman

Served in Dardanelles

Killed in Action – 4th June 1915

Age 25

Thomas Hannay was born in 1890 at Bedlington and was the son of George and Mary Hannay (nee Hindmarsh). Thomas was single in 1911, living with parents at 16, Shiney Row, Bedlington and working as a roadsman underground in the coal mines. Thomas had two brothers who enlisted; they were Frederick Hannay who was wounded and returned and [Watson Selby Hannay](#) who was killed in action. This was a very high personal cost for their parents. Thomas enlisted when living at 16, Shiney Row and his parents were still there after his death. Note the name Hannah is used in the CWGC and military documents.

He is commemorated at Helles Memorial in Turkey. (Panel reference 8 to 16)

56. Hannay, Watson Selby

Northumberland Fusiliers (10th Battalion)

6491

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 25th September 1916

Age 24

Watson Selby Hannay, born in 1892, was the son of George and Mary Ann Hannay (nee Hindmarsh). He was the brother of Frederick Hannay who also enlisted survived the Great War and [Thomas Hannay](#) who was killed in action on 4th June 1915. He lived with his parents at 16, Shiney Row, Bedlington before enlisting at that town. In 1911, he was single and working in the coal mines as a putter. It should be noted some of the documentation uses the name Hannah.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B. 11b and 12B)

57. Hardy, David MM

West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales Own) 1st/6th Battalion

63690

Private

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 3rd November 1918

Age 18

David Hardy MM was the son of George and Isabella Hardy (nee Burn) and was born about 1900 at Bedlington. David was still at school in 1911 then aged 11. He worked in the coal mines before he enlisted while living 20, Shiney Row, Bedlington. David was awarded the Military Medal prior to his injury at a very young age. He was wounded by gas in action on 16th October 1918 and died on 3rd November 1918 from pneumonia. On his memorial is the following inscription 'His warfare o'er his battles fought, his victory won'.

He is buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais France. (Reference XLIX. A. 18)

58. Riddell, Joseph

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20th Battalion

20/629

Sergeant

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 22

Joseph Riddell, born about 1894 at Bedlington, was the son Thomas and Ellen Riddell and the husband of Elizabeth Riddell. His family were living at 22, Shiney Row, Bedlington in 1911. Records show he married his wife Elizabeth Shipley probably at the beginning of 1915. Joseph enlisted at Bedlington while living at 22, Shiney Row, Bedlington while working in the coal mines as a stone putter. His wife Elizabeth was living at of Taylors Buildings, Red Row Bedlington after Joseph died.

He is commemorated is at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference 10 B. 11 B and 12 B)

59. Richardson, David

Northumberland Fusiliers (Territorials) 1st/5th Battalion

243185

Lance Corporal

Served in France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 31st March 1918

Age 20

David Richardson was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1898. His parents were Thomas and Francis Caisley. In 1911, aged 14 he was living in his grandfather's house at 30, Shiney Row Bedlington; he was living at this address when he enlisted. David worked in the coal mines as a pony driver and does not appear to have married. His effects went to his mother Francis who had remarried Robert Humpish.

He is commemorated at Pozierres Memorial, Somme France. (Reference 16 -18)

(Photo available for this soldier)

60. Potter, Joseph Daniel

Northumberland Fusiliers (1st/7th Battalion)

290827

Private

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 27th October 1917

Age 33

Joseph Daniel Potter was born in Norfolk about 1883. In 1901, he was living with mother Charlotte who was a widow at Holt, Edgefield Norfolk. Joseph at the age of 18 was a private in the Norfolk Regiment. By 1911, when aged 27 he had moved to the Northumberland probably to gain employment in the coal mines and was single. At this time he was living with the Lamb family as a lodger at 18, Doctor Terrace, Bedlington. Joseph married their daughter Annie later in 1911 when she was 16 years old. Joseph enlisted at Alnwick, Northumberland into the East Yorkshire Regiment but was discharged due to damaged knees in November 1914. After this he joined the Northumberland Fusiliers and died from his wounds in 1917.

He is buried at Solferino Farm Cemetery, West Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference I. C. 42.)

61. Hale, Alexander

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|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20 th Battalion | 20/557 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 19 |

Alexander Hale was born in 1896 at Bedlington and was the fourth of twelve children to Joseph and Mary Hale. In the 1901 and 1911 census returns his family were living at Doctor Terrace, Bedlington. When, aged 15 he was working in the coal mines as stone pony putter. Alexander enlisted at Bedlington while living at his parents' house, 20, Doctor Terrace. When he died, his effects went to his mother Mary indicating he was not married. Alexander was a pupil at the Whitley Memorial School, Bedlington.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10 B 11 B and 12 B)

62. Jordan, John Buddles

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|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20 th Battalion | 20/575 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 19 |

John Buddles Jordan, the son of William and Elizabeth Jordan, was born at Longframlington, Northumberland in 1896. His family lived at Main Street, Longframlington in 1901 when John was 4 years old. In the 1911 Census John was 14, working as stone pony putter in the coal mines and living with his family at 24, Doctor Terrace Bedlington. His mother's maiden name was Buddles and this is included in John's full name. John lived at the family home when he enlisted at Bedlington. At John's young age he would have been single.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10 B 11 B and 12 B)

63. Davis, George Edward

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Scots Guards (1 st Battalion) | 15957 |
| Guardsmen | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 30 th July 1917 | Age 23 |

George Edward Davis was born at Gateshead, Durham in 1894; his parents were George and Margaret Davis. In the 1911 census, he was living at 26, Doctor Terrace, Bedlington where he was the son in law of the Thomas Henderson who was the head of the household. This information indicates if correct, George was married. If so at 17 he was very young. At this time he worked in the coal mines as a surface labourer. George enlisted at Newcastle when living at 26, Doctor Terrace, Bedlington.

He is commemorated at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference Panel 11)

64. Henderson, Albert James

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20 th Battalion | 20/564 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 19 |

Albert James Henderson was the son of Thomas and Isabella Henderson and was born in 1897 at Bedlington, Northumberland. In 1901 the Henderson family was living at Doctor Terrace, Bedlington where his father worked at the local colliery. His mother Isabella died in 1907 and his father married remarried. James lived at 26, Doctor Terrace, Bedlington in 1911 which was the same address as his step brother [George Edward Davis](#), who also perished in the Great War. James worked in the coal mines as a pony driver. He enlisted at Bedlington while living at 26, Doctor Terrace.

He is commemorated is at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Face 10B. 11B and 12B)

65. Rogers, John Henry

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (12 th /13 th Battalion) B Coy | 13641 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 4 th October 1917 | Age 28 |

John Henry Rogers lived at 30, Doctor Terrace, Bedlington in 1911 and was the son of John and Euphemia (nee Drysdale) Rogers who died in 1914. He was born at Bedlington in 1890 and worked in the coal mines. Records of John Rogers show that he was not married. After enlisting at Bedlington, he went to France in September 1917. His brother [George Thomas Rogers](#) also enlisted and was killed in action nine days after John on 13th October 1917. John's father was at 17, Millbank Terrace in the CWGC records after his death.

He is commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial, West Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference Panel 19 to 23 and 162)

66. Rogers, George Thomas

Northumberland Fusiliers (10th Battalion) A Coy

19559

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 13th October 1917

Age 23

George Thomas Rogers was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1895 and was the son of John and Euphemia (nee Drysdale) Rogers. George was living at 30, Doctor Terrace, Bedlington at the time he enlisted in the same town and worked in the coal mines as an underground landing lad. Evidence checked shows he was married. George's was the younger brother of [John Henry Rogers](#) shown above who died on the 4th October 1917. Within nine days this family lost two sons.

He is buried at Buttes New British Cemetery Polygon Wood. (Reference XVI. 11)

67. Hobson, William

West Yorkshire (Kings of Wales Own Regiment) 15th Battalion

53430

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 28th June 1918

Age 19

William Hobson was the son of James and Susannah Hobson and was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1899. William enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne when living with his parents at 31, Doctor Terrace, Bedlington. At this time he was single and working in the coal mines as a colliery labourer. After enlisting, he spent 10 days in hospital at Canterbury, Kent in January 1918 and went out to France in March of the same year.

He is buried at Cinq Rues British Cemetery, Hazebrouck Nord France. (Reference H. 20)

68. Jobson, Christopher

Royal Navy (HMS Africa)

SS/116072

Stoker 1st Class

Served in West Africa

Died of Illness – 16th September 1918

Age 27

Christopher Jobson was the son of Thomas and Dorothy Ann Jobson (nee Brown). Records show both Newcastle and Bedlington as a place of birth in 1890. Christopher worked in the coal mines as a pony putter. In 1901 his family lived at Catholic Row, Bedlington and were living in Doctor Terrace in the same town in 1911. Christopher joined the Navy in October 1914 and served on the HMS Africa. Records show he contacted influenza and died from pneumonia. His parents were living at 42, Doctor Terrace, Bedlington after his death.

He is buried at Freetown (King Tom) Cemetery, Freetown W. Africa. (Reference 1 C 15.)

69. Scougal, Thomas

Royal Garrison Artillery (11th Siege Battery)

59343

Gunner

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 21st March 1918

Age 23

Thomas Scougal was one of eight children to Thomas and Mary Scougal (nee Lowrie); Thomas was born in Bedlington about 1894. In 1911, his family were living at 43, Doctor Terrace, Bedlington where his father was an underground labourer. At that time Thomas was working as a carter and lodging at 7, Pretoria Avenue, Morpeth. Thomas enlisted at Newcastle on Tyne when at 43, Doctor Terrace and on his death his widowed mother was at 6, Hirst Terrace Bedlington. Records show Thomas was single.

He is commemorated at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France (Reference Bay 1)

70. Glenton, Thomas

East Yorkshire Regiment (11th Battalion)

11/169

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 2nd July 1917

Age 21

Thomas Glenton was the son of Harry and Julia Glenton born in Hull, Yorkshire in 1896. In 1911, aged 15 he was living with his family at 121, Gillet Street, Hessle Road Hull. At this time he was employed working in a fish house. Records show he did not married. It would appear he travelled to Bedlington to enlist (no evidence to show he was a miner) The Record of Enlistments show he was living at 47, Doctor Terrace Bedlington, possibly a house of a relative and his Service Record states he was a fish worker in 1914. On his death his effects went to his father Harry Glenton.

He is commemorated at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Bay 4 and 5)

71. Jones, John James

Northumberland Fusiliers (12th Battalion)

28103

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 31st March 1917

Age 31

John James Jones was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1886 to parents Enoch and Sarah Jones. In 1901 and 1911 Censuses his family were living at Doctor Terrace, Bedlington. John also worked as a colliery banksman above ground. On his death, his effects went to his father suggesting John was single. At the time of enlisting at Bedlington John was living at 49, Doctor Terrace, Bedlington. His parents were living at Oliver's Buildings in Bedlington after his death.

He is buried at Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux Pas de Calais France. (Reference VII. A. 26)

72. Stoker, James Ratcliffe

Northumberland Fusiliers (8th Battalion)

15110

Private

Served Egypt and France

Killed in Action – 26th September 1916

Age 39

James Radcliffe Stoker was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1876. His father Joseph Stoker was a stone mason at the colliery. His mother Charlotte was born in Norfolk. The family were living at Barns New Buildings, Bedlington in 1891 and in Coach Road, Bedlington as visitors of Margaret Stoker in 1901. James was living at Houghton-le-Spring, Durham in 1911. At the time he enlisted at West Hartlepool he was living at Hirst Terrace, Bedlington. On his death, his effects went to his mother Charlotte indicating he was probably single.

He is buried at Regina Trench Cemetery, Grandcourt Somme France. (Reference VII. G. 28)

73. McCabe, William

East Yorkshire Regiment (6th Battalion)

10773

Private

Served in Dardanelles

Killed in Action – 9th August 1915

Age 26

William McCabe was born at Bedlington in 1889 to parents Thomas McCabe and Hannah A Hogg, died 1893. In 1901 William, was living at 16, Chestnut Street, Woodhorn Ashington. William married Margaret Ayre in 1910. In 1911, his family was living at Rose Cottage, Choppington Station with their son John Thomas. Prior to enlisting William lived at Vulcan Place, Bedlington. CWGC records show he was the son of the late Mrs J Hedley (formally McCabe) of 1, Howard Terrace, Bedlington and husband of Margaret James (formally McCabe) of 11, Hollymount Terrace, Bank Top Bedlington. Williams's step brother, Albert [McCabe](#) also died in action.

He is commemorated at Helles Memorial, Turkey. (Reference Panel 52 to 55)

74. McCabe, Albert

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion

23/884

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 19

Albert McCabe was born at Hirst, Woodhorn Ashington in 1897. He was the son of Thomas and Jane Isabella Hogg (2nd marriage). Albert was the step brother of [William McCabe](#), shown above. Albert when aged 14 was working underground in the coal mines in the locality. He was living at Vulcan Place, Bedlington when he enlisted. No evidence is available to show he married. CWGC records show he was the son of Mrs Jane Hedley (formally McCabe) of 1, Howard Terrace, Bank Top Bedlington.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Pier and Face 10B. 11B and 12B)

75. Molden, Lawrence

East Yorkshire Regiment (11th Battalion)

41949

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 12th April 1918

Age 18

Lawrence Molden was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1899 to parents William and Nellie Molden, nee Percy who lived at 9, Millbank Terrace, Bedlington in 1911; he was a bank Clerk and living at this address when he enlisted. Lawrence's father was a boot repairer and he had a sister Nancy and a brother Percy. In 1901, his family lived at High Street, Bedlington in the house of his mother's father. After his death his effects in 6th August 1919, amounting to £7 2s 6d, went to his father William indicating he was probably single.

He is commemorated at Ploegstreert Memorial, Hainaut Belgium. (Reference Panel 4)

76. Miller, Robert

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|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion | 23/594 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Died of Wounds – 23 rd October 1916 | Age 40 |

Robert Miller was born about 1876 at Bedlington and is shown in 1911 Census to be a hewer in the coal mines. He was married to Margaret Jane Miller who was born in Newsham Blyth and they had son George Miller. When he enlisted at Bedlington Robert was living at Millbank Terrace, Bedlington. Robert died from his wounds and military records show in 1919 Margaret Jane his widow was awarded his effects. At this time she was living at 6, Millbank Crescent, Bedlington.

He is buried at Ration Farm Military Cemetery, Nord France (Reference 11. A. 13)

77. Routledge, Thomas Robinson

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|--|----------------------------|
| Yorkshire Regiment (9 th Battalion) | 19830 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 22 nd April 1916 | Age 33 |

Thomas Robinson Routledge was born about 1883 at Barrington near Bedlington Northumberland. No further family information is available other than his father was Robert Routledge. In 1911 Thomas was a border at 13, Millbank Terrace, Bedlington. Thomas worked as a coal miner below ground as a labourer, was single and enlisted at Bedlington while living at 13, Millbank Terrace.

He is buried at London Cemetery and Extension, Longueval, Somme France. (Reference 1.K.12)

78. Dodds, Robert

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Royal Engineers (447 th Field Coy) | 457402 |
| Lance Corporal | Served France and Flanders |
| Died of Illness/Wounds – 7 th September 1918 | Age 26 |

Robert Dodds was born at Mitford, Morpeth in 1892 and was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Dalrymple Dodds (nee Holland). On his mother's death his father married Barbara G Buddles in 1909. The family lived at Hirst Terrace, Bedlington where, in 1911, Robert was an apprentice to a joiner; there is no evidence to show he was married. Robert was living at 21, Millbank Terrace, Bedlington when he enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne. Information shows Robert died while a prisoner of war. Robert went to France on the 7th August 1915.

He is buried at Chauny Communal Cemetery, British Extension Aise France. (Reference 5.F.4)

79. Pick, Alfred James

| | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Royal Air Force | |
| Lieutenant | Served France, Egypt & Salonica |
| Killed in Accident – 2 nd December 1918 | Age 23 |

James Alfred Pick the eldest son of Alfred and Ellen Pick (nee Pendrick) was born at Bedlington in 1885. He was educated at Morpeth Grammar School, Northumberland and then at Rutherford College. His family lived at Hirst Terrace, then Vulcan Place and Lesbury House in Bedlington between 1901 and 1919. His father was a chemist. James was commissioned on the 15th August 1914 and went out to France on 26th May 1915. He was attached to the RAF from the Durham Light Infantry after being in the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Alfred was accidentally killed while flying at Eastchurch Kent. His brother Robert Noel Pick also served in the RAF.

He is buried at St Cuthbert's Church Graveyard at Bedlington.

80. Brown, William

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Yorkshire Regiment (7 th Battalion) | 15770 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 18 th January 1918 | Age 35 |

William Brown, born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1882 was married to Isabella. In 1911 when living at Walker Terrace, Bedlington; they had one son, Joseph William who was aged 3 at this time. William who worked in the coal mines enlisted at Bedlington while living at Vulcan Place. CWGC records show William Brown was the husband of Isabella Dixon (formally Brown) of 5, Mitchell Street, Walker Newcastle upon Tyne. Isabella married William Dixon in 1921 the marriage being registered at Morpeth Northumberland.

He is buried at Hermies British Cemetery, Pas de Calais France. (Reference I.F.15)

81. Hay, George Hindmarsh MM and Bar

Northumberland Fusiliers (9th Battalion)

20/801

Private

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 17th April 1918

Age 21

George Hindmarsh Hay was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1896 and his parents were Andrew and Catherine Hay. Census records show in 1901 show he was living at Front Street Bedlington where his father was an innkeeper. In 1911 he was living at The Quay, East End Bedlington as a stepson due to his mother remarrying. George enlisted at Bedlington while living at Millbank Crescent and military documents confirm he died of wounds. On his death his effects went to Prudence Sanderson. His brother [James Hay](#) was also killed in action.

He is buried at Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais France. (Reference XI.A.7A)

82. Hay, James

Amy Service Corps (4th Advanced Remount Depot)

TS3192

Strapper

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 13th February 1916

Age 28

James Hay was the older brother of [George Hindmarsh Hay](#) and was born in Bedlington in 1888. His parents were Andrew and Catherine Hay who lived at Front Street Bedlington where Andrew was an innkeeper. He was living at Millbank Crescent when he enlisted and after his death his effects went to his sister Madeline Robertson. The Morpeth Herald 25th February 1916 reports Mrs Hay, of Jubilee Terrace, Bedlington, has received word that her brother in law, Strapper James Hay, has died from wounds.

He is buried at Bois-Guillaume Communal Cemetery, Seine Maritime France. (Reference I.D.12)

83. Jefferson, Henry

Durham Light Infantry (19th Battalion)

104420

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 31st October 1918

Age 29

Henry Jefferson was born at Bedlington Northumberland in 1889 to parents John and Barbara Jefferson. Henry, a Methodist, married Elizabeth Patterson in 1912 and they had three children Barbara, Joseph and John. At the time of enlistment Henry was living at Vulcan Place Bedlington. Henry disembarked in France on 18th October 1918 and was killed about 13 days later; the war ended 11 days after his death. In his will his wife was living at Dowson Buildings, West End Bedlington. Sadly his brother [William Jefferson](#) had died in action in 1916. His other brother Christopher Jefferson was also killed in action but is not shown in the Record of Enlistments.

He is buried at Vichte Military Cemetery, West Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference III.D7)

84. Swindale, George Dawson

North Staffordshire Regiment (8th Battalion)

23457

Private

Served France/Flanders & Balkans

Killed in Action – 19th November 1916

Age 33

George Dawson Swindale was born at Newsham Blyth in 1883 to parents Hugh and Mary Swindle and was the husband of Jane Ellen Swindale. In 1911 he was living with his family at Burdon Terrace Bedlington where he was working in the coal mines as a coal hewer. When living at Millbank Crescent Bedlington he enlisted in the same town. CWGC records show his mother as living at 60, West Row, Bebside after his death.

He is buried at Grandcourt Road Military Cemetery, Somme France. (Reference B.37)

85. Walker, William

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion

23/984

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 22nd June 1916

Age 42

William Walker was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1874 and his parents were Michael and Margaret Walker. William was the husband of Susannah Walker and he was living at 4, Whitsun Avenue Bedlington when he enlisted in that town. William was a coal miner for many years before joining the Army. He lived at various addresses in Bedlington including Shiney Row, Stokers Buildings and Millbank Crescent.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

86. Arries, John Mansfield

Lancashire Fusiliers (15th Battalion)

235067

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 2nd December 1917

Age 28

John Mansfield Arries was the son of Alexander and Mary Arries and was born at Bilton Banks, Northumberland on 14th January 1889 and christened on 10th February in the same year. In 1891, his family lived at Blue House Bedlington and in 1911, aged 22, single, he was living at 10, North Terrace, Bedlington whilst working in the coal mines as a hewer. At the time of enlisting at Bedlington he was living at Hirst Head Cottages, Bedlington. Originally John was a Private in the East Yorkshire Regiment with service number 10725. He is commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference Panel 54 to 60 and 163A)

87. Richardson, William

Durham Light Infantry (15th Battalion)

246023

Private

Served in France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 6th October 1918

Age 25

William Richardson was born at Mitford near Morpeth in 1892 to parents Robert and Annie Richardson who were living at 1, West View Bedlington Station after their son's death. William and his father were both farm labourers. At the time of his enlistment at Gosforth, near Newcastle William was living at Hirst Head, Bedlington and all indications are that he was single as his effects went to his father Robert.

He is commemorated at Vis-En-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais France (Reference Panel 9)

88. Latty, William

Royal Field Artillery ("X" 12th Trench Mortar Battery)

127439

Gunner

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action - 2nd August 1917

Age 22

William Latty the son of Mary Todd of Butterwell Farm Morpeth born in 1895. In 1901 the census shows his mother to be married but father not in the household at Vulcan Place Bedlington. William enlisted at Bedlington and while living at Hirst Head Farm in the same town. It would appear William did not marry as his effects went to his mother Mary Todd amounting to £5 8s 2d in December 1917 and £6 10s 0d in November 1918.

He is buried at Windmill British Cemetery, Monchy-le-Preux France. (Reference 1.E.5)

89. Armstrong, John Thomas

Yorkshire Regiment (9th Battalion)

17948

Private

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 8th October 1916

Age not known

John Thomas Armstrong was born at Hepburn (Northumberland or Durham); his name appears on the Whitley Memorial School Role of Honour where he was most likely to have been a pupil. William was living at Vulcan Place Bedlington when he enlisted at Bridlington in Yorkshire and was originally in the Yorkshire Hussars. Limited information has been uncovered about this brave man who lost his life fighting in France.

He is buried at Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme France. (Reference III. F. 43)

90. Embleton, William

Northumberland Fusiliers (1st/7th Battalion)

291809

Private

Served France, Flanders & East Prussia

Died – 4th November 1918

Age 24

William Embleton was born at Bedlington in 1894 and was the son of Thomas and Margaret Embleton. In 1901 William was living with his family at Hollymount Bedlington and in 1911 at Beech Grove Bedlington. At this time he was working in the coal mines as a pony driver and single. William had two brothers and two sisters Thomas 4, John 2, Elizabeth 13 and Mary 10. CWGC records show his family lived at 20, Beech Grove Bedlington after his death which is where William was living when he enlisted. The inscription on his memorial reads 'God is Love'. William was a prisoner of war when he died from either illness or wounds tragically only seven days before the end of the war.

He is commemorated at Lidzbark Warminski War Cemetery, Poland. (Reference CWGC.10)

91. Straker, Adrian Charles

Kings Own Rifle Corps (11th Battalion)

C/1645

Rifleman

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 18th September 1916

Age 21

Adrian Charles Straker was the son of George and Mary Straker and was born about 1895 at Bedlington Northumberland. The 1901 census shows he was one of seven children and the family lived at Doctor Terrace Bedlington. In 1911 Adrian was living at 15, Beech Grove Bedlington and was employed as a draper's assistant. His father George was born Rothbury Northumberland and worked in the coal mines. The documents seen indicate Adrian did not marry and was living at Beech Grove Bedlington when he enlisted. Adrian's two brothers Hubert and Robert both served in the Great War and survived.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and face 13A and 13B)

92. Dunn, Malcolm

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 22nd Battalion

2nd Lieutenant

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 9th April 1918

Age 23

Malcolm Dunn was born at Bedlington Northumberland in 1894. His father was Edward Dunn who was a grocer's assistant and his mother was Margaret Dunn. Edward Dunn died before 1901 when the family were living at Front Street, Bedlington where Malcolm was one of six children. In 1911, Malcolm was still at school according to the census at that time. Malcolm's two brothers Lewis and Edward both served in the Great War and survived. Malcolm was living at 8, Beech Grove, Bedlington when he enlisted.

He is buried at Strand Military Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium. (Reference IX.R.10)

93. Shaw, Francis Robertson

Northumberland Fusiliers (19th Battalion)

19/708

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 29th August 1916

Age 32

Francis Robinson Shaw, known as Frank, was born at Whitby, Yorkshire in 1884 and was the eldest child of William and Martha Shaw. In 1901 the family were living at Hollymount, Bedlington where Frank worked in the coal mines, as did his father. Frank married Dorothy Ann Smith in 1908 and they lived at Rothsay Terrace, Bedlington Station where they had two children, Margaret and Joseph. Frank enlisted when living at 2, Beech Grove, Bedlington and went out to France in January 1916. Frank's brothers [William Robertson Shaw](#) and [Robert Robertson Shaw](#) were both killed in action. The Great War claimed three sons in this family.

He is buried at Peronne Road Cemetery, Maricourt Somme France. (Reference III.B.8)

94. Shaw, William Robinson

Royal Marine Light Infantry (Portsmouth Battalion R.N. Division)

PO/405(S)

Private

Served in Dardanelles

Killed in Action – 24th June 1915

Age 26

William Robinson Shaw was the son of William and Martha Shaw and was born in Whitby, Yorkshire in 1889. William was a grocer's assistant in 1911 and was single, he enlisted when living at Beech Grove, Bedlington. His two brothers [Francis Robinson Shaw](#) and [Robert Robinson Shaw](#) both served and were killed in action. Additional details of where he lived etc. are shown in previous entry.

He is commemorated at Helles Memorial Turkey. (Reference Panel 2 to 7)

(Photo available for this soldier)

95. Shaw, Robert Robertson

Royal Marine Light Infantry (Portsmouth Battalion R.N. Division)

PO/404(S)

Private

Served in Dardanelles

Killed in Action – 26th June 1915

Age 21

Robert Robinson Shaw was born in Bedlington on 2nd July 1894 and his parents were William and Martha Shaw. Robert worked in the coal mines as a pony driver below ground in 1911 when aged 16. He enlisted and served in the same battalion as his brother [William Robinson Shaw](#) and was killed two days after his death. His other brother [Francis Robinson Shaw](#) was also killed in action. Additional details of where he lived etc. are shown in the two previous entries. Robert and William had sequential service numbers.

He is commemorated at Helles Memorial Turkey. (Reference Panel 2 to 7)

96. Earl, John

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 21 st Battalion | 21/353 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 29 th April 1917 | Age 35 |

John Earl, born at Bedlington in 1883 was the husband of Catherine Earl (nee Metcalf) and the father of two children, Mary and John Andrew. In 1911 he lived 72, Victoria Terrace, Bedlington Station. John's parents were Samuel and Agnes Earl of 6, Gladstone Terrace, Bedlington and he was the brother of [Samuel Heatley Earl](#) who served and died in the Great War. Before enlisting John was employed as a labourer with the district council. On his death, his effects amounting to £8 13s 2d and £11 0s 0d went to his widow Catherine.

He is buried at St. Nicolas British Cemetery, Pas de Calais France. (Reference I.H.14)

97. Earl, Samuel Heatley

| | |
|---|----------------|
| West Yorkshire (Prince of Wales Own) Regiment | 48283 |
| Private | Served at Home |
| Died – 1919 | Age 32 |

Samuel Heatley Earl, brother of [John Earl](#), was born at Bedlington Northumberland in 1887; his parents were Samuel and Agnes Earl of 6, Gladstone Terrace, Bedlington. Samuel was a labourer with the local Council and enlisted when aged 28 at Bedlington. He served at home from December 1915 to January 1919 in roles supporting the war effort. Unfortunately Samuel had medical problems which included heart disease that appears to have limited his abilities. After being discharged at the age of 31 in 1919 he was living at 19, Grant Street, Leeds Yorkshire.

His burial details are not known.

98. Hallowell, Joseph

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Royal Engineers (39 th Fortress Coy) | 35899 |
| Sapper | Served at Home |
| Killed in Accident - 27 th July 1917 | Age 32 |

Joseph Hallowell was a soldier who was killed in an accident at Leysdown Station, Isle of Sheppey Kent while serving with his regiment. William, born in Newcastle, a bricklayer was married to Eleanor Fraser at Blyth Northumberland on 4th February 1917; he had one son who was born in June in the same year. Joseph worked as a colliery boiler fireman and enlisted at Newcastle while living at Victoria Terrace, Bedlington. William was killed when a hand drawn water cart was struck by a moving locomotive and overturned trapping him underneath.

He is buried at Netherton Lane Cemetery Bedlington. (Reference C.581C.)

99. Stoker, Thomas Joseph

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| York and Lancaster (2 nd / 5 th Regiment) | 242691 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 3 rd May 1917 | Age 41 |

Joseph Thomas Stoker, born at Bedlington in 1877, was the son of Robert and Margaret Stoker. In 1901 Joseph was living in the family house at Sleekburn Lane Bedlington and in 1911 he was living in his father's house at Vulcan Place, Bedlington. Joseph, a stone mason, married Jane Thynne Scott in 1914 and they had one child. Joseph enlisted at Bedlington while living at Vulcan Place Bedlington. On his death his effects amounting to £3 7s 8d went to his widow Jane.

He is commemorated at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Bay 8)

100. McHugh, Joseph

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Irish) 24 th Battalion | 24/30 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 32 |

Joseph McHugh was born at Bedlington in 1885 to parents Michael McHugh and Bridget McHugh (nee Paton). Joseph's father was a coal miner of Irish descent. In 1891 and 1901 the family lived at Old Hall, Bedlington moving to Hirst Terrace, Bedlington in 1911. When Joseph enlisted he was living at Hollymount, Bedlington. All the records indicate Joseph did not marry.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B, 11b and 12B)

101. McSherry, James

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Irish) 24 th Battalion | 24/1428 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 24 |

James McSherry was born at Bedlington in 1891 and married Matilda Renolds in 1915 at St. Bede's Catholic Church, Bedlington. Details of his parents are unknown. In 1901 James is living at his grandmother's house at Glebe Row, Bedlington. His grandmother being Irish would have influenced his regiment selection when he enlisted at Bedlington, Northumberland then living at Hirst Terrace in the same town. In 1911 he was living at 5, Millbank Terrace Bedlington and is shown as a nephew in this household. He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

102. Gibson, George

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (11 th Battalion) | 11883 |
| Corporal | Served in Italy |
| Killed in Action – 29 th October 1918 | Age 24 |

George Gibson was born in Morpeth, Northumberland about 1894. Information from the CWGC shows he was the son of Esther and the late George Gibson of 26, Hirst Terrace Bedlington. It appears he did not marry and enlisted when living at his parents' house. George was an underground labourer in the coal mines and in 1911 aged 17 was living in the family house at 33, Red Row, Bedlington Station. Before this the family lived at Bank Top, Bedlington. He is buried at Tezze British Cemetery, Italy. (Reference Plot 6 Row C. Grave 3)

103. Mason, John Kennedy

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (8 th Battalion) | 3972 |
| Private | Served in Balkans |
| Killed in Action – 19 th August 1915 | Age 35 |

John Kennedy Mason was born in Maryport, Cumberland in 1880 and was the son of John Kennedy and Ellen (Eleanor) Mason, nee Goodwin. John, a coal miner, married his wife Sarah Ann Marling in 1908 at Durham. In 1911 they were living at Wallsend, Northumberland. When he enlisted at Newcastle the records show John was living a Fairbairn's Yard, Bedlington. Information from CWGC, after his death, shows he was the husband of Sarah Annie Osselton, (formally Mason), of 5, Weir Street Wallsend. He is commemorated at Helles Memorial, Turkey. (Reference Panel 34 to 36)

104. Nesbitt, George

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (21 st Battalion) | 211922 (21/922) |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 19 th October 1917 | Age 20 |

George Nesbitt was at Newbiggin, Northumberland in 1897 and his parents were James and Jane Nesbitt. In 1901 George's family, including his sister Margaret 7, was living at Hirst, Ashington where his father was a coal miner hewer. The CWGC records show his parents living at 26, Hirst Terrace, Bedlington. This is the same address recorded in the Record of Enlistments where he was living at the time he enlisted at Cramlington. He is commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial, West Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference Panel 19 to 23 and 162)

105. Stoddart, William

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Coldstream Guards | 12228 |
| Corporal | Served France and Flanders |
| Died from Illness – 13 th March 1917 | Age 25 |

William Stoddart was born at Bedlington Northumberland in 1892 and was the son of William and Annie Stoddart of 3, Gordon Terrace Bedlington. William's records show he was almost six feet tall which may have been the reason he joined the Coldstream Guards. Before enlisting in 1914 he was employed in the coal mines as a horse keeper underground. William was part of the Expeditionary Force between 22/01/15 – 30/05/15 and was discharged later that year because of TB in his lung. William died at home as a result of his lung condition on 13th March 1917; he does not appear to have a CWGC entry. His brother [Albert Stoddart](#) was killed at the Battle of the Somme in 1916. Commemoration or burial details are not known.

106. Stoddart, Albert

Northumberland Fusiliers (20th Battalion)

20/661

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 22

Albert Stoddart, born at Bedlington Northumberland in 1894, was the second child of William and Annie Stoddart. His family were living at Gladstone Terrace, Bedlington in 1901 and in 1911 they were living at 3, Gordon Terrace in the same town. Albert and his father both worked in the coal mines. His effects went to his father which would indicate he was single. Albert's older brother [William Stoddart](#) served with the Coldstream Guards and died from TB in 1917.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

107. Nixon, Joseph

Durham Light Infantry (15th Battalion)

81312

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 29th May 1918

Age 19

Joseph Nixon was born at Bedlington Northumberland in 1899 to parents Mary and John Nixon of 1, Gordon Terrace, Bedlington. In 1901, Joseph and his family were living in his grandfather's house at Coach Road, Bedlington. Joseph, a miner, enlisted at Newcastle upon Tyne whilst living at his parent's house at Bedlington and was single as his effects went to his mother Mary E. Nixon.

He is commemorated at Soissons Memorial, Aisne France. (Reference not available)

108. Hall, William

East Yorkshire Regiment (6th Battalion)

16313

Lance Sergeant

Served Dardenelles

Killed in Action – 9th August 1915

Age 23

William Hall's records show he was born at Earsdon, Northumberland in 1892 and married Lillias Robson in 1910 which was registered at Morpeth. In 1911, William was 19 and living with his wife at 7½, Glebe Terrace, Bedlington with their 6 month old son Robert Robson Hall. He was employed looking after engines on the surface at a coal mine. He enlisted when living at Rock Cottages, Humford Bedlington. After his death his wife married Evans McTeer in 1921.

He is commemorated at Helles Memorial Turkey. (Reference Panel 52 to 55)

109. Wolfendale, Anthony

East Yorkshire Regiment (6th Battalion)

11367

Private

Served Dardenelles

Died of Wounds – 14th February 1916

Age 29

Anthony Wolfendale's parents were Joseph and Isabella Wolfendale. His father was from Lancashire and Anthony's wife Isabella Wallwork (marriage in 1907) was from Farnworth in the same county. Anthony was born at Ratcliffe near Amble, Northumberland in 1886; in 1901 his family was living at Long Row in Ashington where he was a pony driver underground. In 1911 he was still working in the coal mines when living at 51, Maple Street Ashington. Anthony enlisted at Bedlington when living at Rock Cottages, Humford Bedlington.

He is buried at Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. (Reference E.29)

110. Ritchie, William

Northumberland Fusiliers (22nd Battalion)

35848

Private

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 28th October 1918

Age 21

William Ritchie was born at Horton Northumberland in 1897 to parents Alexander and Jane Ann Ritchie. Alexander Ritchie was an agricultural labourer. In 1911 William, aged 13 was still at school and his family was living at Hirst Head, Bedlington. William enlisted at Bedlington while living at Humford Mill near Bedlington and died at a hospital in Hamburg. On his death his effects, amounting to £26 18s 6d + £7 10s 0d, went to his father Alexander indicating William was probably single. CWGC information shows his parents living at Fawdon House, Longhirst Morpeth after Williams's death. William was formally in the Territorial Reserves with the service number 77733.

He is buried at Hamburg Cemetery, Germany. (Reference I.B.9)

111. Smyth, Thomas Chester

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Pioneers) 19 th Battalion | 19/382 |
| Company Sergeant Major | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 30 th July 1916 | Age 29 |

Thomas Chester Smyth, a schoolmaster, was the son of James William and Susanna Smyth and was born at Whitburn, Durham in 1887. Thomas lived with his parents at Hartford House, Bedlington which was the home of the Burdon family where his father was the Head Gardener. He enlisted at Newcastle when living at Hartford Hall and was not married. Thomas's brother, [Henry Richard Smyth](#), also of the Northumberland Fusiliers, died four weeks before Thomas.

He is buried at Carnoy Military Cemetery, Somme France. (Reference C.22)

112. Smyth, Henry Richard

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (16 th Battalion) | 16/111 |
| Lance Corporal | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 20 |

Henry Richard Smyth was born at Whitburn Durham in 1896 and was the youngest son of James William and Susanna Smyth. His family lived at Hartford Hall Bedlington, the home of the Burdon family, where his father was the Head Gardener. Henry, who was single, enlisted when living at this address and was living there in 1901 and 1911 as shown in the census returns. Henry's brother [Thomas Chester Smyth](#) joined the Northumberland Fusiliers and was killed in action during the following month.

He is buried at Lonsdale Cemetery, Arthuille France. (Reference VI.S.7)

113. Hann, James

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23 rd Battalion | 23/989 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 45 |

James Hann was born at Felling Durham in 1870 to parents Samuel P and Dorothy Hann. James was married to Elizabeth Jane Brown who was born at Foresthall, Northumberland. In 1911, they were living at 2, Millbank Terrace, Bedlington which is where he was living when enlisting. James's occupation is described as a coal miner's labourer below ground' in the 1911 Census which also shows he had an adopted daughter Elsie Mary age 9; they had no children of their own.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Panel 10B 11B and 12B)

114. Clark, John William

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) 13 th Battalion | 315590 |
| Lance Corporal | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 4 th November 1918 | Age 30 |

John William Clark was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1888, the eldest son of William and Alice Clark. In 1901, John was working on a farm and his family were living at Ridge Terrace, Bedlington. By 1911 Alice Clark had died and the family were living at Burdon Terrace, Bedlington. John joined a Scottish regiment and travelled to Dunkeld near Perth where he enlisted. When John was killed his effects went to his sister Isabella, which would indicate he was not married.

He is buried at Fountaine-au-Bois Communal Cemetery, Nord France. (Reference A.15)

115. Young, George Robert

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Motor Transport (Army Service Corps) | M2/115796 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 7 th August 1916 | Age 30 |

George Robert Young was born at Blyth in Northumberland in 1885. His parents were George and Jane Ann Young who lived at Lane Farm, Bedlington where his father was a farmer. When George was old enough he began to work on the farm with his father. In the 1901 Census, George has a brother John aged 13 and a sister Ethel who is seven years old. While living at Lane Farm, Bedlington George enlisted at Hexham, Northumberland. No documents seen show George Robert to be married.

He is buried at Caestre Communal Cemetery, Nord France. (Reference IV. A. 2)

116. O'Hare, John

West Yorkshire Regiment (10th Battalion)

11072

Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 5th May 1916

Age 26

John O'Hare is shown as John Chave in the Record Enlistments. Census records show he was born at Morpeth, Northumberland in 1890, one of at least four children, born to Sarah O'Hare who is recorded as being a widow in 1901 when the family lived at 4, Oldgate Street, Morpeth. John was a coal miner and married Catherine Graham in 1912 and enlisted at Morpeth when living at Vulcan Place, Bedlington.

He is buried at Cite Bonjean Cemetery, Armentieres France (Reference I.A.9.)

117. Crickmer, Leslie

Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment

31185

Sergeant

Served in India

Died of Illness – 10th July 1920

Age 27

Leslie Crickmer was born at Beverley, East Yorkshire in 1893. His parents were Gertrude McCaul and Edith Caroline Crickmer. The 1901 Census spells the family name as Crickmore and corrected to Crickmer. In 1911, Leslie was boarding at Spring View, Bedlington and is shown to be a Bank Clerk and single. Probate records show his address as High Street West, Bedlington and his effects went to his Executor Joseph A. Smith. Leslie died at home however research did not locate any records with CWGC.

Commemoration or burial details are not known.

118. Nordstrom, John William

Somerset Light Infantry (8th Battalion)

15864

Lance Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 26th September 1915

Age 29

John William Nordstrom was born near Bellingham in Northumberland in 1886. His parents were Elias Nordstrom, a coal miner, born in Denmark in 1856 and Mary Burrell born in 1867. John William lived at Bells Cottages, Bedlington in 1891 and Sunnyside Cottages in the same town in 1901. In 1909 he married Sarah Jane Middleton, aged 22 when he was 24 and they had five children. In 1911, he was working as a coal miner living at Foggans Yard, Bedlington which is where he was living when he enlisted. His name in the CWGC documentation is Nordstron. After his death his wife Sarah Jane married Edward Emery in 1922.

He is commemorated at Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Panel 38 and 39)

(Photo available for this soldier and expanded history)

119. Orange, Joseph Thomas

Durham Light Infantry (22nd Battalion)

22/1081

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 26th March 1918

Age 21

Joseph Thomas Orange the son of William and Mary Jane Orange of Bedlington was born at Bedlington in 1896. In 1911, he was an apprentice draper, aged 14, and his family was living at Foggans Yard, Bedlington. Joseph enlisted at South Shields and his military records show he was a draper's assistant. He went to France on 16th June 1916 and was there until his death on 26th March 1918. After his death his effects, amounting to £12 15s 3d and £8 10s 0d, went to his mother Mary. It appears Joseph did not marry.

Note His enhanced history is included in this document.

He buried at Pargny British Cemetery, Somme France. (Reference III.A.10)

120. Mavin, Anthony

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20th Battalion

20/595

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 35

Anthony Mavin was born at Bedlington Northumberland in 1881 to parents Robert and Jane Mavin (nee Leatherd). In 1901, he was living at Bells Place, Bedlington in the house of his widowed grandmother, Ann Mavin. At this time Anthony was 20 and working as a coal hewer. Anthony married Margaret Ellen Gray in 1904 and in 1911 he was living at Tankerville Yard, Bedlington with three children. Anthony enlisted at Bedlington when living at Foggan's Yard in the same town. His effects went to his widow Margaret.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11b and 12B)

121. Wight, George Prior

West Yorkshire (Prince of Wales's Own) 1st Battalion

59081

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 21st March 1918

Age 19

George Prior Wight was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1898 to parents Robert and Hannah Wight. George was the youngest of five children. In 1901, the family were living at Market Place, Bedlington where his mother, maiden name Marley, was a charwoman, his father having died in 1899. The family were still at this address in 1911 and in the summer of 1917 he married Elizabeth Bower. George enlisted at Newcastle when living at Rosella Place, Bedlington.

He is commemorated at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Plot Bay 4)

122. Elliott, George

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion

23/717

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 29th April 1917

Age 33

George Elliott, the husband of Minnie Elliott, was born at Amble, Northumberland in 1884. The 1901 Census shows George, age 17, working underground and living at 46, The Terrace, Cramlington; his parents were John and Mary A Elliott. In 1911, George and his family were living at Craig's Buildings Bank Top Bedlington with their son Jacob Wood Elliott aged 3. When he enlisted his address is shown as Fail's Yard, Bedlington. CWGC records show Minnie would be living at 3, Old Colliery Row, Bells Place Bedlington when her husband died.

He is buried at Browns Copse Cemetery, Pas de Calais France. (Reference I.C.37)

123. Brooks, Edward

Northumberland Fusiliers (8th Battalion)

15097

Private

Served Dardanelles and France

Killed in Action – 26th September 1916

Age 30

Edward Brooks was born at Amble, Northumberland in 1886 and was one of 10 children born to James and Eleanor Brooks. In 1891, his family were living at Bothal Terrace, Pegswood and in 1911 their address was at Back Street, Choppington. Edward and his father were both miners. In 1908, Edward married Mary Ford and in 1911 they lived with his family at Byron Street, Choppington before moving to Salmon Place, Bedlington, from where he enlisted. They had four children James, Archer, Maggie and Laura. Military records show the name Brookes and census documents record the name Brooks.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B. 11B. and 12B)

124. Easton, John William

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion

23/258

Private

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 1st November 1917

Age 39

John William Easton was born at Cambois, Northumberland in 1878. In 1881, then aged 3, he was living at the Black Bull, Front Street Bedlington with his parents Joseph and Dorothy Easton. By 1911, he was living at 25, North Terrace, Bedlington with his wife Mary Elizabeth and was working in the coal mines as a stoneman. He was living at this address when he enlisted.

He is buried at Bedlington (Netherton Lane) Cemetery. (Reference C.525A.)

125. Shadforth, James

Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) 10th Battalion

43366

Sergeant

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 21st April 1917

Age 22

James Shadforth was born at Bedlington in 1895 to parents John and Frances Shadforth who had six other children. James's father was a colliery mason and in 1901 the family were living at Bank Top, Bedlington. The family address in 1911 was 5, Wood Row, Bank Top Bedlington and James was a colliery labourer underground. Before serving with the Yorkshire Regiment he was with the East Yorkshire Regiment with the service number 11375. His brother Mathew also served with the Coldstream Guards. Indications are that James was single.

He is commemorated at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Bay 4)

126. Dunn, George Robert

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Household Cavalry | 1113 |
| Corporal of Horse | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 12 th October 1917 | Age 22 |

George Robert Dunn, the son of William and Isabella Dunn, was born at Bedlington Northumberland in 1896. His family were living at Jubilee Terrace, Bedlington in 1901 when he was five years old. In the 1911 Census he was living at his parents' house at 44, North Terrace, Bedlington working in the coal mines aged 15. Robert enlisted in London initially in the 1st Life Guards (Service Number 3439) before joining the Household Cavalry. No evidence was found to show he was married.

He is commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference Panel 3)

127. Jefferson, William

| | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Royal Horse Artillery (460 th Battery), 15 th Brigade | 81741 |
| Gunner | Served Dardanelles and France |
| Died of Wounds – 18 th August 1917 | Age 22 |

William Jefferson was the son of John and Barbara Hoy Taylor Jefferson was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1895. In 1911 William was 16 years old and working in the coal mines as a rope boy. He enlisted at Newcastle when living at his parents' house at 48, North Terrace, Bedlington and was wounded in action on the 17th August 1917, dying the following day. On his death his effects went to his father indicating he was not married. His brother [Henry Jefferson](#) was also killed in action as was his brother Christopher. He is buried at Dozinghem Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference III.J.10)

128. Smith, Joseph

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (1 st /7 th Battalion) | 1079 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 28 th May 1915 | Age 25 |

Joseph Smith the third son of Robert and Jane Smith and was born at Murton, Sunderland in 1899. His father was a miner and they lived at Bedlington Station in 1891. In 1911, his family was living at 1, New South Row, Bedlington where Joseph a rope boy working in the coal mines. Joseph's brothers John and Jacob both served in the Great War and returned, although John was gassed. Joseph was living at the family address when he enlisted. Joseph was married and CWGC information shows his wife, Jane Isabella Smith, was living at Storey's Buildings, Choppington Northumberland after his death.

He is commemorated at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial Belgium. (Reference Panel 8 and 12)

(Photo available for this soldier)

129. Newman, Joseph

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (10 th Battalion) | 14829 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Died of Wounds – 23 rd October 1915 | Age 24 |

Joseph Newman's parents were Robert and Margaret Newman and he was born at Blyth, Northumberland in 1891. In 1901, aged 10 years, he was living with parents at Crofton Street, Cowpen. Ten years later he was living in his grandfather's house at 4, Cross Row, Bedlington, working in the coal mines as a pony putter. In 1914 Joseph married Francis A Luthwaite and they had a son Henry Newman. When living at 3, New South Row, Bedlington he enlisted and died of wounds at 26 Field Ambulance in 1915. His brother [Mark Newman](#) was also killed in action.

He is buried at Sailly-Sur-La-Lys Canadian Cemetery France. (Reference II.B.31)

130. Newman, Mark

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (8 th Battalion) | 3975 |
| Private | Served Dardanelles |
| Killed in Action – 19 th August 1915 | Age 20 |

Mark Newman, born at Blyth about 1895, was the brother of [Joseph Newman](#) who died of wounds in October 1915; his parents were Robert and Margaret Newman. In 1911 he was living with his parents at 4, Cross Row, Bedlington which is where he was living at the time of his enlistment at Newcastle. Mark worked in the coal mines as a rope boy and did not marry. Following his death his effects went to his father Robert Newman.

He is commemorated at Helles Memorial, Turkey. (Reference Panel 34 to 36)

(Photo available for this soldier)

131. Elliott, Daniel

East Yorkshire Regiment (1st/4th Battalion)

36837

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 31st March 1918

Age 25

Daniel Elliott was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1893 and was the son of Daniel and Sarah Ann Elliott. In 1901, aged 6, he was living at New South Row, Bedlington where his father was a chargeman underground in the coal mines. At the age of 16 in 1911, Daniel worked on the surface of a coal mine as a screener. Daniel enlisted when he was 21 while living at 9, New South Row, Bedlington. Information shows he was missing reported dead in the German Lists. His parents moved to 9, Burdon Terrace, Bedlington around the time of or after his death. There is no evidence to show Daniel married.

He is commemorated at Pozieres Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Panel 27 and 28)

132. Logan, Ralph

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Irish) 27th Battalion

27/1381

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 8th September 1916

Age 18

Ralph Logan was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1897 and was the son of William and Mary Ann Logan who were living at Vulcan Place, Bedlington at the time of his death. Ralph when aged 13, in 1911 was working in a coal mine as a colliery trapper. His father was Irish and worked as a colliery chargeman; the family lived 17, South Row, Bedlington which is address Ralph was living when he enlisted at Bedlington. On his death his effects went to his mother Mary Ann Logan indicating Ralph was not married.

He is buried at Flatiron Copse Cemetery, Mametz Somme France. (Reference I.H.I)

133. Stewart, Thomas Langlands

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20th Battalion

20/921

Lance Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 20

Thomas Langlands Stewart was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1895 to parents Joseph and Mary Stewart (nee Morris). The initial record checked showed his name spelt Steward but subsequent research confirms the family name as Stewart. In the 1901 Census his family were living at White House Yard, Bedlington and Thomas was 5 years old at this time. By 1911 he was one of 8 children in the family living at 20, New South Row, Bedlington where he was a pony driver in the coal mine at the age of 15. Thomas enlisted when living at the family house and was unmarried.

He is buried at Ovillers Military Cemetery, Somme France. (Reference XIII.N.8)

(Photo available for this soldier)

134. Scott, John

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20th Battalion

20/13

Sergeant

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 9th May 1917

Age 25

John Scott was the eldest child of Christopher and Isabella Scott was born at Bedlington in 1892. His family lived at 6, Jubilee Terrace, Bedlington Station where his father was a grocer and provisions dealer. On leaving school John went to work in the shop with his father. At the time of his enlistment John was living at 10, Telephone Row, Bedlington and is named on the Bedlington Coal Company's Roll of Honour indicating he changed his job and became a miner. John was killed at the Battle of Arras, but his body was never found.

He is buried at Hervin Farm British Cemetery, Pas de Calais France. (Reference C.13)

135. Dunn, James Edgar

7th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby) Regiment

106747

Private

Served France and Flanders

Died of Illness – 12th February 1919

Age 19

James Edgar Dunn, the son of George and Mary Ann Dunn, was born at Bedlington in 1899. In 1911 he was aged 11 and at school, living with his parents at 15, Telephone Row, Bedlington. His father was a deputy overman at the pit. James was a prisoner of war in Germany having been reported missing on 20th April 1918. He died from pneumonia at the 7th Stationary Hospital at Boulogne on 12th February 1919. James was single.

He is buried at Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille France. (Reference XIII.D.2)

136. Eltis, John

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 21 st Battalion | 21/796 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 13 th August 1916 | Age 31 |

John Ellis (documentation uses Eltis and Ellis) was born at Choppington, Northumberland in 1885. He was the son of John and Ann Eltis and in 1891 his family were at Telephone Row, Bedlington. In 1901 he was at same address with his widowed mother along with siblings James, William and Frances. He enlisted when living at Ridge Terrace, Bedlington his brother in laws house which is where he was living in 1911. There are no records to show he was married. On his death his effects went to his brothers, sisters and half-sister.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B. 11B and 12B)

137. Dixon, John William

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (12 th Battalion) | 11423 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 25 th September 1915 | Age 35 |

John William Dixon was born in 1880 at Cramlington, Northumberland and married Emily Hope Rutherford in 1905. John, a commercial traveller (sweets), lived at Rowley Street, Blyth in 1911 and enlisted at Bedlington when living at Foggan's Yard in the same town. The date of death shown in the Record of Enlistments, 26th September 1915, is incorrect. This should be 25th September 1915. The CWGC records show his wife married in 1917 and became M E Davies and was still living at Foggans Yard, Front Street Bedlington.

He is commemorated at Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Panel 20 to 22)

138. Bradford, John James

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| Royal Naval Division (RNVF), Drake Battalion | Z/2407 |
| Able Seaman | Dardanelles and France |
| Killed in Action – 25 th March 1918 | Age 25 |

John James Bradford was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1893 to John William and Alice Bradford. John's father was a bricklayer's labourer. In 1901 his family lived at Glebe Row, Bedlington and by 1911 they had moved to 7, Ridge Terrace, Bedlington. John worked underground in the coal mines as a pony driver. On his death his father received his effects and it would appear he was not married. The date of death shown in the Records of Enlistments, 26th March 1918, is incorrect and should be 25th March 1918.

He is commemorated at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Bay 1)

139. Foggan, George

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (9 th Battalion) | 235573 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 25 th September 1918 | Age 25 |

George Foggan was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1893 to parents Robert and Elizabeth Foggan. In 1901 the family were living at Front Street, Bedlington where George's father was a butcher. By 1911, George's father is dead; he is 19 years old single and his family are living at Millbank Crescent, Bedlington. George worked in the coal mines as a stone labourer underground. George enlisted at Newcastle when living at Front Street, Bedlington.

He is buried at Anzac Cemetery Sailly-sur-la-Lys, Pas de Calais France. (Reference III. H. 4)

140. Bell, John Adam

| | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) 2 nd Battalion | S/8696 |
| Private | Served France and Mesopotamia |
| Killed in action – 7 th January 1916 | Age 41 |

John Adam Bell Was born at Longbenton, Northumberland (military records state he was born in Bedlington) in 1875 to parents John and Elizabeth Adam. John's father was a coppersmith and in 1881 the Bell family was living at Rosehill, Wallsend and Willington Quay in 1891. John married Elizabeth Riddell Towns from Corsenside in 1908 and they had two daughters. In 1911, they were living at 24½ Victoria Terrace, Bedlington Station at which time he was a surface labourer at the colliery. His wife Elizabeth returned to live with her parents after the death of John.

He is commemorated at Amara War Memorial, Iraq. (Reference XXX. H. 1)

141. Redpath, John MM and Bar

East Yorkshire Regiment (10th Battalion)

16632

Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 29th September 1918

Age 35

John Redpath was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1882 to parents were Hugh and Isabella Redpath (nee Barnfather). In 1911 John was the head of the household at Choppington, Northumberland with his wife Elizabeth (nee White) from Skelmersdale and their four children. John worked in the coal mines and was 28 years old at this time. John enlisted at Bedlington when living at Sunnyside, Choppington.

He is buried at La Kreule Military Cemetery, Hazabrouck France. (Reference V. A. 11)

142. Kane, John

Northamptonshire Regiment (1st Battalion)

40686

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 10th November 1917

Age 24

John Kane was born at Bonnington, Midlothian Scotland in 1893. His father, John Kane, originated from Ireland and in 1901 Scotland Census was a whinstone quarryman living at Bonnington with his wife Annie. In 1911, the family was living at Maiden's Hall, Morpeth when John Kane (junior) was 18. Both father and son worked as roadmen for Morpeth Council. John enlisted at Bedlington when living at Windmill Farm, Choppington and there are no records to show he was married. His brother of [Michael Kane](#) was killed in action 21st April 1917.

He is buried at Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference Panel 104 to 105)

143. Kane, Michael

Yorks and Lancaster Regiment (10th Service Battalion)

32339

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 21st April 1917

Age 21

Michael Kane was the son of John and Annie Kane and was born in 1896 at Bonnington, Midlothian Scotland. He was the younger brother of [John Kane](#) of the Northamptonshire Regiment who was killed in action in 1917. In 1901 his family were living in Bonnington, Scotland and the 1911 Census shows his family living at Maiden's Hall, Morpeth. Michael enlisted when living at Windmill Farm, Choppington and does not appear to have married, his effects on his death going to his father John. Michael's occupation was a roadman with Morpeth Council.

He is commemorated at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Bay 8)

144. Turner, John

East Yorkshire Regiment (6th Battalion)

16393

Private

Served Dardanelles and France

Died of Wounds – 20th September 1916

Age 29

John Turner was born at South Shields in 1888, the eldest son of Nicholas and Cecilia Turner. His father was a miner and the family lived at 91, Alfred Street, South Shields in 1891 and 25, Harold Street, South Shields in 1901. John was living in Bedlington, Northumberland in 1908 when he married Mary Hannah Richardson from Haswell in Durham. 1911 saw John, who worked in the coal mines as a hewer, his family which included five children, living at Salmon Place, Bedlington. He enlisted at an address shown as Kidd's Yard in the same town.

He is buried at Contay British Cemetery, Somme France. (Reference I.D. 15)

145. Charlton, Edward

Royal Garrison Artillery ("x" 19th Trench Mortar Battalion)

48973

Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 3rd June 1917

Age 37

Edward Charlton was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1880 the son of James and Mary Ann Charlton and was one of at least nine children. In 1891 his father, a miner, and family were living at Doctor Terrace, Bedlington. In 1901 the four eldest sons were working in the coal mines however their father James died in 1909. Edward enlisted at Cramlington on 22nd October 1914, his records show he was 5 feet 8 ½ tall and had a 38 inch chest. He was posted to France on 24th May 1915 and made a Bombardier in December of that year.

He is buried at La Clytte Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference I. D. 5)

146. Barnes, John

Northumberland Fusiliers (10th Battalion)

10/11895

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 7th July 1916

Age 20

John Barnes was born at Bedlington in 1896 to parents Robert and Elizabeth Barnes. His father was a miner, and in both the 1901 and 1911 censuses the family was living at Alba Inn, Glebe Row Bedlington. John also worked in the coal mines and married Mary Jane Thompson in the summer of 1913. They had two children, John W. in 1914 and Fred in 1916. John enlisted at Bedlington whilst living at Oliver's Buildings in the same town.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 4C)

147. Grant, William

Somerset Light Infantry (1st Battalion)

15664

Private

Served in France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 9th August 1916

Age 37

William Grant was born in Melrose in the Scottish Borders in 1879 but enlisted at Bedlington, Northumberland. It would appear he moved south in search of work and became a coal miner. In 1903 he married Mary Ellen Robson of Bedlington. In 1911 they were living at Oliver's Buildings, Bedlington where they had four children Dorothy Jane, George Robert, William and Mary. John enlisted while living at the 1911 Census address.

He is buried at Essex Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference III. B. 22)

148. Campbell, Joseph Hugh

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20th Battalion

20/715

Sergeant

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 27

Joseph Hugh Campbell was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1889 and was the son of James and Annie Campbell. In 1911, Joseph was aged 22, single and working as a colliery screener on the surface while living at Oliver's Buildings, Bedlington. He married Susan Metcalf Laverick towards the end of 1915 and was living at Oliver's when he enlisted. CWGC records show his wife Susan Metcalf Campbell was living at 5, Allgood Terrace Bedlington after his death.

He is buried at Ovillers Military Cemetery, Somme France. (Reference X. F. 7)

149. Hopkins, William

East Yorkshire Regiment (6th Battalion)

16309

Private

Served Dardanelles and Egypt

Died of Illness – 15th December 1915

Age 25

William Hopkins was born in 1890 at Bedlington, Northumberland to parents William and Elizabeth Hopkins. His family lived at High Street, Bedlington in 1891 and in 1911, when William was 11 years old they were living at Foggans Yard, Bedlington. The 1911 Census shows William's mother is a widow and William, now aged 21, is a coal putter in the coal mines and single. The family address at this time is shown as Glebe Row, Bedlington with the following siblings living there, George, Ethel, James Edward, Catherine and Ada Isabella. He was living at Renwick's Yard at the time he enlisted. William who was single died after contracting pneumonia.

He is buried at Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. (Reference A. 53)

150. Gaffey, Robert George

East Yorkshire Regiment (6th Battalion)

11358

Private

Served in Dardanelles

Killed in Action – 9th August 1915

Age 31

Robert George Gaffey was born at Bank Top, Bedlington Northumberland in 1884 and his parents were James and Mary Ann Gaffey. In 1891, his family were living at East Chevington, Northumberland where his father worked in the coal mines and his mother worked on a farm. By 1901 his family were living at Amble, Northumberland and George was working in the mines. His father died in 1904 and the 1911 Census shows George living at Fail's Yard, Vulcan Place Bedlington with his mother. George enlisted at Bedlington when living at Fountains Yard in the same town. George appears to be single and was recruited early in the war.

He is commemorated at Helles Memorial, Turkey. (Reference Panel 52 to 55)

151. Collingwood, George

Northumberland Fusiliers (10th Battalion)

19531

Private

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 29th January 1916

Age 26

George Collingwood was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1890 and was the eldest child of Charles and Annie Collingwood. His father was a general labourer in 1901 and a brick maker in 1911. In 1901 George and his family were living at Glebe Row, Bedlington but by 1911 George is not in the household. George married Ethel Turner in 1911 and they had a daughter also named Ethel. George enlisted when living at Fountain Yard, Glebe Row Bedlington. His younger brother, [James Robert Collingwood](#), was also killed in action. He is buried at Bailleul Cemetery Extension, Nord France. (Reference II. C. 99)

152. Collingwood, James Robert

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 21st Battalion

21/1696

Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 5th June 1917

Age 26

James Robert Collingwood, the younger brother of [George Collingwood](#), was the second child of Charles and Annie Collingwood. He was born at Doctor Terrace, Bedlington in March 1891. The family later moved to Glebe Row, Bedlington and James went to work in the coal mines along with his father and brother. He married Annie Hogg on 8th July 1911 and they had two children James Robert and Dorothy. At the time he enlisted in 1914 his family was living at 32, Mortimer Street, Hartford Colliery Northumberland. James was originally in the Somerset Light Infantry and discharged as being unsuitable. In 1916 he joined the Northumberland Fusiliers. He is commemorated at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Bay 2 and 3)

153. Stewart, Joseph

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion

23/420

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 30

Joseph Stewart was born in Bedlington, Northumberland on 17th June 1886 to parents Robert and Mary Ann Stewart. He was baptised at St. Bede's R. C. church, Bedlington four days later. In 1907 he married Jane Dixon and they had four children, Margaret, James, George and Joseph. Joseph was a hewer in the coal mines and in 1911 the family were living at Glebe Row, Bedlington. At the time he enlisted Joseph and family were resident at Tankerville Yard, Bedlington.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

154. Middleton, John William

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 21st Battalion

21/290

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 17th October 1917

Age 31

John William Middleton was born at Bedlington in 1886; he was the son of Thomas and Hannah Middleton. In 1901 he was living at Old Colliery Row, Bedlington. John, a coal miner, married Hannah Jane Bottoms in 1910 and in 1911 he was living with his wife's parents at North Terrace, Bedlington with their daughter Hannah. John enlisted at Bedlington when living at Freehold Cottage, Glebe Row Bedlington. His brother [Samuel Moses Middleton](#) was killed in action on 30th November 1917. His wife remarried and became Mrs H. J. Logan. He is commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial, West- Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference Panel 19 to 23 and 162)

155. Martin, Joseph

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20th Battalion

20/845

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 25

Joseph Martin was born at Gateshead, Durham in 1890. His mother was Mary Jane Martin who in 1891 was single and living with her widowed mother Mary Martin. In 1911 he was living at Whitley Terrace, Bedlington where he was single and a coal miner living with his uncle Stephen Boyes Martin. Joseph probably married Mary Jane Dickson in 1913 and enlisted at Bedlington when living at Glebe Row, Bedlington. CWGC records show his wife remarried and became Mary Jane Jackson living at Old Hall, Bedlington.

He buried at Ovillers Military Cemetery, Somme France. (Reference IV. E. 2)

156. Morton, Thomas Hope

Northumberland Fusiliers (14th Battalion)

19548

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 22nd March 1918

Age 24

Thomas Hope Morton was born at Bedlington in 1894 to parents were John, a miner and Sarah Jane Morton. His family was living at Catholic Row, Bedlington in 1901 including siblings Elizabeth Ann and John Robert. In 1911 at the age of 16 he was single and working in the coal mines as a pony driver below ground. At this time he was living with his family at 23rd First Street, Netherton. Thomas enlisted at Bedlington when living at 23, East Row, but the location of this has not been traced. Thomas did not marry and his effects went to his father John.

He is commemorated at Pozieres Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Panel 16 to 18)

157. Cunningham, John William

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion

23/698

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 18

John William Cunningham was the second child of Stephen and Margaret Cunningham and was born at Choppington, Northumberland in 1897. His father was a miner and John also worked at the mine as a colliery labourer above bank. In 1901 his family were living at Back Street, Scotland Gate moving to 1, Second Street Netherton when the 1911 Census was taken. John was living at this address when he enlisted.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

158. Nelson, William Bernard

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion

23/249

Company Sergeant Major

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 33

William Bernard Nelson was born in Peterburgh, South Australia in 1883; his parents have not been identified. In 1911 William, aged 28 and single, is living at Pelton, County Durham working as a miner where he is a visitor in the household. William married Thomasina F Cunningham in 1912 at St Bede's RC Church in Bedlington when she was about 17 years old. William enlisted at Bedlington whilst living at 1, Second Street, Netherton which is where his wife and her brother [John William Cunningham](#) (also killed in action) were living in 1911. It should be noted the name Gulielmo Bernardo Nelson appears in some records but concur.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference 10B 11B and 12B)

159. Palmer, William

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Irish) 27th Battalion

20/864 (201864)

Lance Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 28th April 1917

Age 30

James William Palmer was born at Newcastle in 1887 to parents John and Margaret Palmer. In 1911, aged 24, the census shows he was married to Dorothy Crackett born at Scotland Gate; they had a daughter Margaret Ann. At this time William, a miner, and his family lived as boarders at 14, Second Street, Netherton with his wife's family. William enlisted at Bedlington when living at 15, Second Street, Netherton. The CWGC records show his wife remarried after the death of her husband becoming Dorothy Stewart living in the same village.

He is commemorated at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Bay 2 and 3)

160. Foster, Edward

Northumberland Fusiliers (12th Battalion)

20084

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 25th September 1915

Age 20

Edward Foster was the son of William and Mary Foster and was born at Morpeth, Northumberland in 1895. The census in 1911 shows his mother was widowed and Edward was 16, single and working as coal miner. Edward had five brothers who all worked in the mining industry and a sister. His address at this time is shown as 15, Second Street, Netherton. Edward enlisted at Bedlington when he was living at 20, Second Street in the same village. None of the records checked show Edward to have married.

He is commemorated at Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Panel 20 to 22)

161. Robson, Thomas

Yorks and Lancaster (1st/4th Battalion)

235977

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 13th October 1918

Age 21

Thomas Robson was the son of James and Catherine Robson born at Hetton, County Durham about 1897. In 1901, he was aged 4 and with his family living at 8, Stanley Street, Penshaw County Durham. At the age of 14 in 1911, he was a coal miner pony putter living with his family at 18, Elm Street, Stanley County Durham. He was living at 5, Plessey Street, Netherton Northumberland when he enlisted. He had two other brothers, [Jacob Robson](#) and [Richard Dixon Robson](#) who were killed in the Great War. Thomas enlisted at Gosforth near Newcastle and was originally in the Northumberland Fusiliers with service number 1965. Thomas appears to have been single.

He is buried at York Cemetery, Haspres Nord France. (Reference D. 18)

162. Robson, Jacob

Northumberland Fusiliers (Territorials) 1st/5th Battalion

240239

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 26th October 1917

Age 22

Jacob Robson was born at Hetton, Durham about 1896 the son of James and Catherine Robson and brother of [Richard Dixon Robson](#) and [Thomas Robson](#) who were killed in action. James, his father, was born in Dinnington, Northumberland. Details of his family and addresses where they lived are shown above. Jacob worked in the coal mines as a pony driver and enlisted at Gosforth when living at 5, Plessey Street, Netherton. It would appear the family or just his brothers moved to Netherton Colliery from Durham. His mother Catherine was awarded his effects on his death indicating he did not marry.

He is buried at Poelcapelle British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference III.E.14)

163. Robson, Richard Dixon

Northumberland Fusiliers (10th Battalion)

23/843

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 10th October 1917

Age 23

Richard Dixon Robson, born at Hetton Durham about 1894 and was the brother of [Thomas Robson](#) and [Jacob Robson](#) who were both killed in action during the Great War. Richard lived at 8, Stanley Street, Durham in 1901 and was living at 18, Elm Street, West Stanley in 1911. When he enlisted at Bedlington, Northumberland Richard was living at 5, Plessey Street, Netherton and employed as a coal miner pony putter and single.

He is commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference Panel 19 to 23 and 162)

164. Christie, Charles

Royal Field Artillery (284th Siege Battery)

207761

Gunner

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 12th October 1918

Age 21

Charles Christie was born in 1899 to parents John and Elizabeth Christie at Bedlington, Northumberland. Charles was part of a large family and his father, born at Cambois, was a coal miner (stoneman). His family lived at Vulcan Place, Bedlington in 1901, but by 1911 they had moved to 21, Second Street, Netherton where his father would have worked at the colliery there. Charles enlisted at Newcastle-on-Tyne when living at 11, Plessey Street, Netherton. There is no evidence available to show he was married.

He is buried at Busigny Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord France. (Reference V. A. 15)

165. Brady, Joseph Sidney

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 22nd Battalion

231403

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 22nd October 1917

Age 21

Joseph Sidney Brady was born at Bedlington in 1896 to parents Joseph and Elizabeth (nee Davison) Brady. His father was a baker and confectioner who later became a miner as did Joseph who was a pony driver underground. His family was living at Market Place, Bedlington in 1901 and at Burdon Terrace in the same town in 1911 moving to 16, Plessey Street, Netherton where he was living when he enlisted at Newcastle.

He is commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference Panel 19 to 23 and 162)

166. Alsop, Thomas MM

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23 rd Battalion | 23/691 |
| Sergeant | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 29 th April 1917 | Age 19 |

Thomas Alsop was born at Amble in 1898 to parents John and Jane Alsop. His father was a coal miner and Thomas worked with ponies underground. His family was living at Radcliffe Colliery near Acklington, Northumberland when the 1901 and 1911 censuses were taken. It was after this that he moved with his family to Netherton and the colliery there. When he enlisted Thomas was living at 4, Plessey Street, Netherton. He was very young to be a sergeant and following his death his effects went to his father indicating he was not married.

He is buried at Browns Copse Cemetery, Rouex France. (Reference II.H.27)

167. Thompson, Sydney Richmond

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers | |
| Lieutenant | Served France and Flanders |
| Died from Illness– June 1920 | Age 27 |

Sydney Richmond Thompson, the son of Margaret and Mathew Thompson, was born on 25th July 1893 and christened on the 16th August of the same year. Sydney married Emily Maud Hemmings in 1915 at South Shields, Durham. Sydney enlisted when living at 1, Third Street, Netherton. His name appears on ROH 1914-18 Netherton Coal Company at St Cuthbert's Church in Bedlington so it appears he worked at Netherton Colliery. He is shown to have died from a complaint contracted while on service.

He is buried at South Shields (Harton) Cemetery, Durham. (Reference H.2445)

168. McCarthy, John William

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Royal Naval Reserve (HMS Lady Cory Wright) | 3874S |
| Stoker | Served Foreign Waters |
| Killed in Action – 26 th March 1918 | Age 33 |

John William McCarthy was the son of Robert and Elizabeth McCarthy was born at Willington, Durham in 1885. John married Emily Pearson in November 1911 and had two brothers, [Harold McCarthy](#) and [Frederick McCarthy](#), who were both killed in action in the 1914-18 War. John was living with his family at Leslie Row, Hauxley Amble in 1901 and then living at 4, Third Street, Netherton when he enlisted. Records show he was killed as direct result of enemy action involving a submarine in the English Channel. His body was not recovered. His wife Emily went to Australia in 1925.

He is commemorated at Chatham Naval Memorial. (Reference 31)

169. McCarthy, Harold

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23 rd Battalion | 23/693 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1st July 1916 | Age 19 |

Harold McCarthy, born was the brother of [John McCarthy](#) and [Frederick McCarthy](#) who both were killed in action in the 1914-18 War. His parents were Robert and Elizabeth McCarthy and he was born at Chester-Le-Street, Durham in 1897. In 1911 he was 14 and living with his parents at 69, Beaumont Street, Newcastle and employed as a butcher's errand boy. Harold appears to have been single.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

170. McCarthy, Frederick

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Royal Field Artillery | 76974 |
| Driver | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 25 th July 1917 | Age 24 |

Frederick McCarthy had two brothers, [John William McCarthy](#) and [Harold McCarthy](#) who were both killed in the Great War. Frederick was born in 1893 in the county of Durham to parents Robert, a coal miner and Elizabeth McCarthy. In 1911, when living at 69, Beaumont Street, Newcastle he was working as a coal miner and single. Frederick was living at 4, Third Street, Netherton when he enlisted at Newcastle. His inscription reads 'in memory of our dear son who died for home and country. Dad and Mother'

He is buried at Hop Store Cemetery, West- Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference Plot I. Row C. Grave 54)

171. Shotton, John

Irish Guards (2nd Battalion)

12756

Lance Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 20th October 1918

Age 23

John Shotton was born at Scotland Gate, Choppington in 1895 and was the eldest child of Bartholomew and Jane Shotton. His father was a coal miner and in 1901 the family was living at Front Street, Bedlington. The family of John appears to have moved to Netherton Colliery after 1901 and in 1911 they were living at 40 Howard Row, Netherton where John worked as a pony driver underground. John enlisted when living at 7, Third Street, Netherton and on his death in 1918 his effects went to his mother, indicating he was single.

He is buried at Vertain Communal Cemetery, Nord France. (Reference E.10)

172. Young, Earnest James

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion

23/411

Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 47

Earnest James Young was born at Horton/Cowpen/Kitty Brewster in 1870 according to three census returns. His parents were James and Isabella Young who were living at the Percy Arms, Cowpen in 1881. Earnest married Elizabeth Mercy Ashton in 1890, registered at Newcastle, and by 1901 they had four children. At this time they were living at Jackson Yard, Morpeth and Earnest had changed his job to a miner from the brewing trade. In 1911, the family were living in Netherton at 15, Third Street where Earnest was a hewer at the colliery. Records show Earnest is the oldest man named on a memorial in Bedlington.

He is commemorated at Thiépval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11b and 12B)

173. Hunter, Isaac Whitfield

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Irish) 25th Battalion

24/1715

Corporal

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 27th April 1917

Age 20

Isaac Whitfield Hunter was born at Pegswood, Northumberland in 1897, according to 1901 and 1911 Censuses. His parents were John George Hunter and Mary Langley. In 1901 he lived with his family at 234, Titchfield Terrace, Pegswood Northumberland. Isaac, when 14 years old was employed as a miner at Netherton Colliery near Bedlington, Northumberland. Isaac had four brothers who served in the Great War and returned including the writers grandfather John James Hunter. Isaac was unmarried and enlisted when living at 18, Third Street, Netherton at Newcastle at the age of 17 years. Isaac died of his wounds back in the UK.

He is buried at Bedlington (Netherton Lane) Cemetery. (Reference C.728B)

174. Dowie, Joseph George MM

Northumberland Fusiliers (11th Battalion)

19871

Private

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 12th June 1917

Age 27

Joseph George Dowie MM was born at Sunderland in 1890 to parents Thomas Dowie and Isabella Dowie who were both born in Bedlington. Joseph was one of seven children born to his parents (1901 Census) including a younger brother [Andrew Dowie](#) who was killed in action on 1st July 1916. The 1911 Census shows he was 21 years old, single and working as a miner. Joseph enlisted when living at 19, Third Street, Netherton and was wounded on the 8th June and died on the 12th June 1917. Records checked show he was not married.

He is buried at Mendinghem Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference II.D.41)

175. Dowie, Andrew

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20th Battalion

20/750

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 21

Andrew Dowie, born at Sunderland in 1896, was the younger brother of [Joseph George Dowie MM](#) who died of wounds on 12th June 1917; they were the sons of Thomas and Isabella Dowie. The 1901 Census shows there were seven children in the household. In 1911, he was single and working in the coal mines. Andrew was living at 19, Third Street, Netherton when he enlisted. See previous entry for further details.

He is commemorated at Thiépval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

176. Wear, John Robert

Northumberland Fusiliers (1st/7th Battalion)

5708

Private

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 16th January 1917

Age 29

John Robert Wear was born in Sidney, Australia in about 1887. His parents William and Ester Bourne Wear immigrated to Australia about 1885 but came back to Britain and in 1901 they were living at 6, North View, Walbottle Northumberland. By 1911 his family was living at Netherton Colliery where his father were working as hewer and John as a pony driver at the colliery. When he enlisted at Bedlington John was living at 20, Third Street, Netherton. On his death, John's effects went to father William indicating it was unlikely he was married. John died at the 45th Casualty Clearing Station.

He is buried at Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme France. (Reference IV.G.13)

177. Richardson, Walter Luke

Northumberland Fusiliers (1st Battalion)

16345

Sergeant

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 7th June 1917

Age 36

Walter Luke Richardson was born at Rothbury in 1881 to parents Robert and Ann Richardson. In 1901, Walter aged 19 was an agriculture labourer living at Hirst Head Farm, Bedlington and probably working at Red House Farm in the same area. Walter married Mary Geggie in 1903 and in 1911 and they had four children; at this time they were living at Foggans Yard, Bedlington. Walter was working as a miner and enlisted at Bedlington when living at 75, Yard Row, Netherton. His wife Mary was still living at this address at the end of the war.

He is commemorated at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Bay 2 and 3)

178. Miller, Thomas Dodds

Northumberland Fusiliers (12th /13th Battalion)

15407

Private

Served France and Flanders

Died of Wounds – 21st March 1918

Age 34

Thomas Dodds Miller was born in 1884 at Choppington, Northumberland. He married Dorothy Rutherford Davison in 1904 and in 1911 they had two children, Andrew age six and Jacob age one. His family at his time were living at 206, Yard Row, Netherton where Thomas was a miner at the colliery. The Record of Enlistments shows Thomas to be living at 86, Yard Row Netherton when he enlisted at Bedlington. Additionally, this shows he was wounded and died when a prisoner of war. Military Records show he was killed in action.

He is commemorated at Pozieres Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Panel 16 and 18)

179. Dixon, John Thomas

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion

23/1285

Private

France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 29

John Thomas Dixon, the son of William and Elizabeth Dixon, was born at Allendale Cottages / Wrekenton, Durham in 1887. In 1891, his family lived at Havelock Place, Backworth when John was four years old. At the age of 14 in 1901 he was working below ground at a colliery as a brakesman. At this time he was living with his family at 3, Low Allotment, Tynemouth. In 1911, still single he was living at 9, Howard Row Netherton working underground as an onsetter. John enlisted when living at 240, Yard Row, Netherton and appears to be single.

He is commemorated at Thiépval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

180. Adams, James

Northumberland Fusiliers (9th Battalion)

10433

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 6th September 1915

Age 27

James Adams was born at Seaton Sluice, Northumberland to parents Robert and Margaret Adams in 1888. His family lived at Bywell Terrace, Hartley in 1901 and in 1911 they were living at Netherton Colliery at 24, Second Street. James was a hewer at the mine and married Eliza Alice Heywood in 1914. He enlisted at Bedlington when living at 242, Yard Row, Netherton. His brother, [Thomas Johnson Adams](#), was also killed in action.

He is buried at Ridge Wood Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen Belgium. (Reference I.K.7)

181. Adams, Thomas Johnson

Northumberland Fusiliers (10th Battalion)

19523

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 25th September 1916

Age 20

Thomas Johnson Adams, brother of [James Adams](#) who was killed in action 6th September 1915, was born at Seaton Sluice, Northumberland in 1895. Thomas was one of nine children to Robert and Margaret Adams who moved to Netherton Colliery where they were in 1911. Thomas was a miner as was his father and enlisted at Bedlington when living at 243, Yard Row, Netherton. None of the records referenced show Thomas to be married.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

182. Cameron, Donald

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion

23/654

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 26

Donald Cameron was born at Coalish, Lanarkshire in 1890 to parents James and Mary Cameron and was one of nine children in the family. In 1901 his family were living at Seghill, Northumberland and appear in the 1911 Census living at 228, Yard Row, Netherton. Donald became a miner like his father and in 1913 he married Florence Brewis and they had a son James. Military records show Donald's surname to be Cammeron but all other records show the name of Cameron. Donald enlisted when living at 249, Yard Row, Netherton.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

183. McKenzie, Michael

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion

23/636

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 33

Michael McKenzie was born at Bedlington in 1884 and was the son of William and Mary McKenzie. In 1891, aged 7, he was living with his family at Pegswood near Morpeth in Northumberland. The 1911 Census shows he was 27 years old, married to Rose who was born in Essex and living at 250, Yard Row, Netherton where he was a miner. The CWGC records show Michaels surname spelt Mackenzie. He enlisted at Newcastle when living at 250, Yard Row, Netherton.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

184. Goodwill, Joseph

Northumberland Fusiliers (20th Battalion)

20/1050

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 35

Joseph Goodwill was born in 1881 at Newton-on-the-Moor, Northumberland. He was the elder of two children to Thomas and Isabella Goodwill, but his father appears to have died when he was young. In the 1891 Census Isabella is shown as the Head of the family when living at Newton-on-the-Moor. Joseph was working as a railway porter in 1901, lodging at Cross Row, Longhirst Colliery. In 1903 Joseph married Isabella Williamson and in 1911 he was a hewer at the pit living in Netherton at 251, Cross Row which is where he was living when he enlisted.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

185. Thompson, Edward Milburn

East Yorkshire Regiment (10th Battalion)

10716

Private

Served Dardanelles and France

Killed in Action – 12th April 1918

Age 22*

Edward Milburn Thompson's details have not been fully verified*. Military and CWGC records show that the date of death is 12th April 1918. In the Record of Enlistments it is shown as 3rd April 1916. Edward appears to have been born at Bebside, Blyth Northumberland in 1895 and enlisted at Bedlington in the same county when living at 266, Yard Row, Netherton. It's possible his parents were John Robert and Ellen Thompson and he was 22 when he died.

He is commemorated at Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut Belgium. (Reference Panel 4)

186. Mutton, John

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23 rd Battalion | 23/1284 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 36 |

John Mutton, the son of David and Elizabeth Mutton, was born at Shankhouses, Northumberland about 1881. In 1911, John was married to Elizabeth Brewis, born at Horton, and living at 221, Yard Row, Netherton where he was employed as a miner at the local colliery. John enlisted at Bedlington when living at 71, Yard Row, Netherton. The CWGC records show after John's death his widow Elizabeth married John Turnbull in 1920 and they lived at 257, Yard Row, Netherton.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

187. Appleby, Henry

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23 rd Battalion | 23/591 |
| Lance Corporal | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 37 |

Henry Appleby was born at Lumley, County Durham in 1879 to parents Thomas and Catherine Appleby. He was from a large family of at least nine children and his father was employed as an agricultural labourer. 1881 saw his family living on a farm at Fencehouses and in 1891 living at a farm near Harton, South Shields. Henry married Sarah Ellen Dixon from Barrington in 1903 and they had five children. In 1911, Henry was working as a stationary engineman at the colliery and living at 234, Yard Row, Netherton. At the time he enlisted at Bedlington Henry was living at 239, Yard Row, Netherton.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

188. Gair, George

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (1 st /7 th Battalion) | 5701 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 15 th January 1917 | Age 22 |

George Gair was born in 1895; his parents were Robert and Mary Gair at Cramlington, Northumberland. His mother Mary died when George was about three and his father then married Jane Snaith in 1901. At this time his family were living at Cramlington. George worked in the coal mines as did his father and in 1911 the family lived at 1, Howard Row, Netherton. George enlisted at Bedlington having moved along the street to 9, Howard Row. Records indicate George was single.

He is buried at Warlencourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais France. (Reference III.G.19)

189. Knapper, John

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Somerset Light Infantry (8 th Battalion) | 15835 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 20 |

John Knappers parents were John and Eliza D Knapper and he was born at Hanley, Staffs in 1896. In 1911, John was 14 and living with his family at 60, Howard Row, Netherton. John, who worked in the coal mines, enlisted at Bedlington when living at 33, Howard Row, Netherton. On his death his effects went to his mother Eliza at his father's request indicating John was single.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 2A)

190. Davison, George Young

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 21 st Battalion | 21/408 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Died of Wounds – 28 th March 1915 | Age 19 |

George Young Davison was the son of John William and Margaret Davison (nee Young) was born at Choppington, Northumberland in 1895. His family lived at Hirst, Ashington in 1901 and in 1911 they living at 34, Howard Row, Netherton where, at the age of 15, he was working as a shaft boy at the colliery. The address shown for George when he enlisted is 34, Howard Row. The death date in the Record of Enlistments is shown as 28th March 1918 is incorrect. His effects were allocated to his father but due to length of service (less than 6 months) he was not awarded a War Gratuity. George, who was single, died at Alnwick, Northumberland.

He is buried at Bedlington (Netherton Lane) Cemetery. (Reference C.676)

191. Brooks, James William

Northumberland Fusiliers (8th Battalion)

15342

Private

Served Dardanelles and France

Killed in Action – 26th September 1916

Age 21

James William Brookes was one of ten children born to Mathew and Sarah Isabella Brooks in 1895 at Morpeth, Northumberland. James's parents were married in 1897 at Morpeth and his mother maiden name was Green. In 1901, his family were living at 3, Oldgate Street, Morpeth and in 1911 at Challos Yard in the same town; James was 15 at this time and working as a pony driver in the coal mines. His family then moved to Howard Row, Netherton and James living at 42, Howard Row when he enlisted.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

192. Wallace, Christopher Nicholson Robinson

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion

23/1291

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 19

Christopher Nicholson Robinson Wallace was born at Sleekburn, Northumberland about 1897 and was the sixth child of George and Mary (nee Nicholson) Wallace. Christopher's family were living in Longhorsley village in 1901 and 26, West Terrace, Stakeford in 1911. Like his father Christopher worked in the coal mines and his address is shown as 46, Howard Row, Netherton when he enlisted at Bedlington. His effects went to his mother and father in two separate amounts after his death indicating Christopher did not marry.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

193. Ferguson, George Henry

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Battalion

23/852

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 23

George Henry Ferguson, the son of Mark and Elizabeth Ferguson, was born at Bedlington in about 1893. In 1911, he was aged 18, single and working in the coal mines as a colliery haulage lad underground while living at 9, Mersey Terrace, Hirst Ashington. After that time he moved to Netherton, Northumberland to work at the colliery there. George was living at 56, Howard Row in that village when he enlisted at Bedlington. None of the documents seen indicate he was married.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

194. Stevens, Robert Trim

East Yorkshire Regiment (13th Battalion)

45532

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 21st March 1918

Age 21

Robert Trim Stevens was born at Broomhill, Northumberland in 1898 and was the eldest of six children to William and Mary Stevens. In 1901 his family were living at 31, Chest Street, Amble and in 1911 they had moved to 178, Longhirst Terrace Pegswood. Robert enlisted at Newcastle when living at 9, Clifton Row, Netherton and his name appears on the Netherton Coal Company Roll of Honour so he would have been a miner like his father. His effects went to his mother indicating he was probably single.

He is commemorated at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Bay 5)

195. Douglas, George

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20th Battalion

20/748

Private

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action – 1st July 1916

Age 23

George Douglas was born at Bedlington however his family details have not been confirmed due to several people with the same name in the area. In the military records, UK Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919, his service number confirms the above and that he died 01/07/16 and enlisted at Newcastle. The CWGC information, for the same service number, indicates he died 28/4/17. It's very possible a mistake has been made. The Roll of Honour for the Netherton Coal Company includes a G. Douglas and the Record of Enlistments shows he was living at Nedderton and died 1/7/16.

He is commemorated at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France. (Reference Bay 2 and 3)

196. Morland, George

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 23 rd Battalion | 23/347 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 1 st July 1916 | Age 24 |

George Morland (sometimes spelt Moreland) was the son of Richard and Lena Morland and was born at Ripon, Yorkshire in 1892. In 1911 he was living with his parents at 1, Second Street, Netherton where he was employed at the local colliery as a labourer above ground. His full name was George Septimus Morland and he enlisted at Bedlington when living at Nedderton Hall, Netherton. On his death his effects went to his mother Lena indicating he was probably single. Three of his brothers also served in the Great War and survived. He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. (Reference Pier and Face 10B 11B and 12B)

197. Bell, Mathew Foster

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 22 nd Battalion | 22/17 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Died of Wounds – 8 th July 1916 | Age 42 |

Mathew Foster Bell was born near Widdrington, Northumberland about 1874 to parents Jacob and Elizabeth Bell. Mathew's father was a farmer and in 1881 the family were living at Druridge where he was still living in 1911 after his marriage to Sarah Robinson in 1899. Mathew and Sarah had five children and they moved to North Farm Nedderton after 1911. Mathew died of wounds, probably sustained in the Battle of the Somme on the 1st July 1916. CWGC records show his wife was living at Riverside Cottage, Morpeth after his death. He is buried at Abbeville Communal Cemetery, Somme France. (Reference V.A.3)

198. Mather, Edward

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 20 th Battalion | 20/361 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Died of Wounds – 6 th July 1916 | Age 28 |

Edward Mather, the son of William and Dorothy Isabella Mather, was born at Morpeth, Northumberland in 1888. Edward is shown on the ROH 1914-18 Netherton Coal Co. plaque indicating was working in the mining industry. CWGC records show his parents were living at North Gate Cottages, Stakeford Lane Choppington after his death. Edward enlisted at Bedlington when living at Nedderton and died several days after being wounded. No evidence to show he married.

He is buried at St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen France. (Reference A.23.19)

199. Dawson, Thomas

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) 13 th Battalion | 316411 |
| Private | Served Salonika and France |
| Killed in Action – 8 th October 1918 | Age 34 |

Thomas Dawson was born at Choppington, Northumberland in 1884; although his military records show he was born in New York in the same county. His parents were Thomas and Elizabeth Dawson and he was their third son. In 1891 the family was living at Red Row, Bedlington and at Stones Buildings at Bedlington in 1901. Thomas junior was a colliery fireman and married his wife Patience in 1905. They had a daughter in 1909. In 1911 they were living at 74, South Row, West Sleekburn. Thomas enlisted at Bedlington when living at 10, East Terrace, West Sleekburn.

He is buried at Guizancourt Farm Cemetery, Aisle France. (Reference D.14)

200. Sanderson, John

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Northumberland Fusiliers (1 st /4 th Battalion) | 201939 |
| Private | Served France and Flanders |
| Killed in Action – 26 th October 1917 | Age 23 |

John Sanderson was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1894 and was the son of John and Jane Eleanor (nee Walker) Sanderson. John appears to be the youngest of four children, his father died before 1911 (probably 1908). In the 1901 Census John was living at Doctor Terrace, Bedlington with maternal grandparents and his older sister Elizabeth. By 1911 he is living at Millbank Crescent, Bedlington with his mother brother William and his sister Elizabeth. John was a butcher and appears to be single.

He is commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial, West Vlaanderen Belgium. (Panel reference 19 to 23 and 162)

APPENDICES

Streets and Houses in Bedlington where the Soldiers Lived

Bells Place

Beech Grove Terrace

Carr's Yard

Coach Road

Colville's Yard

Catholic Row

Cross Row

Clifton Row

Deanery Street

Dowson's Building's

Doctor Terrace

Dunn's Yard

East Row

Front Street

Foggan's Yard

Front Street West End

Forrester's Building's

Fairbairn's Yard

Fail's Yard

Fountain Yard

Garden Cottage

Gladstone Terrace

Gordon Terrace

Glebe Row (Freehold Cottage)

Glebe Row

Half Close House

Hollymount Hall

Hollymount

Hirst Terrace

Hirst Head Cottages

Hirst Head Farm

Humford Mill

Hartford Gardens

Howard Row (Netherton)

Kidd's Yard

Lesbury House

Lane Farm

Mill Yard

Murray's Yard

Meadowdale Farm

Millbank Terrace

Millbank Crescent

Newcastle Bank

Netherton Moor

North Terrace

New South Row

Nedderon

Nedderon Hall

North Farm (Netherton)

Old Hall

Oliver's Buildings

Paradise Cottage

Pit Row

Police Station (Blyth)

Plessey Street (Netherton)

Quay East End

Ridge Terrace

Rock Cottages

Rosella Place

Renwick's Yard

Smith's Buildings

Sun Inn

Sun Inn Yard

Sunnyside (Choppington)

Shiney Row

Salmon Place

Sleekburn

Second Street (Netherton)

Telephone Row

Tankerville Yard

Third Street (Netherton)

Vicarage Terrace

Vulcan Place, Forrester's Buildings

Vulcan Place

Walker Terrace

Whitsun Avenue

Whitsun Grove

Windmill Farm

Yard Row (Netherton)

Main Regiments in which the Bedlington Soldiers Served

Northumberland Fusiliers

1st/4th Battalion
2nd Battalion
8th Battalion
9th Battalion
10th Battalion
11th Battalion
12th Battalion
12th/13th Battalion
14th Battalion
16th Battalion
19th Battalion



Northumberland Fusiliers

20th Battalion (Tyneside Scottish)
21st Battalion (Tyneside Scottish)
22nd Battalion (Tyneside Scottish)
23rd Battalion (Tyneside Scottish)
29th Battalion (Tyneside Scottish)



Northumberland Fusiliers

1st Battalion (Tyneside Irish)
24th Battalion (Tyneside Irish)
25th Battalion (Tyneside Irish)
27th Battalion (Tyneside Irish)



Yorkshire Regiment

7th Battalion
9th Battalion
10th Battalion



Royal Engineers

12th Field Company

447th Company

34th Fortress Coy



East Yorkshire Regiment

1st/4th Battalion

6th Battalion

10th Battalion

11th Battalion

13th Battalion



West Yorkshire Regiment

1st Battalion

6th Battalion

15th / 17th Battalion



Durham Light Infantry

1st/8th Battalion

15th Battalion

19th Battalion

22nd Battalion

19th Battalion

22nd Battalion



Photographs of Streets where the Soldiers Lived



Vulcan Place, Bedlington



Shiney Row (Doctor Pit in the background)



Yard Row, Netherton



Old Hall, Bedlington



Hirst and Millbank Terraces, Bedlington



Front Street, Bedlington



East End, Bedlington



Doctor Terrace, Bedlington

Selection of Photographs of Soldiers from Bedlington

Lance Corporal David Richardson

Northumberland Fusiliers (Territorials)

1st/5th Battalion

Regimental Number 243185

Killed in Action in France 31st March 1918

Age 20

(See Reference 59 for more details)



Lance Corporal Thomas Edward Colpitts

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Irish)

25th Battalion

Regimental Number 25/813

Killed in Action in France 1st July 1916

Age 20

(See Reference 52 for more details)



Lance Corporal John William Nordstom

Somerset Light Infantry

(9th Battalion)

Service Number 15864

Died 26 September 1915

Age 40

(See Reference 118 for more details)



Lance Corporal Thomas Langlands Stewart

Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish)

20th Battalion

Service Number 20/921

Died 1st July 1916

Age 20

(See Reference 133 for more details)



The following photos were published by the Illustrated Chronicle.



Corporal John Patterson

Durham Light Infantry

(1st / 8th Battalion)

Service Number 2981

Died 27th November 1915

Age 29

(See Reference 11 for more details)



Private Mark Newman

Northumberland Fusiliers

(8th Battalion)

Service Number 33975

Died 19th August 1915

Age 20

Published 11th November 1915

(See Reference 130 for more details)



Private Joseph Smith

Northumberland Fusiliers

(1st/7th Battalion)

Service Number 1079

Died 28th May 1915

Age 25

Published 28th June 1915

(See Reference 128 for more details)





Private George Taylor
 East Yorkshire Regiment
 Service Number 10802
 (6th Battalion)
 Died 9th August 1915
 Age 24

Published 4th November 1915

(See Reference 6 for more details)



Corporal Thomas W Weatherley
 Royal Marine Light Infantry
 (Portsmouth Bn RN Div)
 Service Number PO/366(S)
 Died 24th June 1915
 Age 25

Published 6th September 1915

(See Reference 47 for more details)



Private William Shaw
 Royal Marine Light Infantry
 (Portsmouth Bn RN Div)
 Service Number PO/405(S)
 Died 24th June 1915
 Age 26

Published 6th September 1915

(See reference 94 for more details)



Expanded Histories

Joseph Thomas Orange



Joseph Thomas Orange

(1896 – 1918)

Durham Light Infantry

(22nd Battalion)

Service Number 22/1081

Served France and Flanders

Killed in Action 26th March 1918



Family Life

Joseph Thomas Orange the son of William and Mary Jane Orange of Bedlington was born in 1896 at Bedlington. In 1901 the family were living at Hirst Terrace, Bedlington. In the house at this time Joseph had a sister Barbara Elizabeth who sadly died later in 1901 and is buried at St Cuthbert's Churchyard at Bedlington. Joseph's father was born in Bedlington and employed as a cartman at this time and then the 1911 Census shows him to be horse keeper working underground in the coal mines. His mother Mary Jane (nee Geggie) was born at Bank House, Northumberland. In 1911, Joseph, who was now 14, was employed as an apprentice draper and the family were living at Foggans Yard, Bedlington. Joseph was single and 21 years old when he died.

In 1916, at the time he enlisted, according to military records, Joseph was living at the same address as his mother at 7, Charlotte Terrace, South Shields. However, the Record of Enlistments shows Joseph to be at Foggans Yard, Bedlington when enlistment took place. Whilst Joseph died in 1918, his mother lived till 1934 and his father died in 1957.



Foggans Yard, High Street Bedlington



Parents of Joseph William Orange

Military Service

His British Army WW1 Service Records, 1914 – 1920 are shown in the following documents and extracts from these have been used to provide further information about Joseph Thomas Orange.

- ✚ Short Term Attestation
- ✚ Descriptive Report on Enlistment Form
- ✚ Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet
- ✚ Medical History Sheet
- ✚ Statement of the names and Addresses of all Relatives of the Soldier
- ✚ Receipt for Medals
- ✚ Casualty Form – Active Service
- ✚ Field Service
- ✚ Statement of Services
- ✚ Military History Sheet
- ✚ Will

Joseph's Short Term Attestation shows his occupation was a Drapers Assistant and living at 7, Charlotte Terrace, South Shields with his mother. The reports show he was 19 years old and 5' 6½" tall with a chest measurement of 35 inches. His next of kin at this time was his father William Orange who was living at Foggans Yard, Bedlington.

Joseph went to France on 16th June 1916, presumably after training, and his regiment would have been at the Battle of the Somme in July 1916. Medals awarded to Joseph include the British War Medal and the Victory Medal and he served with "C" Company. His medical history confirms he was in good physical development, born in Bedlington and was examined for military service at Sunderland at the age of 19. His weight is shown as 126lbs or nine stone which is not very heavy by today's standards but probably normal for males at this time.

Information about his living relatives shows his mother Mary Jane and father William are still alive, he has no living siblings and his grandparents are dead. Aunts and uncles include Mrs Tyler of Hirst Terrace, Bedlington and Mrs McClean of South Row (New South Row), Bedlington. His mother Mary Jane Orange signed for his medals in November 1920 and May 1921.

His Casualty Form for Active Service shows his enlistment day as 1st February 1916 and records his religion as Church of England. Joseph embarked in 1916 at Southampton on the 16th June and disembarked at La Havre on 17th June. In total, Joseph served for 2 years and 54 days. The records show Joseph was granted leave between 19th November 1917 and 3rd December 1917 which taken in the field. On his death his effects, amounting to £12 15s 3d and £8 10s 0d, went to his mother Mary.

On 25th March 1918, the 22nd Battalion of the Durham light Infantry, Joseph's battalion, arrived at Omiecourt, France where it faced an onslaught by masses of German Infantry supported by artillery. The 22nd held on until they were in danger of being surrounded and fighting all the way as they retreated. Very heavy casualties were reported during this action and it's highly likely that this is where Private Joseph Thomas Orange lost his life.

He is commemorated at Pargny British Cemetery, Somme France. (Reference III.A.10)

Main document reference ([119](#)) *Orange, Joseph Thomas*

Photos used are from the Hammond and Robinson Public Family Tree



John William Nordstrom



John William Nordstrom

(1886 – 1915)

Somerset Light Infantry

(8th Battalion)

Service Number 15864

Killed in Action 26th September 1915



Family Life

John William Nordstrom was born near Bellingham, Northumberland in 1886. His father Alias Nordstrom was born in Denmark in 1856; there are no records available about his parents. In the 1881 Census, when he was 25 years old his occupation was a freestone quarryman living at Whitburn, West Lothian as a border. He married Mary Burrell in February 1886 at Bellingham, Northumberland when they were both 30. Elias was a coal miner who lived at Sunnyside Cottages, Choppington in 1911 and 1901. Before that his family lived at Bell's Place, Bedlington. Elias and Mary Nordstrom had the following children.

- ✚ John William Nordstrom
- ✚ Joseph Burrell Nordstrom was born May 1888 at Woodbury, Northumberland. He lived at Station Cottages, Choppington Northumberland and joined the Yorks and Lancashire Regiment and survived World War 1.
- ✚ Robert James Nordstrom was born June 1890, at Ridsdale, Northumberland. Robert was in the RAMC during the Great War and served in France and survived. He was living at Sunnyside, Bedlington when he enlisted.
- ✚ Minnie Josephine Nordstrom was born at Bedlington, Northumberland in 1893. Minnie married Charles Coates and in 1939 she married the writers grandfather John James Hunter.



Sunnyside Cottages, Choppington



Minnie Josephine Nordstrom

John William Nordstrom was born 1886 at Woodbury, Northumberland. In 1891, he was 4 years old and the family was living at Bell's Place, Bedlington. By 1901, he was living at Sunnyside Cottages, Choppington still in the family house where, at the age of 14, he was employed as a coal miner driver. John married Sarah Jane Middleton, aged 22, when he was 24 years old in 1909. They had two children:



Elias Nordstrom, born 1909



Hannah Nordstrom, born 1911

In 1911, he was working as a coal miner in Bedlington and lived at Foggans Yard, Bedlington.

Military Service

His British Army WW1 Service Records, 1914 – 1920 could not be found and no photos of John in uniform were located. The photo which has been used came from a relative in New Zealand.

Along with his two brothers, Joseph Burrell and Robert James, John William enlisted in the Army. John joined the Somerset Light Infantry (8th Battalion) and it was while serving with this regiment he became a Lance Corporal. John William Nordstrom was killed in action on the 26th September 1915. He was awarded the 1914-1915 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. The military records show his personal effects of £1 18s 6d were claimed by his widow Sarah Jane Nordstrom. It should be noted that the military records record his name as NORDSTRON and not NORDSTROM. The regiment that John William Nordstrom joined was formed at Taunton in October 1914 and on 10th September 1915 this regiment landed at Le Havre: John William was killed in action 16 days later at the Battle of Loos in an action at Chalk Pit Wood.

There is no grave for John William Nordstrom but his name is commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission on the Loos Memorial, France in the locality of Pas de Calais. The memorial reference is Panel 38 & 39.

Additionally the North East War Memorials Project (NEWMP) records the following memorials include his name:

- St Cuthbert's Church (Record of Enlistments) reference B15.26 on Page 76.
- Bedlington - Cross 1914-18 - Front Street at Bedlington (Ref B15.02)
- Bedlington - ROH 1914-18 - Bedlington Coal Company (Ref. B15.06)
- Bedlington - Plaque 1914-18 Whitley Memorial School (Ref. B15.20)

Following John's death his widow married and became Mrs Emery and her address is shown as 2, Wood Cottage, Bedlington.



Isaac Whitfield Hunter



Bedlington (Netherton Lane)
Cemetery

(Photo of Isaac required)

Isaac Whitfield Hunter

(1897 – 1917)

Northumberland Fusiliers

(Tyneside Irish)

25th Battalion

Service Number 24/1715

Died of Wounds 27th April 1917



Family Life

Isaac Whitfield Hunter was born at Chevington, Northumberland in 1897. His parents were John George Hunter (photo below) and Mary Langley who were both from County Durham.

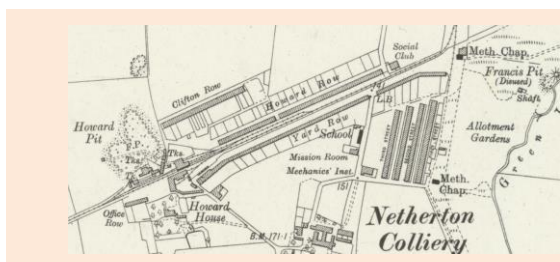


Isaac's father
John George Hunter
(1860-1919)

In 1901, aged 4, Isaac's family lived at 234, Titchfield Terrace, Pegswood, Northumberland. When he was 14 years old in 1911 his family had moved to 18, Third Street Netherton where Isaac was employed as a miner at Netherton Colliery. Isaac had nine siblings, four sisters and five brothers.

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| ✚ John James Hunter | 1893 – 1954 |
| ✚ Robert Hunter | 1883 – 1975 |
| ✚ Margaret Ellen Hunter | 1885 – 1954 |
| ✚ Thomas Hunter | 1887 – not known |
| ✚ Mary Ellen Hunter | 1889 – 1967 |
| ✚ Isaac Hunter | 1897 – 1917 |
| ✚ Sarah Hislop Hunter | 1900 – not known |
| ✚ Joseph Langley Hunter | 1907 – 1973 |
| ✚ George Edward Hunter | 1897 – 1963 |
| ✚ Jenny Hunter | 1902 – 1966 |

Isaac was very young when he died from his wounds and did not marry. Because he died in the UK it took a while to locate his grave. Once the cemetery was identified, physically identifying the actual burial plot was not easy. In the end it was in a cemetery located between the writer's school and the football field where he played. No one in our family, I believe, knew the grave was there; how very sad, I would like to think someone would have placed some flowers on it at some time.



Streets at Netherton Colliery



Similar house to where Isaac Hunter lived

Military Service

Records show that three of his brothers also served in the Great War and survived. His brother John James Hunter, Private 10807, enlisted in the Northumberland Fusiliers and then joined the East Yorkshire Regiment. Isaac's brother, George Edward Hunter, Acting Sergeant 6223, also joined the Northumberland Fusiliers. His third brother Robert Hunter enlisted in the Northumberland Fusiliers and was wounded as were all the other brothers. Research shows it's very possible they all enlisted on the same day in 1914.

Isaac enlisted as 'Isaac Hunter' at Newcastle-on-Tyne into the 1st Tyneside Irish Battalion, one of six Tyneside Irish "Pals" battalions drawn from local Newcastle men who had Irish connections. Isaac was aged 17 years and his occupation was coal miner.

After his initial training in March 1915 at Woolsington near Newcastle, they joined 103rd Brigade, 34th Division at Ripon North Yorkshire in June 1915 and then moved to Salisbury Plain in late August for final training. It had taken over a year to bring the battalion and other sister units of the 34th Division up to the required standard after suffering delays in providing it with sufficient equipment, arms and ammunition stocks.

In September 1915, the 42nd Divisional Cyclist Company was formed on Salisbury Plain from men (possibly volunteers) of the 24th Northumberland Fusiliers to be the 34th Division's reconnaissance troops. Information (from Graham Stewart, author of "The Tyneside Irish") has a note that Hunter No- 24/1717 became a member of this unit. However Isaac's medal card shows that he disembarked in France still as a member of the Northumberland Fusiliers (January 1916 according to the records of the 24th Battalion) so he either asked to go back or was not cut out for fast cycling work.

Embarkation orders arrived in 3 Jan 1916 for the whole Division to move to France and entrainment began on 7th January to embarkation ports and by the 15 January the 34th Division was concentrated around La Crosse (East of St. Omar). Isaac's records show him as disembarking in France as a member of the 24th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. This regiment was incorporated into the 103rd (Tyneside Irish) Brigade which was engaged in the infamous Battle of the Somme, commencing on 1st July 1916. Isaac's records show he was possibly one of those less seriously wounded and spent some time at a rear hospital recovering after the first day of the offensive. After this Isaac was involved in the following actions.

25 – 28 September 1916: The 23rd Division engaged in the Battle of Morval, a continuation of the Somme Battles. The 10th Northumberland Fusiliers were in reserve during this time at Scots Redoubt and Shelter Wood.

1 – 9 October 1916: The Battle of Transloy Ridges and Capture of La Sars, a continuation of the Somme Battles took place, which were then closed down. The 10th Northumberland Fusiliers were involved on the attack at La Sars providing carrying parties for other units.

14 October 1916: The 10th Northumberland Fusiliers were transferred to the Ypres sector. It is reasonable to conjecture that this was most likely the opportunity to post Isaac back to his parent Brigade (103rd) and Division (34th) which were in a different sector at Arras.

9 April – 26th August 1917: The Battles of Arras commenced, which raged for almost five months. The period 9 – 14 April 1917 saw first Battle of the Scarf which was the first phase of the Battle of Arras. It was during this six day period Isaac Hunter was mortally wounded. His evacuation from the front line to a British hospital would take anything between 7 and 10 days. Isaac died of his wounds in a British hospital at Brighton on 27 April 1917 aged 20.

Isaac Whitfield Hunter, like all the other brave men at that time, followed the call to fight for their country and paid for this courage with his life. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. His grave

has now been located thanks to help from the North East War Memorial Project and will have flowers on once again.

Military information provided by Graham L Caldwell, Melbourne, Australia and summarised by Derek Johnstone. Isaac Whitfield Hunter was the Great Uncle of Derek Johnstone.



McCarthy Brothers



170. McCarthy, Frederick

Born 1893
Royal Field Artillery
76974
Driver
Died 25th July 1917
Age 24



168. McCarthy, John William

Born 1885
Royal Naval Reserve 3874S
Stoker
Died 26th March 1918
Age 33



169. McCarthy, Harold

Born 1897
Northumberland Fusiliers
(Tyneside Scottish) 23rd Batt.
23/693
Private
Died 1st July 1916
Age 19

The above 'montage' shows the three McCarthy brothers who all perished in the 1914-1918 War. The image came from a family tree on Ancestry and the family in Australia appear to confirm John William McCarthy, Royal Naval Reserve, with two unknown soldiers. All the observations indicate the three original photos have been used to compile the 'montage'. The chance of three servicemen coming together for a group photo is highly unlikely and the image appears to be compiled from three separate photos. Additionally the scaling is different for each person.

The parents of these men are Robert and Elizabeth McCarthy who were both born in Willington, Durham and married in 1884. The Register of Enlistments all three brother were living at 4, Third Street, Netherton, a village near to Bedlington in Northumberland. They are also all shown on the ROH 1914-1918 Netherton Coal Co. commemoration which is located at St Cuthbert's Church, Bedlington indicating they were all coal miners.

In 1891, John the only child in the marriage at this time was six years old and his family was living at Windlestone, Chilton Durham. By 1901, the family was living at the family was living at Leslie Row, Hauxley Amble a coastal coal mining village in Northumberland, with his brothers Frederick aged 7 and Harold aged 3. At this time John William McCarthy was 16 and working as a banksman at the colliery. 1911 saw the family was living at 69, Beaumont Street, Elrick Newcastle with additional siblings Robert aged 9, Olive aged 2 and

Roderic who was aged 1. John William, now 26, was still working in the coal mines as coal hewer; Frederick aged 17 is a putter in the mines and Harold is a butcher's errand boy. About 1914/15 all three brothers enlisted while living at 4, Third Street Netherton. Post war their parents were still living at this address in Netherton. John William McCarthy was the only one of the three to marry and he was married 11th November 1911 to Emily Pearson. Records show John, who was on HMS Lady Cory Wright, was killed as a direct result of enemy action involving a submarine in the English Channel. His body was not recovered. In 1925, his wife Emily went to live in Australia with her family.

In 1925, the McCarthy family went to Australia. Included (interpretation of passenger list) in the family on this voyage were:

- ✚ Mr R McCarthy, occupation miner, father
- ✚ Mrs E McCarthy, housewife (Elizabeth), mother
- ✚ Miss Olive McCarthy, daughter
- ✚ Master Robert McCarthy, son
- ✚ Master Roderic McCarthy, son
- ✚ Mrs Emily (nee Pearson) McCarthy, wife of John William McCarthy
- ✚ Master John McCarthy, possibly the son of John William and Emily

James Dixon's Family

The Great War was cruel in many ways, from the carnage of the battle fields with the associated tragic deaths, life changing injuries some of which could not be seen and the suffering which took place back home during and after the War. While reading a post on the Sixtowns History Group website I was drawn to the family group photo which was posted which included everyone except the father who was James Dixon.

James Dixon enlisted and joined the war effort, he did not return and is buried in a Commonwealth War Grave at the Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Boulogne-sur-Mer, Pas de Calais France. James' service number was 22/245 and he was a Private serving with the Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish) 22nd Battalion; he died on 10th July 1916, aged 40.



James Dixon was born around 1876 at Bedlington, Northumberland. His parents were James Dixon born at Sheepwash near Bedlington and Elizabeth Mary Dixon who was born at Bothal Demesme, Ashington. In 1881 James Dixon was five years old and living at Stakeford Lane, Guide Post with his family which includes siblings Daniel age six and Margaret aged four. His father is employed in the coal mines. The 1891 Census shows his father James Dixon is 36 and his mother Elizabeth 35. James Dixon is 15 years old at this time and working as a miner and his family is living at Bothal Demesne, Ashington. Siblings in house include Daniel 16, Margaret 13, Isabella 6, Robert 4 and William 10 months. In 1898, when James Dixon was about 22, he married Mary Purdy which was registered at Morpeth.

By 1901 James Dixon and his wife Mary lived at Guide Post where he is employed in the mines as a coal hewer. They had one child Annie aged one, who was born at Ashington, Northumberland. James and his family were living at 175, Medway Street, Hirst Ashington when the 1911 Census was taken. The children in the house at this time include Ann Gregory 11, Elizabeth Mary 9, John Thomas 5, Robert 3, Infant Dixon, Andrew. James enlisted at Bedlington and was wounded on 4th July 1916 and died days later on the 10th July. Sadly information from the granddaughter of James Dixon shows their grief was compounded after his death when Mary Dixon and all her children (see photograph) were put out of their house by the colliery landlords. Mary was given a canvas sheet which was put up between the colliery rows where she lived with her furniture, some of which she had to burn on the fire. One of the children died from pneumonia during this period. Mary Dixons burden was eased when eventually she became a housekeeper.