

***FOR KITCHENER
FROM KIRKHAM***

***Men from Kirkham, Wesham
and the rural Fylde who served during the
Great War 1914 - 1918***



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Introduction

In late June, 1914, when the newspapers reported the assassination of some unknown Austrian Archduke and his wife in far off Bosnia, wherever that was, it did not cause much concern amongst the population of the rural Fylde. However, over the next few weeks the situation was to become more and more tense, as old treaties and alliances brought the countries of Europe towards conflict, and by early August the main players had mobilized their forces and were ready to go to war. France, Russia and Britain were the main contributors for the Allies, with Germany and Austria forming the Central Powers, with Turkey joining them shortly after hostilities had begun. By mid August the 'Contemptible little British Army', as the Kaiser had once called it, was beginning to land at the French ports before moving North into Belgium to engage a German Army which was by then advancing through the country. On August 22nd near the Belgian town of Mons the small British Army met the German juggernaut head on and the fight began.

On the mobilization order being sent out, local Reservists left to rejoin their units where they were issued with uniforms and equipment before leaving within weeks for the front. The Territorials, who were on their annual camp, returned home and after a request from the War Office volunteered almost to a man to serve in the field. In late August Kitchener who had realized the war would be a long and bitter contest called for 100,000 volunteers to serve in the army. Throughout the small towns and villages of the Fylde hundreds of men left the factories and the farms to answer the country's 'Call to Arms'. **For Kitchener from Kirkham** were the words carried on a board by the first group of volunteers who marched from Kirkham to Preston to enlist in Kitchener's Army. Throughout the war many more men from the area were to leave and serve in the forces fighting in the great battles fought on land, sea and in the air during the war. A great many of those who marched away to war were to return at the end of the hostilities, but those who did not and are buried in the many cemeteries or commemorated on the memorials throughout Europe and the Middle East.

In October 1914 and March 1915 two small pamphlets were printed locally with the title '**Kirkham and Wesham Soldiers and Sailors Gazette**' containing a list of local men who had joined the forces, along with several articles, letters and photographs. The 1915 edition contained a list of 350 men from Kirkham, Wesham and Wrea Green who were at that time serving with the Royal Navy and the Army. It also included lists of other local organisations including the Volunteer Training Corps, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Special Constables and the Boy Scouts.

During the remainder of the war many more men enlisted or were 'Conscripted' into the forces but no further lists were ever printed and they remain unknown. The following list has been compiled using the two Gazettes along with other local sources, newspapers, memorials etc., to try to find the names of as many of those who served as possible but many are still unknown. The list contains not only men who lived in the district but also those born locally and lived throughout the United Kingdom and overseas. In many cases very little information could be found other than the man's name. As the information in list has been collected from various sources it is not guaranteed to be wholly correct and should only be used as a guide.

The military information for those who died has been drawn from 'Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 - 1919', a series of books published in the 1920s by the War Office listing over 600,000 casualties, now available on CD which can be viewed at several local libraries. The grave and memorial details are from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission web site (www.cwgc.org). The service details are taken from those held at the National Archive available online via ancestry.co.uk.



Although men from the area served in almost all branches of the armed forces the majority originally served with the local infantry regiment, The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, based in Preston. This regiment by the end of the war consisted of 2 Regular, 6 Territorial and 6 Service battalions serving overseas along with 7 Reserve & Home Service battalions based at several locations throughout the United Kingdom. Throughout the war the battalions of the regiment served on the Western Front also in East Africa, Egypt, Gallipoli, Mesopotamia, Salonika & Palestine, during which time it was awarded 68 battle honours, three Victoria Crosses and suffer over 7500 casualties.

The 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt. was the local Territorial battalion based at Avenham Lane, Preston, whose 'E' Company consisted mainly of men from the Kirkham & Lytham area.

In August, 1914, the battalion was on annual training camp at Kirby Longsdale but returned home immediately on it being mobilized on August 4th. Although the territorials were only raised for Home Defence, a request was made by Lord Kitchener to the Territorial Force for battalions to serve overseas and the battalion volunteered to a man. Later in the month it was given a rousing send off as they left Preston Station for camp at Swindon. After moves to several other camps around the country the battalion finally left for the front landing at Boulogne on May 4th, 1915, as part of the 154th Brigade, 51st (Highland) Division. In January, 1916, the battalion was transferred to the reformed 164th Brigade, 55th (West Lancashire) Division in which it served for the remainder of the war. During the war the battalion took part in many of the major actions fought in France and Flanders, including Festubert (1915), The Somme (1916), Passchendaele & Cambrai (1917) and Arras (1918).

At the end of August, 1914, a recruiting meeting was held on the Market Square, Kirkham, and after several patriotic speeches from various local dignitaries a large number of local men had volunteered to enlist. The following morning (1st September) they all gathered at the Market Square, where a photograph was taken (see title page), before leaving on foot for Preston. Preceded by a band which read 'FOR KITCHENER FROM KIRKHAM' the men marched off headed by the Boy Scouts with flags flying and the local band playing. After a short break at Lea for refreshment they continued to the Public Hall, Preston, where all but the Boy Scouts enlisted. At Fulwood Barracks the men were divided between two battalions (6th & 7th) of the Loyal North Lancashire Regt. then in the process of being formed.

The 6th (Service) Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt. left Preston for Tidworth becoming part of the 38th Brigade, 13th (Western) Division. On June 17th, 1915, it embarked at Avonmouth for the Mediterranean and after a short stay on the island of Mudros the battalion landed at Helles, on the Gallipoli peninsula, on July 6th. A month later on August 4th the battalion was moved to Anzac Cove, where, within a few days of arriving it was to be involved in one of the most catastrophic actions of the campaign, the attack on the Chunuk Bair Ridge. It was here that after relieving the New Zealanders, on the night of August 8th - 9th, that the battalion was overwhelmed by a strong Turkish counter-attack early the following morning and suffered a large number of casualties (*Soldiers Died in the Great War lists 190 as killed in action for August 9th, almost all having no known grave, with a further 30 as having died from wounds within the next few days*). The battalion continued to serve at Gallipoli until late December when it was withdrawn to Mudros and then in January, 1916, to Egypt. After a short stay in Egypt, where it was reinforced, the battalion embarked at Port Said for Mesopotamia, landing at Basra on March 5th. The battalion was to remain in Mesopotamia for the remainder of the war taking part in the Relief of Kut and the march North to Baghdad.

From its formation in 1914 to the end of the war almost 800 officers & men died while serving with the battalion. The honours conferred on the battalion include Gallipoli 1915, Egypt 1916 and Mesopotamia 1916 - 1918.

After completing its formation at Preston the 7th (Service) Battalion left for Tidworth where it became part of the 56th Brigade, 19th (Western) Division. After a move to Whitchurch in December and then a return to Tidworth in March, 1915, the battalion embarked for France, landing at Boulogne on July 17th 1915. After doing duty in the trenches and playing a minor part at the Battle of Loos, in September, 1915, the battalion's first major action was to be during the Battle of the Somme. On July 1st, 1916, the opening day of the battle, the battalion was to have attacked in the late afternoon towards the village of Ovillers, but luckily this attack was called off after the attacks earlier that morning had been repulsed with very heavy losses. On this day the British Army had 18,000 men killed with a further 40,000 wounded. The battalion finally advanced on July 5th, when it took part in the capture of the village of La Boisselle (*a memorial to the men of the 19th Division stands in front of the village church*). It was in this action that Lieutenant T.O.L. Wilkinson, of the 7th Battalion, L.N.L., won the Victoria Cross, one of three awarded to the regiment during the war. During its time on the Somme, from July to November, 1916, the battalion sustained almost 200 officers and men killed with a great many more wounded. The battalion continued to serve with the 19th Division in France & Flanders until it was disbanded in France on February 10th, 1918, its members being distributed amongst the remainder of the division.

The honours conferred on the battalion include Loos (1915), Somme (1916) and Passchendaele (1917). In October, 1920, the battalion's King's Colour was presented to St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham, where it can still be seen on the North wall of the Sanctuary.

Shortly after the outbreak of war a local organisation was formed with the title of the Volunteer Training Corps. Similar to the Home Guard (Dad's Army) of the 2nd World War it included many men who had served previously with the forces, youths who were too young to enlist and men who had failed the medical requirements to join the forces, others who were excused by the local tribunals were also encouraged to join. Reports of drills, route marches and other various social activities appeared regularly in the local newspapers throughout the war. Later in the war the corps took over the duties of guarding the railway line and other key local establishments. Along with the units from Preston, Ashton & Chorley, it later became part of the 12th Battalion Lancashire Volunteer Regt. *A list of the members of the corps was included in the 1915 copy of the Soldiers & Sailors Gazette.*

Another local organisation was the St. John Ambulance Brigade which apart from performing civil duties also provided a number of volunteers to serve in military hospitals both at home and overseas, several of whom later joined the forces. *A photograph of the Kirkham members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade can be found in the May 8th, 1915, copy of the Preston Guardian.*

On the home front life carried on much the same as before with the local newspapers reporting on local groups and societies sending money, comforts and gifts to troops at the front, they also carried reports of concerts and benefits to raise money to help local men who had been wounded. Flag days, door to door collections and other means were also arranged for good causes including the Free Station Buffet at Preston and the Blue Cross Fund for Wounded Horses. The money raised from these collections varied from almost £200 raised for the YMCA Hut Fund to 23 shillings raised by two schoolgirls who sold handmade tea cosies, the money being used to

purchase cigarettes for soldiers at the local Military Hospital. The newspapers also recorded that not all tragedies happen overseas at the front, the story of the wife of a Kirkham soldier being a case in point. The following incident was reported in the Preston Guardian 24th December 1915.

"KIRKHAM CHILD'S DEATH FROM BURNS - An inquest was held at the Union Offices, Wesham, on Wednesday, on the body of a child named Emma Singleton, who died at the Fylde Union Infirmary on Tuesday as a result of burns. Margaret Beckett, 42, Marsden-street, Kirkham, mother of the deceased, said her husband was at present on active service with the Loyal North Lancashire Regt. At 10 10 on Monday morning she left the child in the house with her seven year old sister. The latter was a mental deficient. She went to do some shopping, and was away about five minutes. On her return a Mrs. Mortimer, with whom she lived, told her that the child had been burned, and advised her to go for a doctor. Dr. Parkinson came and ordered the removal of the child to the Union Hospital. The deceased was dressed in woolen clothing. One of her other children was found dead in bed about six years ago. An inquest was held, and the verdict was to the effect that the child had died of suffocation. When the deceased was burned there was a fender down but no fireguard. The Coronor (Mr. J. Parker): The history is not a good one. Ellen Mortimer said that at 10 15 on Monday morning she heard screams, and on going to see what was the matter found the deceased's clothing in flames. She wrapped her in a coat. Mrs. Beckett was a good mother to her children. Mary Higginbottom, sister nurse at the Union Hospital, said that when the child was admitted she was suffering from burns from head to the knees. She died at noon on Tuesday. P.C. Hodgkinson said Mrs. Beckett was rather a simple woman, but not a drunken woman. A Juryman: The woman has been knocked from pillar to post. The Coronor: Perhaps she is more to be pitied than blamed. A verdict of 'Accidental death' was returned."

A few months after the above report appeared her husband was killed in Mesopotamia while serving with the Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

A short time after the end of the war memorials began to be unveiled in local churches and schools to commemorate the men who had not returned. Over the next few years each of the local communities decided to have a permanent memorial to those who had fallen. Committees were formed to raise money for these memorials which was raised through the various sources that had been used to throughout the conflict, house to house collections, concerts and fairs etc. The first to be unveiled was at Wesham in 1921 followed by Freckleton in 1924 and finally at Kirkham in 1926.

The following photographs were included in the issues of the Soldiers and Sailors Gazette.



Local men with 6th Battalion Loyal North Lancs. Regt.

Standing - J. PARKINSON - L. GARDNER
Sitting - W. DODD - Alex DANSON



4th Battalion Loyal North Lancs. Regt.

Corporal John JOLLY



Non Commissioned Officers 'B' Company, 7th Battalion Loyal North Lancs. Regt.

Standing - J. MURRAY - H. PARKINSON - Jos. HODGSON - R. SANDERSON
Sitting - R. KIRBY - O. AIKEN - R. KAY - J.C. PARKINSON



Local men serving with 7th Battalion Loyal North Lancs. Regt.

Standing - Jos. HODGSON - F. TAYLOR - J.B. PORTER
Sitting - A. PEARSON - A. WILLACY - R. BENSON



Chief Petty Officer R. Dale
Royal Navy



Leading Signalman W.J. Bath
Royal Navy

Roll of those who Served

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AIKEN Arthur

Royal Air Force

Born Wesham
Son of Alfred William & Amy Bertha Aiken, Station House, Wrea Green.

AIKEN Oswald

Sergeant 13950
Born Wesham
Railway Clerk, son of Alfred William & Amy Bertha Aiken, Station House, Wrea Green.
Went out to France with battalion on 17th July 1915. Wounded by shrapnel on the Somme in November 1916 and returned to England. On recovering volunteered for service in East Africa. Served with the Home Guard in World War II. The Mayor of Kirkham on 2 occasions he died in 1997.
Service papers at the National Archive.

AINSWORTH Henry Edward

Military Medal

Member
Sergeant 89313
Born Wesham
Husband of Mary Ainsworth, son of Thomas & Ellen Ainsworth.
Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 27th June 1918).

AINSWORTH John Thomas

Private T/2190
Born Adlington
Railway Porter, son of William Ainsworth, 12 Porter St. East, Wesham.
Discharged medically unfit in December 1915.
Service papers at the National Archive.

AINSWORTH John William

Private RX4/215225
Born Wesham
Cotton Clothlooker, husband of Cecily Ainsworth, 56 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham, father of eight children. Son of Thomas & Ellen Ainsworth.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in August 1916. Served within the United Kingdom at A.S.C. Remount Depot, Ormskirk, discharged in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ALEXANDER William

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

ALLANSON George

Private TR3/17477
Private 59402
Born Freckleton
Labourer at Lytham Shipbuilding & Engineering Co. Son of Thomas & Nanny Allanson, 23 Fylde St., Kirkham.
Served within the United Kingdom, being discharged in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ALLBECK Thomas †

Served as HOLBECK Thomas

Private 106868
Private 39554
Born Wigan
Died of wounds on the Western Front 7th April 1918.
Buried at Le Cateau Military Cemetery, Nord, France.
Aged 33, son of Margaret Allbeck, Victoria St., Lytham, brother of Grace Woodhead, 4 Vine St., Nelson.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.

ALLEN Arthur Robert

Born Bolton-le-Moors
Son of Henry John & Lucy Ellen France Allen, The Vicarage, Church Rd., Treales.
No further information known.
Commemorated at Christ Church, Treales.

ALLEN James

Private 23120 3rd Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Nelson 8th May 1915 aged 24
Confectioner, son of Peter & Margaret Allen, 71 Barkerhouse Rd., Nelson.
Called Up in May 1915 and as a Conscientious Objector refused to obey any orders given serving several terms of imprisonment.
Finally released by the Home Secretary from Durham Jail in January 1919. One of three brothers.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ALLEN (Hallanan) Peter †

Private 25585 10th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
47th Training Reserve Battalion
Private G/36289 4th Battalion, East Surrey Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 28th April 1916 aged 20
Died of pneumonia 7th December 1918.
Buried at Barrowford (All Souls) R.C. Burial Ground.
Shoemaker, 9 Medicott St., Newport, County Mayo, son of Peter & Margaret Allen, 71 Barkerhouse Rd., Nelson.
Called Up in April 1916 and as a Conscientious Objector refused to obey any orders given serving several terms of imprisonment.
Allowed out of prison to attend sister's funeral he contracted influenza while at home and died. One of three brothers.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ALLEN Thomas †

Private 25584 10th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
47th Training Reserve Battalion
Private G/36288 4th Battalion, East Surrey Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 28th April 1916 aged 29
Died of pneumonia 5th December 1918.
Buried at Barrowford (All Souls) R.C. Burial Ground.
Shoemaker, 9 Medicott St., Newport, County Mayo, son of Peter & Margaret Allen.
Called Up in April 1916 and as a Conscientious Objector refused to obey any orders given serving several terms of imprisonment.
Allowed out of prison to attend sister's funeral he contracted influenza while at home and died. One of three brothers.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ALLEN William Parkinson †

Bombardier 150810 255th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Great Eccleston Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 10th November 1917.
Buried at Bailieul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France.
Aged 24, son of Christopher & Sarah Jane Allen, Hassall House, Elswick.
Family grave United Reformed Church, Elswick.
Commemorated at Kirkham Grammar School.

Preston Guardian 24th November 1917.

"Intimation has been received by Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Allen, Hassel House, Elswick, that their only son, Gunner W.P. Allen, R.G.A., has died of wounds in France. Before joining the forces early this year he was a partner with his father on the farm. He was 24 years of age, and had been out in France about three months."

ALLGER John

Corporal MS/4059 335th Motor Transport Company, Army Service Corps
Born Tunbridge Wells, Kent Enlisted London 8th September 1914 aged 32
Motor Mechanic & Driver, 84 Disraeli Rd., Putney, London SW.
Served on the Western Front as a lorry driver from October 1914 to July 1916 and January 1917 to April 1919. Discharged in May 1919 to 27 Whitworth St., Wesham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ALLISON George William †

Private 36367 4th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston
Died of wounds on the Western Front 28th September 1917.
Buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, Belgium.
Cotton Weaver, aged 21, son of Alfred Edward & Elizabeth Allison, 9 Best St., Kirkham.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

ALLISON John

Private The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Son of Alfred Edward & Elizabeth Allison, 9 Best St., Kirkham.
Recorded as having been wounded while serving on the Western Front.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

ALSTON William †

Private 17579 9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham
Killed in action on the Western Front 7th July 1916.
Buried at Pozieres British Cemetery, Ovillers-la Boisselle, Somme, France.
Aged 22, son of John & Annie Alston, 15 Whitworth St., Wesham.
Prior to enlisting in November 1914 he was employed as a clothlooker at Moss's, Phoenix Mill, Wesham.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 12th August 1916. (Photograph)

"A Letter from his company commander communicates the death on July 7th of Pte. Alston, 17579, in France. The officer writes: "I deeply feel his loss, as he was a good soldier, brave and well loved by his comrades. He died nobly doing his duty, and all ranks were proud of him." Pte. Alston, before becoming a soldier was a clothlooker at Messrs. Moss's Phoenix Mill, Wesham, and was a single man, aged 22. He joined the Army in Nov., 1914. In a military communication on May 18th last, Pte. Alston's name was included in a list of officers and men recommended for their conduct during operations on the night of 15th and 16th May last. Pte. Alston's home address was 15, Whitworth St., Wesham."

ANDERTON John †

Private 12827 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 3205 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Clifton Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 22
Enlisted Kirkham 24th November 1914 aged 22
Died of Tuberculosis at home 16th July 1918.
Insurance Agent, husband of Cecily Agnes Anderton, 4 Mill St., Kirkham, son of Robert & Mary Ann Anderton, 15 Orders Lane, Kirkham.
Discharged 'unlikely to become an efficient soldier' in October. Enlisted again in November 1914 once again discharged in April 1915 as medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ANDERTON Richard

Private 13865 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Served on the Western Front from July 1915.

ANDERTON Richard Henry †

Private 13904 10th & 9th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Clifton Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 27
Killed in action on the Western Front 10th April 1918.
Buried at Croix-du-Bac British Cemetery, Steenwerk, Nord, France.
Farm Labourer, son of Robert & Mary Ann Anderton, 15 Orders Lane, Kirkham.
Went out to the France with the 10th Battalion on 1st August 1915, returning home ill suffering from appendicitis in November 1917. Returned to the Western Front on 1st April 1918 being posted to the 9th Battalion.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ANYON Thomas

Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Salford
Son of Thomas & Mary Anyon, 22 Marsden St., Kirkham.

ANYON William Henry †

Private 3959 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Freckleton Enlisted Kirkham 26th May 1915 aged 21
Died from wounds on the Western Front 17th November 1915.
Buried at Millencourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.
Cotton Spinner, lived at 90 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of John & Ada Anyon, 17 Eaves St., Blackpool.
Went out to the France in October 1915. Reported to have been killed by a bursting shell while out with a working party, died at the 1/3rd Highland Field Ambulance. Prior to enlisting he was employed at Bowdler's Mill.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 4th December 1915. (Photograph)

"News has been received by the relatives of Private William Henry Anyon, 1/4th L.N.L. Regiment, who lived at 90 Marsden street, Kirkham, that whilst out with a working party 'somewhere in France' he was killed by a bursting shell. Private Anyon enlisted in May this year, and had been out at the front about seven weeks during which time he spent several days in the trenches, and had gone through a heavy bombardment. He was 21 years old, and was formerly employed at Bowdler's Mill as a piecer."

APPLETON Joseph Edward

Squad Commander Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Kirkham
Schoolmaster, husband of Margaret Appleton, 29 Moor St., Kirkham.

ARCHER John Crofts

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

ARCHER Richard †

Private 204099 5th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Warton Enlisted Preston
Died of wounds on the Western Front 7th November 1917.
Buried at Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Poperinge, Belgium.
Resident of Goosnargh. Son of John & Esther Archer.

ARCHER William Valiant †

Gunner 106192 220th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Great Eccleston Enlisted Preston 15th July 1916 aged 35
Died on the Western Front 20th February 1918.
Buried at Ste. Marie Communal Cemetery, Le Havre, Seine-Maritime, France.
Harness Maker, husband of Winifred Archer, West End, Great Eccleston, son of William Valiant & Margaret Archer.
Served on the Western Front from November 1916 being wounded in October 1917. Taken ill in December 1917 and died two months later of Spinal Meningitis.
Commemorated at St. Anne's Parish Church, Copp.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ARMSTRONG John Thomas

Private 32000 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Chat Moss Enlisted Preston 2nd November 1916 aged 35
Fellmonger, husband of Elizabeth Armstrong, 'Alder Leigh' Clitheroes Lane, Freckleton.
Sailed for India in January 1917, then served in Mesopotamia from March 1917. Invalided to India in October 1918 suffering from Malaria. Returned to United Kingdom in June 1919, being discharged in August 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ASHTON Arthur

At present no further information found
Listed in Soldiers & Sailors Gazette 1914.

ASHTON Richard †

Lance-Corporal 5729 2nd Battalion, Prince of Wales Volunteers (South Lancashire)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Warrington
Killed in action on the Western Front 29th September 1914.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the La Ferte-sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.
Ship Breaker's Labourer, husband of Alice Ada Ashton, 20 Rosedale Rd., Barrow-in-Furness. Son of Richard & Margaret Ashton, 8 New Row, Kirkham.
Left for the Western Front at the end of August 1914. Had previously served with the South Lancs during the Boer War. Widow married Edmund George Wastell at Preston in 1916.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

ASHTON Robert Frederick

Stoker 1st Class SS/105380 Royal Navy
Born Kirkham Enlisted 20th July 1907
Son of Richard & Margaret Ashton, 8 New Row, Kirkham.
Served with the Royal Navy from 1907 until placed in the Royal Fleet Reserve in July 1912. Mobilized in August 1914 serving in several ships, including Canopus, Albion & Lion, until demobilized in June 1921.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ASPIN George

Private 13506 7th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Manchester 1st September 1914 aged 24
Iron Fitter, husband of Charlotte Aspin, 1 Thomas Place, Brindle Heath, Pendleton. Son of Joseph & Jane Aspin.
Discharged as medically unfit (epilepsy) in November 1914.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ASPIN Thomas

Private 12546 6th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Burnley
Cotton Spinner, son of Sarah Ann Aspin, 2 New Row, Kirkham.

ATKINSON Henry

Private 71869 Canadian Expeditionary Force
Born Elswick Enlisted Brandon, Nova Scotia, Canada 27th October 1914 aged 35
Previous service with the Loyal North Lancashire Regt. (12 years).
Service papers at the Canadian National Archive.

ATKINSON Thomas (Tom) †

Acting-Corporal 22034 12th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Acting-Sergeant TR3/5200 76th Battalion, Training Reserve
Acting-Sergeant 35011 7th Battalion, The Border Regt.
Born Westby Enlisted Lytham 10th December 1915 aged 22
Killed in action on the Western Front 13th October 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.
Draper's Assistant, son of Thomas & Elizabeth Atkinson, 34 Victoria St., Lytham.
Transferred to the Border Regt. before going out to the France in June 1917.
Recorded on Lytham War Memorial.
Family grave St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Wrea Green.
Service papers at the National Archive.

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BAGOT William †

Staff Sergeant 13181 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Fulwood Enlisted Preston 7th September 1914 aged 19
Died of wounds on the Western Front 2nd August 1917.
Buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France.
Butcher, son of George & Elizabeth Bagot, 3 Liverpool St., Preston.
Went out to France on 17th July 1915. Died at 53rd Casualty Clearing Station from shrapnel wounds.
Recorded on Preston War Memorial.
Family grave St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 11th August 1917. (Photograph)

"Official notification has been received by Mr. Bagot, 3, Liverpool-street, Preston, that his son W. Bagot ("Billy"), aged 22, of the L.N.L. Regt., died of wounds, at a casualty clearing station in France. He was well known in the Fulwood district, where he assisted in his father's butchering business up to the time he joined the "Preston Pals" Company. He was a member of the Fulwood Parish Church."

BAINES George Frederick

Born Wharles
Son of Frederick & Amelia Baines
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

BALDERSTONE William Richard † Military Medal

Rifleman B/635 Rifle Brigade
Born Bentham, Yorks.
Died in United Kingdom 19th September 1920
Buried at St. Anne's Parish Church, Singleton, Lancashire.
Farm Labourer, husband of Laura Ellen Balderstone, Woodyard Cottage, Singleton.
Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 2nd November 1917).

BALL James

At present no further information found
Listed in Soldiers & Sailors Gazette 1914 / 1915.

BALL Percival

Born Salwick
Son of James & Janet Ball, Pinfold Cottages, Salwick.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

BALL Richard

Driver 33196
Private 668324
Born Weeton
Royal Engineers
The Labour Corps
Farm Labourer, son of James & Ann Ball, Little Plumpton.

BALL Robert

At present no further information found
Listed in Soldiers & Sailors Gazette 1915.

BALL Thomas

Pioneer 221276 / WR/352584
Born Wharles
Engine Fitter, husband of Edith Mary Ball, Rock Cottage, Treales, son of Isaac & Jenny Ball, Wharles.
Served on the Western Front from January to March 1917. Returned from the front and transferred to the Army Reserve and employed in father's corn threshing business.
*Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.
Service papers at the National Archive.*

BALL William Henry

Private 13934
Private M/404131
Born Wesham
Cotton Weaver, son of Jonas & Margaret Ball, 4 Albert St., Wesham.
Left for France with the battalion in July 1915.
7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Army Service Corps

BALSHAW Arthur

Private 4683 / 201877
Private 235255
Born Kirkham
Shoemaker, 31 Poulton St., Kirkham, son of Alice Balshaw, 47 Ormerod St., Accrington.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in November 1916. Served on the Western Front from February to August 1917, returning to United Kingdom suffering from tonsillitis. Returned to France in February 1917 being posted to the South Staffs. Reported as missing and prisoner of war in April 1918 being repatriated in December. Discharged in February 1919, returning home to Accrington.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BALSHAW Richard

Lance-Corporal 14267
Born Kirkham
Cotton Spinner, husband of Elizabeth Ann Balshaw, 1 Market St., Wesham, son of William & Emma Balshaw.
Went out to France with the battalion in September 1915. Wound in the left arm on 8th July 1916, being discharged due to wounds in June 1917.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BAMBER Benjamin

Private 20637
Private 57855
Born Singleton
Farm Labourer, husband of Bridget Veronica Singleton, 36 Grosvenor Rd., Preston. Son of Richard & Ann Bamber.
Served on the Western Front from December 1915 until wounded in August 1916. Returned to front in March 1917 being wounded in October 1917. Returned to front once again in March 1918 being taken prisoner in April. Discharged in February 1919. Prior to enlisting employed by Mr. B. Raby, Avenham Farm, Singleton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BAMBER Harry

Private 40742
Born Thistleton
Farm Labourer, Grange Farm, Singleton, son of Joseph & Margaret Bamber, Post Office, Thistleton.
Served on the Western Front from September 1918 to October 1919. Discharged in December 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BAMBER James

Private 12991 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
 Born Elswick Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 18
 Cotton Spinner, son of James Bamber, 27 New Row, Kirkham.
 Discharged medically unfit (defective eyesight) a month after enlisting.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BAMBER James Swarbrick

Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
 Born Great Ecclestone.
 Son of John & Sarah Bamber, 2 Railway Terrace, Wesham.

BAMBER Thomas †

Private 3014 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
 Born Singleton Enlisted Lancaster 2nd November 1914 aged 25
 Died of wounds on the Western Front 5th May 1915.
 No Known Grave, Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.
 Labourer, son of William & Sarah Bamber, 33 West End, Great Ecclestone.
 Sailed for France on 14th February 1915.
Commemorated at St. Anne's Parish Church, Copp, Great Ecclestone.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BAMBER William †

Private 36851 1/5th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
 Born Elswick Enlisted Preston
 Died while Prisoner of War in Germany 21st July 1918.
 Buried at Berlin South-Western Cemetery, Brandenburg, Germany
 Aged 24, son of Jane Bamber, Elswick.
Commemorated at St. Anne's Parish Church, Copp, Great Ecclestone.

Preston Guardian 2nd February 1918. (Photograph)

"Mrs. J. Preston, New Cottages, Elswick, whose brother, Pte. W. Bamber, L.N.L. Regt., has been reported missing since November 30th, has since received news from him that he is a prisoner of war at Munster, Westphalia, Germany. He was slightly wounded in the head by shrapnel on August 1st. Previous to joining the Army 12 months ago he was employed by Mr. J. Salthouse, Thistleton, as a farm labourer."

Preston Guardian 28th September 1918. (Photograph)

"News has been received by Mrs. J. Preston, Elswick, Kirkham, of the death on August 4th, in Germany, of her brother Pte. W. Bamber, L.N.L. Regiment, aged 24 years. Deceased was wounded on August 1st, 1917, and taken prisoner on November 30th."

BAMBER William

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

BANKS James

Lance-Corporal 6288 3rd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
 Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 18th March 1900 aged 18
 Husband of Sarah Banks, 23 Fylde St., Kirkham, son of John Banks, Freckleton.
 Served with 2nd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire in Malta, Crete and Gibraltar being placed in the Army Reserve in 1904.
 Mobilized in August 1914, being discharged as physically unfit in October 1914.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BANKS John

Private 3938 / 290205 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
 Born Freckleton
 Cotton Weaver, son of John & Alice Banks, 10 Clitheroes Lane, Freckleton.

Preston Herald 2nd September 1916.

"Pte. John Banks, of the Preston Territorials, whose home is at 10 Clitheroes-lane, Freckleton, was wounded in the thigh with shrapnel whilst bomb throwing on August 8th at Guillemont. He has had several narrow escapes during the 'big push'. He has seen ten months service at the front. Pte. Banks is now in the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and his many friends will be glad to hear that he is progressing favourably."

BANKS Robert †

Private 27629 10th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
 Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 10th December 1915 aged 33
 Died of wounds on the Western Front 27th April 1917.
 Buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.

Road Repairer, husband of Elizabeth Banks, 11 School Lane, Freckleton, & son of John & Alice Banks.
Prior to being 'Called Up' in July 1916 he was employed by the County Council and had also been the caretaker of the Methodist Church for several years. Went out to France in November 1916 being wounded on 11th April 1917 at Arras he died at the 7th Canadian General Hospital, Etaples. He left a wife and four children.

Recorded on Freckleton War Memorial.

Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 26th May 1917. (Photograph)

"Mrs. Banks, School-lane, Freckleton, has received word that her husband, Pte R. Banks, L.N.L. Regt., died of wounds at the 7th Canadian General Hospital in France, on April 27th. He was 34 years of age, and was wounded in the battle for Vimy Ridge. He was called up in July last year, and went out to France in November. Previous to joining the Army he was employed by the County Council. He had also been the caretaker of the Primitive Methodist Church for several years. He leaves a widow and four children."

BANKS William

Private 77898

The King's (Liverpool Regt.)

Private 217892

The Labour Corps

Born Freckleton

Enlisted Preston 20th January 1917 aged 23

Cotton Weaver, son of John & Alice Banks, 10 Clitheroes Lane, Freckleton.

Served on the Western Front from May to June 1917. Returned to England and served with the Labour Corps until discharged in September 1917 medically unfit.

Service papers at the National Archive.

BARKER Edward †

Private 240256

1/5th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.

Born Kirkham

Enlisted Elson

Killed in action on the Western Front 6th November 1918.

Buried at Maubeuge Centre Cemetery, Nord, France.

Cotton Taper's Labourer, aged 35, husband of Elizabeth Richmond Barker, 36 Humphrey St., Brierfield, Lancashire. Son of Henry & Alice Barker, 5 Fylde St., Kirkham.

Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

Recorded on Brierfield War Memorial.

BARLOW Jim †

Sergeant L/16875

Royal Field Artillery

Born Kirkham

Enlisted 14th April 1914 aged 26

Died of Bronchitis at home 2nd June 1923.

Buried at St. Michael's Parish Church Cemetery, Kirkham.

Aged 34, 67 Ribby Rd., Kirkham, son of David & Ann Barlow, Kirkham.

Discharged in April 1917 as medically unfit.

Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

BARLOW George Robert

Private 203385

2/7th Battalion, Manchester Regt.

Private 61744

Durham Light Infantry

Private 19267

33rd Battalion, The Labour Corps

Born Helmshore

Enlisted Preston 4th December 1915 aged 37

Gardener, husband of Florence Barlow, Clifton Hall Lodge, Clifton.

Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in July 1916. Served on the Western Front with the Labour Corps from February 1917 to July 1917. Discharged in September 1917 as physically unfit.

Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

Service papers at the National Archive.

BARNES James

Private 32567

8th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Kirkham

Enlisted Preston 6th June 1916 aged 18

Grocer's Assistant, son of James & Elizabeth Ellen Barnes, 39 Fylde St., Kirkham.

Served on the Western Front from March 1917 to August 1917. Discharged physically unfit in September 1917.

Service papers at the National Archives.

BARNES James

Private 3374

2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Private 86228

The Lancashire Fusiliers

Private 897291

34th Battalion, London Regt.

Born Kirkham

Son of Joseph & Mary Barnes, 13 South View, Kirkham.

BARNES John Harold (Erroll)

Private 13906 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 22
Cotton Weaver, son of John & Mary Barnes, nephew of James & Elizabeth Ellen Barnes, 39 Fylde St., Kirkham.
Discharged medically unfit in October 1914.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BARNES Joseph

Private 3965 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 44
Labourer, husband of Mary Barnes, 13 South View, Kirkham.
Did not serve overseas, however, employed by the army at several munitions factories. Discharged in December 1918.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BARNISH John Edward †

Lance-Corporal 13109 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 7th September 1914 aged 23
Died of wounds on the Western Front 5th December 1915.
Buried at St. Vaast Post Military Cemetery, Richebourg-l'Avoue, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Cotton Cloth Overlooker, son of Mr. Alexander & Mrs. Mary Ann Barnish, 117 Watkin Lane, Lostock Hall.
Went out to France with the battalion on 17th July 1915. War Diary of the 7th Battalion records " *Enemy fairly quiet but two men wounded.*"
Recorded on Tardy Gate War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BARNISH Thomas

Private 41045 73rd Training Reserve Battalion
Private TR3/32897 76th Training Reserve Battalion
Private 68342 3/10th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 44487 The Labour Corps
Private 53631 East Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 3rd March 1916 aged 20
Shop Assistant, son of Luke & Louisa Eleanor Kirkby, 83 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in December 1916. Transferred to the Labour Corps shortly before going out to the front in March 1917. Returned to the United Kingdom in March 1918 suffering from a sprained knee. Served in several Labour Corps companies before posted to the East Lancashire Regt. in July 1919. Discharged in January 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BARON James

Private 3411 / 24388 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Brindle Enlisted Preston 20th May 1916 aged 18
Labourer, 'Post Office Hotel', 18 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Served in Mesopotamia from September 1916 and then India being awarded a medal for Kurdistan. Discharged in November 1919.
Service Papers at the National Archive.

BARON James Frederick

Guardsman 13122 Scots Guards
Born Poulton le Fylde Enlisted Preston 20th January 1915 aged 24
Brick maker, husband of Annie Baron, son of Thomas & Mary Helen Baron, Park Terrace, Wrea Green.
Discharged in June 1915 medically unfit. Married Annie Marland in 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BARON William Stanley †

Private 13969 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 85848 The Labour Corps
Born Poulton le Fylde Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 22
Died at Royal Infirmary, Preston, 2nd August 1926.
Labourer, husband of Mary Baron, son of Thomas & Mary Helen Baron, Park Terrace, Wrea Green.
Went out to France with the battalion in July 1915. Wounded in November 1916 and returned to England, being transferred to the Labour Corps in March 1917. Discharged suffering from chronic nephritis (kidney trouble) in September 1918. Married Mary Hull in 1919 having one child.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BATES William Henry

Private 1668 10th Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
Private M/345278 Army Service Corps
Born Bolton Enlisted Oldham 30th January 1914 aged 25
Plater's Labourer, husband of Mary Ophelia Bates, 75 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of William & Harriet Bates, Kirkham

Enlisted into the Territorials , address given as 34 Colin Croft, Chadderton, employed by Platts Bro's. Foundry, Chadderton. Mobilized in August 1914 sailing for Egypt in September 1914. Wounded at Gallipoli in August 1915 (GSW right arm) and returned to United Kingdom. Discharged as being physically unfit for further service in April 1916.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BATH William John

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Brampton, Cumberland
Tailor, husband of Isabella Bath, 21 Fylde St., Kirkham.

BATH William John

Leading Signaller 230560 Royal Navy
Born Brampton, Cumberland Enlisted 9th December 1905 aged 18
Son of William John & Isabella Bath, 21 Fylde St., Kirkham.
Served as Boy sailor from April 1904 to December 1905. During the war served in Iron Duke (present at Jutland) & Erin.
Demobilized in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BATTERSBY Henry †

Private 23846 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 7th March 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Aged 23, son of Henry & Ellen Battersby, Kirkham Rd., Freckleton.
Recorded on the Freckleton War Memorial.

BATTERSBY Henry

Private 3998 3/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Wesham Enlisted Blackpool 1st November 1915 aged 24
Shoebblack, son of James & Margaret Battersby, 11 Thomas St., Blackpool.
Arrived in France on 28th February returned unfit to United Kingdom 5 days later. Discharged as medically unfit in August 1916.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BATTERSBY James

Private 1423 3rd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Corporal 2561 2/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 5794 / 202063 2/4th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regt.
Born Warton Enlisted Fleetwood 13th December 1909 aged 17
Enlisted Preston 15th September 1914 aged 22
Enlisted Manchester 6th July 1916 aged 23
Labourer, husband of Margaret Battersby, 9 Spring Gardens, Preston. Son of James & Margaret Battersby, 11 Thomas St., Blackpool.
Married in 1911 later arrested at Preston in May 1914 charged with deserting his family. Mobilized on 4th August 1914 being discharged four days later as medically (varicose veins). Enlisted in September 1914 into 2/4th Loyal North Lancs. again being discharged unfit (varicose veins) in June 1915. Enlisted once again into the 2/4th East Yorks. Regt. serving in Bermuda from November 1916 to March 1919. Discharged in May 1919 giving his address as Gretna Tavern, off Lowther St., Carlisle.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BECKETT Alexander †

Private 18848 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Salford Enlisted Blackpool
Killed in action in Mesopotamia 9th April 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq.
Husband of Margaret Beckett, 42 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of Alexander & Sarah Beckett, Kirkham.
Served at Gallipoli from October 1915 then at Mesopotamia.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

BECKETT William

Private 4049 The Lancashire Fusiliers
Private 242567 Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Private 59739 The Lancashire Fusiliers
Born Kirkham
Freckleton St., Kirkham. Son of Alexander & Sarah Beckett, Kirkham.

BEE William

Gunner 75015 SAA Section, Royal Field Artillery
Lance-Corporal 156665 Royal Engineers
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 6th January 1915 aged 31
Cotton Weaver, husband of Kate Bee, 74 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham, son of John & Thomelia Bee.
Served on the Western Front from November 1915 to June 1919. Transferred to the Royal Engineers in July 1916 returning to

the Field Artillery in February 1918. Discharged in March 1920.
Service Papers at the National Archive.

BEE William †

Private 49529 South Wales Borderers
Private 58383 16th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Born Salwick Enlisted Preston
Died of wounds on the Western Front 3rd September 1918.
Buried at Varennes Military Cemetery, Somme, France.
Aged 19, son of Richard & Margaret Alice Bee, 10 Francis St., Preston.
Recorded on Preston War Memorial.

Preston Guardian 14th September 1918. (Photograph)

"Private W. Bee, of the Welsh Fusiliers, whose home is at 10 Francis-street, Preston, has died from wounds in France. He was 19 years and four months old, and prior to joining up on July 6th, 1917, he worked on the railway at Maudland Bank."

BEECROFT John James

Private 6838 / 35836 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Lance-Corporal 51730 9th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Enlisted Preston 6th December 1915 aged 36
Green Grocer, husband of Bessie Beecroft, 83 Poulton St., Kirkham.
Formerly a market gardener of The Hill Cottage, Westby. Mobilized in September 1916, sailing for India in January 1917.
Serving in India until December 1918, then Salonika & Turkey until discharged in July 1919.
Service Papers at the National Archive.

BEESTON William

Private 996 Australian Army Service Corps, Australian Imperial Force
attached to 2nd Light Horse Brigade
Corporal 996 1st Australian Division Train, Australian Imperial Force
Born Kirkham Enlisted Merrickville NSW 23rd September 1914 aged 33
Adderton Rd., Dundas, New South Wales.
Farmer, son of William & Ellen Beeston, 10 Station Rd., Kirkham
Left Australia for the front in December 1914, returning to Australia in January 1919.
Service papers at the National Archives of Australia.

BENNETT Hugh

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Newton-with-Scales
Baker, 101 Station Rd., Kirkham

BENNETT John Rhodes

Private 45321 23rd Battalion, King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Lance-Corporal 170445 306th (Home Service) Company, The Labour Corps
Born Lund Enlisted Preston 6th June 1916 aged 37
Joiner, husband of Ann Elizabeth Bennett, Higher House Cottage, Lower Lane, Freckleton, later of 66 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Served within the United Kingdom.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BENNETT Richard

Born Roseacre
Son of Thomas & Margaret Ann Bennett, Roseacre.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

BENSON Harold †

Private 2130 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Warton Enlisted Preston 14th September 1914 aged 20
Killed in action on the Western Front 4th June 1916.
Buried at Le Fermont Military Cemetery, Riviere, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Shipyards Labourer, son of William & Sarah Benson, Mill House, Mill Lane, Warton.
Served on the Western Front from 4th May 1915.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BENSON John †

Private 25468 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Rifleman A/201145 12th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham
Killed in action on the Western Front 20th November 1917.

No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France.
Aged 30, husband of Margaret Ann Benson, 'East View', Fleetwood Rd., Thornton, son of William & Mary Benson, 20 Orders Lane, Kirkham.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

BENSON John

Private 8157 / 243564 1/5th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 30th March 1916 aged 36
House Painter, son of William & Sarah Benson, 17 Moor St., Kirkham.
Sailed for France 13th February 1917. Taken prisoner on 12th September 1918 at Cambrai and held at Gliessen POW Camp, Germany. Repatriated in December being discharged in January 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BENSON John †

Private 4357 1st Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 143869 6th (Blackpool) Company, Royal Army Medical Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Lytham 2nd December 1915 aged 20
Died of Tuberculosis 4th September 1922.
Bookstall Assistant, son of Mary Ann Benson, Rose Cottage, Wrea Green.
Mobilized in February 1916, going out to France on 27th April 1917. Gassed and returned to England in October 1917.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BENSON Percy

Sapper 289457 /WR/289932 266 Railway Construction Company, Royal Engineers
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 22nd February 1916 aged 26
Railway Platelayer, son of Richard & Elizabeth Benson, 41 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in June 1917. Served in Egypt & Palestine from September 1917 to October 1919.
Invalided to United Kingdom suffering from Malaria and discharged in April 1920.
Service papers at the Nation Archive.

BENSON William

Private 17578 9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham 9th November 1914 aged 21
Cotton Weaver, son of Thomas & Margaret Benson, 50 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.
Sailed for France with the battalion on 25th September 1915. Wounded in January 1917, having both legs amputated before returning to England. Remained in hospital for over a year being discharged from the forces in January 1918.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BICKERSTAFF John

Private 203670 4th (Reserve) Battalion, The Border Regt.
Private 529272 541 Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps
Born Blackpool Enlisted Preston 7th June 1916 aged 28
Labourer, husband of Martha Bickerstaff, 92 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Served within the United Kingdom. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BICKERSTAFFE Arthur Spence

Private 1013 4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Freckleton Enlisted Freckleton 17th March 1911 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, adopted son of Nicholas & Ellen Bickerstaffe, 35 Lytham Rd., Freckleton.
Served within United Kingdom. Discharged in April 1916 unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BICKERSTAFFE Henry

Born Warton
Son of Richard & Elizabeth Bickerstaffe, Bank Lane, Warton.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

BILLINGTON Fred

Private 252820 Canadian Expeditionary Force
Born Wesham Enlisted Shaunavon, Saskatchewan, Canada 15th April 1916 aged 22
Farmer, Polson, Saskatchewan, son of Robert & Elizabeth Billington, 7 Station Rd., Wesham.
Discharged as medically unfit in September 1918.
Service papers at the Canadian National Archive.

BILLINGTON William

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

BILSBORROW William † Military Medal

Corporal L/16277 'B' Battery, 149th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston
Died of wounds on the Western Front 2nd May 1918.
Buried at Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium.
Farm Horseman, aged 23, son of William & Jane Bilsborrow, 94 Ribby Rd., Kirkham.
Enlisted in March 1915 going out to the front in November 1915. Awarded the Military Medal in 1917 for gallant conduct in the field (London Gazette 16th August 1917).
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

Preston Guardian 21st July 1917. (photograph)

"Another Kirkham soldier has been awarded the Military Medal for gallant conduct in the field, the recipient being Corporal W. Bilsborrow (22), R.F.A. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bilsborrow, Ribby-road, Kirkham, and before the war was horseman in the employ of Mr. J. Nickson, Penfold Farm, Salwick. He volunteered in March, 1915, and had been in France eighteen months."

BIRCH Arthur Edward

Private 28212 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 50493 Prince of Wales Volunteers (South Lancashire)
Born Kirkham
Cotton Spinner, husband of Mary Ellen Birch, Best St., Kirkham.
Wounded during on the Somme in July 1916.

Preston Guardian 15th July 1916.

"KIRKHAM MEN WOUNDED - Word has been received by their parents that the following Kirkham men have been wounded in the great advance: - Privates J. Clarkson (Freckleton street), A. Birch (Best street), A. Pearson (Church street), H. Shuttleworth and A. Danson (Preston street). In the latter case the parents (Mr. and Mrs. R. Danson, who have three sons at the front) were sent for to go to France, the case being serious. They left Kirkham on Wednesday morning. All the men were attached to the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment."

BIRCH Henry †

Driver 171664 Royal Field Artillery
Private TR3/52453 76th Training Reserve Battalion
Private 36017 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Lea Enlisted Preston 4th December 1915 aged 35
Killed in action on the Western Front 4th March 1917.
Buried at Bray Military Cemetery, Somme, France.
Cowman, son of Cuthbert & Elizabeth Birch, Saddle Cottages, Lea.
Family grave St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 24th March 1917. (Photograph)

"The death from wounds is reported of Private Henry Birch, L.N.L. Regiment, son of Mrs. E. Birch, Saddle Cottage, Lea. He enlisted in September, 1916, and went to the front in January this year. He was wounded on March 4th, and died at a clearing station in France the same day. Prior to enlisting he was employed in farm work. He was 36 years of age and unmarried."

BIRCH Richard Military Medal

Private 17395 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Lance-Sergeant 228377 The Monmouthshire Regt.
Sergeant 43614 4th Battalion, The Bedfordshire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham November 1914 aged 16
Cotton Spinner, son of William Thomas & Sarah Birch, 5 Best St., Kirkham.
Enlisted under age. Went out to the front with the battalion in July 1915. Returned wounded in July 1916 and on recovery placed on Army Reserve until of age to return. Married Rosanna Elizabeth Sturman, a widow with five children, in March 1917 while at Felixstowe. Returned to the front in November 1917 being awarded the Military Medal in 1918 for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 11th February 1919). On being discharged in March 1919 lived at 14 Toning St., Felixstowe, Suffolk, later 80 Preston St., Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Blackpool Times 22nd July 1916.

"Private Rd. Birch, son of the goods inspector at Kirkham Railway Station, has also

their son, Pte. Victor Birket, Royal Scots Regt., was killed in action on April 16th. Pte. Birket, who was 20 years of age, joined the 5th Dragoon Guards on May 22nd, 1915, and was afterwards transferred to the Royals Scots. Prior to enlisting he was employed by Mr. Pyke, pork butcher, Preston. Two other sons of Mr. and Mrs. Birket are serving, one in the Navy and the other at Mudros."

BIRKET William

Private T3/022454 Army Service Corps
Born Weeton Enlisted Preston 19th October 1914 aged 33?
Driver, husband of Alice Birket, 38 Victoria St., Preston.
Served on the Western Front from 9th June 1916 to 21st January 1918. Discharged, medically unfit, in July 1918.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BIRLEY Percy Langton

Section Commander Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Wrea Green
Husband of Mary Cecily Birley, The Villa, Wrea Green

BLACK George Forrest

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Hawkshead
Railway Signalman, husband of Susannah Black, 13 Wellington St., Kirkham.

BLACK John

Private R/258413 Remount Section, Army Service Corps
Born Newton with Scales Enlisted Preston 27th February 1916 aged 20
Farm Cowman, Pasture Barn, Medlar, son of George Forrest & Susannah Black, 13 Wellington St., Kirkham
Mobilized in January 1917 serving at the A.S.C. remount depot at Ormskirk. Discharged in November 1919.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BLACKBURN Joseph

Private 20921 Army Veterinary Corps
Private 534758 543rd Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps
Born Greenhalgh Enlisted Preston 11th December 1915 aged 25
Horseman on farm, son of Joshua & Elizabeth Ann Blackburn, Moss Hall Farm, Greenhalgh.
Served with the United Kingdom. Discharged in March 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BLACKBURN Thomas † Mention in Despatches

Lance-Corporal 896 3rd Battalion, Australian Imperial Force
Born Weeton Enlisted 20th August 1914 aged 23
Killed in Action on the Western Front 24th July 1916
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Somme, France.
Aged 25, husband of Mrs. A. Blackburn, The Villa, Elswick, son of Joshua & Elizabeth Ann Blackburn.
Left Australia for the front in October, 1914. Fought at Gallipoli and the Western Front. Awarded Mention in Despatches (London Gazette 5th November, 1915).
Service papers at the National Archive of Australia.

BLACKBURN William

Private 8576 / 243730 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 66000 7th (Garrison) Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Lance-Corporal 39656 67th Company, The Labour Corps
Lance-Corporal 39656 146 Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps
Born Natby Enlisted Preston 7th December 1914 aged 38
Gamekeeper, husband of Mary Elizabeth Blackburn, East Lodge, Mowbreck Lane, Wesham.
Mobilized in August 1916. Went out to the front in February 1917 being wounded and returned home in September 1918.
Discharged in April 1919. Later moved to The Bungalow, Weeton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BLACKHURST Cecil James Livesey †

Sergeant G/567 7th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Hastings 31st August 1914 aged 29
Killed in action on the Western Front 7th July 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Teacher, 5 Lower Lake, Battle, Sussex son of John Thompson & Martha Catherine Blackhurst, 1 Whittam Ave., Blackpool.
Served on the Western Front from May 1915. Buried by mine explosion in December 1915.
Recorded on Blackpool War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Blackpool Times 5th August 1916. (Photograph)

"Mr. J. Blackhurst, grocer, Waterloo Road, has received an official notification from the War Office, that his son, Sergt. Cecil Blackhurst, of the Royal Sussex Regiment, was killed in action on July 7th. The deceased, who was 30 years of age, and unmarried, joined the army in the early days of the war. As a boy he was a student at the Blackpool Secondary School, where he met with much success scholastically. He commenced his teaching career at Baines' Endowed School, Marton, and after passing his examinations he went to the South of England as a teacher, eventually becoming an assistant master in Sussex. Mr. Blackhurst has another son in the hospital in France suffering from gas poisoning."

BLACKHURST Reginald John Livesey

Staff-Sergeant M2/09916 Army Service Corps
Born Kirkham
Husband of Nora Blackhurst, son of John Thompson & Martha Catherine Blackhurst, 1 Whittam Ave., Blackpool.
Went out to the Western Front in November 1914.

BLACOE John Joseph † Military Medal

Private 24288 9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 8th September 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.
Aged 20, son of Henry & Ann Blacoe, Wesham Grange, Wesham.
Prior to enlisting in May 1916 he worked on his father's farm. Earlier in 1917 he had been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field (London Gazette 21st August 1917).
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Wesham.

Preston Guardian 11th August 1917. (Photograph)

"Pte. John Blacoe, son of Mr. Hy. Blacoe, farmer, Wesham Grange, has been awarded the Military Medal. He is 20 years of age, and worked for his father on the farm prior to enlistment in May, 1916. After training with the Loyal North Lancashires he went to France in December, 1916, and is at present attached to a trench mortar battery. Pte. Blacoe was educated at St. Joseph's School, Wesham."

BLACOW James

Private 10085 2/4th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Born Kirkham Enlisted Darwen 10th December 1915 aged 25
Cotton Weaver, husband of Sarah Hannah Blacow, 12 Cross St., Darwen, son of William & Margaret Elizabeth Blacow .
Mobilized in May 1916 being discharged as medically unfit in September 1916.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BOARDMAN Ernest

Sick Birth Attendant M15050 Royal Navy
Born Bolton Enlisted 10th August 1915 aged 22
Printing Compisitor.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BOARDMAN James

Private 21551 10th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
2nd Corporal 149709 / WR/501923 Inland Water Transport Dept., Royal Engineers
Born Wrea Green Enlisted Blackpool 8th November 1915 aged 21
Ship's Plater, son of Thomas & Ellen Boardman, 22 Victoria St., Lytham.
Transferred to the Royal Engineers prior to leaving for the front in March 1916. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BOLTON Cyril Thomas Charles †

Private 35825 Machine Gun Corps
Guardsman 22276 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 22nd August 1918.
Buried at Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Aged 22, son of Thomas Richard & Ellen Bolton, 'Melrose', Bryning Lane, Wrea Green.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 14th September 1918. (Photograph)

"Mr T.R. Bolton, The Woodlands, Kirkham, has received official intimation of the death of his son Cyril, a private in the Coldstreams, who fell in action in France on August 22nd. Pte. Bolton enlisted in June, 1917, and was drafted to France on March 31st, 1918. He was educated at Kirkham Grammar School and the Harris Institute, Preston,

ultimately becoming an articled pupil with Mr. T.H. Maxwell, surveyor to the Fylde Rural Council. He was a popular and active worker in Kirkham Congregational Sunday School and Church. He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Bolton, whose remaining three sons are also in the Army. - Richard, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, being a prisoner of war in Germany, William, in Salonika, and Harry, seriously wounded in 1917, at present in hospital in Leeds."

BOLTON Harry Greenwood

The Lancashire Fusiliers

Born Kirkham.

Son of Thomas Richard & Ellen Bolton, 'Melrose', Bryning Lane, Wrea Green.

Recorded as having been wounded while serving on the Western Front.

Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

BOLTON Richard Hamer

The Lancashire Fusiliers

Born Kirkham

Insurance Agent, son of Thomas Richard & Ellen Bolton, 'Melrose', Bryning Lane, Wrea Green.

Recorded as having been wounded and taken prisoner while serving on the Western Front.

Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

BOLTON Robert

Private 3360

1/8th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)

Born Preston

Enlisted Kirkham 30th November 1914 aged 49

Cotton Operative, 49a Poulton St., Kirkham.

Went out to the front in May 1915. Returned ill in March 1916 and discharged August 1916 medically unfit.

Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

Service papers at the National Archive.

BOLTON William Whalley

Private 70527

Royal Army Medical Corps

Private 64030

Welsh Regt.

Born Kirkham.

Son of Thomas Richard & Ellen Bolton, 'Melrose', Bryning Lane, Wrea Green.

Went out to Gallipoli in December 1915.

Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

BOND Andrew Home Douglas †

Private PO/18504

Royal Marine Light Infantry (att. H.M.S. Queen Mary)

Born Thornton-le-Fylde

Enlisted Liverpool 2nd March 1915 aged 17

Killed in action at Jutland 31st May 1916.

No Known grave. Commemorated on the Naval Memorial, Portsmouth.

Farmers Assistant, son of James & Jane Bond, Bankfield Farm, Singleton.

Served on the Battlecruiser 'Queen Mary' from February 1916. From a complement of over 1250 only 20 survived the sinking.

Family grave St. Anne's Parish Church, Singleton.

Commemorated at St. Annes Parish Church, Singleton.

Commemorated on Singleton Primary School War Memorial.

Service papers at the National Archive.

BOOTH Gilbert Harry

Born York

Son of Albert John Ravenshear & Elizabeth Susannah Booth.

At present no further information found.

Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

BOULTON Alfred †

Lance-Sergeant 14389

9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Kirkham

Enlisted Kirkham 11th September 1914 aged 34

Killed in action on the Western Front 29th January 1916.

Buried at Gunner's Farm Military Cemetery, Comines-Warneton, Belgium.

Painter & Decorator, husband of Sarah Jane Boulton, 13 Station Rd., Wesham, & son of John & Nancy Boulton.

Well known local sportsman having played football for Blackpool, Accrington Stanley and Kirkham, also an active member of Kirkham Cricket & Golf clubs. Left his business as a plumber and painter to enlist and on his death left a wife and two children.

Recorded on Kirkham & Wesham War Memorials.

Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 5th February 1916.

"Mrs. Boulton, Garstang road, Wesham, has received news that her husband, Sergeant Alfred Boulton, of the 9th Loyal North Lancashires, has died on active service. Boulton, who was an old footballer, had played for Blackpool, Accrington Stanley and Kirkham, being captain of the latter as well as secretary. He was vice-president of the Wesham

Social Club, and an active member of the Kirkham golf and Cricket Clubs. He left his business as a plumber and painter and enlisted 12 months ago, and had been at the front some time. He was killed by a stray bullet. He was 36 years of age, and leaves a widow and two children."

Preston Guardian 12th February 1916. (Photograph)

"A memorial service for Sergt. A. Boulton, of Kirkham, who belonged to the L.N.L. Regiment, and was killed in action, was held in the Wesleyan Church, Kirkham, on Wednesday evening. The church was crowded and the service was conducted by the Rev. J. Graham, Preston. The deceased was prominent local sportsman, and amongst the congregation were Mr. Kenny (chairman of the West Lancashire League), Mr. A.E. Howarth (secretary of the Players Accident Fund), Rev. W. Yates (chairman of the Kirkham Football Club), Mr. E. Greenhouse (secretary of the Kirkham Golf Club), Mr. G. Ainsworth (Palace Shield) and Mr. A. Ward (secretary of the West Lancashire Football League). Mr. Graham in the course of his address, said that Mr. Boulton was known on both the football and cricket field, and it was not surprising to them that when war broke out he offered his services to his King and country. Deceased had a presentiment of death when he went out to Flanders. The Rev. W. Yates (vicar of Wesham) also gave an address."

St. Annes on the Sea Express 16th November 1916. (Photograph)

"A beautiful marble cross has been erected in Christ Church, Wesham, to the memory of Sergt. Alfred Boulton, a native of Kirkham, of the 9th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, who was killed in action on January 9th last. The memorial has been erected by the various athletic and social organisations with which Sergt. Boulton, who at one time played for Blackpool, and who represented Kirkham C.C. on the Palace Shield Committee, was connected. It will be unveiled next Sunday afternoon by Mr. Windham Hale, and the dedication service will be conducted by the Rev. W. Yates."

BOURKE William

Private 246
2 Dobson's Court, Kirkham. Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

BOUSHEAR George

Private 13313
Private 207770
Born Bootle
Son of William Jonathan & Georgina Boushear, 10 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.
Served on the Western Front from July 1915. 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
The Labour Corps

BOUSHEAR Robert Henry

Private TR3/30999
Private 491457
Born Bootle
Railway Porter, son of William Jonathan & Georgina Boushear, 10 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in September 1917. Served on the Western Front from January 1918. Discharged in November 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive. 70th Training Reserve Battalion
708 Labour Company, The Labour Corps
Enlisted Preston 2nd March 1916 aged 20

BOWDLER Arthur Reginald Hope †

Captain
Born Kirkham
Died in the United Kingdom 27th November 1919.
Burial details not known.
The Firs, Lytham, son of William Henry & Elizabeth Ann Bowdler.
Served on the Western Front from September 1915 to September 1916. Returned to the front in January 1917 being wounded by shrapnel in August 1917. Demobilized in February 1919. Died of Morbus Cordis at Hampstead, London.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive. 1/2nd West Lancashire Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Enlisted 1st March 1913

Preston Guardian 4th August 1917.

"BROTHERS WOUNDED - Lieut. Bowdler, formerly of the Square, Kirkham, has been wounded in the head in action in France, and is now in hospital at Wimereux. Another brother Capt. Bowdler, was wounded in the Somme battle last year, and since recovering has been drafted to India. The two brother were Territorials before the outbreak of hostilities, and were very popular officers."

BOWDLER Richard Hope

Member
Born Kirkham
Cotton Yarn Manufacturer, Market Square, Kirkham. Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps

BOWDLER William Audley

Captain 1/2nd West Lancashire Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Major 89th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Kirkham Enlisted 12th August 1912
Manufacturing Chemist, 9 St. George's Square, St. Annes, son of William Henry & Elizabeth Ann Bowdler.
Served on the Western Front from September 1915 until wounded on the Somme in July 1916. On recovering was drafted to India in March 1917, returning home in April 1918 suffering from dysentery.
On return lived at The Firs, Lytham, son of William Henry & Elizabeth Ann Bowdler.
Reported wounded Preston Guardian 4th August 1917.
Recorded at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BRAD Ernest

Private 778 4th Light Horse Regt., Australian Imperial Force
Private 4065 23rd Battalion, Australian Imperial Force
Private 3252 50th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force
Born Inskip
Son of Ann Fisher, Kirkham
Enlisted on three separate occasions. The first in October 1914, and embarked for the front in February 1915 returning to Australia and discharged medically unfit in September 1915. Re-enlisted December 1915 and discharged in April 1916. Enlisted once more in September 1916 and sailed for the front December 1916. Wounded in October 1917 and on recovery went AWOL until the end of the war. Returned to Australia and discharged 12th December 1919.
Service papers at National Archive of Australia.

BRADLEY John

Gunner Royal Field Artillery
Born Weeton
Son of George & Elizabeth Ellen Bradley, Derby Hill Farm, Weeton.

BRADSHAW Ernest

Lance-Sergeant 13928 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 23
Iron Grinder, son of John & Jane Bradshaw, 86 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Sailed for France with the battalion on 17th July 1915. Wounded in late 1916 and returned to England, being discharged in March 1917.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BRADSHAW William

Private 12821 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
68 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Went out to Gallipoli in June 1915.

BRAMLEY Henry

At present no further information found
Listed in Soldiers & Sailors Gazette 1914 / 1915.

BRATHWAITE Thomas †

Private 928 2nd Light Horse Regt., Australian Imperial Force
Sergeant 3017 42nd Battalion, Australian Imperial Force
Born Mythop
Died of wounds on the Western Front 16th October 1917.
Buried at Nine Elms British Cemetery, Poperinge, Belgium.
Aged 28, Farmer of Swan Hill, Queensland. Son of James & Alice Braithwaite, Weeton.
Enlisted in December 1914 and landed at Gallipoli in August 1915, returning to Australia ill in April 1916. On recovery transferred to infantry and left Australia in February 1917 landing in France August 1917. Wounded on the 14th October 1917 he died two days later at 44th Casualty Clearing Station.
Service papers at National Archive of Australia.
Photograph on Australian War Memorial website (awm.gov.au).

BRANDWOOD William

Gunner 103566 138th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Blackburn Enlisted Preston 11th December 1915 aged 28
Gardener, husband of Alice Brandwood, Fairview Villa, Wrea Green. Son of James & Ellen Brandwood, 45 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in July 1916. Served in Salonika from December 1916 being discharged in October 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BRECKELL John Allsup

Private 13094 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Warton Enlisted Preston
Son of Margaret Breckell, Elder Cottage, Lytham Rd., Warton.
Left for the front with the battalion in July 1915.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

BRENNAN John †

Private TR4/2919 57th Training Reserve Battalion
Private 41697 6th Battalion, South Wales Borderers
Private 93910 16th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 5th July 1917 aged 18
Killed in action on the Western Front 8th October 1918.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Cotton Spinner, son of Michael & Mary Brennan, 75 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Left for France on 1st April 1918 being wounded in right foot on the 14th April and returning to England. Returned to the front in September 1918, posted to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BRIDGES Harold

Private 116168 The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private M/428449 594th Motor Transport Company, Army Service Corps
Born Warton Enlisted Preston 10th June 1918 aged 18
Motor Driver, son of Henry Hipkin & Elizabeth Bridges, 34 Warton St., Lytham.
Served on the Continent from March to December 1919. Discharged in January 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BRIERLEY Robert

Lance-Corporal 13924 10th & 6th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Preston Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 21
Cotton Spinner, husband of Catherine Brierley, 1 Orders Lane, Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front with the 10th Battalion from July 1915 until gassed in June 1916. On recovering posted to the 6th Battalion at Mesopotamia in October 1916. Discharged in November 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BRIGHOUSE Harry

Private 26840 1st Battalion, The Lancashire Fusiliers
Born Patricroft Enlisted Manchester 1st November 1915 aged 27
Labourer, son of George & Adelaide Brighouse, 1 Chapel Lane, Kirkham.
Went out to the front in March 1916, returning to England in July 1917. Discharged medically unfit in May 1918.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BROADBENT James †

Lance-Corporal 22512 2nd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Haslingden Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 28th September 1918.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.
Cotton Weaver, aged 22, son of William & Hannah Broadbent, 13 Dyer St., Kirkham.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

Preston Guardian 26th October 1918. (Photograph)

"Mrs. Broadbent, Sunny Bank, Kirkham, has received notice of the death of her son James, an acting corporal in the L.N.L. Regt., who was killed in France, on September 28th. He was 35 years of age and enlisted in October, 1915, and had been in German East Africa and Egypt before serving the last six months in France. Mrs. Broadbent has three other sons in the army - Pte. John William (27), Lancashire Fusiliers, has been wounded three times, and is now again fighting in France; Joseph Alexander (21) enlisted in Canada, was wounded at Vimy Ridge, and has now returned to Canada for discharge, George (19), who enlisted in June, 1917, who was taken prisoner in April this year, and when heard from a week ago, stated he was in good health."

BROADBENT John William

The Lancashire Fusiliers
Born Haslingden
Son of William & Hannah Broadbent, 13 Dyer St., Kirkham.
Preston Guardian 26th October 1918. (Photograph)

BROADBENT Joseph Alexander

Guardsman 177659 87th Regt. Canadian Grenadier Guards, Canadian Expeditionary Force
Born Kirkham Enlisted Montreal, Canada 19th November 1915 aged 19
Son of William & Hannah Broadbent, 13 Dyer St., Kirkham.
Service papers at the Canadian National Archive.
Preston Guardian 26th October 1918. (Photograph)

BROADBENT George

Born Kirkham
Son of William & Hannah Broadbent, 13 Dyer St., Kirkham.
Preston Guardian 26th October 1918. (Photograph)

BROWN Edward Morley †

Sapper 166720 63rd Field Company, Royal Engineers
Born Sunderland Enlisted Kirkham 8th December 1915 aged 26
Killed in action on the Western Front 20th September 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.
Joiner, husband of Clara Brown, 27 Preston St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in April 1916, going out to France in November 1916. Prior to joining the Army was employed by Mr. R. Wood, joiner, Kirkham. Widow later re-married and moved to 35 Elwood St., Highbury, London N5.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 13th October 1917. (Photograph)

"Official information has been received by Mrs. Brown, Preston-st., Kirkham, that her husband, Sapper E. Morley Brown, Royal Engineers, has been killed in action. Sapper Brown was 27 years of age, and joined the colours in April. 1916, prior to which he was employed by Mr. Richard Wood, joiner, Kirkham. He leaves a widow and three children."

BROWN John

Private 12780 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted 1st September 1914
Cotton Weaver, son of John & Sarah Ann Brown, 70 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Enlisted in August 1914 going out to the front in July 1915, wounded on the Somme in July 1916. Discharged in March 1917 due to wounds.

Preston Guardian 12th August 1916. (Photograph)

"Private John Brown, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, who resided with his parents in Station road, Kirkham, and was badly wounded in the recent heavy fighting, states, in a letter to one of his Kirkham friends, that he got badly hit in three places (back, leg and arm, the latter being broken). He is now in the 2nd Western General Hospital, Manchester, and is making satisfactory progress. He further states that, "I think I am very lucky to be here, as I was laid out between our lines and the Germans four hours and had to creep in at daylight". Pte. Brown enlisted in August, 1914, was a member of the Parish Church, and a Sunday School teacher."

BROWN John

Private 18212 11th Battalion, Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regt.)
Private TR/5/20008 6th Training Reserve Battalion
Private 18212 21st Battalion, Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regt.)
Private 378569 The Labour Corps
Private 700945 Western Command, The Labour Corps
Born Liverpool Enlisted York 16th February 1915 aged 28?
Farm Labourer, 5 Orders Lane, Kirkham, son of Daniel Brown. Married Louisa Drury, 47 Bradford St., Hedgesford, in June 1916. Went out to the front with the 11th Battalion in August 1915 returning home sick the following March. Returned to the Western Front posted to the 21st Battalion in June 1917, transferred to the Labour Corps in September 1917, discharged in March 1919, address 3 Crowther St., Lower Hillgate, Stockport. Re-enlisted in The Labour Corps May 1919 serving in France July to October 1919 being discharged unfit in December 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BROWN Joseph Hermon Preston †

Private 50325 2nd Battalion, Prince of Wales Volunteers (South Lancashire)
Born Fleetwood Enlisted Lancaster
Killed in action on the Western Front 14th April 1918.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Belgium.
Son of John & Elizabeth Brown.
Resident of Cleveleys.
Family grave United Reformed Church, Elswick.

BRYNING Edward Alan Mention in Despatches2nd Lieutenant 148th & 150th Brigades, Royal Field Artillery

Born Preston

Solicitor, son of Edward & Jane Bryning, Highgate House, Newton with Scales.

Served on the Western Front from November 1915 to September 1917 returning home sick. Returned to the front in May 1918 to March 1919 being Mentioned in Despatches. Demobilized in March 1919.

*Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.**Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.**Service papers at the National Archive.***BUCK Albert**Driver 224471 5th (Reserve) Brigade, Royal Field Artillery

Born Clifton

Enlisted 19th February 1916

Farm Labourer, son of William Matthew & Grace Buck, Clifton.

Possibly served in India until discharged in June 1919.

*Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.***BURKE William**

Private 246

1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Preston

Enlisted 4th August 1914

Labourer, husband of Catherine Burke, 2 Dobson's Court, Kirkham.

Recorded as having been wound in August 1916. Discharged due to wounds in September 1916.

BUNCE Thomas

Private 12503

6th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt).

Lance-Corporal 176661

Machine Gun Corps.

Born Kirkham.

10 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of James & Rose Ann Bunce, Kirkham.

Enlisted in 1914, served in Gallipoli and Mesopotamia.

Preston Guardian 20th October 1917.

Pte. T. Bunce, King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt., is in hospital suffering from fever.

Pte. Bunce joined the Army immediately on the outbreak of war, and went through the Dardanelles campaign and then to Mesopotamia taking part in the fighting to Baghdad."

BURNS Peter

Private

Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Horwich

Clogger, husband of Letticia Burns.

*Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.**Preston Herald 7th October 1916.*

"An official intimation has been received by his family at 11 Wellington-street, Kirkham, that Mr. Peter Burns, of the L.N.L., has been wounded in France, and has arrived at the Leicester Military Hospital, being shot through the thigh. Prior to enlistment Mr. Burns was a clogger."

BURROWS Edward

Corporal 70771

Royal Engineers

20 Church St., Kirkham.

BURROWS Reginald Rupert

Gunner 926 / 275926

109th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

Private 483

2/1st East Anglia Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

Born Kirkham

1st Monmouth Battalion, Defence ForceEnlisted Swansea 26th August 1914 aged 33

Labourer, husband of Edith Mary Burrows, 9 Distillery Rd., Hopkinstown, Pontypridd, Wales, son of Thomas & Ellen Burrows.

Served on the Western Front September 1914 to January 1917, then at home until discharged in December 1918. Previously had served 12 years with the Royal Artillery. Married in July 1917 and later moved to Crick, near Chepstow. Father had been a

Sergeant in the Royal Artillery, a brother Charles Frederick Sefton Burrows served as R.Q.M.S. in the 7th Battalion, The Black Watch.*Service papers at the National Archive.***BUTCHER Thomas Henry**

Private 122623

3rd Egyptian Stationary Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corps

Born Freckleton

Enlisted Blackpool 31st July 1917 aged 31

Cotton Weaver, husband of Peggy Anderson Butcher, 25 Lytham Rd., Freckleton, son of William Butcher.

Sailed to Egypt in June 1919 serving there until January 1920. Discharged in February 1920.

Service papers at the National Archive.

BUTCHER William †

Private 3953 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Marton Moss Enlisted Kirkham
Killed in action on the Western Front 25th November 1915.
Buried at Athuil Military Cemetery, Somme, France.
Aged 21, son of James Butcher, 25 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Reported to have been shot by a sniper while on sentry duty. Prior to enlisting in May 1915 was employed as a teamsman for his father, had also been employed by Messrs. Pearson & Fairclough of Kirkham.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 4th December 1915. (Photograph)

"Private William Butcher, 3/4th L.N.L. Regiment, son of Mr. James Butcher, 25 Marsden street, Kirkham, who has been killed in France, was prior to enlisting in May this year a teamsman for his father, and had also been employed by Messrs. Pearson and Fairclough, farmers and carters, Kirkham. He went to the front early in October, and his parents were notified of his death on Tuesday. He had only been on sentry duty a few minutes when he was shot by a sniper. He was 21 years old."

BUTLER Edward

Private 10108 2nd Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Wesham Enlisted 23rd July 1909
Son of Thomas & Catherine Butler, Porter St., Wesham.
A regular soldier he was serving in India on the outbreak of war. Went out to the front in January 1915, wounded in the foot at Ypres in May 1915 and hospitalised at Woburn, Bedfordshire. Discharged due to wounds in April 1916.

Preston Guardian 5th June 1915. (Photograph)

"Private Edward Butler, a native of Wesham, and a member of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, has been wounded in the foot at Zonnebeke, and is at present lying in the Cottage Hospital, Woburn, Beds. Butler has been six years with the Army, and returned home at Christmas on three day furlough from India, prior to proceeding to the front. In a letter to Father d'Heurter, rector of St. Joseph's Church, Wesham, of which parish he is a member, Private Butler states: "I have not been feeling so well this week. I came through the first operation all right, a specialist from London taking out the shell casing, three pieces being as big as a marble, but there was something else in it, and the foot became inflamed. I could not sleep for a full week, so I went through another operation, and I believe they took some bone out. This is a private hospital belonging to the Duchess of Bedford. The Duchess herself is doing duty as a nurse. Whilst in Belgium I met a Wesham lad named W. Green, of the 5th Batt. King's Own, but I have not seen him since. They were in the trenches close to us. I got wounded at Zonnebeke, and I think we were lucky not to have more killed. I have been through the city of Ypres, but there is hardly a building left standing in it since the last bombardment." Since the above letter Father d'Heurter has received a letter from the Duchess of Bedford, in which her Ladyship states that blood poisoning has set in Butler's foot, but they hoped to save his life."

BUTLER Fred

Driver T3/029956 Army Service Corps
Gunner 220585 Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Shaw.
Station Rd., Kirkham.
Recorded at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

BUTLER Frederick

Driver T/2323 3rd West Lancashire Divisional Train, Army Service Corps
Driver T/4/253364 505 Horse Transport Company, Army Service Corps
Born Whitworth Enlisted Blackpool 25th May 1915 aged 19
Carter, son of Matthew Bradshaw & Sarah Ann Butler, 76 Ribby Rd., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from February 1917 to June 1919. Discharged in July 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

BUTLER George †

Sergeant L/24492 'D' Battery, 14th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Shipley, Yorks. Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 14th April 1917.
Buried at Athies Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Aged 30, husband of Sarah Butler, 30 Preston Rd., Freckleton, son of William Duckett & Margaret Butler, Higher House, Freckleton.
Prior to enlisting in the Army was in business as a greengrocer & poulterer at Fairhaven.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Family grave United Reformed Church, Elswick.

Preston Guardian 19th May 1917. (Photograph)

"Sergeant George Butler (30), R.F.A., eldest son of the late Mr. Wm. Duckett Butler, Higher House, Freckleton, was killed in action on April 14th. Sergt. Butler who leaves a widow and one child, was prior to leaving for the Army in business as a greengrocer and poulterer at Fairhaven. Formerly he had been a Sunday school teacher at Kirkham Congregational School. He is interred in a British Military Cemetery a few miles east of Arras. During his service in the artillery Sergt. Butler declined a commission preferring to stay with his men."

BUTLER Herbert

Royal Field Artillery

Born Wesham.

Son of Thomas & Catherine Butler, 10 Porter St. East, Wesham.

BUTLER John

Company-Sergeant-Major 1059 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Company-Sergeant-Major 200208 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Company-Sergeant-Major 701081 The Labour Corps

Born Kirkham Enlisted Lytham 9th June 1912 aged 40

Insurance Agent, husband of Margaret Butler, 15 Billington St., Wesham.

Enlisted in Territorials after serving 13 years (1890 – 1902) with the Regular Army. Wounded in 1915 and on recovery served with the Depot until discharged due to his age in 1917, re-engaged for the duration of the war, served at the Depot until discharged in January 1919. Re-enlisted into Labour Corps May 1919, discharged December 1919.

Service papers at the National Archive.

BUTLER John James Henry

Member

Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps

Born Kirkham

Electricity Work Bookkeeper, 110 Poulton St., Kirkham.

BUTLER John Robert

Private 526825

Medical Corps, Canadian Expeditionary Forces

Born Kirkham

Enlisted Montreal, Canada 18th August 1916 aged 44

Husband of Elizabeth Butler, 675 St. Antoine St., Montreal.

Service papers at the Canadian National Archive.

BUTLER John William

Member

Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps

Born Wesham

Cotton Spinner, husband of Mary Butler, 16 Porter St., Wesham.

BUTLER Thomas

Private

Royal Fusiliers

Recorded as having served on the Western Front.

Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

C

CALKELD Frederick

Member

Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps

Born Lancaster

Husband of Mary Ellen Calkeld, 6 Victoria Rd., Kirkham.

CALLAGHAN John

Private 15638

Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Private

27th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)

Private 91917

Royal Defence Corps

Born Kirkham

Enlisted Kirkham 19th November 1914 aged 46

Served within the United Kingdom being discharged in March 1919. Previous service with the Loyal North Lancashire Regt., 1888 – 1901, in India and South Africa.

Service papers at the National Archive.

CAMP Samuel

Private 15700 / 201617

No2 Supply Company, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Sergeant 7147

334 Protection Company, Royal Defence Corps

Born Kirkham

Enlisted Preston 13th November 1914 aged 38

Joiner, husband of Amelia Camp, 20 Railway Terrace, Wesham, son of Samuel H. & Mary Camp.

Service within United Kingdom with Loyals before transferring to Royal Defence Corps in April 1916. Discharged in April 1919.

Service papers at the National Archive.

CARAHER Joseph †

Sapper 7436
Born Kirkham
Joiner, son of Phillip Caraher, 4 Birley St., Kirkham.
Enlisted January 1901, aged 19. Discharge to Army Reserve in March 1906.
The family having heard nothing from him since his transfer to the Army Reserve presumed that he had rejoined the Royal Engineers on the outbreak of war, not knowing whether he had survived or not. In 1923 his brother Philip wrote to the Royal Engineers seeking information on his service in the Great War, however, they replied saying that they could find no record of him serving with the corps during the war.
At present no further information found.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Service papers (1901-06) at the National Archive.

CARAHER Michael

Sapper 62098
Born Kirkham
Tailor, husband of Florence Caraher, 37 Freckleton St., Kirkham, son of Philip Caraher, 4 Birley St., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from July 1915. Discharged 11th February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CARAHER Peter

Sapper 241960
Gunner 306291
Born Kirkham
Plasterer, son of Philip Caraher, 4 Birley St., Kirkham.
Mobilized in February 1917, being transferred to the Tank Corps in January 1917 going out to France a month later. Discharged in November 1919. Prior to joining the army was employed at Barrow-in-Furness.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CARAHER Philip

Private 20357
Private G/1238
Born Kirkham
Husband of Ellen Caraher, Ontario, Canada, son of Philip Caraher, 4 Birley St., Kirkham.
Returned from Canada to enlist. Served at Gallipoli, Egypt and Mesopotamia being invalided to India. Served on the North West Frontier with the Royal Irish Rifles. Discharged in 1920 and returned to Canada, his address in 1923 given as Sailor's Institute, Port Arthur, Ontario. Had previously served with the 16th (Queen's) Lancers during the Boer War.

CARDWELL Lawrence †

Private 22615
Born Marton Moss
Killed in action on the Western Front 11th April 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Aged 22, son of Henry & Rebecca Wilkinson, 78 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Enlisted in November 1915 going out to the front the following March.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 12th May 1917.

"Private Lawrence Cardwell, of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, has been killed in action. The deceased, who was 22 years of age, resided at 78 Freckleton-street, Kirkham, prior to joining the Army in November 1915. He went out to France in March 1916."

CARDWELL Robert

Private 24329
Born Marton
Gardner, husband of Edith Kate Cardwell, Sunny Harbour, Moss Side, son of William and Elizabeth Cardwell.
Discharged as medically unfit in September 1916.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CARDWELL William

Gunner 141316
Born Wrea Green
Brick maker, husband of Margaret Helen Cardwell, son of William & Sarah Alice Cardwell, Wrea Green.
Mobilized in March 1917 and going out to the front in May 1917. Discharged in March 1919. Married at Wrea Green in 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CARR George

Born Ballam
Farm Labourer, Cardwell;s Farm, Warton.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

CARR Hugh Richards

Acting Bombardier 61770 17th & 68th Heavy Batteries, Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Lytham Enlisted Blackpool 3rd November 1915 aged 17
Farm Labourer, son of John & Elizabeth Carr, Little Birks Cottage, Ballam.
Enlisted under age. Served on the Western Front from March 1917 until wounded in June 1917 and returned to England. On recovering sent to India in September 1917 serving there until September 1919 taking part in the Afghanistan campaign of May – August 1919. Discharged in February 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CARR Silvester †

Private 3946 / 201436 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Warton Enlisted Freckleton 26th May 1915 aged 25
Died on the Western Front 24th May 1918.
Buried at Permes British Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Cotton operative, husband of Ellen Carr, 17 Lytham Rd., Freckleton, son of Thomas & Margaret Carr.
Went out to the front in October 1915. Died of Cerebral Haemorrhage at a Canadian Casualty Clearing Station.
Recorded on Freckleton War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 8th July 1918. (Photograph)

"Private Silvester Carr (28), Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, signaller, died in France from heart failure on May 24th. He enlisted in May, 1915, and had been in France since October of last year. Mrs. Carr, the widow, has received a letter from deceased's lieutenant speaking in high terms of Private Carr's soldierly and attentive personal qualities, and stating that he will be much missed by his comrades. Before the war deceased was employed at Freckleton Mill, and had worked for the Lytham Shipbuilding Company."

CARR William

Private 1092 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Sergeant 63436 The Northumberland Fusiliers.
Born Wesham.
Husband of Agnes Carr, son of James & Mary Carr, Garstang Rd., Wesham.

CARSON Edgar James

Private 10397 2/4th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Born Ormskirk Enlisted Preston 14th February 1916 aged 22
Farm Cowman, employed at Moorside Farm, Treales, son of William Carson, Police Station, Hurst Brook, Ashton-under-Lyne.
Mobilized in May 1916 being discharged as medically unfit in July 1916.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CARTEN Francis

Private 109737 10th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 7th December 1915 aged 26
Cotton Spinner, husband of Mary Carten, 2 Swarbrick St., Kirkham, son of Patrick & Elizabeth Carten.
Mobilized June 1918. Served in France from October 1918 until being discharged in November 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CARTEN James

Private 3430 5th (Reserve) Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 8th January 1915 aged 35
Bricklayer's Labourer, husband of Elizabeth Carten, 4 Houghton Court, Kirkham, son of Patrick & Elizabeth Carten.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CARTER Alfred

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Kirkham
Cotton Spinner, husband of Elizabeth Carter, 5 Sunny Bank, Kirkham

CARTMELL Henry

Private 84332 51st (Graduation) Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Sapper WR/209479 Railway Operating Division, Royal Engineers
Sapper WR/100648 Royal Engineers
Enlisted Preston 9th May 1918 aged 18

Railway Engine Cleaner, son of Joseph & Mary Cartmell, Deming Cottage, Greenhalgh.
Served in France from December 1918 until being discharged in May 1919. Re-enlisted for a further 4 years, returning to France in December 1919, however discharged on compassionate grounds in June 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CARTMELL James

Pioneer 78942 Signal Service, Royal Engineers
Born Birkdale Enlisted Kirkham 29th March 1915 aged 32
Labourer, husband of Elizabeth Cartmell, 35 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of George & Sarah Cartmell, Freckleton.
Served within the United Kingdom. Discharged in May 1917. Previous service with the Loyal North Lancashire Regt. 1900 – 1904.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CARTMELL John

Gunner 57159 Royal Field Artillery
Born Westby Enlisted Kirkham 28th December 1914 aged 27
Cart Driver, 14 St. Peter's Place, Lytham, son of Edward & Catherine Cartmell, North Farm, Moss Side.
Discharged medically unfit in March 1915.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CARTMELL John Edward

Private TR/3/41138 73rd Training Reserve Battalion
Private 33607 6th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 28th December 1916 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, son of Edward & Elizabeth Cartmell, 4 Porter St. East, Wesham.
Sailed to India in May 1917, and Mesopotamia in December 1917. Discharged in May 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CARTMELL Robert

Private 9690 1st Battalion, The Border Regt.
Born Marton Enlisted 1st December 1909
Son of John & Ellen Cartmell, 4 Chapel Walks, Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from April 1915. Discharged in August 1918 due to wounds.

CARTMELL Thomas

Private 3888 3/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham 25th May 1915 aged 20
Cotton Spinner, son of William Henry & Anne Jane Cartmell, 5 Segar St., Wesham.
Discharged in December 1915 as medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CARTMELL Thomas

Private M/303664 350 Motor Transport Company, Army Service Corps
Born Ainsdale Enlisted Lytham 9th December 1915 aged 27
Cycle Dealer, son of George & Susannah Cartmell, 42 Preston Road, Freckleton.
After five failed attempts finally enlisted in December 1915, being mobilized in March 1917. Served within the United Kingdom.
Discharged in July 1918 medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CARTMELL William Military Medal

Lance-Corporal 34926 The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Wesham.
Son of Edward & Elizabeth Cartmell, 4 Porter St. East, Wesham.
Prior to joining the Army in 1916 employed as a weaver at Mona's Mill. Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 2nd April 1918).

Preston Guardian 6th April 1918.

"Lance-Corporal William Cartmell, King's (Liverpool) Regt., Porter-st., Wesham, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous conduct on the battlefield. Corpl. Cartmell, prior to joining up two years ago, was employed at Mona's Mill as a weaver."

CARTMELL William

Private 12838 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Myerscough Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 34
Labourer, husband of Ann Cartmell, 13 West View, Wesham.
Discharged as medically unfit in November 1914.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CATTERALL Frederick***Served as KIRKHAM Frederick***

Private 4876 / 242240

2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Private 443268

The Labour Corps

Born Wesham

Enlisted Kirkham 8th December 1915 aged 18

Cotton Weaver, son of Matthew & Alice Ann Kirkham, 36 Garstang Rd., Wesham.

Went out to the front in February 1917 transferring to the Labour Corps in November 1917. Discharged in November 1919.

*Service papers at the National Archive.***CATTERALL William**

Private 12838

6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Myerscough

Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 34

Labourer, husband of Ann Catterall, 13 West View, Wesham.

Discharged in November 1914 as medically unfit., maybe due to age as 1911 census gives is age as 39.

*Service papers at the National Archive.***CHALLONER Robert †**

Private 13320

6th & 2/5th Battalions, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Born Lytham

Enlisted Lytham 6th September 1914 aged 21Died of wounds on the Western Front 26th May 1918.

Buried at Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, Somme, France.

Son of Charles & Ann Challoner, 10 Church Rd., Lytham.

Served at Gallipoli (wounded) and the Western Front.

*Recorded on Lytham War Memorial.**Commemorated at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lytham.**Commemorated on Preston Catholic Collage Memorial.**Family grave St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.**'Sons of the Eagle', Preston Catholic Collage Magazine, Winter 1918. (Photograph)*

"Robert Challoner joined the Army at the first recruiting meeting at Lytham, on September 6th, 1914. He was trained at Tidworth and went out to Gallipoli in June, 1915, where he was wounded in the knee. He was invalided to Malta in December of the same year. After several months he was brought to England and sent to a hospital in Liverpool. Here he got his discharge and was transferred to the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment. He then went to France where he was seriously wounded in front of Gommecourt during a heavy bombardment on the morning of May 26th. Every attention was given him and he was removed to the 29th Casualty Clearing Station where he died the same day from his gun-shot wounds in the chest. He lies buried in Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, S.W. of Doullens."

CHAMLEY John William

Private 40881

4th (Reserve) Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.

Born Burnley

Enlisted Preston 25th May 1918 aged 20

Farm Horseman, son of James Baines Chamley, Mason Fold Farm, Lea.

Served within the United Kingdom until discharged in February 1920.

*Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.**Service papers at the National Archive.***CHAPLIN Albert**

At present no further information found.

*Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.***CHARLTON Arthur †**

Private 35194

The King's (Liverpool Regt.)

Private 59562

The Cheshire Regt.

Born Kirkham

Enlisted Seaforth, Liverpool

Killed in action on the Western Front 7th February 1918.

Buried at Favreuil British Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.

Aged 27 son of Richard Robinson & Emma Charlton, 57 Regent Rd., Great Crosby, Liverpool.

CHARLTON Robert †

Private 17584

2nd Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Regt.)

Born Aldbrough, Yorks

Enlisted Nottingham

Killed in action on the Western Front 9th August 1915.

No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.

Aged 19, son of James Shepherd & Elizabeth Charlton, The Chestnuts, Burley, Oakham, Rutland. Maria Mary Hunt (grandmother) and Ada Beatrice (aunt), 44 Poulton St., Kirkham.

CHARNLEY Cuthbert

Corporal 50391 Royal Engineers
Born Wesham.
Son of Robert & Ellen Charnley, Station Rd., Wesham.

CHARNLEY Edwin

Private T3/028028 Army Service Corps
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 11th November 1914 aged 22
Horse Driver, husband of Ann Jane Charnley, 25 Clyde St., Preston. Son of Thomas & Elizabeth Ann Charnley, 7 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Discharged as medically unfit in January 1915.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CHARNLEY Thomas Arthur †

Private 4071 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
164th Machine Gun Company
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham 29th May 1915 aged 18
Killed in action on the Western Front 8th August 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Cotton Weaver, son of Thomas & Elizabeth Ann Charnley, 7 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Left for France on 13th October the same year. Officer Commanding Machine Gun Company reported " *The above man was last seen near the German wire under heavy fire. Men of his section could not see what happened owing to the clouds of smoke caused by smoke bombs.*" Prior to joining the Army was employed as a weaver at Whittle & Turner's Progress Mill.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 16th December 1916. (Photograph)

"Thomas Arthur Charnley, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment (Machine Gun Section), who was killed in action in France on August 8th, was the son of Mr. Thomas Charnley, Garstang road, Wesham. He joined in May, 1915, being then only 17, and was in training at Weeton Camp until the following October, when he was drafted to France. He was first reported missing in August last, but on Nov. 29th the War Office notified his parents that he had been killed on the date mentioned. He was employed as a cotton weaver at Messrs. Whittle and Turner's mill prior to enlistment, and was a good amateur runner and footballer. He was a member of the Christ Church Sunday School, Wesham."

CHARNOCK Roger Robert

Guardsman 11915 1st & 2nd Battalions, Scots Guards
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 4th November 1914 aged 22
Cotton Weaver, husband of Alice Florence Charnock, 16 Winchester St., Pimlico, son of Edwin C. & Margaret Alice Charnock, 43 'Willow Terrace' Orders Lane, Kirkham.
Went out to the front in April 1915, returning home sick in July 1915. Returned to the Western Front in April 1916 being posted to the 2nd Battalion, invalided home suffering from Trench Fever in June 1916. Returning to France in March 1917 he was gassed in October 1917 and again in November 1918, returning home suffering from flu. Discharged in March 1920.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CHILD Richard

Private 12801 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Guisborough, Yorkshire Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 21
Employed by Mr. Duckworth at Ribby Hall.
On being discharged in February 1919 returned to Guisborough and became a shopkeeper.

CHILLINGWORTH Walter

Private 13970 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Shorditch, London Enlisted Preston 4th September 1914 aged 27
Farm Labourer, Elswick Grange, Elswick.
Discharged as medically unfit (varicose veins) in October 1914. Brought up along with his brother and sisters at the Hackney Union Training School, Brentwood, Essex.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CHRISTOPHER Robert

Private 14009 8th & 9th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham 5th September 1914 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, husband of Lorrie Christopher, son of William & Alice Christopher.
Left for the front in September 1915 being wounded on 7th July 1916, returning home sick in June 1917. Returned to the Western Front in February 1918 serving with the 9th Battalion returning to United Kingdom in April 1918. Married in January 1919 at Tamworth. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CHRISTOPHER William Rossall

Private TR4/1131 73rd Training Reserve Battalion
Private 33608 6th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 7th October 1916 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, son of Thomas Rossall & Ann Jane Christopher, 7 Porter St., Wesham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in December 1916. Sailed out to India in May 1917, then to Salonika in December 1918. Discharged in February 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CLARK Angus

Private 40679 4th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Blackburn Enlisted Preston 10th December 1915 aged 38
Cotton Weaver, husband of Mary Agnes Clark, 3 Market St., Wesham, son of Angus & Elizabeth Clark.
Placed on Army Reserve until mobilized in May 1918. Served within the United Kingdom being discharged in May 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CLARK George Tom

Acting Sergeant 1060 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Sergeant 22464 Machine Gun Corps
Born Bakewell, Derbyshire
Upholsterer, son of Robert Bertram & Clara Ann Clark, Birks Cottage, Ballam.
Served on the Western Front from May 1915.

CLARK James

Private 3954 / 201441 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 85727 70th & 99th Protection Coys., Royal Defence Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 26th May 1915 aged 35
Labourer, son of John & Catherine Clark, 53 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from December 1915 until wounded (GSW right foot) in April 1918. On recovery was transferred to the Royal Defence Corps serving within the United Kingdom, being discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CLARK Mark

Private Army Service Corps
Born Kirkham.
Railway Labourer, husband of Ellen Jane Clark, son of James & Catherine Clark, 53 Freckleton St. Kirkham.
Recorded as having served within the United Kingdom.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

CLARKE Harold †

Private 20561 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 31st July 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.
Aged 21, son of John & Rachael Clarke, 80 Weeton Rd., Wesham.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.

CLARKE James Thompson †

Private 38987 1st Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Out Rawcliffe Enlisted Lancaster
Killed in action on the Western Front 24th March 1918.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Farmer, son of John & Hannah Clarke, Dunderdales Farm, Out Rawcliffe.
Family grave United Reformed Church, Elswick.

CLARKE Simon Blacow †

Private 13312 6th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Heysham Enlisted Lytham 4th September 1914 aged 22
Died of wounds at home 15th August 1916.
Buried at Heysham (St. Peter) Churchyard, Lancashire.
Farm Labourer, aged 24, son of James & Margaret Clarke, Smithy Lane, Heysham.
Sailed with the battalion to Gallipoli in June 1915. Wounded in action on 9th August, gunshot wound to face losing right eye and blinded in left eye. Discharged due to his wounds in February 1916.
Recorded on Wrea Green War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Ribby-cum-Wrea.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CLARKSON Alexander

Private 68257 The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 201716 225th Company, Labour Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Manchester 12th February 1916 aged 31
Commercial Traveller, son of John & Margaret Clarkson, 9 Greenhill, Prestwich, Manchester.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in February 1917. Served on the Western Front with the Labour Corps April 1917 to December 1918. Discharged in February 1918.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CLARKSON Edward

Gunner 190717 Royal Field Artillery
Private 496459 392 (Home Service) Company, Labour Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 11th December 1915 aged 20
Cotton Weaver, son of James & Lillian Clarkson, 47 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Served within the United Kingdom. Discharged in June 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CLARKSON George

Son of Thomas & Mary Clarkson.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

CLARKSON Henry

Private 6508 19th Division Cyclist Company, Army Cyclist Corp
Private 46473 9th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 20
Butcher, son of James & Elizabeth Ann Clarkson, 50 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Served with Army Cyclist Corps on the Western Front from July 1915 until transferring to the Royal Welsh Fus. in May 1916. Posted as missing on 22nd March 1918 late reported as being wounded and a prisoner of war.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 13th July 1918.

"Pte. Harry Clarkson, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, whose home is 56, Marsden-street, Kirkham, and who has been missing for three months has now written to his mother that he is wounded in the leg and a prisoner of war, but is progressing favourably."

CLARKSON Henry

Pioneer Civil Railway Corps
Born Wesham.
Son of Benjamin & Elizabeth Clarkson.
Recorded as having served on the Western Front.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

CLARKSON Henry

Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham.
29 Fylde St., Kirkham.

CLARKSON James †

Gunner 186565 88th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Kirkham Enlisted Walsall
Killed in action on the Western Front 13th August 1918.
Buried at Lapugnoy Military Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Leather Carrier, aged 28, husband of Norah K. Clarkson, 10 Vicarage St., Walsall, son of James & Harriet Clarkson. *Father died shortly after his birth and was brought up by Alfred John & Eliza Barratt (uncle & aunt) at Walsall. Mother married Thomas Lang in 1895.*
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

Preston Guardian 7th September 1918.

"Mr. and Mrs. J. Lang, have received information of the death in action of Driver James Clarkson (son of Mrs. Lang by a former marriage). This is the third calamity in the family caused by the war."

CLARKSON James

Private 25881 8th, 9th & 1st Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 22nd August 1916 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, son of James & Isabella Clarkson, 27 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Went out to France in December 1916. Wounded on three occasions (December 1917, May 1918 & October 1918), returned to England in October 1918 being discharged in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CLARKSON James

Private 8162 / 243569 1/5th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 11th December 1915 aged 25
Cotton Weaver, son of John & Lillian Clarkson, 47 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in March 1916, going out to the front in February 1917. In May 1918 while returning from an isolated post was caught in a gas barrage and admitted to a field hospital suffering from Shell Shock. On recovering transferred to 22 Anti Aircraft Searchlight Section. Returned to England in January 1919 and discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CLARKSON John †

Private 13935 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 13935 1/5th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 21
Killed in action on the Western Front 30th November 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, Nord, France.
Cotton Weaver, son of John & Lillian Clarkson, 47 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from July 1915, being wounded in July 1916 during the fighting on the Somme, and again in June 1917. Transferred to the 1/5th Battalion in September 1917, being reported missing on 30th November 1917. His mother was informed in December 1917 that he had been posted as missing as of 31st July 1917 although she had been receiving letters from him until the end of November. In a letter to the Records Office at Preston she asked them if some mistake had been made and asked them to investigate the matter. The reply told her that at mistake had been made, however, they had been informed that he been missing since 30th November 1917.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Report on being wounded Preston Guardian 15th July 1916.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CLARKSON John

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

CLARKSON Joseph

Private 11764 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Wesham
Son of James & Isabella Clarkson, 27 Garstang Rd., Wesham.

CLARKSON Robert

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

CLARKSON Thomas (Leo)

Born Woodplumpton
Son of Thomas & Mary Clarkson
Shown on 1911 Census as a farm labourer living with his uncle & aunt (James & Elizabeth Clarkson) at Stanley Grange, Treales.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

CLARKSON Thomas Francis

Born Kirkham
Son of William & Jenny Clarkson
Shown on 1911 Census as living with his uncle & aunt (James & Elizabeth Clarkson) at Stanley Grange, Treales.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

CLARKSON Wilfred

Private 22976 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Sapper 245243 / WR/265905 110th Railway Company, Royal Engineers
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 8th December 1915 aged 19
Cotton Weaver, son of James & Isabella Clarkson, 29 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in January 1916. Served on the Western Front from August 1916 to September 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CLAYTON Robert John

Private 36836 / 105933 117 Company, Machine Gun Corps
Lance-Corporal P/16311 Military Foot Police
Born Bolton Enlisted Preston 7th June 1916 aged 17
Railway Porter, son of Robert John & Letitia Gill Clayton, Thistleton Village.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in February 1917. Served on the Western Front from August 1917 to November 1917 returning to England suffering from trench foot. Transferred to the Military Police in September 1918 the remainder of his service

spent within the United Kingdom.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CLEAVER James Rupert D'alton †

Lance-Corporal 23601 8th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Bolton Enlisted Preston
Died of wounds on the Western Front 7th May 1917.
Buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.
House Agent & Insurance Broker. Husband of Margaret Eleanor Cleaver, 8 Brackenbury St., Preston. Son of William Edward & Fanny Elizabeth D'alton Cleaver.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Wesham.

CLEGG William

Private 117 / TT01608 Army Veterinary Corps
Private 242990 10th Battalion, The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 23rd February 1916 aged 19
Cold Shoe Smith, son of William Henry & Jane Clegg, Town End, Kirkham.
Transferred in July 1918 to Scottish Rifles as Shoeing Smith before going out to the front. Serving on the Western Front from July 1918 to July 1919. Discharged in November 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CLEGG William Butler

Private 180175 85th Company, Machine Gun Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 9th October 1918 aged 18
Assistant Linesman, son of David Alexander & Margaret Jane Clegg, 7 Wellington St., Kirkham.
Served in Turkey & Russia until discharged in April 1920. Later applied to join the Metropolitan Police.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

COADY William Ernest

Private 14266 9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham 8th September 1914 aged 20
Cotton Weaver, husband of Ruth Carr Coady, son of John Thomas & Mary Ophelia Coady, 10 Porter St., Wesham.
Sailed for France with the battalion on 25th September 1915. Wounded in May 1916 and again in January 1916, returning to England in August 1916. Discharged medically unfit (chronic arthritis) in May 1918. Married at Southampton in August 1917.
Service papers at the National Archive.

COOK Thomas Benjamin

Private 3359 / 306167 2/8th & 1/5th Battalions, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 618834 256 (Prisoner of War) Company, The Labour Corps
Born Padiham Enlisted Kirkham 30th November 1914 aged 24
Cotton Spinner, 24 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in February 1915. Served on the Western Front as a Lewis Gunner from February 1917 to November 1917 with the 2/8th Battalion then from March 1918 with the 1/5th Battalion. Gassed in April 1918 and transferred to Labour Corps in September 1918. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

COOK Walter

Private 13303 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 3431 5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Preston Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 28
Cotton Spinner, husband of Bertha Cook, 18 Railway Terrace, Wesham, son of John W. & Esther Cook.
Discharged in October 1914 as medically unfit and later enlisted into the King's Own.
Service papers at the National Archive (1st enlistment).

COOKSON Frederick Charles

Private 3208 / 241089 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 375966 The Labour Corps
Cotton Weaver, son of Anne Cookson, 58 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Married Edith Crane in 1920.

COOKSON Harry †

Private 1856 3rd Battalion, Prince of Wales Volunteers (South Lancashire)
Lance-Corporal 10237 2nd Battalion, Prince of Wales Volunteers (South Lancashire)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Warrington 24th April 1914 aged 18
Died of wounds on the Western Front 27th May 1915.
Buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France.
Hairdresser, son of William Edward & Mary Cookson, Charity School House, Poulton St., Kirkham.
Served in the 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion from January 1914, before enlisting into the Regular Army in April 1914, leaving for the front the following February. Died at a casualty clearing station from a gunshot wound to the head received in action on 23rd

May. Prior to enlisting was an assistant to Mr. G. Mark, hairdresser, Poulton St., Kirkham.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

St. Annes on the Sea Express 18th June 1915.

"The first Kirkham man to lose his life at the front is Lance-Corpl. Harry Cookson of the South Lancashire Regiment, who died in a casualty clearing station in France, on May 27th, from gunshot wounds in the head, received in action on May 23rd. Lance-Corpl. Cookson, who was 19 years of age, was the son of Mr. Wm. Cookson, of the Charity School House, Kirkham. Prior to joining the army he was an assistant to Mr. G. Mark, hairdresser, Kirkham, who himself enlisted recently."

COOKSON Henry (Harry) †

Private 26317 13th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Private 43160 17th Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Nelson 26th February 1916 aged 20
Killed in action on the Western Front 30th December 1916.
Buried at Bellacourt Military Cemetery, Riviere, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Cotton Weaver, son of Thomas & Martha Alice Cookson, 36 Clegg St., Brierfield, Burnley.
Recorded on Brierfield War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

COOKSON James

Private 13307 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Husband of Agnes Cookson, 76 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of James & Elizabeth Cookson.

COOKSON James

Private 3/9754 53rd (Young Soldier) Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 23rd August 1918 aged 18
Son of William Edward & Mary Cookson, Charity School House, Poulton St., Kirkham.
Discharged in January 1919
Service papers at the National Archive.

COOKSON Richard

Private 29932 8th & 9th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Warton Enlisted Preston 27th March 1916 aged 32
Brickmaker, 16 Albert St., Wesham, son of George & Mary Cookson.
Served on the Western Front with the 8th Battalion from July 1916 transferring to the 9th Battalion in February 1918. Gassed and taken prisoner of war in March 1918 being repatriated to the United Kingdom in January 1919. Discharged in November 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

COOKSON Theodore

Private 55212 23 (Works) Company, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 66052 Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Lance-Corporal 39696 153rd Company, Labour Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Nelson 28th October 1916 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, son of Thomas & Martha Alice Cookson, 36 Clegg St., Brierfield, Burnley.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in December 1916. Served on the Western Front from February 1917 to February 1920. Discharged in March 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

COOKSON Thomas †

Private 202541 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 8th September 1914 aged 37
Died of wounds on the Western Front 27th October 1918.
Buried at Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Cotton Weaver, husband of Mary Elizabeth Cookson, 6 Dyer St., Kirkham, son of James & Elizabeth Cookson.
Placed in Army Reserve employed at the National Projectile Factory, Lancaster until recalled to the colours in April 1918, going out to the front in September.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 2nd November 1918. (Photograph)

"Official notification has been received by Mrs. T. Cookson, of the death in France on Sunday, of her husband, Private T. Cookson, from gunshot wounds. Private Cookson enlisted in August, 1916, but in February, 1917, he was transferred to Class W, and took up munitions work at Lancaster. He was called up again in April this year and sent to Ireland, subsequently being drafted to France in September. Private Cookson, who was 40 years of age, prior to enlisting was employed at Phoenix Mills, Kirkham,

and was a Churchman and a regular attender at Kirkham Parish Church. He was also a member of the Kirkham Subscription Brass Band for the last 24 years. Much sympathy is felt for his wife and four children."

CONROY Peter

Served as CORRIGAN Peter

Sapper 5576 Royal Anglesey Militia Engineers, Royal Engineers

Sapper 5576 1st Siege Company, Royal Engineers

Born Balacrie, Co. Mayo Enlisted Beaumaris 11th December 1906 aged 32

Platelayer's Labourer, son of Bridget Conroy, 9 Orders Lane, Kirkham.

Enlisted in the Militia in December 1906, as Peter Conroy. Re-engaged in 1908 changing his name to Peter Corrigan. Mobilized in August 1914 going out to the front the following November. Returned home in September 1915 being discharged as medically unfit in December 1916.

Service papers at the National Archive.

CORNALL John

Private 18519 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Private 22697 Machine Gun Corps

Served on the Western Front from January 1915. Discharged in April 1919.

Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

COTTAM Ernest †

Private 23038 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Fleetwood Enlisted Freckleton

Killed in action in Mesopotamia 9th March 1917.

No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq.

Aged 24, son of Richard & Elizabeth Cottam, Miller's Villas, Lytham Rd., Freckleton.

Prior to enlisting was employed as a weaver at J. Bibby & Sons' Mill, Freckleton. Well known in the local football circles having played for Kirkham & Wesham and Freckleton in the West Lancashire League. He had been wounded previously in January, 1917.

Recorded on Freckleton War Memorial.

Preston Guardian 5th May 1917. (Photograph)

"Mr. and Mrs. Cottam, Miller's Villas, Lytham road, Freckleton, have received word that their son, Private Ernest Cottam, aged 24, L.N.L. Regt., was killed in action in Mesopotamia on March 9th. He was previously reported wounded on Jan 13th this year. Before joining up he was employed as a weaver at J. Bibby and Sons' Mill, Freckleton. He was well known in football circles, having played regularly for Kirkham and Wesham and Freckleton in the West Lancashire League, possessing several medals. Deceased was a member of the Church of the Holy Family, Freckleton."

COTTAM John

At present no further information found.

Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

COTTAM John Edward

Born Treales

Son of William & Mary Elizabeth Cottam.

At present no further information found.

Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

COTTAM Joseph

Private 6653 / 243864 2/6th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)

Private 458687 The Labour Corps

Born Westby Enlisted Blackpool 11th December 1915 aged 38

Corn Miller's Foreman, Rose Cottage, Westby.

Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in October 1916. Served on the Western Front from February to July 1917. Returned home sick and transferred to the Labour Corps, being discharged suffering from Bronchitis in January 1918.

Service papers at the National Archive.

COTTAM Thomas

Born Wharles

At present no further information found.

Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

COTTAM William †

Private 1721 26th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force

Born Kirkham Enlisted Bundaberg, Queensland 16th June 1915 aged 21

Died in Australia 31st May 1919.

Buried at Ipswich General Cemetery, Queensland, Australia.

Son of J. Cottam, Woongarra St., West Bundaberg, Queensland.
Served at Gallipoli returning to Australia in January 1916 suffering from frostbite, being discharged in June 1916.
Service papers at National Archive of Australia.

COTTAM William Cuthbert

Private 3942 / 201432 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Westby Enlisted Kirkham 26th May 1915 aged 19
Son of Richard & Elizabeth Cottam, 'Millers Villa', Lytham Rd., Freckleton.
Served on the Western Front from October 1915 until wounded in November returning home in early December 1915.
Discharged medically unfit due to fractured left shoulder and thigh in April 1917.
Service papers at the National Archive.

COTTRILL Stanley Smith

Gunner L/17230 169th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Gunner 174332 76th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Ardwick, Manchester Enlisted Blackpool 19th April 1915 aged 30
Clerk, Workhouse, Kirkham.
Served in Egypt December 1915 to March 1916, then the Western Front until December 1916, returning to England suffering from Pleurisy. Returned to the front in June 1917 serving until February 1919. Discharged in March 1919. Address on leaving the Army given as 127 Kingsfield Rd., Orrell Park, Liverpool. Later employed on the staff at HM Prison, Liverpool.
Recorded at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

COULBURN James

Private 45226 3rd (Garrison) Battalion, The Cheshire Regt.
Born Freckleton. Enlisted Preston 5th June 1916 aged 25
Grocer, husband of Mary Coulbourn, 96 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of Elizabeth Coulbourn.
Discharged a month after enlisting as medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

COULBURN John

Private 14629 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Lance-Corporal 7538 17th Battalion, Army Cyclist Corps
Born Freckleton Enlisted Kirkham 30th September 1914 aged 32
Farm Labourer, husband of May Coulburn, 1 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of Elizabeth Coulburn.
Transferred to the Cyclist Corps in December 1914, serving on the Western front from September 1915 until February 1917.
Discharged in August 1917 as physically unfit for service. Had previously served 7 years in the Militia, 1901 – 1907.
Service papers at the National Archive.

COULBURN Thomas

Guardsman 12222 Scots Guards
Born Freckleton Enlisted 20th November 1914 aged 30
Son of Elizabeth Coulburn, 24 Orders Lane, Kirkham.
Went out to the front in May 1915 being discharged due to wounds in June 1916.

COUPE Harold W. †

Private 5123 / 242227 2/5th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Blackburn Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 5th June 1917.
Buried at Gorre British & Indian Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Aged 19, lived with his mother Annie Coupe at Poulton St., Kirkham
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 16th June 1917. (Photograph)

"Mrs. Coupe, Poulton-street, Kirkham, has received a letter from the officer commanding the East Lancashire Regiment, stating:- "It is with great sorrow and deep sympathy that I write to tell you that your son, Pte. Harold Coupe, was killed in action last night (June 5th). Your son was on sentry duty, and had hardly got to his post, when he was struck in the head by a stray bullet. He lived a few minutes only, but was quite unconscious from the time he was struck to the time he passed away, and it must comfort you in your sorrow that he suffered no pain. I know how little use words are in such circumstances and that nothing except time can bring balm to the wound of a mother who has lost her son; but it may help you to think that his life was generously given for a noble cause, and that he died doing his duty, and no man can do better." Pte. Coupe was the widow's only son, 19 years of age, and was home on furlough for his birthday in February last. He went to the front in March this year, and his last letter to his mother was written three days before he fell. Mrs. Coupe has also received a letter from the members of the gun team of which the deceased was a member, expressing their deep sympathy in the "loss of a good pal."

COWBURN Robert †

Gunner 79753 149th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Samlesbury Enlisted Preston 9th May 1916 aged 21
Killed in action on the Western Front 11th April 1918.
Buried at Faubourg D'Amiens, Arras, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Farm Horseman, son of Robert & Sarah Cowburn, Stanley Lodge, Wharles.
Sailed for Singapore in July 1916, returning to England in May 1917. Went out to the Western Front in September 1917.
Commemorated at Christ Church, Treales.
Family grave Christ Church, Treales.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 4th May 1918. (Photograph)

"Gunner Robert Cowburn, R.F.A., whose home was at Wharles, was killed in action at Arras on April 11th. He joined the Army in April, 1916, and shortly afterwards was sent to Singapore, where he was stationed until July, 1917. He then went to France. He was highly spoken of both by his commanding officer and the chaplain of the battery. Before joining up he worked at home on his father's farm."

COWELL Richard

Trooper 48636 Reserve of Cavalry
Private 313931 The Tank Corps (att. Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps)
Born Thistleton Enlisted Preston 10th August 1917 aged 18
Farm Labourer, son of John & Jane Cowell, Pitt Field Farm, Singleton.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in June 1918. Served within the United Kingdom until discharged in December 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

COXHEAD Edward Stewart

Private 240800 11th Battalion, The Bedfordshire Regt.
Born Wooplumpton Enlisted 20th October 1916
Gardener, husband of Maria Campton Coxhead, Highgate Cottages, Newton with Scales. Son of Edward & Ann Coxhead.
Discharged in February 1919.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

COYNE John

Pioneer 97864 66th Field Company, Royal Engineers
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 8th May 1915 aged 20
Labourer, son of Thomas & Bridget Coyne, 19 Billington St., Wesham.
Served in Salonika January to November 1916 then Egypt until June 1919. Discharged in August 1919. Prior to enlisting was employed at J. Durham Shipbuilders, Lytham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

COYNE John

Private 3950 4th (Res) Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Pioneer 129361 No2 Special Company, Royal Engineers
Born Ormskirk Enlisted Preston 26th May 1915 aged 28
Carter, husband of Emma Blanche Coyne, 12 Mill St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until March 1916 going out to the Western Front a short time later. Discharged in March 1919. Prior to joining the army was employed by Mr. J. Hull as teamsman.
Service papers at the National Archives.

CRANE Henry Cecil

Private 17513 11th Battalion, The Border Regt.
Born Kirkham.
House Painter, husband of Amy Crane, son of Henry & Emma Crane, The Haven, Church St., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from November 1915.

CRANE James

Private 3484 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham.
5 Old Row, Kirkham.
Recorded as having been wounded while serving on the Western Front.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

CRANE John †

Lance-Corporal 2829 / 200762 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 8th October 1914
Killed in action on the Western Front 9th September 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Son of Thomas & Sarah Crane, 4 Billington St., Wesham.

Went out to the front in May 1915, being wounded on 15th June 1915. Posted as wounded & missing 9th September 1916.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 4th November 1916. (Photograph)

"Mrs. Crane, 4, Billington street, Wesham, has been notified that her son, Pte. J. Crane, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, is wounded and missing. The missing soldier enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war, and was posted missing on Sept. 9th. His mother would be glad to have any information from any of his comrades."

CRANE Robert

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Treales
Railway Signalman, husband of Margaret Crane, 'Cranlea' Station Rd., Kirkham.

St. Annes Express 19th May 1916.

"SIGNALMAN FOUND DEAD - Robert Crane, a signalman in the employ of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, was found dead in the Kirkham North Junction Cabin on Sunday evening. Crane, who acted as relief signalman, left his house in Station Road, Kirkham, shortly before seven o'clock. As the signalman in Kirkham station failed to get 'acceptance' for the 9.37 from Kirkham. Foreman-porter Garlick went to the North Junction Cabin, and found Crane dead in a chair. Deceased was over 50 years of age."

CRANE Thomas

Private 144357 43rd Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Forces
Born Kirkham Enlisted Ottawa, Canada 2nd August 1915 aged 30
Lampman, husband of Winifred Cane, Valleyfield, British Columbia, Canada.
Service papers at the Canadian National Archive.

CRANE William George Wray

Bombadier 736483 Royal Field Artillery
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 25th July 1916 aged 27
Rubber Planter, husband of Edith Crane, son of Henry & Emma Crane, The Haven, Church St., Kirkham.
Discharged in June 1917 as being medically unfit to serve.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CRANSHAW David †

Gunner 2395 / 680775 276th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Preston Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 12th June 1917.
Buried at Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium.
Grocer's Assistant, son of John Thomas & Annie Cranshaw, 68 Waterloo Terrace, Ashton on Ribble.
Commemorated on Preston War Memorial.
Family grave at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

CRITCHLEY Thomas

Private 3412 5th (Reserve) Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 7th January 1915 aged 32
Brickyard Labourer, husband of Elizabeth Critchley, 114 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of Thomas & Margaret Critchley.
Discharged medically unfit in June 1915, medical records him suffering from severe flat feet, knock knees, varicose veins and defective eyesight.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CRITCHLEY Walter †

Private 23595 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston
Died of wounds on the Western Front 23rd July 1916.
Buried at Contalmaison Chateau Cemetery, Somme, France.
Aged 20, son of Albert & Margaret Ann Critchley, Elswick.

CRITCHLEY William †

Private 25106 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 37238 12th Battalion, Prince Albert's (Somerset Light Infantry)
Born Weeton Enlisted Preston
Killed in action in Palestine 6th November 1917.
Buried at Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel.
Aged 29, husband of Elizabeth Critchley, Croft Cottage, Elswick, son of Robert & Ann Critchley, Weeton.
Commemorated at St. Anne's Parish Church, Copp, Great Eccleston.
Commemorated at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Great Eccleston.

CROMPTON George †

Private 35052 16th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 4772 2/5th Battalion, The Cheshire Regt.
Private 26846 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham 8th December 1915 aged 22
Killed in action on the Western Front 18th April 1918.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Cotton Weaver, husband of Elizabeth Robinson Crompton, 19 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of William Cornwall & Selina Pricilla Crompton, 31 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in February 1916. Left for the front on 29th August 1916, transferring to the Loyal North Lancs. a few days after arriving in France.
Recorded on Kirkham and Wesham War Memorials.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CROMPTON William John †

Private 7318 / 203539 1/4th & 10th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham 7th December 1915 aged 19
Killed in action on the Western Front 24th September 1917.
Buried at Railway Dugouts Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium.
Coal Merchant's Assistant, son of William Cornwall & Selina P. Crompton, 31 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Mobilized in January 1917, going out to France on 18th April 1917, being posted to the 10th Battalion. Prior to joining the Army was employed by Mr. William Edmundson, coal merchant, Wesham.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 20th October 1917. (Photograph)

"Mr. and Mrs. Crompton, 31, Garstang road, Wesham, have been officially notified that their youngest son, Pte. William John Crompton, has been killed in action. Deceased was 20 years of age and joined the colours in January, going out to France in April. After leaving Christ Church day School Pte. Crompton went to work in the mill, and about two years ago entered the employ of Mr. Wm. Edmundson, coal merchants, Wesham, with whom he worked until he joined the Army. He was a member of the Christ Church Sunday School. His brother Pte. Joseph Crompton has been in France for 12 months."

CROMPTON William Joseph

Born Clifton
Grocer, son of Richard & Isabella Crompton.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

CROOK Arthur

Driver Army Service Corps
Born Kirkham.
Husband of Mary Crook, son of William & Mary Crook, 14 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Recorded as having served within the United Kingdom.
Recorded at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

CROOK Henry Hankinson

Private 24058 12th Battalion, The Border Regt.
Private 43026 23rd Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 11th December 1915 aged 28
Horse Driver, Son of William & Mary Crook, 14 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Served within the United Kingdom until being discharged in May 1917 medically unfit.
Recorded at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

CROOK John Hankinson

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Newton-with-Scales
Market Gardener, husband of Margaretta Crook, Houghton Cottages, Wrea Green.

CROOK James Military Medal

Private 66 St. John Ambulance Brigade
Private DEAL/3833 (S) Medical Unit, Royal Marines
Born Westhoughton Enlisted Manchester 24th April 1915 aged 22
Gas Fitter, son of James & Sarah Ellen Crook, 4 Orders Lane, Kirkham.
Served at Gallipoli from August 1915 then on the Western Front from May 1916 to January 1919. Discharged in February 1919.
Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in field (London Gazette 20th August 1919).
Recorded at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

*Service papers at the National Archive.
Photograph Preston Guardian 8th May 1915.*

Preston Guardian 1st February 1919.

"Private James Crook, of the Medical Staff, Royal Naval Division, and eldest son of Mr. J. Crook, secretary and manager of the Kirkham Gas Co., has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the battlefield at Cambrai last September. Private Crook enlisted in April, 1915, and took part in the evacuation of the Dardanelles expedition. He went to France in 1916. He is the fifth member of the Kirkham Ambulance Brigade to receive honours, the others being R.E. Dagger, M.M., V. Salisbury and J. Salisbury (brothers to receive the M.M.). R.E. Fox mention in despatches."

CROOK John

Private 13947 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 21

Labourer, son of William & Mary Crook, 14 Station Rd., Kirkham.

Sailed with the battalion from Avonmouth for Gallipoli in June 1915, wounded in August being sent to hospital in Malta then invalided back to England in September 1915. Served on the Western Front from January 1916 with the 1st Battalion of the Loyals until wounded in July 1916. Rejoined the 6th Battalion in Mesopotamia October 1916 serving until March 1919. Discharged in May 1919. Enlisted in July 1921, aged 28, into the Territorials serving until July 1922.

Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 4th September 1915.

"The vicar of Kirkham has received word that Pte. J. Crook, son of Mr. Wm. Crook, carriage proprietor, of Leyland terrace, is in the Tigue Hospital suffering from a shrapnel wound in the foot and two bullet wounds, and that Corpl. Widdows, of Preston street, is in hospital at Cairo with a bullet wound in the foot. Both Crook and Widdows were wounded in the Dardanelles fighting, and belonged to the 6th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment."

CROOK John

Driver 193730 84th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 7th October 1916 aged 18

Painter, son of James & Sarah E. Crook, 4 Orders Lane, Kirkham.

Served on the Western Front from April 1917 to January 1919. Discharged in April 1919.

Recorded at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

Service papers at the National Archive.

CROSS Cyril John

Captain King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.), attached Machine Gun Corps

Born Kirkham.

Architect & Surveyor, husband of Louise Marie Cross, 51 Broadgate, Preston, son of Robert & Jane Cross, The Moor, Moor St., Kirkham.

CROSS James †

Private 181038 Machine Gun Corps
Born Warton Enlisted Poulton le Fylde 11th December 1915 aged 31

Died at Rugeley Military Hospital of Bronco-Pneumonia on 28th October 1918.

Buried at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

Brewer's Cellarman, aged 34, husband of Kathleen May Cross, Ivy Cottage, Newton, Poulton-le-Fylde, son of William & Ann Cross, Bryning.

Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in October 1918.

Service papers at the National Archive.

CROSS John

Private 42118 Royal Army Medical Corps

Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

CROSS Richard

Lance-Corporal 3810 3rd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Blackpool Enlisted Preston 5th September 1914 aged 42

Cotton Weaver, husband of Elizabeth Cross, 48 Station Rd., Wesham.

Discharged in May 1916 as being physically unfit. Previously served with the Loyal North Lancs for 12 years.

Service papers at the National Archive.

CROSS Richard William

Pioneer 240553 Road Construction Corps, Royal Engineers

Pioneer WR/26847 Road & Quarries Corps, Royal Engineers

Born Pilling Enlisted Preston 6th June 1916 aged 27

Farm Cowman, husband of Ann Cross, Harrison's Cottage, Roseacre.

Placed in the Army Reserve until February 1917 going out to the Western Front in May 1917. Returned to United Kingdom in June 1918 and transferred to Road & Quarries Depot, Bordon. Discharged in March 1919.

Commemorated at Christ Church, Treales.

Service papers at the National Archive.

CROSS Robert

Born Warton

Strike Cottages, Freckleton, son of William & Ann Cross, Bryning

At present no further information found.

Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

CROSS William

Private TR4/20083

62nd Training Reserve Battalion

Enlisted Preston 21st February 1916 aged 39

Market Gardener, son of John and Eliza Matilda Cross, 92 Ribby Rd., Kirkham.

Placed in the Army Reserve until April 1916. Serving within the United Kingdom at a munitions factory at Nantwich, Cheshire until being discharged in February 1918 as medically unfit.

Service papers at the National Archive.

CROSSLEY William Enoch Military Cross + Military Medal

Lance-Corporal 13003

7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

2nd Lieutenant

10th & 1/4th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Luddenden, Yorkshire

Enlisted Preston 7th September 1914 aged 23

Bank Clerk, husband of Alice Crossley, 7 Marquis St., Kirkham, son of John & Marion Crossley, Ribby Rd., Kirkham.

Served on the Western Front with the 7th Battalion from July 1915. Granted a field commission in February 1917 being posted to the 10th Battalion, wounded and returned to England in April 1917. On recovering returned to the front serving with the 1/4th Battalion until wounded in October 1918. Awarded the Military Medal (London Gazette 21st October 1916) and Military Cross (London Gazette 18th July 1917) for an acts of gallantry at the front.

Service papers at the National Archive.

Military Cross Citation.

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in assuming command of his company under heavy shell and machine gun fire, and leading it to its objective. He was severely wounded, but directed the defence against several counter attacks until ordered to go to the aid post by his commanding Officer."

Preston Guardian 23rd September 1916. (Photograph)

"The Military Medal has been awarded to Lance-Corpl. W.E. Crossley, Kirkham, for devoted services rendered to the wounded in the Somme attack on July 23rd. Lance-Corpl. Crossley is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Crossley, Ribby road, Kirkham, and joined the Preston 'Pals' of the Loyal North Lancs. Regt. on September 7th, 1914, and went out to France in July last. Previous to joining the Army, Lance-Corpl. Crossley was on the staff of the Manchester and County Bank, Lytham street, Blackpool."

Preston Guardian 21st April 1917.

"Second Lieut. W.E. Crossley wounded. Mr. and Mrs. Crossley, Ribby road, Kirkham, have received official information that their only son, Second Lieut. W.E. Crossley, was severely wounded in the fighting last week. He is in the Duchess of Westminster's Red Cross Hospital in France. Lieut. Crossley joined the 'Preston Pals' at the outbreak of hostilities, and has been in France 21 months. He was awarded the Military Medal for devoted services rendered to the wounded men in the Somme attack of July 23rd, 1916. Lieut. Crossley received his commission in February and posted to the L.N.L. Regiment. He was for years a member of the Kirkham Parish Church choir, and prior to the war was on the staff of the Manchester and County Bank, Blackpool."

Preston Guardian 4th August 1917.

"Second-Lieut. W.E. Crossley, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Crossley, Ribby-road, Kirkham, has been awarded another decoration. He joined the Preston 'Pals' as a private on September 7th, 1914, and was awarded the Military Medal for devoted services rendered to wounded men in the Somme Battle in July of last year. He was subsequently granted a commission, and has gained the Military Cross "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in assuming command of his company under heavy shell and machine gun fire and leading it to its objective. He was severely wounded but directed the defence against several counter attacks until ordered to go to the aid post by his commanding officer." Prior to the war Lieut. Crossley was in the Manchester and County Bank, Lytham-street, Blackpool. He was a member of the Kirkham Parish Church choir and acted as deputy organist. He is now at convalescent officer's quarters."

Preston Guardian 2nd March 1918. (Photograph)

"PRESENTATION TO KIRKHAM OFFICER - At the Charity School, Kirkham, on Monday evening, Second-Lieut. W.E. Crossley, M.M., M.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Crossley, Ribby-

road, Kirkham, was presented with a handsome case of cutlery from the inhabitants of Kirkham, in recognition of his distinctions gained on the field of battle. The Rev. W.T. Mitton, who presided, said he was proud of what Lieut. Crossley had done, and so were the people of Kirkham. Mr. W. Duckworth, J.P., Ribby Hall, who made the presentation said Lieut. Crossley first joined the 7th Battalion, L.N.L. as a private, and after being at the front some time was selected to take a commission, and was now a second-lieutenant in the L.N.L. Regiment. Lieutenant Crossley received the M.M. as a private, and the M.C. in that terrible ordeal on the Arras Front. To be singled out of the many brave men in that battle as more brave than the others entitled him to something. (Cheers) In making the presentation Mr. Duckworth said: "We congratulate you on receiving your decoration from the hands of the King on Saturday. We in our small way in Kirkham felt we ought to give you some further token. You got badly wounded and are now well again, and we hope no more bad luck, and that you will come back to Kirkham in the glory of your youth. It gives me great pleasure in asking you to accept the present which the inhabitants of Kirkham subscribed on your behalf." Lieut. Crossley, who was received with cheers, said he was afraid no words of his could adequately express his gratitude for the handsome present, but he fully appreciated the goodness of the people of Kirkham. What he did was not done for what he could get out of it - it was only his duty. Kirkham, he thought, had a record to be proud of. No town of the same size in England had done better."

Preston Guardian 2nd November 1918.

"Lieut. Crossley, Kirkham, who recently returned to the front after being wounded has again been most seriously wounded, and is in hospital in England. He is making as good progress as can be expected, considering the severe nature of his wounds."

CROUGHAN John Joseph

Corporal 3963 / 201446

Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Kirkham

Cotton Tenter, husband of Clara Croughan, 7 Orders Lane, Kirkham, son of Owen & Margaret Croughan.

Served on the Western Front from October 1915.

CRUZ Francisco de †

Served as CRUISE Frank

Sergeant 6659

1st Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Born Fleetwood

Enlisted Lancaster 17th December 1900 aged 18

Killed in action on the Western Front 15th December 1914.

Buried at Tencrez Farm Cemetery, Comines-Warneton, Belgium.

Aged 32, son Sartoria & Elizabeth De Cruz, Kirkham. His sister Susannah lived at 3 Whitworth St., Wesham.

Served with the King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.) Mounted Infantry in South Africa during the Boer War and later in India.

Transferred to the Army Reserve in 1908 he re-enlisted in the reserve for a further 4 years in 1912. Recalled to the Army in August 1914, going out to France in September.

Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

Service papers at the National Archive.

CRYER Harold †

Lance-Corporal PO/12715

Royal Marine Light Infantry

Born Fence, Burnley

Enlisted Manchester 23rd December 1902 aged 18

Died of Enteric Fever at Moss Side Hospital 19th February 1919.

Buried at St. Michael', Parish Church Cemetery, Kirkham.

Cotton Overlooker, husband of Margaret Alice Cryer, Moons Cottage, Newton with Scales, son of Henry & Hannah Cryer.

Served with the Royal Marines from December 1902 until placed in the Royal Fleet Reserve in February 1908. Mobilized in August 1914 serving at Antwerp and Gallipoli. Discharged due to wounds in December 1915.

Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 1st March 1919.

"DEATH OF MR. H. CRYER - The funeral took place on Saturday, at Kirkham Parish Church, of Mr. Harold Cryer, Newton-with-Scales, a member of the firm of Messrs. Cryer Bros., Bankfield Mill, Kirkham. Deceased, who was a reservist of the Royal Marines, was called up in 1914, and took part in the Antwerp landing where he received a shrapnel wound in the back. After recovery, he was sent to the Dardanelles, and was shot in the lung at the Gallipoli landing. He was discharged in 1915, and although he never regained his former constitution he resumed his business connections with the firm, up to a few weeks ago. Owing to the serious nature of his illness he was removed to the Moss Side Hospital early last month, at which institution he died last Wednesday week. The funeral was attended by members of the Kirkham branch of the Discharged Soldiers Federation and military friends. Deceased was 35 years of age, and leaves a widow and five young children."

CULLEN Patrick

Trooper GS/10430 12th Lancers
Trooper L/10146 General Service Lancers
Born Ireland
56 Preston St., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from May 1915.

CUTLER Frederick

Private 55774 53rd Young Service Battalion, The Cheshire Regt.
Private 55774 9th Battalion, The Cheshire Regt.
Private 193426 Machine Gun Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 17th October 1918 aged 18
Coal Carter, son of Edward Cutler, 59 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Went out to France in March 1919. Discharged in March 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

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DAGGER Daniel †

Guardsman 26230 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards
Born Preston Enlisted Preston
Died of wounds on the Western Front 25th October 1918.
Buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Aged 38, husband of Grace Dagger, Four Lane Ends Farm, Weeton, son of James & Catherine Dagger.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Weeton.

Preston Guardian 9th November 1918. (Photograph)

"Mrs. Dagger, Weeton, has been officially notified that her husband, Pte. Daniel Dagger, Grenadier Guards, died of wounds, on October 25th. He joined the army in July, 1916, and was recommended for the Military Medal on October 1st this year. He had been previously wounded. Pte. Dagger was 39 years of age, prior to enlisting worked for Mr. Watson, Swarbrick Hill Farm, Weeton. Much sympathy is felt for his wife and six children."

DAGGER James †

Private M2/139219 Motor Transport Section, Army Service Corps
attached 52nd Motor Air Line Section, Royal Engineers
Born Warton Enlisted Liverpool 6th November 1915 aged 32
Died on the Western Front 30th June 1916.
Buried at Chocques Military Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Motor Driver, aged 27, husband of Elizabeth Dagger, 57 Southdale Rd., Wavertree, Liverpool, son of William & Alice Dagger, Warton.
Served on the Western Front from 8th June 1916 being killed by shell fire a few weeks later.
Family grave St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

DAGGER James Reginald

Private 24078 8th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 11th December 1915 aged 20
Baker & Vanman, son of Margaret Ann Dagger, 43 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Mobilized in April 1916, going out to the front in August. Seriously wounded by a shell on 11th October 1916, being discharged physically unfit in March 1917. Prior to enlisting was employed by Mrs. Wright, Fylde Cafe, 80 Poulton St., Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

DAGGER Richard Fletcher Military Medal

Private St, John Ambulance Brigade
Private 59305 12th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
Born Westby
Refuge Assurance Clerk, son of Richard & Ellen Dagger.
Volunteered and reported to have served in France. Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 23rd July 1919).

Preston Guardian 5th June 1915.

"Mr. C.W, Heslop, superintendant of the Kirkham Ambulance Brigade, received a telegram from the Commissioner to supply one general duty private for the Australian's Hospital, Wimereux (France). Private R. Dagger, Kirkham, Volunteered, and has left for service."

Preston Herald 5th June 1915.

"The Kirkham Ambulance Brigade has this week despatched another of its members to

France for service in the hospitals, in the person of Rd. Dagger, who was employed in the clerical department of the Refuge Assurance Co. Ltd. at Kirkham."

DAGGER Richard Herbert †

Private 12841 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 3930 2/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 28
Enlisted Preston 27th May 1915

Died at home on 21st May 1920.

Buried at St. Michael's Parish Church, Weeton.

Baker, son of Margaret Ann Dagger, 43 Freckleton St., Kirkham.

Discharged as medically unfit in October 1914. Re-enlisted into Territorials in May 1915 being discharged in December 1915.

Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

Service papers at the National Archive (1st enlistment).

DAGGER Thomas Henry †

Private 21847 10th Battalion, The Cheshire Regt.
Born Weeton Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 17th February 1917.

No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Belgium.

Aged 18, son of William & Susannah Dagger, 1 Chapel Walks, Kirkham.

Recorded as leaving for the Balkans in November 1915 (may have served with 2nd or 8th Battalion).

Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.

Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Weeton.

DALE Robert David

Petty Officer 228963 Royal Navy
Born Preston Enlisted 30th April 1906 aged 18

Husband of Martha Mary Dale, 21 Church St., Kirkham, son of William & Alice Dale.

Joined the Navy as boy sailor from 1903 until enlisting in 1906. Serving on HMS Warspite at the Battle of Jutland where the ship was heavily damaged. Transferred to the Royal Fleet Reserve in March 1919 until discharged as Time Expired in June 1921.

Service papers at the National Archive.

DALE William

Private 21847 10th & 6th Battalions, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 45873 1st Garrison Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
Private 32482 1st Garrison Battalion, The Lincolnshire Regt.
Born Galgate Enlisted Preston 1st December 1915 aged 18

Farm Labourer at Stanley House, Weeton, son of Isaac & Elizabeth Dale, Fernbank, Dyserth, North Wales.

Went out to India in July 1916 later serving with the 6th Battalion in Mesopotamia until wounded in February 1917. Transferred to the Manchester Regt. in India remaining there until returning home in September 1919. Discharged in November 1919 giving address given as 6 Wells St., Ulverston.

Service papers at the National Archive.

DALE William Henry

Private 228 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 23884 No 19 Supply Company, 3/5th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Preston Enlisted Preston 4th August 1914 aged 66

Carpenter, husband of Alice Dale, 21 Church St., Kirkham.

Discharged shortly after enlisting. Enlisted again in June 1915, being discharged as medically unfit a month later. Previously served 12 years with the Suffolk Regt., 1870 – 1882. His son Robert served with the Royal Navy

Service papers at the National Archive.

DANSON Alexander † Military Medal

Lance-Sergeant 12784 6th & 10th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 19

Died of wounds on Western Front 30th September 1917.

Buried at Outtersteene Communal Cemetery Extension, Bailleul, Nord, France.

Labourer, son of Richard & Sarah Danson, 62 Preston St., Kirkham.

Served with the 6th Battalion at Gallipoli where he contracted dysentery & returned to England in November 1915. On recovering went out to France in March 1916 being posted to the 10th Battalion, being wounded in August 1916, wounded again in April 1917. He was awarded the Military Medal for gallant action during a raid on the enemy trenches in July 1916 (London Gazette 17th September 1917). Severely wounded on 26th September, recorded as having died at the 1st Australian Hospital a few days later.

Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 19th June 1915. (Photographs)

"THREE KIRKHAM BROTHERS WITH THE COLOURS Mr. and Mrs. Richard Danson, Preston street, Kirkham, have three sons serving with the colours. Pte. John Danson is in the 10th Batt. L.N.L.; Pte. Alex. is with the 6th Batt. L.N.L.; and Pte. Arthur is in the 9th L.N.L. Prior to enlisting in the earlier stages of the war they were all employed in the mill. The father is an old Volunteer, having been 7 years in the Kirkham Battery attached to the old 5th Lancashire Volunteer Artillery."

Preston Guardian 26th August 1916. (Photograph)

"KIRKHAM BROTHERS WOUNDED - Privates John and Alick Danson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Danson, Preston St., Kirkham, have been wounded at the front. John, who is 23 joined the forces in November, 1914, and was sent out to France in July, 1915. He was wounded, in the knee in the recent fighting, and sent to a French hospital, where he made a successful recovery, and is out again, but not in the trenches. Alick, who is only 19, but has seen a lot of fighting, is seriously wounded in the back with shrapnel. He enlisted with many more Kirkham lads at the outbreak of war, and after training was sent to the Dardanelles and later invalided home. He was sent out to France in March this year. He received his wounds in the recent heavy fighting, and is now in a French hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Danson have three sons with the colours, the second son Arthur, being also dangerously wounded in the great attack during the first week in July. The three brothers are in the Loyal North Lancashires, and were all employed in the cotton industry prior to enlistment. Their father is an old Volunteer."

Preston Guardian 18th August 1917.

"Sergt. Alick Danson, third son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Danson, Preston-street, Kirkham, has received the Military Medal, and has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the field. Sergt. Danson enlisted in September, 1914, and has seen much active service in Gallipoli and France. Two other brothers are also serving. Private Arthur Danson was severely wounded last year and is still in hospital."

Preston Guardian 13th October 1917. (Photograph)

"The parents of Sergt. Alick Danson, Preston-street, Kirkham, have been notified of his death in hospital at the front following the amputation of one of his legs and other injuries. Sergt. Danson was the youngest of three brothers who joined up early in the war, and has shown great gallantry. He was mentioned recently in the list of honours, having gained the Military Medal. Sergt. Danson was 21 years of age. His brother, Pte. Arthur Danson, was seriously wounded 18 months ago, and is still in hospital in the South of England."

DANSON Arthur †

Private 17580

9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire

Born Kirkham

Enlisted Preston

Died of wounds at home 25th October 1922.

Buried at St. Michael's Parish Church Cemetery, Kirkham.

Aged 28, husband of Amy Rose Danson, son of Richard & Sarah Danson, 62 Preston St., Kirkham.

Went out to the front in September 1915. Died from a wound received while fighting on the Somme in July 1916. Brother of Alexander Danson, another brother, John, also served during the war with the Loyal North Lancashire Regt. & East Surrey Regt. Prior to enlisting all three brothers were employed at the local cotton mill.

Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

Preston Guardian 19th June 1915. (see above)

Preston Guardian 22nd July 1916. (Photograph)

"Mr. and Mrs. Richard Danson, Preston street, Kirkham, were last weekend called away to see their son (Arthur) who had been dangerously wounded (a bullet penetrating the bottom of his back) on the 5th inst., in the great advance. They found their son in a very serious condition. Pte. Danson, who is 21 years old, is one of three brothers serving at the front, and had been out 30 months. The other brothers are in France, the youngest, after serving at the Dardanelles. While at the front Private Danson had been acting as an officer's servant, and his officer was killed the day before he was wounded. before joining the Army he worked in a cotton mill."

Preston Guardian 28th October 1922.

"The death occurred on Wednesday, in Knotty Ash Hospital Liverpool, to which institution he had recently been removed, of Mr. Arthur Danson, Preston-street, Kirkham, who succumbed to the wounds he received during the war. He was one of three brothers to enlist in the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, all of whom acquitted themselves with distinction. Alick, the youngest, was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and won the Military Medal. He was killed, and his parents were the recipients of a handsome timepiece suitably inscribed, from the Kirkham Hero Committee, in lieu of the gold watch with which the son would have been presented. John, the eldest, was also a sergeant, and came safely through. Arthur, although deprived through his serious injuries of many of the joys of life, was always cheerful, and endeavoured to make the best of things. Much sympathy is felt for his parents and his wife, with whom he became acquainted whilst in one of the Southern

hospitals, and who has attended him with unfailing devotion during the years of suffering."

DANSON John Thomas

Sergeant 17400 10th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Sergeant 28776 East Surrey Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston
Died of Tuberculosis 25th July 1927.
Buried at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Husband of Elizabeth Danson, son of Richard & Sarah Danson, 62 Preston St., Kirkham.
Enlisted in November 1914 going out to France in July 1915. Reported as being wounded during the battles on the Somme in 1916. Discharged in February 1919. Married Elizabeth Parkinson in 1920.
Preston Guardian 19th June 1915. (see above)
Preston Guardian 26th August 1916. (see above)

DAVIES Dan Henry †

Private 5985 10th & 1/5th Battalions, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Llanwenog, Wales Enlisted Blackpool 16th December 1915 aged 22
Killed in action on the Western Front 6th August 1916.
Buried at Peronne Road Cemetery, Maricourt, Somme, France.
Assistant School Master, son of Jonathan & Mary Gwynfryn Davies, Llanwenog, Llanybyther, Camarthen.
Went out to France in July 1916 being killed in action at Guillemont a few weeks later.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

DAVIES Edward †

Private 20946 8th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Roseacre Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 10th July 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Cotton Mill Labourer, husband of Mary Ann Davies, 13 Sunny Bank, Kirkham, son of John & Marjorie Davies.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

Blackpool Times 22nd July 1916.

"Private E. Davies, who was formerly employed at Bowdler's Mill, Kirkham, as a stripper and grinder, but who joined the 11th Loyal North Lancashires, and has recently been attached to the 8th Battalion, is also reported to have been killed."

DAVIES Herbert †

Corporal M2/045804 Army Service Corps
Born Manchester
Died at home on 23rd March 1921.
Buried at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Freckleton.
Chauffeur, husband of Dora Davies, 11 Bush Lane, Freckleton.
Went out to the front in February 1915, being discharged in June 1919. Death partly attributed to gas poisoning while on active service.
Recorded on Freckleton War Memorial.

DAVIES Robert

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

DAVIES Thomas

Born Wharles
Son of John & Margery Davies
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

DAWES Reginald Richard

Battery Quarter Master Sgt. 520 1st Division Ammunition Column, Australian Imperial Force
Born Singleton Enlisted Sydney, N.S.W. 24th August 1914 aged 30
Station Overseer, son of Richard John Dawes, Mullee Rouchel, Aberdeen, N.S.W.
Rising from the rank of Driver to Battery Quarter Master Sergeant. Served in Egypt and on Western Front, returned to Australia in September 1918 and discharged in January 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive of Australia.

DEARDEN Arthur

Private M2/114809 Army Service Corps
Served on the Western Front from July 1915. Discharged in August 1919.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

DEARDEN Joseph

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

DEVANNEY John Thomas

Private 8937 1st & 2nd Battalions, The Lancashire Fusiliers
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 23rd June 1902 aged 18
Husband of Margaret Devanney, 86 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of William Devanney.
Served with the 1st Battalion for 12 years in Malta, Egypt and India being discharged as time served in June 1914. Mobilized as a Reservist on 5th August 1914, going out to the front with the 2nd Battalion in September 1914, being wounded and returned home in May 1915. Went out to France in March 1916, being posted as missing on 1st July 1916 and reported as being a prisoner of war a few days later. Discharged in March 1920, later moved to 20 Hilton St., Preston.
Service papers at the National Archive.

DEVANNEY William

Private 13937 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 26
Railway Platelayer, 22 Railway Terrace, Wesham, son of James & Sarah Devaney.
Left for the Western Front with the battalion in July 1915. Discharged due to wounds in February 1919.

DICKINSON Harry †

At present no information found.
Recorded on Wrea Green War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Ribby-cum-Wrea.

DICKINSON John

Born Wharles
Son of Thomas & Margaret Dickinson.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

DICKINSON John

Private RX4/234136 Remount Section, Army Service Corps
Born Inskip Enlisted 2nd March 1916 aged 30
Farm Labourer, 15 Garstang Rd., Wesham, son of John & Alice Dickinson.
Placed in Army Reserve until mobilized in September 1916. Served at the Remount Depot at Ormskirk before going out to the Western Front in October 1916. Returned to the United Kingdom in April 1917 being discharged in November 1916 as physically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

DICKINSON William

Private T4/065232 361 Company Horse Transport Section, Army Service Corps
Born Catforth Enlisted Preston 23rd February 1915 aged 27
Farm Labourer, husband of Mary Jane Dickinson, Elswick.
Served on the Western Front from June 1915 to March 1919. Discharged in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

DICKSON Arthur Hubert †

2nd Lieutenant Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham
Died at home 7th October 1915.
Buried at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Aged 30, husband of Elaine Marion Dickson, 'The Hermitage', School Lane, Kirkham, son of William Joseph & Isabella Dickson, 'Oakfield', Salwick.
Admitted as a solicitor in 1910 he became a member of the firm of W.J. Dickson & Sons, Kirkham. On the outbreak of the war used his office as the recruiting depot for the Kirkham area and granted a commission in September, 1914, becoming a recruiting officer for the 47th regimental district. His father died a few days later and is buried in the same grave.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Report on funeral Preston Guardian 16th October 1915.

Preston Guardian 9th October 1915. (Photograph)

"DEATH OF KIRKHAM SOLICITOR - The death occurred on Thursday night at his residence, The Hermitage, Kirkham, to which he had only recently removed from Wrea Green, of Second Lieut. Arthur Hubert Dickson, member of the firm of Messrs. W.J. Dickson and Sons,

solicitors, Kirkham. He was 30 years of age, and was the youngest son of Mr. W.J. Dickson, Oakfield, Salwick, formerly registrar of Preston and Kirkham County Courts and clerk to the justices for the Blackpool and Kirkham Petty Sessional Division. He served his articles with his father, with whom he had for some time held the joint clerkship of the Kirkham Urban Council and joint secretary ship of the Kirkham Grammar School. He was admitted a solicitor in April 1910. On the outbreak of war, Mr. Dickinson did an immense amount of voluntary recruit work, and made his office of his firm the recruiting depot for the Kirkham district. In September last year he was granted a commission in the Loyal North Lancashire Regt., becoming attached to the 47th regimental district as recruiting officer, and was subsequently transferred from Kirkham to Preston. He had been a most strenuous and zealous worker, and, on several occasions had addressed recruiting meetings. He had continued at his post, although not in the best of health, but on Saturday took to his bed. His condition rapidly became serious, and death took place about ten o'clock on Thursday night. Deceased had been prominently identified with the social life of the Kirkham district, and both there and in Preston, where he was well known, he will be much missed. He leaves a widow and two children."

DICKSON William Edward Military Cross + Mention in Despatches
2nd Lieutenant 1st London Divisional Train, Army Service Corps

Born Kirkham

Son of William Joseph & Isabella Dickson, 'Oakfield', Salwick.

Awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in the field in April 1915 (London Gazette 3rd July 1915) and Mention in Despatches (London Gazette 1st January 1916).

Military Cross Citation

"Displayed gallantry in taking up a load of explosives to Zonnebeke under a very heavy shell fire on the night of 25th - 26th April, 1915, within 1,200 yards of the fire trenches."

Preston Guardian October 1915.

"In an official list of officers and men to whom the military cross has been awarded for conspicuous bravery in the field appears the following: - Second Lieutenant (temp. Lieut.) William Edward Dickson, 1st London Division Train (attd. 28th), A.S.C. (T.F.). Displayed gallantry in taking up a load of explosives to Zonnebeke under very heavy shell fire on the night of April 25 - 26, within 1,200 yards of the fire trenches. Lieut. Dickson is the eldest son of Mr. W.J. Dickson, solicitor, Kirkham. He was educated at Charterhouse School, and for many years has resided at Woking, Surrey. He joined the A.S.C. in October last."

DISLEY Lawrence

Private 25261

Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Private 207793

The Labour Corps

Born Kirkham

Baker, husband of Isabella Disley, 24 Orders Lane, Kirkham, son of Robert & Jane Disley.

DIXON Andrew

Private 12837

7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Kirkham

Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 19

Cotton Weaver, son of Andrew & Mary Dixon, 14 Barnfield, Kirkham.

Discharged a month after enlisting as medically unfit.

Service papers at the National Archive.

DIXON Edward

Born Bryning

Son of Robert & Ann Dixon, Clifton Farm, Warton.

At present no further information found.

Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

DIXON George Henry

Private 3283

2/7th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)

Private 34396

Machine Gun Corps

Born Davenham, Cheshire Enlisted Liverpool 2nd December 1914 aged 17

Grocer, husband of Hannah Dixon, Preese Hall, Weeton, son of Elizabeth Dixon, Mouldsworth, Cheshire.

Being under age placed in Army Reserve. Married shortly before being mobilized in May 1916, going out to Mesopotamia in September 1916. Discharged in June 1919.

Service papers at the National Archive.

DIXON John

Born Farnworth

Son of Robert & Ann Dixon, Clifton Farm, Warton.

At present no further information found.

Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

DIXON Thomas †

Private 8652 1st Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
 Born Kirkham Enlisted London
 Killed in action on the Western Front 30th October 1918.
 Buried at Vendegies Cross Roads Cemetery, Bermerain, France.
One of two recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

DIXON Thomas †

Private 39323 1st Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
 Born Kirkham Enlisted Chorley
 Killed in action on the Western Front 11th April 1918.
 No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Belgium.
 Resident of Clayton-le-Woods.

DOBSON James †

Private 1123 9th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force
 Born Freckleton Enlisted Queensland 9th October 1914 aged 22
 Killed in action at Gallipoli 25th April 1915.
 No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Lone Pine Memorial, Turkey.
 Carpenter, son of Robert Dobson, 1 St. Wilfred's Terrace, Preston Rd., Longridge.
 Killed during the landings at Anzac Cove, Dardanelles.
Service papers at National Archive of Australia.

DODD Henry †

Private 34056 18th Battalion, Highland Light Infantry
 Born Kirkham Enlisted Aldershot
 Killed in action on the Western Front 19th October 1917.
 No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.
 Aged 25, son of James & Margaret Dodd, Cornah Hall Farm, Greenhalgh.
 Joined the Army in May 1916 and went out to France the following December. Reported as being wounded in April 1917 returning to the front in July. Prior to enlisting worked on his father's farm.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Weeton.
Family grave United Reformed Church, Elswick.

Preston Guardian 24th November 1917. (Photograph)

"Official information has been received by Mr. and Mrs. James Dodd, Cornah Farm, Greenhalgh, Kirkham, that their son, Pte. Henry Dodd, Highland Light Infantry, was killed in action on October 19th. He joined the colours in May, 1916, joining the Dragoon Guards, but was transferred to the Highland Light Infantry, and went out to France in December. He was wounded in April last in the battle at Arras, and returned to France again in July. Before enlisting he worked on his father's farm. He was 25 years of age and unmarried. Another brother is serving with the forces in Egypt."

DODD William †

Private 12822 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
 Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 19
 Killed in action at Gallipoli 9th August 1915.
 No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey.
 Weaver, son of Elizabeth Dodd, 3 Ward St., Kirkham.
 Sailed with the battalion to the Balkans in June 1915. Killed while taking part in the attack on the Chunuk Bair Ridge.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

DOLAN James Military Medal

Private 14006 9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
 Sergeant 3609 / 241298 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
 Sergeant 655071 355 Prisoner of War Company, The Labour Corps
 Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham / Blackpool
 Farm Labourer, son of William & Margaret Dolan, 35 Station Rd., Kirkham.
 Enlisted in September 1914, aged 26, being discharged in October 1914 as medically unfit.
 Enlisted again in February 1915 going out to the front in May the same year. Recorded as having been wounded in May 1918 and on recovering transferred to the Labour Corps. Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field at Ypres in September 1917 (London Gazette 28th February 1918). Discharged in April 1919 suffering from Bronchitis.
Service papers at the National Archive (both enlistments).

Preston Guardian 19th January 1918. (Photograph)

"Sergt. J. Dolan, of the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt., has been awarded the Military Medal for gallant conduct during a heavy engagement with the enemy at Ypres, on the 20th September. Sergeant Dolan, who prior to joining the Army shortly after the outbreak of war, resided with his parents at 39, Station-road, Kirkham, is 23 years of age, and was in the employ of the Railway Company. He has been in France over two years. He is a member of the Willows Church congregation."

DONNELLY J.

Private

St. John Ambulance Brigade

Preston Guardian 20th November 1915.

"AMBULANCE MEN FOR SERVICE - A further appeal has been made to the Divisional Superintendent of the Kirkham Brigade (Mr. Heslop) for more volunteers. Sergeant T.E. Woods and Privates J. Ferries and J. Donnelly have volunteered for general service, and have left for Dover Military Hospital yesterday morning. Thirteen members of the Kirkham Brigade are now serving their country's call"

DONNELLY Joseph

Private 13967

10th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Kirkham

Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 19

Cotton Spinner, 1 Orders Lane, Kirkham, son of William Donnelly.

Went out to the front in July 1915 being wounded and returned home in April 1917. Discharged in April 1919.

Service papers at the National Archive.

DONNELLY Thomas

Private 3434

5th (Reserve) Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Born Kirkham

Enlisted Blackpool 11th January 1915 aged 19

Son of James & Elizabeth Ann Donnelly, 60 Station Rd., Kirkham.

Discharged in June 1915 medically unfit.

Service papers at the National Archive.

DOWNEY Matthew

Private 6029

1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Kirkham

Labourer, Mary Ellen Downey, 20 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of Michael & Elizabeth Downey.

Recalled as a reservist in August 1914, going out to the front later that month. Wounded by shrapnel during the retreat from Mons in 1914 and wounded once again in September 1915. Served in South Africa during the Boer War.

Preston Guardian 23rd October 1915.

"Private M. Downey, of the 1st L.N.L., whose home is at 20, Marsden street, Kirkham, was wounded for the second time during the great advance on September 25th. He lies in the Staffordshire Infirmary, Stoke, with a compound fracture of the left forearm, caused by a German bullet. He is a South African war veteran, and holds two medals and five clasps. he was called up as a reservist in August, 1914, and was in the Mons retreat, and at the Marne got a shrapnel wound in the head which put him out of action for a month. Since then he has been in the thick of the fighting from Ypres onwards. He has a wife and four children at Kirkham."

Preston Guardian 30th October 1915. (Photograph)

"The War Office has notified Mrs. Downey, Marsden street, Kirkham, that her husband Private Matthew Downey, 1st L.N.L. Regiment has been wounded in the arm and is now in hospital. Private Downey, a reservist, was called up at the outbreak of hostilities, and has experienced a hard time, having now been wounded on three occasions. He took part in the great retreat from Mons, and has been in several stiff engagements. He also took part in much fighting in the Boer War, and possesses two medals with five clasps for that campaign. Writing to a friend in Kirkham, Private Downey describing the action in which he was wounded says : "There was a bombardment for 90 hours, finishing with one hours terrible bombardment. We then got orders to fix bayonets, got over the parapet, and took the German trenches. Under a heavy machine gun fire, rifle fire, and shrapnel, we had 500 to 600 yards to advance and our men went down like skittles, but still we kept going. Every man was a hero that day. When we got to the German front line they threw down their arms and asked for mercy. We took many prisoners, and then got orders to take the second line. In this attempt I got wounded in the arm, and lost the use of it, I managed to scramble back to our aid post. On the way I saw some of the worst sights I ever saw in my life - dead and dying in all shapes and forms. The bone in my arm is shattered, but the doctor says it is in a good position, and there is every chance of me getting all right again, but it will take a few weeks."

DOWNEY William Henry

Private 3960 4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 26th May 1915 aged 40
Cotton Weaver, husband of Mary Downey, 18 Fylde St., Kirkham.
Discharged medically unfit suffering from lumbago in September 1915.
Service papers at the National Archive.

DUCKWORTH Leslie Mention in Despatches

Captain 1 /4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt., attached The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Urmston
Son of William & Emily Duckworth, Ribby Hall, Ribby.
Mentioned in Despatches (London Gazette 15th June 1916).

Preston Guardian 24th June 1916.

"Included in the names brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War by Sir Douglas Haig 'for gallant and distinguished conduct in the field' is that of Captain Duckworth, L.N.L. Regiment (T.F.). Captain L. Duckworth is the son of Mr. Duckworth, of Ribby Hall, Kirkham, and is one of the few officers of the battalion who have been out at the front without a break for 14 months. He has for some time been adjutant, with the temporary rank of captain."

DUCKWORTH Walter Clarence †

Private 765584 28th Battalion, The London Regt.
2nd Lieutenant 15th Battalion, The Welsh Regt.
attached 1st Battalion, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Born Southport Enlisted Preston 4th December 1915 aged 26
Killed in action on the Western Front 8th October 1918.
Buried at Ramicourt Cemetery, Aisne, France.
Schoolmaster, husband of Marjory Duckworth, son of Egerton & Elizabeth Duckworth, 20 Conyers Ave, Birkdale.
Mobilized in April 1917 and granted a commission in November 1917.
Recorded on Kirkham and Wrea Green War Memorials.
Commemorated at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Ribby-cum-Wrea.
Commemorated at Kirkham Grammar School.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Southport Visitor 22nd October 1918.

"News has been received by Mrs. Duckworth that her husband Sec.-Lieut. Walter Clarence Duckworth, Welch Regiment, son of the late Mr. Egerton Duckworth and Mrs. (Elizabeth) Duckworth of 20 Conyers Avenue, Birkdale, was killed in action on October 8th. The deceased officer, who was a B.A. of Cambridge, was serving with the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, to which he had been attached."

DUGDALE Andrew †

Gunner 12373 'A' Battery, 69th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.
Born Garstang Enlisted Warrington
Died in Mesopotamia 14th May 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq.
Aged 28, husband of Emily Dugdale, Tyddyn Ucla, Henllan, Trefnant, Denbighshire, son of Thomas Dugdale, Hartley's Cottage, Weeton.

Preston Guardian 29th July 1916. (Photograph)

"Mr. and Mrs. Dugdale, Weeton, Kirkham, have received a letter from the War Office announcing the death in Mesopotamia of their son Gunner Andrew Dugdale (28), who enlisted at the outbreak of war and had been on active service since Jan., 1915. For seven years before the war he was an asylum attendant at Warrington. He leaves a widow and one child."

DUGDALE James † Distinguished Conduct Medal + Military Medal

Private 3097 2/8th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Sergeant 21629 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Sergeant 28787 9th Battalion, East Surrey Regt.
Born Elswick Enlisted Blackpool
Killed in action on the Western Front 23rd June 1918.
Buried at Aix-Noulette Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Gardener, husband of Annie Dugdale, Rough Heyes, Hawside Lane, Marton.
Enlisted, aged 30, in November 1914, being discharged as medically unfit in June 1915. Enlisted once again shortly afterwards.
Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (London Gazette 17th September 1917) and Military Medal (London Gazette 13th September 1918) for gallantry in the field.
Recorded on Blackpool War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive (1st enlistment).

Distinguished Conduct Medal Citation

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rushing forward under rifle fire to assist his officer in rescuing the pilot of an aeroplane which had fallen in 'No Man's Land' some distance in front of our advanced posts. He and a stretcher bearer succeeded in carrying the wounded pilot to safety, after the other bearer had been killed. His courage set an example to all that witnessed the action."

DUGDALE James

Private 40743 1/5th & 1st Battalions, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Catforth Enlisted Preston 6th June 1916 aged 21
Farm Labourer, husband of Ada Dugdale, West View Cottage, Elswick.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in May 1918. Served on the Western Front from November 1918 to February 1919, being discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

DUGDALE John

Private 3435 5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Wrea Green.
Son of Robert & Elizabeth Ellen Dugdale, Freckleton St., Kirkham.

DUNKERLEY Chorlton

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Blackburn
Solicitor, 32 Poulton St., Kirkham.

E

EASTHAM Edward

Stoker 2nd Class K/53864 Royal Navy
Born Kirkham Enlisted 10th September 1918 aged 28
Railway Porter, son of William & Margaret Eastham, 6 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.
Service papers of the National Archive.

EASTHAM Richard

Sapper 127308 94 Mobile Airline Section, Royal Engineers.
Born Greenhalgh Enlisted Preston 6th June 1916 aged 28
Cowman, husband of Alice Eastham, 21 Preston Rd., Freckleton.
Went out to the front in March 1917. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

EAVES Edward

Private 10276 2nd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 48071 1st (Garrison) Battalion, The Northamptonshire Regt.
Born Greenhalgh Enlisted Preston 29th December 1911 aged 21
Farm Labourer, son of George & Mary Ann Eaves, 5 Roberts St., Preston.
Served in India, East Africa, Egypt, Palestine & Salonika. Transferred to Northamptonshire Regt. in 1917 after suffering from Malaria. Discharged in March 1919. Had previously served with the 4th Battalion Loyal North Lancs. Regt. (Territorials) from 1908 prior to joining the army.
Service papers at the National Archive.

EAVES Richard Bonney †

Corporal 1096 / 200225 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Moss Side Enlisted Preston 5th September 1914 aged 28
Killed in action on the Western Front 31st July 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.
Joiner, husband of Grace Eaves, Westby, son of John & Martha Eaves, Lytham.
Served on the Western Front from May 1915. Had previously served with the 2nd Volunteer Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Recorded on the Lytham War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

EAVES Thomas

Private 10354 2nd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 3rd June 1912 aged 18
Draper's Out Porter, son of George & Mary Ann Eaves, 5 Roberts St., Preston.
Served in, India, East Africa, South Africa, Egypt, Palestine and on the Western Front. Discharged in July 1919.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

EAVES Thomas Edward

Driver 161688 Signal Service, Royal Engineers
Born Greenhalgh Enlisted Preston 17th May 1916 aged 21
Farm Labourer, husband of Mary Ellen Eaves, White Cottage, Greenhalgh, son of Edward & Margaret Eaves.
Sailing out to Mesopotamia in September 1916 where in November 1917 he was taken seriously ill and invalided to India.
Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ECCLES John †

Able Seaman Mersey Z/1031 H.M.S. President Royal Naval Division, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
Born Preston Enlisted 22nd January 1916
Died in Africa serving on the SS Chama 9th September 1919.
Buried at Takoradi European Public Cemetery, Ghana.
Deck Hand, aged 24, son of John & Annie Eccles, 'Spring Vale', Lytham Rd., Freckleton.
Died of Septic Pneumonia at Secondee while serving on SS Chama.
Recorded on Freckleton War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ECCLES John

Born Freckleton
Son of Robert & Mary Eccles.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

ECCLES Richard

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

ECCLES Thomas

Driver 60736 Signal Service, Royal Engineers
Born Westby Enlisted Preston 23rd January 1915 aged 17
Gardener, son of William & Mary Eccles, 4 Park Terrace, Wrea Green.
On enlisting gave his age as 19, although under age, went out to the front in August 1915. A request that he be sent home was turned down, due to the declaration of his age on enlisting. Later being reported to be dangerously ill in France with appendicitis. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ECCLES William

Born Freckleton
Son of Robert & Mary Eccles.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

EDMONDSON Charles Lowry

Driver 78107 Royal Field Artillery
Born Leece, Ulverston
Farm Labourer, husband of Ellen Edmondson, Smithy Cottage, Salwick.
Served on the Western Front from August 1915.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

EDWARDS Albert

Private 1076 4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 3512 / 241244 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Preston Enlisted Kirkham 16th June 1913 aged 20
Cotton Spinner, 110 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of Enoch Richard & Margaret Edwards, Shelly Rd., Preston.
Mobilized in August 1914 being discharged as medically unfit in November 1914. Later re-enlisted into the King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.).
Service papers at the National Archive (1st enlistment).

EDWARDS James †

Private 13827 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Everton Enlisted Liverpool 3rd September 1914 aged 28
Killed in action in Mesopotamia 9th April 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq.
Labourer, husband of Jane Edwards 12 Railway Terrace, Wesham.
Served at Gallipoli in 1915, being wounded in August by shrapnel, then sailed for Mesopotamia in March 1916.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ENGLISH Patrick

Private 12562 7th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 3209 / 241090 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Blackpool 31st August 1914 aged 23
Labourer, son of Patrick & Margaret English, 9 Orders Lane, Kirkham.
Discharged a month after enlisting owing to defective eyesight. Re-enlisted in Territorials and served on the Western Front.
Service papers at the National Archive (1st enlistment).

ENTWISTLE James †

Private 3436 / 241210 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Blackpool
Killed in action on the Western Front 26th October 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.
Cotton Spinner, son of George & Grace Entwistle, Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

ETCHELLS Edward Norman

Driver T/790 42nd East Lancashire Div. Train (H.Q.), Army Service Corps
Corporal T/244937 246 Company Horse Transport, Army Service Corps.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Manchester 20th May 1913 aged 19
Mechanic, son of Herbert H.F. & Emily Etchells, 237 Stockport Rd., Cheadle Heath.
Enlisted in the Territorials in 1913, mobilized in August 1914 going out to Egypt in September. Injured during a football match in October 1916 which required hospitalization, wounded by shell in November 1917. Returned to United Kingdom in March 1919, discharged a month later.
Service paper at the National Archive.

ETCHELLS Harold

Guardsman 19869 3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards
Born Openshaw Enlisted Manchester 14th October 1914 aged 21
Police Constable, son of Herbert H.F. & Emily Etchells, 237 Stockport Rd., Cheadle Heath.
Went out to the front in September 1915, being recorded as being wounded three times, 1916, 1917 & 1918, and gassed once, 1918. Discharged in March 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ETCHELLS Sydney Thomas

Guardsman 20533 3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards
Born Pemberton Enlisted Manchester 16th November 1914 aged 24
Police Constable, son of Herbert H.F. & Emily Etchells, 237 Stockport Rd., Cheadle Heath.
Left for the front in July 1915. Wounded near Loos in September 1915 and suffered gas burns in March 1918 invalided home to recover. Returned to France in August being wounded once more in September and returned to United Kingdom. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 16th October 1915.

"Private Sidney Etchells, of the Grenadier Guards, eldest son of Mr. H. Etchells, a former weights and measures inspector for the Fylde district of Lancashire, was wounded in the famous charge at Hill 70, near Loos. He was well known in local cricketing circles as a prominent member of the Kirkham cricket team that won the Palace Shield on three occasions. Mr. Etchells' two other sons are also at the front, Harold is also in the Grenadier Guards, and Edward is at the Dardanelles."

EVANS Darwin †

Private 10098 2nd & 7th Battalions, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Burnley Enlisted Burnley
Killed in action on the Western Front 11th June 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.
Son of Ernest & Annie Evans.
Serving with the 2nd Battalion in India when the war broke out. Went out to the front with the battalion in January 1915.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

EVANS Ernest Jones

Private 34507 Highland Light Infantry
Born Burnley
Poultry Farmer, husband of Margaret Adeline Jones, Newton with Scales, son of Ernest & Annie Evans.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

F

FAIR James Gerald †

2nd Lieutenant

Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry

2nd Lieutenant

27 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps

Born Lytham

Killed in action on the Western Front 19th March 1917.

No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Arras Flying Service Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.

Aged 19, son James Alexander Stretton & Lucy Beatrice Fair, 'The Birks', Lytham.

Educated at Moorland House School, Heswell & Charterhouse, gained his commission in October 1915, transferring to the R.F.C. in September 1916. Killed in an aerial fight when returning from a bombing raid.

Recorded on Wrea Green War Memorial.

Recorded on Lytham War Memorial.

Commemorated at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Ribby-cum-Wrea.

Commemorated at St. Cuthberts Parish Church, Lytham.

Recorded in De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour. (Photograph)

St. Annes on the Sea Express 30th March 1917.

"Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Fair, of the 'Birks', Lytham, received official intimation, on Monday, that their elder son, Sec. Lieut. J.G. Fair, who is a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps, was missing. Lieut. Fair had been on a scouting expedition over the German lines in France, and was last seen engaged by several enemy machines on the return journey. Mr. and Mrs. Fair are hoping that at worst he has been taken prisoner, and trust soon to hear assuring news of him. Lieut. Fair is 19 years of age, and received his early education at Moreland House School, Heswell, Cheshire, and later at Charterhouse, Surrey. He enlisted in November, 1915, in the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, and in September, 1916, transferred to the Royal Flying Corps Training School, where he quickly qualified as a pilot. He crossed the Channel for active service on January 31st."

FAIRCLOUGH John William

Gunner 141509

203rd Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

Born Bryning

Enlisted Preston 1st August 1916 aged 19

Farm Labourer, son of John & Elizabeth Jane Fairclough, Brook Villa, Freckleton.

Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in March 1917. Served on the Western Front from July 1917 returning home in December 1917 suffering from Mustard gas burns, remaining in hospital until discharged in March 1919.

Service papers at the National Archive.

FAIRCLOUGH Robert

Gunner 92771

38 Anti Aircraft Company, Royal Garrison Artillery
attached 382 Agricultural Company, Labour Corps

Born Little Plumpton

Enlisted Preston 5th June 1916 aged 24

Farm Teamsman, son of William & Mary Fairclough, 18 Porter St., Wesham.

Served within the United Kingdom. Discharged in October 1919.

Service papers at the National Archive.

FAIRCLOUGH William †

Sergeant 16818

1st Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Born Kirkham

Enlisted Chorley

Died at home 21st February 1919.

Buried at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church Cemetery, Kirkham.

Cotton Mill Labourer, aged 28, husband of Rose Fairclough, 119 Breck St., Chorley, son of John & Mary Fairclough, Chorley.

Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

FARE Edmund

Acting-Sergeant T1/4036

Army Service Corps

Born Clifton

Estate Agent, son of Thomas & Mary Alice Fare, Clifton.

Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

FENTON Abraham

Private 38209

Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Wharles

At present no further information found.

Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

FENTON Arthur

Private 13907 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
 Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 20
 Cotton Spinner, husband of Rose Fenton, 18 Railway Terrace, Wesham, son of Joseph & Mary Hannah Fenton 6 Railway Terrace, Wesham.
 Discharged with defective eyesight in October 1914.
Service papers at the National Archive.

FENTON Edward

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

FENTON Jonathan †

Private 12832 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
 Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 19
 Killed in action on the Western Front 15th June 1917.
 No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.
 Cotton Spinner, son of Joseph & Mary Hannah Fenton, 6 Railway Terrace, Wesham.
 Left for the front with the battalion in July 1915 being wounded on two occasions. Prior to enlisting he was employed by Butler & Co., also acted as assistant scoutmaster for the Kirkham troop.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 30th June 1917. (Photograph)

"Mr. Joseph Fenton, Railway-terrace, Wesham, has been officially notified by the War Office that his son, Signaller Jonathan Fenton, of the L.N.L. regiment, was killed in action in France on June 15th. Deceased, who was 21 years of age, enlisted in September, 1914, when there was such a splendid response by Kirkham and Wesham men, and had been at the front two years. He had been wounded twice, and was last home 12 months ago. Prior to enlisting he was employed at the spinning mill of Messrs. Butler and Co., and he also acted as assistant scoutmaster to the Kirkham troop of Boy Scouts."

FERRIES James

Private St. John Ambulance Brigade
 Born Wrea Green.
 Son of Osburn & Grace Ferries, Wrea Green.
 Volunteered for service with the forces.

Preston Guardian 20th November 1915.

"AMBULANCE MEN FOR SERVICE - A further appeal has been made to the Divisional Superintendent of the Kirkham Brigade (Mr. Heslop) for more volunteers. Sergeant T.E. Woods and Privates J. Ferries and J. Donnelly have volunteered for general service, and have left for Dover Military Hospital yesterday morning. Thirteen members of the Kirkham Brigade are now serving their country's call"

FIRTH Alfred Webster

Driver T/34692 Army Service Corps
 Rifleman 6734 / B202235 10th Battalion, The Rifle Brigade
 Born Lytham
 Grocer's Asststan, Poulton St., Kirkham, son of James Sydney Hinchliffe & Ada Firth, 27 Westby St., Lytham.
 Mobilized in August 1914 going out to the front in October 1914. Served with the A.S.C. before being transferred to the Rifle Brigade. A brother (Ralph) served with the East Lancashire Regt. from 1904 – 1920.

FIRTH Herbert Hardie †

Private 31315 The Manchester Regt.
 Lance-Corporal 129296 Machine Gun Corps
 Born Newcastle Enlisted Manchester
 Killed in action on the Western Front 27th August 1918.
 Buried at Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz, Somme, France.
 Son of Herbert & Mary Gertrude Firth, 'Station Hotel', Station Rd., Kirkham.
 Enlisted under age in early 1915.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.

Preston Guardian 14th September 1918, (Photograph)

"Mr. and Mrs Firth, Railway Hotel, Wesham, have received news that their eldest son, Lance-Corpl. Herbert Hardy Firth, has been killed in action. Deceased was 19 years of age, and enlisted in the early part of 1915, being then only 16 years and three months. He was an apprentice engineer. Writing to his parents, Lieut. H.J. Bront says:- "I write to express my deepest sympathy with you in the sad loss of your son."

FLEETWOOD Octavius

Farrier Quarter-Master-Sergeant L/24618 150th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Farrier Quarter-Master-Sergeant 143rd Heavy Brigade, Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Kirkham Enlisted Blackburn 5th June 1916 aged 49
Farrier, husband of Agnes Fleetwood, 27 Moor St., Kirkham.
Discharged 25th May 1917 as no longer required. Previously served with the Volunteer Artillery (13 years) and founder member of the Volunteer Training Corps.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 16th June 1916

"As an acknowledgement for his services rendered to the Kirkham Volunteer Training Corps by Sergt. Major Fleetwood (Instructor), the corps have decided to present him with a gold half hunter watch bearing the inscription - "Presented to Sergt. Major O. Fleetwood as a token of esteem by members of the Kirkham Volunteer Training Corps. 19th June 1915." Mr. Fleetwood has had to sever his connection with the corps owing to having joined the forces."

FLEETWOOD Richard Cookson

Sergeant 217976 / WR/262264 19th Light Railway Company, Royal Engineers
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 23rd November 1915 aged 34
Railway Shunter, husband of Ethel Fleetwood, 95 Station Rd., Kirkham, son of Edward & Elizabeth Fleetwood.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in December 1916. Served on the Western Front from February 1917 until discharged in June 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

FLETCHER Thomas †

Private 31526 1/4th Battalion, King's (Shropshire Light Infantry)
Born Bolton Enlisted Preston
Died of wounds on the Western Front 28th March 1918.
Buried at Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Aged 19, lived with his parents William & Hannah Fletcher, 94 Weeton Rd., Wesham.
Prior to joining the Army in May, 1917, employed as a weaver in one of the local mills.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.

Preston Guardian 6th April 1918. (Photograph)

"Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, 94, Weeton-road, Wesham, have received news that their eldest son, Pte. Thomas Fletcher, of the King's Shropshire Light Inf., has died from wounds in France. Pte. Fletcher, who was 19 years of age, joined the colours ten months ago, and had only been in France two months. Prior to joining the Army he was employed as a weaver, and was a member of Christ Church, Wesham."

FORSHAW Albert Hill

Private 14007 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 2314 Army Cyclist Corps
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham
Son of Edward & Maria Forshaw, 4 Market St., Wesham.
Served on the Western Front from December 1915 until discharged in February 1919.

FORSHAW Dan

Private 14005 8th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 30749 South Wales Borderers
Private 316393 4th Battalion, The Monmouthshire Regt.
Sapper 450777 / WR/509904 Inland Water & Docks, Royal Engineers
Born Marton Enlisted Kirkham 7th September 1914 aged 24
Joiner, husband of Margaret Forshaw, 81 Station Rd., Kirkham, son of Edward & Maria Forshaw, 4 Market St., Wesham.
Went out to the front in September 1915 returning to United Kingdom in October 1916 suffering from Gastritis. Returned to France in November 1917 serving on the Western front until February 1919, being discharged a month later. Later moved to Penrith before returning to 9 Billington St., Wesham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

FORSHAW Edward

Private 14360 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Marton Enlisted Clitheroe 7th September 1914 aged 29
Joiner, son of Edward & Maria Forshaw, 4 Market St., Wesham.
Served on the Western Front from July 1915, being wounded in July 1916. Returned to the front in April 1917 until June 1918.
Served with several battalions of the Loyal North Lancashires (7th 8th 10th & 2/4th).
Service papers at the National Archive.

FORSHAW Ernest

Sapper 213395 475 Field Company, Royal Engineers
Born Blackpool Enlisted Kirkham 8th December 1915 aged 28
Plasterer, husband of Ada Forshaw, 81 Station Rd., Kirkham, son of Edward & Maria Forshaw, 4 Market St., Wesham.
Mobilized in November 1916, going overseas in July 1917. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

FORSHAW John Edward †

Lance-Corporal 12292 8th & 2/4th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 19
Died of wounds on the Western Front 16th May 1918.
Buried at St. Saver Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France.
Cotton Weaver, son of Robert & Ellen Clifton Forshaw, 1 Houghton's Court, Marsden St., Kirkham.
Sailed with the battalion to France in September 1915. Prior to enlisting was employed at the Co-op Mill.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 25th May 1918. (Photograph)

"Mrs. Forshaw, Marsden st., Kirkham, has been officially notified of the death from wounds, on May 16th, of her second son, Lance-Corpl. John Forshaw, signaller, Loyal North Lancs. Regt. He enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war, and had served in France for the past three years. He was 17 years of age when he joined the Army, prior to which he was employed at the Co-op Mill."

FORSHAW Thomas Banks

Lance-Sergeant 3558 / 241270 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Freckleton Enlisted Blackpool 26th January 1915 aged 19
Boot Repairer, son of Robert & Ellen Clifton Forshaw, 1 Houghton's Court, Marsden St., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from February, 1917, until discharged in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

FOWLER Thomas

Sergeant 50797 Royal Engineers
2 Ward St., Kirkham.

FOX Francis (Frank)

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Kirkham
Husband of Alice Ann Fox, 11 West View, Wesham.

FOX Fred

Private 13892 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 22336 Machine Gun Corps
Born Kirkham
Son of Francis (Frank) & Alice Fox, 11 West View, Wesham.

FOX Henry

Private 13798 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd November 1914
Cotton Spinner, son of Thomas & Mary Ann Fox, 17 Church St., Kirkham.
Discharged in April 1915.

FOX John

Private 12997 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 146331 Machine Gun Corps
Born Kirkham.
Cotton Spinner, son of Thomas & Mary Ann Fox, 17 Church St., Kirkham.

FOX John †

Private 242242 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 95161 13th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham
Killed in action on the Western Front 10th April 1918.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Aged 21, son Francis (Frank) & Alice Ann Fox, 51 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Wesham.

FOX Robert Edward Mention in Despatches
Lance-Corporal 15474 17th Battalion, The Lancashire Fusiliers
Born Kirkham.
Son of Thomas & Mary Ann Fox, 17 Church St., Kirkham.
Mentioned in Despatches (London Gazette 1st April 1917).

FRENCH Frederick G.
Private 2064 The Middlesex Regt.
Grammar School, Kirkham.

FULLER James Henry
Private 4293 / 241716 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Lytham 9th December 1915 aged 20
Cotton Weaver, son of Francis & Catherine Fuller, 3 Fylde St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in January 1916. Served in France as a signaller from February 1917 to December 1918 being wounded on four occasions. On being admitted to a field hospital for shell shock in August 1917 the Medical History includes the following report "*The particular Coy. Headquarters where this man was operating was shelled for 3 successive days and on this day the next dug-out was hit by a shell and blown in. Although they were still shelling, this man helped to dig out another man.*"
Service papers at the National Archives.

FULLER Joseph Military Medal
Private GS/17860 12th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 7th June 1915 aged 24
Railway Platelayer, son of Francis & Catherine Fuller, 3 Fylde St., Kirkham.
Served on the western Front from October 1915 until being wounded in September 1916. Returned to France in January 1917, serving with several battalions of the regimen, being wounded on two occasions during 1918. Discharged in February 1919. Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in field on April 30th 1917 (London Gazette 18th July 1917).
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 30th June 1917. (Photograph)

"Pte. Joe Fuller, Royal Fusiliers, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, Fylde-street, Kirkham, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery on April 30th last in France. Pte. Fuller holds several medals won prior to the war in football and boxing competitions. He has seen over two years service in the Army. He was wounded by shrapnel on September 3rd last, and returned to France in January this year."

FURNIVAL Philip
Gunner 106164 Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Lea
Farm Horseman, husband of Mary Furnival, Birks Farm, Ballam.

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GALLAGHER John James †
Private 13388 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 21
Died of wounds on the Western Front 29th July 1916.
Buried at St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France.
Cotton Weaver, son of John & Catherine Gallagher, 31 Whitworth St., Wesham.
Left for the front with the battalion in July 1915. Wounded in the thigh on 23rd July 1916, died a few days later at 1 Stationary Hospital, Rouen.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Wesham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GALLAGHER Joseph †
Private 2531 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 3rd June 1914 aged 18
Died of wounds on the Western Front 1st July 1916.
Buried at Chrocques Military Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Cotton Worker, son of Martin & Ellen Gallagher, 35 Higginson St., Preston.
Enlisted in the Special Reserve in June 1914, being mobilized and posted to the 1st Battalion in August 1914. Left for the front in August 1915. Died at No.1 Casualty Clearing Station.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GARDNER John Ormerod

Squad Commander Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Kirkham
Corn & Provison Dealer, husband of Rachel Gardner, 111 Poulton St., Kirkham.

GARDNER Lawrence

Private 12795 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Corporal 6073 Army Cyclist Corps
Born Kirkham.
Husband of Maud Madeline Gardner, son of Robert & Susan Gardner, 'Mona House', Ribby Rd., Kirkham.
Served at Gallipoli from August 1915.

GARDNER Thomas †

Private 12779 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 34
Killed in action on the Western Front 14th November 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Cotton Spinner, husband of Jane Gardner, 84 Preston St., Kirkham, son of Henry & Alice Gardner, Marsden St., Kirkham.
Sailed for France with his battalion in July 1915, wounded in March 1916 on recovering returned to battalion. Prior to enlisting employed as a spinner at Bowdler's Mill. On his death he left a widow and two children.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 2nd December 1916.

"The wife of Pte. Thomas Gardner, Preston-street, Kirkham, has received news that her husband has been killed in action. A letter received from the Company Q.M. Sergeant says: " I am sorry to inform you that your husband was killed whilst taking part in an attack on Monday morning, November 13th. It may be some consolation to know he suffered no pain, death being instantaneous. He was a good soldier and well liked by all the men. His loss is felt by all, as he was one of the very few of the original men who left with the battalion." Pte. Gardner enlisted at the great appeal for men made from the market place, Kirkham, in September, 1914. He had been at the front 16 months, and never had leave. He leaves a widow and two children. Prior to joining the Army he was a spinner at Messrs. Bowdler's mill. He was 36 years of age."

GARLICK Albert

Gunner 213929 317th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Greenhalgh Enlisted Preston 9th February 1917 aged 19
Farm Labourer, son of Nicholas & Alice Garlick, 'Beech Grove', Greenhalgh.
Went out to the front in April 1917, wounded in October 1917. Returned to the front in March 1918 serving with Army of Occupation until being discharged in December 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GARLICK Edward Lakeland Williams †

Private 34249 2nd Battalion, South Wales Borderers
Born Great Eccleston Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 23rd April 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Aged 21, son of William & Ann Garlick, 'The Fallows', Great Eccleston.
Family grave Christ Church, Treales.
Commemorated at St. Anne's Parish Church, Copp, Great Eccleston.

Preston Guardian 19th May 1917. (Photograph)

"Mrs. Garlick, of the Farmer's Arms Hotel, Great Eccleston, has received an intimation from the War Office that her eldest son, Pte. R.L.W. Garlick was killed in action in France on April 23rd. Pte. Garlick joined the forces in May last year, being attached to the R.F.A., from which he was transferred to the South Wales Borderers with whom he went on active service in October. He was 21 years of age, and before the war was a farm worker."

GARLICK Edwin

Gunner 190825 310th & 190th Brigades, Royal Field Artillery
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham 8th December 1915 aged 22
Weaver, son of William Garlick & Elizabeth 9 Billington St. East, Wesham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in January 1917. Went out to the front in April 1917 returning home in ill with Trench Fever in January 1918. On recovery returned to France a month later, wounded in the October (GSW left ankle).
Discharged in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GARLICK Joseph †

Lance-Corporal 20981 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Preston Enlisted Preston
Killed in action in Mesopotamia 27th April 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq.
Cotton Piecer aged 27, husband of Nancy Jane Garlick, 5 West View, Wesham. Son of George William & Isabella Westhead.
Sailed for the Balkans in November 1915. Prior to joining the Army employed as a spinner at Bowdler's Mill, Wesham.
Recorded on Kirkham and Wesham War Memorials.

Preston Guardian 3rd June 1916. (Photograph)

"Lance Corpl. J. Garlick, of the Loyal North Lancs. Regt., whose home was at 5, West view, Wesham, Kirkham, has been reported killed in action on April 27th, in Mesopotamia. Deceased, who was 27 years of age, leaves a widow and one child. He was formerly a member of Park Villa Football Club, and was employed at Messrs. Bowdler's Mill, Wesham, as a spinner."

GARLICK William

Private 35032 16th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 5262 2/1st Battalion, Monmouthshire Regt.
Private 243400 416 Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 11th December 1915 aged 19
Cotton Weaver, son of William Garlick & Elizabeth, 9 Billington St. East, Wesham.
Served within the United Kingdom until being discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GASK Sydney

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born South Mimms, Middlesex
Cotton Manufacturer, husband of Beatrice Cowell Gask, The Hill, Westby.

GASTRELL Arnold

Driver 3206 / 696802 Royal Field Artillery
Born Tarporley, Cheshire
Son of James William & Louisa Gastrell, Railway Hotel, Station Rd., Kirkham.

GASTRELL William

Private 13140 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 21655 Machine Gun Corps
Born Liverpool
Son of James William & Louisa Gastrell, 'Railway Hotel', Station Rd., Kirkham.
Left for the front with the battalion in July 1915.

GILLETT Charles

Private Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham.
Son of Luke & Mary Lawrenson, Wesham.

GILLETT John †

Private 25637 9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Little Plumpton Enlisted Kirkham
Killed in action on the Western Front 8th June 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.
Cotton Weaver aged 38, husband of Lily Gillett, 8 Catherine St., Wesham, son of William & Agnes Gillett.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Wesham.

GILLETT Joseph †

Private 25640 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 31st July 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.
Aged 36, husband of Theresa Ellen Gillett, 72 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham, son of Nicholas & Rose Gillett.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Wesham.

GILLETT Joseph

Lance-Corporal 3244 4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Lance-Corporal 406785 26th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Lance-Corporal 801781 30th Battalion, The London Regt.
Enlisted Preston 9th November 1914 aged 20

Son of John Cuthbert & Alice Gillett, School House, Westby.
Served within the United Kingdom. Discharged in October 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GILLETT Louis †

Private 25878 8th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 12th April 1917.
Buried at Tancrez Farm Cemetery, Comines-Warneton, Belgium.
Aged 19, son of George & Mary Alice Gillett, 78 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Wesham.

GILLETT Richard †

Private 19812 10th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 11th August 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Aged 20, lived with his parents Nicholas & Annie Gillett, 13 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Prior to enlisting in January, 1915, he was employed as a weaver in one of the local mills.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.

Preston Guardian 11th November 1916. (Photograph)

"Mr. and Mrs. Gillett, 13, Garstang road, Wesham, have received word from the War Office that their son Pte. R. Gillett, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, is missing since August 11th. He is 20 years of age, and has been in the Army since January, 1915, being previously employed as a weaver. His parents would be glad to receive any information regarding him."

GILLETT Richard

Sapper 97967 93 Field Company, Royal Engineers
Born Wesham Enlisted Blackpool 10th May 1915 aged 38
Bricklayer, husband of Cecilia Gillett, 2 Billington St. East, Wesham, son of Nicholas & Rebecca Gillett.
Served on the Western Front. Discharged in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GILLETT Richard

Gunner 160773 Royal Field Artillery
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham 8th December 1915 aged 31
Insurance Agent, husband of Eleanor Brendela Gillett, 40 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Served within the United Kingdom. Medical record records that in December 1916 he accidentally slipped on way back to barracks and sprained his ankle. The injury was severe enough for him to spend five months in hospital and cause him to be discharged as medically unfit in June 1917.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GILLETT William †

Private 4809 / 201990 2/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham 7th December 1915 aged 21
Killed in action on the Western Front 6th April 1917.
Buried at Rue-Petillion Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Cotton Weaver, son of William & Margaret Gillett, 21 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Went out to the front in February 1917.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Wesham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GLOVER Charles

Born Warton
Son of William Herbert & Charlotte Glover, Guides House, Warton.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

GLOVER John †

Private 7637 / 203247 1/4th Battalion, The Northumberland Fusiliers
Born Blackpool Enlisted Kirkham
Killed in action on the Western Front 25th October 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

GLOVER William Herbert

Private TR3/45776 74th Battalion, Training Reserve
Private 63074 51st (Graduation) Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
Private 66094 19th Battalion, The Northumberland Fusiliers
Born Warton Enlisted Preston 5th February 1917 aged 18
Deck Hand, son of William Herbert & Charlotte Glover, Guides House, Warton.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in April 1917. Served on the Western Front with the Northumberland Fusiliers from April 1918 until June 1918, returning to United Kingdom suffering from Trench Fever.
Commemorated at St. Pauls Parish Church, Warton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GODFREY William Nicholas

Private 19653 3rd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 29452 2nd Garrison Battalion, The Suffolk Regt.
Private 340646 The Labour Corps
Private 82769 56th Protection Company, Royal Defence Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 9th January 1915 aged 30
Bricklayer's Labourer, husband of Martha Ann Godfrey, 3 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Served within United Kingdom.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GORMAN John Bernard

Private 19652 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Darwen.
Son of Robert & Ann Gorman, lived with John & Bridget Gorman (grand parents), 47 Moor St., Kirkham.
Served in Gallipoli from August 1915. Married Mary Ellen Bains in 1920.

GORNALL John Richard

Born Warton
Son of Mary Gornall, Brown's Farm, Warton.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

GORNALL Percy

Private 2131 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 14th September 1914 aged 20
Shipyards Labourer, son of Mathew & Elizabeth Jane Gornall, 42 Lytham Rd., Freckleton.
Discharged medically unfit in November 1914.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GORNALL Robert

Acting-Sergeant 1012 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Freckleton Enlisted Freckleton 17th March 1911 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, son of Matthew & Elizabeth Jane Gornall, 42 Lytham Rd., Freckleton.
Enlisted into the Territorials in 1911 for 4 years, volunteered for overseas service in August 1914 going out to the front with the battalion in May 1915. Discharged in March 1916 as time served, did not re-enlist.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GORNALL Thomas

Driver 2965 / 696769 2nd West Lancashire Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Freckleton Enlisted Freckleton 27th August 1915 aged 29
Farm Labourer, son of Matthew & Elizabeth Gornall, 42 Lytham Rd., Freckleton.
Served on the Western Front from March 1916. Returned to England in December 1918, being discharged in July 1919. Prior to enlisting employed by Mr. George Allison, Manor Farm, Freckleton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GORNALL William Arthur Military Medal

Private 727 11th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force
Private 727 6th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force
Lance-Corporal 727 23rd Battalion, Australian Imperial Force
Born Kirkham. Enlisted Melbourne, Australia
Son of David & Elizabeth Gornall. Aegina St., Mount Hawthorn, Leederville, Western Australia.
Enlisted in October 1914 aged 18 and discharged as under age. Re-enlisted 1st March 1915, aged 19 occupation photographer, leaving for the front on 10th May 1915. Served in Egypt, Gallipoli and on the Western Front where he was wounded in January 1918. Returned to Australia in February 1919. Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 23rd February 1918).
Service papers at National Archive of Australia.

man next to me for his turn on the lookout.) But next minute I heard he had got hit. I said "Who are you kidding?" However, I went to see, and to my surprise I found him laid on the ground unconscious, with his head in a pool of blood. He had been hit with a snipers bullet (explosive), which had passed through the broad rim of his cap and entered his head just above the right ear, splitting it open two inches. This happened at 12 noon. He lingered till 2.30 but never regained consciousness.

We have now come back to the same place we left, and the Germans have been shelling us awfully, both yesterday and to-day. Now, at 7.30 at night they are again shelling us. The shells are dropping all round us, and are making the place shake. This place has been a big asylum, and part of it is now used as a hospital. We are not allowed out, as it isn't safe. They have killed a good many in the square, they are bombarding it awful just now. We are not safe, as these kind of shells take everything before them ('Jack Johnsons'). "BILL"

Blackpool Gazette 29th September 1916. (Photograph, Blackpool Gazette 3rd October 1916)

Soldier's Wallet With a Story - The paragraph in our columns on Tuesday, in which Mr. Rose, of 119 Promenade Road, Fleetwood, wished for information as to the owner of a pocket wallet found on the battlefield and sent to him, has brought out an interesting story.

Mr. Rose received the belongings of his son, Pte. James Rose, K.O.R.L., who was killed in action, in France, on the 10th inst. Included in the parcel was a brown leather wallet containing a scapular, two Sacred Heart badges, two palms, and several photos, on the back of one of which is written: "Good luck from your sincere pal, Frank, 49, Manchester Road, off Newton Drive, Blackpool. 1.2.15."

Enquiries resulted in the identifying of "Frank" as an uncle of C.S.M. Frank Hopwood whose death in action we reported on Tuesday. The uncle lived in Manchester Road; and the photo was probably sent by him to his brother-in-law, Corpl. Wm. Green, whose death in action on September 10th is reported below.

The wallet and its contents are now in the hands of Mrs. Green, the widow of the late owner, and who lives at 37 Gorton Street, Blackpool.

Corpl. William Green, whose parents reside in Garstang Road, Wesham, is reported to have been killed in action in France. Corpl. Green was in the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, and had been on active service sine the commencement of the war. He had seen heavy fighting at Ypres and Loos. He was 29 years of age, and was married six months ago to a Miss Holland, of Blackpool, who resides as mentioned above. Previous to enlisting he worked on the railway.

GREENHALGH Thomas

Private 22862 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
 Private 50111 9th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
 Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 11th December 1915 aged 19
 Cotton Weaver, son of William & Jane Greenhalgh, 9 Whitworth St., Wesham.
 Served in Mesopotamia and Salonika. Discharged in January 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GREENHALGH Walter

Private 4th Battalion, The Border Regt.
 Private 77633 16th Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
 Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston December 1915 aged 23
 Railway Platelayer, husband of Emma Greenhalgh, 19 Sunny Bank, Kirkham. Son of William & Jane Greenhalgh, 9 Whitworth St., Wesham.
 Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in August 1917. Served on the Western Front with the Manchester Regt. from July to September 1918.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GREENHALGH William

Private 12525 8th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regt.)
 Born Kirkham Enlisted Skipton 28th August 1914 aged 30
 Cotton Weaver, husband of Mary Ann Greenhalgh, 8 Edward St., Coates, Barnoldswick, son of John & Mary Lang, Wesham.
 Discharged medically unfit in October 1914.
Service papers at the National Archive.

GREENWOOD Benjamin

Private 20982 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
 Private 504402 582 Labour Company, The Labour Corps
 Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 26th May 1915 aged 25
 Cotton Weaver, 12 Billington St., Wesham, son of Richard & Alice Greenwood, 26 Clitheroes Lane, Freckleton.
 Sailed to Mesopotamia in November 1915. Served in Mesopotamia, India & Egypt before returning to England ill in November 1916. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

to the terrible fire the stretcher-bearers were forced to leave him. Private Hall crept out to his friend, and in spite of withering fire got him into a shell hole, administered to him until he died, and buried him. Captain Gravatt witnessed this brave deed and recommended Private Hall for the Military Medal. Following the raid D Company were lined up and congratulated by the divisional general upon their gallantry."

HALL Philip Henry †

Lance-Corporal 1238 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Lance-Corporal 240102 8th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Born Elswick Enlisted Fleetwood 6th April 1911 aged 22

Killed in action on the Western Front 12th May 1917.

No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.

Farmer, son of John & Isabella Hall, Boathouse Farm, St. Michael's.

Volunteered to serve overseas in August 1914, going out to the front in February 1915. Served on the Western Front until discharged in April 1916 as service expired. Recalled to the forces in August 1916, going out to the front in March 1917.

Family grave United Reformed Church, Elswick.

Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Herald 2nd June 1917. (Photograph)

"Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hall, Boat House, Great Eccleston, received a message on Wednesday to the effect that their second son, Harry, had fallen in action with the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, on March 12th. An army chaplain who sent the sad tidings stated that he was killed just as he was mounting a parapet, and had been buried in a cemetery close by along with some of his comrades. Deceased served in the Territorials before the war, and has had a long spell of active service, joining up again after the expiration of his first term. He was 24 years of age, and worked on the farm at Boat House up to mobilisation. His brother Jack is in the Royal Flying Corps."

HALL Richard

Private 3497 2/4th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Born Kirkham Enlisted Blackpool 13th January 1915 aged 30

Cotton Weaver, husband of Mary Jane Hall, 1 Marsden St., Kirkham.

Discharged in April 1915 as medically unfit.

Service papers at the National Archive.

HALL Robert

Private 3586 5th (Reserve) Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Born Kirkham Enlisted Blackpool 1st February 1915 aged 20

Farm Labourer, son of Charles & Mary Hall, 10 Mill St., Kirkham.

Discharged as medically unfit in August 1916.

Service papers at the National Archive.

HALL Robert

Lance-Corporal Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Freckleton.

Son of John & Isabella Hall, lived with Jane Hall (grandmother), 2 Clithores Lane, Freckleton.

Enlisted in May 1915 and went out to the front in October the same year. Reported as having been wounded on the Somme in September 1916. Prior to enlisting employed by Mr. Stott, fruit seller, St. Annes.

Preston Guardian 14th October 1916. (Photograph)

"Lance-Corporal Robert Hall (23) L.N.L. Regt., of Freckleton, was wounded in both legs and half buried on the battlefield on September 9th. He enlisted on May 29th, 1915, and went to France on October 9th, 1915, and is at present making progress towards recovery in a Southport hospital. Prior to enlistment he was employed as a salesman by Mr. Stott, fruiterer, St. Annes on Sea."

HALL Thomas

Private M2/301181 972 Motor Transport Company, Army Service Corps

Born Treales Enlisted Preston 5th June 1916 aged 26

Traction Engine Driver, husband of Sarah Cardwell Hall, 65 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of John & Elizabeth Ann Hall.

Placed on Army Reserve until mobilized in March 1917. Serving in Egypt and Palestine from October 1917 to February 1919.

Discharged in March 1919. Prior to enlisting employed by Mr. Isaac Ball.

Service papers at the National Archive.

HALLAM William

Private T/35890 Horse Transport Section, Army Service Corps

Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 26th January 1915 aged 18

Farm Labourer, 4 Lane Ends, Weeton.

Discharged as medically unfit a few weeks after enlisting.

Service papers at the National Archive.

HALSALL Arthur

Gunner 156270 443rd (Siege) Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Freckleton Enlisted Great Harwood 9th December 1915 aged 30
Joiner & Carpenter, husband of Margaret Ellen Halsall, 81 James St., Great Harwood. Son of John & Ann Halsall, 28 Clitheroes Lane, Freckleton.
Served in the Middle East from October 1917 to October 1918 before moving to the Western Front. Discharged in January 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HALSALL Frank

Labour Corps
Born Kirkham
Husband of Margaret Halsall, Bryning Lane, Wrea Green, son of Robert & Catherine Halsall.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

HALSALL Harold

Private 2871 51st (Garduation) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers
Private 72830 107th Training Reserve Battalion
Private G/20785 1st Battalion, Royal Sussex Regt.
Born Freckleton Enlisted Fleetwood 2nd June 1916 aged 18
Bank Clerk, son of Jonathan & Jane Halsall, Fleetwood Rd., Thornton-le-Fylde.
Served in India from March 1917 – November 1919. Discharged in January 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HALSALL James Military Medal

Acting-Sergeant 3697 / 201277 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Freckleton
Electrician's Labourer, husband of Edith Halsall, son of John & Ann Halsall, 28 Clitheroes Lane, Freckleton.
Awarded the Military Medal in August 1917 for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 16th August 1918).

Preston Guardian 14th July 1917. (Photograph)

"Mr. J. Halsall, newsagent, Freckleton, has just received a letter from his son, Sgt. Jas. Halsall, L.N.L. Regt., with the news that he has been awarded the Military Medal for "gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of June 10th and 11th." the award, he says appeared in battalion orders a fortnight ago, and was read out on parade by his C.O. Sergeant Halsall is the first Freckleton man to receive this coveted decoration. He has two other brothers serving in the forces."

HALSALL James Robert

Driver M2/114878 Motor Transport Section, Army Service Corps
Born Kirkham
Son of Robert & Catherine Halsall, Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from October 1915.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

HALSALL Joseph †

Born Freckleton.
Died at Preston Royal Infirmary 6th July 1922.
Buried at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Freckleton.
Fruiterer, husband of Elizabeth Jane Halsall, 28 Clitheroes Lane, Freckleton, son of John & Ann Halsall, Freckleton.
Recorded on Freckleton War Memorial.

HALSALL Thomas

Private St. John Ambulance Brigade
Private 103518 35th Company & 70th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 30th October 1915 aged 27
Tailor, son of Henry & Alice Halsall, 51 Preston St., Kirkham.
A member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade who volunteered to serve, joining the Royal Army Medical Corps. Served on the Western Front from July 1916, being discharged in March 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 13th November 1915.

"Kirkham Ambulance Brigade has sent two more of its members to serve King and country, the latest to go being Mr. Tom Halsall and Mr. J. Hargreaves (Freckleton). Ten members have now been sent by the local brigade, and an appeal is being made for more recruits to fill the gaps."

HAYES Thomas

Private 21380 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 3rd July 1915 aged 23
Labourer, son of Robert & Elizabeth Hayes, 31 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Discharged medically unfit a few days after enlisting.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HEATON John Charles †

Private 31279 2/5th Battalion, The Lancashire Fusiliers
Born Manchester Enlisted Rochdale
Killed in action on the Western Front 20th September 1917.
No known grave. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.
Son of Albert & Martha E. Heaton, Shawforth, formerly of 33 Station Rd., Wesham.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.

HELM Thomas

Gunner 131261 11th Battery, Royal Field Artillery
Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 28th February 1916 aged 23
Cowman, son of George & Ellen Helm, 43 Preston Rd., Freckleton.
Served on the Western Front, July 1916 – June 1917. Returned to the front in January 1918 until August 1918 invalided home after being wounded by gas. Discharged in March 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HEWITT John Henry

Squad Commander Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Grimsargh
Solicitor's Cashier, husband of Mary Hewitt, 86 Ribby Rd., Kirkham

HIGHAM Edward Bradby

Lance-Corporal 202129 1 Company National Reserve, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Lance-Corporal 29342 337 & 321 Protection Company, Royal Defence Corps
Born Ulverston, Enlisted Kirkham 8th April 1915 aged 38
Postmaster, husband of Alice Mary Higham, Post Office, Kirkham.
Served within the United Kingdom with the Royal Defence Corps. Discharged in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HIGHAM John

Private 3498 / 241236 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Warton
Son of John & Elizabeth Jane, New Row, Kirkham.

HIGHAM John †

At present no information found.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

HILL Frank William

Gunner 1311 / 696482 57th Division Artillery Column, Royal Field Artillery
Born Kirkham Enlisted 11th January 1914 aged 17
Plumber, son of Frank & Winifred Hill, 5 South View, Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HILL John Robert

Gunner 1310 / 680266 Royal Field Artillery
Born Kirkham.
Son of Frank & Winifred Hill, 5 South View, Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from September 1915.

HILL Joseph Wilfred

Corporal 1355 / 680289 Royal Field Artillery
Born Kirkham Enlisted 13th January 1914 aged 20
Son of Frank & Winifred Hill, 5 South View, Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from September 1915. Discharged in June 1918 as medically unfit.

HILTON James †

Private 3117 2/5th Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
Private 18767 5th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 43836 18th Battalion, The Manchester Regt.

Born Kirkham Enlisted Wigan 14th December 1914 aged 17
Killed in action on the Western Front 12th October 1916.
Buried at AIF Burial Ground, Flers, Somme, France.
Collier, son of James & Margaret Mary Hilton, 45 Sloan St., Daubhill, Bolton, later of Hamilton, Ontario.
Left for the front in July 1916, being transferred to the Liverpool Regt., returning to the Manchesters two months later.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HODGKINSON Thomas

Bombardier Royal Field Artillery
Recorded as having been wounded while serving on the Western Front.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

HODGSKINSON Joseph Haigh Military Medal

Corporal T4/109731 Army Service Corps
Son of Henry & Dorothy Jane Hodgkinson, Dean Terrace, Station Rd., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from September 1915 being awarded the Military Medal in December 1917 for excellent work in the field (London Gazette 12th March 1918). Discharged in May 1919.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 19th January 1918. (Photograph)

"Lance-Corporal Joseph Hodgkinson, ASC, has been awarded the Military Medal "as an immediate award for very excellent work performed between the 19th November and 4th December". Lance-Corporal Hodgkinson, who prior to the war, resided with his parents at Dean Terrace, Station-road, Kirkham, is 29 years of age, and joined the colours at the latter part of 1914, having been over two years in France."

HODGSON Frederick Scarisbrick

Private 22813 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Oswaldtwistle
Cotton Weaver. 27 Moor St., Kirkham, son of George William & Sarah Ann Hodgson, 59 Garstang Rd., Wesham.

HODGSON George William

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Darwen
Husband of Sarah Ann Hodgson, 59 Garstang Rd., Wesham.

HODGSON George William

Private St. John Ambulance Brigade
Private DEAL/3842 Medical Unit, Royal Marines
Born Livesey, Lancashire. Enlisted Manchester 24th April 1915 aged 26
Cotton Loomer, husband of Alice Grundy Hodgson, son of George William & Sarah Ann Hodgson, 59 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Served with medical units in the Mediterranean then on the Western Front until December 1918. Discharged in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 5th June 1915. (Photograph)

"FOUR WESHAM BROTHERS WITH THE FORCES - Mr. and Mrs. George Hodgson, who reside at 59, Garstang road North, Wesham, have four sons serving their King and country. Their son Harry, who went out to Australia four months ago this month immediately responded to the Mother Country's call, at the outbreak of war, and is now in Cairo with his brigade. George William, who is married, enlisted in the R.A.M.C., and is attached to a naval division at Blandford Dorset. Joseph joined the 7th Batt. Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, and is at present at Tidworth. Robert Ewart joined the 8th Batt. of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment and is stationed at Winchester. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson have three other sons whose ages are 23, 18, and 16, and all are anxious to enlist. Mr. Hodgson, who is a clothlooker at a local mill, and his wife are prominent worshippers at the Primitive Methodist Church, Wesham. All their sons are total abstainers and members of the Christian Endeavour Society. Mr. Hodgson, who is an old volunteer, is at present a member of the Kirkham Citizen Volunteer Corps."

HODGSON Harry

Private 1765 12th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force
Private 1765 8th Machine Gun Company, Australian Imperial Force
Private 1765 1st Machine Gun Battalion, Australian Imperial Force
Born Kirkham Enlisted Perth, W. Australia 18th January 1915 aged 25
Engineer, husband of May Hodgson, 58 Preston Rd., Freckleton, son of George William & Sarah Ann Hodgson, 59 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Served at Gallipoli where he was wounded by shell fire in July 1915. Returned to Australia in July 1919.
Report of family Preston Guardian 5th June 1915. (see above)
Service papers at National Archive of Australia.

HODGSON John

Driver 28129 3rd (Reserve) Brigade, Royal Field Artillery

Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 19th April 1910 aged 40

Son of William E. & Hannah Hodgson.

Served within the United Kingdom being discharged as time expired in July 1919. Previous service with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and Mounted Military Police 1898 – 1909.

Service papers at the National Archive.

HODGSON Joseph † Military Medal

Corporal 13989 7th, 8th & 1/5th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Livesey, Lancashire Enlisted Preston 4th September 1914 aged 24

Died at home 3rd June 1923.

Buried at Christ Church Parish Church, Wesham.

Cotton Weaver, son of George William & Sarah Ann Hodgson, 59 Garstang Rd., Wesham. Later newsagent, husband of Ellen Hodgson, 11 Garstang Rd., Wesham.

Served on the Western Front from July to September 1915 & August to September 1916. Returned to the front in March 1917 being recorded as having been wounded in September 1918. Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 23rd February 1918).

Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

Report of family Preston Guardian 5th June 1915. (see above)

Service papers at the National Archive.

HODGSON Richard Thomas

Private 22816 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Private 26339 99th Company & 2nd Battalion, Machine Gun Corps

Born Greenhalgh Enlisted Preston 4th December 1915 aged 19

Cotton Weaver, son of George William & Sarah Ann Hodgson, 59 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.

Served on the Western Front from April 1916. Charged with joining a mutiny in June 1919 while part of the Army of Occupation.

Sentence suspended and discharged in January 1920.

Service papers at the National Archive.

HODGSON Robert Ewart

Private 14010 8th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Private 504399 446 Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps

Born Greenhalgh Enlisted Kirkham 5th September 1914 aged 19

Cotton Weaver, son of George William & Sarah Ann Hodgson, 59 Garstang Rd., Wesham.

Went out to the front in September 1915. Wounded twice, May 1915 and October 1916 before transferring to the Labour Corps.

Discharged in March 1919.

Report of family Preston Guardian 5th June 1915. (see above)

Service papers at the National Archive.

HODGSON Thomas William Sutton

Gunner 124529 305th (Seige) Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

Born Gomersall, Yorks. Enlisted Keighley 27th November 1915 aged 36

Mason, husband of Isabel Hodgson, High St., Burton-in-Lonsdale, Yorks.

Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in November 1916, serving on the Western Front from January 1917. Discharged in February 1919 to 62 Freckleton St., Kirkham.

Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

Service papers at the National Archive.

HODSKINSON Bartholomew

Private 1090 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Private 14096 Army Cyclist Corps

Born Ballam

Brickworks Labourer, son of Thomas & Elizabeth Hodkinson, 102 Ribby Rd., Kirkham.

Went out to the Western Front in May 1915.

HODSKINSON Harold

Private 165742 Royal Garrison Artillery

Private 494866 541 Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps

Born Lytham Enlisted Preston March 1916 aged 23

Cotton Weaver, husband of Catherine Hodgkinson, 41 Preston St., Kirkham, son of Thomas & Elizabeth Hodkinson, 102 Ribby Rd., Kirkham.

Placed on the Army Reserve until being mobilized in June 1917. Served in the Army of Occupation from June 1919 until discharged in November 1919.

Service papers at the National Archive.

HOGARTH William

Private TR3/21906 68th Training Reserve Battalion
Private D/11840 2/1st Yorkshire Dragoons (Queen's Own)
Private 77875 3rd Battalion, Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regt.)
Private 645750 582 Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps
Born Warton Enlisted Preston 6th June 1916 aged 35
Salt Dealer, husband of Ann Hogarth, 23 Kirkham Rd., Freckleton.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in August 1918. Server within the United Kingdom until discharged in June 1919.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HOGARTH William

Lance-Corporal 1290 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Corporal 325049 The Labour Corps
Born Upper Rawcliffe Enlisted 14th November 1911 aged 25
Railway Platelayer, Porter St., Wesham.
Served on the Western Front from February 1915 being discharged due to wounds in September 1917.

HOLDEN Frederick †

Private 13910 'B' Company, 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 29
Killed in action on the Western Front 2nd October 1915.
Buried at Le Touret Military Cemetery, Richebourg-L'Avoué, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Cotton Spinner, widower (wife Mary died in 1901) with one child of 81 Freckleton St., Kirkham, son of James & Isabella Holden.
Mother married Richard Westhead in 1907.
Left for the front with the battalion in July 1915. Died in the aid station from a gunshot wound in the side received while at a listening post.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 23rd October 1915. (Photograph)

"Pte. Fred Holden (7th L.N.L. Regiment), Freckleton street, Kirkham, was killed in France on the second inst. Pte. Holden's mother has received a letter from Captain Thomas, 'B' Company, 7th L.N.L. regiment, informing her that her son was struck with a bullet in his left side whilst out with a small party as a listening post 20 yards in front of our line. He was carried to the trench, where his wound was dressed, and then removed to the aid post. Captain Thomas adds : " I cannot tell you how sad we all feel at losing such a good friend and comrade. I have known him since the beginning of the war, and had always admired his keenness to serve his country and his devotion to fellow soldiers, who are now very keen to avenge his death. We offer you our deepest sympathy in your great loss, and hope that you will find his child a means of keeping his memory fresh and honoured, and a source of consolation in your sorrow. He has paid the great price any true Briton must be prepared to pay, namely, to die for his near ones and his country, and he died a noble death - an example to all his fellow men." Pte. Holden was a widower with one child, and was employed in the cotton mill."

HOLDEN John

Sergeant 351886 Signal Service, Royal Engineers
Born Oldham Enlisted Preston 3rd April 1918 aged 29
Cotton Spinner, husband of Sarah Ann Holden, Sunny Bank, Kirkham. Later moved to 97 Heashaw St. Oldham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HOLKER James †

Private 2753 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 29th September 1914 aged 23
Killed in action on the Western Front 15th June 1915.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.
7 North Cliff St., Preston, son of James & Esther Holker, Wesham.
Served on the Western Front from May 1915. Posted as missing & later presumed to have died on 15th June 1915.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HOLMES Richard

Sapper 213247 486 Field Company, Royal Engineers
Born Newton with Scales Enlisted Kirkham 8th December 1915 aged 29
Joiner, husband of Margaret Holmes, Wharf Cottage, Salwick, son George & Mary Elizabeth Holmes.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in November 1916, going out to Egypt in November 1917. Recorded as being wounded in May 1917 the Medical states the following " *Sapper Holmes was under instruction in Bombing at Chatham 4th May*

1917. There were not sufficient dummy bombs & flintstones were used, one of which struck him on the head." Discharged in April 1919.

Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HORNBY George

Acting Corporal 24211 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Clifton Enlisted Preston 5th May 1916 aged 35
Farm Labourer, son of Thomas & Elizabeth Hornby, Highgate House Farm, Newton-with-Scales.
Served in Mesopotamia from October 1916 to February 1919. Discharged to Catterall's Farm, Woodplumpton in April 1919.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HORNBY John

Private 3330 / 201690 2/5th & 1/4th Battalions, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 119799 200 Company & 776 (Area Labour) Company, The Labour Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted 24th December 1915 aged 24
Engineer's Labourer (Horwich Loco Work), son of William & Elizabeth Hornby, 9 South View, Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from August 1916 to April 1919. Discharged in May 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HORNBY Joseph

Private 49507 4th, 3rd & 1st Battalions, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted 16th November 1916 aged 17
Farm Labourer at Bolton Houses, Treales, son of William Hornby, 9 South View, Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in May 1918. Served in the United Kingdom until discharged in November 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HORNBY Thomas

Private 84774 52nd (Graduation) Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
Enlisted Preston 12th June 1918 aged 18
Farm Labourer, son of Robert Hornby, 68 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.
Served within the United Kingdom until discharged in January 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HORNBY Thomas

Born Woodplumpton
Son of Thomas & Elizabeth Hornby, Highgate House Farm, Newton with Scales.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

HORNBY William

Born Clifton
Plasterer, Husband of Edith Hornby, Highgate Hose Farm, Newton with Scales.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

HORNE John Thomas

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Nelson
Husband of Louisa Horne, 9 Best St., Kirkham.

HOTHERSALL William

Gunner 160333 Royal Field Artillery
Born Claughton Enlisted Preston 10th November 1915 aged 27
Farm Labourer, Cross House Farm, Goosnargh, son of William Hotheralls, Ballam Lodge, Ballam.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in September 1916, serving on the Western Front from January 1918 to April 1919.
Discharged in May 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HOWE Albert †

Private 19340 1st Battalion, The Border Regt.
Born Singleton Enlisted Egremont, Cumberland
Drowned in the sinking of the 'Royal Edward' 13th August 1915.
No known grave. Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey.
Resident of Garstang, son of George & Ellen Howe.
The Canadian Northern Steamships liner 'Royal Edward' was being used to move reinforcements from Egypt to Mudros when she was torpedoed by a German U Boat in the Aegean. Total casualties from the sinking amounted to over 900.
Commemorated at St. Annes Parish Church, Singleton.
Commemorated on Singleton Primary School War Memorial.

HUDSON Edward †

Private 13908 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 20
Killed in action on the Western Front 15th June 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.
Cotton Spinner, son of Joseph & Mary Hudson. Next of kin given as Mary Alice Hudson (sister), 19 Moor St., Kirkham.
Mother died in the 1890s, father later remarried and moved to Five Barred Gate Cottage, Goosnargh.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HUDSON James †

Private 19654 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 61414 Machine Gun Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham
Killed in action in Mesopotamia 12th February 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq.
Lived at 24 Garstang Rd., Wesham with his wife & three children, son of James & Mary J. Hudson.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 19th May 1917. (Photograph)

"Mrs. Hudson, 24, Garstang road, Wesham, has received news of the death of her husband in Mesopotamia, on Feb. 12th. Deceased was in the Machine Gun Corps of the L.N.L. Regiment, and took part in the relief of Kut. He leaves three young children."

HUDSON James

Private 234 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Pioneer 129364 Royal Engineers
Born St. Annes on Sea Enlisted Preston 4th August 1914 aged 32
Enlisted Blackpool 22nd March 1916 aged 34
Railway Platelayer, husband of Jane Hudson, 8 Barnfield, Kirkham, son of Thomas & Elizabeth Hudson.
Enlisted in August 1914, aged 32, going out to the front in May 1915, being wounded at Festubert in June 1915, later discharged.
Re-enlisted in March 1916 into the Royal Engineers, going out to France a few days later. Returned from the front in June 1916, being discharged in August as medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HUDSON John Military Medal

Gunner 70343 'B' Battery, 3rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Wesham
Labourer, husband of Sarah Ellen Hudson, 11 Albert St., Wesham, son of Joseph & Mary Hudson. Mother died in the 1890s, father remarried and moved to Five Barred Gate Cottage, Goosnargh.
Served on the Western Front from July 1915. Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 21st January 1919).

HUDSON Joseph Henry †

Private 1040 / 200202 2/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Lytham 21st June 1911 aged 21
Died of Wounds on the Western Front 2nd July 1917.
Buried at Trois Arbres Cemetery, Steenwerk, Nord, France.
Cotton Spinner, husband of Ann Jane Hudson, 10 Freckleton St., Kirkham, son of Joseph & Sarah Hudson.
Served at home until going out to the front in February 1917. Personal effects returned amounted to Letters, Razor & Cigarette Case.
Recorded on Kirkham and Wesham War Memorials.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archives.

HUDSON Thomas

Private 19670 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards
Born Wesham Enlisted Blackpool 6th June 1916 aged 34
Bricklayer's Labourer, husband of Catherine Mary Hudson, 24 Clitheroes Lane, Freckleton, son of Joseph & Mary Hudson. Mother died in the 1890s, father remarried and moved to Five Barred Gate Cottage, Goosnargh.
Went out to the front in May 1917. Wounded in November 1917 (GSW left shoulder), being discharged medically unfit (rheumatism) in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HUDSON William †

Private 12994 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston
Died of wounds in Malta, 18th August 1915.
Buried at Piata Military Cemetery, Malta.
Cotton Spinner, 9 Moor St., Kirkham, son of Joseph & Mary Hudson. Mother died in the 1890s, father remarried and moved to Five Barred Gate Cottage, Goosnagh.
Probably wounded on 9th August 1915 during the attack on the Chunk Bair Ridge, Gallipoli. Prior to enlistment employed at one of the local mills.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 4th September 1915. (Photograph)

"Mrs. Willacy, of Moor street, Kirkham, has received word that her brother, Private William Hudson, of the 6th Batt. Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, has died of wounds at the Military Hospital, Malta. The intimation was received in a letter from a Nurse A. Johnson at the hospital, and formerly a nurse at the Kirkham Union. The nurse in the course of her letter, states : "Your brother was brought here on the 16th of August and passed away peacefully on the 18th, and suffered no pain. He was seriously wounded in the left shoulder." The deceased soldier was 25 years of age, and prior to enlisting 12 months ago was employed as a cotton spinner in Kirkham."

HULL Frank Hudson †

Private 13139 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Preston Enlisted Preston 6th September 1914 aged 34
Killed in action on the Western Front 31st July 1917.
No known grave. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.
Council Clerk, son of Edward & Frances Hull, 19 Worsley St., Preston. William Pemberton Hull (brother) lived at 79 Poulton St., Kirkham.
Left for the front with the battalion in July 1915.
Recorded on Preston War Memorial.
Memorial plaque at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

HULL Fred

Private M2/222365 818 Motor Transport Company, Army Service Corps
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham 7th November 1915 aged 36
Motor Driver, husband of Ellen Hull, Millbanke Lodge, Station Rd., Kirkham, son of Thomas & Mary Ann Hull.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in September 1916. Served in Mesopotamia from November 1915 to March 1919.
Discharged in May 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HULL George Thompson †

Sergeant 21522 19th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Preston Enlisted Liverpool 4th September 1914 aged 28
Died at Belton Park Hospital, Grantham, 6th June 1915.
Buried at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Leyland.
L.C.C. Clerk, husband of Hilda Hull, Green Bank, Farinington, Leyland, son of Edward & Frances Hull, 19 Worsley St., Preston.
William Pemberton Hull (brother) lived at 79 Poulton St., Kirkham.
Recorded on Preston War Memorial.
Memorial plaque at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

HULL Lawrence

Private M2/134328 Motor Transport Section, Army Service Corps
Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 28th October 1915 aged 30
Motor Driver, husband of Elizabeth Hull, Ribby Rd., Wrea Green, son of Thomas & Ann Hull.
Served on the Western Front from September 1916 to August 1919. Discharged in September 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HULLEY George Alan William †

Private 5/86173 91st Training Reserve Battalion
Private 36420 6th Battalion, King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry).
Born Liverpool Enlisted Durham
Killed in action on the Western Front 11th October 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.
Aged 19, husband of Ethel Hulley, 27 South St., Durham, son of George Richard & Amy Elizabeth Hulley. Brought up in Kirkham by Ruth Hulley (grandmother), The Moor, Kirkham.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

HUNT Harold

Driver L/17384 170th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Lytham Enlisted Preston 28th April 1915 aged 19
Grocer's Assistant, son of Samuel Hunt, Vine Cottage, Warton Bank, Warton.
Served in Egypt from December 1915 until moving to the Western Front in March 1916. Discharged in May 1919. Later address 25 Clinton Ave., Blackpool.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HUNT Percy

Private 24360 1st & 1/4th Battalions, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 43791 12th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Manchester Enlisted Lytham 26th November 1915 aged 28
Plumber, husband of Catherine Hunt, Lobby Houses, Warton Bank, Warton, son of Samuel Hunt, Vine Cottage, Warton Bank, Warton.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in July 1916, going out to the Western Front in October 1916. Returned to England suffering from trench foot in January 1917, on recovering returned to the front the following September being wounded in March 1918. Discharged in October 1919. Had previously served with the 4th Bn. Loyal North Lancashire (1908 – 1911) while employed by Mr. Challoner (Plumber), 9 Beach St., Lytham. Later address 25 Clinton Ave., Blackpool before moving to Longton, Staffordshire.
Service papers at the National Archive.

HUTCHINSON Cecil Leigh †

Private 6141 20th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers
2nd Lieutenant 1st & 2nd Battalions, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Whalley Range Enlisted Colwyn Bay 18th January 1915 aged 19
Killed in action on the Western Front 31st July 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.
Medical Student, son of Christopher Edward & Leonora Cecil Maud Hutchinson, Moss Side Farm, Moss Side.
Ganted his commission in June, before going out to the front in March 1916. Invalided home on two occasions (June 1916 & November 1916).
Recorded on Wrea Green War Memorial.
Recorded on Lytham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Ribby-cum-Wrea.
Recorded in De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour (Photograph).
Service papers at the National Archive.

St. Annes on the Sea Express 10th August 1917.

"Lieut. Cecil L. Hutchinson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Hutchinson, of Moss Side, was killed in action in France on July 31st. Lieut. Hutchinson, who was in the East Lancashire Regiment, was 21 years of age. He was educated at the Collegiate School, under Mr. R.A. Irving, and afterward went to King Edward School. War broke out whilst he was at school, and he joined the Public Schools Training Battalion, and was gazetted to the East Lancashire Regiment in July 1915. He went out in March, 1916, and was invalided home several times. He had seen much fighting. He was shot by an enemy sniper whilst giving orders for the consolidation of a position won from the enemy. A brother officer, in expressing the sympathy of the regiment, writes, "He led his men with a total disregard for danger."

I

IBBISON Edward †

Private 25484 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Marton Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 31st July 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.
Farm Labourer, aged 30, husband of Lizzie Ibbison, Freckleton, son of William & Sarah Jane Ibbison.
Recorded on Freckleton War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

IBBISON William

Gunner 85297 196th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Marton Enlisted Blackpool 10th December 1915 aged 25
Farm Teamsman, husband of Mary Ellen Ibbison, Bradley's Cottage, Weeton, son of William & Sarah Jane Ibbison.
Served at Salonika from January 1917. Discharged in May 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Farm Labourer, son of Mary Alice Jackson, Old Post Office, Singleton.
Served in Salonika from August 1916. Discharged in May 1919. Had tried to enlist previously under age. Later employed at North Farm, Moss Side.
Service papers at the National Archive.

JEFFREY James

Private 3664 3rd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 29066 1st (Garrison) Battalion, The Cheshire Regt.
Born Flixton, Manchester Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 36
Shoemaker, husband of Margaret Jeffrey, 3 Preston St., Kirkham, son of Thomas & Alice Jeffrey.
Served at Gibraltar from August 1915 to August 1919. Discharged in September 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

JEFFREY Thomas †

Private 21312 10th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Stretford, Manchester Enlisted Blackpool
Killed in action on the Western Front 23rd November 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Shoemaker, aged 32, husband of Sarah Jeffrey, 9 Segar St., Wesham, son of Thomas & Alice Jeffrey
Prior to enlisting in June 1915 employed as a shoemaker in St. Annes. He left a wife and five children.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Wesham.

Preston Guardian 23rd December 1916. (Photograph)

"Pte. Thomas Jeffrey, aged 32, of the L.N.L. Regiment, is reported by the War Office to have been killed in action on November 23rd. Pte. Jeffrey, who resided in Segar street, Wesham, enlisted in June, 1915, went to France last December, and returned to this country in March this year. He was again out in September. Before joining the Army he was employed as a shoemaker at St. Annes on Sea. He leaves a wife and five children, the eldest being 10 and the youngest two. Another brother of the deceased is also in the Army."

JOHNSON Christopher

Private TR3/17283 67th Training Reserve Battalion
Private 59677 1/6th Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
Born Marton Enlisted Preston 29th March 1917 aged 18
Butcher, son of Thomas & Elizabeth Mary Johnson, Mill Lane, Warton.
Left for the Western Front in August 1918. Recorded as having been wounded in September 1918.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

JOHNSON James

At present no further information.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales

JOHNSON Robert Harold

Guardsman 12083 Scots Guards
Born Preston
Cotton Weaver, son of Richard Johnson, Ribble View, Freckleton.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

Preston Guardian 16th October 1915. (Photograph)

"Private Robert H. Johnson (20), son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson, Ribble View, Freckleton, has been wounded in the bombardment near Loos, having received a bullet through the left shoulder and another through the leg. He enlisted in November last in the 1st Scots Guards, and went out to the front in April. Prior to joining the colours he worked as a weaver at Messrs. John Bibby and Sons, Balderstone Mill, Freckleton."

JOLLY Edward †

Private 13961 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 29675 2nd Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston
Died at home 14th November 1919.
Buried at St. Michael's Parish Church Cemetery, Kirkham.
Aged 21, son of James & Elizabeth Jolly, 57 Preston St., Kirkham.
Left for the front with the battalion in July 1915.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

JUDGE Thomas

Private 11/3708 11th Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
Private 39352 34th & 152nd Companies, Machine Gun Corps
Born Ireland Enlisted Ashton under Lyne 22nd August 1914 aged 21
Labourer, husband of Ellen Judge, 43 Kemp St., Oldham, son of Thomas & Mary Judge, 112 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Served at Gallipoli from July 1915. Transferred to Machine Gun Corps in February 1916, going out to France in July 1916.
Wounded in March 1918 and invalided to United Kingdom. Discharged in January 1919.
Service papers at the National Archives.

K

KAY Richard

Company Q.M. Sergeant 13939 7th & 2/4th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Weeton Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 21
School Master, son of John & Emma Kay, Weeton.
Went out to the Western Front with the battalion in July 1915. Transferred to the 2/4th Battalion in May 1918 being later attached to the the 235th Prisoner of War Company until returning to England in February 1919. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KEARNS Frank

Driver 60348 Signal Section, Royal Engineers
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 4th January 1915 aged 20
Farm Labourer, Preston St., Kirkham
Served on the Western Front from March 1916 to February 1917, then at Salonika from August 1917 to March 1918 returning home suffering from malaria. Discharged in March 1919 address given as 68 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KELLY William

Private 13894 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham.
Son of David & Jane Kelly, 4 Porter St., Wesham.
Sailed with the battalion in June 1915 serving at Gallipoli and Mesopotamia.

KENT George

Corporal 233 / 200113 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Railway Signalman, husband of Jane Kent, 9 Rawlinson St., Wesham, son of Edward & Elizabeth Kent, 45 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Enlisted in August 1914 and reported as being wounded in July 1916. Had previously served in South Africa during the Boer War.

Preston Guardian 19th August 1916. (Photograph)

"Two Wesham brothers, Privates Geo. and Wm. Kent, have been wounded, and are at present lying in military hospitals in England. Private Geo. Kent, who is 32 years of age, and resides in Rawinson street, Wesham, enlisted on August 8th, 1914, in the Loyal North Lancashires. He was an old soldier having fought in South Africa. Private William Kent, Loyal North Lancashires, enlisted at the same time as his brother. He resides at Garstang road, Wesham, and is 22 years of age. Both are married."

KENT Harry

Private 17583 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham 9th November 1914 aged 15
Cotton Weaver, son of Edward & Elizabeth Kent, 45, Garstang Road, Wesham.
Enlisted under age being discharged as medically unfit a few days later.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KENT William

Private 13381 7thBattalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 108036 The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 57443 The Suffolk Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston September 1914
Garstang Rd., Wesham, son of Edward & Elizabeth Kent,45 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Went out to the front with the battalion in July 1915. Reported as having been wounded in July 1916.
Preston Guardian 19th August 1916. (see above)

KENYON John William

Born Calder Bridge, Cumberland
Gamekeeper, husband of Frances Ann Kenyon, Treales Cottage, Treales.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

KIRBY Thomas

Private 62801 5th (Reserve) Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
Private 2/1st Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry
Private 23606 6 Company, Army Cyclist Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 18th March 1918 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, son of William & Ellen Mary Kirby, 48 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Went out to France in late November 1918 the the Rhein Army until November 1919. Discharged in March 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KIRBY William †

Private 13930 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wrea Green Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 22
Died of wounds on the Western Front 9th January 1918.
Buried at Rocquigny-Equancourt British Cemetery, Manancourt, Somme, France.
Cotton Spinner, son of John William & Elizabeth Ellen Kirby, 'Fern Bank', Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.
Went out to the front in July 1915. Wounded by shrapnel on 5th January dying a few days later at 48 Casualty Clearing Station.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Wesham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 10th January 1918. (Photograph)

"Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Kirby, Garstang-road North, Wesham, have received word from a clearing station in France that their son Pte. William Kirby, of the Loyal North Lancs. Regt., has died of wounds. Pte. Kirby, who was 25 years of age, joined the Army shortly after the outbreak of war, and has been out in France close upon two and a half years. Prior to the war he was employed as a spinner. Their eldest son Sergt. R. Kirby, lost a leg over twelve months ago."

KIRBY William Frederick

Gunner 71803 120th (Siege) Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Kirkham Enlisted Lancaster 17th December 1915
Grocery Manager, son of Robert & Elizabeth Kirby, 1 Preston St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in March 1916. Served on the Western Front from July 1917 to March 1918.
Returned home suffering from trench fever. At the time of enlisting was living at 8 Alexander Rd., Carnforth.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KIRKHAM Alexander

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Ribby-with-Wrea
Mechanical Engineer, husband of Margaret Kirkham, 2 Marsden St., Kirkham.

KIRKHAM Arthur

Private 70587 The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 46448 78 Company, The Labour Corps
Born Manchester Enlisted Kirkham 7th December 1916 aged 30
Cotton Weaver, husband of Selina Kirkham, 16 Preston St., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from March 1917 to February 1919. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KIRKHAM Arthur Archibald

Private 1056 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Marton Enlisted Lytham 17th April 1914 aged 18
Farm Labourer, son of John & Agnes Kirkham, Peel Hill Farm, Peel.
Discharged as medically unfit in December 1914.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KIRKHAM Harry

Gunner 80145 184 & 121 (Heavy) Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Peel Enlisted Blackpool 23rd May 1916 aged 23
Farm Horseman, husband of Miriam Kirkham, son of John & Agnes Kirkham, Peel Hill Farm, Peel.
Served on the Western Front from September 1916 to January 1919. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KIRKHAM James

Private 41160 East Lancashire Regt.
Private 662287 543 Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps
Born Weeton Enlisted Preston 3rd February 1916 aged 24
Farm Teamsman, son of Ellen Jane Kirkham, Stanley Villa, Weeton.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in July 1918. Served within the United Kingdom. Discharged in October 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KIRKHAM (Newsham) John †

Born Kirkham
Son of Ellen Kirkham. Foster son of Thomas & Sarah Newsham.
At present no information found.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial (NEWSHAM John).

KIRKHAM Joseph

Private 41162 1/5th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Blackpool Enlisted Blackpool 11th December 1915 aged 28
Farm Labourer, son of Peter & Elizabeth Kirkham, High Moor Farm, Weeton.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in July 1918 going out to France in November 1918. Discharged in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KIRKHAM Matthew

Private 20008 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards
Born Greenhalgh Enlisted Blackpool 6th June 1916 aged 25
Farm Horseman, husband of Lucy Kirkham, Church Rd., Singleton, son of Henry & Jane Kirkham.
Went out to the front in May 1917, being wounded in July 1918, returning to England in February 1919. Discharged in December 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KIRKHAM Stanley James

Private PLY/17764 Royal Marine Light Infantry
Born Wrea Green Enlisted Liverpool 10th December 1914 aged 18
Farmer, son of William Henry & Margaret Ann Kirkham, Bradkirk Farm, Wrea Green.
Served at Malta from October 1916 to April 1919. Discharged on compassionate ground in November 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KIRKHAM Richard

Private 24867 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Acting-Corporal 34999 9th & 2nd Battalions, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Wrea Green Enlisted Preston 8th December 1915 aged 28
Roadman, husband of Margaret Kirkham, 28 Moor St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in June 1916. Served in Salonika from November 1916 to December 1918 then in Ireland. Discharged in August 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KIRKHAM Robert

Private 13553 8th & 3rd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 31795 2nd (Garrison) & 3rd (Garrison) Battalions, The Cheshire Regt.
Private T/294722 533 Company, Army Service Corps
Born Preston Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 35
General Dealer, 25 Marsden St., Kirkham. Son of Richard Kirkham, Brownhills, Blackburn.
Discharged as medically unfit in May 1918 to 58 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KIRKHAM William

Private T4/214719 Army Service Corps
Born Greenhalgh Enlisted Preston 4th August 1916 aged 20
Farm Horseman, son of Henry & Jane Kirkham, Hankinson Farm, Esprick.
Served on the Western Front, November 1916, Salonika, December 1916, and Egypt, June 1917 – February 1919. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KIRKHAM William George Wray

Warrant Officer Class II 17512 11th Battalion, The Border Regt. (att. 4th British West Indian Regt.)
Warrant Officer Class II TR3/48848 75th Training Reserve Battalion.
Lieutenant 8th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 9th January 1915 aged 21
Schoolmaster, 59 South Shore, Haslingden, son of William & Harriet Kirkham, 30 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Served in Egypt from July 1916 to August 1916 then in France until January 1917. Commissioned in June 1917 serving on the Western Front until September 1917. Discharged in January 1919. Formerly on the teaching staff of Kirkham C. of E. School.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Report Preston Guardian 11th September 1915.

"W.G. Wray Kirkham, has risen to the rank of Company Quartermaster Sergeant. He joined the Border Regiment (Longsdales) early in this year as a private. Though only 22 years of age, he at once adapted to a soldiers life, and has risen as stated. He was educated at Kirkham Church Schools, and the Grammar School, for a teacher. He

took up a position at Haslingden Church Schools after gaining his certificate at York."

Report Preston Guardian 7th January 1917.

"Quartermaster Sergeant S.W. Kirby, son of Mr. T. Kirby, Preston street, Kirkham, and Sergeant W.G.W. Kirkham, son of Mr. W Kirkham, Freckleton street, have returned from the front to prepare for taking a commission. They enlisted in the Border Regiment, but have been attached to the British West Indian Regiment, and have seen service in Egypt and France. Both were formerly on the teaching staff of Kirkham C.E. School."

KNOWLES Isaac

Private 5374
2/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Enlisted Preston 18th May 1916 aged 28
Husband of Alice Knowles, 23 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Discharged in August 1916 as medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

KNOWLES Robert

Driver T/35106
Born Clifton
Army Service Corps
Enlisted Kirkham 5th November 1914 aged 21
Carpenter & Wheelwright, son of William & Isabella Knowles, Clifton.
Served in Egypt from March 1915 to October 1915 then at Salonika to March 1919. Discharged in May 1919.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Service papers at the National Archive.

L

LANG John

Private 5246
Private 30100
Born Wesham
3/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
8th & 9th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Enlisted Kirkham 8th December 1915 aged 32
Gardener, son of James & Harriet Lang, 86 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in March 1916. Went out to the Western Front in July 1916 being posted to the 8th Battalion. Reported as being wounded in August 1916. Posted to the 9th Battalion in May 1918 being wounded and taken prisoner of war later the same month. Repatriated in January 1919 being discharged in April 1919 on recovering from wounds.
Service papers at the National Archive.

LANG William †

Private 12811
Born Wesham
6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 21
Killed in action at Gallipoli 9th August 1915.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey.
Cotton Weaver, son of James & Harriet Lang, 'Oakleigh Grove', 62 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.
Sailed with the battalion for Gallipoli in June 1915. Posted as missing after taking part in the attack on the Chunuk Bair Ridge.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

LANGLEY Edgar Ernest Swainson

Lance-Corporal 127054
Born Chorlton on Medlock
Postal Telegraphist, husband of Elizabeth Ann Langley, 12 Mythop Ave., Lytham, son of John Swainson & Mary A. Langley, The Manse, Marsden St., Kirkham.
Lindi Signal Company, Royal Engineers
Enlisted Blackpool 21st September 1916 aged 30
Served in East Africa from April 1917 to December 1918. Discharged in May 1919.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

LANGLEY Ivan Reginald

Gunner 149369
Born Kirkham
Poor Law Clerk & Vaccination Officer, Wandsworth House, Park Rd., West Hartlepool, son of John Swainson & Mary A. Langley, The Manse, Marsden St., Kirkham.
Durham Royal Garrison Artillery
Enlisted West Hartlepool 10th December 1915 aged 22
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in March 1917. Served in India from September 1917 to April 1919. Discharged in May 1919 address given as c/o 6 South Worpole Way, East Sheen, London W12.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 25th November 1916.

"Official notification has been received that Pte. David Larmour, son of Mrs., and the late Mr. John Larmour, New row, Kirkham, was killed in action on October 21st. He was attached to the L.N.L. Regiment, and was in the Territorials when war broke out. He was 23 years of age, and had been at the front two years. Two other brothers are serving at the front."

LARMOUR James

Private 231 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Sapper 207057 West Lancashire Division, Royal Engineers
Sapper WR/150859 19th Railway Operating Company, Royal Engineers
Born Kirkham Enlisted Lytham 4th August 1914 aged 32

Railway Platelayer, husband of Isabella Larmour, 25 New Row, Kirkham, son of John & Mary Ann Larmour.

Went out to the front in December 1915, returning home ill in March 1917. Placed in the Army Reserve in July 1917 being recalled three months later and served at Salonika from October 1918 to March 1919. Discharged in May 1919. Previously served with the Loyal North Lancashire Regt. (1902 – 1906).

Service papers at the National Archive.

LAWRENSEN James †

Private TR/17585 67th Training Reserve Battalion

Died at home 29th May 1917.

Buried at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.

Aged 17, son of Thomas & Mary Lawrenson, 8 Eagle Court, Kirkham.

Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

Commemorated at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.

LAWRENSEN Joseph

Private 13951 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 3211 / 241092 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 534721 The Labour Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 24
Enlisted Kirkham 23rd November 1914 aged 24

Labourer, husband of Florence Lawrenson, 22 Mill St., Kirkham, son of William & Margaret Lawrenson.

Enlisted in September 1914 being discharged as medically unfit (defective eyesight) a month later. Enlisted again in November, going out to the front in August 1916 returning home Wounded in July 1917. Transferred to the Labour Corps in March 1918 serving in Ireland before returning to the front in September 1918. Discharged in February 1919. Later moved to 4 Chapel Walks, Kirkham

Service papers at the National Archive.

LAWSON John

Private 3267 1/4th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 245228 18th & 1/5th Battalions, The Manchester Regt.
Born Freckleton Enlisted Blackpool December 1914

Son of Richard Lawson, Old School House, Westby.

Went out to the front in June 1917 being posted to the 18th Bn. Manchester Regt. being wounded July 1917. Returned to the front in April 1918. Discharged in February 1919.

Service papers at the National Archive.

LEAVER Tom Allen

Sapper 7545 West Lancashire Division, Royal Engineers
Sapper 426152 129 Field Company, Royal Engineers
Born Nelson Enlisted Blackpool 28th January 1915 aged 22

Plumber, husband of Hephzibah Leaver, 10 Havelock Rd., Blackpool, son of Joseph & Sarah Leaver, 4 Spire Rd., Wrea Green.

Served on the Western Front from August 1915, returning home ill in March 1916. Returned to the France in October 1916 until wounded in July 1917 and invalided home. On recovering served on the Western Front from April 1918 to March 1919.

Discharged in April 1919 medically unfit. Later moved to 34 Hope St., St. Annes on Sea.

Service papers at the National Archive.

LEE Joseph

Private 70214 The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 45812 The Labour Corps
Born Wesham Enlisted Lytham 11th February 1915 aged 36

Hawker, husband of Elizabeth Ellen Lee, Station Rd., Wesham, son of Michael & Margaret Lee.

Left for the front in March 1917. Later moved to 37 Crystal Rd., South Shore, Blackpool.

Service papers at the National Archive.

LEES Edward

Private M2/076332 Army Service Corps
Born Rochdale
Son of Edward & Elizabeth Lees, 5 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Recorded as having served on the Western Front.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Sanderson family record Preston Guardian 12th June 1915. (Photograph)

LEIGH Herbert

Sergeant 79504 Royal Field Artillery
Born Darwen Enlisted Preston 29th January 1915 aged 34
Cotton Weaver, husband of Elizabeth Leigh, 18 Railway Terrace, Wesham.
Served on the Western Front from July 1915 to November 1917 invalided home suffering from gas poisoning. Discharged in March 1920.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.
Whiteside family report Preston Guardian 17th July 1915. (Photograph)

LEIGH Walter Distinguished Conduct Medal + Military Medal

Private 13306 7th & 1/4th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 85604 1/5th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Darwen Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 33
Insurance Agent, husband of Louisa Leigh, 19 Rawlinson St., Wesham.
Went out to France with the 7th Battalion in July 1915. Wounded in July 1916 & returned to England. Returned to France in April 1918 being posted to the 1/5th Liverpool Regt., after a short period requested to rejoin the Loyals, being posted to the 1/4th Battalion. Wounded in September 1918 and returned to England. Discharged in March 1919 physically unfit. Awarded the Military Medal (London Gazette 9th November 1916) and Distinguished Conduct Medal (London Gazette 13th February 1917) for gallantry in the field.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Distinguished Conduct Medal Citation

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He tended the wounded under very heavy fire, organized stretcher parties and evacuated the wounded with great skill. On another occasion he assisted to rescue a wounded officer under heavy fire."

Preston Guardian 6th January 1917. (Photograph)

"Private Walter Leigh, of the L.N.L. Regt., has been awarded the D.C.M., for bravery on the battlefield. Private Leigh, who prior to enlisting in September, 1914, resided with Mrs. Kirby, Fern Bank, Garstang road, Wesham, was employed as a club collector in the district. Twelve months ago he married Miss Louise Bee, Wesham. He was an active member of Wesham Parish Church."

LEONARD John

Born Kirkham
Chimney Sweep, husband of Margaret Leonard, 1 Orders Lane, Kirkham, son of John & Ann Leonard.
At present no further information found
Listed in Soldiers & Sailors Gazette 1914 / 1915.

LERNAN (Learnan) Rowland †

Guardsman 5467 1st Battalion, Irish Guards
Born Newton Forbes, Ireland Enlisted Liverpool
Killed in action on the Western Front 27th August 1918.
Buried at Mory Abbey Military Cemetery, Mory, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Recorded on 1911 Census as Railway Platelayer living with his sister & brother in law (Maud & Richard Anderton), Weeton Rd., Wesham.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Wesham.

LESTER Edmund Distinguished Conduct Medal + Croix de Guerre (France)

Sergeant 230 / 200112 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Pendleton
Labourer, husband of Ada Lester, 5 Orders Lane, Kirkham.
Prior to the war employed by T. Croft & Sons, contractors, Preston, had at one time been a professional footballer at Burnley.
Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (London Gazette 11th March 1916) & French Croix de Guerre for gallantry in the field.

Distinguished Conduct Medal Citation

"When all his officers were killed or wounded, he took command, rallied his men by standing out in the open, and led them with great daring both in the advance and subsequent retirement."

Preston Guardian 13th November 1915.

"The Rev W.T. Mitton, rector of Kirkham, has received a letter from Lieut. Leslie Duckworth, 4th L.N.L. Regiment, in which he states that Sergt. Ed. Lester has received the Croix-de-Guerre (Military Cross). He was decorated on Tuesday. Sergt. Lester resides in Orders lane, Kirkham. Mention is also made of the death of Major Nickson, Lytham, who is described as "a splendid officer and beloved by all."

Preston Guardian 20th November 1915. (Photograph)

"Quartermaster Sergt. Eddie Lester, Kirkham, of the 4th Batt. L.N.L., has been decorated with the Croix de Guerre (Military Cross). He was formerly in the Army, then joined the reserve, and re-enlisted at the outbreak of the present war. He was employed by Messrs. T. Croft and Sons, contractors, Preston, on the building of the Fylde Cottage Homes at Kirkham. He was a keen footballer, and played as a professional for Burnley a few years ago."

Preston Guardian 4th March 1916.

"The inhabitants of Kirkham to show their appreciation of their local hero Sergeant Major E. Lester, who recently had conferred upon him the Croix de Guerre and the D.C.M. for valour on the battlefield have decided to make him a suitable presentation, and the vicar of Kirkham (the Rev W.T. Mitton) has opened a fund for contributions from the people of Kirkham and district. The subscription list has been headed by Mr. W.W. Ashley, M.P. for the division."

St. Annes on Sea Express 21st January 1916.

"The Distinguished Conduct Medal has been conferred on Sergeant Eddie Lester, of the 1/4th L.N.L. Regt., who resided in Orders Lane, Kirkham. Only a short time ago he was decorated with the French Military Cross. He was brought under the notice of his superior officers through his bravery at Festubert."

St. Annes on Sea Express 24th March 1916

"At Blackpool, on Saturday, Col. Gratton, O.C., presented the D.C.M. to Sergeant-Major Lindsay, of the 1/4th L.N.L., of Preston, and Quarter-master Lester, of 1/4th L.N.L., of Kirkham, in the presence of the reserve battalion and a large crowd on the Promenade."

Blackpool Times 7th June 1916.

A notable scene was witnessed at Kirkham on Wednesday night, when the townspeople gathered to do honour to Quartermaster Sergeant Edmund Lester, of the 1/4th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. This heroic soldier has greatly distinguished himself on the field of battle. For act of bravery at the battle of Festubert in June last year he was awarded the D.C.M. and the French Croix de Guerre.

The funds raised by public subscription in Kirkham were expended in the purchase of a gold watch and albert, and those gifts were presented to Quartermaster-Sergeant Lester in the presence of a crowded audience in the Co-operative Hall, Kirkham.

The Rev. Welbury T. Mitton, the Vicar, presided, and he was supported by Mrs. Duckworth (Ribby Hall), Rev. T.C. Walton, Mr. P.L. Birley, Mr. S. Gask, and Mr. H. Parkinson.

The deeds of Lester were recounted by the Vicar. He said their fellow townsman had gained distinctions when exposed to heavy gunfire from the enemy trenches. He rallied the men of his own company after the officer had been wounded, along with another company in a similar plight, and led the men into the German trenches. The presentation was made by Mrs. Duckworth, in the absence of Mr. Duckworth through illness.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Lester, in acknowledging the gift, said he had only done his duty, as any soldier should; and if the occasion arose again he would try to 'better it'.

LEVAGGI Antonio

Private 4517 / 290265

1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Pioneer WR/177943

Railway Transport Dept., Royal Engineers

Born Blackpool

Enlisted Blackpool 8th November 1915

Ice Cream Vendor, husband of Mary Levaggi, 25 New Row, Kirkham, son of Antioio & Rose Levaggi.

Went out to the Western Front in July 1917 being transferred to Italy in November 1917, transferring to the Railway Transport Executive, Royal Engineers, in May 1918. Discharged in May 1919.

Service papers at the National Archive.

LEWIS Charles Benjamin

Private 236 / 296045

1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Born Kirkham

Enlisted Lytham 4th August 1914 aged 45

Cotton Weaver, 18 Preston St., Kirkham.

Left for the front with the battalion in May 1915. Returned home suffering from lumbago in May 1916. Employed at munitions factory at Lytham until being discharged in April 1917. Previously served 15 years with the Volunteer Artillery.

Service papers at the National Archive.

LEWIS Cornelius

Private 3326 The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 52062 / 3703398 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham
Cotton Weaver, son of Charles Benjamin & Margaret Lewis, 18 Preston St., Kirkham.

LEWIS George

Private 3255 / 241103 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted 26th November 1914
Cotton Weaver, son of Charles Benjamin & Margaret Lewis, 18 Preston St., Kirkham.
Discharged in April 1918 due to wounds.

LEWIS James Cookson

Private Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham
Electrical Engineer, husband of Alice Lewis, 107 Station Rd., Kirkham, son of William & Mary Ellen Lewis.
Discharged from the forces and then employed as a Munitions Worker. Later address (1918) 36 Preston St., Kirkham.

LEWTAS James Baybut †

Private 16063 5th Battalion, King's (Shropshire Light Infantry)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Blackburn
Died of wounds on the Western Front 8th August 1915.
Buried at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Aged 28, husband of Laura May Lewtas, 33 Station Rd., Wesham, son of Thomas & Margaret Lewtas.
Served on the Western Front from May 1915.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.

Preston Guardian 21st August 1915. (Photograph)

"Mrs. Lewtas, 33 Station road, Wesham, has received official information that her husband, Private James Lewtas, of the 5th King's Own Shropshire light Infantry, has died from shell wounds at Boulogne Hospital. the deceased was 28 years of age, and enlisted just before Christmas. He worked at Great Harwood as a weaver. He had been at the front three months."

LEWTAS Henry

Private 35370 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 28771 10th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 147667 / 7811778 Machine Gun Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Blackburn 10th December 1915 aged 27
Cotton Mill Engineman, husband of Ada Lewtas, 2 Avondale St., Blackburn, son of Thomas & Margaret Lewtas.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in June 1917. Served on the Western Front with the Loyal North Lancs. from September 1917 being transferred to the Machine Gun Corps in April 1918. Returned to England in October 1918 suffering from an injury to left arm, shoulder and hand. Discharged in October 1920.
Service papers at National Archive.

LINGARD James

Lance-Corporal 13927 7th & 1st Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Weeton Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 29
Cotton Weaver, son of Elizabeth Lingard, 4 Catherine St., Wesham.
Went out to the front in July 1915 being wounded and invalided to England in March 1918. Returned to the front in October 1918 serving there until March 1919. Discharged in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

LITTLE Thomas Swarbrick

Private TR3/17478 67th Training Reserve Battalion
Private 39361 3rd Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 31st March 1917 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, son of Robert & Frances Little, 34 Preston St., Kirkham.
Discharged as medically unfit in January 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

LITTLE William Swarbrick

Private 331125 Western Command, Labour Corps
Private 69954 321 Protection Company, Royal Defence Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 3rd June 1916 aged 30
Cotton Weaver, husband of Mary Elizabeth Little, 28 Church St., Kirkham, son of Robert & Frances Little
Served within the United Kingdom until discharged in April 1918 medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

LITTLEFAIR Arthur Gordon Distinguished Conduct Medal

Sergeant 13292 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Sergeant 66665 62nd Battalion, Machine Gun Corps
Born Bispham

Husband of Eliza Littlefair, 'Station House', Station Rd., Kirkham, son of Benjamin Robert & Clara Littlefair..
Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry in the field(London Gazette 16th January1919).

Distinguished Conduct Medal Citation

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Havrincourt on 12th September, 1918, when in spite of the hostile barrage, he kept his guns in action and inflicted severe loss on the enemy. The same day the enemy penetrated the village compelling the infantry to fall back, thus leaving his guns in an exposed position. Nevertheless, he held on and maintained his ground until the line was re-established."

Preston Guardian 11th November 1918. (Photograph)

"Sergt. A.G. Littlefair, M.G.C., only son of the late Mr. B.R. Littlefair, late stationmaster of Kirkham, has been awarded the D.C.M., for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On September 12th and subsequent dates, he was holding an advanced position with two guns. On Sept. 13th, the enemy attacked at dawn and Sergt. Littlefair kept his guns in action, in spite of heavy barrage, and inflicted severe loss on the enemy. Later the same day the enemy penetrated into the village, compelling the infantry to fall back, leaving his guns in a most exposed position and practically surrounded. Nevertheless he stuck to his guns, and maintained his position until the line was again re-established. In the messages he managed to send back to his section officer, says the official record, he never once mentioned any intention to withdraw his guns. Sergt. Littlefair, who joined Kitchener's Army in August, 1914, has spent five birthdays in the army. He was wounded in July, 1916."

LITTLEFAIR Frederick

Private 12810 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham

Cotton Weaver, husband of Lucy Littlefair, 44 Garstang Rd., Wesham, son of Robert & Betsy Littlefair.
Served at Gallipoli from June 1915.

LITTLEFAIR Robert †

Pioneer 220842 303 Road Construction Company, Royal Engineers
Born Barnard Castle Enlisted Preston 11th December 1916 aged 45

Died of wounds on the Western Front 17th November 1917.
Buried at Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Poperinge, Belgium.
Steam Roller Driver, husband of Betsy Littlefair, 2 Billington St., Wesham.
Went out to the Western Front in January 1917.

Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.

Preston Herald 1st December 1917. (Photograph)

Preston Herald 8th December 1917.

"The death took place from shrapnel wounds in the chest, on November 17th, at the age of 46 years, of Pte. R. Littlefair, of Wesham. He joined the Road Construction Co., Royal Engineers, over twelve months ago, and had been with his company in France eleven months. Previous to enlistment, he was employed as a traction engine driver by Messrs. Isaac Ball and Son, Wharles, near Kirkham, and was well known in the agricultural districts of the Fylde. Writing to the widow the captain of the company says : "It is with regret that we hear to-day that your husband passed away from his wounds on the 17th inst., in No.47 Casualty Clearing Station, and was buried in the military cemetery just east of Proven. Your husband was a very fine member of my company, and we shall all miss his face. All the officers and men of the company join with me in offering you and your family our deepest sympathy in your sad loss."

LITTLEFAIR Robert

Private 16768 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Blackburn 27th October 1914 aged 22

Cotton Weaver, husband of Alida Littlefair, 8 Railway View, Mill Hill, Blackburn, son of Robert & Betsy Littlefair.
Served at Gallipoli, Egypt and Mesopotamia from June 1915 to December 1918. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

LIVINGSTONE James

Private 12804 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 32

Labourer, husband of Mary Ellen Livingstone, 20 Mill St., Kirkham, son of James & Margaret Livingstone, 6 Mill St., Kirkham.
Discharged as medically unfit in October 1914.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Charles Frederick Malkin was killed in June 1915 while serving with the 1/4th Battalion South Lancashire Regt.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

Fleetwood Chronicle 31st August 1917.

"News has been received by Mrs. Malkin, licensee of the George Hotel, Kirkham, of the death in France of her husband, Corporal Arthur Malkin, of the motor transport service. The corporal was struck by a fragment of a bomb dropped from an enemy aeroplane. Corporal Malkin, who was 32 years of age, joined the colours in November, 1915, and went to France the following March. He had not been home since. Prior to joining the Army he was a sergeant motor scout."

Preston Guardian 1st September 1917. (Photograph)

"Mrs. Malkin, licensee of the George Hotel, Kirkham, has received official intimation that her husband, Corporal Arthur Malkin, of the Motor Transport Service, has been killed in France by fragments of a bomb dropped from an aeroplane. Corpl. Malkin was 32 years of age, and joined the Army in Nov., 1915. He went out to France in March last year, and had not been home since. Two years ago the deceased's brother was killed, and is buried two miles from where the deceased rests."

MALONE William

Sergeant 2266119 Canadian Expeditionary Forces
Born Kirkham Enlisted Toronto, Canada 1st November 1917 aged 35
Telegraph Operator, husband of Louisa Margaret Malone, 341 Bowditch St., New Bedford, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Son of Peter & Ellen Burton Malone.
Previous service with the East Lancashire Regt. (8 years) and Rhode Island Light Infantry.
Service papers at the Canadian National Archive.

MAPP Stephen William

Private 36819 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Singleton
Railway Clerk, son of William Henry & Alice Mapp, Singleton.

MARGINSON Carvell Heywood †

Private 36223 8th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Private 38421 11th Battalion, The Lancashire Fusiliers
Born Salwick Enlisted Blackburn
Killed in action on the Western Front 9th April 1918.
Buried at Le Grand Beaumart British Cemetery, Steenwerk, Nord, France.
Aged 37, husband of Jane Byron Marginson, 57 Byrom St., Blackburn, son of James & Susannah Marginson.
Recorded on Blackburn Roll of Honour.
Service papers at the National Archive.

MARQUIS James

Gunner 85375 147th & 379 Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 28th February 1916 aged 32
Gardener, son of John & Jane Marquis, 5 North View, Wrea Green.
Went out to the front in August 1916, serving on the Western Front and in Egypt. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

MARQUIS Robert

Private 44724 The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Sapper 170385 / 616356 305 (Home Service) Company, Royal Engineers
Born Ribby with Wrea Enlisted Preston 3rd June 1916 aged 26
Joiner, son of John & Jane Marquis, 5 North View, Wrea Green.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in July 1916. Served within the United Kingdom until discharged in October 1919.
Address given on being discharged as Gate Foot, Great Clifton, nr. Workington, Cumberland.
Service papers at the National Archive.

MARQUIS William

Private 12840 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 20
Butcher, son of James & Mary Ann Marquis, 18 Church St., Kirkham.
Discharged medically unfit two months after enlisting.
Service papers at the National Archive.

MARSHALL Robert

Born Halsall
Son of Robert & Miriam Marshall, Clifton Lodge, Clifton.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

MARTIN James

Private 42406 13th Battalion, Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regt.)
 Private 100141 2/6th 28th & 20th Battalions, Durham Light Infantry
 Born Ark & Cartmell Enlisted Preston 30th October 1915 aged 28
 Farm Labourer, Mowbreck Hall, Wesham.
 Left for the Western Front in January 1917. Returned home ill in December 1917, going out to the front again in May 1918, being wounded in the July. Discharged in May 1919, moving to Owten Fencehouse, Greatham, Stockton-on-Tees.
Service papers at the National Archive.

MARTINDALE William

Private 40936 East Lancashire Regt.
 Born Singleton Enlisted Preston 7th June 1916 aged 21
 Farmer, husband of Elizabeth Alice Martindale, Church Rd., Singleton. Son of Edward & Elizabeth Martindale, Singleton.
 Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in May 1918. Served on the Western Front being wounded in November 1918.
Service papers at the National Archive.

MATTHEWS Patrick

Private 22365 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
 Born Westby Enlisted Blackpool 5th October 1915 aged ?
 Labourer, Butcher's Lodging House, Kirkham.
 Age on enlisting given as 39, however must have been at least 50 years of age. Discharged two days after enlisting as unfit to serve.
Service papers at the National Archive.

MATTHEWS Thomas †

Private 1043 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
 Born Garstang Enlisted Lytham 25th June 1911 aged 22
 Killed in action on the Western Front 16th June 1915.
 Buried at Arras Road Cemetery, Roclincourt, Pas-de-Calais, France.
 Cotton Spinner, aged 23, son of James & Sarah A. Matthews, 40 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
 Left with the battalion for the front in May 1915.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

McCAFFREY James

Driver T3/028458 Army Service Corps
 Private 45184 74th Training Reserve Battalion
 Private 50521 13th Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
 Born Wesham Enlisted Fleetwood 11th November 1914 aged 18
 Cooper's Labourer, Fleetwood, son of John Thomas & Jane McCaffrey.
 Served on the Western Front from January 1919 to November 1916 returning home suffering from rheumatic fever. Posted to the Manchester Regt. at Salonika in July 1917 returning to United Kingdom with malaria in October 1918. Discharged in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

McCAFFREY Michael †

Private 866 10th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force
 Born Wesham Enlisted Australia 31st August 1914 aged 23
 Killed in Action at Gallipoli 25th – 29th April 1915
 No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Lone Pine Memorial, Turkey
 Driver, son of John Thomas & Jane McCaffrey, Wesham.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Wesham.
Service papers at National Archive of Australia.

McCAFFREY Wilfred

Private 53rd (Young Soldier) Battalion, South Wales Borderers
 Private 1/5th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
 Private 63520 16th Battalion, The Lancashire Fusiliers
 Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 1st December 1917 aged 18
 Farm Labourer, 5 Market St., Wesham, son of John Thomas & Jane McCaffrey, Wesham.
 Went out to the front in April 1918, being gassed and returning to United Kingdom in the August. Prior to joining the Army employed by C. Bamber, Smithy Farm, Singleton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

McCALL David

Private 12458 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 138004 The Labour Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Blackpool 31st August 1914 aged 21
Cotton Weaver, son of James & Mary McCall, 116 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from June 1915, being wounded in June 1916. Discharged in May 1919. Previous service with the Territorials.
Service papers at the National Archive as David McCaul.

McCALL James †

Private 12807 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 22
Died of wounds on the Western Front 15th November 1916.
Buried at Contay British Cemetery, Somme, France.
Cotton Spinner, son of James & Mary McCall, 116 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Went out to France with the battalion in July 1915. Recorded as having been wounded on the 11th November (GSW to head, left arm & left leg) dying a few days later.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive as James McCaul.

Preston Guardian 9th December 1916. (Photograph)

"Mr. and Mrs. McCaul, 116, Marsden street, Kirkham, have received news that their son, Pte. James McCaul, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, has died from wounds in the casualty clearing station in France. The deceased joined during the great recruiting campaign son after the outbreak of war, and had been in France 17 months. Private Haslam, of the same regiment, who is at present home on leave, helped to carry McCaul after he was wounded. Mr. and Mrs. McCaul have another son, David, a corporal, who has been in France 10 months. Two other sons have served in the Army."

McCALL John

Private 1038 4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Lytham 15th June 1911 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, son of James & Mary McCall, 116 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Discharged in November 1914 as medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

McCALL Joseph

Private 3443 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 11th January 1915 aged 19
Son of James & Mary McCall, 116 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Discharged as medically unfit in August 1915.
Service papers at the National Archive.

McCALL Joseph

Gunner Royal Field Artillery
Born Wesham
Professional Footballer, son of Thomas & Jane McCall, Wrea Green.
Served within the United Kingdom.

McCALL Thomas

Private 3315 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Blackpool 16th December 1914 aged 29
Husband of Julia McCall, 116 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of James & Mary McCall.
Discharged in June 1916 as medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

McCANN (McGann) James †

Lance- Corporal The Manchester Regt.
Born Kirkham
Reported to have been killed in action on 1st July 1916 while serving with The Manchester Regt.
Aged 28, son of Joseph McCann, Old Row, Kirkham, lived in Oldham.
At present no further information found.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 5th August 1916. (Photograph)

"Lance Corpl. Jas. McGann, Manchester Regt., was killed in action in France on July 1st. he was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGann, Old row, Kirkham, and had previously been in the Army, but re-enlisted on the outbreak of war, and had been out 11 months. He was 28 years old, and leaves a widow and family at Oldham."

McCAULEY George

Driver 59341 Royal Horse Artillery
Born Kirkham
Son of George H. & Margaret McCauley, 106 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Left for the Balkans in October 1915.

McCLELLAND Joseph Harold †

Private 25261 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Burnley
Killed in action in Mesopotamia 25th February 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq.
Aged 19, son of Joseph Patrick & Rebecca McClelland, 30 Kiddrow Lane, Burnley.

McCORMICK Thomas Peter

Driver M/346660 Motor Transport Section, Army Service Corps
(att. 307th Seige Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery)
Private 561966 596 Home Service Company, The Labour Corps
Born Tyrone, Ireland Enlisted Preston 10th December 1915 aged 37
Motor Driver, Ship Hotel, Elswick, son of John McCormick, Ireland.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in September 1917, going out to Italy in January 1918 returning home in April suffering from Malaria. Discharged in February 1919. Employed as a motro driver at the Elswick Sanatorium. Later moved to Back Lane Cottage, Elswick.
Service papers at the National Archive.

McCULLOCH William

Private Royal Army Medical Corps
Recorded as having served on the Western Front.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

McGINTY Michael

Private 13554 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 60912 Prince of Wales Volunteers (South Lancashire)
Born Kirkham
25 Marsden St., Kirkham.

McHUGH Maurice

Private 8424 1st Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Enlisted 27th September 1904
Dobson's Court, Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from August 1914 until discharged due to wounds in March 1918.

McINROY Robert Gladstone

Private 37156 7th & 15th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 30928 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Standish Enlisted Preston 16th November 1915 aged 30
Head Gardener, husband on Constance McInroy, Salwick Hall Cottage, Salwick.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in March 1917. Went out to the Western Front in May 1917 returning home with trench foot in February 1918. Returned to the front in July 1918 until May 1919. Discharged in October 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

McKINNELL William

Pioneer WR/343466 206 Inland Water & Docks Company, Royal Engineers
Born Poulton le Fylde Enlisted Kirkham 7th December 1915 aged 27
Cotton Spinner, husband of Mary McKinnell, 9 Stanley St., Kirkham, son of James & Margaret McKinnell.
Mobilized in March 1918 serving within the United Kingdom. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

McSPIRIT James

Private 18893 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 116720 The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Westby
Son of John & Hannah McSpirit, Winfield Terrace, Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from April 1915.

McSPIRIT John

Private 50104 75th Training Reserve Battalion
Private 30650 8th & 11th Battalions, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Westby Enlisted Preston 24th July 1916 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, 19 Sunny Bank, Kirkham, son of John & Hannah McSpirit, Winfield Terrace, Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in February 1917. Went out to the front in September 1917, being wounded in March 1918. Discharged in November 1918 due to wounds.
Service papers at the National Archive.

McSPIRIT Thomas †

Private 23205 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Westby Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 7th March 1917.
Buried at Assevillers New British Cemetery, Somme, France.
Husband of Mary Jane McSpirit, son of John & Hannah McSpirit, Winfield Terrace, Kirkham.
Recorded on Kirkham and Wrea Green War Memorials.
Commemorated at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.
Commemorated at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Ribby-cum-Wrea.

MELLING Thomas †

Private 64732 6th (Reserve) Battalion, The Lancashire Fusiliers
Born Preston
Died at Bridlington 29th November 1918 aged 18.
Buried at St. Anne's Parish Church, Woodplumpton.
Son of William & Sarah Melling.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

MILLER Ernest Cyril †

Captain 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Grange-over-Sands
Killed in action on the Western Front 23rd October 1914.
Buried at Poelcapelle British Cemetery, Belgium.
Aged 36, late husband of Mrs. C. Bland, The Old Rectory, Debden, Saffron Walden, Essex, son of William Pitt & Emilie Mary Miller, 'Merlewood', Grange-over-Sands.
Educated at Harrow & Trinity College, Cambridge. Gazetted into the Militia in 1902 being transferred to the Special Reserve of Officers on its abolition. Called up in August 1914 and attached to the Loyal North Lancashires, going out to France in September 1914. Killed during the First Battle of Ypres near Pilkem.
Commemorated at St. Annes Parish Church, Singleton.
De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour (Photograph).
Service papers at the National Archive.

MILLER Jack Humphrey †

Captain Loyal North Lancashire Regt. (att. Egyptian Army)
Born Grange-over-Sands
Died of fever in Egypt 25th August 1917.
Buried at Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.
Aged 33, son of William Pitt & Emilie Mary Miller, 'Merlewood', Grange-over-Sands.
Went out to the front in August 1914 and recorded as being wounded by shrapnel on 25th September 1914.
Commemorated at St. Annes Parish Church, Singleton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

St. on the Sea Express 7th September 1917

"Capt. Jack Humphrey Miller, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, attached to the Egyptian Army, died on August 25th, while on leave, of blackwater fever. Capt. Miller was the fourth son of the late Mr. Wm. Pitt Miller, of Merlewood and Thistleton, Lancashire, and Mrs. W.P. Miller, of Merlewood, Grange-over-Sands. He was 34 years of age and received his captaincy in October, 1914."

MILLER Richard

Gunner 156123 391st Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 24th June 1916 aged 35
Joiner, husband of Catherine Miller, 82 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.
Served on the Western Front from January 1918.
Service papers at the National Archive.

MILNER Albert Edward †

Private 34504 18th Battalion, Highland Light Infantry
Born Treales Enlisted Aldershot
Died of wounds on the Western Front 18th October 1918.
Buried at Dunhollow ADS Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium.
Butcher, aged 34, son of John & Alice Milner, White Hall Farm, Treales.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at Christ Church, Treales.

MITTON Paul Dury

2nd Lieutenant Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
2nd Lieutenant Royal Air Force
Born Winipeg, Canada
Railway Engineer, son of Rev. Welby Theodore & Sarah Gertrude C. Mitton, The Vicarage, Kirkham.

MITTON Welby M. Mention in Despatches

Lieutenant Royal Field Artillery
Born Manitoba, Canada.
Mining Engineer, son of Rev. Welby Theodore & Sarah Gertrude C. Mitton, The Vicarage, Kirkham. Prior to receiving a commission in August 1914 was employed as a mining engineer at the Butterby Collieries, Derbyshire. Recorded as having been Mentioned in Despatches (London Gazette 18th May 1917).

Preston Guardian 26th May 1917. (Photograph)

"Lieut. W.M. Mitton, who has been mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatches of April 9th, is the eldest son of the Rev. Welby T. Mitton, Rector of Kirkham. He was born in Manitoba, Canada, and was educated at the Grammar School, Kirkham, and was also at Rossall for eight years. Before the war he has served as a mining engineer with Butterby Collieries Co., Derbyshire. He was gazetted as a Second Lieutenant in the 2nd West Lancs., R.F.A., on August 11th, 1914. After training he went with the brigade to France, and has served nearly two years. For a year he has been engaged in the Trench Mortar Battery Section, and is now in another branch of the Artillery."

MOON John Francis

Private 62850 50th Training Reserve Battalion
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 7th August 1917 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, son of John Thomas & Bridget Moon, 20 Moor St., Kirkham.
Discharged in October 1917 suffering from chronic bronchitis.
Service papers at the National Archive.

MOON Richard Military Medal

Private 242087 East Lancashire Regt.
Private 72685 462 Protection Company, Royal Defence Corps
Born Wesham Enlisted 7th December 1915
Cotton Weaver, son of William & Jane Moon, 73 Station Rd., Wesham.
Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 14th January 1918). Discharged due to wounds in August 1918.

Preston Guardian 1st December 1917. (Photograph)

"Private Richard Moon (19), of the East Lancashire Regiment, son of Mr. Wm. Moon, who is a member of Wesham Parish Council and the Fylde rural tribunal, has been awarded the Military Medal. Private Moon joined the colours in May 1916, and went to France in March this year. Prior to enlisting he resided with his parents in Station-road, Wesham, and was a member of St. Joseph's R.C. congregation."

Preston Guardian 27th April 1918.

"Following a church parade of troops at Oswestry, on Sunday, Pte. Rd. Moon, East Lancashire Regt., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moon, Garstang-road, Wesham, had the Military Medal pinned on his breast by General Sir H. Pitcairn Campbell. Pte. Moon was awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry on the battlefield, and recently the inhabitants of Wesham presented him with a gold watch and chain as a token of appreciation of his gallant deed."

MOORE Robert John

Gunner 160490 8th Reserve Battery, Royal Field Artillery
Private TR3/9196 Training Reserve Battalion
Private 40443 8th 10th & 2nd Battalions, York & Lancaster Regt.
Born Marton Enlisted Preston 11th September 1916 aged 27
Farm Horseman, son of William & Elizabeth Moore, Westby Hall, Westby.
Went out to the Western Front in January 1917 returning home in May 1917 suffering from trench fever. Returned to the front in November 1917 being wounded and taken prisoner in March 1918. Repatriated and discharged in January 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 27th April 1918.

"Mr. W. Moore, Westby Hall, Kirkham, has received a postcard from his son Pte. Moore, York and Lancaster Regt., stating he is wounded in the left leg and a prisoner at Cassell, Lazarette, Germany."

MORAN Edward

Private
Born Kirkham
Son of John & Bridget Moran, 13 Orders Lane, Kirkham. Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

MORAN John Military Medal

Sergeant 2250
Sergeant GS/129130
Born Kirkham
Husband of Margaret Moran, Station Rd., Kirkham, son of John & Bridget Moran.
Served on the Wester Front from August 1915, later with the forces sent to North Russia in 1919 where he was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 20th January 1920). East Lancashire Regt.
46th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers

Preston Guardian 15th May 1920 (Photograph)

"On the return of the procession to the Council Offices an interesting ceremony took place, witnessed by a large gathering. The newly-elected chairman presented Sergt. Moran, of the Royal Fusiliers, with the Military Medal, gained for conspicuous bravery in Russia in August last, and also presented him on behalf of the Kirkham Hero Fund Committee, with a handsome gold watch to commemorate the event. Sergt. Moran, in returning thanks, said he would always prize the gifts. What he had done was only his duty, the same as all the other Kirkham lads had done in France and elsewhere. The singing of the National Anthem concluded a successful Civic Sunday."

MORAN Thomas

Private
Private 268108
Born Kirkham
Railway Platelayer, husband of Caroline Moran, son of Thomas & Rose Ann Moran, Mill St., Kirkham. King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Welsh Regt.

MORLEY Henry

Private 40892
Born Westby
Farm Cowman, son of John & Martha Elizabeth Morley, Fox Lane Ends Cottage, Westby.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in May 1918. Went out to the Western Front in September 1918 being wounded in the October. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive. 1/5th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Enlisted Kirkham 16th March 1916 aged 20

MOSS Egbert Nuttall

Private 7316
Lieutenant
Born Ashton-under-Lyne
Civil Engineer L & Y Railway, Dean Terrace, Station Rd., Kirkham, son of James Henry & Hannah Moss, Blackpool.
Commissioned in November 1916 serving on the Western Front from January 1917 until wounded in September 1918.
Discharged in September 1921. Later address 50 Holmefield Rd., Blackpool.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive. 28th Battalion, The London Regt.
Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Enlisted Fleetwood 9th December 1915 aged 32

MOXHAM John Ball †

Private 23739
Born Wesham
Killed in action on the Western Front 21st October 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Labourer, age 22, husband of Ada Moxham, 86 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham, son of William & Margaret Moxham.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Wesham. 9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Enlisted Preston

MOXHAM Thomas

Private 23121
Private M/353386
Born Wesham
Labourer, son of William & Margaret Moxham, 46 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Served on the Western Front from December 1916 until being wounded in June 1917. Served in the Army Service Corps as a Motor Driver. Discharged in October 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive. 9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
44 & 814 Motor Transport Company, Army Service Corps
Enlisted Preston 6th December 1915 aged 25

MULLIGAN Peter

Private 3970 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 5th September 1914 aged 44
Labourer, husband of Ellen Mulligan, 62 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Discharged as medically unfit in October 1914.
Service papers at the National Archive.

MURRAY James

Private 5513 Canadian Expeditionary Force
Born Kirkham Enlisted Valcartier, Canada
Son of Thomas & Mary Murray, 11 Ward St., Kirkham.
Enlisted 23rd September 1914 aged 44, occupation given as groom. Had previously served with the Royal Artillery for 12 years.
Service papers at the Canadian National Archive.

MURRAY John †

Corporal 13946 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 20
Killed in action on the Western Front 23rd July 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Clerk, son of Andrew & Elizabeth Murray, 'Annadale', Station Rd., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from August 1915.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

MURRAY Patrick

Acting Corporal 7053 2nd, 9th & 6th Battalions, East Lancashire Regt.
Sapper WR/291766 Railway Operating Division, Royal Engineers
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 9th September 1914 aged 31
Cotton Weaver, husband of Mary Murray, 11 Ward St., Kirkham son of Thomas & Mary Murray.
Served with the 2nd Battalion East Lancashire Regt. on the Western Front from April – May 1915. Went to the Middle East in January 1916 being posted to the 9th Battalion at Mesopotamia in May 1916 as Stokes Gunner. Attached to the ROD Royal Engineers as Railway Guard his transfer being cancelled. Previously served with the East Lancashire Regt. (1901 – 1913).
Service papers at the National Archives.

MURRAY Richard

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Kirkham
Brewer's Traveller, 'Annandale' Station Rd., Kirkham.

MYLES Herbert Wainwright

Able-Seaman J/68805 H.M.S. Hercules, Royal Navy
Born Wrea Green Enlisted 20th March 1917 aged 18
School Teacher, son of Thomas Hornby & Isabella Myles, School House, Wrea Green.
Discharged in September 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

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NEWSHAM James Henry †

Private 297190 Motor Transport Section, Army Service Corps
Private 42697 1st Battalion, Prince of Wales' Own (West Yorkshire Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston
Died of wounds on the Western Front 12th May 1918.
Buried at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Farm Labourer, aged 28, husband of Dinah Jane Newsham, Freckleton, son of Thomas & Sarah Newsham, 27 New Row, Kirkham.
Recorded on Kirkham and Freckleton War Memorials.

Preston Guardian 1st June 1918.

"Private J.H. Newsham, West Yorkshire Regt., a Freckleton soldier, has died of wounds in the 2nd Australian Hospital. Deceased leaves a widow and two young children. In a letter to Mrs. Newsham the matron of the hospital states that Pte. Newsham was a brave soldier and bore his pain quite patiently, and he was with those who tended him carefully. Prior to joining the Army Pte. Newsham worked for Mr. Isaac Ball, Wharles."

NOTTINGHAM Henry

Trooper GS/19590
Trooper 15972
Private 514368
Born Westby
Poultry Salesman, son of James & Alice Nottingham.
Served on the Western Front from September 1916. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

1st Reserve of Cavalry
5th Dragoon Guards
1036 Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps
Enlisted Preston 15th February 1915 aged 30

NOTTINGHAM Thomas

Gunner
Born Westby
Farm Labourer, son of James & Alice Nottingham.

Royal Field Artillery

NOWELL Samuel

Member
Born Kirkham
Bricklayer, 'Stanley House', 104 Marsden St., Kirkham.

Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps

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O'DONNELL Edward †

Private 24692
Born Liverpool
Killed in action in Mesopotamia 9th March 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq.
Resident of Treales.
Commemorated at Christ Church, Treales.

6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Enlisted Preston

O'HARA James

Sergeant 4667 / 356233
Born Kirkham
Husband of Pricilla O'Hara, 28 Union St., Preston, son of Charles & Bridget O'Hara.
Served on the Western Front from November 1915 to August 1916 and September 1917 to April 1919. Discharged in May 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

1/10th & 2/10th Battalions, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Enlisted Lancaster 29th May 1915 aged 34

O'HARA John Joseph

Private 24760
Born Kirkham
Labourer, son of Charles & Bridget O'Hara, 70 Ashton Rd., Failsworth.
Discharged as medically unfit in June 1915.
Service papers at the National Archive.

15th Battalion, Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Regiment (Sherwood Foresters)
Enlisted Manchester 25th March 1915 aged 23

O'HARA Patrick

Stoker 2766/S
Born Kirkham
Trawler Engineer, husband of Elizabeth O'Hara, 17 Clifton St., Fleetwood. Son of Charles & Bridget O'Hara.
Served onshore with the Royal Naval Division at Antwerp in September 1914 and at Gallipoli in 1915.
Service papers at the National Archive.

H.M.S. Carnarvon, Royal Naval Reserve

O'HARA Robert †

Rifleman B/1754
Born Kirkham
Killed in action on the Western Front 6th September 1915.
Buried at Potijze Burial Ground, Ieper, Belgium.
Labourer, son of Charles & Bridget O'Hara, 70 Ashton Rd., Failsworth.
Served on the Western Front from May 1915.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

7th Battalion, Rifle Brigade
Enlisted Manchester 28th August 1914 aged 22

O'HARA Thomas Military Medal

Private 14396
Private 412684
Born Kirkham
Husband of Julia O'Hara, son of Charles & Bridget O'Hara, 70 Ashton Rd., Failsworth.
Went out to the Western Front in September 1915 being awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 2nd November 1917). Discharged in March 1919.

Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
The Labour Corps

PARKER John

Private 40657 East Lancashire Regt.
Private 57690 12th Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 11th December 1915 aged 24
Cotton Spinner, husband of Victoria Parker, 5 Fylde St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in May 1918. Went out to the Western Front in September 1918 being wounded a few days later (leg amputated). Discharged in June 1919. Later address 25 Orders Lane, Kirkham, employed as a watchman.
Service papers at the National Archive.

PARKER John †

Private T/36010 Army Service Corps
Private 57178 1st Battalion, Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regt.)
Born Goosnargh Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 24th September 1918.
Buried at Chapelle British Cemetery, Holnon, Aisne, France.
Son of James & Elizabeth Ann Parker, Manor Farm, Inglewhite, Goosnargh.
Served in Egypt from March 1915 and later on the Western Front.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

PARKER William Henry †

Private 24994 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 69153 The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 45353 The Labour Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston
Died on the Western Front 6th August 1917.
Buried at St. Pol Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Husband of A.M. Parker, 849 Station Rd., Coventry. Son of John & Ellen Parker.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

PARKINSON Ephraim Taylor

Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham
Cotton Weaver, son of Elizabeth Dodd, 3 Ward St., Kirkham.

PARKINSON Harry

Corporal 12988 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
2nd Lieutenant Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham
Husband of Elizabeth Parkinson, son of Harry & Grace Parkinson, 2 Richard St., Kirkham.
Reported as having been wounded on the Somme in July 1916.
Reported wounded Preston Guardian 29th July 1916.

PARKINSON Herbert Victor

Gunner 142388 Royal Garrison Artillery
Private 35660 12th & 6th Battalions, The Lancashire Fusiliers
Born Elswick Enlisted Preston 3rd May 1916 aged 26
Farm Horseman, son of John & Mary Parkinson, Thornton House Farm, Elswick
Served in Salonika, January 1917, and the Western Front from July 1918. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

PARKINSON James

Driver T3/028046 Army Service Corps
Driver 66308 The Labour Corps
Fylde St., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from September 1915.

PARKINSON James †

Private 12814 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 19
Killed in action at Gallipoli 9th August 1915.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey.
Cotton Piecer, son of Margaret Parkinson, 76 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Sailed with the battalion for the Balkans in June 1915. Posted as missing after in the attack on the Chunuk Bair Ridge.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

PARKINSON James Cookson

Corporal 12987 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Sergeant 519685 The Labour Corps.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914
Husband of Edith Parkinson, 4 Stanley St., Kirkham, son of William & Elizabeth Ann Parkinson.
Went out to France with the 7th Battalion in July 1915.
Reported wounded Preston Guardian 29th July 1916.

PARKINSON Richard

Private 6134 / 267197 2/9th Battalion, The Middlesex Regt.
Private G/21356 3/4th & 7th Battalions, The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regt.)
Born Salwick Enlisted Preston 3rd March 1916 aged 31
Farm Labourer, son of Thomas & Ellen Parkinson, Moss Farm, Salwick.
Served on the Western Front from September to November 1917 returning home with an injured knee. Returned to the front in August 1918, being wounded by shrapnel a few days later. Discharged in December 1919.
*Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Service papers at the National Archive.*

PARKINSON Richard William †

Private 44519 4th Battalion, Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regt.)
Private 29226 8th Battalion, East Surrey Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston
Died of wounds on the Western Front 18th May 1918.
Buried at Pernois British Cemetery, Halloy-les-Pernois, Somme, France.
Aged 18, son of Thomas Preston & Mary Ellen Parkinson, Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Prior to joining the Army in August 1917 employed at T. Moss & Sons' Mill. A member of the Kirkham Subscription Band.
*Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.*

Preston Guardian 25th May 1918. (Photograph)

"Mr. and Mrs. T. Parkinson, Freckleton st., Kirkham, have been officially notified that their son Pte. R.W. Parkinson, died on the 18th inst. from wounds received in France. He joined the Army in August last year, and would have been 19 years old on the day following his death. Prior to joining up Private Parkinson was employed at Messrs. T. Moss and Sons' Mill, Kirkham. He was a member of the Kirkham Subscription Band, of which his father was secretary."

PARKINSON Robert †

Driver 3418 / 681275 'A' Battery, 276th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Great Eccleston Enlisted Garstang
Killed in action on the Western Front 10th October 1918.
Buried at Lapugnoy Military Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Farmer, aged 22, son of William & Jane Parkinson, Park Cottage, Great Eccleston.
Family grave United Reformed Church, Elswick.

Preston Guardian October 1918.

"DIED OF WOUNDS - Mr. and Mrs. W. Parkinson, The Park, Great Eccleston, have received intimation that their elder son Robert Parkinson, R.F.A., aged 22, has died in France from wounds received in action on October 4th. Although he lived until October 10th he never recovered consciousness. Their other son Lance-Corpl. T.S. Parkinson, Machine Gun Section, is lying badly wounded in hospital at Cardiff. Before joining up both were employed on their father's farm."

PARKINSON Robert

Private 52166 The Cheshire Regt.
Private 28511 King's (Shropshire Light Infantry)
Private 052733 Army Ordnance Corps
Born Kirkham
Son of Robert & Mary Ellen Parkinson, 1 Fylde St., Kirkham.
Recorded as having served on the Western Front.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

PARKINSON Thomas

Private 226204 5th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regt.)
Private 651856 The Labour Corps
Recorded as having served on the Western Front.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

PARKINSON Thomas

Sapper 103879 141 (Fortress) Coy., Royal Engineers
Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 5th June 1915 aged 28
Carpenter, son of John & Nancy Parkinson, Laburnum Cottage, Freckleton.
Served on the Western Front from August 1915. Discharged medically unfit in February 1918.
Service papers at the National Archive.

PARKINSON Thomas Senior

Corporal 115030 Machine Gun Corps
Born Great Eccleston Enlisted 24th June 1916
Farmer, son of William & Jane Parkinson, Park Cottage, Great Eccleston.
Discharged due to wounds in February 1919.

PARKINSON William †

Private 10940 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards
Born Moortown, Lincolnshire Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 16th May 1915.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Husband of Elizabeth Parkinson, Alston Row, Lower Bartle. Son of William & Mary Parkinson, 21 Portland St., Colne.
Went out to the front in April 1915.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

PEARSON Arthur

Private 12989 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 46885 2nd (Home Service) Battalion, The Suffolk Regt.
Lance-Corporal P/5772 Military Foot Police
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 23
Gardener, son of Joseph & Jane Pearson, nephew of John & Alice Dobson, 29 Church St., Kirkham.
Went out to the France with the battalion in July 1915. Returned to England in July 1916 suffering from shell shock. Transferred to the Suffolk Regt. then the Military Police before returning to France in March 1917. Discharged in July 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.
Reported wounded Preston Guardian 15th July 1916.

PEARSON Edgar

Private 3446 / 306225 The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Nelson
Cotton Weaver, son of William & Margaret Pearson, 18 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Served on the Western Front from May 1915.

PEARSON John Henry

Private 12800 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham
Cotton Weaver, son of John & Ellen Pearson, 98 Poulton St., Kirkham.
Went out to the Western Front with the battalion in July 1915.

PEARSON Robert

Royal Field Artillery
Born Kirkham
Cotton Taper, husband of Mary Isabella Pearson, 36 Station Rd., Kirkham.

PICKUP John Thomas

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Kirkham
Bricklayer, husband of Ellen Pickup, 4 Clegg St., Kirkham

PLANT James

Gunner 57158 Royal Field Artillery
Private 571635 The Labour Corps
Orders Lane, Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from September 1915.

POMFRET Albert

Private 265592 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 245181 The Manchester Regt.
Private 235215 North Staffordshire Regt.
Born Tockholes
Cotton Weaver, son of Thomas & Jane Pomfret, Victoria Rd., Kirkham.

POOLE John Frederick

Private 17584 9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 649493 The Labour Corps
Born Fleetwood
Son of Robert Porter & Jane Joannah Poole, 1 Catherine St., Wesham.
Served on the Western Front from September 1915.

POOLE Walter Robert

Private M2/168222 904 Motor Transport Company, Army Service Corps
Motor Boat Company, Army Service Corps
Born Fleetwood Enlisted Preston 10th December 1915 aged 24
Motor Driver, husband of Florence Poole, Weeton Rd., Wesham, son of Robert Porter & Jane Joannah Poole, 1 Catherine St., Wesham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in April 1916. Served in Egypt from March 1917 to October 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

PORTER James Butler

Private 13926 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Lieutenant Royal Marines
Born Kirkham
Son of William & Ada Elizabeth Porter, 93 Poulton St., Kirkham.
Left for the front in July 1915. Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in February 1918. Served on Western Front with 63rd (Naval) Division from September 1918 to May 1919. Promoted to Lieutenant in 1925 and placed in Royal Marine Reserve. Moved to South Africa in 1928, serving with the Durban Light Infantry. During World War II served with the South African Army.
Service papers at the National Archives (Royal Marine).

PORTER John †

Private 205083 2/5th Battalion, The Lancashire Fusiliers
Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston
Died of wounds on the Western Front 10th November 1918.
Buried at Irchonwetz Communal Cemetery, Ath, Belgium.
Resident of Longton.
Recorded on Freckleton War Memorial.

PLOUGHER Thomas Riding

Private 1008 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Warton Enlisted Freckleton 17th March 1911 aged 20
Cotton Weaver, husband of Jane Pougher, adopted son of James Marsden & Jenny Rigby, 76 Preston Rd., Freckleton.
Left for France with the battalion in August 1915. Discharged in March 1916 as time expired, elected not to re-enlist.
Service papers at the National Archive.

POWELL Daniel

Private 13909 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 39061 2nd (Garrison) Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
Private King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry)
Private 243882 416 & 417 Agricultural Companies, The Labour Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 34
Labourer, 25 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of John & Letitia Powell.
Served within the United Kingdom until discharged in March 1919. Married Alice Meadows at Wigan in 1918 giving discharge address as 789 Atherton Rd., Hindley Green, Wigan.
Service papers at the National Archive.

PRESTON Robert

Driver 178458 Machine Gun Corps
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 4th December 1915 aged 26
Railway Labourer, son of Joseph & Margaret Preston, 82 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in November 1918. Discharged in October 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

PREW John Edgar

Private 28598 3rd Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Private 41208 14th Battalion, The Devonshire Regt.
Private 92868 175 Labour Company, The Labour Corps
Born Oswaldtwistle Enlisted Kirkham 7th December 1915 aged 18
Cotton Loomer, son of David & Alice Prew, 15 Wellington St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in August 1916. Served on the Western Front from October 1916 to September 1919. Discharged in November 1919.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

*Service papers at the National Archive.
Report on receiving Commission Preston Guardian 13th November 1915.*

RAWSTHORNE Christopher

Private 29934 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham
Husband of Jane Carnan Rawsthorne, son of Joseph & Ellen Rawsthorne, 19 Old Row, Kirkham.
Recorded as having served on the Western Front.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

RAWSTHORNE John Henry

Pioneer 66596 Royal Engineers
Born Kirkham
Son of Joseph & Ellen Rawsthorne, 19 Old Row, Kirkham.
Recorded as having served in Greece.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

RAWSTHORNE William

Private 257453 362 Company, The Labour Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston
Cotton Weaver, 20 Preston St., Kirkham, son of Joseph & Ellen Rawsthorne, 19 Old Row, Kirkham.
Enlisted, aged 38, in March 1916, being mobilized in June 1917. Discharged 21/9/1917 as medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

RAWSTRONE Peter

Pioneer 127713 Signal Section, Royal Engineers
Born Freckleton Enlisted Lytham 9th December 1915 aged 27
Painter, husband of Margaret Rawstrone, 34 Lytham Rd., Freckleton, son of Thomas & Mary Ann Rawstrone.
Served at the Signal Depot, Fenny Stratford. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

RAWSTRONE Robert

Private 1004 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Freckleton Enlisted Freckleton 17th March 1911 aged 20
Navy, husband of Alice Rawstrone, 48 Preston Rd., Freckleton, son of William Rawstrone, 19 Bunker St., Kirkham. Later address 97 Preston St., Kirkham
Volunteered to serve overseas in August 1914, going out to the front in May 1915. Discharged in March 1916 as time served.
Service papers at the National Archive.

RAWSTRONE Robert

Private 47931 The Welsh Regt.
Private 485638 Labour Corps
Private 3168 Army Pay Corps
Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 7th November 1914 aged 27
Clerk. Husband of Alice Fisher, Lytham Rd., Freckleton, son of John & Jane Rawstrone.
Served on the Western Front and at Salonika. Discharged in April 1920.

RAYTON Ambrose

Sapper 28813 Royal Engineers
Born Clifton
Blacksmith, son of Henry & Agnes Rayton, Clifton.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

REDMAN Edward

Gunner L/18022 56th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 15th May 1915 aged 28
Cab Driver, son of Richard & Mary Redman, 26 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Served overseas from January 1916 in Egypt, Mesopotamia and India. Discharged in March 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

REDMAN James

Private 13932 8th & 1/5th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 21
Corn Miller, son of Elizabeth Redman, 26 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.
Went out to the front in September 1915. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

REDMAN John †

Private 23780 2nd Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Burnley
Killed in action on the Western Front 2nd April 1918.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France.
Cotton Weaver, husband of Dora Redman, 36 Heath St., Burnley, son of Richard & Elizabeth Redman.

REDMAN Ronald James

Stoker 3024 Royal Australian Navy
Born Kirkham Enlisted Sydney 7th May 1913 aged 22
Husband of Estella Redman, 'Airdrice', Harvey St., Penrith, Sydney, son of Ellen Redman, formerly of Ward St., Kirkham.
Served in several ships until discharged (Time Expired) in August 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive of Australia.

REID Robert

Private King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Levens, Westmorland
2 Hornby Square, Kirkham. Son of Robert & Jane Reid.

REYNOLDS John †

Private 13941 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Belfast Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 19
Killed in action at Gallipoli 9th August 1915.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey.
Cotton Spinner, son of James & Mary Ann Reynolds, 42 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Sailed for the Balkans with the battalion in June 1915. Killed during the attack on the Chunuk Bair Ridge, Gallipoli.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

RHODES Joseph David †

Lance-Corporal 201822 2/5th Battalion, The Hampshire Regt.
Born Whitchurch, Hants.
Killed in action in Palestine 10th April 1918.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial, Isreal.
Shop Assistant, 13 Station Rd., Whitchurch, Hants., son of Thomas Gee & Priscilla Rhodes. Father former schoolmaster at Wrea Green.
Commemorated at All Hallows Parish Church, Whitchurch, Hampshire.
Family grave at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Wrea Green.

RICHARDSON Charles Edgar

Private DM2/154266 Mechanical Transport Section, Army Service Corps
Born Guildford Enlisted Preston 11th December 1915 aged 26
Chauffer, husband of May Richardson, Clifton.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in February 1916. Served within the United Kingdom until discharged as medically unfit in September 1916.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Service papers at the National Archive.

RICHARDSON John †

Private 12567 7th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Preston Enlisted Blackpool
Killed in action on the Western Front 7th July 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Cotton Weaver, aged 23, son of Thomas & Margaret Richardson, 10 Stanley St., Kirkham.
Went out to the Western Front with the battalion in July 1915.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 22nd July 1916. (Photograph)

"The parents of Private John Richardson, who lived at Stanley street, Kirkham, received notification from the War Office on Tuesday that their son had been killed in action in France on the 7th inst. Private Richardson had been out at the front 22 months. Prior to enlisting he was employed at one of the local cotton mills. He was 23 years old and unmarried."

RICHARDSON John L.

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

RICHARDSON Robert

Private 12353 6th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 588065 The Labour Corps
Born Kirkham

Cotton Spinner, husband of Margaret Richardson, 34 Freckleton St., Kirkham, son of Thomas & Margaret Richardson.
Sailed for the Balkans with the Battalion in June 1915. Discharged in May 1919.

RICHARDSON Robert Joseph

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Gunner 164794 3rd (Reserve) Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Salford Enlisted Preston January 1916 aged 38

Insurance Agent, husband of Ada Cawthorpe Richardson, Ribby Rd., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in the August 1916. Discharged a month later as medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

RICHARDSON Thomas †

Private 23614 10th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Great Eccleston Enlisted Preston

Killed in action on the Western Front 13th October 1918.

Buried at Maubeuge-Centre Cemetery, Nord, France.

Aged 22, son of Frank & Elizabeth Richardson, 'The Raikes', Great Eccleston.

Commemorated at St. Anne's Parish Church, Copp, Great Eccleston.

Preston Guardian 7th June 1918

"DIED IN CAPTIVITY - A intimation from the War Office has been received by Mr. F. Richardson that his son Private T. Richardson, L.N.L. Regiment, died whilst a prisoner of war in Germany. Deceased, who was posted as missing during the March offensive, could not be traced, and until this week hopes had been entertained that he would ultimately return home. Much sympathy is extended to the parents, as this is their second loss during the war."

RICHARDSON Thomas Edward

Private 27809 11th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Tunstall, Staffs. Enlisted Blackpool 11th February 1916 aged 22

Farm Horseman, son of Ann Richardson, Manor Farm, Singleton.

Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in August 1916. Served on the Western Front from November 1916 to January 1917 returning to England suffering from sever trench foot & gangrene. Injuries resulted in the loss of the toes from one foot being discharged as medically unfit in November 1917.

Service papers at the National Archive.

RIDGEWAY John

Trooper 11807 18th (Queen Mary's Own) Hussars

Preston St., Kirkham.

Left for France in June 1915.

RIGBY Alfred

Private TR3/21909 68th Training Reserve Battalion
Private 437081 407 Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps
Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 2rd March 1916 aged 35

Fruit & Vegatable Salesman & Carriage Proprietor, husband of Ann Whittle Rigby, Fern House, Kirkham Rd., Freckleton, son of James Marsden & Jenny Rigby.

Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in August 1917, being transferred to the Labour Corps in October 1917. Served within the United Kingdom until discharged in March 1919.

Service papers at the National Archive.

RIGBY John Henry

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps

Born Kirkham

Post Office Clerk, husband of Edith Rigby, 53 Preston St., Kirkham.

RIGBY Oswald

Gunner 165615 25th Anti-Aircraft Company, Royal Garrison Artillery
Born Much Hoole Enlisted Preston 8th February 1916 aged 21

Printer's Compositor, son of Thomas & Alice, Lomas Cottage, Ribby Rd., Wrea Green.

Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in June 1917. Served within United Kingdom until discharged in February 1919.

Mother died in 1901 and father married Mary Ann Birtwistle in 1902.

Service papers at the National Archive.

RILEY John William †

Private 21034 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston
Died of wounds in Mesopotamia 17th January 1917.
Buried at Amara War Cemetery, Iraq.
Farm Labourer, aged 29, Marsden St., Kirkham, son of Henry & Mary Elizabeth Riley.
Left for the front in November 1915 serving at Gallipoli & Mesopotamia. Mother died in 1892 and father married Margaret Bretherton Holmes.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

RILEY Joseph

Private 3449 / 241214 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham
Cotton Spinner, son of Henry & Mary Elizabeth Riley, 1 Chapel Lane, Kirkham.

RILEY Thomas Richard

Born Kirkham
Painter, son of Thomas & Elizabeth Riley, 40 Preston St., Kirkham.
At present no further information found
Listed in Soldiers & Sailors Gazette 1914 / 1915.

RILEY William Henry

Private 3450 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham
Cotton Weaver, son of Henry & Margaret Bretherton Riley, 1 Chael Lane, Kirkham.

ROBERTS Charles †

Private 23619 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 25th July 1916.
Buried at Becourt Military Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt, Somme, France.
Aged 24, son of Joseph & Ellen Roberts, 108 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.

Preston Herald 2nd September 1916.

"On July 25th Private Charles Roberts, L.N.L., only son of Mrs. Roberts, widow, of 108 Marsden-street, Kirkham, was killed in action. Prior to the war he was in the employ of the L. and Y. Railway Co. at Kirkham Station."

ROBERTS Francis

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

ROBERTS James

Born Read
Cycle Maker, husband of Mary Ellen Roberts, Highgate Hotel, Newton with Scales.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

ROBERTS Robert Knowles

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Kirkham
Tinplate Worker, husband of Ellen Roberts, 90 Poulton St., Kirkham.

ROBERTS William

At present no further information found
Listed in Soldiers & Sailors Gazette 1915.

ROBERTSON William Bennett

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Hooley Hill
Fruiterer, husband of Mary Elizabeth Robertson, 113 Poulton St., Kirkham.

ROGERSON Charles †

Boy Telegraphist J/66576 H.M.S. Pembroke I, Royal Navy
Born Kirkham Enlisted 19th January 1917 aged 16
Died within the United Kingdom 5th January 1918.
Buried at Lyness Royal Navy Cemetery, Orkney.
Aged 17, son of John & Mary Elizabeth Rogerson. (*Mr. Rogerson was at one time the local veterinary surgeon*) Died of Acute Tuberculosis.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Family grave St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.

ROGERSON George †

Private 2414 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Horwich 18th August 1914 aged 19
Killed in action on the Western Front 15th June 1915.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.
80 Crown Lane, Horwich, son of John & Mary Elizabeth Rogerson (see above).
Went out to the front in May 1915. Prior to enlisting he was employed at the Horwich Locomotive Workshop.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 3rd June 1916. (Photograph)

"Miss M. Rogerson of Harris street, Fleetwood, has been officially notified that her brother Private George Rogerson, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, has been killed in France. The deceased, who was the eldest son of the late Mr. John Rogerson, veterinary surgeon, Moor Bank, Kirkham, enlisted immediately on the outbreak of the war. In May, 1915, along with his regiment he went to France, and took part in the memorable bayonet charge at Festubert the following month. He was employed at the Loco Works at Horwich, and at the time of his enlistment was 18 years of age. His younger brother, who is also in the Loyal North Lancashires, has left for the front."

ROGERSON John Lawrenson †

Private 11844 6th & 2nd Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Horwich
Killed in action on the Western Front 1st August 1918.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Soissons Memorial, Aisne, France.
Aged 21, son of John & Mary Elizabeth Rogerson (see above).
Served at Gallipoli before being posted to the 2nd Battalion on the Western Front.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

ROGERSON William Henry

Corporal 2796 / 110268 'C' Squadron, Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry
Born Runcorn, Cheshire
Railway Clerk, son of William Henry Rogerson, 22 Poulton St., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from August 1915.

RONSON Ewart Gladstone †

Private 44304 East Lancashire Regt.
Private 31217 1/5th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Singleton Enlisted Preston
Died on the Western Front 7th November 1918.
Buried at Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souveir Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Aged 19, son of John & Betsy Jane Ronson, Church Rd., Singleton.
Family grave St. Annes Parish Church, Singleton.
Commemorated at St. Annes Parish Church, Singleton.
Commemorated on Singleton Primary School War Memorial.

RONSON Thomas

Driver T4/040913 Horse Transport Section, Army Service Corps (att. 64th Field Ambulance)
Born Singleton Enlisted Barrow in Furness 8th January 1915 aged 25
Labourer, husband of Martha Ronson, 35 Sutherland St., Barrow in Furness, son of John & Betsy Jane Ronson, Singleton.
Served on the Western Front from September 1915 until March 1919. Discharged in April 1919. Later address 43 Grosvenor Rd., Ormsgill, Barrow in Furness.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ROPER Paul

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Kirkham
Tailor, 41 Freckleton St., Kirkham

ROSSALL Henry

Private 13305 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Great Eccleston Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 27
Labourer, husband of Annie Rossall, 64 Preston St., Kirkham, son of James & Marjory Ellen Rossall.
Discharged as medically unfit (defective eyesight) in December 1914.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ROSSALL James Distinguished Conduct Medal

Sergeant 3447 / 266095 2/7th Battalion, King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Wesham
Farm Labourer, husband of Sarah Rossall, Ribby Hall Farm, Wrea Green. Son of Timothy & Mary Rossall.
Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 5th December 1918).

Distinguished Conduct Medal Citation.

"For conspicuous gallantry during the advance, when he led his platoon with great skill and courage, capturing two machine guns with their crews. He personally killed three of the enemy, and rendered valuable assistance to his company commander by the clearness of his messages."

Preston Guardian 19th October 1918.

"Sergt. J. Rossall, King's (Liverpool) Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Rossall, Wrea Green, has gained the D.C.M. for conspicuous gallantry on Sept. 1st, 1918. The official report received by his wife states;- "Sergt. Rossall during the advance, led his platoon with great skill and courage, capturing two machine guns with their crews. He personally killed three of the enemy, and rendered valuable assistance to his company commander by the clearness of his messages." Sergt. Rossall, who resides at Ribby Hall Farm, Kirkham, enlisted in November, 1914, and has been in France almost two years. He has been slightly wounded, and is now in a convalescent hospital in Rouen."

ROSSALL Richard †

Private 19427 7th Battalion, Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regt.)
Born Lytham Enlisted Lytham
Killed in action on the Western Front 1st October 1915.
Buried at Le Touret Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.
Aged 22, son of Edward Rossall.
Recorded on Wrea Green War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Ribby-cum-Wrea.

ROSSALL Thomas

Driver 108511 70th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Wesham Enlisted Garstang 18th September 1915 aged 22
Farm Horseman, husband of Ada Selina Louisa Rossall, Fylde St., Kirkham, son of Timothy & Mary Rossall.
Served on the Western Front from January 1916. Discharged in May 1919. Later moved to 19 Wellington St., Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ROSSALL Thomas

Private F/25202 X Company, Forage Department, Army Service Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Ashton on Ribble 21st February 1916 aged 39
Labourer, husband of Ellen Rossall, 37 Preston St., Kirkham. Son of William & Elizabeth Rossall.
Home Service only, discharged in December 1917.
Service papers at the National Archive.

ROSSALL Timothy Whiteside †

Member Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Private 3957 / 201444 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted 26th May 1915
Died at home 23rd August 1921.
Buried at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Wrea Green.
Cotton Weaver, aged 26, son of Timothy & Mary Rossall, Fair View Villa, Wrea Green.
Served on the Western Front from October 1915. Discharged in March 1918 as medically unfit.

ROSSALL William †

Private 3420 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Lance-Corporal 68291 76th Company, Machine Gun Corps
Born Wesham Enlisted Blackpool 7th January 1915 aged 19
Killed in action on the Western Front 15th June 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Barman, husband of Ethel May Rossall, 19 Livingstone View, Weeton Rd., Wesham. Son of Timothy & Mary Rossall, Fair View Villa, Wrea Green.
Left for the front in May 1915 until wounded in August 1916. On recovering transferred to the Machine Gun Corps before

returning to the front in April 1917. Widow later moved to Lancaster serving on the staff at the Scorton & County Asylum.
Recorded on Wesham and Wrea Green War Memorials.
Commemorated at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Ribby-cum-Wrea.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 7th July 1917. (Photograph)

"News has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Rossall, late of Wesham, and now residing at Wrea Green, of the death of Lance-Corporal William Rossall, of the Machine Gun Corps and formerly of the King's Own R.L.R. An officer writes: "I regret to have to announce to you the death of your son, Lance-Corporal Rossall, who was killed in action in the battle on June 18th. I regret that owing to the critical nature of the situation we were forced to bury him, along with his comrades, practically where he fell. I trust that you find consolation from the fact that he died at his post, a noble death, and all the officers and men in the company desire to convey their deepest sympathy in the loss of one who never failed at any time to do his duty." A comrade wrote: "He was one of the best N.C.O.'s I have ever worked with, always cheerful, and I shall miss him very much." Deceased joined the forces in January, 1915, in the King's Own. He was drafted to France in May the same year. He was wounded in August, 1916, after which he was transferred into the Machine Gun Corps, going to France again last Easter. Three other brothers are now serving in France. All have been connected with the Wesham C.E. Schools for many years."

ROWE John † Military Medal

Sergeant 10136 1st & 9th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Roseacre Enlisted Preston
Died while a Prisoner of War 18th October 1918.
Buried at Berlin South-Western Cemetery, Germany.
Aged 29, son of Alice Rowe, 47 Alexandra Rd. East, St. Annes.
Left for the front in August 1914 being wounded while serving with the 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt., Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 7th October 1918).
Commemorated at St. Anne's Parish Church, Copp, Great Eccleston.

St. Annes Express 11th December 1914.

"News has been received at Great Eccleston by his relatives that Lance Corporal John Rowe, of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, has been invalidated home suffering from a bullet wound in his throat received at the battle of the Yser. He is now in hospital in Cardiff."

ROYLES Richard

Drill Instructor Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Kirkham
Painter, husband of Mary Royles, 19 Poulton St., Kirkham.

ROYLES Richard Cornall

Sergeant 95460 104 Field Company & 13 (Base Park) Company, Royal Engineers
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 19th April 1915 aged 28
Carpenter, son of James & Jane Royles, 44 Preston St., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front (1915) and in Egypt from January 1916 to June 1919. Discharged in August 1919.
Married Agnes Turner later in 1919 and moved to Park Rd., Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

RUSHTON Robert

Private 24218 9th & 1/5th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Catforth Enlisted Preston 2nd January 1916 aged 23
Farm Cowman, son of Richard & Ann Rushton, Salwick.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in May 1916. Served on the Western Front from August 1916 to December 1918.
Discharged in January 1919. Later moved to Doncaster, Yorkshire.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Service papers at the National Archive.

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SALISBURY George Harrison

Private 3213 / 241093 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham
13 Clegg St., Kirkham, son of Thomas Harrison & Mary Ellen Salisbury.

SALTHOUSE George Alfred †

Private 34475 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 50636 20th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Out Rawcliffe Enlisted Garstang
Killed in action on the Western Front 3rd August 1917.
Buried at Hooze Crater Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium.
Aged 33, husband of Jane Ellen Salthouse, 11 Garstang Rd., Wesham, son of Elizabeth Salthouse, Out Rawcliffe.

Preston Guardian 18th August 1917.

"Official intimation has been received that George Salthouse, King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, has been killed in action. Born in Out Rawcliffe 30 years ago the deceased was a pupil teacher, and afterwards assistant teacher at St. John's Schools Out Rawcliffe. He was also assistant overseer and rate collector for the township, and was much esteemed by a large circle of friends. Much sympathy is felt for his wife and young children. He only joined the colours in April last and was drafted to France about a month ago."

Preston Guardian 29th September 1917. (Photograph)

"Pte. George Salthouse, King's (Liverpool) Regt., who has been reported missing from August. The last news from him was under date July 30th. Any information would be thankfully received by his wife at Mowbreck Hall Farm, Wesham, near Kirkham."

Preston Guardian 6th October 1917. (Photograph)

"Pte. George Salthouse, King's (Liverpool) Regt., who has been missing since July 30th, belongs to Out Rawcliffe, where he was assistant master at the school and assistant overseer for the parish. He is 33 years of age and has a wife and four children, who reside at Town End, Out Rawcliffe."

SALTHOUSE Jacob

Private 41161 73rd Training Reserve Battalion
Private 33624 6th & 9th Battalions, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Warton Enlisted Preston 24th June 1916 aged 31
Plater's Labourer, husband of Isabella Salthouse, 6 Grosvenor St., Preston, son of Elizabeth Salthouse.
Mobilized in December 1916 serving in India, Mesopotamia and Salonika. Prior to enlisting was employed by the Lytham Shipbuilding & Engineering Co. who tried unsuccessfully to have him returned.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SALTHOUSE John Henry

Private 252819 Canadian Expeditionary Forces
Born Wesham Enlisted Shaunavon, Saskatchewan, Canada, 15th April 1916 aged 19
Farmer, Polson, Saskatchewan, son James & Elizabeth Salthouse, 10 Railway Terrace, Wesham.
Returned to Canada in December 1921.
Service papers at the Canadian National Archive.

SALTHOUSE William †

Driver L/17907 56th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Died in India 29th October 1916
No known grave. Commemorated on the Kirkee 1914 – 1918 Memorial, India.
Born Preston Enlisted Preston
Cotton Weaver, husband of Emma Salthouse, 17 Lytham Rd., Freckleton, son of William & Catherine Salthouse, Freckleton.
Recorded on Freckleton War Memorial.

Preston Herald 18th November 1916.

"Driver William Salthouse, West Lancs. Division, Royal Field Artillery, is officially reported to have died of fever in the Victoria Hospital, Bombay, on Oct. 29th. Prior to enlistment deceased was employed at Messrs. John Bibby and Sons' Freckleton Mill. He was a member of the Freckleton football team."

SAMSON James Snailham

Private 112326 53rd Young Soldier Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Pioneer 369436 Metrological Section, Royal Engineers
Born Bolton Enlisted Preston 4th April 1918 aged 18
Civil Service Clerk, son of James & Margarite Samson, 1 Preston Rd., Freckleton.
Served as Metrological Observer in Germany from August to October 1919. Discharged in November 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SANDERSON Harry †

Private 60486 The Manchester Regt.
Corporal 31448 11th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston

Preston Herald 28th August 1915.

"Second Corporal T.B. Sanderson, Royal Engineers, railway construction troops, of 5, Whitworth-street, Kirkham, has come home on a weeks leave from the front, returning to France yesterday. He has had four months at the front, and is one of those examples of devotion to their officers, for he is simply full of culogium of Capt. Lisle, of the 114th company of his regiment, to which he is attached. Corporal Sanderson has four brothers serving, one with the R.A.M.C. at Malta, one with the 7th L.N.L. at the Dardanelles, one (James) missing at the Dardanelles from the ranks of the 6th L.N.L., and the fourth in training with the South Lancs."

SANDERSON William

Private
Born Lytham
Royal Army Medical Corps
Son of Thomas & Margaret Sanderson, 5 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Recorded as having served on the Western Front.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
(see above)

SANDFORD Charles

Private 17752
Born Freckleton
11th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Enlisted Kirkham 10th November 1914 aged 19
Cotton Spinner, husband of Rebecca Sandford, son of Frederick Edwin George & Margaret Grace Sandford, 12 Eagle Court, Kirkham.
Discharged as medically unfit in April 1915.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SANDHAM John Richard

Driver L/3955
Born Winwick
Royal Field Artillery
Farmer, son of George & Margaret Sandham, Willow Lodge, Newton with Scales.
Went out to Egypt in December 1915.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

SAUL Ernest

Driver / Shoeing Smith TS/9631
Born Ulverston
Army Service Corps (att. 52nd Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C.)
Enlisted Preston 19th November 1915 aged 22
Blacksmith, husband of Sarah Saul, 11 Church St., Kirkham, son of Charles Wilson & Isabella Saul, 1 Burlington St., Ulverston.
Served on the Western Front from December 1915 to January 1919. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SAUNDERS Charles

Sergeant 12998
74 Marsden St., Kirkham.
7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Went out to the Western Front with the battalion in July 1915.

SCROGHAM Richard

Corporal 24803
Born Ulverston
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Enlisted 11th December 1915
Farm Labourer, Stanley House, Weeton, son of John & Mary H. Scrogam.
Discharged due to wounds in July 1919.

SERGEANT Edward

Major
Born Preston
Royal Army Medical Corps
Officer of Health, husband of Ann Jane Sergeant, 'The Elms', Wrea Green.

SHARP Christopher Long

Member
Born Blackpool
Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Architect, husband of Nora Quarmby Sharp, 'Sunnyhurst' Bryning Lane, Wrea Green.

SHARPLES Arthur

Sapper 240868
Corporal WR/25435
Born Inskip
Road Foreman, husband of Margaret Sharples, 1 Porter St., Wesham.
Royal Engineers
337 Road Construction Company, Royal Engineers
Enlisted Kirkham 11th December 1915 aged 33
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized, serving on the Western Front from March 1917 to February 1919. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SHARPLES John

Private 12441 9th Battalion, The Border Regt.
Private 18668 The Border Regt.
Private 22446 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wrea Green Enlisted Kirkham & Preston
Labourer, 25 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Enlisted, aged 41, on three occasions, September 1914, December 1914 & October 1915, each time discharged within a few days as medically unfit due to a deformed foot.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SHARPLES John Alfred

Sapper 45108 Royal Engineers
Born Kirkham Enlisted 3rd September 1914 aged 33
Husband of Ellen Sharples, Church St., Kirkham, son of James & Mary Ann Sharples.
Served in Egypt from July 1915 until discharged in October 1917.

SHAW Ronald Cunliffe

Surgeon Sub Lieutenant Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
Born Kirkham
Son of William Wright & Alice Shaw, 2 Church St., Kirkham.

SHORE James

Private 3263 / 241120 1/4th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham
Cotton Spinner, son of Henry & Jane Shore, 81 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from May 1915.

SHORROCK Charles Henry

Driver T3/025822 Army Service Corps
Born Manchester Enlisted Kirkham 2nd November 1914 aged 37
Cotton Weaver, husband of Ellen Shorrocks, 17 Rawlinson St., Wesham.
Sailed out to Egypt in March 1915, serving at Gallipoli before returning to United Kingdom in October 1915 sick. Discharged in April 1916 being no longer physically fit.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SHORROCK James

Private 13277 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Preston Enlisted Lytham 5th September 1914
Farm Labourer, son of John Walmsley & Mary Shorrocks, Spa Cottage, Lower Bartle.
Discharged in May 1915 as medically unfit.

SHORROCK Thomas †

Private 13287 6th, 7th & 8th Battalions, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Westby Enlisted Lytham 5th September 1914 aged 20
Killed in action on the Western Front 27th September 1918.
Buried at Lowrie Cemetery, Havrincourt, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Farm Labourer, son of John Walmsley & Mary Shorrocks, Spa Cottage, Lower Bartle.
Served at Gallipoli (wounded) and on the Western Front (wounded 3 times).
Recorded on Wrea Green War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Ribby-cum-Wrea.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SHORROCK William †

Driver T3/023411 Army Service Corps
Private 40834 1/4th Battalion, The Cheshire Regt.
Private 31837 1/4th Battalion, The Norfolk Regt.
Born Ashton on Ribble Enlisted Kirkham 3rd November 1914 aged 18
Died in Egypt 11th December 1918.
Buried at Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.
Farm Labourer, son of John Walmsley & Mary Shorrocks, Spa Cottage, Lower Bartle.
Served in Egypt April 1915, Salonika December 1915, returning to Egypt in May 1917. Transferred to Cheshires in February 1918 then Norfolks in July. Died of Broncho Pneumonia at Alexandria.
Recorded on Wrea Green War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Commemorated at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Ribby-cum-Wrea.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SHUTTLEWORTH Henry

Born Kirkham
Son of Thomas & Ellen Shuttleworth, 9 Church St., Kirkham
No further details known.

SHUTTLEWORTH Hugh

Private 17581 9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 65276 23rd, 11th & 1/6th Battalions, The Cheshire Regt.
Born Croston Enlisted Kirkham 9th November 1914 aged 19

Weaver, son of Thomas & Ellen Shuttleworth, 9 Church St., Kirkham.

Went out to the front in September 1915. Accidentally gassed during instruction in October 1915, being wounded in July 1917 and invalided to England. Returned to France in May 1918 being posted to the Cheshire Regt, wounded for second time a few days later. Discharged in March 1919, address given as 9 Church St., Kirkham.

Reported wounded Preston Guardian 15th July 1916.

Service papers at the National Archive.

SHUTTLEWORTH John Thomas

Born Croston
Husband of Ellen Jane Shuttleworth, 24 Garstang Rd., Wesham, son of Thomas & Ellen Shuttleworth, 9 Church St., Kirkham.
No further details known.

SHUTTLEWORTH William

Private G/24905 The Buffs (East Kent Regt.)
Private G/18800 Royal Sussex Regt.

Born Kirkham

Cotton Weaver, son of Thomas & Ellen Shuttleworth, 9 Church St., Kirkham.

Served on the Western Front being taken prisoner in March 1918.

Preston Guardian 22nd June 1918. (Photograph)

"Mr. and Mrs. T. Shuttleworth, Church-street, Kirkham, have been officially informed that their son, William, aged 20, a private in the Sussex Regiment, was taken prisoner by the Germans on March 21st. On a postcard just received from him at Stendal, he writes that he is "in the pink" and tells his parents not to trouble themselves about him. He has been in the army almost two years, and was one of four sons serving in France, and the fifth and last son has just been called up. Two sons-in-law are also serving."

SIMPSON John

At present no further information found
Listed in Soldiers & Sailors Gazette 1914 / 1915.

SINGLETON Edward

Private 3949 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private TR3/66130 74th Training Reserve Battalion
Born Warton Enlisted Freckleton & Preston

Cattle Dealer, son of Joseph & Singleton, Highgate Farm, Warton.

Enlisted, aged 15, in May 1915, discharged (under age) in September 1915. Re-enlisted in November 1917, aged 17.

Discharged in March 1918 medically unfit.

Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

Service papers at the National Archive.

SINGLETON Esau (Isaac)

Private 17582 9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Blackpool

Son of Robert & Jane Singleton, 19 Whitworth St., Wesham.

Recorded as having been wound while serving on the Western Front.

Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

SINGLETON Henry

Private 12446 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 3515 5th (Reserve) Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Born Marton Enlisted Preston & Kirkham

Labourer, husband of Elizabeth Alice Singleton, son of John & Betty Singleton, 93 Preston St., Kirkham.

Enlisted, aged 25, in September 1914, being discharged as unfit a month later. Enlisted once again in January 1915, being discharged again as medically unfit in August 1916.

Service papers at the National Archive.

SINGLETON James

Private 3291 / 241132 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 562028 363 Company, The Labour Corps
Private T/441205 Kempton Park Motor Transport Depot, Army Service Corps
Born Blackpool Enlisted Blackpool 8th December 1914 34
Labourer, 31 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from May 1915 returning to United Kingdom wounded in April 1918 and. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SINGLETON James

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

SINGLETON John †

Private 32637 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Lytham
Killed in action on the Western Front 30th November 1917.
Buried at Saulcourt Churchyard Extension, Guyencourt-Saulcourt, Somme, France.
Joiner, aged 30, son of William & Ellen Singleton, 33 Moor St., Kirkham.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.

SINGLETON John

Private 18172 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Warton Enlisted Kirkham 15th November 1914 aged 34
Tailor, husband of Mary Singleton, 3 Billington St., Wesham.
Served on the Western Front from February 1915 to March 1919. Discharged in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SINGLETON Robert

Private 4795 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 171482 Machine Gun Corps
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

SINGLETON Thomas

Driver 127307 Signal Section, Royal Engineers
Private 459782 416 Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps
Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 2nd March 1916 aged 37
Farmer, son of John & Mary Singleton, Scale Hall Farm, Newton with Scales.
Served within the United Kingdom until discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SINGLETON Thomas

Private 46777 17th & 21st Battalions, The Cheshire Regt.
Private 50511 The Devonshire Regt.
Private 101798 170 Company, The Labour Corps
Born Fleetwood Enlisted Preston 17th July 1916 aged 34
Cotton Weaver, husband of Theresa Singleton, 76 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.
Served on the Western Front with the Labour Corps from February 1917 to March 1919. Discharged in April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SINGLETON Thomas

Private 3358 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Blackburn
Shipyard Labourer, husband of Annie Singleton, 30 Preston St., Kirkham.

SINGLETON William

Private 3292 / 241133 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Blackpool
Labourer, husband of Mary Singleton, 31 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Recorded as having served on the Western Front.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

SINGLETON William

Born Warton
Shipyard Labourer, husband of Mary Singleton.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

SINGLETON William

Private 181579 Machine Gun Corps
Born Weeton Enlisted Kirkham 5th December 1915 aged 24
Railway Clerk, husband of Clara Singleton, 85 Station Rd, Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in November 1918. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SINGLETON William Smith

Private 3502 / 241239 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 304440 13th Battalion, The Tank Corps
Born Greenhalgh Enlisted Blackpool 14th January 1915 aged 17
Cotton Weaver, grandson of John & Betty Singleton, Chestnut Villa, Bradshaw Lane, Greenhalgh.
Went out to the front in August 1916 being wounded in the November. Transferred to the Tank Corps and returned to France in April 1918. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SLATER David †

Private 18892 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Peel
Died at home 14th February 1919.
Buried at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.
Farm Labourer, aged 27, son of John & Margaret Slater, Bryning.
Served on the Western Front from June 1916. Died from in February 1919 from pneumonia caused by influenza.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

SLATER Joseph

Private 44420 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Peel Enlisted Preston 27th May 1918 aged 20
Farm Cowman, Fold Side Farm, Freckleton, son of John & Margaret Slater, Bryning.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in May 1918. Discharged in August 1918 as medically unfit.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SLATER Richard

Private 4086 3/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Peel Enlisted Freckleton 28th March 1915 aged 15
Son of John & Margaret Slater, Bryning.
Discharged as under age January 1916.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

SMITH Charles

Born Walton, Leicestershire
Gardener, husband of Ann Smith, Clifton.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

SMITH Edward

Private S4/042137 Army Service Corps
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham 7th January 1915 aged 29
Butcher, husband of Florence Mary Smith, 7 Garstang Rd., Wesham, son of Thomas & Elizabeth Smith.
Discharged medically unfit in February 1915.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SMITH Frederick †

Private 4805 / 201991 2/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 7th December 1915 aged 21
Killed in action on the Western Front 26th October 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.
Cotton Weaver, son of John & Alice Smith, 8 Ward St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in February 1916. Left for the front in February 1917.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. John's (The Willows) Roman Catholic Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SMITH George Gillett

Born Warton
Farmer, son of William & Lucy Smith, Kellamergh House, Kellamergh.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

SMITH James Ernest

Private 523542 Canadian Expeditionary Forces
Born Kirkham Enlisted Winnipeg, Canada 29th December 1915 aged 21
Surveyor, husband of Nita Smith, 398 Collage St., Winnipeg, Canada, son of Richard & Mary Smith.
Service papers at the Canadian National Archive.

SMITH John Joseph †

Sergeant 1075 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Manchester Enlisted Lytham 7th April 1913 aged 34
Killed in action on the Western Front 15th June 1915.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Labourer, husband of Ellen Smith, 14 Albert St., Wesham, son of John & Lily Bolton Smith.
Sailed for the Western Front with the battalion in May 1915. Previously had served with the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Wesham.

Preston Guardian 10th July 1915. (Photograph)

"Sergt. J.J. Smith, Albert street, Wesham, has been killed in action, and his wife has received the following letter from Major H. Nickson : -
"It is with great regret I write to inform you that your husband, Sergt. J. Smith, was killed in action on June 15th. He fell while gallantly leading his section against the German trenches. A lance-corporal at the beginning of the war, he rapidly won his promotion in the rank to full sergeant, and has since we have been in France, he has upon more than one occasion distinguished himself by brave and plucky actions in the field. "On May 31st, he volunteered to go out under fire and bury one of his comrades who had been killed the night before, and though fired at all the time, he and several others laid their friend to rest, and planted a cross over his grave. His death is greatly felt by all ranks here; he was respected and looked up to by all who knew him." Perhaps it may be some little consolation to you in your bereavement to know that he met his death while doing his duty, in a most brave and plucky manner."

SMITH John Richard

Born Warton
Farmer, son of Thomas & Margaret Smith, Brying Hill, Bryning.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

SMITH John Thomas †

Private 523542 2nd Field Ambulance, Canadial Medical Corps, Canadian Expeditionary Forces
Born Kirkham Enlisted Winnipeg, Canada 5th January 1915 aged 26
Died on the Western Front 3rd November 1917.
No known grave. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.
Grocer, son of Richard & Mary Smith, 366 Langside, Winnipeg, Canada
Service papers at the Canadian National Archive.

SMITH Robert Edward

Lieutenant 109th Toronto Regt., Canadian Expeditionary Forces
Born Esprick Enlisted Toronto, Canada 1st May 1916 aged 34
Merchant, husband of Pearl Viola Smith, 326 George St., Toronto, Canada, son of Richard & Mary Smith.
Previous service with the Royal Engineers.
Service papers at the Canadian National Archive.

SMITH William Alex M.B. Ch. B. †

Lieutenant Royal Army Medical Corps (att. 27th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery)
Died of wounds on the Western Front 3rd June 1917.
Buried at Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Aged 36, husband of Elsie Smith, 43 Sudell Rd., Darwen, son of William & Catherine Smith, Hatton, Aberdeen.
Medical practitioner at Wesham.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

Preston Herald 9th June 1917.

"News has been received in Kirkham that Dr. W.A. Smith, of Wesham, was killed on Sunday whilst acting as medical officer to the R.F.A. in France. The deceased, a few years ago took over the practice of Dr. Wigglesworth, and was also district medical officer to the Fylde Board of Guardians and hon. surgeon to the Kirkham Ambulance Brigade. He enlisted early this year and was almost immediately sent to France. He was 35 years of age and married."

Preston Guardian 23^d June 1917.

"On Sunday morning a memorial service to the late Dr. W.A. Smith who was held at Wesham Church, and the vicar (Rev. W. Yates) paid a tribute to the work of the deceased as a medical practitioner in the parish, and his response to the call of King and country. Dr. Smith had only been in the Army (attached to the Field Artillery) a few months when he made the supreme sacrifice. The service was attended by members in uniform of the Kirkham St. John Ambulance Brigade, in charge of Superintendent C.W. Heslop, and the Sick Nursing Division, in charge of Mrs. Heslop and Miss Dunkerley, the doctor having been hon. surgeon to these organisations."

SNAPE Edward †

Private CH/2258 (S) H.Q. Chatham, Royal Marine Light Infantry
Born Freckleton Enlisted Liverpool 14th March 1917 aged 22
Died at home 16th November 1918.
Buried at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.
Farm Labourer, aged 24, husband of Elizabeth Snape, Carr Side Farm, Bryning, son of Thomas & Jessie Snape, 8 Kirkham Rd., Freckleton.
Served within the United Kingdom until discharged to Elswick Sanatorium in September 1917. Died from tuberculosis and influenza.
Recorded on Freckleton War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

SNAPE John

Private 23843 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 26th February 1916 aged 30
Cotton Weaver, Moorland House, Freckleton, son of William & Jane Snape.
Placed on the Army Reserve until mobilized in April 1916, being discharged as medically unfit in August 1916.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SOWERBUTTS George Military Medal

Private 5194 44th Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces
Born Kirkham Enlisted Blackboy Hill, Western Australia 19th January 1916
Farmhand, son of Henry & Nancy Sowerbutts, 45 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Sailed from Australia for England via Egypt in March 1916. Served on the Western Front from November 1916 to April 1919, being wounded in October 1918. Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 16th July 1918). Returned to Australia in September 1919 being discharged in December 1919. Prior to emigrating to Australia was employed in his father's dairy.
Service papers at National Archive of Australia.

Preston Guardian 18th May 1918. (Photograph)

"Private George Sowerbutts, second son of the late Mr. Henry Sowerbutts, Freckleton st. Dairy, Kirkham, has been awarded the Military medal for bravery in the field. After the death of his father some years ago he assisted at the dairy for some time, and then emigrated to Australia, in which country he responded to the call, and enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces. Private Sowerbutts, who has taken part in much hard fighting, was in Kirkham recently on a few days leave. A younger brother (Lieut. W. Sowerbutts) was wounded several months ago."

STACEY George Ernest

Trooper GS/13011 2nd Dragoon Guards (Queen's Bays)
At present no further information found
Listed in Soldiers & Sailors Gazette 1915.

STAINWRIGHT Albert Edward †

Served as SWANN Albert

Private 14978 2nd Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Chesterfield Enlisted Manchester
Killed in action on the Western Front 9th May 1915.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium
Son of Mrs. Frances Dolan, 15 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Went out to the front in April 1915. On the 1911 census he is shown as aged 15 working as a farm labourer at Inskip, his five brothers & sisters are recorded in the Kirkham Workhouse.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.

STANHOPE Nicholas

Private 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 44
Bricklayer's Labourer, husband of Ada Stanhope, 58 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Went out to the Western Front in November 1914 being invalided home a few days later. Discharged in January 1915 as medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

STAVELEY William Henry

Driver T4/110196 208 Company, Army Service Corps
Born Heywood Enlisted Blackpool 2nd June 1915 aged 26
Farm Horseman, husband of Mary Staveley, 54 Garstang Rd., Wesham.
Served at Salonika from July 1916 to February 1919. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

STEBBINGS Horace William

Sapper 284523 / WR/124573 Royal Engineers
Born Ansdell
Son William George & Clarissa Elizabeth Stebbings, Station House, Salwick.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

STEBBINGS Percy Maidstone

Private 35201 3rd Battalion, The Cheshire Regt.
Private 31014 14th Battalion, Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regt.)
Lance-Corporal 348 Protection Company, Royal Defence Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 10th November 1915 aged 25
Grocer's Assistant, son of William George & Clarissa Elizabeth Stebbings, Station House, Salwick.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in February 1916. Served on the Western Front from August 1916 until wounded in November 1916 and returned home. Served the remainder of service with R.D.C. Discharged in January 1919.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Service papers at the National Archive.

STEER George

At present no further information found
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

STEVENSON Ernest

Private 83435 53rd (Young Soldier) Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 114567 52nd (Graduated) Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 4741516 5th Battalion, York & Lancaster Regt.
Kirkham Enlisted Preston 5th April 1918 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, step son of Martin & Mary Ann Gallagher, 44 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Served within the United Kingdom attached to the Labour Corps until discharged in March 1920. Later moved to Rotherham, Yorks, enlisting in 1924 into the York & Lancs Territorials being discharged in 1932.
Service papers at the National Archive.

STIRZAKER Albert †

Trooper 17783 Dragoons
Private G/92067 Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regt.)
(att. 2nd/7th (City of London) Battalion, The London Regt.)
Born Singleton Enlisted Newport, Monmouthshire
Killed in action on the Western Front 24th July 1918.
Buried at Contay British Cemetery, Somme, France.
Farm Labourer, son of Richard Stirzaker, Shard Cottages, Shard Lane Ends, Singleton.
Commemorated at St. Annes Parish Church, Singleton.

STIRZAKER John William † Military Medal

Lance-Sergeant 22510 2/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Singleton
Died of influenza at home 19th June 1920.
Buried at Christ Church Parish Church, Wesham.
Journeyman Tailor, aged 35, son of Richard & Margaret Stirzaker, 1 Albert St., Wesham.
Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field (London Gazette 24th January 1919).

STIRZAKER Thomas

Private 38373 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 51763 9th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Singleton Enlisted Preston 22nd February 1916 aged 23
Railway Ballastman, son of Richard & Margaret Stirzaker, 1 Albert St., Wesham.
Mobilized in July 1917 leaving for India on 8th October 1917. Served in India until December 1918 being posted to the 9th East Lancashire Regt. in Salonika, then served in Turkey, returning home, suffering from dysentery, in December 1919. Discharged in April 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

STIRZAKER William †

Gunner 118566 Royal Field Artillery
Private 36281 11th Battalion, The Lancashire Fusiliers
Born Poulton le Fylde Enlisted Poulton le Fylde 11th December 1915
Killed in action on the Western Front 22nd November 1917.
No Know Grave. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Farm Labourer, aged 28, husband of Elizabeth Stirzaker, Marsh Villa, Hambleton.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in April 1916, going out to the front in December 1916.
Commemorated at St. Anne's Parish Church, Singleton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

STRANGE Cresswell

Private 8566 Inns of Court Officer Training Corps
Captain 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Edgebaston, Birmingham Enlisted Lytham 10th December 1915 aged 30
Clerk in Holy Orders, husband of Frances Margaret Jane Strange, The Vicarage, Singleton.
Served on the Western Front from January 1917 to January 1919, from August 1918 as Education Officer 1st Division.
Service papers at the National Archive.

STRICKLAND Edmund

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton

STRICKLAND George †

Private 306827 18th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Staining Enlisted Blackpool
Killed in action on the Western Front 18th October 1918.
Buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gouy, Aisne, France.
Aged 25, son of Henry & Mary Agnes Strickland.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.
Recorded on Blackpool War Memorial.

SUDELL Hery

At present no further information found
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

SUDELL Peter

Private 38980 East Lancashire Regt.
Born Newton with Scales
Farmer, son of John & Margaret Ann Sudell, Newton with Scales.
Recorded as having served in India.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

SULLIVAN Lawrence Joseph

Private 8163 / 234570 1/5th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private M/394968 654 Company Motor Transport Section, Army Service Corps
Kirkham Enlisted Preston 11th December 1915 aged 25
Cotton Weaver, son of Thomas Stapleton & Mary Sullivan, Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in April 1916. Served on the Western Front from February 1917 until wounded and invalided to England in September 1917. Transferred to the Army Service Corps in April 1918 and posted to Italy in the June serving as a lorry driver until April 1919. Discharged in October 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SUTTON Walter

Private M2/203089 684 & 11 MOB Company, Army Service Corps.
Born Worley, Cheshire Enlisted Preston 10th December 1915 aged 39
Chauffer, husband of Elizabeth Sutton, Station Rd., Clifton.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in August 1916. Served in East Africa from May 1917 until invalided home suffering from Malaria in March 1918. Discharged in February 1919.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SWAN Arthur Edwin

Private 14353 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 21st September 1914 aged 19
Butcher, son of Henry & Elizabeth Swan, 14 Station Rd., Wesham.
Discharged as medically unfit two days after enlisting.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SWAN John

Private RX4/215380 Ormskirk Depot, Remount Section, Army Service Corps
Born Treales Enlisted Preston 11th December 1915 aged 39
Gardener, husband of Ann Swan, 12 Albert St., Wesham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in August 1916. Served within the United Kingdom until discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SWAN Richard

Private 14268 9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private TR/3/6385 49th Training Reserve Battalion
Private M/323562 Motor Transport Section, Army Service Corps
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham & Preston
Cotton Weaver, son of William & Margaret Ann Swan, 83 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Enlisted, aged 19, in September 1914 and discharged as unfit a month later. Re-enlisted in March 1917 being mobilized in the July. Served on the Western Front as lorry driver from January 1918 to May 1919. Discharged in June 1919. Later address (1921) 55 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

SWARBRICK James †

Private 33568 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 50635 4th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Singleton Enlisted Garstang
Killed in action on the Western Front 11th August 1918.
Buried at Hagle Dump Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium.
Aged 32, husband of Mary Swarbrick, Bow Hill, Rawcliffe, son of James & Annie Swarbrick.
Commemorated at St. Anne's Parish Church, Singleton.
Commemorated on Singleton Primary School War Memorial.

SWARBRICK James

Private 17396 7th & 9th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 459249 559 Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 2nd December 1914 aged 37
Cotton Spinner, husband of Mary Alice Swarbrick, 17 Whitworth St., Wesham, son of Thomas Swarbrick, Wesham.
Served on the Western Front from July 1915 until invalided to the United Kingdom sick in November 1916. Returned to France in June 1917 until August 1917. Discharged in March 1919.

SWARBRICK Thomas †

Private 7725 / 203946 2/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Great Eccleston Enlisted Garstang 4th December 1915 aged 21
Killed in action on the Western Front 26th October 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.
Farm Labourer, husband of Lydia Swarbrick, Primrose Cottage, Elswick. Son of Elizabeth Swarbrick, Great Eccleston.
Placed in Army Reserve until mobilised in January 1917, going out to the front in August 1917.
Commemorated at St. Anne's Parish Church, Copp.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Perston Guardian 17th November 1917.

"Intimation has been received from the War Office that Pte. Thomas Swarbrick, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, who lived at Great Eccleston, was killed in action on October 26th. Deceased, who was 24 years of age, joined the forces on February 1st, going out to France on August 15th. Private Swarbrick leaves a widow and two children, and before joining the Army worked for Mr. Wm. Fowler, of Cross Hall Farm, Great Eccleston."

SWARBRICK William †

Private 1626 4th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force
Private 1512 4th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force
Born Kirkham Enlisted Australia 17th December 1914 aged 25
Killed in action at Gallipoli 6th – 9th August 1915.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Lone Pine Memorial, Turkey.
Aged 25, son of George & Elizabeth Swarbrick, 'Kranholm', Gordon Rd., Chatswood, North Sydney, New South Wales.
Sailed for Egypt in February 1915. Landing at Gallipoli on 2nd May 1915, posted as missing during the attacks on the Turkish trenches at Lone Pine.
Service papers at National Archive of Australia.

TAYLOR Richard

Gunner 213750 15th (Mountain) Battery, Royal Field Artillery
Born Tarleton Enlisted Preston 3rd June 1916 aged 35
Lorry Driver, husband of Ann Taylor, 6 Mill St., Kirkham.
Served in Mesopotamia from August 1917 to March 1919. Discharged in May 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

TAYLOR Thomas Henry

Private 13929 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 18
Carter, son of Thomas & Elizabeth Taylor, 16 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Discharged in October 1914 as being almost blind in right eye.
Service papers at the National Archive.

TAYLOR William

Sapper 101814 Royal Engineers
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 31st May 1915 aged 27
Bricklayer, son of William & Sarah Taylor, 87 Poulton St., Kirkham.
Discharged medically unfit in October 1915.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

THOMAS Henry

Private 3278 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 637572 The Labour Corps
Born Salford
Cotton Spinner, husband of Sarah Thomas, Freckleton St., Kirkham, son of Elizabeth Thomas.

THOMPSON John

Private 109713 10th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Aircraftman 802567 Royal Air Force
Born Warton Enlisted Preston 19th February 1917 aged 19
Ship's Joiner, son of Richard Thompson, West End, Warton.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in June 1918. Served on the Western Front from October 1918 until discharged in November 1919. Later address given as 43 Old Chester Rd., Birkenhead.
Service papers at the National Archive.

THOMPSON Robert

Pioneer WR/336496 Inland Waterways & Docks, Royal Engineers
Born Pendleton Enlisted Preston 24th June 1916 aged 43
Dock Labourer, husband of Margaret Thompson, 2 Eagle Court, Kirkham.
Served within United Kingdom being discharged in August 1918 medically unfit with defective eyesight. Previously served with King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.) 1893 - 1901 in Malta, India, Hong Kong, Singapore and South Africa. Died at 1 Derby Rd., Wesham in July 1940.
Service papers at the National Archive.

THRELFALL John

Private 1006 1st/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Freckleton Enlisted Freckleton 17th March 1911 aged 17
Cotton Weaver, husband of Margaret Threlfall, 19 Lytham Rd. Freckleton, son of James & Sarah Threlfall, 'Vista Lynn', Freckleton.
Served within United Kingdom. Discharged in April 1916 as medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

THRELFALL Lazarus

Private 61084 Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regt.)
Private 4775 / 495359 Royal Engineers
Born Weeton
Joiner & Wheelwright, husband of Evelyn Threlfall, Weeton, son of Albert & Ellen Threlfall.

THRELFALL Richard

Private 47842 22nd Battalion, The Cheshire Regt.
Private 38199 The Labour Corps
Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 31st July 1916 aged 29
Farmer, son of William & Martha Threlfall, 13 Lytham Rd., Freckleton.
Went out to the front in December 1916, returning to United Kingdom in December 1919 and discharged.
Service papers at the National Archive.

THRELFALL Thomas

Private 1007 1st/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Freckleton Enlisted Freckleton 17th March 1911 aged 17
Cotton Weaver, son of James & Sarah Threlfall, Vista Lynn, Freckleton.
Served within United Kingdom. Discharged in March 1915 as medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

TINSLEY John

Private 10048 2nd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Preston
Regular Soldier, son of John Tinsley, 54 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Wounded and taken prisoner in 1914. Discharged due to wounds in May 1917.

St. Annes on the Sea Express 4th December 1914.

"Mr. John Tinsley, 54 Station road, Kirkham, has received word from the Record Office, at Preston, that his son John, a drummer in the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, is reported to have been killed in action. The report, the official note adds, is unconfirmed. Drummer Tinsley, who is 22 years of age, is a native of Preston, but his parents have resided in Kirkham for the last twelve years. He joined the Army five years ago, and has seen foreign service in India. In the same regiment, Mr. Tinsley has another son, who is at present stationed in the South of England."

TINSLEY Joseph

Private 10792 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Preston Enlisted Preston 11th June 1914 aged 19
Cotton Operative, son of John Tinsley, 54 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Enlisted into the Regular Army after service in the Special Reserve. Went out to the Western Front in February 1915, being wounded in September 1915. Discharged in April 1916 having lost a leg.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 30th October 1915. (Photograph)

"The parents of Private Joseph Tinsley, 1st L.N.L. Regiment, who live in Station road, Kirkham, have been notified that their son was wounded in action in France on September 23rd. He was shot in the left thigh, and is now in a base hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Tinsley have three sons taking part in the present campaign, John is seriously wounded and a prisoner of war in Germany, and William is also in France serving with the King's Own, and also took part in the Boer War, and was afterwards discharged from the Army owing to ill health after the rough time spent in South Africa."

TINSLEY Thomas

Private 21386 11th & 1st Battalions, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Preston Enlisted Preston 30th October 1914 aged 21
Husband of Agnes Ellen Tinsley, 5 Best St., Kirkham, and son of John Tinsley, 54 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Went out to the Western Front in June 1916. Transferred to 1st Battalion in February 1918 when 11th Battalion was disbanded, being wounded on 8th May 1918 (right arm amputated). Discharged in July 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

TINSLEY William

Private 12808 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 202702 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Preston
Labourer, 25 Marsden St., Kirkham, son of John Tinsley, 54 Station Rd. Kirkham.
Enlisted in September 1914, aged 35. Discharged in October 1914 as medically unfit. Enlisted into the King's Own Territorials in December 1915 being discharged in July 1918. Previously served with the King's Own in South Africa during the Boer War.
Service papers at the National Archive. (1st enlistment)

TISSIMAN George Arthur

Private 82881 The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Sudbury, Derbyshire
Groom / Gardener, husband of Mary Ann Tissiman, Lark Cottage, Westby.

TITTERINGTON James †

Sergeant 545 / 250026 The Manchester Regt.
Sergeant 235813 2nd Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Liverpool Enlisted Manchester
Killed in action on the Western Front 29th August 1918.
Buried at Orchard Dump Cemetery, Arleux en Gohelle, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Son of Richard & Margaret Alice Titterington, Rifle Range, Dinggle, Dobcross, Oldham.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

TOMLINSON George †

Private 3168 1/8th (Irish) Battalion, King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Horwich Enlisted Preston 26th November 1914 aged 19
Killed in action on the Western Front 16th June 1915.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Clerk, aged 19, son of Henry & Elizabeth Tomlinson, Clifton.
Served on the Western Front from May 1915. Prior to enlisting was employed at a Lytham bank.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Commemorated at Kirkham Grammar School.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 26th June 1915. (Photograph)

"Private George Tomlinson, of the 1/8th (Irish) Liverpool Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Tomlinson, Clifton, near Kirkham, who was killed in action on June 17th. Private Tomlinson, who was 19 years of age, was educated at the Kirkham Grammar School, and later took up a bank appointment at Lytham, enlisting in the earlier stages of the war."

TOMLINSON Henry Fowler Distinguished Conduct Medal + Mention in Despatches

Corporal 732 1/1st Bedfordshire Yeomanry
Sergeant 51695 9 Squadron, Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry)
Born Treales
The Gables, Poulton le Fylde, son of Peter Brown & Annie Tomlinson, Treales.
Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry (London Gazette 3rd September 1918) also Mention in Despatches.
Commissioned in March 1919.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

Distinguished Conduct Medal Citation

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a machine-gun, which he kept in action after the infantry on either side had been driven back. Owing to his courage and tenacity in so doing, time was given to reorganised the infantry in the rear, and bring them back into action. On all occasions his courage and resourcefulness were invaluable."

TOMLINSON John

Private The East Yorkshire Regt.
Born Treales
Son of Peter Brown & Annie Tomlinson, Treales.
Recorded as having served on the Western Front and in Italy.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

TOWNSEND Abraham

Born Warton
Son of Thomas & Ellen Townsend, The Post Office, Warton.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

TOWNSEND Edward

Pioneer WR/343532 Inland Water & Docks, Royal Engineers
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 19th February 1916 aged 36
Cotton Spinner, son of George & Elizabeth Townsend, 86 Preston St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in March 1918. Serving on the Western Front from December 1918 to April 1919. Discharged in May 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

TOWNSEND Edward

Born Warton
Farm Labourer, son of John Elizabeth Townsend, Bryning.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

TOWNSEND Evan

Sapper 289456 / WR/289855 Royal Engineers
Born Kirkham
Labourer, son of George & Elizabeth Townsend, 86 Preston St., Kirkham.

TOWNSEND Matthew Mention in Despatches

Saddler/Sergeant T2/016153 Army Service Corps (att. 9th Division Train)

Born Warton Enlisted Blackpool 13th October 1914 aged 20

Saddler, son of Thomas & Ellen Townsend, The Post Office, Warton.

Went out to the Western Front in May 1915 returning to United Kingdom in June 1919. Mentioned in Field Marshal Douglas Haig's Despatch of 7th November 1917. Discharged in July 1919.

Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

Service papers at the National Archive.

TOWNSEND Richard †

Private 20459 1st Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Born Warton Enlisted Blackpool

Killed in action on the Western Front 1st July 1916.

No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Farm Labourer, aged 25, Arnott Farm, Marton, son of Thomas & Ellen Townsend, The Post Office, Lytham Rd., Warton.

Family grave St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

TOWNSEND Thomas

Born Warton

Son of Thomas & Ellen Townsend, The Post Office, Warton.

At present no further information found.

Commemorated at St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

TOWNSEND William

Corporal 3255 / 241216 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Son of Robert & Elizabeth Townsend, 48 Station Rd., Kirkham.

TRACEY James

Private 11206 6th Battalion, York and Lancaster Regt.

Husband of Elizabeth Tracey, son of Patrick & Catherine Tracey, 7 South View, Kirkham.

Discharged May 1916 medically unfit (Bronchitis).

TRACEY Joseph

Private 3214 / 241094 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Brickwork's Labourer, husband of Margaret Tracey, son of Patrick * Catherine Tracey, 7 South View, Kirkham.

TRIPPIER Joseph

Sergeant 4768 / 201598 / 57654 2/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Sergeant 80660 The King's (Liverpool Regt.)

Sergeant 293000 4th (Reserve) Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Born Wharles Enlisted Chester 10th December 1915 aged 20

Schoolmaster, husband of Florence Trippier, Ditchfield Rd., Hough Green, Wisnes. Son of Lydia Trippier, Rose Hill, Wharles.

Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in January 1917. Served within the United Kingdom as Schoolmaster Sergeant.

Discharged as medically unfit in February 1919.

Service papers at the National Archive.

TURNBULL John †

Private 991 30th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force

Private 991 8th Coy., Machine Gun Corps, Australian Imperial Forces

Born Poulton le Fylde Enlisted Liverpool, NSW 22nd July 1915 aged 21

Killed in action on the Western Front 16th September 1916.

Buried at Rue-David Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, Pas-de-Calais, France.

Farm Hand, Marion St., Adamstown, New South Wales.

Son of James & Turnbull, 14 Holly St., Poulton le Fylde, late of Preese Hall Cottages, Weeton.

Served in Egypt and France.

Commemorated at St. Annes Parish Church, Singleton.

Recorded on Singleton Primary School War Memorial.

Service papers at the National Archive of Australia.

TURNER Thomas

Served as ASPEN Thomas

Private 6331 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.

Private 8218 1st Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Private 52751 3rd Garrison Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Private 4576 / 202195 1/4th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)

Private 475916 The Labour Corps

Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 6th July 1900 aged 18

Groom, husband of Agnes Bowman Turner, 57 Marsden St., Kirkham.

WALKER Thomas

Private 1534 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 60587 Prince of Wales Volunteers (South Lancashire)
Born Manchester Enlisted 11th June 1913
Labourer, husband of Mary Elizabeth Walker, 22 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Left for the Western Front in February 1915. Discharged as physically unfit in December 1917.

WALTON Thomas Cabage

Commandant Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Darlington, Co. Durham
Grammar School Headmaster, husband of Amy Walton, Grammar School, Ribby Rd., Kirkham.

WARBURTON Richard

Sergeant 13015 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Poulton St., Kirkham.
Went out with the battalion to the Western Front in July 1915.

WARD Edward

Stoker Petty Officer K/21296 Royal Navy
Born Kirkham Enlisted 14th November 1913 aged 22
Son of John & Eliza Ward, 4 Barnfield, Kirkham.
Remained in the Royal Navy after the war and was still serving 1923.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WARD Harry Smithson

Born Treales
Son of Thomas & Ellen Ward, Moor Side, Treales.
No further information known.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

WARD James

Private 6721 / 203048 4th (Reserve) Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 427404 416 Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 7th June 1916 aged 38
Cowman, husband of Mary Ellen Ward, 37 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in September 1916. Served within the United Kingdom being transferred to the Labour Corps in October 1917. Discharged in April 1919 to Higher House Cottage, Freckleton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WARD James Benson †

Guardsman 29405 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards
Born Esprick Enlisted Preston
Died on the Western Front 4th March 1918.
Buried at Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Aged 20, son of John & Annie Ward, Garstang Rd., North, Wesham.
Prior to joining the Army worked on his father's farm.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Weeton.

Preston Guardian 23rd March 1918. (Photograph)

"Mr. Jno. Ward, Elm Bank, Esprick, Kirkham, has received information that his son, Pte. James Benson Ward, of the King's Company, Grenadier Guards, died abroad from illness contracted while on active service on Mar. 4th. He was 20 years of age and an Old Boy of the Kirkham Grammar School. Prior to joining up a year ago he was employed on his fathers farm."

WARD Robert

Private 35200 3rd Battalion, The Cheshire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 11th December 1915 aged 21
Farm Labourer, son of William & Ellen Ward, 83 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in February 1916. Discharged in May 1916 as medically unfit (flat feet).
Service papers at the National Archive.

WARD Thomas

Private 3495 /241234 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancashter Regt.)
Born Kirkham
Cotton Weaver, son of John & Anna Ward, 4 Barnfield, Kirkham.

WARD William

Gunner 75072 9th (Reserve) Battery, Royal Field Artillery
Born Penwortham Enlisted Kirkham 4th January 1915 aged 21
Farm Labourer, son of Susannah War, Yew Tree Farm, Salwick.
Discharged medically unfit in June 1915.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WATKINSON Henry †

Private 21447 1st Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Weeton Enlisted Preston
Killed in action on the Western Front 18th August 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Son of Robert & Bridget Watkinson, Hill House, Newton with Scales.
Served on the Western Front from November 1915.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

WATKINSON John

Gunner 74244 Royal Field Artillery
Born Mythop Enlisted Kirkham 5th January 1915 aged 23
Farm Labourer, son of Robert & Bridget Watkinson, Hill House, Newton-with-Scales.
Served on the Western Front July 1915 to November 1915 (wounded October 1915). Returned to the front in June 1917 being
invalided home after being gassed in April 1918. Returned once again to the front in October 1918 being gassed a few days later
and returned to United Kingdom. Discharged in February 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

WATKINSON Richard

Sapper 238441 / WR/264575 Railway Operating Division, Royal Engineers
Born Mythop Enlisted 1st January 1917
Farm Labourer, husband of Annie Watkinson, Newton with Scales, son of Robert & Bridget Watkinson.
Discharged as medically unfit in December 1918.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

WATKINSON William

Private T3/ 023416 Army Service Corps
Born Newton with Scales Enlisted Kirkham 3rd November 1914 aged 19
Farm Labourer, son of Robert & Bridget Watkinson, Hill House, Newton with Scales.
Served in Egypt from January 1916 and Salonika from March 1916 to August 1918. After a short stay at home went out to the
Western Front in October 1918. Discharged in June 1919.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WATSON William Ormerod

Saddler 3238 / 681205 2nd West Lancs Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Saddler 032950 Army Ordnance Corps
Saddler 288901 19th (Reserve) Battery, Royal Field Artillery
Born Nelson Enlisted Preston 1st November 1915 aged 20
Cotton Overlooker, 4 Avenham Terrace, Preston. Son of James & Isabella Watson, Ribby Rd., Kirkham.
Served within the United Kingdom until discharged in March 1920.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WEBSTER Alexander †

Private 3459 / 241249 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham
Killed in action on the Western Front 18th March 1917.
Buried at Rue-David Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Aged 20, son of Henry & Mary Victoria Lund, 49 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 21st April 1917. (Photograph)

"Pte. Alex Webster, King's Own, of 49 Freckleton street, Kirkham, was killed in France
in the early morning of Mar. 18th, and buried in a cemetery amongst the trenches.
Deceased who was 20 years of age, enlisted in Jan., 1915, and went out the first week
in February this year."

WEBSTER George

Private 3458 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Lytham
Cotton Piecer, son of Henry & Mary Victoria Lund, 49 Freckleton St., Kirkham.

WESTBY John

Private 15900 11th Battalion, The Manchester Regt.
Born Chorley Enlisted Chorley 17th December 1914 aged 28
Cotton Tackler, husband of Sarah Ann Westby, 16 Weldbank Rd., Chorley.
Served at Gallipoli from September 1915. Discharged unfit to serve in November being sent to work at Blainsclough Colliery, Coppull.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WESTBY Thomas

Private 7975 The Manchester Regt.
Born Chorley Enlisted Kirkham 25th September 1914 aged 26
Collier, Marsden St., Kirkham.
Discharged in December 1914. Previous service with the Manchester Regt. 1906 – 1912 being discharged to 16 Weldbank Rd., Chorley.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WESTHEAD Andrew

Private 10038 2nd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 66666 Machine Gun Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted 27th July 1910 aged 18
Son of John & Catherine Westhead.
Fought in East Africa with the battalion in October 1914. Discharged in February 1919 due to wounds.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

WHALLEY Edward

Driver T4/02263 Army Service Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 15th December 1914 aged 43
Labourer, husband of Elizabeth Whalley, 65 Preston St., Kirkham.
Served within the United Kingdom until discharged in January 1916 suffering from rheumatism. Previous service with the 5th Lancashire Volunteer Artillery.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WHITE John

Private 17401 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Denton, Manchester Enlisted 2nd November 1914
Cotton Spinner, husband of Elizabeth White, 6 Fylde St., Kirkham, son of William & Martha Jane White.
Left for the Western Front in July 1915. Discharged physically unfit in March 1919.

WHITELOCK Arthur Thomas Mention in Despatches

2nd Lieutenant 5 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps
Major 792 Royal Air Force
Born Barnsley, Yorks.
Classical Teacher, The Grammar School, Kirkham. Son of Thomas Railton & Mary Whitelock, 'Oakdene', Mount Vernon Rd., Barnsley.
Flying Certificate taken at Military Flying School, Brooklands, 22nd May 1915. Went out to France in July 1915.

WHITESIDE Edward †

Driver L/17231 169th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Wesham Enlisted Blackpool 19th April 1915 aged 20
Died at home 13th October 1917.
Buried at United Reformed Church Cemetery, Kirkham.
Cotton Weaver, son of John Thomas & Emma Whiteside, 31 Station Rd., Wesham.
Went out to Egypt in January 1916, moving to the Western Front in March. Shortly after arriving in France was admitted to hospital suffering from dysentery, being discharged from the Army as medical grounds in June 1916.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 20th October 1917. (Photograph)

"MILITARY FUNERAL AT KIRKHAM - The death occurred on Saturday of ex-Driver E. Whiteside, R.F.A., from sickness contracted whilst on active service in 1916. Deceased, who was 22 years of age, enlisted in April, 1915, and went to Egypt in November the same year. He was transferred to the Western Front in 1916, where he went into hospital suffering from dysentery, followed by diabetes, being subsequently given his discharge from the Army. Since his discharge he had resided with his

parents at 31, Station-road, Wesham. The interment took place at the Congregational burial ground on Tuesday, the deceased being accorded military honours. The cortege was headed by members of the Discharged Sailors and Soldiers' Association, and the coffin was covered with the Union Jack. At the Congregational Church a service was conducted by the pastor (Rev. J.S. Langley) The hymns, 'Peace perfect peace' and 'Lead kindly light' were sung, and the Dead March in 'Saul' was played on the organ by Mr. F. Hargreaves as the remains were borne from the church. Amongst the floral tributes was a harp with a broken cord, from the Kirkham branch of the Discharged Sailors and Soldiers' Association, also a tribute from the nurses at the Military Hospital."

WHITESIDE George

Private 3945 / 201435 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 495444 541 Agricultural Company, The Labour Corps
Born Warton Enlisted Freckleton 25th May 1916 aged 41
Cotton Bundler, husband of Bessie Whiteside, 31 Preston Rd., Freckleton.
Served on the Western Front from October 1915 to January 1916 returning home ill. Transferred to the Labour Corps in December 1917, being discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WHITESIDE Harry

Private M/296255 650 Motor Transport Company, Army Service Corps
Private T/307786 613 Company (Liverpool), Army Service Corps
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 15th June 1916 aged 17
Cotton Weaver, son of John Thomas & Emma Whiteside, 31 Station Rd., Wesham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in February 1917. Served in the United Kingdom until discharged in June 1919.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive

WHITESIDE James

Private 20406 3 Supply Company, 4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Company-Sergeant-Major 149766 Inland Water Transport Section, Royal Engineers
Company-Sergeant-Major WR/50195 Inland Water Transport Section, Royal Engineers
Born Warton Enlisted Fleetwood 30th December 1914 aged 37
Master Mariner, husband of Emma Whiteside, 36 Sagar St., Fleetwood. Son of William Thomas & Priscilla Whiteside.
Served at Hereford Supply Depot until recruited into the Royal Engineers in February 1916 as Tugmaster. Served on the Western Front from May 1916 to April 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WHITESIDE James

Private 247 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Carlisle Enlisted 4th August 1914
Cotton Spinner, husband of Ellen Whiteside, 16 Smith St., Kirkham.
Recorded as having been wounded while serving on the Western Front.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 17th July 1915. (Photograph)

"WESHAM FAMILY'S RECORD OF SERVICE - Mrs. Mary Whiteside, Garstang road, Wesham, has two sons, three grandsons, and a son-in-law serving the King and country. Private James Whiteside, Loyal North Lancashires, son, is at present in France, as is her other son, Tom, of the same regiment. The former's son, Tom, is also in France, in the same regiment, whilst his cousin, John, is at present training in the South of England. Another grandson, Private Jos. Whiteside is in the R.A.M.C. Mrs. Whiteside's son-in-law, Private Herbert Leigh, is with the R.A.M.C. The five Whitesides are old scholars of Kirkham Congregational School."

WHITESIDE John

Son of Thomas Whiteside, 21 Whitworth St., Wesham.
Recorded as having been wounded while serving on the Western Front.
Report on family Preston Guardian 17th July 1915. (see above)
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

WHITESIDE John

Private 17585 9th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 143110 6th Company, Royal Army Medical Corps
Born Wesham Enlisted Kirkham 9th November 1914 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, son of John & Elizabeth Whiteside, 11 Billington St., Wesham.
Served on the Western Front from September 1915 to August 1917 having been wounded. Transferred to the RAMC in March 1918 serving within the United Kingdom. Discharged in March 1920. Enlisted in the Loyal Regt. Territorials in July 1922 being discharged a year later.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WHITESIDE Joseph

Private
Garstang Rd., Wesham. Royal Army Medical Corps
Recorded as having been wounded while serving in Egypt.
Report on family Preston Guardian 17th July 1915. (see above)
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

WHITESIDE Thomas

Private 242 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Rugland, Scotland
Husband of Betsy Whiteside, 21 Whitworth St., Wesham.
Recorded as having been wounded while serving on the Western Front.
Report on family Preston Guardian 17th July 1915. (see above)
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

WHITESIDE Thomas

Private 1077 / 200216 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham
Son of James & Ellen Whiteside, 16 Smith St., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from May 1915.
Report on family Preston Guardian 17th July 1915. (see above)
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

WHITESIDE Tom

Mechanic 1st Class Royal Air Force
Born Wesham
Son of John Thomas & Emma Whiteside, 31 Station Rd., Wesham.
Reported to have been wounded while serving on the Western Front.
Prior to joining the Army he was an apprentice electrician on the railway.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 20th October 1917.

"Corpl. T. Whiteside, Wesham, attached to the R.F.C., has been wounded in the leg by a bomb splinter. He is in hospital in Glasgow. He is 20 years of age, joined the Army two years ago, and has been in France 18 months. Prior to joining he was an apprentice electrician in the employ of the Railway Company."

WHITESIDE William

Husband of Chistina Whiteside, Clifton.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

WHITTAKER Ralph

Sapper 146892 Royal Engineers
Born Salwick
Joiner, son of Ralph & Ellen Whittaker, Moss Side Farm, Clifton.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

WHITTLE William Henry

Private TR/17474 67th Training Reserve Battalion
Private 39360 11th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 31st March 1917 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, son of Richard & Emily Whittle, School House, Freckleton.
Served on the Western Front from November 1917 until wounded and invalided to United Kingdom in September 1918. Went out to Turkey in April 1919 returning home in November 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 12th October 1918. (Photograph)

"Lance-Corpl. William Whittle (19), East Lancs. Regt., sustained a compound fracture of his leg at Armentieres on Sept. 5th, after being in France 10 months. He was recommended for the Military Medal on June 28th. Before enlisting he worked as a weaver at Messrs. Bibby and Sons, Freckleton. He is now in the Borough Hospital, Birkenhead. His parents reside at School House, Freckleton."

WIDDOWS Charles

Corporal 13948 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Preston Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 33
Shipyards Labourer, husband of Kate Widdows, 81 Preston St., Kirkham.
Served at Gallipoli from June 1915 until wounded at Chunck Bair in August 1915 and returned to England. Placed in the Army

WILKINSON Albert Edward

Private 6612 2nd Battalion, The Border Regt.
Private 48117 12th & 2/5th Battalions, The Manchester Regt.
Private 108025 Royal Army Medical Corps
Born Preston Enlisted Preston 7th December 1901 aged 18
Cotton Weaver, husband of Margaret Wilkinson, 42 Station Rd., Kirkham. Son of Thomas & Amelia Wilkinson of Preston.
Served with the 1st Battalion The Border Regt. in India from 1902 to 1904 then with the Army Reserve. Mobilized in August 1914 serving on the Western Front from November 1914 to March 1917 and then from May to October 1917. Transferred to the RAMC in May 1918. Demobilized to the Army Reserve in August 1919 being finally discharged as time expired in March 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WILKINSON John

Private 13936 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 19
Labourer, son of Robert & Mary Wilkinson, 45 Moor St., Kirkham.
Discharged in October 1914 medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WILKINSON Joseph

Driver 192351 Signal Section, Royal Engineers
Born Wharles Enlisted Preston 11th December 1915 aged 38
Farm Labourer, husband of Elizabeth Ellen Wilkinson, 7 Segar St., Wesham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in August 1916. Served in East Africa from December 1916 until invalided home in July 1917 suffering from Malaria. Discharged as physically unfit in June 1918. Previous to enlisting he was employed at Robert Ward's farm at Wharles.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WILKINSON Robert

At present no further information found.
Commemorated at Christ Church Parish Church, Treales.

WILKINSON William

Private 3604 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 35292 2nd Garrison Battalion, The Suffolk Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 45?
Cotton Spinner, husband of Hannah Wilkinson, 9 Preston St., Kirkham.
Served within the United Kingdom being discharged in December 1916. Previously served in the Border Regt. (1885 - 1896) & National Reserve.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WILLACY Arthur †

Corporal 12794 7th & 8th Battalions, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 20
Killed in action on the Western Front 14th July 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
House Painter, son of William & Elizabeth Emma Willacy, 12 Birley St., Kirkham.
Left with the battalion for the front in July 1915. Wounded by shrapnel in the left shoulder while serving with the 7th Battalion. Loyal North Lancashire Regt. in September 1915. Returned to the front in June 1916 posted to the 8th Battalion. Reported as missing while working with a carrying party, regimental history records 3 men killed & 4 men missing for that day. Prior to enlisting was employed as painter by Mr. R. Royles. A Sunday school teacher at St. Michael's Parish Church also a member of the Kirkham Subscription Prize Band. His brother Richard also served during the war with the 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 16th October 1915. (Photograph)

"Lance-Corporal Arthur Willacy, Birley street, Kirkham, who enlisted in September, 1914, in the 7th L.N.L., is now in hospital suffering from shrapnel wounds in the left shoulder, received on Monday night, as he was returning from the firing line. He was a member of the Kirkham Subscription Band prior to joining the Army."

Preston Guardian 12th August 1916. (Photograph)

"Mr. and Mrs. Willacy, 12 Birley street, Kirkham, has received the following letter from the O.C. the burial party in France: - "I beg to inform you that Sergeant A. Willacy has been buried on the field of battle. It was evident from the nature of the wounds that death must have been instantaneous". Sgt. Willacy, who was 22 years of age, and stood 6 ft., enlisted at the great recruiting rally which was held in Kirkham in Aug., 1914, and joined the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. He went out to France in September, 1915, and was subsequently wounded in the heavy fighting in and around

Ypres. After recovering from his wounds he again went out to France, in May of this year, and has been through some hard fighting. He was a member of the Kirkham Prize Band and also of the Loyal North Lancashire Regimental Band. He was an enthusiastic teacher at Kirkham Parish Church Sunday School, and a prominent worker in matters relating to the church. He was employed by Mr. R Royles as a painter. One of his brothers is in the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, and at present in Mesopotamia. Another brother is a member of the County Police, stationed at Goosnargh, and a third is employed as a clerk on the railway at Lytham Station. The deceased was single."

WILLACY Edwin Bates

Private 21151 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham
Cotton Weaver, son of William Elizabeth Emma Willacy, 12 Birley St., Kirkham.
Served at Gallipoli from November 1915.

WILLACY Henry Prestwich

Private 3951 / 201439 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 26th May 1915 aged 19
Cotton Weaver, son of Peter Prestwich & Margaret Willacy, 27 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Went out to the front in October 1915. Wounded and taken prisoner in July 1917. Returned home and discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WILLACY James Prestwich

Private 22708 11th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 3rd December 1915 aged 24
Railway Clerk, husband of Edith Willacy, son of Arthur Prestwich & Ellen Willacy, 47 Preston St., Kirkham.
Discharged a few days after enlisting as medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WILLACY Richard

Corporal 19334 6th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted 4th January 1915
Railway Platelayer, husband of Harriet Willacy, 28 Garstang Rd. North, Wesham.
Discharged in October 1916 physically unfit.

WILSON Abraham

Driver 29912 Royal Engineers
Born Wrea Green
Labourer, son of William & Ann Wilson, Wrea Green.
Served on the Western Front from March 1915.

WILSON Ernest

Born Midge Hall, Leyland
Son of Robert & Margaret Wilson, Police Station, Clifton.
At present no further information found.
Commemorated at St. John's Parish Church, Lund.

WILSON Henry Robinson †

Private 266051 King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 228319 1st Battalion, The London Regt. (att. 26th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers)
Born Lytham Enlisted Lancaster
Killed in action on the Western Front 14th April 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.
Aged 19, son of Thomas & Elizabeth E. Wilson, Saltcotes Rd., Lytham.
Recorded on Lytham War Memorial.
Family grave St. Paul's Parish Church, Warton.

WILSON Henry Whalley

Stoker MERSEY Z/5232 Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
Stoker 2nd Class K/54102 Royal Navy
Born Freckleton Enlisted 20th March 1918 aged 17
Farm Labourer, son of Thomas & Ellen Jane Wilson, 4 Clitheroes Lane, Freckleton.
Served within the United Kingdom. Discharged in June 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Aged 20, son of John & Maria Winstanley, Swarbrick Hall, Weeton.
Family grave St. Anne's Parish Church, Singleton.

WOODHOUSE William Iddon

Private M/413946 Motor Transport Section, Army Service Corps
Born Freckleton Enlisted Freckleton 10th December 1915 aged 26
Cotton Weaver, husband of Lydia Ellen Woodhouse, 7 Billington St., Wesham. Son of William & Ann Woodhouse, 19 Kirkham Rd., Freckleton.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in July 1918. Served within the United Kingdom until discharged in March 1919.
Previous address given as 46 Kirkham Rd., Freckleton.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS Alfred

Private 13903 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 25
Labourer, son of Robert & Margery Woods, 14 Ward St., Kirkham.
Discharged as medically unfit in October 1914.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS Aloysius

Private 12358 6th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 4366 3/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 26th August 1914 aged 28
Enlisted Preston 31st August 1915 aged 29
Bricklayer, son of Thomas & Alice Woods, 21 Laburnum Terrace, Station Rd., Wesham.
Discharged as medically unfit in September 1914. Enlisted again in August 1915 into the Loyal North Lancs Regt. once again being discharged as medically unfit in September 1916. Formerly a Police Constable with the Lancashire Constabulary being discharged due to his disability. Later moved to Fazackerley, Liverpool.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS Arthur

Private TR4/41046 73rd Training Reserve Battalion
Private 33671 6th & 9th Battalions, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Lytham 7th December 1915 aged 27
Clogger, son of Paul & Betsy Woods, 24 Marsden St., Kirkham
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in December 1916. Served in India (February 1917 to December 1918), Salonika and Turkey (December 1918 to October 1919). Discharged in December 1919.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS Arthur William †

Private 14011 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 9005 Army Cyclist Corps
Private 40711 16th Battalion, The Welsh Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham
Killed in action on the Western Front 7th July 1916.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Aged 20, son of George William & Elizabeth Woods, 1 Whitworth St., Wesham.
Went out to the front in December 1915. Prior to enlisting in September 1914 was employed by Mr. P.L. Birley, Wrea Green.
Recorded on Wesham War Memorial.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 4th November 1916. (Photograph)

"Private Arthur W. Woods, Welsh Regt., son of Mr. George Woods, Whitworth street, Wesham, has been killed in action. Deceased, who was 28 years of age, enlisted in Sept. 1914, and fell in the great 'push' on July 1st. Prior to enlisting he was employed by Mr. P.L. Birley, of Wrea Green."

Preston Herald 18th November 1916.

"WESHAM SOLDIER KILLED - An official notification has now been received of the death on July 7th, during the attack on Mametz Wood, of Pte. Arthur W. Woods, son of Mr. William Woods of Whitworth-street, Wesham. Woods who's regimental number was 84711, belonged to the 16th Welsh Regiment and enlisted on September 5th, 1914, to the cyclist corps of which he transferred from the 8th L.N.L. He had been in France twelve months. He was 20 last February. Previous to enlistment he was in the employment of Mr. P.L. Birley, J.P., of Wrea Green, in the nurseries. It will be remembered that the 16th Welsh was in the front line of the attack on Mametz of July 7th, and were practically wiped out. In a letter from the commanding officer to the parents which was received some time since, the officer stated that he could not hold out any hope of his being alive, but it was consoling to know that he died a soldiers death."

WOODS Frank

Sergeant 13960 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Sergeant 4th Garrison Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Sergeant 108038 25th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 2nd September 1914 aged 26
Cook & Baker, son of Richard & Louisa Woods, 60 Preston St., Kirkham.
Left with the battalion for the front in July 1915. Returned home sick in February 1916 on recovering served in England with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers & Loyal North Lancs., being posted to France with the 25th Liverpools in May 1918. Served at 10 Military Prison as a guard from March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS George

Sergeant Kirkham & Wesham Volunteer Training Corps
Born Kirkham
Cotton Spinner, husband of Sarah Jane Woods, 28 Orders Lane, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 26th May 1915.

"The members of the Kirkham Volunteer Training Corps spent an enjoyable time on Saturday afternoon at The Villa, Wrea Green, the residence of section commander, Mr. Percy L. Birley. A presentation was made to the late instructor to the corps, Sergt. Major O. Fleetwood, of a handsom half-hunter gold watch from the members of the corps. Tea was partaken of in the lovely grounds, and various forms of recreation were provided, Mr. and Mrs. Birley being heartily thanked for their hospitality. Sergt. George Woods, of Kirkham (an old Volunteer of many years service) has been appointed in succession to Mr. Fleetwood."

WOODS Harry

Private 52596 Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Born Preston Enlisted Preston 5th June 1916 aged 18
Cotton Clothlooker, son of John Wilkinson Woods, 13 Moor St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until being mobilized in October 1916. Served within the United Kingdom until discharged in April 1917 as medically unfit.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS Henry

Private 39688 3rd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 52251 9th Battalion, East Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 19th February 1916 aged 26
Hawker, son of William & Agnes Woods, 98 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Went out to India in October 1917. Transferred to East Lancashire Regt. at Salonika in December 1918 then to Turkey in January 1919. Discharged in November 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS James

Private 241 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 5795 2/1st Battalion, The Herefordshire Regt.
Sapper 265912 / WR/179023 Railway Operating Department, Royal Engineers
Born Wesham Enlisted Lytham 4th August 1914 aged 35
Railway Guard, son of Thomas & Alice Woods, 21 Laburnum Terrace, Station Rd., Kirkham.
Left with the battalion for the front in May 1915, returning to United Kingdom wounded in July 1915. On recovering transferred to Royal Engineers returning to France in March 1917 to April 1919. Discharged in May 1919.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS James

Private 34973 1st Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Lance-Corporal 33877 2/4th Battalion, King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Lance-Corporal H/59645 2/1st Pembroke Yeomanry Cyclists
Lance-Corporal 249025 Home Service Company, The Labour Corps
Lance-Corporal 44061 The Bedfordshire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 8th December 1915 aged 19
Cotton Weaver, son of Paul & Betsy Woods, 24 Marsden St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army reserve until being mobilized in January 1916, going out to the front in June 1916. Returned to England in August 1916, the remainder of his service being within the United Kingdom. Discharged in September 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS John

Private 3333 / 265612 1/5th & 12th Battalions, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 28th December 1914 aged 26
Brickworks Labourer, son of Richard & Maria Woods, 40 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve in March 1917. Discharged as medically unfit in September 1917, stated that his deafness was

caused by anti-aircraft gun practice at Dungeness.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS John

Corporal Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham
Postman, husband of Nancy Woods, 11 Chapel Walks, Kirkham
Reported as having been wounded in June 1915 while serving on the Western Front. Had previously served with the forces in South Africa during the Boer War. Prior to the outbreak of the war was employed as a postman at Kirkham.

Report Preston Guardian 26th June 1915.

"Mrs. Woods, Marsden street, Kirkham, has received a letter from her husband, Corporal John Woods, of the 4th L.N.L. (T.F.) in which he mentions the magnificent charge of the Loyal North Lancashires. They were all heroes. He was slightly wounded in the knee, but had his revenge killing six Germans that he knew of. He further states that it was a miracle how any of them were left to tell the tale. They were now enjoying a well earned rest. Corporal Woods was the postman from Kirkham to Weeton prior to the outbreak of war, and wore the ribbons for the South African campaign."

WOODS John Hardman

Private 3218 / 241096 2/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Born Kirkham Enlisted 24th November 1914
Son of Joseph & Jane Woods, 14 Preston St., Kirkham.
Discharged in December 1917 due to wounds.

WOODS Joseph

Sapper 60268 Signal Service, Royal Engineers
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 1st January 1915 aged 32
Fish Salesman, husband of Jane Woods, 27 Station Rd., Kirkham.
Served on the Western Front from July 1915 to February 1919. Discharged in March 1919.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS Joseph

Private TX4/233375 Remount Depot, Army Service Corps
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 6th April 1916 aged 44
Farm Labourer, resided with his cousin Harry Woods, 72 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Placed in the Army Reserve until mobilized in August 1916. Served at the Remount Depot at Ormskirk until discharged physically unfit in January 1917. Had previously served 6 years with the Lancashire Fusiliers.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS Paul

Private 3496 1/5th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)
Private 206838 2nd Battalion, The Lincolnshire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted 12th January 1915
Cotton Weaver, son of Paul & Betsy Woods, 24 Marsden St., Kirkham
Discharged due to wounds in February 1919.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

WOODS Richard †

Private 17511 11th Battalion, The Border Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Kirkham 10th January 1915 aged 23
Died at home of Pneumonia 2nd May 1916.
House Painter, husband of Maggie Woods, son of Robert & Margery Woods, 14 Ward St., Kirkham.
Discharged as medically unfit (deafness) in May 1915.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS Robert Rogerson †

Private 5453 / 202446 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 260050 1st Battalion, The Border Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 13th July 1916 aged 25
Killed in action on the Western Front 4th October 1917.
Buried at Artillery Wood Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium.
Fitter's Labourer, husband of Sarah Jane Woods, 14 Pont St., Nelson. Son of Edward & Isabella Threlfall, 26 Victoria St., Nelson.
Went out to the Western Front in May 1917.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS Robert William †

Sergeant 58 1/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 3rd April 1908 aged 36
Killed in action on the Western Front 15th June 1915.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Fitter, husband of Isabella Woods, 16 Goldfinch St., Preston, son of James & Jane Woods.
Went out with the battalion to the front in May 1915 being posted as missing on 15th June 1915. Previous service with the Border Regt.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS Thomas Butler †

Private 12796 7th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 131781 Western Command, The Labour Corps
Private 81884 23rd Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regt.)
Private 204386 1st Battalion, The Labour Corps
Private 12796 1/5th Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Kirkham Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 30
Killed in action on the Western Front 30th November 1917.
No Known Grave. Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France.
Cotton Spinner, husband of Hannah Woods, 11 Freckleton St., Kirkham.
Went out with the battalion to the front in July 1915. Returned to England suffering from Trench Fever in June 1916. Remained within United Kingdom until returning to France in September 1917 being posted to the 1/5th Loyal North Lancs.
Recorded on Kirkham War Memorial.
Commemorated at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Preston Guardian 28th September 1918. (Photograph)

"Pte. T. Woods.L.N.L. Regt., Freckleton-street, Kirkham, who was posted as missing November 30th, is now presumed to have died on that date. He enlisted in the early stages of the war, and previously was employed at Messrs. Bowdler's mil. Pte. Woods was a keen member of the Kirkham Subscription Band, and his death makes the sixth member of the band lost since the outbreak of war."

WOODS Thomas Edward

Sergeant St. John Ambulance Brigade
Private 104463 Royal Army Medical Corps
Born Kirkham
Cotton Weaver, son of William Woods, 25 Moor St., Kirkham.
Recorded as having served within the United Kingdom.
Commemorated at United Reformed Church, Kirkham.

Preston Guardian 20th November 1915.

"AMBULANCE MEN FOR SERVICE - A further appeal has been made to the Divisional Superintendent of the Kirkham Brigade (Mr. Heslop) for more volunteers. Sergeant T.E. Woods and Privates J. Ferries and J. Donnelly have volunteered for general service, and have left for Dover Military Hospital yesterday morning. Thirteen members of the Kirkham Brigade are now serving their country's call"

WOODS Vincent Thomas

Gunner 12257 86th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
Born Wesham Enlisted Preston 1st September 1914 aged 29
Bricklayer, husband of Elizabeth Ellen Woods, 30 Garstang Rd., Wesham, son of Thomas & Alice Woods.
Went out to the front in July 1915. Served in France until invalided home in April 1918 after being gassed. Discharged in March 1920.
Service papers at the National Archive.

WOODS William

Private 235 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Private 407285 Royal Flying Corps
54 Freckleton St., Kirkham.

WORTHINGTON Edward

Private 23854 Loyal North Lancashire Regt.
Born Freckleton Enlisted Preston 26th February 1916 aged 22
Cotton Weaver, son of John Worthington, 22 Clitheroes Lane, Freckleton.
Discharged medically unfit in August 1916.
Service papers at the National Archive.

Location of Memorials & Graves of the Fallen

Memorials to the Missing

Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France	24
Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium	19
Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium	11
Various other Western Front Memorials	35
Naval Memorials	1
Basra & Kut Memorials, Iraq	14
Helles & Lone Pine Memorials, Turkey	9
Cairo (Hadra) Memorial, Egypt	1
Kirkee Memorial, India	1
Israel	1

Cemeteries

France	82
Belgium	22
Egypt	3
Germany	1
Israel	1
Iraq	1
Malta	1
Africa	1
Australia	1
England & Scotland	6
Various local cemeteries	29
No Known Grave	1
As yet not located	8

Gallantry awards to local men

Military Cross	3
Distinguished Conduct Medal	6
Military Medal	34
Mention in Despatches	9
Croix de Guerre (France)	1

Added Information