

# **BUCQUOY**

## **(GERMAN SPRING OFFENSIVE)**



### **Operation 'Michael'**

**Pas-de-Calais, France**

**Thursday 21st March 1918 – Sunday 2nd June 1918**

**The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)**

**2/4th, 5th, 2/7th Battalions  
of**

**186th Infantry Brigade, 62nd (West Riding) Division**

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## FOREWORD

This book was compiled, as a follow on to the Nieuport Sector book, to throw some light onto a most gallant defence which was instrumental in halting the first of the five major attacks which comprised the German Spring Offensive.

The authors were aware that the 62<sup>nd</sup> Division had been at rest, had been pitched into the front line at very short notice and then had been very successful at holding the line until ordered to withdraw and been very proud of that fact, but that there was very little recorded in the Regimental Archives about this action. Unlike the Territorial Force battalions in 49<sup>th</sup> Division (1/4<sup>th</sup> DWR) none of our battalions in 62<sup>nd</sup> Division had published a Regimental History post war, although the Huddersfield Examiner printed two or three features on the 1/5<sup>th</sup> and 2/5<sup>th</sup> Battalions in 1919 (see below).

Michael Green produced the research on the casualties of the three remaining 'Dukes' Battalions in 186<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, covering early 1918, using the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and Soldiers Died in the Great War publications, as well as the Unit War Diaries, which has resulted in this addition to the DWR Regimental Archives' Collection.

It will join other publications to be uploaded onto the 'Dukes' Regimental Website for future generations to gain an insight into the activities of those who were caught up in that dreadful conflict and how they endured the terrible conditions of that time and prevailed against seemingly overwhelming odds, in order to bring victory in November, 1918. Lest We Forget.

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Nostell, March 2020.

### **NOTES:**

Huddersfield Drill Hall is the home of both the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Battalions' War Memorials, the 5<sup>th</sup> Btn is annotated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH, (with a book, featuring the men listed on the Memorial, titled: Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921) whilst the 7<sup>th</sup> Btn's is listed as 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall. A book to similarly honour the men of the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion is currently being compiled.

Common abbreviations:

CWGC: Commonwealth War Graves Commission - (headstones listed as Plot, Row, Grave: 5.D.6)  
Btn: Battalion (approx 1,000 men).  
CO: Commanding Officer, Lt Col, (Btn CO).  
Coy: Company (approx 200 men) Capt (OC Coy).  
MGC: Machine Gun Corps.  
CPGW: Cravens Part in the Great War, book and website.  
Ranks: Pte, Private; LCpl, Lance Corporal; Cpl, Corporal; Sgt, Sergeant; CSgt Colour Sergeant; C/RSM, Company/ Regimental Sergeant Major; 2Lt, Second Lieutenant, Lt, Lieutenant; Capt, Captain; Maj; Major; Lt Col, Lieutenant Colonel.  
RoH: Roll of Honour.  
SDGW: Soldiers Died in The Great War.  
WM: War Memorial.

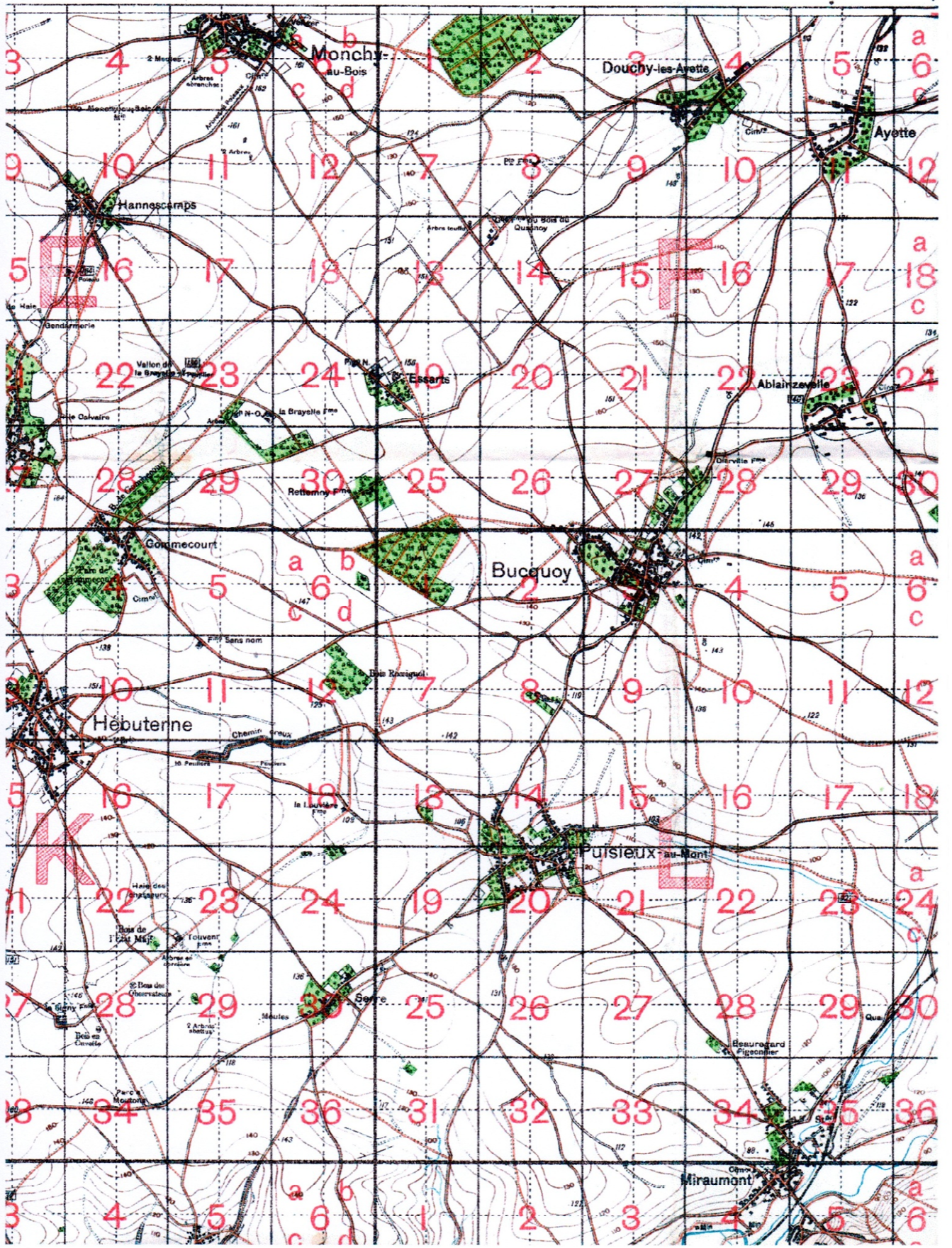
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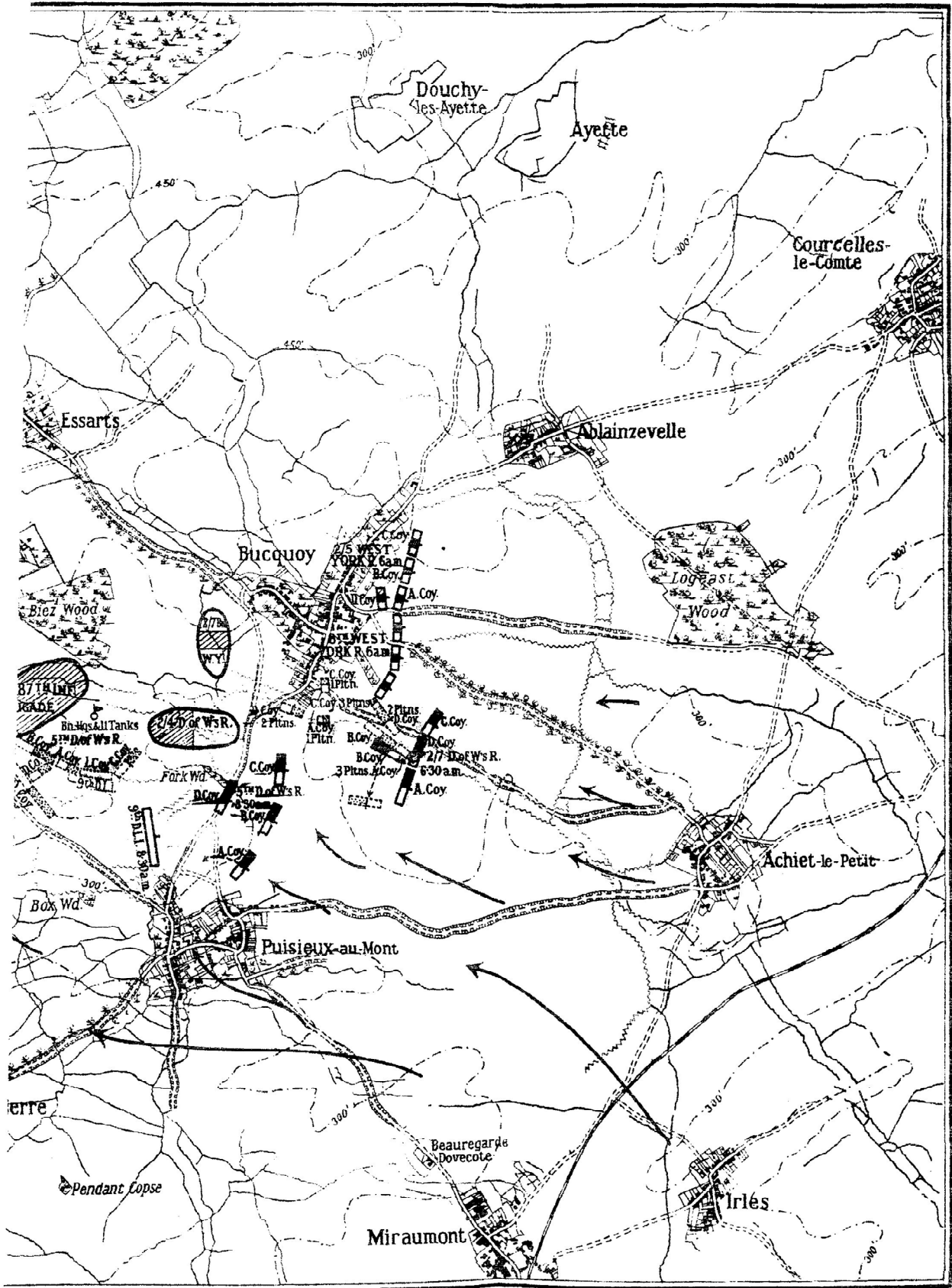
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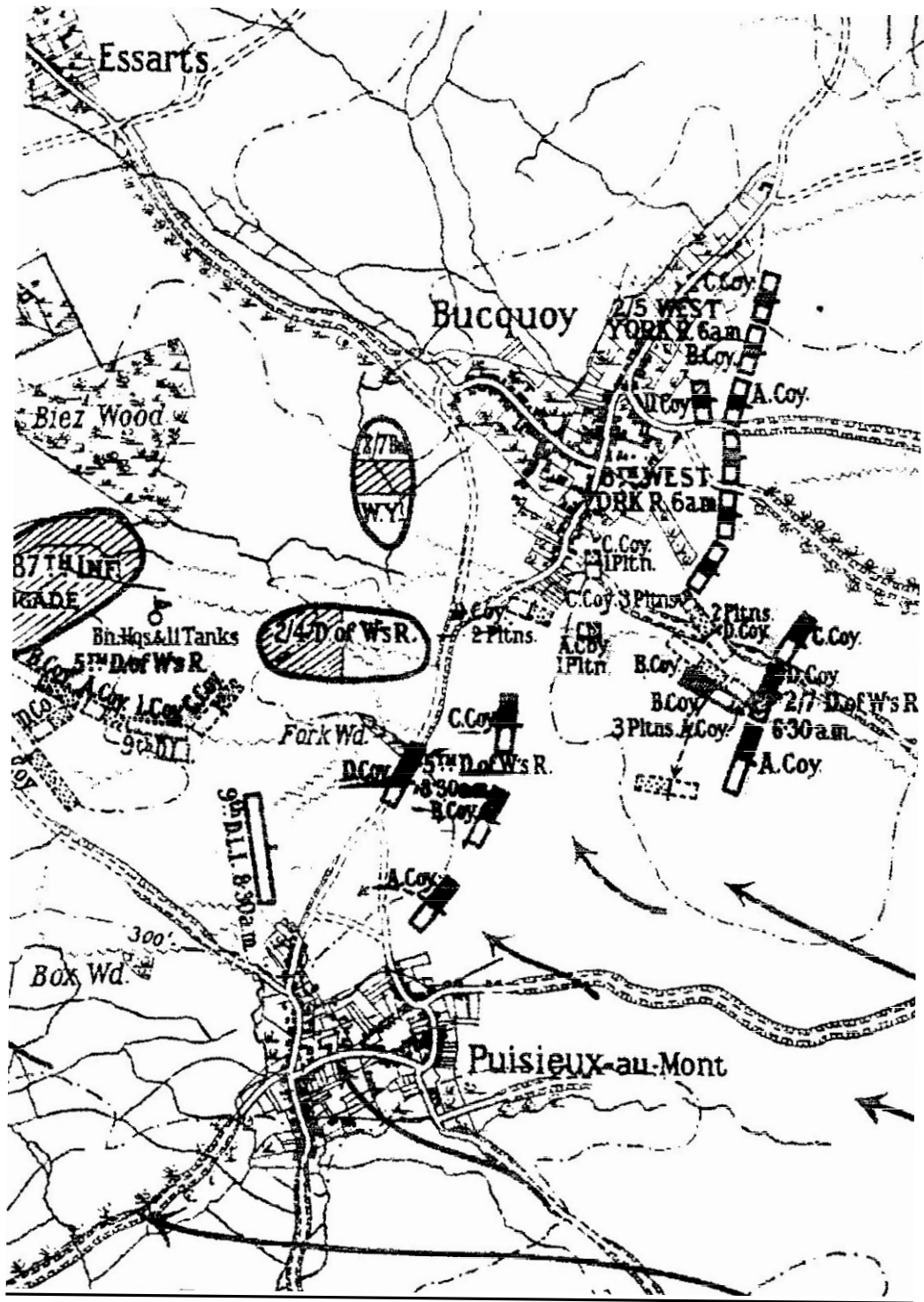
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## INTRODUCTION.

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Division had been raised as a second line Territorial Force (TF) battalion, based on a Cadre from the original 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> (TF) Battalions from Halifax, Huddersfield, Skipton and the Holme Valley areas, respectively, of the West Riding of Yorkshire. Initially, these units had been used as training and drafting battalions to provide trained manpower as reinforcements to the front line battalions, primarily the first line TF units of 147<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade of 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Division at the front. However, in early 1915, a third line of TF battalions was raised to perform this duty and the 62<sup>nd</sup> Division was given a coastal defence and training function, culminating in receiving orders in December, 1916, to proceed overseas in January, 1917. 62<sup>nd</sup> Division, comprising of 185<sup>th</sup>, 186<sup>th</sup> and 187<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigades, embarked for France and Flanders on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1917. By May, 1917, they were involved in the Battle of the Scarpe, taking part in a major attack, alongside the Australians, at the unsuccessful and costly Battle of Bullecourt on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. By the end of the year, though, the Division had gained a great deal of experience and was successful in attacks on the Hindenburg Line at Havringcourt during the Battle of Cambrai.

On 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1918, the Germans launched their Spring Offensive, Operation Michael, with a five hour bombardment followed by overwhelming numbers of German storm troops, brought back from the Russian Front after the collapse of the Russian Army and the Treaty of Brest Litovsk. The Germans were intent on cutting off the British Expeditionary Force from the Chanel ports, which would force them to surrender.

As the first of the German attacks began, the 62<sup>nd</sup> Division was manning the front line at Arleux, a few miles away and unaware of the situation which was forcing the British units back, although they came under a heavy artillery barrage on that day, it was not followed up by an infantry attack. The Brigade was relieved by a Canadian Division on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and moved back to billets at Lancaster Camp, near St Eloi. Here the 187<sup>th</sup> Brigade of the Division was immediately sent to join 17<sup>th</sup> Corps but the other two Brigades remained at St Eloi until midnight on 25<sup>th</sup>, when the Division received orders from Third Army HQ to move to Alette, north of Bucquoy.

The Brigades, by now rejoined the 187<sup>th</sup> Brigade, found it extremely difficult to get through the retreating British troops, guns, ambulances, staff cars and motorcycles, as well as refugees fleeing from the German advance. As soon as they reached Alette orders were given to move immediately to Bucquoy. They reached Bucquoy and were then called forward to the east of the village to defend Achiet le Petit, their hasty positions ready by 5pm on 25<sup>th</sup> March, with men of at least five divisions streaming to the rear in some confusion but no panic.

The Division was ordered to withdraw from Achiet le Petit about 3pm, but the orders did not reach the forward battalions until much later, the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion engaged the enemy at 11pm, taking several prisoners before making a withdrawal in daylight, closely followed by numbers of Germans, to a new position between Bucquoy and Achiet le Petite. From 8am on the 26<sup>th</sup> March the Germans attacked this position five times during the day and were repulsed on each occasion.

The isolated Battalions, not knowing where the others were located eventually received reinforcements and the line was stabilised at midday and the Germans redoubled their efforts to break through, but were met by devastating machine gun and rifle fire, 186<sup>th</sup> Brigade having been reinforced by General Ironside and 100 machine guns from the British Machine Gun School. The attacks died down, after a last effort at about 7pm on the right flank of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion.



Extract from the Huddersfield Examiner of Wed 30 Jul, 1919:

#### THE GREAT GERMAN OFFENSIVE

“On February 1<sup>st</sup> the Battalion went into the line in front of Gavrelle, just north of Arras, and after a period of further training the Battalion again, on March 9<sup>th</sup>, went into the line in the Acheville sector, quite close to the Vimy Ridge. Throughout this month the air was full of rumours of an impending enemy offensive and very strict precautionary measures were taken. On March 22<sup>nd</sup> the Battalion was moved back to Mont St Eloi and became General Headquarters Reserve. News of the enemy offensive then reached the Battalion whilst concentrated at Bucquoy on March 24<sup>th</sup> and was most ominous. The Brigade was ordered, at 4pm, to advance and take up a position in front of Achiet le Petit which they did. Large numbers of retiring troops, utterly worn out, from five different Divisions, passed through the Brigade as they advanced and no definite information could be obtained except that the enemy was advancing steadily in large numbers. At dusk the Battalion themselves saw large numbers of the enemy on the high ground above Irles. They had no artillery behind except one gun which they persuaded to remain until it had fired all its ammunition. All seemed chaos behind the lines. After a thrilling night in which the Battalion got some prisoners, the men were ordered to retire at 4pm to the high ground between Bucquoy and Puiseaux as their flanks were exposed and there were no troops at all on their right. The orders were received late and the Battalion had to go back in daylight which resulted in some losses and many unpleasant surprises. On March 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> repeated onslaughts by the enemy were repulsed many times. The Battalion was well supported by tanks and the line did not break. By degrees supporting artillery came to the assistance and the Battalion successfully consolidated a line. On March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10.30am, after a heavy bombardment the enemy attacked heavily on the Battalion’s whole front. The supporting artillery put down a splendid counter barrage and a stiff fight ensued and, in no single case, did any enemy reach the British line, except as a prisoner. Time after time the enemy (German 2<sup>nd</sup> Guards Reserve Division) massed to make fresh attacks, but were decimated by the rifle and Lewis gun fire to our glorious men. Towards evening the attack waned and finally collapsed. March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> were very trying days and the enemy attempted to attack many more times, but was always frustrated by the accurate fire of our splendid men. On April 1<sup>st</sup> the Battalion went back to Henu for a few days rest and recuperation. The casualties in these few days fighting numbered: 9 Officers and 206 Other Ranks.

Many congratulatory messages were received during the fighting. One, from the Divisional Commander on March 28<sup>th</sup>, ran, “Congratulate 5<sup>th</sup> DWR on their fine fight. The fight put up by the isolated platoon is worthy of the best traditions of the Regiment to which it belongs.”

Until the end of June the Battalion remained in this sector at Bucquoy and Ablainzeville and had a very exciting and difficult period. The enemy was most aggressive and the men were continually ‘on the quiver’, but on no single occasion did the Battalion give ground and minor offensive operations went in their favour.”

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The War Diary entries which follow are annotated in red to show the periods each battalion of 186<sup>th</sup> Brigade was in the front line between 21<sup>st</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 1918:

## WAR DIARY ENTRIES

### March 1918.

- **Thursday 21st March:**

- 2/4th Btn Moved into support line in Arleux Sector, A, B and C Coys in Railway Embankment.
- 5th Btn **Heavy enemy Battery fire opened.** Later Btn relieved by 2/7th Btn in ACHEVILLE SECTION. B & D Coys & BHQ to SPRINGVALE CAMP, Nr ECURIE. A & C Coys to railway embankment Nr. FARBUS STATION.
- 2/7th Btn **Moved to front line to relieve 5th Btn DWR. & were relieved by 2/4th Btn.**

- **Friday 22nd March:**

- 2/4th Btn. **In The Line.**
- 5th Btn. Received hurried orders to move PM to LANCASTER CAMP, MONT St ELOI, after relief by two Companies of Canadian Corps.
- 2/7th Btn. **Ordinary trench routine, Very quiet, during night 5 patrols went out. All returned having accomplished their missions. Nothing out of the ordinary to report.**

- **Saturday 23rd March:**

- 2/4th Btn Relieved by 43rd & 8th Canadian Regiments, then moved to camp at MONT St ELOI.
- 5th Btn Received warning notice to prepare for active operations. All detached officers and men rejoined Battalion.
- 2/7th Btn **Relieved in Line by 58th. Canadian Battalion.** Preceded to BOIS-des-ALLEUX, MONT St. ELOI. Arrived and bedded down by 10-00pm.

- **Sunday 24th March:**

- 2/4th Btn MONT St ELOI, moved to "Y" Hutments Nr. DUISANS.
- 5th Btn Marched to ETRON AREA and in hutment camp. Orders received to man GREEN LINE, south of ARRAS the following day.
- 2/7th Btn Moved to "Y" Hutments Nr. DUISANS.

- **Monday 25th March:**

- 2/4th Btn At 3-30am marched to BUCQUOY, arrived at 1-30pm. Formed up en-mass with Division and drew extra ammunition. **Then took up position Nr. ACHIET-Le-PETIT, in support of 5th & 2/7th Btns. DWR. Right defensive flank extended during night by 9th. Btn Durham Light Infantry.**
- 5th Btn During early morning moved from ETRUN to AYETTE. Very congested route with many troops. Before reaching AYETTE, were ordered to BUCQUOY, arriving at 2pm. Then marched to ACHIET-Le-PETITE. Before dusk many enemy seen on skyline Nr. IRLES.  
**1.30am Battalion received orders to move with Bde from ETRUN AREA at 3.5am to AYETTE. Accompanied by Transport the Battalion marched via WARLUS, BEAUMETZ, and RANSART to AYETTE. Roads were all very congested with moving troops and guns and the march was a slow and tedious one. Before reaching AYETTE at 7.50am orders were passed down the column that the Div had to go on to BUCQUOY to concentrate there. On arrival at BUCQUOY about 2pm the Battalion marched up to ACHIET LE PETIT Road and had dinners on the common in front of BUCQUOY. The area was one mass of moving artillery and guns moving in a rearward direction. Ammunition, bombs etc were issued to the men from Regimental Reserve and Packs dumped. Orders were received for the Bde to advance at about 4.30pm and take up a position in front of ACHIET -LE -PETIT to guard the railway in a S.E. direction. The 2/7th West Riding Regt was on the left and 5th Btn West Riding Regt on the right with 2/4th West Riding Regt in Reserve.**

Battalion advanced in artillery formation of platoons and encountered no opposition. Dispositions of the Btn were, A Coy took up defensive position across the Railway S.E. of ACHIET- LE - PETIT with 2/7th West Riding Regt on their left. B Coy was on the right of A Coy. C Coy in Support of A Coy and D Coy in Support of B Coy. D Coy provided one platoon to watch the MIRAUMONT VALLEY. No organised troops were on our right flank. Large numbers of men of 41st, 19th, 25th, 42nd and 51st Divs straggled back through our lines retiring from the direction of LOUPARD WOOD and GREVILERS followed by the enemy. Before dusk parties of the enemy were clearly seen on skyline in front N of IRLES. The only artillery which remained to cover the Battalion was a battery of 3 Field Guns which drew out about 11pm. After darkness the enemy approached our positions both from the front and from the MIRAUMONT VALLEY. In encounters three prisoners were captured by us and several killed. During the night orders were received to alter our dispositions and take up a position on the high ground overlooking the Railway and the MIRAUMONT VALLEY on the crest S of ACHIET LE PETIT. These positions were taken up accordingly and a line of posts dug.

- 2/7th Btn Left DUISANS at 3am, marched to BUCQUOY. In defensive position behind ACHIET-Le-PETIT, and in front of BUCQUOY.
- **Tuesday 26th March:**
- 2/4th Btn IN THE FIELD: At 2.30am orders were received to withdraw at 5.30am & to pass through the 5th and 2/7th D of W Regt, which would be withdrawn earlier, and to take up a line L.8.b.25.85 to B.9.d.0.9. approx. Ref. Sheet 57 D M E 1/20000 to cover the withdrawal of the 5th and 2/7th Btns D of W Regt should it become necessary. The 9th Battalion D.L.I. took up a position on my right. At 11am the 9th D.L.I.'s & 5th D of W's began to withdraw as a large number of the enemy were reported to be working round their right flank. The withdrawal of these two Btns necessitated the alteration of my dispositions and three Coys were moved so that they faced SOUTH. The remainder of the days was spent in consolidating.
- 5th Btn. At 3.30am orders were received for the Bde to retire before dawn, and take up a position on the high ground between BUCQUOY and PUISSEUX. The 2/7th West Riding Regt to be on the left with its left flank on BUCQUOY and the 5th West Riding Regt on the right with its right flank on PUISSEUX. The dividing line between Battalions to be a point midway between PUISSEUX and BUCQUOY. The 2/4th West Riding Regt remained in Support. The retirement from ACHIET LE PETIT was a hurried one as orders were received so late and actually some of the Coys left in broad daylight. The Btn was very closely followed by the enemy in large numbers, especially in the MIRAUMONT - PUISSEUX Road where B Coy encountered an enemy cyclist patrol of 40 strong with light machine guns, but which was dispersed by our Lewis Gun Fire. Covered by our retirement a large amount of ammunition was removed from ammunition dump on road leading from BUCQUOY to the ACHIET LE PETIT - PUISSEUX Road. Remainder of this ammunition was blown up as we retired. The enemy clearly saw our retirement and subjected us to Machine Gun Fire from Ridge S of ACHIET LE PETIT as soon as we moved. A few casualties were caused. During the retirement a Lewis Gun Team of B Coy and a few men got cut off and were probably taken prisoner by troops of the enemy moving up the MIRAUMONT VALLEY. The Btn formed a defensive line 300 yds E of the BUCQUOY - PUISSEUX Road with Lewis Guns pushed forward. 3 Coys were put in the line (A, B, C right to left) with D Coy in Support along the road. Each Coy had 3 platoons in the line with 1 platoon in Coy Reserve. Patrols were sent into PUISSEUX. At this stage (about 8.30am) a section of 4 machine guns reported and were placed - 2 immediately N of PUISSEUX to cover the MIRAUMONT - PUISSEUX VALLEY and 2 to cover the approaches from direction of ACHIET LE PETIT, where they at once came into action, the enemy being close up. Shortly afterwards the enemy were reported to be in PUISSEUX and on the high ground S of PUISSEUX. A Coy was then withdrawn and placed on the right flank facing southwards towards PUISSEUX to protect this flank. The enemy pressed vigorously but were held back. The 9th Durham Light Infantry were in support in trenches about 300 yds W of PUISSEUX - BUCQUOY Road and liaison was established.



- **2/7th Btn In The Line:** The enemy made five distinct attacks on BUCQUOY, all of which were driven off by rifle and machine gun fire. Many enemy parties seen walking on the PUISIEUX to ACHIET-Le-PETIT road.
- **Wednesday 27th March:**
- **2/4th Btn** At 4am, battalion flank, together with right flank of 2/7th DWR moved to S.E. of BUCQUOY. 10am heavily shelled and enemy developed an attack to front line, but beaten back by Lewis Gun and rifle fire.
- **5th Btn** During the morning enemy aerial activity was very marked and large numbers of the enemy were observed filling trenches S.W of FORK ROAD and in L.7.d. At 12.30pm our right Coy was attacked both across the open and along the trenches. The attack in the open was easily driven off by Lewis gun fire and Rifle fire. The bombing attack up the trenches was very persistent and was difficult to hold back owing to our shortage of bombs. A bombing block was established at L.7.d.2.5. and the left platoon of the right Coy withdrawn. Bombing Fighting continued at this point and also on the flank adjoining ROSSIGNOL WOOD from which position the enemy kept up continued sniping fire. During the afternoon and evening several enemy demonstrations were made in L.7.c and d. but by means of Lewis Gun Fire and Artillery Fire no further attack developed. About 7pm the Btn on our right was seen to be bombed out of their position by the enemy and our right flank again became completely exposed. B Coy and a platoon of 9th D.L.I. were then turned into a defensive flank and the Btns position made secure. During the night patrols were sent out over the whole Battalion front. Enemy patrols were encountered and driven off and 2 prisoners taken. Supplied of ammunition were go up to the Coy and further consolidation carried out.
- **2/7th Btn** Very heavy shelling. Enemy attack on right successfully beaten off, causing many enemy casualties.
- **Thursday 28th March:**
- **2/4th Btn** Enemy shelling Battalion position all day, no attacks developed.
- **5th Btn** BHQ was moved to L.1.c.6.2. in an old dugout shaft. At 9.25am the enemy put down a very heavy barrage on our front line system and the trenches and ridges in rear. The enemy was then seen to be massing between FORK WOOD and the Ridge S.W. of the Wood. At 10.30am a message was received that the enemy was attacking along the whole Btn front, the barrage continuing to fall on the trenches around BHQ. Our artillery put down a counter barrage in L.7.c. and d. and a stiff fight ensued and in no case did the enemy succeed in getting to our line. Time after time the enemy massed to make fresh attack but was decimated by our accurate rifle and Lewis gun fire at each attempt. During the rest of the day the enemy were seen crawling back towards FORK WOOD. During these attacks several prisoners were taken, the attacking troops proving to be 2nd Res Guards. In conjunctions with the attack in the open a very strong enemy bombing attack took place east of ROSSIGNOL WOOD and No.13 platoon of D Coy became isolated at about K.12.d.95.80. At 1.5pm this platoon was reported to be still holding out. Several attempts were made to bomb to their rescue but when they were finally reached it was found that the platoon under 2Lt A Cawthra had been overwhelmed and none were left alive. At 3.15pm the enemy were reported to be again massing in L.7.d. and L.8.c. Artillery action with very satisfactory results was at once taken and no attack developed. It was then reported from the 2/4th York and Lancaster Regt that ROSSIGNOL WOOD was in enemy occupation so D Coy was withdrawn into line with B and A Coys a block being established at L.7.c.40.95 Bomb Fighting continued during the afternoon on the right of B coy and the rifle men were concentrated against enemy snipers in ROSSIGNOL WOOD with satisfactory results. During the night instructions were received for the right coy to be prepared to attack along the East side of ROSSIGNOL WOOD in conjunction with an attack of the 8th West Yorks Regt but as this Battalion did not proceed beyond our line no attack was made by B Coy.
- **2/7th Btn** Enemy shelling & more attacks, successfully beaten off.

- **Friday 29th March:**

- 2/4th Btn Enemy shelling less heavy. No enemy attacks. One Coy engaged enemy patrol of 1 officer & 30 O/R's at 8-30pm. Officer killed, O/R's dispersed. German Lewis Gun & Light Machine Gun captured.
- 5th Btn Enemy got up a considerable amount of artillery and trench mortars were established in ROSSIGNOL WOOD and our line was subjected to a heavy bombardment some casualties being sustained. During the day enemy rifle, machine gun and sniping was particularly active. This was replied to by our rifle and Lewis gun fire and Stokes Mortars. At 7.30pm in the evening a further demonstration was made in L.7.c. and d. but by mean of Lewis Gun and rifle fire and good artillery work the enemy concentration was broken up. Patrols were sent out as usual during the night and the enemy was quiet.
- 2/7th Btn Enemy shelling & more attacks, successfully beaten off.

- **Saturday 30th March:**

- 2/4th Btn The enemy were much quieter generally, although there was heavy shelling at intervals, the enemy using a heavy Trench Mortar. During the evening my left Coy were again raided by the enemy at about 8.30pm and one of the enemy was wounded, 2Lt Martindale accompanied by LCpl Waller went out to reconnoitre and on coming up to the wounded enemy soldier tried to take him prisoner. The German jumped up & ran towards our trench with 2Lt Martindale pursuing him, the men in the trench seeing an enemy running towards then opened fire killing the German, and at the same time 2Lt Martindale.
- 5th Btn The day passed quietly except for increased shelling and sniping. Enemy field guns appeared to enfilade our positions from direction of W of ROSSIGNOL WOOD causing us serious casualties. At night the Battalion was relieved by 8th West Yorks Regt and 2/5th West Yorks Regt and went into support in trenches in E.30.b.
- 2/7th Btn Enemy shelling & more attacks, successfully beaten off.

- **Sunday 31st March:** - Weather - heavy rain, conditions - very bad.

- 2/4th Btn Enemy shelling with Field Guns, 5.9" & Heavy trench Mortars. Battalion relieved by 13th Royal Fusiliers & 1st Essex Regt. Returned to camp at SOUASTRE.
- 5th Btn
- 2/7th Btn Battalion relieved in the line by a Btn. of the 37th. Div. and retired to SOUASTRE.

## April 1918

- **Monday 1st April:**

- 2/4th Btn In camp at SOUASTRE.
- 5th Btn Btn in support trenches. At night relieved by 13th K.R.R. Marched to billets at HENU.
- 2/7th Btn In camp at SOUASTRE.

- **Tuesday 2nd April:** Weather – fine & dry

- 2/4th Btn In camp at SOUASTRE.
- 5th Btn In camp at SOUASTRE.
- 2/7<sup>th</sup> Btn Left SOUASTRE at 1-30pm to PAS-EN-ARTOIS arrived 3pm.

- **Wednesday 3rd April:** Weather – fine & bright

- 2/4th Btn Moved to billets in HENU.
- 5th Btn In billets in HENU. Btn reorganisation and inspections.
- 2/7th Btn In billets in PAS. Cleaning up & inspections.

- **Thursday 4th April:** Weather – very wet

- 2/4th Btn In billets in HENU.

- 5th Btn Btn reorganisation continued.
  - 2/7th Btn Inspections & cleaning up.
- **Friday 5th April:**
    - 2/4th Btn Moved to dugout & cellars in **SAILLY-Au-BOIS** in support of 3rd New Zealand Bde vicinity of **HEBUTERNE**.
    - 5th Btn Working parties at **CHATEAU-de-la-HAIE** switch line.
    - 2/7<sup>th</sup> Btn Moved up line to relieve 1/7th Manchester Regt. at **ABLAINZVILLE**.
  - **Saturday 6th April:**
    - 2/4th Btn **HEBUTERNE** In support of 3rd. New Zealand Bde.
    - 5th Btn Working parties at **CHATEAU-de-la-HAIE** switch line.
    - 2/7th Btn Coys at disposal of OC's Coys.
  - **Sunday 7th April:** Weather - very wet day.
    - 2/4th Btn Btn moved into support left section of Divisional Sector at **ABLAINZVILLE**.
    - 5th Btn Marched from **HENU** at 4-30pm via **SOUASRE, BIENVILLERS, HANNESCAMPS & ESSARTS** to the line, to relieve 1/6th Manchester Regt.
    - 2/7th Btn Btn moved up line to relieve 1/7th Manchester Regt. at **ABLAINZVILLE**
  - **Monday 8th April:** Weather – very wet day, visibility bad, much mud.
    - 2/4th Btn In support left section of Divisional Sector at **ABLAINZVILLE**.
    - 5th Btn Conditions very bad, enemy very quiet. 2 prisoners captured, who indicated further attacks at **BUCQUOY & DIERVILLE FARM**.
    - 2/7th Btn In The Line.
  - **Tuesday 9th April:** Weather – foggy, damp day
    - 2/4th Btn In support left section of Divisional Sector at **ABLAINZVILLE**.
    - 5th Btn Artillery fire from both sides, heavy to Communication Lines.
    - 2/7th Btn In Trenches – conditions very bad.
  - **Wednesday 10th April:** Weather – Brighter day
    - 2/4th Btn In support left section of Divisional Sector at **ABLAINZVILLE**.
    - 5th Btn Enemy artillery very active, Trench Mortar Ammo dump blown up, causing 12 casualties.
    - 2/7<sup>th</sup> Btn In the Line, with 17th Lancashire Fusiliers on left, 5th DWR on right.
  - **Thursday 11th April:** Weather – fine with some haze.
    - 2/4th Btn In support left section of Divisional Sector at **ABLAINZVILLE**.
    - 5th Btn Heavy enemy artillery fire am. During night relieved 2/5th West Yorks Regt.
    - 2/7th Btn Much hostile enemy artillery and sniping. Movement impossible by day.
  - **Friday 12th April:** Weather – very bright & clear.
    - 2/4th Btn Btn relieved the 2/7th Btn DWR.
    - 5th Btn 24 enemy balloons up plus many aeroplanes. Enemy artillery ‘violent’ at night.
    - 2/7th Btn Btn relieved in front line by 2/4th DWR. Moved to support line.
  - **Saturday 13th April:** Weather – very misty until noon, then brighter but very cold.
    - 2/4th Btn In The Field, A Coy on right, C Coy in centre, D Coy on left, B Coy in support.
    - 5th Btn Enemy artillery rather light. Officer's patrol out from Centre Coy. No enemy seen.
    - 2/7th Btn In Support, this area suffered heavy artillery fire.



- **Sunday 14th April:** Weather – cold ‘raw day’ with poor visibility.
  - 2/4th Btn **In The Field.**
  - 5th Btn **Very hostile enemy artillery fire 6am to front line. Several casualties to Support Coy, D Company. Quieter later in day.**
  - 2/7th Btn **In The Field – ordinary trench routine under adverse conditions.**
- **Monday 15th April:** Weather – cold & dull.
  - 2/4th Btn **In The Field.**
  - 5th Btn **Quiet during day, patrols out at night – no enemy seen.**
  - 2/7th Btn **In The Field – ordinary trench routine. Working parties digging new trench line.**
- **Tuesday 16th April:** Weather – fine day.
  - 2/4th Btn **In The Field.**
  - 5th Btn **Very quiet day, more activity at night, with some gas shelling.**
  - 2/7th Btn **In The Field – ordinary trench routine. New line occupied.**
- **Wednesday 17th April:**
  - 2/4th Btn **Btn relieved in line by 2/8th West Yorks Regt. moved to Divisional Reserve in PIGEON WOOD.**
  - 5th Btn **Btn relieved in line by 2/7th Btn West Yorks Regt. at night. Became Bde. Reserve.**
  - 2/7th Btn **In The Field. Btn relieved by 2/5th West Yorks Regt. Proceeded to ESSARTS.**
- **Thursday 18th April:** Weather – wet morning, fine, gusty afternoon.
  - 2/4th Btn Battalion in reserve. PIGEON WOOD.
  - 5th Btn **Busy making shelter accommodation and improving trenches.**
  - 2/7th Btn **New defensive position dug.**
- **Friday 19th April:**
  - 2/4th Btn Battalion in reserve. PIGEON WOOD.
  - 5th Btn **Battalion employed all day under CO 9th Durham Light Infantry, wiring on outskirts of FONQUEVILLERS.**
  - 2/7th Btn **Working parties, wiring & digging.**
- **Saturday 20th April:**
  - 2/4th Btn Battalion in reserve. PIGEON WOOD.
  - 5th Btn **Battalion employed all day under CO 9th Durham Light Infantry, wiring on outskirts of FONQUEVILLERS.**
  - 2/7th Btn **New position improved. Enemy artillery very active.**
- **Sunday 21st April:** Weather – fine
  - 2/4th Btn Battalion in reserve.
  - 5th Btn **Battalion employed all day under CO 9th Durham Light Infantry, wiring on outskirts of FONQUEVILLERS.**
  - 2/7th Btn **Enemy artillery very active.**
- **Monday 22nd April:** Weather – fine.
  - 2/4th Btn Battalion in reserve.
  - 5th Btn **Battalion employed all day under OC 9th Durham Light Infantry, wiring on outskirts of FONQUEVILLERS.**
  - 2/7th Btn **Posts improved.**

- **Tuesday 23rd April:** Weather – fine.
- 2/4th Btn In PIGEON WOOD, in Divisional Reserve.
- 5th Btn Battalion employed all day under CO 9th Durham Light Infantry, wiring on outskirts of FONQUEVILLERS.
- 2/7th Btn Companies working on posts.
- **Wednesday 24th April:** Weather – ‘bad’.
- 2/4th Btn Battalion moved to Corps reserve at WARLIMONT WOOD.
- 5th Btn Battalion relieved by 6th Bedford Regd. Marched via SOUASTRE to billets at St LEGER-les-AUTHIE.
- 2/7th Btn Battalion relieved in line by 1st Essex Regt. and proceeded to camp at BOIS-De-WARLIMONT.
- **Thursday 25th April:** Weather – ‘splendid’.
- 2/4th Btn In reserve at BOIS De WARLIMONT.
- 5th Btn Baths at AUTHIE, remainder of day kit inspection, etc.
- 2/7th Btn In camp, cleaning up.
- **Friday 26th April:** Weather – dull, wet & sultry
- 2/4th Btn In reserve at BOIS De WARLIMONT.
- 5th Btn Engaged on working party.
- 2/7th Btn Battalion training, drill & musketry.
- **Saturday 27th April:** Weather – fine
- 2/4th Btn In reserve at BOIS De WARLIMONT
- 5th Btn Training am, recreational games pm
- 2/7th Btn Practising ceremonial drill & march past
- **Sunday 28th April:** Weather – fine.
- 2/4th Btn In reserve at BOIS De WARLIMONT.
- 5th Btn Church parade am, games & football pm.
- 2/7th Btn Engaged on working party.
- **Monday 29th April:** Weather – dull am with some rain, fine pm.
- 2/4th Btn In reserve at BOIS De WARLIMONT in tactical exercise with 5th & 2/7th Btns.
- 5th Btn Tactical exercise am, with 2/4th & 2/7th Btns DWR. Pm leather equipment in Battalion interchanged with 2/4th & 2/7th Btns.
- 2/7th Btn In tactical exercise with 2/4th & 5th Btns.
- **Tuesday 30th April:** Weather – very wet.
- 2/4th Btn In reserve.
- 5th Btn Engaged on work on RED LINE.
- 2/7th Btn Bde ceremonial parade cancelled – bad weather – lectures in tents.

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- **Wednesday 1st May:**
- 2/4th Btn In reserve.
- 5th Btn In billets St LEGER-les-AUTHIE, training in area, musketry & inspection by Army Commander Gen. Sir J Byng, Corps, Divisional & Brigade Commanders.
- 2/7th Btn A,B & C Coys, tactical exercise, D Coy musketry training.

- **Thursday 2nd May:** Weather – fine & bright.
- 2/4th Btn In reserve.
- 5th Btn Took part in tactical exercise near BOIS De WARLIMONT.
- 2/7th Btn Took part in tactical exercise. Later lecture ‘Organisation of Working Parties’.
  
- **Friday 3rd May:** Weather – fine, sunny & warm.
- 2/4th Btn In reserve.
- 5th Btn Btn baths then training remainder of day.
- 2/7th Btn At work on RED LINE.
  
- **Saturday 4th May:**
- 2/4th Btn In reserve.
- 5th Btn Training am, recreational games pm.
- 2/7th Btn At work on RED LINE.
  
- **Sunday 5th May:** Weather – showery day with fine intervals.
- 2/4th Btn. In reserve. Lt Col H E P Nash left Btn to assume command of 49th Infantry Division.
- 5th Btn Church Parades am.
- 2/7th Btn At work on RED LINE.
  
- **Monday 6th May:**
- 2/4th Btn In reserve.
- 5th Btn Training am & pm. Bde horse show held near AUTHIE in afternoon.
- 2/7th Btn Working on PURPLE LINE.
  
- **Tuesday 7th May:** Weather – very wet.
- 2/4th Btn In reserve.
- 5th Btn Specialist training & lectures, held in billets.
- 2/7th Btn Attended Div. baths at AUTHIE, then Coy training.
  
- **Wednesday 8th May:** Weather – very fine & bright.
- 2/4th Btn In reserve.
- 5th Btn Training am & pm.
- 2/7th Btn Decorations awarded by Div. Commander. *Football results: 2/7th Btn 2; 2/4th Btn 2.*
  
- **Thursday 9th May:**
- 2/4th Btn In reserve.
- 5th Btn Coy training am, Ceremonial parade pm, Divisional Commander, Maj Gen W P Braithwaite, presented medal brooches, to 33 recipients of this Battalion.
- 2/7th Btn Companies practices attack.
  
- **Friday 10th May:**
- 2/4th Btn In reserve. Maj P P Wilson reported for duty as CO, from 9th D LI.
- 5th Btn Btn bathing at AUTHIE, 2 Coys firing on ranges pm.
- 2/7th Btn Company training.
  
- **Saturday 11th May:**
- 2/4th Btn In reserve.
- 5th Btn Training am, boxing tournament in evening.
- 2/7th Btn Btn sports held. *Football results 62MGC 4: 2/7th 1.*



- **Sunday 12th May:** Weather – cool & showery.
- 2/4th Btn In reserve.
- 5th Btn Church parades am.
- 2/7th Btn Btn attended Church parade.
  
- **Monday 13th May:** Weather – very wet day.
- 2/4th Btn In reserve.
- 5th Btn Training continued in billets.
- 2/7th Btn Attack practice.
  
- **Tuesday 14th May:** Weather - fine.
- 2/4th Btn In reserve.
- 5th Btn Am, 2 Coys on range, 2 Coys Specialist training. Pm Regimental sports.
- 2/7th Btn Btn practiced attack. Div. Gas Officer gave lecture. *Football results 9DLI: 2, 2/7DWR: 1.*
  
- **Wednesday 15th May:** Weather – very hot day.
- 2/4th Btn In reserve.
- 5th Btn Treated as holiday, Recreational games all day.
- 2/7th Btn Final preparations for attack, during which Battalion Band gave various concerts.  
*Football results 2/7DWR:2, 62 MGC: nil.*
  
- **Thursday 16th May:** Weather – very hot day.
- 2/4th Btn **Btn went into line in front of ABLAINZEVILLE, relieving 4th Middlesex Regt.**
- 5th Btn Btn left at 6-45pm via SOUASTRE, BIENVILLERS, HANNESCAMPES & ESSARTS.  
**Relieved 8th Somerset LI in support, ABLAINZEVILLE and BUCQUOY.**  
Dispositions of the Battalion on relief were as follows:  
D Coy 4 platoons and Coy HQ in TOP TRENCH, F.21.b & d.  
C Coy 1 platoon in TOP TRENCH, F.21.c. 2 platoons in PRUSSIAN AVENUE and 1 platoon in HALIFAX TRENCH, F.20.d. Coy HQ in same dugout as BHQ F.21.c.5.7.  
A Coy in BRADFORD & HALIFAX TRENCHES in F.20.b & d. with Coy HQ in same dugout as BHQ F.21.c.5.7.  
B Coy in HENLEY TRENCH in F.20.d. Coy HQ at F.20.d.4.4.
- 2/7th Btn Btn left BOIS De WARLEMONT via SOUASTRE to BIENVILLERS & ESSARTS. **At the front, relieved 8th Lincolnshire Regt. in BUCQUOY SECTOR. 2Lt C Scott wounded in face.**
  
- **Friday 17th May:** Weather – very hot day.
- 2/4th Btn **In The Field, ABLAINZEVILLE.**
- 5th Btn **In The Field, All Coys deployed on trench work. Enemy shelling not great.**
- 2/7th Btn **In The Field, 2/7th West Yorks Regt. on left, 2/4th DWR on right. Enemy very quiet.**
  
- **Saturday 18th May:** Weather - fine.
- 2/4th Btn **In The Field, ABLAINZEVILLE.**
- 5th Btn **Quiet day, Enemy aircraft very busy.**
- 2/7th Btn **Enemy party seen & engaged in BUCQUOY WOOD. Enemy fled, 1 man killed.**
  
- **Sunday 19th May:** Weather – very hot day.
- 2/4th Btn **In The Field, ABLAINZEVILLE.**
- 5th Btn **Trench widening, during night. Enemy gas shelling into trenches.**
- 2/7th Btn **Patrols out into enemy lines. Enemy artillery active on support lines.**
  
- **Monday 20th May:** Weather – very warm day.

- 2/4th Btn Btn relieved in front line by 5th DWR and moved into support with HQ.
  - 5th Btn Quiet day, enemy aircraft very busy. Btn relieved 2/4th DWR at ABLAINZEVILLE.
  - 2/7th Btn Enemy artillery very heavy, at night many enemy Very Lights sent up.
- **Tuesday 21st May:** Weather – very hot day.
  - 2/4th Btn In Relief.
  - 5th Btn Quiet night, but enemy very uneasy. Stand To at 3-30am. Night patrols, but no enemy seen.
- **Wednesday 22nd May:** Weather – very hot day.
  - 2/4th Btn In Relief.
  - 5th Btn Artillery & aircraft on both sides very active during morning.
  - 2/7th Btn Artillery less active in sector, much enemy movement seen.
- **Thursday 23rd May:** Weather – fine day.
  - 2/4th Btn In relief.
  - 5th Btn Artillery fire heavy on both sides. During afternoon, B Coy HQ trench mortared several times.
  - 2/7th Btn Much trench mortar activity from enemy. Much aerial activity at night.
- **Friday 24th May:** Weather – very wet day – rain all day – trenches became very bad.
  - 2/4th Btn Btn moved into line at BUCQUOY, relieving 2/7 DWR.
  - 5th Btn Artillery quiet on both sides.
  - 2/7th Btn Very quiet. Relieved by 2/4 DWR. Moved into support.
- **Saturday 25th May:** Weather – fine again.
  - 2/4th Btn In front line at BUCQUOY.
  - 5th Btn Quieter day. Coys inter-relieving in trenches. Enemy attempted to rush post, but driven off by Lewis Gun fire.
  - 2/7th Btn Quiet day, much trench work completed.
- **Sunday 26th May:** Weather – fine & bright.
  - 2/4th Btn In front line at BUCQUOY.
  - 5th Btn Artillery fire very heavy. Another attempt to rush post beaten off. All enemy killed or wounded.
  - 2/7th Btn Enemy very active.
- **Monday 27th May:** Weather - fine.
  - 2/4th Btn In front line at BUCQUOY.
  - 5th Btn Very heavy gas shelling, 'stand to' at 3am. 'Whizz Bangs' & Trench Mortar fire all day.
  - 2/7th Btn Enemy artillery very active to rear lines.
- **Tuesday 28th May:** Weather – still fine.
  - 2/4th Btn In front line at BUCQUOY.
  - 5th Btn Quiet day generally, until evening. Heavy enemy barrage 10.25 pm to 11.10pm.
  - 2/7th Btn Very quiet day, at 1am A Coy launched raid at BUCQUOY CEMETERY.
- **Wednesday 29th May:** Weather – remaining fine.
  - 2/4th Btn In front line at BUCQUOY.
  - 5th Btn Quiet day. Enemy aircraft particularly active during day. Btn relieved during night by 2/7th DWR. Then moved to Brigade Support.

- 2/7th Btn **Very quiet.** Btn relieved 5th Btn DWR in the left sector.
- **Thursday 30th May:** Weather – a very fine day.
- 2/4th Btn **Front line at BUCQUOY.**
- 5th Btn **Men deployed on improving trenches & shelter accommodation.**
- 2/7th Btn **Very quiet.** 1st Grenadier Guards on left, 2/4th DWR on right.
- **Friday 31st May:** Weather – still very fine.
- 2/4th Btn **Front line at BUCQUOY.**
- 5th Btn **Quiet day.**
- 2/7th Btn **Very quiet.**

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- **Saturday 1st June:**
- 2/4th Btn **In front line at BUCQUOY.**
- 5th Btn **Btn in Bde Support BUCQUOY – ABLAINZEVILLE Sector. Engaged on working parties day & night. Usual artillery fire & aeroplane activity.**
- 2/7th Btn **Very quiet during day. Night time enemy gas shell attack for about 1 hour. Phosgene gas used and was carried on wind into Btn positions.**
- **Sunday 2nd June:** Weather – still fine.
- 2/4th Btn **Btn relieved in the line by 2/5th West Yorks Regt. Moved into huts at VALLEY CAMP, SOUASTRE.**
- 5th Btn **At 2.30am the enemy put down a very heavy Gas Bombardment chiefly phosgene in area F.14, F.20 and F.21. This lasted about 40 minutes and was most intense. The Battalion area soon became full of gas and Box respirators had to be worn for a couple of hours. The Battalion was relieved by 2/7th West Yorks Regt at night.**  
 On relief the Battalion moved in to Div Res and occupied positions as follows:  
 A & D Coy in old German Trenches in E.30.a. and b.  
 B & C Coys in old British Line in E.22.b. and d.  
 BHQ in a dugout in old German Front Line in E.23.c. The relief was a quiet one and no untoward incident occurred.
- 2/7th Btn **Very quiet. Btn relieved by 8th. West Yorks Regt. and moved into PURPLE SYSTEM, ESSARTS.**

## AWARDS & DECORATIONS

### 2/4th Battalion:

**Military Medals:** for operations near Bucquoy between March 25 – 31 1918:

26318 Pte F Bennett  
267405 Pte H Firth  
267190 Pte F L Richardson  
202133 Pte Massey  
201540 Pte A Woodhead  
200920 Pte A Jones  
202472 Pte D Sunderland [possibly W Sunderland?]  
205564 Pte H Shaw  
306781 Pte H Fox  
267128 Pte L Feather.

**Croix de Guerre:** for previous operations (near Graincourt between November 20 – 23 1917)

31749 Pte J A Hamer.

### 5th Battalion:

**All awards for operations that commenced on 25th March 1918:**

#### **Distinguished Service Order:**

Maj (A/Lt Col) J Walker  
Lt (A/Maj) F Brook.

240604 Cpl G E Ingram  
241549 Cpl J Armitage  
241860 Cpl H Lockwood  
306466 Cpl A E Parker

#### **Bar to Military Cross:**

Lt B Mollett MC.

10666 LCpl J Fairburn  
204034 LCpl H Batty  
205353 LCpl E Wilkinson  
240954 LCpl R M Nedderman

#### **Military Cross:**

Capt. G L Tinker  
Lt W Yates  
T/2Lt G H Dodd  
T/2Lt T R Morton  
1st Lt J W Sherrick (USMC).

241688 LCpl G G Robinson  
242320 LCpl W Whiting  
11013 Pte J Grogan  
25101 Pte A Lee

#### **Bar to Distinguished Conduct Medal:**

241337 Sgt B Siswick DCM.

241565 Pte C Bonner  
241956 Pte A Locking  
242067 Pte R Taylor  
242392 Pte H Brook  
242472 Pte T Baker  
242683 Pte P Beardsley.

#### **Distinguished Conduct Medal:**

240358 CSM W Fisher  
240101 CSM H Schofield  
240222 CSM G V Jones  
265094 Cpl H Shires  
240465 LCpl H Fawcett  
14870 Pte J Watson.

#### **Mentioned in Despatches of Sir Douglas Haig:**

dated April 7th 1918 (published in the London Gazette May 24th 1918)

Lt Col J Walker DSO  
Capt & Adjt K Sykes MC  
Capt T Goodall DSO MC  
Capt C S Moxon DSO  
Lt H S Jackson DSO  
240389 CSM C Gannon.

#### **Military Medal:**

12886 Sgt J R Greaves  
15807 Sgt J Hamshaw  
306308 Sgt M McNay  
11099 Cpl C Wilman



**Honours & Awards** for bravery & devotion to duty in the field, subsequent to April 1918:

**Bar to Distinguished Service Order:**

Lt Col J Walker DSO

**Military Cross:**

Maj F Brook DSO

9323 RSM B Earle.

**Bar to Distinguished Conduct Medal:**

240101 CSM H Schofield DCM

240358 CSM W Fisher DCM.

**Military Medal:**

268909 T A Denton.

**Meritorious Service Medal:**

240545 Sgt E Collins.

**Bronze Medal for Military Valour (Italian):**

9323 A/RSM B Earle

**2/7th Battalion:**

**For operations in The Field, during March 1918:**

**Military Cross:**

Lt H L Hopper

2Lt J Buckley

Lt F E C Shearme - gazetted in July, 1918.

**For operations in The Field, during April 1918:**

**Bar to Military Medal:**

26695 Cpl R Nutter MM – B Coy

266932 Pte W Smales MM – B Coy.

**Military Medal:**

305907 Cpl J E Blakely

10926 LCpl J Holmes – A Coy

267177 LCpl L Hay

305283 Pte H B Fisher

306659 Pte L Hainsworth (attached 186th Inf Bde).

**For operations that commenced in March, 1918, and promulgated on 8th June, 1918:**

**Military Medal:**

266285 Sgt G Golding

306015 Cpl F Baxter

23698 Pte A Wilson

306890 Pte H Bancroft

308112 Pte W Armitage.

**PROMOTIONS, etc:**

**2/4th Battalion:**

28.3.1918 Lt R H Sayers took command of A Company.

**5th Battalion:**

12.4. 1918 Maj F Brook relinquishes rank of A/Maj on ceasing to be employed as 2nd in command of HQ

16.4.1918 Capt T P Crosland relinquishes rank of Capt on being evacuated sick.

19.4 1918 Capt W S Caulfield is appointed acting Maj

31.4.1918 Capt C G H Ellis relinquishes rank of Capt on ceasing to command a Company

31.4.1918 Lt C G H Ellis is appointed Capt (additional).

14.5.1918 Lt (A/Capt) F H White relinquishes rank of A/Capt on ceasing to command a Company

31.5.1918 Capt (A/Maj) W S Caulfield relinquishes rank of A/Maj, on ceasing to be 2/I/C

1.6.1918 Capt (A/Maj) F Brook DSO, MC assumes appointment of 2nd in Command

25.6.1918 Lt (A/Capt) C G H Ellis relinquishes rank of A/Capt. On being superseded.

## BATTALION STRENGTHS & REINFORCEMENTS

### 5th Battalion:

#### March 1918:

24.3.1918 Draft of 13 Other Ranks arrived  
27.3.1918 Draft of 26 Other Ranks arrived.

#### April 1918:

3.4.1918 Lt W Yates to England for 6 months light duties  
5.4.1918 Capt F A Sykes joined Btn  
5.4.1918 19 ORs joined  
8.4.1918 Lt E H Armitage to hospital, sick – To England 15.4.1918  
8.4.1918 7 ORs joined  
9.4.1918 7 ORs joined  
12.4.1918 Maj F Brook to hospital, sick  
12.4.1918 35 ORs joined  
13.4.1918 2Lt G H Appleby joined Btn  
13.4.1918 2Lt E Chapman joined Btn  
13.4.1918 87 ORs joined  
15.4.1918 10 ORs joined  
16.4.1918 Capt T P Crosland to hospital, sick  
18.4.1918 3 ORs joined  
19.4.1918 Capt W S Caufield joined Btn  
21.4.1918 Lt J F Waters to hospital, sick  
24.4. 1918 Capt J B Cockhill MC joined Btn  
25.4.1918 ORs joined  
26.4.1918 Capt A V Broadbent MC taken on strength  
28.4.1918 Lt E G Watkinson joined Btn  
28.4.1918 J F Waters to England, sick  
30.4.1918 2Lt C W Heywood posted to 186th TM Battery.

#### May 1918:

3.5.1918 62 ORs joined  
5.5.1918 2Lt A L Lord to England  
5.5.1918 9 ORs joined  
9.5.1918 2 ORs joined  
11.5.1918 5 ORs joined  
16.5.1918 4 ORs joined  
19.5.1918 Lt T P Crosland to England, sick  
19.5.1918 8 ORs joined  
23.5.1918 6 ORs joined  
24.5.1918 Lt E C McKillop attached from 2/4th DWR  
25.5.1918 6 ORs joined  
27.5.1918 2 ORs joined  
30.5.1918 7 ORs joined  
31.5.1918 Maj F Brook DSO, MC rejoined from hospital.

### 2/7th Battalion:

#### May 1918:

1.5.1918 2Lt J Gould joined Btn.

**June 1918:**

- 1.6.1918 Lt G Clifford rejoined the Btn
- 2.6.1918 2Lt F G W Pepper rejoined the Btn
- 16.6.1918 Commanding Officer, several Officers & NCO's left for England
- 17.6.1918 Parties of Officers, NCO's & men sent to 5th Btn & 2/4th Btn DWR
- 18.6.1918 Remainder of Battalion sent to base.

**CASUALTIES:**

*The Battalions' Casualty Lists have been tabulated in chronological order, however, the three war diaries were completed with differing levels of detail and accuracy: The 2/4th Battalion's War Diary lists officers by name, but no list of any kind for other ranks; the 5th Battalion's War Diary merely shows monthly totals for wounded other ranks, whereas their War Diary lists each officer casualty by name and the 2/7th Battalion's War Diary simply lists numbers of other rank casualties.*

*Even so, a comparison of the numbers and types of casualty readily shows which unit was in the front line at any one time and the nature of the injuries sustained, particularly from gas.*

**21st March:****2/7th Battalion:**

**WRIGLEY Howard** 306051 Pte.

Resided Oldham, enlisted Thoresby, Lancs.

Son of Robert & Eda Wrigley, of 9, Bank Street, Salem, Oldham.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 20.

Buried in Bois-Carré British Cemetery, 2.C.15.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**25th March:****2/4th Battalion:**

**RAYWOOD William Howarth** 268891 Pte.

Born Denholme, resided Bradford, enlisted Keighley.

Son of Robert & Maria Ann Raywood, of Foreside Bottom, Denholme, Keighley.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 19.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial.

**5th Battalion:**

**McManus Robert Fairweather** 26294 Pte.

Born Dundee, enlisted Perth.

Son of Francis & Catherine, of 81, High St. Lochee, Dundee.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 32.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 135. CWGC shows his service number as 26234.

**2/7th Battalion:**

**PEAKMAN Wilfred** 22447 Pte.

Born Oldbury, Worcestershire, enlisted West Bromwich

Son of Thomas & Phoebe, of 128 Bromford Lane, West Bromwich

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 19

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**SCOTT John Edward 5471** Pte. (Later 24086).

Born Yeadon, Yorks, enlisted Shipley, Yorks December 1915.

Son of Marshall & Phoebe Scott, of 111, Union Street, Shipley.

Husband of Ethel Scott, of 14, Hall Lane, Windhill, Shipley, later of 116, Union Street, Shipley.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 22.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**SMITH William 242019** Pte.

Born Lindley, Huddersfield 25.12.1894, Enlisted Huddersfield.

Son of Hannah & Herbert, of 23 Lockwood Scar, Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 23.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Emmanuel Church Lockwood RoH, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH,

M. Stansfield, page 398, 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**WALKER Joseph 306650** Pte.

Enlisted Bradford.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**WHITTLAN Thomas 306343** Pte.

Born Barnsley, resided Stalybridge, Cheshire, enlisted Milnsbridge, Yorks.

Son of Alfred & Maria Lees Whittlam, of 5 Waggon Road, Mossley.

Husband of Marian Whittlam, of 5439, 18th Avenue, Rosemont, Montreal, Canada.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 34.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

SDGW shows Whitlam.

### **26th March:**

#### **2/4th Battalion:**

**HAIGH James 205387** Pte.

Born Burley-in-Wharfedale, resided Ilkley, enlisted Keighley.

Husband of Edith Haigh, of 7, Belvoir Terrace, Ilkley.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 29.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial.

**STANGER William 25283** Pte.

Born Broughton, Yorks, resided West View, Pickhill, Thirsk, enlisted York 21.5.1917.

Son of William & Annie Stanger, of West View, Pickhill.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 21.

Formerly 45673 Yorkshire Regt.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial.

**TAYLOR John Nevison 235417** Pte.

Born & enlisted Beverley.

Son of John Nevison & Edith Taylor, of Beckside, Beverley.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 23.

Buried in Gommecourt British Cemetery, 4.G.12.

*“IN MEMORY OF MY DEAR BROTHER THOUGH LOST TO SIGHT TO MEMORY EVER DEAR”*

**WOOLER Norman** 202543 Pte.

Born Lightcliffe, Yorks, resided Shelf, Yorks.

Son of Albert & Henrietta Wooler, of 14, Shelf Hall Lane, Shelf, Nr. Halifax.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 21.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Shelf (Primitive) Methodist Church RoH, Shelf, St. Michael's Church RoH, Coley St. John's Church RoH, Calderdale War Dead, page 466.

### **5th Battalion:**

**WALKER James** Lt Colonel DSO.

Wounded.

Born Mirfield 1879, Resided "Knowle House", Mirfield.

Son of John Eli & Mary Elizabeth Walker, of "Knowle House", Mirfield.

**DAVIES William** 240661 Sgt. MM.

Resided Marsden, Yorks, enlisted Huddersfield November 1914.

Son of Mrs Annie Sadler, of Owlens End Farm, Binn, Marsden, Huddersfield,

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 23.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Marsden War Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 67.

M Stansfield, page 117 (M Stansfield states address as "Old House End Farm, Binn, Marsden).

**DONALD Albert** 13186 Pte.

Born Oldham, Lancs, enlisted Skipton.

Son of Samuel & Annie, of "Braeside", Rydal Road, Skipton.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 27.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, CPGW, page 323, with photograph, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 71.

(CWGC show address as Rydal Road, Sandylands, Morecambe, Lancs; CPGW shows as above).

**GARSIDE Joseph** 16434 Pte.

Born New Mill, Holmfirth, Enlisted Earsdon, Northumberland 29.4.1915 (Service reckons from 26.8.1914).

Reported missing, presumed killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 21.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Fulstone War Memorial, New Mill Working Men's Club RoH, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 84, M Stansfield, page 161.

**HAWKSWORTH Harry** 240599 Cpl.

Born Lockwood, Huddersfield 6.12.1886, resided Paddock, Huddersfield, Enlisted, Huddersfield 8.8.1917.

Husband of Agnes Hallas (formerly Hawksworth, of 2, Mark's Square, Market Street, Paddock), later, of 38, Longroyd Lane, Longroyd Bridge, Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 31.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, St Stephen's Church Rashcliffe RoH, All Saints Church, Paddock. RoH, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 100, M Stansfield, page 198.



**OLDFIELD John** 3899 (later 241034) Pte.

Born Fryston, Yorks, 25.12.1896 resided Liversedge, enlisted Mirfield.  
Son of George & Emma Oldfield, of Peep Green, Hartshead, Liversedge.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders Age 21.  
Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 146.

**RUSSELL Robert John** 33628 Pte.

Born Wood Green, London, resided & enlisted Woolwich.  
Son of George & Elizabeth A Russell, of 1 Greenlaw Place, Woolwich, London.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 19.  
Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 167.

**SIMPSON James** 5081 (later 241663) Pte. MM.

Born & resided Skillingthorpe, Lincs, enlisted Lincoln.  
Son of Joseph & Martha Simpson.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 26.  
Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 176.

**WAUGH Ernest** 235102 Pte.

Born Horsforth, Yorks, June 1881, enlisted Ilkley.  
Son of Aaron & Maria Waugh, of Batchelor Row, Horsforth, Leeds. Husband of Lillian Waugh, of 33, Trafalgar Road, Ilkley.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 36.  
Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 204.

#### **2/7th Battalion:**

**AKERROYD Willie** 306640 Pte.

Born Birstall, 10.12.1896, Enlisted Birstall, Yorks.  
Son of Thompson & Mary Jane Akeroyd, of Church Lane, Birstall.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 21.  
Buried in Pommier Communal Cemetery. 17.  
Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**DALEY James** 306804 Pte.

Born & enlisted Halifax.  
Son of Andrew & Ann Daley, of 3, Peel Street, Halifax.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 40.  
Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance & Calderdale War Dead, page 98, 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**GRAY William Henry** 25206 Pte.

Born Spalding, June 1896, resided Spalding, Lincs, enlisted Bourne, Lincs 2.3.1916.  
Son of Mr W J & Mrs Sarah Ann Gray, of Moulton Common, Spalding, Lincs.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 22.  
Commemorated on Arras Memorial, 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**SANDERSON Walter** 267237 LCpl.

Born & enlisted Sedbergh, Yorks.

Son of Thomas Richard & Rose Sanderson, of Killbeck, Dowbiggin, Sedbergh.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders Age 23.

Buried Pommier Communal Cemetery. 7.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**SYKES David** 235098 Pte.

Born Lepton, Huddersfield, Enlisted Huddersfield.

Son of John & Mary Sykes, of Green Balk Lane, Lepton, Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 37.

Buried Hannescamps New Military Cemetery, C.17.

Commemorated Lepton Parish Church RoH, Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall, M Stansfield, page 414.

*"THERE'S SOMEONE WHO THINKS OF YOU ALWAYS AND TRIES HARD TO BE CONTENT"*

**TAYLOR Jabez William** 29986 Pte.

Born & resided Meltham, Yorks, enlisted Huddersfield 4.12.1916.

Son of David & Miriam L Taylor, of Market Place, Meltham (later 1 Carlisle Terrace, Meltham).

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 21.

Buried in Pommier Communal Cemetery, 5.

Commemorated St.Bartholomew's Church, Meltham RoH, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH, M Stansfield, page 429, 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

### 27th March:

#### 2/4th Battalion:

**ANDERSON John Thomas** 32098 Pte.

Born & resided South Willingham, Lincs. enlisted Halifax.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial.

**HART George Herbert** 22393 Pte.

Born & enlisted Hull.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial.

**SMITH Ralph** 267061 Pte.

Born & resided Cowling, Yorks, enlisted, Cross Hills, Yorks.

Son of James & Susannah Smith, of 3 Garden Terrace, Cowling.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 34.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, CPGW, page 340, with photograph.

#### 5th Battalion:

**BROWNING H O** Capt MC

Wounded.

**BUCKLEY Leonard** 32008 Pte.

Born Mossley, Lancs, enlisted Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Buried in Gommecourt British Military Cemetery, 5.D.6.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 48.

**CAWTHORNE William** 23348 LCpl.

Born Wakefield, enlisted Shipley, Yorks.

Son of Mr & Mrs Stephen Cawthorne, husband of Florence Welsh (formerly Cawthorne), of 7, Merton Street, Shipley.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 31.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 53.

**CHERRY William** 33629 Pte.

Resided Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, enlisted London.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Buried Gommecourt British Cemetery No 2, 5.D.4.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 57.

(CWGC list this man as W Cairns, with same service number and burial details).

**CROSBY George** 16572 Pte.

Born & enlisted Malton, Yorks.

Son of William & Mary Crosby, of Castlegate, Malton, husband of Florence Crosby, of 5, Ellen's Terrace, Mill Street, Norton, Malton.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 28.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 64.

**DARNBROUGH Arthur** 205578 Pte.

Resided Bingley, enlisted Keighley.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 67.

Drill Hall RoH shows Darnborough.

**DODD David Leonard** 33438 Sgt.

Enlisted Leeds.

Son of James Richard & Emily Dodd.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 35.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 71.

Formerly 20255 Pte, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

**EARNSHAW Willie** 3678 (later 240891) Pte.

Resided Holmfirth, enlisted Huddersfield January 1915, Embarked for France & Flanders January, 1916.

Son of Mr & Mrs John Willie Earnshaw, of Cinder Hills, Holmfirth.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Underbank War Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 76, M Stansfield, page 136.

**FREEMAN William Leonard** 25082 Pte.

Born Bermondsey, London, enlisted Lambeth.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 83.

**HEYWOOD Joseph** 241513 Pte.

Born Top of Bank, Thurstonland, Yorks, 23.4.1885, resided & enlisted Huddersfield, December 1915, Embarked for France & Flanders January, 1917.

Son of Mrs E Heywood, of 469, Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 33.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, St. Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor RoH, 'Rising Sun' Public House, Crosland Moor RoH, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 103, M Stansfield, page 207.

(Brother of 19658 Pte John Heywood, Born 6.6.1887, 2nd Btn. WR Regt. Reported missing, presumed *kia* 3.5.1917).

**HORNE John William** 22523 Pte.

Born & enlisted Lincoln.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders.

Buried in Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 1, 5.E.13.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 108.

**JOHNSTONE Alexander** 26290 Pte.

Born Stonekirk, Wigtownshire, enlisted Stranraer.

Son of Robert & Annie Johnstone, of Main Street, Port William, Wigtownshire.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 21.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 115.

**MANCHESTER Leonard** 32158 Pte.

Born Meltham, Yorks, enlisted Huddersfield 1917, embarked for France & Flanders early 1918.

Son of James & Hannah Manchester, husband of Hilda Manchester, of New Road, Meltham, Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 28.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Wilshaw Church RoH, St. Bartholomew's Church, Meltham RoH, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 132, M Stansfield, page 291.

**OLDFIELD John** 241034 Pte.

Resided Liversedge, enlisted Mirfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 146.

**RIDLEY Herbert Jesse** 15910 Pte.

Born Fulham, enlisted Hammersmith.

Husband of Ellen Caroline Jenn (formerly Ridley), of 30, Bayonne Road, Hammersmith, London.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 26.

Buried in Gommecourt Military Cemetery, 5.D.3.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 162.

*"HOURLY MOURNED."*

**SHUTTLEWORTH Hedley** 241097 Pte, 'B' Coy.

Born Abbeystead, Lancs, resided Marsden, Yorks, enlisted Huddersfield, 14.4.1915, embarked to France 7 Flanders January, 1917.

Son of William & Isabel Shuttleworth, of Chapel Lane Farm, Galgate, Lancaster, husband of Elsie Eliza Jane Bottomley (formerly Shuttleworth) of Badger Hey, Marsden, Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 32.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Marsden War Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 175, M Stansfield, page 389.

**SLATER Harry** 235092 LCpl. MM.

Born & enlisted Bradford.

Son of Mt & Mrs Fred Slater, of 765, Manchester Road, Bankfoot, Bradford.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 20.

Buried in St Hilaire Cemetery, France.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 177.

*"NEVER FORGOTTEN FATHER, MOTHER, FAMILY, VIVA BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND"*

**TAYLOR Wilfred** 202924 Pte.

Enlisted Halifax.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Buried in Gommecourt Military Cemetery, 5.D.3.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 192.

**VICKERS John** 307337 Pte.

Born Campsall, Yorks, enlisted Doncaster.

Son of John & Mary Vickers, of Campsall, Doncaster.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 23.

Buried in Humbercamps Communal Cemetery Ext, 1.F.6.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 198.

*"HE DID THAT WHICH WAS RIGHT IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD"*

**WILKINSON Jonas Archie** 205647 Pte.

Born Denholme, Yorks, resided Bawtry, enlisted Bradford.

Son of William and Ann Wilkinson, of 6, Longhouse Lane, Denholme, Bradford.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 30.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial.

## **2/7th Battalion:**

**BRADSHAW Walter** 306983 Pte.

Enlisted Sheffield.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders.

Buried Pommier Communal Cemetery, 3.

**BRAY Walter Booth** 23585 Pte.

Born & resided, Thongsbridge, Yorks, enlisted Huddersfield January, 1917.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Buried Pommier Communal Cemetery, 1.

Commemorated Netherthong & Thongsbridge W M, Netherthong Working Men's Club RoH, 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall, M Stansfield, page 61, & Memorial in All Saints Churchyard, Netherthong.



**BROWN John William** 306821 Pte.  
Resided Rastrick, Yorks, enlisted Halifax.  
Son of Mr & Mrs Sam Brown, of Rastrick, Brighouse.  
Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 42.  
Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery. 12.A.11.  
Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**ELLISON William** 267404 Pte.  
Born & resided Eastburn, Yorks, enlisted, Keighley.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders.  
Buried Pommier Communal Cemetery, 24.  
Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**GRANT William** 17075 Pte.  
Born & enlisted Edinburgh.  
Son of William & Elizabeth Grant, of 80, Montgomery Street, Edinburgh.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 23.  
Buried Pommier Communal Cemetery, 25.  
Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall (name shown as Brant).  
Formerly 1597 RAMC.

**HODGSON Harry** 306456 Sgt.  
Born & enlisted Bradford.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders.  
Buried Pommier Communal Cemetery, 26.  
Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**PARSONS John Arthur** 22445 Pte.  
Born Harwick, Notts, resided Long Eaton, enlisted Ilkeston, Derby.  
Son of Reuben & Mary Parsons, of 11, Maxwell Street, Long Eaton, Derbyshire.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 19.  
Buried Pommier Communal Cemetery, 4.  
Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.  
"SAFE IN JESU'S ARMS"

### **28th March:**

#### **2/4th Battalion:**

**GROVES Joseph** Capt.  
Wounded in action (Late killed in action – 19 October 1918) Age 42.  
Son of John & Kate Groves, Husband of A. Groves, of "Edencroft", West Ayton, Yorkshire.  
Buried in Janval Cemetery, Dieppe, 1.Q.1.

**FINNIGAN Thomas** 201377 Sgt.  
Born Selby, resided 42, Milner Royd, Luddenden Foot, Yorks, enlisted Sowerby Bridge.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 28.  
Commemorated Luddenden Foot Village War Memorial, Luddenden Foot Working Men's Club RoH,  
Calderdale War Dead, page 522, Mentioned in Hebden Bridge Times 12.4.1918 & 19.4.1918.  
Buried in Gommecourt British Cemetery No, 2 4.F.14.

**FOX Arthur** 17099 LCpl.

Born & enlisted Leeds.

Son of Thomas & Louisa Fox, of Leeds.

Died of wounds, at Canal Casualty Clearing Station, France & Flanders Age 22.

Buried Gezaincourt Communal Cemetery, 2.G.11.

*"MAY HIS REWARD BE AS GREAT AS HIS SACRIFICE"*

**PARKINSON James** 266987 Pte.

Born Rawtenstall, Lancs, resided Nelson, Lancs, enlisted Skipton.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 35.

Buried in Gommecourt British Cemetery, 4.G.20.

*"MAY HE REST IN PEACE WITH GOD"*

**THOMPSON William Naylor** 268885 Pte.

Born, resided & enlisted Bradford.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Buried Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, 16.F.13.

#### **5th Battalion:**

**BROOK F** Maj

– wounded.

**MOLLETT B** Lt MC

– wounded.

**SHERRICK J W** MC 1st Lt (attached from United States Marine Corps)

– wounded.

**BETTS William John** 242377 Pte.

Born & enlisted Battersea, London.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 37.

**FAIRLESS William** 16777 Pte.

Born Bentinck, Northumberland, enlisted, Elswick, Lancs.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders.

Buried Foncquevillers Military Cemetery, 3.E.19.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 79.

**GARFORTH Frank** 205655 Pte.

Born & resided Shipley, enlisted Bradford.

Son of Thomas & Anna M. Garforth, of 78, Manor Lane, Shipley.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 30.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 84.

**HOWARTH Maurice** 241507 LCpl.

Born Hoyland, Yorks, resided Ryburn View, Ripponden, Yorks, enlisted Halifax.

Son of Binns & Mary Elizabeth Howarth, of 2, Ryburn View, Ripponden, Halifax.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 24.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial; Ripponden (Soyland) War Memorial; Ripponden Zion Congregational Church RoH; Calderdale War Dead, page 545, mentioned Halifax Weekly Guardian 20.4.1918 & Halifax Courier 26.4.1918.

**MANNING Frederick Thomas** 26292 Pte.

Born Helmingham, Suffolk, enlisted Ipswich.

Son of Thomas & Emily Manning, of 100, Helmingham, Nr. Stowmarket, Suffolk.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 21.

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 1, 5.D.4.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 132.

*“DEEPLY MOURNED SADLY MISSED, FROM MOTHER, FATHER, SISTERS & BROTHER”*

**MOSLEY Percy** 2Lt.

Born Shepley, Huddersfield.

Son of Mr & Mrs John Mosley, of ‘Yew Tree Villas’, Shepley, Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders Age 24.

Commemorated Arras Memorial, Shepley War Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 141, M Stansfield, page 312.

**PHILLIPS Arthur Edgar** 242406 Pte.

Born Leeds, Enlisted Bradford.

Son of George Sunderland & Agnes Alice Phillips, of 13 Heap Lane, Barkerend Road, Bradford.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 19.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 153.

**POTTS Harry** 269311 Pte.

Born Drighlington, Yorks, enlisted Gildersome, Yorks.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Buried Gommecourt British Military Cemetery, 5.D.2.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 156.

**ROBERTS Percy** 33489 Pte.

Born & enlisted Cardiff.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 163.

**ROBINSON John Arthur** 24070 Pte.

Born & enlisted Bradford.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 42.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 164.

## **2/7th Battalion:**

**HARROD Herbert George** 306924 LCpl.

Enlisted Nottingham.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Buried Pommier Communal Cemetery, 2.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**PORTER William Scotney** 22492 Pte. 'D' Coy.

Born Sheffield, resided Althorpe, Yorks, enlisted Sheffield.

Son of William & Mary Ellen Porter, of Althorpe, Nr. Doncaster.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 19.

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 1, 5.C.17.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

*"NOT DEAD, BUT GONE BEFORE"*

## **29th March:**

### **2/4th Battalion:**

**CORRY Herbert** 202628 Pte.

Born & enlisted Bradford.

Son of John & Hannah Corry, of Bradford.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders Age 31.

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 1, 5.B.44.

**PITCHFORD Thomas Gilbert** 268836 Pte.

Born & resided Wellington, Shropshire, and New Houses, Brogden, enlisted Keighley.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Buried in Gommecourt British Cemetery No 2, 5.G.7.

Commemorated in CPGW, page 266, with photograph.

### **5th Battalion:**

**BETTS Benjamin** 242787 Pte. Attached 186th Trench Mortar Battery.

Born & resided Hull, enlisted Beverley, Yorks.

Son of John & Mary Betts.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders.

Buried in Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 1, 5.B.40.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 37.

*"ETERNAL REST GIVE UNTO HIM O LORD"*

**BROOK Henry** 241451 Pte.

Born Southport, Lancs, resided Lockwood Scar, Yorks, enlisted Huddersfield.

Son of Francis & Ellen Brook, of Southport.

Killed in action, France & Flanders Age 27.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 46, M Stansfield, page 68.

(SDGW shows name as BROOKE).

**CAWTHRA A** 2Lt

- missing. Reported missing at Rossignol Wood, 1918. Later reported a Prisoner of War and was repatriated on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 1918.

**CHAPMAN F 2Lt**

– wounded.

**COCKS Robert** 24299 Pte.

Born & enlisted Beverley.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 60.

Formerly 38207 Yorks & Lancs Regt.

**DENTON Charles Singleton** 17394 LCpl.

Born Huddersfield, 19.6.1895, resided 53, Longroyd Lane, Huddersfield, enlisted, Huddersfield August 1914.

Son of Mr & Mrs Alfred Denton.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 21.

Buried Gommecourt British Military Cemetery No 2, 5.A.2,

Commemorated St. Thomas' Church, Longroyd Lane, Huddersfield, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 70, M Stansfield, page 121.

**GANNON John** 202638 Pte. Attached 186th Trench Mortar Battery.

Born & enlisted Newcastle-Under-Lyme, Staffs.

Son of Michael & Catharine Gannon, of 2, Sunday Wells, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, Staffordshire.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 21.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 84.

**GOODALL T** Capt DSO MC

– wounded. OC D (Mirfield) Company.

**HIRD Samuel** 266948 Pte. MM.

Born & resided Bingley, enlisted Skipton.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 104.

**HIRST John Eli** 22843 Pte.

Born & enlisted Halifax.

Son of James Arthur & Mary Jane Hirst, of 5a East Villa, Greetland, Halifax.

Died of wounds, sustained at Rossignol Wood, in 56 Casualty Clearing Station, France & Flanders, aged 25.

Buried Gezaincourt Communal Cemetery Ext, 1.H.17.

Commemorated Greetland Methodist Graveyard, Greetland War Memorial, Clay House, West Vale, Greetland; Greetland St Thomas Church RoH, Calderdale War Dead, page 394, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 105. Mentioned in Halifax Courier 6.4.1918 & 11.4.1918, with photograph, & Halifax Weekly Guardian 13.4.1918.

*“DEAR SON OF JAMES A AND MARY J. HIRST, GREETLAND, YORKSHIRE”*

**MUDD Geoffrey** 265794 Sgt.

Resided Menston, Yorks, enlisted Guiseley.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Buried Gommecourt British Cemetery, 5.A.4.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 142.



**POWELL Roger** 205357 Pte.

Born Harrogate, resided Todmorden, enlisted Halifax.

Son of Charles & Hannah Powell, of North Stanley, Nr. Ripon. Husband of Sarah Ann Powell, of 3, Walton Fold, Milwood, Todmorden, Lancs.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders.

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 1, 5.C.49.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 156.

**ROBINSON Sam Benson** 240240 Sgt.

Born Ripon, resided Meltham, Yorks, enlisted Huddersfield 1915.

Son of Tom & Mary Jane Robinson, of Minton Cottage, Linthwaite, Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders Age 24.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Linthwaite War Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH;

Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 164, M Stansfield, page 359.

Brother of Pte Albert Arthur Robinson kia 28.9.1915 & Pte Thomas Wade Robinson kia 21.3.1918.

**RUSHWORTH Frank** 23513 Pte.

Born & enlisted Bradford.

Son of Josiah & Mary Rushworth, of 6 Donisthorpe Street, Bradford, Husband of Annie Stocks.

Rushworth, of 2, Lincoln Terrace, Bradford.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 28.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 167.

**SALWAY Ernest George** 17218 LCpl.

Born Draycott, Derbys. Resided Gressmore, Derbys, enlisted, Chesterfield

Son of Mr & Mrs W T Salway, of Hephthorne Lane, Clay Cross, Chesterfield

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 38

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext 1, 5.C.46.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 167.

**SMITH George** 267027 Pte.

Born Bolton Abbey, Yorks, resided Leeds, enlisted Skipton.

Killed in action, France & Flanders.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 178.

**STANDISH Alfred** 300077 LCpl. MM and Bar, MID.

Born Milnsbridge, resided Moldgreen, enlisted Milnsbridge September 1914, embarked for France & Flanders April 1915.

Adopted son of Mrs C Crawshaw, of 35 School Street, Moldgreen, Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders Age 24.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, St Paul's Methodist Church, Dalton, RoH, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 181, M Stansfield. page 403.

Mentioned in Despatches May, 1917; Military Medal awarded for 20/21st November, 1917, Bar to MM on 13.3.1918.

**SUGDEN John** 2Lt.

Born Liverpool 17.7.1896 enlisted in Local Territorials as LCpl. 1910, embarked for France & Flanders. April 1915. Commissioned July 1917, returned to France October 1917.  
Son of Mr & Mrs William Harry Sugden, of 9 Henry Street, Huddersfield.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders.  
Buried Gommecourt British Cemetery No 2, 5.D.11  
Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 185, M Stansfield, page 409.

**TEMPEST Horace** 242370 'D' Coy.

Born & enlisted Leeds.  
Son of Mary Eliza Tempest, of Harrow Street, Whingate Road, Armley, Leeds.  
Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 21.  
Buried St Sever Cemetery Ext. Rouen, 7.N.18.  
Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 192.

**TINKER G L** Capt.

- wounded. OC A Company.

**TURNER Frank** 13529 Pte.

Born 35 Manchester Street, Huddersfield May 1890, enlisted Huddersfield September 1914.  
Husband of Beatrice Turner, 15 St Andrew's Road, Aspley, Huddersfield.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 27.  
Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 197, M Stansfield, page 448.

**WILDE John Clark** 205585 Pte.

Born & enlisted Shipley.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders.  
Commemorated in Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 208.

**WINTERBOTTOM Hugh** 10464 Pte.

Born & resided Oldham, enlisted Halifax.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders.  
Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 211.

**2/7th Battalion:**

**ROSS James** 306768 Pte.

Enlisted Bradford.  
Son of Mrs M Ross, of 72, Clayton Street, Sunbridge Road, Bradford.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders.  
Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 12.A.10.  
Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**WHITE Frank** 201682 Pte.

Resided Illingworth, Halifax, enlisted Halifax.  
Son of Fred & Sarah Ann White, of 4 Field View, Keighley Road, Illingworth, Halifax.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 22.  
Buried St Amand British Military Cemetery, 1.C.3.

Commemorated in Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance, Illingworth, St Mary's Church RoH, Calderdale War Dead, page 290, 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall. Mentioned in Halifax Weekly Guardian 20.4.1918.

*"HIS MEMORY IS AS DEAR TO-DAY AS IN THE HOUR HE PASSED AWAY"*

### **30th March:**

#### **2/4th Battalion:**

**MARTINDALE L** 2Lt – killed.

CWGC have date as 28.3.1918.

Buried Cabaret-Rouge British Military Cemetery, 16. F.30.

**BECKWITH George** 22371 Pte.

Born & resided Castle Bolton, Yorks, enlisted Keighley.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders.

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 1,6.G.40.

#### **5th Battalion:**

**DINSDALE Ralph** 242147 Pte.

Born & enlisted Bradford.

Son of Alfred & Mary Elizabeth Dinsdale, of 213 Wapping Road, Bradford.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 23.

Commemorated on Arras Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 71.

#### **2/7th Battalion:**

**EARNSHAW John Arthur** 305635 A/LCpl.

Born Thornton Lodge, Huddersfield, 8.4.1896, resided Huddersfield, enlisted Milnsbridge 11.9.1914.

Son of Benjamin and Mary Elizabeth Earnshaw, of 3 Crosland Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield

Killed in Action, France & Flanders, aged 23.

Buried St Amand British Cemetery, 1.C.4

Commemorated St Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor, 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall, Memorial in Lockwood Cemetery, M Stansfield, page 135."

*"DEARLY LOVED SON OF MR & MRS B EARNSHAW, CROSLAND MOOR, HUDDERSFIELD"*

### **31st March:**

#### **2/4th Battalion:**

**DALE George Alfred** 204540 Pte.

Born & resided Batley, enlisted Mirfield.

Son of Alfred & Mary Jane Dale, of York.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 20.

Buried St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, P.9.G.6A.

*"THY WILL BE DONE"*

**5th Battalion:** Officers & Other Ranks Casualty totals for period 24th to 30th March:

Officers: Killed – 2, Wounded – 6, Missing – 1

Other Ranks: Killed – 30, Wounded – 126, Missing – 50.

**2/7th Battalion:** Other Ranks Casualties for the whole month of March:

Killed – 8, Died of Wounds – 2, Wounded – 43, Gassed – 3.

### 1st April:

#### 5th Battalion:

**FISHER William** 33633 Pte.

Born & enlisted Ealing, Middlesex.

Son of William & Fanny Fisher, of Hanger Hill Farm Cottages, Ealing, London.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders Age 19.

Buried St Sever Cemetery Ext. Rouen, P.9.K.7A.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 81.

*"DEARLY LOVED AND DEEPLY MOURNED"*

### 2nd April:

#### 2/4th Battalion:

**WOOD Harry** 202542 Pte.

Born & resided Huddersfield, enlisted Halifax March, 1916.

Son of Joseph & Eliza Ann Wood, of Hill View, Outlane, Huddersfield.

Died of wounds France & Flanders, aged 29.

Buried Etaples Military Cemetery. 33.C.10.

Commemorated Outland Trinity Methodist Church RoH, M Stansfield, page 491.

*"PRESERVE ME O GOD FOR IN THEE DO I PUT MY TRUST, FIRST VERSE, 16TH PSALM"*

(Brother of 41531 Pte Teddy Wood, 17th Btn. West Yorks. Regt. Reported missing presumed kia 31.8.1917).

### 3rd April:

#### 2/7th Battalion:

**SQUIRE William Henry** 22305 Pte.

Resided Willenhall, Staffs, enlisted Bilston.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders.

Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, 33.C.7A.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

### 6th April:

#### 5th Battalion:

**WATERHOUSE William** 240011 Sgt.

Born Leeds 10.11 1882, resided Birkby, Huddersfield, enlisted Huddersfield August, 1914.

Son of Charles Edward & Mary Ann Waterhouse, of 46 Poplar Street, Birkby, Huddersfield,

Husband of Ada Waterhouse, 38, Corby Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

Died of wounds, No. 2 Canadian General Hospital, France & Flanders, aged 36.

Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, 33.D.6A.

Commemorated Fartown & Birkby War Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 202, M Stansfield, page 465.

*"UNTIL THE DAWN, ADA"*

### 7th April:

#### 5th Battalion:

**FORREST Henry Dacre** Lt: West Yorkshire Regt. Att. 5th Btn West Riding Regt.  
Formerly 15279 Pte. East Lancashire Regiment. Commissioned into West Yorkshire Regt. 30.10.1917.  
Born & resided Darwen, Lancashire.  
Son of Mr Thomas W A Forrest & Sarah Elizabeth Forrest, of Roxholme, Sunnyhurst, Darwen, Lancs.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 26.  
Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 9.B.14.  
Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 82.

### 8th April:

#### 2/4th Battalion:

**GARSDIE Wilfred** 12477 Pte.  
Born & resided Mossley, Lancs, enlisted Huddersfield.  
Son of Samuel & Mary Garside, of 44 Stamford Road, Mossley, Manchester.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders Age 27.  
Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 9.A.3  
*"HIS MEMORY IS OUR SWEETEST THOUGHT"*

**LAWSON Robert** 266215 Pte.  
Resided Kelbrook, Yorks, enlisted Earby, Yorks.  
Son of Mr & Mrs R Lawson, Vicarage Road, Kelbrook, Yorks.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 24.  
Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery. 9. A.2.  
Commemorated in CPGW, page 346, with photograph.

#### 5th Battalion:

**WALSH Arthur Garfield** 242923 Pte.  
Resided Greetland, Yorks, enlisted, Halifax.  
Son of William & Emma Jane Walsh of 63 Briscoe Lane, Greetland, Halifax.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 36.  
Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 9.A.10.  
Commemorated on Greetland, (Clay House) War Memorial, Calderdale War Dead, page 457,  
Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 201.  
Mentioned in Halifax Courier 9.4.1918 & Brighouse Echo 26.4.1918.  
*"HE DIED THAT WE MIGHT LIVE"*

### 9th April:

#### 2/4th Battalion:

**COCKHILL Arthur** 32332 Pte. 'A' Coy.  
Born & resided Netherton, Yorks, enlisted Huddersfield August 1917, embarked for France & Flanders December, 1917.  
Son of Harry & Frances Cockhill, of Bank End, Netherton, Huddersfield.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 19.  
Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery. 9.B.3.  
Commemorated on South Crosland & Netherton War Memorial, M Stansfield, page 98.  
*"IN THE MIDST OF LIFE WE ARE IN DEATH"*

**WARRENDER Joseph** 4904 Pte (later 202220).

Born Bradford July 1885, enlisted Halifax 7.3.1916, embarked for France & Flanders 9.1.1917.

Son of Thomas & Mary Warrender, of Bradford. Finance of Eliza Clough, of 8 Denton Court, Manchester Road, Bradford, Next of Kin, Elizabeth Morris (sister).

Died of wounds, at No.3 General Hospital, Le Treport, France & Flanders, aged 32.

Buried Mont Huon Military Cemetery, 6.E.6A.

*"SWEET ARE THE MEMORIES THAT NEVER FADE OF ONE I LOVED BUT COULD NOT SAVE.  
(ELIZA)"*

#### **5th Battalion:**

**HARWOOD Harry** 20408 Pte.

Born Wadsworth, Yorks, enlisted Halifax.

Son of Mr & Mrs Smith Harwood, of 2 Pecket Bar, Pecket Well, Hebden Bridge.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 21.

Buried Douchy-Les-Ayette British Cemetery, 4.G.9.

Commemorated in Crimsworth Wesleyan Cemetery, Wadsworth Parish War Memorial, Calderdale War Dead, page 536, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 100. Mentioned in Hebden Bridge Times 26.4.1918.

*"AT REST"*

**JONES Arthur Barron** 240574 Pte. 'C' Coy.

Born 3.1.1889 at Mold Green, resided 2 Grafton Place, Huddersfield enlisted Huddersfield.

Husband of Alice Jones, of 2, Robinson's Buildings, Shore Head, Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders Age 29.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 9.B.9.

Commemorated St Paul's Church, Southgate, Huddersfield, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 116, M Stansfield, page 247.

*"IN MY HEART AND MIND HE WILL EVER BE, MY DEAREST, SWEETEST MEMORY"*

**WALKER Adolphus** 2Lt. originally 1<sup>st</sup> Btn DWR, att. from 2nd. Btn DWR to 2/5<sup>th</sup> Btn.

Commissioned August, 1917.

Wounded in action 17.4.1918, see entry for 15.4.1918.

#### **2/7th Battalion:**

**GREENWOOD Fred** 241483 Pte.

Born Rochdale, Lancs, enlisted Bradford.

Son of John Robert Greenwood, of 38 Victor Terrace, Manningham, Bradford.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 27.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 9.B.1.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**HAWORTH Harry** 266206 LCpl.

Resided Barnoldswick, Yorks, enlisted, Skipton.

Son of John & Florence Jane Haworth, of 15 Clifford Street, Barnoldswick.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 30.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 9.B.2.

Commemorated in CPGW, page 341, with photograph, 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

*"WORTHY OF EVERLASTING LOVE"*

**LIDDEMORE Harry Wooley** 266452 Pte.  
Resided Keighley, enlisted Skipton.  
Son of Mrs R Liddemore, of 35 Barcroft, Cross Roads, Keighley.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders.  
Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 9.C.12.  
Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.  
*"THERE IS NO DEATH, WHAT SEEMS SO IS TRANSITION"*

**10th April:**

**2/4th Battalion:**

**BAXTER Walter Renshaw** 31277 Pte.  
Born Halifax, resided Birstall, enlisted Halifax.  
Son of J E & Annie E Baxter, of 18 Geldard Road, Birstall, Leeds.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 20.  
Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial.

**5th Battalion:**

**APPLEBY John William** 303155 Pte.  
Born Halifax, resided 12, Portland Road, Range Bank, Halifax.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 39.  
Buried Douchy-Les-Ayette British Cemetery, 2.G.14.  
Commemorated in Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance, John Crossley & Co., Dean Clough Mills RoH, Calderdale War Dead, page 41. Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 24. Mentioned in Halifax Courier 26.4.1918, with photograph, & Halifax. Weekly Guardian 27.4.1918, with photograph.

**BLEZARD Arthur** 269334 Pte.  
Born 22 Silver Street, Moldgreen, Huddersfield, enlisted, Huddersfield 4.8.1917.  
Son of Mr James Blezard of 156 Wakefield Road, Moldgreen.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders.  
Buried Douchy-Les-Ayette British Cemetery, 2.E.21  
Commemorated Christchurch, Moldgreen RoH, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 39, M Stansfield, page 46.

**GOREHAM Edward James** 242502 A/Cpl.  
Born, resided & enlisted Fakenham, Norfolk.  
Son of William George & Louisa Elizabeth Goreham, of Fakenham, Norfolk.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 24.  
Commemorated on Pozieres Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 90.

**MALLINSON Percy** 205417 Pte.  
Born, Wood Nook, Stanningley, Leeds, resided & enlisted Bradford.  
Son of Jane Ann Mallinson, of 35 Napier Road, Leeds Road, Bradford.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 21.  
Buried Douchy-Les-Ayette British Cemetery, 2.E.20.  
Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 132.

**MITCHELL Hubert Norman** 205602 Pte.

Born Halifax, resided 12 Glen Terrace, Halifax, enlisted Halifax.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 31.

Buried Douchy-Les-Ayette British Cemetery, 2.G.17.

Commemorated St Jude's Church, Savile Park RoH, Halifax Secondary School RoH, Calderdale Civic Book of Remembrance, Calderdale War Dead, page 200, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 139. Mentioned in Halifax Weekly Guardian 27.4.1918, with photograph.

**ROBINSON Sydney** 16829 Pte.

Born Allendale, Northumberland, 4.10.1897, enlisted Hexham, Northumberland 30.11.1915, embarked for France & Flanders, 15.11.1916.

Son of John & Elizabeth Robinson, of East Keenley Fell, Allendale, later, Sedcastle, Hayden Bridge, Rumley Fell, Allendale.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 20.

Commemorated on Pozieres Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 164.

### **2/7th Battalion:**

**HILL James** 29248 LCpl.

Born Bradford 22.7.1898, resided & enlisted Bradford 26.7.1916, embarked for France & Flanders 10.9.1917.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 19.

Son of Mr William Henry & Frances Ann Hill, of 69 Thursby Road, Harewood Street, Leeds Road, Bradford.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 9.B.8.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

### **11th April:**

#### **2/4th Battalion:**

**BELL James** 204943 Pte.

Born & enlisted in Bainbridge, Yorks.

Son of John & Isabel Bell, Husband of Ann Bell, of Stalling Busk, Bainbridge, Askrigg, Yorks.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 30.

Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, 33.G.12.

Commemorated in CPGW, page 379.

*"LOVINGLY REMEMBERED BY ALL AT HOME"*

#### **5th Battalion:**

**FORSTER James Thomas** 26214 Pte.

Born Benshaw, Durham, enlisted Gateshead.

Son of Mr & Mrs Forster, of 74 Rectory Road, Gateshead.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 27.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery. 9.C.8.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 82.

*"BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD"*



### **2/7th Battalion:**

**NEWELL William** 25121 Pte.

Born, Cape Town, South Africa, resided, Heaton, Bradford, enlisted, Bradford.

Son of John & Florence Newell, of Bradford.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 20.

Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, 33.G.13.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

*"MAY HIS REWARD BE AS GREAT AS HIS SACRIFICE"*

### **12th April:**

### **2/4th Battalion:**

**HEPWORTH Frank** 204083 Pte.

Enlisted in Huddersfield.

Son of Thomas & Mary Hepworth, of Wakefield. Husband of Ellen Asquith (formerly Hepworth, of 84, Alder Street, Huddersfield), later of 12 Milford Street, Chapel Hill, Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 24.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 9.C.6.

Commemorated St Andrew's Church, Leeds Road, Huddersfield RoH, M Stansfield, page 206.

*"HIS MEMORY'S EVER DEAR FROM HIS LOVING WIFE, NELLIE"*

### **5th Battalion:**

**GILL William Akeroyd** 241046 Pte.

Born Batley, Resided 32 Gladstone Terrace, Howden Clough, Birstall, Yorks, Enlisted Mirfield.

Son of Edward & Jane Gill, of Batley.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 32.

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 1, 6.B.16.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; HDH War Memorial 1914-1921, page 88.

### **2/7th Battalion:**

**DALE Clarence** 306092 Pte.

Born Oldham 26.9.1897, resided Oldham.

Son of Thomas Edward & Eda Dale, of 9 Constantine Street, Oldham, Lancs.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 20.

Buried La Kreule Military Cemetery, 1.A.38.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall (number shown as 306492)

### **13th April:**

### **2/4th Battalion:**

**DAWSON Jonathan** 32946 Pte.

Born Todmorden, resided Cornholme Yorks, enlisted Todmorden.

Husband of Ida Dawson, of 11, Brighton Street, Cornholme, Todmorden.

Died of appendicitis at 3, Canadian Hospital, France & Flanders, aged 34.

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 1, 6.B.32.

Commemorated on Todmorden Municipal War Memorial, Todmorden Cornholme Ward War Memorial, Todmorden, Cornholme Vale Baptist Church RoH, Todmorden Secondary School RoH, Calderdale War Dead, page 654. Mentioned in Todmorden Advertiser 26.4.1918, with photograph, & Hebden Bridge Times 26.4.1918.

*"BELOVED HUSBAND OF IDA DAWSON, BRIGHTON ST, CORNHOLME TODMORDEN"*

## **2/7th Battalion:**

### **BURNELL Edward Arthur** 26416 Pte.

Born Sampford Brett, Somerset, resided, Williton, Somerset, enlisted Taunton 10.12.1915.  
Son of Thomas & Elizabeth Burnell, Husband of Florence May Burnell, of Sampford Brett, Taunton.  
Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 31.  
Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 1, 6.B.18.  
Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall (shows name as Bumell)  
Formerly 33330 Somerset Light Infantry.

### **PROSSER James Henry** 306674 LCpl.

Born Idle, Bradford, enlisted Bradford.  
Husband of Annie Goodall (formerly Prosser), of 18 Stockhill Road, Greengates.  
Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 29.  
Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 9.C.9.  
*"NOT FORGOTTEN"*

## **14th April:**

## **5th Battalion:**

### **HOSKIN Tom** 240419 Sgt. 'D' Coy.

Born Rashcliffe, Huddersfield, resided Mexborough, Yorks, enlisted Huddersfield.  
Son of Hannah Hoskin, of 15 Park Road, Lockwood, Huddersfield. Husband of Mary Alice Hoskin, of Mexborough, later, 137 De la Pole Avenue, Hull.  
Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 35.  
Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 1, 9.C.18.  
Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 109, M Stansfield, page 231.  
*"AT REST"*  
14 years pre-war service as Volunteer & Territorial Force.

### **OUGHTON James Harrison** 242331 Pte. 'D' Coy.

Born Witton Gilbert, Durham, resided Sacriston, Durham, enlisted Durham.  
Son of James Wharrier & Jane Oughton, of 214, Second Cross Street, Sacriston, Co. Durham.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 23.  
Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 9.C.17.  
Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 147.  
*"ETERNAL REST GIVE UNTO HIM O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM"*

### **MACHIN R J** 2Lt. MC

– Wounded. Remained at duty.

### **MORTON Percival Clare** 2Lt, att. 13th Btn. York & Lancaster Regt.

Son of Thomas Miles & Mary Morton, of 'West Bank', 144 Lister Lane, Halifax. Husband of Lily Morton, of 13, Part Street, Southport, Lancs.  
Enlisted in ranks June, 1916, commissioned October, 1917.  
Died of Wounds, in German Casualty Clearing Station, France & Flanders, aged 36.  
Buried at Anzac Cemetery, France (grave number not shown on CWGC site).  
Commemorated Halifax St John the Baptist Parish Church RoH, Sailly-sur-la-Lys Churchyard Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance, Halifax Freemasons RoH, Southwood House, Savile Park, & Calderdale War Dead, page 203. Mentioned in Halifax Weekly Guardian 27.4.1918 & 6.7.1918.

**SIDDALL Rowland Woolfall** 200675 Pte.

Enlisted Halifax August 1914.

Son of Herbert & Helen Siddall, of 336 Westover Villas, West End, Halifax.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 23.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 9.C.19.

Commemorated in Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance, Heath Grammar School RoH, St John's Wesleyan Methodist Church RoH, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 175 & Calderdale War Dead, page 249. Mentioned in Halifax Weekly Guardian 27.4.1918.

*"I SHALL BE SATISFIED WHEN I AWAKE IN HIS LIKENESS"*

**15th April:**

**2/4th Battalion:**

**DIXON Harold Percy** 22336 Pte.

Born Hartlepool, Durham, enlisted West Hartlepool.

Son of Thomas & Martha Dixon, of 137, Milton Road, West Hartlepool.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 19.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 8.A.9.

*"FOR SO HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED SLEEP, PSALM CXXVII"*

**5th Battalion:**

**WALKER Adolphus** 2Lt.

Son of Mr & Mrs Thomas Walker, of Wakefield.

Died of wounds sustained on 9.4.1918, France & Flanders Age 21.

Buried Gezaincourt Communal Cemetery Ext, 2.L.20.

Commemorated 62<sup>nd</sup> Divisional History, page 198; Bruce History RoH, page 215; Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 199.

*"IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAR & DEVOTED BROTHER, LOVED BY ALL. WAR'S BITTER COST"*

Formerly 15/1878 Sgt 15<sup>th</sup> Btn West Yorkshire Regt.

**2/7th Battalion:**

**LANGHORNE Tom** 3861 Pte. (later 201593 Cpl).

Resided 16, Victoria Terrace, Halifax, enlisted Halifax.

Killed in action at Bullecourt, France & Flanders, aged 26.

Buried Gommecourt British Military Cemetery, 5.J.2.

Commemorated in Halifax Book of Remembrance & Calderdale War Dead, page 180, 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

Mentioned in Halifax Weekly Guardian 11.5.1918 & Halifax Courier 24.5.1918

**MELLOR Stanley** 242012 Pte.

Enlisted Huddersfield.

Son of Willie & A M Mellor, of 22 Hill Top, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 21 Previously wounded at Bullecourt 3.5.1917.

Buried Gommecourt British Military Cemetery, 5.J.1.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall, M Stansfield, page 300.

**MERRITT John Henry** 10353 A/L/Sgt.  
Born Hereford, 1894, resided Attercliffe, Yorks, enlisted Sheffield.  
Son of James Merritt, of 90 Coleford Avenue, Attercliffe, Sheffield.  
Brother of Mr G Merritt, of 475 Brightside Lane, Brightside, Sheffield.  
Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 23.  
Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 9.C.16.

**WHITING Henry John** 268389 Pte.  
Born, resided & enlisted Burton-on-Trent.  
Son of Henry & Bertha Whiting, of 38, Broadway Street, Burton-on-Trent.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 20.  
Buried Gommecourt British Military Cemetery, 5.J.3.  
Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

#### 16th April:

##### 5th Battalion:

**WOODWARD Harry** 240617 Pte.  
Resided Leeds, enlisted Huddersfield.  
Son of Harry & Mary A Woodward, of Leeds.  
Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 23.  
Buried Gezaincourt Communal Cemetery Ext, 2.L.8.  
Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 213.  
*"IN EVER DEAR MEMORY OF MY DARLING BOY. THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST CLEANSETH FROM ALL SIN"*

#### 17th April:

##### 2/4th Battalion:

**HARRISON Reginald** 25294 Pte.  
Born & resided Hurworth-on-Tees, Durham, enlisted Darlington.  
Son of Mr J T Harrison, of Hurworth-on-Tees, Darlington.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 21.  
Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 13.B.7.

**SULLIVAN J. William** 202419 Pte.  
Born Halifax, resided Halifax, enlisted Halifax  
Husband of Sarah Sullivan, of 30, Darley Street, Halifax  
Killed in action, France & Flanders Age 36.  
Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 13.B.12.  
Commemorated in Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance & Calderdale War Dead, page 262. Mentioned in Halifax Weekly Guardian 27.4.1918

**WILDE Harry** 265621 Pte.  
Born & enlisted Guiseley.  
Son of Joseph & Elizabeth Wild, of New Scarborough, Yeadon, Leeds.  
Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 24.  
Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 13.B.2.  
*"REST IN PEACE"*  
(CWGC shows name as Wild).

##### 5th Battalion:

**SMITH Ernest** 29167 Pte.

Born Huddersfield 28.8.1895, resided Crosland Moor, enlisted Huddersfield.

Son of Mrs M Smith, of 16 Mellor's Buildings, Stoney Lane, Taylor Hill, Lockwood, Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 22.

Commemorated on Pozieres Memorial, Emmanuel Church, Lockwood RoH, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 178, M Stansfield, page 395.

**WINFIELD Percival** 26308 Pte.

Born & resided South Cerney, Gloucestershire, enlisted Cirencester.

Son of Jesse & Annie E Winfield, of Barkley Cottage, South Cerney, Cirencester, Glos.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 24.

Commemorated on Pozieres Memorial, Commemorated 62<sup>nd</sup> Divisional History, page 198; Bruce History RoH, page 215; Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 211.

Formerly T4/055926 RASC.

### **2/7th Battalion:**

**HICK Joseph Marsden** 2Lt.

Born Eccleshill, Bradford, 21.7.1898, resided Eccleshill, Bradford.

Son of Joseph Clayton Hick & Henrietta Hick, of 309 Moorside Road, Eccleshill, later 15 Guy's Cliffe, Undercliffe Lane, Bradford.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 21.

Buried Godewaersvelde British Military Cemetery, Nord, 1.Q.33.

**MOORE Carl** 18865 Pte.

Born Middlesbrough, Yorks, resided & enlisted Bradford.

Son of Henry P & Elizabeth Moore, of 8, Lister Avenue, East Bowling, Bradford.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 24.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 13.B.13.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

### **20th April:**

#### **2/7th Battalion:**

**SYKES Harry** 306582 Pte.

Born, resided & enlisted Bradford.

Son of William & Mary Sykes, of 13 Portland Street, Low Moor, Bradford.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 27.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 13.B.1.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

### **23rd April:**

#### **5th Battalion:**

**WILSON Albert** 204590 Pte.

Born & resided Bradford, enlisted Wyke, Bradford.

Son of Fred & Emma Wilson of 25 Coll Place, Odsal Top, Bradford.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 29.

Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Special Memorial 5.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 210.

*"THEIR GLORY SHALL NOT BE BLOTTED OUT"*

**24th April:**

**5th Battalion:**

**ASHTON George** 25321 Pte.

Born Enderby, Leicester, enlisted Glen Parva Leicestershire 2.6.1916.

Son of John & Edith Ann Thomas Ashton, of 53 John Street, Enderby, Leicester.

Died of wounds at 1st Australian General Hospital, Rouen, France & Flanders, aged 19.

Buried St Sever Cemetery Ext, P.9.N.6B.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 26.

Formerly 36937, Pte Leicestershire Regt & Pte 6th Btn Yorkshire Regiment.

**2/7th Battalion:**

**McManus George** 38577 Pte.

Born & enlisted Leeds.

Brother of Percy McManus, of 5 Goxhill Street, Buslingthorpe Lane, Leeds.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 20.

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 1, 6.B.54.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

Formerly 30117 Dragoon Guards.

*"SLEEP ON DEAR BROTHER R.I.P"*

**24th April:**

**2/7th Battalion:**

**PRIESTLEY Eli Garnett** 29643 Pte.

Born Halifax, resided 17 Cotton Street, Halifax, enlisted Halifax 3.10.1916.

Son of Samuel Priestley, of 6 Charlesworth Grove, Pellon, Halifax.

Died of wounds at 12 General Hospital, Rouen, France & Flanders, aged 28.

Buried St Sever Cemetery Ext, P.9.N.75.

Commemorated in Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance & Calderdale War Dead, page 224, 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall. Mentioned in Halifax Courier 1.5.1918.

**29th April:**

**5th Battalion:**

**McAvoy John** 242330 Cpl.

Born & resided Birtley, Durham, enlisted Chester-le-Street.

Husband of Mary Robinson (formerly McAvoy), of 21, Lindsay Terrace, Elizabethville, Birtley, Co. Durham.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 36.

Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 134.

**30th April:**

**5th Battalion:** Other Ranks Casualty Totals for April:

Killed – 16, Wounded 42 (plus 2 self inflicted).

**2nd May:**

**2/4th Battalion:**

**WARD Patrick** 24802 Pte.

Born Luddendenfoot, Yorks, enlisted Sowerby Bridge.

Son of Thomas Ward.

Died, France & Flanders, aged 27.

Commemorated in Calderdale War Dead, page 629.

Buried Arneke British Cemetery, 2.B.24.

*"HIS MEMORY IS AS DEAR TODAY AS IN THE HOUR HE PASSED AWAY"*

#### **6th May:**

##### **2/7th Battalion:**

**SPENDLOVE Alfred** 306926 Pte.

Born & resided Hazelwood, Duffield, Derby enlisted Derby.

Son of William & Fanny Spendlove, of The Post Office, Hazlewood, Duffield, Derby

Died, France & Flanders, aged 27.

Buried Couin New British Cemetery, D.36.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

#### **16th May:**

##### **5th Battalion:**

2 Officers & 10 Men of 'A' Coy were wounded by shell fragments.

**MORIER C E** Lt – wounded. From 8 DWR, rejoined Btn from hospital on 11.6. 1918.

**HILL R B** 2Lt – wounded.

#### **18th May:**

##### **2/7th Battalion:**

**ALLEN Hildred** 305544 Sgt. MM.

Enlisted Slaithwaite 31.8.1914, embarked for France & Flanders 10.1.1917.

Son of Thomas & Maude Allen, of 1 Meg Lane, Longwood, Huddersfield.

Died (from suffocation from charcoal fumes, while sleeping in dugout) France & Flanders Age 20.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 16.D.10.

Commemorated St Mark's Parish Church, Longwood RoH, St James Church, Slaithwaite RoH,

Slaithwaite War Memorial, 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall, M Stansfield, page 4.

*"NEVER ABSENT FROM THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THOSE WHO LOVED HIM"*

Military Medal awarded August 1917, and twice wounded.

**DEWHURST Ernest** 265031 Sgt.

Born Shipley, enlisted Skipton.

Husband of W Simpson, (formerly Dewhurst), of 7, Chancery Lane, High Street, Skipton.

Killed in Action, France & Flanders, aged 30.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 16.D.9.

Commemorated in CPGW, page 342 with photograph, 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall (shows name as Dewhurst and number as 260031).

## 19th May:

### 5th Battalion:

**DRUMMOND Tom Milner** 13019 LCpl.

Born & enlisted Skipton.

Son of Mr & Mrs George Drummond, of 7, Cavendish Street, Skipton.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 25.

Buried Bagneux British Cemetery, 2.B.29.

Commemorated in CPGW, page 351, with photograph, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 78.

*“NOT GONE FROM MEMORY OR FROM LOVE, BUT TO OUR FATHER’S HOME ABOVE”*

## 20th May:

### 2/4th Battalion:

**ALLSOPP Herbert Ethard** 25385 Pte.

Born & enlisted Kettering, Northampton.

Son of Herbert & Lily Blanche Allsopp, of 22 Edinburgh Road, Kettering.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 19.

Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.A.14.

Formerly 45561 Suffolk Regt.

### 5th Battalion:

**BARKER Sam Oxley** 240744 Pte.

Born Seacombe, Cheshire, resided Kirkheaton, enlisted Huddersfield.

Adopted son of Miles & Alice Milner, of “Claremont”, Water Royd Lane, Mirfield.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 32.

Buried Bagneux British Cemetery, 2.C.6.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 29, M Stansfield, page 22.

## 21st May:

### 5th Battalion:

**NEWTON George** 10621 Pte.

Born Barnsley, enlisted Halifax.

Husband of Jane.

Died, France & Flanders.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.A.13.

Commemorated Sargeant G, page 544, Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 144.

### 2/7th Battalion:

**SANDS Arthur** 306147 Pte.

Resided Oldham, Lancs, enlisted Greenfield, Yorks.

Son of Joshua & Hannah Sands.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 47.

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 2, 2.C.2.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

*“HE GAVE HIS BEST, HIS LIFE, FROM SISTER SARAH”*



**STEAD Harry** 307612 Pte.

Born Bradford, 15.4.1885 & enlisted Bradford.

Son of Benjamin & Emma Stead.

Husband of Alice Stead, of 22, Tumbling Hill Street, Thornton Road, Bradford.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 33.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.A.8.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

**TAYLOR Thomas** 267179 Pte.

Born Morton, Yorks, resided Keighley, enlisted Bingley.

Son of John Dixon & Elizabeth Ellen Taylor. Husband of Cordelia May Taylor, of 9, Craven Row, Keighley.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 27.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.A.9.

*"REST IN PEACE"*

### 22nd May:

#### 5th Battalion:

**STEEL Arthur** 26302 Pte.

Born Birmingham, Resided 'Hopwood', Alvechurch, Birmingham, enlisted Birmingham 17.9.1914, embarked for France & Flanders 4.3.1916.

Son of Ernest & Annie Maria Steele, of "The Bungalow", Shottery, Stratford-on-Avon.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 21.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.A.10.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 184.

Formerly T4/045381 RASC.

**BALL Francis Matthew** 268629 Pte.

Resided Warsop, Notts, enlisted Mansfield.

Son of Arthur & Mary Booth Ball, of Warsop, Mansfield, Notts.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 20.

Buried Doullens Military Cemetery Ext No 2, 2.C.3.

*"JUST WHEN HIS HOPES WERE BRIGHTEST, GOD CALLED HIM HOME TO REST"*

### 23rd May:

#### 5th Battalion:

**DOOK Charles Sanderson** 15178 Pte.

Born Doncaster, enlisted Huddersfield.

Son of Mrs Alberta Dook, of East Ferry, Doncaster.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 22.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.B.9.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 72.

*"HE DIED FOR ALL R.I.P"*

**24th May:**

**2/4th Battalion:**

**COCKROFT Harry** 201442 Pte.

Born & enlisted Halifax

Son of George & Rachel Cockroft, of 1, Union Street, Halifax.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 22.

Commemorated in Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance & Calderdale War Dead, page 87.

Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery. 20.B.7.

*"GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN"*

**GARAGHTY William** 202751 Pte.

Resided Rastrick, Yorks, enlisted Halifax February, 1916.

Son of Mr & Mrs William Garaghty, of 39, Brooke Street, Rastrick, Brighouse.

Died of wounds, at Canadian Casualty Clearing Station, France & Flanders, aged 24.

Previously wounded in action August 1916 & gassed December 1917.

Buried in Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 2, 2.C.19.

Commemorated on Brighouse War Memorial, Rastrick War Memorial & Calderdale War Dead, page

380. Mentioned in Brighouse Echo 31.5.1918, with photograph.

*"TOO FAR AWAY THY GRAVE TO SEE, BUT NOT TOO FAR TO THINK OF THEE.R.I.P"*

**GRIMSTON Harry** 267211 Pte.

Born Pateley Bridge, Yorks, resided Eastburn, Yorks, enlisted Cross Hills, Yorks

Son of Mrs Grimston, "Aireside", Cononley.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 34.

Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.B.6.

Commemorated CPGW, page 351, with photograph.

**KEIGHLEY Herbert** 267197 Pte.

Born & enlisted Keighley.

Son of Thomas & Elizabeth Keighley, Husband of Ida Keighley, of 15, East Avenue, Keighley.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 35.

Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.B.5.

*"LOVE AND MEMORIES LINGER STILL FROM HIS LOVING WIFE"*

**NEAL John A** 242791 Pte.

Born & enlisted Hull.

Son of Mrs Neal, of 31 Canning Street, Hull.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 18.

Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.B.4.

**OSBORNE Jacob** 13349 Pte.

Born Bircham Newton, 24.5.1889 Norfolk, resided King's Lynn, Norfolk, enlisted Skipton.

Son of Edward Jacob & Mary Ann Osborne, of 2, Bircham Newton, King's Lynn.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 29 (his birthday).

Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.B.8.

**TOMLINSON William** 205611 Pte.

Resided Balby, Yorks, enlisted Doncaster.

Son of William Tomlinson, of 8, Ronald Road, Balby, Doncaster, Husband of Edith Annie Tomlinson, of Westfield Lodge, Trinity Street, Huddersfield.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 25.

Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.B.1.

## **2/7th Battalion:**

### **GREENWOOD Percy** 306132 LCpl.

Resided Stalybridge, Cheshire, enlisted Greenfield, Lancs.

Adopted son of Sarah J Graham.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders.

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 2, 2.C.23.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

### **LINNEY Ernest** 38574 Pte.

Resided Hebden Bridge, Yorks, enlisted Halifax.

Son of Charles Ernest & Mary Elizabeth Linney, of 4 Bankfoot Terrace, Hebden Bridge, later of 3, White Houses, Mytholmroyd.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 19.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.B.2.

Commemorated in Slack Baptist Churchyard, Hebden Bridge Methodist Churches RoH & Calderdale War Dead, page 553, Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall. Mentioned in Todmorden News 24.5.1918, Hebden Bridge Times 7.6.1918 & 14.6.1918, with photograph.

Formerly Queens Own Yorkshire Dragoons Pte 30166.

### **THOMPSON Herbert** 266166 Pte.

Resided Embsay, Yorks, enlisted Skipton.

Husband of Minnie Thompson, of 10, Brook View, Carleton, Skipton.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 33.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.B.10.

Commemorated on CPGW, page 352, with photograph.

*"AT REST"*

## **26th May:**

### **2/4th Battalion:**

#### **WHITFIELD George Arthur** 17113 LCpl.

Born Stockton Heath, Cheshire, enlisted Warrington.

Son of George & Mary Ellen Whitfield, of 57, Gaskill Street, Stockton Heath, Cheshire. A Schoolmaster.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 26.

Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.C.4.

*"DEARLY LOVED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM"*

### **5th Battalion:**

#### **MONELLY Thomas** 300161 Pte.

Born Swinford, Co. Mayo, Ireland, resided & enlisted, Bradford.

Son of James & Annie Monelly, Husband of Florence Monelly, of 45, Queen Street, Bradford.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 31.

Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.C.9.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921, page 140.

*"TO MEMORY EVER DEAR"*

**RISPIN Percy** 22601 Pte.

Born Birstwith, Harrogate 14.2.1899, resided "Lynton House", Northgate, Baildon, enlisted, Halifax 23.2.1917.

Son of Mary Ann Docker, of 15, Harrop Street, Poplar, London. Grandson of Mr G Rispin, of Longscales Farm, Birstwith, Harrogate. (Next of kin shown as uncle, J. Morse, Cropper Fold Farm, Eldwick, Bingley).

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 19.

Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.C.12.

Commemorated Huddersfield Drill Hall RoH; HDH War Memorial 1914-1921, page 163.

**2/7th Battalion:**

**HOPKINSON George Ernest** 306577 Pte.

Resided Doncaster, enlisted Shipley, Yorks.

Son of Mr T G Hopkinson, of 18, St George's Terrace,, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 23.

Buried Bienvillers Military Cemetery, 20.C.13.

Commemorated 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall.

*"CHERISHED MEMORIES OF ONE SO DEAR ARE OFT RECALLED BY A SILENT TEAR"*

**KIRBY George Fletcher** 307608 Pte. 'B' Coy.

Born Leeds 24.3.1881, enlisted Bradford.

Son of Ralph & Sarah Eliza Kirby, Husband of Emily Kirby, of 9, Bowker Street, Great Horton, Bradford. Husband of Emily Kirby. A veteran of the Boer War.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 37.

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext No 2, 1.C.29.

**27th May:**

**5th Battalion:**

**SMITH Albert** 26215 Pte.

Born West Ardsley, Yorks, enlisted Batley.

Son of John William & Mary Smith, of Park Road, Batley, Yorks.

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, aged 24.

Buried Bagneux British Cemetery, 2.D.23

Formerly 65513 Pte Durham Light Infantry.

*"TOO DEARLY LOVED TO BE FORGOTTEN, FROM MOTHER AND FAMILY"*

**29th May:**

**5th Battalion:**

**THOMPSON J MC** 2Lt – wounded. Evacuated to England, 30.6.1918.

**2/7th Battalion:**

**TURNER Lewis** 306836 Pte.

Enlisted Halifax March 1916.

Son of Miles & Mary Turner, of 36, Moorfield Street, Halifax. Husband of Emma Jane Turner of 10, Osborne Grove, Lightcliffe, Halifax.

Killed in action, France & Flanders, aged 30.

Buried Bienvillers British Military Cemetery, 21.A.5.

Commemorated St Paul's Church, King Cross, Halifax RoH, and Halifax Civic Book of Remembrance, 7 DWR WM Huddersfield Drill Hall. Mentioned in Halifax Weekly Guardian 15.6.1918, with photograph.  
*"UNTIL DAY BREAKS AND THE SHADOWS FLEE AWAY"*

### **31st May:**

**5th Battalion:** Other Ranks Casualty Totals for May:

Killed - 4, Wounded - 47.

**2/7th Battalion:** Other Ranks Casualty Totals for the period 17th May to 8th June:

Killed - 7, Accidentally Killed - 2, Wounded - 2.

Totals

4 DWR - 38.

5 DWR - 93.

7 DWR - 55.

**Total 186.**

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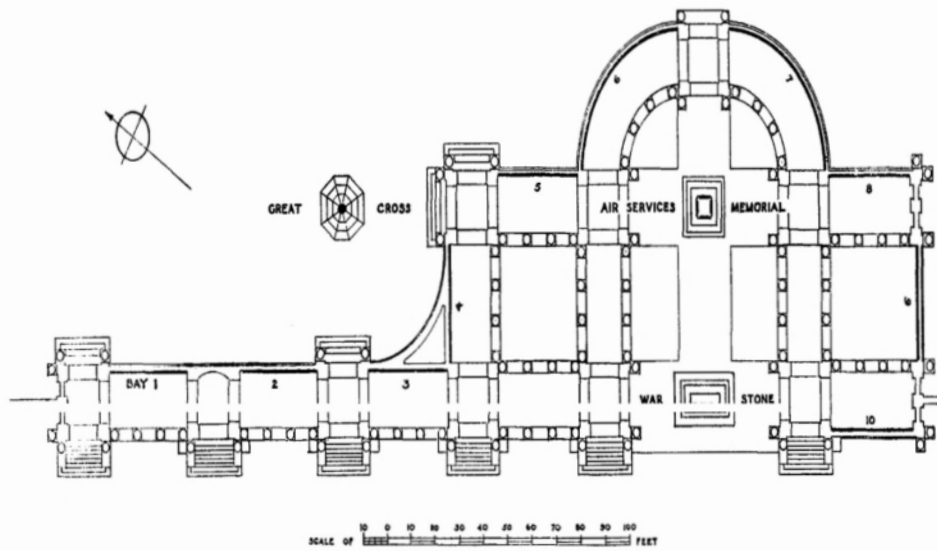
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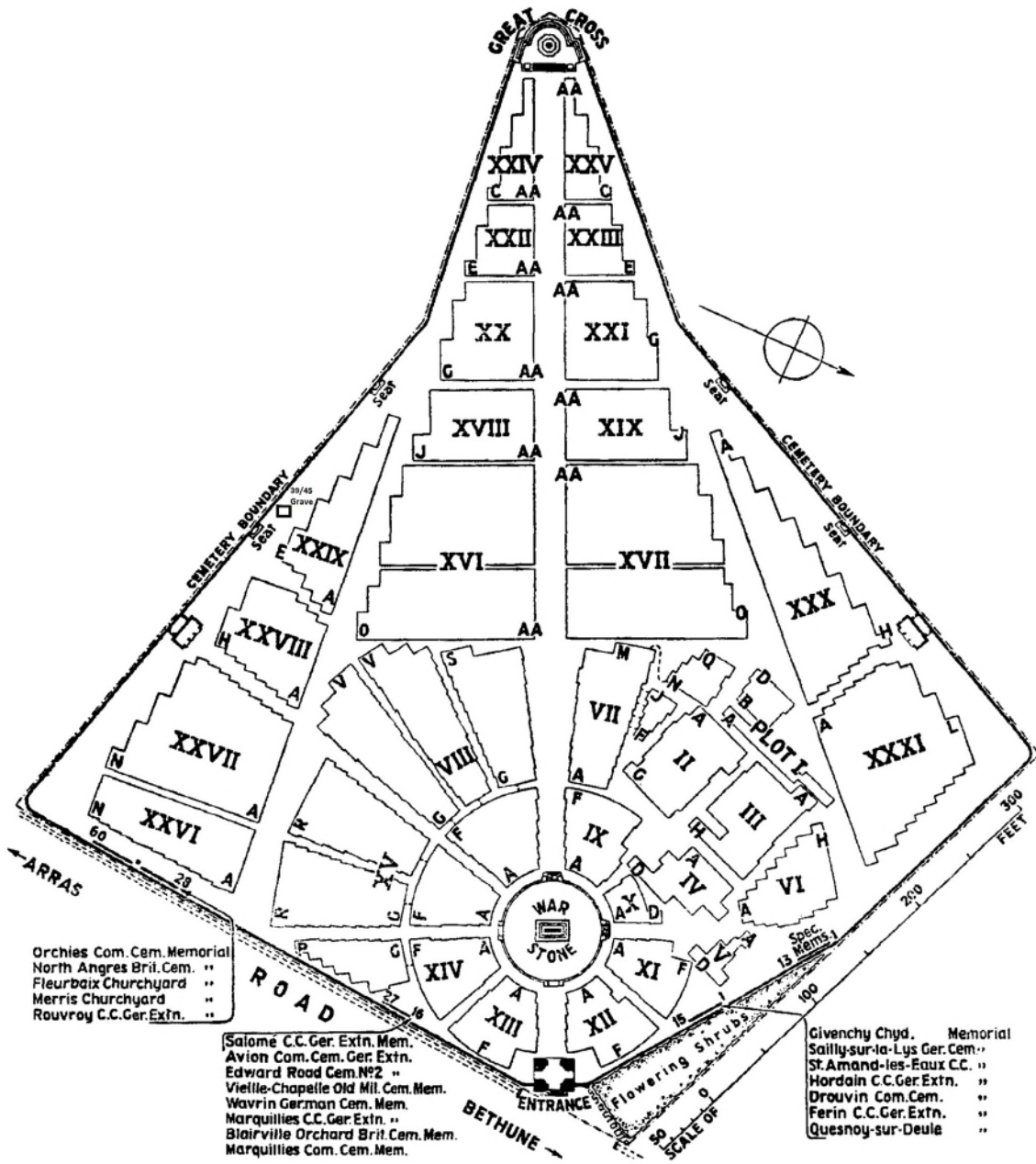
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**Arras Memorial**  
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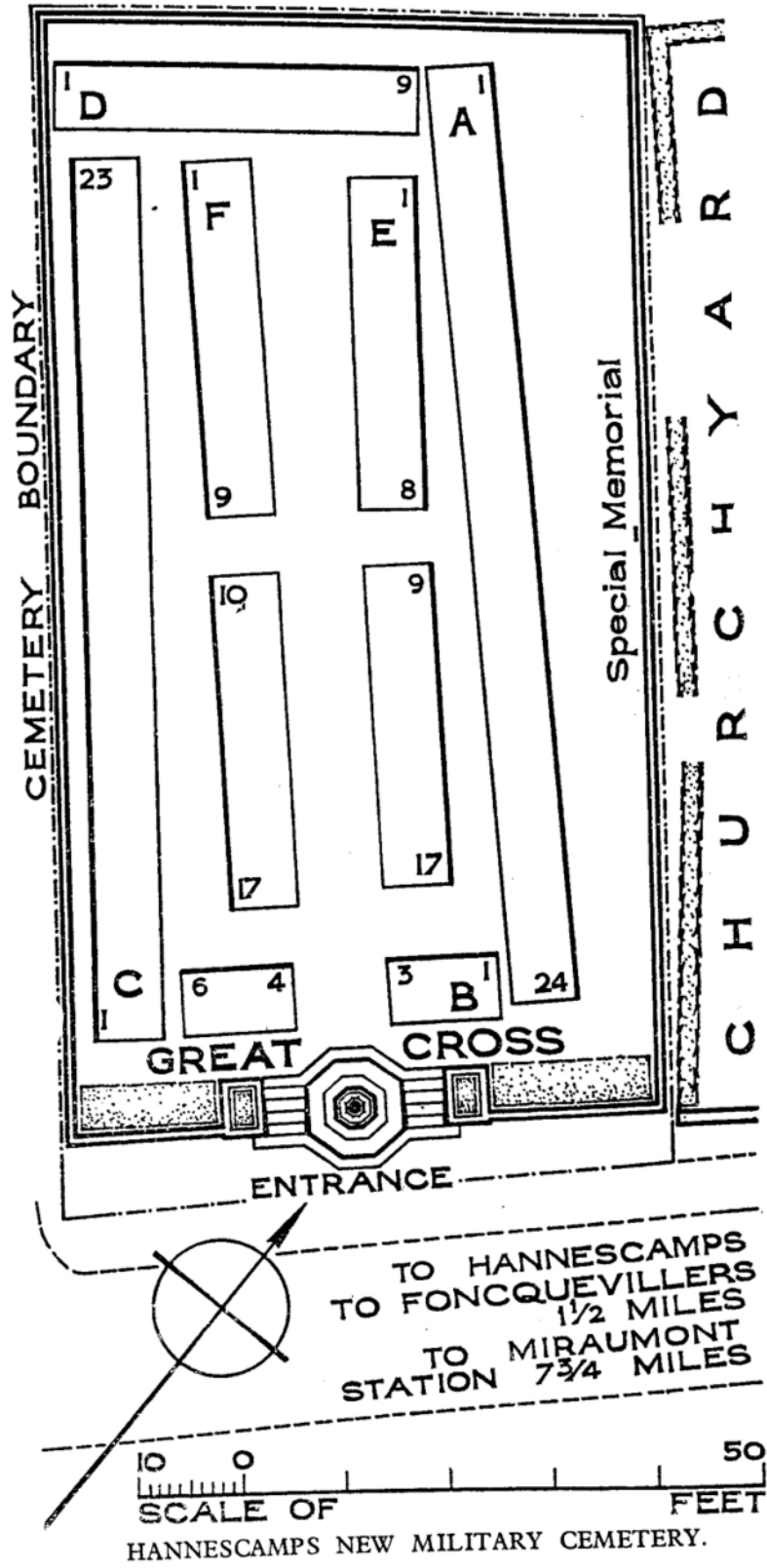
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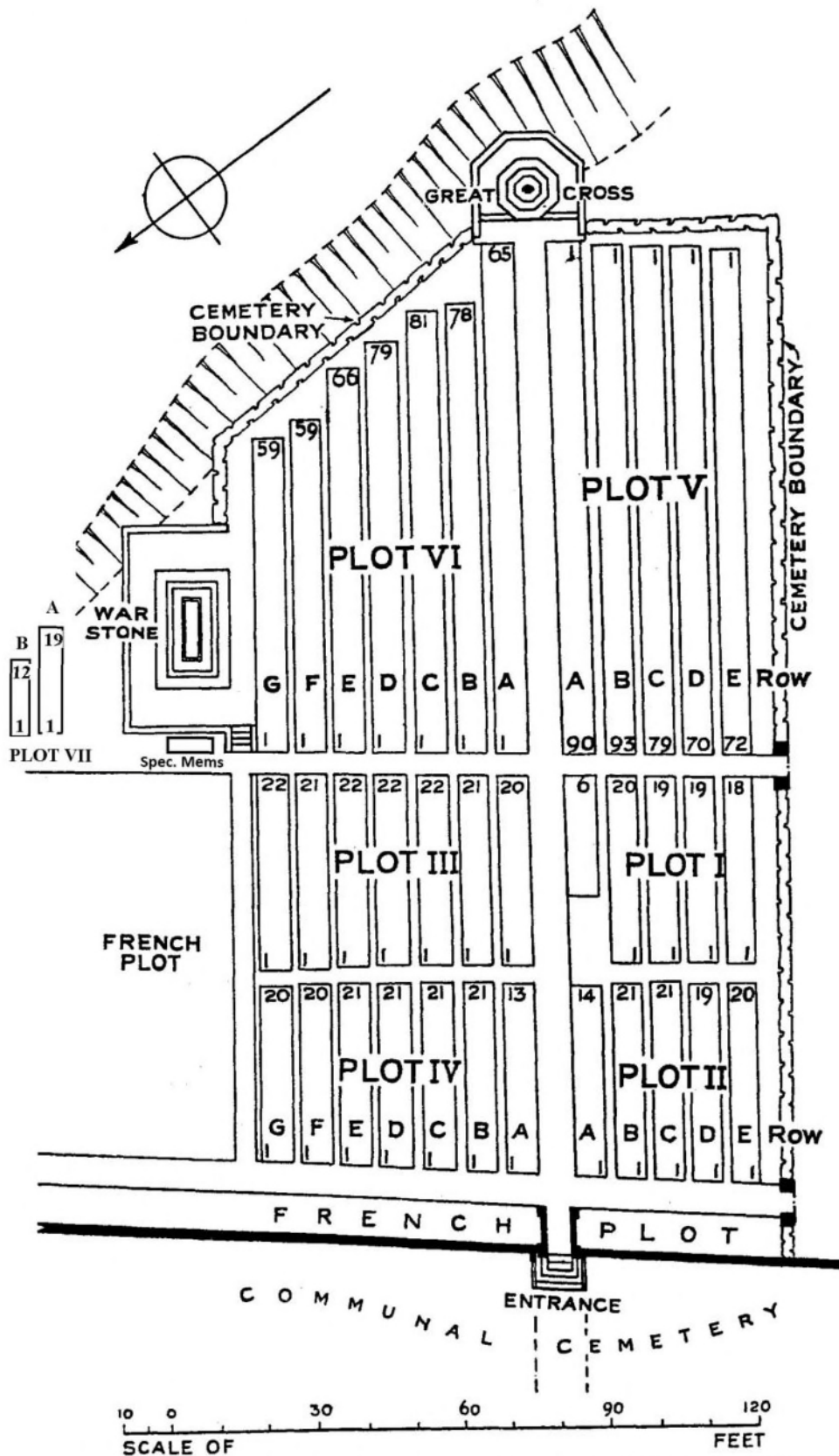
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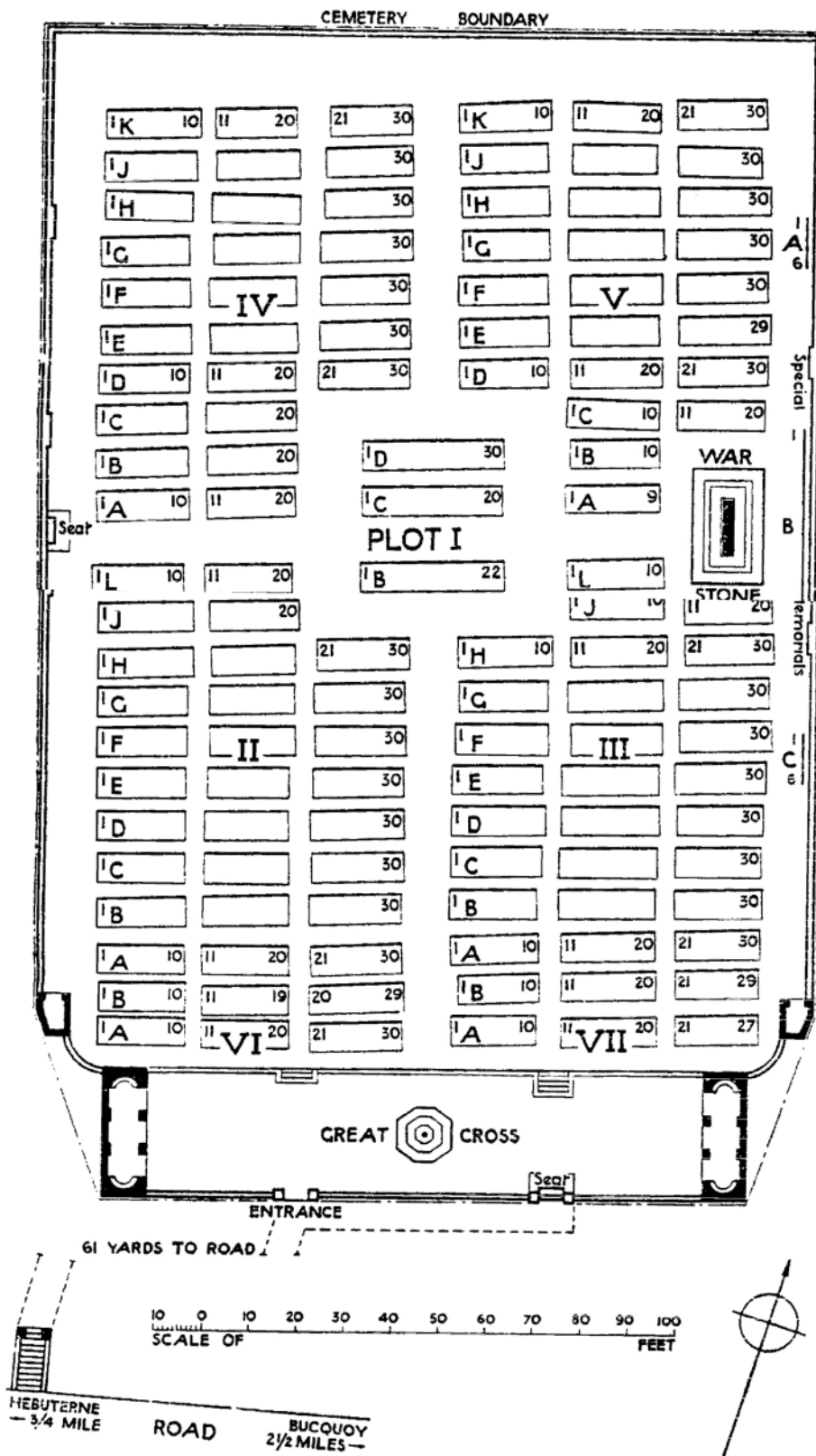
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Arras Memorial

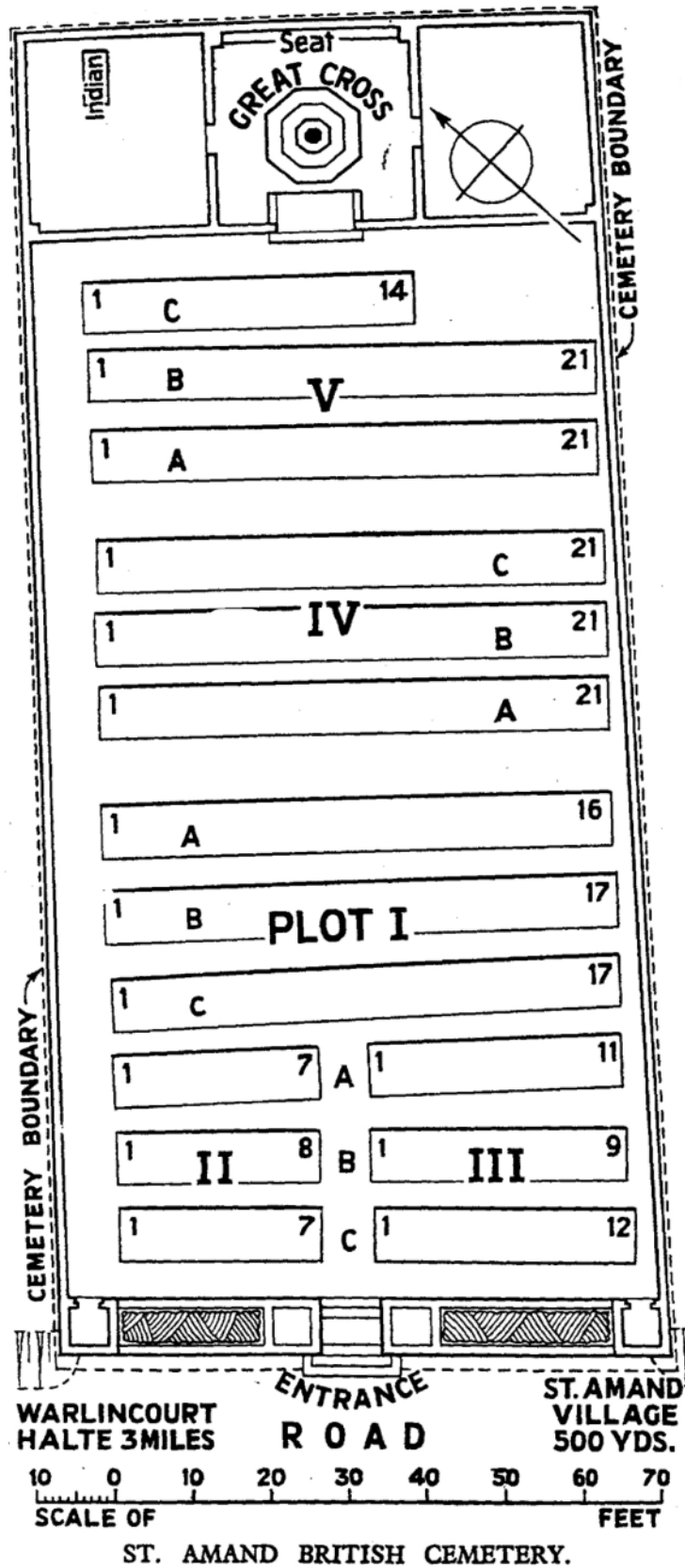


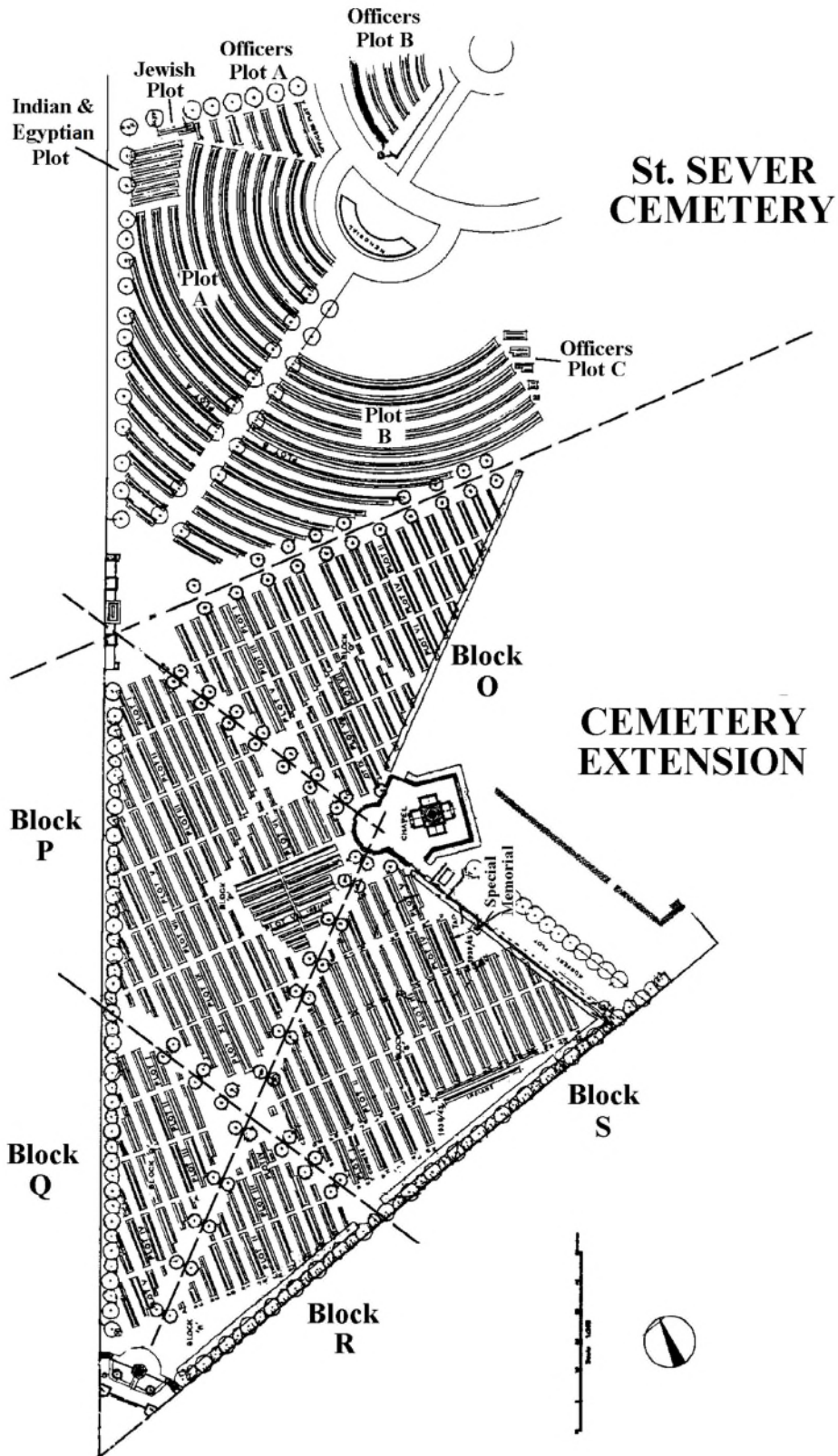


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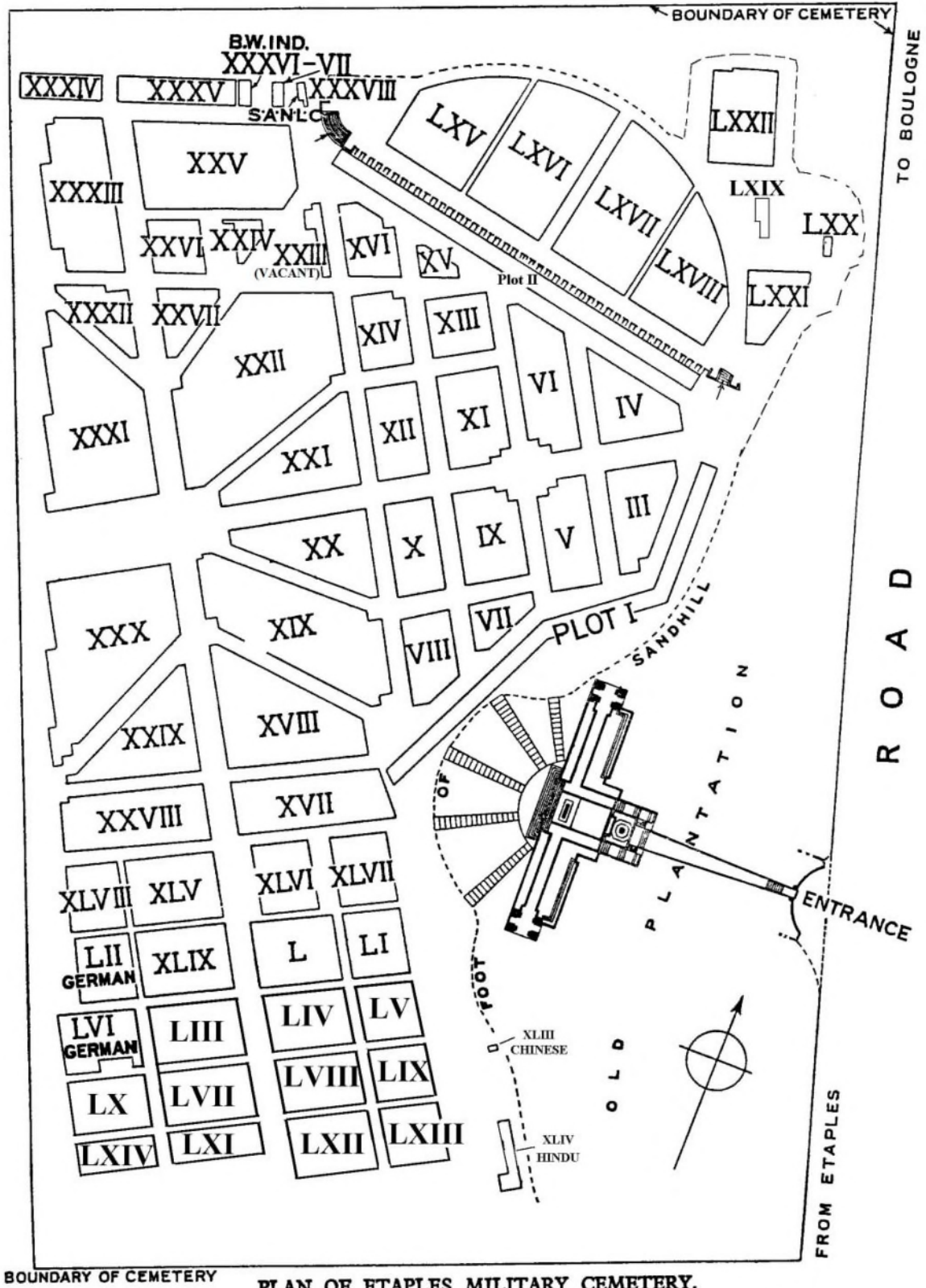


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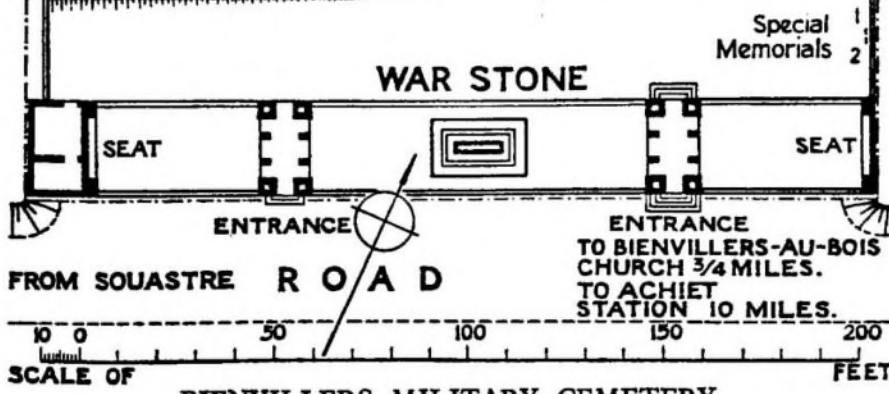
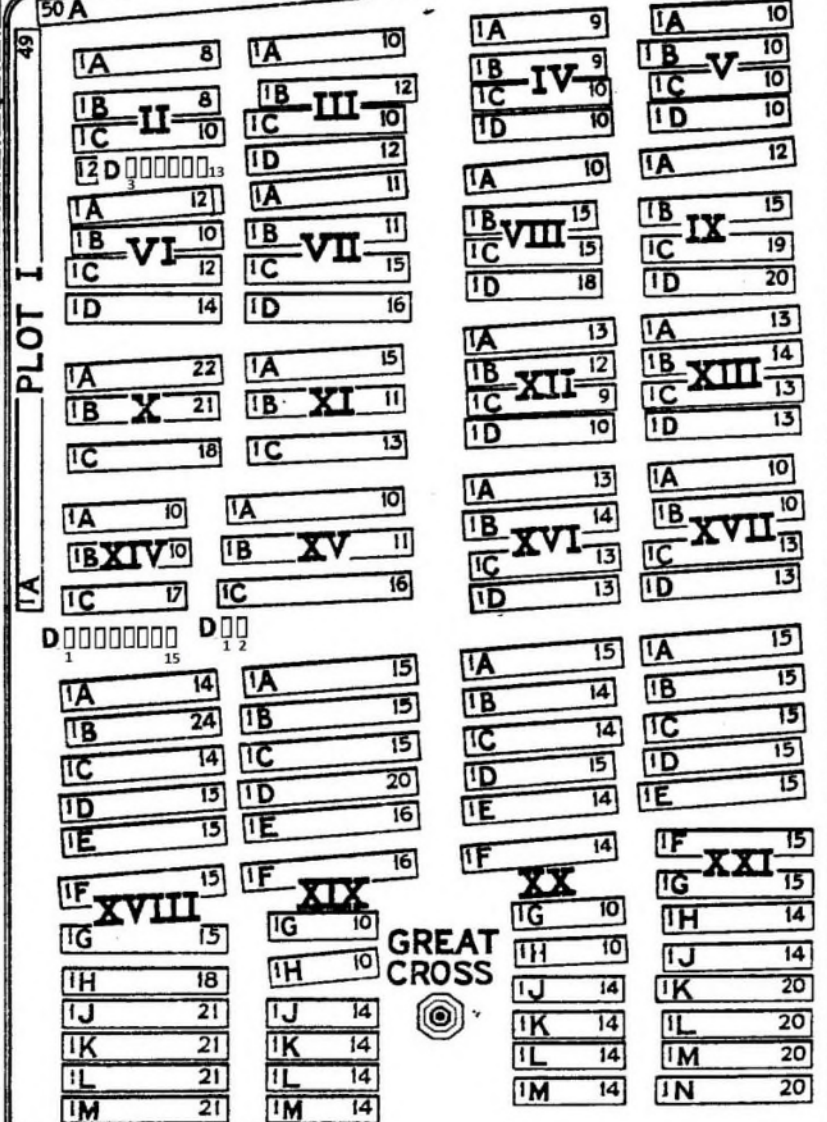
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BIENVILLERS MILITARY CEMETERY.