



Mossley: The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and the Great War



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**Men of Mossley and District
commemorated on the
5 DWR War Memorial in Huddersfield Drill Hall**

The contents for this booklet have been kindly donated to the Archives by Rita Vaughan and Kathryn Young, of Stalybridge, who have carried out some very detailed research on the men of Mossley, Carrbrook and Luzley who fell in the First World War.



An original booklet, by Rita, entitled Remember All the Boys, was donated to the Regiment in 2011. Since then an enhancement of the initial research has been undertaken and is also now available on the individual memorials to each man on the findagrave.com website. Kathryn has compiled the War Records that follow.

This extract from their work has now been added to the DWR Regimental electronic Archives for the 5th Battalion which adds to the knowledge of those commemorated on the Drill Hall War Memorial. It also complements the book published by the Drill Hall Trustees in 2019 - *Huddersfield Drill Hall War Memorial 1914-1921 (5th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment))*, by Scott Flaving and Michael Green.




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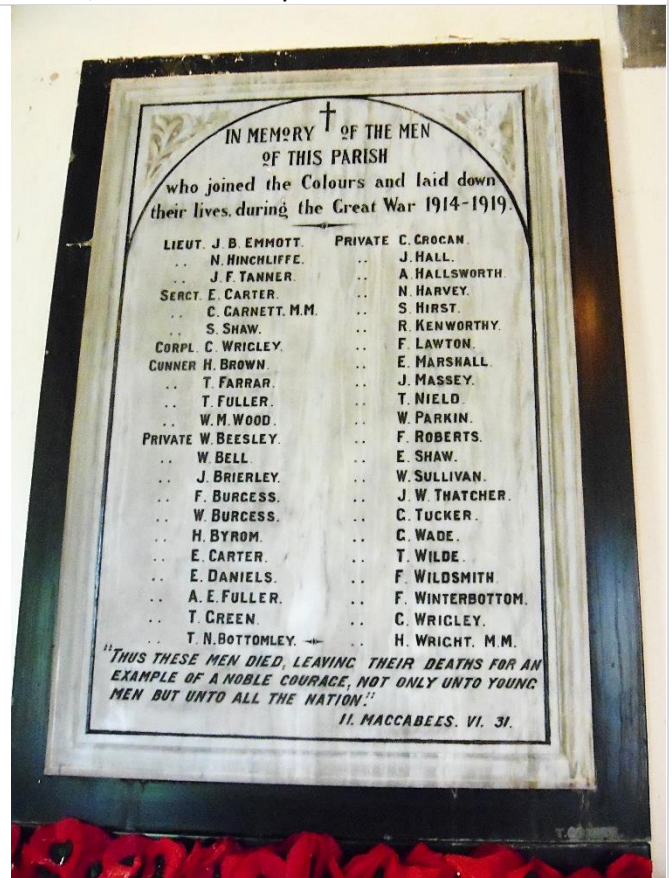
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WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
FIRST NAME		LEONARD
SURNAME		BUCKLEY
RANK & SERVICE NUMBER		Private 32008.
BATTALION		2 nd /5 th Battalion.
REGIMENT		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED		1 st March 1916 in Huddersfield.
DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR		15 th December 1917 in France.
INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE	Leonard did not undergo his army medical examination until 28 th November 1916 and he served at home until he was posted to France. Within three months he was killed in action.	
INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT		The 2 nd /5 th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, were attached to the 186 th (2/2 nd West Riding) Brigade in the 62 nd (2 nd West Riding) Division. The Division were engaged in the 'First Battle of Bapaume' from 24 th -25 th March 1918. They were forced to retreat after the enemy onslaught and were dug in at Bucquoy, near Gommecourt, on 27 th March 1918.
KIA / DOW	Killed in action.	
DATE & PLACE OF DEATH	27 th March 1918 near Gommecourt, Hebuterne, France.	
EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH	After the enemy onslaught in the St Quentin area from 21 st to 23 rd March 1918, the front line was badly fragmented as the remnants of the divisions of the Fifth Army were fighting and moving in small bodies, often composed of men of different units. In the late evening of 24 th March, after enduring unceasing shelling, Bapaume was evacuated and occupied by German forces the following day. The allied forces suffered heavy casualties over the two days of the 'First Battle of Bapaume'. Leonard survived the main battle but a letter from Leonard's superior officer advised his family he had been killed instantly, in action, on 27 th March. The Mossley Reporter dated 13 th April 1918 carried a short obituary dedicated to Leonard.	
AGE AT DEATH	30	
GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS	 <p>Grave V. D. 6.</p> <p>Gommecourt British Cemetery, Hebuterne, France.</p> <p>Leonard was originally buried close to where he fell. After the armistice, his body was reburied in this cemetery.</p> 	
MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON A FAMILY GRAVE	In Loving Memory of Charles Buckley of Mossley who died Augt 24 th 1922 in his 70 th year. Also Ellen his beloved wife who died Decr 15 th 1931, in her 75 th year. Also LEONARD, SON OF THE ABOVE KILLED IN ACTION MARCH 27 th 1918 IN HIS 31 st YEAR. Also Martha Hannah, Daur of the above who died Decr 5 th 1901 in her 13 th year. Also George son of the above who died in infancy. Also Gertrude, daur of the above who died June 11 th 1956 in her 74 th year. Also their son Gilbert who died July 1 st 1960. At Rest. (Picture below).	
LOCATION OF FAMILY GRAVE WITH M I	Grave 2548 in Mossley Cemetery.	
WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES	St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley.	
WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS	5 th Battalion War Memorial in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.	
MEDALS	British War and Victory Medals.	

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	1887 in Mossley (Delph Registry).	
PLACE OF BAPTISM	7 th Aug 1887 at St Paul's Church in Stalybridge.	
NAME OF PARENTS	Charles Buckley and Ellen Buckley nee Newsome.	
DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE	1 st December 1877 at St Stephen's Church in Audenshaw, Manchester.	
SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH	Gertrude 1881, Martha Hannah 1889 (died 1901), Lilian 1892, Ethel 1894 (all Delph Registry) and Beatrice 1896 (Hartshead Registry). All born in Mossley.	
BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH	William 1879 (Uppermill Registry), George 1881 (died 1882) and Hereford 1885 (both Delph Registry) and Gilbert 1900 (Mossley Registry). All born in Mossley.	
CENSUS 1891	Age 4. Living with his parents and siblings at 229 Stockport Road, Mossley.	
CENSUS 1901	Age 14. Living with his parents and siblings at 235 Stockport Road, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.	
CENSUS 1911	Age 24. Living with his housekeeper (servant) at 23 Sutcliffe Yard, Slaithwaite. Employed as a Tanner. Leonard's parents and siblings are still living in Mossley.	
OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT	Employee in the Woollen Industry at Longwood.	
OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION NOT ALREADY COVERED ABOVE	<p>Leonard had a life-long connection with St John the Baptist Church and School in Roughtown, Mossley.</p> <p>Additional information regarding those buried in the family grave at plot 2548 in Mossley Cemetery :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Father Charles was a Mossley Councillor and died locally. ➤ Mother Ellen, Sister Gertrude and Brother Gilbert all died at 229 Stockport Road, Mossley. The siblings never married. <p>Sisters Lilian, aged 19 and Ethel, aged 16, were living with their parents in Mossley in 1911. It is not known what became of them after that date due to the common surname.</p> <p>Sister Beatrice was living with her siblings in Mossley in 1939. She was still unmarried in 1960, when her brother Gilbert died. It is not known what became of her after this date.</p> <p>Brother William married Ada Warhurst in 1901, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. Ada died on 4th March 1906 and he married widow Jane Ann Ormerod nee Barton, on 28th September 1909, at Albion Congregational Church in Ashton-Under-Lyne. William was living at 3 Brookfields, Mossley, when he died in Ashton Hospital, aged 63, on 29th July 1942. He is buried with his family at plot 2735 in Mossley Cemetery.</p> <p>Brother Hereford married Elizabeth Shrigley in 1910, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. They emigrated to Ontario in Canada in 1915. Hereford may have died there, aged 84, in 1970.</p>	
OTHER PROBATE RECORDS	<p>Father Charles's probate was awarded to his two sons William and Gilbert, who were both Grocers and his unmarried daughter Gertrude.</p> <p>Mother Ellen's probate was awarded to her unmarried daughter Gertrude.</p> <p>Sister Gertrude's probate was awarded to her Grocer brother Gilbert and spinster sister Beatrice.</p> <p>Brother William's probate was awarded to his son Charles Edward, who was a Commissionaire and his married daughter Jane Ann Wilson.</p> <p>Brother Gilbert's probate was awarded to his unmarried sister Beatrice.</p>	




WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
FIRST NAME SURNAME		WILLIAM PARKIN	
RANK SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT		Private 235087 2 nd /5 th Battalion. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED		1915 in Mossley.	
DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR		Not before 1916 in France or Belgium.	
INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE	William would have be involved in multiple operations during 1917. The Cambrai operation was a British attack, originally conceived as a very large scale raid, which employed new artillery techniques and massed tanks. Initially, it was very successful with large gains of ground made, but German reserves brought the advance to a halt. Ten days later, a counter-attack regained much of the ground. Ultimately this was a disappointing and costly outcome.		
INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT		The 2 nd /5 th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) were formed at Huddersfield in October 1914. In March 1915, they were part of the 186 th Brigade of the 62 nd Division. In January 1917, they were mobilised for war and landed in France.	
KIA / DOW		Killed in action.	
DATE OF DEATH		27 th November 1917.	
PLACE OF DEATH		Cambrai, France.	
EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH	In December 1917, William's wife received a letter from Lieutenant E. R. Dunstan, it read, "Your husband was killed in action on November 27 th whilst nobly doing his duty. During an attack on that day, your husband, who was a Lewis gunner under me, was getting his gun into action when he was shot through the head by a sniper, dying instantly and without pain. He was very good at his work, a most reliable soldier and a great loss to the company." William's last resting place is unknown. The Cambrai Memorial commemorates more than 7,000 servicemen of the United Kingdom and South Africa who died in the 'Battle of Cambrai' in November and December 1917 and whose graves are lost. The Mossley Reporter dated 22 nd December 1917 carried William's obituary.		
AGE AT DEATH		29	
CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS	Panel 6 and 7. Duke of Wellington's Regiment - Private. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France.		
WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES		Christ Church Roll of Honour, Friezland, Greenfield. (Pictured below).	
WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS		The Royal George section of the Pots and Pans War Memorial in Uppermill. The 5 th Battalion War Memorial in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.	
MEDALS		British War and Victory Medals.	
DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH		1888 in Greenfield, Saddleworth (Uppermill Registry).	
PLACE OF BAPTISM		1 st July 1888 at Christ Church, Friezland, Greenfield.	
NAME OF PARENTS		Norman Parkin and Esther Parkin nee Bradbury.	

DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE	1882 at Christ Church, Friezland, Greenfield, Saddleworth.
NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH	Edith 1882, born in Saddleworth (Uppermill Registry).
NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH	Charles Gillad 1886 (died November 1887) and John Frederick 1884, both born in Saddleworth (Uppermill Registry).
CENSUS 1891	Age 2. Living with his widowed mother and sister at Royal George, Saddleworth.
CENSUS 1901	Age 12. Living with his widowed mother and siblings at Burn Bank, Greenfield. Employed in the Woollen Industry.
CENSUS 1911	Age 22. Living with his widowed mother and sister at Armit Cottages, Greenfield. Employed as a Woollen Spinner.
DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE	1917 at Christ Church, Friezland, Greenfield, Saddleworth.
NAMES OF SPOUSE	Ada Buckley Nield.
NAME(S) OF CHILDREN	William 1917, born in Mossley.
OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION	<p>William had a life-long connection with Christ Church, Friezland in Greenfield. He was a talented trombone player and played in the Royal George Band Club for several years before he enlisted. Wife Ada married Joel Heywood in 1922, at Christ Church, Friezland, Greenfield. He died in 1928 and she married for third time in 1941, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. Her third husband was John Wood. Ada died in Ashton or Mossley, aged 73, in 1962. Son William married Nora Wood in 1938, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. He died in the Oldham area, aged 63, in April 1981. He is buried with Nora's family at plot 3345A in Mossley cemetery. There is no headstone. The following family members are buried in Christ Church Churchyard in Greenfield. There are no headstones and they may or may not be buried together :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Father Norman. He died at Royal George, Greenfield, aged 31, in April 1890. ➤ Mother Esther. She died at Armit Cottages, Greenfield, aged 58, in September 1915. ➤ Sister Edith. She never married and died in July 1911, aged 29, at Armit Cottages, Greenfield. ➤ Brother Charles. He died aged 19 months. <p>Brother John married Mary Elizabeth Brown in 1905, at Christ Church, Friezland in Greenfield. He died at 3 Armit Road, Grasscroft, aged 67, on 11th June 1951.</p>
OTHER PROBATE RECORDS	Brother John's probate was awarded to his wife Mary Elizabeth and unmarried daughter Edith.



WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
FIRST NAMES SURNAME		MALCOLM BOTTOMLEY SCHOFIELD
RANK SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT		Private 5188 2 nd /5 th Battalion. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment.)
DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED		11 th December 1915 in Mossley.
DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR		11 th January 1917 in France.
INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE	 <p>Malcolm served at home from 17th March 1916 until 10th January 1917. His enlistment papers show he was living at his married sister Lena's home, at 3 Quick Edge Road, Mossley. Lena was also named as his next of kin, despite his father David still being alive and living at 51 Lorne Street, Mossley. After the huge number of casualties in 1916, some of the 'home' services were sent to support the front line. As a consequence, Malcolm's Battalion embarked at Southampton on 11th January 1917 and landed at Le Havre the following day.</p>	
INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT	The 2 nd /5 th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) were formed in Halifax in September 1914 as a home service ('second line') unit. They came under the orders of the 186 th Brigade, in the 62 nd (2 nd West Riding) Division. They landed in France in January 1917.	
KIA / DOW		Killed in action.
DATE OF DEATH		14 th February 1917.
PLACE OF DEATH		Near Auchonvillers, The Somme, France.
EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH	After landing in France, Malcolm marched with his Battalion to Bus-le-Artois. The weather was so cold that the ink in fountain pens and the rifle oil in the Lewis guns froze. The men were given training in trenches and on 13 th February they marched to Berm Work, near Beaumont Hamel, where they entered the trenches, relieving the 1 st Battalion of the Dorsetshire Regiment, in front of Serre. Much of these trenches had been blown in, meaning their first task was to set about repairing them. Malcolm lost his life the following day, although some records record his date of death as 15 th February 1917, he had been in France for just over a month. He may have died in one of the Casualty Clearing Stations close to Auchonvillers, most of the burials in this cemetery came from these units.	
AGE AT DEATH		35
GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS		Grave II.K.10. Auchonvillers Military Cemetery, France.
		
		
WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES		All Saints Church War Memorial, Micklehurst, Mossley.

WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS	The 5 th Battalion War Memorial located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield. Micklehurst Conservative Club Missing Member.
MEDALS	British War and Victory Medals.
DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	1882 in Mossley (Stalybridge Registry).
PLACE OF BAPTISM	Not known.
NAME OF PARENTS	David Bottomley Schofield and Frances Schofield nee Sefton.
DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE	22 nd April 1878 at St Michael's Church, Ashton-u-Lyne.
NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH	Lena 1880 (Stalybridge Registry), Jessie 1884 (died 1885), Agnes 1886 and Florence 1889 (all Dukinfield Registry) All born in Mossley. Half-sister Hannah Mary Sefton 1874 (died 1874) Born in Mossley and registered in Hartshead.
NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH	None.
CENSUS 1891	Age 9. Living with his parents and siblings at 21 Micklehurst Road, Mossley.
CENSUS 1901	Age 19. Living with his parents and siblings at 2 Denbigh Street, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.
CENSUS 1911	Age 29. Living with his wife Maggie and her parents at Green Top, Micklehurst, Mossley. Employed as a Tenterman at the Calico Printworks.
OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT	Employed at Greenfield Mill.
DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE	4 th October 1907 at St James's Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge.
NAMES OF SPOUSE	Margaret Darraugh (known as Maggie).
NAME(S) OF CHILDREN	None.
OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION	<p>Malcolm was the first cousin, (their mothers were sisters), of James Henry Taylor, who was killed in action in Mesopotamia, aged 31, on 25th April 1916, while serving with the Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment). He has no known grave. Malcolm was a member of Micklehurst Conservative Club and for many years was a chorister at All Saints Church in Micklehurst. The Mossley Reporter carried his obituary in the first week of March 1917.</p> <p>Wife Maggie died in Mossley, aged 22, in February 1912. She is buried alone in plot 1248 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Father David died in Mossley, aged 64, in October 1924. He is buried at plot 1329 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Mother Frances gave birth to Hannah Mary, who died shortly after her birth in 1874. Frances was only around 16 years of age and unmarried. She died in Mossley, aged 52, in July 1911 and is buried with Malcolm's father in Mossley Cemetery.</p> <p>Martha Andrews who died in Mossley, aged 79, in 1909, was the first burial in plot 1329 in Mossley Cemetery. It is not known if, or how she is related to the Schofield family.</p> <p>Sister Lena married William Green on 3rd September 1904, at St James's Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge. She was living at 57 Lorne Street, Mossley when she died in Ashton Hospital, aged 79, on 16th September 1959.</p> <p>Sister Agnes moved to the USA where she married a Mossley man, Herbert Taylor, in 1910, in New Bedford, Massachusetts. They returned to England in 1911 and their two children were born in Mossley. They returned to the USA in 1914 where Agnes died. Herbert returned to England and enlisted for war service. He later died of wounds, aged 35, while serving with the Northumberland Fusiliers on 15th April 1918. He is buried in Belgium.</p> <p>Sister Florence married Thomas Wood on 8th May 1926, at St George's Church, Mossley. It is not known what happened to her due to the common surname.</p>
OTHER PROBATE RECORDS	Sister Lena's probate awarded to Kenneth Green (relationship unknown) who was a Motor Mechanic.

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
FIRST NAME SURNAME		WALTER SHEPHERD	
RANK SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT		Private 240544 2 nd /5 th Battalion. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED		1914 in Huddersfield.	
DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR		Not before 1916 in France.	
INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE		In 1917, Walter's Battalion were involved in the Arras campaign, which featured the notorious 'Battle of Bullecourt'. Later there were attacks on the Hindenburg Line, before they took part in the Cambrai Operations. Walter's service record has not survived and therefore, his precise movements are unknown.	
INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT	The 2 nd /5 th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), were formed in Huddersfield in October 1914. In March 1915, they became part of the 186 th Brigade in the 62 nd Division. In January 1917, they were mobilised for war and landed in France.		
KIA / DOW		Killed in action.	
DATE & PLACE OF DEATH		20 th November 1917, near Cambrai in France.	
EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH	On the day Walter died, his Battalion experienced severe fighting at Chateau Wood. They captured 353 prisoners, 15 machine guns and a trench mortar. They suffered casualties amounting to around 10 killed, 55 wounded and 4 men were missing. Walter was among the dead. The Cambrai Memorial commemorates more than 7,000 servicemen of the United Kingdom and South Africa, who died in the Battle of Cambrai in November and December 1917, whose graves are not known. The Mossley Reporter dated 15 th December 1917 carried Walter's obituary.		
AGE AT DEATH		39	
CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS	Panel 6 and 7. Duke of Wellington's – Private. Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, France.		
WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES		St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley. All Saints Church War Memorial, Micklehurst, Mossley. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.	
WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS		The 5 th Battalion War Memorial located in the T. A. Centre in Huddersfield.	
MEDALS		British War and Victory Medals.	
DATE OF BIRTH		1878	
PLACE OF BIRTH		Hurst, Ashton-under-Lyne (Hartshead Registry).	
PLACE OF BAPTISM		14 th May 1878 at Waterloo Methodist New Connexion Church, Oldham Road, Ashton-u-Lyne.	
NAME OF FATHER		Robert Walter Shepherd.	
NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)		Elizabeth Ann Shepherd nee Binns.	
DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE		29 th July 1875 at Christ Church, Friezland, Greenfield in Saddleworth.	
NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH		Annie 1876 (died 1877) and Gertrude 1882, both born in Hurst, Ashton-u-Lyne (Hartshead Registry).	
NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH		Albert 1880, born in Hurst, Ashton-u-Lyne (Hartshead Registry). Half-brother Thomas William Binns 1873, born in Mossley	



	(Hartshead Registry).
CENSUS 1881	Age 3. Living with his parents and brother at 16 Ogden's Buildings, Hurst, Ashton-u-Lyne.
CENSUS 1891	Age 13. Living with his parents and siblings at 5 Denbigh Street, Mossley. Employed as a Little Piecer.
CENSUS 1901	Age 23. Living with his wife and two children at 27 Gloucester Street, Gorton, Manchester. Employed as a Railway Pointsman.
CENSUS 1911	Age 33. Living with his wife and three children at 74 Shaw Street, Stockport. Employed as a Railway Goods Guard.
OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT	Employed at Mossley Gas works.
DATE OF MARRIAGE	3 rd January 1897.
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	St Michael's Church in Ashton-u-Lyne.
NAMES OF SPOUSE	Esther Ann Brierley.
NAME(S) OF CHILDREN	Edith 1897, John Willie 1899 (died Oct 1899) and Olive 1900, all born in Mossley. Annie 1903 (died Oct 1903), Phyllis 1904, Walter 1906 (died 1908), Albert 1909 (died 1910) and an unnamed boy who died at birth in 1912, all born in Stockport. Gertrude 11/12/1913 born in Mossley.
OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION	<p>Wife Esther died in Mossley, aged 64, in 1941. She is buried in Grave 5, Range 5 in the 1938 ground of St George's Churchyard in Mossley. There is no headstone. Esther was the sister of Harold Brierley, who was killed in action aged 23, on 3rd May 1918, while serving with the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He is buried in France.</p> <p>Daughter Edith married Patrick Leech in 1919, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. She died in Mossley, aged 31, in 1928. She is buried with her baby cousin Mary Sutcliffe, at plot 1305 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Daughter Olive married George Frost on 18th September 1920, at St George's Church in Mossley. She died in Blackpool, aged 92, in 1992.</p> <p>Daughter Phyllis married John Redvers Henry Whitehead on 15th May 1928, at St George's Church in Mossley. She died in Whitehaven, Cumbria, aged 72, in 1977.</p> <p>Daughter Gertrude married Jack Fowler in 1936, at St George's Church in Mossley. In 1939, the couple were living with Gertrude's mother in Mossley. Gertrude died in Blackpool, aged 67, in 1981.</p> <p>Son John who died aged 2 months and daughter Annie who died aged 9 months are buried in St George's Churchyard in Mossley. The burial book does not state their plot numbers.</p> <p>Father Robert died in Stalybridge, aged 76, in February 1927.</p> <p>Mother Elizabeth died in Stalybridge, aged 72, in May 1926. Both Walter's parents are buried in St Paul's Churchyard in Stalybridge. This cemetery has been grassed over.</p> <p>Sister Gertrude married William Sutcliffe on 22nd May 1909, at New St George's Church in Stalybridge. She died in Dukinfield, aged 84, in 1967.</p> <p>Brother Albert was single and serving in the Royal Navy in 1911. He died in Stalybridge, aged 68, in June 1949. He is also buried in St Paul's Churchyard in Stalybridge. It is not known for certain known whether Albert married.</p> <p>Half-brother Thomas was born with the surname 'Binns', two years before his mother married. He appeared on the censuses as 'Shepherd' but reverted to his birth name in adulthood. He married Eliza Ann Baxter on 26th February 1898, at St James's Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge. Eliza died in 1907 and he married widow Elizabeth Marsden nee Seymour in 1916, at Albion United Reformed Church in Ashton-u-Lyne. The couple were already living together in 1911. He died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 73, in 1946.</p>
OTHER PROBATE RECORDS	No probate records found.

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
FULL NAME		MARK BERNARD WARD (known as BERNARD)	
RANK		Private	
SERVICE NUMBER		5709	
BATTALION		1 st /5 th Battalion.	
REGIMENT		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED		10 th December 1915 in Mossley.	
DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR		2 nd August 1916 in France.	
INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE	Bernard was 5'3" and weighed just 8st 13lb when he enlisted. He was originally assigned to the 1 st /6 th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). His address at the time was 16 Higher Springfield, Roughtown, Mossley. Bernard's service in France lasted just 35 days.		
INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT		The 1 st /5 th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), were from the Huddersfield area which included Holmfirth. They were part of 147 th (2 nd West Riding) Infantry Brigade in the 49 th West Riding Division. They served in France and Belgium.	
KIA / DOW		Died of wounds.	
DATE OF DEATH		6 th September 1916.	
PLACE OF DEATH		No 3 Stationary Hospital, Rouen, Pas-de-Calais, France.	
EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH	Bernard's Battalion were on and around the Pope's Nose strong point at Thiepval, on 3 rd September 1916. They reached their objective, but were unable to hold it. Around 1312 men of the 49 th Division went over the top that day, 106 men of the 1 st /5 th Battalion died and many more were injured. Bernard received gunshot wounds to his skull, hands and face. He was dangerously ill on 3 rd September and died in hospital in Rouen, three days later. His mother received a letter from him, reminding her of his upcoming birthday, on the same day as she received the telegram, saying he had been seriously wounded. Three days later, she received another telegram confirming that he had died from his injuries. The Rouen hospital was a large facility and received its casualties via the nearby railway line. It was a safe distance from the front line and with its transport links, the town became a major logistics centre throughout WW1.		
AGE AT DEATH		Just under the age of 22.	
GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS		Grave B. 23. 14.	
		St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France.	
			
			
WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES		St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley.	
WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS		The 5 th Battalion War Memorial located in the T.A. Centre in	

	Huddersfield. The Joseph Clare Ltd War Memorial now located at Saddleworth Museum in Uppermill.
MEDALS	British War and Victory Medals.
DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	13 th September 1894 in Mossley (Hartshead Registry).
PLACE OF BAPTISM	Not known.
NAME OF PARENTS	John Ward and Jane Ward nee McGuinness.
DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE	1894 in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne.
NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH	Ellen 1899, Mary 1904 and Catherine 1907, all born and registered in Mossley.
NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH	James 1895 (died April 1896), Stephen 1901 (died March 1901) and John 1902. All born and registered in Mossley except James who was registered in Hartshead. Half-brother Thomas 1912, born and registered in Mossley.
CENSUS 1901	Age 6. Living with his parents and sister Ellen at 11 Wild's Square, Mossley.
CENSUS 1911	Age 16. Living with his widowed mother at 24 Stockport Road, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.
OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT	Employed at Messrs Clare's Frenches Dyeworks, Greenfield.
OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION	<p>Bernard was a devout Catholic and attended St Joseph's Church in Mossley. He was also a member of the local Yorkshire Ward Liberal Club. He was the first cousin (their mothers were sisters), of Wilson Haigh, who died in the same action, aged 26, on 3rd September 1916, while serving with the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He has no known grave. The Mossley Reporter carried Bernard's obituary on 16th September 1916, it also reported that Bernard had eight cousins and two uncles on active service. One of these uncles was Albert McGuinness, of the Royal Flying Corps, who drowned, aged 40, when the troopship 'Osmaniah', hit a mine in the sea near Egypt, on 31st December 1917. He is buried in Egypt.</p> <p>There is an unmarked family grave at plot 3132 in Mossley Cemetery which contains the following family members: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Father John. He died in Ashton Town, aged 38, in November 1908. ➤ Mother Jane. She supported her family by working as a Charwoman after Bernard's father died. She married David Barnes in 1911, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne and they had a son, Thomas, in 1912. Jane died in Mossley, aged 67, in May 1941. ➤ Stepfather David. He served in the armed forces in WW1 and was wounded twice. He died in Mossley, aged 65, in April 1948. ➤ Sister Ellen. She died in Mossley, aged 24, in September 1923. She never married. ➤ Sister Mary. She died locally, aged 68, in April 1972. She never married. ➤ Sister Catherine. She died at 33 Waterton Lane, Mossley, aged 67, on 21st September 1974. She never married. <p>Brothers James, who died aged fifteen weeks and Stephen, who died aged one month, are buried with nine members of the extended family, at unmarked plot 3088, in Mossley cemetery.</p> <p>It is not known for certain what became of brother John or half-brother Thomas Barnes due to the large number of similarly named records.</p>
OTHER PROBATE RECORDS	No detailed probate records found.



The Catholic Graves
in Mossley Cemetery