



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



## **7 DWR**

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

The contents for this booklet have been kindly donated to the Archives by Rita Vaughan, of Mossley, 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 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment))*, by Scott Flaving and Michael Green.

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WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME</b> <b>SURNAME</b>		EPHRAIM ZACHARIAH (known as FRED) BACON	
<b>RANK</b> <b>SERVICE NUMBER</b> <b>BATTALION</b> <b>REGIMENT</b>		Private 1166 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials.' Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment.)	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		August 1914 in Micklehurst, Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b> 		Fred had served with the Territorial Force for four years prior to war being declared and his time was almost complete when he re-enlisted. He probably embarked for France on board the 'Manchester Importer'. By 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, the Regiment had been in the trenches and had seen their first action. Their division spent 46 out of 56 days outdoors, in the trenches about Fleurbaix. By July 1915, they had moved to the Ypres Salient in Belgium, where the chances of being wounded or killed were much increased. Their first action was in the 'The Battle of Aubers Ridge' in May 1915. They moved to the Somme in 1916. Fred's last home leave from the army was in January 1916.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion. They were part of the 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. Of the men who travelled to France on board the 'Manchester Importer', around 36 local men lost their lives.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>		4 <sup>th</sup> July 1916.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>		Near Authuile, The Somme, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>		Fred was in the trenches in the days before his death. On 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 1916, the weather had been extremely poor and torrential rain had filled the trench. Fred was killed by a shell while he was sleeping on the morning of 4 <sup>th</sup> July 1916. The Mossley Reporter dated 15 <sup>th</sup> July 1916, carried his obituary, together with an extract of a letter from his brother-in-law, Private John Henry Day, who had attended Fred's burial and was in possession of his pocket wallet.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		28	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>		Grave F.1.  Authuile Military Cemetery, The Somme, France.	
			
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>		The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.	
<b>MEDALS</b>		1915 Star, British War and Victory medals.	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>		3 <sup>rd</sup> November 1887.	



<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	St Faith's, Norwich, Norfolk.
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> October 1889 at St James with Pockthorpe Church in Norwich, Norfolk.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	William Bacon.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Chistiana Bacon nee Thornton.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> June 1874 at St Mary's Church, Sprowston, Norfolk.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Christiana 10/9/1885, Jane Emmeline 29/3/1890, both born in Norwich.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	William George 1875, Thomas 1877 and Charles 1879, all born in Sprowston, Norfolk
<b>SIBLINGS NOTE</b>	There could have been further siblings who were born and died without being captured by the censuses.
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 3. Living with 3 of his siblings, in the care of an uncle and aunt at Taylor's Building's, Norwich. Fred's mother is working as a servant in a local school and describes herself as 'married'.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 13. Boarding with Elijah Lambert and his wife, at Short Green, Winfarthing, Norfolk.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 23. Living with his wife Ellen at 42 Waggon Road, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Gasser.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Employed at Victoria Mill in Uppermill.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> June 1908 at St George's Church in Mossley.
<b>NAMES OF SPOUSE</b>	Ellen (Nellie) Holmes.
<b>NAME(S) OF CHILDREN</b>	None.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Ephraim Zachariah became known as 'Fred' when he enlisted and the nickname stayed with him. Supporting information for this is as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Both names (Ephraim and Fred) are linked to Norwich and Micklehurst.</li> <li>➤ There is only one Bacon marriage, within the potential timeframe, where the bride is named Ellen or Nellie.</li> <li>➤ There is no record of an Ephraim Bacon dying, but there is evidence that Ellen Bacon had remarried by 1919, when she became Ellen Beck.</li> <li>➤ Local media at the time, referred to a connection by marriage with J. H. Day of the 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). John Henry Day of Mossley, married Ellen Bacon's sister Rosa Holmes.</li> </ul> <p>Wife Ellen (also known as Nellie), was the daughter of James Brightman Holmes from his first marriage, she was therefore Fred's step-sister but not a blood relative. After Fred's death, Ellen returned to her home town of Norwich and married James J Beck in 1918. She died in Norwich, aged 81, in 1969.</p> <p>Father William was around 18 years older than Fred's mother and there is a slight possibility that he had been previously married, but the name is too common to confirm this. He died in St Faith's, Norfolk, aged 52, in 1892.</p> <p>Mother Christiana married James Brightman Holmes in 1898, in Norwich. There were no children born of their marriage. Christiana died in Mossley, aged 63, in 1915. She is buried with James and some of his extended family, at plot 129 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Sister Christiana died in Norwich, aged 6, in 1891.</p> <p>Sister Jane died in Norwich, aged 1, in 1891.</p> <p>Brother William died in Norwich, aged 15, in 1891.</p> <p>Brother Thomas married Amelia Emma Baker in 1897, in Norwich. He moved to Mossley between 1901 and 1911, where he and Amelia remained. He lived on the Louisville Dacres Estate, Greenfield, Saddleworth when he died in Oldham hospital, aged 61, on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1938.</p> <p>Brother Charles died in Norwich, aged 10, in 1890.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	Brother Thomas's Probate awarded to his wife Amelia Emma.

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		THOMAS
<b>SURNAME</b>		BARKER
<b>RANK &amp; SERVICE NUMBER</b>		Private 305892.
<b>BATTALION</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		August 1914 in Milnsbridge.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	 <p>Thomas was originally Private 2697 before being renumbered as 305892. He is likely to have travelled to France in April 1915, on board the 'Manchester Importer'. He was in action throughout the summer of 1915, in both France and Belgium. On 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1916, during the 'Big Push' on the Somme, he was wounded in the thigh and spent some time being treated in a base hospital. In January 1917, Thomas was known to be recovering at home, prior to his return to the front. In July 1917, he was wounded once again, just a month before he died.</p>	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	<p>In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49<sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They served in France and Belgium.</p>	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Accidentally drowned.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> August 1917.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	Close to the Belgian Coast near Koksijde Village.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	<p>Military records refer to Thomas as a victim of an accidental drowning, but the circumstances of how this happened are unknown. He may have been in the process of being returned home due to his recent injury. He lies buried close to the Belgian coast. The Mossley Reporter carried his obituary on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1917.</p>	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	32	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	<p>Grave II. H. 20.</p> <p>Coxyde Military Cemetery, West Flanders, Belgium.</p> 	
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON OWN HEADSTONE</b>	 <p>'The Lord Be With You'</p> 	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	All Saints Church War Memorial, Micklehurst, Mossley.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	<p>3723 PTE. D.M. WISHART 305892 PTE. T. BARKER 305637 PTE. J. PALMER 305834 PTE. T. RYDHALGH 307185 PTE. R. SWANN 307187 PTE. H. BROOK</p>	<p>Micklehurst Conservative Club Roll of Honour. Thomas is listed as a 'Missing Member'. ←The 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge. Now located in the T. A. Centre, Huddersfield.</p>
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	1885 at Seaham Harbour, County Durham.	
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not known.	
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	Thomas Barker and Sarah Ann Barker nee Worthington.	
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1875 at St Werburgh's Church in Kingsley, Staffordshire.	


<b>SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Mary Ann 1877, born in Kingsley, Staffordshire. Ellen 1881, born in Cheadle, Staffordshire. Half-sister - Emma 1903, born in Kingsley, Staffordshire.
<b>BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	John 1876, born in Cheadle, Staffordshire. Clement William 1882, born in Durham. Half-brothers - Bertram 1889, Joseph 1892 and Norman 1895, all born in Kingsley, Staffordshire.
<b>SIBLINGS NOTE</b>	There may have been other siblings who were born and died between the censuses.
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Aged 5. Living with his father, stepmother and siblings in Kingsley, Staffordshire.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Aged 15. Living with his father, stepmother and siblings, at Cupola, Kingsley, Staffordshire. Employed as a General Labourer.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Aged 25. Living with his wife and daughter at Little Bunting, Kingsley, Staffordshire. Employed as a Colliery Labourer.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	1907 at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley.
<b>NAMES OF SPOUSE</b>	Mary Ann Hawkins.
<b>NAME(S) OF CHILDREN</b>	Annie 1908, born in Kingsley Staffordshire. John Hawkins 1911, Lily 1914 and Maggie 1917 (died October 1920). All born in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Wife Mary married Thomas Heap on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1919, at St James's Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge. <b>He was the brother of James Heap, who was killed in action on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1918, aged 23, while serving with the Manchester Regiment. He is buried in France.</b> Mary and Thomas Heap lived at 16 Craddock Street, Mossley, after the war and had several more children together. Mary died in Mossley, aged 71, in 1957.</p> <p>Daughter Annie married Frank Smith on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1930, at St George's Church in Mossley. They were living in Stockport in 1939, but it is not known what became of them after that date.</p> <p>Son John died in Richmond, Surrey, aged 81, in 1993. It is not known if he married.</p> <p>Daughter Lily married Wilfred Law in 1937, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. She died at 7 Summer Hill, Mossley, aged 83, on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1998.</p> <p>Daughter Maggie, who died aged 3, is buried at unmarked plot 2170 in Mossley Cemetery, with three other unrelated people.</p> <p>Father Thomas married Annie Carr in 1889, at St Werburgh's Church in Kingsley, Staffordshire. He died in that area, aged 73, in 1920. It is not known what became of Annie.</p> <p>Mother Sarah died in Durham, aged 30, in 1887.</p> <p>Sister Mary married George Thorley in 1894, at St Werburgh's Church in Kingsley Staffordshire. She died at Lockwood Road, Kingsley Holt, Staffordshire, aged 75, on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1953.</p> <p>Sister Ellen married William Cope in 1901, at St Werburgh's Church in Kingsley, Staffordshire. She died in that area, aged 65, in 1947.</p> <p>Brother John married Jane Ann Wetwood in 1897, at St Giles Church in Cheadle, Staffordshire. He died in that area, aged 69, in 1948.</p> <p>Brother Clement married Mary Ann Cope on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1905, at St George's Church in Mossley. He died in Cheadle, Staffordshire, aged 71, in 1954.</p> <p>Half-sister Emma married Bertram Robert Plant in 1925, at St Giles's Church in Cheadle, Staffordshire. They were living in Cheadle in 1939, but Emma died in Loughborough, aged 81, in 1985.</p> <p>Half-brother Bertram married Sarah Elizabeth Johnson in 1918, at St Leonard's Church in Ipstones, Staffordshire. He died in that area, aged 62, in 1952.</p> <p>Half-brother Joseph was living in Ipstones with his parents in 1911. He may have died in Stoke-on-Trent, aged 42, in 1934, but it is not known for certain what became of him.</p> <p>Half-brother Norman was living with his sister Emma and her family in 1939. He died in Cheadle Staffordshire, aged 56, in 1951. He is not believed to have married.</p>
<b>PROBATE INFO</b>	Sister Mary's probate was awarded to Thomas Johnson, who was an Insurance Agent.

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME SURNAME</b>		ALEXANDER (known as ALEC) BENSON	
<b>RANK SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT</b>		Private 305517 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		August 1914 in Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		January 1917 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	When Alec enlisted for war service, he was barely 17 years of age and had the regimental number 1944. He probably served at home until the 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion were called upon to serve in France. The losses of 1916 required the army to rethink its 'second line' services and some of these troops went to the front line.		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		The 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), were formed at Milnsbridge in September 1914, as a home service 'second line' unit. On 1 <sup>st</sup> March 1915, they came under the orders of the 186 <sup>th</sup> Brigade in the 62 <sup>nd</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Division. They Landed in France in January 1917.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>		3 <sup>rd</sup> July 1917.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>		Near Noreuil, Pas-de-Calais, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	In July 1917, a letter from the Army Chaplain to Alec's mother stated, "He was in the trenches when a fragment from a passing shell struck and exploded a box of bombs. Your son, and a comrade working near him, were killed instantly. Your son was a good soldier, trusted and esteemed both by his officers and comrades and thoroughly competent in his work as a bomber." The cemetery at Noreuil village, was close to the front line and was named in honour of the many Australian casualties, of a fierce engagement with the enemy, on 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1917.		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		19	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>		Grave G. 6.	
		Noreuil Australian Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.	
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON OWN HEADSTONE</b>		 'Loving Thoughts Of One So Dear, Often Bring A Silent Tear'.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>		Abney Congregational Church Roll of Honour, Mossley. All Saints Church War Memorial, Micklehurst, Mossley. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>		The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T. A. Centre Huddersfield.	
			

<b>MEDALS</b>	British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	1897
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Carrbrook, Stalybridge. (N.B. half of Carrbrook was part of Micklehurst, Mossley at this time).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> November 1897 at St James's Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	Alexander Benson.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Mary Benson nee Anderson.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	About 1886 in Scotland.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Mary 1888 born in Dumbarton, Scotland. Elizabeth Ellen 1890 and Jennie 1895 (both Dukinfield Registry), and Eva (also known as Annie) 1899 (Stalybridge Registry), all born in Stalybridge.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	David 1901 (died June 1901), born and registered in Mossley.
<b>SIBLINGS NOTE</b>	The 1911 census states that 7 children were born to Alec's parents of whom 2 have died. One of the deceased children is unknown and probably died while the family were still living in Scotland.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 3. Living with his parents and siblings at Buckton Castle, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 13. Living with his widowed mother and siblings at 11 Cheshire Street, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Knotter.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Employed at Britannia Spinning Company Mill in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Alec was connected with Abney Congregational Church and Sunday School in Mossley. The Mossley Reporter carried his obituary in July 1917.</p> <p>Father Alexander died in Stalybridge, aged 45, in February 1902. He is buried at plot 1618 in Mossley Cemetery. The grave is marked with kerbs but there is no headstone.</p> <p>Mother Mary was living at 'Springfield', Micklehurst, Mossley, when Alec died. She died locally, aged 75, in December 1934. She is buried with Alec's father in Mossley Cemetery. Her brother, David Anderson, who died in Mossley, aged 81, in March 1928, is also buried in this plot. David had lived with the Benson family for a number of years.</p> <p>Sister Mary married widower, William Merritt Buckley in 1931, at All Saints Church, Micklehurst, Mossley. William was the brother of <b>Sam Herbert Buckley, who died in a lorry accident in London, aged 35, on 8<sup>th</sup> April 1916, while serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps. He is buried in Kensall Green Cemetery in London.</b> Mary was living at 11 The Vale, Mossley, when she died in Parkside Hospital, Macclesfield, aged 62, on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1949. She is buried with her family at plot 690 in Mossley Cemetery.</p> <p>Sister Elizabeth never married and died in Ashton-u-Lyne General Hospital, aged 66, on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1957. She is buried with her parents at plot 1618 in Mossley Cemetery.</p> <p>Sister Jennie (also spelt Janie, Jeannie and Jane) married Edwin Eddleston in 1924, at Abney Congregational Church in Mossley. She died in Ashton Hospital, aged 73, in 1968.</p> <p>Sister Eva, who is listed as Annie on the censuses, married Norman Radcliffe in 1923, at Abney Congregational Church, Mossley. She died in Ashton Hospital, aged 70, in 1970.</p> <p>Brother David who died aged 2 months, is buried in an unmarked communal grave with 6 other people, at plot 393 in Mossley Cemetery.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	Sister Mary's probate was awarded to her husband William. Sister Elizabeth Ellen's probate was awarded to her sister Jennie Eddleston.







WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME SURNAME</b>	HENRY (known as HARRY) BESWICK	
<b>RANK SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT</b>	Private 1110 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>	August or September 1914 in Micklehurst, Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>		Harry was probably on board the 'Manchester Importer' when he sailed to France. By 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, he had had his first experience of being in the trenches. Their Division spent 46 out of 56 days in the trenches around Fleurbaix. In July 1915, they moved into Belgium. During the period July to December 1915, there was a one in ten chance of being killed and evens on being wounded.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the Mossley Territorials became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion. They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. Of the men who travelled to France on board the 'Manchester Importer' around 36 local men lost their lives.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Died of wounds.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> August 1915 at Poperinge, Ypres, Belgium.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	Harry was wounded whilst asleep in his dug-out and died of those wounds on 24 <sup>th</sup> August 1915. Lieutenant Reginald. S. Patten wrote to Harry's mother he said, 'He was always constant in his duty, thorough in action and universally well-liked by the officers and men of the Battalion. In life he served his country in the hour of her need, in death he will be remembered as a hero'. Harry's last letter to his mother saying he was quite well arrived shortly after his death. The Mossley Reporter dated 11 <sup>th</sup> September 1915, carried extracts of the letters as part Harry's obituary. During the First World War, the village of Lijssenthoek was situated on the main communication line between the Allied military bases in the rear and the Ypres battlefields. Close to the Front, but out of the extreme range of most German field artillery, it became a natural place to establish casualty clearing stations which was probably where Harry succumbed to his injuries. The cemetery started to be used by the casualty clearing stations of the Commonwealth forces from June 1915.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	21	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	Grave III.C.27A	
	Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, Belgium.	
		
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church. All Saints Church War Memorial, Micklehurst, Mossley.	


	(Pictured Below).
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> July 1894 at 11 Bridge Street, Stalybridge.
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not Known.
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	Henry Beswick and Kate Beswick nee Tootill.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> August 1886 at St Michael's Church, Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>NAME OF SIBLINGS</b>	None.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 6. Living with his mother at 3 Hill Street, Hurst, Ashton-u-Lyne. Father Henry is listed on the census at his brother John's home on Church Street, Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 16. Living with his mother at Brook Houses, Carrbrook. Employed as a Machine Minder at the Calico Printworks. Father Henry is lodging with his brother John's widow, Peggy Beswick, on Church Lane Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	 <p>Father Henry was not living with the family in 1901 or 1911, but both he and Kate still describe themselves on the two censuses as 'married'. On the 1911 census, Henry does not declare how long he has been married and puts a cross against number of children. He died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 66, in 1923.</p> <p>Mother Kate states she has been married for 20 years on the 1911 census, it is actually 24 years. It seems likely that her marriage with Harry's father failed and the couple lived apart permanently from around 1901 onwards. She seems to have manipulated her declared age several times. She was born in 1854 according to the 1871 census, but had knocked 5 years off her age by the time she married, she claimed to be 50 in 1911, when she was actually 56. She was living at 7 Broad Carr Lane, Mossley when she died in Ashton Hospital, aged 71, in December 1925. She is buried in St George's Churchyard, Mossley. The plot number is not recorded in the burial book and there is no headstone.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found.

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAMES</b>		JOHN SAMUEL (Known as SAMUEL)
<b>SURNAME</b>		BILL
<b>RANK</b>		Private.
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>		305383
<b>BATTALION</b>		2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		Uppermill date unknown.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		January 1917 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	Samuel is known to have received the Territorial Force War Medal (WRR). In order to qualify for this award he would have been involved in overseas service from the outset of WW1. He was only just 18 in August 1914. Private J.S. Bill is the only Mossley man known to have received this medal, only 171 men in total received it countrywide. He did not however, qualify for 1914/15 star.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		The 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) was formed at Milnsbridge in September 1914 as a home service or 'second line' unit. On 1 <sup>st</sup> March 1915, they came under the orders of 186 <sup>th</sup> Brigade in the 62 <sup>nd</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Division. After various movements on home soil, they landed in France in January 1917.
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Killed in action.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 1917.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	Near Bullecourt, Pas-de-Calais, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	The Division were engaged in the 'Battle of Bullecourt' from 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> May 1917. On the first day of this battle the 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion lost 80 officers and men. It wasn't until April 1918, that Mr and Mrs Bill of 198 Stockport Road, Mossley, received official news that their son had been missing since 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 1917 and was now presumed dead. The Arras Memorial commemorates almost 35000 men, who have no known grave.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	20	
<b>CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS</b>	<p>Bay 6. Duke of Wellington's – Private.</p> <p>Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.</p> 	 
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.	
<b>MEDALS</b>	Territorial Force War Medal (West Riding Regiment). British War and Victory Medals.	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	1896	
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Mayfield on the Staffordshire/Derbyshire border.	
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not Known.	
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	William Bill.	
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Emily Bill nee Hughes.	
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1885 in Uttoxeter.	

<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Priscilla Amelia 1886, Ada 1889, Selina 1892, Emma Parton 1894, Margaret May 1898 (died 1899) and Agnes 1900 (died 1900). All born in Mayfield. Half-sister Annie Elizabeth Hughes 1882, born in New Mills.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	William Robert 1885, Amos 1888 and Charles 1901. All born in Mayfield.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 4. Living with his parents and siblings at Wall Ash, Mayfield, Staffordshire.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 14. Living with his parents and siblings at Wall Ash, Mayfield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. Employed as a Scavenger in a Cotton Spinning Room.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Cop Carrier at Messrs W. Bottomley & Sons Mill at Roaches.
<b>1939 REGISTER</b>	In 1939, the only Bill family members living in Mossley, were Samuel's brother Charles and his wife Sarah Alice and their son Kenneth and his wife Joyce.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Father William died in Mossley, aged 70, in May 1932. He is buried at plot 1159 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Mother Emily died in Mossley, aged 58, in July 1921. She is buried in the same grave as Samuel's father.</p> <p>Also buried at plot 1159 in Mossley Cemetery are two of Samuel's nephews, William Moon, Fred and Ada's son, who died aged 11 and Albert Littlewood, Ada's infant son from her second marriage.</p> <p>Sister Priscilla married John Henshaw in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, in 1907. <b>Private John Henshaw died in Mesopotamia, aged 27, on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1916, while serving with the North Staffordshire Regiment. He has no known grave.</b> Priscilla married Samuel Gaukrodger in 1918, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne, but by 1939 they were living apart and she was using the name Henshaw. She died at 84 Greenacres Road, Oldham, aged 65, in May 1952 and is buried alone at plot K13 52 in Greenacres Cemetery in Oldham. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Sister Ada married Fred Moon on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1909, at Mayfield Parish Church in Staffordshire. <b>Corporal Fred Moon was killed in action on the Somme, aged 29, on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1916, while serving with the Cheshire Regiment. He is buried in France.</b> Ada married Wilson Littlewood in 1918, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. She died in Mossley, aged 75, in September 1964 and is buried with Wilson at plot 3790 in Mossley Cemetery.</p> <p>Sister Selina married Charles Sowter in 1911, in Ashbourne, Derbyshire. She died there aged 78, in 1970.</p> <p>Sister Emma married Henry Kelsall in 1920, in Stockport. She died there aged 78, in 1972.</p> <p>Brother William married Florrie Spencer in 1907, in Ashbourne, Derbyshire. They emigrated to Pennsylvania in the USA which is where he died, aged 61, in 1946.</p> <p>Brother Amos married Martha Bridges in 1918, in Sunderland, but she died a few months later. He married Sarah J Holt in 1919, also in Sunderland. Amos died in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, aged 43, in 1930.</p> <p>Brother Charles married Sarah Alice Green in 1921, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. He died in Mossley, aged 40, in February 1942. He is buried with Sarah at plot 3432 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Half-sister Annie was born Annie Elizabeth Hughes but occasionally used the 'Bill' surname on the censuses. She was born before her mother married William Bill. She married William Henshaw on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1910, at St John the Baptist Church, Mayfield, Staffordshire. They moved to Mossley in the years that followed. <b>Private William Henshaw was killed in action at Roclincourt, aged 35, on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1918, while serving with the West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own). He is buried in France.</b> Annie died in Mossley, aged 70, in 1952.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found.

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		ROBERT
<b>SURNAME</b>		BUCKLEY
<b>RANK</b>		Lance Sergeant.
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>		305878
<b>BATTALION</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		1914 in Milnsbridge.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	 <p>Robert originally enlisted as Private 2673, in the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He probably embarked for France on board the 'Manchester Importer'. By 24<sup>th</sup> April 1915, his Regiment had been in the trenches and had seen their first action. Their first major engagement was in the 'The Battle of Aubers Ridge' in May 1915. By July 1915, they had moved to the Ypres Salient in Belgium, where the chances of being wounded or killed were much increased. They moved to the Somme in 1916 and carried out their first major offensive at Thiepval, on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1916. Robert's Regiment were in the trenches near Bethune in May 1917.</p>	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the Mossley Territorials became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of the 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They served in France and Belgium throughout the Great War.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Died of wounds.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> May 1917.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	Near Lacouture, Pas-de-Calais, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	An army chaplain wrote to Robert's mother, he said, "He (Robert) had been on duty on the front line on 25 <sup>th</sup> May, when a bomb exploded and wounded him and a number of others. He was brought at once to the field ambulance and all possible was done for him, but the wound was too serious for remedy and he was soon relieved of pain. He was quietly and reverently laid to rest in a military cemetery".	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	25	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	Grave I. F. 1.  Vielle-Chapelle New Military Cemetery, Lacouture, France.	
		
		
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	United Methodist Church and Sunday School Roll of Honour, Roughtown, Mossley. St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley.	





<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	1891
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Mossley (Uppermill Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not known.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	Jackson Buckley.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Martha Buckley nee Nield.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1882 in a registrar attended wedding in Saddleworth.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Sarah Jane 1883 and Gertrude 1888 (both Delph Registry) Cecily 1891 (Robert's twin died 1891) (Uppermill Registry), Olive 1893 (Delph Registry), Edith Hannah 1895 (Hartshead Registry), Cecily 1898, Amy 1900 and Elsie 1904 (all Mossley Registry). All born in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Jonathan 1886 (Uppermill Registry), born in Mossley.
<b>NOTE RE SIBLINGS</b>	There could have been further siblings who were born and died between the census dates. There were several Buckley/Nield marriages with children who were born in the timeframe. The 1911 census states 8 children were born to Jackson and Martha and none have died. This information cannot be relied upon as there were nine surviving children and Robert's twin sister is a proven deceased sibling.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 9. Living with his parents and siblings at Lower Quick, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 19. Living with his widowed mother and siblings at 245 Stockport Road, Haddens, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Warehouseman at Una Spinning Company's Mill.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Robert was connected with the United Methodist School and Church in Mossley. The Mossley Reporter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1917, carried his obituary.</p> <p>Father Jackson died in Mossley, aged 43, in 1906.</p> <p>Mother Martha was living at 245 Stockport Road, Haddens in Mossley, when she learned of Robert's death. She died in Mossley, aged 97, in 1961.</p> <p>Sister Sarah married James Broadbent in 1904, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. She died at Kershaw Hey Farm in Mossley, aged 70, on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1953. She is buried with her family at plot 3786 in Mossley Cemetery.</p> <p>Sister Gertrude married Arthur Hawkins in 1911, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. She died in Dukinfield, aged 79, in 1967.</p> <p>Sister Olive married James Keeley on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1919, at St George's Church in Mossley. She died at 60 Stamford Road, Mossley, aged 87, on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1980.</p> <p>Sister Edith married Matthew Ogden in 1921, at St John's Church in Dukinfield. She died at Woodlands Care Home in Stalybridge, aged 98, on 27<sup>th</sup> November 1993.</p> <p>Sister Cecily never married. She died in Ashton Hospital, aged 65, in 1962.</p> <p>Sister Amy never married. She died in Oldham Hospital, aged 69, in 1970.</p> <p>Sister Elsie is not listed as a surviving sibling on Robert's soldier's effects record. She may have died in her teenage years, but a death record cannot be verified due to the large number of similarly named records.</p> <p>Brother Jonathan never married. He died in Springhead, Saddleworth, aged 27, in 1914.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	Sister Sarah's probate was awarded to her married daughter Phyllis Shaw.

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<b>FIRST NAME</b>		JAMES
<b>SURNAME</b>		BURNS
<b>RANK</b>		Private.
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>		3476
<b>BATTALION</b>		'A' Company 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		28 <sup>th</sup> October 1915 at Milnsbridge, Yorkshire.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		Did not serve overseas.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	James served at home from 28 <sup>th</sup> October 1915. His service was sufficient for him to be designated a war casualty but he did not qualify for any medals.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		The 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), were a Territorial Force formed at Milnsbridge in October 1914. They were part of the 186 <sup>th</sup> Brigade, in the 62 <sup>nd</sup> Division. There is a discrepancy between the James's service records and CWGC details. The latter have James Burns listed as serving in the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion which is incorrect. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion did not go overseas until January 1917.
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Died of illness.
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>		4 <sup>th</sup> December 1915.
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>		The 1 <sup>st</sup> Northern General Hospital in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	James served for a total of 38 days. He died of Double Pneumonia in hospital. The Mossley Reporter date 11 <sup>th</sup> December 1915, carried the news of his death which came just six weeks after he enlisted and two weeks before his 33 <sup>rd</sup> birthday.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		32
<b>FUNERAL DATE</b>		9 <sup>th</sup> December 1915.
<b>FUNERAL DETAILS</b>		Father Dootson conducted a short service at James's home, at 3 Back George Street, Mossley and at the graveside in Mossley Cemetery. Among the mourners were a number of wounded soldiers from the Mossley Military Hospital.
<b>GRAVE REF NUMBER</b>		3074
<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF CEMETERY</b>		Mossley Cemetery.
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON OWN HEADSTONE</b>	3476 Private. J. Burns. Duke of Wellington's Regt. 4 <sup>th</sup> December 1915. Age 33. 'St Joseph Pray For Him'.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTINGS</b>		The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>		None.
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>		19 <sup>th</sup> December 1882.
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>		New Earth Cottages, Mossley (Uppermill Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> February 1883 at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>		Thomas Burns.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>		Martha Burns nee Chapman.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>		1876 at Friezland Church, Greenfield, Saddleworth.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>		Sarah Jane 1879 (Uppermill Registry) born in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>		William Chapman 1877, Joseph 1880 (died 1883) (both Uppermill Registry), Thomas 1885 (Hartshead Registry). All born in Mossley. Half-brothers George 1861 and Daniel 1867, born in Huddersfield.




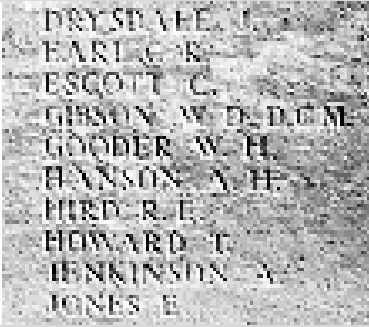

<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 8. Living with his parents and siblings at 6 Off Arundel Street, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 18. Living with his widowed mother and siblings at 3 Back George Street, Mossley. Employed as a Coal Carter for a Funeral Carrier.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 28. Living with his widowed mother and siblings at 3 Back George Street, Mossley. Employed as a Coal Carter.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Carter for Messrs T. Mills & Sons in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>The family grave in the Catholic section of Mossley Cemetery, became a CWGC War Grave when James died. The following family members are buried with him but are not named on the headstone pictured right :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Father Thomas. He was a widower when he married James mother, he had at least two sons, George and Daniel, from his first marriage when the family were living in Huddersfield. It has not be possible to establish for certain who Thomas's first wife was, or when she died. He died in Mossley, aged 60, in February 1896.</li> <li>➤ Mother Martha. She died in Mossley, aged 78, in August 1923.</li> <li>➤ Brother Joseph. He died in Mossley, aged 3, in August 1883.</li> <li>➤ Half Brother George. He died in Mossley, aged 28, in January 1889. It is not known if he married.</li> <li>➤ Half Brother Daniel. He died in Mossley, aged 21, in August 1888. He never married.</li> <li>➤ An unknown baby is also buried here, Mary Jane Raine died in Mossley, aged 3 weeks, in February 1886.</li> </ul> <p>Sister Sarah married Albert Entwistle in 1913, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. She died in Mossley, aged 58, in November 1937. She is buried with Albert at plot 2957 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Brother William married Hannah Maria Postle in 1919, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. He died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 60, in October 1937. He is buried in St Paul's Churchyard, Stalybridge. This burial ground has been grassed over.</p> <p>Brother Thomas was living at 70 Stamford Road, Mossley in 1919, along with his mother and siblings. It has not be possible to verify what happened to him after that date.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found.





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<b>FIRST NAMES</b>		GEORGE HENRY
<b>SURNAME</b>		DELANEY
<b>RANK</b>		Private.
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>		1630
<b>BATTALION</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		11 <sup>th</sup> May 1914 in Mossley.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	 <p>George enlisted in the Territorial Force when he was just 18 expecting to serve for four years, he was 5'4" tall and declared fit. The outbreak of war necessitated his embodiment on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1914. He probably embarked at Folkestone on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1915, bound for France on the 'Manchester Importer'. By 24<sup>th</sup> April 1915, he had had his first experience of being in the trenches. His Division spent 46 out of 56 days in the trenches around Fleurbaix. In July 1915, they moved into Belgium. During the period July to December 1915 there was a one in ten chance of being killed and evens on being wounded.</p>	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the Mossley Territorials became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion. They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. Of the men who travelled to France on board the 'Manchester Importer', around 36 local men lost their lives.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Killed in Action.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 1915.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	Boezinge, Near Ypres, Belgium.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	For much of the First World war, the village of Boezinghe (now Boezinge) directly faced the German line across the Yser canal. Bard Cottage was a house, a little set back from the line, close to a bridge called Bard's Causeway, and the cemetery was made nearby in a sheltered position under a high bank. Burials were made between June 1915 and October 1918 and they reflect the presence of the 49 <sup>th</sup> (West Riding), the 38 <sup>th</sup> (Welsh) and other Infantry Divisions, in the northern sectors of the Ypres Salient. The precise circumstances of George's death are unknown, but unlike many of his comrades, he has a known grave.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	19	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	Grave I.E.4.  Bard Cottage Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium.	
	 <p>The headstone inscription is very worn.</p>	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	Albion Church Roll of Honour, Ashton-u-Lyne.	

<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	Hazlehurst Sunday School Roll of Honour. Now located in Albion Church, Ashton-u-Lyne. The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 1896.
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Born in Mossley. (Hartshead Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> July 1899 at St John's Church, Hurst, Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	Henry Delaney.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Julia Delaney nee Harrison.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> February 1896 at St Michael's Church in Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Florence May 28/9/1903, Ann Sophia 8/1/1905, Jessie 2/10/1906 and Ada 19/12/1912. All born and registered in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Charles Edward 15/5/1899, Frederick 1900, Arthur 1902 (died 1903), Henry 1908 (died 1908), William 1/4/1909 and Ernest 7/11/1910. All born and registered in Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 5. Living with his parents and siblings at Windy Harbour, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 15. Living with his parents and siblings at Old Rd, Hazlehurst, Ashton-u-Lyne. Employed as a Cotton Spinner.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>George's parents and eight surviving siblings were living at Haytop, Greenfield in 1919. Father Henry enlisted for war service in January 1915 and served as Driver 040239 in the Royal Army Service Corps. He served in Salonika in Greece from 1916. He was discharged suffering from Malaria in April 1919 and was awarded the British War and Victory medals. He died in Greenfield, aged 94, in 1970.</p> <p>Mother Julia died in Greenfield, aged 65, in 1940.</p> <p>Sister Florence never married. She died in Saddleworth, aged 60, in 1964.</p> <p>Sister Ann (known as Annie), married Joseph Holland on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1927, at St George's Church in Mossley. Joseph was the brother of <b>Private George Holland, who died as a prisoner of war, aged 25, while serving with the East Kent Regiment (The Buffs), on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1918. He is buried in Hamburg, Germany.</b> Annie died in the Congleton area, aged 83, on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1989. She is buried in St Peter's Churchyard, Elworth, Cheshire.</p> <p>Sister Jessie married James Witham in 1938, at St Mary's Church in Greenfield. She lived at 126 Jubilee Road, Middleton when she died, aged 59, at Rochdale Road, Middleton, on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1966.</p> <p>Sister Ada married Jack Brierley in 1942, in a registrar attended wedding in Saddleworth. She died in the Oldham area, aged 86, in 1999.</p> <p>Brother Charles also served with the armed forces in the Great War. He married Hilda Farrand in 1930, at Road End Methodist Chapel in Oldham. He died on 6<sup>th</sup> December 1994, aged 94, at Chamber Mount Nursing Home, 197 Chamber Road, Oldham.</p> <p>Brother Frederick also served in the Great War. He died in Mossley, aged 27, in 1927. He never married.</p> <p><b>Brother William of Bunkers farm, Greenfield, served as a Petty Officer Motor Mechanic, in the Royal Navy in WW2. He died, aged 34, following an explosion on board HM Motor Launch 263, which led to a fire causing him extensive burns. He died in the 51<sup>st</sup> General Hospital on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1943. He is buried in King Tom Cemetery, Freetown, Sierra Leone. He is not known to have married.</b></p> <p>Brother Ernest married Marjorie Kenworthy in 1934, in a registrar attended wedding in Saddleworth. He died in the Oldham area, aged 77, in 1988.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	<p>Brother William's probate was awarded to his father Henry, who was a farmer.</p> <p>Sister Jessie's probate was awarded to her husband James, who was a dairyman.</p>

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<b>FIRST NAME</b> <b>SURNAME</b>  <b>RANK</b> <b>SERVICE NUMBER</b> <b>BATTALION</b> <b>REGIMENT</b>		CHARLES (CHARLIE) ESCOTT  Corporal 305643. 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
			
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		August or September 1914 in Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>  		Originally Private 2231 with the 'Mossley Territorials', Charles was probably on board the 'Manchester Importer' on 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, alongside his brothers Richard and William, as they embarked for France. He had a lucky escape in July 1915, when he was struck by a shell that hit his valise, which he was wearing at the time. The shell took his overcoat clean away, fortunately, Charles escaped uninjured. The Mossley Reporter dated 31 <sup>st</sup> July 1915 carried this story. Charles eventually rose to the rank of Corporal. He would have been in action at Thiepval in 1916, during the 'Battle of the Somme'. The Battalion were also heavily engaged at Passchendaele the following year. Charles ultimately lost his life in the German Spring offensive of 1918.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		The 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) were part of the 49 <sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Division. They were involved in the 'Battle of Bailleul', from 13 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1918. This town was reduced to rubble by the bombardments of April 1918.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>		14 <sup>th</sup> April 1918.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>		Near Bailleul on the French border with Belgium.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>		Mid-April 1918 was one of the worst periods of the Great War for loss of life among the men of the Mossley community. The Tyne Cot memorial alone, bears the names of at least 13 local soldiers, who died in April that year. The Escott family received a letter from Corporal Choulerton (of Mossley) regarding the brothers. It read ".....I am sending Charlie's wrist watch. Both he and Dick were killed instantly, Dick first..." The Mossley Reporter dated 4 <sup>th</sup> May 1918, carried obituaries to the three brothers, emphasising the sacrifice the Escott family had made.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		24	
<b>CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS</b>  		Panel 82. Duke of Wellington's - Corporal.  Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.	
		 	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>		St Chad's Church Roll of Honour in Uppermill. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church (pictured below - all three brothers are listed in the first column).	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>		Uppermill section of the Pots and Pans War Memorial, in Uppermill. Mossley Working Men's Club Memorial Tablet. 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally located in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.	
<b>MEDALS</b>		1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>		1894 Born and registered in Uppermill.	
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>		Not known.	
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>		Richard Escott and Bertha Escott nee Brook.	

<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1891 in a registrar attended wedding in Saddleworth.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Beatrice 1898 (died 1898), born and registered in Uppermill.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	William Henry 1892, Richard 1896 and Herbert 1904, all born and registered in Uppermill.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 7. Living with his parents and siblings at Bankfield Terrace, Dobcross.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 17. Living with his parents and siblings at 39 Bury Street, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.

**OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION**

Mother Bertha died in Saddleworth, aged 40, in 1909.

Father Richard married Emma Hornsey in 1910, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. No children were born to the couple. Richard enlisted for service in the Great War, alongside his three sons. He served as a Lance Corporal, in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He was the only one of the four to survive. He is likely to have died in North Walsham, Norfolk, aged 80, in 1949. Step-mother Emma died in Mossley, aged 61, in 1926.



Brother William served in the 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) and later transferred to the 2<sup>nd</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He was killed in action in France, aged 25, on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1917. He has no known grave.

Brother Richard (Dick) also served in the 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He was killed in action in France, aged 22, on the same day as Charles. He has no known grave.



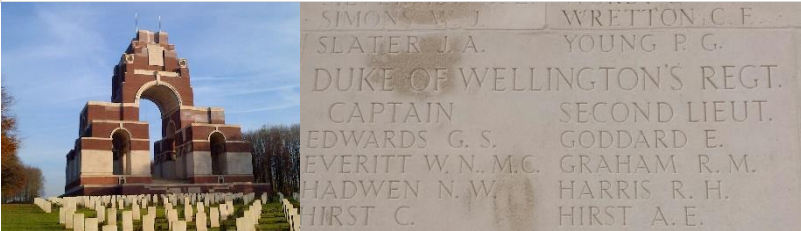
Brother Herbert married Phyllis Lees in 1932, at Abney Congregational Church, Huddersfield Road in Mossley. Phyllis died in 1957, he then married Ethel Sheldon nee Yalis, at the same church in 1959. Herbert lived at 10 Moorlands Crescent, Mossley, when he died in Ashton-u-Lyne Hospital, on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1974, at the age of 69.



<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No detailed probate records found.
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WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME SURNAME</b>	EDWIN GARSIDE	
<b>RANK &amp; SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT</b>	Private 2410. 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 1914 in Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	Edwin initially served with the 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He transferred to the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion on 5 <sup>th</sup> February 1915. He was on board the 'Manchester Importer' when it set sail from Folkestone to France on 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		By 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, Edwin's Regiment had been in the trenches and had seen their first action. Their Division spent 46 out of 56 days outdoors in the trenches around Fleurbaix. By July 1915, they had moved into Belgium to the Ypres Salient where the chances of being wounded or killed were much increased.
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Killed in action.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> July 1915 near Ypres, Belgium.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	Several Mossley men were reported to have seen Edwin killed. Private R. Walker wrote a letter home, he said, "He (Edwin) was shot through the head on 10 <sup>th</sup> July and died instantly" Private Walker referred to being in the Ypres Salient. The CWGC have incorrectly logged the date of Edwin's death as 19 <sup>th</sup> July 1915 and despite all the records tallying with 10 <sup>th</sup> July they seem unwilling to change their position. The Mossley Reporter dated 17 <sup>th</sup> July 1915 carried his obituary.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	30	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	Plot 2, Row C, Grave 7.  Ferme-Olivier Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium.	
		
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON – OTHERS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now in the T.A. Centre Huddersfield.	
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British war and Victory Medals.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> May 1884 in Mossley (Delph Registry).	
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> August 1884 at St George's Church in Mossley.	
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	James Garside and Alice Hannah Garside nee Taylor.	
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1874 in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne.	
<b>NAME OF SISTERS &amp; YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Sarah Hannah (also known as Sarah Ann) 1880 (Hartshead Registry), Edith 1886 (Delph Registry) and Annie 1898 (Mossley Registry) (died July 1899). All born in Mossley.	
<b>NAME OF</b>	Henry 1874, John 1875, Edwin 1878 (died June 1883), James 1882 (died Oct 1882), Samuel 1889,	





<b>BROTHERS &amp; YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Ernest 1892, James 1894 and Joseph 1896. All born in Mossley and registered in Hartshead, except Samuel, Ernest and James (born 1894), who were registered in Delph.
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 6. Living with his parents and siblings at Seel's Building's, Sandbed, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 16. Living with his parents and siblings at 21 Anthony Street, Mossley. Employed as a Cop Carrier.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 26. Living with his wife and 2 children at 17 Anthony Street, Mossley. Employed as a Cop Packer in the Cotton Spinning Industry.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Worked in the Warehouse at Brunswick Mill and served as a Special Constable for around three months.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> July 1905 at St George's Church in Mossley.
<b>NAMES OF SPOUSE</b>	Margaret Shaw.
<b>NAME(S) OF CHILDREN</b>	Annie 1906, Arthur 24/3/1908, Lawton 3/5/1911 and Elsie 1913. All born and registered in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Wife Margaret lost two brothers in the Great War, <b>Frank Shaw was killed in action in Gallipoli, aged 24, on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1915 and Harold Shaw was killed in action on the Somme, aged 22, on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1916. They have no known graves.</b> Margaret married Daniel Leech in 1920, at Mossley Christian Church on Stamford Road. She died in Mossley, aged 43, in 1929.</p> <p>Son Arthur died in the Blackpool area, aged 78, in 1987. It is not known if he married.</p> <p>Son Lawton died in the Tameside area, aged 64, in 1975. He never married.</p> <p>It is not known what became of daughters Annie and Elsie due to the common surname.</p> <p>The following family members are buried somewhere in St George's Churchyard in Mossley. The majority of this burial ground has been grassed over and they may or may not be buried together. The burial book does not state their plot numbers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Father James. He died at 91 Stockport Road, Mossley, aged 72, in April 1923.</li> <li>➤ Mother Alice. She died at 1 Anthony Street, Mossley, aged 72, in January 1928.</li> <li>➤ Brother James (born 1882). He died aged 6 weeks.</li> <li>➤ Brother Edwin (born 1878). He died aged 5 years.</li> <li>➤ Sister Annie. She died aged 18 months.</li> <li>➤ Brother John. He married Mary Moss on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1902, at St George's Church in Mossley. He was described as married/separated and was living with his parents in 1911. He died at Carrhill Road, Mossley, aged 55, in June 1931.</li> </ul> <p>Sister Sarah married widower William Ashworth, on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1925, at St George's Church in Mossley. She died at 'Mayfair', Waterton Lane, Mossley, aged 62, on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1942. She is buried at unmarked Plot 10, Range 3, in the 1938 ground in St George's Churchyard in Mossley.</p> <p>Sister Edith was living with her parents in 1901 but her fate after that date is unknown.</p> <p>Brother Henry married Mary Ann Beever in 1902, at St Mary's Church in Greenfield. He died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 68, in September 1942. He is buried, with his family at plot 1181 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Brother Samuel married Mary Ramsey on 6<sup>th</sup> September 1913, at St George's Church in Mossley. He died in Mossley, aged 61, in January 1951. He is buried with Mary at plot 3690, in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone</p> <p>Brother Ernest married Ann Sykes on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1915, at St George's Church in Mossley. He lived at 24 Argyll Street, Mossley, when he died in Ashton Hospital, Aged 75, On 13<sup>th</sup> January 1968. His ashes were interred in his wife's grave at Plot 6, Range 7 in the 1938 ground of St George's Churchyard, Mossley. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Brother James (born 1894) was living with his parents in 1911. It is not known what became of him after that date.</p> <p>Brother Joseph married Edith Byrom on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1924, at St George's Church in Mossley. He was living at 16 Carrhill Road, Mossley when he died at 110 Mossley Road, Grasscroft, aged 70 on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1967. He is buried with his family, at Plot 11, Range 5 in the 1938 ground of St George's Churchyard, Mossley. Their headstone is one of the few that survives here.</p>
<b>FAMILY PROBATE</b>	Sister Sarah's probate was awarded to her step-son Cain Ashworth, who was a Commercial Clerk.


WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME SURNAME</b>		ERIC GODDARD	
<b>RANK SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT</b>		Second Lieutenant 2354 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials.' Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		29 <sup>th</sup> October 1914 probably in Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		25 <sup>th</sup> May 1916 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b> 	Eric received his Commission in October 1915, when he was just 20 years of age. He was one of the youngest of the Mossley Officers to fall in the Great War. The 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment moved into the Somme area in mid-1916. Their first major battle was the 'Battle of Albert' which ran from 1 <sup>st</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> July. At nearby Thiepval, Eric was assigned to be the Battalion's Liaison Officer for 'Y' 32 Battery Trench Mortars. In preparation for the battle to come, Eric had gone forward into the 'Hammerhead Sap' (a Zig Zag Trench), which reached out into no-man's land to within 150 metres of the enemy trenches.		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	The Mossley Territorials became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) on 15 <sup>th</sup> May 1915. They were part of the 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They had been in action in both France and Belgium, before arriving on the Somme in 1916.		
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>		4 <sup>th</sup> July 1916, near Albert, The Somme, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	Lieutenant Dan Watt sent a letter to Eric's parents, he said, "He (Eric) was missing on 1 <sup>st</sup> July 1916 and his body was found on 4 <sup>th</sup> July 1916 near our front trenches. He had been killed by shrapnel and his death must have been instantaneous and quite painless. He was a most promising officer."		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		21	
<b>CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS</b> 	Panel 6B. Duke of Wellington's - Second Lieutenant.  Thiepval Memorial, France.		
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON A FAMILY GRAVE</b>	<u>Front</u> : In Ever Loving Memory of Renee the dearly loved wife of Edward Eric Radcliffe, Croft House, Millbrook. Born March 19 <sup>th</sup> 1897 Died March 8 <sup>th</sup> 1919. Also the above Edward Eric Radcliffe died Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> 1927 interred at Lytham. <u>Right Side</u> : IN LOVING MEMORY OF LIEUT ERIC GODDARD 1/7 <sup>TH</sup> WRR BORN FEB 15 <sup>TH</sup> 1895 KILLED AT ALBERT JULY 1 <sup>ST</sup> 1916. <u>Left Side</u> : In Loving Memory of Alfred Goddard of Mossley Born June 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1873 Died Novr 18 <sup>th</sup> 1940. Also Betsy his wife Born Novr 24 <sup>th</sup> 1874 Died Feby 11 <sup>th</sup> 1953.		
<b>LOCATION OF FAMILY GRAVE WITH M.I.</b>		Front Ground of St James's Churchyard, Millbrook, Stalybridge.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>		Abney Congregational Church Roll of Honour, Mossley. All Saints Church War Memorial, Micklehurst, Mossley. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>		7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial, originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield. Micklehurst Liberal Club Roll of Honour, Mossley. Micklehurst Conservative Club, listed as a Missing Member.	
<b>MEDALS</b>		British War and Victory Medals.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>		February 15 <sup>th</sup> 1895 in Mossley (Hartshead Registry).	
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>		Not Known.	




<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	Alfred Goddard.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Betsy Goddard nee Lister.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1894 in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Renee 19/3/1897, born in Mossley (Hartshead Registry).
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Norris 1900, born and registered in Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 6. Living with his parents and siblings at 45 Brunswick Street, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 16. Living with his parents and siblings at 2 Sydney Street, Mossley. Employed as a Painter and Plumber.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION NOT ALREADY COVERED ABOVE</b>	<p>The Mossley Reporter dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 1916 carried Eric's obituary. The article mentioned he had gone missing on 1<sup>st</sup> July and it was initially hoped that he had been taken prisoner. Several letters from men he served with, had since confirmed he had been found dead with shrapnel wounds, in a trench. The severity of the fighting and the condition of the burial ground where he was laid to rest, resulted in Eric's grave location being lost and as a man with no known grave, he is commemorated at Thiepval. Eric was a partner in his father's business, A. Goddard &amp; Sons, Plumbers and Decorators of Mossley Bottom. He won a scholarship for a 12 month course in sanitary engineering, at the Manchester School of Technology prior to enlisting. After his death, a memorial service was held in his memory at Abney Congregational Church in Mossley. Father Alfred was living at Clarendon House, Micklehurst, Mossley, when Eric died. He died at 34 Clarendon Street, Mossley. Mother Betsy died at 34 Denbigh Street, Mossley. Her sister Ruth lost a son, (Eric's cousin) who served in WW2. <b>Miles Hunter Barton of the RAF Volunteer Force, died at home in Mossley, aged 35, on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1945. He has a CWGC grave in Mossley Cemetery.</b> Sister Renee married Edward Eric Radcliffe on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1918, at St Paul's Church in Stalybridge. Her husband moved to Lytham after her death. Brother Norris married Nora Butterworth in 1926, at Road End Methodist Chapel in Oldham. He died at Brook Mount, Friezland Lane, Saddleworth, aged 54, on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1955.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	<p>Father Alfred's probate was awarded to his wife Betsy. Mother Betsy's probate was awarded to her son Norris, who was a Master Plumber. Brother Norris's probate was awarded to his wife Nora.</p>






WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		JAMES	
<b>SURNAME</b>		GRAY	
<b>RANK &amp; SERVICE NUMBER</b>		Lance Corporal 305899.	
<b>BATTALION</b>		'B' Company 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion.	
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		November 1914 at Milnsbridge.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		January 1917 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	James served on home soil for a substantial period, as the 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion did not cross from Southampton to Le Havre until January 1917. The first major action James experienced, was in the first attack on Bullecourt (part of the Arras offensive), which happened on 11 <sup>th</sup> April 1917.		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		The 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), were formed at Milnsbridge in September 1914, as a home service 'second line' unit. On 1 <sup>st</sup> March 1915, they came under the orders of the 186 <sup>th</sup> Brigade in the 62 <sup>nd</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Division. They Landed in France in January 1917.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>		3 <sup>rd</sup> May 1917 at Bullecourt, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	James was involved in the 'Battle of Bullecourt' which began on 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 1917. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion lost 80 officers and men on this date alone. Quartermaster Harry Mass, a Mossley man of the same Regiment, wrote to James's wife, he said, "He was considered one of the foremost Lewis Gunners of the Battalion and was always to the fore when duty had to be done. At the moment of his death, he was working on his gun to cover the retirement of some of his Company. We gave him a decent soldier's burial." After the armistice, where possible, bodies of men who, like James, had been buried near the battlefield, were brought in to the designated war cemeteries. James's last resting place was never found. The Mossley Reporter dated 12 <sup>th</sup> May 1917 carried his obituary.		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		40	
<b>CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS</b>	Bay 6. Duke of Wellington's - Lance Corporal.  Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.		 
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>		St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley. The Christian Church War Memorial Tablet, originally on Stamford Road, Mossley, now in St George's Church.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>		The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge, now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.	
<b>MEDALS</b>		British War and Victory Medals.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>		1877 in Netherton, Northumberland.	
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>		17 <sup>th</sup> April 1877 at Ashington, Northumberland.	
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>		James Gray and Isabella Gray nee Whitworth.	
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>		13 <sup>th</sup> November 1859 at St Mary's Church in Oldham.	
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>		Hannah 1861 (died February 1862) (Knott Lanes Registry). Mary Annie 1864 (died before 1875) (Delph Registry), both born in Lees and Mary Annie 1875, born in Durham.	
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>		John William 1862, born in Lees (Delph Registry), Robert Whitworth 1871, born in Skelton, Yorkshire. Fred 1881 and Harold 1882, both born in Mossley (Stalybridge Registry).	


<b>SIBLINGS NOTE</b>	There may have been other siblings who were born and died who were not captured by the censuses.	
<b>CENSUS 1881</b>	Age 4. Living with his parents and siblings at Spring Bank, Stalybridge.	
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 14. Living with his parents and siblings at 107 Manchester Road, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.	
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 24. A visitor at his Fiancée's family home at 26 Vernon Street, Mossley. Employed as a Labourer in the Ironworks.	
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 33. Head of the household living with his widowed father, wife Amelia and daughter Alice, at 7 Vernon Street, Mossley. Employed as a Grinder in a Cotton Mill.	
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Employed by Messrs Wilson & Roberts Contractors, Millbrook, Stalybridge.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	1901 at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley.	
<b>NAMES OF SPOUSE</b>	Amelia Brennan.	
<b>NAME(S) OF CHILDREN</b>	Florence 1901 (died November 1901), Alice 1903 and Leonard 1914 (died August 1914), all born and registered in Mossley.	
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Wife Amelia was still living at 7 Vernon Street, Mossley, when James was killed. Pictured right is James's memorial plaque or 'Widow's Penny' as it came to be known. Amelia died in the Preston area, aged 41, in October 1921. She is buried with her parents at unmarked plot 622 in Mossley cemetery.</p> <p>Daughter Alice married Thomas Booth in 1926, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. She died in Manchester, aged 50, in May 1953. She is also buried in plot 622 in Mossley Cemetery, with her grandparents, mother and husband Thomas who died a few months after her.</p> <p>Son Leonard is buried at unmarked plot 741 in Mossley Cemetery, with four other people. This may be a communal grave.</p> <p>The following family members are buried in St George's Churchyard in Mossley. The burial book does not give their plot numbers and they may or may not be buried together : -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Father James. He died at 18 Montes Street, Warrington, aged 80, in July 1917.</li> <li>➤ Mother Isabella. She died at Quick edge, Mossley, aged 55, in February 1895.</li> <li>➤ Sister Hannah. She died aged 13 months.</li> <li>➤ Daughter Florence. She died aged 1 month.</li> </ul> <p>Sister Mary (born 1875) married Albert Edward Lowe, in 1901 in Warrington. She died at 30 Folly Lane, Warrington, aged 76, on 11<sup>th</sup> January 1951.</p> <p>Brother John married Martha Ann Garside in 1883, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. He died in the Manchester area, aged 79, in 1942.</p> <p>Brother Robert married Emma Taylor on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1891, at St Michael's Church in Ashton-u-Lyne. He served in the South Lancashire Regiment throughout the Great War, until he was demobilised in 1919. Robert's wife Emma, died in 1924 and he married widow Ann Boulton nee Boon in 1926, at the Methodist Chapel on Bold Street, Warrington. He died at 124 Wellfield Street, Warrington, aged 66, on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1938.</p> <p>Brother Fred married Lily Foden in 1903, in Warrington. He died at Norcot, Fernbank Villas, 132 Knutsford Road, Grappenhall, Cheshire, aged 69, on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1950.</p> <p>Brother Harold married Amy Helena Dobbins, in 1908, in Warrington. Harold was a Hardware Manufacturer in Bridgnorth, Shropshire in 1939. He died in Cuckfield, Sussex, aged 87, in 1969.</p>	
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	<p>Sister Mary's probate was awarded to her husband Albert.</p> <p>Brother Robert's probate was awarded to his married daughters, Elsie Wright (wife of William) and Martha Roberts (wife of Ernest).</p> <p>Brother Fred's probate was awarded to his wife Lily and son Fred, who was a Works Director.</p>	





WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		WILSON	
<b>SURNAME</b>		HAIGH	
<b>RANK &amp; SERVICE NUMBER</b>		Private 1178.	
<b>BATTALION</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.	
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		August or September 1914 in Slaithwaite, Huddersfield.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	Wilson probably embarked for France on board the 'Manchester Importer'. By 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, the Regiment had been in the trenches and had seen their first action. Their Division spent 46 out of 56 days outdoors in the trenches about Fleurbaix. By July 1915, they had moved to the Ypres Salient in Belgium, where the chances of being wounded or killed were much increased. Their first action was in the 'The Battle of Aubers Ridge' in May 1915. They moved to the Somme in 1916 and after a period of time in 'reserve', they carried out their first major offensive at Thiepval, on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1916		
			
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They served in France and Belgium throughout the Great War.		
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>		3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1916 at Thiepval, The Somme, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	Wilson's Battalion were on and around the Pope's Nose strong point at Thiepval, on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1916. They reached their objective, but were unable to hold it. Around 1312 men of the 49 <sup>th</sup> Division went over the top that day, Sir Douglas Haig wrote "In my opinion the men were too sleepy to fight well" He was referring to that fact that they had spent the previous day in reserve, under heavy shellfire, which made sleep impossible. 25 men of the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion died and out of the 500 'Mossley Territorials' in Thiepval woods, there were around 100 casualties.		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		26	
<b>CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS</b>	Panel 6A. Duke of Wellington's - Private.  Thiepval Memorial, The Somme, France.		
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>		St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>		Central Conservative Club War Memorial, Mountain Street, Mossley. The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.	
<b>MEDALS</b>		1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>		1890 in Mossley (Hartshead Registry).	
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>		Not known.	
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>		Booth Haigh and Sarah Ann Haigh nee McGuinness.	
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>		1890 in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne.	
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Mary Emma 26/5/1892, Jane 1897, Clementine 1899 (died August 1904), Alice 1903 (died August 1904), Ellen 1905, Annie 1907, Linda 1908 (died March 1909) and Lydia 1908. All born and registered in Mossley.		



<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Harry 1894, Edward 1895 (died November 1895) and Frank 1896 (died January 1898), all born in Mossley and registered in Hartshead. Fred 1900, Edward 1901 (died 1901), Booth 1901 (died September 1902) and William 1902 (died October 1904), all born and registered in Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 7 months. Living with his parents at 14 Barkwell Lane, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 10. Living with his parents and siblings at 2 Wild's Square, Roughtown, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 20. Living with his widowed father and siblings at 33 Quickedge Road, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer at Southend Spinning Company Mill in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Wilson attended St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and School. After his death, the local papers referred to a wife living at Higher Springfields, Mossley. There is no firm evidence that Wilson ever married. His aunt and cousin, named below, lived at Higher Springfields. His father was named as his next of kin and sole legatee on his effects record. Wilson was the first cousin of <b>Mark Bernard Ward (their mothers were sisters), who died of wounds received in the same action, aged 22, on 6<sup>th</sup> September 1916, while serving with the 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He is buried in France.</b></p> <p>Mother Sarah was admitted to the 'Prestwich Lunatic Asylum' on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1908, shortly after giving birth to twins Linda and Lydia. She died there, aged 39, on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1908. She had 16 children in the 18 years of her marriage, 8 died in infancy which, although not unusual for the times, must have been a terrible tragedy for her to cope with. In those days, women were often placed in an institution when suffering from postpartum depression or other related conditions. Sarah was the sister of <b>Albert McGuinness (Wilson's uncle) of the Royal Flying Corps, who drowned, aged 40, when the troopship, 'Osmania', hit a mine in the sea near Egypt, on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1917. He is buried in Egypt.</b></p> <p>Father Booth died at 42 Quickedge Road, Mossley, aged 72, on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1940. He is buried at unmarked plot 1519 in Mossley cemetery, with Wilson's brother Edward (born 1895), who died aged 7 months. Three of Booth's siblings are also buried in this grave. By the time of Booth's death at least 12, of his 16 children, had died.</p> <p>Sister Mary Emma (known as Emma) was a spinster living with her father in Mossley in 1939. She never married and she died in Chapel-en-le-Frith, aged 78, in 1970.</p> <p>Sister Jane never married. She died in Heywood, aged 37, in February 1935. She is buried at unmarked plot 3187 in Mossley cemetery, with her siblings Alice, who died aged 9 months, Clementine, who died aged 5, William, who died aged 2 and Linda, who died aged 10 months. Their aunt Elizabeth (McGuinness) is also buried here.</p> <p>Sister Ellen married Leonard Pemberton on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1929, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. She died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 25, in April 1930. She is buried with 5 other people at plot 1349 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Sister Annie married William Darraugh in 1928, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. She died at 6 Audley Street, Cockbrook, Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 84, on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1991.</p> <p>Sister Lydia was adopted by the Gratton family, who were living at 37 Quickedge Road, Mossley in 1911. They later lost a son, William, in the Great War. She was known as Lydia Rose Haigh when she married William Buckley Hopkinson in 1927, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. Lydia died in the Oldham area, aged 74, in 1983.</p> <p>Brother Harry died in Mossley, aged 23, in May 1917. He is also buried at unmarked plot 3187 with his siblings. He never married.</p> <p>Brother Fred may have died in Norden in Rochdale, aged 21, in 1922. He never married.</p> <p>Brothers Frank and Booth, who both died aged 1 and Edward (born 1901), who died aged 1 month, are buried at unmarked plot 3088, with 8 members of their extended family.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	Father Booth's probate was awarded to his unmarried sister Clementine Haigh and his son-in-law William Darraugh, who was a Joiner.

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		CHARLES
<b>SURNAME</b>		HARRIS
<b>RANK</b>		Corporal
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>		305749
<b>BATTALION</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		Late 1914 in Uppermill.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	Charles enlisted as Private 2445 in 'The Mossley Territorials', he probably embarked at Folkestone on 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, bound for France, on the 'Manchester Importer'. He rose through the ranks to become a Corporal and he is known to have been awarded a Military Medal for 'bravery in the field' in the latter part of his war service. The second supplement of the London Gazette dated 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 1919, listed his award, but he died without ever knowing he had been recognised. One of his brothers received the ribbon as his next of kin.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the Mossley Territorials became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. Of the men who travelled to France on board the 'Manchester Importer', around 36 local men lost their lives. The Division were engaged in the 'Battle of Valenciennes' from 1 <sup>st</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 1918. They attacked the town at 5.15am on 1 <sup>st</sup> November and were able to push through with no great difficulty, as the Germans had already evacuated the area.	
		
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Died of illness.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 1918 at Cuincy, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	Charles died of Influenza, which was sweeping the world at that time and claimed more lives than the Great War conflict overall. The disease was most likely to strike down those with a healthy immune system and the resulting deaths were devastating across the globe. He probably died at the 42 <sup>nd</sup> Casualty Clearing Station, which was located in the town of Cuincy, from 28 <sup>th</sup> October 1918 onwards.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	25	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	Grave C. 13. Douai British Cemetery, Cuincy, France.	
	 	
		

<b>WAR MEMORIALS CHURCHES</b>		<p>The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.</p> <p>St John the Baptist Church War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley. (A section of the wood panelling bearing Charles's name is pictured on the left).</p>
<b>WAR MEMORIALS OTHERS</b>		<p>The 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.</p> <p>Fellow Mossley man Walter Hopwood is also shown on this section of the War Memorial (pictured left).</p>
<b>MEDALS</b>	<p>Military Medal (for bravery in the field). 1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.</p>	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	1893	
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Mossley (Uppermill Registry).	
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not known.	
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	Edward Harris.	
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Mary Ann Harris nee Davey.	
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1889 in Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.	
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Mabel Elizabeth 1895 (died March 1896), born in Mossley (Uppermill Registry).	
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	<p>Frederick Charles 1889, born in Wantage, Berkshire. Henry (known as Harry) 1890, born in Mossley (Uppermill Registry).</p>	
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 7. Living with his parents and siblings at 365 Manchester Road, Mossley.	
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 17. Living with his widowed father and siblings at 365 Manchester Road, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.	
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>There is a family grave at unmarked plot 563 in Mossley Cemetery containing the following burials :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Father Edward. He died in Mossley, aged 62, in June 1918.</li> <li>➤ Mother Mary. She died in Mossley, aged 41, in July 1902.</li> <li>➤ Sister Mabel. She died aged nine months.</li> <li>➤ Sister-in-law Ada Beatrice Harris (Harry's wife). She died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 39, in July 1937.</li> </ul> <p>Brother Frederick was living with his parents in 1911, it is not known what became of him after that date.</p> <p>Brother Harry married Ada Beatrice Martindale in 1917, in the Prescott area. Harry was a widower living in Mossley in 1939. He died at 365 Manchester Road, Mossley, aged 84, on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1975.</p>	
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No detailed probate records found.	

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAMES</b> <b>SURNAME</b>		SAMUEL EDWARD (known as SAM) HIGHT	
<b>RANK</b> <b>SERVICE NUMBER</b> <b>BATTALION</b> <b>REGIMENT</b>		Lance Sergeant 2472 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		5 <sup>th</sup> November 1914 in Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b> 	Sam embarked at Folkestone on 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, bound for France, on the 'Manchester Importer'. By 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, he had had his first experience of being in the trenches. Their Division spent 46 out of 56 days in the trenches around Fleurbaix. In July 1915, they moved into Belgium. During the period July to December 1915 there was a one in ten chance of being killed and evens on being wounded. Samuel clearly impressed his superiors as he was promoted on 31 <sup>st</sup> May 1915, from Private to Lance Corporal, he was promoted again on 6 <sup>th</sup> July 1915, to Corporal and his final promotion to Lance Sergeant, came on 6 <sup>th</sup> November 1915, just under four weeks before he died.		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the Mossley Territorials became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. Of the men who travelled to France on board the 'Manchester Importer', around 36 local men lost their lives.		
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Died of wounds.		
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> November 1915.		
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	The 10 <sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station, near Ypres, Belgium.		
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	Sam received a field wound on 26 <sup>th</sup> November 1915. Reverend J. Sydney Hobson, a Wesleyan Chaplain at a hospital in Belgium wrote to Sam's wife, he said, "He (Sam) was dangerously wounded in the head last night by German shell fire as he was leaving the trenches. He has been taken to the Clearing Station." Later he wrote to report Samuels death and said "...had he lived he would have been blind and paralysed down one side." The Mossley Reporter dated 4 <sup>th</sup> December 1915 carried the details of Sam's wounding and the 11 <sup>th</sup> December issue reported his death.		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	29		
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	Grave II. C. 6A.  Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, Belgium.		
			
			
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church. All Saints Church War Memorial, Micklehurst, Mossley. Waggon Road Methodist Church War Memorial in Mossley. Located in the Mossley Heritage Centre.		
<b>WAR MEMORIALS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A.		

<b>LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	Centre in Huddersfield. Micklehurst Conservative Club, Mossley - Missing Member.
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	1886 in Mossley (Hartshead Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not known.
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	William Hight and Emma Hight nee Bridgestock.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1876 in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Elizabeth 1877 and Ethel 1883 (died 1885), both born in Mossley (Hartshead Registry). Susan 1890, born in North Witchford, Cambridgeshire
<b>BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Everitt 1880 born in Mossley (Hartshead Registry) and William 1892 born in North Witchford, Cambridgeshire (died 1893 in Mossley).
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 4. Living with his parents and siblings at Station Road, March, Cambridgeshire.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 14. Living with his father, stepmother and sister at High Street, Ramsey, Huntingdonshire. Employed as an Agricultural Labourer.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 24. Living with his wife and child at 22 Vernon Street, Mossley. Employed as a Woollen Finisher, at Messrs Kershaw's Mill in Mossley. Lily's parents and brother Edward are boarding with the family.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	1907 at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley.
<b>NAMES OF SPOUSE</b>	Lily Rose Powell.
<b>NAME(S) OF CHILDREN</b>	Lily Rose 1908 (died 1908) Doris Emily 1909 (died 1910) Edith 5/10/1910 and Iris 30/9/1913 all born in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Wife Lily was the sister of <b>Edward Oliver Powell, who died of Influenza, aged 23, while serving with the Royal Field Artillery in Delhi, on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918. He died in India and is buried there.</b> Lily married Joseph Devaney in 1918, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. She died in Mossley, aged 52, in November 1937. She is buried with her parents and other family members at plot 2170 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Daughter Edith married William Henry Batters in 1934, at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall, Stalybridge. She died in the Tameside area, aged 88, in 1999.</p> <p>Daughter Iris married William's brother, Walter Batters, in 1935, at Holy Trinity Church, Castle hall, Stalybridge. She died in the Tameside area, aged 70, on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1984. She is buried with her son Brian at plot EXT322 in Mossley Cemetery.</p> <p>Mother Emma died in March, Cambridgeshire, aged 33, in 1893. She is buried in Station Road Cemetery in March, Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>Father William married Ann Sanderson, in the Ashton registration area in 1896, they had no further children. Ann died in Mossley, aged 65, in November 1915, she is buried with five other people at unmarked plot 1378 in Mossley Cemetery. In 1918, William was married for a third time, in the Ashton Registration area, to widow Matilda Hanson nee Platt. He died in Mossley, aged 80, in June 1935. He is buried with Matilda at plot 786, in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Sister Elizabeth married George Walker on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1899, at St George's Church, Mossley. She died in Mossley, aged 57, in September 1935. She is buried with her father and stepmother in plot 786 in Mossley Cemetery.</p> <p>Sister Susan married Leonard Scott on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1910, at the Mossley United Methodist Church in the Market Place. Leonard served in the Mossley Territorials for just three months in 1916, he was discharged as not fit to serve, due to poor physical development. Susan died at 29 New Earth Street, Mossley, aged 53, on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1944. She is buried with Leonard in plot 3667 in Mossley Cemetery.</p> <p>Brother Everitt married Beatrice Whittaker in 1912, at All Saints Church, Micklehurst, Mossley. Beatrice was the sister of <b>Charles Henry Whittaker, who was killed in action in Belgium, aged 41, on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1917, while serving with the Lincolnshire regiment. He is buried in in Belgium.</b> Everitt died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 59, in February 1940. Official death records incorrectly state he was aged 56. He is buried with Beatrice at plot 1124 in Mossley Cemetery. A flower pot marks the grave.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	Sister Susan's probate awarded to her husband Leonard who was a Commercial Clerk.








WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME SURNAME</b>		FREDERICK (known as FRED) HITCHMAN	
<b>RANK REGIMENTAL NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT</b>		Sergeant 305140 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		August 1914 in Uppermill.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	 <p>Fred's original regimental number in the 'Mossley Territorials' was 1038. He was probably aboard the 'Manchester Importer' when he first went to France and by 1916, he had been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Fred was praised in a letter, from Major General E. M. Percival, who acknowledged that Fred had distinguished himself in the field at Thiepval, on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1916. On 17<sup>th</sup> September 1916, the Battalion led an attack on the German trenches at 'Leipzig Redoubt'. The attack was preceded by a bombardment of Stokes mortar bombs which sometimes fell short, but succeeded overall in ensuring the day's objectives were met. Fred and Lieutenant Gilbert Burdett Howcroft, spent many hours in a captured dug-out, with two dead Germans, during this onslaught. Fred won the Military Medal for his actions. The fifth supplement of the London Gazette, dated 14<sup>th</sup> November and published 16<sup>th</sup> November 1916, lists his award for bravery in the field.</p>		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They served in France and Belgium.		
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Killed in action.		
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> August 1917. Near Koksijde, West Flanders, Belgium.		
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	In August 1917, Fred's parents received a letter from Lieutenant Gilbert Howcroft which read, "Your son was killed last night by a German shell. He was apparently hit in the neck by a splinter, soon after leaving his dug-out and was probably killed instantly. He was my Sergeant for several months during the fighting last year, while I was second officer. During that time I formed the highest opinion of him. He won the Military Medal while we were at Thiepval and thoroughly deserved it, both then and many a time later. Since then he often ran scout section on his own, without officer, and proved himself most capable. Both officers and men are extremely sorry to lose him".		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	24 (CWGC states 26)		
<b>GRAVE &amp; CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	Grave II. F. 16.		
	Coxyde Military Cemetery, Belgium.		
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON OWN HEADSTONE</b>	'Free From The World's Temptations'.		
<b>WAR MEMORIALS CHURCHES</b>	St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley. Abney Congregational Church Roll of Honour, Mossley.		



Military Medal







<b>WAR MEMORIALS OTHERS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge, now located in the T.A. Centre, Huddersfield. (Pictured right) The CPA Roll of Honour as an employee of Buckton Vale Printworks. The CPA Roll of Honour at its Head Office, St James's Buildings, Oxford Street, Manchester.	307388 PTE. J.W. RUSHWORTH 307255 I-CPL. L. FLETCHER 307759 PTE. H. BROOK 307187 PTE. S. HEMSLEY 305140 PTE. F. HITCHMAN 307751 PTE. H. BEAUMONT 307277 PTE. W. HARGREAVES 204303 PTE. H. METCALFE
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War, Victory Medal and Military Medal.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	1892 in Denton, Manchester.	
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not known.	
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	Harry Ernest Hitchman and Jane Elizabeth Hitchman nee Wilde.	
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1891 in a registrar attended wedding in Manchester.	
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Doris Mary 1897, born in Stockport.	
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Harry Bertram 1891 and George 1894 (died 1896), both born in Denton, Manchester. Arthur Ernest 1899, born in Stockport.	
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 9. Living with his parents and siblings at 57 Torkington Street, Stockport.	
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 19. Living with his parents and siblings at 1 Wood End View, Mossley. Employed as a Clerk at the Buckton Vale Calico Printworks.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	1910 at Delph Independent Chapel, Saddleworth.	
<b>NAMES OF SPOUSE</b>	Amy Gartside.	
<b>NAME(S) OF CHILDREN</b>	Harry Bertram 22/10/1910, born in Saddleworth. Norman 16/9/1911 (died July 1912), born in Swinton. Norman Eric 28/11/1915, born in North London.	
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Fred was connected with Abney Congregational Church and School and was a member of the Yorkshire Ward Liberal Club. The Mossley Reporter dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 1917 carried his obituary. Wife Amy was lodging with the Hiscox family in Swinton in 1911, Fred and their son were living with his parents. She eventually married Frank Kennerley in 1919, at St John's Church in Dukinfield. In 1939, the family were living in Berkhamsted in Hertfordshire. Amy emigrated to Canada in May 1953. She died there aged 83, on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1976.</p> <p>Son Harry married Annie Elizabeth Heningray on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1933, in Alfreton, Derbyshire. He died in the Chesterfield area, aged 79, in 1990.</p> <p>Son Norman Eric emigrated to Canada in 1932, where he married Emilie Marie Thibault in Kelowna on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1937. He died in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, aged 87, on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2003.</p> <p>Fred's parents were still living at 1 Woodend View, Mossley at the end of the Great War and his mother became a J.P. serving the town of Mossley. They moved to Derbyshire in their later years. Father Harry lived at 37 Derby Road, Ripley, when he died at Babington House, Belper, aged 77, on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1944.</p> <p>Mother Jane died in Belper, Derbyshire, aged 69, on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1936. She is buried with her parents-in law, Henry and Mary Ann Hitchman and their son Charles, at plot F2117 in Southern Cemetery, Manchester</p> <p>Sister Doris married William Percy Wilkinson in 1919, at Abney United Reformed Church in Mossley. She died at 37 Derby Road, Ripley, Derbyshire, aged 68, on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1966.</p> <p>Brother Harry also served in the 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) during the Great War, he was discharged due to wounds received in action. He married Annie Mason nee Gartside in 1920, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. Annie was the widow of <b>Thomas Mason, who died of wounds, aged 32, on 29<sup>th</sup> March 1918, while serving with the Royal Field Artillery. He is buried in France. Thomas's two brothers Willie and Andrew also fell.</b> Harry died in Mossley, aged 51, in November 1943. He is buried with his wife, her daughter Janet, from her first marriage, and Fred's 5 month old baby son, Norman, at unmarked plot 1939 in Mossley Cemetery.</p> <p>Brother Arthur married Margaret Ann Buckley on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1920, at St George's Church in Mossley. He was living at 32 Mountain View, Mossley, when he died in Ashton-u-Lyne Hospital, aged 73, on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1973.</p>	
		
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	Father Harry's probate was awarded to his married daughter Doris Mary Wilkinson.	

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME</b> <b>SURNAME</b>		HARRY HOLDEN	
<b>RANK</b> <b>SERVICE NUMBER</b> <b>BATTALION</b> <b>REGIMENT</b>		Private 954 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials.' Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		Embodied 5 <sup>th</sup> August 1914 at Micklehurst, Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>		Harry served with the Territorial force from 19 <sup>th</sup> October 1910 when he was 17½ years old and was therefore one of the first to be embodied 4 years later, in preparation for war. He embarked at Folkestone on 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, bound for France. By 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, Harry had had his first experience of being in the trenches. Their Division spent 46 out of 56 days in the trenches around Fleurbaix. In July 1915, they moved into Belgium. During the period July to December 1915, there was a one in ten chance of being killed and evens on being wounded.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. Of the men who travelled to France on board the 'Manchester Importer', around 36 local men lost their lives.		
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in Action.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>		29 <sup>th</sup> October 1915.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>		Near Ypres, Belgium.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	In October 1915, Lieutenant L.G.R. Harris of Harry's Battalion, wrote to his parents, he said, "I am sorry to have to inform you that your son Private Harry Holden has been killed in action. I was with him to the last. He did not suffer much pain. He always did his duty bravely and well and died like a man. He is buried in Ashwell Cemetery behind the trenches." It is not clear whether this was Harry's final resting place, or whether he was later moved to Talana Farm, which was by one of a group of farm houses, named by the army, from episodes of the South African (Boer) war. The cemetery was begun by French troops in April 1915, taken over by the 1 <sup>st</sup> Rifle Brigade and 1 <sup>st</sup> Somerset Light Infantry in June 1915. It was used by fighting units until March 1918. Plots III and IV contain many 49 <sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Division graves.		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		21	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>		Grave III.D.7.	
		Talana Farm Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium.	
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON OWN HEADSTONE</b>			
		'Son of William and Eliza Holden, 118 Roaches, Mossley. Trust in the Lord.'	
			

<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley.
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A.Centre in Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	April 1894
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Mossley (Dukinfield Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not Known.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	William Holden.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Eliza Holden nee Bradbury.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1875 at Holy Trinity Church, Dobcross, Saddleworth.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Hannah Brayshaw 8/7/1876 born and registered in Uppermill. Marion 1881 (died 1887) born and registered in Stalybridge. Harriet Ann 2/6/1886. Born in Mossley (Dukinfield Registry).
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	None.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 6. Living with his parents and siblings at 175 Manchester Road, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 16. Living with his parents and siblings at 118 Roaches, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Employed as a Spinner at the Britannia Spinning Company Mill in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>The Mossley Reporter dated 6<sup>th</sup> November 1915 carried Harry's obituary.  Father William died in Mossley, aged 71, in 1922.  Mother Eliza died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 91, in 1945.  Harry's parents were unusual in that their children were born over three decades and there were large gaps between the childrens' births. Harry was eight years younger than Harriet and eighteen years younger than Hannah.  Sister Hannah married widower Albert Joseph Sidebottom on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1919, at St James's Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge. He was 16 years her senior and a much respected Schoolmaster and Justice of the Peace, he was 59 years old when they married. She lived at 'Oakdene', 79 Staley Road, Mossley, when she died, aged 77, in Ashton Hospital, on 12 September 1954. She is buried at plot 102 in Mossley cemetery, with Albert and his first wife Harriet Louise. Their grave, (pictured right), is marked by a large engraved cross with kerbs enclosing the plot.  Sister Harriet married William Kirkham in 1915, at the Zion Methodist Chapel in Lees, Oldham. She died at 393 Oldham Road, Lydgate, Saddleworth, aged 97, on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1983.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	Sister Hannah's probate awarded to William Smith a retired Solicitor' Clerk and Nelson Roberts Wire Rope maker's Sales Manager.







WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME SURNAME</b>		WALTER HOPWOOD	
<b>RANK SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT</b>		Private. 269360 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		5 <sup>th</sup> August 1914 at Rugeley Camp, Staffordshire.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		Not before 1916 in France or Belgium.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>		Walter enlisted with the Territorial Service in April 1908 and had served with them for six years before war broke out. He re-attested and continued to serve until 5 <sup>th</sup> April 1916, when he was discharged as a time served soldier. He did not go overseas during this period. At some point after his discharge, Walter re-enlisted and fought on the Western Front.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	The 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), were attached to the 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Brigade, as part of the 49 <sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Division. They landed in France on 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915. The Division were engaged in the 'Pursuit to the Selle' from 9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> October 1918.		
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>		11 <sup>th</sup> October 1918 at Rieux-en-Cambrésis, East of Cambrai, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	The 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), engaged the enemy at Rieux-en-Cambrésis, east of Cambrai, where they took and held the village. At 9am on 11 <sup>th</sup> October 1918, they went over the top as enemy machine guns opened fire from the ridge in front. They had to cross 20 yards of open land to attack the ridge. By 9.20am, they had taken the ridge, but at 10.05am, the enemy counter-attacked, using tanks, from the railway south of Avesnes-le-Sec. The Regiment were pushed back to the crest, but within half an hour had forced the enemy to retreat. Further advances were then delayed due to lack of ammunition and heavy casualties. Walter's comrade, Private Stanley Cooper, wrote to his mother in Mossley and told her of Walter's death. He said that the two of them had each agreed to contact each other's family, in the event that one of them was killed. He asked his mother to break the sad news to Walter's wife.		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		29	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>		Grave I. E. 1.	
		Wellington Cemetery, Rieux-en-Cambrésis, France.	
			
			
<b>WAR MEMORIAL LISTINGS</b>		The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their Drill Hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield. The Micklehurst Liberal Club Roll of Honour in Mossley. The Mossley Working Men's Club Memorial Tablet. Carrbrook Village War Memorial, originally in St James's School,	

	Carrbrook, Stalybridge.
<b>WAR MEMORIAL LISTINGS - CHURCHES</b>	All Saints Church War Memorial, Micklehurst, Mossley.
<b>MEDALS</b>	British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	1889 Stalybridge (Dukinfield Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> January 1889 at St James's Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge.
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	Edwin Hopwood and Emma Hopwood nee Allott.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> January 1884 at St Peter's Church in Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Violet 1887 (died 1888) and Sarah 1893 (died 1893) (both Dukinfield Registry). Bertha 1897 and Grace 1899 (both Stalybridge Registry), all born in Stalybridge.
<b>BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	George Kershaw 1884 (Hartshead Registry), Joseph Edwin 1885, William 1890 (died 1893) and Earl 1895 (all Dukinfield Registry), all born in Stalybridge.
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 2. Living with his parents and siblings at 6 Moorgate, Stalybridge.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 12. Living with his mother and siblings at 4 Moorfield Terrace, Stalybridge. Employed as a Woollen Piecer.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 22. Living with his mother and siblings at 41 Cheshire Street, Mossley. Employed as a Woollen Mule Piecer.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Employed Buckton Vale Printworks, Carrbrook, Stalybridge and later at Glover Brothers Wire Rope Works in Mossley.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	1913 in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>NAMES OF SPOUSE</b>	Annie Derwent.
<b>NAME(S) OF CHILDREN</b>	Joseph 1914, born in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Walter was a well-known and respected member of the Mossley Working Men's Club. The Mossley Reporter carried the news of his death on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1918.</p> <p>Wife Annie was living in Cheshire Street, Mossley when she received news of Walter's death. It is not known what became of her after 1918.</p> <p>Son Joseph is believed to have married Isabella Dorothy Thompson in 1939, in the Newcastle-Upon-Tyne area. They emigrated to Fremantle in Western Australia in 1947 and Joseph died there, aged 75, on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1989.</p> <p>Father Edwin had left his family by 1901 and is believed to have gone to London, using the name 'Edward'. He set up home with Mabel James and is thought to have changed his name to 'Kershaw' and re-married. Unconfirmed sources record his death in London, aged 56, in 1920.</p> <p>Mother Emma emigrated to the USA in 1921. It is not known what became of her.</p> <p>Sister Bertha married Harold Hadfield on 25<sup>th</sup> February 1922, at St James's church, Millbrook, Stalybridge. She lived at 52 Greenside Estate, Mirfield, Yorkshire, when she died in the Staincliffe Hospital, aged 50, in 1947.</p> <p>Sister Grace married Frank Chell on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1922, at All Saints Church, Micklehurst, Mossley. They were living in Croydon in Surrey by 1939. Frank died in 1942 and Grace went to Detroit in the USA in 1949. It is not known what became of her after that date.</p> <p>Brother George emigrated, via Canada, to Woburn City in the USA in 1909. He married Jane Knott shortly after his arrival in Canada. He registered for war service in around 1917, but it is not known what became of him after that date.</p> <p>Brother Joseph was scheduled to go the USA in May 1908, but his name is crossed through on the ship's passenger list. He married USA born Clara Ward on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1908, at Gawthorpe Parish Church in West Yorkshire. They were living in Mossley in 1911. By 1939, they had returned to West Yorkshire and Joseph was living at 854 Leeds Road, Dewsbury, when he died in the Staincliffe Hospital, aged 70, on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1956.</p> <p>Brother Earl married Annie Skeldon in 1915, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. He died at 16 Cross Park Street, Batley, West Yorkshire, aged 69, on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1965.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	<p>Sister Bertha's probate was awarded to her married daughter Clarice Allott Hemingway, George Saville, who was a Bricklayer's Labourer and Catherine Brown (wife of Benjamin Brown).</p> <p>Brother Joseph's probate was awarded to his wife Clara and son Walter, a Planning Engineer.</p> <p>Brother Earl's probate was awarded to his married daughter Joan Marsden.</p>

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		ALBERT
<b>SURNAME</b>		HOWARD
<b>RANK &amp; SERVICE NUMBER</b>		Private 1951.
<b>BATTALION</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		August or September 1914 in Mossley.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	Albert embarked at Folkestone, bound for France, on board the 'Manchester Importer'. By 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, he had had his first experience of being in the trenches. Their Division spent 46 out of 56 days in the trenches around Fleurbaix. In July 1915, they moved into Belgium. During the period July to December 1915, there was a one in ten chance of being killed and evens on being wounded.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. Of the men who travelled to France on board the 'Manchester Importer' around 36 local men lost their lives.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Died of wounds.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>		24 <sup>th</sup> November 1915, near Ypres, Belgium.
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	It is not known how Albert came to be wounded or what his injuries were. He was taken to the Hospital Farm near Ypres. This was a field hospital, where first aid and pain relief could be administered. A small cemetery grew during 1915 and contains 116 burials. The Mossley Reporter dated 11 <sup>th</sup> December 1915 carried the news of his death.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		32
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>		Grave D.12
		
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON OWN HEADSTONE</b>		Hospital Farm Cemetery, Near Ypres, Belgium.  'In Remembrance'.
		
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON A FAMILY GRAVE</b>	Left side: - In Loving memory of Joseph Howard who died 11 <sup>th</sup> August 1914 aged 67 years. Also Mary Ann his wife who died Feby 17 <sup>th</sup> 1903 aged 53 years. Front: - Ellen the beloved wife of Frederick Howard who died August 5 <sup>th</sup> 1930 aged 50. Also Frederick Howard who died October 12 <sup>th</sup> 1947 aged 72 years. Right Side: - ALSO PRIVATE ALBERT HOWARD 7 <sup>TH</sup> BATT DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S W.R.R. KILLED AT YPRES NOVR 1915 AGED 32 YEARS.	
<b>LOCATION OF FAMILY GRAVE WITH M I</b>		Grave 120 in Mossley Cemetery.
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>		All Saints Church, Micklehurst, Mossley. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>		Micklehurst Conservative Club Missing Member. Yorkshire Ward Conservative Club, Roll of Honour, Mossley. The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at


	Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> September 1883 in Mossley (Dukinfield registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1886 at St George's Church in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	Joseph "Joe" Howard.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Mary Ann Howard nee Broadbent (also known as Adey).
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1868 in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton Under Lyne.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Annie Maria 1878 born in Mossley (Hartshead Registry).
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Frederick 1875 and James 1880 both born in Mossley and registered in Hartshead.
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 7. Living with his parents and siblings at 7 Denbigh Street, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 17. Living with his parents and siblings at 1 Denbigh Street, Mossley. Employed as a Woollen Piecer.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 27. Staying with his wife at her parents' home at 7 Rodney Street, Mossley. Employed as a Spinner.
<b>DATE OF MARRIAGE</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> October 1906.
<b>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	St James's Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge.
<b>NAME OF SPOUSE</b>	Alice Wakefield.
<b>NAMES OF CHILDREN</b>	Joseph born 5 <sup>th</sup> October 1907 in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION NOT ALREADY COVERED ABOVE</b>	<p>Wife Alice married Harry Charlton on 19<sup>th</sup> February 1921, at St George's Church in Mossley. She died in the Tameside area, aged 83, in 1969.</p> <p>Son Joseph died in the Tameside area, aged 62, in 1970. It is not known if he married due to the common surname.</p> <p>Albert's parents both died in Mossley.</p> <p>Sister Annie Maria married James Hobson on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1919, at St James's Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge. She died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 59, in July 1937. She is buried in St Paul's Churchyard, Stalybridge. This burial ground has been grassed over.</p> <p>Brother Frederick married Ellen Shaw on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1914, at St James's Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge. After Ellen's death, he married widow, Sarah Ann Lawton nee Shaw in 1931, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. He died at 27 Brunswick Street, Mossley.</p> <p>Brother James married Eda Buckley in 1916, at the Christian Church on Stamford Road, Mossley. He died locally, aged 79, on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1959. He is buried with Eda and members of the extended family in plot 3909 in Mossley cemetery.</p> <p>The family grave at plot 120 in Mossley Cemetery is pictured below.</p>
	
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	Brother Frederick's probate awarded to his wife Sarah.



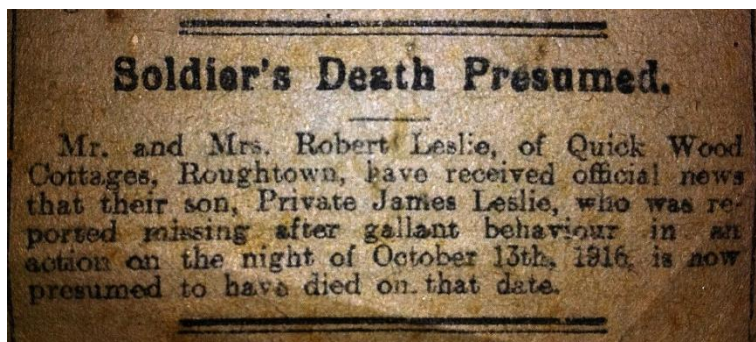
WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		FRANCIS
<b>SURNAME</b>		LAWTON
<b>RANK</b>		Private.
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>		306351.
<b>BATTALION</b>		2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		Enlisted at Milnsbridge date unknown.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		Not before 1916 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>		As a married man with three children, it is unlikely that Francis would have been called upon to serve in the armed forces before June 1916. It is therefore likely that he did not go to France until January 1917. He would have seen action at Bullecourt, in the Arras Campaign. At the time of his death, his Battalion were involved in the 'Cambrai Operations.'
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), were formed at Milnsbridge in September 1914, as a home service 'second line' unit. On 1 <sup>st</sup> March 1915, they came under the orders of the 186 <sup>th</sup> Brigade in the 62 <sup>nd</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Division. They landed in France in January 1917.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Died of wounds.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> November 1917.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	48 <sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station at Ytres, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), were in action at the 'Battle of Cambrai' on 20 <sup>th</sup> November 1917. The 62 <sup>nd</sup> Division's first objective was the capture of Havrincourt on the Flesquières Ridge. It was a strong position, with the main Hindenburg Line position and several field-gun batteries hidden in dead ground. Several tanks were knocked out by direct hits, before they penetrated the village and overran the German Infantry. The Division were mentioned in General Haig's despatches, for their fine work on 21 <sup>st</sup> November, when they advanced four and a half miles from their front. They gained possession of three villages in all, but suffered heavy casualties. Francis was wounded and was moved to the nearest Casualty Clearing Station where he later died.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	39	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	Grave II. F. 11.  Rocquigny- Equancourt Road Military Cemetery, Manancourt, France.	
		
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON OWN HEADSTONE</b>	'In Loving Memory Of My Dear Husband Gone To Rest. Wife & Family'.	

<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	Old St George's Church War Memorial, Stalybridge. Now located in the New St George's Church, Stalybridge.
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	Micklehurst Conservative Club (Missing Member). 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>	British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	1878
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Millbrook, Stalybridge (Stayley Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> September 1878 at St James's Church in Millbrook, Stalybridge.
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	James Lawton and Annie Elizabeth Lawton nee Lees.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> December 1876 at St Stephen's Church in Audenshaw.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	None.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Hannibal 1881 and Fred 1883 (died March 1885), both born in Stalybridge (Dukinfield Registry).
<b>CENSUS 1881</b>	Age 2. Living with his parents and brother at 50 Spring Bank Street, Stalybridge.
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 12. Living with his parents and brother at 3 Hartley Street, Stalybridge. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 22. Living with his wife at 43 Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge. Employed as a Labourer in the Ironworks.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 32. Living with his wife and daughters at 11 Off John Street, Heyrod. Employed as a Minder in a Woollen Mill. His parents are living at 9 John Street, Heyrod.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> December 1900 at Old St George's Church in Stalybridge.
<b>NAMES OF SPOUSE</b>	Mary Bower.
<b>NAME(S) OF CHILDREN</b>	Jim 1901 (died September 1901), Annie Elizabeth 25/2/1906, Ethel 1909 and Clara 17/9/1911, all born and registered in Stalybridge.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Wife Mary was living at 1 Back of New Bridge Hotel, Micklehurst Road, Mossley, when Francis died and was still a Mossley resident in 1939. She remained a widow and died in Ashton Hospital, aged 89, in 1969.</p> <p>Son Jim who died aged two months is buried in St Paul's Churchyard in Stalybridge. This burial ground has been grassed over and no headstones remain.</p> <p>Daughter Annie married Wilson Bell, aged just 16, on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1922, at All Saints Church, Micklehurst, Mossley. Their only son was born a few months after their wedding but he died in infancy. Annie died in the Tameside area, aged 73, on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1980.</p> <p>Daughter Ethel married Harold Royle in 1932, at St George's Church in Mossley. By 1939, Ethel was living alone on Hanover Street, Mossley. She married again in 1958, once again at St George's Church in Mossley. Ethel's second husband was Bernard Cooper. She died at 4 Hanover Street, Mossley, aged 95, on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2004.</p> <p>Daughter Clara married Harold Haynes on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1934, at All Saints Church, Micklehurst, Mossley. She died in Blackpool, aged 64, in 1976.</p> <p>Father James died at 9 John Street, Heyrod, Stalybridge, aged 60, in May 1912. He is buried in St Paul's Churchyard in Stalybridge.</p> <p>Mother Annie died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 77, in January 1932. She is buried with Francis's father in Paul's Churchyard in Stalybridge. It is likely that Francis's brother Fred, who died aged two, was the first burial in this plot.</p> <p>Brother Hannibal married Mary Hannah Kerslake in 1911, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. He died in Stalybridge, aged 77, in April 1958. He is also buried in St Paul's Churchyard in Stalybridge.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found.


WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME</b> <b>SURNAME</b>  <b>RANK</b> <b>SERVICE NUMBER</b> <b>BATTALION</b> <b>REGIMENT</b>		THOMAS (also known as TOM) LAX  Private 2343 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials.' Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment.) 
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		2 <sup>nd</sup> October 1914 at Milnsbridge.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b> 	Thomas embarked at Folkestone, on 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, on board the 'Manchester Importer'. By 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) had been in the trenches and had seen their first action. Their Division spent 46 out of 56 days outdoors in the trenches about Fleurbaix. By July 1915, they had moved into to the Ypres Salient in Belgium, where the chances of being wounded or killed were much increased. Their first action was in the 'The Battle of Aubers Ridge' in May 1915. They moved to the Somme in 1916.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the Mossley Territorials became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. They were part of the 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. Of the men who travelled to France on board the 'Manchester Importer', around 36 local men lost their lives.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Died of wounds.
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>		10 <sup>th</sup> July 1916.
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>		44 <sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station at Puchevillers, The Somme, France.
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>		Thomas died from the wounds he had received, three days prior to his death, these included serious gunshot wounds to both thighs. He died at the 44 <sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station at Puchevillers. In June 1916, just before the opening of the Battle of the Somme, the 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 44 <sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Stations came to Puchevillers. Cemetery plot I to V, and almost the whole of Plot VI, were created by those hospitals before the end of March 1917.
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		22
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>		Grave I. D. 11.  Puchevillers British Cemetery, The Somme, France.   

<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	Albion Church War Memorial in Ashton-u-Lyne (pictured below.) Hazlehurst Sunday School, Roll of Honour. Now located in Albion Church, Ashton-u-Lyne. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.	
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	1894 in Ashton Under Lyne (Ashton Town Registry).	
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not known.	
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	William Lax and Margaret Lax nee Fletcher.	
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	On the 1911 census, William and Margaret are shown as having been married for 20 years. The details of where and when they married are unknown.	
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Edith Fletcher 24/12/1896 born in Ashton-u-Lyne. Lavinia 1899 (died 1901) and Sarah 5/11/1902, both born and registered in Mossley.	
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	William 1897, born in Ashton-u-Lyne.	
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 7. Living with his parents and siblings at 19 Kenyon Street, Hurst, Ashton-u-Lyne.	
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 16. Living with his parents and siblings at Luzley Cottages, Luzley Road, Ashton-u-Lyne. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.	
<b>OCCUPTAION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Employed at the Southend Spinning Company Mill in Mossley.	
<b>1939 REGISTER</b>	In 1939, brother William was living alone in Luzley. His two sisters, Sarah and Edith, were living together in Mossley.	
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Thomas was connected with the Hazlehurst Mission Church, which was a branch of the Albion United Reformed Church in Ashton-u-Lyne. On 12<sup>th</sup> August 1916, the Mossley Reporter carried his obituary.</p> <p>Father William died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 89, in 1924. There are discrepancies, in the recording of his age and place of birth, throughout the censuses. He was listed as aged 74 and born in Ashton-u-Lyne in 1911, making him around 26 years older than his wife Margaret. His declared aged in 1901 was 50 and he was said to be born in Yorkshire. He was a Coal Miner and is believed to have been born in the Barnsley area, in around 1835. He was a bachelor living with his parents as late at 1881.</p> <p>Mother Margaret died in Mossley, aged 64, in 1928.</p> <p>Brother William married Winifred Mears in 1940, at St Paul's Church in Oldham. He lived at 167 Chamber Road, Oldham, when he died in Oldham hospital, aged 67, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1964.</p> <p>Sister Edith never married. She died in the Tameside area, aged 81, in 1978. The Ancestry records give her age as 84, due to a mistake in the transcription.</p> <p>Sister Sarah never married. She died at 1 The Vale, Mossley, aged 80, on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1983.</p>	 <p>The image shows a stained glass window with two figures, a woman on the left and a man on the right, both with halos. To the right of the figures is a list of names in Gothic script, including John Hollingworth, Harold Bartside, James Clough, John Barnsley, Harry Boneless, George Walker, Joseph Haque, George W. Delaney, Harold Newton, Harold Roscoe, William Wharby, Harry Smith, Walter Chorley, John Crayis, Lindley Craig, Thomas Lax, and John Lax.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	Brother William's probate awarded to his unmarried sister Edith.	

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME SURNAME</b>	JAMES LESLIE	
<b>RANK SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT</b>	Private 305319 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>	August or September 1914 in Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	James embarked for France on board the 'Manchester Importer', under his original regimental number of 1478. By 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, the Regiment had been in the trenches and had seen their first action. Their Division spent 46 out of 56 days outdoors in the trenches about Fleurbaix. By July 1915, they had moved to the Ypres salient in Belgium, where the chances of being wounded or killed were much increased. Their first action was in May 1915 in the 'The Battle of Aubers Ridge'. They moved to the Somme in 1916 and carried out their first major offensive at Thiepval, on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1916. James sent his last letter home on 1 <sup>st</sup> October 1916, letting his parents know that he was quite well and up to that time he hadn't received 'a single scratch'.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They served in France and Belgium.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Killed in action.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> October 1916 (CWGC date 15 <sup>th</sup> October 1916).	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	Near Gommecourt, The Somme, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	<p>Lieutenant Gilbert Burdett Howcroft wrote to James's parents, he said, "On 12<sup>th</sup> October, I took out a patrol to lie in ambush for a German patrol that I had seen the previous night. The patrol included some bombers, your son being among them. I sent on an advance party of five, including your son, to see if all was clear. This party of five crept up to the bushes where I meant to take the whole party and were just on the point of entering them, when Germans were seen coming round both sides of the bushes. At the time your son apparently saw someone inside the bushes and fired. The rest of the party fired at the enemy on the left of the bushes. Your son then jumped up and ran a little way across to his right and was lost to sight in the dark. The Sergeant in charge of the five, saw they were outnumbered and gave the order to retire, thinking your son had already got back. I took the whole party back into the trench. There I enquired if they were all in and was told they were. That of course set my mind at rest and not until the next day did I find he was missing. Whether he was shot or captured it is impossible for me to say. He accounted for one enemy before he was lost sight of. On the night in question he acted very bravely, he will be a loss to both the bombing section and the Battalion." After the armistice, James body was found buried close to where he fell, its position had been marked with a cross. He was re-interred at Gommecourt British Cemetery. Some records state his date of death correctly as 13<sup>th</sup> October, but the official CWGC date is recorded as 15<sup>th</sup> October 1916. The newspaper clipping pictured right appeared in print on 18<sup>th</sup> August 1917.</p>	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	21	








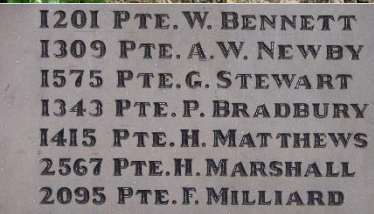
<p><b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b></p> 	<p>Grave V.F.28.</p> <p>Gommecourt British Cemetery Number 2, Hebuterne, France.</p> 	
<p><b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b></p>	<p>All Saints Church War Memorial, Micklehurst, Mossley. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.</p>	
<p><b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b></p>	<p>The 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield. The CPA Roll of Honour as an employee of Buckton Vale Printworks, Carrbrook, Stalybridge. The CPA Roll of Honour at its Head Office at St James's Buildings, Oxford Street, Manchester. The War Memorial in the Market Square, Alyth, Scotland.</p>	
<p><b>MEDALS</b></p>	<p>1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.</p>	
<p><b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b></p>	<p>1895 in Edinburgh, Scotland.</p>	
<p><b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b></p>	<p>Not known.</p>	
<p><b>NAME OF PARENTS</b></p>	<p>Robert Leslie and Agnes Leslie nee Creelman.</p>	
<p><b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b></p>	<p>28<sup>th</sup> December 1900 in Scotland.</p>	
<p><b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b></p>	<p>Ruby born 1902, in Glasgow.</p>	
<p><b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b></p>	<p>Randall born 26/7/1909, in Salford.</p>	
<p><b>CENSUS 1901</b></p>	<p>Age 5. Living with his parents at 11 Harrington Street, Glasgow.</p>	
<p><b>CENSUS 1911</b></p>	<p>Age 15. Living with his parents and siblings at 137 Garfield Street, Salford. Employed as a Plumbers Apprentice.</p>	
<p><b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b></p>	<p>James was born five years before his parents married and may have a different father or mother, importantly however, he was brought up as Robert and Agnes's son. His parents were living at 2 Quick Wood Cottages, Mossley, at the time of his death and were still living at Quick Wood in 1939. Prior to his death, James was a member of All Saints Church, Micklehurst, Mossley. The Mossley Reporter dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 1916, carried the story of the events surrounding James's unfortunate demise.</p> <p>There is an unmarked family grave at plot 1685 in Mossley Cemetery, which contains the following family members : -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Father Robert. He died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 76, in January 1940.</li> <li>➤ Mother Agnes. She died in Mossley, aged 76, in April 1941.</li> <li>➤ Sister Ruby. She married Evans Fielding in 1924, at Mossley United Methodist Church in the Market Place. She died in Mossley, aged 62, in August 1964. Her husband Evans, who died in Mossley, aged 71, in August 1969, is also buried here.</li> <li>➤ Aunt Annie Currie nee Creelman. She died in Mossley, aged 79, in February 1955.</li> </ul> <p>Brother Randall married Elsie Cotton in 1932, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. They were living in Mossley in 1939. Randall died in Lancaster, aged 66, in 1976.</p>	
<p><b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b></p>	<p>No probate records found.</p>	

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME SURNAME</b>	JOSEPH (JOE) MALLALIEU	
<b>RANK STATUS BATTALION REGIMENT</b>	Second Lieutenant Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>	Enlisted in London date unknown.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>	Not before 1916 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>		Joe originally enlisted in the 28 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Artists' Rifles, as Private 6158. This unit became an Officers Training Corps and Joe received his commission in September 1916, when he transferred to the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). On one occasion Joe received praise from Major General Grant, who said he had been informed that Joe had distinguished himself in the field in France, on 13 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> March 1917.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the Mossley Territorials became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They served in France and Belgium throughout the Great War.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Died of wounds.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> November 1917 at No 9 Red Cross Hospital, Calais, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	In May 1917, Joe was wounded by a German bomb commonly known as a 'Pineapple'. He and his Sergeant received the full force of it, but despite being desperately ill and in great pain, Joe insisted that his sergeant should receive medical attention first. A letter dated 25 <sup>th</sup> May 1917, addressed to Joe's wife, from S. W. Parry of the 54 <sup>th</sup> casualty Clearing Station said, "Your husband was admitted this morning with compound fractures of the left leg, right arm and multiple shrapnel wounds of the right leg. His condition is dangerous." The Rev W. D. Steadman wrote, "Second Lieut Mallalieu's wounds are most serious as his two legs have been badly hit. We are not sure if he will lose one of them." Joe went on to spend six months in hospital and had eight operations in that time. He died from septic poisoning following his final operation. His wife Jessie arrived at his side twenty minutes before he died.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	31	
<b>FUNERAL DETAILS IF KNOWN</b>	Joe's funeral took place in Calais with full military honours. The chief mourners were his wife, the hospital surgeon, matron and sister. Lady Mary Leveson-Gower attended and the Duchess of Sutherland sent a wreath.	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	Plot B. Row Officers. Grave 15 (picture below). Calais Southern Cemetery, Calais, France.	
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON OWN HEADSTONE</b>	'His Memory Is Hallowed In The Land He Loved'	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church. Abney Congregational Church Roll of Honour.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge, now located in the T. A. Centre, Huddersfield. Stamford Golf Club Memorial Tablet and Roll of Honour.	
<b>MEDALS</b>	British War and Victory Medals.	
<b>OWN PROBATE DETAILS</b>	Joe's effects were £473 8s. Probate was awarded to his wife Jessie.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	1886 in Levenshulme, Manchester.	
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not known.	
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	Joseph Mallalieu and Elizabeth Mallalieu nee Carden	
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1865 at St Mary's Church in Droylsden.	
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Sarah Ann 1868, born in Openshaw, Annie 1870, born in Manchester, Mary 1875 (died 1877) and Alice Moseley 1878, both born in Openshaw and Elizabeth 1883, born in Cheetham, Manchester.	



<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	James Brierley 1866, Alfred 1873 and John 1880, all born in Openshaw and Frank 1890, born in Levenshulme.
<b>SIBLINGS NOTE</b>	There may have been further siblings who were born and died without being captured on the censuses
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 4. Living with his widowed father and siblings at Oak House, Levenshulme, Manchester.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 14. Living with his widowed father and siblings at Apsley House, Abney Street, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 24. Living with his widowed father and siblings at Apsley House, Abney Street, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Yarn Salesman. The family have two servants.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	1911 at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
<b>NAMES OF SPOUSE</b>	Jessie Webb.
<b>CHILDREN</b>	None
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<div> </div> <div> </div> <p>Joe was a member of Stamford Golf Club and a golfer of some talent. He was said to have a beautiful style and gained distinction in every game he played. Joe was also a keen footballer. The Mossley Reporter dated 17<sup>th</sup> November 1917 carried his obituary. Wife Jessie, married Joe's widowed eldest brother James in 1922, and was living at 3 Hillcrest Road, Bramhall when she died in Stockport Infirmary, aged 78, on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1965. Mother Elizabeth died in Levenshulme, aged 43, in 1890, shortly after giving birth to Joe's youngest brother Frank. Father Joseph died at 'Sandene', Gloddaeth Avenue, Llandudno, aged 80, on 14<sup>th</sup> February 1926. Sister Sarah married James Cowan in 1893, in a registrar attended wedding in Manchester. She lived at 'Campsie', Meadow Gardens, Llandudno, when she died at Almira, Lloyd Street, Llandudno, aged 68, on 13<sup>th</sup> January 1937. Sister Annie never married. She died at 'Sandiway', Meadow Gardens, Llandudno, aged 77, on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1948. Sister Alice married Herbert Hyde in 1903, at Abney United Reformed Church in Mossley. She was living at Hollins Villas, Station Road, Mossley when she died at 'Ingledene', Deganwy, Wales, aged 52, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1930. Sister Elizabeth married Oliver Mallalieu in 1907, at Abney United Reformed Church in Mossley. She died locally that same year, aged 24. Brother James married Alexandra Anna Packham in 1889, in a registrar attended wedding in Manchester, she died in 1921 and James married Joe's widow in 1922, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. He was living at 3 Hillcrest Avenue, Bramhall, when he died in Stockport Infirmary, aged 82, on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1948. Brother Alfred never married. He died at The Moorlands, Micklehurst, Mossley, aged 35, on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1908. Brother John married Elizabeth Gerrard in 1906, at Abney United Reformed Church in Mossley. They were living in Lytham, Lancashire by 1911. It is not known what became of them. Brother Frank was last known to be alive in 1926 when his father died, it is not known what became of him after that date and it is not known if he married.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	<p>Wife Jessie's probate was awarded to Williams Deacon's Bank.</p> <p>Father Joseph's probate was awarded to his unmarried daughter, Annie and sons James and Frank, who were Manufacturers.</p> <p>Sister Sarah's probate was awarded to her husband James, who was a retired Commercial Traveller and her unmarried sister Annie.</p> <p>Sister Annie's probate was awarded to (Civil Servant) Ernest Easton and (Solicitor) Arthur Patrick Parke.</p> <p>Sister Alice's probate was awarded to her husband Herbert, who was a Woollen Waste Dealer.</p> <p>Brother James probate was awarded to his wife Jessie.</p> <p>Brother Alfred's probate awarded to his father Joseph, Managing Director of a Limited Company.</p>




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<b>FIRST NAME</b> <b>SURNAME</b>  <b>RANK</b> <b>SERVICE NUMBER</b> <b>BATTALION</b>		HAROLD (known as HARRY) MARSHALL  Private 2567 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials.' Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
			
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		November 1914 at Milnsbridge.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>		Harry embarked at Folkestone on board the 'Manchester Importer' on 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915. By 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, he had had his first experience of being in the trenches. Their Division spent 46 out of 56 days in the trenches around Fleurbaix. In July 1915, they moved into Belgium. During the period July to December 1915, there was a one in ten chance of being killed and evens on being wounded.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the Mossley Territorials became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of the 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. Of the men who travelled to France on board the 'Manchester Importer,' around 36 local men lost their lives.		
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Died of wounds.		
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> December 1915.		
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station, Poperinge, Belgium.		
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	A nurse at the field hospital wrote to Harry's mother on 9 <sup>th</sup> December 1915, to inform her that he had sustained a fractured pelvis and although his condition was critical, everything possible was being done for him. Two days later, the same nurse wrote to say that Harry had passed away at 2am that morning, before he died he said ".....give them my love and don't tell them I am bad..." The Mossley Reporter printed his obituary on 18 <sup>th</sup> December 1915.		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	19 (CWGC states aged 20)		
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	Grave IV. C. 25A.  Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium.		
			
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON OWN HEADSTONE</b>	'Beneath The Soil In Sweet Repose Is Laid A Mother's Dearest Pride.'		
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTINGS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial (section pictured right) originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge now located in the T.A. Centre Huddersfield. (Mossley man G. Stewart also shown here). Carrbrook Village War Memorial in originally in St James's School, Carrbrook, Stalybridge. The Joseph Clare and Sons Roll of Honour.		
<b>WAR MEMORIAL INFORMATION</b>	After the war, the Stalybridge authorities insisted that families should register their lost relatives if they wanted them to be included on the town War Memorial. Ann Marshall walked to Stalybridge Town Hall, from Carrbrook, to register her three sons who had all been killed. The registrar refused,		

because the Marshalls' home in Carrbrook was in Micklehurst. On the same day, she walked all the way up to Top Mossley to register her three boys. She was once again refused because they said the boys should be on the Stalybridge War Memorial. She continued back to Stalybridge, but she was still turned away. She must have walked around ten miles that day to no avail. To this day the Marshall brothers are not included on either town's official War Memorial.

<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	1896 in Barnsley, Yorkshire.
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1896 at St John the Baptist Church in Barnsley.
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	George Marshall and Ann Marshall nee Brown
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> March 1891 at St Paul's Church, Stalybridge.
<b>SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Minnie 1900 and Alice 1903 both born in Barnsley. Letta 1905 and Ellen 1/3/1910, both born and registered in Mossley.
<b>BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Frederick (Fred) 1893, George 1897, Sam 1899 (died 1899) and Samuel 1902, all born in Barnsley. Joseph 14/3/1907 and Priestley 1911 (after census date), both born and registered in Mossley.
<b>SIBLINGS INFORMATION</b>	On the 1911 census 2 of the 11 children born to George and Ann Marshall have died. One of these deceased siblings is unknown.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 5. Harry seems to have been omitted from the 1901 census. His parents and siblings were living in Barnsley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 15. Living with his parents and siblings at The Carr, Carrbrook. Employed at Buckton Vale Printworks.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Worked as a Colour Mixer at Clare's Works in Greenfield.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Father George lived at 20 Carr Cottages, Carrbrook, when he died in Ashton Hospital, aged 75, on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1938. He is buried in St James's Churchyard, Millbrook, Stalybridge, (pictured right) alongside Harry's mother Ann, who also died locally, aged 78, on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1947.</p> <p>Sister Minnie married Victor Ross in 1926, at Mossley United Methodist Church in the Market Place. She died in Ashton Hospital, aged 68, in 1969.</p> <p>Sister Alice married Arthur Ronald Jones in 1926, at Mossley United Methodist Church in the Market Place. Her married name is too popular to establish what became of her.</p> <p>Sister Letta, despite her unusual name, does not show up on any records after 1911. It is not known what became of her.</p> <p>Sister Ellen married Joseph Kennedy in 1937, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. They were living at Long Row, Carrbrook, Stalybridge in 1939 which is where Joseph died in 1977. Ellen died in the Manchester area, aged 65, in 1975.</p> <p><b>Brother Fred never married and was killed in action in Belgium, aged 24, on 29<sup>th</sup> October 1917, while serving with the Cheshire Regiment. He has no known grave.</b></p> <p><b>Brother George never married and was killed in action in Belgium, aged 20, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1917, while serving with the Prince of Wales Volunteers, (South Lancashire) Regiment. He is buried in Belgium.</b></p> <p>Brother Samuel married Alice Slack in 1935, at St Paul's Church, Stalybridge. They were living in Mossley in 1939. He died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 51, in 1953.</p> <p>Brother Joseph married May Robinson on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1932, at St James's Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge. They were living in Stalybridge in 1939. He died in the Dover area, aged 87, in 1994.</p> <p>Brother Priestley married Alice Barker in 1935, at Mossley Wesleyan Methodist Church. He died in Saddleworth, aged 57, in 1968.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	Father George's probate awarded to his wife Ann.







WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		HENRY
<b>SURNAME</b>		METCALFE
<b>RANK</b>		Private
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>		2213
<b>BATTALION</b>		'D' Company, 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		11 <sup>th</sup> September 1914 at Milnsbridge.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>		On 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, Henry embarked at Folkestone bound for France, on board the 'Manchester Importer'. On 19 <sup>th</sup> December that year, he was gassed and had to be treated at a Canadian Casualty Station and Hospital. He was sent home to recover. On 16 <sup>th</sup> July 1916, Henry was posted back to France where he re-joined his Battalion in the field.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. The 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion were involved in the attack at Thiepval on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1916. Prior to this they had been in 'reserve'. They were in position on and around the strong point of 'Pope's Nose', unfortunately, despite achieving their objective, they were unable to hold it. There were around 100 casualties in the Battalion that day. Sir Douglas Haig later commented in his diary that he believed that the men had been too tired to fight well, as they had spent their day in reserve under heavy shell fire in Thiepval Woods.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Died of wounds.
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>		24 <sup>th</sup> September 1916.
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>		49 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Casualty Station, Contay, France.
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	On 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1916, Henry received gunshot wounds to his abdomen and hips at Thiepval. The Mossley and Saddleworth Reporter later said that he was hit by a shell that did not burst but left him buried in the trench. He was sent to a rest camp and was initially not thought to be in a serious condition. He died of his wounds on 24 <sup>th</sup> September 1916.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		26
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>		Grave II. C. 18.
		Contay British Cemetery, Contay, France.
		The cemetery site was chosen in August 1916 for burials from the 49 <sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station, which arrived at Contay at the end of August.
		

<b>WAR MEMORIAL LISTINGS</b>	<p>The 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally located in their drill hall at Milnsbridge, now established in the T.A. Centre, Huddersfield.</p> <p>The CPA Roll of Honour as an employee of Buckton Vale Printworks, Carrbrook, Stalybridge.</p> <p>The CPA Head Office Roll of Honour, St James's Buildings, Oxford Street, Manchester.</p> <p>Carrbrook Village War Memorial originally in St James's School, Carrbrook, Stalybridge.</p> <p>Micklehurst Liberal Club War Memorial in Mossley.</p>
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> November 1889.
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Bradford, West Yorkshire.
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> March 1893 at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Kirkgate, Bradford.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	Frederick Metcalfe.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Annie Eliza Metcalfe nee Heseltine.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> March 1882 at Bradford Cathedral.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Eliza Margery 1884 (died 1884), Florrie 1885 and Blanche 1895. All born in Bradford, West Yorkshire.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	George Heseltine 1893 (died 1900) and Samuel 1887. Both born in Bradford, West Yorkshire.
<b>SIBLINGS INFORMATION</b>	There may have been other siblings born and died who were not captured by the census and baptism records.
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 1. Living with his parents and siblings at 94 Canal Street, Bradford, West Yorkshire.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 11. Living with his widowed mother and siblings at 94 Canal Road, Bradford. Employed as a part-time Errand Boy.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 21. Living with a maternal uncle and aunt at 23 Boynton Terrace, Bradford. Employed as a Dyer's Warehouseman.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Employed at Buckton Vale Printworks, Carrbrook, Stalybridge.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Father Frederick died in Bradford, aged 39, in 1900.</p> <p>Mother Ann married William Robert Howarth in 1903, at Christ Church in Dukinfield. She was widowed again in 1909. By 1911, she was living at 490 Heyheads, Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge, with her children, stepchildren and future daughter-in-law. She died in Stalybridge, aged 69, in November 1929. She is buried in St Paul's Churchyard in Stalybridge. This burial ground has been grassed over and no headstones remain.</p> <p>Sister Florrie married Stuart Alexander MacDonald on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1906, at St John's Church in Bradford. He fought with the Bradford Battalion in the Great War and was eventually discharged having suffered serious wounds. He died in September 1923, as a result of his war injuries. Florrie moved to Stalybridge and married James Hardy in 1926, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. She died in Stalybridge, aged 80, in 1966.</p> <p>Sister Blanche married William Clayton on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1914, at St George's Church in Mossley. She died in Stalybridge, aged 34, in June 1929. Blanche is buried in St Paul's Churchyard in Stalybridge.</p> <p>Brother Samuel married Elizabeth Milhench in 1912, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. She was the sister of <b>Stephen Milhench, who was killed in action in Belgium, aged 29, on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1917, while serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He has no known grave.</b> Samuel died at 28 Wyre Street, Mossley, aged 40, in March 1928. He is buried in St George's Churchyard in Mossley. The plot number is not recorded in the burial records and most of the headstones in the churchyard have been removed and the area grassed over.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found.





WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		JOSEPH
<b>SURNAME</b>		PALMER
<b>RANK &amp; SERVICE NUMBER</b>		Private 305637.
<b>BATTALION</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		August or September 1914 in Milnsbridge.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	Joseph was originally Private 2212 in the 'Mossley Territorials'. He was probably aboard the 'Manchester Importer' when he first went to France. He was wounded in 1915, but after treatment, he recovered and was able to return to the trenches. At Thiepval in September 1916, Joseph was one of the men who helped to attend Mossley man Lance Corporal Joseph Taylor when he was wounded, sadly he could not be saved and died the next day. Joseph moved from France into Belgium in 1917 and he also saw action at Bullecourt, in the Arras campaign. He eventually fell at Passchendaele.	
		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the Mossley Territorials became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They served in France and Belgium.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Died of wounds.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1917.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	The 39 <sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station, Adinkerke, Belgium.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	A letter received by Joseph's family, from the army chaplain read: "Private Palmer was severely wounded in the arm. He was practically unconscious all the time he was in hospital and was thus saved much suffering". Joseph died at 3pm on 15 <sup>th</sup> August 1917, from gas poisoning together with the wounds he had sustained. The Mossley Reporter dated 18 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> August 1917, carried the news of his wounding and subsequent death.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	22	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	Grave C. 21.  Adinkerke Military Cemetery, Belgium.	
		
		
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	<p>←The 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial, originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge, now located in the T. A. Centre in Huddersfield.</p> <p>The Mossley Brow Sunday School Roll of Honour. Now located in St George's Church.</p>	
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medal.	

<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> September 1894 in Radcliffe, Lancashire.
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 1895 at St Mary's Church, Radcliffe.
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	Tom Palmer and Rachel Palmer nee Tatton.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> April 1890 at St Luke's Church in Leek, Staffordshire.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Mary Elizabeth 1892, born in Radcliffe. Half-sisters - Maud 1904 (died February 1904), Edith 1905, Agnes 1916 and Bessie 1918, all born and registered in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Thomas 1891, Fielding 1897 and Gilbert Tatton 1899 (died March 1911), all born in Radcliffe. Half-brothers - James 1907, Frank 1909, Reginald 1911 and Walter 1913, all born and registered in Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 6. Living with his parents and siblings at 92 Darwen Lane, Radcliffe, Lancashire.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 16. Living with his father, stepmother and siblings at 6 Andrew Street, Mossley. Employed as a Big Piecer.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Worked at the Britannia Spinning Company's Mill.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Joseph was connected with the Mossley Brow Sunday School. A memorial service was held on the last Sunday in August 1917, Joseph was one of the fallen scholars remembered in the prayers.</p> <p>Mother Rachel died in Mossley, aged 38, in 1902.</p> <p>Father Tom married Sarah Elizabeth Dawson on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1902, at St George's Church in Mossley. He died at 20 Highfield Terrace, Mossley, aged 62, in January 1929. He is buried in St George's Churchyard in Mossley. The burial book does not state his plot number but it is possible that he is buried with his second wife who died at 23 The Vale, Mossley, aged 67, on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1946. She is buried at Grave 13, Range 20 in the 1832 Ground. The majority of this part of the churchyard has been grassed over and the headstones removed.</p> <p>Sister Mary never married. She died in Ashton-u-Lyne Hospital, aged 70, in 1963.</p> <p>Brother Thomas served in the Great War and by 1919, he was a Sergeant in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He married Alice Ann Gledhill on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1919, at St George's Church in Mossley. By 1939, he was living in Birkenhead with his wife and son Joe. He died at 10 Southridge Road, Penby, Wirral, aged 84, on 7<sup>th</sup> February 1976.</p> <p>Brother Fielding joined the Royal Field Artillery the day before Joseph died. He survived the war and married Lenora Lister on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1926, at St George's Church in Mossley. He lived at Oak View, Greenfield, when he died in Oldham Hospital, aged 52, on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1949.</p> <p>Brother Gilbert, who died aged 11 and half-sister Maud, who died aged 1 month, are buried in St George's Churchyard in Mossley. The burial book does not state their plot number.</p> <p>Half-sister Edith married Harold Wallworth Leigh in 1936, at St George's Church in Mossley. She died in Blackpool, aged 95, in 2000.</p> <p>Half-sister Agnes married Joseph Wolstenholme in 1937, at St George's Church in Mossley. She died in Blackpool, aged 84, in 2001.</p> <p>Half-sister Bessie married Harry Pickford in 1941, at St George's Church in Mossley. She died at 23 The Vale, Mossley, aged 25, on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1944.</p> <p>Half-brother James married Ann Schofield Buckley in 1932, at St Mary's Church in Greenfield. They went to Auckland in New Zealand in May 1937. It is not known what became of them.</p> <p>Half-brother Frank was not living with his birth family in 1939. It is not known what became of him.</p> <p>Half-brother Reginald was still single and living with his mother in 1939. He died at 1 Grey Street, Stalybridge, aged 77, on 11<sup>th</sup> April 1989. It is not known for certain if he married.</p> <p>Half-brother Walter married Leah Pollitt in 1941, at Millbrook (Stalybridge) Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. He died at 5 Cambridge Terrace, Stalybridge, aged 73, on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1987.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	<p>Step-mother Sarah Elizabeth's probate was awarded to her son Reginald.</p> <p>Brother Fielding's probate was awarded to his wife Lenora.</p> <p>Half-sister Bessie's probate was awarded to Mary Pickford, attorney of husband Harry Pickford.</p>




WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		EDWARD	
<b>SURNAME</b>		PEMBERTON	
<b>RANK</b>		Corporal.	
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>		305161	
<b>BATTALION</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.	
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		August 1914 in Micklehurst, Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>		Edward was originally Private 1108 in the 'Mossley Territorials'. He was in camp with the Territorial Force at the outbreak of the war. He was probably aboard the 'Manchester Importer' when it docked at Boulogne in April 1915. The Battalion were in action on the Somme in 1916 and at Passchendaele in 1917. By the Spring of 1918, the Division had moved back into France, where they were involved in the fierce fighting of the German Spring Offensive. Somewhere along the way, in his three years of service in France and Belgium, Edward was promoted to the rank of Corporal. In all the time Edward served, he was never wounded, nor did he ever fall sick. He was a time expired soldier by April 1918 and if he had survived, he would have returned to Mossley for a month's leave at the end of May.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	The 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), were attached to the 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Brigade, as part of the 49 <sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Division. They landed in France on 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915. The Division were engaged in the 'Battle of Scherpenberg' on 29 <sup>th</sup> April 1918.		
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Killed in action.		
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> April 1918.		
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	Near Scherpenberg, Belgium.		
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	On 29 <sup>th</sup> April 1918, Sir Douglas Haig wrote - "On the British front, the positions held by the 49 <sup>th</sup> Division were strongly attacked between 5 and 5.30am. The German Infantry advanced against the 49 <sup>th</sup> Division at 6am, in mass formation, with bayonets fixed and were repulsed with the heaviest losses. During the morning, repeated attacks were made without result against the 49 <sup>th</sup> . The losses suffered by the German Infantry were very great. Our Infantry fought magnificently and in more than one instance, our troops went out to meet the German attack and drove back the enemy with the bayonet. At the end of the day, except for a small loss of ground, our line was intact and the enemy had undergone a severe and decided check" Edward lost his life in this attack.		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	25		
<b>CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS</b>	Panel 82. Duke of Wellington's - Corporal.  Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.		
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTINGS</b>		307712 PTE. A. CLAYTON 268048 CPL. E. CLARK 307155 PTE. R. WRICLEY 242276 PTE. H. COOK 241680 PTE. J.W. WHILES 305161 CPL. A. PEMBERTON 265293 CPL. C.R. EARL	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield. (pictured left)
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTINGS - CHURCHES</b>	The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.		
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medal.		

<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	1892.
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Mossley (Uppermill Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not known.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	Charles Pemberton.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Sarah Ann Pemberton nee Taylor.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> May 1889 at St George's Church in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Martha 1889 (Hartshead Registry), born in Mossley. Alice 1891, born in Barnsley and Ellen 1903, born and registered in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	James 1907 and John 1912, both born and registered in Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 8. Living with his parents and siblings at 10 Black Rock, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 18. Living with his parents and siblings at 7A Rock Terrace, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Employed at Scout Mill in Mossley, as a Cotton Piecer.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Edward was connected with the Heyrod Union Sunday School, where he was greatly respected, having attended regularly since he was six years of age. The Mossley Reporter dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 1918 carried his obituary.</p> <p>Father Charles died at 7A Rock Terrace, Black Rock, Mossley, aged 72, on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1941. He is buried at plot 3870 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Mother Sarah died in Mossley, aged 82, in December 1953. She is buried in the same grave as Edward's father in Mossley Cemetery.</p> <p>Also buried at Plot 3870 are Edward's nieces, Doreen Pemberton, aged 19, (James and Mona's daughter). Mary Lomas nee Nuttall, aged 28 and Jean Clarke nee Nuttall, aged 24, (Alice and Arthur's daughters).</p> <p>Sister Martha married John Fallas in 1921, at Old St George's Church in Stalybridge. John was the first cousin of <b>Fred Fallas, who was killed in action in France, aged 37, on 27<sup>th</sup> March 1918, while serving with the Lancashire Fusiliers. He has no known grave.</b> He was also the first cousin of <b>James Fallas, who was killed in action in France, aged 22, on 20<sup>th</sup> October 1918, while serving with the Manchester Regiment. He also has no known grave.</b> Martha lived at 75 Staley Road, Mossley, when she died in Ashton-u-Lyne Hospital, aged 74, on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1964.</p> <p>Sister Alice married Arthur Nuttall on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1913, at Old St George's Church in Stalybridge. Alice eventually went to live in Australia, where she died, aged 82, on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1973.</p> <p>Sister Ellen married David Kay in 1926, at Old St George's Church in Stalybridge. She died in Stalybridge, aged 62, in 1965.</p> <p>Brother James married Mona Crowther in 1929, at Old St George's Church in Stalybridge. He died in Mossley, aged 64, on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1972. He is buried with his family at plot 4131 in Mossley Cemetery. His brother-in-law David Kay is also buried here.</p> <p>Brother John married Alice Schofield in 1936, at St George's Church in Mossley. They continued to live at 7A Rock Terrace, Mossley which is where Alice died in 1996. John may have died in the Oldham area, aged 54, in 1966 but this is not certain.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	Father Charles's probate was awarded to his wife Sarah. Sister Martha's probate was awarded to her husband John.







WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		ALBERT
<b>SURNAME</b>		SHAW
<b>RANK</b>		Sergeant.
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>		305673
<b>BATTALION</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		Milnsbridge, Huddersfield date unknown.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		Not before 1916 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>		Albert's Battalion moved to the Somme in 1916. They were involved in the 'Battle of Albert' in July 1916 and after a period of time in 'reserve', they carried out their first major offensive at Thiepval, on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1916. Albert's service records have not survived, but he was clearly a well-respected and dedicated soldier who rose to the rank of Sergeant in the course of his service.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They served in France and Belgium.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>		18 <sup>th</sup> September 1916.
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>		Near Thiepval, The Somme, France.
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	On the evening of the 17 <sup>th</sup> September 1916, the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion led the attack on the German trenches at Liepzig Redoubt. Amid Mills bombs and a bombardment of Stokes bombs, (some of which hit the trenches occupied by the British), the Duke of Wellington's forces achieved their objectives for the day. The Battalion was congratulated by General Gough. They suffered 19 fatalities and 39 men were wounded. Albert was one of the men lost in this attack, his casualty record stated he was 'missing presumed killed'. He may have been a casualty of 'friendly fire', as one of the Stokes bombs hit and blew up a British Mills bomb store. Bray Vale Cemetery was enlarged soon after the Armistice, when graves were brought in, mainly from the battlefields of 1916, around Thiepval and Courcellette. Albert was one of the men re-buried here in around 1923.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		23
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>		Grave IV. A. 10.
		Bray Vale British Cemetery, Bray-Sur-Somme, France.
		
		
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>		St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley.

	The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge, now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>	British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	1893 in Saddleworth (Uppermill Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not known.
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	Levi Shaw and Eliza Shaw nee Watson.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1883 in a registrar attended wedding in Saddleworth.
<b>SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Edith Mary 1882 and Alice 1884, both born in Saddleworth (Uppermill Registry). Bertha 1896 (died 1897), born in Mossley (Hartshead Registry).
<b>BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Harry 1886, John 1888 (died 1902), George Armitage 1891 and Samuel Beaumont 1895, all born in Saddleworth (Uppermill Registry). Frank 1899, Arthur 1902 and Fred 1904, all born and registered in Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 8. Living with his parents and siblings at 26 Woodbank Terrace, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 18. Living with his parents and siblings at 74 Stamford Road, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.
<b>DATE OF MARRIAGE</b>	1912
<b>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	The Mossley United Methodist Church in the Market Place.
<b>NAMES OF SPOUSE</b>	Alice Benstead.
<b>NAME(S) OF CHILDREN</b>	Charles 1916, born in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Wife Alice married Fred Pickford on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1925, at St George's Church in Mossley. The couple had a daughter, Jean, born in 1928. Fred was the brother of <b>Harry Pickford, who died in Belgium, aged 19, on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1917, while serving with the South Lancashire Regiment. He has no known grave.</b> Alice died at 3 Manor Street, Mossley, aged 86, on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1978.</p> <p>Son Charles was still living with his mother and stepfather in 1939. He married Evelyn Berry in 1942, at St George's Church in Mossley. Charles died at 32 George Street, Mossley, aged 65, on 4<sup>th</sup> November 1981.</p> <p>Father Levi died at 135 Lower King Street, Hurst, Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 64, on 25<sup>th</sup> February 1925. It is not known for certain when Albert's mother died. She may have still be alive when her eldest daughter died in March 1949 (see probate details).</p> <p>Sister Edith never married. She lived at 49 Leam Street, Ashton-u-Lyne, when she died in Ashton Hospital, aged 66, on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1949.</p> <p>Sister Alice was still single and living with her parents in 1911. It is not known what became of her after that date, due to the common surname.</p> <p>Brother Harry married Ethel Bradbury on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1911, at St George's Church in Mossley. They may have been living in Manchester in 1939, but it is certain what became of them.</p> <p>Brother George married Lillian Blackwell in 1921, at Christ Church in Ashton-u-Lyne. He died at 143 Turner Lane, Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 69, on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1960.</p> <p>Brother Samuel married Clara Moss in 1920, at the Mossley United Methodist Church in the Market Place. They were living at 3 Webster Street, Mossley in 1939, but after that date their fate is unknown.</p> <p>Brother Frank married Florence Davies on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1920, at St Peter's Church in Ashton-u-Lyne. He died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 75, in July 1974. He is buried with Florence at plot A5DUK306 in Dukinfield Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Brother Arthur probably died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 68, in 1971. It is not known if he married.</p> <p>Brother Fred was living with his parents in 1911, it is not known what became of him after that date.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	<p>Father Levi's probate was awarded to his son Harry, who was a Grocer.</p> <p>Sister Edith's probate was awarded to Eliza Shaw (widow), possibly her mother, who would have been in her late 80's.</p> <p>Brother George's probate was awarded to his married daughter, Marjorie Turner.</p>

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME SURNAME</b>		GILBERT SHAW	
<b>RANK SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT</b>		Lance Corporal 7/2024 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE ENLISTED</b>		5 <sup>th</sup> September 1914 at Milnsbridge.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	Whilst undergoing training Gilbert gained 20lb in weight and became much fitter than he had ever been before. He then went to France on board the 'Manchester Importer'. In June 1915, whilst on sentry duty, Gilbert had a brush with death when a bullet passed within a foot of his head and hit a sandbag behind. On 6 <sup>th</sup> July 1915, he took three men out for five nights in succession to erect barbed wire between the allied forces line and the enemy and was promoted to Lance Corporal.		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	By 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, the regiment had been in the trenches and had seen their first action. Their division spent 46 out of 56 days outdoors in the trenches around Fleurbaix. By July 1915, they had moved into Belgium to the Ypres salient where the chances of being wounded or killed were much increased.		
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>		9 <sup>th</sup> August 1915 north of Ypres, Belgium.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	Gilbert was killed instantly when a shell blew up in a trench parapet. In a letter home his officer wrote "Had he lived he would have been promoted to full Corporal in the course of a few days for the devoted and fearless way he always carried out his duties in the firing line." The Mossley Reporter printed a number of tributes and sympathy messages in the months after Gilbert's death.		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		31	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>		Grave D.4.	
		Colne Valley Cemetery, West Flanders, Belgium.  	
			
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON A FAMILY GRAVE</b>	In Loving Memory of James Whitehead of Waggon Road Mossley who died Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1903 aged 71 years "He has done what he could" also of Mary his wife who died July 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1916 aged 86 years. IN LOVING MEMORY OF LCE CPL GILBERT SHAW SON OF JOSHUA AND CLARA SHAW OF TAME VIEW KILLED IN ACTION AT YPRES AUGUST 8 <sup>th</sup> 1916 AGE 31. ALSO CORPORAL HAROLD SHAW THEIR SON KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE JULY 1 <sup>ST</sup> 1916 AGED 24 YEARS "They laid down their lives for their loved ones" Also the above Councillor Joshua Shaw who died December 8 <sup>th</sup> 1924 aged 63 years. Also Clara wife of the above who died Feb 19 <sup>th</sup> 1946 aged 82 years. "Re-united". Also Hilda Westwood who died April 25 <sup>th</sup> 1980 aged 90 years. N.B. Gilbert's date of death differs from CWGC records by one day		



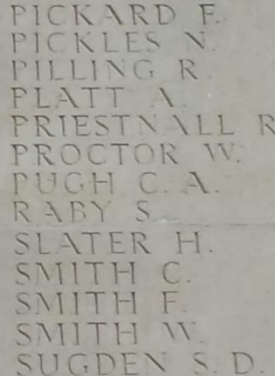

<b>LOCATION OF FAMILY GRAVE WITH MI WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	Mossley Cemetery Grave 411 (pictured below). Mossley United Methodist Church, Roll of Honour. Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church. St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley.
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge, now in the TA Centre in Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	1883 in Mossley (Uppermill Registry)
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not Known
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	Joshua Shaw and Clara Shaw nee Greaves
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1881 at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Mary Alice 1882, Sarah Ellen 1882 and Elizabeth 1886 (all Uppermill Registry), Hilda 1890, Clara 1894 and Lena 1897 (all Delph Registry) All born in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Harold 1892 (Delph Registry) born in Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 7. Living with his parents and siblings at Quick Edge, Saddleworth.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 17. Living with his parents and siblings at 8 Egerton Street, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 27. Living with his parents and siblings at 5 Tame View Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION NOT ALREADY COVERED ABOVE</b>	<p>Father Joshua was a well-known Mossley Councillor. Both he and Gilbert's mother, Clara, died at 5 Tame View, Mossley.</p> <p>Sister Mary married Hervey Halliwell in 1903, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. She died in Ashton or Mossley, aged 83, in 1965.</p> <p>Sister Sarah married James Harry Haigh in 1902, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. She died in Ashton or Mossley, aged 86, in 1968.</p> <p>Sister Elizabeth married George Robert Coupe in 1909, at Mossley United Methodist Church. She died at 130 Stockport Road, Mossley, aged 90, on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1976.</p> <p>Sister Hilda married Laurence Harwood Westwood in 1915, at Zion Congregational Church in Levenshulme. She died in the Tameside area.</p> <p>Sister Clara married Leonard Gladstone Berry in 1922, at Mossley United Methodist Church. She died at 9 Marsden Close, Mossley, aged 94, on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1988.</p> <p>Sister Lena married Charles Edward Hanmer in 1922, at St Stephen's Church in Audenshaw. She died at 23 Ashworth House, Water Street, Audenshaw, aged 87, on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1984.</p> <p><b>Brother Harold married Mary Gledhill in 1913, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. He was killed in action on the Somme, aged 24, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916, while serving with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He has no known grave.</b></p> <p>Also buried in the family grave pictured right, are Gilbert's Great Uncle and Aunt, James and Mary Whitehead and his Niece Mary Hanmer (Lena's daughter), who is not named on the headstone.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	<p>Father Joshua's probate awarded to his sons-in-law, George Robert Coupe, who was a Baker and Laurence Harwood Westwood, who was a Cotton Spinner.</p> <p>Mother Clara's probate awarded to her married daughter, Hilda Westwood.</p>



WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		THOMAS	
<b>SURNAME</b>		SKELDON	
<b>RANK</b>		Private.	
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>		306050	
<b>BATTALION</b>		2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion.	
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		Early 1915 in Thoresby Camp, Nottinghamshire.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		January 1917 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	<p>Thomas left home without his family knowing where he was going, he enlisted in early 1915 at Thoresby Park in Ollerton, where the Duke Of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) were camped. He was only 15 years of age. His parents only learned what he had done, when they received a letter from him, in which he asked them not to try and find him as he had, "...made his bed and wanted to lie in it". They respected his wishes and in April 1916, he wrote home again asking for a football to be sent to him.</p>		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		<p>The 2<sup>nd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), were formed at Milnsbridge in September 1914, as a home service 'second line' unit. On 1<sup>st</sup> March 1915, they came under the orders of the 186<sup>th</sup> Brigade, in the 62<sup>nd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Division. They landed in France in January 1917.</p>	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Killed in action.		
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 1917.		
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	Bullecourt, Pas-de-Calais, France.		
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	<p>Thomas was involved in the 'Battle of Bullecourt', which began on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1917. The 2<sup>nd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion lost 80 officers and men on this date. The 62<sup>nd</sup> (West Riding) Division attacked using all three of its brigades, supported by ten tanks of 'D' Battalion and with 22<sup>nd</sup> Brigade of the 7<sup>th</sup> Division in reserve at Mory. It was the Division's first major engagement since arriving in France. The Battalions of the 186<sup>th</sup> and 187<sup>th</sup> Brigades, met with mixed success and even managed to get three tanks into the village of Bullecourt itself. Unfortunately, fierce counter attacks forced them back and almost all their gains reverted back into enemy hands by the end of the day. The Mossley and Saddleworth Reporter carried a memoriam on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1919, it read, 'Private Thomas Skeldon, 2/7<sup>th</sup> West Riding Regiment, who freely and willingly offered up his young life for the cause of righteousness and freedom, presumed killed in France 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1917, age 17 years. Mother, father and sister Doris, 31A Manchester Road, Mossley'.</p>		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	17		
<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF CWGC MEMORIAL</b>	<p>Bay 6. Duke of Wellington's - Private.</p>		
	<p>Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.</p>		
<b>MEDALS</b>	British War and Victory Medals		

<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTINGS</b>	<p>306956 PTE. H. SUTCLIFFE  306649 PTE. P. O. PROCTOR  306767 PTE. S. N. NAYLOR  306652 PTE. G. NAYLOR  267305 PTE. C. BEDFORD  306050 PTE. T. SKELDON</p>	<p>Abney Congregational Church Roll of Honour, Mossley.</p> <p>The 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge, now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield. (Pictured left).</p>
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> September 1899.	
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Born and registered in Mossley.	
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not known.	
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	Thomas Skeldon.	
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Ada Skeldon nee Cordingley.	
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> October 1897 at St James's Church in Oldham.	
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Ada 1898 (died January 1899) and Ellen 1903 (died November 1903), both born and registered in Mossley. Doris 1906, born and registered in Stalybridge.	
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	None.	
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 1. Living with his parents and widowed paternal grandmother's family, at 32 Manchester Road, Mossley.	
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 11. Living with his parents and sister, at 31A Weir Mill Cottages, Manchester Road, Mossley.	
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Warehouseman at Weir Mill, Mossley.	
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Mother Ada had outlived her husband and all her children by 1931. She married again in 1937, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. Her husband was William Cowan Leitch. She died at Glenholme Green Lane, West Vale, West Yorkshire, aged 82, on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1959.</p> <p>There is a family grave at plot 1889 in Mossley Cemetery. The large headstone (pictured below), is on a steep slope and has collapsed forwards, making it impossible to read the memorial inscription. The following family members are buried here : -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Father Thomas. He died at 6 Stamford Road, Mossley, aged 58, on 18<sup>th</sup> January 1931.</li> <li>➤ Sister Ada. She died aged 8 months.</li> <li>➤ Sister Ellen. She died aged 8 months.</li> <li>➤ Sister Doris. She married William Pickford in 1926, at Abney United Reformed Church in Mossley. Tragically, she died in Mossley, aged just 22, in June 1928.</li> <li>➤ Paternal grandmother Ellen Skeldon. She died in Mossley, aged 49, in December 1902.</li> </ul>	
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	<p>Father Thomas's probate was awarded to his wife Ada.</p> <p>Mother Ada's probate was awarded to her relative, Edward Cordingley (no occupation) and her solicitor Stanley Sidebottom.</p>	





WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME SURNAME</b>		HERBERT SLATER	
<b>RANK &amp; SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION</b>		Lance Corporal 1614. 'H' Company. 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion. 'The Mossley Territorials'.	
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		August 1914 in Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>		Herbert served with the Territorial Force before the outbreak of WW1 and he was therefore one of the early volunteers. In September 1914, he was based at Immingham and took part in a football match against 'HMS Bullfinch'. 'H' Company won the match 2-0. He was probably aboard the 'Manchester Importer' when he landed in France in April 1915. He was gassed and wounded in the first half of 1916 and as a result, he spent time in hospital in the south of England. He recovered and re-joined his Battalion in June 1916.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They served in France and Belgium.		
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>		18 <sup>th</sup> September 1916.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>		Thiepval, The Somme, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	On the evening of the 17 <sup>th</sup> September 1916, the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion led the attack on the German trenches at Liepzig Redoubt. Amid Mills bombs and a bombardment of Stokes bombs, (some of which hit the trenches occupied by the British), the Duke of Wellington's forces achieved their objectives for the day. The Battalion was congratulated by General Gough. They suffered 19 fatalities and 39 men were wounded. Herbert was one of the men lost in this attack. He may have been a casualty of 'friendly fire', as one of the Stoke bombs hit and blew up a British Mills bomb store. The action took place 300 yards from where the Thiepval Memorial now stands. The Mossley Reporter dated 1 <sup>st</sup> October 1916 carried Herbert's obituary.		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		27	
<b>CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS</b>	Panel 6B. Duke of Wellington's - Lance Corporal.  Thiepval Memorial. The Somme, France.		 
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>		The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>		7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally located in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.	
<b>MEDALS</b>		1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>		1888 or 1889.	
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>		Stalybridge.	
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>		27 <sup>th</sup> November 1892 at Castle Hall, Stalybridge.	
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>		Robert Slater.	
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>		Mary Slater (maiden name unknown).	

<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	Not known.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Eliza Ann 1877 and Hannah (1879 or 1880), both born in Stalybridge.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	None proven.
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 2. Living with his parents and siblings at 1 Illingworth Street, Dukinfield.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 12. Living with his widowed mother and siblings at 8 Market Street, Stalybridge.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 22. Living with his wife and daughter Ellen, at 1 Back Wyre Street, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer at the Southend Spinning Company Mill in Mossley.
<b>DATE OF MARRIAGE</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> September 1909.
<b>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	St George's Church in Mossley.
<b>NAMES OF SPOUSE</b>	Ann Ellen Milhench.
<b>NAME(S) OF CHILDREN</b>	Ellen 12/10/1909, Robert 3/11/1911, Annie 22/10/1913 and Eva 3/11/1915. All born in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Very little information exists about Herbert's early life. It is possible that he was born with a different surname and he took the Slater name later. It is also possible that Robert or Mary on the 1891 census were step-parents. There are no birth records which verify his name as Herbert Slater and only his Christening record in 1892, shows details of his mother and father. He may have had other siblings and the sisters shown on the 1891 and 1901 censuses may not be full sisters. His two sisters Eliza and Hannah are shown living with Mary Slater in lodgings in 1881. Mary is married and the two girls are listed as 'lodger's daughters'. With so little information, it has not been possible to establish what happened to most of his birth family.</p> <p>Father Robert probably died in Stalybridge, aged 53, in October 1900. He is buried in St Paul's Churchyard in Stalybridge. This burial ground has been grassed over and no headstones remain.</p> <p>Wife Ann (pictured left) died in the Tameside area, aged 85, in 1976. She did not remarry, but she did have another child, named Harry, in 1920. His father is unknown. Ann was the first cousin of <b>Stephen Milhench, who was killed in action in Belgium, aged 29, on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1917, while serving with the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He has no known grave.</b></p> <p>Daughter Ellen married Harold Buckley Schofield on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1928, at St George's Church in Mossley. She died in the Oldham area, aged 84, in 1993.</p> <p>Daughter Annie married Stephen Bartley in 1935, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. She died in Barnstaple, North Devon, aged 86, in 1999.</p> <p>Son Robert may have died in Barnstaple, North Devon, aged 82, in 1994. This is not proven and it is not known for certain if he married.</p> <p>Daughter Eva married James Halliwell on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1934, at St George's Church in Mossley. They emigrated to Australia in 1966 where Eva died, in Tasmania, aged 97, on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013.</p> <p>Pictured right are Herbert and Ann's children in 1917. From left Robert, Eva, Ellen and Annie.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found









WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAMES</b>	GEORGE THOMAS	
<b>SURNAME</b>	SMITH	
<b>RANK</b>	Corporal.	
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>	305420.	
<b>BATTALION</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.	
<b>REGIMENT</b>	Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>	August or September 1914 in Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	<p>George was initially Private 1178 when he enlisted in the 'Mossley Territorials'. He probably embarked for France on board the 'Manchester Importer'. By 24<sup>th</sup> April 1915, the Regiment had been in the trenches and had seen their first action. Their division spent 46 out of 56 days outdoors in the trenches about Fleurbaix. By July 1915, they had moved to the Ypres Salient in Belgium, where the chances of being wounded or killed were much increased. Their first action was in the 'The Battle of Aubers Ridge' in May 1915. They moved to the Somme in 1916 and after a period of time in 'reserve', they carried out their first major offensive at Thiepval on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1916.</p>	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	<p>In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade in the 49<sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They served in France and Belgium.</p>	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Killed in action.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1916 at Thiepval, The Somme, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	<p>George's Battalion were on and around the Pope's Nose strong point at Thiepval on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1916. They reached their objective, but were unable to hold it. Around 1312 men of the 49<sup>th</sup> Division went over the top that day, Sir Douglas Haig wrote "In my opinion the men were too sleepy to fight well" He was referring to that fact that they had spent the previous day in reserve, under heavy shellfire, which made sleep impossible. 25 men of the 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion died and there were around 100 casualties, out of the 500 men fighting with the Battalion in Thiepval woods.</p>	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	20	
<b>CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS</b>	<p>Panel 6B. Duke of Wellington's - Corporal.</p> <p>Thiepval Memorial, The Somme, France.</p> 	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	<p>All Saints Church War Memorial, Micklehurst, Mossley. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.</p>	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	<p>The 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield. The Calico Printers Association Head Office at St James Buildings, Oxford Street, Manchester.</p>	
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British war and Victory Medals.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	1895 in Mossley (Dukinfield Registry).	
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 1898 at All Saints Church, Micklehurst, Mossley.	

<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	Thomas Smith.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Fanny Smith nee Leaver (also spelt Lever).
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> June 1886 at St Peter's Church in Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Ellen 1886 and Isabella 1888, both registered in Hartshead. Hypathia 2/8/1892, registered in Dukinfield. Beatrice 1897, registered in Mossley. All born in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Peter 1890 (or Beatrice see below for details), registered in Hartshead. Willie 1899, registered in Mossley. Both born in Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 5. Living with his parents and siblings at 13 Denbigh Street, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 15. Boarding at 6 Staley Road, Mossley. Employed as a Labourer at the Calico Printworks.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Prior to enlisting, George was shown on his military record, to be living in Cardiff. It is not known for how long or why he was there.</p> <p>Father Thomas died in Mossley in December 1915. His age is recorded as 62, Thomas seems to have knocked several years off his age at various times while he was alive. He is buried at plot 1183 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Mother Fanny died in Heywood, aged 75, in September 1938. She is buried in the same grave as George's father in Mossley Cemetery. On George's effects record, his siblings are listed as his next of kin rather than his mother but CWGC records state she was still alive. Two possible scenarios could explain this: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fanny lost her husband, eldest daughter and eldest son George, in the space of 14 months, it is likely that her remaining children stepped in to deal with George's effects on her behalf.</li> <li>➤ There is a possibility that Fanny was an inmate in the Prestwich 'Lunatic Asylum' in 1911 (the age differs by three years). If she remained there, it would explain both her death location and the question of who would have been George's legatees when he died.</li> </ul> <p>The first burial in plot 1183 was John Schofield, who died aged 34, in 1913. His relationship to George's parents is unknown.</p> <p>Sister Ellen married Charles Gilbert Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1914, at All Saints Church, Micklehurst, Mossley. She died at Midge Hill, Mossley, in June following year, aged just 28. She is buried in Christ Church Churchyard, Friezland, Greenfield, possibly with her husband, who remarried after her death. Ellen is not named on his headstone.</p> <p>Sister Hypathia married Samuel Brown in 1918, at St Chad's Church in Handforth. She died in the Stockport area, aged 79, in 1971.</p> <p>Sister Isabella was aged 23 and single in 1911. She was employed as a 'Mental Nurse', at the County Lunatic Asylum in Bromsgrove, Worcestershire. There are too many similarly named records to establish what happened to her.</p> <p>Siblings Beatrice and Willie were still single at the time of George's death, but it is not known what became of them, due to the common surname.</p> <p>There is a mystery surrounding the registered birth of Peter in 1890. In 1891, George's mother Fanny and her two eldest daughters, Ellen and Isabella, were staying in Salford. The youngest child is named Beatrice. Neither Peter nor Beatrice, with a birth year of 1890, appear on the 1901 census. There are no potential 'Peter' deaths, but a Beatrice died in 1891 in the Ashton registration area.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found.

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME</b> <b>SURNAME</b>		GORDON STEWART	
<b>RANK</b> <b>SERVICE NUMBER</b> <b>BATTALION</b> <b>REGIMENT</b>		Lance Corporal 1575 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		August or September 1914 in Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>		<p>By 24<sup>th</sup> April 1915, Gordon had had his first experience of being in the trenches. Three months later they moved into Belgium. In July 1915, Gordon wrote a letter home, he said, "We have just come out of the trenches again after six days. We are only about 25 yards away from the Germans. They are always sending bombs and trench-mortars across. The second night we were in, we had some gas sent across into the bargain. We did four nights and four days on sentry watching without any sleep. The reserves behind us had it worse still. The Germans had been shelling our trenches about 15 minutes, when the German's sent three red star shells up, which was a signal that their own artillery was shelling them, so they started sending them a bit further on, into our reserve. About midnight on the fourth night, we were relieved by a party from 'B' Company in our Battalion. The next day was the sixth day in the trenches for us and we were relieved at about half past eleven at night, the rain was coming down in buckets full. I was up to my knees in mud. I never had a wash for seven days".</p>	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		<p>In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade in the 49<sup>th</sup> West Riding Division.</p>	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>		28 <sup>th</sup> September 1915 in Ypres, Belgium.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>		<p>At the beginning of October 1915, Company Sergeant Major J. J. Healey, of the 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), wrote to Police Sergeant George Stewart, he said, "He (Gordon) was killed instantly and suffered no pain. He was one of our best bombers, a work which is fraught with great danger and requires more than a little nerve." Gordon had been promoted to Lance Corporal only two days before he met his death.</p>	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		18	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>		Grave I. I. 26. The headstone is very worn.  Bard Cottage Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium.	
			
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON OWN HEADSTONE</b>		<p>'My Presence Shall Go With            Thee And I Will Give Thee            Rest.'</p>	
			



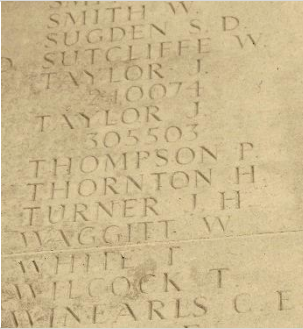




<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church. Abney Congregational Church Roll of Honour, Mossley.
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	<p><b>1201 PTE. W. BENNETT</b> <b>1309 PTE. A. W. NEWBY</b> <b>1575 PTE. G. STEWART</b> <b>1343 PTE. P. BRADBURY</b> <b>1415 PTE. H. MATTHEWS</b> <b>2567 PTE. H. MARSHALL</b> <b>2095 PTE. F. MILLIARD</b> <b>790 PTE. J. T. TAYLOR</b> <b>1110 PTE. H. BESWICK</b> <b>954 PTE. H. HOLDEN</b></p> <p>The 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge. Now in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.</p> <p>Gordon's name on the War Memorial is pictured on the left. Fellow Mossley men H Marshall, H Beswick and H Holden, who served and died with the same Regiment, are also shown on the section of the panel.</p>
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	1897
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Rawtenstall, Lancashire.
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not known.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	George Stewart.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Janet Stewart nee Lightbody.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> October 1894 in Edinburgh, Scotland.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Edith Young 1898, Mabel 1905 and Hildred 1907, all born in Rawtenstall, Lancashire.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	John 1895 and Alexander James 1896, born in Edinburgh. Colin 1902 (Died 1904), born in Rawtenstall.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 3. Living with his parents and siblings at 885 Primrose Terrace, Rawtenstall. His brother Alexander was being raised by his grandmother in Scotland.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 13. Living with his parents and siblings at 14 Andrew Street, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Weaver. Brother Alexander was believed to be still living in Scotland.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>When Gordon was 8 years old, he was awarded the Royal Humane Society Medal for life saving. A three year old child was playing near a wall, below which was a 10' drop to the river Whitewell in Rossendale. The child fell into the river. Gordon scrambled down the wall, waded across the river and took the child to safety. The water was 4' deep. Gordon was a prolific letter writer during his short time overseas and one of his letters, containing a vivid account of his experiences in the trenches, appeared in the Mossley Reporter on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1915. His obituary appeared in the same newspaper in October 1915.</p> <p>Father George was a Police Sergeant during his time in Mossley, born in Aberdeen, his career had taken him around the country including some years in Rawtenstall, where five of his children were born. He retired from the force in 1921, aged about 50, and moved to his native Aberdeen with Gordon's mother Janet. They lived for some time at, The Square, Tarland in Aberdeenshire but it is not known what became of them. They were the first family in Mossley to lose three sons in the Great War and all died within a three week period.</p> <p><b>Brother John was killed in action in France, aged 20, on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1915, while serving as Lance Corporal 18218, with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Grenadier Guards. He is buried in Bailleul Road East Cemetery, St Laurent-Blangny in France.</b></p> <p><b>Brother Alexander was missing presumed killed in action the day before Gordon on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1915, at Loos in France, aged 19. He was serving as Guardsman 9278, with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Scots Guards. He has no known grave.</b></p> <p>Gordon's three sisters Edith, Mabel and Hildred, were living with their mother and father in Mossley in 1911. It is likely that they returned to Scotland with their parents, it is not known what became of them.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found.

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		JAMES
<b>SURNAME</b>		SULLIVAN
<b>RANK</b>		Private.
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>		1420.
<b>BATTALION</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		22 <sup>nd</sup> May 1913 in Mossley.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	James enlisted, aged 16, in the Territorial Force, long before there was any threat of war. He may have lied about his age, as his records state he was aged 18 in May 1913. Whether his true age ever emerged is unknown, as he had reached the age of 18 by the time he saw active service. James embarked at Folkestone on board the 'Manchester Importer.' He was soon in trouble on 23 <sup>rd</sup> April, when he was given a field punishment lasting 4 days. By 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, James had had his first experience of being in the trenches. Their Division spent 46 out of 56 days in the trenches around Fleurbaix. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 31 <sup>st</sup> May 1915. In July 1915, the Battalion moved into Belgium. James was wounded by gas on 18 <sup>th</sup> July, which incapacitated him for just under two weeks. Some months later on 6 <sup>th</sup> October 1915, he was reduced in the ranks to Private for breaking out of camp without permission.	
		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the Mossley Territorials became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. Of the men who travelled to France on board the 'Manchester Importer' around 36 local men lost their lives.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Killed in action.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> December 1915.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	Near Ypres, Belgium.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	James was struck in the head by a splinter from a shell and died almost immediately. An officer wrote to his mother, he said, "I was near to your boy when he was hit. I went to him and saw the wound was fatal. I stayed with him until he died. We buried him in the regimental cemetery just behind the lines." In January 1916, all James possessions were ordered to be sent to James's mother at 3 Victoria Cottages, Micklehurst, Mossley. The family had moved to 14 Staley Road by 1921.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	18	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	Grave I.D.19.  Bard Cottage Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium.	
		


<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	1897
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Ashton-u-Lyne (Ashton Town Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not Known.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	John Sullivan.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Mary Ann Sullivan nee Startin.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1894 in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Julia 1895, Elsie May Ann 1901, Ethel Norah 1906, Bertha Elizabeth 1909 (died 1911). All born and registered in Ashton-u-Lyne, except Elsie, who was born in Cheadle, Staffordshire.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	John 1899 born in Cheadle, Staffordshire. David Leonard 1904 (died 1908) born and registered in Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 3. Living with his parents and siblings at Cheadle Green, Cheadle, Staffordshire.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 14. Living with his parents and siblings at 55 Wellington Road, Ashton-u-Lyne. Employed as a Cotton Scavenger.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Labourer at the Buckton Vale Printworks.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>There is an unmarked family grave at plot 1095 in Mossley Cemetery, which contains the following family members :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mother Mary. She died in Mossley, aged 68, in January 1934.</li> <li>➤ Father John. He died in Mossley, aged 69, in May 1940.</li> <li>➤ Also buried in the family grave are James Chisnall (Sister Elsie's son), who died aged 5 in June 1934 and Adrian Gill (Sister Elsie's grandson), who died aged 3 days, in 1968.</li> </ul> <p>Sister Julia was living with her parents in Mossley in 1911. She may have later worked in domestic service and left England to live in the United States, but this is not certain.</p> <p>Sister Elsie married Henry (Harry) Chisnall on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1925, at All Saints Church, Micklehurst, Mossley. She died in the Tameside area, aged 78, on 28<sup>th</sup> December 1979. She is buried with her husband at plot 1604A, in Mossley Cemetery (picture right).</p> <p>Sister Ethel married Alfred Fox on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1925, at St George's Church in Mossley. She died in the Tameside area, aged 74, on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1980.</p> <p>Brother John was at Scotton Camp in Catterick, Yorkshire, in April 1919, but there are too many similarly named records to establish what happened to him.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found.



WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME SURNAME</b>		JOSEPH TAYLOR	
<b>RANK SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT</b>		Lance Corporal. 305503 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> September 1914 in Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	Joseph was probably on board the 'Manchester Importer' when he embarked for France. By 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1915, the Regiment had been in the trenches and had seen their first action. Their Division spent 46 out of 56 days outdoors in the trenches about Fleurbaix. By July 1915, they had moved to the Ypres salient in Belgium, where the chances of being wounded or killed were much increased. Their first action was in May 1915 in the 'The Battle of Aubers Ridge'. They moved to the Somme in 1916, where they fought at the 'Battle of Albert'. After a period of time in 'reserve', they carried out their first major offensive at Thiepval, beginning on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1916.		
			
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They served in France and Belgium.		
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>		18 <sup>th</sup> September 1916 at Thiepval, The Somme, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	On the evening of the 17 <sup>th</sup> September 1916, the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion led the attack on the German trenches at Leipzig Redoubt. Amid Mills bombs and a bombardment of Stokes bombs, (some of which hit the trenches occupied by the British), the Duke of Wellington's forces achieved their objectives for the day. Joseph was wounded by a shell in the left side of his chest, in an attack on the German trenches, three of which were taken. He was placed on a stretcher and had his wounds dressed. A comrade reported that he had seen Joseph fall during a charge and when it was over, he went back and found him being attended to. He was in the care of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the same Regiment. Joseph died the following day and was probably buried nearby. His grave has never been located. On 17 <sup>th</sup> February 1917, The Mossley Reporter carried an appeal for information from Joseph's wife, she had not received official notification of her husband's death or his whereabouts for five months and was very distressed having eight young children to support.		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		35	
<b>CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS</b>	Panel 6B. Duke of Wellington's - Lance Corporal.  Thiepval Memorial, The Somme, France.		
			
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON A FAMILY GRAVE</b>	In Loving Memory of Edward beloved husband of Elizabeth Ellen Hoyle, died 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 1956 in his 62 <sup>nd</sup> year, also his beloved wife Elizabeth Ellen, died 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1962 aged 79 years. Also of Clifford son of Joseph and Elizabeth. E. Taylor, died 17 <sup>th</sup> May 1924 aged 16 years and their daughter Edith died 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 1928 aged 18 years. Right kerb - William son of Joseph and Elizabeth Ellen Taylor died 4 <sup>th</sup> July 1921 aged 7 years. Left kerb - L/CP JOSEPH TAYLOR DEAR HUSBAND OF ELIZABETH ELLEN TAYLOR MISSING PRESUMED DEAD 17 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1915 AGED 36 YEARS N.B. Both Joseph's age and date of death are wrong.		
<b>LOCATION OF FAMILY GRAVE WITH M.I.</b>		Grave 467 in Mossley Cemetery (picture below)	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS</b>	Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Roll of Honour, Roaches, Mossley.		




<b>CHURCHES</b>	St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley.
<b>WAR MEMORIALS OTHERS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> May 1881 in Mossley (Uppermill Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> June 1881 at St George's Church, Mossley.
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	James Taylor and Ellen Taylor nee Clark.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> April 1877 at Christ Church, Friezland, Greenfield.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Mary Ellen 1883 and Sarah Jane 1886, both born in Mossley and registered in Uppermill.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	James William 1877 (died 1878), John 1879 (died 1880) and Henry 1890 (died 1893), all born in Mossley and registered in Uppermill.
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 9. Living with his parents and siblings at Back Manchester Road, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 19. Living with his widowed mother and siblings at 17 Vernon Street, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age. 29. Living with his wife and 6 children at 12 Hopkins Buildings, Mossley. Employed in a Cotton Cardroom Jobber.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	1901 at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley.
<b>NAMES OF SPOUSE</b>	Elizabeth Ellen Healey.
<b>NAMES OF CHILDREN</b>	Annie Elizabeth 1902, James Henry 1904, Florence 1906, Clifford Joseph 1908, Edith 1909, Eric 1910, Sarah Ann 1912 and William 1914, all born and registered in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION NOT ALREADY COVERED ABOVE</b>	 <p>Wife Elizabeth married Edward Hoyle in 1919, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. She died at 2 Campden Street in Mossley. The three children buried with her all died in Mossley. Daughter Annie married Gordon Kennedy in 1923, at Stalybridge Methodist Church on Canal Street. She died at The Uplands, Mossley, aged 67, in 1970. Son James was living with his mother in Mossley in 1939. He died at 15 Dacres Avenue, Greenfield, aged 74, on 12<sup>th</sup> January 1979. It is not known if he married. Daughter Florence married George Haydn McCullough in 1942, at Mossley Christian Church. She died in Mossley, aged 54, in 1960. Son Eric was still living with his mother in Mossley in 1939. He may have died in Weymouth, aged 85, in 1995. It is not known if he ever married. Daughter Sarah married Oliver Chambers in 1935, at the Mossley United Methodist Church in the Market place. She died at 39 Arundel Close, Carrbrook, Stalybridge, aged 93, on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006. Father James died in Mossley, aged 46, in June 1900. He is buried in Christ Church Churchyard in Friezland, Greenfield. The burial book does not state the plot number. There is no headstone. Mother Ellen died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 64, in 1919. Sister Mary married Ernest Brooks in 1904, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. She died locally aged 70, on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1954. She is buried with her family at plot 4043 in Mossley Cemetery. Sister Sarah married Stanley Swinscoe in 1909, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. She died in the Burnley area, aged 88, in 1974.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	Wife Elizabeth's probate awarded to her married daughter Annie Elizabeth Kennedy and son-in-law Oliver Chambers who was an Electrician.


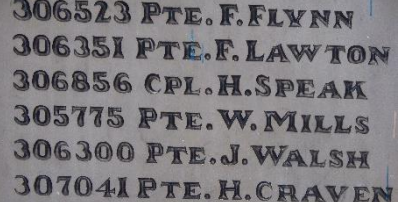


WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME</b>	WILLIAM	
<b>SURNAME</b>	TOWNSEND	
<b>RANK &amp; SERVICE NUMBER</b>	Private 309254.	
<b>BATTALION</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion.	
<b>REGIMENT</b>	Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>	Mossley date unknown.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>	January 1917 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	William is known to have served in the Mossley Territorial force from around 1912 onwards. He would have been underage at the time war was declared. It is likely that his original service number was 1432 as shown on the family grave memorial inscription.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		The 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), were formed at Milnsbridge in September 1914, as a home service or 'second line' unit. On 1 <sup>st</sup> March 1915, they came under the orders of the 186 <sup>th</sup> Brigade, in the 62 <sup>nd</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Division. They landed in France in January 1917.
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Died of wounds.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> May 1917 at No 49 Casualty Clearing Station, Achiet, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	William was probably wounded in the 'Battle of Bullecourt', which ran from 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> May 1917. The 62 <sup>nd</sup> (West Riding) Division attacked on 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, using all three of its brigades, supported by ten tanks of "D" Battalion and with the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Brigade of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Division, who were in reserve at Mory. It was the Division's first major engagement since arriving in France. The Battalions of the 186 <sup>th</sup> and 187 <sup>th</sup> Brigades, met with mixed success and even managed to get three tanks into the village of Bullecourt itself, unfortunately, fierce counter attacks forced them back and almost all their gains reverted back to enemy hands, by the end of the day. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, suffered heavy casualties and many more men, like William, died of their wounds. Achiet-le-Grand Cemetery Extension was used by the 45 <sup>th</sup> and 49 <sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Stations, who were sited with other medical units in the nearby village. Achiet was also an Allied railhead, which enabled casualties to be moved efficiently. The Mossley Reporter dated 19 <sup>th</sup> May 1917, carried the news of William's death.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	19	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	Grave I. F. 10.	
	Achiet-le-Grand Cemetery Extension, Achiet, France.	
		
		
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON A FAMILY GRAVE</b>	In Loving Memory of Aaron Townsend, who died November 28 <sup>th</sup> 1928, in his 70 <sup>th</sup> year. Also Esther Ann, the beloved wife of Aaron Townsend of Mossley, who died March 1 <sup>st</sup> 1919, aged 49 years. Also PTE WILLIAM TOWNSEND 1432 THEIR SON WHO DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN FRANCE MAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> 1917, AGED 19 YEARS.	
<b>LOCATION OF FAMILY GRAVE WITH M.I.</b>	Grave 1896 in Mossley Cemetery (picture below). The grave is located on a steep slope near the shrubbery.	

<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	Mossley United Methodist Church and Sunday School Roll of Honour. St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge, now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>	British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> July 1897. Born and registered in Mossley.
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> September 1897 at St George's Church in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	Aaron Townsend and Esther Ann Townsend nee Wright.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> December 1888 at St Chad's Church in Uppermill.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Mary Jane 1893 (died July 1895), born in Mossley (Delph Registry).
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Thomas 1889 (died November 1904) and Samuel 1891 (both Hartshead Registry). Albert Wright 1894 (died September 1897) (Delph Registry). Albert 1902 and Percy 1905 (both Mossley Registry). All born in Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 3. Living with his parents and siblings at 4 Off Lees Road, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 13. Living with his parents and siblings at 3 Off Lees Road, Mossley. Employed as a Little Piecer.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Piecer at the Milton Spinning Company Mill in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION NOT ALREADY COVERED.</b>	<p>William was the first cousin, (William's mother and Walter's father were siblings), of <b>Walter Wright, who died of wounds, aged 21, on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1916, while serving with the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He is buried in France.</b></p> <p>Additional details of those buried in the family grave (pictured) are as follows : -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Father Aaron died in Ashton-u-Lyne.</li> <li>➤ Mother Esther died in Mossley.</li> <li>➤ Brother Samuel married Olive Bower Webster in 1920, at Mossley United Methodist Church in the Market Place. Olive died two years later and Samuel married Louisa Woolley in 1927, at Christ Church, Friezland, Greenfield. He died in Mossley, aged 52, in September 1943. Both his wives and his daughter Phyllis, who died aged 2, in 1930, are also buried here. None are named on the headstone.</li> </ul> <p>Sister Mary, who died aged 2, is buried in St George's Churchyard in Mossley. The burial book does not state her plot number and there is no headstone.</p> <p>Brother Thomas, who died aged 15, is buried with his maternal grandparents and other extended family, at plot 1960 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Brother Albert Wright, who died aged 3 weeks, is buried at plot 1955 in Mossley Cemetery. This is an unmarked communal grave with 21 other people.</p> <p>Brother Albert was aged 9 and living with his parents in 1911. It is not known what became of him after that date.</p> <p>Brother Percy was single and still living in Mossley in 1939. He died in Audenshaw, aged 63, in 1969. It is not known if he married.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found.



WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME SURNAME</b>		JOSEPH WALSH	
<b>RANK SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT</b>		Private 306300 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		Enlisted at Milnsbridge date unknown.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		Not before 1916 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	Before he was posted to France, Joseph was part of 'G' Company and was responsible for guarding prisoners who were being held in detention rooms. It is likely that Joseph did not go to France until January 1917. He would have been in action at Bullecourt, in the Arras Campaign and at the time of his death his Battalion were involved in the 'Cambrai Operations'		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		The 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) were formed at Milnsbridge in September 1914, as a home service 'second line' unit. On 1 <sup>st</sup> March 1915, they came under the orders of the 186 <sup>th</sup> Brigade in the 62 <sup>nd</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Division. They Landed in France in January 1917 and served on the Western Front throughout the Great War.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>		28 <sup>th</sup> November 1917.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>		Near Bournon, West of Cambrai, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion were in action in the 'Capture of Bournon Wood' from 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> November 1917. In December 1917, Lieutenant B. J. Trowsdale wrote to Joseph's sister Ellen, he said, "Your brother was killed instantly by a shell on Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November. We had just had breakfast in a wood after the recent fighting. A shell burst, killing your brother and another soldier and wounding three others. He was an excellent fellow and a good soldier. I beg to tender my sincere sympathy in your great loss." Joseph'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 not known or were never located after the armistice.		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		25	
<b>CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS</b>	Panel 6 and 7.  Duke of Wellington's - Private.  Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France.		

<b>MEDALS</b>		British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>		1892
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>		Mossley (Hartshead Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>		Not known.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>		John Walsh.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>		Mary Walsh nee Halpin.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>		1880 in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>		Ellen 1896, born in Mossley and registered in Hartshead.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>		Martin 1880 (died 1880) and Thomas 1882 (died November 1888) (both Hartshead Registry) and John 1884 (died January 1889) (Delph Registry). All born in Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>		Age 9. Living with his parents and sister at 13 Front Croft Street, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>		Age 19. Living with his parents and sister at 6 Market Street, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>		Employed as a Piecer at Victoria Spinning Company Mill in Mossley.
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTINGS</b>		7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.  The picture left, also has Mossley Man Private Francis Lawton listed. He died a week before Joseph in the 'Battle of Cambrai'.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>		By the time Joseph died, his sister Ellen, who lived at 1 Back Croft Street, Mossley, was his only surviving relative. The Mossley Reporter editions dated 8 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> December 1917, both carried the news of his death. The family grave is in Mossley cemetery at plot 3172, there is no headstone, the grave contains the following family members:- ➤ Father John. He died in Mossley, aged 62, in June 1916. ➤ Mother Mary. She died in Mossley, aged 59, in November 1914. ➤ Sister Ellen and her husband Albert Hulley. They were married in 1925, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. Albert died in Mossley, aged 78, in November 1960 and Ellen died a month later in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 65. ➤ Brother Thomas. He died aged 6. ➤ Brother John. He died aged 4. Brother Martin who died at just one day old, is buried at plot 3225 in Mossley Cemetery. This is an unmarked communal grave containing six other burials five of whom are children.
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>		No probate records found.

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME SURNAME</b>		JOHN WEBSTER	
<b>RANK SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT</b>		Sergeant 341 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		Re-attested 5 <sup>th</sup> August 1914 at Micklehurst, Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	John's service dated back to 1908 and he was very quick to re-attest when war was declared. He embarked for France from Folkstone, on board the 'Manchester Importer' and was very soon in the trenches in both France and Belgium. He was reprimanded for a minor infraction while in the field in June 1915. On 7 <sup>th</sup> August that year, John received a gunshot wound to his right arm, which saw him in Reading hospital from 11 <sup>th</sup> August until 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 1915. He returned to France in July 1916 and became an Acting Sergeant on 11 <sup>th</sup> August 1916, just 3 weeks before he died.		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. Of the men who travelled to France on board the 'Manchester Importer', around 36 local men lost their lives. The 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion were involved in the attack at Thiepval on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1916. Prior to this they had been in 'reserve'. They were in position on and around the strong point of 'Pope's Nose', unfortunately, despite achieving their objective, they were unable to hold it. There were around 100 casualties in the Battalion that day. Sir Douglas Haig later commented in his diary that he believed that the men had been too tired to fight well, as they had spent their day in reserve under heavy shell fire in Thiepval Woods.		
			
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Died of wounds.		
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1916 at Thiepval, The Somme, France.		
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	John's sister received a letter from his comrades, Sergeant Thomas Neal, Lance Corporal J. Dearnley and Lance Corporal G. Crabtree, which said, "He was going down the communication trench when a shell struck him. He died a peaceful death and was buried in a cemetery close by" His last resting place was not identified following the armistice. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial which is dedicated to the memory of the men who died on the Somme and have no known grave. The Mossley Reporter carried John's obituary on 16 <sup>th</sup> September 1916.		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	28		
<b>CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS</b>	Panel 6B. Duke of Wellington's - Sergeant.  Thiepval Memorial, The Somme, France.		
			
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	All Saints Church War Memorial, Micklehurst, Mossley.		
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.		
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	1888		

<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Mossley (Hartshead Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not known.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	John Webster.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Mary Ann Webster nee Burns.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1881 at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Margaret 1883 and Jane 1886, both born in Mossley (Delph Registry).
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	James Webster Burns 1877 (died 1885) and William 1881, both born in Mossley (Delph Registry).
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 2. Living with his parents and siblings on George Street, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 12. Living with his widowed mother and siblings, at 5 Back Cross Street, Off Lees Road, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 22. Living with his widowed mother and siblings, at 5 Wadsworth's Buildings, Off Lees Road, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Spinner.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Employed at the Southend Spinning Company Mill in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>There is an unmarked family grave at plot 3051 in Mossley Cemetery. This is the Catholic part of the cemetery. John's father was a Roman Catholic and the children were brought up in the faith. Plot 3051 contains the following family members: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Father John. He died in Mossley, aged 44, in June 1898.</li> <li>➤ Brother William. He died in Mossley, aged 31, in May 1913. He never married.</li> <li>➤ Brother John Webster Burns. He was born four years before his parents married and may have a different father. He died in Mossley, aged 8, in April 1885.</li> <li>➤ This grave also contains John's grandmother Bridget Burns and two of his (Broadhead) cousins who died in childhood.</li> </ul> <p>Mother Mary died in Mossley, aged 67, in 1915. She is not listed in the TMBC burial records, but the register contains errors and she may have been omitted.</p> <p>Sister Margaret married Harold Andrew on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1906, at St James's Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge. <b>Harold was the brother of Haydn Andrew, who was killed in action in France, aged 34, on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1918, while serving with the 16<sup>th</sup> (The Queens) Lancers of the Household Cavalry.</b> Margaret and Harold lived at 32 Quickedge Road, Mossley in 1919, but had moved to Birmingham by 1939. Their youngest son, <b>Haydn Andrew, died in Egypt, aged 24, on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1942, while serving with the Royal Engineers in WW2.</b> Margaret died in Birmingham, aged 81, in 1965.</p> <p>Sister Jane was John's sole legatee on his effects record. She was single in 1919 and lived at 32 Quickedge Road, Mossley. She eventually moved to Birmingham and was still a spinster, living with her sister Margaret and her family in 1939. She died in Birmingham, aged 92, in 1978. She never married.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found.


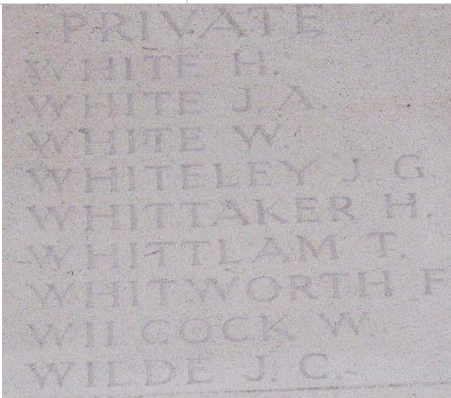




WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		REGINALD
<b>SURNAME</b>		WHITTAKER
<b>RANK &amp; SERVICE NUMBER</b>		Private 1341.
<b>BATTALION</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> January 1913 at Hawthorpe Hall, Uppermill.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	Reginald gave his age as 17 years and 2 months when he enlisted in 1913. He was actually only just 16 years old. He served at home until the outbreak of WW1, he was then embodied between 5 <sup>th</sup> August 1914 and 14 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 and went to France on 15 <sup>th</sup> April, on board the 'Manchester Importer'.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		The Mossley Territorials became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion on 15 <sup>th</sup> May 1915. They were part of the 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They were in the trenches near Fleurbaix from 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 and had already experienced the privations of living outdoors. This would have been a huge shock to those men used to working within the confines of the Mossley textile mills.
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>		9 <sup>th</sup> May 1915.
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>		Fleurbaix, Pas-de-Calais, France.
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	Reginald was killed in action within a month of arriving in France. He lost his life during the 'Battle of Aubers Ridge', where his Division were responsible for holding the line, while two other Divisions attacked the enemy. He was buried by his comrades close to where he fell and a rudimentary cross was erected to identify his grave. After the armistice Reginald was re-interred in Rue-David Military Cemetery.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		18
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>		Grave I.H.2.  Rue-David Military Cemetery. Fleurbaix, France.
		
		
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	St Anne's Church, Roll of Honour, Lydgate, Saddleworth. (pictured below) All Saints Church War Memorial, Micklehurst, Mossley. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.	
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	The Springhead section of the Pots and Pans War Memorial in Uppermill. 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their Drill Hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.	
<b>MEDALS</b>		1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.

<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> December 1896 in Ashton Under Lyne (Ashton Town Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 1897 at St James's Church, Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>	Henry Whittaker and Matilda Whittaker nee Barnes.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1889 at Holy Trinity Church, Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Dorothy Elston 1894 born and registered in Ashton-u-Lyne.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Isaac Henry 1890, Herbert Thorpe 1892 and Charles Barnes 1899 all born and registered in Ashton-u-Lyne. Half-siblings. Eli Whitehead (Whittaker) 1908 born in Stalybridge and Douglas Whittaker (Whitehead) 1910 born in Greenfield.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 4. Living with his mother and siblings at 23 Hoyle Street, Manchester. Reginald's mother is shown as married but his father is not listed on the census.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 14. Living with his widowed mother Matilda and siblings, at Fern Lea, Poplar Street, Mossley. Eli Whitehead is also resident with whom Matilda has two sons. All three Whiteheads' are described as 'boarders'.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Father Henry was not living with the family by 1901 and in 1911, Reginald's mother was describing herself as a widow. Henry may have died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 60, in 1923.</p> <p>Mother Matilda was bringing the family up alone by 1901, she clearly formed a relationship with Eli Whitehead with whom she had two sons. By 1915 she was calling herself Matilda Whittaker Whitehead, although there is no evidence she re-married, possibly because Reginald's father was still alive. It is not known what became of her or Eli Whitehead.</p> <p>Sister Dorothy married Thomas Paget in 1925, at St Anne's Church, Lydgate, Saddleworth. In 1929, they were living in Diggle. It is not known what became of her after that date.</p> <p>Brother Isaac emigrated to Quebec, Canada in 1912. He enlisted for war service whilst in Canada. He moved to New York in 1920 and became a US citizen in 1939. He died in Gulfport, Florida, aged 102, on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1992.</p> <p>Brother Herbert emigrated to Ontario, Canada where he married Irene Nicholas Lester on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1917, in Woodburn, Wentworth. He died there, aged 79, in 1971.</p> <p>Brother Charles joined the Royal Navy and served from 1917. He served at 'Vivid 1' base. He survived the war and became a Naval Stoker in 1919. He married Ada Broadbent on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1920, at St John the Baptist Church in Lees. His father is shown as deceased. He died at 27 Gower Street, Oldham, aged 67, in February 1967. Charles is buried at unmarked plot G11 178 in Greenacres Cemetery Oldham.</p> <p>Half-Brother Eli eventually amended his name to Eli Whittaker Whitehead. He married Amy Swann in 1938, at Greenacres Chapel, Oldham. Amy died in 1961. Eli may have married Bertha Swann nee Radcliffe in 1967, at Greenacres Chapel, Oldham but this is not certain. He died, at 16 Top Street, Greenacres, Oldham, aged 76, on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1984. He is buried with Amy and some of her family at plot H6 153, in Greenacres Cemetery, Oldham. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Half-Brother Douglas (Whittaker Whitehead) married Phyllis Amelia A Lawton in 1937, at St Anne's Church, Lydgate, Saddleworth. He died in Rotherham, aged 84, in 1995.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found.





WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		THOMAS	
<b>SURNAME</b>		WHITTLAM	
<b>RANK</b>		Private.	
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>		306343	
<b>BATTALION</b>		2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion.	
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		Milnsbridge date unknown.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		Early 1917 in France or Belgium.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	Thomas was severely wounded in May 1917 while fighting in France. The Battalion were engaged in the 'Battle of Bullecourt from 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> May. He recovered at home and was back in the front line forces by July 1917. He would next see action in the 'Cambrai Operations' later that year.		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		The 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) were formed at Milnsbridge in September 1914, as a home service 'second line' unit. On 1 <sup>st</sup> March 1915, they came under the orders of 186 <sup>th</sup> Brigade, in 62 <sup>nd</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Division. They landed in France in January 1917 and between 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1918, were involved the 'First Battle of Bapaume'.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Killed in action.		
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> March 1918.		
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	Bapaume, Pas-de-Calais, France.		
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	After the enemy onslaught in the St Quentin area, from 21 <sup>st</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> March, the front line was badly fragmented. 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 <sup>th</sup> 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' and it was some weeks before Thomas's family were officially informed of his death. Thomas is listed on the Arras Memorial in France. His name is inscribed immediately below that of Mossley Man, Harold Whittaker, who died in 1917, while serving in the same Regiment.		
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	34		
<b>CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS</b>	Bay 6. Duke of Wellington's - Private.		
	Arras Memorial, France.		
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.		
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield. Micklehurst Conservative Club, Mossley - Missing Member. The Stalybridge War Memorial, Trinity Street, Stalybridge.		
<b>MEDALS</b>	British War and Victory Medals.		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	1883		
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Barnsley in Yorkshire.		
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not known.		
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	Alfred Whittlam.		

<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Maria Whittlam nee Lees.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> September 1876 at St James's Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Sarah Jane 1877 and Harriet Ann 1878 (died 1879), both born in Mossley (Hartshead Registry). Eliza 1881, born in Barnsley.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Henry 1880 (died 1881), Robert 1882 (died 1888) and Albert 1885, all born in Barnsley. Lees 1894 and Joe 1895 (died March 1898), both born in Mossley (Hartshead Registry).
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 8. Living with his parents and siblings at 9 Front Croft Street, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 17. Living with his parents and siblings at 11 Front Croft Street, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 27. Living with his parents and siblings at 5 Waggon Road, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Spinner.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Employed At the Brunswick Spinning Mill in Mossley.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	1916 at Christ Church in Dukinfield
<b>NAMES OF SPOUSE</b>	Marian Jackson.
<b>NAME(S) OF CHILDREN</b>	None.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Thomas was connected to Christ Church in Stalybridge. After his death a memorial service, conducted by the Rev A. F. Aldis, was held there in his honour. The Mossley Reporter dated 4<sup>th</sup> May 1918, carried the news of Thomas's death (pictured right).</p> <p>Wife Marian was living at 76 High Street, Stalybridge, when she learned of Thomas's death. She later moved to 5439, 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rosemont, Montreal in Canada. It is not known what became of her.</p> <p>There is an unmarked family grave at plot 1745 in Mossley Cemetery, it contains the following family members :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Father Alfred. He died in Mossley, aged 68, in May 1924.</li> <li>➤ Mother Maria. She died in Mossley, aged 70, in January 1920.</li> <li>➤ Brother Joe. He died in Mossley, aged 2 and was the first burial here.</li> <li>➤ Brother Lees. He enlisted in the Manchester Regiment in December 1915, but by June 1916, he had been discharged due to extremely poor eyesight. He died in Mossley, aged 29, in May 1923. He never married.</li> <li>➤ Sister Sarah. She married James Williamson on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1909, at St James's Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge. She died in Mossley, aged 71, in April 1948.</li> <li>➤ Brother-in-law James Williamson. He died in Mossley, aged 54, in November 1931.</li> <li>➤ Niece Joyce Whittlam. She died in Stalybridge, aged 3 months, in October 1923.</li> </ul> <p>Sister Eliza married James William Robinson on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1905, at St George's Church in Mossley. She was living at Bank Forrest, Dobcross, Saddleworth, when she died at Crompton Knoll, Dobcross, Saddleworth, aged 65, on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1947.</p> <p>Brother Albert married Harriet Hannah Lamb on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1908, at All Saints Church, Micklehurst, Mossley. He died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 74, in 1960. It is their daughter Joyce, who is buried in the family grave detailed above.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	Sister Eliza's probate was awarded to her husband James, who was a Farm labourer.

## MOSSLEY TERRITORIAL


### Pte. T. Whittlam, of Stalybridge, Killed in Action

An official intimation was received by Mrs. Whittlam, of 76, High-street, Stalybridge, that her husband, Private Thomas Whittlam, West Riding Regiment (Mossley Territorials) was killed in action on March 25th. Private Whittlam was a native of Mossley, and previously was employed at the Brunswick Mills. He was only married about two years ago. He had been in the army over twelve months, and in May of last year was somewhat severely wounded. He, however, quickly recovered and in July was again drafted to the front, where he had been fighting ever since. He was 24 years of age, and was well known both in Stalybridge and Mossley.


WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME SURNAME</b>		FRANK WILLIAMS	
<b>RANK SERVICE NUMBER BATTALION REGIMENT</b>		Private 1434 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		27 <sup>th</sup> May 1913 in Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>		<p>Frank enlisted in the Territorial Force a year before the hostilities began. He was 5'6" and in good health. He was living at 5 Off Mill Street, Mossley. He embarked for France on board the 'Manchester Importer'. By 24<sup>th</sup> April 1915, the Regiment had been in the trenches and had seen their first action on 9<sup>th</sup> May at the 'The Battle of Aubers Ridge'. In July 1915, they had moved to the Ypres Salient in Belgium, where the chances of being wounded or killed were much increased. Frank was wounded in a gas attack on 19<sup>th</sup> December 1915, he was described as having performed a 'deed of great valour', in that he awoke his comrades without thought to his own safety, thereby saving many of them from being asphyxiated. For his actions, Frank was recommended for the DCM, but he never received it. He was hospitalised and after treatment he rejoined his Battalion in the field on 9<sup>th</sup> February 1916. They moved to the Somme in 1916 and after a period of time in 'reserve', they carried out their first major offensive at Thiepval, beginning on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1916. Frank's last letter home said "I think we can say our family is doing its bit, but it is all in a good cause".</p>	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade, in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They served in France and Belgium.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>		17 <sup>th</sup> September 1916.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>		Thiepval, The Somme, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>		On the evening of the 17 <sup>th</sup> September 1916, the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion led the attack on the German trenches at Liepzig Redoubt. Amid Mills bombs and a bombardment of Stokes bombs, (some of which hit the trenches occupied by the British), the Duke of Wellington's forces achieved their objectives for the day. The Battalion was congratulated by General Gough. They suffered 19 fatalities and 39 men were wounded. Frank was one of the men lost in this attack. He may have been a casualty of 'friendly fire', as one of the Stokes bombs hit and blew up a British Mills bomb store. The action took place 300 yards from where the Thiepval Memorial now stands. The Mossley Reporter dated 14 <sup>th</sup> October 1916 carried Frank's obituary.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		24	
<b>PANEL NUMBER</b>		Panel 6A.	
<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF CWGC MEMORIAL</b>		<p>Duke of Wellington's - Private.</p> <p>Thiepval Memorial. The Somme, France.</p>	
			
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>		 <p>All Saints Church War Memorial, Micklehurst, Mossley. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church.</p>	

<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	1891
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Stalybridge (Hartshead Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 1892 at St Paul's Church in Stalybridge.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	John Williams.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Ellen Williams nee Farrington.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> May 1880 at St Paul's Church in Stalybridge.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Nellie 1899 (died March 1900), born and registered in Mossley. Half Sister - Mary Cavell 1918, born in Saddleworth.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	John 1881 and Arthur 1883, both born in Liverpool. Edward 1885, Percy 1887 and George 1889, born in Stalybridge (Dukinfield Registry). Albert 1894 and Wilfred 1896, born in Mossley (Dukinfield Registry).
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 9. Living with his mother and siblings at 26 Stayley Road, Mossley. His father is away from home.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 19. Living with his parents and siblings at 7 Waggon Road, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Inside Labourer at Lumb Mills in Delph.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Mother Ellen died in Mossley, aged 53, in April 1911. She is buried in unmarked plot 474 in Mossley Cemetery, with Frank's sister Nellie who died aged 1.</p> <p>Father John married Elizabeth Mary Broadbent, at St Chad's Church, Saddleworth, on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1917, he became a father again at the age of 60. He died in Saddleworth, aged 75, in 1933. It is not known what became of Frank's stepmother Elizabeth.</p> <p>Brother John served with the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) from the outset of the Great War. He suffered from Enteric Fever after a period in Salonika but recovered and returned to the front. He was eventually invalided out of the army. It is not known what became of him.</p> <p><b>Brother Arthur married Margaret Grace in 1906, in the Ashton area. He died of wounds, aged 34, on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1917, while serving with the King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment). He is buried in France.</b></p> <p>Brother Edward married Edith Buckley in 1908, at Abney Congregational Church in Mossley. He served in the 'Mossley Territorials' until he was discharged after being seriously wounded in his spine, this injury left him disabled. He died in Mossley, aged 46, in January 1931. He is buried with Edith in plot 3448 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Brother Percy also served in the Great War. He was with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion of the King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) as early as 1911. He acted as a witness at his father's wedding in 1917 and was living at Newmarket Road, Ashton-u-Lyne in 1919, it is not known what became of him after that date.</p> <p>Brother George served in Salonika) with the Royal Garrison Artillery during the Great War. He married Annie Frost on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1919, at St George's Church in Mossley. There are too many similarly named records to establish what became of him.</p> <p><b>Brother Albert was killed in action, aged 23, on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1917, while serving with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He is buried in France.</b></p> <p>Brother Wilfred served with the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment in the Great War and also worked on munitions when he was no longer fit for active service. He was living in Millbrook, Stalybridge in 1919. It is not known whether he married or what became of him.</p> <p>Half-sister Mary married Reginald Christopher Cromwell Kenworthy in 1938, at St Chad's Church in Saddleworth. She died in the Oldham area, aged 75, in 1994.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found.





WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR	
<b>FIRST NAME</b> <b>SURNAME</b>		FRANK WOOD	
<b>RANK &amp; SERVICE NUMBER</b> <b>BATTALION</b> <b>REGIMENT</b>		Private 2466 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials.' Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).	
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		5 <sup>th</sup> November 1914 in Mossley.	
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		29 <sup>th</sup> June 1915 in France.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>		Frank was originally assigned to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Manchester Regiment, known as 'The Ashton Territorials.' In July 1915, he was wounded when an incendiary bomb blew a trench in on him, partially burying him and setting his clothes on fire. Two disciplinary infractions occurred in July 1915. He was fined 3 days' pay for lying in bed until 8.38am and 4 days' pay for leaving the ranks without permission. In August 1915, he moved first to the 3 <sup>rd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> , then the 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> and finally to the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalions of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). From 29 <sup>th</sup> September to 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 1915, he was treated for a gun-shot wound and sent home to recuperate. He returned to France on 10 <sup>th</sup> March 1916, on board the 'SS Monas Queen'.	
 			
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>		In April 1915, the Mossley Territorials became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of the 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Died of wounds.	
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>		19 <sup>th</sup> July 1916 at the No1 Stationary Hospital, Rouen, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>		On the day Frank died, Regimental HQ at York sent an official notice to his mother which stated, "Your son is seriously ill at No1 Stationary Hospital, Rouen, France, from multiple gun-shot wounds. It is regretted that permission to visit him cannot be granted". The following day she received a telegram to say he had died in hospital. The Manchester Evening News dated 28 <sup>th</sup> July 1916 and the Mossley Reporter dated 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 1916, both printed Frank's obituary.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		18 (Official records states 19).	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>		Grave A.34.  St Sever Cemetery Rouen, France.	
			
<b>MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION ON OWN HEADSTONE</b>		'Peace, Perfect Peace'.	

<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church. The Mossley Christian Church War Memorial Tablet. (Now located in St George's Church, Mossley).
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	Micklehurst Liberal Club Roll of Honour, Mossley. The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall at Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre, Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>	 <p>1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.</p>
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> November 1897.
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Born and registered in Mossley.
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 1898 at St George's Church in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	Robert Henry Wood.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Frances Wood nee Perrin.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> February 1883 at New St George's Church, Stalybridge.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Esther Ann 1884 and Sarah Alice 5/4/1886 (both Hartshead Registry) and Mary 14/8/1907 (Mossley Registry). All born in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	William 29/12/1888 (Hartshead Registry) and Samuel 6/8/1894 (Delph Registry). Both born in Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 3. Living with his parents and siblings at 5 Webster Street, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 13. Living with his parents and siblings at 5 Webster Street, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer at Britannia Mill in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Father Robert died in Ashton-u-Lyne, aged 81, in November 1943. He is buried at plot 45 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Mother Frances died in Mossley, aged 55, in July 1920. She is buried with Frank's father in Mossley Cemetery.</p> <p>Plot 45 also contains Frank's grandmother Mary Ann Wood, who died aged 86, in 1922 and an unknown relative named Sarah Wright, who died, aged 40, in 1885.</p> <p>Sister Esther married William Schofield in 1907, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. She died in Mossley, aged 73, in January 1958. She is buried with her family at plot 1593 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Sister Sarah married Harold Gladstone Mayall in 1907, in a registrar attended wedding in Ashton-u-Lyne. Harold died in 1920 and she remarried on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1921, at St George's Church in Mossley. Her second husband was Harold Pugh. Sarah died in Hyde, aged 83, in 1969.</p> <p>Sister Mary is shown on Franks' service records as his half-blood sister and there is a ten year gap between Frank's birth and her own. It is known that she was acknowledged as the daughter of Robert Henry and Frances Wood on her baptism record. Mary married John Norman Walton in 1937, at St George's Church in Mossley. She died at 29 Hart Court, Mossley, aged 75, on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1982.</p> <p>Brothers William and Samuel also served in WW1 and were known to be married and serving as soldiers in 1919. Unfortunately their names are too common to establish who they married or what happened to them.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found.

WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAMES</b>		JOSEPH JAMES
<b>SURNAME</b>		WOODHOUSE
<b>RANK</b>		Private.
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>		268586
<b>BATTALION</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		August or September 1914 in Milnsbridge.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	<p>Joseph also served in the 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) prior to joining the 'Mossley Territorials'. Both of these Battalions went out to France in April 1915. In June 1915, the Mossley Reporter carried excerpts of Joseph's letters to his wife :-</p> <p>"We came out of the trenches last night, we did not get any shells till the day we came out. While we were having dinner, they dropped a shell up against the trench and some dirt came down our chimney into the pan, but we managed to have a good dinner after all."</p> <p>"June 6<sup>th</sup> - We are in the trenches again busy making new dug-outs. In one village there is no one living there, only the soldiers, I don't know what happened to the inhabitants? We were working in one place the other day and there were some redcurrant trees and red roses."</p> <p>"June 11<sup>th</sup> - We are still in the trenches and it has been raining for two or three days on and off. It must have been awful for our soldiers in the winter. There are scores of graves of men who have been buried here, but they have nothing to mark where they are and sometimes when you are digging you come across a dead body. Talk about blow flies! There are millions of them. Yesterday I had a bit of bacon left from my breakfast and put it in the dug-out covered up. Whilst I was asleep, young Taylor came in and took the fat out to cook our dinner with and left it uncovered. When I came to get it for my tea, you could see the little maggots on it." In July 1917, Joseph was wounded in the leg, but he recovered and was able to return to his Battalion for his final months.</p>	
	<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	
		The 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), were attached to the 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Brigade, as part of the 49 <sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Division. They landed in France on 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915. The Division were engaged in the 'Battle of Scherpenberg' on 29 <sup>th</sup> April 1918.
<b>KIA / DOW</b>		Killed in action.
<b>DATE &amp; PLACE OF DEATH</b>		29 <sup>th</sup> April 1918, near Scherpenberg, Belgium.
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	<p>On 29<sup>th</sup> April 1918, Sir Douglas Haig wrote - "On the British front, the positions held by the 49<sup>th</sup> Division were strongly attacked between 5 and 5.30am. The German Infantry advanced against the 49<sup>th</sup> Division at 6am, in mass formation, with bayonets fixed and were repulsed with the heaviest losses. During the morning, repeated attacks were made without result against the 49<sup>th</sup>. The losses suffered by the German Infantry were very great. Our Infantry fought magnificently and in more than one instance, our troops went out to meet the German attack and drove back the enemy with the bayonet. At the end of the day, except for a small loss of ground, our line was intact and the enemy had undergone a severe and decided check." Joseph lost his life in this attack.</p>	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>		36
<b>CWGC MEMORIAL DETAILS</b>	<p>Panel 84. Duke of Wellington's - Private.</p> <p>Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.</p>	 

<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church. All Saints Church War Memorial, Micklehurst, Mossley. Waggon Road Methodist Church War Memorial in Mossley. Now located in the Mossley Heritage Centre.
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON – OTHERS</b> 	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield. The CPA Roll of Honour as an employee of Buckton Vale Printworks, Carrbrook, Stalybridge. The CPA Roll of Honour at its Head Office, St James's Buildings, Oxford Street, Manchester.
<b>MEDALS</b>	1915 Star, British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> June 1881.
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Mossley (Uppermill Registry).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> August 1881 at St Chad's Church in Uppermill.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	Edward Woodhouse.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Mary Ann Woodhouse nee Langley.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1876 at St Anne's Church, Lydgate, Saddleworth.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Rachel 1876 (died July 1877) (Uppermill Registry), born in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Step-brother - Harry Langley 1871 (Delph Registry), born in Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1891</b>	Age 9. Living with his parents, step-brother and other family, at 7 Andrew Terrace, Abney Road, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 19. Living with his parents and step-brother, at 5 Andrew Buildings, Mossley. Employed as a Cotton Piecer.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 29. Living with his wife, widowed mother and step-brother, at 5 Back Micklehurst Road, Mossley. Employed as a Tenterman.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Employed at Carrbrook Printworks, Stalybridge.
<b>DATE OF MARRIAGE</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> December 1910.
<b>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	St Paul's Church in Stalybridge.
<b>NAMES OF SPOUSE</b>	Martha Ann Vaughton.
<b>NAME(S) OF CHILDREN</b>	Edward 23/11/1911, born in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Wife Martha was living at 95 Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge when she received news of her husband's death. She died in Stalybridge, aged 90, in 1968.</p> <p>Son Edward married Bertha Roberts in 1935, at the Bethel Methodist Church on Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge. He died at 3 Winifred's Place, Stalybridge, aged 69, on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1981. Father Edward died in Mossley, aged 69, in November 1908. He is buried at plot 463 in Mossley Cemetery. There is no headstone.</p> <p>Mother Mary was living at 66 Micklehurst Road, Mossley when she received news of Joseph's death. She died in Mossley, aged 81, in March 1928. She is buried in the same grave as Joseph's father in Mossley Cemetery.</p> <p>Sister Rachel, who died aged 9 months, is buried in the old churchyard next to St Chad's Church in Uppermill. This burial ground is almost completely overgrowth and any headstone would be almost impossible to locate.</p> <p>Step-brother Harry was born out of wedlock before his mother married Edward Woodhouse, his father is unknown. He died in Mossley, aged 79, in February 1951 and is also buried at plot 463 in Mossley Cemetery. He never married.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	No probate records found.



WAR RECORD OF MEN OF MOSSLEY		REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR
<b>FIRST NAME</b>		WALTER
<b>SURNAME</b>		WRIGHT
<b>RANK</b>		Private.
<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>		2436
<b>BATTALION</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'The Mossley Territorials'.
<b>REGIMENT</b>		Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment.
<b>DATE AND PLACE ENLISTED</b>		31 <sup>st</sup> October 1914 at Uppermill.
<b>DATE FIRST SERVED IN THEATRE OF WAR</b>		5 <sup>th</sup> July 1916 in France.
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE</b>	 <p>Walter originally joined the 2<sup>nd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalions of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment, he served at home from 31<sup>st</sup> October 1914. He transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, when he embarked at Southampton, bound for France, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1916. He arrived at Etaples on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1916. At the time of his death, he was temporarily attached to the 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Yorkshire Light Infantry.</p>	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT REGIMENT</b>	In April 1915, the 'Mossley Territorials' became the 1 <sup>st</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). They were part of the 147 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Riding) Infantry Brigade in the 49 <sup>th</sup> West Riding Division. They served in France and Belgium and by July 1916 had arrived at the Somme.	
<b>KIA / DOW</b>	Died of wounds.	
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> August 1916.	
<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	No 22 General Hospital, Etaples, France.	
<b>EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH</b>	On 28 <sup>th</sup> July 1916, Walter received serious gun-shot wounds to his right thigh. His stepmother received a letter from Chaplain D. J. Jones at the No 22 General Hospital in France, dated 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 1916, which said, "Your son passed away yesterday in this hospital. He was admitted a few days ago suffering from a severe gun-shot wound in the thigh. Complications set in and the leg had to be amputated. We found that his wounds were too severe and he passed away." The letter went on to praise Walter's bravery in his great suffering and to express sympathy for his family in their 'great loss'. The Mossley Reporter dated 12 <sup>th</sup> August 1916, carried his obituary.	
<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	21	
<b>GRAVE AND CEMETERY DETAILS</b>	Grave IX. B. 16A.  Etaples Military Cemetery, France.	
		

<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - CHURCHES</b>	St John the Baptist War Memorial, Roughtown, Mossley. The Mossley War Memorial in St George's Church. Mossley United Methodist Church and Sunday School, Roll of Honour.
<b>WAR MEMORIALS LISTED ON - OTHERS</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion War Memorial originally in their drill hall in Milnsbridge. Now located in the T.A. Centre in Huddersfield.
<b>MEDALS</b>	British War and Victory Medals.
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	1894
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Mossley (registered in Delph, Saddleworth).
<b>PLACE OF BAPTISM</b>	Not known.
<b>NAME OF FATHER</b>	Samuel Edward Wright.
<b>NAME OF MOTHER (+ MAIDEN NAME IF KNOWN)</b>	Nancy Wright nee Thompson.
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF PARENTS MARRIAGE</b>	1893 at St John The Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley.
<b>NAME OF SISTERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Mary Alice 1899 (died November 1899), born and registered in Mossley. Half-sister Mary Alice 25/3/1909, born and registered in Mossley.
<b>NAME OF BROTHERS WITH YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	Half-brothers Harold 29/6/1902 and John Clare 1906. Both born and registered in Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1901</b>	Age 7. Living with his paternal grandfather, his widowed father and an uncle at 2 Off Lees Road, Mossley.
<b>CENSUS 1911</b>	Age 16. Living with his father, stepmother and step-siblings at 17 Quick Edge Lane, Mossley. Employed as a Mule Piecer.
<b>OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT</b>	Employed at Southend Spinning Company Mill in Mossley.
<b>OTHER SUPPORTING FAMILY DOCUMENTATION</b>	<p>Walter was connected with the United Methodist School and Church in Mossley. At the time of his enlistment, he lived at 27 Lees Road, Mossley. He was the first cousin, (Walter's father and William's mother were siblings) of <b>William Townsend, who died of wounds, aged 19, on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1917, while serving with the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He is buried in France.</b></p> <p>Mother Nancy died in Mossley, aged 26, in December 1900. She is buried at plot 1960 in Mossley Cemetery. Walter's sister Mary Alice, who died in 1899 aged three months, is also buried here. This grave contains extended Wright family members including Walter's paternal grandparents and one of his uncles. The grave is unmarked.</p> <p>Father Samuel married Harriet Ann Holden in 1901, at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley, they had three children together. He was discharged from the armed services in 1915 as he was deemed to be too old for active service, however, he asked Mayor Alderman Bradbury to intervene and he joined the Ashton Heavy Artillery Brigade. He served with them in Salonika (Greece) in 1916. Samuel died in Mossley, aged 81, in March 1954. He is buried at plot 1880 in Mossley Cemetery. Harriet, who also died locally, aged 75, in April 1949 and some of her extended family, including her parents, are also buried in this plot. The grave is close to where Walter's mother Nancy is buried, there is no headstone.</p> <p>Half-sister Mary Alice married Herbert Radcliffe in 1933 at St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown, Mossley. She died in the Tameside area, aged 78, in 1987.</p> <p>Brother Harold married Mary Barker on 5<sup>th</sup> December 1925, at St Thomas's Church, Leesfield, Oldham. He probably died in Surrey, aged 72, in 1975, (the date of birth on the death record matches Harold's).</p> <p>Half-brother John married Maria Lilly in 1930, at Holy Trinity Church, Bardsley, Oldham. He died at 34 Keb Lane, Bardsley, Oldham, aged 56, on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1962.</p>
<b>OTHER PROBATE RECORDS</b>	Half-brother John's probate was awarded to his wife Maria and brother-in-law Herbert Radcliffe, who was a Board Machine Maker.