

KILHAM WAR MEMORIAL

Erected in 1922 made from Portland Stone



Erected by public subscription In memory of the men of this Parish who gave their lives for their Country in the Great War 1914-1919 "Lest we forget"

Pte G Dandy	Oct 9 1917	Pte J Scorsby	Jul 25 1915
Gnr C Hairsine	Oct 18 1917	Pte H Tallentire	Jul 26 1915
Pte W H Raines	Nov 20 1917	Dvr J Carr	Jul 6 1916
Pte P Lakes	Nov 23 1917	Ptr G R Milner	Sep 16 1916
Dvr H Ward	Dec 11 1917	Pte S Young	Sep 16 1916
Cpl T H Waines	Jan 21 1918	Pte A Bryan	Oct 28 1916
Pte J East	Apr 10 1918	Pte W H Harper	Nov 13 1916
Sgt C H Witty	May 24 1918	Pte F E Kennedy	Jan 17 1917
Pte A E Fowler	Sep 28 1918	Capt J C Banks	May 1 1917
Pte E A Peeke		Pte H Rookes	Aug 16 1917

KILHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH



In honoured memory of the men of this Parish who laid down their lives for their country 1914-1918

Capt J C Banks MC	Pte G R Milner
Pte A Bryan	" E A Peake
Dvr J Carr	" W H Raines
Pte G Dandy	" H Rookes
" J East	" J Scorsby
" A E Fowler	" H Tallentire
Gnr C Hairsiane	Cpl T H Waines
Pte W H Harper	Dvr H Ward
" F E Kennedy	Sgt C H Witty
" P Lakes	Pte S Young

"Faithful unto death"



In honoured memory of the men of this Parish who laid down their lives for their country 1939-1945

George Creaser	Christopher D Towse DFM
Derek R Hakner	Charles W Smith
Robert H Green	Thomas A Sissons
Francis W Rispin	James C Warcup

"Faithful unto death"

ST PAUL'S METHODISH CHURCH KILHAM



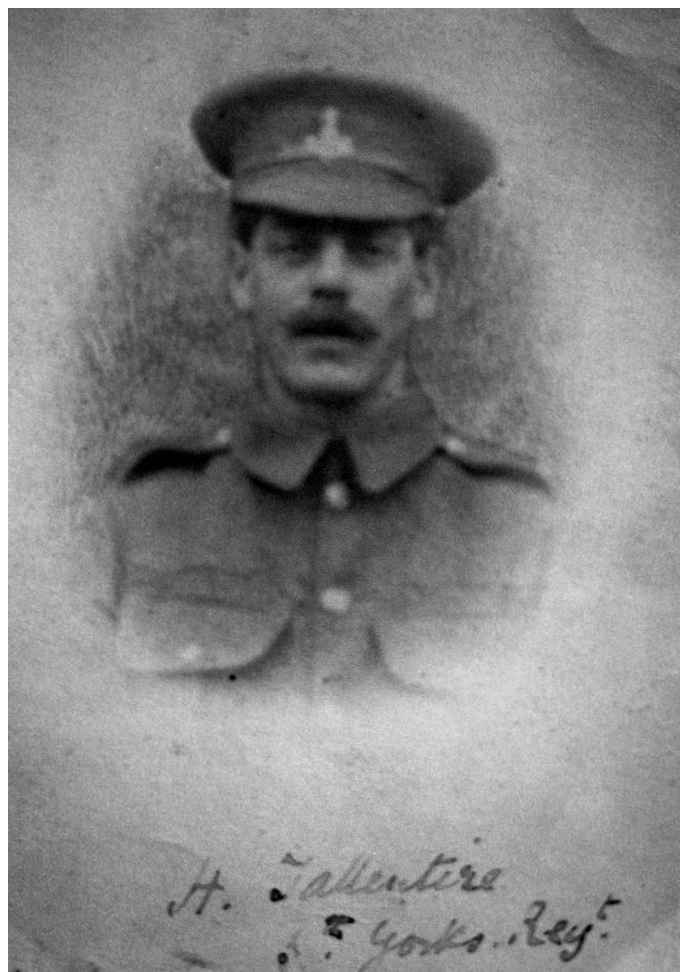
THIS WINDOW IS ERECTED
BY THE CONGREGATION
IN MEMORY OF
CAPT J. C. BANKS, M. C.
DIED 2ND MAY 1917.
PTE A. E. FOWLER.
DIED 28TH SEPT 1918.
WHO FELL IN THE GREAT WAR
1914 ~ 1919.

JAMES SCORSBY



Private Charles James Scorsby 6249 1st Btn East Yorkshire Regiment was killed in action 25 April (July on War Memorial) 1915 age 36. He is buried in Houplines Communal Cemetery France. "Ever in thought" was inscribed on his headstone at the request of Ada Alice Stead Scorsby of 1 Queen's Yard, South Back Lane Bridlington. Known as Jim Scorsby he was born Charles James Stead at Ganton in 1880. He had an elder sister Louisa Legard Stead born 1878. Their mother was Mary Stead. In 1881 the children were living with foster parents in Sherburn and their mother was a cook for the Cranswick family who farmed in Thornholme. Mary Stead married Thomas William Scorsby, a farm labourer, in 1887 and they lived on West Street in Kilham. The children adopted the Scorsby name and James Scorsby was a private in the 4th Btn Yorkshire Fusiliers at York in 1901. He fought in the Boar War and returned home without injury. Charles James Stead married Ada Alice Chapman 14 October 1908 in Bridlington and in 1911 he was a farm labourer living with his wife and two daughters at 29 Havelock Crescent Bridlington. A third daughter was born December 1914. James left for France 7 October 1914. He was awarded the 14 Star, British and Victory medals.

HARRY TALLENTIRE



Private Harry Tallentire 2288 5th Btn Alexandra Princess of Wales Yorkshire Regiment was killed in action 26 April (July on War Memorial) 1915 age 33. He is commemorated on the Ypres Memorial - The Menin Gate. Harry was born in Bridlington in 1880, the son of Richard Tallentire, a mariner later a general labourer and his wife Mary Elizabeth (nee Abram). Harry had a sister, Minnie and a brother Richard. The brothers enlisted in the army at the same time (Richard's number was 2287). Harry was a joiner and he married Mary Alice Hakner in 1907. They lived on Harpham Road Kilham and had four children - John Henry, Richard, Nora Dorothy and Ronald. He was awarded the 15 Star, British and Victory medals. He is also remembered on the Bridlington Cenotaph.

News is coming to hand of the casualties which have occurred to Territorials belonging to the 5th Yorkshires (under Sir Mark Sykes) from Bridlington and the district. It is assuming formidable proportions, and is bringing home to the community the horrors of the war. The following local men are reported killed:— Corporal Charles Fowler, Private Edmond (who died in hospital on his way to the front), Private Tallentire, and Private Jim Scoreby. Scoreby, whose wife and family live at Havelock Crescent, and the youngest of whom has been born since he left for France, went through the Boer War without a scratch.

Yorkshire Evening Post 1 May 1915



The Menin Gate

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The document attached hereto dated March 20th
1915.

and signed

H. Tallentire

appears to have been written or executed by

Testator died at

Fourtin

No. 22 & Pte Harry Tallentire,
1/5th B^d Yorkshire Regt.,

on
26/4/15.

while he was "in actual military service" within the meaning of
the Wills Act, 1837, and has been recognised by the War Depart-
ment as constituting a valid Will.

W. A. House

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

WAR OFFICE,

Date 4. 10. 15.

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WILL.

In the event of my death
I give the whole of my property
and effects to my wife
Alice Tallentire.

Harpham Road.

Kilham.

Striffield
York

Signed - H. H. Tallentire.

No. 2282.

5th Yorks. Regt.

March, 20th 1915.

JOSEPH CARR

Driver Joseph Carr T4/036582 1st Coy, 30th Div Train, Royal Army Service Corps died of wounds 8 July 1917 (6 July 1916 on War Memorial) age 26. He is buried in Etaples Military Cemetery, France. His sister Elsie had "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away" inscribed on his headstone. Joseph was born at the end of 1880 in Ruston Parva, one of the seventeen children of Robert Carr an agricultural labourer and his wife Annie Elizabeth. The family lived on Middle Street Kilham in 1881 and then Robert's work took them to Airy Hill Ruston Parva. They moved back to Kilham and lived on North Terrace before finally settling in Bridlington. Joseph was 5 feet 9 inches tall and had tattoos on both forearms. He was a groom and joined up 13 December 1914. He was sent to France in October the following year. There was some confusion about whether his wounds were as a result of an accident or if he was a battle casualty. After an investigation he was deemed to have been injured in action. Joseph was wounded on 15 June 1917 and evacuated to Carmiers 4th General Hospital ten days later - this was on account of his desire to go home to England. Sadly he died at Carmiers on 8 July. Apart from dreadful injuries to his face he had had a piece of shell casing, measuring 3" x 1½" x ½", removed from the base of his skull. Joseph was awarded the 15 Star, British and Victory medals.

This man says he was leading a horse across a yard when a big gun went off and the horse kicked him. He is now suffering from meningitis, and not able to be cross-examined.

Both eyes are destroyed and AF.W3118 says a large foreign body was removed from the comminuted base of skull. This injury is obviously the result of a gun-shot wound, and it appears that the injury was diagnosed at the Field Ambulance as a result of the man's own statement, which was erroneous. He was rendered blind immediately on being hit, and could not tell what hit him.

sd J.N. CULPIN, Capt., R.A.M.C.

GEORGE ROBERT MILNER

Private George Robert Milner 3524 5th Btn Alexandra Princess of Wales Yorkshire Regiment was killed in action 16 September 1916 age 29. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. George was born in Kilham in 1886 the son of Annie Elizabeth Milner. In 1891 George was living with his grandparents, John and Harriet Milner at 3 North Terrace Kilham. John was a general labourer. Annie married James Ward a labourer on 11 February 1901. 14 year old George was working as a wagoner's lad at Binsdale Farm Boynton in 1901 and as a wagoner in Barmston in 1911. When he joined up he was living at Rudston. George was awarded the British and Victory medals.

Thiepval Memorial



SIDNEY YOUNG



Private Sidney Young C/12639 21 Btn Kings Royal Rifle Corps was wounded in action between 15 and 17 September 1916 and died of wounds 17 (16 on war memorial) September 1916 age 19. He is buried in Heilly Station Cemetery Mericourt-L'Abbe. Sydney joined up on his 19th birthday - 24 November 1915. He was born in North Somercoates and was 5 feet 7 inches tall. In 1915 he was an accountant's clerk. Sydney was the eldest son of Robert Young a bricklayer from Rise Skirlaugh and his wife Florence nee Pinkney from Kilham. Florence Pinkney married Robert Young at the end of 1895. They had three sons and a daughter. In 1901 Florence, along with young Sidney, his sister and baby brother, was visiting her parents on Middle Street Kilham. After Sidney died his possessions were sent home but as can be seen from the letter below his father felt that some things had gone astray. Sidney was awarded the British and Victory medals.

A/V. 21757.

From
Officer i/c Rifle Records,
N.A. Section, K.R.R. Corps,
WINCHESTER.

To
Mr Robert. Young.
New Rise
Skerlaugh
Hull.

WINCHESTER Feb. 28th 1917.

12639 Rm. S. Young.
21st K.R.R.C.

I beg to forward the effects of
the above named soldier
received from Officer i/c Base
Records, consisting of :-

- 1 Disc.
- Packet of Letters
- Photos.
- French Book.

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A/V. 21757.

From
Robt. Young
New Rise
Skerlaugh

To
Officer i/c Rifle Records,
N.A. Section, K.R.R. Corps,
WINCHESTER.

New Rise March 7th 1917.

Sir
I have received the articles
herein mentioned belonging to
my son but surely these are
not all you have received as
he had with him a watch
& chain, safety-razor with
a dozen blades, pocket-knife,
his small book, pocket-knife
& several other small articles
which we should have valued
very much as they had
belonged to him.

He also took with him two new
woolsey undershirts & large towel these
articles he gave in about a month
before going into the engagement
which cost him his life so
that they should have been
forwarded to us. In his last
letter home he also mentioned
that he had in his possession
a 5. Treasury Note & about
in money. I think
should be inquired
I shall read

ALBERT BRYAN



Private Albert Bryan 2779 5th Btn Alexandra Princess of Wales Yorkshire Regiment died of wounds 28 October 1916 age 30. He is buried in Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension. Albert was born in 1886 in Kilham, one of the nine children of George, a farm labourer, and Mary Bryan. The family lived on Middle Street Kilham. Albert appeared in the national newspapers 21 January 1890 when he and a friend got lost in a storm. Fifty men scoured the countryside for hours until they found the boys 3 miles from home, both were exhausted - four year old Albert was unconscious. In 1901 Albert was a horseman on a farm in Thornholme and in 1911 he was a wagoner at Ruston Parva. Albert went to France 18 April 1915. He was awarded the 15 Star, British and Victory Medals. He is also remembered on his father's gravestone in Kilham cemetery - *In loving memory of my dear husband George Bryan of Kilham who died Jan 11th 1916 aged 69 years. At rest, Also his son Pte. Albert Bryan killed in France Oct 28th 1916 aged 30 years. Faithful unto death.*

WALTER HENRY HARPER



Private Walter Henry Harper 24451 13th Btn East Yorkshire Regiment was killed in action 13 November 1916 age 31. He is buried in Euston Road Cemetery Colincamps France. "Till the day dawns" is inscribed on his headstone. Walter was born in Pickering in 1885. His mother was Mary Ann Harper - she married David Lacey in 1897 and was living in Kilham in 1911. In 1901 Walter was a plough lad at Rotsea Carr. He married Phoebe Waslin at Harpham on 19 December 1908. Walter worked at Hornby's farm in Kilham at one time before moving to live in Watton where he worked as a hind on a farm. He later became a smallholder in Kilnwick and according to probate his assets were worth £152 13s 5d. Walter and Phoebe had five sons, the youngest was born 12 March 1916. Walter enlisted 30 November 1915 and joined his unit in the field 15 October 1916. Phoebe was given a pension of 28s 9d a week. Walter was awarded the British and Victory medals.

FRANCIS ERNEST KENNEDY



Private Francis Ernest Kennedy 41235 17th Btn Highland Light Infantry (formerly 21535 East Yorkshire Regiment) died of wounds 16 (17 on War Memorial) January 1917 age 21. He is buried in Etaples Military Cemetery. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away" is inscribed on his headstone. Francis was born in Kilham in July 1895 the son of Tom Kennedy, a farmer and carrier, and his wife Ann (nee Scott). The family lived on West Street Kilham. In 1911 Francis and his brother Henry were working on the farm and their sister Evelyn was doing dairy work. Edith the eldest sister was working as a housemaid. Francis was awarded the British and Victory medals.

JOHN COOK BANKS



Captain John Cook Banks MC 20th Btn King's Royal Rifle Corps (formerly 2nd Lieut 6th Btn East Yorkshire Regiment) was killed in action 2 (1 on War Memorial) May 1917 age 26. He is buried in Tilloy British Cemetery, Tilloy-les-Mofflaines. John was born in 1891 in Kilham, the second of the six children of John Henry Banks, a joiner and wheelwright, and his wife Emma (nee Speed). John attended Bridlington Grammar School and Leeds University. He took his BA degree and became a second master at a grammar school. As John had been a student cadet in the OTC he joined as a Lieutenant and was sent to Gallipoli in August 1915 but invalided home wounded after a few weeks. After he recovered he was sent to another theatre of war and for his gallantry was awarded the Military Cross. This was presented 1 January 1917. He was also awarded the 15 Star, British and Victory medals. John is also remembered on the Leeds University Roll of Honour and in Kilham Methodist Church. He is on his grandparents' headstone in Kilham Cemetery - *Thy will be done In loving memory of Cook Banks of Kilham who died February 10th 1901 aged 76 years Also Ann his wife who died September 15th 1890 aged 63 years Also of his grandson Capt John Cook Banks MC 20th Kings Royal Rifles who was killed May 1st 1917 and buried at Tilloy Arras aged 26 years*

Roll of Honour.

Captain John Cook Banks, K.R.R.C., eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Banks, Kilham, near Driffield, is officially reported to have been killed in action on May 2nd. He was 26 years old. A Kilham D'Arcy scholarship winner, he attended Brimlington Grammar School, and thence went to Leeds University, where he took his B.A. degree. He became second master at a grammar school, and when war was declared he offered his services. Being in the Leeds University O.T.C. he was given a commission, and he went with the East Yorkshire Regiment to Gallipoli in August, 1915, but after a few weeks' service was invalided home wounded. On recovery he went to another theatre of war, and for his gallantry was awarded the Military Cross.

Hull Daily Mail 9 May 1917



The British Military Cross was instituted on 28 December 1914 as a means of formally recognising the courage of junior officers during wartime (officially for "gallantry in the field" for Captains and below).

HARLAND ROOKES

Private Harland Rookes 36441 8th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers was presumed dead on 16 August 1917 age 24. He is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Ypres. Harland was born in Hunmanby in 1893, one of the four children of Harland and Mary (nee Pinkney) Rookes who ran a grocery and carrier business in Grindale. Young Harland was a wagoner in Bempton in 1911 and a shepherd when he married Annie Eliza Lakes 30 December 1916. They had a son, another Harland, in the summer of 1917. Harland was awarded the British and Victory medals. Annie Eliza married Harry Mitchell 7 February 1924 and they lived on Middle Street Kilham.

Tyne Cot Memorial

Two apses, as well as the rotundas and the wall itself, carry the names of United Kingdom dead who fell in the Salient between the night of 15-16 August 1917 (the start of the Battle of Langemarck) and the Armistice of 11 November 1918.

The inscription carved on the frieze above the panels which contain the names of the missing is:



1914 - HERE ARE RECORDED THE NAMES OF OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ARMIES OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE WHO FELL IN YPRES SALIENT, BUT TO WHOM THE FORTUNE OF WAR DENIED THE KNOWN AND HONOURED BURIAL GIVEN TO THEIR COMRADES IN DEATH - 1918

GEORGE DANDY



Private George Dandy 203522 1st/4th Btn York and Lancaster Regiment formerly 5732 Northumberland Fusiliers was killed in action 9 October 1917 age 21. He is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Ypres. George was born in 1898 the eldest of the three children of George Robert Dandy, an agricultural labourer and his wife Hannah Amelia nee Johnson. The family were living in Nafferton when George was born but soon moved back to Kilham and lived firstly on Baptist Lane and then at South Villa Cottage, Driffield Road. George was awarded the British and Victory medals.

CYRIL HAIRSINE



Gunner/Driver Cyril Hairsine 17640 New Zealand Field Artillery 7th Battery was killed in action 19 (18 on War Memorial) October 1917 age 25. He is buried in Divisional Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium. Cyril was born 26 May 1892 in Howden the youngest son of John Hairsine, a farmer, and his wife Eleanor nee Mitchel. They had twelve children in total. John farmed at Hodstock Nottinghamshire before moving to Middledale Farm Kilham by 1911. Cyril was a draper's assistant in 1911 according to the census. He emigrated to New Zealand and settled in Kaiapoi, Canterbury NZ where he was a teamster. Cyril left New Zealand with the NZ Expeditionary Force sailing on the Opawa on 2 January 1917 from Wellington destination London. His death was reported in the New Zealand Herald Roll of Honour. When he died his effects were £1494 11s 6d. Cyril is also remembered on his brother's headstone in Kilham cemetery - *In memory of William son of John and Eleanor Hairsine Middledale who died August 17th 1909 aged 24 years. Also of Cyril youngest brother of the above killed in action nr. Passchendale, France Oct 18th 1917 aged 25 years.* Their parents are buried nearby.

WILLIAM HARVEY RAINES



Private William Harvey Raines 306408 West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales Own) 2nd/8th Btn died of wounds 20 November 1917 age 24. He is buried in Ruyaulcourt Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais. His sister Mary arranged to have "They live whom we call dead" inscribed on his headstone. William was born in Kilham in 1893, one of the six children of Frank Raines, a woodman, and his wife Lucy Mary (nee Harvey). The family lived on Middle Street Kilham and in 1911 William had moved to Hovingham where he was an assistant in a general store. William was awarded the British and Victory medals.

PIERCY LAKES



Private Piercy Lakes 65515 208th Coy Machine Gun Corps (Inf) was reported missing 26 October 1917 and was regarded for official purposes as having died on or since that date age 34. Piercy is recorded on the War Memorial as having died 23 November 1917. He is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial. Piercy was born in Pockthorpe in 1883 one of the ten children of George Lakes, a council labourer, and his wife Fanny nee Robson. The family moved around the area when George was a farm labourer but settled in Kilham. Piercy was a 5ft 7½ins tall farm labourer and married Elsie May Vickerman Jefferson on 18 July 1915 at Bridlington Priory. They moved to 28 Gibson Street Driffield and Piercy enlisted (24520) in the East Yorkshire Regiment 11 December 1915. Their son Cyril was born 27 March 1916 and Piercy was mobilized in the Machine Gun Corps 1 June 1916. It was noted that he was in need of dental treatment. On 17 March 1917 Piercy embarked Southampton arriving in Havre the next day. Piercy was awarded the British and Victory medals. Elsie was awarded 19s 6d a week separation allowance until 1918 when she received a pension of 20s 5d. She appears to have moved in with her in-laws at The Greens Kilham during the war but moved to 65 Eastgate North, Driffield in 1918. At the end of 1919 she married John Sawdon. In 1920 Piercy's letter from the King and memorial scroll were handed to his mother as his wife's whereabouts were not known. Piercy's sister, Annie Eliza, was married to Harland Rookes who was presumed dead in 1917.

HAROLD WARD



Driver Harold Ward 68233 4th Btn London Regt Royal Fusiliers formerly T/4/061884 A.S.C. died of wounds 11 December 1917 age 22. He is buried in Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium. Harold was one of the five children of Walter Ward, a farm labourer, and his wife Sarah Jane nee Raines. They lived on West End in Kilham and in 1911 Harold was a horse man on a farm. He went to France 12 April 1915. Harold was awarded the 15 Star, British and Victory medals.

TOM HERBERT WAINES

Lance Corporal Tom Herbert Waines 21033 13th Btn Yorkshire Regiment (Alexandra, Princess of Wales Own) was killed in action 25 (21 on War Memorial) January 1918 age 34. He is buried in Mory Abbey Military Cemetery, Mory, France. Inscribed on his headstone is "Memories cling with many silent thoughts" Tom was born at Staxton Wold in 1883 the son of William and Sarah Ann Waines. In 1901 he was working as a cartman at Dotterill Park Farm Kilham. His parents were living at Burton Agnes. Tom married Sarah Elizabeth Wilson from Grosmont in 1909 and they moved to North Ormsby. In 1911 Tom was a blast furnace labourer and they were living at 53 Hymers Street with their three daughters. Two of the little girls and Sarah herself all died that year. Tom remarried in 1912 to Florence Swannock. Tom was awarded the British and Victory medals. He is also remembered on the Middlesbrough War Memorial.



Middlesbrough War Memorial

JOHN GEORGE EAST

Private John George East 203142 1st/4th Btn East Yorkshire Regiment was killed in action 11 (10 on War Memorial) April 1918 age 32. He is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium. John George was born in 1886 in Fridaythorpe the son of John and Mary Ann East. In 1891 the family lived at Robinsons Farm Lowthorpe where John was the farm bailiff. They were living in Kilham in 1894. By 1901 they had moved to Beeford where John George worked as a ploughboy. He married Hilda Mabel Dandy in 1915. She was a dressmaker from Kilham. They moved to Selby and had a son in 1916. John George was awarded the British and Victory medals.



Ploegsteert Memorial

CHARLES HARRISON WITTY



Sergeant Charles Harrison Witty 145456 "B" Sqdn 1st/1st Northants Dragoons Northamptonshire Yeomanry died of accidental injuries (killed in action) 24 May 1918 age 36. He is buried in Montecchio Precalcino Communal Cemetery, Italy. "Beloved husband of Vida Witty" is engraved on his gravestone. Charles was born in Kilham in 1882 one of the eleven children of William and Ann (nee Robson) Witty. The family lived with Ann's parents for over a decade at The Greens Kilham when William was a labourer. By 1901 they had their own home and William was a coal dealer. On 18 February 1901 Charles joined the Royal Regiment of Artillery. He was a labourer, 5ft 6 ins tall with light blue eyes and fair hair. Charles did 12 years service including 5 years in India. He married Vida Bagshaw in 1911 and left the army in February 1913 and then rejoined and entered the theatre of war 6 November 1914. By this time he and Vida had had two sons. Charles was awarded the 14 Star, British and Victory medals.

ALBERT EDWARD FOWLER

Private Albert Edward Fowler 624698 50th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment) died 28 September 1918 age 39. He is buried at Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, France. Albert was born 17 May 1879 in Kilham the son of John Fowler, a master butcher and his second wife Alice nee Shepherdson. John had four sons - two with his first wife Louisa Gutherless (d.1877) and two with Alice (d.1894). The family lived on Church Street and later moved to Star Cottage. Albert was 5ft 2 ins tall with blue eyes and brown hair. He became a ship's steward and was aboard the Brunel in 1901. Albert emigrated to Canada in 1903. He never married but in 1906 his brother Cuthbert and young family joined him. Albert became a farmer in Alberta, was a member of the Loyal Orange Association and joined the Overseas Expeditionary Force 16 February 1916. He is remembered in Kilham Methodist Church.

The Loyal Orange Association in Canada is a Fraternal group that provides a democratic forum of action for like-minded Protestant men and women who, concerned about their Faith and Heritage, wish to preserve, maintain, and promote this great institution and principles of democracy upon which all Canadians may enjoy equal rights under the law.



"This Memorial is Dedicated to the Men and Women of the Orange Institution Worldwide, who at the call of King and country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of man by the path of duty and self sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in Freedom. Let those who come after see to it that their names be not forgotten."

Memorial at the Somme beside the Ulster Tower

ALBERT ERNEST PEEKE



Private Albert Ernest Peeke 16751 1st Btn East Yorkshire Regiment was killed in action 16 September 1916 age 34. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. Albert was 5ft 6½ins tall and born in Swayfield, Norfolk one of the fourteen children of Charles Peeke, a boot and shoe maker, and his wife Mary Jane. He moved to Yorkshire and married Emma Elizabeth Hopper 10 December 1906 in Driffield Wesleyan Chapel. In 1911 they lived at Sledmere where Albert was a cowman but by 14 January 1915 when Albert joined up they had moved to Old Dotterill Kilham. Emma died in 1917 and their seven children, ranging in age from 11 to new born, were taken into the care of the Driffield Guardians. Albert was awarded the British and Victory medals.

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E/414820/1 (A.G.10.) WAR OFFICE (A.G.10.)
201, GREAT PORTLAND ST.,
LONDON, W.1.

MEMORANDUM. 12th March 1918.

16751 Private
Albert E. Peeke,
1st Batt
East Yorkshire
Regiment

With reference to the disposal of any medals which have been, or may eventually be awarded in respect of the services of the soldier described in the margin, now deceased, I am directed to inform you that any such medals should be despatched by Registered Post to the Guardian, Robert T. Holby, Esq., Treasurer, East Riding Local War Pension Committee, East Gate House, Driffield. 105060 12.12.18 in trust for the deceased soldier's son Ernest Albert.

I am to add that when the medals are despatched, it should be made clear that they are the property of, and should be handed to, the child on attaining an age to appreciate their value.

W. J. H. [Signature]
Director of Personal Services.

W. J. H. [Signature]
15/3/18
The Officer in Charge of
War Office, Record Office
1918.



The 1914 Star (colloquially known as the Mons Star) was a British Empire campaign medal for service in World War I.

The 1914 Star was approved in 1917, for issue to officers and men of British forces who served in France or Belgium between 5 August and midnight 22/23 November 1914. The former date is the day after Britain's declaration of war against the Central Powers, and the closing date marks the end of the First Battle of Ypres.

The majority of recipients were officers and men of the pre-war British army, specifically the British Expeditionary Force (the *Old Contemptibles*), who landed in France soon after the outbreak of the War and who took part in the Retreat from Mons (hence the nickname 'Mons Star'). 365,622 were awarded in total. Recipients of this medal also received the British War Medal and Victory Medal. These three medals were sometimes irreverently referred to as Pip, Squeak and Wilfred.

A very similar medal, the 1914–15 Star, was also issued, but no person could receive both awards.



GEORGE CREASER

Sgt (Air Gunner) George Creaser 1594993 195 Squadron RAF Volunteer Reserve died 12 December 1940 and is buried in Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany.

DEREK RAYMOND HAKNER

Fusilier Derek Raymond Hakner 14730848 7th Btn Royal Welch Fusiliers died 5 March 1945 age 20. He is buried in Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany. Derek was the son of Mark and Lily (nee Thorley) Hakner. He is remembered on their headstone in Kilham cemetery - *In loving memory of a dear husband and father Mark Hakner who died 18th February 1961 aged 64 years Worthy of everlasting love Also a beloved wife and mother Lily Hakner who died 3rd September 1973 aged 72 years Also Derek Raymond son of the above killed in action Reichswald Forest, Western Europe 5th March 1945 aged 20 years*

ROBERT HENRY GREEN

Gunner Rober Henry Green 819889204 Bty 51 Anti Tank Regt Royal Artillery died 6 June 1940 age 26. He is buried in Oisement Communal Cemetery, Somme. Robert was the son of Robert Henry and Isabella (nee Preston) Green. He married Ida Mary Jennison in 1938.

FRANCIS WILLIAM RISPIN

Private Francis William Rispin 14711609 5th Btn Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry died 5 March 1945 age 19. He is buried in Rheinberg War Cemetery, Germany. Francis was the son of Tom and Ada Annie (nee Duggleby) Rispin of Kilham.

CHARLES WILLIAM SMITH

Second Engineer Charles William Smith died 27 July 1944 age 51 when the Steam Trawler Rochester (Hull) Fishing Fleet hit a mine and sank. He was the husband of Ethel M Smith of Kilham. Charles is remembered on the Tower Hill Memorial in London which commemorates men and women of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets who died in both World Wars and who have no known grave.



THOMAS ALLWYN SISSONS

Private Thomas Allwyn Sissons 4263794 5th Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers died 18 June 1940 age 34. He is remembered on the Dunkirk Memorial, Nord, France. Thomas married Betsy Jane Noddle of Kilham in 1939.

JAMES CYRIL WARCUP

Private James Cyril Warcup 4389094 5th Btn Green Howards (Yorkshire Regt) died 13 September 1940. He was killed in Dorset by a mine. Jim used the same path to the beach every day. It was mined without telling the soldiers in the camp. He and a friend died together. James is buried in Kilham cemetery - the only person on the Memorial to be buried at home.

CHRISTOPHER DANBY TOWSE



Flt Sgt (Air Gunner) Christopher Danby Towse DFM volunteered as aircrew and qualified as a rear gunner on Lancasters. After a full tour with 61 Squadron, with promotion to Flight Sergeant and award of a DFM, he served on Operational Training Units.

When the Pathfinders were forming he volunteered for a second tour and was posted to 83 Squadron, flying out of Coningsby. On his fifth mission his aircraft was shot down and crashed. He and two others died and the four other crew were taken POW. He died on the night of 9/10 May 1944, less than a month before his 21st birthday, and is buried in the CWGC section of Evreux Communal Cemetery, Evre, France. Christopher was the son of John Henry and Marjorie Cordiner (nee Danby) Towse.

DENNIS WALTER FURLONG

Brigadier Dennis Walter Furlong DSO OBE MC Royal Berkshire Regiment General Staff died 4 September 1940 age 43 on war service. Whilst inspecting Barmston beach he was blown up by a mine. Brigadier Dennis is buried in Kilham cemetery but is not commemorated on Kilham War Memorial. He married Nancy Charrington and they had a daughter Sonia in 1930. Nancy married Sir John Greer Dill in 1941. Born in 1897 Dennis Walter Furlong attended Emmanuel School before being commissioned in the Royal Berkshire Regiment in 1915. Twice mentioned in despatches, Lt Furlong was also awarded the Military Cross, the citation read as follows;

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a dangerous reconnaissance under very heavy fire, and sent in an invaluable report. Later, he moved up some men to fill a gap and placed several machine guns in a favourable position.

Between the wars he served on the North West Frontier as well as a succession of Staff appointments.

On the 24th December 1939, now a Lieutenant Colonel, he took command of the 1st Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment. On the 20th May, ten days after the German invasion of France and the Low Countries Lt Col Furlong assumed command of the 6th Infantry Brigade. For his exceptional leadership of the brigade during the fighting in France until the withdrawal at Dunkirk, he was awarded the DSO.

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From The Times, Saturday, June 15, 1940

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**PERSONAL TRIBUTE
BRIGADIER D.W. FURLONG**

A brother officer writes:-

The death in action of Brigadier Furlong, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., is a severe loss to the Army, which loses a very brave and capable commander. His brother officers in The Royal Berkshire Regiment have lost an old comrade whose best years were devoted to service abroad with the first battalion. He will always be remembered by the happy band of warriors who served with the 49th at Hillah in Mesopotamia, and at Kasvin in N.W. Persia. Later at Bareilly, and on the N.W. Frontier, when he was adjutant of the battalion, he was responsible for a large share in the efficiency of a very good battalion. His quiet humour and his talent for seeing the amusing side of the occasional reverses which fell to our lot, led him to play leading parts in the regimental concert party for many years, while his contributions to the China Dragon were invariably welcomed by an editor to whom such material came all too seldom. The care which he lavished on his particular hobby, the drums of the 49th, exemplified the attention to detail applied to everything Dennis undertook. Although not naturally athletic he was a keen tennis player, represented his company at hockey, and was always ready to turn out for the officers in their frequent contests with the sergeants at every sort of game.

After several hot weathers in the plains, shared with the same few comrades, the writer got to know Dennis better than most others. His natural wit and powers of repartee added to the pleasure of dining in mess after a long Indian day, which never failed to supply him with incidents lending themselves to humorous description. In later years the Staff College claimed him, and a succession of Staff appointments prevented him from serving with the regiment. Occasional meetings in the hunting field and joyous reunions at the regimental dinner showed that Dennis had not lost the entertaining insouciance of Bareilly days. His gallantry in the recent operations in France was rewarded with the D.S.O. Had he lived he would have gone far in his profession.

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BRIGADIER DENNIS WALTER FURLONG, D.S.O, O.B.E., M.C., who was born in 1897, entered the Army in 1915, obtaining his commission in The Royal Berkshire Regiment, and saw active service in the last War, being mentioned twice in dispatches, made O.B.E. and awarded the Military Cross. He served as G.S.O., Supreme War Council, Versailles, with the Rhine Army, and in North Russia. He again saw active service in the Iraq operations 1919-20, in Waziristan 1921-24, and in Palestine 1936. From 1932 to 1934 he was Staff Captain at the War Office and later was appointed Brigade Major, Aldershot Command, and in 1937-38 was D.A.A. and Q.M.G. Palestine and Transjordan. In 1938 he was gazetted brevet Lieutenant-Colonel.



Sonia Isabel Jane Hunter of Hunterston, widow of clan chief

Sonia Isabel Jane Hunter of Hunterston, who died in Paris, 20 November, 2012, aged 82, was the widow of Neil Aylmer Hunter, 29th of Hunterston (1926-1994). She was the former Sonia Furlong and married in 1952. Her husband, born Neil Kennedy-Cochran-Patrick, scion of that Scottish landed family, succeeded as head of the family on the death of his aunt, Eleanora, the 28th of Hunterston (nee Kennedy-Cochran-Patrick), who died in 1984. Sonia's husband assumed the surname of Hunter of Hunterston and was recognised in the surname and arms of Hunter of Hunterston by Lord Lyon King of Arms in 1969. She leaves six sons, Charles, Robert, Nigel, John, Angus and Richard and one daughter, Pauline, Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston of that Ilk, 30th Laird, who was recognised as Chief of the Clan Hunter and 30th Laird in 1995.