

# The Parish of St. Mary

## Lower Ince & Spring View

The List of those Inscribed on the  
Church's Memorial to the  
Fallen of the Great War

1914—1919

Rededicated November 10th, 2002



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## Notes

Located by the Revd. David Long, unless marked otherwise:

**(CL)** = Carol Littler of Orrell (either located, confirmed by her, usually with additional information)

**(FAM)** = further information provided by a member of the deceased family

? = an intelligent guess, still to be confirmed

*Italics* = no success in tracing the casualty, too difficult to guess (see page 40)

I am very grateful to Carol Littler of Orrell for her continuing interest in assisting me in completing this List. She was observant enough to notice that the list of names printed in the Order of Service for the Dedication of the St Mary's Memorials did not tally with the number actually inscribed on the Memorial Plaque – seven names had been omitted from the printed list. The Parish Magazines from the period confirm that they were submitted later and were to be inscribed as soon as possible. As there was no room for them to be simply added on at the end of the lists, the sign-writer seems to have been instructed to remove the first list and repaint the plaque with the fuller list from scratch.

The Memorial Plaque was not actually St. Mary's Memorial to the fallen of the Great War—the Memorial itself was the reredos and panels on the altar (*below*), and were Dedicated by the Bishop of Liverpool on July 9th, 1921. They were removed when the original church was demolished in 1978, but their present location is unknown. If anyone has information about them, please get in touch.



Motto for the Year :-

"We went through fire and water, and Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.—Psalm 66-11.

SUNDAY—Morning Prayer, 10-30 a.m.; Evening Prayer, 6-30 p.m.

THURSDAY—Evening Prayer and Intercessions, 7-30 p.m.

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH—AUGUST, 1921.

Aug. 6 Excursion to Southport.

Under 16 years...1/3 return.

Over 16 years...2/6 return.

7 Trinity II

Holy Communion 8-0 a.m.

United Service 2-15 p.m.

14 Trinity 12. Holy Communion, 10-30.

21 Trinity 13. " " "

27 S.S. Field Day.

28 S.S. Anniversary Sermons.

Holy Communion 8-0 a.m.

**The War Memorial.** The Church was crowded on Saturday afternoon 9th July on the occasion of the unveiling by SIR J. S. HARMOOD BANNER, M.P., and the Dedication by the LORD BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL, of the Memorial erected in the Church to the memory of those parishioners who fell in the great war.

The memorial is a reredos erected on the east wall of the church, made entirely of oak, and beautifully and artistically carved and illuminated. The central panel contains a carved representation of Christ on the Cross, typifying the great sacrifice of our brothers, with St. Mary and St. John on either side. Below the central panel of the reredos is the inscription:—Pro Deo. Pro Patria. To the glory of God and in proud and grateful memory of those from this parish who laid down their lives in the great war, 1914—1918. This reredos is erected by the parishioners and friends. "Greater love hath no man than this—that a man lay down his life for his friends."

On the tablet on the north transept wall is inscribed—The reredos in the chancel was erected in loving memory of WALCOT HARMOOD BANNER, Captain, 3rd South Wales Borderers; born 4th August, 1882, killed near Cambrin, 29th August, 1915, by a German grenade bomb, after eight months continuous good service and hard fighting in the trenches for which he had received special promotion.—(And)—MARGARET, the beloved wife of Major Johnson Houghton, O.B.E., daughter of Sir Harmoood Banner, M.P.; and grand-daughter of the late Thomas Knowles, M.P.; well-known and respected by all in this parish, constant in her services to the sick and wounded during the Great War. She died 27th May 1919, as the result of an accident in performance of those duties, beloved by all,"

A similar tablet with the names of 120 men of the parish, who fell in the war, is placed behind the font, on the west wall, where it can be seen by all entering and leaving the Church. The following names and inscription appear on this tablet:—

Ackers, G K Acton, C Acton, S Anderton, W T Aspinaill, D Aspinaill, E Austin, J Bagnall, J Bailey, T Banks, T Barnes, J Bate, T Battersby, J Beach, H Bennett, D Bentham, I Berry, P Bolton, R Bould, J C Brown, J Bushell, H H Butler, J R Carter, A Catterall, E Coulton, E D.C.M., M.M. Crooke, W Cunliffe, H Cunliffe, J Davies, J Diskin, J Dowie, W Downing, T Duddle, W Duddle, W R Eardley, C Edwards, E Fillingham, W Fisher, C Fisher, J Fuller, J J Gallagher, J Gaskell, A Glover, A Gregory, J Griffith, J R Handley, J Hardman, J Harrison, T Hardy, H Hatch, J Heatley, F Holland, R Holleran, P Hooton, T Hough, W Johns, A Johnson, H Johnson, R Jones, G Jones, J D Jones, L Jones, T Kearsley, J Kelly, T Lawton, J Lewis, L Liptrot, E Llewellyn, H Lieut. Lloyd, J Loughlin, E McDonald, L Mahoney, J D.C.M., Marsh, E Marsh, H Matthews, R J Maybe, F T McQueen, P Meadows, W Melling, W T Morgan, D Mortimore, S Moss, A Norman, J Oakes, W Ovington, H Parker, H Patterson, T Patmore, J Platt, M Potter, R Ralphs, P M.M. Rigby, A Rigby, J Rourke, H Rowlandson, F L, Sharrock, T, Shepherd, W L Simm, J Smallshaw, C H Smallshaw, J B Smith, R Smith, J W Stockton, S Taplin, G E (Church Warden) Taylor, J F Thompson, C Tuer, J Turner, F Walker, C F J Walker, I. Walker, R Walker, W Watkins, C A Walsh, W Webb, W Westhead, T F Whittlecroft, J Whittle, W J Williams, F Wilson, W Woods, E Woods, T H Ganderton, J. [Smith, J]

Their names shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

The plain panels in the Holy Table have been replaced by beautifully carved oak panels. The effect produced is one of great beauty—reverent and chaste—and gives a rich tone to the beautiful church.

Our people are delighted with their memorial, and large congregations attended the commemorative services, held on the Sunday following, there being 150 present at Holy Communion.

The architects are Messrs. Farmer and Young, 17, St. Ann's Square, Manchester, and the carver is Mr. J. Lenegan, Atherton Street, Manchester.

The font in front of the tablet bearing the names of the men honoured was beautifully decorated with floral tributes, which included many pretty wreaths from relatives of the dead men.

Among those present were Mrs. Minshull Ford, Sir J. S. Harwood Banner, Major Houghton, Messrs. H. S. Woodcock, J. P., C. W. Eames, J. P., H. Carruthers (Culcheth) Revs. C. J. Buckmaster (All Saints', Hindley), Rev. J. Wood (St. Matthew, Highfield), Rev. W. W. Scott (Abram), Rev. John Davies (Liverpool), Rev. P. Elston (St. Helens), Councillors R. Hart, T. Beattie, D. Marsh, and J. Chivers, the members of the staff, heads of departments, and many of the workmen of Messrs. Pearson and Knowles Coal and Iron Company, Ltd. Apologies for absence were received from Revs. Canon Miller, P. D. Maddock, F. A. Sadler, W. S. Skene, J. M. Buckmaster, A. White, A. E. Beur, A. A. D. Shaw, St. Helens. H. Frazer, Liverpool, Mr. Margaret Johnstone Stoke Pogis, Messrs. F. W. Cooper, Hill Cliffe, Warrington, H. Rushton, Sydney Rayner, J. P., N. Morton, J. A. Droney, J. P., Sydney R. Park, F. Percy, and many others who were out of town.

The service, a special and most impressive one, was taken by the Vicar (Rev. S. Bryson, M.A.), the choir rendering special anthems and all present joining in singing the specially chosen hymns. During the service a collection was taken for the benefit of the memorial fund.

In delivering his dedication sermon, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. Chavasse) chose for his text Heb 12-6. He said the redos and tablets just dedicated had a double significance. They were at once a memorial to the dead, and an appeal to the living. As a memorial to the dead they were the expression of their heartfelt desire to commemorate their brave sons who had laid down their lives for their King and Country and they would not be forgotten. In years to come parents would tell their children, and their children's children would be told of what those brave sons had done for Great Britain in the hour of need. Also, members of the congregation would tell strangers and visitors of the heroic deeds of those who once worshipped within those walls and were members of their Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

" Splendid they passed, the great surrender made.

Into that light which nevermore shall fade ;  
Deep their contentment in the blest abode,  
Who wait the last clear trumpet call of God."

As an appeal to the living, that memorial made them imitate their gallant dead living now in God's presence, and to walk in their footsteps in the path of self-sacrifice, brotherhood, and mutual service. He added that he had no need to speak of self-sacrifice to a Wigan audience, for some of the men of Wigan and that neighbourhood were among the bravest and most self-sacrificing in the kingdom. He knew—the whole of Lancashire knew—how ready they were to risk their lives down the mine for their fellows. He knew the heroic deeds done down there, deep in the bowels of the earth. He only asked them to show the same magnificent self-sacrifice and forgetfulness of self in their daily lives above ground and in the politics of their country.

Lastly, he asked for the spirit of mutual service, and spoke of how those men had shared what they had had, how the officers had stood by their men, and the men by their officers. If the story of their gallant sons, of the officers, men, and war nurses, could be told, it would be seen how the spirit of mutual service had animated them in doing what they could for others and for one another. " God give us grace " he concluded, " to go back to-night from this beautiful service not merely saying, ' what a beautiful service we have had, and what fine memorials we have put up at St. Mary's Ince,' but saying ' what can we do to imitate those brave men, what can we do to save or help our country in her hour of need as they did. God give us strength to follow them in the path of self-sacrifice, brotherhood and mutual service that one day with them, we may be counted worthy for Christ's sake to be crowned by Christ's own pierced hand.

Preaching on Sunday, at the commemorative services, the Vicar (THE REV. S. BRYSON M.A.) said :—

" The service yesterday was unique in the history of our church pride mingled with sorrow—triumph with sympathy for those whose dear lads would never return. Your memorial is a most beautiful tribute from loving hearts to dead heroes. It is not only a work of art, unique in its conception, perfect in its execution, and in all the details of its workmanship, an enrichment to the House of God, a decorative

work of art. which beautifies and adorns, but it is far more beautiful in the wealth of holy and comforting truths which it suggests. These men, whom you thus commemorate, did not die the death of ordinary men—they died the death of heroes, and in as just and righteous a cause as ever drew sword from a scabbard. Whatever their lives may have been, their faults and shortcomings, their end at least was glorious. Whether by sea or land, amid the battle's thunder, shot and shell, or the scorching flame, in the far-off forests of tropical Africa or in a quiet bed in hospital, they died the grandest death that men can die, sacrificing themselves with magnificent courage, and in utter self-forgetfulness in the sacred cause of liberty and righteousness. And you would not recall them if you could; you do not regret their sacrifice. Now that the first bitterness of your grief is passed, and you are able to look back upon it all and think calmly, you would not seriously wish that our gallant heroes had shirked their duty, or shifted the burden to other shoulders, and remained safe and sound, but dishonoured in their homes. We all wish—God knows how much we wish—that they had come back, but it was not to be, and we are proud of our heroes, proud of their gallant life, their heroic death; and we thank God for the never-fading memory of their example, for the unfading laurels which crown for ever the illustrious brows

of the departed. One regret I think we all have to day. It is a fact often overlooked at memorial services, and that is that there are no means of placing on permanent public record the names of those men who went out from our parish who, too, hazarded their lives, and were ready to lay them down, if need be, but who, by God's grace, are with us alive to-day. Not all returned as they went. Many are shattered in constitution, deprived of arm or leg, or sight, or subject to the attacks of the dread fevers or malaria of tropical climes. We are proud of them. We are glad to see them back with us again, and resuming their good work in connection with our parish church. They were in our hearts at our great service yesterday. It is good to remember such men. Their deeds are part of our history, and their example—an imperishable inheritance of our empire, which they so faithfully and valiantly served. As we gather to-day round the memorial which you have erected to your gallant lads let us all be filled with a brave determination to finish the work which they began. Let each of us do his or her part. Let us work and pray that our country may be built anew, that a new spirit may be infused into our people—a spirit of brotherhood, of forbearance, of love, of kindly feeling for one another, and that discord, disunion, strife, and internal dissension, may disappear."

### Rota of Sidesmen...August...MORNING.

	7	14	21	28
1	Asbridge H.	Lynn A.	Watmough T.	Martlew, L.
2	Griffiths, P. W.	Gregory A.	Thomson, J. M.	H Allen
3	Flavell W.	Turner T.	Martin E. R.	McAllister P.
4	Pendleton W.	Yarwood J. C.	Burnell, W	Close W,

### EVENING.

1	Davies T.	Whittle J. H.	Young J.	Bonney J.
2	Booth J.	Clements F. T.	Bamford T.	Gaskell J.
3	Wykes H. T.	Pottie, G.	Wood C. J.	Asbridge B.
4	Monks, J.	Pendlebury J.	Southern H.	Bould, J.

### Holy Baptism.

*"Suffer the little children to come unto me."*

- July 7...John, son of Joseph Henry and Florence Whittle, 17 Great George St., Wigan  
 10...George, son of William and Jane Penworth, 27 Cecil Street.  
 21...James, son of Moses and Edith Lowe, 45 Chapel Street.  
 24...Arthur, son of Pryce and Jane Jones, 3 Hilton Street.

**1. Ackers, George Kay**, Pte. 21773, 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt. Coldstream Guards,  
(Perhaps related to the Kay family of Westwood Hall)

b. Wigan e. Newcastle-on-Tyne, r. Lower Ince.

Son of Henry & Mary Ann Kay (nee Whittle) Ackers, of Ince

The Misses Ackers, 306 Ince Green Lane, listed as Subscribers to the Memorial, Feb. 1920

Killed-in-action, Sat. 13 April 1918, Flanders, aged 22

Mem: Ploegstreet, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium, panel 1 (CL)

**2. Acton, Charles**, Cpl. 1291, 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Reg.,

Son of Sarah Acton, 516 Warrington Road

Died Fri. 6 August 1915, aged 24, Turkey

Mem: Twelve Trees Copse Cem. Turkey, I.C. 18

**3. Acton, Sidney**, Ship's Steward, M/17800, HMS Russell, RN

Son of Sarah R Acton, 516 Warrington Road

Died, Thursday 27 April 1916, aged 19

Mem: Chatham Naval Memorial, panel 18

**4. Anderton, William Thomas**, Pte. 42043

2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. King's Own Yorks Light Infantry

Son of Thomas & Mary Anderton, 7 Deakin Street

Subscribers to the Memorial, Feb. 1920

Died 2 December 1917, aged 31 (*Certificate, right—but note names*)

Mem: Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium, panel 108 – 111

**5. Aspinall, D**, L/Cpl. 200976, 2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Reg.

Died Friday 31 August 1917, Belgium

Mem: Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery, Nieuwpoort, Belgium, panel II C 27

**6. Aspinall, Edward**, Pte. 2066, 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. Lancs. Fusiliers

Son of William & Ellen Aspinall, 5 Heywood Street

Died Sunday 25 April 1915, aged 26, Turkey

Mem: Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey, panel 58 – 72, or 218 – 219

**7. Austin, John**, Pte. 2264, 1st/5th Manchester Regt.,

20 Junction Terrace, Railwayman

Mr & Mrs Austin listed as subscribers, Feb. 1920

Killed-in-Action by a sniper, 3rd June 1915, Gallipoli

Mem: Helles, panels 158-170

**8. Bagnall, John Henry**, L/ cpl. 24798, 11<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,

b. Lower Ince, e. Wigan

Died, Thursday 4 October, 1917

Mem: Tyne Cot Mem. Zonnebeke, Belgium, panel 120–124, & 162–162A & 163A (CL)

**9. Bailey, Thomas**, Pte. 29792, 9<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal North Lancs Regt.,

formerly 4802 Manchester Territorial Force,

b. Lower Ince, e. Ashton-u-Lyne, r. Wigan

Killed-in-action, Saturday 21 October 1916, Somme

Mem: Regina Trench Cemetery, Grandcourt, Somme, VI F 24 (CL)

**10. Banks, Thomas**, Pte. 2757, 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt. E. Wigan

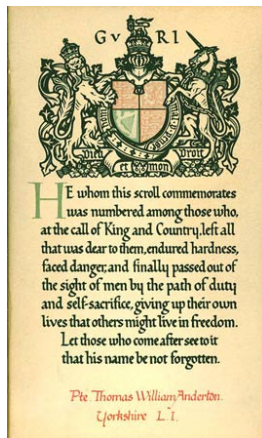
Son of Henry Banks, 2 Heywood Street

Killed-in-action, Saturday 7 August 1915, aged 19, Gallipoli

Mem: Helles Mem, Turkey, panel 158 – 170

**11. Barnes, J**

**12. Bate, T**



**13. Battersby, Samuel** (*J on plaque*) Pte. 49929, 11<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,  
b. Ince, e. Wigan, r. Lower Ince  
Son of Mrs Garlington of Lower Terrace, Wigan  
Died of wounds, Sunday 2 September 1917, aged 20, France  
Mem: Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, VI A 10 (CL)

**14. Beach, Harold**, Pte. 32767, 17<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt. (*See opposite page*)  
Son of Moses & Mary Jane Beach, 241 Ince Green Lane  
Died Friday 22 March 1918, aged 23, Somme  
Mem: Pozieres Memorial Somme, panel 64 – 67

**15. Bennett, Daniel**, Pte. 11393, 1<sup>st</sup> Border Regt.,  
b. Ince, e. Wigan, r. Lower Ince  
Subscribers, Feb 1920, include Mr & Mrs B, 23 William Street  
Died Wednesday 16 May 1917, France  
Mem: Feuchy Chapel British Cemetery, Wancourt, Pas de Calais, I F 17 (CL)

**16. Bentham, Isaac**, Sgt. 56905, D Bty. 83<sup>rd</sup> Brigade,  
Royal Field Artillery  
Died Tuesday 15 May 1917  
Mem: Arras Memorial, Bay 1

**17. Berry, Peter**, Pte. 11876, 6<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal N Lancs Regt  
Son of Thomas & Esther Berry, 4 Windleshaw Street (*Portrait, right*)  
Died Monday 9 August 1915, aged 19, Gallipoli  
Mem: Helles, Turkey, panel 152 – 154



**18. Bolton, R.**, Pte. 24408, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Batt. Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry  
Died Monday 28 January 1918, aged 22  
Son of Mrs Margaret Bolton, 15 Heywood Street, born Skelmersdale  
Mem: Ince Cemetery, C CE 1745 (*Right:*)

**19. Bold/ Bould, James Christopher**, Gnr. 214913, D Bty. 156<sup>th</sup> Bde. Royal  
Field Artillery, b. Wigan, e. Wigan  
Son of Mrs Rigby, formerly Bold  
Died of wounds, Friday 26 April 1918, Belgium  
Mem: Lijssenthoek Military Cem, Poperinge, Belgium, XXVII H 11 (CL)



**20. Brown, James**, Pte. 18551, B Coy. 10<sup>th</sup> Batt. York & Lancaster Regt.  
Son of William Brown, 2 Thurston Street & the late Mary Brown;  
husband of Margaret Topping, formerly Brown, 6 Thurston Street  
Died Monday 9 April 1917, aged 25  
Mem: Arras, bay 8

**21. Bushell, Herbert Henry**, Pte. 50424, 13<sup>th</sup> Batt. The King's (Liverpool  
Regt.)  
Son of Annie Bushell, 21 Cross Street  
Killed in action Thursday 22 August 1918, aged 22  
Mem: Vis-en-Artois Mem. Pas de Calais, panel 3 & 4 (CL)

## 22. Butler, J R

**23. Carter, A, Pte.** 38377, 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt. East Lancs Regt.  
Son of Mr J Carter, 37 Banner Street  
Died: Wednesday 6 November 1918, France  
Mem: Naubeuge-Centre Cemetery, Nord D 19





### Private Harold Beach

In November 2004 Mrs Lily Derbyshire presented this set of medals to the church. The large one in the centre is known as the “Death Penny”, and was sent to the family of every casualty of the Great War. The other two are the Campaign Medals for the War, awarded to every soldier who fought.

The medals are now displayed in the church, beneath the War Memorial Plaque which bears his name.

Harold died unmarried, and his two sisters, Doris Knowles and Ethel Grady, both died childless. Mrs Grady was looked after in her old age by Lily, her neighbour in Violet Street, Lower Ince, and she was given the medals when Mrs Grady died in 1995.

Harold has no known grave, and is among 14,000 who died between March and August 1918 commemorated in the graveyard at Pozieres near the Somme in France.



In May 2005 a group from St. Mary’s went on a Pilgrimage to France at the time of the 60th Anniversary of VE Day. A number of WW1 graveyards where relatives of members of the group were laid to rest were visited, including Pozieres (*above*).

Harold’s name is inscribed in the far right corner (*left*), where Canon Long, the Vicar, is pointing (*below*).



Harold was killed on the second day of the March 1918 German offensive, when the Manchesters took heavy losses.

He worked at Coops before enlisting in the 17th “City Pals” Battalion, and his name is recorded on the Coops Memorial, as well as on the main Wigan cenotaph and the one in Ince Cemetery.

**24. ? Catterall, Edwin:**

Pioneer 1566687 "O" Special Coy., Royal Engineers, formerly 75703 RFA.

b. Westhoughton, e. Wigan.

Killed-in-action, Tuesday 14 August 1917.

Mem: Loos British Cemetery, XVIII B 14 **(CL)**

**25. Coulton, E, DCM, MM, Sgt. 22054, 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt. Grenadier Guards, Lower Ince**

Died Monday 4 November 1918

Mem: Frasnoy Communal Cem, Nord, A 35

**26. Crook(e), William, Pte. 377783, 17<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.**

Son of Albert & Elizabeth Crook, 205 Warrington Road

Died Monday 3 December 1917, aged 19

Mem: Tyne Cot Mem., Zonnebeke, Belgium, Panel 120 – 124, & 162 to 162A & 163A

**27. Cunliffe, Henry, Pte. 14501, 10<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal N Lancs Regt.**

b. Wigan, e. Hindley, r. Wigan

Son of James & Margaret, husband of Margaret Cunliffe, 8 Frederick Street

Killed-in-action, Saturday 28 April 1917, aged 31

Mem: Arras Memorial, bay 7

**28. Cunliffe, J**

**29. Davies, J**

**Feb. 1920 Subscribers include T Davies, 34 Warrington Road, a Grocer**

**30. Diskin, J, L/Cpl. 86442, 176<sup>th</sup> Tunnelling Coy., Royal Engineers**

Son of Mr W Diskin, 52 Warrington Lane

Died Friday 28 January 1916

Mem: Gorre British & Indian Cemetery, Pas de Calais, I A 16

**31. Dowey, William, (Dowie W on plaque) See panel opposite**

Cpl. 2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,

b. Lower Ince, e. Wigan

Son of William & Alice Dowey, 2 Boundary Street (but 21 Buraby St, Bolton in CWGC)

Feb. 1920 Subscribers Mr Dowie, 6 Westwood Terrace

Died of wounds, Saturday 9 June 1917, aged 47

Mem: Bethune Town Cem., VI E 77 **(CL)**

**32. Downing, Thomas, Pte. 1563, 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.**

b. Ince, e. Wigan, 99 Warrington Road, Collier, Single

Killed-in-action Saturday 5 June 1915, Gallipoli, aged 23

Mem: Helles, panel 158 – 170 **(CL)**

**33. Duddle, William, Pte. 1309, 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.**

95 Warrington Road, wife & child

Son of Mary Ellen Duddle, 39 Kays Houses, (d. 1921, aged 47)

Died Tuesday 8 June 1915, (but see article, right) Gallipoli, aged 20.

Buried at sea.

Mem: Helles, panel 158 – 170

**34. Duddle, William Rowland, Pte. 19166, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. Lancs Fusiliers**

B. Leftwich, nr Northwich E Wigan

Son of Thomas & Annie Duddle (step-mother), 545 Warrington Road

Died: of wounds, Friday 4 May 1915, aged 20

Mem: Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, IV B 2

**35. Eardley, George (C on plaque), Pte. 20836, 8<sup>th</sup> Batt. King's Own**

(Royal Lancaster Regt.), b. Lower Ince, e. Wigan

10 Died of wounds Wednesday 17 July, France

Royal Humane Society award Bronze Medal to Robert Mercer, Ince, and Testimonial to William Dowey, Lower Ince, for rescuing a man named Cassidy from a bye-wash at Ince. Cassidy succumbed subsequently, and the Society granted an "In Memoriam" to his relatives.

**Succumbed to Wounds**

**A BROTHER TO THE RESCUE.**



**PRIVATE WM. DUDDELE**

Pte. Wm. Duddle (1820), "C" Company, 1-5th Battalion, Manchester Regiment, has died from wounds received at the Dardanelles. He was a collier 23 years of age and his home was at 29, Kaye-locks, Lower Ince, which he was also married, his widow and child residing at present in Warrington-road, Lower Ince. He had had three years' service with the Territorials, and was wounded in action the first week in June. A palliative feature was that he broke through General Henry Duddle, also of "C" Company, seeing him fall, pluckily went to his assistance, and carried him under fire to safety, but unfortunately he succumbed to his wounds on June 19th.

**36. Edwards, Eli**, Gnr. 56755, D bty, 104th Bde, Royal Field Artillery  
Husband of Martha, 323 Warrington Road  
(where nephew Cliff & wife Molly lived for 19 years prior to its demolition in the 1970s).  
Died **Wednesday 9 August 1916, Somme, aged 30** (FAM)

**37. Fillingham, W**, Sgt. 5498, 10<sup>th</sup> Batt. Lancs Fusiliers  
Died Friday 7 July 1916  
Mem: Cabaret-Rouge British Cem., Souchez, Pas de Calais XXX A 39

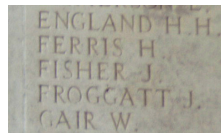
**38. Fisher, E**, Pte. 8672, 1st/ 8th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers  
Killed 14th May 1915, Gallipoli  
Mem: D.17, Lancashire Landing Cemetery

**39. Fisher, James**, L/cpl. 16013, 8<sup>th</sup> (Service) Batt. York & Lancaster Regt.,  
b. Ince, e. Wigan

Killed in action, **Saturday 1 July, 1916, Somme**

Mem: Thiepval Memorial, Somme, Pier & Face 14A & 14B (CL)

(*Right: His name on the Thiepval Memorial, photographed on the 90th Anniversary of his death on the first day of the battle of the Somme*)



**40. Fuller, JJ**

**41. ? Gallagher, John**. Driver I/ 39020. 161<sup>st</sup> Royal Field Artillery.

Died Monday 5 March 1917, aged 27

Mem: Wigan Cem., HRC 774 (CL)

**42. Ganderton, J, MM**, Pte. 16015, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prince of Wales Volunteers (S Lancs Regt),  
b. Burtonwood, e. Nottingham, r. Wigan

(?H. of Mary, Warrington Road, d. Jan 1922, aged 44?)

(Wigan Iron & Coal Co owned a mine at Mansfield, Notts)

Killed in action Thursday 2 August 1917

Mem: Poelcapelle British Cem. Langemark-Poelkappelle, Belgium, LX D 9 (CL)

**43. Gaskell, Albert**, Pte. 202363, 9<sup>th</sup>. Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regt.,  
formerly 1322 Manchester Regt.), b. St Mary's Wigan, e. Wigan

Feb. 1920 Subscriber Charles Gaskell, 2 Norman Street

Died Tuesday 21 May 1918, Mesopotamia

Mem: Baghdad North Gate War Cem, Iraq, XII L 14 (CL)

**44. Glover, Richard** (*A on plaque*) Pte. 1770, 1st/ 5th Batt. Manchester Regt.

Son of Thomas & Elizabeth Ann, 11 Canal Bank

Worked at Low Bank Collieries

Died 7th August 1915, aged 19

Mem: Helles, panel 158—170

**45. Gregory, James**, Pte. 203264, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> Batt. South Lancs Regt.,  
b. Ince, e. Wigan, r. Ince

Killed in action Thursday 2 August 1917

Mem: Ypres Menin Gate, panel 37 (CL)

**46. Griffith, JR**

**47. Handley, J**

- 48. ? Hardman, James**, Pte. 30097, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt Norfolk Regt., formerly 9790 Manchester Regt., b. St. Thomas', Wigan, e. Manchester  
Died Wednesday 4 April 1917, Mesopotamia  
Mem: Basra Mem. Iraq, panel 10 (CL)
- 49. Hardy, Harold Hindley**, Gnr. 112987, 38<sup>th</sup> Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery  
Son of Alfred Samuel & Elizabeth Hardy of Lower Ince  
Feb. 1920 Subscribers Mr & Mrs Hardy, 265 Ince Green Lane  
Died Thursday 9 May 1918, aged 22  
Mem: La Kreule Military Cem., Hazebrouk, Nord
- 50. Harrison, Thomas**, Pte. 2756, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.  
Single, collier at Bamfurlong Colliery  
Son of Richard Harrison, 3 Ellesmere Terrace, Platt Bridge  
Died Saturday 7 August 1915, aged 20, Gallipoli  
Mem: Helles, panel 158 – 170
- 51. ? Hatch, John**, Gnr. 171272, 351<sup>st</sup> Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery  
Son of Thomas & Cicily Hatch, Wigan  
Died Saturday 4 May 1918, aged 23  
Mem: Brandhoek New Military Cem., No. 3, Ieper, Belgium, III A 14
- 52. ?Heatley, Frank**, Pte. 12570, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. South Lancs Regt.  
Died Wednesday 29 May 1918  
Mem: Soissons Mem., Aisne
- 53. Holland, Richard**, Pte. 11371, 6<sup>th</sup> Batt. Border Regt.,  
b. St. Mary's, Lower Ince, e. Wigan  
Husband of Alice Holland (nee Hitchen, 5 Lancaster's Row, W'ton Rd.),  
son of Joseph, Collier, of Kays Houses  
Killed in action, Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1915, Gallipoli.  
Mem: Helles Memorial, panel 119 to 125, or 222, or 223  
Son Thomas killed Tunisia, 22/3/43.
- 54. ? Holleran P**, Pte. 2119, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. South Lancs Regt.  
Died Sunday 13 June 1915  
Mem: Ypres Menin Gate, Ieper, panel 37
- 55. Hooton, Thomas**, Rifleman c/ 762, 16<sup>th</sup> Batt. King's Royal Rifle Corps,  
b. St Michael's Wigan, e. Wigan  
Son of Mr & Mrs T Hooton, 6 Alfred Street  
Former member of St Michael's CLB, employed at Abram Colliery  
Killed in action Friday 28 January 1916 (hit by a shell), aged 20  
Mem: Cambrin Churchyard Extension, Pas de Calais, grave L 5 (CL)
- 56. Hough, William**, Pte. B/201439, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 28<sup>th</sup> (Artists Brigade) London Rifles,  
b. Ince, e. Wigan, r. Wigan  
Feb. 1920 Subscriber Mrs Hough, 277 Warrington Road  
Killed in action Tuesday 30 October, 1917  
Mem. Tyne Cot Mem., Zonnebeke, Belgium, panel 145 – 147 (CL)
- 57. Johns, Arthur**, Pte. 1830 1<sup>st</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.  
b. Lower Ince, e. Wigan, 10 Railway Street Collier, Garswood Hall Colliery  
Killed in action, Saturday 24 July 1915, Gallipoli  
Mem: Twelve Tree Copse Cem., Turkey Sp. Mem. C 80 (CL)

**58. Johnson, Harold**, Pte. 201387, 1<sup>st</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.

Son of Stephen & Margaret Emma Johnson of Lower Ince

Died: Wednesday 9 October, 1918, aged 23

Mem: Abbeville Communal Cem. Extension, Somme IV G 19

**59. Johnson, R**, Pte. 49114, 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. Loyal N Lancs Regt.

Son of John & Alice Johnson, 26 Ainscow Street

Died Thursday 3 October 1918, aged 19

Mem: Tincourt New British Cem., Somme V D 25

**60. Jones, John David**, Fireman & Trimmer, SS Brantingham (Leith), Mercantile Marine

Son of John & Caroline Jones. 302 Ince Green Lane

Died, Arctic Ocean, Wednesday 4 October 1916, aged 30

Mem: Tower Hill Memorial, London

**61. Jones, Llewellyn**, Fireman & Trimmer, SS Brantingham (Leith), Mercantile Marine

Son of John & Caroline Jones. 302 Ince Green Lane

Died, Arctic Ocean, Wednesday 4 October 1916, aged 23

Mem: Tower Hill Memorial, London

**62. ? Jones, Joseph** (*T on plaque*), Pte. 1447, 1st/ 5th Manchester Regt.

3 Knowles Street, Lower Ince

Died 13th June 1915

Mem: Helles, panel 158-170

**63. Kearsley, James**, Pte. 21678, 1<sup>st</sup>. Batt. Loyal N. Lancs. Regt.

Husband of Lucy (Halliwell, of Bridge St., Wigan), 29 Kay's Houses

Died Monday 14 August 1916

Mem: St Patrick's Cem., Loos-en-Gohelle I A 3

**64. Kelly, Thomas**, Pte. 1194, D Coy, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.

Son of Edward & Jane Kelly, 35 Kays Houses

Died Saturday 5 June 1915, aged 21, Gallipoli

Mem: Helles, Turkey, panel 158 – 170

**65. Lawton, James**, Pte. 4875, 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.

Died Thursday 13 July 1916, aged 36

**Mem: Ince, A CE 329**

**66. Lewis, Leonard**, Gnr.203413, A Bty. 87<sup>th</sup> Bde. Royal Field Artillery

Son of Martha Ellen Lewis, 25 Taylors Lane, & the late James Lewis

Died, 23 September 1918, aged 20

Mem: Chocques Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, III B 10

**67. Liptrot, E**, Pte. 240103, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal N Lancs Regt.,

b. Ince, e, Bolton, r. Lower Ince

Died Tuesday 14 August 1917

Mem: Erquinghem-Lys Churchyard Extension, Nord, II E 11 **(CL)**

**68. Llewellyn, Harold Alfred**, Lieutenant, 8<sup>th</sup> Batt. South Wales Borderers

Brother of Miss Elsie Llewellyn, 3 The Wilderness, Holly Hill, Hampstead, London

Died Wednesday 14 June 1916, Salonika, Greece

Mem: Sarigol Military Cem., Kriston, Greece, C 498

*The only Officer on the plaque. His connection with Ince is unknown. It may be noted, however, that he was in the same Regiment as Capt. Walcot Harmood Banner (see page 20).*

*Also, among the Feb. 1920 Subscribers are the Misses Llewellyn, and a Miss L is later listed among the Sunday School Teachers in a Magazine. Perhaps Cousins?*

**69. Lloyd, Edward** (*J on plaque*) Pte. 16262, 11th Batt. Manchester Regt.  
B. Ince, E Wigan,  
Son of John and Sarah Lloyd, of 46, New Rows South, New Washington, Co. Durham.  
Feb. 1920 Subscribers Mr & Mrs (W) Lloyd, 189 Warrington Road  
Killed-in-Action, September 21st, 1916  
Mem: Thiepval, 13a & 14c

**70. Loughlin, Edward**, Pte. 1772, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt. b. Ince, e. Wigan  
Killed in action Saturday 7 August 1915, Gallipoli  
Mem: Helles, panel 158 – 170 (CL)

**71. ? MacDonald, Lewis**, Gnr. 120598, D Bty. 122<sup>nd</sup> Bde. Royal Field Artillery  
Died Thursday 24 October 1918  
Mem: Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, panel 3

**72. Mahoney, John, DCM**, Sgt. 12843, 7<sup>th</sup> Batt. South Lancs Regt.  
Died Saturday 18 November 1916  
Mem: Thiepval, Somme Pier & Face 7A & 7B

**73. Marsh, Edmond**, Driver 70249, C Bty. 160<sup>th</sup> Bde. Royal Field Artillery,  
b. Ince, e. Wigan  
Killed-in-action Tuesday 26 March 1918  
Mem: Arras Mem. Bay 1

**74. Marsh, Henry/ Harry, MM**, L/sgt. 20356, 4<sup>th</sup> Batt. Grenadier Guards,  
b. Higher Ince, e. Wigan  
Son of David & Mary Alice Marsh, 132 Manchester Road, Higher Ince  
Killed-in-action Saturday 13 April 1918, aged 24  
Mem: Outtersteene Communal Cem. Extension, Bailleul, Nord II G 41 (CL)

**75. Matthews, Robert James**, Pte. 152048, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,  
b. Neston, e Ashton-u-Lyne, r. Ince  
Killed-in-action Saturday 2 November 1918  
Mem: St. Souplet British Cem., Nord, I C 23 (CL)

**76. Maybe, FT, (Portrait, right)** Pte. Reservist, D Coy., 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. North Stafford-  
shire Regt., 17th Infantry Bde.. Served in the Boer War.  
b. Christ Church, Stafford, e. Lichfield, r. Stafford  
Guard, Springs Branch, lived 10 Crompton Street  
Died Tuesday 13 October 1914  
Mem: Cabaret-Rouge British Cem. Souchez, Pas de Calais, Merris Chyd. Mem.  
56 (CL)



Perhaps related to Mrs Maybe (mention in our magazine, Feb. 1922), of Warrington Road

**77. McQueen, P**, Pte. 21678, 4<sup>th</sup> Batt. Grenadier Guards  
Died Sunday 6 January 1918  
Mem: Ince Cem., C NC 218 (*Right*)

**78. ? Meadows, W**, Pte. 15881, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. South Lancs Regt.  
Died Monday 3 July 1916  
Mem: Lonsdale Cem. Authuille, Somme, III o 3



**79. ?Melling, William**, Pte. 8316, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. South Lancs Regt  
Died Saturday 24 October 1914  
Mem: Le Touret Mem., Pas de Calais, panel 23

**80. Melling William Thomas**, Pte., 16962,  
Depot, 3rd, attd. 9th Batt. East Lancashire Regt.  
B. Billinge, Lived 2 Heywood Street, wife & 2 children  
Contracted Streptococcal lung infection in Salonika, Greece, in Feb.1916  
Discharged "Permanent Total Incapacity", 10th November 1916.  
Died Friday 3 March 1917  
Mem: Ince Cem., C CE 1070B (Right)

**81. Mortimer, Stanley**, Pte. 611, 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.  
b & e. Wigan. 2 Bolton Street, Hr Ince. Wife & child  
Killed-in-Action by a sniper, Tuesday 1 June, 1915, Gallipoli  
Mem: Helles, panel 158 – 170

**82. ? Moss, Alfred**, Pte. 16245, 8<sup>th</sup> Batt., East Lancashire Regt.,  
b. Daubhill, Bolton, e. Wigan, r. Higher Ince  
Husband of Charlott Gillings, 20 Holland Street, Rochdale  
Killed in action, France, 9 April 1917  
Mem: Arras, bay 6

**83. Norman, John**, (Portrait, right) Cpl. 3681, 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers,  
enlisted August 1914, served Dardenelles, 1915  
Family lived at 141, Warrington Road (Uncle of Margaret Heaton, St Mary's)  
Killed in action, Sunday 2 December 1917, Cambrai, aged 27  
Mem: Cambrai Mem., Louverval, Nord, panel 5 (FAM)

**84. Oakes, William**, Gnr. 5242, A Bty, 91<sup>st</sup> Bde., Royal Field Artillery  
b. Ince, e. Wigan  
Died of wounds, Sunday 9 December 1917, Somme  
Mem: Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cem.,  
Manancourt, VII A 1 (CL)

**85. Ovington, Harry**, Bombardier 51292, Y3rd Trench Mortar Bty.,  
Royal Garrison Artillery  
Son of James & Mary Ann Ovington, husband of Lillian Ovington, 351 Warrington Road  
Died Friday 6 April 1917, aged 28  
Mem: Wanquetin Communal Cem. Extension, Pas de Calais I C 4

**86. Parker, Henry**, Pte. 35237, 21<sup>st</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,  
b. Ince, e. Wigan  
Killed in action Tuesday 29 August 1916, Somme  
Mem: Quarry Cem., Montauban, Somme, Special Memorial. (CL)

**87. Patterson, Thomas**, Pte. 11448, 6<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal North Lancs Regt.,  
b. Ince, e. Wigan, r. Lower Ince  
Feb. 1920 Subscriber Mrs Patterson, 17 Preston Street  
Killed in action, Monday 9 August 1915, Gallipoli  
Mem: Helles, panel 152 – 154 (CL)

**88. Patmore, James**, Driver 3208, 64<sup>th</sup> Bde. Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery  
Husband of Mrs Patmore, 26 Bird Street, Higher Ince  
Died Wednesday 17 October 1917, aged 27  
Mem: Brandhoek New Military Cem. No.3, Ieper, I L 13



Official information has come to the hands of the relatives of Corporal John Norman (an anti-machine gunner) that he was killed at Cambrai on December 2nd, 1917. This document contains details of his life and death. After being in the Western area for 15 of 16 months, he was transferred to France. He was at home on leave in Warrington-road, Lower Ince. He was a soldier in the war in England, and had been employed at Ince, Gnr. Thomas' sister to which he worked at Mount Pleasant and Knowles' No. 2 St. He was stationed at the Warrington School, Wigan. His brother, Gunner Thomas Norman, is in the R.F.A. and ordered in February 1917, and has been away three years and had no news. He is serving in the East. A complete war record is kept. Details of Corporal Norman's death should be offered to the War Office and the War Office will be quite popular with the wife. He was killed not far from his door.

**89. ? Platt, M.** Pte. 12567, 8<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal North Lancs Regt.  
Died Monday 8 May 1916  
Mem: Ecoivres Military Cem., Mont-St. Eloi, Pas de Calais I J 18

**OR ? Platt, W.** Cpl. 56902, D Bty. 51st Bde. Royal Field Artillery  
Husband of Mary A Platte, 7 Lymm Street, Wigan (Just over Britannia Br)  
Died 26th September, 1917, aged 33  
Mem: Vlamertinghe New Military Cem. XI. G. 15

**90. ? Potter, Richard Henry**, L/cpl. 35615, 15<sup>th</sup> Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, b & e Wigan  
killed in action, Flanders, Friday 21 September 1917  
Mem: Coxyde Cem., Koksijde, West Flanders, plot IV, riw A, grave 18. (CL)

**91. ?Prior, George**, Pte. 9566, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt Lancashire Fusiliers  
133 George Street, Wigan  
Died Monday 14 September 1914  
Mem: La Ferte-sous-Jouarre, Seine et Marne

**92. Ralphs, Thomas, MM**, Pte. 50395, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.  
Feb. 1920 Subscribers Mr & Mrs Ralphs, 6 Rocky Bank Terrace  
Died Sunday 7 April 1918  
Mem: Pozieres Memorial, Somme, panel 64 – 67

**93. Rigby, Abraham**, Rifleman R/ 8918, 12<sup>th</sup> Batt. King's Royal Rifle Corps,  
b & e Wigan  
Son of Mrs Sarah Jane Rigby, husband of Alice Rigby, 30 Taylors Lane  
employed Cross Tetleys Colliery  
Killed in action Saturday 3 June 1916, Flanders, aged 23  
Mem: Ypres Menin Gate, panel 51 – 53 (CL)

**94. Rigby, J**  
*Feb. 1920 Subscriber Mrs Rigby, 11 Chorley Street*

**95. Rowlandson, Fred Langhorne**, L/cpl. 2223, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt., Ex-Borders  
b. Grayrigg, Westmorland, e. Wigan, r. Lower Ince  
Son of Thomas & Margaret Langhorne Rowlandson, Grayrigg;  
husband of the late Clara Rowlandson, 225 Ince Green Lane, collier  
Killed in action, Friday 4 June 1915, Gallipoli, aged 41  
Mem: Helles, panel 158 – 170 (CL)

**96. Rourke, Henry**, Gnr. 156145, 6<sup>th</sup> Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery,  
b. Warrington, e. Wigan (*Ringed in picture, right*)  
Husband of Ellen Rourke, 8 Cecil Street  
Died of wounds, Monday 15 April 1918  
Mem: Lijssenthoek Military Cem., Poperinge, Belgium XXVI FF 7A (CL)

**97. Sharrock, Thomas**, Sapper 542260, 104<sup>th</sup> Field Coy., Royal Engineers  
formerly 54626, Liverpool Regt., b. Pemberton, e. Flint, r. Wigan  
Son of John & Jane Sharrock, Pemberton;  
husband of Minnie Sharrock, 28 James Street  
Died Tuesday 28 May 1918, aged 33  
Mem: Maroc British Cem., Nord, II O 22

**98. ?? Shepherd, William Leonard**, Pte. 1485,  
1<sup>st</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> Batt King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.)  
Son of Betsy Ann Shepherd, 69 Alexandra Road, Blackpool & the late George Shepherd  
Died Monday 18 September 1916, aged 19  
Mem: Thiepval Mem., Somme, Pier & Face %d & 12B





**99. Simm, James**, Pte. 19267 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. Grenadier Guards  
Son of the late Thomas Simm and of Mary Ann Simm, 71 Warrington Road  
Died Saturday 1 December 1917, aged 22  
Mem: Cambrai Mem., Louverval, Nord, panel 2

**100. Smallshaw, Christopher Hugh**, Pte. 30931, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. East Lancs Regt.,  
formerly 88312 Royal Horse Artillery, b. St Helens, e Wigan  
Son of Emily and the late John Smallshaw  
Killed in action Tuesday 2 April 1918 (went missing 22 March), Somme  
Mem: Pozieres Mem. Somme, panel 42 & 43 (CL)

**101. Smallshaw, John Birrell**, Driver 77902, 6<sup>th</sup> Bde. HQ Royal Horse Artillery  
Son of Emily & the late John Smallshaw;  
husband of Levenia Boulton (formerly Smallshaw), 555 Warrington Road  
Died Monday 30 July 1917, aged 27  
Mem: Baghdad (North Gate) War Cem., Iraq, XII B 8

**102. Smith, James**, Pte. 12293, 8th Batt. Loyal North Lancs., Regt.  
Son of Edmund & Alice Smith; husband of Bridget Smith, 2 Parliament St.  
Died 10 August 1916, Somme, aged 30  
Mem: Thiepval, 11A

**103. Smith, James William**, MM, Pte. 7827, 12<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.  
Son of James and Mary Elizabeth Smith, 50 Warrington Road  
Educated St William's School, collier at Scowcroft's Coll., Hindley  
Killed in action Saturday 10 November 1917, aged 24  
Mem: Tyne Cot Mem., Zonnebeke, Belgium, panel 120 – 124, and 162 to 162A and 163A (CL)

**104. Smith, R**

**105. Stockton, Sam**, DCM, Cpl. 2023  
1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt., Manchester Regt.,  
b. St Mary, Ince, e. Wigan,  
6 Foy Street, Scholes, wife & six children  
Killed in action Friday 7 August 1915, Gallipoli  
*Right his DCM Citation in the Wigan Observer, 18/9/15,*  
*presumably promoted as a result of these brave acts.*  
Mem: Twelve Trees Copse Cem, Turkey, II A 15 (CL)

2023 Private S. Stockton, 1-5th Battalion, Manchester Regiment (T.F.) (Wigan). For conspicuous gallantry on 4th and 6th June, 1915, on the Gallipoli Peninsula. On 4th June he attacked and captured, single-handed, four Turks, including the officer. On the 6th June, during a hostile counter-attack, he most gallantly led a party of bomb throwers and drove the Turks out of a strong redoubt, subsequently establishing communication under heavy fire.
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**106. Taplin, George Edward**, Pte. 63001, Royal Army Medical Corps  
(*Warden of St Mary's Church*), b. Wigan, e. Wigan, 37 Corporation Street, Poolstock  
Feb. 1920 Subscriber Mrs G Taplin  
Died Saturday 16 June 1917, East Africa  
Mem: Morogoro Cem., Tanzania, III A 7 (CL)

**107. ?Taylor James Frederick**, Pte. 357189, 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Batt. The King's (Liverpool Regt.)  
Husband of Florence Mary Fleming, formerly Taylor, 151 Beech Hill Avenue, Wigan  
Died Friday 30 November, 1917, aged 24  
Mem: Cambrai, Nord, panel 4

**108. Thompson, Charles**, Pte. 2445, 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. Lancs Fusiliers  
Brother of Mrs Emily Mary Gwilliam, 5 Hey Street  
Died Sunday 25 April 1915, Gallipoli  
Mem: Helles panel 58 – 72, or 218 – 219

**109. Tuer, John Henry**, Pte. 49345, 20<sup>th</sup> Batt., Manchester Regt.  
Son of John & Elizabeth Tuer, 30 Beech Avenue, Lowton  
Died Sunday 7 October 1917, aged 19  
Mem: Hooge Crater Cem., Ieper, I C 21

**110. Turner, Frank**, Pte. 33593, 11<sup>th</sup> Batt. Border Regt., formerly 113041, Royal Garrison Artillery), b. Lower Ince, e. Wigan, r. Lower Ince Son of Thomas & Elizabeth Turner, 214 Warrington Road – had Dairy at that address Feb. 1920 Subscribers Mr & Mrs Turner and also Morton, all 214 Warrington Road Died of wounds, Sunday 1 April 1917, aged 24  
Mem: Foreste Communal Cem., Aisne, II A 23 **(CL)**

**111. Walker, Isaiah**, Pte. 11471, 6<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal North Lancs Regt. Son of Mrs Selina Mahoney, 303 Warrington Road Died Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1915, Gallipoli  
Mem: Helles, panel 152 – 154

**112. Walker, CFJ**

There are two Feb. 1920 Subscribers: Mrs L Walker, Walmesley Arms & Mrs Walker, 648 Liverpool Road

**113. Walker, Richard**, Pte. 7583, 15<sup>th</sup> Batt. Army Cyclist Corps Son of Richard & Mary Ann Walker, 5 Chapel Street b. Westwood, e. Wigan, r. Lower Ince Died Friday 29 September 1916, Somme, aged 25  
Mem: Dartmoor Cem., Becorde-Becourt, Somme, II D 3  
*(Right: St. Mary's Vicar, laying a wreath at his grave, July 1st, 2006)*

**114. Walker, William**, Pte. 12436, 7<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal North Lancs Regt Son of Richard & Mary Ann Walker, 5 Chapel Street Husband of Mrs Elizabeth J Walker, 27 James Street, Lower Ince Died Thursday 27 September 1917, aged 42  
Mem: Outtersteene Communal Cem., Bailleul, Nord, I C 10

**115. Watkins, Charles, A**, L/cpl. 5352, "A" Coy., 2nd Batt. Lancs Fusiliers

B. Shrewsbury, Salop, e. Wigan, r. Bury.

Lodged with Mrs Allen, 481 Warrington Road, worked at Pearson & Knowles' Daisy Pit. Served in the Dardenelles, from where he was evacuated to hospital in Malta, suffering from frostbite. On recovery, posted to France as a bomb-thrower.

Posted missing in October 1916, and appeal was made by Mrs Allen for any information about him (Wigan Examiner, 1916).

Later confirmed killed in action, Thursday, 12th October, 1916, aged 21. Buried at Guards Cemetery, Les Boeufs, Somme. Plot VII, Row T, Grave 3. **(CL: Who took pic., above, right, of grave, July 2005)**

**116. Walsh, J**

**117. Webb, William**, Pte. 6103, 7<sup>th</sup> Batt. Border Regt.

b. Wolstanton, Staffs., e. Wigan, r. Lower Ince

Killed in action, Monday 23 April 1917, Somme

Mem: Arras, bay 6

**118. Westhead, Thomas Francis**, Pte. 200498,

1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.

Son of Robert & Ellen Westhead, 304 Ince Green Lane

Died Sunday 9 September 1917, aged 21

Mem: Tyne Cot, Belgium, panel 120 – 124 & 162 – 162A & 163A



**119. Whistlecroft, John**, Ordinary Seaman,  
Mersey Z/5348, HMS Crescent, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve  
Son of William & Sarah Whistlecroft, 591 Warrington Road  
Feb. 1920 Subscribers Mr & Mrs Whistlecroft  
Died Saturday 19 October, 1918, aged 20  
**Mem: Ince Cem. C CE 1773 (Right:)**

**120. Whittle, John**, (*WJ on Mem.*) Pte. 8983,  
2nd Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers  
B&r Wigan, e. Bury  
Lived Warrington Road  
Died of wounds 19th May 1918  
Mem: Lapugnoy Military Cem., nr Bethune VIII.F.21

**121. Williams, Frederick Charles:** (*just "F" on plaque*)  
(g.f of Amy McDermott)  
Husband of Harriet, Margaret Street – son, also FC, was born Sept 1901 – so father in 30's.  
Further details of death cannot be confirmed

**122. Wilson, W**

**123. Wood, TH**

**124. Woods, Edward**, Pte. 18973, 7<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal North Lancs Regt.,  
b. Lower Ince, e. Bolton, r. Higher Ince  
Son of Edward & Mary Woods, 123 Ince Green Lane, Higher Ince  
Killed in action Sunday 23 July 1916, aged 19, Somme  
Mem: Thiepval, Somme, Pier & Face 11A (CL)



In addition to the main Memorial Plaque there was also a smaller Plaque bearing the name of Captain Walcot Harmood Banner, who was killed at Cambrin, Pas de Calais.  
The details recorded on the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's website are:

**HARMOOD BANNER, WALCOT**, Captain, South Wales Borderers, 3rd. attd. 1st Bn.  
Date of Death: 29th August 1915, aged 33  
Son of Sir J. S. Harmood-Banner, M.P., of Aston Hall, Preston Brook, Cheshire.  
Memorial: CAMBRIN CHURCHYARD EXTENSION A. 12.

A fuller description of this plaque is given on page 2 of the account of the Dedication Service which is reprinted on pages 4 to 6 of this booklet.

The frame for this Plaque has been used to contain the new World War 2 Memorial which was installed in the church beneath the original WW1 Plaque (see illustration on the cover of this booklet).

**Where they lie**

**Gallipoli: 20**

**The Somme: 16**

**Flanders: 25**

**Calais Coalfields: 20**

**Somewhere in France: 8**

**Iraq: 3**

**Other theatres of War: 2**

**At Sea: 3**

**Hospital or at home: 9**

## 20 died in the Gallipoli Campaign of 1915

### 1st/ 5th Battalion of the Manchester Regiment (14)

Unless otherwise stated all are commemorated on panels 158-170 of the Helles Memorial

**2. Acton, Charles**, Cpl. 1291

Son of Sarah Acton, 516 Warrington Road

Died Fri. 6 August 1915, aged 24 Mem: Twelve Trees Copse Cem. I.C. 18

**7. Austin, John**, Pte. 2264, 20 Junction Terrace, Railwayman

Killed-in-Action by a sniper, 3rd June 1915, Gallipoli

**10. Banks, Thomas**, Pte. 2757 Enrolled. Wigan

Son of Henry Banks, 2 Heywood Street

**Killed-in-action, Saturday 7 August 1915**, aged 19

**32. Downing, Thomas**, Pte. 1563, B. Ince, E. Wigan, 99 Warrington Road, collier, single

Killed-in-action Saturday **5 June 1915**, Gallipoli

**33. Duddle, William**, Pte. 1309, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.

95 Warrington Road, wife & child

Son of Mary Ellen Duddle, 39 Kays Houses, (d. 1921, aged 47)

Died Tuesday 8 June 1915, (*but see article, pg 10*) Gallipoli, aged 20. Buried at sea.

Mem: Helles, panel 158 – 170

**44. Glover, Richard** (*A on plaque*) Pte. 1770

Son of Thomas & Elizabeth Ann, 11 Canal Bank

**Died 7th August 1915**, aged 19

**50. Harrison, Thomas**, Pte. 2756 Single, collier at Bamfurlong Colliery

Son of Richard Harrison, 3 Ellesmere Terrace, Platt Bridge

**Died Saturday 7 August 1915**, aged 20

**57. Johns, Arthur**, Pte. 1830

B. Lower Ince, E. Wigan, 10 Railway Street, collier at Garswood Hall Colliery

Killed in action, Saturday 24 July 1915

Mem: Twelve Tree Copse Cem., Turkey Sp. Mem. C 80

**62. ? Jones, Joseph** (*T on plaque*), Pte. 1447, 3 Knowles Street (*Could be Knowles St. Wigan*)

Died 13th June 1915

**64. Kelly, Thomas**, Pte. 1194, D Coy.

Son of Edward & Jane Kelly, 35 Kays Houses

Died Saturday **5 June 1915**, aged 21

**70. Loughlin, Edward**, Pte. 1772, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.

b. Ince, e. Wigan

**Killed in action Saturday 7 August 1915**

**81. Mortimer, Stanley**, Pte. 611. B. & E. Wigan, 2 Bolton Street, Ince. Wife & child

Died Tuesday 1 June, 1915, Gallipoli

**95. Rowlandson, Fred Langhorne**, L/cpl. 2223 (Ex-Border Regiment)

B. Grayrigg, Westmorland, E. Wigan, 225 Ince Green Lane. Collier

Son of Thomas & Margaret Langhorne Rowlandson, Grayrigg;

husband of the late Clara Rowlandson

Killed in action, Friday 4 June 1915, aged 41

**105. Stockton, Sam, DCM**, Cpl. 2023 B. St Mary, Ince, E. Wigan, 6 Foy St, Ince, wife & ch

**Killed in action 7 August 1915** Mem: Twelve Trees Copse Cem. II A 15

## Lower Ince Territorial Missing

### Letter from a Comrade.

my mother's dearest Richard



Mr Tom Glover, who for many years has been connected with the Wigan Branch of the "Liverpool Post" and "Echo" has received word from a comrade at the Front that his son, Private Richard Glover of 11 Canal Bank, Lower Ince, has been missing since the charge which the Territorials made on August 7th. "Dick" Glover is nineteen years of age and previous to the war worked at the Low Ince Colliery. He was a member of the Territorials when they mobilised, he having been in one camp.

Private J. Coyle, a Wigan lad, writing on August 15th, says—"Dick" Tom, I am writing you on a very strange subject. Whether or not you have been warned before not receive this letter I don't know. On August 6th we were warned to charge, and on the same morning Joe Dowd was killed. In the afternoon your son, Dick, and myself were in a charge together, and remained side by side until we reached the Turkish trenches. From then nothing has been heard of him. He was my only idea that Dick had been unfortunate enough to get shot, but was lucky to get his wound dressed and make his way back to the Field Hospital. I made inquiries for Dick, but no one saw him alive or dead. He may be wounded and at present in hospital, or he may have been killed or taken prisoner. It is seven days now since we had the charge, and nothing has been heard of him. You must excuse me writing to you, but I feel as anxious as anyone else, as he was a lad that I liked. If you remember, there were only three of the "Corner boys" went away, Dowd, your lad, and myself, and I am the only one left to mourn their loss."

In a further letter, Private Coyle says—"It is now drawing to a fortnight since we made the charge, and though I have made several inquiries it is all in vain; I cannot hear anything about Dick. I am holding up his letters, etc. I have already received an "Examiner" and a "Liverpool Post" and a letter containing "bits" I will forward them on if I hear of his whereabouts. I am sure it will upset you not knowing whether he is alive or has been killed. We gave Dowd a decent burial, and erected a little cross over his grave. They were both well liked by the Company, and their loss is great."



## A Young Territorial's End.



### "Died a Glorious Death."

Private Joseph Dowd, who was only 19 years of age, and whose parents reside at 15, Broomfield street, Lower Ince, was killed in the Dardanelles on August 6th.

Mr. Dowd has received the following letter from a comrade, Private J. Coyle, 11th Co. Company, Wigan Territorials—"Dear Mr. Dowd—It is with deep regret and the deepest sympathy from the bottom of my heart that I send you these few lines. I feel as my duty to tell you your son has been killed whilst serving the colours. He was beside me when the fatal shot was fired at him. On August 6th we were in the front line, and it was my duty on the parapet to look-out. It so happened that Joe was on duty, too, at the same time as myself. The Turks were about 20 yards from our trenches and seemed to be walking as if nothing was doing. I saw them waving their hands on the end of their trench and I got hold of my rifle to see at them, when Joe, who was only three yards away from me, came and told me to keep on the look-out and he would fire. He fired two or three shots and then a shot was fired back in return and pierced Joe's head. I could not believe my own eyes as he lay on the ground. We all ran to and gave every assistance, but he was too far gone and died in twenty minutes. We gave him a decent burial, Joe and I were always together and were often mistaken for one another. He was deeply missed not only by the N.C.O.'s and men of the Company, but also by the officers and all who knew him. I expect you do not take it too hard, but trust in God and hope for the best.

Major J. E. Crossman also wrote a postscript, saying—"May I send my sincere sympathies and regrets at the loss of your son. He died a glorious death and without pain."

Three pals, 1768, 1769, and 1770, or Privates J Coyle, J Dowd, and R Glover enlisted together in the 1/5th Manchesters, and saw action together at Gallipoli on August 7th.

The latter two were killed, and it fell to their friend to write to their parents, who lived almost back to back to one another on Boundary Street(24) and Canal Bank (11), Britannia Bridge. His letters are reproduced above, with Pte. Glover's photograph.

Pte. Glover is listed on our Memorial (see opposite) but Pte. Dowd is one of those who are not—his details are, however, given over the page.

Note also that Pte Edward Loughlin, No. 1772, opposite, also fell at Gallipoli on August 7th.

This material, including the photograph of a group of Manchesters out East, which includes at least Pte Glover, seated, 2nd from left, and may include those he joined up with, were kindly loaned by Mr Jack Hurst, whose mother was a younger sister of Richard Glover.



### 6th Battalion of the Border Regiment (1)

**53. Holland, Richard**, Pte. 11371 B. St. Mary's, Lower Ince, E. Wigan  
Husband of Alice Holland (nee Hitchen, 5 Lancaster's Row, W'ton Rd.),  
son of Joseph, Collier, of Kays Houses

***Killed in action, Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1915.***

Mem: Helles Memorial, panel 119 to 125, or 222, or 223

His son Thomas was killed Tunisia on 22nd March 1943. Commemorated on our WW2 Memorial

### 6th Battalion of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment (3)

All are commemorated on panels 152-154 of the Helles Memorial

**17. Berry, Peter**, Pte. 11876

Son of Thomas & Esther Berry, 4 Windleshaw Street

***Died Monday 9 August 1915***, aged 19

**87. Patterson, Thomas**, Pte. 11448 B. Ince, E. Wigan, R. Lower Ince

***Killed in action, Monday 9 August 1915***

**111. Walker, Isaiah**, Pte. 11471

Son of Mrs Selina Mahoney, 303 Warrington Road

***Died Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1915***

### The Lancashire Fusiliers (3)

**6. Aspinall, Edward**, Pte. 2066

Son of William & Ellen Aspinall, 5 Heywood Street

***Died Sunday 25 April 1915***, aged 26

Mem: 58-72 or 218-219 of the Helles Memorial

**108. Thompson, Charles**, Pte. 2445

Brother of Mrs Emily Mary Gwilliam, 5 Hey Street

***Died Sunday 25 April 1915***

Mem: 58-72 or 218-219 of the Helles Memorial

**38. Fisher, E**, Pte. 8672, 1st/8th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers

Killed 14th May 1915, Gallipoli

Mem: D.17, Lancashire Landing Cemetery

The late Fred Holcroft's 1994 book on the Campaign, "Just Like Hell—Local Men at Gallipoli", lists the Wigan men killed there. As a result of checking through this list, extra information about some of the men was found, as well as the fact that seven Lower Ince men whom he lists are not commemorated on our Memorial. There may be others listed under "Wigan" who are also from our Parish.

Definitely identified are:

**Allen, Frank** Cpl. 129, **1st/5th Manchester Regt.**, 14 Westwood Terrace, Clerk, Wigan Gasworks;  
Missing-in-Action, **7th August 1915**. He had joined the Regiment as a bugler at age 11.

**Boardman, James** Pte. 2197, **1st/5th Manchester Regt.** William Street

Died of wounds, 11th July 1915

**Dowd, Joseph** Pte. 1769, **1st/5th Manchester Regt.**, 19 Boundary Street, single;

Killed-in-Action **7th August 1915**

**Hart, William** Pte. 3481, 9th Lancashire Fusiliers, 19 Cemetery Road; KIA **7th August 1915**

**Markland, James** Pte. 1146 **1st/5th Manchester Regt.**, 1 William Street; KIA 10th August 1915

**Pilkington, William** Pte. 17560, 1st Kings Own Scottish Borderers, 8 Canal Bank Blacksmith, single.

Died of wounds 15th June 1915

**Yorke, Albert** Cpl. 2010, **1st/5th Manchester Regt.**, Manley Street. KIA **7th August 1915**

This brings the tally for the 1st/5th Manchesters to 19, of whom nine died on 7th August. The total lost in the Campaign is therefore 27



## 10 died in the July—November 1916 Somme Offensive

**9. Bailey, Thomas**, Pte. 29792, 9<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal North Lancs Regt.,  
formerly 4802 Manchester Territorial Force,  
born Lower Ince, enrolled Ashton-u-Lyne, resided Wigan  
Killed-in-action, Saturday 21 October 1916, Somme  
Mem: Regina Trench Cemetery, Grandcourt, Somme, VI F 24

**36. Edwards, Eli**, Gnr. 56755, D bty, 104th Bde, Royal Field Artillery  
Husband of Martha, 323 Warrington Road  
(where nephew Cliff & wife Molly lived for 19 years prior to its demolition in the 1970s).  
Died **Wednesday 9 August 1916, Somme, aged 30**

**37. Fillingham, W**, Sgt. 5498, 10<sup>th</sup> Batt. Lancs Fusiliers  
Died Friday 7 July 1916  
Mem: Cabaret-Rouge British Cem., Souchez, Pas de Calais XXX A 39

**39. Fisher, James, L/cpl. 16013, 8<sup>th</sup> (Service) Batt. York & Lancaster Regt.,  
born Ince, enrolled Wigan**  
**Killed in action, Saturday 1 July, 1916, Somme**  
**Mem: Thiepval Memorial, Somme, Pier & Face 14A & 14B**

**69. Lloyd, Edward** (*J on plaque*) Pte. 16262, 11th Batt. Manchester Regt.  
B. Ince, E Wigan,  
Son of John and Sarah Lloyd, of 46, New Rows South, New Washington, Co. Durham.  
Killed-in-Action, September 21st, 1916  
Mem: Thiepval, 13a & 14c

**72. Mahoney, John, DCM**, Sgt. 12843, 7<sup>th</sup> Batt. South Lancs Regt.  
Died Saturday 18 November 1916  
Mem: Thiepval, Somme Pier & Face 7A & 7B

**86. Parker, Henry**, Pte. 35237, 21<sup>st</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,  
born Ince, enrolled Wigan  
Killed in action Tuesday 29 August 1916, Somme  
Mem: Quarry Cem., Montauban, Somme, Special Memorial.

**102. Smith, James**, Pte. 12293, 8th Batt. Loyal North Lancs., Regt.  
Son of Edmund & Alice Smith; husband of Bridget Smith, 2 Parliament St.  
Died 10 August 1916, Somme, aged 30  
Mem: Thiepval, 11A

**113. Walker, Richard**, Pte. 7583, 15<sup>th</sup> Batt. Army Cyclist Corps  
Son of Mr R Walker, 5 Chapel Street  
born Westwood, enrolled Wigan, resided Lower Ince  
Died Friday 29 September 1916, Somme  
Mem: Dartmoor Cem., Becorde-Becourt, Somme, II D 3

**124. Woods, Edward**, Pte. 18973, 7<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal North Lancs Regt.,  
born Lower Ince, enrolled Bolton, resided Higher Ince  
Son of Edward & Mary Woods, 123 Ince Green Lane, Higher Ince  
Killed in action Sunday 23 July 1916, aged 19, Somme  
Mem: Thiepval, Somme, Pier & Face 11A

## 6 died at other times on the Somme

**14. Beach, Harold**, Pte. 32767, 17<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt. (*See opposite page*)

Son of Moses & Mary Jane Beach, 241 Ince Green Lane

Died Friday 22 March 1918, aged 23, Somme

Mem: Pozieres Memorial Somme, panel 64 – 67

**58. Johnson, Harold**, Pte. 201387, 1<sup>st</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.

Son of Stephen & Margaret Emma Johnson of Lower Ince

Died: Wednesday 9 October, 1918, aged 23

Mem: Abbeville Communal Cem. Extension, Somme IV G 19

**84. Oakes, William**, Gnr. 5242, A Bty, 91<sup>st</sup> Bde., Royal Field Artillery,

b. Ince, e. Wigan

Died of wounds, Sunday 9 December 1917, Somme

Mem: Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cem., Manancourt, VII A 1 **(CL)**

**92. Ralphs, Thomas, MM**, Pte. 50395, 1<sup>st</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.

Died Sunday 7 April 1918

Mem: Pozieres Memorial, Somme, panel 64 – 67

**100. Smallshaw, Christopher Hugh**, Pte. 30931, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. East Lancs Regt.,

formerly 88312 Royal Horse Artillery, b. St Helens, e Wigan

Son of Emily and the late John Smallshaw

Killed in action Tuesday 2 April 1918 (went missing 22 March), Somme

Mem: Pozieres Mem. Somme, panel 42 & 43

**115. Watkins, Charles, A**, L/cpl. 5352, "A" Coy., 2nd Batt. Lancs Fusiliers

B. Shrewsbury, Salop, e. Wigan, r. Bury.

Lodged with Mrs Allen, 481 Warrington Road, worked at Pearson & Knowles' Daisy Pit.

Served in the Dardenelles, from where he was evacuated to hospital in Malta, suffering from frostbite.

On recovery, posted to France as a bomb-thrower.

Posted missing in October 1916, and appeal was made by Mrs Allen for any information about him (Wigan Examiner, 1916).

Later confirmed killed in action, Thursday, 12th October, 1916, aged 21. Buried at Guards Cemetery, Les Boeuufs, Somme. Plot VII, Row T, Grave 3.

## 20 died in the Coalmining area of the Pas de Calais

**15. Bennett, Daniel**, Pte. 11393, 1<sup>st</sup> Border Regt., b. Ince, e. Wigan, r. Lower Ince  
Died Wednesday 16 May 1917, France

Mem: Feuchy Chapel British Cemetery, Wancourt, Pas de Calais, I F 17

**16. Bentham, Isaac**, Sgt. 56905, D Bty. 83<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, Royal Field Artillery

Died Tuesday 15 May 1917

Mem: Arras Memorial, Bay 1

**20. Brown, James**, Pte. 18551, B Coy. 10<sup>th</sup> Batt. York & Lancaster Regt.

Son of William Brown, 2 Thurston Street, & the late Mary Brown;

husband of Margaret Topping, formerly Brown, 6 Thurston Street

Died Monday 9 April 1917, aged 25

Mem: Arras, bay 8

**21. Bushell, Herbert Henry**, Pte. 50424, 13<sup>th</sup> Batt. The King's (Liverpool Regt.)

Son of Annie Bushell, 21 Cross Street

Killed in action Thursday 22 August 1918, aged 22

Mem: Vis-en-Artois Mem. Pas de Calais, panel 3 & 4

**24. ? Catterall, Edwin:**

Pioneer 1566687 "O" Special Coy., Royal Engineers, formerly 75703 RFA.

b. Westhoughton, e. Wigan.

Killed-in-action, Tuesday 14 August 1917.

Mem: Loos British Cemetery, XVIII B 14

**27. Cunliffe, Henry**, Pte. 14501, 10<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal N Lancs Regt.

b. Wigan, e. Hindley, r. Wigan

Son of James & Margaret Cunliffe,

husband of Margaret Cunliffe, 8 Frederick Street

Killed-in-action, Saturday 28 April 1917, aged 31

Mem: Arras Memorial, bay 7

**31. Dowey, William**, (*Dowie, W on plaque*) Cpl. 2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,

b. Lower Ince, e. Wigan

Son of William & Alice Dowey, 2 Boundary Street (but 21 Buraby St, Bolton in CWGC)

Died of wounds, Saturday 9 June 1917, aged 47

Mem: Bethune Town Cem., VI E 77

**35. Eardley, George** (*C on plaque*), Pte. 20836, 8<sup>th</sup> Batt. King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.),

b. Lower Ince, e. Wigan

Died of wounds Wednesday 17 July, France

Mem: Pernes British Cemetery, Pas de Calais V F 3

**37. Fillingham, W**, Sgt. 5498, 10<sup>th</sup> Batt. Lancs Fusiliers

Died Friday 7 July 1916

Mem: Cabaret-Rouge British Cem., Souchez, Pas de Calais XXX A 39

**55. Hooton, Thomas**, Rifleman c/ 762, 16<sup>th</sup> Batt. King's Royal Rifle Corps,

b. St Michael's Wigan, e. Wigan

Son of Mr & Mrs T Hooton, 6 Alfred Street

Former member of St Michael's CLB, employed at Abram Colliery

Killed in action Friday 28 January 1916 (hit by a shell), aged 20

Mem: Cambrin Churchyard Extension, Pas de Calais, grave L 5

- 63. Kearsley, James**, Pte. 21678, 1<sup>st</sup>. Batt. Loyal N. Lancs. Regt.  
 Husband of Lucy (Halliwell, of Bridge St., Wigan), 29 Kay's Houses  
 Died Monday 14 August 1916  
 Mem: St Patrick's Cem., Loos-en-Gohelle I A 3
- 66. Lewis, Leonard**, Gnr.203413, A Bty. 87<sup>th</sup> Bde. Royal Field Artillery  
 Son of Martha Ellen Lewis, 25 Taylors Lane, Lower Ince, & the late James Lewis  
 Died, 23 September 1918, aged 20  
 Mem: Chocques Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, III B 10
- 71. ? MacDonald, Lewis**, Gnr. 120598, D Bty. 122<sup>nd</sup> Bde. Royal Field Artillery  
 Died Thursday 24 October 1918  
 Mem: Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, panel 3
- 75. Matthews, Robert James**, Pte. 152048, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,  
 b. Neston, e Ashton-u-Lyne, r. Ince  
 Killed-in-action Saturday 2 November 1918  
 Mem: St. Souplet British Cem., Nord, I C 23
- 76. ?Maybe, FT**, Pte. 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. North Staffordshire Regt.,  
 b. Christ Church, Stafford, e. Lichfield, r. Stafford  
 Perhaps related to Mrs Maybe (mention in St. Mary's magazine, Feb. 1922), of Warrington Road  
 Died Tuesday 13 October 1914  
 Mem: Cabaret-Rouge British Cem. Souchez, Pas de Calais,  
 Merris Chyd. Mem. 56
- 79. ?Melling, William**, Pte. 8316, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. South Lancs Regt  
 Died Saturday 24 October 1914  
 Mem: Le Touret Mem., Pas de Calais, panel 23
- 82. ? Moss, Alfred**, Pte. 16245, 8<sup>th</sup> Batt., East Lancashire Regt.,  
 b. Daubhill, Bolton, e. Wigan, r. Higher Ince  
 Husband of Charlott Gillings, 20 Holland Street, Rochdale  
 Killed in action, France, 9 April 1917  
**Mem: Arras**, bay 6
- 85. Ovington, Harry**, Bombardier 51292, Y3rd Trench Mortar Bty.,  
 Royal Garrison Artillery  
 Son of James & Mary Ann Ovington, Spring View; husband of Lillian Ovington, 351 Warrington Road  
 Died Friday 6 April 1917, aged 28  
 Mem: Wanquetin Communal Cem. Extension, Pas de Calais I C 4
- 89. ? Platt, M**, Pte. 12567, 8<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal North Lancs Regt.  
 Died Monday 8 May 1916  
 Mem: Ecoivres Military Cem., Mont-St. Eloi, Pas de Calais I J 18
- 120. Whittle, John**, (*WJ on Mem.*) Pte. 8983,  
 2nd Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers  
 B&r Wigan, e. Bury  
 Lived Warrington Road  
 Died of wounds 19th May 1918  
 Mem: Lapugnoy Military Cem., nr Bethune VIII.F.21

## 25 died in Flanders

**1. Ackers, George Kay**, Pte. 21773, 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt. Coldstream Guards,  
b. Wigan e. Newcastle-on-Tyne, r. Lower Ince.  
Killed-in-action, Sat. 13 April 1918, Flanders  
Mem: Ploegstreet, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium, panel 1

**4. Anderton, William Thomas**, Pte. 42043, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. King's Own Yorks Light Infantry  
Son of Mr & Mrs Thomas Anderton, 7 Deakin Street  
Died 2 December 1917, aged 31  
**Mem: Tyne Cot Memorial**, Zonnebeke, Belgium, panel 108 – 111

**5. Aspinnall, D**, L/Cpl. 200976, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Reg.  
Died Friday 31 August 1917, Belgium  
Mem: Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery, Nieuwpoort, Belgium, panel II C 27

**7. Austin, John**, Pte. 27886, 6<sup>th</sup> Batt. Border Regt.  
Son of Charles Austin, 99 Bolton Houses, Bickershaw  
Died Sunday 7 October 1917, aged 24, Belgium  
Mem: Dozinghem Military Cem. Poperinge, Belgium, VII I 19

**8. Bagnall, John Henry**, L/ cpl. 24798, 11<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,  
b. Lower Ince, e. Wigan  
Died, Thursday 4 October, 1917  
**Mem: Tyne Cot Mem.** Zonnebeke, Belgium, panel 120 – 124, and 162 – 162A and 163A

**19. Bold/ Bould, James Christopher**, Gnr. 214913, D Bty. 156<sup>th</sup> Bde. Royal Field Artillery, b. Wigan,  
e. Wigan  
Son of Mrs Rigby, formerly Bold  
Died of wounds, Friday 26 April 1918, Belgium  
Mem: Lijssenthoek Military Cem, Poperinge, Belgium, XXVII H 11

**26. Crook(e), William**, Pte. 377783, 17<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.  
Son of Albert & Elizabeth Crook, 205 Warrington Road  
Died Monday 3 December 1917, aged 19  
**Mem: Tyne Cot Mem.**, Zonnebeke, Belgium, Panel 120 – 124, & 162 to 162A & 163A

**42. Ganderton, J, MM**, Pte. 16015, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prince of Wales Volunteers (S Lancs Regt),  
b. Burtonwood, e. Nottingham, r. Wigan  
(?H. of Mary, Warrington Road, d. Jan 1922, aged 44?)  
(Wigan Iron & Coal Co owned a mine at Mansfield, Notts)

### **Killed in action Thursday 2 August 1917**

Mem: Poelcapelle British Cem. Langemark-Poelkappelle, Belgium, LX D 9

**45. Gregory, James**, Pte. 203264, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> Batt. South Lancs Regt.,  
b. Ince, e. Wigan, r. Ince

### **Killed in action Thursday 2 August 1917**

**Mem: Ypres Menin Gate**, panel 37

**49. Hardy, Harold Hindley**, Gnr. 112987, 38<sup>th</sup> Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery  
Son of Alfred Samuel & Elizabeth Hardy of Lower Ince  
Died Thursday 9 May 1918, aged 22  
Mem: La Kreule Military Cem., Hazebrouk, Nord

**51. ? Hatch, John**, Gnr. 171272, 351<sup>st</sup> Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery  
Son of Thomas & Cicily Hatch, Wigan  
Died Saturday 4 May 1918, aged 23  
Mem: Brandhoek New Military Cem., No. 3, Ieper, Belgium, III A 14

- 54. ? Holleran P**, Pte. 2119, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. South Lancs Regt.  
Died Sunday 13 June 1915  
*Mem: Ypres Menin Gate*, Ieper, panel 37
- 56. Hough, William**, Pte. B/201439, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 28<sup>th</sup> (Artists Brigade) London Rifles,  
b. Ince, e. Wigan, r. Wigan  
Killed in action Tuesday 30 October, 1917  
*Mem. Tyne Cot Mem.*, Zonnebeke, Belgium, panel 145 – 147
- 67. Liprot, E**, Pte. 240103, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal N Lancs Regt.,  
b. Ince, e, Bolton, r. Lower Ince  
Died Tuesday 14 August 1917  
Mem: Erquinghem-Lys Churchyard Extension, Nord, II E 11
- 74. Marsh, Henry/ Harry, MM**, L/sgt. 20356, 4<sup>th</sup> Batt. Grenadier Guards,  
b. Higher Ince, e.Wigan  
Son of David & Mary Alice Marsh, 132 Manchester Road, Higher Ince  
Killed-in-action Saturday 13 April 1918, aged 24  
Mem: Outtersteene Communal Cem. Extension, Bailleul, Nord II G 41
- 88. Patmore, James**, Driver 3208, 64<sup>th</sup> Bde. Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery  
Husband of Mrs Patmore, 26 Bird Street, Higher Ince  
Died Wednesday 17 October 1917, aged 27  
Mem: Brandhoek New Military Cem. No.3, Ieper, I L 13
- 90. ? Potter, Richard Henry**, L/cpl. 35615, 15<sup>th</sup> Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, b & e Wigan  
killed in action, Flanders, Friday 21 September 1917  
Mem: Coxyde Cem., Koksijde, West Flanders, plot IV, riw A, grave 18.
- 93. Rigby, Abraham**, Rifleman R/ 8918, 12<sup>th</sup> Batt. King's Royal Rifle Corps,  
b & e Wigan  
Son of Mrs Sarah Jane Rigby, husband of Alice Rigby, 30 Taylors Lane  
employed Cross Teteleys Colliery  
Killed in action Saturday 3 June 1916, Flanders, aged 23  
*Mem: Ypres Menin Gate*, panel 51 – 53
- 96. Rourke, Henry**, Gnr. 156145, 6<sup>th</sup> Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery,  
b. Warrington, e. Wigan Husband of Ellen Rourke, 8 Cecil Street  
Died of wounds, Monday 15 April 1918  
Mem: Lijssenthoek Military Cem., Poperinge, Belgium XXVI FF 7A
- 97. Sharrock, Thomas**, Sapper 542260, 104<sup>th</sup> Field Coy., Royal Engineers  
formerly 54626, Liverpool Regt., b. Pemberton, e. Flint, r. Wigan  
Son of John & Jane Sharrock, Pemberton;  
husband of Minnie Sharrock, 28 James Street  
Died Tuesday 28 May 1918, aged 33  
Mem: Maroc British Cem., Nord, II O 22
- 103. Smith, James William, MM**, Pte. 7827, 12<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.  
Son of James and Mary Elizabeth Smith, 50 Warrington Road  
Educated St William's School, collier at Scowcroft's Coll., Hindley  
Killed in action Saturday 10 November 1917, aged 24  
*Mem: Tyne Cot Mem.*, Zonnebeke, Belgium, panel 120 – 124, and 162 to 162A and 163A
- 109. Tuer, John Henry**, Pte. 49345, 20<sup>th</sup> Batt., Manchester Regt.  
Son of John & Elizabeth Tuer, 30 Beech Avenue, Lowton  
Died Sunday 7 October 1917, aged 19  
Mem: Hooge Crater Cem., Ieper, I C 21

**114. Walker, William**, Pte. 12436, 7<sup>th</sup> Batt. Loyal North Lancs Regt  
Husband of Mrs Walker, 27 James Street  
Died Thursday 27 September 1917  
Mem: Outtersteene Communal Cem., Bailleul, Nord, I C 10

**118. Westhead, Thomas Francis**, Pte. 200498, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.  
Son of Robert & Ellen Westhead, 304 Ince Green Lane  
Died Sunday 9 September 1917, aged 21  
**Mem: Tyne Cot**, Belgium, panel 120 – 124 & 162 – 162A & 163A

**121. Williams, Frederick Charles:** (*just "F" on plaque*)  
(a puzzle – related to present church-goers, g.f of Amy McDermott, but no further details confirmed of date and place of death)  
Husband of Harriet, Margaret Street – son, also FC, was born Sept 1901 –  
so father in 30's. Reputed killed, Ypres, 1916

### **8 were killed on other French Battlefields**

**23. Carter, A**, Pte. 38377, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. East Lancs Regt.  
Son of Mr J Carter, 37 Banner Street  
Died: Wednesday 6 November 1918, France  
Mem: Naubeuge-Centre Cemetery, Nord D 19

**25. Coulton, E, DCM, MM**, Sgt. 22054, 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt. Grenadier Guards, Lower Ince  
Died Monday 4 November 1918  
Mem: Frasnoy Communal Cem, Nord, A 35

**52. ?Heatley, Frank**, Pte. 12570, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. South Lancs Regt.  
Died Wednesday 29 May 1918  
Mem: Soissons Mem., Aisne

**83. Norman, John**, Cpl. 3681, 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers,  
enlisted August 1914, served Dardenelles, 1915  
Family lived at 141 , Warrington Road (*Uncle of Margaret Heaton, St Mary's*)  
Killed in action, Sunday 2 December 1917, Cambrai, aged 27  
Mem: Cambrai Mem., Louverval, Nord, panel 5

**91. ?Prior, George**, Pte. 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt Lancashire Fusiliers  
**Died Monday 14 September 1914—our first recorded casualty of the war.**  
Mem: La Ferte-sous-Jouarre, Seine et Marne

**99. Simm, James**, Pte. 19267 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. Grenadier Guards  
Son of the late Thomas Simm and of Mary Ann Simm, 71 Warrington Road  
Died Saturday 1 December 1917, aged 22  
Mem: Cambrai Mem., Louverval, Nord, panel 2

**107. ?Taylor James Frederick**, Pte. 357189, 1<sup>st</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup> Batt. The King's (Liverpool Regt.)  
Husband of Florence Mary Fleming, formerly Taylor, 151 Beech Hill Avenue, Wigan  
Died Friday 30 November, 1917, aged 24  
Mem: Cambrai, Nord, panel 4

**110. Turner, Frank**, Pte. 33593, 11<sup>th</sup> Batt. Border Regt.,  
formerly 113041, Royal Garrison Artillery), b. Lower Ince, e. Wigan, r. Lower Ince  
Son of Thomas & Elizabeth Turner, 214 Warrington Road – had Dairy at that address  
Died of wounds, Sunday 1 April 1917, aged 24  
Mem: Foreste Communal Cem., Aisne, II A 23

## 5 were Buried in other Theatres of the War

**43. Gaskell, Albert**, Pte. 202363, 9<sup>th</sup>. Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regt.,  
formerly 1322 Manchester Regt.),  
b. St Mary's Wigan, e. Wigan  
Died Tuesday 21 May 1918, Mesopotamia  
Mem: Baghdad North Gate War Cem, Iraq, XII L 14

**48. ? Hardman, James**, Pte. 30097, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt Norfolk Regt.,  
formerly 9790 Manchester Regt.,  
b. St. Thomas', Wigan, e. Manchester  
Died Wednesday 4 April 1917, Mesopotamia  
Mem: Basra Mem. Iraq, panel 10

**101. Smallshaw, John Birrell**, Driver 77902, 6<sup>th</sup> Bde. HQ Royal Horse Artillery  
Son of Emily & the late John Smallshaw' husband of Levenia Boulton (formerly Smallshaw),  
555 Warrington Road, Spring View  
Died Monday 30 July 1917, aged 27  
Mem: Baghdad (North Gate) War Cem., Iraq, XII B 8

**68. Llewellyn, Harold Arthur**, Lieutenant, 8<sup>th</sup> Batt. South Wales Borderers  
Brother of Miss E Llewellyn, 3 The Wilderness, Holly Hill, Hampstead, London  
Died Wednesday 14 June 1916, Salonika, Greece  
Mem: Sarigol Military Cem., Kriston, Greece, C 498

**106. Taplin, George Edward**, Pte. 63001, Royal Army Medical Corps  
(*Warden of St Mary's Church*), b. Wigan, e. Wigan  
Died Saturday 16 June 1917, East Africa  
Mem: Morogoro Cem., Tanzania, III A 7

## 3 were lost at Sea

**3. Acton, Sidney**, Ship's Steward, M/17800, HMS Russell, RN  
Son of Sarah R Acton, 516 Warrington Road  
Died, Thursday 27 April 1916, aged 19  
Mem: Chatham Naval Memorial, panel 18

**60. Jones, John David**. Fireman & Trimmer, SS Brantingham (Leith), Mercantile Marine  
Son of John & Caroline Jones. 302 Ince Green Lane  
Died, Arctic Ocean, Wednesday 4 October 1916, aged 30  
Mem: Tower Hill Memorial, London

**61. Jones, Llewellyn**, Fireman & Trimmer, SS Brantingham (Leith), Mercantile Marine  
Son of John & Caroline Jones. 302 Ince Green Lane  
Died, Arctic Ocean, Wednesday 4 October 1916, aged 23  
Mem: Tower Hill Memorial, London



## “Died of Wounds”

Some casualties died of their wounds at the Front, soon after being injured, either on the field or in the trenches. Others were removed to Field Dressing Stations near the Front, and died there, and were buried close to where they fell. They are recorded in the preceding pages as having died and been buried (or commemorated, if their graves were subsequently lost) in a particular Battlefield location. Others were removed to more permanent Hospitals in the rear, and were buried near those Hospitals. Others were sent home to Britain, to be cared for at Military Hospitals or at home. Some of these were buried in Cemeteries in Wigan, and some of those were buried, and have Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstones, in the Ince Cemetery on Warrington Road, behind St Mary’s Church. There are 50 CWGC graves from both World Wars in Ince Cemetery.

This section records those who were buried away from the Front. It is not possible to record where they received their original wounds. Indeed, some of these may not have been wounded in action, but may have died of other causes while still in the Armed Services.

### Buried in Wigan and Ince Cemeteries

**18. Bolton, R**, Pte. 24408, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Batt. Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry  
Son of Mrs Margaret Bolton, 15 Heywood Street, born Skelmersdale  
Died Monday 28 January 1918, aged 22 **Mem: Ince Cemetery, C CE 1745**

**41. ? Gallagher, John**, Driver L/ 39020, 161<sup>st</sup> Royal Field Artillery,  
Son of Michael Gallagher, 6 Cambridge Street, Wigan; husband of Margaret Gallagher  
Died Monday 5 March 1917, aged 24 **Mem: Wigan Cem., HRC 774**

**65. Lawton, James**, Pte. 4875, 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.  
Died Thursday 13 July 1916, aged 36 **Mem: Ince, A CE 329**

**77. McQueen, P**, Pte. 21678, 4<sup>th</sup> Batt. Grenadier Guards  
Died Sunday 6 January 1918 **Mem: Ince Cem., C NC 218**

**80. Melling WT**, Pte., 16962, Depot, 3rd, attd. 9th Batt. East Lancashire Regt.  
B. Billinge, Lived 2 Heywood Street, wife & 2 children  
Contracted Streptococcic lung infection in Salonika, Greece, in Feb.1916  
Discharged “Permanent Total Incapacity”, 10th November 1916. Died Friday 3 March 1917  
**Mem: Ince Cem., C CE 1070B**

**119. Whistlecroft, John**, Ordinary Seaman, Mersey Z/5348, HMS Crescent, RNVR  
Son of William & Sarah Whistlecroft, 591 Warrington Road  
Died Saturday 19 October, 1918, aged 20 **Mem: Ince Cem. C CE 1773**

### Buried in France near Hospitals in the Rear

**13. Battersby, Samuel** (*J on plaque*) Pte. 49929, 11<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,  
b. Ince, e. Wigan, r. Lower Ince  
Son of Mrs Garlington of Lower Terrace, Wigan  
Died of wounds, Sunday 2 September 1917, aged 20, France  
Mem: Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, VI A 10

**30. Diskin, J**, L/Cpl. 86442, 176<sup>th</sup> Tunnelling Coy., Royal Engineers  
Son of Mr W Diskin, 52 Warrington Lane  
Died Friday 28 January 1916  
Mem: Gorre British & Indian Cemetery, Pas de Calais, I A 16

**34. Duddle, William Rowland**, Pte. 19166, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. Lancs Fusiliers  
Son of Thomas & Annie Duddle (step-mother), 545 Warrington Road  
Died: Friday 4 May 1915, aged 20

33 **Mem: Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, IV B 2**

## **The 1st/ 5th Battalion of the Manchester Regiment: The Wigan “Pals”**

Wigan did not raise a Pals Battalion. In effect, it already had one—the 1st/5th Territorial Battalion of the Manchester Regiment.

Fourteen of our 20 casualties of the Gallipoli Campaign were from this Battalion, and a further two were killed later in France.

With the 14 killed from other Manchester Regiment Battalions, a total of 30, or over 20%, of our casualties served in this Regiment. No other Regiment had such significant numbers represented within it.

## 16 Casualties from the 1st/5th Battalion

- 2. Acton, Charles**, Cpl. 1291  
Son of Sarah Acton, 516 Warrington Road  
Died Fri. 6 August 1915, aged 24, Turkey  
Mem: Twelve Trees Copse Cem. Turkey, I.C. 18
- 7. Austin, John**, Pte. 2264  
20 Junction Terrace, Railwayman  
Killed-in-Action by a sniper, 3rd June 1915, Gallipoli  
Mem: Helles, panel 158-170
- 10. Banks, Thomas**, Pte. 2757. E. Wigan  
Son of Henry Banks, 2 Heywood Street  
**Killed-in-action, Saturday 7 August 1915**, aged 19, Gallipoli  
Mem: Helles Mem, Turkey, panel 158 – 170
- 32. Downing, Thomas**, Pte. 1563. b. Ince, e, Wigan  
Killed-in-action Saturday 5 June 1915, Gallipoli  
Mem: Helles, panel 158 – 170
- 33. Duddle, William**, Pte. 1309  
95 Warrington Road, wife & child  
Son of Mary Ellen Duddle, 39 Kays Houses, (d. 1921, aged 47)  
Died Tuesday 8 June 1915, (*but see article, pg. 10*)Gallipoli, aged 20. Buried at sea.  
Mem: Helles, panel 158 – 170
- 44. Glover, Richard** (*A on plaque*) Pte. 1770.  
Son of Thomas & Elizabeth Ann, 11 Canal Bank  
**Died 7th August 1915**, aged 19  
Mem: Helles, panel 158—170
- 50. Harrison, Thomas**, Pte. 2756.  
Son of Richard Harrison, 3 Ellesmere Terrace, Platt Bridge  
**Died Saturday 7 August 1915**, aged 20, Gallipoli  
Mem: Helles, panel 158 – 170
- 57. Johns, Arthur**, Pte. 1830. b. Lower Ince, e. Wigan  
Killed in action, Saturday 24 July 1915, Gallipoli  
Mem: Twelve Tree Copse Cem., Turkey Sp. Mem. C 80
- 58. Johnson, Harold**, Pte. 201387.  
*Son of Stephen & Margaret Emma Johnson of Lower Ince*  
*Died: Wednesday 9 October, 1918, aged 23*  
*Mem: Abbeville Communal Cem. Extension, Somme IV G 19*
- 62. ? Jones, Joseph** (*T on plaque*), Pte. 1447.  
3 Knowles Street (*But might be Knowles St., Wigan*)  
Died 13th June 1915  
Mem: Helles, panel 158-170
- 64. Kelly, Thomas**, Pte. 1194, D Coy.  
Son of Edward & Jane Kelly, 35 Kays Houses  
Died Saturday 5 June 1915, aged 21, Gallipoli  
Mem: Helles, Turkey, panel 158 – 170

**70. Loughlin, Edward**, Pte. 1772. b. Ince, e. Wigan

**Killed in action Saturday 7 August 1915, Gallipoli**

Mem: Helles, panel 158 – 170

**81. Mortimer, Stanley**, Pte. 611, 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt. b & e. Wigan

Died Tuesday 1 June, 1915, Gallipoli

Mem: Helles, panel 158 – 170

**95. Rowlandson, Fred Langhorne**, L/cpl. 2223 (Ex-Border Regiment)

B. Grayrigg, Westmorland, E. Wigan, 225 Ince Green Lane. Collier

Son of Thomas & Margaret Langhorne Rowlandson, Grayrigg;

husband of the late Clara Rowlandson

Killed in action, Friday 4 June 1915, aged 41

Mem: Helles, panel 158 – 170

**105. Stockton, Sam, DCM**, Cpl. 2023 b. St Mary, Ince, e. Wigan

**Killed in action Friday 7 August 1915, Gallipoli**

Mem: Twelve Trees Copse Cem, Turkey, II A 15 (CL)

**118. Westhead, Thomas Francis**, Pte. 200498.

*Son of Robert & Ellen Westhead, 304 Ince Green Lane*

*Died Sunday 9 September 1917, aged 21*

*Mem: Tyne Cot, Belgium, panel 120 – 124 & 162 – 162A & 163A*

## **14 Casualties from other Manchester Battalions**

**5. Aspinall, D**, L/Cpl. 200976, 2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Reg.

Died Friday 31 August 1917, Belgium

Mem: Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery, Nieuwpoort, Belgium, panel II C 27

**31. Dowey, William**, (*Dowie W on plaque*) Cpl. 2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,

b. Lower Ince, e. Wigan

Son of William & Alice Dowey, 2 Boundary Street (but 21 Buraby St, Bolton in CWGC)

Died of wounds, Saturday 9 June 1917, aged 47

Mem: Bethune Town Cem., VI E 77

**65. Lawton, James**, Pte. 4875, 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.

Died Thursday 13 July 1916, aged 36

**Mem: Ince, A CE 329**

**92. Ralphs, Thomas, MM**, Pte. 50395, 1<sup>st</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.

Died Sunday 7 April 1918

Mem: Pozieres Memorial, Somme, panel 64 – 67

**75. Matthews, Robert James**, Pte. 152048, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,

b. Neston, e Ashton-u-Lyne, r. Ince

Killed-in-action Saturday 2 November 1918

Mem: St. Souplet British Cem., Nord, I C 23

- 8. Bagnall, John Henry**, L/ cpl. 24798, 11<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,  
 b. Lower Ince, e. Wigan  
 Died, Thursday 4 October, 1917  
 Mem: Tyne Cot Mem. Zonnebeke, Belgium, panel 120 – 124, and 162 – 162A and 163A
- 13. Battersby, Samuel** (*J on plaque*) Pte. 49929, 11<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,  
 b. Ince, e. Wigan, r. Lower Ince  
 Son of Mrs Garlington of Lower Terrace, Wigan  
 Died of wounds, Sunday 2 September 1917, aged 20, France  
 Mem: Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, VI A 10
- 69. Lloyd, Edward** (*J on plaque*) Pte. 16262, 11th Batt. Manchester Regt.  
 B. Ince, E Wigan,  
 Son of John and Sarah Lloyd, of 46, New Rows South, New Washington, Co. Durham.  
 Killed-in-Action, September 21st, 1916  
 Mem: Thiepval, 13a & 14c
- 103. Smith, James William, MM**, Pte. 7827, 12<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.  
 Son of James and Mary Elizabeth Smith, 50 Warrington Road  
 Educated St William's School, collier at Scowcroft's Coll., Hindley  
 Killed in action Saturday 10 November 1917, aged 24  
 Mem: Tyne Cot Mem., Zonnebeke, Belgium, panel 120 – 124, and 162 to 162A and 163A
- 14. Beach, Harold**, Pte. 32767, 17<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.  
 Son of Moses & Mary Jane Beach, 241 Ince Green Lane  
 Died Friday 22 March 1918, aged 23, Somme  
 Mem: Pozieres Memorial Somme, panel 64 – 67
- 26. Crook(e), William**, Pte. 377783, 17<sup>th</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.  
 Son of Albert & Elizabeth Crook, 205 Warrington Road  
 Died Monday 3 December 1917, aged 19  
 Mem: Tyne Cot Mem., Zonnebeke, Belgium, Panel 120 – 124, & 162 to 162A & 163A
- 109. Tuer, John Henry**, Pte. 49345, 20<sup>th</sup> Batt., Manchester Regt.  
 Son of John & Elizabeth Tuer, 30 Beech Avenue, Lowton  
 Died Sunday 7 October 1917, aged 19  
 Mem: Hooze Crater Cem., Ieper, I C 21
- 86. Parker, Henry**, Pte. 35237, 21<sup>st</sup> Batt. Manchester Regt.,  
 b. Ince, e. Wigan  
 Killed in action Tuesday 29 August 1916, Somme  
 Mem: Quarry Cem., Montauban, Somme, Special Memorial.
- 48. ? Hardman, James**, Pte. 30097, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt Norfolk Regt., formerly 9790 Manchester Regt.,  
 b. St. Thomas', Wigan, e. Manchester  
 Died Wednesday 4 April 1917, Mesopotamia  
 Mem: Basra Mem. Iraq, panel 10

## **Other Regiments they served in**

The distribution of the rest of our casualties around so many other Regiments, in various Battalions, is a further illustration of the draw the Manchesters, and in particular the 1st/5th, had upon men enlisting from Wigan. Most went to other Lancashire Regiments, but a good number went to various Artillery Regiments.

- 1. The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment (11)**
- 2. The Lancashire Fusiliers (10)**
- 3. The South Lancashire Regiment (7)**
- 4. The Border Regiment (5)**
- 5. The East Lancashire Regiment (4)**
- 6. The Grenadier Guards (4)**
- 7. Various Artillery Regiments: (14)**
- 8. The Royal Engineers (3)**



## Unfinished business

Very few of those recorded on our Memorial Plaque appear to have living relatives able to provide absolutely conclusive proof that the details we have found to correspond to the names do indeed relate to the inscribed names. Satisfying ourselves that we had a good match has sometimes been easy (details of birthplace or address given on the War Graves site, or a contemporary report of the death in the local press, for instance), and sometimes difficult. 92 of the 124 have so far been identified with this degree of certainty.

Question marks have been placed against the names of 18 casualties. By process of elimination these have been assumed to be the details pertaining to the names on our Memorial, but further information confirming a link with Lower Ince is required.

For a further 14 there are more than one possibilities, so it is impossible to make even a tentative attribution for them. They are listed below.

We are, therefore, very much aware that there are errors and omissions in this work and would very much welcome corrections and further information—especially for those on the list below. Please get in touch if you can help make this work more complete or more accurate.

<b>11. Barnes, J</b>	<b>29. Davies, J</b>	<b>47. Handley, J</b>	<b>112. Walker, CFJ</b>
<b>12. Bate, T</b>	<b>40. Fuller, JJ</b>	<b>94. Rigby, J</b>	<b>116. Walsh, J</b>
<b>22. Butler, J R</b>	<b>46. Griffith, JR</b>	<b>104. Smith, R</b>	<b>121. Wilson, W</b>
<b>28. Cunliffe, J</b>			<b>122. Wood, TH</b>

While compiling the Appendix (pp. 22-3) detailing those who died at Gallipoli Fred Holcroft's 1994 book "Just Like Hell—Local Men at Gallipoli" was consulted as a check. In the process I came across a number of men killed there whose names are not recorded on our Memorial. Given the relatively high number with a definite link to Lower Ince (seven out of 27 Gallipoli casualties) we should conclude that our plaque does not provide us with a definitive record of those from the Parish who were killed in the Great War. Indeed, from those figures, we ought to suppose that there might be about forty others whose names could have been inscribed on that plaque.

It is also evident that many of those who are commemorated do not have appear to have a clear, direct link to the area. Some of these are still queried, but others have been taken as definite because the plaque gives details (e.g. a medal award) which marks them as unique, and others have a service number consecutive with a known local man and it is assumed they joined together and their families thought they should be remembered together.

All the above demonstrates that the presence of names on the plaque was the result of people being invited by the Church to put names forward for commemoration on an inclusive and voluntary basis. We have some record of this process preserved in the Parish Magazines of the time.

In February 1920 a list of Subscribers to the fund for the Memorials is printed. Together they gave £30.1s.6d. Unfortunately it is the only such list we have—our collection of Magazines begins in October 1919, and the three previous lists appear to pre-date that date—and no 5th or subsequent list appears. The list does, however, enable us to give further addresses for some of the casualties. Also, the Magazine prints a preliminary list of those to be commemorated in St Mary's, and later issues give additional names as more are put forward. A list of "Collections in Church" dating back to November 12th 1918 is also given in the February 1920 Magazine as part of an account of the £133.10s.4d raised to date towards the cost of the Memorial. £20.0.6d was raised through Church Collections; £44.15s.9d through special efforts; and £68.14s.1d through Subscriptions.

It would appear, therefore, that the decision to have a War Memorial in the church was made immediately the War finished and that names were put forward over a period of two years or more.