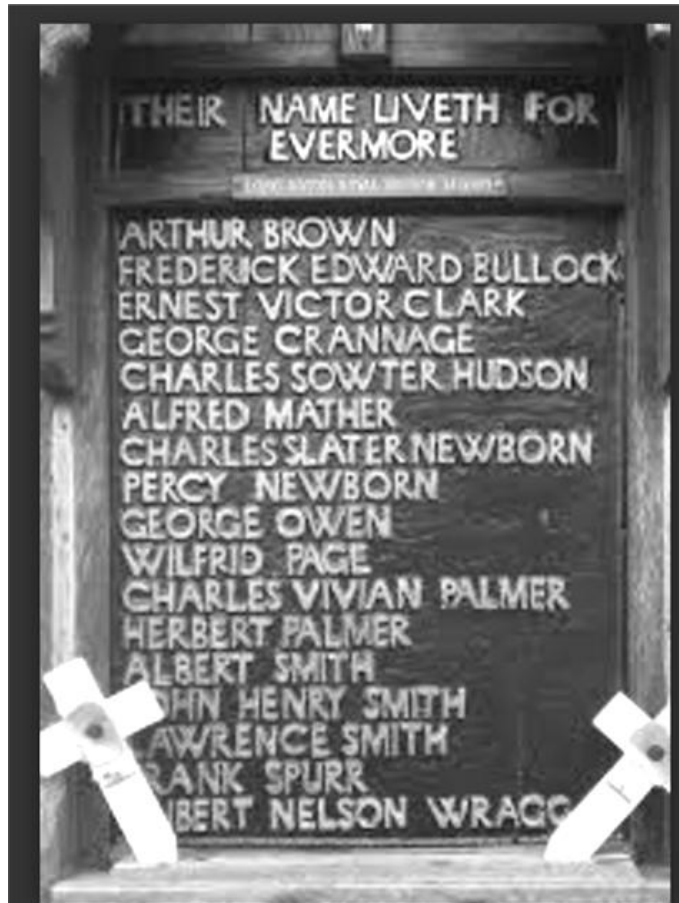


St John's Church
Long Eaton

World War One Record of Sacrifice





Hamilton Road Memorial

In one small street in the parish seventeen men lost their lives in the 1914-18 war. A plaque was fixed between two houses. All those listed are mentioned in this booklet.

Front cover: the Church Memorial

Introduction

The archives of St John's contain a handwritten book called 'The European War List' recording the names and some other details of people from the church and parish who served their country in the 1914-18 war. The compiler, purpose of the record and criteria for inclusion have all been lost in the mists of time.

During the summer of 2014 the country started to reflect on commemorations for the centenary of the start of the war. It was decided at St John's to contribute to these commemorations by recording in the church magazine the names of the men who died in the months that marked the centenary of their deaths. Some research meant that we could provide some background to many of the men. Sources used in the research included

- Long Eaton Library
- Long Eaton Advertiser
- 'Long Eaton at War' Peter S Fox, 2009
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission online archive (www.cwgc.org)
- Various Regimental archives
- Royal British Legion - Long Eaton Branch Roll of Honour (<http://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/long-eaton/remembrance/long-eaton-war-memorial>)
- Nottinghamshire County Council Roll of Honour (<https://secure.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/RollOfHonour/>)
- The Canadian Virtual War Memorial (www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial)
- www.longlongtrail.co.uk
- www.findmypast.co.uk
- www.freebmd.org.uk
- www.familysearch.org
- www.ancestry.co.uk

The research was led by Helen Scott who writes:

"I have been delving into the lives behind the names on the memorial to those who died in the First World War in our parish, using the information from 'The European War List'. As part of remembering 100 years on, we wanted to bring to life that list of names, find out who their families were, what they did for a living before going to war, maybe a bit of what it was like for them. Looking at scans of original records detailing physical descriptions and injuries, reading transcriptions of newspapers, it all became a bit more real. I have been especially moved when families have lost more than one person; when grief later led to suicide; when the man who died was obviously underage when he signed up; when children were born posthumously. The articles have touched local people reading about relatives, as well as members of our own church."

Because of the interest shown for the series of magazine articles it was decided to bring them all together in this booklet.

There is an alphabetical list of the men recorded at the back of the booklet.

**16 October 1914: John Percival
Bosworth**

Age 30
Private in the 1st Battalion Leicestershire
Regiment
64 Bennett Street
Buried: Ste Marie Cemetery, Le Havre

John Bosworth was born in Sawley 1884 and worked as a labourer in a lace factory until he enlisted with the Derbyshire regiment in 1901, later serving with the Leicestershire regiment. His army service included time spent in India. He left the Army in 1911 but remained a reservist. In March 1913 he married Alice Elizabeth Cooper, a packer from a laundry who lived in College Street, at St Laurence Church. With the outbreak of war John was mobilized. On 6 October 1914 he was admitted to a Clearing Hospital at Braisne near the Western Front. He was transferred to Le Havre on 8 October where he died of his wounds in the thigh on the hospital ship "Oxfordshire". John and Alice's son, Percival Thomas Cooper Bosworth, was born 17 March 1915.

20 October 1914: Bernard Clifford

Age about 26
Private in the 2nd Battalion, Sherwood
Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
114 Granville Avenue
Commemorated: Ploegsteert Memorial

Bernard Clifford was serving with the Sherwood Foresters in India in 1913 so at the outbreak of war would have been either a regular or reservist

30 October 1914: John Hare

Age not known
Private in the Sherwood Foresters
112 Wellington Street

The information about John Hare was taken from 'The European War List'. No further information or corroboration has been found

31 October 1914: Charles John Carter

Age about 25
Private in the Grenadier Guards
221 Bennett Street
Commemorated: Ypres (Menin Gate)
Memorial

Born 1889/1890 at Salisbury, Wiltshire to George, a railway signalman, and Annie. He joined the Grenadier Guards in 1909. In 1911 while Charles was serving elsewhere the family lived at 29 Cavendish Road, but now only the widowed mother Annie, two daughters and a younger brother, Walter. Walter signed up on 6 November 1914, we can only wonder if he knew his brother was dead.

2 November 1914: Elijah Cooper

Age 24
Private in the Grenadier Guards
4 Russell Street
Commemorated: Ypres (Menin Gate)
Memorial and the Co-operative Society
Memorial for employees at Long Eaton
Co-op Funeralcare

Elijah was born in Hanley in 1889 to John and Ella Cooper. John was a police sergeant. Elijah was also a policeman, living in Matlock Town. He married Ella Bradbury at St Giles in 1911. They had two daughters, the elder of whom died as an infant. The couple moved to Long Eaton where their younger daughter was born. Ella later remarried.

13 March 1915: Herbert Palmer

Age 29
Private, in the 2nd Battalion Sherwood
Foresters
34 Hamilton Road
Recorded at the Niederzwehren Cemetery
at Kassell in Germany
Commemorated: Hamilton Road
Memorial

Herbert was born in Long Eaton in September/October 1886, one of 10 children; son of Edward, a railway wagon examiner, and Sarah Palmer. In 1901

Herbert lived at 15 East Street, Long Eaton and was a butcher's boy. He signed up to the Notts and Derbyshire Regiment on 16 August 1904; his occupation at that time was as a labourer; height: 5 feet 2¾ inches, weight 103lbs, brown eyes, light hair. His address at that time was 45 Percy Street. By 1911 he was serving as a private in the Sherwood Foresters based at Gough Barracks, Trimulgherry Deccan, India. The rest of his family lived at 58 Hamilton Road. He died as a Prisoner of War.

Herbert's death is recorded at the Niederzwehren Cemetery at Kassell in Germany. The cemetery was started in 1915 for POWs who had died at the POW camp there and during the war almost 3000 allied soldiers and civilians were buried there. These included French, Russian and Commonwealth POWs.

Herbert's brother: John Charles Palmer also served; in the Royal Fusiliers, Royal Engineers, Machine Gun Corps and finally the Royal West Kent Regiment. He was wounded but survived.

12 April 1915: Frederick Gordon Bates

Age 22

Private in the Grenadier Guards
Rosebank, Trowell Grove

Buried: Ste Marie Cemetery, Le Havre
Headstone inscription: 'HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED SLEEP'

Son of George Henry and Edith Bates who in 1911 had seven children. George was a lacemaker and in 1911 Frederick was a lace draughtsman.

9 May 1915: William George Burrige

Age about 31

105 Granville Avenue

Private in the 1st Battalion South Wales Borderers

Commemorated: Le Touret Monument, Pas de Calais

Originally from Norwich, William

Burrige was the son of John (wood sawyer) and Rosanna, one of nine children. In 1911 at 1 Erewash Street Long Eaton aged 27 a pointholder for Midland Railway, with his wife of less than a year Lizzie (nee Lizzie J Cox) 24 (born Oxford). They had children Ada MM 1911, Edith 1912, Reginald JW 1913 and Mabel R born around the time William died.

Le Touret Monument commemorates over 13,400 British soldiers who were killed in that sector of the Western Front from the start of October 1914 to late September 1915 and who have no known grave. It was the scene of some of the heaviest fighting of the first year of the war, including the battle at Aubers Ridge 9-10 May 1915. At around 4pm "...the two fresh battalions of the 3rd Brigade, the 1/Gloucestershire and 1/South Wales Borderers began to advance but were cut down without reaching the enemy".

27 May 1915 Wilfred James Page

Age 33

Able Seaman, HMS Irene

18 Hamilton Road

Commemorated: Portsmouth Naval Memorial; Hamilton Road Memorial

Reported in the local paper

"On the Ill-fated Princess Irene: Long Eaton Man's Tragic Death

It is now known that one Long Eaton man was on the ill-fated Princess Irene which recently came to grief in Sheerness Harbour as a result of an explosion.

Wilfred James Page, whose name appears on the long casualty list of those lost, was the youngest son of the late Mr Francis Page, who for upwards of thirty years resided at The Pingle, Derby Road, Long Eaton. After completion of his term of service with the Royal Navy, Page took up an appointment as instructor on a training ship at Exmouth, and mobilised in August. For several months he had been engaged in the dangerous task of mine-laying, and it was only recently that he, with the crew, were transferred

to the Princess Irene, his relatives being quite ignorant of the ship on which he was doing duty. Senior Page, the name by which all his pals knew him, would have been 34 years of age on Monday. He was a first class gunner, and for service during the Boer war and the Chinese Boxer Rising he held medals. He married Miss Lily Lowe, a daughter of Mr John Lowe, of Long Eaton, and they took up residence in Portsmouth. The bereaved widow, who is near to become a mother, is well-nigh heart-broken, and she is entitled to our deepest sympathy." (Newspaper extract from Long Eaton at War, Peter S Fox, 2009).

Wilfred and Lily's children were Wilfred born 1912 and Audrey born 1915 .

3 June 1915: Ernest Jones

Age 23

Sergeant in the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
26 Granville Avenue
Buried: Torquay Cemetery

Ernest was one of four sons of Thomas and Mary Jones who were in the army. In 1911 Ernest was a private in the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, serving in Hong Kong.

An article from February 1915 about one of Ernest's brothers:

Home from the front: Long Eaton man's experiences.

"Another of our local heroes Private Leonard Jones, Sherwood Foresters, 26 Granville Avenue, Long Eaton, is home for twenty days sick leave after being discharged from hospital, where he has been undergoing treatment for a wound in the chest. Jones, who is 21, is the youngest of four brothers serving with the colours. Private A Jones, 2nd Grenadiers and Sergt E Jones, King's Own Yorkshires, are both at the front, while the third brother, Corpl Tom Jones, is with the Robin Hoods at Luton. Landing in Le Havre during October, he has taken part in the fiercest of the fighting at the Aisne, and in referring to

the charges stated that the Germans did not like bayonets and often ran for dear life. Others often took a photo of a wife and children from their pockets and begged for mercy.

One day three Germans were seen advancing, bearing a stretcher. Thinking they were surrendering with a wounded comrade, our troops allowed them to advance unmolested. When within twenty yards of the British trenches the stretcher was dropped and a Maxim gun ready for action was disclosed. They had no chance to fire many shots before they were all killed by the messengers of death from the British rifles.

Private Jones appears confident that with an improvement in the weather the Allies will advance."

21 July 1915: Robert Arthur Gillespie

Age: about 21

Rifleman in the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own)
142 Wellington Street
Buried: Long Eaton Cemetery

Born in Nottingham in 1894, the son of Thomas (a lace draughtsman/manufacturer) and Louisa. His mother died in 1902. In 1911 he was aged 17, a draughtsman like his father, living with his father, step-mother and two siblings at 21 Cavendish Road. He married Minnie Mary Wainwright in Long Eaton Register Office 1913 and they had 2 sons Roy 1913 and Cyril 1914. Minnie remarried in 1924. His battalion fought in the Second Battle of Ypres in the months before his death.

5 August 1915: Frederic William Hargreaves

Age: about 30

Private in the 2nd Battalion Durham Light Infantry
107 Bennett Street
Buried: Hop Store Cemetery, Belgium

Born in Leicester in 1885, his mother Annie married in 1889. In 1901 he was living in Sawley with his step-father and

family, a threader at a lace factory. He signed up with the Durham Light Infantry in January 1903 for 3 years, aged 18 years 1 month, 5 feet 2¼ inches grey eyes, brown hair. He served in East India Dec 1904-Feb 1906, for 8 years was in reservist training. In 1911 he lived on New Tythe Street with his family, a labourer at an iron foundry, his mother now a widow. He was called up when war was declared in August 1914. He was injured May 1915 by a gunshot wound to his left side. He was killed in action in Flanders aged 29, and buried at Hop Store Cemetery in Belgium. His next of kin was his sister Sarah Ann Bradbury – her husband Samuel Bradbury is recorded under 6 October 1915.

9 August 1915: Charles Sowter Hudson

Age: about 23
Lance Corporal in the 9th Battalion
Sherwood Foresters
Lyndhurst Grove
Commemorated: Helles Memorial,
Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey

In 1911 aged 19, he was a threader at a lace factory, living with parents Charles Walter (lace maker) and Sarah Ann at 202 Curzon Street; he had six siblings, two of whom were separately parents to St John's members: Cynthia Hudson and Roma Bennett. He was known in the family as Mick. He married Gertrude Harris in 1912 and had a son Dennis in 1913. They lived on Lyndhurst Grove. Mick was killed in action at Gallipoli.



9 August 1915: Frederic Charles Wells

Age: 21
Lance Corporal in the 9th Battalion
Sherwood Foresters.
22 Park Street
Commemorated: Helles Memorial

Frederic was born in Long Eaton in 1893, the son of Fred W and Charlotte Elizabeth Wells. He had four siblings, one of whom, Harold, also served in the Sherwood Foresters. Frederic was killed in action at Gallipoli.

The 9th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) was raised at Derby in August 1914 as part of Kitchener's First New Army. After initial training close to home, they moved to Belton Park, Grantham. On 4 April 1915 the Division assembled at Witley and Frensham for final training. They sailed for Gallipoli from Liverpool via Mudros at the end of June 1915. They landed at Suvla Bay on 6 and 7 August.

Charles and Frederic were part of the failed attempt to move inland at Suvla on 9 August. This Battalion was hit particularly hard and has the unenviable distinction of having 100% officer casualties in the bloody first fortnight of the landings between 7 and 22 August. The few officers who survived the first week were all killed or wounded in action within the next 7 days.

15 September 1915: Harold Coomber

Age 23
Gunner in the Royal Horse Artillery
Buried: Lancashire Landing Cemetery,
Turkey
Headstone inscription: LIFE'S RACE
WELL RUN, NOW COMETH REST

Son of Thomas Richard and Amelia Ruth Coomber of Hawthorne Cottage, Stapleford. Born Hallam Fields, in the 1911 census he was living with sister Annie and her husband Lewis at 66 Curzon Street aged 18, working as a butcher. He was the youngest of six

children, two of whom had died in their teens. The Royal Horse Artillery took part in the Gallipoli campaign. In a newspaper article he is reported to have written to his late employer that he has received a baptism of fire. "I have found out what it was like under fire now from my own experience." Harold died of heart failure.

25 September 1915: Leonard Benjamin Racklyeft

Age 19
Private in the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment
141 Bennett Street
Commemorated: Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

Leonard was born in Long Eaton, one of six children, the son of Benjamin and Clara Racklyeft, both of whom originated in Buckinghamshire. His father worked as a foreman on the railway. Leonard was formerly in the 14th Reserve Cavalry Regiment and only joined the 2nd Battalion in the battlefield on 3 September. Killed in action at Flanders.

25 September 1915: Cecil Arthur Gamble

Age 21
Private in the Grenadier Guards
5 Park Street
Commemorated: Loos Memorial

Son of Mrs Mary Ann Reeves of 57 Granville Avenue. She had remarried in 1914. Of five sons, four served in the war, but two were quickly discharged due to ill health. The oldest was in the Navy before the War but seems to have deserted in 1910 and it's unclear what happened to him. In 'The European War List' we also have:

- Herbert William Albert Gamble Dr 595 The Royal Navy R.M.A. (A.A.S.) Discharged (unfit) after Active Service
- Ewart Gladstone Gamble VII Pte The Seaforth Highlanders Discharged Christmas 1914
- (Henry) James Gamble Logistics The

Army Service Corps.

25 September 1915: Alec Truman

Age 18
Private in the Seaforth Highlanders
54 Shakespeare Street
Commemorated: Loos Memorial

Son of Arthur (lacemaker) and Rose Truman. In the 1911 census he was employed as a threader aged 13, he had 2 siblings. His death was reported in the newspaper of 8 October. His Lance Corporal wrote, "He was one of the grandest of chaps and one of the best fighters. He had taken a prominent role in the advance on Saturday morning and the Monday we were again asked to charge the ruthless Huns. Our company charged two or three times that day, and it was in the last charge that poor Alec went down. Death was instantaneous, and he suffered no pain whatsoever. He has been laid in a quiet spot." Another letter received from the Seaforth Highlanders states that Alec was shot through the head whilst offering a drink to a comrade who had fallen. Before enlisting he was in the employment of Mr S Hardy. He was a member of the Derby Road Wesleyan Bible Class and a letter to the boys was read out last Sunday.

27 September 1915: Harold Breakwell

Age 20
Private in the Grenadier Guards
35 Regent Street
Commemorated: Loos Memorial

Son of Thomas B and Sarah A Breakwell. Brother Fred died on 20 April 1916. Brothers Tom and Ben also fought.

27 September 1915: Fred Bailey

Age 19
Private in the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
21 Upper Wellington Street
Commemorated: Loos Memorial

Son of Henry and A Elizabeth Bailey. In

June 1916 the newspaper reported that his sister Alice was found floating in the Erewash Canal near Dockholm Lock, aged 32. At the inquest her father explained that she had been very depressed since her brother was killed in the battle of Loos last September. She thought the world of her brother, and had taken his death to heart. The jury returned a verdict of 'Suicide while temporarily insane'.



The Loos Memorial commemorates 20,605 British officers and men who were killed from 25 September 1915 to the end of the war in the battle sector between the river Lys in French Flanders and the village of Grenay, near Lens, in Artois.

6 October 1915: Samuel Henry Bradbury

Age 22
Private in the 6th Battalion, the Buffs (East Kent Regiment)
107 Bennett Street
Commemorated: Loos Memorial

Born 1893 to Samuel and Fanny with five siblings (including John William who died on 22 June 1917). His mother died in 1908. In 1911 Samuel was boarding at 62 New Tythe Street Long Eaton with the Twells family. He married Sarah Ann Twells in 1913, their daughter Muriel was born same year.

9 October 1915: Alfred Radford

Age 25
Private in the 3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards.
51 Shakespeare Street
Commemorated: Loos Memorial

Son of Mary Ann Radford and the late Joseph Radford. In 1911 a general carrier like his father. One of eight children.

14 October 1915: Thomas Long

Age 25
Private in the 1st/5th Battalion, the Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
13 St James Terrace
Commemorated: Loos Memorial

Son of Joseph Dominic (a railway wagon builder) and Mary, one of eleven children. They had moved from Lancashire c1905. In 1911 he worked as a threader/ laceworker. He signed up May 1913 aged 22. Wounded several times, he finally went missing in the field on 14 October 1915, but wasn't officially accepted as killed in action until 1917. His younger brother George William Long served in the same regiment but survived the war.

15 October 1915: William Hallam

Age 26
Private in the 1st/5th Battalion, the Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
6 Bridge Street
Commemorated: Loos Memorial

Born in 1889 in Sawley to Francis and Eliza, the oldest of three children (three had died young), one of whom, Edward, also fought. He married Daisy Maud Cooper early in 1914 and signed up on 23 October 1914. Killed in action. His widow and one child (Edward Frederick, born 1914) received a pension of 15 shillings a week. Daisy remarried, to Harry Foster, in 1917.

15 October 1915: Charles Slater

Newborn

Age 46

Private in the 6th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment

39 Hamilton Road

Buried: Hill 10 Cemetery, Turkey

Headstone inscription: THY WILL BE DONE

Commemorated: Hamilton Road

Memorial and the Co-operative Society

Memorial for employees at Long Eaton

Co-op Funeralcare

Husband of Mrs Elizabeth Ann Newborn. In 1911 he was an out of work handyman with seven children. He was killed at Gallipoli. His son Percy died in action on 1 July 1916. They are both on the Hamilton Road Memorial.

18 October 1915: Frank Reader

Age 23

Private in 3rd Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment

78 Bennett Street

Buried: Hull Western Cemetery, Yorkshire

Son of George, a joiner and carpenter. His mother Ann died 1899 aged 35. His father relocated from Derby to Long Eaton and remarried in 1905, starting a new family. Frank signed up to the Army in 1908, and in 1911 was aged 18 in Fyzabad India. In action in France he suffered frostbite and became ill with colitis, from which he later died. His brothers George and Harry also fought, the former invalided out early in the war, and the latter was a prisoner of war and later died in 1919 of bubonic plague.

A local newspaper article:

“The Reader Boys – Long Eaton’s Band of Brothers

The burden borne by some in this War as compared with others is disproportionate. Many of us feel the effects of the War through our pockets, some do not even feel it in that way and are reaping the rich harvest out of the toil and suffering and hardship which

the less fortunate are called upon to endure. The war has meant for Mr and Mrs George Reader, 78 Bennett Street, Long Eaton, the loss of a son, another wounded, while a third is in the firing line. The death of Private Frank Reader occurred at the Naval Hospital Hull, at 12.45, on Monday morning last, the 18th October.

Although he has not fallen on the field of battle, Private Reader has died a death of a hero. Private Frank Reader, who was 23 years of age, joined the Regular Army in 1908 and left England shortly after with his regiment, the East Yorks for India. His regiment returned for Active Service in France at the end of last year and before leaving for the battlefield he gave his parents a surprise visit, waking them up early on Christmas morning. He left for France on 18th January 1915 and it was whilst in action at Ypres in March that he was seized with frost-bitten feet and colitis. He was conveyed to Lincoln Hospital, and later Bourne Convalescent Home. Private Reader was discharged as fit, but a week after joining his regiment fell sick again, and was taken to the Naval Hospital, Hull, suffering from colitis from which he never recovered.”

26 November 1915: Ernest Victor Clarke

Age 18

Private in "A" Company of the 8th Battalion, The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

40 Hamilton Road

Buried: Calais Southern Cemetery

Headstone inscription: GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN HE DIETH FOR HIS COUNTRY

Commemorated: Hamilton Road Memorial

Ernest was the son of John (an engine driver) and Susannah Clarke, the youngest of ten children, eight of whom were alive in 1911. His Battalion landed at Boulogne in the summer of 1915, part of Kitchener’s New Army. He died of wounds.

His older brothers, who were lace workers, also appeared in 'The European War List' as serving:

- Alfred, also in The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, transferred to the South Wales Borderers
- Joseph, wounded in The King's Royal Rifle Corp.

A newspaper cutting from 1914 which was on display at the library: 'Mr John Clarke, of 40 Hamilton Road Long Eaton, has four sons serving with the colours, and he is naturally proud of this distinction. Two sons, Alfred and Jim, who enlisted in the King's Own Royal Light Infantry, writing from Pontefract, say: "We are having a rough time of it, but nothing to grumble at considering there are 6,000 of us. We are all in the pink, and ready to blow the Kaiser's whiskers off." A further letter states they have removed to Hull. "We are putting in any amount of drill, eight hours a day, marching through the country lanes in grand style. There are twelve of us in one tent, all from Long Eaton. We have bread and jam for breakfast, stew for dinner, and cheese for tea. No recruits stationed here are allowed to have any ale. We are as fresh and healthy as a daisy, and ready to do our duty."'

The words that John chose for his son's headstone reflect John 15:13.

14 December 1915: Frederick Edward Bullock

Age 31

Private in the 10th Battalion Sherwood Foresters

44 Hamilton Road

Commemorated: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial; Hamilton Road Memorial

In 1911 he lived at 21 Cobden Street Long Eaton, aged 27, a roof slater, married to Millicent Elizabeth Skelton (1905) with three sons. He was killed while leaving the trenches.

15 February 1916: Arthur Birley

Age 16

Private in the 7th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment

189 College Street

Commemorated: Ypres (Menin Gate)

Memorial

Born 1899 in Long Eaton, the son of William Henry (lacemaker) and Eliza, one of six children. Killed in Action at Flanders.

15 February 1916: Harry Fisher

Age 23

Private in the 12th (Pioneer) Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)

96 Bridge Street

Buried: Divisional Cemetery near Ypres, Belgium

Henry was born in Bleasby Nottinghamshire, the son of Job Frederick (station master at Thurgarton, Southwell 1901/1911) and Rose Hannah Fisher, one of eight children. In 1911 he boarded in Heanor aged 18 working as a railway porter. He was killed by a mine explosion in Flanders. His brother Albert was in the same regiment, but survived.

10 March 1916: Albert Smith

Age about 25

Private in the 2nd Battalion Leicestershire Regiment

42 Hamilton Road

Commemorated: Basra Memorial, Iraq; Hamilton Road Memorial

Born in Sandiacre around 1891, he enlisted at Ilkeston, Derbyshire. He joined his battalion in the field in October 1915. Initially reported missing, he was killed in action in Mesopotamia.

25 March 1916: Arthur Granville Compton

Age 21

Private in the 5th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
12 Bennett Street

Commemorated: Arras Memorial

Son of Charles Henry (Blacksmith) and Sophia, born Peterborough 1895. In 1911 he lived with his parents and five siblings at 38 Bennett Street working as a threader. Arthur signed up in May 1913 aged 18 and after training arrived in Flanders in March 1915. In a letter to his widow his captain reports, "He, with two other of my Long Eaton men, was in a post when suddenly a mine went up and either killed or burned them alive. In spite of our endeavours, no trace can be found of them. Private Compton was a fine type of the British soldier, and his unselfish spirit and devotion to his dear mother were traits of his character which won the respect of his fellow men."

Arthur married Sarah Annie McAuley in 1914. She lived at 11 Kirkwhite Avenue when he died, with her daughter Millicent May McAuley (born 1913), and she was awarded a pension of 15 shillings a week. She later remarried. Two of his brothers also served:

- Edward Lawrence was also in the Sherwood Foresters (buried by an explosion of an enemy shell and crushed at Ypres May 1917; he was discharged unfit February 1918)
- Sidney Bertie, in the Australian Infantry

Their father Charles Henry served as a fitter in the Logistics (Army Service Corps Motor Fitter) in his 50s.

Arthur was a cousin of church member Sharelle Lewis' mother.

2 April 1916: Albert Hollis

Age 26

Private in the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards

13 Russell Street

Buried: Potijze Cemetery, Belgium

Headstone inscription: MEMORIES CLING

Son of Henry (Midland Railway engine driver) and Fanny Hollis, one of six children. In 1911 he lived at 12 Erewash Street aged 21 and worked as a lace draughtsman. He married Mary Ellen Newbold in 1912 and had a daughter Hilda in 1913. Wounded in action. His widow later remarried and moved to Leeds

The Grenadier Guards in the Great War of 1914-1918 by Lieut.-Colonel The Right Hon. Sir Frederick Ponsonby gives detail of the events surrounding Albert's death. On the 30 March the 3rd Battalion had to relieve the Scots Guards under heavy bombardment. Some casualties were sustained in reaching the front line. Communication between the Battalion Headquarters and the companies was cut, and the leading companies found the front trenches devastated and swept by shrapnel. Men were cut off from the remainder of their company and were covered with mud and debris, some even being buried. It was not till 4 a.m. that the relief was complete. There were in all five men killed and sixteen wounded. The front line was wrecked, but by placing men in the wreckage under what cover there was the trench was made defensible. It took them two days to clear the debris enough for men to crawl along it with difficulty, and water could not be drained entirely. On 3 April the 3rd Battalion went into camp west of Ypres.

20 April 1916: Fred Breakwell

Age 20

Private in the 5th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
35 Regent Street
Buried: Ecoivres Cemetery, France

Born in Long Eaton Aug 1896 (Frederick Edmund R), the son of Thomas Benjamin (house painter) and Sarah A Breakwell, one of eight children. In 1911 he lived at 31 Bridge Street, aged 14 years old, a bread deliverer. He signed up in March 1915 aged 19, a fitter, and entered the field in France in October 1915. His brother Harold died on 27 September 1915. His brothers Tom and Ben also fought.

The **Battle of Jutland** was fought from 31 May to 1 June 1916 in the North Sea, near the coast of Denmark's Jutland Peninsula. It was the largest naval battle of the First World War, the only time that the British and German fleets of 'dreadnought' battleships actually came to blows. Around 100,000 men took part in the action, including Queen Elizabeth II's father. Fourteen British and eleven German ships were sunk, with great loss of life, including our two deaths for May 1916.

31 May 1916: Frank Fearn

Age 22

Stoker 1st Class, H.M.S. Queen Mary
96 Breedon Street
Commemorated: Portsmouth Naval Memorial

Born 1894, son of Alfred (railway engine stoker/driver) and Eliza Ellen Fearn, one of three children. In the 1911 census aged 16, he was a threader in a lace factory. He joined the Navy in 1912 aged 18. He was lost with his ship at Horn Reef. At 16:25, the German battle cruiser action intensified and *Queen Mary* was hit seven times; she disintegrated when both forward magazines exploded, sinking with all but nine of her 1,275 man crew lost.

Frank's younger brother Frederick also

signed up for the Navy in August 1917 but transferred to the RAF in 1918 as a fitter.

31 May 1916: (William) Ewart Foulds

Age 22

Leading Seaman, H.M.S. Defence
17 Cavendish Road
Commemorated: Plymouth Naval Memorial

Born 1893 in Radford, Nottinghamshire, the son of Thomas (lace maker) and Emily Foulds, one of ten children. He joined the Navy in 1911 aged 18. He was lost with his ship at Horn Reef. About 18:15 armoured cruiser *Defence* was deluged by heavy-calibre gunfire from many German battleships, which detonated her magazines in a spectacular explosion viewed by most of the deploying British Fleet; she sank with all hands (903 officers and men)

15 June 1916: Fred William Bilbie

Age 35

Corporal in 17th Battalion Sherwood Foresters
Bridge Street
Buried: Le Touret Military Cemetery, Richebourg-L'Avoue
Headstone inscription: PEACE PERFECT PEACE

Born 1881 in Cotgrave, he married Gertrude Whittaker at St Lawrence Church in October 1904. In 1911 the family lived at 38 Co-operative Street, Long Eaton, then with four children (another child was born in 1915). Fred was a van man delivering bread for the Co-op. Fred signed up June 1915, listing his occupation as a waggoner. He was promoted to Corporal in March 1916, by which time he was in France. He was killed in action there. He is also remembered at Clifton Church, where his parents and family came from. His widow Gertrude was awarded a pension of 25 shillings a week for her five children in January 1917. She died aged 40 in 1922.

The **Battle of the Somme**, fought in northern France, was one of the bloodiest of World War One. For five months the British and French armies engaged the Germans in a brutal battle of attrition on a 15-mile front. The aims of the battle were to relieve the French Army fighting at Verdun and to weaken the German Army. However, the Allies were unable to break through German lines. In total, there were over one million dead and wounded on all sides. On 1 July alone, 19,240 British soldiers lost their lives. It was the bloodiest day in the history of the British Army. This is reflected in our records for July 1916.

1 July 1916: Frank Dunnicliffe

Age about 34
Private in the
1st/5th Battalion
Sherwood
Foresters
Buried:
Gommecourt
Wood Cemetery

Born 1881 Long
Eaton, Francis
Bingham C
Dunnicliffe was
the son of
Charles (railway
engine driver)
and Catherine. In
1911 he was 29,
a plasterer; he lived with his wife Mary
Alice and their four children at 1
Pleasant Row, Holme Street. He went to
France 10 November 1915 and was killed
in action, during the attack on
Gommecourt, France, on the first day of
the Battle of the Somme.



1 July 1916: James Aaron Mann

Age 41
Private in the 1st/5th Battalion Sherwood
Foresters
5 Leopold Street, later 38 Granville
Avenue
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial

James came from Nottingham; he was a
lace worker, the son of Arthur Mann. In
1911 aged 35, he lived in Sneinton with
his wife Flora and their five surviving
children

1 July 1916: Percy Newborn

Age 20
Private in the York & Lancaster Regiment
37 Hamilton Road
Buried: Lonsdale Cemetery, Authuille
Headstone inscription: THY WILL BE
DONE
Commemorated: Hamilton Road
Memorial

Percy was the oldest of seven children;
in 1911 his parents Charles (out of work
handyman) and Elizabeth Ann and
family lived at 2 Walliss Yard Upper
Brook St; then aged 14, he was a
labourer with a lace machine builder. He
signed up with the Kings Own Yorkshire
Light Infantry in September 1914 but
transferred to the York & Lancasters,
March 1915 aged 19. His father was also
killed in action on 15 October 1915.

1 July 1916: Arthur Robinson

Age 20
Private in the South Staffordshire
Regiment
105 Bennett Street
Buried : Dantzig Alley British Cemetery,
Mametz

Arthur was the son of George and Clara
Robinson, and was born in Burton-on-
Trent. In 1911 he was a general labourer
aged 20, boarding with his married
sister.

1 July 1916: John William Marshall

Age about 25
Private in the York & Lancaster Regiment
36 Wellington Street
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial

John was born c.1891 in Whittington
Moor, the son of John (goods guard on
Midland Railway) and Elizabeth, one of

four children. In 1911 his father was a widower, John was a lace hand aged 20; his younger brother Horace Albert served as an Able Seaman on HMS Hebe and was accidentally wounded.

1 July 1916: James Peat

Age about 26
Private in the 1st/7th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
23 Curzon Street
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial

James was born 1890 in Long Eaton to John (Midland Railway goods guard, died 1901) and Mary, the youngest of nine children. In 1911 James was aged 20, a card puncher lace manufacturer.

1 July 1916: Leonard Saxton

Aged about 24
Private in the 1st/5th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
2 Princess Street
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial

Leonard was born c.1891 in Long Eaton, the son of William (lacemaker) and Maria (who had died by 1901), one of five children. In 1911 Leonard was aged 19, a threader in a lace factory.

5 July 1916: Walter Barrett

Age unknown
Private in the 10th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
16 Granville Avenue
Buried: Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz

Husband of Nellie Barratt, killed in action in support of the attack near Fricourt. The European War List' also notes his brothers:

- Richard, a Private in the Lincolnshire Regiment
- William, a Sergeant in the Sherwood Foresters

7 July 1916: Charles Stuart

Age about 30
Private in the York & Lancaster Regiment
Derby Road
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial

Charles was born in Hull c.1886, the son of Edgar Francis (doctor's dispenser, born in Scotland) and Margaret Stuart, the oldest of nine children. In 1911 he was aged 25, boarding in Balderton near Newark, Notts, a driller at a pump making engineers, while his parents and siblings lived in Newark. They must have lived on Derby Road Long Eaton for a time during the war, as 'The European War List' also has his brothers:

- Edgar Archibald (The Coldstream Guards, died 16 September 1916)
- Herbert (The Warwickshire Yeomanry)
- Alan Bruce (Royal Navy)



The Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme is a war memorial to 72,195 missing British and South African servicemen, who died in the Battles of the Somme.

15 July 1916: Horace Albert Briggs

Age about 24
Corporal in the King's Royal Rifle Corp
168 College Street
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial

Born 1892 in Heanor, Horace was the son of Albert (lace maker) and Amanda. In 1911 the family lived at 167 Bennett Street, only four of their seven children surviving. Horace was a threader in the

lace trade aged 18. His younger brother William Arthur aged 16 served as a stoker in the Navy.

15 July 1916: Edgar Newbold

Age about 25
Lance Corporal in the King's Royal Rifle Corp
Wellington Street
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial

Edgar was the son of Ishmael (warp lace hand) and Emma Jane, one of seven children. In 1911 the family lived 22 Walton Street; Edgar was aged 20, a lace maker. His older brother Ishmael also served in the Sherwood Foresters.

19 July 1916: Walter Stanley Tantum

Age about 19
Gunner in the Royal Field Artillery
108 Breedon Street
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial

Born Nottingham c.1897, Walter was the son of Walter and Miriam Tantum, the oldest of four sons. In 1911 he was aged 14, a cotton beamer (lace making).

20 July 1916: Percy Herrick Mellor

Age about 22
Sergeant in the King's Royal Rifle Corp
34 Walton Street
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial

Born c.1894 Long Eaton, Percy was the son of Joseph and Jane Mellor, one of four children. In 1911 he was aged 16, a draughtsman's apprentice, living with his widowed father and sister.

29 July 1916: Arthur Wickes

Age 29
Private in the 11th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
20 Granville Avenue
Buried: Daours Cemetery
Headstone inscription: NOT GOODBYE BUT GOODNIGHT

Born c.1886 in Nottingham, the son of Arthur (slater) and Caroline, one of nine children. In 1911 he was aged 25, a factory engine stoker. Died of wounds.

6 August 1916: Leonard Topliss

Age about 29
Private in the 10th Battalion Sherwood Foresters
Highfield Cottages
Buried: Peronne Road Cemetery, Marincourt

Born in Long Eaton in 1887, the son of John, a lacemaker, and Charlotte. In 1901 aged 15 he lived on Cobden Street, Long Eaton and was working as a beamer in the lace trade. By 1911 aged 24 he lived in

Chilwell, a threader in a lace factory. He married Rose E Kerry in 1913. When he enlisted for the war they lived in Ilkeston and had two children. Killed in action. His widow remarried in 1920.



12 August 1916: George Crannage

Age unknown
Private in the Royal Scots Fusiliers
61 Hamilton Road
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial; Hamilton Road Memorial

The death record says that he was born and lived in Long Eaton, but the only George Crannage who might fit who lived in Long Eaton at 25 Bridge Street in 1911 was born in New Invention, Staffordshire (near Wolverhampton) c1888, the son of Edward and Hannah Crannage. He then worked as a labourer at the gas works, living with friends. He may have married in 1913.

3 September 1916: George Theophilus Burge

Age 19

Private in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers
5 William Street
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial

Born 1897 in Long Eaton, the son of Jessie William, a shunter for the Midland Railway Co, and Florence M, both from Bath. In 1911 the family lived at 47 Canal Street, Long Eaton and George was aged 14, working as a lace factory hand. His two older brothers Charles E, in the Royal Scots, and Albert Clifford, in the Sherwood Foresters, also fought.

3 September 1916: Laurence Arthur Smith

Age 28

Corporal in the Sherwood Foresters
15 Hamilton Road
Buried: Knightsbridge Cemetery, Mesnil-Martinsart (near Thiepval)
Commemorated:
Hamilton Road Memorial.

Born Seaton Carew, Co Durham, the son of Albert, a domestic gardener, and Sarah Elizabeth, one of seven children. In 1911 he lived with his parents at 6 Oxford Street, Long Eaton, aged 23, a jobbing gardener, though later that year he got married.



5 September 1916: Myles John Chislett Little

Age 33

Sergeant in the North Staffordshire Regiment
63 Bennett Street
Buried: Delville Cemetery, Longueval

Born Askrigg Yorkshire 1885, the son of Simpson Little, of Northallerton, Yorks, a farmer, and Sarah Elizabeth Chislett. Sarah died in 1886 aged 30, so Myles and his sister Mildred were taken in by their aunt. He attended St Oswald's College, Ellesmere. In 1911 he lived at 5 Lord Haddon Road Ilkeston, aged 26, a police constable, and he married Louisa May Nicholls.

16 September 1916: Edgar Archibald Stuart

Age 26

Private in the 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards
Derby Road
Buried: London Cemetery and Extension, Longueval

Born Preston, Lancs c.1892, the son of Edgar Francis, a doctor's dispenser and Margaret Stuart, one of nine children. More information on the Stuart family was given earlier when his older brother Charles died on 7 July 1917. The family must have lived on Derby Road Long Eaton for a time during the war. In 1911 aged 19 Edgar was a hotel porter at St David's Hotel, Harlech N Wales.

18 September 1916: Frederick Frost

Age about 25

Private in the Lincolnshire Regiment
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial

Born 1890 Long Eaton, son of John and Emily Frost one of five sons. In 1911 the family lived at 132 Curzon Street, all lace workers; Fred was aged 20, a card puncher like his dad. His brother Charles Arthur also served and died 9 April 1917. His brother Harry joined the RAF as an electrician.

25 September 1916: John Henry Hallam

Age about 46
Private in the Machine Gun Corps
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial.

Born Stapleford, Notts. In 1911 the family lived at 45 Cobden Street Long Eaton; he was aged 41, a twist hand (lace making), with his wife Mary Jane and four children. He originally served in the Sherwood Foresters.

8 October 1916: George Redwood,

Age 27
Private in the Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
19 Upper Wellington Street
Buried: Bellacourt Military Cemetery, Riviere

Born Beeston 1889, the son of Alfred Macdonald Redwood, an iron turner, and Eliza, one of eight children. In 1911 he was living in Beeston with his parents, aged 22, a lace worker. Married Nora Annie Juffs in 1912. His brother Harry fought in the same regiment.

12 October 1916: Hubert Nelson Wragg,

Age 26
Private in the Lancashire Fusiliers
87 Bridge Street
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial.

Born Long Eaton 1890, son of James, a curtain and twisthand laceworker, and Elizabeth Wragg, one of 17 children. In 1911 he lived with his family at 1 Regent Street, aged 20, a stone mason. In 1914 he married Hilda Mary Essen. He initially enlisted in the North Staffs Regiment.

12 October 1916: Ernest Spray

Aged 28
Sergeant in the Seaforth Highlanders
71 Granville Avenue
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial

Born Riddings, Derbyshire, the son of

Daniel, a machine lace maker, and Agnes. In 1911 he was boarding at 97 Granville Avenue, a lace draughtsman, aged 22.

12 October 1916: George Marriott

Aged 39
Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers
Buried: Pond Farm Cemetery near Ypres

Born Press, Derbyshire, the son of George, farmer, and Sarah Marriott, one of 14 children. In 1911 he was an unmarried farm labourer aged 34 at Clouds Farm, Sandiacre, with his parents and family.

23 October 1916: Arthur Spurr

Age 25
Private in the Lancashire Fusiliers
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial

Born 1891 Normanton-le-heath, Leicestershire, the son of William, a farm labourer, and Hannah Spurr, one of six children. In 1911 he lived at 10 Granville Avenue with his parents, aged 19, a lace hand. His brother Frank, then 15, also served in the Sherwood Foresters and was wounded. Arthur had initially enlisted with the North Staffs Regiment.

25 October 1916: Herbert Davys

Age 20
Private in the 17th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial

Born Long Eaton 1896, the son of Joseph Tingle Davys, a lacemaker who died in 1902 aged 30, and Martha Mary Davys. In 1911 Herbert lived at 57 Wellington Street, Long Eaton, a card-puncher's assistant, aged 15, stepson of John Henry Poyser whom his mother Martha had married the previous year. In 1915 he married Lily Bullock, and they had a daughter Phyllis. The *Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects* reveals his widow Lily was paid £2 6s 11d outstanding pay in March 1917 and a

further £3 war gratuity in October 1919.

5 November 1916: John Sawyer

Aged 21
Private in the 1st/8th Durham Light
Infantry
225 Bennett Street
Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial
Born 1895 at Langley Marlpool (Heanor
parish), the son of Charles Edward, a
lace manufacturer who died in 1913
aged 48, and Elizabeth Sawyer. John
was one of seven children. In 1911 he
was a cotton lace apprentice aged 16. His
younger brother Frederick also served in
the Sherwood Foresters.

**16 February 1917: Frederick William
Blyth (Fred) Hunt**

Age 23
Lance Sergeant
in the 5th
Battalion
Sherwood
Foresters
19 St. James
Terrace
Buried:
Warlincourt
Halte British
War Cemetery,
Saulty, France.

Born 1893 at
Toton sidings,
the son of
Harrison
Frederick Hunt
(a goods guard Midland Railway from
Lincolnshire) and his wife Emma, one of
eight children; in 1911 he was a beamer
in a lace factory aged 17. His younger
brother George also fought and died in
the war, on 29 August 1918. His father
died in 1918.



11 March 1917: (William) John Hawker

Age 19
Private in the 2nd Battalion Sherwood
Foresters
172, College Street
Buried: Bethune Town Cemetery

Son of Thomas (Goods guard Midland
Railway) and Ellen Hawker from
Gloucestershire. In 1911 he was aged
13, one of five children. His older brother
(Alfred) George also fought in the
Sherwood Foresters, and 'The European
War List' notes that he was a prisoner of
war in 1917.

**28 March 1917: Joseph Henry
Cockayne,**

Age 26
Corporal in the 14th Heavy Trench Mortar
Battery, Royal Field Artillery
Dockholme Bridge
Buried: Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery,
Arras

Born in Long Eaton in 1891, the son of
Henry (lacemaker) and Sarah Cockayne,
whose address was given as Dock Holme
Lock; he was one of five surviving
children. He signed up in August 1914
aged 23, a lacemaker. Promoted from
Gunner through to Corporal in 1915.
Granted a week's leave in UK in June
1916. His younger brother William also
fought, in the Sherwood Foresters.

**4 April 1917: Thomas William
Richardson**

Age 27
Serjeant in 2nd/5th Battalion. Sherwood
Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
146 Wellington Street
Buried: Vadencourt British Cemetery,
Maissemy
Headstone inscription: UNTIL THE DAY
BREAKS AND SHADOWS FLEE AWAY
WIFE AND DAUGHTER WINIFRED

Born in Long Eaton in 1890, the son of
Joseph Richardson, a hairdresser. He
married Mary Elizabeth W Plackett 1909;
their daughter Winifred was baptised at

St Laurence's in 1912. His widow remarried in 1919.

9 April 1917: John Aram

Age 21

Private in the 18th Battalion The King's (Liverpool Regiment)

155 College Street

Commemorated: Arras Memorial

Born in Beeston, the eldest son of John (cycle maker and agent) and Sarah Sturgess Aram. In 1911 John was also a cycle worker.

9 April 1917: Charles Arthur Frost

Age 22

Private in the 6th Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers

132 Curzon Street

Buried: Roclincourt Valley Cemetery

Headstone inscription: REST IN PEACE

Born 1894, the son of John (card puncher) and Emily Frost. In 1911 Charles was aged 16, a stripper in the lace trade, one of five sons. His older brother Frederick John had died the previous year; his younger brother Harry joined the RAF as an electrician.

16 April 1917: George Albert Hitchin

Age 43

Private in the 2nd Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)

45 Granville Avenue

Buried: Calais Southern Cemetery

Headstone inscription: IN MEMORY OF A DEAR HUSBAND & FATHER THO' LOST TO SIGHT TO MEMORY DEAR

Born in Nottingham in 1873, the son of Everett (lacemaker) and Rebecca Hitchin. He married Minnie in 1894 and they had five children.

22 April 1917: Cyril Brecknock

Age 26

Private in the 14th Battalion Durham Light Infantry

Derby Road

Commemorated: Loos Memorial

Born 1891, the son of Thomas (lace manufacturer) and Hannah Brecknock; in 1911 the family lived at 152 Derby Road. Cyril was draughtsman aged 20, one of twelve children. He signed up in February 1916 aged 25, a lace maker foreman, initially with the Derbyshire Yeomanry. He also married Kate Swain in that year, but they had no children. He was reported as a casualty between 20-22 April. His widow received a pension of 13s 9d per week in November.

24 April 1917: George Davis

Age 25

Private in the 14th Battalion, Derbyshire Imperial Yeomanry

78 Breedon Street

Buried: Noeux Les Mines Communal Cemetery

Headstone inscription: NOT OUR WILL BUT THINE O LORD

Son of William (Railway guard) and Elizabeth Davis, one of at least nine children. In 1911 aged 19 working in the lace trade. His brother Ernest William was a Corporal in the The York & Lancaster Regt and was wounded.

25 April 1917: William Arthur Gamble

Age 19

Private in the 10th Battalion Sherwood

Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)

5 Park Street

Buried: Duisans

British

Cemetery,

Etrun

Born in Long



Eaton in 1895. He was a lace factory hand prior to enlisting on 5 December 1914 at Nottingham. He went to France 14 July 1915 and died of wounds at No. 8 Casualty Clearing Station, Agnes-les-Duisans, France, from wounds received on the 23rd April 1917. He was one of five sons of George Gamble, of whom, four served in the war, but two were quickly discharged due to ill health. The eldest was in the Navy before the War but deserted in 1910 and it's unclear what happened to him. His brother Cecil had died on 25 September 1915.

28 April 1917: John Edward Spridgeon

Age 20

Private in the 1st/5th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
126 Granville Avenue
Commemorated: Arras Memorial

Born 1897, Netherfield, Nottinghamshire, the son of Arthur Edward (fitter, marking up and fitting beam tackle in lace machine) and Annie Spridgeon, one of eight children. In 1911 the family lived at "Woodside", 15 Bridge St; John aged 14 was a fitters apprentice (lace manufacturer).

4 May 1917: Samuel Arthur Offiler

Age 39

Sergeant in the 2nd/5th Battalion
Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
12 Stanhope Street
Buried: Bouvincourt Communal Cemetery

Headstone inscription: FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST TO DIE IS GAIN FROM HIS SORROWING WIFE AND CHILDREN

Born Basford 1876, the son of Frederick (driller in iron trade) and Ellen Offiler. Though he started in his teens in the lace trade, by 1911 he was a carriage grinder in the brass bobbin and carriage trade, in Long Eaton with his wife Ada and three children.

8 May 1917: Horace Shingler

Age 21 or 22

Private in the 1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment
132 College Street
Commemorated: Arras Memorial

Born Long Eaton 1895, the son of John (Goods Guard Railway Co) and Emily, one of five children. In 1911 he was aged 15, a bobbing threader at a lace factory. He signed up August 1914 aged 19, a lace maker. He started in 9th Reserve Cavalry Regiment (The XX Hussars) but was transferred to the East Surrey Regiment in 1915. He was reported missing 8 May 1917, presumed dead.

8 June 1917: William Wall

Age about 31

Private in the 7th Service Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment (originally with the Sherwood Foresters)
Commemorated: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial

Born 1886 in Youlgreave, Derbyshire, the youngest of three sons of Joseph (stone cutter/quarryman, died 1904) and Elizabeth (died 1893). In 1911 he lived at 17 Prince Street, Long Eaton aged 25, a tool fitter, with his widowed stepmother Fanny.

22 June 1917: John William Bradbury

Age 21

Private in the 1st/8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters
Granville Avenue
Buried: Loos British Cemetery

Born in 1895 in Long Eaton, the son of Samuel (gardener and groom) and Fanny (died 1908), one of six. In 1901 and 1911 the family lived at 17 St James Terrace, Long Eaton. His older brother Samuel Henry died on 6 October 1915

16 August 1917: Albert Edward Meades

Age 22 or 23
Rifleman in the 12th Battalion Kings
Royal Rifle Corps
59 Granville Avenue
Commemorated: Tyne Cot Memorial

Also recorded as Albert Meads. Born 1895. In 1901 living at Stanhope Street, son of Enoch and Hannah. Killed in action at Flanders.

22 August 1917: Harold Chettle Ringrose

Age 32
Corporal in 8th Battalion King's Royal
Rifles
32 Stanhope Street
Commemorated: Tyne Cot Memorial

Born in 1883 in Radford, Nottingham, the only son of Arthur Ringrose (lacemaker) and Adelaide (nee Chettle, who died 1890; Arthur remarried Ada 1896 and had two more children). In 1901 Harold was working as a footman for a family in Winlaton, County Durham. He married Ellen Saxton in June 1907 and they had a daughter Adelaide Margaret in 1908. In 1911 they lived at 22 Park Avenue with 2 year old Adelaide; Harold was aged 27, a wagon sorter with Midland Railway. He signed up 12 November 1914 aged 30 (occupation: shunter railway). He was promoted to Lance Corporal in 1915 and was granted a furlough of 1 week in August 1915, by which time the family had moved to 32 Stanhope Street; he was made a Corporal September 1916. He was reported missing 24 August 1917 and declared dead on 21 September 1917. His widow was awarded 20 shillings per week from April 1918.

16 September 1917: William Charles Wicks

Age 20
2nd Lieutenant, 4th attached 10th
Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and
Derby Regiment)
20 Granville Avenue
Buried: Browns Copse Cemetery, Roeux

Born 1897 Long Eaton, the son of Frederick Charles (railway engine stoker/driver) and Harriett Ann Wicks, one of six children. In 1911 the family lived at 18 Wellington Street, when William was aged 14, a packer in a tobacco business. William started in the Durham Light Infantry (up to L/Cpl), and then became 2nd Lieut. in the 4th attached to the 10th Battalion, Notts and Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. He went to France 21 May 1915.



He was awarded the Military Cross as detailed in the London Gazette of 8 January 1918:
2nd Lt. William Charles Wicks, Notts. & Derby. R., Spec. Res. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led three men against a hostile bombing party, nine in number, and the latter threw bombs and wounded his three men, thereupon 2nd Lt. Wicks and a private rushed at the enemy, who took to flight. He killed two and wounded three with his revolver and the private killed one. By this gallant and dashing act valuable identifications were obtained.

William's older brother Albert Edward, a lace draughtsman, also fought, in the Rifle Brigade in Salonika.

The following appeared in the Parish Magazine of September 1917

"On Sunday Sept. 23rd, the Church paid their tribute of honour and thanksgiving to God for one whom his friends at S. John's will always hold in very special affection and esteem. Willie Wicks was a scholar and chorister of S. John's from

his earliest days. When he left us at his country's call in 1914 he was a Sunday School teacher in the Boy's School. Even in the trenches he never lost his interest in his Church and their work. We watched his military career with pride and pleasure. We have not heard yet the history of the exploit that won him the Military Cross. On Sept. 16th, after completing successfully a very gallant piece of work in the enemy's trenches for which he had been specially selected, his call came. May his soul rest in peace with God. Always cheerful, unspoiled by success, fearless and true in word and deed, he was a real Christian soldier. To his sorrowing parents and family we offer in the name of the whole congregation our truest sympathy."

7 September 1917: Alfred Mather

Age 19

Private in the Northumberland Fusiliers
18 Hamilton Road

Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial;
Hamilton Road Memorial

Born in 1898 in Nottingham, son of Albert, a carriage maker, and Edith. On 12 March 1915 he enlisted in the 2nd/5th Battalion Sherwood Foresters saying that he was aged 19 rather than his real age of 17. So he was discharged on 16 July 1915. He later re-enlisted with the Northumberland Foresters and was subsequently killed in action.

20 September 1917: Thomas Frederick Langley

Age 22 or 23

Private in the 8th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment

29 Cavendish Road

Commemorated: Tyne Cot Memorial

Born in 1895 at Lenton, Nottingham, son of Albert Edward and Amelia Mary A Langley. Amelia died in 1896 aged 38, closely followed by Albert later the same year, aged 33. In the 1901 census Thomas was an inmate in the Orphanage, Imperial Road, Beeston, aged

5. At the 1911 Census he was living at 197 Curzon Street with his brother William A Langley, a lace maker and family. Thomas, aged 15, was an apprentice to lace draughting. He was baptised as an adult with his brother when William's daughter was baptised at St Laurence's on 7 March 1911. Thomas initially enlisted with William in the Sherwood foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) before moving to the Yorkshire regiment. William was killed on 25 August 1918.

22 September 1917: Ernest William Mann

Age 39

Private in the Middlesex Regiment

Buried: Etaples Military Cemetery

Headstone inscription: BELOVED SON
OF JAMES W AND ANNIE E MANN,
CLEEDALE, WARWICK, ENGLAND

Born Warwick 1878, son of James Wight Mann (ironmonger) and Annie Elizabeth Mann, of Emscote Road, Warwick. In 1901 living Long Eaton aged 22, bank clerk, but in 1911 aged 32 single bank clerk living with parents in Warwick again. Died of enteric fever.

The parish magazine, under the heading CLB [Church Lad's Brigade] says "Pte, E. W. Mann, Middlesex Regt., will be better known by his old title of Captain of the Long Eaton C.L.B. A strict disciplinarian, the Company reached a high standard of efficiency under his command. He was loved by the lads, and his relations with them off parade were of the kindest nature. It was the writer's high privilege to be admitted to an intimacy with his private life in a degree not usual between men, and I know of no-one more honourable, upright and truly Christian. Although suffering both in body and mind for some time before he left Long Eaton he could smile with the best, and at times his old hearty laugh would ring out. He once remarked; 'What a fine thing it is when a man dies to be spoken of as 'the Happy Warrior'. He has given his life for his

country, and has earned the title he so much admired: 'The Happy Warrior'."

26 September 1917: William Henry Sutton

Age 25
12th Battalion
West Yorkshire
Regiment (Prince
of Wales's Own)
5 St James'
Terrace
Commemorated:
Tyne Cot
Memorial



Born in
Fotheringhay,

Northamptonshire in 1893, son of the Edward Harley Sutton (stockman on a farm in 1901, though also a Chelsea Pensioner so presumably served in the army) and Mary Sutton. In 1911 he was working as an assistant baker in Billesdon Leicestershire aged 18. Initially serving with the Leicestershire Regiment, he was wounded and recuperated at Chard in 1916. He was transferred to the West Yorkshire Regiment and killed in action. He must have lived in Long Eaton for a while before he signed up.

6 October 1917: John Henry Smith

Age 35
Lance Corporal in the 9th Battalion
Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby
Regiment)
91 Hamilton Road
Buried: Dozinghem Military Cemetery
Commemorated: Hamilton Road
Memorial

Son of John Henry Smith, of Hyson Green, Nottingham; husband of Florence Elizabeth Smith, of 31, Ridgway Street, Blue Bell Hill Road, Nottingham. In 1911 was living at Bridge Street with his wife and three daughters working as a lace carriage hand.

19 October 1917: Walter Kirk

Age 28 or 29
Gunner in the Tank Corps
Buried: Bucquoy Road Cemetery,
Ficheux

Born in about 1888 in Eastwood Nottinghamshire, son of Joseph, a plumber, and Faith. In 1911 living at 62 William Street aged 22, working as a lace draughtsman. May have been married to Mrs G Kirk of 218 College Street at the time of his death.

20 November 1917: Alfred Gray

Private in the 2nd/5th Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
Buried: Hermies Hill British Cemetery

Unfortunately our research for additional information has been unsuccessful.

5 December 1917: John Ironmonger

Age about 22
Lance Bombardier in the Royal Horse
Artillery and Royal Field Artillery
Buried: Duhallow ADS Cemetery

Born in 1895 in Long Eaton, the son of John William, a lacemaker, and Ellen Ironmonger, one of eleven children. In 1911 the family lived at 5 St James Terrace; John was 16, a threader in the lace trade. He died of wounds.

His older brother Josiah (of 21 Park St) born 1889 Ilkeston, enlisted in August 1914 also to the Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery, with special occupation Saddler; he had malaria when discharged and died in 1920 leaving a widow Clara.

6 February 1918: Walter Samuel Barnett

Aged about 38
Private in the 6th Battalion, Lincolnshire
Regiment
35 Shakespeare Street
Buried: Philosophe British Cemetery,
Mazingarbe

Born in London in about 1880, resided in Long Eaton in 1911 as a servant, aged 31. Enlisted at Nottingham.

12 February 1918: Eric Cyril Wood

Age 19

Private in the 8th Battalion,
Northumberland Fusiliers
86 Granville Avenue

Buried: Philosophe British Cemetery,
Mazingarbe

Headstone inscription: REST IN PEACE
AND LOVE MOTHER

Born Long Eaton 1899, he was the son of Joshua (lacemaker 1901, musician 1911) and Martha Wood, youngest of at least five. He first tried to join the Sherwood Foresters, but was discharged in January 1916 when it was discovered he was too young. His older brother Francis H died on 20 October 1918.

17 February 1918: Walter Goff

In our records as Gough

Age 28

Private in the 1st Battalion, Sherwood
Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
51 Canal Street

Buried: Poelcapelle British Cemetery

Born 1890 in Beeston, son of Henry (file grinder from Sheffield who died 1903 aged 39) and Elizabeth, one of seven children. In 1911 Walter was a lace beamer, and his mother had remarried. Enlisted 2 November 1914 aged 25, occupation: lacemaker. He married in 1915. A pension was awarded to his widow Edith Alice Goff, of 19, St. James Terrace, College St, of 13s. 9d. a week.

15 March 1918: Arnold Shaw

Age 28

Private in the Royal Warwickshire
Regiment

Buried: Giavera British Cemetery,
Arcade, Italy; remembered on family
gravestone in Long Eaton Cemetery

Arnold Bailey Shaw was born in 1890 in Long Eaton, the son of Charles Bailey Shaw (wagon repairer, firewood merchant d.1907) and Angelina Shaw, one of seven children. In 1911 he was a threader in the lace trade aged 20. He married Mabel E Cotton 1917 in Coventry, where he also enlisted. His regiment was part of the 5th Division which was sent to Italy in late January 1918, taking up positions along the River Piave and carrying out patrol work. After the war his widow lived Kingswood, Bristol.

21 March 1918: Ronald Arthur Hickton

Age 19

Private in the South Staffordshire
Regiment

Commemorated: Arras Memorial

Born in Long Eaton 1898, the son of Arthur (railway engine stoker in 1901, lacemaker in 1911) and Rosalind Hickton, the oldest of three children. 1901 family lived on Derby Rd. He enlisted at Ilkeston. (He is not listed on the Church memorial.)

23 March 1918: Samuel Lees

Private in the 2nd Battalion Sherwood
Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
40 Stanhope Street

Commemorated: Arras Memorial, and
memorial at St. Edward King & Martyr
Church, Castle Donington

Enlisted in Long Eaton when residing at
Loughborough.

24 March 1918: Harry Yates

Age 37

Private in the 10th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)

256 Wellington Street

Buried: Mont Huon Military Cemetery. Le Treport

Headstone inscription: ONE OF THE RANK AND FILE HE HEARD THE CALL AND FOR THOSE HE LOVED HE GAVE HIS ALL

Harry was a lacemaker, the son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Yates of Heanor. He was born Bradmoor, Nottinghamshire. He married Annie Fulwood in 1901 and they had eight children. When he signed up on 5th December 1914 he was aged 34, a factory lace hand. His widow was awarded 50 shilling, 5 pence pension per week.

27 March 1918: Robert Forester

Age about 30

Private in the Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby) but later Gunner in Royal Garrison Artillery.

Bridge Street

Remembered: Pozieres Memorial

Born Temple Sowerby, Westmorland 1888, Robert Arthur Forrester was the son of John Bird Forrester (labourer) and Margaret Jane Forrester (died 1909 aged 43). In 1901 the family lived in Kegworth, in 1911 at 85 Bennett St, when Robert was a carriage hand aged 22. He married Elizabeth Wilkinson 1912.

30 March 1918: Alec Owen Foster

Age 23

Private in the 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) - though Long Eaton Town Hall Roll of Honour and our list have Lance Corporal Ingham Road

Buried: Ennemain Communal Cemetery Extension.

Headstone inscription: THEIR GLORY SHALL NOT BE BLOTTED OUT. He is

also commemorated on his family's gravestone in Long Eaton

Born 1896 son of William (lace maker/warper) and Alice Foster, one of five children. In 1911 he was a Bobbin repairer aged 15. His older brother Thomas also fought, in the Nottinghamshire Royal Horse Artillery.

7 April 1918: Percy Hewitt Peadon

Age 30

Second Lieutenant in the 8th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment

7 Park Street

Buried: Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No 1

Headstone inscription: THY LIFE WAS GIVEN FOR ME THY BLOOD O LORD WAS SHED

Born 1888 Long Eaton, son of Frank Mitchell Peadon (lace maker) and Rhoda Peadon née Hewitt, the oldest of three surviving children. In 1911 the family lived at 36 Clinton St, Beeston and Percy was a lace draughtsman aged 23. He was a Sunday School teacher at the church of St John the Baptist, Beeston. In 1912 he married Louisa Gertrude Ellington and they had two daughters, Rhoda and Joyce, and lived at 5 Park St, Long Eaton.

Peadon was commissioned from the ranks on 28th August 1917, having served with 2nd Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) on the Western Front since 26th January 1915. He died of multiple gunshot wounds.

He is also remembered on the memorials at Beeston - St John the Baptist Church War Memorial and that church's Sunday School War Memorial.

10 April 1918: Frederick John Rignall

Age about 36

Private in South Staffordshire regiment
Commemorated: Ploegsteert Memorial

Frederick is recorded on the church

memorial but not in The European War List . He was born Long Stanton, Cambridgeshire in 1881. In 1911 he lived at Woodstone, Peterborough aged 29 with his wife Sarah, a brickyard labourer, with two sons but also two children who had died; another son was born 1915. His link with Long Eaton is not clear.

13/14 April 1918: Edgar Chadwick Spencer

Age 20
Private in Highland Light Infantry
29 Curzon Street
Commemorated: Ploegsteert Memorial

Son of Arthur (lacemaker) and Annie Molina Spencer. Born Long Eaton 1898, baptised February 1902, in 1911 the family lived at 29 Curzon St, Long Eaton, when Edgar was aged 13 and at school, one of four children.

17 April 1918: Frank Shaw

Age about 22
16th Battalion Sherwood Foresters
Buried: Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery

Born 1896 Ilkeston. He signed up 3 August 1916, aged 20, an underground collier. He was originally with the North Staffordshire Regiment, but was transferred June 1917. He left a widow Elsie, who lived at 15 King Street, Long Eaton.

21 April 1918: Reginald Dennis Bell

Age about 24
Private in Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
68 Bennett Street
Buried: St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen

Reginald was born in 1896 at Lenton, the son of John Shadwell Bell, formerly a Serjeant in the Cheshire Regiment, and Emma nee Dennis. But his mother died 1898 aged 31 and in 1900 his father was

a tobacconist at 297 Lenton Boulevard. In 1901 the family were still together (he had two older siblings) but his father died in 1903, so in 1911 Reginald was an inmate aged 14 at an orphanage at 57 Imperial Road, Beeston.

7 June 1918: George Henry Mills

Age 23
Shoeing Smith in the Canadian Field Artillery
104 Bridge Street
Buried: Anzim-St. Aubin British Cemetery

George Henry Reeves Mills was born 21 July 1895 Long Eaton, son of John Henry (Wagon repairer) and Elizabeth Mills, the oldest of five (though three had died by 1911). He travelled to Canada where he signed up 10 March 1916, a fireman aged 20, living Belleville Ontario. Back in Europe, he married 1917 Florence Annie Taylor at Long Eaton Mount Tabor Chapel.

Circumstances of Death Registers – "Died" (Accidental Injuries.) Whilst attending a baseball game North West of Marceuil, on the afternoon of 7 June, 1918, he was hit above the heart by a bullet fired from some unknown source. He was attended to by a medical officer but expired about five minutes later. A party of Lewis gunners were practicing at an adjacent range at the time. Court of Inquiry convened to investigate the circumstances surrounding his death is of the opinion that he was accidentally killed by a bullet, and that there is some connection between the firing at the range and the fatal accident, which occurred to Shoeing Smith Mills.

9 July 1918: Donald George Cook

Age: 20
Private in the 2nd Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
24 Upper Wellington Street
Buried: Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery
Headstone inscription: NOT DEAD TO THOSE WHO LOVE HIM

Born Long Eaton 1898, the son of Edgar Lowe (cotton lace maker) and Mary Ann Cook, of 24 Upper Wellington Street. In 1911 he was the second of five children, a butcher's errand boy aged 13. He enlisted 2nd November 1914, when only 16.

21 July 1918: Arnold Robert Bullock

Age: 20

Lance Corporal in the Seaforth Highlanders

72 Bennett Street

Commemorated: Soissons Memorial

Born in Heanor in 1897, son of Joseph (lace hand) and Rebecca Bullock of 72 Bennett Street, in 1911 he was a scholar aged 14.

21 August 1918: Arthur Lawrence Ballard

Aged 19

Private in the 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment

Buried: Queen's Cemetery, Bucquoy

Lawrence Arthur Ballard was born in Long Eaton in 1899, the son of John Henry (lace machine builders worker, previously a railway shunter) and Elizabeth. In 1911 the family lived at 77 Bennett Street, Lawrence was aged 12 a scholar, one of six children. Enlisted originally into the Notts and Derby Regiment at Ilkeston.

21 August 1918: Alfred Towle

Aged about 19

Able Seaman in the Drake Battalion of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, an infantry battalion

Buried: Achielt-Le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension

Born in Long Eaton in 1899, the son of Andrew (blacksmith/framesmith - machine builder) and Elizabeth, one of nine children. In 1911 the family lived at 52 Bennett St. He entered the Royal

Naval Volunteer Reserve on 7 August 1917 and was drafted for the British Expeditionary Force in April 1918, though initially spent some time in 10th Stationary Hospital Calais because he was sick. He joined the Drake Battalion on 15 May 1918.

Older brothers Arthur, Frederick and Percy also fought, with the Sherwood Foresters. His sister Nellie married Cornelius Birch who died on 14 October 1918.

25 August 1918: William Albert Langley

Aged 33

Private in the Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) but transferred to 808th Area Employment Company Labour Corps.

29 Cavendish Road

Buried: Jerusalem War Cemetery

Headstone inscription: 'FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH'

Born in Lenton in 1886, the son of Albert and Amelia Langley; Amelia died in 1896 aged 38, closely followed by Albert later the same year, aged 33. In 1901 he was boarding with the Page family in Long Eaton, aged 15, a bobbin and carriage maker. He later married the daughter Edith Page in 1908. In the 1911 census he was living at 197 Curzon St aged 26, a lace maker, with his wife Edith, daughter Phyllis and younger brother Thomas.

His brother Thomas Frederick Langley died on 20 September 1917.

28 August 1918: George Henry Hunt

Age 24

Private in the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment

19 St James Street

Commemorated: Vis-en-Artois Memorial

Born at Toton Sidings, the son of Harrison Frederick (Goods guard with Midland Railway, died 1918 aged 55) and

Emma Hunt, one of seven children. In 1911 George was aged 14, a lace factory sweeper up.

Younger brother of Frederick Hunt, killed on 19 February 1917.

24 September 1918: Lloyd Edward Lewis

Age 20

Lieutenant in the 5th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) Buried at Bellicourt British Cemetery. Headstone inscription: AFTER LIFE'S FITFUL FEVER

Born Long Eaton 1897, the son of Llewellyn Bond Lewis (solicitor, from Rhyl) and Mary Ellen Lewis. In 1901 the family lived at 5 Lime Grove where his father was a solicitor's clerk. In 1911 the family lived at 25 Breedon Street. Lloyd was age 13 the oldest of four. He attended Long Eaton County School and was a member of University College Nottingham OTC.

Extract from the *Nottingham Evening Post*

"Official intimation has been received from Mr LB Lewis, Solicitor, of Long Eaton, that his elder son, Lieut. Lloyd Edward Lewis, was killed in action in France on September 24th. Lieut. Lewis who was in his 21st year was educated at the Long Eaton County School, joined the Nottingham University College OTC on attaining the age of 18, where he became sergeant, and later underwent four months training with an Officer Cadet Battalion at Lichfield. He was gazetted to the Sherwood Foresters in October, 1916, and shortly afterwards proceeded to France. After six months in the trenches he was invalided to England with trench fever and heat stroke. He was promoted lieut. in April last on returning to France."

6 October 1918: William Henry Scattergood

Age 28

Private in 1st/5th Battalion. Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) 4 William Street Buried at Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport Headstone inscription: GONE FROM OUR HOME BUT NOT OUR HEARTS

Born Long Eaton 1890, the son of William Arthur (lace trimming worker) and Elizabeth Scattergood. In 1911 the family lived at 89 College Street, William was aged 20, a lace carriage threader, one of six children. His younger brother Fred died in the war on 6 November 1918.

14 October 1918: Cornelius William Henry Birch

Age 33

Private in the Yorkshire Regiment 82 Granville Avenue Buried in Niederzwehren Cemetery, Kassel. Headstone inscription: TOO DEARLY LOVED TO BE FORGOTTEN

Born in 1885 in Nottingham, the son of Henry and Ellen Emily. In 1911 the family lived at 35 Milner Road. Cornelius was aged 26, one of three surviving children, a twist hand in a lace factory like his father. He married Beatrice Nellie Towle (the sister of Alfred Towle who died on 21 August 1918), and was father to Thomas. He died at Langensalza Prisoner of War camp where conditions were particularly bad. He may have died from starvation

20 October 1918: Francis Herbert Wood

Age 36

Private in the Lincolnshire Regiment 86 Granville Avenue Buried at Selridge British Cemetery, Montay. Headstone inscription: OUR DEAREST

Born Long Eaton 1882, the son of

Joshua (musician) and Martha Wood. In 1911 the family lived at 77 Granville Avenue. Francis was aged 28, a lacemaker. His older brother Eric died on 12 February 1918.

6 November 1918: Fred Scattergood

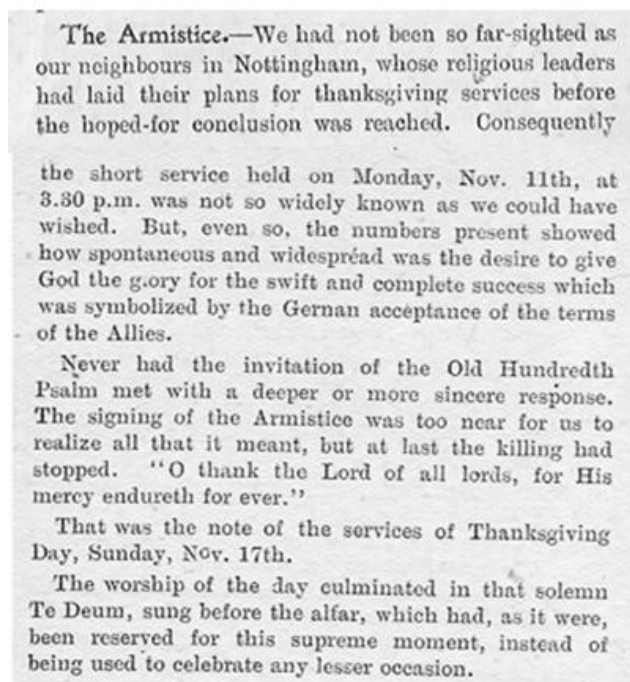
Age 22

Gunner in the Royal Field Artillery

4 William Street

Buried: Esplechin Churchyard

Born at Long Eaton in 1895, the son of William Arthur (lace trimming worker) and Elizabeth Scattergood. In 1911 the family lived at 89 College Street, when Fred was aged 16, a tin worker, one of six children. His older brother William died on 6 October 1918.



Extract from the December 1918 church magazine

14 November 1918: A Denys Hobday

Age about 24

Private in the North Staffordshire

Regiment

York Road

Buried: Tehran War Cemetery

Born Long Eaton 1894, the son of Alexander (railway guard, Midland Railway) and Lucy Hobday. In 1911 the

family lived at 27 York Road. Arthur Dennis was aged 16, an office clerk for a lace card makers, one of five children. In 1917 he married Patience A Mee. His older brother Archibald also fought in the The King's Royal Rifle Corp but was discharged in August 1915.

The Battalion served in Gallipoli 1915 to January 1916; in July 1918 the Brigade was transferred to the North Persia Force who were fighting the Ottomans.

26 November 1918: Charles Vivian Palmer

Age 20

Private in the Durham Light Infantry

Hamilton Road

Buried: Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille

Headstone inscription: GONE FROM EARTHLY SORROWS TO THE HEAVENLY HOME ABOVE Remembered on the Hamilton Road memorial.

Born 1899 in Long Eaton, the son of Charles (coachman to a bank manager) and Agnes Palmer. In 1911 the family lived at 2 Hamilton Road, when he was the only surviving child of two. Charles signed up 2 January 1917 at Ilkeston, aged 18, a fitters mate, formerly in the Leicester Regiment. He sustained a gunshot wound in France September 1918, when the records described him as "Dang ill". He died of wounds and diphtheria, in a military hospital.

27 January 1919: Joseph Allen

Age 34

Corporal in the Royal Army Medical

Corps

143 Granville Avenue

Buried at Long Eaton Cemetery

Born 1885 in Long Eaton, the son of Joseph Valentine (lace maker) and Eliza Allen. In 1901 the family lived on Station Road and Joseph was aged 16, an apprentice to a pawn broker, one of six children. Joseph married Leah Dumelow

in 1904, and by 1911 they had a daughter Lily Mary aged 4, and another, Freda, in 1918. May have died of Spanish flu)

His younger brother Edward served in The Army Cycle Corps, and maybe his brother George in the Sherwood Foresters.

(He is not listed on the Church memorial)

22 February 1919: Cecil Charles Hurst

Age 26

Able Seaman in the Royal Navy

Volunteer reserve

11 Park Street

Buried at Long Eaton Cemetery

Headstone inscription: THOU WILL KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE

Born in 1893 in Sandiacre, the son of Charles (railway engine driver, died 1899 aged 40) and Mary Hurst. In 1901 Mary was a widow with two children, living on Park Street, Long Eaton. Mary remarried John Richard Knight, a bootmaker, later that year. In 1911 Cecil was aged 18, working in the building trade in Kent, living with his maternal grandparents, while his sister lived with their mother and her new family. The Royal Navy casualty list shows he died from illness. The Spanish flu pandemic lasted from approximately July 1918 to April 1919 with a major peak in the UK between September 1918 and January 1919. It can be assumed that the vast majority of illness deaths in these periods were due to the flu.

18 July 1919: Harry Reader

Age 21

Lance Corporal in the Leicestershire Regiment

78 Bennett Street

Buried at Petra Military Cemetery, Malta

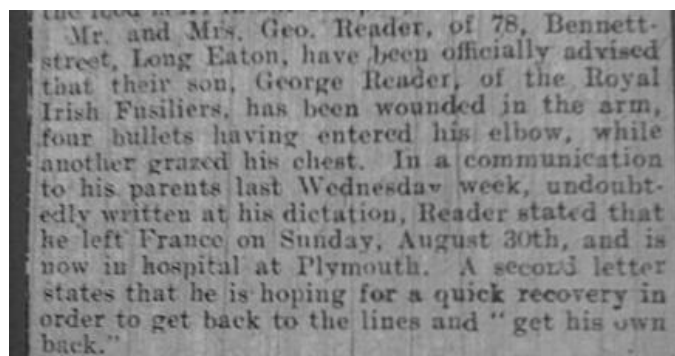
Born 1898 in Derby, one of four children of George (joiner and carpenter) and Ann Reader who died in 1899, aged 35.

George remarried 1905. In 1911 aged 13 Harry was an assistant to a barber.

Harry signed up on 5 September 1914,

occupation factory hand, saying he was born in 1895, but he was really only 16. In France from July 1915, he was promoted to Lance Corporal shortly before becoming a prisoner of war in Germany from December 1917 to December 1918. He spent some time at a military hospital in Leicestershire for something "Classified" February to June 1919 before being declared fit for service. When on his way to a new posting in India he died of suspected bubonic plague along with another member of regiment.

Other brothers served: Frank died 18 October 1915. George wounded August 1914 and discharged.



A press cutting mentioning George Reader

Dates unknown

Arthur Brown

The Sherwood Foresters

On the memorial in church, the Hamilton Road Memorial and listed in the 'The European War List' but no other information found. Position in list would suggest died later in war. There was an Arthur Brown on Hamilton Road but he was born in 1901, so too young technically. There was an A Brown in the Foresters who died on 25 October 1916 but we cannot establish a link.

Arthur Thompson

Private in the Australian Infantry

On the memorial in church and listed in 'The European War List' but no other definite information found. There was an Arthur Thompson of the 12th Battalion, Australian Infantry who died on 10 May 1917 who was born in 1881 but not connection with Long Eaton has been established. He may have been a local who emigrated.

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