



*In Memory of the
Young Men of
Chipping, Leagram &
Thornley who served
during the First World
War
1914-1918*

Introduction

On the 4th August 1914 Great Britain declared war on Germany.

At this time the British Army, by European standards, was small. Its regular soldiers were long-service professionals, however, when war broke out it soon became apparent that the British Army was not large enough for a global conflict.

In answer to Lord Kitchener's call to arms, thousands of men volunteered for service. Many of these men enlisted with friends, relatives and workmates. Three million 'Kitchener's Volunteers' joined up, but by 1916 Britain had introduced conscription.

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Front cover: top The War Memorial set up for the Peace Day Celebrations outside Brabin's old school. Left, the two war graves of Giles Burton and Henry Coulthurst in St. Bartholomew's churchyard and the present War Memorial.

John Bamber (19849 Pte Loyals)

John served with 6th Battalion, The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment in the Dardanelles Campaign in Turkey. He died on 6th November 1915 in Gallipoli and is buried in Green Hill Cemetery, Gallipoli.

He was the son of Richard Bamber, by his first wife Nancy (nee Lupton), of the Pale Farm, Chipping.

The 6th Battalion formed at Preston in August 1914 and came under the command of 38th Brigade in the 13th (Western) Division. They moved initially to Tidworth and then Blackdown in February 1915. On 17th June 1915 they sailed from Avonmouth, going to Gallipoli, via Mudros and landed in Anzac Cove on 4th August. After participating in the battles of Anzac Cove, and Sulva Bay, the 6th (Service) Battalion, along with the rest of the division, were withdrawn from Sulva and moved to the Helles landing beaches.



Green Hill Cemetery

REG'T	NO.	RANK	NAME	REG'T	DATE
RR/C3		SECOND LIEUTENANT	IRVINE JOHNSTON	ROYAL INNISKILLING FUS.	3
RR/A	12970	PRIVATE	D. JONES	SOUTH WALES BORDERERS	22 AUGUST 1915
RR/A	17901	PRIVATE	E. DEWETT	SOUTH LANCASHIRE REGT.	2 DECEMBER 1915
RR/A	1794	PRIVATE	G.W.B. SCHENFELD	CITY OF LONDON YEO.	12 OCTOBER 1915
RR/A	19849	PRIVATE	J. BAMBER	LOYAL NORTH LANCs. REGT.	6 NOVEMBER 1915
RR/A	1613	CORPORAL	THOMAS JOHN ANSTEE	CITY OF LONDON YEO.	6 OCTOBER 1915 AGE 31

John Bleasdale
(203865 Pte Loyals)

John served on the Western Front with 1/4th Territorial Force Battalion of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. He was reported missing in action at Cambrai 30th November 1917. His name is recorded on the Cambrai Memorial.

He was the son of Thomas Bleasdale and his wife Elizabeth. At the 1911 census John was living with his parents and elder brother William at Park Gate, Leagram. He was aged 14 and his occupation is given as 'working on farm'.

He was called up for service on the 25th January 1917, aged 21. At the time he was working at Moss Side Farm for Bill Slater.

On the 30th November 1917 the 55th Division L.N.L. faced a strong enemy counter attack. Its effect was later examined by a Court of Enquiry, as the front line of defence had apparently crumbled and allowed the enemy to have a "rapid and almost bewildering" advance. The losses of the 1/5th Battalion of the L.N.L. that day were huge.

British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920	
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1. What is your full Address? ...	2. Moss Side Farm Leagram Blithersoe
3. Are you a British Subject? ...	3. yes
4. What is your Age? ...	4. 21 Years Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ...	5. Farm Labourer
6. Are you Married? ...	6. no
7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military? If so*, which?	7. no
8. Have you any preference for any particular branch of the service, if so, which?	8.
9. Are you desirous of serving in the Royal Navy, if so, state your qualifications.	9. no
I, John Bleasdale do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.	
Christian Name John	Surname Bleasdale SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT
Date 25 1 1917	Place Paulson J. Hurstony Signature of Witness
EXEMPTION FROM COMBATANT SERVICE ON CONSCIENTIOUS GROUNDS.	
If the Recruit has been exempted by a Tribunal on conscientious grounds from serving as a combatant should be so stated here	
MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION AS TO FITNESS FOR SERVICE ON JOINING.	

Wilfred Blezard
(28801 Pte. East Surreys)

Wilfred first joined the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, but was transferred to the 9th Battalion East Surrey's Regiment probably in 1917, at the same time as William Coupe and William E. Parkinson. After service in France Wilfred died in England on the 24th January 1919 aged 23. He is buried in St. Jude's Cemetery, Egham, Surrey.

He was the son of Margaret Blezard (who was born in Bilsborrow in 1863). She worked at Wolfen Hall. Wilfred was baptised at Barton on the 9th December 1894.

The census return of 1911 shows Wilfred living and working at the farm of Ellen Houghton of Claughton, Garstang, he was 16 years of age. However, at the time of his enlistment his home address is given as Chipping.



Private Wilfred Blezard



Wilfred is buried in St Jude's Cemetery, Egham, Surrey.

Giles Burton
(240587 Pioneer, Royal Engineers)
Royal Engineers, Railway Construction Company.

Giles was injured in an accident at Waterloo Railway Station, London and died in hospital, as a result of his injuries, on the 15th February 1917, aged 38. He was buried, by order of the Coroner of the County of London, in St. Bartholomew's Churchyard, Chipping.

He was baptised at Whitewell on the 27th October 1878, the son of John and Elizabeth Burton of Chipping Laund. He worked at Quarlton Fold Farm, Tottington, and enlisted at Bury. His name is also included on the Bury War Memorial.

He enlisted on the 23rd February 1916, and is described as being aged 37, 5ft.6.5ins tall, 1321bs, and a labourer. His next of kin was his brother Allen Burton of Quarlton Fold Farm. Other siblings were:- James Burton of Liverpool, John Burton of Browsholme, nr, Clitheroe, Mary Bleasdale of Empire Road, Bolton, Ellen Bagot of Rose Hill, Bromley and Ellen Burton of Quarlton

Assistant Provost
London District

I beg to make the following report of the inquest on the body of Pte. G. Burton, Royal Engineers, Labour Battalion, held at Lambeth Coroners Court of Saturday 17th instant 12 noon.

The deceased was proceeding from Bolton to Bordon Camp in company with other recruits in charge of a Sergeant.

The 9.10 train was very crowded and there was no room for this party in the front portion of the train which went right through to Bordon without changing, therefore they were told to find places in the rear portion and change at Woking. The rear portion of the train was equally crowded and some of the party were able to find places. The train was signalled to start and Pte. Burton and a comrade were left on the platform and made a rush to get the train.

Apparently Burton fell, his legs getting between the platform and the footboard, was rolled round and round by the motion of the train and was badly crushed and died in about five minutes from injuries. A verdict of accidental death was passed.

Captain
Welsh Guards



Giles is buried in
St. Bartholomew's Churchyard,
Chipping.

Henry Coulthurst (6587 Pte.King's Own)

Henry was born in Chipping in 1882, the son of James and Martha Coulthurst of 8 Talbot Street. He enlisted 18th August 1900 in Blackburn, into the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment ,aged 18, a joiner by trade, 5ft. 4ins tall and 119lbs. He re-engaged for a further 14yrs on the 13th June 1912.

In 1914 he was posted to the 6th Battalion raised as part of Kitchener's Volunteers, and was regarded as a 1st Class Signaller. He served with this battalion fighting the Turks, probably in Gallipoli in 1914/15, and certainly in Mesopotamia (now Iraq) from 1916 until 1919. He was evacuated back to the 1st Battalion in England where he died, aged 37, on 2nd September 1919, in Liverpool Royal Infirmary, from Malaria.

*Talbot Street,
Chipping*

1907



Chipping Village Census Return 1891
Talbot Street

Coulthurst	James	Wdr	38	Joiner & Wheelwright
	Rob George	son	13	Chairmaker
	John Pye	son	11	Scholar
	Henry	son	8	Scholar

Henry is buried in St. Bartholomew's Churchyard. After many years of travel with the army he now rests only 50 yards away from 8 Talbot Street, where he started his life.



William Coupe (29012 Pte. East Surreys)

William served with 9th Battalion East Surrey Regiment on the Western Front and died of wounds on 22nd October 1918, aged 36. He was the son of Richard and Margaret Coupe of Windy Harbour. The census for 1911 shows William living with his mother Margaret, who was aged 58 years and a widow. William, her son, was 29 single and his occupation was that of a Flyer Finisher in a factory.

On the Commonwealth War Graves he is described as the husband of Gertrude Coupe of Austin House, Chipping. A Gertrude Atkinson is shown on the 1911 census living at Austin House. It is possible that this Gertrude became Williams wife.

1911 Census Austin House, Chipping

Atkinson	Margaret	Head	Wid	63	Farmer	
	Thomas		Son	Wdr	29	Carter
	Gertrude		Dtr	Um	22	Dairy Work
	Frank	G.son		5		

He is buried in Etaples Cemetery, Pas de Calais. Etaples is a town 27 kilometres south of Boulogne.

Etaples was the scene of much allied activity during the WW1 due to its safety from attack by enemy land forces and the existence of railway connections, with both the northern and southern battlefields. The town was home to 16 hospitals and a convalescent depot, in addition to a number of reinforcement camps for Commonwealth soldiers and general barracks for the French army. Of more than 11,500 soldiers interred in Etaples Military Cemetery, over 10,000 of these men were casualties of WW1 who died in Etaples or the surrounding area.



Cross of Sacrifice
Etaples Cemetery, Pas de Calais

Richard Edward Duckworth (267031 Pte. Cheshire's)

Richard served on the Western Front with 15th Battalion the Cheshire Regiment. He was reported missing in action on the Somme on 24th March 1918, aged 20. He was the son of William Edward and Elizabeth Duckworth of Homestead Poultry Farm, Higher Loud Bridge, Chipping. However, at the time of the 1911 census return the family were living at Higher Croft, Lower Darwen, near Blackburn. William Edward is described as aged 49 and working as a Cotton Weaver Overlooker. He was born in Blackburn, his wife Elizabeth, born in Manchester, and they had three sons, Hubert, 16, Richard Edward, 13 and William 10. Richard's occupation is given as being an office boy in an Estate Agents. All three sons were born in Blackburn.

Richard's name is recorded on the Pozieres Memorial, Somme. The memorial commemorates the names of 14665 casualties of the United Kingdom and 300 South African forces, on 97 panels. These panels are incorporated in the southern, western and northern boundary walls surrounding the Pozieres British cemetery. Richard's name is recorded on panels 35 and 36.

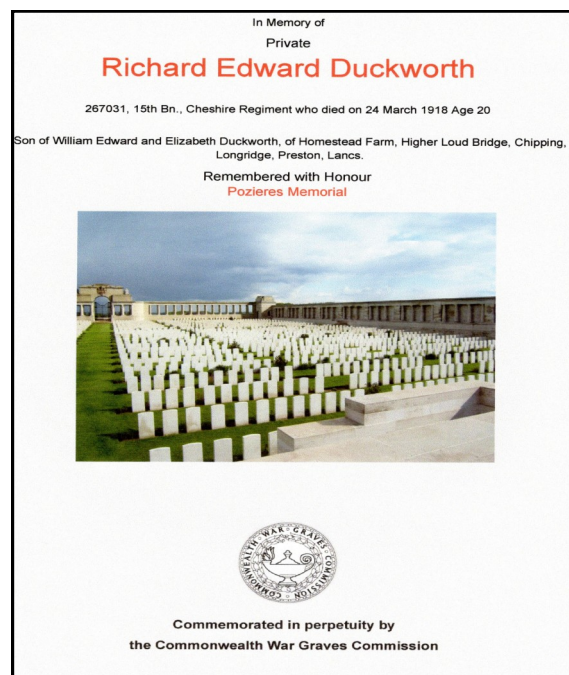
Chipping Soldiers Fate Preston Guardian 31st May 1919

Mr and Mrs W.E. Duckworth. Homestead Poultry Farm, Higher Hodder Bridge, Chipping, formerly of Lower Darwen, have received a War Office notification that their 2nd son Private Richard Edward Duckworth of the Cheshire Regiment, who had been reported missing since March 24th, 1918 during the German offensive, is missing presumed killed on that date.

The last news of him was that he was seen wounded and seeking cover in a shell hole. Private Duckworth was formerly a clerk in the employ of Mr John Lewis, the famous football legislator and former referee, at that gentleman's coach building works at Blackburn. He joined the Border Regiment aged 18 in January 1916 being sent to France with the Cheshire's in September 1917.

His eldest brother, Hubert 24, joined the Border Regiment in 1914 and saw service in the Dardanelles before taking part in the famous Messines Ridge attack in early 1917, in which he sustained shell shock. He went out again after treatment in England, and within a short space of time had a terrible experience of being four times buried as a result of enemy fire. He is at present in an institute undergoing treatment for a complete nervous breakdown.

Mr and Mrs Duckworth's youngest son William 19, is serving with the Kings Own Royal Lancasters in Ireland. All three sons were scholars at Lower Darwen Methodist Sunday School.



John Thomas Eccles (202025 Pte. Loyals)

John served with the 2/4 Territorial Battalion, The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment on the Western Front. He was killed in France on the 19th April 1917, aged 23. He is buried at Pont-du-Hem Military Cemetery, La Gorgue, Nord-Pas-de-Calais.

He was the son of James and Annie Eccles, Hill House, Hesketh Lane and the grandson of Mr and Mrs Mercer of Chipping House.

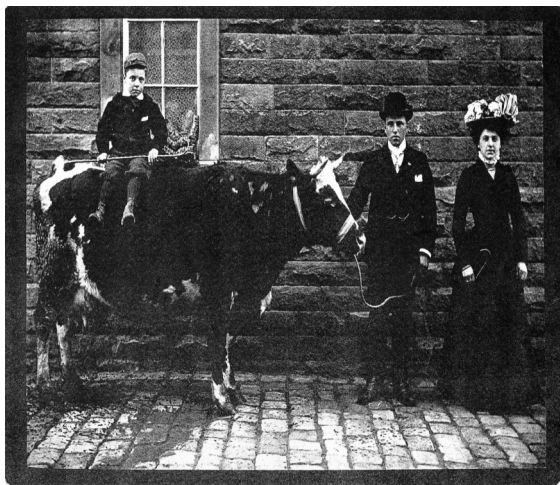
At the time of the 1911 census John was at 72 Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood Preston. He was living in the household of Alexander William Chrystall, his wife Isabella and their two children. John's relationship to Alexander & Isabella is described as nephew and his occupation was Agricultural Student.

On December 5th 1915 John enlisted at Preston recruiting office. His medical inspection report describes him as being 5ft.4ins tall, weighing 126lbs and having a 35" chest. His declared age was 21years and 5months. He confirmed his occupation at the time as Estate Bailiffs Assistant.

John was given the service number 4845 which would later be changed to 202025.

On 5th February 1916 he was posted to 2/4th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

On the morning of 7th February 1917 the 2/4th Battalion marched from Blackdown to Frimley railway station and there entrained for Southampton. The Battalion sailed to France later that day.



Thomas Mercer, his sister Grace Mercer and their nephew John Thomas Eccles sitting on the cow.



John Thomas Eccles

Longridge Family Record of Service The Preston Guardian, 19th June 1915

Mr & Mrs Hoyle, Mersey St, Longridge have four sons fighting for the Empire. James left England about five years ago and was working in the Bush in New South Wales, Australia when war broke out. He joined the first Australian contingent and proceeded with it to Egypt, where the men completed their training. He was one of the first men to get ashore at the Dardanelles and was wounded in the leg on the day of landing. He is in hospital in Heliopolis and is making progress towards recovery.

Giles left England for Australia about three years ago, having previously been engaged as footman to Sir W. Crossley. At the outbreak of war he was working for the Imperial Oil Co., Sydney, New South Wales. He joined the second Australian contingent and arrived at the Dardanelles in April and saw some extremely severe fighting. On the fourth day after landing he was shot through the arm and sent back to Alexandria. He was removed to England and for a short time was in Winwick Hospital, Warrington. He recently visited his parents at Longridge. Mr & Mrs Hoyle have lately removed from Chipping to Longridge. He speaks in high praise of the fleet at the Dardanelles.

Richard Hoyle joined the 4th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment (Territorial Forces) at the beginning of the war and was amongst the first to volunteer for foreign service. He is at present in the fighting line in France. Thomas joined the Army early this year and is training at Plymouth. He is an old scholar of Brabin's Endowed School, Chipping.



James, Giles, Richard & Thomas Hoyle

Richard Hoyle

(1681 Pte. Loyals)

Richard served in the 1/4th Territorial Battalion The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment on the Western Front.

He was the son of Thomas and Emma Hoyle (nee Dewhurst). They had nine children, seven boys and two girls, Betsy (1886), James (1888), Giles (1890), Richard (1895), William Henry (1897), Thomas (1898), Emily Esther (1900), Horace (1904) and Fred (1910).

Richard enlisted on the 4th June 1913, at the age of 17 years and 10 months, for four years into the Territorial Force and when war was declared he volunteered to serve overseas and was posted to the 1/4th Battalion. He sailed to France with the Battalion on the 4th May 1915.

Richard was killed on the 8th August 1916 aged 21. His body was never recovered from the battlefield and so his name is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, on the Somme.



Richard Hoyle

Thomas Hoyle (244433 Pte. Cheshires)

Thomas was a younger brother of Richard. Thomas enlisted on the 17th April, 1915 into the East Lancashire Regiment. However, he had added a couple of years onto his age when he signed up, he was in fact only 17. He did manage to serve 245 days before he was found out and sent home. He enlisted again when he reached the correct age, and served with the Cheshire Regiment on the Western Front. He was killed in action on 21st August 1918, aged 19, and is buried in Sandpits British Cemetery, Fouquereuil, Pas de Calais.



Thomas Hoyle

Preston Guardian September 1918 Private Thomas Hoyle, Longridge

An official announcement has been received by Mr. Thomas Hoyle, 7, Mersey Street, Longridge, that his son, Private Thomas Hoyle, Cheshire Regiment, was killed in action in France on August 21st. He was 19 years of age and the youngest of four soldier brothers. One brother, Pte. Richard Hoyle L.N.L. Regiment, was killed in action on August 8th 1916, and two others are at present serving with the Australian forces. He received his education at Brabin's Endowed School, Chipping, winning two silver medals for attendance. In civil life he was a weaver at Queen's Mill, Longridge and also a member of the Church Lads Brigade.

Richard Moon

(57243 Gunner, RFA)

Richard served with 'A' Battery, 91st Regiment, Royal Field Artillery on the Western Front. The Royal Field Artillery was the most numerous arm of the artillery. The horse drawn RFA was responsible for the medium calibre guns and howitzers deployed close to the front line and they were reasonably mobile.

The 1911 census for Chipping, shows Richard aged 24, born in Goosnargh, as a farm labourer living at Wharf Farm, Chipping.

In October 1911 he married Bertha Coates, and at the time of his enlistment he was living with Bertha and their four children in Stanley Court, Chipping. Bertha died in 1966.

Richard was killed in action on 25th April 1918. He is buried at Beacon Cemetery, Sailly-Laurette, Somme.



Richard Moon

Preston Guardian 22nd June 1918

The death in action is officially reported of Gunner Rd. Moon, R.F.A., on April 25th. Gunner Moon was 31 years of age, and lived in Stanley Court, Chipping.



Beacon Cemetery

John William Nuttall (1666 Sergeant Loyals)

John William Nuttall was born in Chipping in January 1893, the eldest son of William and wife Jane (nee Ellison). His mother died in 1898, soon after his younger brother Thomas Henry was born. Thomas was adopted by his aunt Elizabeth and her husband Fred Timbrell. John grew up, living with his father at "the Bottoms", Chipping.

The census return for 1911 shows William Nuttall, aged 43, an iron foundry worker making pulleys for ships blocks. He is living with his second wife, Margaret Mary, aged 26 and his sons John William aged 18, a flyer maker and Harry aged 2.

On April 27th 1912 John enlisted at Longridge as a private soldier in the Territorial Reserves. He was given the regimental number of 1666 and assigned to the 1/4th Battalion of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. When war broke out he signed on to serve overseas and sailed to France as a Lance Corporal on 4th May 1915. By June 1916 he had been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

He suffered gunshot wounds to his abdomen on the 9th September 1916 during the Battle of Ginchy, near Delville Wood. He died from his injuries on the 11th September 1916, aged 23. He is buried at Corbie Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme.



John William Nuttall
www.loyalregiment.com

William E. Parkinson
(35769 Pte. East Surreys)

William was enlisted into the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment but was transferred to the 7th Battalion East Surrey Regiment on the Western Front. He was reported missing in action at the battle of Cambrai, on 20th November 1917, aged 19. His name is inscribed on Cambrai Memorial to the Missing.

He was the adopted son of Mr & Mrs Joseph Whalley. Prior to joining the service he was engaged as a farm labourer at the Talbot Hotel, Chipping.



Joe and Annie Whalley kept the Talbot Hotel when this picture was taken. On the left is their adopted son William Parkinson, the girl on the left is Doris Whalley, in the centre, Florrie Whalley and the child on the doorstep is Annie Whalley.



William Parkinson

Preston Guardian 15th December 1917
Private W.E. Parkinson

Official news has been received that Pte. Wm. Parkinson (19) adopted son of Mr and Mrs Whalley, Talbot Hotel, Chipping, was killed in action on November 20th, 20 days after he arrived in France. He joined the Training Reserve on May 1st, afterwards being attached to the East Surrey Regiment. A memorial service was held in the Parish Church, Chipping on Sunday.

Major Rhodes (260071 Pte. Border Regiment)

Major served with 1st Battalion The Border Regiment on the Western Front. He was reported missing in action on 13th April 1918, aged 23. His name is recorded on Ploegsteert Memorial to the Missing, Belgium.

He was born in Fulwood to Richard and Sarah Rhodes in 1895 and came to live at Startifants, Chipping about 1905. Other siblings were: - Evan Rhodes of Longridge, Henry Thomas Rhodes of Sydney, Australia and Richard Ernest Rhodes of Trafford Road, Preston,

His service records state that he was aged 19 when he enlisted, a farm labourer, 5'3" tall. His next of kin was his father Richard Rhodes of Chipping.



Major Rhodes



Remembered with honour
PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL

Commemorated in perpetuity by
The Commonwealth War Graves
Commission

Memorial Reference Panel 6

The inscription reads:

In Memory of
Private MAJOR RHODES

260071, 1st Bn., Border Regiment
who died
on 13 April 1918

**Rowland Seed
(19721 Pte.Loyals)**

Rowland served with the 6th Battalion The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment in the Dardanelles campaign in Turkey. He died of wounds on the island of Lemnos on 26th December 1915, aged 30. He is buried in Portianos Cemetery, Lemnos, Greece.

He was the son of Robert & Jane Seed, nee Blezard, of Harling House. When he enlisted he was working at Burholme Farm, Whitewell.

His brother Robert, a merchant navy wireless operator, died at sea in the Bay of Bengal in March 1915 aged 25.

The Preston Guardian of 10th April 1915 reads:

“Sad death of Chipping man.

On Thursday morning at Harling House, Chipping, Mrs Seed received the sad news that her son Robert aged 25 yrs, had died while on board the ship on which he was the wireless operator, and had been buried at sea. The deceased was a native of Chipping and had received his early education at Brabin’s School, about four months ago he secured a position as wireless operator on board a steamer, and was on his way home last week, when Mrs Seed received a letter from the Captain of the vessel to say that her son had died during the first week of March, and had been buried in the Bay of Bengal. The deceased was extremely well known in the district and very highly respected. He was an accomplished young man. He is the son of the late Mr. Robert Seed of Chipping. His brother Roland was one of the first to enlist at the outbreak of war”.

1891 Census, Chipping

Seed	Robert	Head	Mar	46	Ag Labourer	Whittingham Lancashire
Seed	Jane	wife	Mar	28		Chipping
Seed	Ellen	dtr		9	Scholar	Chipping
Seed	James	son		8	Scholar	Chipping
Seed	Rowland	son		5		Preston
Seed	Robert Andrew	son		2		Wigan
Blezard	Ann	M in L	Wid	55		Chipping

Thomas Slater
(37479 Pte.Wiltshires)

Thomas served in the 1st Battalion The Wiltshire Regiment on the Western Front. He was killed in action on the 8th October 1918, aged 23, and is buried in Vis-en-Artois, Pas De Calais.

He was the only son of John and Maria Slater of 16, Whittingham Road, Longridge. The 1901 census return for Chipping shows John and Maria together with their daughter, Maggie aged 7 and their son Thomas, aged 5, living in Club Houses.(Club Row).

The War Diary (see below) indicates that Thomas was one of 11 other ranks and one officer killed on the same day.

War Diary
8th October 1918

Regiment. 1st Wiltshire

Location. France, Hindenburg Line

1.00. Battn attacked BEAUREVOIR LINE after heavy bombardment by our artillery. Battn met with resistance from enemy Machine Gun Posts but succeeded in reaching and maintaining all its objectives. 6.00. 6th & 7th Battns The Leicestershire Regt formed up behind the line which we had taken and attacked the BEAUREVOIR LINE as far as HURTEBISE FARM. (N.14d. Sheet 57b) 8.00. 62nd Inf Bde passed through line held by 110th Inf Bde and pushed forward and established a line E of WALINGCOURT (N.24. Sheet 57b) Casualties: Killed Officers 2nd Lieut R Hall. Ors 11. Wounded Officers 2nd Lieut J T Luscombe (At duty), Capt W C Rowe, 2nd Lieut F G Comfort, Wounded Ors 78, Missing Officers Nil. Ors 2. Captures: Personnel Nil. Ors 81. Material TMB1.

The Preston Guardian
2nd November 1918

Longridge Soldier Killed

The death in action is officially reported of Pte. Thomas Slater (23), Wiltshire Regiment, only son of Mr and Mrs John Slater, 16, Whittingham Road, Longridge. Deceased enlisted in July 1917, and went to France in April this year. Prior to joining the Army he was employed at Poplar Foundry, Longridge. A memorial service was held in Chipping

James Irving Walmsley (22042 Pte. Royal Warwicks)

James initially joined The Liverpool Scottish but was transferred to 1st Battalion The Royal Warwickshire Regiment on the Western Front. He was reported missing in action on 12th October 1917, at Ypres. His name is inscribed on Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing.

He was the son of Alfred and Annie Walmsley and lived in Brabin's school house flat in Windy Street. The census return of 1911 shows him living there with his mother, father, four brothers, one sister and his aunt. His aunts surname is Irving and so we may assume that his mothers maiden name was also Irving and that James was given her surname as his middle name..



Brabin's School House and Alms Houses Windy Street

1911 Census Return for Chipping Village Windy Street School House

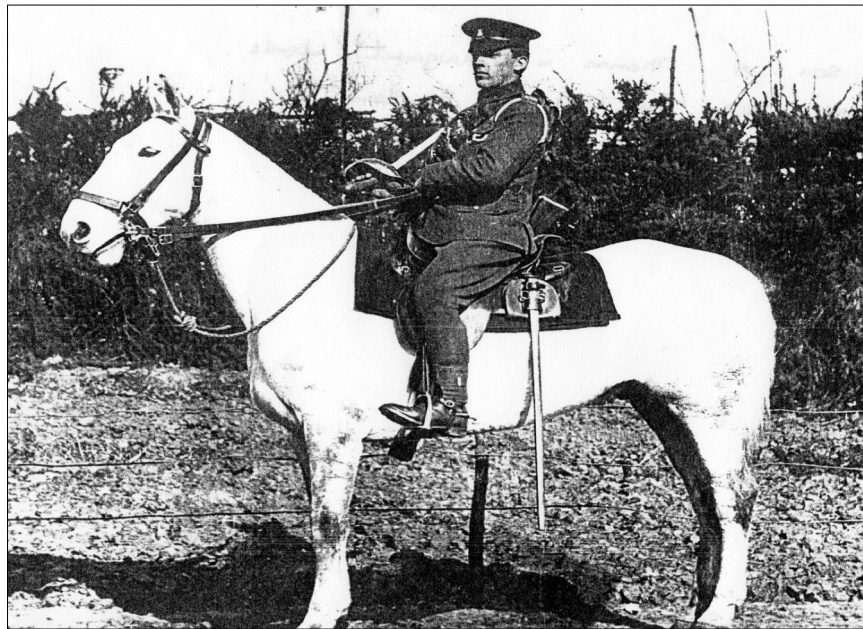
Walmsley	Alfred	Head	41	Brass Moldr & Sheath & Sidelights	L. Chipping
	Annie	Wife	36	Mar 16 yrs 6 Ch living	L. Chipping
	James Irving	son	16	Foundry Lab Sheath & Sidelights	L. Chipping
	Joshua	son	14	Foundry Lab Sheath & Sidelights	L. Chipping
	Alfred	son	10	Scholar	L. Chipping
	Annie	dtr	8		L. Chipping
	William	son	5		L. Chipping
	Joseph	son	1		L. Chipping
	Irving	Annie	aunt	72	

John Woods (21523 Trooper 6th Dragoon Guards)

John served in the cavalry with the 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers) on the Western Front. He was killed in action on 24th January 1917, aged 22. He is buried in Aubigny Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais.

He was born in Chipping, the son of Thomas and Margaret Woods, at the time of his death they were living at 45, Mersey St, Longridge.

The regiment was in the 1st & 2nd Battles of Ypres and the at the Battle of the Somme, after his death.



John Woods



Wanted Smart and Intelligent Young Men
TO JOIN
This Distinguished Regiment

THE REGIMENT WHICH LOOKS
AFTER THE COMFORT OF ITS
MEN AND WILL HELP THEM
WHEN THEY LEAVE THE ARMY

RATES OF PAY

Recruit on joining	15s. 3d. per week all found
Do. after 2 years' service	£3 10s. 6d.
Lance Corporal	£3 10s. 6d.
Corporal	£4 10s. 6d.

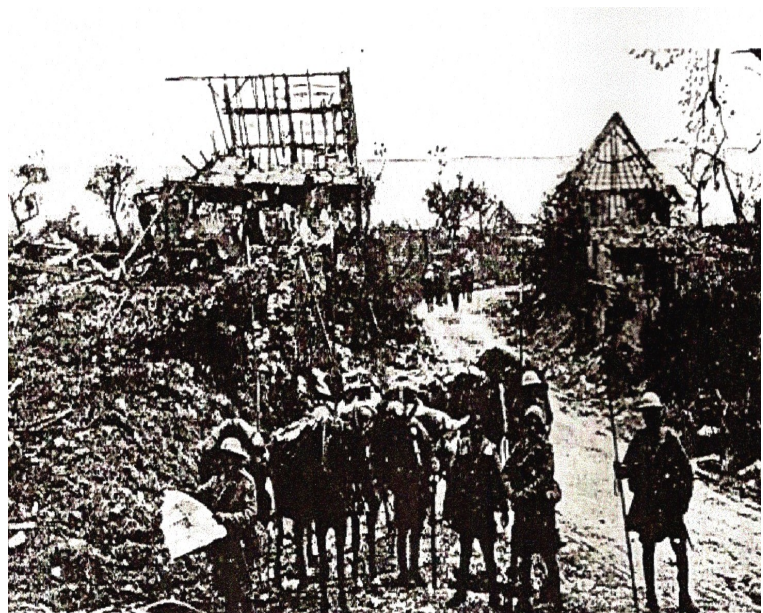
PROMOTION

Intelligent and well behaved men are offered special chances of promotion, carrying with it considerable increase in pay and other advantages, advantages for which and money.

RATES OF PAY

Lance Sergeant	£5 10s. 6d. per week all found
Sergeant	£6 10s. 6d.
Squad Quartermaster Sergeant	£8 10s. 6d.
Squad Sergeant Major	£8 10s. 6d.
Regiment Quartermaster Sergeant	£8 10s. 6d.
Regiment Sergeant Major	£8 10s. 6d.

THE NEAREST BARRACKS, DRILL HALL, POST OFFICE, OR ANY POLICE STATION
Collection » Online Collection » 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers) Wanted Smart and Intelligent Yo



A group of Indian cavalrymen after the first cavalry charge through the corn-fields at High wood on July 14th 1916, with the Dragoon Guards.

‘Soldiers who Died in the Great War’, tells us of eight other soldiers who were born in the Chipping area, but had moved elsewhere before 1914.

126317 Pte. Thomas Gardner, Royal Army Medical Corps

Enlisted in Longridge.

Died of wounds in the UK 19th July 1918.

13431 Pte Edwin Hilton, 10th Bn Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Enlisted in Haslingden

Killed in action France on 25th September 1915. His name is recorded on the Loos Memorial, Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos-en-Golle, Pas de Calais.

58149 Pte. John William Park, 13th Bn Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Enlisted in Chorley

Killed in action France 26th August 1918. Buried in Delyville Wood Cemetery, Somme.

26247 Pte. Fred Procter, 2nd Bn East Lancs

Enlisted in Clitheroe

Killed in action France 13th October 1918. Buried in Orchard Dump Cemetery, Arleau-en-Gohelle, Pas de Calais.

97504 Gne. Bartle Pye, Royal Garrison Artillery

Enlisted in Preston

Killed in action France & Flanders 6th April 1918. He is buried in the Ribemont Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme.

203770 Pte. George Leach. 2/4th Bn East Lancs

Enlisted in Accrington

Killed in action France 27th November 1917. He is named on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Somme.

45421 Pte. Thomas Smith. Labour Corps (previously 25519 Loyals)

Enlisted in Longridge

Died of wounds France 23rd November 1917. The battle of Cambrai commenced 20th November 1917.

26482 Pte. Robert Woods. 2nd Bn East Lancs

Brother of William Woods, 9, Chatburn Road, Longridge.

Enlisted in Nelson

Killed in action France 2nd April 1918. Commemorated at Poziers Memorial, Somme.

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Chipping's Gratitude: Medals for Ex-Service Men.

Saturday was an historic day for Chipping-one to live long in the memory of the whole countryside. There was a gathering of the ex-service men of Chipping, Thornley, Leagram and Little Bowland at the Oddfellows Hall, where gold medals-subscribed for by the inhabitants were to be presented to all those who had "joined up" in the Great War. Additional distinction was given to the occasion by the fact that mementoes were to be presented by the Secretary of State for War, the Earl of Derby. Eighty- one men went out in all and fought on various fronts. Eleven of these laid down their lives. The remaining 70, with a few exceptions due to unavoidable causes turned up on Saturday to receive their medals. Among the recipients who were unable to be present, and sent a letter of apology, was Col. Algernon Stanley (brother of Lord Derby), whom for many years was a resident at Thornley. Like tokens were also given to parents and near relations of those who died. Each medal contained the name of the soldier, with the inscription, "For service in the Great War".



EX-SERVICE MEN FROM CHIPPING, THORNLEY, LEAGRAM, AND LITTLE BOWLAND, WHO WERE THE RECIPIENTS OF MEDALS AT THE HANDS OF THE EARL OF DERBY
Photo: "The Preston Guardian"

The following is a list of the recipients of all ranks up to colonelcies, presented in alphabetical order:-

R.Archer, J.F.J.Berkeley, F.G.J.Berkeley, John Berry, J. Booth, Richard Bains, Richard Bamber, A.F.Brennand, Thomas Coupe, Wm. Charnley, Nathan Charnley, Tom Charnley, Albert Charnley, James Charnley, James Dewhurst, Jonathan Drinkall, Robert Ellison, Richard Ellison, Albert Ellison, Herbert Ellison, John E. Ellison, John W. Fawell, William Hartley, Geo. Hartley, R. Hardman, Henry Hothersall, Thos. E. Howson, Francis E. Howson, W.J. Howson, Fk. Hodgkinson, Fk. Hodgson, Richard Kenyon, Fred Leece, C.P.Leece, Geo. E. Leece, A.Leece, Wm. Lavin,

F.W.Lees, Harry F.Marsden, Bartholomew Marsden, Joseph Marsden, Henry Mercer, Stanley Mercer, Fred Pinder, John J. Park, Leslie Procter, Jos. Parker, James Robinson, Algernon Stanley, W.O.H.Seed, W.L. Seed, F.Seed, Charlie W. Seed, James Seed, John Seed, Percy Seed, J.W.Towers, T.H.Timbrell, John Tweedy, Ed, Wilson, Robt. Wilson, John Wood, Thom Wallbank, Joseph Walmsley, John Wilson, HY. Wells, Richard Wells, John Walmsley, Thomas Zeal.

The following represent the men who laid

Down their lives:- T.Bleasdale, Mrs Bamber, M. Blezard, Mrs Coupe, Mrs Eccles, Mrs Moon, W.Nuttall, E.Parkinson, R.Rhodes, R.Seed, Mrs Heslop, and A. Walmsley.

Mr Smith Bleasdale, presided in the temporary absence of Dr. Birtwell, who had been stopped on his way to the hall to attend an accident case,

AN EXCELLENT IDEA.

Lord Derby said it was with great pleasure that he acceded to the request that he should come there to present the medals to the men in the district who had served their King and country in the war. When he accepted the invitation he was not in the position he now occupied. But he did not hesitate, for nothing would have caused him greater regret than having to forego an engagement in that part of the world, that had so many associations with himself and his family and where one of his brothers lived so many happy years. He had had many experiences in connection with the unveiling of war memorials he had had the experience of many presentations, but that was the first time he had been called upon to present medals from their own fellow countrymen in the neighbourhood, to those who had actually served. He was bound to say that it was a most excellent idea on their part to have adopted that method of expressing their appreciation of their service. Memorials to the dead were right. They would last, and in future years would show those who come afterwards what sacrifices were necessary to secure freedom. But it was also right that those men who had served in the war should have some token of appreciation – something that they could keep for themselves and hand down to them who came afterwards, as showing that they in their time and at the call of their country did what was right and patriotic. That was not an occasion for making a speech. He had come down there not as a stranger, but to see and talk with those who as he said before, were associated with his family and to thank them for the privilege that they had given him in presenting those medals. (Applause)

The men came up to receive their medals from Lord Derby, who inquired from each man in what capacity he served

He then descended the platform and presented the medals to the representatives of the fallen – his Lordship was longer over this ceremony and very sympathetic in his enquires and condolences. Mr. F. Timbrell (the hon. Secretary) gave a short history of the war effort of the district. At a meeting held on September 20th, 1915, in that room, it was decided that a weekly collection should be made on behalf of a fund for sending out parcels. They also contributed to Queen Mary's Needlework Guild and sent contributions to the Prisoner of War Fund and St. Dunstan's Hospital. Apart from that they raised a public war memorial, which had cost just over £100. A memorial was also placed in the Parish Church and another in the Roman Catholic Chapel. At the peace celebration they raised over £700. Out of the balance from that fund they had purchased the medals. Mr Thomas Seed acted as hon. Treasurer in connection with the movement.



World War 1 Recruits on Longridge Station February 1915

