


Arthur Lumley Appleby




Born in Hampsthwaite in 1889, the son of William and Priscilla Appleby of Vale Terrace, Hampsthwaite, he enlisted at Keighley with a service number, 205104 in the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment.


He was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in France in April, 1916, but was killed by machine gun fire on the 11th October that year. He left a widow, Eva, and two sons at the family home, Quarry Cottage, Menston-in-Wharfedale.

He is buried in II C.2, Wellington Cemetery, Rieux-en-Cambresis, France.


Awarded the Military Medal and the British and Victory Medals.



Military Medal



British War Medal



Victory Medal

Tom Baren



Son of Edward (a farmer) and his wife Betsy, Tom was born in Hampsthwaite in 1876, the eldest of six children. They lived on Satergate Hill near the Nelson Inn.

He enlisted on 27th November 1915 in Harrogate as a Private (service number 36662) into the 7th Battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment. He was posted to France on the 2nd December 1916.

He was killed in action in France on the 13th May 1917 and buried at 16.E.7, Of Canadian Cemetery No. 2, Neuville-St-Vaast, France.

His widow Ruth was left with five young children

Awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.




British War Medal



Victory Medal

Arthur Barker




Born in Hampsthwaite in 1887, Arthur was the eldest son of Harry and Ellen Barker, Hampsthwaite. The 1911 census records him as working as a farm labourer (Harry was a farmer) and living with his parents, his sister Nellie and brother Wilfred Stanley at Clarence House, Hampsthwaite.

He enlisted in Castleford with a service number of 5387 and joined as a Rifleman in the 1/8th Battalion of the West Yorkshire (Prince of Wales) Regiment.


He was killed in action on the 11th July 1916 and is buried in 1.A.11, Blighty Valley Cemetery, Authuille Wood, Somme, France.

He and his brother Wilfred were cousins of Harold Barker and Willie Barker of Hampsthwaite.

Awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medals.




British War Medal



Victory Medal

Wilfred Stanley Barker




Born in Hampsthwaite in 1900, Wilfred was the second son of Harry and Ellen Barker of Clarence House, Hampsthwaite. Harry was described in the 1901 census as a Builder and Farmer.

Wilfred enlisted in Harrogate with a service number 42622 and joined, as a Private, the 1st Battalion The Leicestershire Regiment.


He was killed in action on 21st July 1918 aged 18 and is buried in IV.D.14, Klein-Vierstraat British Cemetery, Belgium.

He was awarded the British War and Victory Medals.

He was the brother of Arthur Barker and cousin of Harold and Willie Barker also of Hampsthwaite and all of whom were killed in France.





British War Medal



Victory Medal

F.William (Willie) Barker






Born in Hampsthwaite in 1892, 'Willie' was the second son of Frederick and Margaret Barker of Barton House, Ripley. The 1911 census shows him living there with his widower father and four of his siblings. Like his father, he became a stone mason.


Having apparently emigrated to Canada some time after the taking of the 1911 census, he enlisted, as a Private, in the Royal Canadian Regiment with a service number of 477038. At enlistment on 23rd August 1915 in Halifax, Nova Scotia) he gave his occupation as a mason and said he had previously served with the Calgary Rifles.

He was killed in France nearly a year after his younger brother Harold and died on the 9th December 1917. Both he and Harold were cousins of Arthur Barker and Wilfred Stanley Barker.

He is buried at XXXI.C.17A, at Epaves Military Cemetery, France. As a soldier in the Royal Canadian Regiment, Willie's medal record may be held in Canada but it is assumed he would be entitled to receive both the British War and Victory Medals in addition to any Canadian decoration



British War Medal



Victory Medal

Harold Barker



Born in Hampsthwaite, Harold was the fourth son of Frederick and Margaret Barker of Barton House, Ripley and the 1911 census shows him living there with his widower father and four of his siblings. He was then working as a farm labourer.


Aged 19, he enlisted in Harrogate on the 25th February 1915 with a service number of 16766 and joined, as a Private, the 9th Battalion of the York and Lancashire Regiment. He was only 5'3" in height.

He was posted to France in March 1916 and wounded in the thigh shortly afterwards. He rejoined the 9th Regiment but was again wounded, this time in the head, and died of his injuries two days later on the 9th January 1917 at the age of 21.


He was buried in I.C.6, Hazebrouk Communal Cemetery, France.

He was the brother of F.William (Willie) Barker and they were both cousins of Arthur Barker and Wilfred Stanley Barker.

Awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.



British War Medal



Victory Medal

Frank Stephen Brown



Born in Hampsthwaite in 1897, Frank was one of four children of Frank and Rebecca Brown. Rebecca died before her son was killed and her husband later moved to New York near Summerbridge.

At the time of the 1911 census Frank was living with his parents, a younger brother (Robert Edwin) and two older sisters (Alice Agnes and Annie) at Branley Cottage, Hampsthwaite. He and his father were employed as farm labourers.

Enlisting in Harrogate with a service number of 2807 he joined the West Yorkshire Regiment, later transferring to the York and Lancaster Regiment (service number 263065) in the 24th (Hullamshire) T.F.I. Battalion.

He was killed in action in France on 12th September 1918 at the age of 21 and is recorded on Comm. Panel 9, Vis-en-Artois Memorial, France.

Awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.



British War Medal



Victory Medal

Thomas Ellis



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Born at Feliscliffe, Hampsthwaite in 1880, Thomas was the son of Thomas and Emily Ellis and husband of Clara Knowles of Harrogate with whom he had four children. He worked in Killinghall for Mr Lambert, a butcher. His father had been a farmer from Grayston Plain, Hampsthwaite.

He enlisted in Harrogate and with a service number of 33747 joined the 15th Battalion of the Prince of Wales Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)

He was killed in the France/Flanders war theatre on the 3rd May 1917.

His name is also recorded on the memorial at Arras.

Awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

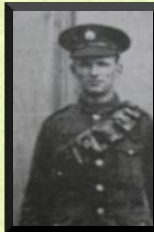


British War Medal



Victory Medal

Newton Gill




Born in Leeds, the son of Richard Gill, a blacksmith, Newton enlisted in York but the nature of his connection to Hampsthwaite is not yet fully established. The 1901 census appears to show him when he was six years of age living with his farm-labourer uncle, William Scruton, at Hirst Mill, Markington and between 1905 and 1909 his name appears in the records of Hampsthwaite Village School.

In 1916 he married Jane Elizabeth Thorpe at Killinghall and by 1917 they lived at 9 Euclid Avenue, New Park, Harrogate.


He had connections to the Territorial Army, having been given a service number of T41/142212 A.S.C. He became a Private in the 2nd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment with a service number of 56068.

He was killed in action in France on the 16th June 1917 and is commemorated at Bay 4, Arras Memorial, Arras, France. His name also appears on the Killinghall Memorial.

He was awarded the British War and Victory Medals.



British War Medal



Victory Medal

John Gledhill




Born in Leeds, John was a joiner with J.Bowers in Hampsthwaite before enlisting in Harrogate as a Driver in the Royal Horse Artillery.

He had a service number of 39733.


He also served with B Battery of the 107th Brigade Royal Field Artillery.

He was killed in action on the 4th April 1918 and was buried at IV. A. 17, Longueau British Cemetery, France.

He was awarded the Star, British War and Victory Medals.



1914-15 Star




British War Medal



Victory Medal

William Thackray Haxby




Born in Hampsthwaite in 1896, he was the son and eldest of four children of William and Emma Haxby of 'Ashville', Church Lane, Hampsthwaite.

His father is described as a Railway Platelayer and Farmer.


Enlisting in York with a service number of 24000 he joined the 2/5 Battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

He was killed in action in France on 3rd May 1917 at the age of 21 and is recorded on Comm. Bay 7, Arras Memorial, Fauxbourg-D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, France.


Awarded the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.



1914-15 Star




British War Medal



Victory Medal

Richard Kay




Born in Hampsthwaite in 1899, the son of Frederick W. and Jane Kay, he is recorded in the 1911 census as living in Hampsthwaite with his parents and four of his brothers (Harry, Gilbert, Frederick and Walter). His father is described as a Railway Platelayer and Farmer.


He enlisted in York with a service number of 66364 and joined, as a Private, the 1/6th Battalion (Territorial) Northumberland Fusiliers.

He was killed in action in France on 27th May, 1918 and is buried at V.C.4, Marfaux British Cemetery, France.

Awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.



British War Medal




Victory Medal

THE GREAT WAR 1914 to 1918

WORLD WAR 2 1939 to 1945

Basil Henry Bottomley



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Basil Henry was born in 1920 to Henry Naylor and Alice Mary Bottomley both of whom died in the 1950s and are buried in Hampsthwaite churchyard.

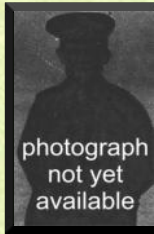
Basil lived in Thornhill, Clint with his wife Elaine (known as "Billy").

He joined the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve and served as a Lieutenant at H.M.S. Landrail, a Royal Naval Air Station close to Campbeltown in Argyile and Bute, Scotland.

He died, aged 25, on the 31st August 1945 whilst on flying duty.

He is commemorated on both the Burnt Yates war memorial and on Bay 6, Panel 2 of the Lee-on-Solent Memorial.

George Frederick Grimshaw



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George was born in 1915, the son of William and Mary Grimshaw of Hampsthwaite.

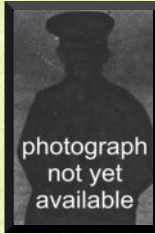
In due course he married Mary Kathleen Haxby.

He was enlisted into the Royal Engineers with a service number of 2189393 and became a Driver in 116 Construction Company.

He died aged 25 on the 17th June 1940 at Dunkirk and is commemorated on Column 29 of the Dunkirk Memorial.

He is also named on the Harrogate Cenotaph.

Herbert Hainsworth



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Herbert, or Bert as he was probably known, was born in 1916, the son of Wilfred and Robina Hainsworth of Hampsthwaite.

He later moved to Harrogate and married Alberta Elizabeth Schofield

He was enlisted into the Royal Army Service Corps with a service number of T/194036 and became a Driver.

He died on the 30th April 1943 in North Africa and was buried at 16.F.18, Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia..

John Hebblethwaite




Born in 1915, he was the second of four brothers who were all in H.M.Forces during the second world war. He was the son of Joseph and Minnie Hebblethwaite who, at the time of the census in 1911 lived with their five daughters at Glencoe House, Hampsthwaite. He married Dorothy Maureen White of Darlington and he and his wife lived at "Glendale" in Hollins Lane, Hampsthwaite.

He enlisted in the 6th Battalion Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), had a service number of 2760798 and rose to the rank of Corporal.


He was killed by artillery fire at Dudda crossroads, just before Monte Scalari in Italy on 29th July 1944 at the age of 29 and is buried in X.D.8, in the Florence War Cemetery.

Awarded the Italy Star medal



Italy Star

Fred Snow



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Although no connection for Fred to Hampsthwaite has yet been found, his name is engraved on the village war memorial.

He was born in Yorkshire, the son of Robert and Sarah Elizabeth Snow (the 1901 census records two Robert Snows living at Feliscliffe near Hampsthwaite) and at the time of enlisting in the army was living in Leeds with his wife Helen. He enlisted in the Royal Artillery and was given a service number of 1725676.

He served as a Gunner with 262 Battery 71 L.T.A. A. Regiment in the Western European campaign and died on the 18th July 1945 aged 35.

He is buried at 1A.B.5, Hamburg Cemetery.

Frederick Walton




Frederick (or "Fred", as he preferred) was born in November 1924, the youngest son in the large family of Hardy and Sarah Jane Walton of Hampsthwaite.

He joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve in 1941 with a service number of 1436208, attended several mechanical courses, and within two years had become a Sergeant Flight Engineer.


He took part in many Bomber Command raids over Germany but failed, with his crew, to return from a raid over Mannheim on the 10th August 1943.

He is buried in Plot 10 Row A Coll grave 4-9, Boulogne Eastern Cemetery.


Awarded the 1939-1945 War Medal, the 1939-1945 Star and the Aircrew Europe Star.



1939-1945 War Medal



1939-1945 Star



Aircrew Europe Star