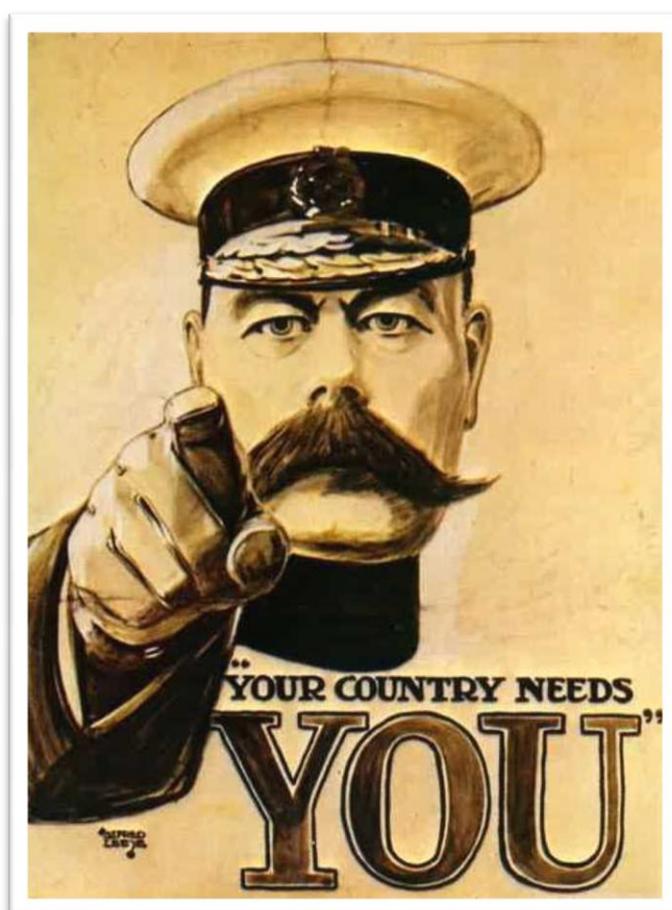


THE FALLEN OF
SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN
100TH ANNIVERSARY



***CENTENNIAL CEREMONY MARKING
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
OUTBREAK OF THE GREAT WAR***

4TH AUGUST 1914 - 4TH AUGUST 2014



***TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOURED MEMORY
OF THE MEN OF SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN WHO MADE THE
SUPREME SACRIFICE FOR GOD, KING AND COUNTRY
IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919***

After the conclusion of the Great War, the village of Sutton-in-Craven counted its losses as did villages, towns and cities all across the nation.

In 1921 a memorial was erected in the village park to honour and remember the names of 40 'Fallen' servicemen from the township of Sutton who made the ultimate sacrifice.

A ceremony in March 2011 marked the 90th anniversary of the unveiling of the village war memorial and the names of those listed on the memorial were read out.

Since that date it has become apparent that several names are missing from the list. To rectify this omission Robert Smith has commissioned a new plaque bearing the names of these forgotten members of the village to be unveiled on Sunday 3rd August 2014. This date represents the centenary of the final day of peace before the outbreak of the Great War on 4th August 1914.

Below are the names of the additional eleven recently identified casualties of the Great War, who originated from or who resided in Sutton-in-Craven. A brief synopsis of each of these servicemen follows.

ALBERT AKRIGG

BERTRAM GREENWOOD CLOUGH

FRANCIS JOHN KAY

GEORGE FREDERICK THORPE

HARRI WILLIS EDWARDS

JAMES MOSLEY

JOHN SMITH

JOSEPH WILLIAM NELSON

SAMUEL SMITH

SYLVESTER PETTY

THOMAS WRIGHT CARSON

ALBERT AKRIGG (1898 – 1925)



Prior to enlistment, Albert Akrigg was employed as an apprentice worsted drawing overlooker at Messrs T. and M. Bairstow's, Sutton-in-Craven.

During the Great War, Albert enlisted with the Sherwood Foresters (Nott's & Derby Regiment) in September 1916 after he had turned 18 years of age. Pte Albert Akrigg was subsequently transferred from the Sherwood Foresters to the 1st regular battalion of the Norfolk Regiment on the 4th January 1917.

A Keighley News report dated 7th September 1918 reveals that Albert Akrigg went over to France in October 1917 with the 1st battalion of the Norfolk Regiment. He was later sent from France to Italy before returning to the Western Front in France in April 1918.

During the first week of September 1918, Mr and Mrs Akrigg received a letter from their son Albert written from Moor Park Hospital, Preston informing them that he had been **Wounded in Action** by shrapnel in the elbow.

Following his discharge from the army on the 7th March 1919 due to war wounds, it was known within his family that Albert suffered considerably for several years afterwards as a direct result of the injuries he sustained during active service in the Great War.

Albert Akrigg of 21, King Edward Street, Sutton-in-Craven finally succumbed to his wartime injuries and passed away on the 10th December 1925.

He was 27 years of age

The Late Mr. ALBERT AKRIGG,
a Sutton Mill ex-service man, who
died last week from wounds received
in the Great War.



IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
ALBERT AKRIGG,

Of 21, King Edward St., Sutton-in-Craven,

WHO FELL ASLEEP DEC. 10TH, 1925;

Aged 27 Years;

AND WAS INTERRED AT ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
DECEMBER 14TH.

BERTRAM GREENWOOD CLOUGH (1893 – 1918)



Bertram Greenwood Clough was born on 1st February 1893 at Eastfield Place, Sutton-in-Craven. Prior to enlistment, Bertram was employed as a warp dresser at Messrs. John Clough and Sons, Steeton.

Following the Military Service Act that came into force on 2nd March 1916, Bertram joined up in April 1916 and enlisted into the 11th battalion (Duke of Wellington's) West Riding Regiment. He served in France from the autumn of 1916 for more than a year with the West Riding Regiment and was **Wounded in Action** on 3 occasions.

At some stage Bertram was transferred to the (Tyneside Scottish) Royal Northumberland Fusiliers and later again to the Royal Fusiliers.

In the autumn of 1916, Bertram suffered shrapnel wounds whilst serving in France. He was again **Wounded in Action** in February 1917 sustaining serious wounds to the leg resulting in 12 months of treatment at King George Hospital in London.

Bertram was **Wounded in Action** for a third time before he was **Killed in Action** on 18th September 1918. He was killed instantly by an artillery shell whilst advancing on the enemy in the closing weeks of the war.

He was 25 years of age

In Memory of

Private

Bertram Greenwood Clough

79675, 11th Bn., Royal Fusiliers who died on 18 September 1918 Age 25

Son of Frederick Petty Clough and Lucy Ellen Clough, of Sutton Mill, Keighley, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Ste. Emilie Valley Cemetery, Villers-Faucon



Ste. Emilie Valley Cemetery, Villers-Faucon

Tragically, exactly 25 years later on the 20th September 1943, Bertram's older brother Thomas Douglas Clough was also **Killed in Action** whilst serving aboard the SS Fort Longueuil with the Merchant Navy during WW2. The unescorted Fort Longueuil was torpedoed by the German U-boat Ottoheinrich Junker (U-532) in the Indian Ocean and sank immediately. Thomas Douglas Clough was one of 57 crew members to perish.

He was 53 years of age

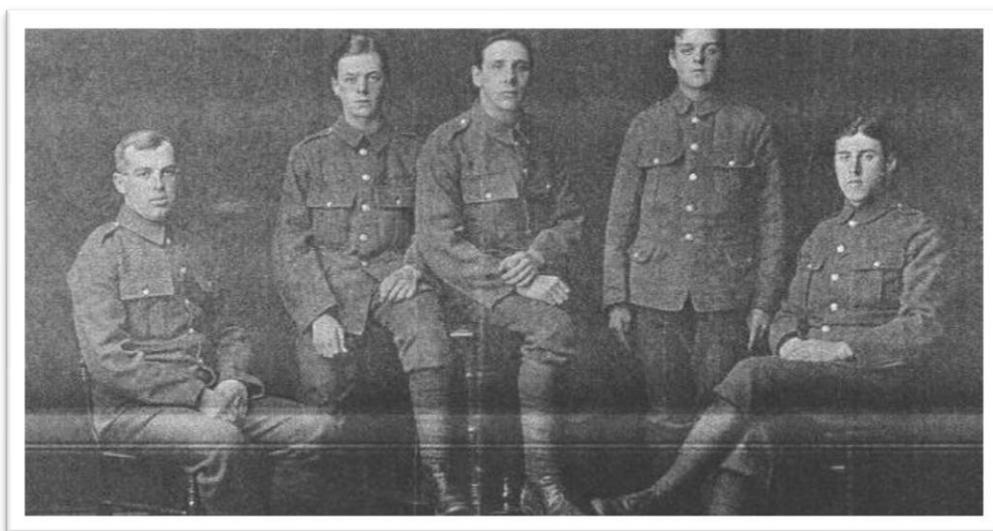
Their father Frederick Petty Clough (1864 – 1945) lived to see the loss of both his sons as a result of war. Bertram Greenwood Clough during WW1 on 18th September 1918 and Thomas Douglas Clough during WW2 on 20th September 1943.

FRANCIS JOHN KAY (1893 – 1918)



Francis John Kay was born in January 1893 at Lane Ends, Sutton-in-Craven. Prior to enlistment, Francis was employed as a stonebreaker by Messrs. P. William Spencer at Raygill Limestone Quarries, Lothersdale.

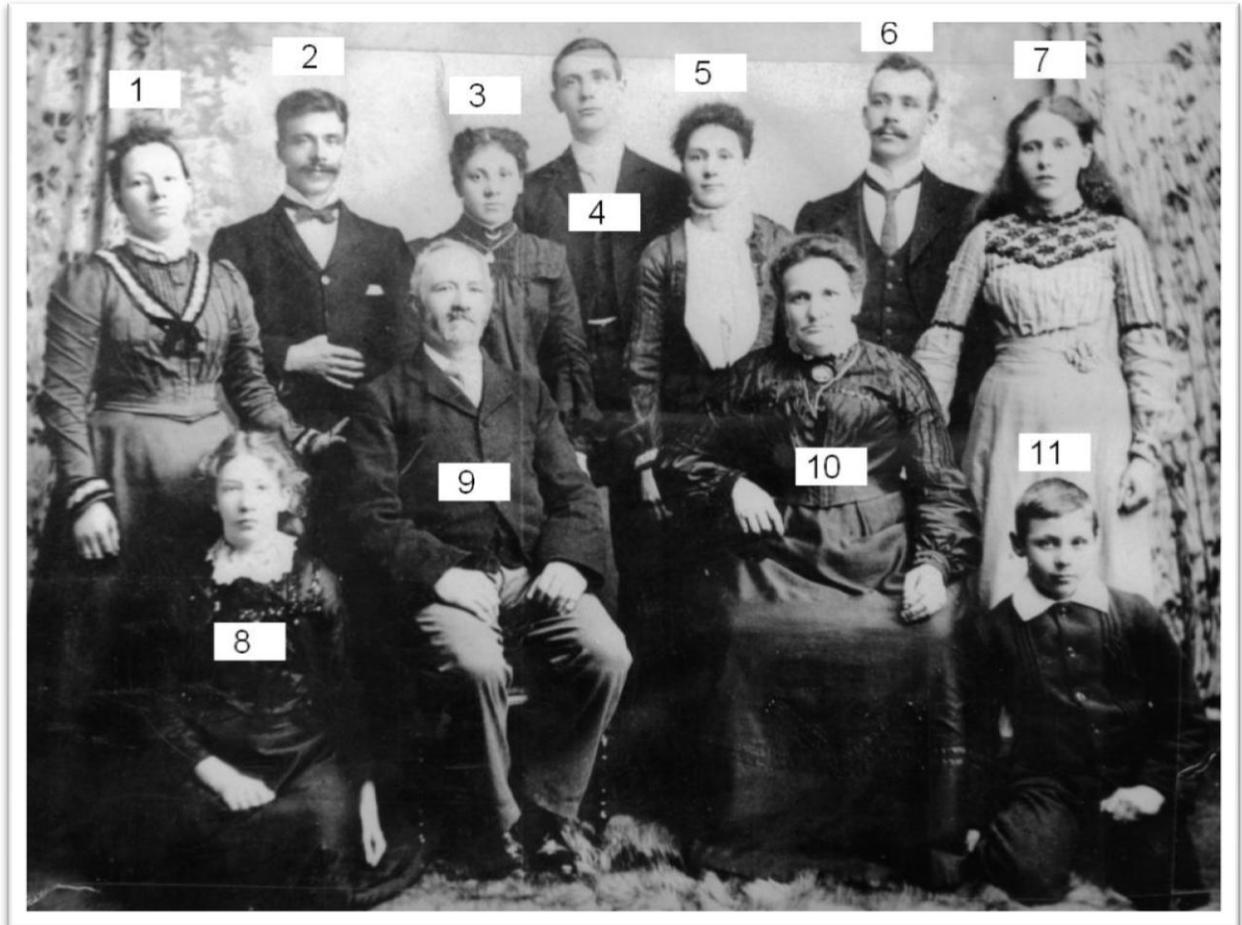
At the outbreak of the Great War, Francis responded to the call and volunteered to enlist into the 1/6th battalion (Duke of Wellington) West Riding Regiment in September 1914.



Pte Francis John Kay (centre)

Having been in France since June 1915, Pte Francis John Kay received a fatal injury sustained in the line of duty. This was caused as a consequence of inadvertently coming into contact with a live electrical wire which caused his tragic end. Francis subsequently **Died of Injuries** on the 23rd April 1918.

He was 25 years of age



The Kay family, circa 1904 (Francis bottom right)

- 1. Emily Kay (daughter) 19th Feb 1872 – 17th May 1956**
- 2. Arthur Tilford Kay (son) 25th July 1869 – 24th May 1924**
- 3. Annie Kay (daughter) 3rd Feb 1878 - 1973**
- 4. Joseph William Kay (son) July 1883 – Dec 1942**
- 5. Alice Kay (daughter) 22nd Aug 1874 – 1950**
- 6. George Kay (son) 16th April 1876 – 20th June 1929**
- 7. Eva Kay (daughter) 9th May 1889 – March 1977**
- 8. Rachel Kay (daughter) 20th Jan 1891 – 8th March 1958**
- 9. William Golding Kay (father) 1847 – 9th June 1932**
- 10. Mary Kay (mother) 19th Nov 1850 – 1st Oct 1904**
- 11. Francis John Kay (son) Jan 1893 – 23rd April 1918**

GEORGE FREDERICK THORPE (1897 – 1917)



George Frederick Thorpe was born on the 3rd February 1897 at Higher Malsis, Sutton-in-Craven.

Prior to enlistment, George was employed as a shorthand clerk and typist with the Keighley Gas and Oil Engine Co. He was also a successful comedian in a well-known local group of entertainers called 'The Cowling Merry-makers'.

After repeated rejections, George was eventually accepted into the 20th (reserve) battalion of the (Prince of Wales's Own) West Yorkshire Regiment as a Private in November 1915.

On 15th May 1916, George was transferred from the West Yorkshire Regiment to the Machine Gun Corps and entered the Theatre of War in France the following month on 10th June 1916.

The Machine Gun Corps saw action in all the main theatres of the war and gained an enviable record for heroism as a front line fighting force. It also had a less enviable record for its casualty rate, earning the Machine Gun Corps nickname 'The Suicide Squad'.

In October 1916, Pte Thorpe was **Wounded in Action** in the right leg.

Two months later he was made Lance Corporal on 26th December 1916, promoted to Corporal on 26th July 1917 and was further promoted to Sergeant on 2nd August 1917; both these latter promotions being for special merit and bravery.

Having served on the battlefields of France with the Machine Gun Corps for 15 months, Sergeant George Frederick Thorpe was severely gassed on the 9th September 1917. He never regained consciousness and **Died of Wounds** two days later on the 11th September at a casualty clearing station from gas shell poisoning.

He was 20 years of age

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919 - soldier details	
Name:	George Frederick THORPE
Rank:	SERGT.
Initials:	G F
Birthplace:	Sutton, Yorks
Residence:	Cowling
Enlisted:	Keighley
Regiment, Corps etc.:	Machine Gun Corps
Battalion etc.:	(Infantry).
Number:	31013
Date died:	11 September 1917
How died:	Died of wounds
Theatre of war:	France & Flanders
Supplementary Notes:	FORMERLY 20/80, W. YORKS REGT.

HARRI WILLIS EDWARDS (1876 – 1917)



Prior to the Great War, Harri Willis Edwards was the bank manager of the Crosshills branch of the Bank of Liverpool. Before this he was on the staff of the Bank of Liverpool at Keighley for over ten years.

Harri resided with his family at Manor Hill, Sutton-in-Craven for several years and devoted much of his spare time to furthering the Boy Scouts movement in the district.

At the outbreak of the Great War, Harri endeavoured to join the army immediately, but found considerable difficulty in doing so due to his age. He was eventually accepted and enlisted into the 16th 'Bradford Pals' battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment which went on to see action at the Battle of the Somme from 1st July – 18th November 1916.

After the Somme campaign had finally come to an end in November 1916, Sgt Harri Willis Edwards obtained a commission and was transferred to the 1/5th battalion East Lancashire Regiment as a 2nd Lieutenant in December 1916.

Four months later however, Harri engaged the enemy at Canal Wood close to the Hindenburg Line where the German's had retired to after the Battle of the Somme in 1916. This was to be Harri's final encounter with the enemy.

2/Lieutenant Harri Willis Edwards was **Killed in Action** on the 28th April 1917.

He was 40 years of age

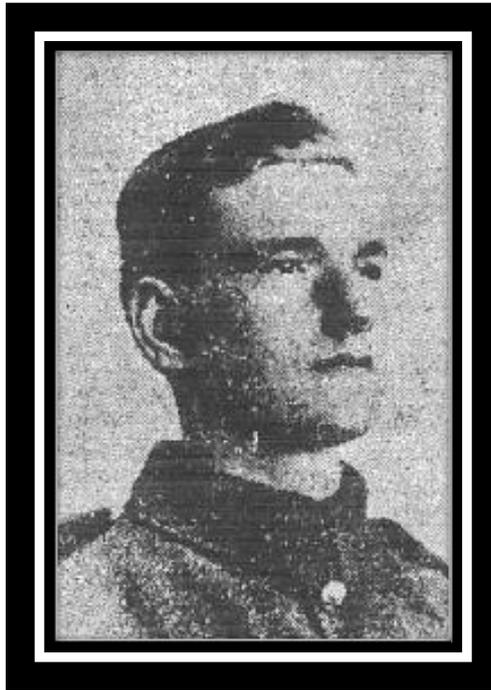
CRAVEN'S ROLL OF HONOUR



Lieut. Edwards.

LIEUT. H. W. EDWARDS, West Yorkshire Regiment (Bradford Pals), killed in action in France, resided at Manor Hill, Sutton, for a few years, and was very well-known and popular in the village. He formed an excellent troop of Boy Scouts in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Kildwick, devoted his spare time to furthering the Boy Scout movement in the district, and for a time was District Commissioner. For over ten years he was on the staff of the Bank of Liverpool at Keighley, and was also manager of the Crosshills branch for a few years. At the outbreak of hostilities he joined the ranks of the West Yorkshire Regiment, rising to the rank of Sergeant. After about twelve months' foreign service with the "Pals" in Egypt and France, he was promoted to commissioned rank. His father was a Vicar of Nelson.

JAMES MOSLEY (1897 – 1917)



James Mosley was born in 1897 at Sutton-in-Craven. The 1901 census shows the Mosley family living at 14, Gordon Street, Sutton-in-Craven. Prior to enlistment, James was apprenticed to the wool-sorting trade at Messrs, John Horsfall & Sons of Glusburn where he had also been employed as a junior clerk.

During the Great War, James responded to the call and enlisted into the 2/6th battalion (Duke of Wellington) West Riding Regiment in February 1916.

Pte James Mosley fought in the First Battle of Bullecourt in April 1917 and the Second Battle of Bullecourt in May 1917 with the 2/6th battalion West Riding Regiment, as part of the 62nd (2nd West Riding) Division.

In the third week of May 1917, the parents of Pte James Mosley received information from unofficial reports that their son was **Missing in Action** in France.

On 20th July 1917, James's mother Mary Ann Mosley passed away aged 48 years not knowing whether her son James was alive or whether he had been killed. Two weeks earlier she had received the news that her other son L/Cpl John Mosley had been awarded the gallantry award of **Military Medal** for 'Bravery in the Field'.

Ten months later however, Mr Edward Mosley received official information that his son James was presumed to have been **Killed in Action** during the great push on the 3rd May 1917. This was on the first day of the Second Battle of Bullecourt.

He was 20 years of age

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919 - soldier details

Name:	James MOSLEY
Rank:	PRIVATE
Initials:	J
Birthplace:	Sutton Mill, Yorks
Residence:	Glusburn, Yorks
Enlisted:	Keighley, Yorks
Regiment, Corps etc.:	Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)
Battalion etc.:	<u>2/6th Battalion.</u>
Number:	267094
Date died:	3 May 1917
How died:	Killed in action
Theatre of war:	France & Flanders

MOSLEY, Pte. James, 267094. 2nd/6th Bn.
Duke of Wellington's Regt. 3rd May, 1917.
Age 20. Son of Edward and Mary Mosley, of 23,
Croft St., Glusburn, Cross Hills, Keighley,
Yorks.

267094 Pte James Mosley and **267092 Pte Percy Overend** enlisted on the same day with the 2/6th (Duke of Wellington) West Riding Regiment. Their regimental numbers were almost consecutive, bar one digit.

Arriving in France together on the same day in January 1917, both men served alongside each other in the same battalion of the West Riding Regiment.

Both men from Sutton-in-Craven were subsequently **Killed in Action**.

James Mosley KILLED IN ACTION on 3rd May 1917

Percy Overend KILLED IN ACTION on 31st Aug 1918

JOHN SMITH (1877 – 1918)



John Smith was born on the 9th August 1877 at Sutton Fields, Sutton-in-Craven.

Prior to enlistment, John was a senior partner in the firm of Smith & Ibbotson, monumental masons and building contractors of Green Lane, Glusburn.

Following the Military Service Act that came into force on 2nd March 1916, John joined the forces in June 1916 and enlisted into the 10th battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment. He entered the Theatre of War in August 1916 arriving in France with the 10th West Yorkshire Regiment as part of the 17th (Northern) Division.

Having survived the slaughter of the Western Front in France for over two years, Pte John Smith was **Killed in Action** on the 19th September 1918 less than 8 weeks before the armistice ended the Great War.

He was 41 years of age

The Vis-en-Artois Memorial bears the names of 9,847 men including Pte John Smith who fell in the period from the 8th August 1918 to the date of the armistice in Picardy and Artois, between the Somme and Loos and who have no known grave.



Vis-en-Artois Memorial, France



Great War bronze memorial plaque issued to the next of kin

JOSEPH WILLIAM NELSON (1895 – 1922)



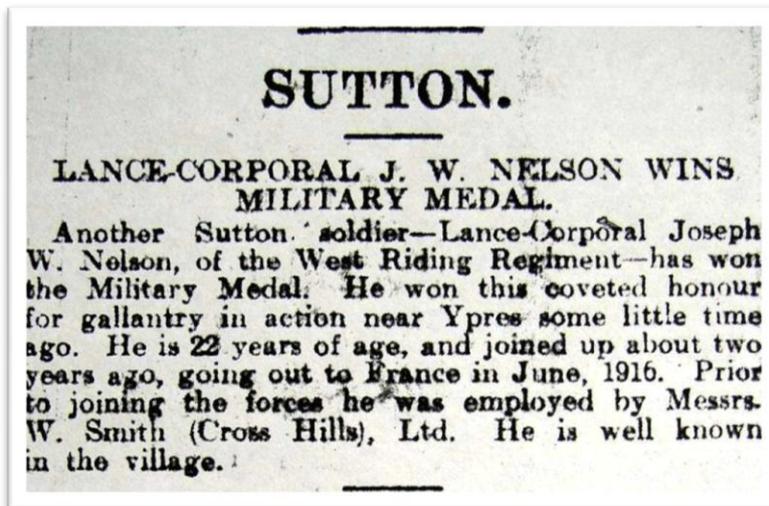
Joseph William Nelson was born in 1895 at Sutton-in-Craven. The 1901 census shows the Nelson family living at 9, Lister Hill, Sutton-in-Craven and 47, Main Street at the time of the 1911 census.

Prior to enlistment, Joseph was employed at Messrs W. Smith joinery works Ltd, Crosshills.

On the 5th July 1915, Joseph responded to the call and volunteered to enlist into the 1/6th battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). He commenced with the rank of Private and was later promoted to Lance Corporal. Joseph entered the Theatre of War on the 24th June 1916 when he embarked from Southampton and disembarked at Le Havre in France.

In November 1917, Lance Corporal Joseph William Nelson was awarded the gallantry award of **Military Medal** for 'Bravery in the Field' for gallant action near Ypres.



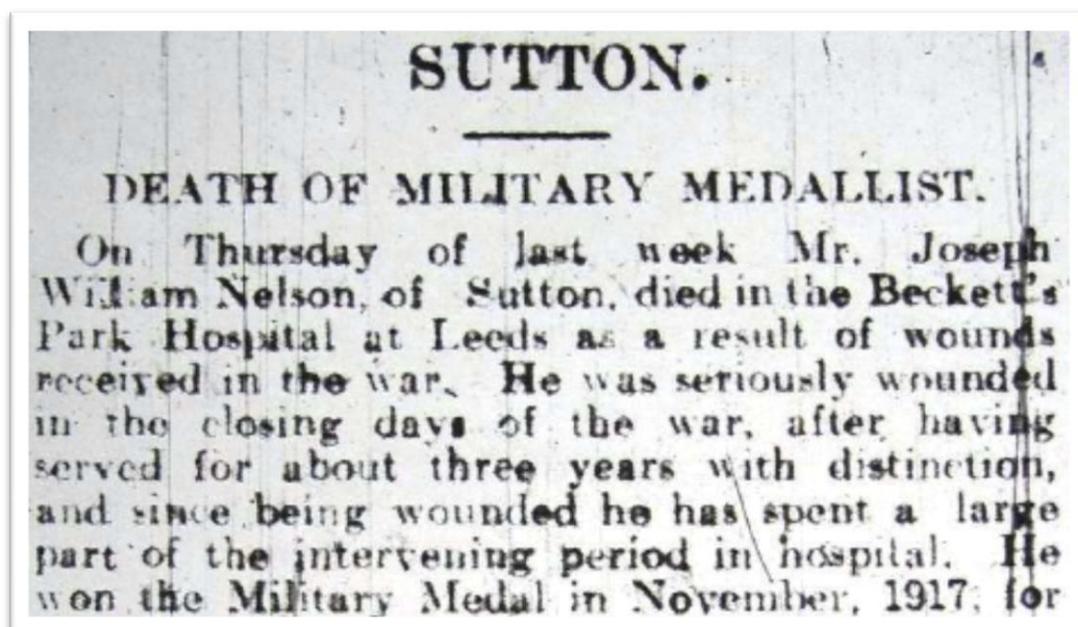


11 days before the armistice (ceasefire) ended the Great War, L/Cpl Nelson was severely **Wounded in Action** on the 1st November 1918 with gun-shot wounds to the abdomen.

He was invalided back to England and admitted to St Luke's war hospital in Halifax on the 2nd December 1918. He was later transferred to another war hospital in Huddersfield and again transferred to Wharnccliffe war hospital in Sheffield on the 4th August 1919.

Joseph William Nelson suffered considerably for several years as a direct result of the gun-shot wounds to the abdomen he sustained in the closing days of the Great War. He finally succumbed to these wartime injuries and passed away on the 17th August 1922 at Beckett's Park Military Hospital, Leeds.

He was 27 years of age



SAMUEL SMITH (1876 – 1916)



Samuel Smith was born on the 19th January 1876 at Sutton Mill, Sutton-in-Craven. Prior to his birth, the 1871 census shows his parents William and Susannah still residing at Sutton Mill.

Samuel Smith served as a Gunner with the 29th Company of the Royal Garrison Artillery which manned the Outer Defences near Portsmouth and the Southern Coast Defences. He was stationed at one of the Spithead Forts located in the Solent between Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. Samuel remained home-based without seeing active service in an overseas theatre of war.

The Royal Garrison Artillery was an arm of the Royal Regiment of Artillery developed from fortress-based artillery located on British coasts.

From 1914 when the army possessed very little heavy artillery, the RGA grew into a very large component of the British forces. It was armed with heavy, large caliber guns and howitzers that were positioned some way behind the front line and had immense destructive power.

In October 1916, the Isle of Wight Mercury newspaper reported that Gunner Samuel Smith had **Died of Injuries** on 25th September 1916 at the Northwood Hospital on the Isle of Wight. The circumstances of his accidental injury and extreme debility are unknown.

He was 40 years of age

The Cowes (Northwood) Cemetery on the Isle of Wight contains the war graves of 33 identified casualties including the grave of a Polish sailor and that of Gunner Samuel Smith.

ISLE OF WIGHT MERCURY

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The funeral took place, with military honours, at Northwood Cemetery, of **Gunner Samuel Smith**, R.G.A., formerly stationed at a Spithead fort, who died at the Northwood Hospital from the effects of accidental injury and extreme debility. A carrying party of R.G.A. from Southsea Castle, in charge of 2nd Lieut. W.P. Chase, attended, and the firing party was commanded by Capt. W.R. Coates, R.G.A., Lady Baring, Commandant of the Hospital, and a party of soldier patients from the hospital were the mourners. There were floral tributes from the staff and patients of the hospital, and the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of deceased's company and others.

In Memory of

Gunner

Samuel Smith

113037, 29th Coy., Royal Garrison Artillery who died on 25 September 1916 Age 40

Born at Sutton Mill-in-Craven, Keighley. Son of William and Susannah Smith.

Remembered with Honour

Cowes (Northwood) Cemetery

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919 - soldier details

Name:	Samuel SMITH
Rank:	GUNNER
Initials:	S
Birthplace:	Sutton Mill, Yorks
Residence:	Brierfield, Lancs
Enlisted:	Nelson, Lancs
Regiment, Corps etc.:	Royal Garrison Artillery
Battalion etc.:	
Number:	113037
Date died:	25 September 1916
How died:	Died
Theatre of war:	Home

SYLVESTER PETTY (1885 – 1916)



Sylvester Petty was born in 1885 at Sutton-in-Craven. The 1891 census & 1901 census show the Petty family living at 20, Victoria Street, Sutton-in-Craven.

Prior to the Great War, Sylvester was employed as a house painter & decorator. With both parents now deceased, he was living with his sister Edith (his only sibling) at 170, Spencer St, Keighley.

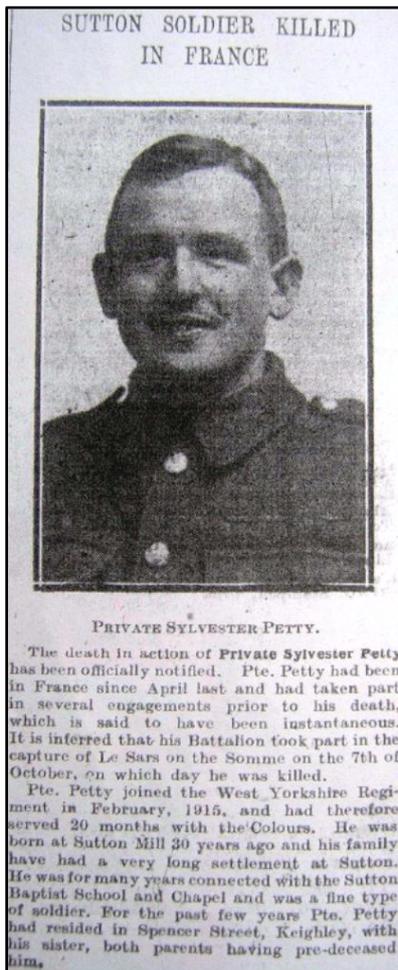
In February 1915, Sylvester enlisted into the 18th 'Bradford Pals' battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment. However prior to the 18th battalion relocating to Egypt in December 1915, Sylvester was transferred to the 11th battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment. The reason for this battalion transfer is not known, but it may have been due to ill-health or some other cause.

As a consequence, Sylvester remained on home soil until the 11th battalion arrived in France in April 1916 and began intensive training for the upcoming Battle of the Somme.

The Battle of the Somme was fought from the 1st July – 18th November 1916 and became a metaphor for futile and indiscriminate slaughter, claiming more than 1.5 million casualties. The Battle of the Somme is best remembered for its first day, 1st July 1916 on which the British suffered 57,470 casualties, including 19,240 dead - the bloodiest day in the history of the British Army.

The 11th battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment was involved in numerous actions throughout the 142-day Somme campaign from July to November 1916 including the **capture of Le Sars**. Pte Sylvester Petty was **Killed in Action** on the 7th October 1916 during the **capture of Le Sars**.

He was 30 years of age



In Memory of

Private

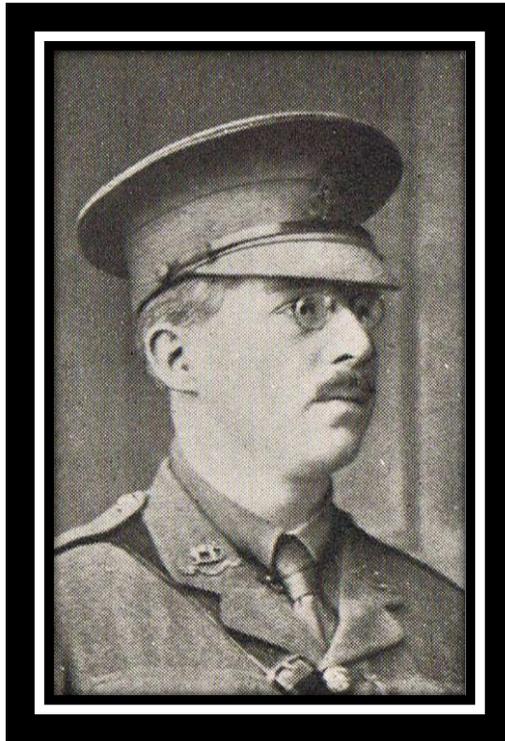
Sylvester Petty

18/39, "A" Coy. 11th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) who died on 07 October 1916

Age 30

Son of William and Jane Petty, of Sutton Mill, Keighley, Yorks.

THOMAS WRIGHT CARSON (1884 – 1915)



Thomas Wright Carson was born on the 29th November 1884 at Sunnyside, Sutton-in-Craven. Prior to enlistment, Thomas was a solicitor practising with a firm of solicitors in Llanelly on the west coast of Wales.

At the outbreak of the Great War, Thomas relinquished his appointment with the law firm and enlisted into the 2/6th battalion (Duke of Wellington) West Riding Regiment in September 1914. He was commissioned with the rank of 2/Lieutenant on the 6th October 1914 and entered the Theatre of War in France on the 3rd November 1915.

His brother William Bairstow Carson was also commissioned with the rank of Captain and served in the West Riding Regiment during the Great War.

Just over a month after arriving in France Thomas was transferred to the 1/6th battalion (Duke of Wellington) West Riding Regiment around mid-December 1915.

In the first week of January 1916, the mother of 2/Lieutenant Thomas Wright Carson received information from an official report that her son was **Missing in Action** in France. He had been in France less than 8 weeks.

Four months later however, official information was received by Captain William Bairstow Carson confirming that his brother 2/Lieutenant Carson was reported to have been **Killed in Action** on the 27th December 1915.

He was 31 years of age



Sanctuary Wood Cemetery, Belgium

Below is the list of the additional forty servicemen who made the supreme sacrifice during the Great War, already commemorated on the Sutton-in-Craven war memorial when it was unveiled in March 1921.

CAPT C F HORSFALL	PTE E JONES
2ND LT N W PETTY	PTE S LUND
SGT E GREEN DCM	PTE P B MIDGLEY
CPL H WILSON	PTE P OVEREND
LCPL W HARGREAVES	PTE E PULLAN
LCPL N RILEY	PTE W SIMONS
PTE S ARCHIBALD	PTE F SIMPSON
PTE J G BANCROFT	BOM A SMITH
PTE C E I CALVERT	PTE G SMITH
PTE W CLOUGH	PTE H SMITH
PTE J DAVY	PTE R SMITH
PTE T DAVEY	PTE W B SPENCER
PTE S S DUFFILL	PTE P STELL
RIFLEMAN E FISHER	PTE T SUMMERSKILL
PTE T HACKSTON	PTE H TAYLOR
GDSMAN W HAGGAS	PTE F W THOMPSON
SAPPER W G HAGGAS	PTE A W TUNE
PTE P HARGREAVES	PTE A WAGSTAFF
GDSMAN A HEELEY	PTE R WHITEHALL
PTE W HYDE	PTE E WILKINSON



**FOR THE FALLEN
(LAURENCE BINYON 1869 – 1943)**

***THEY SHALL NOT GROW OLD,
AS WE THAT ARE LEFT
GROW OLD***

***AGE SHALL NOT WEARY
THEM, NOR THE YEARS
CONDEMN***

***AT THE GOING DOWN OF
THE SUN AND IN THE
MORNING***

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

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