

THE FALLEN OF SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN



BERTRAM GREENWOOD CLOUGH

ROYAL FUSILIERS

KILLED IN ACTION 18TH SEPTEMBER 1918

BORN IN 1893 AT SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN, THE SON OF
FREDERICK AND LUCY CLOUGH (NEE GREENWOOD)

Clough Family History

- **1891 census** shows Frederick, his wife Lucy (nee Greenwood) and their son Thomas (**two years prior to Bertram being born**) living at Main Street, Sutton-in-Craven as follows:

Name	Age	Work	Birth place	Birth year
Frederick Petty (Head)	27	Engine & machine maker	Kildwick, Yorkshire	1864 - 1945
Lucy Ellen (wife)	30	Grocers assistant	Queensbury, Yorkshire	1861 - 1893
Thomas Douglas (son)	1		Kildwick, Yorkshire	1890 - 1943



Main Street, Sutton-in-Craven
(source: Rachel Simpson & Richard Whiteoak from the Glyn Whiteoak collection)

- **1891 census** also shows Bertram's **Aunt Lillie Greenwood** aged 33 years, single and living with her parents plus 3 other siblings at Eastfield Place, Sutton-in-Craven. **Lillie Greenwood** and **Lucy Ellen Clough** were sisters.



Eastfield Place, Sutton-in-Craven

(source: Rachel Simpson & Richard Whiteoak from the Glyn Whiteoak collection)

1st February 1893, Bertram Greenwood Clough was born at Eastfield Place, Sutton-in-Craven.

Jan/Feb/March quarter of 1893, Bertram's mother Lucy Ellen Clough died, presumably due to complications giving birth to her son.

Apr/May/June quarter of 1900, Bertam's father Frederick Clough was remarried to Isabel Dixon of Sutton-in-Craven.

REGISTRATION DISTRICT				KEIGHLEY			
1893		BIRTH in the Sub-district of		Keighley		in the County of York	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered
First February 1893 Eastfield Place Sutton Mill Sutton RSD	Bertram Greenwood	Boy	Fredrick Petty Clough	Lucy Ellen Clough formerly Greenwood	Iron planer	F. P. Clough Father Eastfield Place Sutton Mill Sutton	Sixth March 1893

Certified copy of Birth Certificate for Bertram Greenwood Clough
(source: General Register Office)



Eastfield Place, Sutton-in-Craven
(source: South Craven in old picture postcards by Alec Wood and Peter Whitaker)

- **1901 census** shows Bertram's father, step mother, aunt and 2 older siblings living at 2, Ravensville, Glusburn. as follows:

Name	Age	Work	Birth place	Birth year
Frederick Petty (Head)	37	Iron planer	Kildwick, Yorkshire	1864 - 1945
Isabel (2 nd wife)	29		Sutton-in-Craven	1872
Thomas Douglas (son)	11		Kildwick, Yorkshire	1890 - 1943
Minnie (daughter)	9		Sutton-in-Craven	1892
Edna (Frederick's sister)	26	Worsted drawer	Sutton-in-Craven	1875

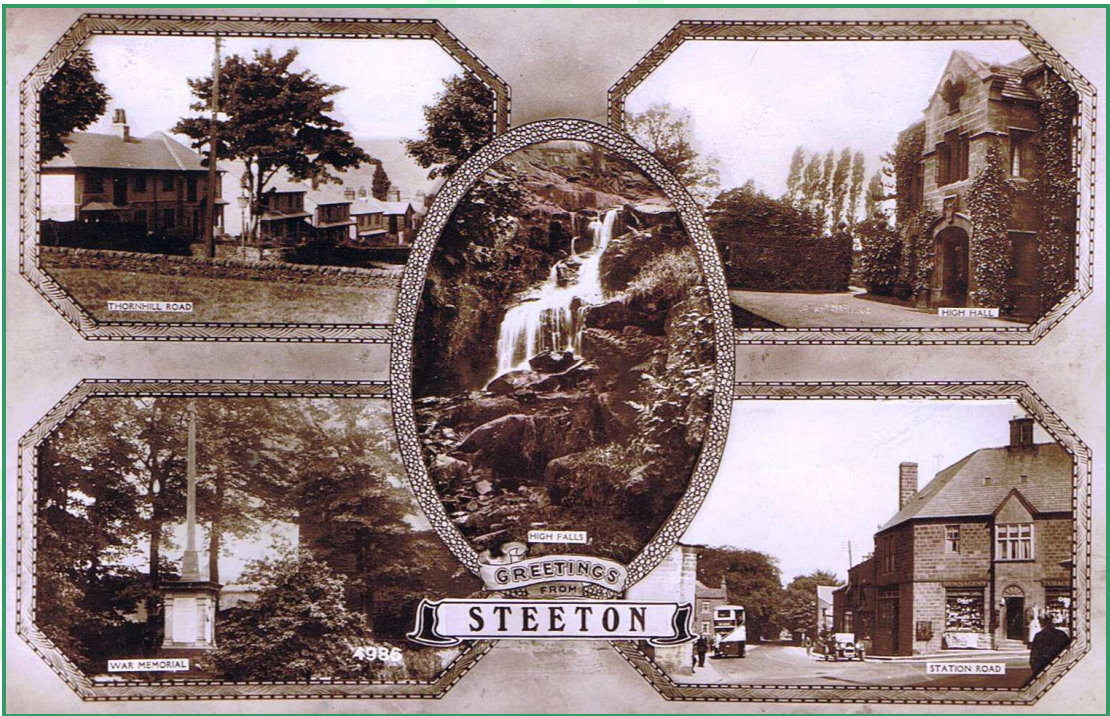
- **1901 census** also shows Bertram living with his Aunt Lillie Greenwood and his widowed grandmother at 14, Station Rd, Steeton as follows:

Name	Age	Work	Birth place	Birth year
Ellen Greenwood (Head)	68		Goosnargh, Lancashire	1832 - 1910
Lillie Greenwood (daughter)	43	Dressmaker	Denholme, Yorkshire	1858 - 1940
Bertram Greenwood Clough	8		Sutton Mill, Yorkshire	1893 - 1918

N.B. It is not known why Bertram was raised by his Aunt Lillie at Steeton whilst his 2 close siblings were raised by their father.

- **1911 census** shows Bertram still living with his Aunt Lillie Greenwood at 14, Station Rd, Steeton as follows:

Name	Age	Work	Birth place	Birth year
Lillie Greenwood (Head)	53	Dressmaker	Denholme, Yorkshire	1858 - 1940
Bertram Greenwood Clough (Nephew)	18	Reacher in for Warp Twisters	Sutton Mill, Yorkshire	1893 - 1918



Steeton
(source: Andrew Monkhouse postcard collection)

World War 1



It had been **99 years** since Britain was last involved in a major European conflict following the defeat of Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815

August 4th 1914

Britain declares war on Germany

In the autumn of 1914, the young men of the nation came from town and village to take the King's shilling and to offer him their dedicated services in defence of their homeland. From mills and mines, from shops and farms, from office chairs and civic departments, from loom, lathe, bench, plough and counter they flooded into the recruiting centres in answer to their nation's call for young manhood. These new recruits came to be known as **'Kitchener's Volunteers'**

The New Armies: "Kitchener's Volunteers"



Earl Kitchener recruitment poster 1914



Parliamentary Recruiting Committee, London 1915



British volunteers queuing to enlist, 1914

Prior to enlistment, Bertram Clough 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 (reserve) battalion (Duke of Wellington's) West Riding Regiment.

His regimental number was 11-20083 and his rank was Private.

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.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
CLOUGH	W. Rid. B.	Pt	11-20083
	Northd Fus		40681
	P. Fus.		15-79675
Bertram G.			

Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	TP Lou B29 3767 Do-Do-		
BRITISH			
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

K. 1390

MEDAL INDEX CARD for Bertram Greenwood Clough (source: *National Archives*)

The Western Front

The Western Front was the name applied to the fighting zone in France & Flanders, where the British, Commonwealth, French, Belgian and later American armies faced that of Germany.

It was marked by a system of trenches and fortifications separated by an area known as **No Man's land**. These fortifications stretched 475 miles and precipitated a style of fighting known as trench warfare.

From the moment the German army moved into Luxemburg on the 2nd August 1914 to the Armistice on the 11th November 1918, the fighting on the Western Front in France & Flanders never stopped.

Just as there were quiet periods, there were also the most intense, savage, huge-scale battles the world has ever known.



Trench warfare, WW1



Trench warfare, German attack, WW1

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.



Article Date: 09 March 1917

STEETON-WITH-EASTBURN - War Items

News has been received by his friends at Steeton that Private B.G. Clough, of the West Riding Regiment, a well-known Steeton soldier, has been wounded for the second time and is now being cared for in a London Hospital. Pte. Clough was slightly wounded with shrapnel last autumn. - Wounded in the left foot with shrapnel several months ago. Pte. Charles Cockshott of the West Yorks. is now in hospital in France, septic poisoning having set in through his previously injured foot. Both the unfortunate soldiers referred to previous to joining up as Derby men a year ago were warp dressers and in the employ of Messrs. John Clough and Sons, Steeton.

(source: *Craven's Part in the Great War* www.cpgw.org.uk)



German artillery bombardment, WW1

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



Article Date: 27 September 1918

Steeton Soldier Killed

Miss Greenwood, Station Road, Steeton, received the sad news on Wednesday morning that her nephew, Pte. Bertie Clough, of the Tyneside Scottish, had been killed in action. An officer of the battery writes that Pte. Clough was killed instantly by an enemy shell whilst advancing. He was most willing and faithful in all he undertook, and his death is a great loss to the battery. Pte. Clough, who is the son of Mr. Frederick Clough, of Crosshills, joined the army in April, 1916. He has been wounded on three occasions, and a little over 12 months ago was seriously wounded in the leg. He only returned to France about a month ago. Previous to joining the army he was employed as a warp-dresser by Messrs. John Clough and Sons.

(source: *Craven's Part in the Great War* www.cpgw.org.uk)

WORLD WAR 2

Ironically, exactly 25 years later on 20th September 1943, Bertram's older brother **Thomas Douglas Clough** was **Killed in Action** whilst serving with the Merchant Navy during WW2.

Thomas was serving aboard the S.S. Fort Longueuil which had been completed in December 1942 for the USA War Shipping Administration and lend-leased to the British Ministry of War Transport.

On 8th August 1943, the Fort Longueuil arrived safely at Alexandria, Egypt with a cargo of government stores including ammunitions.

On 19th September 1943, the unescorted Fort Longueuil was torpedoed by the German U-boat Ottoheinrich Junker (U-532) in the Indian Ocean and sank immediately. The ships complement consisted of 59 crew members from Britain, India and Canada including ten British gunners. The ship was armed with one 4 inch and five 20mm guns.

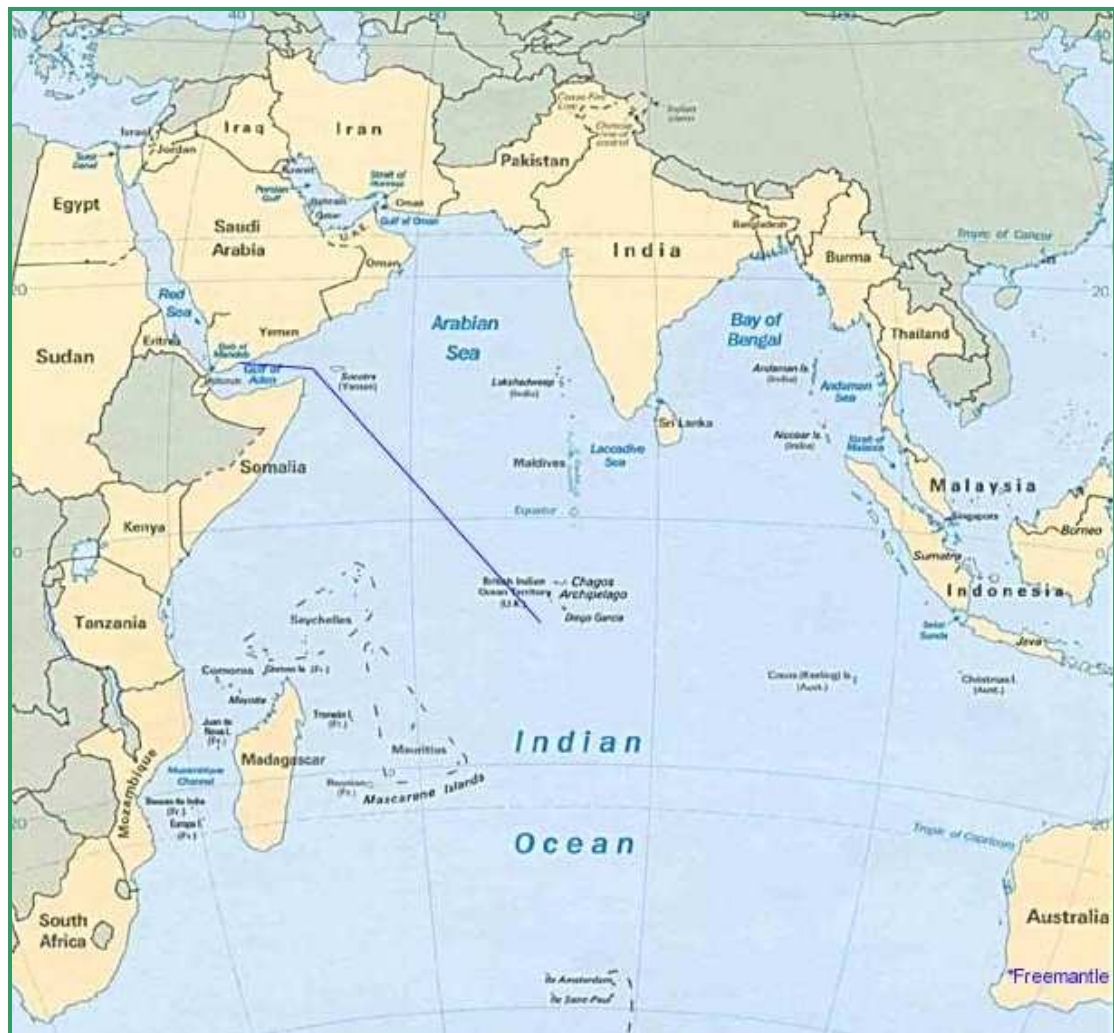
Only two Indian crewmen managed to survive on a raft and became Japanese prisoners on 1 February 1944 when their raft drifted ashore on Sumatra after 134 days at sea.

Thomas Douglas Clough was one of 57 crew members to perish.

He was 53 years of age

CLOUGH, Ch. Engr. Offr. THOMAS DOUGLAS.
Merchant Navy. s.s. *Fort Longueuil* (London).
20th September, 1943. Age 53. Son of Frederick
Petty Clough and Lucy Clough; husband of
Alice Clough, of Silsden, Yorkshire. Panel 50.

(source: UK Commonwealth War Graves, 1939-1947)



19 Sept 1943. **Fort Longueuil** sunk by **U-532** in position 10S, 68E

MERCHANT NAVY
FORT LONGUEUIL
LONDON

ALI T.
ALI W.
ANDREWS A.T.
ASSANOLLA
BONE R.
BRADLEY R.W.H.
BRUNDELL T.
CLARK W.P.
CLOUGH T.D.
COLEMAN D.
DEROY-JONES R.H.
DESLANDES A.C.
EDWARDS P.D.
GLEDHILL A.S.
HURN R.G.
LACEY A.L.
LAWRENCE P.J.L.
LEADER D.
LIVERMORE S.C.
MEAHA M.
MELLON C.E.
MILSOM R.G.
MITCHELL A.
NICHOLLS E.
NOY D.R.
PARRY E.
PICKMERE E.C.
RAHMAN F.
RAHMAN L.
SMITH F.J.
SMITH W.J.E.
STEEL J.
STOKES F.R.
ULLAH. ABBAS
ULLAH. ASSAB
ULLAH F.
ULLAH I.
ULLAH. RAHAT
ULLAH. ROAB
WALLACE J.
WILLIAMS F.L.
XENOPHON J.

(source: CWGC Tower Hill Memorial)

In Memory of
Chief Engineer Officer

Thomas Douglas Clough

S.S. Fort Longueuil (London), Merchant Navy who died on 20 September 1943 Age 53

Son of Frederick Petty Clough and Lucy Clough; husband of Alice Clough, of Silsden, Yorkshire.

Remembered with Honour
Tower Hill Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

(source: *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* www.cwgc.org/)

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

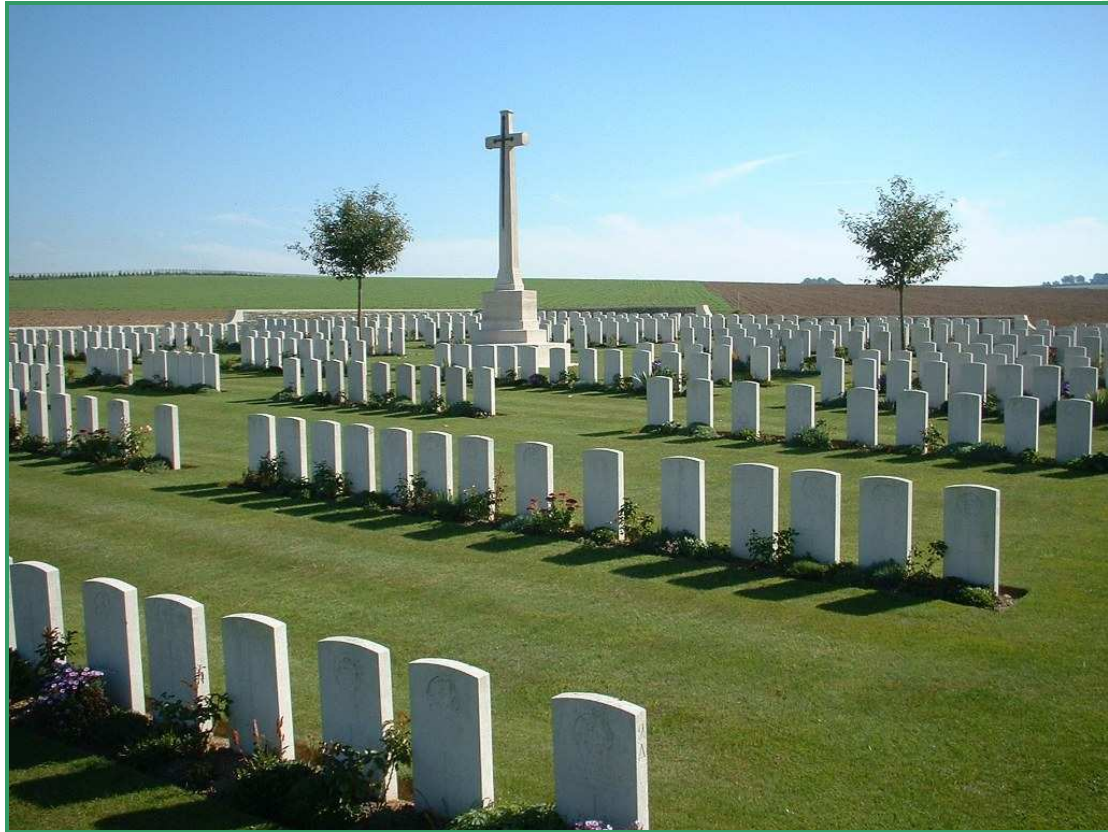
Ste. Emilie Valley Cemetery, Villers-Faucon



Commemorated in perpetuity by
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(source: *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* www.cwgc.org/)

STE. EMILIE VALLEY CEMETERY



Ste. Emilie Valley Cemetery, France

(source: *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* www.cwgc.org/)

The Ste. Emilie Valley Cemetery contains 513 Commonwealth burials of the Great War, including that of Pte Bertram Greenwood Clough.

Bertram is also remembered on the Steeton war memorial. His name was not recorded on the Sutton-in-Craven war memorial, or the St Thomas' Church Roll of Honour listing the Great War 'Fallen' of Sutton-in-Craven.

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 aged 25 years and Thomas Douglas Clough during WW2 on 20th September 1943 aged 53 years.



Steeton war memorial
(source: Andrew Monkhouse postcard collection)



STEETON

WILLIAM ASTLE
J. HARTLEY BARRITT
ALBERT BELL
WILLIAM G. BROOKSBANK
HARRISON BROWES
JOHN A. BUTTERFIELD
CHARLIE CLARKSON
SPENCER CLIFFE
BERTRAM GREENWOOD CLOUGH
HENRY CLOUGH
GLIFFORD COCKSHOTT
CYRUS COCKSHOTT
WRIGHT COCKSHOTT
F. WILLIAM DAWES
PRINCE DAWSON
HERBERT DOVE
JAMES DOVE
MATT DOVE
FREDERICK T. ELLISON
THOMAS FITZSIMONS
JOSEPH HALE

Steeton war memorial
(source: *Craven's Part in the Great War* www.cpgw.org.uk)

Pte Bertram Greenwood Clough was posthumously awarded the
British War Medal & Victory Medal



Original pair of WW1 medals (Andrew Monkhouse war medal collection)

A Memorial Plaque inscribed with the soldiers name was also given to the family of those who were killed during WW1



Original WW1 Memorial Plaque (name digitally altered)
Also referred to as a Death Plaque or Dead Man's Penny
(source: **Andrew Monkhouse war medal collection**)

Lest we Forget

CRAVEN'S ROLL OF HONOUR



PRIVATE BERTRAM CLOUGH, Northumberland Fusiliers, of Crosshills, killed in action 18th August, 1918. Aged 23 years.

(source: *Craven's Part in the Great War* original 1919 volume owned by Andrew Monkhouse)

FOR THE FALLEN

*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

LAURENCE BINYON, 1869-1943



(Information compiled by Andrew Monkhouse 2013)