

THE FALLEN OF SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN



ESHTON HAYWOOD

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY

KILLED IN ACTION 16TH APRIL 1918

BORN IN 1895 AT SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN, THE SON OF
JOHN AND GERTRUDE HAYWOOD

Haywood Family History

- **Eshton Haywood** was born on the 23rd November 1895 at 13 Elm Rd, Sutton-in-Craven.

REGISTRATION DISTRICT					KEIGHLEY					
1895 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Keighley					in the County of York					
Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	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	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
226	Twentythird November 1895 Elm Road Sutton R.D.	Eshton	Boy	John Haywood	Gertrude Haywood formerly Nutter	Wood Sawyer	G. Haywood Mother Elm Road Sutton	Twentyseventh December 1895	Jos. En. Singleton Deputy Registrar	

Certified copy of Birth Certificate for Eshton Haywood (source: *Jane Concha*)



Elm Rd, Sutton-in-Craven
(source: *Rachel Simpson & Richard Whiteoak from the Glyn Whiteoak collection*)

- **1901 census** shows John, his wife Gertrude (nee Nutter) and their 4 children living at 20 Sun Street, Eastburn as follows:

Name	Age	Work	Birth place	Birth year
John (Head)	30	Wood sawyer (bobbin mill)	Notts, Nottingham	1870 - 1914
Gertrude (Wife)	33		Rawdon, Yorkshire	1866 - 1953
James (Jas)	6		Sutton Mill, Yorkshire	1894 - 1950
Eshton	5		Sutton Mill, Yorkshire	1895 - 1918
Maggie	3		Sutton Mill, Yorkshire	1898 - 1967
Elizabeth Ann (Annie)	1		Sutton Mill, Yorkshire	1900 - 1966



Gertrude Haywood (Source: *Ken Davy*)

- **1911 census** shows that John and Gertrude had been married for 17 years and that all 5 of their children were still alive. It also shows the Haywood family now living at 1 Grange View, Eastburn as follows:

Name	Age	Work	Birth place	Birth year
John (Head)	41	Wood sawyer	Notts, Nottingham	1870 - 1914
Gertrude (Wife)	45	Bobbin Carrier	Rawdon, Yorkshire	1866 - 1953
James (Jas)	17	Worsted yarn spinner	Sutton Mill, Yorkshire	1894 - 1950
Eshton	15	Worsted yarn spinner	Sutton Mill, Yorkshire	1895 - 1918
Maggie	13	School	Sutton Mill, Yorkshire	1898 - 1967
Elizabeth Ann (Annie)	11		Sutton Mill, Yorkshire	1900 - 1966
John Arthur	5		Eastburn, Yorkshire	1906 - 1961



1 Grange View, Eastburn (house on the right)
(Source: *Ken Davy*)

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 physical training, Manningham Park, 1914 (Kitchener's new army)
(Source: *The Bradford Pals* Ralph N. Hudson 2nd Ed, 1993)

Prior to the Great War, Eshton was employed as a loomer and twister by Messrs A. E. Matthews & Co at Eastburn. He was highly respected in the immediate neighbourhood of Sutton, Crosshills, Kildwick and district.

On the 4th July 1914, Eshton's father John died. He was buried three days later at Sutton Baptist Chapel. His mother Gertrude was now widowed with five children aged 20, 19, 16, 14 and 8 years.



Gertrude Haywood with her youngest son John Arthur, July 1914
(Source: *Ken Davy*)

In the final quarter of 1916, Gertrude was remarried to Isaac Lund of Cowling where she and her 5 children relocated to live.

Following the outbreak of the Great War, Eshton enlisted into the Royal Field Artillery on the 26th May 1915. He was recruited into the 2nd West Riding Brigade, RFA TF. This later became the 246th Brigade, RFA TF in the 49 Divisional Artillery in which Eshton was attached to "A" battery.

The following year Driver Eshton Haywood entered the theatre of war in France on the 15th April 1916.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
HAYWOOD	RFA	Driver	2635
Eshton	—		780786
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	(F)RFA/135B	7043	
BRITISH			
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

K. 1380

MEDAL INDEX CARD (source: *The National Archives*)



WW1 RFA cap badge
(Source: *Sepoy@Great War Forum*)



Royal Field Artillery gunners hauling an 18 pounder field gun out of the mud, 1917
(Source: *Pinterest, Imperial War Museum*)



British horse drawn artillery, 3 Drivers, 2 horses each
(Source: *Graham Stevens*)



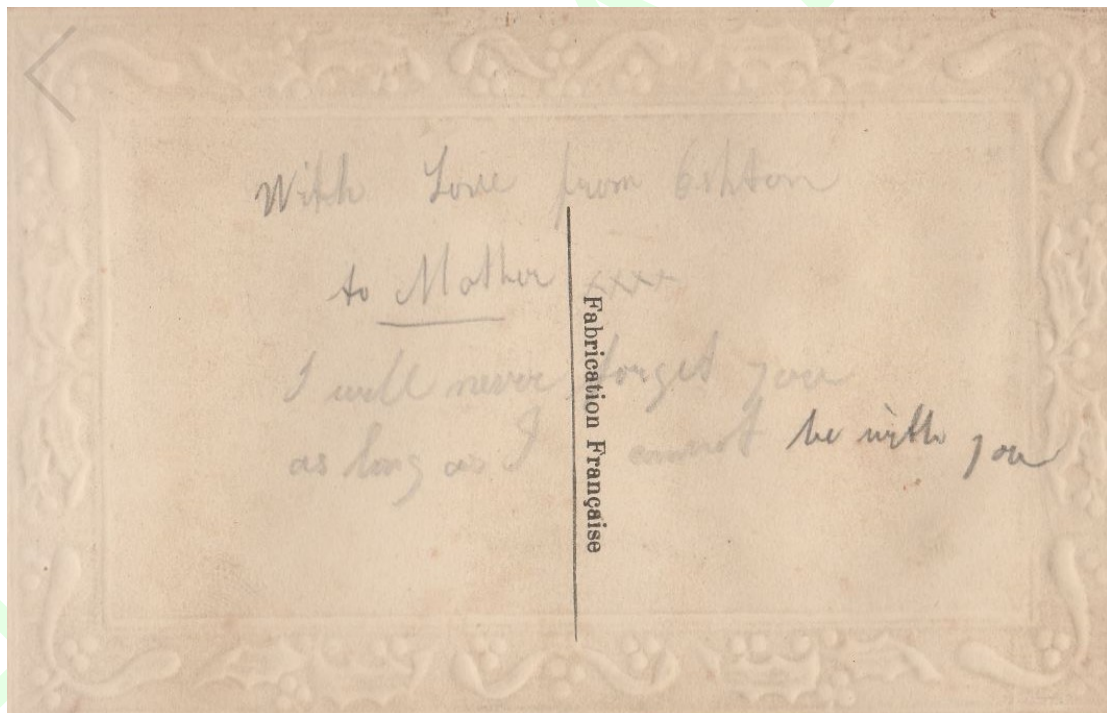
Embroidered silk birthday card received from the Western Front



Eshton to his sister Maggie (2 years younger)
(Source: Yvonne Salt nee Davy)



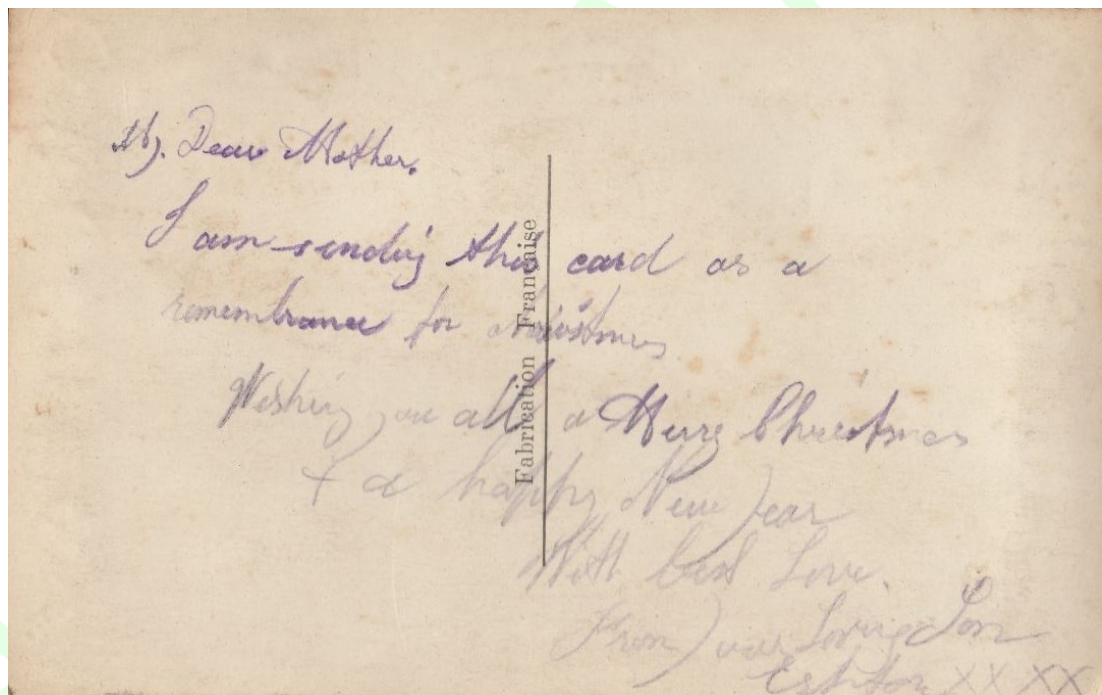
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Eshton to his mother Gertrude
(Source: Yvonne Salt nee Davy)



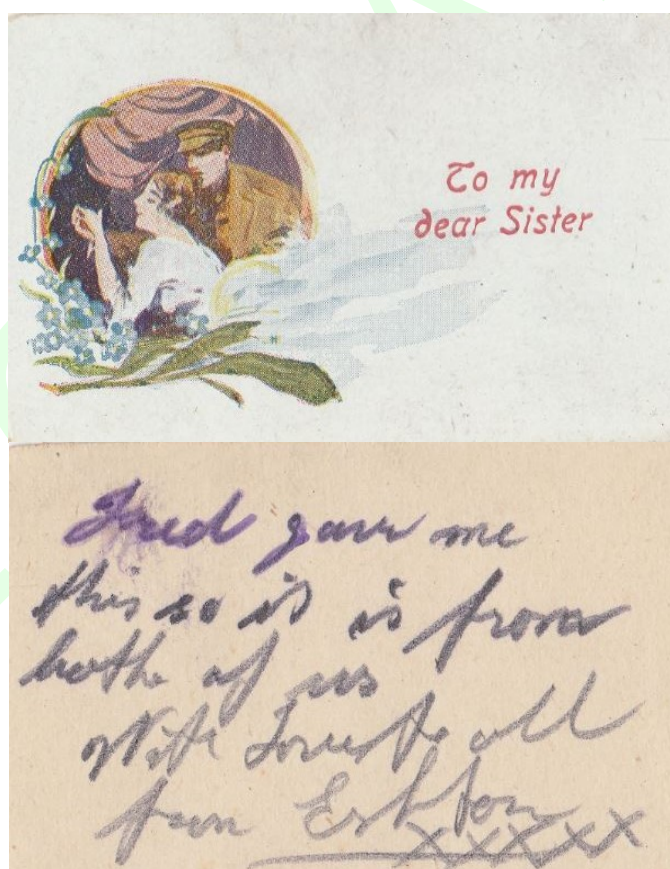
Embroidered silk Christmas card received from the Western Front



Eshton to his mother Gertrude
(Source: Yvonne Salt nee Davy)



Embroidered silk card received from the Western Front
Eshton to his sister Maggie (2 years younger)

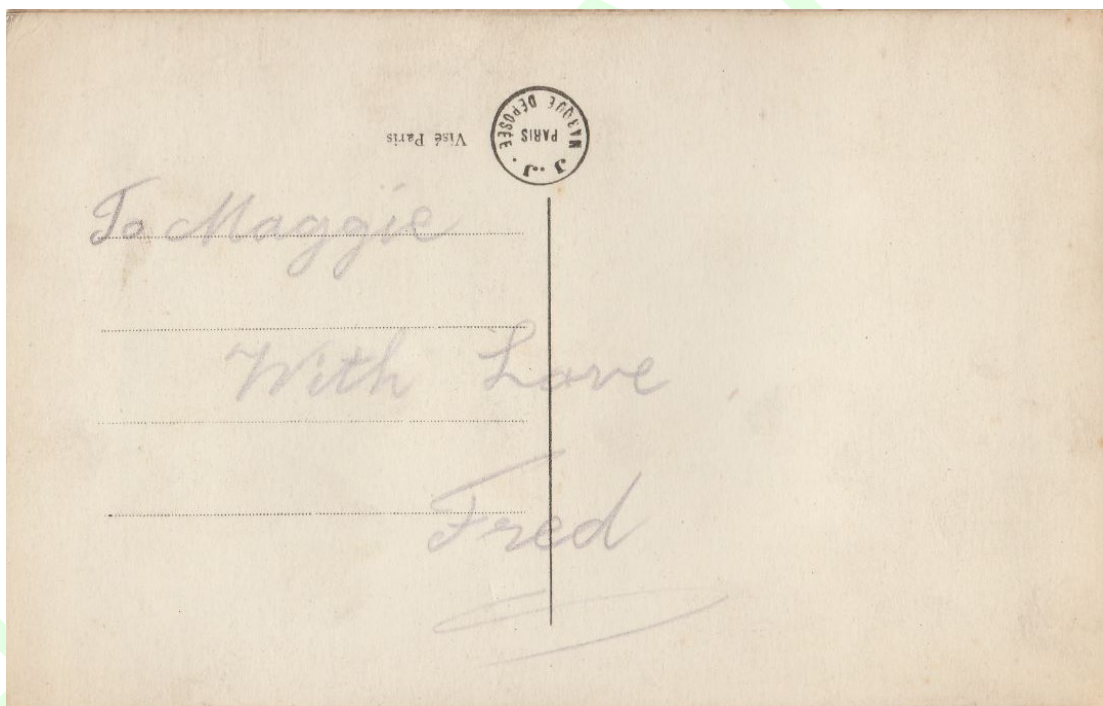


Small insert to the above card

"Fred gave me this so it is from both of us With love to all from Eshton xxxxx"
(Source: Yvonne Salt nee Davy)



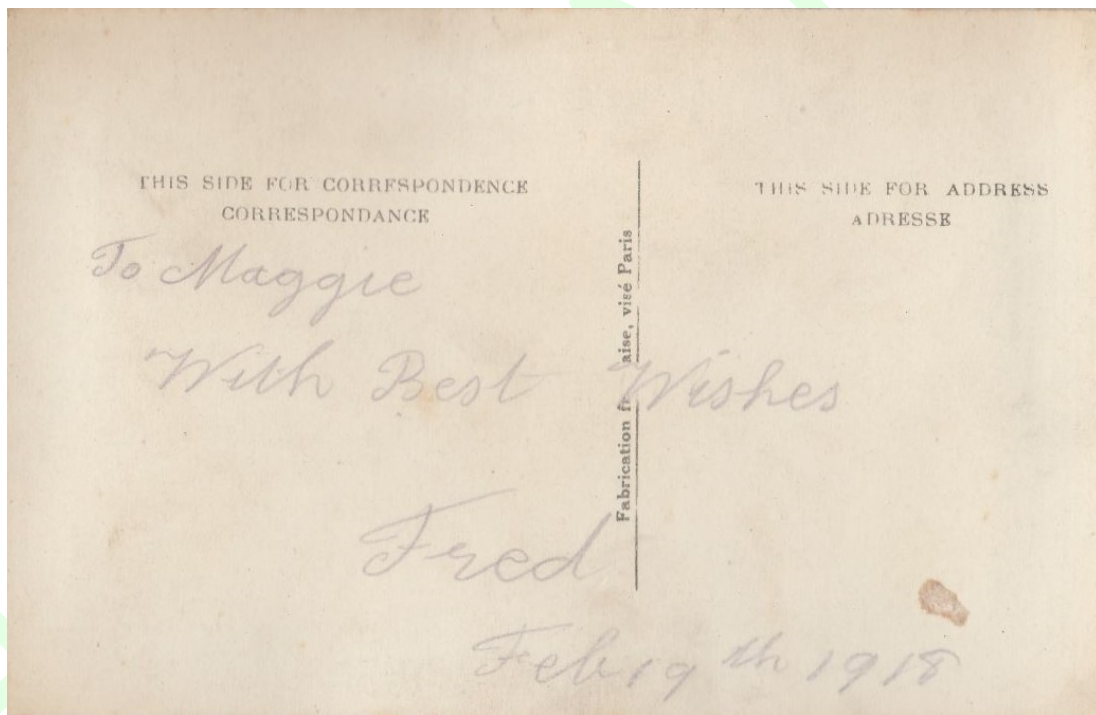
Embroidered silk Royal Field Artillery received card from the Western Front



Fred to his 'sweetheart' Maggie (Eshton's younger sister)
(Source: Yvonne Salt nee Davy)



Embroidered silk birthday card received from the Western Front



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Driver Eshton Haywood served on the battlefields of France & Flanders with the Royal Field Artillery for exactly two years. He was Killed in Action in Belgian Flanders on the 16th April 1918 whilst conveying ammunition to the guns.

Eshton was buried the same afternoon behind enemy lines in the Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery in Belgium.

He was 22 years of age



Article Date: 03 May 1918

Driver Eshton Haywood, Cowling

Mrs Lund, No 1 Sun Street, Cowling has heard from a comrade of her son, Driver Eshton Haywood, of the ----- Brigade, R.F.A. that he was killed in Flanders on the 16th April 1918 whilst conveying ammunition to the guns; and the same afternoon they buried him in the British Military Cemetery behind the lines. Driver Haywood enlisted on May 26th 1915 and went out to France on April 15th 1916. Before joining the Army he was employed by Messrs A. E. Matthews & Co, Eastburn as a loomer and twister. Driver Haywood in civil life was very highly respected in Eastburn, Crosshills and neighbourhood. In the Army he was an efficient soldier earning the good opinion of both officers and men, amongst whom deservingly popular. Driver Haywood's brother, Stoker James Haywood, who until he went into training for 'secret service' two months ago, was on H.M.S. Superb and was one of the volunteers selected for the heroic raid on Zeebrugge, being on H.M.S. Vindictive. Stoker Haywood is now at home on three weeks leave recuperating after his most strenuous experience. He was also with Admiral Jellicoe's Grand Fleet in the Battle of Jutland.

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



Casualty Details

Name: HAYWOOD

Initials: E

Nationality: United Kingdom

Rank: Driver

Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery

Unit Text: "A" Bty 246th Bde

Age: 22

Date of Death: 16/04/1918

Service No: 780786

Additional information: Son of Gertrude Lund of 1 Sun St, Cowling, Keighley, Yorkshire

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: XIII.G.2.

Cemetery: VLAMERTINGHE NEW MILITARY CEMETERY

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

VLAMERTINGHE NEW MILITARY CEMETERY

For much of the First World War, Vlamertinghe was just outside the normal range of German shell fire and the village was used both by artillery units and field ambulances. Burials were made in the original Military Cemetery until June 1917, when the New Military Cemetery was begun in anticipation of the Allied offensive launched on this part of the front in July. Although the cemetery continued in use until October 1918, most of the burials are from July to December 1917. The cemetery now contains 1,812 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.



Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, Belgium
(Source: *Terence Heard and Brent Whittam*)



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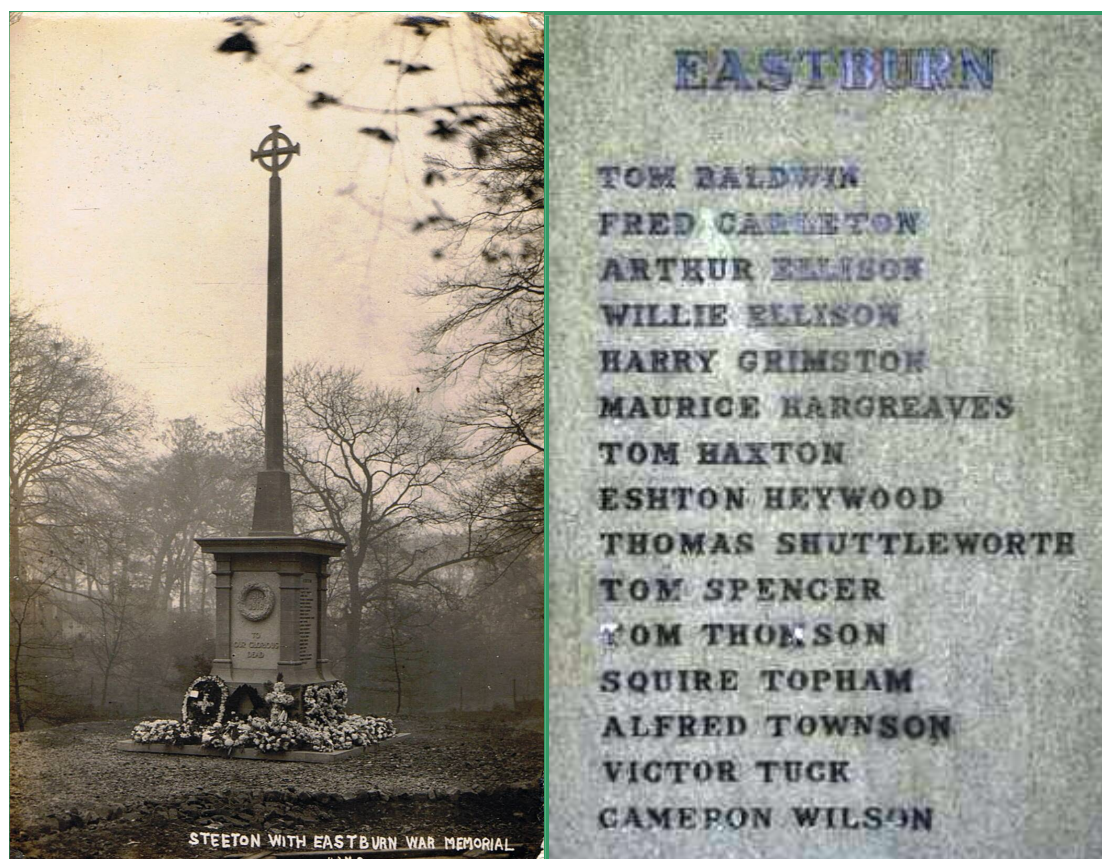
Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, Belgium
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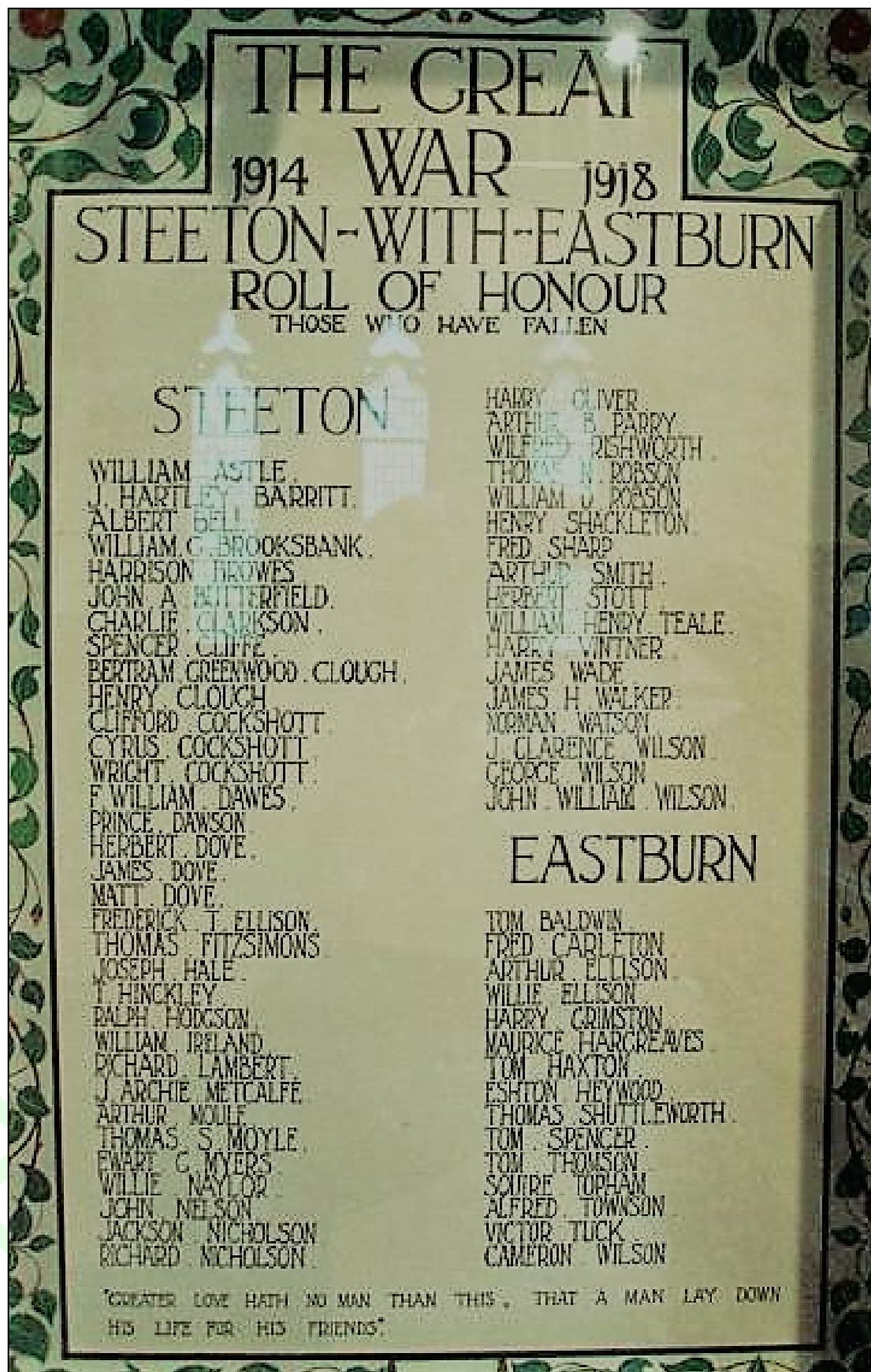
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(Source: *Andy Mitchell*)



Eastburn with Steeton war memorial
 (Source: Andrew Monkhouse original postcard and www.cpgw.org.uk)



St Stephen's Church: marble memorial tablet
 (Source: www.cpgw.org.uk)



Mechanic's Institute: Steeton-with-Eastburn Roll of Honour
(Source: www.cpgw.org.uk)



Cowling war memorial
(Source: Yvonne Salt nee Davy)



Cowling war memorial
(Source: *Yvonne Salt nee Davy*)



Baptist Chapel burial ground, Sutton-in-Craven
(Source: *Yvonne Salt nee Davy*)

Driver Eshton Haywood was posthumously awarded the
British War Medal & Victory Medal



Original pair of WW1 medals (source: *Andrew Monkhouse*)

A Memorial Plaque inscribed with the deceased serviceman's name was also issued to the next of kin of those who were killed during the Great War



Original WW1 Memorial Plaque (name digitally altered)
(Source: *Andrew Monkhouse*)

Lest we Forget



DRIVER ESHTON HAYWOOD, R.F.A., son of Mrs. Lund, Sun Street, Cowling, killed in action 16th April, 1918.

Craven's Part in the Great War
(Source: *Andrew Monkhouse original 1919 book*)

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 2018, updated 2019)