

Driver E. Holmes (Royal Engineers)

Eric Holmes was born in the early part of 1912 and attended Kildwick school, where he seems to have been quite sporty.

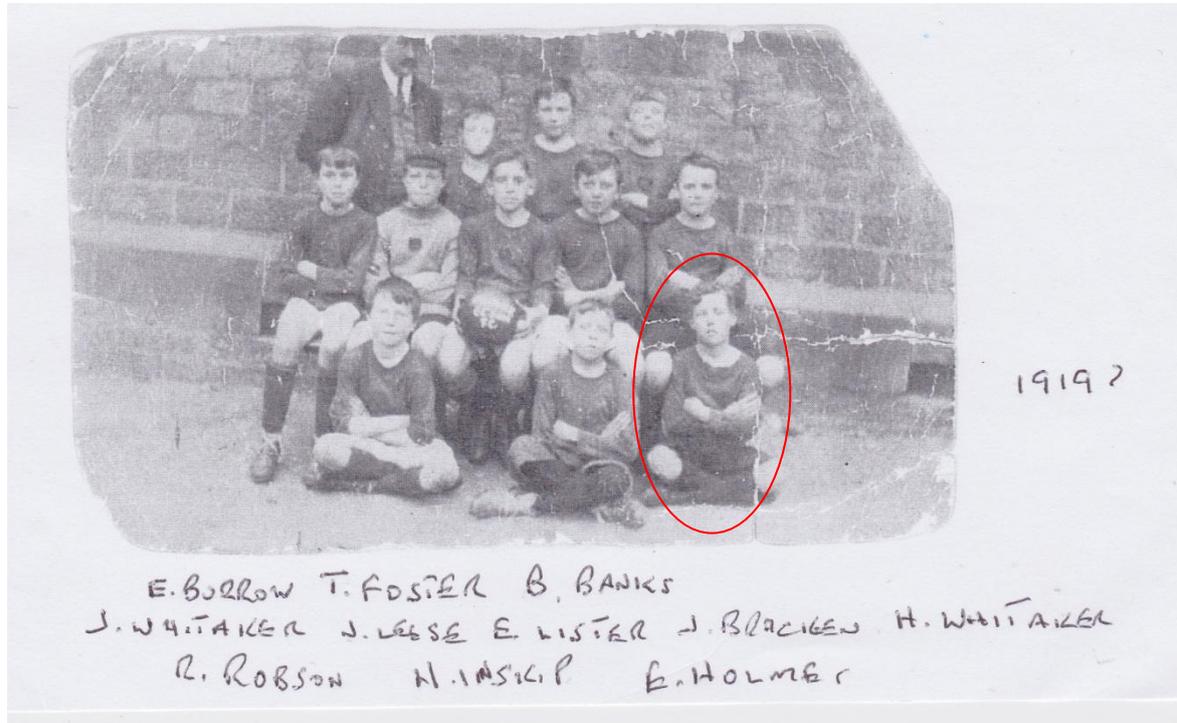


Figure 1: Kildwick school football team, possibly 1919. Eric Holmes, circled, is on the right at the front.



Figure 2: Kildwick school group at Glusburn Swimming Baths, 1922/3. Eric Holmes, circled, is fourth from the right at the back.

He married in early 1940, perhaps immediately prior to being called-up, and set up home in Wadsworth near Hebden Bridge.

Eric served as a driver with the Royal Engineers, in North Africa; in a campaign that saw the British 8th Army and the German Afrika Corps repeatedly advance and retreat across the deserts of Libya and Egypt^{1,2}. He died on October 3rd 1941, and is buried in the Suez Memorial Cemetery, Egypt³.

He was one of St. Andrew's bell-ringers. When the war was over, a muffled peal was rung in his and Edward Bracken's memory.

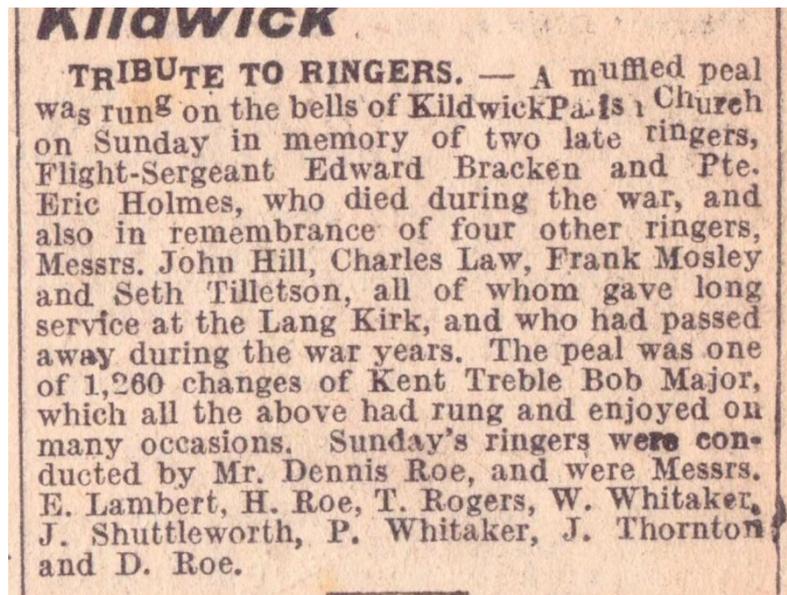


Figure 3: Craven Herald (?) newspaper clipping, sadly no date.

References

- 1 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_African_Campaign_timeline
- 2 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_African_Campaign
- 3 <http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead.aspx?cpage=23&sort=dateofdeath&order=desc>