

# Farnhill World War 1 Volunteers Project



In February 1916, when conscription was introduced, Farnhill Parish Council made a list of those men of the village who had already volunteered to serve in the armed forces.

Kildwick & Farnhill Institute has received Heritage Lottery Funding to research the lives of these men – before, during, and after the Great War. This booklet summarises some of the things we already know about the 68 Volunteers and also indicates how much more we would like to know, and why we will need people to help us.

If you would like to participate in this project, please contact us. We are particularly keen to hear from people who think they might be related to any of the Volunteers, or have photographs, documents or other information about them.

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Or contact a member of the Institute Committee



**BARKER, Harry** – b. 6/11/1891 (Silsden), d. 1950

*Wife:* Ethel (nee Bulcock) – b. 29/11/1888(Lothersdale), d. 1964

*Married:* 1911    *Children:* Leonard (b. 1912), Dorothy (b. 1913),  
Harriet(b. 1919), Harry (b. 1924)

*Last known local address:* 7, Kirkgate, Farnhill (1925); moved to Skipton  
(or possibly Carleton)

***Our project hopes to find out where Harry Barker and his family lived after they moved from Farnhill.***

**BARKER, Herbert** – b. 31/1/1894 (Farnhill), d. 10/5/1927 (Farnhill)

*Wife:* Mary (nee Nelson)

*Married:* 1919    *Children:* Leslie Nelson (b.1920), Dorothy (b. 1925)

*Last known local address:* 9, Mary Street, Farnhill (1926)

***The project would be interested in hearing from living relatives of Herbert Barker – and any of the other Volunteers.***

**BARKER, Rupert Edward** – b. 8/5/1896 (Junction), d. 26/3/1964 (Farnhill)

*Wife:* Maggie (nee Mosley) – b. 28/6/1893 (Farnhill)

*Married:* 1915    *Children:* Herbert Kenneth (b. 1915)

*Last known local address:* Arbour Cottage, Farnhill (1964)

***We know that Rupert Edward Barker was in the Navy during WW1, but we're not sure if he actually served at sea – a mystery we hope to investigate.***

**BARKER, William (Willie)** – b. 14/12/1896 (Farnhill), d. 24/9/1918 (in France)

*Last known local address:* Arbour Cottage, Farnhill (1918)

***The last of the six Farnhill WW1 Volunteers to be killed during the war. We will use material from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to investigate the circumstances of his death.***

**BAUGH, Cecil James** – b. 19/12/1897 (Farnhill), d. 4/5/1976 (Crosshills)

*Wife:* Lilian (nee Fletcher) – b. 18/3/1898 (Dawley), d. 1974 (Crosshills)

*Married:* 1923    *Children:* James Dennis (b. 1924)

*Last known local address:* 15, Washburn Drive, Crosshills (1976)

***Through a family connection we have some lovely photographs of Cecil Baugh. Do you have photographs of any of the other Volunteers ?***



**BULCOCK, Harry** – b. 13/8/1896 (Farnhill), d. 1963

*Wife:* Annie (nee Pickles)– b. 14/2/1894 (Keighley ?), d. 1971

*Married:* 1927

*Last known local address:* 12, Main Street, Farnhill (1961)

***The project would be interested in hearing from living relatives of Harry Bulcock.***

***He went on to be a member of Kildwick Home Guard during WW2.***

**BULCOCK, Thomas** – b. 13/9/1885 (Lothersdale), d. 1953 ?

*Wife:* Annie (nee Clough) – b. 1882 (Farnhill), d. 1940 ?

*Married:* 1909

*Last known local address:* 27, Starkey Lane, Farnhill (1925)

***We suspect that Thomas Bulcock and his wife emigrated to Canada – something that we will investigate further.***

**CLOUGH, John William** – b. 26/10/1887 (Farnhill), d. 14/6/1968 (Crosshills)

*Wife:* Alice (nee Ramsden) – b. 24/7/1889 (Crosshills), d. 1966 (Crosshills)

*Married:* 1916    *Children:* William Dennis (b. 1922),

Benjamin Alan (b. 1924)

*Last known local address:* 61, Main Street, Crosshills (1968)

***We think that Thomas Bulcock's wife, Annie, was a close relative of J.W. Clough.***

***We will examine census and Births, Marriages and Deaths records to find out.***

**DAWSON, John William** – b. 1882(Farnhill), d.1948

*Wife:* Annie (nee Hargreaves)

*Married:* 1911    *Children:* Thomas E. (b. 1911), Harry (b.1913),

Winsome (b. 1924)

*Last known local address:* 73, Main Street, Farnhill (1947)

***We hope to have living relatives of John William Dawson helping with our project.***

**DAWSON, Walter** – b. 29/6/1892 (Farnhill), d. 5/2/1917 (in France)

*Wife:* Lena(nee Fortune) – b. 1893

*Married:* 1916

*Last known local address:* 17, Newby Road, Farnhill (1917)

***We will use material from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to find out how Walter Dawson died.***

**FEATHER, William** – b. 5/6/1878 (Farnhill), d. 31/12/1957 (Farnhill)  
*Wife:* Minnie (nee Watson) – b. 26/8/1882 (Halifax)  
*Married:* 1904 *Children:* John Overton (b. 1905),  
Barbara Watson (b. 1906), Venice Mary (b. 1917)  
*Last known local address:* 5, Mary Street, Farnhill (1957)  
***William Feather volunteered, but we cannot find any evidence that he actually served in the forces. Can anyone help us ?***

**GIBSON, Ernest** – b. 19/7/1896(Bradford), d. 9/3/1964 (Silsden)  
*Wife:* Edith (nee Dawson) – b. 31/1/1900 (Skipton ?)  
*Married:* 1927 *Children:* Jean M. (b. 1933), Betty (b. 1940)  
*Last known local address:* 20, South View Terrace, Silsden (1964)  
***After the war, Ernest Gibson and his wife Edith were closely involved with Silsden Labour Party and the Co-op. Does anyone remember them ?***

**GREEN, Cecil** – b. 1893 (Farnhill)  
*Wife:* Clara (nee Wilkinson)  
*Married:* 1917 *Children:* Joan E. (b. 1922), Eric W. (b. 1924)  
*Last known local address:* 7, Mary Street, Farnhill (1919)  
***Like a number of the Volunteers, Cecil Green and his family moved out of Farnhill during the 1920s. The project will try to find out where they went. Can you help ?***

**GREEN, Charles**– b. 28/8/1898 (Farnhill), d. 28/2/1972 (Silsden)  
*Wife:* May (nee Gallagher) – b. 6/9/1894, d. 16/6/1966  
*Married:* 1924 *Children:* Barbara M. (b. 1937)  
*Last known local address:* 35, South View Terrace, Silsden (1972)  
***Charles Green's sister, Lily, became the third wife of Volunteer Leo Spencer's father. She was 25 years his junior.***

**GREEN, Eric** – b. 26/2/1898 (Farnhill), d. 8/8/1951 (Cowling)  
*Wife:* Annie (nee Mosley) – b. 05/10/1901  
*Married:* 1919 *Children:* Madge (b. 1919)  
*Last known local address:* 103, Keighley Rd, Cowling (1951)  
***For many years, Eric Green ran a butcher's shop in Cowling. Do you remember him or his family ?***

**GREEN, Harry** – b. 29/5/1893 (Farnhill)

*Wife:* Ethel (nee Earnshaw) – b. 17/6/1899 ?

*Married:* 1921 *Children:* Jack H. (b. 1921), Allan (b. 1927),  
Margaret (b. 1930)

*Last known local address:* 25, Starkey Lane, Farnhill (1923)

***Harry Green was one of three brothers who volunteered to serve in WW1.***

**GREEN, Joseph** – b. 16/2/1889 (Farnhill), d. 13/11/1916 (in France)

*Last known local address:* 11, Mary Street, Farnhill (1916)

***Research we've already done shows that Joseph Green died of natural causes (kidney failure) while on active service.***

**HARGREAVES, Anthony Dean** – b. 11/10/1895 (Farnhill), d. 1975

*Wife:* (1) Alice (nee Thompson) – b. 29/11/1900, d. 20/10/1946;

(2) Eva Shepherd

*Married:* (1) 1927, (2) 1959 *Children:* John (b. 1928)

*Last known local address:* Bank Field, Farnhill (1961)

***After the war Anthony Dean Hargreaves built the house at the junction of Grange Road with Main Street. He was a keen cricketer. Would you like to help us find out more about the post-war lives of the Volunteers ?***

**HARGREAVES, Ben** – b. 1894 (Kildwick?), d. 1/7/1926 (Farnhill)

*Last known local address:* 17, Starkey Lane, Farnhill (1926)

***Ben Hargreaves was one of three brothers who volunteered to serve in WW1.***

**HARGREAVES, Charles (Charley)** – b. 27/2/1898 (Farnhill)

*Wife:* Lois (nee Smith) – b. 9/3/1902 (Keighley ?), d. 1973 (Eastburn ?)

*Married:* 1932 *Children:* Brian (b. 1935), Susan E. (b. 1947)

*Last known local address:* Fernhill, Boundary Avenue, Sutton (1937)

***We're having difficulty finding out much about Charles Hargreaves' wife. Did you know Lois Hargreaves ?***

**HARGREAVES, Fred** – b. 1892 (Kildwick ?)

*Last known local address:* 17, Starkey Lane, Farnhill (1933)

***Another Volunteer about whom we currently know very little.***

**HARGREAVES, Harry** – b. 1897 (Kildwick ?)

*Last known local address: 17, Starkey Lane, Farnhill (1929)*

***We think Harry Hargreaves may have moved to Silsden.***

**HARGREAVES, John** – b. 16/4/1893 (Farnhill)

*Last known local address: 10, Main Street, Farnhill (1929)*

***John Hargreaves lived at 10, Main Street, now demolished. We think he helped raise funds for the creation of the Kildwick War Memorial.***

**HARTLEY (James) Arthur** – b. 18/3/1896 (Kildwick ?)

*Wife: Florence Isabel (nee Batty) – b. 1890 (Halifax), d. 1961 (Garstang ?)*

*Married: 1917 Children: Margaret (b. 1919), Jack (b. 1923)*

*Last known local address: New Road, Farnhill (1918)*

***Arthur Hartley married towards the end of the war. He didn't return to the village once the war ended. We will try and find out about his post-war life.***

**HILL, John**– b. 11/7/1875 (Farnhill)

*Last known local address: 11, Mary Street, Farnhill (1945)*

***11 Mary Street appears to have been the home of heroes. No less than five of the Volunteers lived there at one time or another. An aim of our project is to find out where all the Volunteers lived.***

**HOLLIDAY, George**– b. 1885 (Knaresborough)

*Wife: (1) Anne (nee Kitson) – d. 11/3/1933; (2) Gertrude Wood – d. 4/6/1983*

*Married: (1) 1911, (2) 1933*

*Last known local address: 11, Mary Street, Farnhill (1957)*

***Another Volunteer who lived for a while at 11 Mary Street. George Holliday was the Farnhill milkman and keen on amateur dramatics. He took part in a number of musical plays at the Institute.***

**HOLMES, Fred**– b. 11/5/1881 (Farnhill)

*Wife:* Jessie(nee Williams) – b. 1877 (Manchester)

*Married:* 1904 *Children:* Wilfred (b. 1905), John (b. 1908),  
Florence M. (b. 1911), Rennie(b. 1915),  
Leslie (b. 1916)

*Last known local address:* 2, Bright St, Farnhill (1925)

***We think that Fred Holmes may have become a publican – but we need help to find out where.***

**HOLMES, Sam** – b. 7/2/1889 (Farnhill)

*Wife:* Lilian (nee Mosley) – b. 18/5/1880

*Married:* 1922

*Last known local address:* 2 Spring Bank, Skipton Road, Farnhill (1939)

***Sam Holmes was a committee member of Kildwick Old Boys' Football Club, when the team won the "Victory Trophy" in 1919. We think some of the Volunteers may have been in the team and will investigate this.***

**HOLMES, William Birch (or Birch William)** – b. 11/9/1892 (Kildwick),  
d. 1981 (Crosshills)

*Wife:* Alice (nee Clough) – b. 6/2/1892

*Married:* 1921 *Children:* Phyllis Margaret (b. 1925)

*Last known local address:* 2 Ravensville, Crosshills (1981)

***Did William Holmes and his wife move from Farnhill to Crosshills via Canada ? We will investigate this interesting possibility.***

**INSKIP, George** – b. 1893 (Skipton ?), d. 27/11/1917 (in France)

*Last known local address:* 9, Hanover Street (1917)

***Like a number of the Volunteers, George Inskip was employed at Bairstow's Mill. He appears on the mill's Roll of Honour. The project will investigate as many of the local rolls as possible.***



**INSKIP, Richard Usher** – b. 14/8/1896 (Mossley, Lancs), d. 1955  
*Wife:* Hetty (nee Nelson) – b. 1900 (Pontefract), d. 1969 (Crossflatts)  
*Married:* 1932  
*Last known local address:* 9, Hanover Street (1939); moved to Bingley  
***Richard Usher Inskip's wife was one of three sisters; daughters of the Crosshills stationmaster. Two of them married Farnhill Volunteers.***

**JOWETT, Harry (see THOMPSON, Harry)**

**JOY, Maurice** – b. 21/10/1891 (Farnhill), d. 2/3/1963 (Cononley)  
*Wife:* Hilda Abbott (?)(nee Smith) – b. 20/9/1896, d. 1956  
*Married:* 1927  
*Last known local address:* 6, St. John's Cross Cononley (1963)  
***Maurice Joy was a member of Farnhill's branch of the Paxton Society for gardeners and allotment holders.***

**KITSON, Albert** – b. 26/11/1888 (Farnhill), d. 1956  
*Wife:* (1) Annetta (nee Haslam) – b. 13/7/1890, d. 1940; (2) Alice Jobling  
*Married:* (1) 1922, (2) 1942 *Children:* Katharine May (b. 1923)  
*Last known local address:* 71, Main Street (1956)  
***Albert Kitson was a prominent member of the Oddfellows lodge that met in Farnhill. He was also vice-captain of Kildwick Albion Cricket Club when war broke out. The project will research the leisure activities of all of the Volunteers.***

**KITSON, Harry** – b. 4/3/1897 (Farnhill), d. 5/2/1974 (Farnhill)  
*Wife:* Alice Mary (May ?)(nee Hancock) – b. 7/5/1898  
*Married:* 1925 *Children:* Charles (b. 1926)  
*Last known local address:* 67, Main Street, Farnhill (1974)  
***In May 1917 both Harry Kitson and his brother Albert (above) were wounded and in hospital. We will search through newspaper reports to find out all we can about the Volunteers war time activities.***

**KITSON, Herbert** – b. 24/1/1877 (Farnhill), d. 3/1/1937 (Farnhill)

*Wife:* Sarah

*Married:* 1899 *Children:* Clifford (b. 1902), Evelyn (b. 1904)

*Last known local address:* Lyncliffe, Mary Street (1937)

***Herbert Kitson ran a joinery workshop in Main Street. During WWII it made parts for Mosquito aircraft.***

**LATHAM, William (Willie)** – b. 1891 (Eastburn)

*Wife:* Elsie (nee Greenwood)

*Married:* 1916 *Children:* Thomas S. and William (b. 1918)

*Last known local address:* Hellifield House, Main Street, Farnhill (1919)

***News reports of the time describe Willie Latham's wedding, in Kildwick, just a month after he saw action at Jutland. We will examine other news reports for information about the lives of the Volunteers.***

**LEESE, Frank** – b. 1891 (Skipton ?)

*Last known local address:* Airedale Cottage, Kildwick (1915)

***One of twins, Frank Leese is the only Volunteer we've found so far who attended Cononley school. The project will try to find out where all of the Volunteers went to school.***

**MYERS, Frederick** – b. 1885 (Bradford ?), d. 1962

*Wife:* (1) Mary (nee Green) – b. 1886, d. 11/9/1923 (Farnhill)

(2) Margaret A. (nee Wilson)

*Married:* (1) 1908 *Children:* Muriel Mary (b. 1910), George Michael (b. 1912)  
(2) 1925

*Last known local address:* 11, South View, Farnhill (1925);

moved to Keighley ?

***Frederick Myers moved from Farnhill in the 1920s, we don't yet know where he went to live.***

**POLLARD, Frank** – b. 15/3/1893 (Kildwick ?), d. 1/10/1932 (Crosshills)

*Wife:* Bessie (nee Banks) – b. 1908 (Skipton ?)

*Married:* 1929

*Last known local address:* Fernleigh, Kildwick Road, Crosshills (1932)

***Frank Pollard suffered serious wounds towards the end of the war and it looks likely that he lost a leg.***

**POLLARD, Harry**– b. 28/11/1894 (Farnhill)

*Wife:* Eleanor (nee Walmsley) – b. 1/5/1888, d. 1956

*Married:* 1917 *Children:* Mary (b. 1918), Margaret (b. 1920)

*Last known local address:* 61, Main Street, Farnhill (1915);

moved to Lothersdale ?

***Harry Pollard, like a number of the Volunteers, was a member of the Kildwick and District Brass Band. George and Richard Usher Inskip's father was the conductor.***

**POLLARD, James Scarborough Theodore** – b. 28/6/1889 (Farnhill),

d. 7/10/1919 (Farnhill)

*Last known local address:* Arbour House, Farnhill (1919)

***One of three Farnhill Volunteers who died in 1919. One of the others was his brother, John (below).***

**POLLARD, John** – b. 18/5/1885 (Farnhill), d. 4/11/1919 (in France)

*Last known local address:* 42, Main Street, Farnhill (1901)

***John Pollard was invalided out of the army during WW1, but rejoined after the armistice and died in France in 1919. We will investigate this.***

**RHODES, Cecil** – b. 1899 (Keighley ?), d. 5/5/1962 (Ilkley)

*Wife:* Florence Julia Greenfield (nee Day) – b. 1897 (Natal, S. Africa), d. 1976

*Married:* 1929 *Children:* Jean (b. 1931)

*Last known local address:* 56, Starkey Lane, Farnhill (1921); moved to Ilkley

***Cecil Rhodes was a painter and decorator. He and his father left Farnhill in 1921.***

***By 1939 he was living with his wife and daughter in Ilkley.***

**SHARPE, Ephraim** – b. 6/2/1876 (Halifax), d. 11/5/1945 (Farnhill)

*Wife:* Clara (neeHartley) – b. 3/7/1876, d. 1959

*Married:* 1909 *Children:* James Ernest (b. 1903), Joseph Clifford (b. 1907),  
Myra (b. 1909), Leslie Granville (b. 1911),  
Kenneth H. (b. 1913), Cecil W. (b. 1914),  
Stanley G. (b. 1919)

*Last known local address:* 12, Mary Street, Farnhill (1945)

***Ephraim Sharpe is another of the Volunteers who may not have seen active service abroad. (He would have been nearly 40 when he volunteered.)***

**SLACK, Charles (Charlie)** – b. 1/3/1890 (Silsden Moor),

d. 20/4/1965 (Keighley)

*Wife:* Elsie Melinda (nee Shackleton) – b. 18/12/1891

*Married:* 1920 *Children:* Peter R. (b. 1924), Donald (b. 1926),  
Charlie B. (b. 1927)

*Last known local address:* Heather Cottage (1921); moved to Keighley

***One of four brothers who all appear on the Volunteers list. The family farmed at Stake Hill on Silsden Moor, but by the start of the war they had all moved to Heather Cottage, Farnhill.***

**SLACK, Peter** – b. 3/1/1892 (Silsden Moor), d. 1975 (Keighley)

*Wife:* Mary (nee Whitham) – b. 10/11/1895

*Married:* 1920 *Children:* Derek A (b. 1925), Mary (b. 1931)

*Last known local address:* Heather Cottage (1921); moved to Keighley

***Peter Slack was a member of the Institute committee at the start of the war, and treasurer of Kildwick Old Boys' Football Club when it reformed in 1919. We lose track of him, and his brothers, in the early 1920s. Do you know where the Slack family went ?***

**SLACK, Richard**– b. 28/9/1886 (Silsden Moor), d. 3/1/1965 (Bingley)

*Wife:* Alice (nee Smith) – b. 29/1/1892, d. 1953

*Married:* 1922

*Last known local address:* Heather Cottage (1921); moved to Bingley

***All we know about Richard Slack is that he was a Joiner. Perhaps he worked at Kitson's workshop ? Can you help us find out more ?***

**SLACK, William Lister** – b. 1888 (Silsden Moor), d. 16/3/1919 (Farnhill)

*Last known local address: Heather Cottage (1919)*

***Although his name appears on the Volunteers list, William Lister Slack was actually in the Merchant Navy throughout WW1. He returned to the village on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1919 and died on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The project will investigate the cause of death – we think he might have been a victim of the Spanish ‘flu epidemic.***

**SMITH, Ben Thornton** – b. 21/11/1890 (Kildwick), d. 1967

*Wife: Edith*

*Children: Winifred (b. 1923)*

*Last known local address: 62/64, Starkey Lane, Farnhill (1961)*

***We know very little about Ben Thornton Smith. His daughter, Winnie, was well known in the village prior to her death in 2015.***

**SMITH, Joseph** – b. 1/1/1883 (Dent), d. 19/9/1914 (in France)

*Wife: Mary Elizabeth (nee Grainger)*

*Married: 1910 Children: Cecilia (b. 1910), Clarence Alfred (b. 1914)*

*Last known local address: 15, Bucklar Hill, Farnhill (1914)*

***Although he appears in the Volunteers list, Joseph Smith was actually a professional soldier. He was killed at the battle of Mons- the first war death in Kildwick parish. In 1922 his daughter helped to unveil the new Kildwick War Memorial.***

**SPENCER, Leo** – b. 31/12/1896 (Farnhill), d. 11/9/1985 (Embsay)

*Wife: Annie (nee Smith) – b. 1/9/1899*

*Married: 1920 Children: Betty (b. 1922), Mary Cryer (b. 1923)*

*Last known local address: 17, Mary Street, Farnhill (1926);*

*moved to Riddlesden, then Embsay*

***We think Leo was an only child. Our project will identify any siblings the Volunteers may have had.***

**SPENCER, Thomas Beckwith** – b. 12/4/1883 (Farnhill), d. 1970

*Wife:* Dora (nee Hirth) – b. 4/2/1890, d. 1957

*Married:* 1915 *Children:* Beckwith (b. 1916), Freda Mary (b. 1919)

*Last known local address:* 48, Main Street, Farnhill (1901);

moved to Leicester but subsequently  
returned to Riddlesden

***Thomas Beckwith Spencer left the village when he got married, in 1915. We know very little about his subsequent life, but think he may have returned to the area much later(possibly after his wife's death in 1957).***

**SUGDEN, Thomas Edward** – b. 21/6/1886 (Kildwick),

d. 22/6/1955 (Oxenhope)

*Wife:* Mary Elizabeth – b. 1910, d. 1974

*Married:* date not known

*Last known local address:* Holm Bank, Kildwick (1933);

moved to Riddlesden, then Oxenhope

***Thomas Edward Sugden was the son of William Sugden, the coal merchant. The family home, Holme Bank, is now the Kildwick vicarage. Thomas Edward became a very successful solicitor.***

**SUNDERLAND, John** – b. 1884 (Little Lever, Lancs), d. 1947 (Morecambe)

*Wife:* Mary Ann (nee Jackson) – b. 1883, d. 1923

*Married:* 1905 *Children:* Alice Jane (b. 1906), Elizabeth (b. 1908),  
Arthur George (b. 1910), Tom Michael (b. 1912)

*Last known local address:* 8, Bright Street, Farnhill (1915);

moved back to Lancashire ?

***John Sunderland's name appears in a number of pre-WW1 newspaper reports about the St. John's Ambulance group in Farnhill. Not a local man, it looks as if he and his family moved back to Lancashire after the war.***

**THOMPSON, Ernest** – b. 1889

*Last known local address:* 53, Airedale, Farnhill, (1921)

***Ernest and his brother William (below) were brought up by their uncle. After the war both of the young men appear to have left the village. Where did they go ?***

**THOMPSON, Harry (aka JOWETT, Harry)** – b. 1889 (Wakefield ?)

*Last known local address: 7, Starkey Lane, Farnhill (1918)*

*Harry Thompson appears on the Volunteers list as Harry Jowett – his step-father's surname. The name Harry Thompson appears on the reverse of the list, written lightly in pencil.*

**THOMPSON, Thomas Edward** – b. 1883 (Skipton ?)

*Wife: (1) Eden Ellen (nee Pickles) – b. 1880, d. 1938*

*(2) Winifred (nee Hebblewhite) – b. 3/11/1882, d. 1968*

*Married: (1) 1908, (2) 1939*

*Last known local address: Crag Top, Farnhill (1921); moved to Glusburn*

*Thomas Thompson is listed as a Coachman in the 1901 and 1911 censuses, and as a Driver in the recently released "1939 Register". Where did he work ?*

**THOMPSON, William** – b. 1893 (Skipton ?)

*Last known local address: 53, Airedale, Farnhill, (1929)*

*There are some Volunteers about whom we know very little. There's a lot for us to find out about William Thompson.*

**THORNTON, John Robert** – b. 17/2/1895 (Kildwick ?)

*Wife: Carrie (nee Foster) – b. 20/4/1898 (Settle ?)*

*Married: 1920 Children: Gladys (b. 1921), Clifford(b. 1930),  
Charles(b. 1947)*

*Last known local address: 15, Starkey Lane, Farnhill (1961)*

*We have some evidence that J.R. Thornton was a canal boat operator during WW2 – to be investigated.*

**WALMSLEY, Harry** – b. 4/8/1893 (Farnhill),

d. 1/12/1916 (London, of wounds)

*Last known local address: 5, Hanover Street, Farnhill (1916)*

*Newspaper reports we've looked at describe the sad return of Harry Walmsley's body to Farnhill and subsequent burial in Kildwick churchyard.*

**WALMSLEY, Percy Edward** – b. 29/6/1894 (Farnhill), d. 22/2/1986 (Farnhill)

*Wife:* Ethel Mary Jane (nee Beedom) – b. 21/9/1890, d. 1957

*Married:* 1915    *Children:* Eileen (b. 1915), Alec (b. 1921)

*Last known local address:* 25, Starkey Lane, Farnhill (1986)

***Percy Walmsley was sunk twice on the same day – an interesting experience for an Army man. We have some of his letters.***

**WARD, William** – b. 20/5/1889 (Keighley), d. 25/4/1963 (Farnhill)

*Wife:* Jane (nee Earnshaw) – b. 29/12/1890

*Married:* 1915    *Children:* Edna(b. 1916), Herbert(b. 1919), Doris(b. 1921),  
Norman (b. 1926)

*Last known local address:* 1 Kirkgate, Farnhill (1963)

***After the war William Ward became a butcher in Keighley and then ran the former Ship Inn as a B&B. Does anyone have any memories of him or his family ?***

**WHITHAM, John Spencer** – b. 15/4/1885 (Haworth), d. 17/7/1950 (Cowling)

*Wife:* Sarah Jane

*Children:* one daughter

*Last known local address:* 5, Middleton, Cowling (1950)

***A newspaper report we've found mentions that J.S. Whitham had a daughter. We will try to put a name to her.***

During 2017 and 2018 the Farnhill World War 1 Volunteers Project aims to research the lives of the 68 Volunteers, before, during and after the war and explore what village life was like 100 years ago.

We will share the information we discover through talks, events, displays and a dedicated website which is being developed and will go live later in 2017. In the meantime, details of the project including regular updates can be found on the Farnhill Village Website at:

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