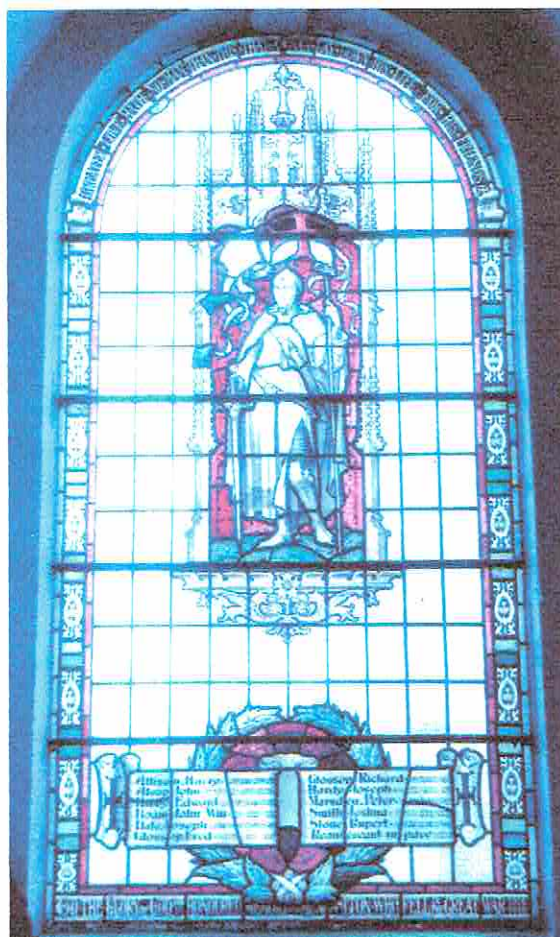


ELTON

REMEMBERS



TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN
GRATEFUL MEMORY OF THE MEN
OF THIS PARISH WHO GAVE THEIR
LIVES IN THE WORLD WAR.

1939-1945

CHARLES RONALD ASHTON

JOSEPH FREDERICK GLOSSOP

"Their name liveth for evermore."

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The men of Elton who gave their lives
in the First World War, 1914 - 1918

Harry Allison
John Alsop
Edward Bibby
John William Boam
Joseph Dale
Fred Glossop
Richard Glossop
Joseph Hardy
Peter Marsden
Joshua Smith
Rupert Stone

The men of Elton who gave their lives
in the Second World War, 1939 - 1945

Charles Ronald Ashton
Joseph Frederick Glossop

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

Men who gave their lives in the First World War,
who had connections with Elton
but who are not named on the war memorial in Elton church

Clement Richard Goodwin

George Stanley James Orrell

**In Memory of
Private CHARLES RONALD ASHTON**

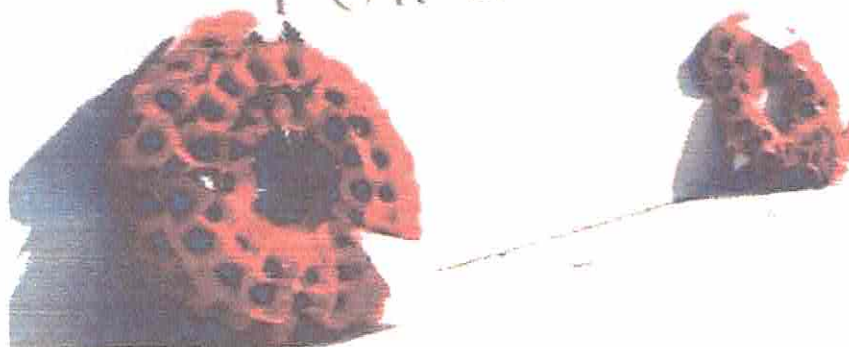
**14655260, The Hallamshire Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment
who died age 19
on 05 November 1944**

Son of Daniel and Cora Evelyn Ashton, of Elton, Derbyshire.

Remembered with honour

ROOSENDAAL-EN-NISPEN ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY

THEIR NAME LIVES
FOR EVERMORE



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Charles Ronald Ashton - Known as Ronnie, he was born about 1925, the son of Daniel and Cora Ashton of Rock Cottage, Moor Lane, Elton. He was the brother of Phyllis and the family attended the Wesleyan Chapel (now the village hall) where Cora played the organ.



He enlisted as Private 14655260 in The Hallamshire Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment. He was killed in action on 5 November 1944 aged 19. He is buried at Roosendaal-En-Nispen R.C. Cemetery in the Netherlands.

**In Memory of
Private FREDERICK GLOSSOP**

**14736935, 1st Bn. The Herefordshire Regt., King's
Shropshire Light Infantry
who died age 19
on 27 February 1945**

**Remembered with honour
REICHSWALD FOREST WAR CEMETERY**



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Frederick Glossop - He was known as Freddie and was the 3rd child, 2nd son of Frank Glossop of Over Haddon and Nellie Glossop of Elton (sister of Richard and Fred Glossop - see separate notes).

He had siblings Ken, Bill, Joan, Ruth and Ethel and the family lived on Main Street, opposite Croft Farm. They later moved to End Cottage, Well Street and by 1945 they were living at Number 1, Council Houses.



Freddie enlisted in the 1st Battalion, The Herefordshire Regiment, King's Shropshire Light Infantry as Private 14736935. He was killed in action at the age of 19 on Tuesday 27th February 1945. He is buried at the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany and is also remembered on the family gravestone in Elton churchyard.

The photo shows Frederick Glossop's brother, Bill, laying a wreath at his grave.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The Queen and I offer you our
heartfelt sympathy in your great
sorrow.

We pray that your country's
gratitude for a life so nobly given
in its service may bring you some
measure of consolation.

George R.I.

The letter of condolence
sent to Frederick's parents in
1945

Below is a copy of the letter received by Frederick Glossop's parents informing them of the death of their son.

No. CAS/K

(If replying, please quote above No.)

Army Form B. 104—2

Infantry

Record Office.

Shrewsbury

12th March, 1945

Sir,

It is my painful duty to inform you that a report has been received from the War Office notifying the death of:—

No. 14736935 (Rank) Private

Name Frederick GLOSSOP.

Regiment The Herefordshire Regiment.

which occurred in Western Europe.

on the 27th February 1945.

The report is to the effect that he was Killed in Action.

I am to express the sympathy and regret of the Army Council.

I am to add that any information that may be received as to the soldier's burial will be communicated to you in due course, by the Directorate of Graves Registration and Enquiries, War Office (A.G.13), 32 Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1, to whom all enquiries with regard to graves or places of burial should be addressed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

C. Browne
for Lieut. Colonel,
Officer in Charge of Graves

Mr. F. Glossop,
1, Council House,
Elton,
MATLOCK, Derbyshire.

**In Memory of
Private H ALLISON**

**26423, 3rd Bn., Sherwood Foresters (Notts and
Derby Regiment)
who died
on 21 November 1916**

**Remembered with honour
ELTON (ALL SAINTS) CHURCHYARD, Derbyshire**



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the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Harry (Henry) Allison On the 1901 census he is aged 3, born in Elton (baptised 06.03.1898) and living at East End, Elton with his parents, Joseph and Susan Allison and his sisters, Emily Marshall aged 9 (baptised 11.09.1892) and Isabella aged 7 (baptised 17.03.1895). Joseph was a general labourer born in Brough, Westmorland

Harry attended Elton school from 24 March 1902 until 22 February 1912. He enlisted at Buxton in the 3rd Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment). He served in the U.K. and died in hospital, aged 18, on the 21st October 1916.

He was buried in Elton churchyard with military honours. It is recorded in the Elton school log book that on the day of his burial the school timetable was suspended to allow the children to watch the funeral.



Harry Allison's headstone, not far from the school yard

**In Memory of
Private JOHN ALSOP**

**G/19969, 1st Bn., Queen's Own (Royal West Kent
Regiment)
who died
on 26 October 1917**

**Remembered with honour
TYNE COT MEMORIAL**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

John Alsop - Born on 30th June 1898 at Gratton and baptised at All Saints' Church, Elton on 18th September 1898.

On the 1901 census he is aged 3, born in Elton and living in Gratton Lane, Elton, with his grandfather, Robert Alsop, his parents John and Ellen Elizabeth Alsop and his brother, Robert Alsop, aged 1 (baptised at Elton on 22nd May 1900).

Robert senior was born at Hartington about 1832 and was a farmer, assisted by his son, who was born in Elton about 1865. Ellen was born in Wirksworth about 1879.

John attended Elton school between September 1903 and November 1911.

He enlisted at Derby, first in the Cavalry and later in the 1st Battalion Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). He served in France and Flanders and was killed in action at Passchendale on 26 October 1917, aged 19. He is remembered with honour on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium and on the headstone of his parents' grave in Elton churchyard.

**In Memory of
Private E BIBBY**

**242448, 1st/6th Bn., Sherwood Foresters (Notts and
Derby Regiment)
who died
on 11 March 1917**

**Remembered with honour
WARLINCOURT HALTE BRITISH CEMETERY,
SAULTY**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Edward Bibby - He was born about 1894 at Caton, near Lancaster. On the 1901 census he is aged 7, living at Tunstead, Wormhill, Derbyshire with his parents, William and Mary Ann Bibby, and his siblings, John aged 15, William aged 13, Ann aged 11, Jane aged 9, Joseph aged 5 and May aged 1. The two youngest children were born at Great Rocks, Derbyshire.



In 1891 the family was living at Burton, near Kendal and, after a period living at Tunstead, they moved to Elton and lived at Oddo Cottages, as William was working at Oddo Farm as farm bailiff. Edward had already joined the army when the family moved to Elton.

Edward enlisted at Buxton and his residence at the time was given as Matlock. He was originally 1741 in the Derbyshire Yeomanry. He later became 242448 in the 6th Territorial Army Infantry Battalion, The Sherwood Foresters (Nottingham and Derbyshire Regiment). Before 1908 they were known as the 2nd Volunteer Battalion of The Sherwood Foresters. In 1914 reserve units were recruited as 'Home Units', the first of these being known as the 1/6th Battalion (see also John Bibby and Joseph Dale). The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Battalions were part of the 139th Brigade in the 46th (North Midland) Division.

Edward served in France and Flanders. During the opening days of March 1917 the Battalion was in action near Gommercourt and Kite Copse and 38 men were wounded. (Reference: 'Men of the High Peak - a history of the 1/6th Battalion The Sherwood Foresters' by Captain W.D. Jamieson, ISBN 09529648 6 4) - a collection of memories written in the 1920s.)

Edward died of wounds on the 11th March 1917, aged about 23 and is buried at Warlincourt Halte British Cemetery, Saulty, Pas de Calais. The site of this cemetery was previously used as a Casualty Clearing Station. Edward is also remembered on the war memorial at Litton, Derbyshire.

**In Memory of
Private JOHN BIBBY**

**240375, 1st/6th Bn., Sherwood Foresters (Notts and
Derby Regiment)
who died age 30
on 19 April 1917
Husband of Edith Alice Bibby, of Bulwer, Litton,
Buxton, Derbyshire.**

**Remembered with honour
LIEVIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

John Bibby - He was born about 1886 at Aughton near Carnforth, Lancashire. On the 1891 census he is aged 5, living at Burton near Kendal, Westmorland, with his parents, William and Mary Ann Bibby and his siblings William aged 3 (born at Gressingham near Aughton), and Ann aged 1 (born at Burton). William senior is a farm labourer, born at Caton about 1860, and Mary Ann was born at Old Hutton, Westmorland about 1862.

On the 1901 census the family is living at Tunstead, Wormhill, Derbyshire and there are four more children. See notes on his brother Edward Bibby.

John married Edith Alice.

John enlisted at Millers Dale, Derbyshire and his residence at the time was given as Litton. He served in the 6th Territorial Army Infantry Battalion - known as the 1/6th Battalion, The Sherwood Foresters (Nottingham and Derbyshire Regiment) - in France and Flanders.

On the 8th April 1917 the 6th Battalion moved to billets in Angres and on the following day took the place of the 7th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment in Lievin, 3 miles west of Lens, on the Aouchez river. Lievin, a once prosperous colliery village, had just been captured by the Canadians on the 14th April.

John was killed in action, aged 30, on the 19th April 1917 - his brother Edward had died of wounds on the 11th March the same year. John is buried in the Lievin Communal Cemetery Extension and is also remembered on the war memorial at Litton.

**In Memory of
Private JOHN WILLIAM BOAM**

**8017, 1st/6th Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers
who died
on 15 September 1916**

**Remembered with honour
THIEPVAL MEMORIAL**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

John William Boam - born in Elton on 26th February 1893 and baptised at All Saints' Church, Elton on 21st May 1893, the son of William and Esther Elizabeth Boam (nee Johnson) who were married at All Saints on 9th July 1884. William was born about 1864 and Esther was born in Brassington/Kniveton about 1866.

Their other children (with approximate year of birth) were Samuel (1884), Emma (1886), Fred (1887), Sarah Jane (1889), Thomas Edwin (1891, died 9th July 1893) and Lenora Kate (1896).

On the 1891 census Esther is living in Town Street, Elton with her five children. William is lodging with a family in Buxton and is described as a general labourer. In 1901 Esther is living in West End and has three children at home, including John William, and also her mother. William is now a 'coal labourer, underground' lodging at 15 Duke Street, Staveley near Chesterfield.

John William Boam first went to school in Matlock Bath and transferred to Elton school, where he was a pupil from 1901 until 1906.

He enlisted at Derby in the 1/6th Battalion (Territorial) Northumberland Fusiliers. He served in France and Flanders and was killed in action on 15th September 1916, aged 23. He is also remembered on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

The following is from page 3 of the Derbyshire Times for Saturday 21st October 1916 - "Official information has now reached Mrs E. E. Boam of Main Street, Elton showing that her son, Private John William Boam, Northumberland Fusilier, has been killed in action. Twenty two years of age and single, Private Boam was employed in the agricultural industry before enlisting."

**In Memory of
Private JOSEPH DALE**

**241134, 1st/6th Bn., Sherwood Foresters (Notts and
Derby Regt.)
who died age 24
on 20 May 1917**

**Son of John and Elizabeth Dale of Gratton Moor,
Elton, Winster, Matlock.**

**Remembered with honour
BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Joseph Dale - born in Winster on 24 February 1893, the son of John Dale, leadminer (born in Elton, 1865) and Elizabeth Dale, nee Bunting (born in Bonsall, 1871). John and Elizabeth were married in Bonsall on 28th December 1890. In 1901 they were living on West Bank and in 1917 they were living at Gratton Moor, Elton. Joseph's siblings were John (born 1891), Richard (born 1894) and Alfred (born 1897).

When the family moved to Gratton Moor Joseph transferred from Winster school to Elton school where he was a pupil from October 1901 until 1906.

He enlisted at Matlock to become Private 241134 in the 1st/6th T. A. Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment). He served in France and Flanders and died of wounds on 20 May 1917, aged 24.

At the end of May 1917 the Battalion was near Cite St. Pierre, west of Lens, taking part in an attack on Hill 65 and Fosse 3. Casualties were 21 killed, 76 wounded and 3 missing. As Joseph is buried at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery it is likely that he was on his way back to the U.K. for hospital treatment.

**In Memory of
Private F GLOSSOP**

**31688, 6th Bn., Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment
who died
on 21 September 1918**

**Remembered with honour
EPEHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPEHY**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Frederick Glossop - Born 15th March 1899 at Elton, the ninth child of Samuel Glossop, lead miner and Ann Glossop (nee Gratton), of Back Lane, Elton.

Their other children were Joseph (born 1880, died 01.07.1898) Sarah (b. 1883), Lizzie (b. 1885), Richard (b. 1887), George (b. 1889), Frank (b. 1892), Alice (b. 1894), Ruth Annie (b. 1897) and Nellie (b. 1901, died 27 July 1990). Nellie was the mother of the Freddie Glossop who was killed in the Second World War.

On the 1901 census Frederick Glossop is aged 2 and living with his family in Back Lane. He attended Elton school between 1902 and 1912.

He enlisted at Bakewell and first served as 85070 in the Sherwood Foresters. He served in France and Flanders and at the time of his death he was Private 31688 in the 6th Battalion Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). He was killed in action on 21 September 1918, aged 19 and is buried at Epehy Wood Farm Cemetery, Epehy.

See also notes on his brother, Richard, whose name is also on the Elton War Memorial.

**In Memory of
Private RICHARD GLOSSOP**

**5592, 28th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F.
who died
on 11 March 1917**

**Remembered with honour
VILLERS-BRETONNEUX MEMORIAL**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Richard Glossop - Baptised at Elton 27.02.1887, he was the fourth child of Samuel Glossop, lead miner, and Ann Glossop of Back Lane, Elton. He was probably named after his grandfather who was born in Over Haddon about 1814 and who married Elizabeth Stone on 12th April 1846.

For details of their other children, see notes on Frederick Glossop.

In the 1901 census he is aged 14 and living with his family in Back Lane.

There is an item on page 3 of the Derbyshire Times for Saturday 31st March 1917 which records that Richard had been killed in action and continues, 'Private Richard Glossop, whose father is Mr Samuel Glossop, emigrated to Australia a few years ago and came over with the overseas troops to fight for his country.' He became a Private in the 28th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F.

Richard died on 11th March 1917, aged 30, and is also remembered on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial on the Somme. This memorial was designed by Sir Edward Lutyens and is the Australian national memorial erected to commemorate all Australian soldiers who fought in France and Belgium during the First World War.

**In Memory of
Able Seaman JOSEPH HARDY**

**J/41148, H.M.S. "Caesar.", Royal Navy
who died age 19
on 18 October 1918**

**Son of George A. and Eliza Hardy, of Elton, Matlock,
Derbyshire.**

**Remembered with honour
MALTA (CAPUCCINI) NAVAL CEMETERY**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Joseph Hardy - Born in Elton on the 29th May 1899, he was the son of George Anthony Hardy (born in Elton about 1858) and Eliza Petts (born in Stanton Lees about 1865). George and Eliza were married on 9th December 1890.

In the 1891 census George is a butcher on Moor Lane. In the 1901 census George is not present but Eliza has a butcher's shop on West End, not far from the church.

Joseph's siblings (all born in Elton except Francis who was born at Stanton Lees) were Francis/Frank (b. 1891), Bertha (1892), Ellen (b.1893), William (b.1894), Constance (b.1897), Annie (baptised and died 18.05.1898) and Mary Hannah (1900).

Joseph attended Elton school from February 1903 until June 1912.

He enlisted in the Royal Navy as an Able Seaman and served on H.M.S. 'Caesar'. He died on 18 October 1918, aged 19, and is also remembered at the Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery.

**In Memory of
Private JOSEPH PETER MARSDEN**

**58404, 1st Bn., Leicestershire Regiment
who died age 21
on 23 October 1918**

**Son of Peter and Sarah Marsden, of Ivy Lane, Elton,
Matlock, Derbyshire.**

**Remembered with honour
ST. SOUPLET BRITISH CEMETERY**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Joseph Peter Marsden - Born in Birchover about 1898, the youngest son of Peter and Sarah Marsden of Elton. His father was born in Stannington, Sheffield about 1858 and his mother was born in Birchover/Stanton about 1859.



Joseph's siblings, all born in Birchover/Stanton, except Ann Elizabeth who was born in Elton, were Mary H. (b. 1882), Frederick (b. 1884), Lydia Marriott (b. 1886), Sarah A. (b. 1899), Sarah Jane (b. 1893), George (b. 1896) and Ann Elizabeth (b. 1900).

In the 1891 census the family is living at Stanton Hill Side, Stanton, and Peter is a gritstone cutter. In the 1901 census they are living at Ivy House Farm (then called Hungerhill Farm), Ivy Lane, Elton. Peter is now a farmer and Frederick is a gritstone labourer.

Joseph Peter, known as Peter, enlisted at Derby in the 1st Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment and served in France and Flanders. He was killed in action near Basuel, France on October 23 1918, aged 21. The family received notification of his death a few days after the war ended. His younger sister, Ann Elizabeth, died one month later of influenza at the age of 18.

Peter is remembered with honour at St. Souplet British Cemetery south of Le Cateau in France. The village of St. Souplet was captured by the American 30th Division on the 10th October 1918. Peter is also remembered on the family gravestone in Elton churchyard.

**In Memory of
Private JOSHUA SMITH**

**28594, 1st Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers
who died
on 13 April 1917**

**Remembered with honour
ARRAS MEMORIAL**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Joshua Smith - Born in Elton about 1878/79, the youngest child of John and Martha Smith of Moor Lane, both of whom were born in Elton. John was a joiner.

John and Martha's other children, all born in Elton, were George H. 1863, Samuel (baptised 24.09.1865), Cornelius (1871), John (1873), Joseph (1874), Martha (1877) and Mary Ellen (baptised 15.07.1880, died 17.07.1880)

Joshua appears with his family in the 1881 census, living in Moor Lane. In 1891 Joshua Smith lived with his widowed mother Martha in Moor Lane and was still at school. His older brothers Samuel and Cornelius were living at home. Martha kept a farm and was helped by Cornelius who was then aged 21. Joshua's sister, Martha, was 15 and still at school.

Some time between 1891 and 1901 the family moved to Aldwark, where they continued to farm. In 1901 Joshua's older brother Joseph, aged 26, sister Martha and himself were working on the farm. Martha, the mother died in 1908 and Martha the daughter died in 1912.

Joshua's home is recorded as being Matlock Bath when he enlisted at Bakewell. According to 'Soldiers Died in the Great War', Joshua was born in Hawick, Roxburgh - a mistake if we have got the right man. Men were often transferred from one regiment to another because of high casualties so it is possible that on joining a Scottish regiment he gave a Scottish birthplace, or it was just that someone made a mistake when completing his records. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission supplied us with details of five other casualties called Joshua Smith but none of the others appears to have any connection with Derbyshire.

Joshua was first 40379 in the South Staffordshire Regiment but at the time of his death he was Private 28594 in the 1st Battalion. King's Own Scottish Borderers. He served in France and Flanders and was killed in action on 13 April 1917. He is also remembered on the Arras memorial, Bay 6.

**In Memory of
Private RUPERT SMITH STONE**

**59515, 1st Bn., Sherwood Foresters (Notts and
Derby Regt.)
who died age 22
on 27 May 1918**

**Son of Cornelius Stone and Sarah Smith Stone, of
Ivy Lane, Elton, Matlock, Derbyshire.**

**Remembered with honour
SOISSONS MEMORIAL**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Rupert Smith Stone - He was born on 12th September 1896, the second son of Cornelius Smith Stone and Sarah Stone of Ivy Lane. In 1901 Cornelius was a lead miner and had two daughters, Ellen aged 10 and Beatrice Ann aged 6, and two more sons, Normanton aged 8 and Dennis Smith Stone aged 2. All the family were born in Elton except for Sarah, who was born in Winster. They moved from Moor Lane to Ivy Lane sometime between 1891 and 1901.

Rupert was a pupil at Elton school between 1899 and 1908.

He enlisted at Bakewell in the 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment). He served in France and Flanders and was killed in action on 27th May 1918 aged 22. He is also remembered on the Soissons Memorial.

**In Memory of
Private CLEMENT RICHARD GOODWIN**

**40443, 16th Bn., Royal Scots
who died age 24
on 28 January 1918**

**Son of Clement Richard and Mary Belfield Goodwin, of Gratton
Grange, Elton, Matlock, Derbyshire. Native of Wheston Hall,
Tideswell, Buxton.**

**Remembered with honour
MORY ABBEY MILITARY CEMETERY, MORY**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Clement Richard Goodwin was the son of Clement Richard and Mary Belfield Goodwin of Gratton Grange, Elton. He is stated to be a native of Wheston Hall (near the village of Wheston) near Tideswell and is commemorated on the Tideswell war memorial.

The 1901 census shows this family living at Bowling Green Farm, Nether Haddon, Bakewell and Clement junior was apparently born at Chelmorton about 1894. We don't know when his parents moved to Gratton or how long they were there.

He enlisted at York as 15424 in the 5th Reserve Cavalry Regiment. He later transferred to the 16th Battalion Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) and served in France and Flanders. He died of wounds on the 28th January 1918 and is buried at Mory Abbey Military Cemetery.

**In Memory of
Private GEORGE STANLEY JAMES ORRELL**

**60395, "W" Coy. 15th Bn., Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby
Regiment)**

who died age 21

on 15 May 1917

**Son of James and Maria W. Orrell, of Thompson St., Langley Mill,
Notts.**

**Remembered with honour
THIEPVAL MEMORIAL**



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the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

George Stanley James Orrell is another war casualty who had connections with Elton but who is not named on the Elton War Memorial. He was born in Heanor, Derbyshire about 1896.

The following report appeared in the Derbyshire Times on Saturday 26th May 1917.

Former Elton Soldier Killed

News has been received this week that private George Orrell, Sherwood Foresters, was killed by a shell in France on May 15th. For several years Private Orrell was learning farming with his uncle, Mr Frank Staley of Pike Hall near Elton but shortly before enlisting about a year ago he removed to a farm at Shepley near Ilkeston. Aged 21 years, Private Orrell was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Orrell, Thompson Street, Langley Mill. He was an enthusiastic musician and for some years was organist at St. John's church, Aldercar.

He enlisted at Ilkeston in the 15th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment) and served in France and Flanders. He is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

On the next page is a photograph of a war memorial in Elton that is now rarely noticed. It is a window on the east wall of the Old Reform Chapel on Main Street. The window is visible from the footpath between Chapel Croft and Ivy Lane.

