



HOPE OF HEAVEN'S GARDEN
 THE KINGDOM OF
 EDWARD AND MARY'S REVEREND

ENRY	GARLECK ROBERT
ENRI	GRADIN JOHN
ORT	GREGG BENJAMIN
NALD	GREGG CHARLES
LFRED	GREEN JOHN
JAN	GREEN JOSEPH
RIK	HANLON WILLIAM
ORR	HATCH THOMAS
FRID	HATCH WILLIAM
ED	HOGARTH JOSEPH
ENKY	HOLDEN WILFRID
JOHN	HORMES ROBERT
JAMES	HOOT JOSEPH
HUGH	HORN WILHELM
SEPH	HOBBSER HERBERT
SEPH	HOGGHTON ARTHUR
HENRY	HUBBERSTY JOHN
JAMES	HYDES JAMES
NT	IDDON GEORGE
HN	JACKSON HUGH
NCIS	JENKINSON JOHN
MAA	KELLY PATRICK
AM	KELSALE GEORGE
R	KINSELLA WILLIAM
HARD	KNOWLES RICHARD
JAMES	LARCEY JOSEPH
GREY	LARCEY PATRICK
BLD	LODD JOHN

EDWARD	ALICE	HEBERT	RUBBLE	JOHN
LUFFTON	BERNICE	RICHMOND	JOHN	
DUNCAN	LEO	ROCHE	JOSEPH	
WALSH	ELAN	REARDER	SCARBOROUGH	
WHELAN	THOMAS	SHARPLES	GEORGE	
HIGGINS	THOMAS	SMITH	JOSEPH	
MCCARNEY	ANDREW	SOUTHWORTH		
MCDUGALL	JOHN	SPENCER	JOSEPH	
MCCIVENEY	PHILIP	STANTON	THOMAS	
MCCORMACK	WILLIAM	SUMNER	PERCIVAL	
MURPHY	JOHN	SWANSON	JAMES	
MURPHY	THOMAS	TERNEY	PATRICK	
MURPHY	JOHN	THOMPSON	ANDREW	
MURPHY	THOMAS	TURNER	EDWARD	
MURPHY	EDWARD	TWISS	JOHN	
MURPHY	WILLIAM	WALSH	JAMES	
NAYLOR	CHARLES	WARWICK	THOMAS	
NEWTON	CONRAD	WHELAN	EDWARD	
NORRIS	BASIL	WHELAN	HENRY	
NORRIS	JOHN	WHELAN	MATTHEW	
OSMUND	JAMES	WHELAN	WILLIAM	
PAUL	PHILIP	WHELAN	GEORGE	
PEREY	EDWARD	WHELAN	ARTHUR	
PEREY	JAMES	WHELAN	JAMES	
PIKE	WILLIAM	WHELAN	JOHN	
RADFORD	FRANCIS	WHELAN	JOHN	
RATTLE	LENNY	WHELAN	JOHN	
HARRIS	JOHN	WHELAN	LENNY	

PRESTON: ST WILFRID'S WAR

MEMORIAL

A.M. 1914-1918
 PRAY FOR THE MEN
 OF THIS PARISH OF SAINT WILFRID
 WHO SO GENEROUSLY LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES
 FOR THEIR COUNTRY
 IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918
 "MAY THEY REST IN PEACE"



**The War Memorial at
St. Wilfrid's Church
Preston**

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The War Memorial at St Wilfrid's Church, Preston

When St Wilfrid's Church was opened in Chapel Street in 1793, it was only the seventh place of worship ever built in Preston since 900 AD. The establishment of the parish was made by two priests of the Society of Jesus, namely Father Richard Morgan SJ and Father Joseph "Daddy" Dunn SJ. Dunn was involved in many Church and secular schemes in the town which improved the lives of many Prestonians, such as education, poverty relief and, famously, the early illumination of the town by gaslight. It has been thought more recently that Father Morgan had to tone down his enthusiasm at times. Both priests had come to Preston to serve St Mary's in Friargate (demolished in 1994) in 1776 when, it is worth recording, that both of them could technically have been arrested merely for being Catholic priests. Father Morgan died in 1814 aged 69 and Father Dunn in 1827 aged 82. Both are buried under the sanctuary of the church.

The building originally looked extremely plain resembling, from its exterior, a warehouse or a barn. This was to make the church less obviously a Catholic place of worship as, only twenty five years earlier, St Mary's had been burned down by an anti-Catholic mob. Its northern side had side doors which flanked a central entrance, surmounted by a triangular pediment. The church had a skirting of stone and its corners were quoined. It was illuminated by six sets of aisle windows, eight feet above which were clerestory fanlights, four feet in radius. Inside, there was a gallery which was supported by cast iron pillars.

In 1877 the church was closed for nearly two years while the roof and interior were dismantled. When it was reopened it had been transformed, inside and out, in the Italian Renaissance style, as it appears today. Prestonians visiting churches in Rome are instantly reminded of St Wilfrid's because of the architectural style and decoration.

The form the War Memorial was to take was debated during 1919 and during that autumn, the prevailing intention was that it should take the form of an altar dedicated to St Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus and a former soldier, badly injured in battle. Plans were posted in the porch showing three designs. The first, already mentioned, would cost £800. The second and third would be half the price. However, these would have included painting in the design and it was thought that this was incompatible with the church's marbled interior and its position as a town centre church. The eventual design would, it was hoped, make St Wilfrid's a "little gem" on completion. Its decoration would therefore be marble, adorned with mosaic or opus sectile, as this would "endure".

Plans for a magnificent altar as a memorial seem to have been modified over the next eighteen months or so, probably for financial reasons. A preview illustration and article in the Preston Guardian of 20 August 1921 shows a large crucifix set between the existing Stations of the Cross in their original positions. These were raised when the memorial was built so that the plaques containing the names would be more at eye level. The article stated that

"The crucifix will be installed on a blue marble base underneath the central stained glass window on the Epistle (right) side of the church between two tablets inscribed with the names of the fallen. The second part of the Memorial is that the wall surface forming the "bay" between the pillars flanking the window and the crucifix will be encased in light marble. Messrs Walker and Jenkins of London, ecclesiastical architects, will complete the scheme which will cost £1377, of which £923 is already in hand from congregational donations and collections."

The finance for the Memorial was raised by collections outside church after Mass and by collectors who had their own areas to work in, starting in the autumn of 1920. The average monthly total seems to have been about £40. The names of the

collectors, some of whom were obviously connected with the War dead, are listed below with their districts. They met in the Presbytery on the third Sunday of every month after the evening service. Every contributor had a card and a card could be opened for a child. Unfortunately, records of contributors were no longer available in 2009.

District 1 – The Misses Chaloner

New Cock Yard, Park Place, Cannon Street, Butler’s Court

District 2 – The Misses Duckett

Avenham Road, Chaddock Street, Bairstow Street, Cross Street

District 3 – The Misses Seed

Bushell Place, Avenham Colonnade, Ribblesdale Place, Camden Place, Garden Street, Winckley Square, Chapel Street

District 4 – The Misses Seed (as above)

East Cliff, East Cliff Road, Mount Street, Theatre Street

District 5 – The Misses Baines

Fishergate, Butler Street, Christian Road, Stanley Place, Fishergate Hill

District 6 – The Misses Barton

Walton’s Parade, North Cliff Street, Cliff Street, West Cliff

District 7- Miss Rooney

Grafton Street, Lauderdale Street, South Meadow Lane

District 8 – Mrs Noblett

Beech Street, Taylor Street, Brixey Street, Bird Street, Green Street, Cable Street

District 9 – Miss Campbell

Broadgate, Ardee Road, Balderstone Road

District 10 – Miss Campbell (as above)

Wolseley Road, Connaught Road

District 11 – Miss Edge and Miss Battersby

Falkland Street, Fishergate, Spring Bank, Christ Church Street, Osborne Street, Hartington Road

District 12 – Mrs Baines (as above)

Heatley Street, Chandler Street, Mount Pleasant, Bowran Street, Brow Square, Ladywell Street

District 13 – Miss Connolly and Miss Maddox

Pitt Street, Bolton Street, Marchand Street, Arthur Street, Christ Church Place, Back Christ Church Place

District 14 – Miss May Connolly

Ribble Street, Savoy Street, Redcross Street, Birk Street, Green Street, Cable Street

District 15 – Miss Dillon and Miss Conroy

Bow Lane, Lady Place, School Street, River Street, Ribblebank Street, Euston Street

District 16 – Miss Cook

Ladyman Street, Robinson Street, Hawkshead Street

District 17 – Miss Kirby

Fitzroy Street, Langton Street, Carnarvon Road, Northcote Road, Salisbury Road, Portland Street

District 18 – The Misses Turner

Friargate, Lune Street, St Wilfrid Street, Fox Street, Corporation Street

District 19 – Miss Boyle

Penwortham (no details, but presumably the streets across the River immediately opposite Broadgate)

The Memorial was blessed and unveiled by Father F. Kopp SJ, in the presence of a large congregation, on Sunday 16 April 1922. It takes the form of a large marble crucifix, set on an altar, flanked by the two tablet which contain the names of the one hundred and eleven (later a hundred and fourteen) men killed in the War. Forty eight of them are names of former Catholic College pupils. The College, situated across the road in Chapel Street, was a Jesuit foundation and staffed by priests from St Wilfrid's. In recent years, the Memorial has had tablets added in its sanctuary floor commemorating the dead from the Catholic College and St Wilfrid in the Second World War.

After the unveiling, a sermon was preached by Father Jagers SJ, who took his text from the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes, "They are beloved of God and men". In a tone typical of the time, he emphasised the glory, splendour and greatness of the sacrifice made by those who were killed. "These men had given all they had to give; their giving was the measure of their love." He said that the congregation should take the example of the sacrifice in their "ordinary, workaday lives," to "live better lives" making them "glorious with the glory that really counted". On the whole, the sermon's expression was in marked contrast to the speeches and sermons at other unveilings where the speaker had had battle experience. The ceremony ended with the organist, Mr F.M. Lovat, playing the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah".

The following week, on 26 April 1922, a Solemn Requiem was sung for the War Dead of the parish. Fathers Adamson SJ and Duffy SJ, both former armed forces chaplains, were celebrant and deacon. Boys from the Catholic College served on the sanctuary and all the rest of the school attended as former pupils of the school are recorded on the plaques. Also present were soldier of the Royal Artillery and the North Loyal

Lancashire Regiment. Six trumpeters sounded the Salute at the Consecration, the Last Post before the Absolution and the Reveille after the “Dead March” from “Saul” at the end. The Jesuit record “Letters and Notices, 1922” states that “the Choir and Organist acquitted themselves well, and altogether it was one of the most impressive ceremonies ever witnessed at St Wilfrid’s.”

There are three additions to the original list. The one hundred and twelfth is that of John Harrop, which was added in the same style but out of sequence. The remaining two were added later, both inscribed in smaller script than the others. Joseph Carter died in 1915 and Thomas Park, killed in 1917 were probably both simple omissions.

One slightly odd aspect of the Memorial is that of the one hundred and fourteen names on the tablets, only sixty six were not former pupils of the Catholic College. Yet, of the forty eight Catholic College names, twenty three have no obvious connection with St Wilfrid’s except for their schooling, which then begs the question why six other College names with no St Wilfrid’s connection were left off. Perhaps the families of the former pupils had been given the option, despite the fact that the school’s plans for their own memorial (now at Cardinal Newman College) were well under way. The answer could lie in numbers. All the other Preston parishes had lost over a hundred men, St Ignatius’s over two hundred. Perhaps the number sixty six did not really make the weight for the “little gem” which was originally planned for St Wilfrid’s.

How each man’s name was proposed and by whom has been lost. Perhaps it was by a simple form, filled in by next of kin. The names are recorded in four equal columns, surname first, with no indication of date, regiment or rank, and therein lies the main problem for the researcher with few clues as to the identity of the men. Even after careful research, some names have little detail or certainty attached to them, especially Henry

Atkinson, Henry Dewhurst, William Hatch, Thomas MacMullan, Thomas McHugh, Stephen Moran, David Whelahan and Arthur Woods, while Thomas Henderson, who had a clear connection with St Wilfrid's, is not recorded on the Memorial at all.

Alphabetical ordering brings out family groupings, such as the Duckett brothers, Francis and Vincent who are slightly out of order but are next to their cousin, John. Other brothers are the Greggs, the Greens and the Larceys.

It is amazing how much detail some men have attached to them and how little others have. After taking down the names from the Memorial, I went next to the Preston Roll of Honour returns (PRH) before consulting the records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) on their website. This gave me a useful start with some addresses instead of blindly plunging into huge lists of more common names without any extra detail to identify them. What I did find was surprising. As many as 50 of the 66 St Wilfrid's men with no connection to the Catholic College had a PRH return (76%), and with the College names with a St Wilfrid's connection 62 out of 91 (68%). This sits favourably with Saint Ignatius's (60%), St Walburge's (72%) and English Martyrs' (65%).

Some men had details provided by parents and widows, and a few by widows who had married again and moved house, sometimes out of the parish. Generally speaking, those people who filled in the Imperial War Graves Commission form (now CWGC) up to about 1922, with full details, were also those who printed a death notice in the Lancashire Daily Post (LDP) and details for short biographical articles in the Preston Guardian (PG). On the other hand, scanty details on the CWGC form usually meant there was little recorded anywhere else. It is rather sad to say that some men's memories were neglected for one reason or another, and many of these were killed in 1914 or 1915

At the beginning of the War, the Lancashire Daily Post published short, weekly biographical articles on some of the Preston men who were killed. After about a year these stopped and shortly afterwards the Preston Guardian carried on this work, obviously using material provided by the families. Not all those killed were represented as, again, these were family driven. It is not known whether this change of approach was an arrangement made between them but it suited the Guardian as a weekly newspaper. The Lancashire Daily Post continued to print death notices, paid for by relatives and these contain small, valuable items of information ignored by the Preston Guardian, as its death announcements continued to follow its nineteenth century format of listing names and places only. As it turns out then, both Preston newspapers provide sometimes vital information in researching the War Dead of the town.

Some entries have a number of addresses, but any obtained from the Lancashire Daily Post and the Preston Guardian are most likely to be the places where the dead serviceman lived. Others found on the Preston Roll of Honour returns from 1917 to 1926, the CWGC returns up to about 1922 (but sometimes beyond) and the Subscribers' List for the Preston War Memorial Fund (PWMF) 1924, sometimes show that families moved on and so may have family history value. I have recorded information from the PWMF only where it was certain that connection could be made by address or obviously by name. The town's War Memorial and the Roll of Honour plaques in the Harris Museum were paid for by public subscription which was gathered by an army of collectors during February and March 1924. Each subscriber had his/her name and address recorded in a special book, whose pages were turned one by one every day for over seventy years in a display case on the ground floor under the Rotunda of the Harris Museum.

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Abbreviations used in the List

CWGC - Any information taken from the Commonwealth (formerly Imperial) War Graves Commission

PRH - Information from the Preston Roll of Honour returns

LDP - Lancashire Daily Post

PG - Preston Guardian (weekly)

H - Name on, or information from, the War Memorial at the Harris Museum

PWMF - Information taken from the Preston War Memorial Fund Book of subscribers.

PCC – former pupil of the Catholic College in Chapel Street

PCCM – The Catholic College Magazine “Sons of the Eagle”.

The List of Names

Henry Aspinall

Son of George and Elizabeth Ann Aspinall of 21 Mount Pleasant, Corporation Street

Occupation: Creeler at Horrockses Cotton Mill

Private 20849 6th Battalion North Lancashire Regiment

Died 16 March 1917 aged 17 of fever in Mesopotamia

Basra Memorial Panel 27

Other details: PG 31 March 1917, LDP 29 March 1917. Joined Army at Whitsuntide 1915 aged 15 years and 8 months. Went to Mesopotamia in Spring 1916. H

Henry Atkinson

There are no references to this name in local records. Possible CWGC identity is:

Harry Atkinson Private 35497 4th Battalion King's Liverpool Regiment

Died 28 October 1916

Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 1D 8B and 8C

Hubert Baines (PCC)

Eldest son of William and Sara Baines of 9 Fishergate Hill

Occupation: Professional Soldier

Captain (Adjutant) (H says Acting Capt) 75th Carnatic Infantry (Indian Army)

Died Tuesday 22 October 1918 Aged 20

Killed near Aden, Died of Wounds

Buried at Maala Cemetery, Yemen, Grave - Special Plot 3/2

Other details: President of the Sodality and Head (Boy) of the College for two years. Football First XI. Left the College in 1915 and suggested the "Sons of the Eagle" for the College Magazine's name. Came sixth out of 2000 in the Indian Army Examinations in February 1916. Commissioned November 1916 and promoted to Acting Captain November 1917. Shot three times while moving to engage Turkish troops ten miles North of Aden. "The doctors say...he was the pluckiest lad they had ever

seen... (he) was immensely liked by all ranks...I recommended him for an MC for good service." CO's letter. LDP 25 October 1918 H

Reginald Baines (PCC)

Eldest son of Mrs Baines of "The De Tabley Arms", Ribchester, late of "The Victoria and Station", Fishergate, Preston.

Private 13099, 7th Battalion ("Preston Pals") Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Killed on Friday 17 November 1916

Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 11A

Other details: Death notice by Mrs Baines LDP 2 December 1916. PG article 16 December 1916: L/Cpl David Taylor wrote to Mrs Baines, "(He) fell after a successful advance, killed in a dugout with one of the officers. You have the deepest sympathy of all that remains of the Preston Pals."

Alfred Joseph (Fred) Birtwistle

The Oddfellows Arms, Mount Street

Occupation: Hotel Proprietor

Private 9694 4th Battalion Grenadier Guards

Died 1 December 1917 at Cambrai aged 38

Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Panel 2

Other details: Death notice LDP 3 September 1918 by Mrs Birtwistle. Missing then presumed killed on the above date. H

Adrian Brown (PCC)

Son of Captain Charles R Brown RAF, director of Messrs Brown and Co

Captain, 46 Squadron, Royal Air Force

Killed in accident, Wednesday 15 January 1919 at the Aircraft Acceptance Park, near Alexandra Park, Manchester, Aged 24

Manchester Southern Cemetery Grave G/RC/39

Other details: Accomplished and brave pilot, much praised by Squadron Officer. Commissioned in the RFC in 1916 and showed himself to be "clever and fearless". After a serious crash in 1917 he recuperated and was assigned to ferrying planes over

to France, returning to active service in May 1918. Took part in bombing and reconnaissance operations over Cambrai and St Quentin, and was shot through the thigh while in flight over the trenches in November 1918. PCCM says that the accident happened when Brown was testing a new Bristol two seater fighter. Instead of taking ballast he took a passenger, a soldier of the KORL regiment, recovering in a local hospital. After a good take-off the plane had travelled 200 yards at 100 feet in height when a left turn changed to a spin and the aircraft crashed and burst into flames. The two men's spines were broken and therefore they were killed outright. LDP (16 January 1919) says the passenger was Pte Cafferty MM of the KORL, native of Lancaster who left a widow and a son. He was recovering from war injuries at Nell Lane Military Hospital, had been wounded twice before and awarded the MM for capturing a machine gun in September 1918. The plane sideslipped, crashed and burst into flames. Both men were enveloped in a sheet of flame. The debris continued to burn for two hours and rescue was therefore impossible. LDP

Arthur Brown

Son of John and Hannah Brown of 6 Barton Street

Occupation: Railway Goods Porter

Private 205060 2nd/5th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers

Killed 20 September 1917 aged 38; missing then later presumed dead

Tyne Cot Cemetery V/G/10 H(but no PRH)

Joseph Edward Carter

60 Frenchwood Street

Occupation: Printer

Driver 79730 5th Reserve Battery Royal Field Artillery

Died 9 October 1915 at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich of cerebro-spinal meningitis ("spotted fever" PRH)

Preston Cemetery RC/H/376 H

Robert Challoner (PCC)

Son of Charles and Ann Challoner of 10 Church Road, Lytham
Private 13320, 2nd/5th Battalion King's Own Royal Lancaster
Regiment

Died Sunday 26 May 1918 Aged 25

Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezancourt, Somme Grave
11/D/20

Other details: Joined up 6 September 1914 at Lytham's first
recruiting meeting. Trained at Tidworth and went to Gallipoli in
June 1915 where he was wounded in the knee. Invalided to
Malta and to Liverpool where he was discharged. Transferred to
KORL and

was sent to France. Seriously wounded during a bombardment
in front of Gommecourt and died same day. PCCM

Leo Newman Chaloner (PCC)

Husband of Alice Chaloner, son of Edward and M.E. Chaloner
of 118 Friargate and 10 Bank Place and brother of Wilfrid
Chaloner (see below).

Occupation: Plumber and Painter

Private 305806, Royal Army Service Corps (Motor Transport)

Died at 11 Albert Street Fleetwood 15 March 1919 at of Malaria
fever, aged 28

Buried St John the Evangelist, Poulton-le-Fylde

Other details: Attended Fox Street School and PCC. Joined
Army in 1914, reserved for special training and attached to the
Italian Army. Served at Corfu, Salonica. Albania, Macedonia and
Serbia. Contracted Malaria in the Middle East and sent to Malta
to recuperate. Death notices LDP 18 March 1919 (1) from his
wife Alice Chaloner at 11 Albert Street, Fleetwood. (2) from his
parents Mr and Mrs E Chaloner. H LDP PCCM

Wilfrid Chaloner

Son of Edward and M.E. Chaloner of 118 Friargate and 10
Bank Place, brother of Leo Chaloner (see above)

Occupation: Plumber and Painter

Private 305806 (2782) 1st/8th Battalion (Irish) The King's
Liverpool Regiment

Died 8 August 1916 Aged 24, PCCM says 23, at Guillemont,
posted as missing at first.

Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 1D 8B and 8C

Other details: Fought through the battles of 1915 and was
hospitalised at Rouen. Cut off with others in an attack on
Waterlot Farm near Guillemont and "lost" in the withdrawal.
LDP death notice from family 13 July 1917, though PCCM
shows that death date only confirmed by military authorities in
October 1917 LDP H PCCM

Henry Clitheroe

92 Bedford Street (PRH)

Husband of Catherine Clitheroe of 85 Fylde Street (CWGC)

Occupation: Driver at Wigan Coal and Iron Co, Wharf Street

Private 20314 1st Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Killed 13 May 1916 by a shell, aged 37

St Patrick's Cemetery Loos III/ L /5

Other details: LDP 25 May 1916, PG 27 May 1916; Left widow
and 7 children, eldest 12. Joined the Army 27 February 1915.
Wounded on 30 (LDP says 13) October 1915 and volunteered
to return. Wore a rosary round his neck; the blast blew the
figure off the Cross. Also named on St Walburge's Memorial. H

John Cornwell

29 Wellfield Road (PRH)

Son of John and Hannah Cornwell

Occupation: Machine Man (PRH)

Lance Corporal 87919 (PRH has S/7917) 13th Battalion King's
Liverpool Regiment

Died 25 September 1917 aged 19

Nine Elms British Cemetery II/B/8 PWWF H

James Cosgrave

Factory Lane, Penwortham

Occupation: Cotton Spinner

Gunner 42409 5th Battery, 45th Brigade, 9th Division, Royal
Field Artillery

Died 15 November 1916 at the Somme

Guards Cemetery, Lesbocufs H

Hugh Costello

22 Lodge Street

Occupation: Dock Labourer

Private 10880 1st Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Died 31 October 1914 at Mons

Menin Gate Panels 41 and 43

Other details: Missing from the above date and presumed dead
in April 1916. Death notice LDP 25 April 1916 by widow and
children, father, mother, sister and brother. Also on St
Walburge's Memorial H

Joseph Cottam

14 Silver Street (PRH)

Occupation: Winding Master (Cotton)

Private 28394 Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, transferred to
Border Regiment

Died 23 April 1917 at Monchy

Arras Memorial H

Joseph Craven

Son of Joseph and Catherine Craven of 83 Brougham Street;
husband of Annie Craven of 199 Brook Street (CWGC)

Occupation: Baker

Died 27 September 1917 aged 29

Tyne Cot Memorial Panels 102 to 104 H

Henry Dewhurst

No local records refer to this man and the CWGC has 11
possibilities. The most probable is:

Henry Dewhurst

Private 203106 1st/4th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire
Regiment

Died 7 June 1917

Menin Gate Panels 41 and 43

Francis Duckett (PCC)

Third son of the late John J and M A Duckett of 39 Chaddock Street (Bow Lane in LDP and PG)

Occupation: Engineer

Private A449, Canadian Infantry (Western Ontario Regiment)

Died 16 March 1916 (also LDP) (PCCM and PG say 17) Aged 28 (PCCM says 29)

Balleul Communal Cemetery Grave II/C/201

Other details: Death notice LDP 21 March 1916, PG 25 March 1916. Left Catholic College in 1899 and attended Mount St Mary School, Sheffield until 1903. One of four brothers, one killed in the War, Vincent (see below) and cousin of John Duckett also killed (see below). Suffered serious leg wounds and died hours later. Went to Canada in 1913 for employment. Returned in 1914 in the Canadian Army before being posted to Flanders in 1915. PCCM PWF H

Vincent George Duckett (PCC)

Fourth son of the late John and Margaret Alice Duckett of 39 Chaddock Street, brother of Francis Duckett (above) and cousin of John Duckett (below)

Occupation: Parr's Bank, Maryport

Second Lieutenant, 14th Battalion attd. 11th Battalion Durham Light Infantry

Died 23 March 1918 Aged 22

Pozieres Memorial Panels 68 to 72

Other details: Death notice 11 April 1918. Joined up in 1914. Saw action in Egypt, near Gommecourt during Battle of the Somme and Vimy Ridge. Commissioned officer November 1917. Killed during the Retreat. PCCM H PWF

John James Duckett (PCC)

4 Christ Church Street

Cousin of Francis and Vincent Duckett (see above)

Occupation: Draughtsman at Manchester (LDP says Lancashire)
Dynamo Co
Private 10766, "C" Coy, 1st Battalion Scots Guards
Killed at Loos on Monday 27 (PCCM says 25) September 1915
aged 27

Loos Memorial Panels 8 and 9

Other details: Went missing on the above date and parents appealed for news of him in the LDP of 5 November 1915. Joined up in August 1914 with brother, Tom, who was captured on the day JD was killed. Was seen by brother and another soldier dead to the right of the Chalk Pit, where they were attacking, from bullet wound but reported missing until June 1916. Brother POW for three years. PCCM H

Francis Eccles (PCC)

Son of Peter and Ann Eccles (nee Ball)

Private 40791 57th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

Died 8 January 1918 of pleurisy at Chichester aged 25

St Gregory's Catholic Church, Chorley, South East Corner

Other details: Regarded by his teachers at the Catholic College as having excellent talents. Joined RAMC in October 1914 and remained with 57th Ambulance for the duration. Always regarded as A1 fit, he became ill and underwent several operations for pleurisy. Died of this, exposure and other hardships in Chichester Hospital. PCCM

William Frederick Finch (PCC)

Son of Thomas and Margaret Finch of 5, Little Lane, Longridge, Preston

Private 49592, 21st Battalion Manchester Regiment

Died Sunday 13 May Aged 30

Arras Memorial Bay No 7

Other details: Cut off from his platoon and severely wounded in the fighting round Bullecourt, with stretcher bearers unable to reach him because of shellfire. Was reported missing for a time,

then thought to be a prisoner. He left the Catholic College in 1900. CWGC PCCM

Walter Ford (PCC)

42 Atkinson Street

Private, 4157 1st/4th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Occupation: Printer in New Bedford, Massachusetts, USA

Killed by shellfire Saturday 19 September 1916 Aged 26

Thiepval Memorial, Somme Pier and Face 11A

Other details: Born 24 May 1890. Death notice/report LDP 10 October 1916. Left Preston Catholic College in 1905 to learn the trade of printing with Messrs Watson of Corporation Street in Preston. Having completed his time he joined a cousin in the USA to work in a printing mill. He returned in 1915 to Preston to join up and was killed about a year later. After capturing a German trench he was buried in debris caused by shellfire and he has no known grave. PCC Magazine says about his return to enlist, "May God reward him for his noble self sacrifice. It was the call of conscience and duty which brought him to his death...He always thought of others more than himself..." In 1913 boarded at 161 Brook Street, then in 1914 at 137 Tallman Street before leaving New Bedford in 1915. (Information provided by New Bedford Free Public Library Ref Dept.)

Richard Forrest

7 Springfield Place (LDP)

52 Avenham Lane (PG)

Occupation: A Regular Soldier for 14 years, then Labourer at H. Viney and Co. Ltd., Mechanical Transport Engineers of Strand Road

Private 11470 1st Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Died 12 October 1916 aged 47

Thiepval Memorial Pier and face 9A, 9B and 10B

Other details: Death Notice LDP 4 August 1917 from Wife and child; PG 7 August 1917. Missing, then presumed dead on

the above date in August 1917. Re-enlisted in 1914. Went through the Boer War untouched. H

James Frawley

36 Savoy Street

Occupation: Creeler at Wellfield Road Mill

Private 14513 20th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers

Killed 15 April 1917 aged 19

Bellicourt British Cemetery V/E/9

Other details: Death Notice LDP 9 May 1917 from Mother; PG 12 May 1917. Enlisted 1915. Had been in France for 17 months.

Joseph Gallagher

Son of Ellen Gallagher of 35 Higginson Street

Occupation: Piecer at Simpson's Mill, North Road

Private 2531 1st Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Died of wounds 1 July 1916 aged 21 ("just" PG) at Casualty Clearing Station

Choques Military Cemetery. Bethune I/J/15

Other details: Article PG 8 July 1916. Enlisted July 1914. Telegram arrived on 5 July giving news of wounding; telegram arrived on following day notifying death. H

Philip Gardner (PCC)

Son of William and Sarah Gardner of Yorkrakine, Western Australia

Occupation: Bush Farmer

Private 2419 51st Battalion Australian Infantry

Died Saturday 13 October 1917 Aged 24

Menin Gate Ypres Panels 7/17/23/25/27/31

Other details: Born 1893, started at the Catholic College in 1904 and left in 1909 when his family emigrated to Australia to farm in the Bush of Western Australia. Volunteered in 1916 and trained for six months as a Signaller in England and went to France in June 1917.

Robert Garlick (possible)

Gunner 42344 C Battery, 160th Brigade Royal Field Artillery

Died 21 September 1916

Guillemont Road Cemetery, Guillemont XII/11/6

John Gilgun

Son of John Gilgun of 51 Pitt Street

Occupation: Blowing Room Hand at Wellfield Road Mill

Private 20922 6th (PRH says 11th) Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Died 27 April 1916 aged 32 in Mesopotamia

Amara War Cemetery Iraq

Other details: LDP article and picture 3 June 1916; PG 3 June 1916. Was unmarried. H

Benjamin Francis Gregg

Son of Joseph and Amy Frances Gregg of 36 Balfour Road (CWGC and PRH); brother of Charles (below). Native of Ulverston

Occupation: Electrician

Private 1730 1st Battalion King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment

Died 2 May 1915 aged 24 at Ypres

Menin Gate Panel 12 H PWMF (Mrs Gregg)

Charles Edward Gregg

21 Stanley Place (PG) Son of Joseph and Amy Frances Gregg of 36 Balfour Road (CWGC and PRH); brother of Ben (above)

Occupation: Engineer

Killed 15 June 1917 at Vlamertinghe aged 22

Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery

Other details: PG 23 June 1916. Enlisted in the ranks in 1914. Commissioned in 1915. Had been at the Front for 3 weeks. Killed by a shell when leading his platoon. Buried with full military honours. H

John Francis Green

Youngest son of William and the late Alice Green of 133 Market Place

Occupation: Clogger

Lance Corporal (Lewis Gunner) 305815 1st/7th Battalion King's Liverpool Regiment

Died 29 September 1918 at Bethune aged 24

Fouquières Churchyard Extension IV/J/6

Other details: Death notices LDP 21 October 1918 (1)from Father (2)from Uncle, Aunt and cousins. H

Joseph Green (PCC)

10 Bispham Street, Preston

Occupation: Teacher at Brownedge RC Boys' School from 2 October 1911

Private 21939 11th Battalion King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment

Died of Wounds 26 July 1917

Roquiry-Equancourt British Cemetery Manancourt, Somme Grave 1/F/1

Other details: Sent to France as a Signaller in January 1916 and wounded in the shoulder later in that year. Pupil at the Catholic College 1904-08 as an older student. Early education at St Edward's, Liverpool, then worked at the Post Office and later at Cockshutt's solicitors. After passing the Oxford Locals, became a Pupil Teacher for a year before completing his teacher training at St Mary's College, Hammersmith. He was shot at 7-30 pm and died in hospital three hours later. H

William Hanlon

3 Birk Street

Occupation: Iron Dresser

Private 12638 10th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Died 15 November 1916 aged 30

Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 11A

Other details: PG 9 December 1916. Enlisted August 1914 and had been at the Front for 16 months.

John Harrop (PCC)

Lieutenant, Essex Regiment

No local records or CWGC record found for this man. His name appears between Louis Rattle and Thomas Rawcliffe on the Memorial.

Thomas Hatch

3 Birk Street (sister's house – see William Hanlon above)

Private 14193 10th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Killed 10 August 1916

Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 11A

Other details: Missing from the above date and presumed killed later. Sister put an appeal for any sighting of him in LDP 20 September 1916.

William Hatch

No local records or CWGC record found for this man.

Thomas Henderson (not on the Memorial)

Son of Mr and Mrs JE Henderson of 45 Higginson Street

Occupation: Apprentice Turner and Fitter at Atherton and Co

Private 19222 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment

Died of wounds 11 October 1917 at Ypres aged 21

Godewaersvelde British Cemetery, near Ypres I/P/6

Other details: PG 27 October 1917. Enlisted in 1914 and spent 2 years at the Front. Came home on leave in August 1917. Was a member of St Wilfrid's Boys' Brigade. H

Joseph Hogarth

7 Smirk Street (1916), then 5 Smirk Street.

Occupation: Steeplejack in Preston

Private 203143 1st/5th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Killed 20 June 1917 at Ypres, aged 26 (LDP says 25), by shellfire with three other men.

Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery I/C/6

Other details: Death notice LDP 6 July 1917 from Wife; PG 7 July 1917. Called up September 1916, went to the Front in January 1917. H

Wilfrid Holden (PCC)

3 Skeffington Road

Only son of Edward and Catherine Holden of “Gainsborough”, Ribbleton Avenue, Preston

Occupation: Teacher at St Joseph’s Catholic Boys’ School, Preston

Lance Corporal, 37232, 12th Battalion (West Somerset Yeomanry) Somerset Light Infantry

Died 2 September 1918 at Peronne Aged 27

Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension Grave V/B/16

Other details: Death Notice LDP 4 October 1918 from family.

Requiem Mass was said at St Joseph’s Church, Skeffington Road. An athlete, he won his regiment’s sports championship in 1916. Fought in Egypt, with General Allenby’s forces in Palestine (at Jerusalem, Gaza, Beersheba and Jericho). Sent to France as a trained Lewis gunner, June 1918. Mrs Holden contributed to PWMF 1925 PCCM H

Robert Holmes

1 Savoy Street (PRH)

Private 11359 6th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Died 6 August 1915 at Victoria Gully

Lone Pine Cemetery ANZAC Gallipoli H

Joseph “Joe” Holt (PCC)

Occupation: Draper in family business

Private, 204007 2nd/5th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers

Died Tuesday 31 July 1917 aged 18

Menin Gate, Ypres Panel 33

Other details: Reported missing for a time. Went to the Catholic College in 1911 at the age of twelve and left in 1914. Ten of his class served with the Forces and Hubert Baines and Harry Tommony died as a result of their service. Went into

battle with a rosary round his neck. His father died a few months after JH was killed. PCCM

Sylvester Horn (PCC)

Son of Jeannette and the late William Henry Horn, husband of Mary Angela Horn (née McGoldrick) of 26 Oban Road, Anfield, Liverpool

Chief Engineer, SS Aylevarro (Limerick), Mercantile Marine

Died Sunday 7 October 1917 Aged 43

Tower Hill Memorial, London

Other details: Born at Myerscough near Preston. Attended the College when it was still the Catholic Grammar School in 1884. Was a very strong Catholic and was said not to know what fear was. Father of three sons who attended the Jesuit school of St Francis Xavier in Liverpool and was brother of Fr Henry Horn SJ. The ship was an armed coastal steamer, torpedoed without warning with a loss of twenty crew, including the Master. PCCM

(Herbert) Edward “Eddie” or “Ted” (James) Hothersall (PCC)

Youngest son of Edward Gregory Hothersall and Elizabeth Hothersall of Whitburn House, Garstang Road, Preston

Occupation: Estate Manager of horse and cattle ranch in New Zealand

Private 39660 1st Battalion Auckland Regiment, New Zealand Expeditionary Force

Died Wednesday 3 April 1918 Aged 23

Grevillers (New Zealand) Memorial

Other details: Also educated at St Francis Xavier School, Mayfield, Sussex. Left England at age 18 and became successful farmer in NZ. Joined up in September 1916. Wounded on first day in France in July 1917. Was killed by a shell after listening work in No Man’s Land during the last great push by the Germans. His parents contributed to the PWWF. Death Notice LDP 17 April 1918; PG 27 April 1918. H PCCM

Arthur Houghton (PCC)

Lived with his wife at 42 Bow Lane

Only son of the late Councillor Thomas Houghton and Mrs Houghton

Occupation: Trainee Dentist

Second Lieutenant, 3rd Battalion Worcester Regiment

Killed Friday 22 March 1918 Aged c34 at Cambrai

Arras Memorial Bay 6

Other details: Joined Army in 1915, spent some time in Veterinary Corps. Commissioned in January 1918. PG Death Notice 30 March 1918 H PCCM

John (Jack) Hubberstey (PCC)

Son of Councillor John Hubberstey, solicitor.

Occupation: Regular Soldier

Private 8141, 2nd Battalion Scots Guards

Died 26 October 1914

Menin Gate Panel 11

Other Details: Educated at St Bede's Manchester before attending the Catholic College. Left the College in 1909, worked in father's office, then joined the Army in 1910 for short service which would have expired in January 1915. Went to Belgium with the first draft of Scots Guards. Killed by a shell during a heavy bombardment on his company while the German Army tried to break through to Calais. Most of the others were injured, mutilated and energised, but JH was said to be unmarked at the time of death.

LDP 2 December 1914 article and picture PCCM H

James Hydes

Son of Charles and Elizabeth Hydes of Sheffield; husband of Johanna Hydes of 16 Vickers Street

Occupation: Employed at National GPO (telephones) in Glover Street

Gunner 494475 "A" Battery, 82nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery

Died 28 November 1918 of wounds at Etaples, aged 20

Etaples Military Cemetery LI/ D/15 H

George Iddon

Son of Richard and Elizabeth Iddon of 14 Kendal Street

Occupation: Horse Driver

Private 210351 1st Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Killed 31 July 1917, shot by a sniper, aged 22

Ypres Menin Gate Panels 41 and 43 H

Hugh Lawrence Jackson (PCC)

Son of Henry and Annie Jackson of Hollybrook, New Longton.

Originally from Bolton.

Pioneer, 48133, 103 Field Company Royal Engineers

Died Sunday 14 May 1916 Aged 23

Dranoutre Military Cemetery, Heuvelland, West Vlaanderen, Belgium

Other details: Educated at the Catholic College and at St Mary's College, Chesterfield. All round athlete and a member of Horwich RMI cricket team. Enlisted in September 1914 and a letter to his parents from an officer described his courage, spirit and exemplary conduct as a trusted soldier. Killed, with his Section Sergeant, in the head and leg by a shell fragments and was buried the next day. "...he was popular with everyone owing to his unflinching cheerfulness. I myself shall miss him very much." (CO's letter) PCCM

John "Jack" Dennis Jenkinson (PCC)

Son of John R and Norah Jenkinson of 9 Bolton Street, later of 6 Garden Lea, Ulverston

Occupation: Professional Soldier

Trooper (CWGC says Private), 4494 "D" Squadron, 17th Lancers (Duke of Cambridge's Own) PRH adds "Death or Glory"

Died of Wounds on Sunday 25 November 1917 aged 19 at 61st Field Ambulance

Gouzeaucourt New British Cemetery, Nord, France Grave 111/B/3

Other details: A master horseman, he was allowed to join the Cavalry directly from the catholic College in 1912 aged 14, by special permission of the War Office. Direct descendant of soldiers who served as early as the Peninsular War, many of whom were in the 17th Lancers. His great grandfather was a RSM for 25 years. Initially in the 16th Lancers at The Curragh in Ireland, was drafted into the 17ths in Sialkot, then in India, and appointed trumpeter. Was left behind at the outbreak of War and was temporarily employed by the Catholic Soldiers' Institute, where he regularly served Mass. Sent back to The Curragh in December 1914. While moving through the Suez Canal his ship was attacked by the Turkish Army. In Ireland his skills as a horseman were used to train and coach others and break in remounts. Was put into action during the Irish Easter Uprising in Dublin and was in action against the rebels in Sackville and O'Connell Streets. Volunteered for every cavalry draft sent to the regiment at The Curragh. Again refused permission to go to France because of age, despite his abilities as marksman, machine-gunner and bomber. While in Ireland was advised to apply for commission but he refused. Sent to France on 30 October 1917, after home leave, and died of gunshot wounds on 25 November, during the consolidation of the British advance at Cambrai. Numerous letters of sympathy sent to his parents by the Officer Commanding and other men of the regiment. His brother, Richard, had died only shortly before JJ. Death Notice LDP 10 December 1917; PG article 15 December 1917. Father was a Superintendent in the Lancashire Constabulary. H PCCM

Patrick Kelly

12 Pollard Street

Occupation: Cotton Spinner

Corporal 896 No 10 Mobile Veterinary Section, (H says Royal)
Army Veterinary Corps

Died 31 January 1918

St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen P/VI/1/7B

Other details: Death Notice LDP 5 February 1918 from Wife and Child H

George Kelsall

29 Snow Hill

Occupation: Labourer

Private 10818 1st Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Killed 7 March 1917 during a night bombing raid while trying to bring in his wounded officer.

Assevilliers New British Cemetery X/A/8 H

William Kinsella

Son of the late Richard and Marie Louise Kinsella; husband of Frances Kinsella of 8 Goldfinch Street

Private 7681 "D" Company, 6th Battalion South Lancashire Regiment

Died 7 December 1915 at Gallipoli aged 30

Helles Memorial 139 and 140

Other details: Death Notice LDP 18 January 1916. H PWWF

Richard Knowles

Son of John and Margaret Knowles of 7 Seed Street

Lance Corporal 12899 9th Battalion Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment

Died 25 April 1917 aged 29

Arras Memorial Bay 6

Joseph Larcey

20 Mount Pleasant

Son of Thomas and Mary Ann Larcey of 10 Gildow Street (CWGC); 22 Lodge Street in 1916 (LDP). Brother of Patrick (below)

Occupation: Driller at Coulthard's printing machine and motor car manufacturers, Marsh Lane

Lance Corporal 13816 8th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Killed in action 10 July 1916 aged 23. Died instantly from a shot to the head on reaching a German trench.

Pozières British Cemetery, Ovillers-La Boisselle

Other details: Death notice LDP 2 August 1916 from Mother, Father, sister and brothers) (Army official notice 1 August); article and picture LDP 7 August 1916; article and picture PG 12 August 1916. Enlisted 3 September 1914 and had been in France for 11 months. Father on active service with the Army aged 58.

Patrick Larcey

10 Gildow Street (LDP)

10 Guildhall Street (PG)

Brother of Joseph (above)

Corporal 11207 8th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment

Killed 22 September 1917 (LDP and PG say August) by shellfire Bedford House Cemetery, Ypres, Enclosure No 4 X/C/2

Other details: Death notice LDP 11 October 1917 from Father, Mother, sister and brother, Wife and child; PG 13 October. Enlisted August 1914 and fought at Gallipoli. Invalided home with fever. Went to Belgium and was slightly wounded in June 1917.

John Loud

Youngest son of William and Mary Loud of 8 Ratcliffe Street (PRH), late of the Tanner's Arms 84a Adelphi Street (LDP)

Occupation: Employed in the Dye Works at Horrockses

Private 28478 2nd/4th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Died 26 October 1917 aged 19

Tyne Cot Memorial Panel 102 to 104

Other details: Death notice 6 November 1917 from Mother, father, sisters, brother and brother-in-law. Enlisted 5 April 1915. Served for 2 years and 3 months in the Army Service Corps. Transferred to the Loyals in September 1917. H

Hubert Stanislaus Lovelace (PCC)

Only surviving son of the late John and Magdelan Lovelace of 2 St Austin's Place, Preston.

Occupation: Clerk in Barclay's Shipping Office, Manchester

Private 23513, 1st Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry

Died of gunshot wounds Tuesday 24 October 1916 aged 32 (CWGC says 30) in 1st Australian Hospital, Rouen.

St Sever Cemetery Grave B/14/1

Other details: Born 18 November 1883. Left the College in 1900 and was further educated at St Edward's College, Liverpool, until 1906. Joined the Army in May 1916 and went to France on 1 September 1916. Was in hospital for two weeks before his death. The Catholic priest who buried him wrote to his parents. Misses N, E and M Lovelace of the address above contributed to the PWMF in 1924. Death Notice and article PG 4 November 1916. PCCM H

Lawrence Lupton

Son of George Lupton (CWGC, LDP (1916) says Mr and Mrs Lupton) of 12 Edward Street

Occupation: Warehouseman at Preston Film Service, Corporation Street

Private 11522 2nd Battalion Scots Guards

Killed by shellfire 17 August 1916 aged 26

Sucrerie Military Cemetery, Colincamps nr Albert

Other details: Death notice LDP 28 August 1916 (1) from father, Mother, Sister and brothers – "He died that we might live." (2) from Uncle and Aunt Wignall and Jennie in Penwortham; PG 2 September 1916. Joined up in August 1914. Invalided home in May 1915 with shattered nerves caused by the death of a friend at his side. Had been back in France for 10 months. H

(Joseph) Leo Lynch

18 Winckley Square (PRH)

Son of George and Mary A Lynch of 21 Latham Street

Occupation: Motor Engineer

Private 58964 Prince of Wales's West Yorkshire Regiment
(Motor Transport)

Died 20 July 1918 aged 19 at Marfaux nr Rheims

Marfaux British Cemetery III/J/4

Other details: Death notice LDP 17 August 1918 H

Alec (Alexander, "Sandy") MacLachlan (PCC)

Younger son of Emily Keighley (formerly MacLachlan) and the late John MacLachlan of Alston Hall Villa, Grimsargh, Preston; formerly of Ribbleton Avenue

Occupation: Farmer

Corporal (PRH says Sergeant) 23/233 1st Battalion 3rd New Zealand Rifle Brigade

Killed in action Monday 4 November 1918 at Le Quesnoy, France Aged 28

Rominières Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France
Grave IX/A/18

Other details: Death Notice from Mother LDP 21 November 1918. Emigrated to New Zealand some years before the War. Prevented from enlisting by a work agreement, he joined up in May 1915. On Christmas Day 1915 he was in action against Turkish-led Arabs in Egypt. Took part in the Somme offensive in France in 1916 and went over the top when tanks were first used. June 1917 was hit by shrapnel at Battle of Messines and returned to England and revisited the Catholic College. He was killed in almost the last offensive of the War. His officer wrote in a letter, "(He) was the most popular and capable NCO in "A" Company. I had reason to bless his cheerful disposition." Originally buried "...in a little triangular copse alongside the railway line just south of Le Quesnoy..." Officer's letter) (PCCM) LDP H PRH

Thomas MacMullan

No local records or probable CWGC record found for this man

Thomas Maguire

15 Savoy Street

Occupation: Labourer at Preston Dock

Private 11239 6th Battalion North Lancashire Regiment

Died 9 February 1917 aged 26 in Mesopotamia

Basra Memorial

Other detail: PG 3 March 1917. Enlisted August 1914. Fought in Mesopotamia and Gallipoli.

Andrew McCartney (H says McCarty)

1 Lawson Street

Husband of Annie McCartney of 13 McGurk Street, New Bedford USA

Occupation: Driller at Dick, Kerr Ltd, Strand Road (before emigration)

Private PRH says 6793 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment

CWGC says D/15784 2nd/1st Battalion Shropshire Regiment

Died 10 October 1918 at sea, aged 34

Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton (for those lost at sea)

Other details: Went to America before the War with his wife and three children. Served in France 1914 to 1918. Wounded in 1918 and invalided to Ireland. Was crossing from Dublin to Holyhead then to Preston for his mother's funeral when the ship, RMS Leinster, was torpedoed by U123 in the Irish Sea. All hands were lost including the master, and passengers making a total of 511 people. Information given by his sister, Mrs Caroline Harding, of 68 Bow Lane on the PRH form. H

John (Dixon) McDougal

Husband of Annie McDougal of 39 Fishergate Hill

Private S/363577 Army Service Corps

Died 18 November 1918 at the Military Hospital, Fazackerley, Liverpool

Preston Cemetery RC/T/929

Other details: Death notice LDP 19 November 1918

Philip McGiveney DSO (PCC)

Son of Patrick and Mary McGiveney of 28 Great Avenham Street, Preston.

Occupation: Manager of Freeman, Hardy and Willis Ltd in Burnley

Second Lieutenant, 17th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers

Died of wounds 2 June 1918 Aged 36

Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, Somme Grave 111/A/12

Other details: Death notice LDP 4 June 1918. Volunteered for the Liverpool Pals (5th Battalion The King's Liverpool Regiment in August 1914 with other College former pupils, George (see below), William and Henry Sharples and was seriously wounded in action. After recovering in hospital in Bolton he was selected for a commission and gazetted to the Lancashire Fusiliers. Awarded the Distinguished Service Order posthumously for the action in which he was fatally wounded. The announcement of the award in the London Gazette of 24 September reads: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He captured the first objective with his platoon. His company was subsequently ejected by a counter-attack. He, with a handful of men, returned to the attack and retook the objective. He was wounded in the face, but went on, single handed and bombed and took prisoner the occupants of three posts. Later, arranging another bombing party, and advancing again, he was badly wounded in the spine and had to be taken away. It was due to his splendid courage and dash that his company recovered from its reverse and succeeded in re-engaging and inflicting severe casualties on the enemy." PCCM says: "He was beloved by all for his genial disposition and genuine, self-forgetting charity." PCCM

William Patrick McGuinness (PCC)

85 James Street, Frenchwood, Preston

Occupation: Certified Schoolteacher

Corporal number unknown, 3rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers

Died 4 November (PRH) or December (PCCM) 1917 in the Balkans (PCCM) or Bulgaria (PRH) Aged 23

No Grave or Memorial

Other details: Attended the Catholic College from 1907-1912 and was in the same class and regiment as John McHugh (see below). Having passed the Senior Oxford Locals he became a teacher and was engaged in this when he joined the Army. Wrote to PCCM in summer 1917. Talked about “our dear old College” and commented on the good standard of the magazine which had been sent out to him in Macedonia. Voiced regrets about the deaths of Jack McHugh (“he kept us in roars of laughter”) and John Hubberstey (see above and below). “I got quite a shock when ...I came across “Wounded” behind my own name...I have not succeeded in being hit by any of Johnny Bulgar’s lead...I am in a country called Macedonia and the least I say about the place the better.”

Served with the expedition at Salonika when he was reported missing in a retreat from superior Bulgarian forces. Thought to be prisoner of war, but later said to be dead. Reported dead in PCCM June 1918, then shown as “missing”. This last part was supplied to PCCM by his parents who were still waiting for the rest of the Royal Fusiliers engaged in the Balkans to return to get more information. The information concerning his death is thought to be suspect. As far as the CWGC is concerned he is still unconfirmed as a casualty by the Army, and therefore has no nationally recognised commemoration of any kind. He is not commemorated on St Augustine’s war memorial either, his home parish. A comment in St Augustine’s notice book for Sunday 7 September 1919 says “now reported killed in action.” Requiem Mass said for him at St Augustine’s during week beginning 12 October 1919. H PCCM

John “Jack” McHugh (PCC)

Son of Edward (died before 1922) and Helena McHugh of 5, Fitzroy Street, Preston

Occupation: Schoolteacher

Private 9594 7th Battalion Royal Fusiliers

Killed in a bomb blast Monday 13 November 1916 Aged 20
Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont Hamel, Somme Grave
VIII/B/7

Other details: Death Notice LDP 21 December 1916. Was in the same class at the Catholic College and same regiment as William McGuinness (see above). Went to train as a teacher at St Mary's College, Hammersmith (Strawberry Hill after 1925) after his pupil teacher year in an elementary school. Excelled at sport especially Cricket, Football and Rowing. "He used to give us very amusing accounts of how he taught music and scales to infants in his class..." PCCM January 1917. "...he kept us in roars of laughter..." William McGuinness (see above) PCCM September 1917. Was engaged in heavy fighting around Beaumont Hamel between 11 and 13 November as a bomber, and was killed instantly by an enemy bomb. H PCCM

Thomas McHugh (possibly)

Private 201263 1st/4th King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment
Died 23 April 1918
Fouquières Churchyard Extension, Bethune II/B/2

John McLaughlin

Son of John and Margaret McLaughlin of 28 (PRH says 33)
Poplar Street; husband of Ann Carlisle (formerly McLaughlin)
of 58 Croft Street

Occupation: Employee of Dick, Kerr and Co

Private 21026 6th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Died 9 January 1917 aged 32 in Mesopotamia

Basra Memorial Panel 27

Other details: PG 20 January 1917. Left a widow and child. H

Stephen Moran (probable)

No local record found for this man.

Corporal 6751 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment

Died 18 October 1916

Thiepval Memorial pier and Face 6C

Thomas Morris (PCC)

Second son of Thomas and Jane Morris of 34 Adelphi Street

Occupation: Provision Dealer (family business)

Corporal S/27845, 16th Battalion The Rifle Brigade (Prince Consort's Own)

Died Monday 25 March 1918 Aged 21 (22 LDP), in German Field Hospital at Villers Foucan, after being taken prisoner.

Villers Foucan Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme Grave III/C/7

Other Details: Death Notice by Mr and Mrs Morris LDP 27 September 1918. Tom and his brother, Jack, another Old Boy, were crack shots in the Territorials and had won prizes at Bisley. He was a Lewis machine gunner in the vicinity of St Quentin when wounded by shellfire and taken prisoner. He died three days later. In 1917 he was the only one of his section to return from an attack and was hit three times He went on through the terrible winter of 1917 where he saw heavy fighting on Passchendaele Ridge and in Polygon Wood. H

Frederick Joseph Murray

Son of Mr and Mrs J. Murray of 4 Stewart Street

Private 23997 1st Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Died 26 (PRH says 23) November 1916 at the Somme aged 19

Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 11A H

William Murty

No local records found for this man.

Sergeant 38309 2nd/4th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Died 29 August 1918

Vis-en-Artois Memorial Panel 7

Charles Naylor (PCC)

Son of James Louis and Sarah Agnes Naylor of 221 Station Road, Bamber Bridge, Preston

Sergeant 305704 1st/8th "Irish" Battalion King's Liverpool Regiment

Killed Tuesday 31 July 1917 Aged 24, near Ypres

Menin Gate Ypres Panels 4 and 6

Other details: Joined up in September 1914. Promoted Lance Corporal in November and then to Corporal 17 March 1915. Went to France and was in action at the bayonet charge at Festubert on 15 May 1915 where the battalion suffered heavily. The Company Captain was killed and CN was promoted to Sergeant in the field at Festubert. In April 1916 he was recommended for a commission and was at Cadet Training School until August to September when he was recalled because so many NCOs had been killed. January to March 1917 he was attached to a company of Royal Engineers then recalled to his battalion for the Third Battle of Ypres. He was killed on the first day.

PCCM

Conrad Newton

Son of Thomas and Mary Newton of 11 Ratcliffe Street

Occupation: Lap Piecer (Cotton)

Private 34097 14th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Died 27 January 1918 at Istrana, Italy

Giavera British Cemetery, Arcade, Treviso, Italy. Plot 6, Row C, Grave 3

Other details: Transferred from the 6th Battalion Inniskilling Dragoons. Came to Europe with an Indian contingent in November 1917. Mrs Newton contributed to PWWF. H

Basil (Joseph) Noble (PCC)

Son of Mrs N and Thomas Noble of 3 Regent Street, Lancaster, formerly of Dove Street then Grafton Street, Preston.

Occupation: Professional Soldier since 1908

Lance Sergeant 9170 "B" Company, 2nd Battalion King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment PCCM says King's Royal Rifle Company.

Died Saturday 8 May 1915 Aged 28

Menin Gate Ypres Panel 12

Other details: PG 25 June 1915. Attended the Catholic College from 1898 to 1903 when numbers at the school were low, only about 70 pupils. Yet so many of that little community, including eight of BN's contemporaries: Arthur Houghton, Joseph Spencer, John Noblett, Adrian Brown, Robert Challoner and Hugh Jackson gave their lives in the War and are named on the College Memorial. Met and became friends with Joseph Spencer (see below) in India. Returned to Belgium in December 1914.
PCCM

John Noblett (PCC)

Son of Charles and Elizabeth Noblett of "Hollybank", Addison Road (now Blackpool Road), Preston

Occupation: Clerk at the London City and Midland Bank

Lance Corporal 201957 2nd/4th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Died 26 October 1917 Aged 26

Bard Cottage Cemetery Plot V Row B Grave 20

Other details: Attended the Catholic College 1904 to 1911. Joined the Army in January 1916 and was engaged in heavy fighting at Ypres in autumn 1917. Was wounded in the attack on Passchendaele Ridge and killed by a shell while on the way to a dressing station. Buried by comrades at Bard Cottage, two miles north of Ypres. Death notice LDP 16 November 1916. Parents contributed to the PWWF 1924. H PCCM PWWF

James Ormerod (PCC)

157 Ribbleton Lane

Son of Thomas Ormerod of 157 Ribbleton Lane, later of 36 St Stephen's Avenue, off Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

Occupation: Assistant Schoolmaster at St Bridget's School, Manchester

Second Lieutenant 22nd Battalion Manchester Regiment

Died of pneumonia Friday 27 September 1918 at Montecchio Pricalcino Aged 27 PCCM says 26

Montecchio Pricaleino Communal Cemetery Extension, Italy.
Grave 6/B/5

Other details: Trained as a teacher at St Mary's Hammersmith London and taught in Manchester. Joined up on 1 September 1914 as part of the Manchester City Employees Battalion of the Manchester Regiment. Fought at the Battle of the Somme and was wounded on 30 July 1916, and was back with the regiment within a month. He was commissioned as an officer with the Manchesters in August 1917 and was involved in the heavy fighting at the Battle of Passchendaele in that month. He was then transferred to the Italian Front and was spent time in the cold conditions of the Alps. On his return to the plains he contracted double pneumonia and died unexpectedly after five days after receiving the Sacrament of the Sick. Mr Thomas Ormerod contributed to PWMF. H PCCM

Philip (Walter) Park (PCC)

Husband of Mildred Walmsley Park of 52 Lovat Road, Preston.
Occupation: Clerk at County Offices, Preston
Private 13022 7th "Preston Pals" Battalion, then 11th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment
Died Saturday 25 November 1916 aged 26 of a fractured skull at the General Hospital, Rouen
St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen Grave O/11/R/1

Other details: Left the College in 1904. Joined up at the outbreak of War. In the bombardment which opened the Battle of Loos he was buried for some hours in a dugout. Invalided home to hospitals in London, Eastbourne, Whalley and Nelson. Transferred to the 11th Battalion in June 1916 on the Somme. In November was wounded again and died in Rouen three days later. He married in 1914 and left a widow and twin sons aged eight months. PCCM H PWMF

Thomas (William) Park

Husband of Eleanor Park of 20 Great Shaw Street; son of Mrs Ellen Park of Wesham, Kirkham.
Occupation: Driver

Corporal 36661 9th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment

Died 3 May 1917 at Arras aged 43

Arras Memorial Bay 5

Other details: Death notice LDP 21 March 1918. Posted as missing then presumed dead on the above date. H

(George) Leonard Parker (PCC)

Third son of Thomas and Mary Parker of 105 Wellington Road, Ashton, Preston; home address "The Grove", Mawdesley, Ormskirk

Occupation: Farmer

Captain, 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment

Shot by a sniper on Sunday 1 September 1918 Aged 23

Vis-En-Artois British Cemetery, Haucourt, Pas de Calais Grave 11/C/1

Other details: Left the Catholic College in 1911. Joined up with other members of his class in September 1914 in the Preston Pals Battalion and was sent to France in 1915. Sent for officer training at Rhyl in 1917 and was gazetted to the 3rd Essex in December, returning to France in April 1918. His battalion Commander said in his letter, "Captain Parker was one of my best officers...always bright and cheery, setting an example to all who knew him. He was killed during the battle in which his company took part of the front trench of the vaunted Drocourt-Queant line. He was shot by a sniper while doing a reconnaissance." PCCM H

James Parry

127 Victoria Street

Occupation: Regular Soldier

Private 10090 1st Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment

Died 2 November 1914 at Armentières

Ploegsteert Memorial Panel 8 H PWWF

William (Edward) Pyke (PCC)

Son of the late Mr E. Pyke and Mrs W. H. Pyke of Church Street

Occupation: Manager in family retail business

Second Lieutenant 1st/4th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Shot by sniper, Saturday 9 September 1916, at Delville Wood

Originally buried in Delville Wood but grave probably destroyed by later shellfire.

Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 11A

Other details: LDP September 1916. Educated at the Catholic College, Preston and at Xavierian Brothers at Victoria College, Manchester. Enlisted as a private in London Scottish Regiment. Wounded at Hooge in June 1915 and invalided home. Commissioned to the North Loyal Lancashire Regiment and returned to France on 5 August 1916. The Colonel asked for suggested plans for attacking the enemy in Delville Wood and WP's was thought to be the best and he was put in command. Shortly after he crossed the parapet he was shot in the neck and the attack failed. His CO said "I was particularly sorry to lose Pyke. He was a most promising officer." Other officers made comments in letters: "...everybody is frightfully sorry about Pyke being killed, as he had already distinguished himself in so many ways...It was very sad news to all of us who knew him so well, but he has done his duty and died as he wished to do...I have taken over Pyke's place as Bombing Officer and if I can carry on with half his spirit and leadership I shall be doing well...he went for the Boche hell for leather and in the highest of spirits...I have never known him fail me...his keenness was unsurpassed - always ready and willing to do anything and always did his best...he did some splendid deeds and earned the admiration of all." Mrs WH Pyke contributed to the PWMF in 1924. PCCM

Francis (Frank) Ratcliffe (PCC)

Son of Charles and Elizabeth Ratcliffe of 20 Glover Street, Preston

Occupation: Clerk/Electrician

Private (Motor Electrician) DM2/208215 893 Mechanical Transport Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Died in an accident near Amiens, Friday 4 January 1918 Aged 20 Rocquigny-Equancourt Road Cemetery, Menancourt, Somme, Grave IX/B/30

Other details: Death notice LDP 25 January 1918 from Father, Mother, brother and uncle. Started at the Catholic College in 1910 and left while still young to become an electrician. His parent contributed to the PWWF 1924. PCCM H PWWF

Louis (Chaloner) Rattle (PCC)

Youngest son of William and Agnes Rattle of Ribbleside Villas, Riverside, Preston.

Second Lieutenant 100 Squadron Royal Air Force (LDP says Independent Air Force)

Killed Thursday 10 October 1918 aged 19 at Charmes, south of Nancy on a night bombing raid

Charmes Military Cemetery, Essegay, Vosges 1/C/15

Other details: Death Notice LDP 17 October 1918. Entered the Catholic College in 1909 at the age of 10. Was known to cheerful, quiet and humorous. Entered the Royal Flying Corps in September 1917 and was commissioned in March 1918. His CO wrote that he was a good pilot and that he was full of big schemes that he would and could do after the War. Buried in error by the Church of England chaplain, he had the full Catholic funeral service read over him and his grave blessed again by the Catholic chaplain who arrived as fast as he could (!). H PCCM

Thomas (Aloysius) Rawcliffe (PCC)

Son of Thomas and Mary Rawcliffe of Chorley

Lance Corporal 1306 Military Foot Police, Military Police Corps

Died of pneumonia Thursday 4 January 1917 at Le Havre

Sainte Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, Div 3/D/14

Other details: Entered the College with Frank Eccles (see above) in 1904 and left in 1906. Was engaged in police work in the severe winter of 1916-1917 and caught a chill after an eight hour duty in freezing conditions and died of pneumonia after three days in hospital. PCCM

John Riordan (PCC)

No local records found for this man.

Corporal 25369 10th Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers

Died Monday 13 November 1916

Y Ravine Cemetery, Beaumont Hamel Grave C 24

Joseph Roach

Son of James and Mary Ann Roach of 43 Victoria Street

Private 20709 2nd/14th Battalion Gordon Highlanders, transferred from London Scottish Regiment.

Killed in action 21 August 1918 aged 25

Locre No 10 Cemetery, nr Ypres A/6

Other details: Death notice LDP 9 September 1918 from sisters and brothers.

(Maurice Joseph) Bede Scarborough (PCC)

Able Seaman R/1778 Anson Battalion Royal Naval Division, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve

Died Wednesday 21 August 1918

Vis-En-Vis Memorial Pas de Calais Panels 1 and 2

Other details: Attended the College from 1892 to 1894. Called up under the Derby Scheme. He was rejected for various reasons until he joined the Anson Battalion in May 1917. Went to France in October 1917 and was wounded in May 1918. Posted as missing after a shell burst on 21 August until confirmed dead a few days later.

George (Woods) Sharples (PCC)

Eldest son of the late William and Elizabeth Sharples of the Victoria and Station Hotel, Fishergate Hill (1917) and 10 and 11 Bushell Place Preston (1922)

Occupation: Partner in family brewery business

Lieutenant, 19th Battalion King's Liverpool Regiment

Killed by sniper Thursday 7 June 1917 at Messines aged 33

Railway Dugouts Burial Ground, Ypres Grave VII/M/7

Other details: Death Notice by family LDP 12 June 1917. Left the Catholic College in 1900. Was one of three brothers in the Army, all Old Boys; the others being Captain Henry Sharples and Captain William Sharples who both won the MC. Henry lost his right arm in action. All three were photographed in the Catholic College magazine in Summer 1917. He was a popular man, well known for his good humour and nature, and his love of sport and exercise. He was a well known all-round athlete, scratch golfer, and clever boxer. He was a member of the Winckley Club and the Preston and County Catholic Club, the first of the latter to be killed. After school he was employed at the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank before joining his father's business. He joined the Army with his brothers as a private in October 1914 and was commissioned in August 1915. He was injured after being thrown from his horse about this time. He took part in the Somme offensive, was wounded and returned home for some months. During this time he was a guest at the College Sports Day as one of the judges. He was killed during the Battle of Passchendaele, leading his men across open ground. He was mentioned in dispatches. (Details taken from PCCM Summer 1919 and article in LDP 12 June 1917 and PG 16 June 1919). Family contributed to PWMF 1924. PCCM PWMF H

Joseph Smith

4 Marchand Street (PRH)

Son of Mrs JE Dixon (formerly Smith) of 83 Wellfield Road (CWGC)

Occupation: Driver

Private 52457 3rd Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers
Died 10 March 1917 aged 19 at the Military Hospital in
Fulwood of pneumonia
Preston Cemetery RC/H/41
Other details: Transferred to Fulwood from Kemmel Park
Camp, Rhyl.

George Southworth (PCC)

Son of Henry and Margaret Elizabeth Southworth of 145 St
James's Road Blackburn
Occupation: Worked in family business
Private 103377 38th General Hospital, Royal Army Medical
Corps
Died on Active Service Saturday 6 October 1917 in hospital in
Salonika

Mikra British Cemetery Kalamaria, Greece

Other details: Educated at St Alban's Higher Grade School,
Blackburn and at the College. Joined up in October 1915 and
spent six months in King George's Hospital, London and was
then sent to Salonika where he remained until his death. The
Catholic Chaplain at the 38th General Hospital described him as
"...a sterling lad...constant in his religious duties...an example
to the other(s)...a very large number were at his funeral and
they all testified to his fine character and virtues." Before the
War he had taught Christian Doctrine on Sundays at St Alban's
and was a member of the Study Guild and the St Vincent de
Paul Society PCCM

Joseph (Ignatius) Spencer (PCC)

Son of Alice Ellen Spencer of Bank House, St George's Square,
Barrow and the late John George Spencer.
Occupation: Former Regular Soldier; Imperial Oil Co., Calgary
Canada; Army Reservist
Corporal 8243 1st Battalion King's Own Royal Lancaster
Regiment
Shot in the head by a sniper on Sunday 2 (PCCM says 6) May
1915 Aged 30

Menin Gate Ypres Panel 12

Other details: Born in 1885. Educated by Holy Child nuns at Winckley Square Convent School and then at the College until 1902. Worked for the Lancashire Banking Co until May 1904 when he joined the Royal Lancaster Regiment. The following year he was posted to India where he became friends with another Old Boy, Basil Noble (see above). After eight years in India he took his discharge and went to Canada, working for the Imperial Oil Co., where he was highly thought of. He was called back to the colours in 1914. His Captain wrote, "He was a man I could ill afford to lose; but he died like a man, doing his duty."
PCCM

Thomas Stanton

11 Hill Street

Occupation: Cotton Spinner

Stoker First Class K24038 HMS Black Prince

Drowned on the night of 31 May/1 June 1916 at Jutland

Portsmouth Naval Memorial Reference 19

Other details: He is featured on a photograph with other Preston men on the Black Prince in LDP on 16 October 1915, page 5. The Black Prince was shelled at close range in pitch darkness by battleships of the German fleet, and after burning from end to end for a few minutes exploded and sank, killing all 37 officers, 815 men and 5 civilians on board. H

Percy (Harold) Sumner

34 Great Avenham Street

Occupation: Travelling Salesman for WH and J Woods Ltd,
Tobacco Merchants, 149 Church Street

Sapper 325893 Base Signal Depot Royal Engineers

Died 15 April 1918

Tyne Cot Memorial Panel 8 and 162 H

James Swarbrick

Son of James and Sarah Swarbrick of 21 Allan Street

Occupation: Labourer

Lance Corporal 42309 2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment
Died 1 October 1918 aged 20
Masnières British Cemetery Marcoing, near Cambrai I/E/9
Other details: PG 2 November 1918. Joined up in 1916; had
been wounded twice. H

Patrick Tierney

Husband of Charlotte Tierney of 6 Eden Street
Occupation: Dock Labourer
Private 20987 Supernumerary Company, 4th Battalion Loyal
North Lancashire Regiment
Died 28 September 1915 at Fishguard Harbour, Pembroke
Dock Hospital aged 43
Preston Cemetery RC/X/3
Other details: Had served in the Boer War. Mrs Tierney
contributed to PWWF H

Henry (Harry) Tommony (PCC)

Son of Philip Tommony of 4 Mill Bank, Church Street, Preston
Corporal 16343 Lancashire Fusiliers transferred to Army Pay
Corps (Woking)
Died Monday 25 November 1918 at Pakernam Hospital,
Woking aged 21
Preston Cemetery RC/B/2
Other details: Death notice LDP 30 November 1918. Prefect
(Head Boy) of the Catholic College in 1915. Won a gold medal,
for French, presented by the Lord Mayor of London, against
public school competition in that year. Although he had excelled
at sports at school (he is often mentioned in PCCM) he was
found to be in ill health on joining up and was moved from the
Lancashire Fusiliers to a Labour Corps and then on to the Pay
Corps in Woking as a B2 man, always hoping to be declared a
B1. Fell ill from double pneumonia at the end of 1918 and died
on the date above, after being visited regularly by the Catholic
chaplain. Father contributed to the PWWF in 1924 at 17
Balderstone Road. PCCM

William Turberfield

Occupation: Employee at Vernon's Mill, Penwortham
Private 238064 3rd Battalion King's Shropshire Regiment
Died 25 December 1917 aged 18
Preston Cemetery RC/T/838

Other details: PG 5 January 1918. Joined up 1916 and served abroad for 6 months. Transferred to home battalion in Ireland, being underage. Died late on Christmas Day during a game of "bayonet points", where a sheathed bayonet is thrust towards a handkerchief to gain points. When WT was holding the handkerchief, the scabbard fell off and he was killed. Buried on Monday 31 December 1917.

Francis (Frank) Ignatius Turner

Youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Turner of 5 Wellington Terrace
Occupation: Bank Clerk, Manchester and County Bank, Preston
Second Lieutenant, service number not known, 8th Battalion, attached to 1st Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales Own), late of 7th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, "Preston Pals".

Died Friday 27 September 1918, killed at Hermies [PRH]
Ruyaulcourt Military Cemetery Pas de Calais Grave K/44

Other Details: Death Notice LDP 2 October 1918, PG article 5 October 1918. Further article in LDP 4 October 1918 - joined Army as a Private in the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment and rose to rank of Sergeant Major. Started training in May 1917 for a commission then gazetted to the West Yorkshire Regiment. Wounded slightly in April 1918. Extracts from other officers' letters: "He was a most gallant officer, a good leader...his place will be difficult to fill ...He was killed gallantly leading his men forward and owing to his leadership...his company and another were the subject of a special Order of the Day from the Corps Commander...a distinction very seldom gained by companies." A. Turner of 5 Wellington Terrace contributed to PWMF 1924. H PCCM

John Twist MM

Finmark, Ontario, Canada, formerly of Preston
PRH form completed by Mrs J Twist of 29 Albert Road
Occupation: Had a fish and chip business in Preston; was employed by Canadian Pacific after emigration
Sergeant 1469 1st Contingent, 8th Battalion, Manitoba Regiment, Canadian Infantry
Died of wounds on 5 July 1916 at Mount Sorrel(Ypres Salient) aged 48
Liyssenthoek Military Cemetery VIII/C/2
Other details: LDP 26 July 1916; PG 29 July 1916. Had been in Canada since 1910. Joined up aged 46. Had been at Front for 18 months. H

Robert Warburton

32 Kingfisher Street
Occupation: Drapery Manager
Rifleman R/40553 King's Royal Rifles, attached to London Regiment Queen Victoria's Rifles
Died 23 September 1918
Vis-en-Artois Panel 9 H

Daniel Wareing (on the Memorial as Warewing)

Son of Joseph and Ann Wareing (CWGC); eldest son of Mrs Ann Wareing (LDP 1917) of 110 London Road
Occupation: Insurance Agent
Private 34410 16th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers
Died 3 April 1917 (PRH says 1916) at Arras aged 38
Cayeux Military Cemetery I/A/15
Other details: Death notice LDP 9 April 1917 from Mother, sisters, brother, Wife and Janie. H

Daniel Whelahan

No local records or CWGC record found for this man.

Henry (Harry) Wignall

Youngest son of Thomas and Mary Ellen Wignall of 83 Havelock Street (PG/LDP 1917); son of Mrs Mary Ellen Wignall of 137 Ruskin Street, Kirkdale, Liverpool – native of Preston (CWGC)

Corporal 10869 6th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment
Machine Gun Section

Died of wounds 9 January 1917 aged 26 (LDP/PG say 27) at the British Hospital, Sheik Sa'ad.

Amara War Cemetery XIII/B/1

Other details: Death notice LDP January 1917; PG 3 February 1917. Enlisted 1914. Wounded at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli and fatally with the unsuccessful Kut-el-Amara relief force.

Matthew Wignall

14 Hill Street

Brother of John Wignall of 110 Bedford Street

Occupation: Foundry Labourer

Died 1 April 1918 aged 18

Ploegsteert Memorial Panel 3 H

William Wilson

12 Smith Street (PRH)

Son of Mr and Mrs Wilson of 59 Geoffrey Street; husband of Mrs Ada Wilson of 11 Prospect Street, Hull Lane, Bradford

Occupation: Motor Driver

Private 17190 10th Platoon, "D" Company, 9th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Died 7 June 1917 at Messines aged 29

Cabaret Military Cemetery II/P/3, St Quentin H

George Woodcock

3 Radnor Street

Occupation: Cotton Spinner at Kay Street Mill

Killed in action 11 August 1916 at the Somme

Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 11A

Other details: PG 2 September 1916 H

Arthur Woods (possible)

No local records found for this man.

Private 19766 6th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Died 9 August 1915

Helles Memorial Panel 152 to 154

James Worden

19 Disraeli Street (1916)

Husband of Sarah Ann Wareing (formerly Worden) of 84 New Hall Lane (PRH and CWGC)

Occupation: Minder at Horrockses Stanley Street Mill

Sergeant 5985 "B" Company, 2nd Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers

Killed 22 August 1916 at High Wood aged 36

Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 4A

Other details: Death notice 5 September 1916 from Wife and child; LDP article 7 September; PG 9 September 1916. Reservist and veteran of the Boer War. Daughter contributed to the PWWF. H

John Worden

10 Birk Street (LDP 1915)

Egan Street (PRH)

Occupation: Labourer at Preston Dock; former Regular Soldier

Died 18 December 1914 at Ypres aged 42

Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez

Other details: LDP 1 January 1915 article and picture. Left widow and six children. Veteran of the Boer War and rejoined his old regiment at the outbreak of War in 1914. H

John Wynne (PCC)

Son of Mary Wynne of "Borderlea", Hoghton Lane, Hoghton, Preston and the late John Wynne

Occupation: Clerk at Ribble Joint Committee, County Offices, Preston

Lance Sergeant 5/368 5th Battalion Connaught Rangers

Died Friday 20 August 1915 Aged 27 at Gallipoli
Comm. by Special Memorial C24 in 7th Field Ambulance
Cemetery, Turkey (190 metres east of Anzac-Suvla Road).

Other details: Joined up in 1914 from County Hall, Preston
and was known at the Catholic College for his “Fine physique
and excellent constitution”. Member of the County Officers’
Association (first to be killed). A prominent member of the
congregation at St Joseph’s, Brindle. PCCM

Former students of the Catholic College not commemorated on
St Wilfrid’s Memorial

John (Ulrich) Moss	Victoria Road, Fulwood
William A. Swarbrick M.C.	St Ignatius’s Square
Francis Valentine	address unknown
Arthur (William) Worden	Church Street

Statistical Analysis

Men with known graves

France 34	Belgium 12	Preston 6	Other 10
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Names on monuments to the Missing

France: Thiepval 11	Arras 5	Loos 1	Others 4
Belgium:	Menin Gate 10	Tyne Cot 3	Other 2

Elsewhere 10

Unknown 7

Awards for Bravery

Distinguished Service Order – Philip McGiveney
Military Medal – John Twist

Extremes of Age

Seventy six of the hundred and fifteen names above have recorded ages (66%).

Aged 19 or younger

Henry Aspinall d 1917 aged 17, enlisted aged 15 and 8 months

John Cornwell d 1917 aged 19

James Fawley d 1917 aged 19, enlisted in 1915

Joseph Holt d 1917 aged 18

John Jenkinson aged 19

John Loud d 1917 aged 19

Leo Lynch d 1918 aged 19

Frederick Murray d 1916 aged 19

Louis Rattle d 1918 aged 19

Joseph Smith d 1917 aged 19

William Turberfield d 1917 aged 18, enlisted in 1916

Aged 40 or over

Richard Forrest d 1916 aged 47, Boer War veteran

Sylvester Horn d 1917 aged 43

Thomas Park d 1917 aged 43

Patrick Tierney d 1915 aged 43, Boer War veteran

John Twist d 1916 aged 48

John Woods d 1914 aged 42, Boer War veteran

Causes of death

Killed in action (inc 9 "missing presumed dead") 30

Died of wounds 15

Shot by sniper 5

Illnesses 4

Pneumonia 3

Drowned 3

Fever 2

Accident 2

Other cause 1

Not specified 50

Trades and professions

Cotton 13 including: 2 creelers, 4 spinners, a dyer, a winding master, a minder, a blowing room hand a lap piecer, 1 piecer and 1 unspecified.

Clerical 7 including: 4 bank clerks, 2 local government employees and 1 GPO employee

Transport 6 including 3 drivers, 1 horse driver, 1 railway goods porter and 1 Canadian Pacific employee

Metalwork 5 including: 2 turner and fitters, 2 drillers and 1 foundry labourer

Shop work 4 including: 1 drapery manager, 1 shop manager, 2 managers of family run grocers and 1 other family shop business

Engineering 4 including: 2 unspecified engineers, 1 motor engineer, and 1 Chief Engineer, Merchant Navy

Dock labourers 4

Farmers 2

Printers 2

Bush farmer 1	Film warehouseman 1
Clogger 1	Hotel proprietor 1
Dentist 1	Insurance agent 1
Draughtsman 1	Machine man 1
Electrician 1	Oil company employee 1
Estate manager 1	Plumber and painter 1
Family brewing business 1	Steeplejack 1
	Travelling salesman 1

Streets which had the most casualties.

Although St Wilfrid's parish is largely the city centre, but many families over the years have preferred to attend Mass and receive the sacraments there rather than at their local church. As a result, some streets named below are not in St Wilfrid's parish. A hundred and three men came from 65 streets and the other 11 were from out of town. The streets named here are those which were, if possible, the servicemen's addresses at the time of death.

Birk Street 3	
Fishergate Hill 3	
Balfour Road 2	Hill Street 2
Church Street 2	Mount Street 2
Friargate 2	Savoy Street 2
Great Avenham Street 2	Victoria Street 2
Higginson Street 2	

Calendar of Anniversaries

1914

September (Battle of the Marne)

October (First Battle of Ypres 14 October – 22 November)

26 John Hubberstey comm. Menin Gate

31 Hugh Costello comm. Menin Gate

November

2 James Parry k at Armentières comm. Ploegsteert Memorial

December

18 John Worden k at Ypres b Cabaret – Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez

1915

February (Landings at Gallipoli until January 1916)

March (Allied offensive in Artois and Champagne 1 January – 30 March)

8 Basil Noble comm. at Menin Gate

May (Second Battle of Ypres 22 April – 25 May)

2 Benjamin Gregg k at Ypres comm. Menin Gate

Joseph Spencer shot by sniper comm. Menin Gate

June (Battle of Festubert and Second Battle of Artois May – June)

15 Thomas Farrel k at Festubert comm. Le Touret Memorial

August

6 Robert Holmes k at Victoria Gulley b Lone Pine Cemetery ANZAC, Gallipoli

9 Arthur Woods comm. Helles Memorial

20 John Wynne k at Gallipoli comm. Special Memorial 7th Field Ambulance Cemetery, Turkey

September (25 September – 26 November offensive in Artois inc Battle of Loos)

27 John Duckett k at Loos comm. Loos Memorial

28 Patrick Tierney b Preston

October

9 Joseph Carter b Preston

December

7 William Kinsella at Gallipoli comm. Helles Memorial

1916

March (7 December 1915 – 29 April 1916 siege and fall of Kut al Amara to the Turks; 65% of other ranks died)

16 Frank Duckett b Balleul Communal Cemetery

April

27 John Gilgun d Kut b Amara War Cemetery, Iraq

May

13 Henry Clitheroe b St Patrick's Cemetery Loos

14 Hugh Jackson b Dranoutre Military Cemetery, Heuvelland, Belgium

31 Thomas Stanton k on HMS Black Prince at Jutland comm. Portsmouth Naval Memorial

July (Battle of the Somme 1 July – 18 November)

1 Joseph Gallagher b Choques Military Cemetery

John Twist MM d Ypres Salient b Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery

10 Joseph Larcey b Pozières British Cemetery

August

8 Wilfrid Chalonner k at Guillemont comm. Thiepval Memorial

10 Thomas Hatch comm. Thiepval

11 George Woodcock k at Somme comm. Thiepval Memorial

17 Lawrence Lupton k at Somme b Sucrierie Military Cemetery, Albert

22 James Worden d at High Wood comm. Thiepval Memorial

September

9 William Pyke k Delville Wood comm. Thiepval Memorial

16 Walter Ford k by shellfire at Somme comm. Thiepval Memorial

21 Robert Garlick b Guillemont Road Cemetery

October

12 Richard Forrest comm. Thiepval Memorial

18 Stephen Moran comm. Thiepval Memorial

24 Hubert Lovelace b St Sever Cemetery Rouen

28 Henry Atkinson comm. Thiepval Memorial

November

13 Jack McHugh k by bomb blast at Somme b Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont Hamel

John Riordan b Y Ravine Cemetery, Beaumont Hamel

15 James Cosgrove k at Somme b Guards Cemetery, Lesboeuifs

William Hanlon comm. Thiepval Memorial

17 Reginald Baines k at Somme comm. Thiepval Memorial

25 Philip Park w at Somme b St Sever Cemetery Extension

26 Frederick Murray d at Somme comm. Thiepval Memorial

1917

January

- 4 Thomas Rawcliffe d of pneumonia at Le Havre b Sainte Marie Cemetery, Le Havre
- 9 John McLaughlin k Mesopotamia comm. Basra Memorial
Harry Wignall w at Kut b Amara War Cemetery

February

- 9 Thomas Maguire k in Mesopotamia no burial details

March

- 7 George Kelsall k on bombing raid b Assvillers War Cemetery, Somme
- 10 Joseph Smith d pneumonia Fishguard Military Hospital b Preston
- 16 Henry Aspinall d of fever in Mesopotamia comm. Basra Memorial

April (9-15 April Battle of Arras – Vimy Ridge: 16-20 April Second Battle of the Aisne, Third Battle of Champagne)

- 3 Daniel Wareing k at Arras b Cayeux Military Cemetery
- 5 James Frawley b Bellicourt British Cemetery, Aisne
- 15 Joseph Cottam d at Monchy comm. Arras Memorial
- 25 Richard Knowles comm. Arras Memorial

May

- 3 Thomas Park d at Arras comm. Arras Memorial
- 13 William Finch d at Bullecourt comm. Arras Memorial

June

- 7 George Southworth d in hospital in Salonika, b Mikra British Cemetery Kalamaria, Greece
William Wilson k at Messines b Cabaret Military Cemetery, St Quentin
- 15 Charles Gregg d at Vlamertinghe b Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery
- 20 Joseph Hogarth d Ypres b Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery

July 31 July – 10 November Third Battle of Ypres - Passchendaele

- 17 Henry Atkinson comm. Menin Gate
- 26 Joseph Green b Roquiry-Equancourt British Cemetery Manancourt, Somme
- 31 Joe Holt comm. Menin Gate
George Iddon comm. Menin Gate
Charles Naylor K near Ypres comm. Menin Gate

September

- 7 Sylvester Horn comm. Tower Hill Memorial
- 20 Arthur Brown b Tyne Cot Cemetery
- 22 Patrick Larcey b Bedford House Cemetery, Ypres
- 25 John Cornwell b Nine Elms British Cemetery, Poperinghe
- 27 Joseph Craven comm. Tyne Cot Memorial

October (Continuing offensive in Palestine until 11 December)

- 11 Thomas Henderson k at Ypres b Godewaersvelde British Cemetery nr Ypres
- 13 Philip Gardner comm. Menin Gate
- 26 John Loud comm. Tyne Cot Memorial
John Noblett b Bard Cottage Cemetery

November (Battle of Cambrai 20 November to 3 December)

- 25 John Jenkinson b Gouzeaucourt New British Cemetery

December

- 1 Alfred Birtwistle k at Cambrai comm. Cambrai Memorial

4 (probably) William McGuinness no known grave
25 William Turberfield d in Dublin b Preston

1918

January

8 Francis Eccles d of pleurisy at Chichester b St Gregory's Chorley
14 Francis Ratcliffe d in road accident at Amiens b Rocquigny-Equancourt Road Cemetery, Menancourt, Somme
27 Conrad Newton d Istrana, Italy b Giavera British Cemetery, Arcade, Treviso
31 Patrick Kelly d Rouen b St Sever Cemetery Extension

February

March (German offensive and breakthrough 21 March – 5 April)

22 Arthur Houghton d Cambrai comm. Arras Memorial
23 Vincent Duckett comm. Pozières Memorial
25 Thomas Morris dow Villers Foucan b Villers Communal Cemetery Extension

April (German offensive near River Lys 5 April – 8 May)

1 Matthew Wignall comm. Ploegsteert Memorial
3 Eddie Hothersall comm. Grevillers (New Zealand) Memorial
5 Percy Sumner comm. Tyne Cot Memorial
23 Thomas McHugh b Fouquières Churchyard Extension

May (German offensive near the Aisne 27 – 30 May)

26 Robert Challoner b Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezancourt, Somme

June (Battles of Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood 30 May – 17 June. German offensive at Noyon Montdidier 9 – 13 June)

2 Philip McGivney DSO b Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, Somme

July (German offensive at Champagne – Marne and 2nd Battle of the Marne 15 -19 July. Allied counter offensive Aisne – Marne 18 July – 5 August)

20 Leo Lynch d at Marfaux near Rheims b Marfaux British Cemetery

August (Allied Amiens offensives 8 – 11 August, 21 August – 4 September)

21 Bede Scarborough comm. Vis-En-Vis Memorial Pas de Calais
29 William Murty comm. Vis-En-Vis Memorial Pas de Calais

September (Hindenberg offensive 27 September – 17 October; British final Flanders offensive 28 September – 14 October)

1 Leo Parker b Vis-En-Artois British Cemetery, Haucourt, Pas de Calais
2 Wilfrid Holden d Peronne b Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension
23 Robert Warburton comm. Vis-En-Artois Memorial
27 James Ormerod d of pneumonia Montecchio Pricaleino b Montecchio Pricaleino Communal Cemetery Extension, Italy.
Francis Turner k at Hermies b Ruyaulcourt Military Cemetery Pas de Calais
29 John Green d at Bethune b Fouquières Churchyard Extension

October (Allied Sambre-Scheldt offensive 17 October – 11 November)

1 James Swarbrick b Masnières British Cemetery, Marcoing
10 Andrew McCartney drowned in Irish Sea comm. Hollybank Memorial Southampton
Louis Rattle k at Charmes, south of Nancy on a night bombing raid b Charmes Military Cemetery, Essegay, Vosges

November (Armistice 11 November)

4 Alec MacLachlan k at Le Quesnoy, b Rominières Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord,

France

25 Harry Tommony d at Pakernam Hospital, Woking b Preston Cemetery

28 James Hydes dow at Etaples b Etaples Military Cemetery

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January

15 Adrian Brown k at the Aircraft Acceptance Park, Manchester b Manchester Southern Cemetery

March

15 Leo Chaloner d Fleetwood of Malaria fever b St John the Evangelist, Poulton-le-Fylde

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