

BRINGING THE PAST TO LIFE

MILITARY ARTEFACTS

**High Street Church
10th and 11th November 2018**

MALPAS 100 YEARS ON

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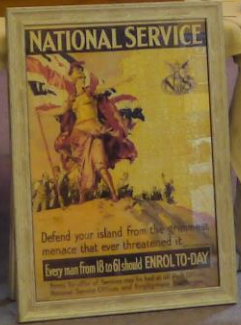
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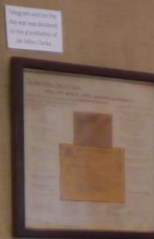


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Join the war effort. ENLIST NOW

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Read the story of the men who fought.



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GEORGE

11 November 2018



Early hints of the struggle ahead

Almost 50 men from Malpas were serving in His Majesty's Forces by November 1914.

Many returned four years later but three of them were among the earliest fatalities of the conflict.

George Allman of Cross o'th Hill was killed in action, aged 28, at the first Battle of Mons in Belgium in August, only 20 days after the British declaration of war.

He had enlisted originally in 1904 and in 1914 was recalled from the reserves.

Malpas-born **Sydney Barlow** (29) was killed in action in France, in the first Battle of Ypres, in October 1914. He had joined-up in 1907 and

served in India for five years.

And his death was followed days later, in November, by that of Boer War veteran **Hugh Sandbach**, aged 36

from Cuddington.

He died while in command of a volunteer force of British settlers formed to repel the German invasion of Tanzania.

Reward for their service thwarted

Another three men who were involved in the early stages of the conflict did not survive to its end.

Douglas Wolley Dod of Edge Hall was already serving by October 1914 but was killed in action, aged 18, in France in September 1915.

James Crump, who was born in Hampton, arrived on the Western Front in November 1914 and was there until October 1918, when he was killed in action.

And **Patrick Gavin** of Church Street (or Patrick Gavien in some records) disembarked on the continent with the British Expeditionary Force in June 1914. He died, at a still unknown location, shortly before the Armistice was signed.

THE BELGIUM WELCOME 1914





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**MALPAS 100 YEARS ON
LEST WE FORGET**

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Mementos belonging to Private Harold Proudlove.

Christmas gift box (1915) which contained chocolate and cigarettes.

Officers' pocket watch during the battle of Passchendaele.



Purse for a bandage.



These are the belongings of Private Herbert Schrimshaw, the grandfather of Mr Steven Schrimshaw.



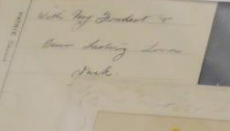
Coin bracelet.



Whistles, one of which was used to send messages to the top.



Jack and Nellie Dodsforth in 1916. They married after the war, having exchanged messages during the conflict. Ms Anne Proudlove is their niece.



Tie clip



German shells.

Army dress

Small shells

THE GREAT WAR. August 4th 1914.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS. NORTH MIDLAND DIVISION. T. F.

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3. " "
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1st WW Equipment
 1902 Pattern khaki serge and tan dress jacket
 1908 Pattern cotton webbing
 Waist belt, ammunition pouches, canteen straps, water bottle
 Bayonet scabbard with 1907 bayonet for use with Short Magazine Lee Enfield (SMLE) Mark III rifle
 Entrenching tool, large tuck
 1914 Brodie steel helmet Mark I
 China 1906 leather puttees brown leather
 110 inch (280cm)



WELSH GUARDS MUSEUM
2nd WW Equipment
 1914 pattern khaki serge buttonless blouse
 1917 pattern cotton webbing
 Waist belt ammunition pouches
 Valve straps
 Water bottle
 1941 Bayonet and British No.8 Mark III Bayonet
 Entrenching tool



Informational cards and documents placed on the table, including a small metal box.



Lancaster in France
July 15th 1917

My dear Mother & all

I am taking the pleasure of writing this letter to you & hope you will be glad to hear from me again. I am glad to hear you are all well & hope you will be glad to hear from me again. I am glad to hear you are all well & hope you will be glad to hear from me again. I am glad to hear you are all well & hope you will be glad to hear from me again.

Fishamble
17 Bristol

Feb 27th 1917

Dear Geoffrey

Just a few lines in reply to your last letter I have received with much thanks. I hope you are quite well as I am at present. You are having a grand time I wish I could share about like you are doing. But you keep going further away from us instead of coming nearer. I am hoping you won't let so very long before you post but as I have about forgotten what you are like I expect you will be staying in the Army after the war is over as you are enjoying it so much. Dear Geoffrey I think there are doubts as to whether I have not seen a gap, yet I am not dying to either. You will have to keep on the look out or you will all be getting blown up, wouldn't it be terrible. I was on the ground on Monday afternoon they are all dead. Well as you got a awful cold & our little Peachie, her a dear little cat he will be 2 years old in June. My grandmother is very well so Polly White is getting better but she is not gone back to work yet.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
1918

The Queen joins me in welcoming you on your release from the miseries & hardships, which you have endured with so much patience & courage.

During these many months of trials, the early rescue of our gallant Officers & Men from the cruelties of their captivity has been prominent in our thoughts.

We are thankful that this longed for day has arrived, & that back in the old Country you will be able once more to enjoy the happiness of a home & to see good days among those who anxiously look for your return.

George R. D.

10th Scotland, K.L.P.
24th F.D.B.
of P.O. Section 17
B. S. J.
France

Friday July 17th 1918

Dear Mother & Dad


I take the pleasure of writing this letter to you & hope you will be glad to hear from me again. I am glad to hear you are all well & hope you will be glad to hear from me again. I am glad to hear you are all well & hope you will be glad to hear from me again.

30-10-17

Telephone No. - REGENT 6151.

Enquiry Department for
Wounded and Missing,

18, CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE, S.W.



Telegrams - "NATIONALLY, CHARLES"
BRITISH RED CROSS
AND
ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

We very much regret that there is no news of
P/O Geoffrey Baker. 51960. 17 Liverpool. alt: 89 T.M.B.

We are making every possible enquiry, & watching for his name on the Prisoners lists from Germany. Directly we receive any reliable information it will be forwarded to you.

Yours faithfully
for the Lord Lucas

Aug 16 1917

Reg. No. 11131
French Mortar Battery
Engineering Brigade
B.F.C.

My Dear Mr Baker

As I being a friend of your sons it is my duty to write and tell you he was wounded through the leg on the 17th of the last advance and as it is now a fortnight ago since he was wounded, I have inquired all round to hear of any news of him as wondering if he got down to the hospital all right & I have not heard from him at all. I am afraid he is missing. He told me before we went in the advance that if he got wounded he would write & let you know how he was getting on & what hospital he was in but as I have not heard from him at all I am afraid he is missing. You have my sympathy with you & I would very good friends. I had known him since he came to our Battalion & this about 6 months ago. I am sorry where

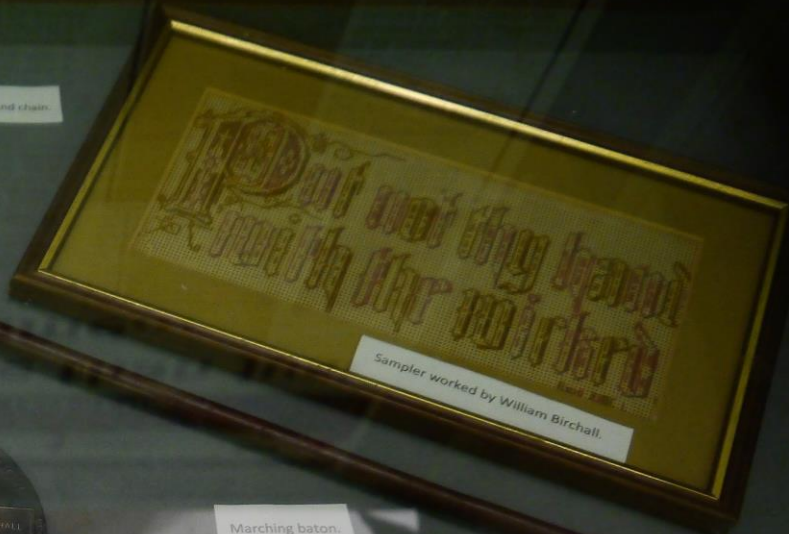


Private William Birchall as a boy with his mother.

Memorabilia belonging to Private William Birchall. Grandfather of Mr Steve Birchall.



Silver pocket watch and chain.

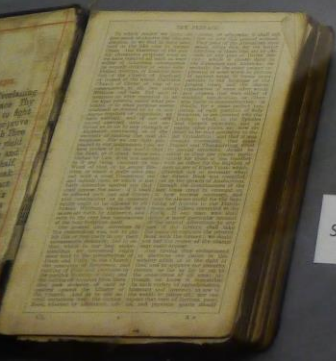


Sampler worked by William Birchall.

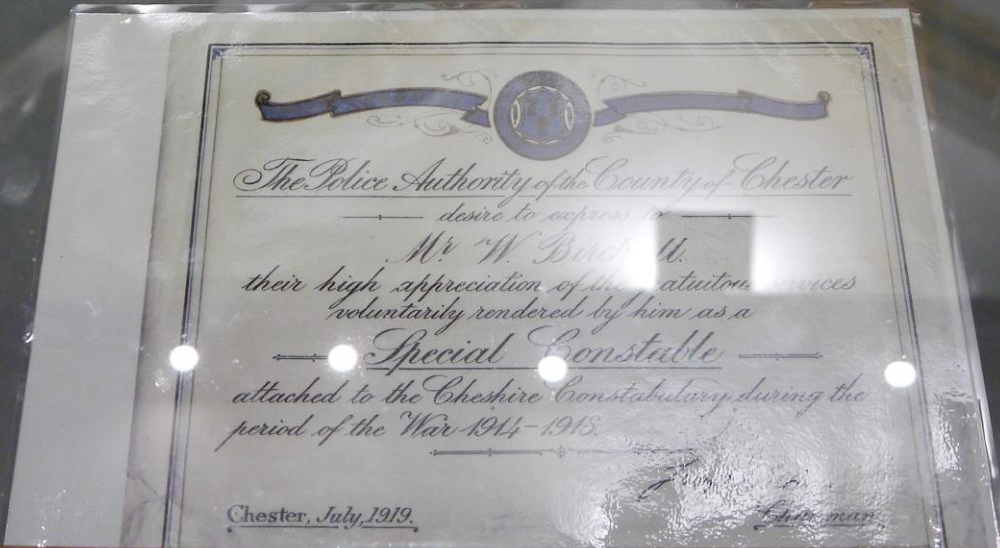


Death plaque.

Marching baton.



Soldier's bible.



The Police Authority of the County of Chester
desire to express to
Mr W. Birchall
their high appreciation of the gratuitous services
voluntarily rendered by him as a
Special Constable
attached to the Cheshire Constabulary during the
period of the War 1914-1918.
Chester, July, 1919.



Army...

The King, 1914-1918
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MESSAGES & SIGNALS
 TO: ALL UNSUNDERS IN COMPANY BATTERY
 FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER (C.O.) DIVISION
 09.30hrs

11th HOUR, 11th DAY, 11th MONTH,
 END OF THE GREAT WAR.
 Messages and Signals - 27th Brigade, cease hostilities.
 To: All unsunders in Company Battery
 Following received. From Commanding Officer (C.O.) Division, 09.30hrs

Reverend Frank Jackson Okell, Territorial Chaplain, 4th Class
 (equivalent Rank Army Major), attending Royal Field Artillery.

The items displayed that belonged to Reverend Okell are:

Citations for Mentioned in Despatches dated 7th April 1918. Trench
 aerial photographs.

Major Sir Arthur Harold Bibby DSO, has one of his MID's dated the
 same day as Reverend Okell's, who was attached to the RFA.

It's unsure if both men were awarded them in the same action, but
 may be likely. One interesting point, Sir Arthur Bibby's son Sir Derek
 Bibby married Rev Frank Okell's daughter Christine in January 1954

Major Sir Arthur Harold Bibby DSO, 277th Brigade, 'A' Battery,
 Royal Field Artillery.

Sir Arthur Bibby started the War in Lancashire Batteries, and though
 embodied in August 1914, did not go to France until October 1915,
 when they were attached to the 2nd Canadian Division. They were
 involved in various actions including the Battle of the Somme and the
 Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele).

11 November 2018



More than just a name...

Some of the possessions of **Wilfred Birchall** are still kept in his family after a century.

His work at Old Hall Farm meant he was in a 'Reserved Occupation' but a sense of duty prompted him to volunteer.

He joined the Gloucestershire Regiment which went to

France in March 1916 and his death occurred two years later when it suffered heavy losses in the final German offensive of the war.

He was shot in the stomach and died from the wounds, leaving his wife Alice, their 12 year old son John and daughter Lucretia, aged 10.



Sidney Allen was killed in Flanders - as a stretcher-bearer carrying wounded comrades.

It happened in February 1916 to the 20 year old from Cross o'th' Hill. He was a farm worker at Low Cross Hill when he joined-up in September 1914.

MALPAS
PERS. JOHN MERCER-DIED AT SEA.

It has been announced by the War Office that Pte. John Mercer has died at sea, 13th February, while on a voyage to India. The details were not given in the official message received last week. He was attached to the South Wales Borderers, and had been at Kinmel Park, and was sent out with a draft to India on 14th January last. He was popular with the Malpas people and his death is much regretted by all. Prior to leaving home he spent several years as a draper in the service of Mrs. Latham, Malpas, whose eldest daughter he married later and settled down in Sandbach, as manager for Mr. Vines, whom he was general assistant just as he had done before in his native town. As a member of the Malpas Institute he was appointed secretary to the Rifle Club in connection with it and which he filled with every satisfaction, inducing many men to join. His congenial character commended for prices kindly given by ladies and gentlemen in the district, and which were kindly accepted for added to his personal interest was his ability to shoot straight handed, and in this connection he carried off many prizes. He took quite a keen interest in horticulture, and was fond of competing in the local shows, and not always without success. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mercer, of Malpas.

This is how the news of the death of **John Mercer** was reported.

His wife, the former Lillian Lathom whose family had a draper's business at The Cross, was widowed after only 15 months.

The couple had married at St Oswald's in November 1915 and moved to Sandbach for him to begin a new job.



Ammunition belt.



Belt taken from the body of a dead German soldier. When found he was discovered to be unarmed and had been attempting to surrender.

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They died in vain

The notorious Battle of the Somme in 1916 took the lives of no fewer than eight Malpas men - and tragically contributed little to ending the war.

The five month offensive began with huge losses on July 1. Among them was **Arthur Phillips**, aged 35, from Edge who had joined the King's

Liverpool Regiment.

The others to be lost included **James Gaughan** who died, aged 32, of his wounds on July 15.

Among the bravest of the brave

Joseph Groom joined the Army before the declaration of war and survived the Western Front, and service in German East Africa and West Africa.

But he died on holiday in Wales in April 1919 within hours of developing a virulent form of malaria contracted in Africa.

His bravery in August 1915 earned him the Distinguished Conduct Medal for conspicuous gallantry despite being wounded himself.

He had spent his childhood in Wigland and was only 23 when he died.

Both he and 18 year old **John Powell** of Hampton, who was killed in action on August 24, were serving with the King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

Four days later Malpas-born **John Richardson** (23), of the York and Lancaster Regiment, was killed in action.

And 25 year old **Alfred Walley**, a baker in Malpas, was killed in action with the Rifle Brigade on November 14, in the last week of the battle.



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They came from afar...

... and fell in foreign fields

The majority of men on the Malpas War Memorial failed to return from France.

But four died in Belgium and another eight elsewhere overseas.

Among them was **Frank Leek** of Cuddington who was killed in action, aged 23, in Palestine a week before Christmas 1917.

And 38 year old **Samuel Marsh** of Church Street died in Greece in March 1918 from malaria.

There is an American by birth among the 58 names. But the parents of **Thomas Jones** moved to Shrewsbury when he was young and he joined the Royal Navy in 1908.

He was involved in the successful Battle of the Falklands in December 1914 and, in February 1915, the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign. He served until April 1919 when he died in Scotland, aged 28, from pneumonia.

He had married Keziah Ince of Church Street in 1915 and is buried in Malpas Cemetery.

Frederic Wolley Dod from Edge emigrated to Canada in 1893 and became known for his expertise on butterflies and moths.

Despite his age he returned in 1917 with the intention of enlisting and was sent to Turkey. He died from typhoid in July 1919, aged 47, on his way home.

Archibald McIntrye lived in Malpas until he emigrated to Australia in 1910 but enlisted with the Australian Imperial Force.

Arriving on the Western Front in November 1917, the 30 year old was killed in action in France in July 1918.



The Bolling was opened as a voluntary Red Cross hospital in January 1915.



Cartoon famous Bairn

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The Bolling Malpas in WW I




'OUR DAY'
RED CROSS SALE
 AND
ENTERTAINMENT
 Will be held in the
Jubilee Hall, Malpas,
On Thursday, Oct. 5, 1916.
 ON ENTERING AT AFTER 5 PM. NO
 THE SALE WILL BE CLOSED AT 2.00. For
Katharine Duchess of Westminster.
 AN ENTERTAINMENT
REV. DR. COLLISON
 Tickets 1/6, 1/-, 6d

This event resulted in over £400 being handed over to Red Cross funds – the equivalent of almost £40,000 in today's money.



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News of a wartime
Royal visit to
Malpas...

AT MALPAS.

The Royal party spent Sunday night in the train drawn up at Malpas station. Many people gathered together to await the arrival of the Royal train which arrived a few minutes behind its scheduled time, and gave utterance to their loyal feelings by cheering heartily. A numerous crowd of people were also present on Monday morning to witness the departure and cheer their Majesties. The presence of their beloved King and Queen in the neighbourhood naturally created great excitement, and the inhabitants felt proud to have been given the opportunity of showing their loyalty. A guard of honour was posted and the Royal party passed the night amidst the quietude of the countryside.

A Talk on Spectacles

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Every family with a son named on the Malpas War Memorial was given a framed photo of the monument.

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**MALPAS 100 YEARS ON
LEST WE FORGET**

War ends but not the deaths

The war ended on 11 November 1918 after 1560 days.

Only three days before the Armistice **William Brellisford** of Malpas was wounded in France and died a week later.

The 36 year old was the first of no fewer than six of the 58 Malpas men whose cause of death in the following two year

home. Both are buried in Malpas Cemetery.

The RAF's Malpas-born **Alfred Wrapp** was 36 years old when he died from pneumonia in a hospital in France in March 1919. Three days later the death of **Alfred Ashley**, aged 27, occurred in a Chester

hospital after he had been at The Bolling with serious wounds received in Palestine. He is buried, too, in Malpas Cemetery.

The cause of death of Malpas-born **John Burns** in a Whitchurch hospital in May 1920, at the age of 25, is not known.

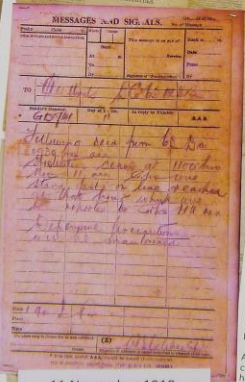
Last weeks claim three more

Another three of the men on the Malpas War Memorial died in the final weeks of the war.

Richard Simpson of Church Street had only recently been home on leave when he was fatally wounded in France in August 1918. He was 20 years old.

Joseph Hewitt (23) of Tushingham was killed in action in Belgium in October 1918 and **Harry Lamb**, aged 27, of Macclesfield was killed in action in France a week later.

Its next victims, again in November 1918, were **Higher Wych** who died in Ireland without seeing action on the Western Front. And 29 year old **George Woodfield** of Barton Here became ill, it seems, on his journey



11 November 1918 message received by the father-in-law of Lady Christine Bibby.

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'What did my Dad do in the war?'

Baby Florence never knew her father.

For **Charles Bebbington** from No Mans Heath was killed, aged 21, in action in France in the January before her summer 1917 birth.

Another 27 young children are known to have been left by fathers among the 58 men on

the Malpas War Memorial to grow-up without them.

They included the one year old son of **Ambrose Chetwood** (22), of Higher Wych, who was killed in action in France in November 1915.

Three more children lost their fathers as the ongoing Battle of the

Somme continued to claim lives.

Young Charles was soon to celebrate his second birthday when **Robert Ankers**, aged 34, was killed in October 1916.

And the following month from Malpas, was killed leaving two infants under the age of four.

The parents of both **David** (29) and 23 year old **John** lived in Cuddington Heath. Their sons died in April 1917 at the Battle of Vimy Ridge and are buried in France in adjacent graves.

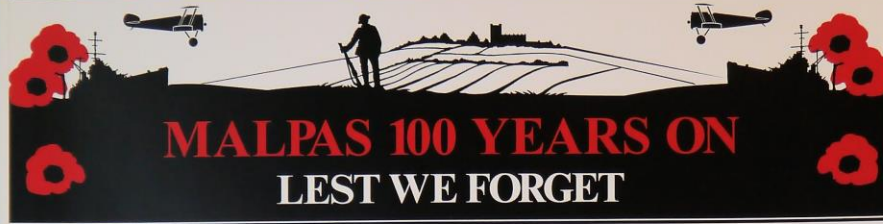
Two friends, **David Davies** and **John Hopley**, were killed by the same shell.

They volunteered together in September 1914 and served alongside each other for almost 30 months.

They were drivers of the

Together in life - and death

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Men with local connections are not named on the Malpas War Memorial - and have not been found on any UK civic listing.

It is not known why this happened.

They include **Lawrence Lewis**, yet another victim of the Battle of the Somme in July 1916, who was killed by shrapnel. There is a plaque to his father, Joseph, inside the Jubilee Hall entrance.

Tushingham-born **John Roberts** was a policeman before enlisting. He died, aged 32, at Ypres in Belgium in November 1914.

The father and step-mother of **Philip Arthur Fox** (27) lived in Malpas. The farm labourer died in Belgium in June 1917.

Malpas-born **Alfred Ridgway** died, aged 27, on the first day of the Battle of Passchendaele in Belgium in October 1917.

Percy Chapman came to The Bolling in March 1915

MYSTERY OF 11 NAMES

after being injured at Ypres. Then in July 1917, at St Oswald's, he married Maud Mould of Kidnal House. He died in France in March 1918.

The family of **Ernest Oswald Jones** moved from Oldcastle to Warrington after his birth. He died, aged 27, in England in June 1918.

Annie Dutton lived at Kidnal when she married **George Mackay**. Almost a year before, in October 1914, he had enlisted in

the Royal Flying Corps. The 29 year old was serving in Iraq in August 1918 when he died of his wounds.

Ernest Holland was born in Malpas before his family moved to New Ferry. He died, aged 38, in France in August 1918.

And **Charles Vickers** (28), of the South Lancashire Regiment died in October 1918, shortly after his wife and their two young children. The family lived in Bickerton.

Two of the 11 men were buried in Malpas Cemetery.

Robert Stewart died at The Bolling, aged 36, in May 1915 after being wounded at Ypres in Belgium. He was a Scotsman who had emigrated to Australia where he married, but returned to England to enlist.

Wilfred Simon Hopley (24) of Cross o'th' Hill died in October 1918. He had enlisted with the Reserve Cavalry Regiment in March 1916 but was discharged as medically unfit, without seeing active service overseas.

Wilfred Fleet

Born in Malpas, Cheshire in 1894 (baptised 19th August 1894), the third son of John and Elizabeth Fleet of Church Street, Malpas, Cheshire. Husband of Mary Fleet (nee Roberts) (married in 1919).

The 1911 Census shows Wilfred as an apprentice joiner; he joined the trade union in 1914 with seven years at trade.

Wilfred died from heart trouble arising from rheumatism suffered in the army.

Wilfred's older brother Edgar also lost his life in the Great War.

Military Details

Regiment : 1st Army Workshop Company No. 8 Royal Engineers, formerly King's Shropshire Light Infantry (19755)

Rank : 2nd Corporal

Service Number : 251785

Died of illness; United Kingdom 10 May 1920 Aged 25



Alfred Walley

Born in Shrewsbury, Shropshire in 1891, the second son of James and Mary Ann Walley of 42 New Park Road, Castlefields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Husband to Alice Louie Walley (nee Bowdler) (married 4th July 1915) of 28 West Road, Congleton, Cheshire.

The 1911 Census shows him as a baker. The Malpas Deanery Magazine for January 1917, reporting his death, mentions that he worked for Mrs Williams of Church Street, Malpas. Mrs Williams was probably the grocer in Market House and the Williams family also had a bakery there.

Military History

Regiment : 13th Battalion Rifle Brigade

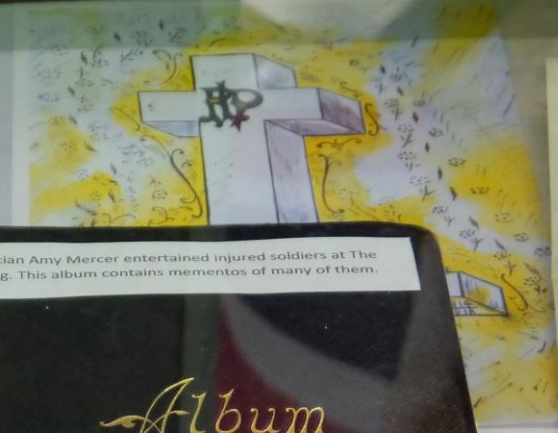
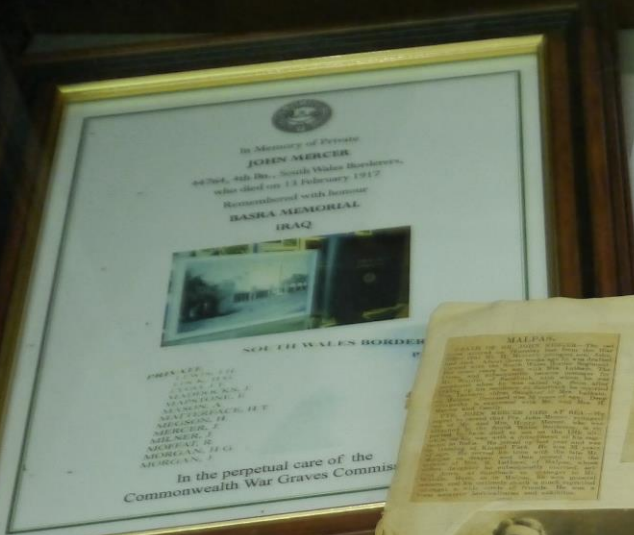
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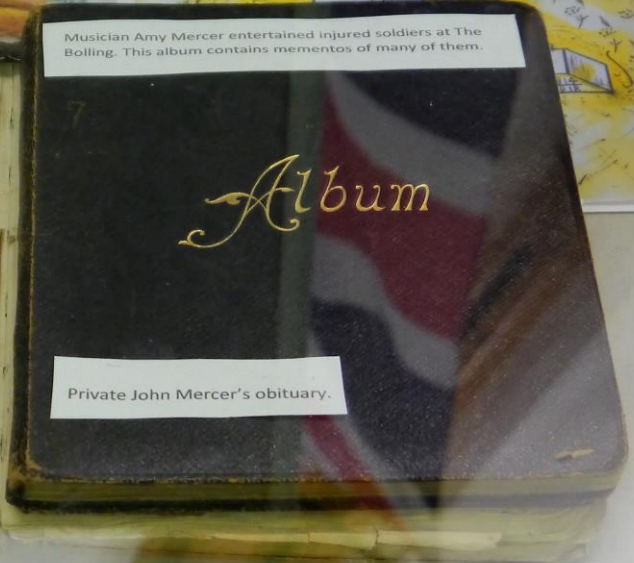
Killed in action; France 14 November 1916 Aged 25







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Musician Amy Mercer entertained injured soldiers at The Bolling. This album contains mementos of many of them.

Private John Mercer's obituary.

Obituary for John Mercer, dated February 13th 1917. Includes a portrait of a man in a suit and a small illustration of a ship. The text describes his death in Malpas and his service as a stretcher bearer.

Private Sidney Allen was killed in February 1916 in Flanders. He was a stretcher bearer.

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Medals
from
Lt Col Reginald
services with the British
I am commended by
highest appreciation
on the ultimate



POPULAR LIMERICKS

THE DAILY MAIL, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1918.

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NEWSPAPER REPORT OF THE SPRING OFFENSIVE (1918).



Washington, Government & Industrial Nursing Association.

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Some of the soldiers on the Western Front in 1915 were paid only a shilling a day.



2 pennies or 1 shilling (5p)

would be worth £5 in today's money

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Daily Express LONDON, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1918. ONE PENNY.

BRITISH RECAPTURE VILLES-BRETONNEUX.

NEW GERMAN ATTACK IN FULL FORCE.

AIR MINISTER'S COL CLIVE'S HEROIC KAISER ON THE RESIGNATION.

ILLNESS AND DISTRESS AT THE LOSS OF HIS SONS.

WENT OUT ALONE TO SAVE A BROTHER OFFICER.

WRECKAGE SURVIVED AFTER THE RAID ON ZEBBINGUE.

ADMISSION THAT THE CANAL IS BLOCKED.

AMERICA'S WAR EFFORT GREAT ACHIEVEMENT FOR FRANCE AND BRITAIN.

ROBBED BY THE WIND. CHANGE THAT FOLDED THE SHIPS AT GOLFERS.

WE STILL LEAD IN THE WESTERN FRONT.

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Brass ashtray





More than just a name...

Defend your island from the...
message that ever broadcast! ENROL TO DAY!

HELP

SOFT JULY
RED CROSS BALE
ENTER FAIRNESS

War ends... it is the doctors

What did my Dad do in the war?







