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The *Bulletin* aims to reflect and encourage interest in all aspects of the history of Saddleworth. It relies on a regular supply of articles, letters, short reviews, etc. from members and others. Fresh material is required constantly, and should be sent to the Editor, who will be happy to discuss ideas for articles (or shorter contributions) from anyone considering preparing one. Articles need not be confined to subjects within Saddleworth's borders, but should have some connection with the district.

The Society's Web site is at:

<http://www.saddleworth-historical-society.org.uk>

This has full details of the Society's activities, publications, library and archives, and there is an e-mail facility. An index to Saddleworth place names, a reference map of Saddleworth, and a bibliography of Saddleworth publications are included. There are links to other Saddleworth Web sites.

This year has been another very active and successful year for us.

I would like to start by thanking all the members of the committee for their support and hard work during the year. We now have a very strong team and the many achievements of this year are a direct consequence. I am delighted that Roger Ivens, Archivist at Oldham Local Studies, following in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor Julian Hunt, has now taken over the role of Bulletin Editor. It is a real boon that we now have Roger's knowledge and experience at our disposal. We said goodbye (hopefully only for the time being) to Mike Fox who has stood down from the committee due to work commitments and to David Latimer, who has served the Society almost from its inception 40 years ago. We are fortunate that although Dorothy Latimer retired as Treasurer at the last AGM she has continued as a committee member and we continue to benefit greatly from her administrative and organisational skills. The Society's finances and day to day running remain in capable hands with Neil Barrow now as Treasurer, and Alan Schofield as Secretary.

The lecture programme this year has been as successful as ever. My thanks once again go to Keith Taylor for putting together such a range of varied and interesting topics. At the AGM last year I presented a photographic tour around some of Oldham's historic buildings and it came as a surprise to many that the Town has such a wealth of buildings of real architectural interest. In January Ian McInnes followed on his earlier successful talk "The Men behind the Medals" by looking at more local men who have received awarded for bravery. Next Freda Millett gave a moving talk on the "Scattered Homes" children's orphanages in Oldham in the early twentieth century and in March Steven Moorhouse gave an illustrated talk on the "Historic Saddleworth Landscape" drawing upon his extensive experience and knowledge as a Yorkshire landscape archaeologist. Our youngest committee member, Victor Khadem, followed in April with a meticulously researched and illustrated study into the origins of the Gartside family, their rapid ascendancy from early hillside farmers in Rochdale to a medieval merchant family. On behalf of the Society I would like to congratulate Victor on his acceptance to read history at Brasenose College, Oxford. I believe his work on the Gartside's went down well at his interview.

This season the programme has continued with two more illustrated talks in October by Paul Jennings on the "History of the Public House in Yorkshire" and by our Bulletin editor Roger Ivens on Workhouses in Oldham. November was marked by visit from Doug Ashmore of the Royton Local History Society when he gave us an account of the recent excavations carried out on Royton Hall and the tremendous level of community involvement and interest there has been in the project.

Undoubtedly the high spot of the year was the launch in June of the Society's new publication "Mapping Saddleworth". As before, this was timed to coincide with the Saddleworth Festival of the Arts. The book is a superb production. In full colour, it is probably the most ambitious project yet for the Society. As with all festival publications, the target of a publication deadline resulted in many late nights for the editors as the publication day loomed ever nearer. It was truly a team effort and was only made possible by the considerable involvement of many members of the Society. I would particularly like to pay tribute though to David Harrison for the hundreds of hours of work he put in preparing the

artwork for the book and for the efforts of Cliff Moorhouse and Roger Holland in scanning the original maps. The quality of the book and its appeal to a wide market has been amply demonstrated by the sales to date. Sales during the festival were buoyant and since then have exceeded the 600 figure. We are now more than half way to recovering the full print costs. A second companion volume of manuscript maps is planned for the summer of 2009.

In September the Society hosted and organised a Local History Forum. This was a weekend event aimed at Local History Societies across the South Pennines and groups across Oldham Borough and Tameside. The idea was to get to know each other better and share information on project work. Attendance was good and on the Saturday a workshop of speakers and an exhibition of publications was well attended and enthusiastically received. A walk around Dobcross followed on the Sunday. We agreed to repeat the exercise again in the not too distant future and to set up an Internet Email group to share information and news.

Another series of summer events were the guided walks organised by Alan Schofield. These ranged from an Ammon Wrigley walk to an exploration of the roads and trackways over Stanedge. The walks were all well attended and received and I would like to thank Alan and all those who took part in the organisation of an initiative that we will definitely repeat in the future.

The summer trip this year was to Cromford and Morley in Derbyshire. Organised by Alan Schofield and Alan Petford a guided tour round Arkwright's mills was followed by a visit to the Morley church with its fine medieval windows and monuments of the Sacheveralls, Lords of the Manor. I would like to thank the two Alans for the all their efforts in organising what was a most enjoyable day.

Jim Carr has continued his links with the Universities of Manchester, Lancaster and Sheffield, added to the Society's membership the Council for British Archaeology North-West. He also successfully organised Conducted Tours of the Castleshaw Roman Forts and Road during the Public Guided Walks in the summer and twice during the Heritage Open Days organised nationally by English Heritage and The Civic Trust. Numbers attending on each occasion were most encouraging.

It was that with great sadness that we heard of the death of Robina McNeill B.A., FSA, MIFA, the Greater Manchester County Archaeologist, at the age of 57, after a battle with cancer. She ensured that Manchester's industrial heritage was recognised throughout the world and was locally appreciated for her work in the 1980's on the Castleshaw Dig. We attended a Service of Thanksgiving at Manchester Cathedral in October (Robina was also the Cathedral's Archaeologist). She will be replaced as County Archaeologist by Norman Redhead, an old friend from Castleshaw days, a contributor to the Bulletin in the past and, by co-incidence the next speaker in our Syllabus

New shelving in the archive room has now been installed and this completes are overhaul of the way in which our archive collection is housed. Our program of conservation measures continues and this year we have had a number of items professionally restored and conserved. Among these is the Saddleworth Rate Book of 1839. More conservation work is planned in the coming months. Material on local Waterworks from 1830 has been presented to the Archives and placed in the Askwith Collection.

Further items of computer hardware were purchased during the year to facilitate the production of artwork for our publication work. The Mapping Saddleworth book project benefited significantly from these also from the scanner purchased last year.

The Family History Section remains very active. Membership of the Group continues to grow and the Internet mailing list managed by Cheryl Westlorton is always busy with queries

and answers being exchanged between members The Saddleworth baptism project is now nearing completion. That is, what we now regard as the first phase. All Saddleworth baptisms prior to 1837 will be entered into a single database. This will cover the period 1750 – 1837 initially, and cover all Saddleworth Churches, whether Established or Non-Conformist. We hope to publish this first phase in the very near future. Phase 2 will follow extending the coverage to the sixteenth century and including the baptisms of Saddleworth people at churches and chapels outside the area.

This year 42 new members have joined the Society and this has enabled us to maintain a membership of 480 which compares favourably with previous years. We have 30 overseas members mainly in America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Italy, Germany and France.

Elsie Broadbent our membership secretary also organises distribution of the Bulletin. Approximately 400 copies of the Bulletin are forwarded each quarter to the membership which involves labelling envelopes, ordering from the printers and arranging delivery to David & Dorothy Latimer who for a number of years have systematically organised and dispatched them in boxes to the Post Office. Elsie also corresponds with members requiring information and back copies of the Bulletin. Our thanks are due to Elsie, David and Dorothy for their valued contributions.

Unfortunately, we have to record the deaths of several of our members: Mr Frank Allsop, Greenfield; Mr J.W.Sykes, Greenfield; Mrs Amelia Hill, Lydgate; and Mr J.F. Holroyd. Stratford-upon-Avon: also in the last week Mr Mike Howarth of Greenfield. Mike has been an active supporter of the society almost since its inception. Our condolences are extended to their families.

Finally, I would like to record our thanks to Jack Hindle, who is standing down from the committee due to ill health. Jack has served the Society as newsletter editor and representative of the Museum Friends for many years. We will miss his contributions and the good humour that often lightened our meetings.

I look forward to another successful year in 2008 and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mike Buckley
5th December 2007



Extract from Plate LIX: *Mapping Saddleworth* published by Saddleworth Historical Society (original in colour)

Cotton Town Comrades

Ian McInnes

Five million men were killed on the Western Front between 1914 and 1918. One million were from Britain and the Empire.

Lord Kitchener said 'Your King and Country need YOU' and the first public meeting in Oldham calling for the raising of an Oldham Pals or Comrades Battalion was on open ground at Henshaw Street on 22 October, 1914. The next major effort was the first recruiting night at the Empire Theatre, Waterloo Street on 5th November. A battalion of 1,150 men was proposed to be named 24th (Service) Battalion, Manchester Regt. A training camp was to be established in a 30 acre field at Chadderton Hall Farm. 90 men volunteered on the night, including five men from Saddleworth:- Cookson (Grotton), Shaw, Fisher and Watson (all from Greenfield), Hurst (Springhead) and one from Mossley – Hughes (Lower Quick). The next day Gartside of Delph enlisted and by early 1915, when the Battalion was complete, there were at least 32 Comrades from Saddleworth and two from Mossley. Of course, many Saddleworth men were already serving in the Regular Forces or in the Territorials and naturally most served in Yorkshire Regiments, especially the Duke of Wellington (33rd Foot). By this time two hundred thousand men had volunteered across Britain.

By February the 24th were up to strength and on 4th March, led by the Chadderton Band, the Battalion marched off to Clegg Street Station and entrained for Llanfairfechan. A Training Battalion was then formed to provide replacements.

In May they were transferred to Grantham and then in September to Larkhill camp on Salisbury Plain. Here they were attached to 30th Division – a New Army division, largely of battalions of King's Liverpool and Manchester Regiments. Six further weeks passed in training, then on 8th November they sailed from Southampton to Le Havre on 'Mona's Queen' a steel paddle steamer of the Isle of Man Package Company. They were moved to 7th Division in January 1916.

24th Manchester entered the trenches for the first time on Saturday 5th February 1916 at Fricourt near Morlancourt, four miles south of the town of Albert. On Sunday 6th February a tremendous bombardment fell on the trenches and Lt Murdock aged 20, RSM Gartside of Delph (26), CSM Coop (of Oldham, a Boer War Veteran, aged 34) and three men were killed, the youngest only 19. On the very next day 11 more were killed, the youngest only 18. At least a further 15 had been wounded. A terrible beginning to war and a shock to readers of Oldham's newspapers over the next days.

In May, after sustaining 46 dead and an unknown number wounded, the Battalion was designated a Pioneer Battalion, one of 11 from the North West of England, five Territorials and six, including 24/Manchester, New Army. Their new duties were to be many and various, and always exceedingly dangerous.

On 1 July, 1916 they were in the Mametz Section when on the one day on the Somme the British Army suffered almost 20,000 casualties, dead or dying of wounds plus nearly twice that number wounded. Two weeks later 24/Manchester were to fight again, this time at Bazentin-Le-Petit, where they had a further six men killed and 46 wounded.

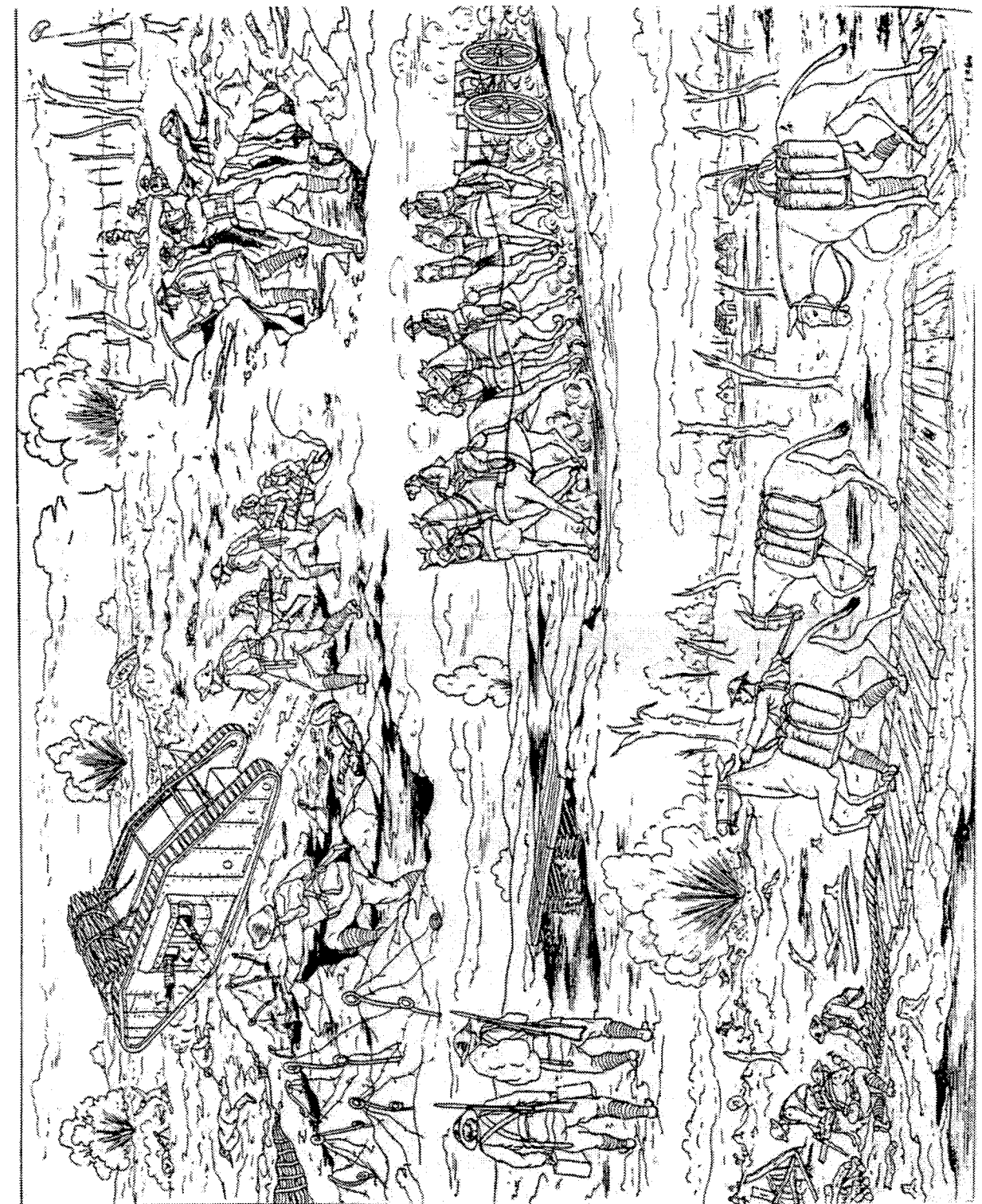
Amongst the dead was Burgess of Greenfield, and CSM Fisher was awarded a Military Medal. Cocks from Springhead died of wounds in September, when CSM Fisher received a 'blighty' helping dig a 5,000 yard trench system. In all the works cost nine dead and over 50 wounded and earned the men of the battalion a further five MM's.

In October the 24th moved from the Somme Area to the south of Ypres, a quieter zone. They returned in November 1916 and suffered almost 100 casualties in a major German gas barrage. At Bullecourt in May and June 1917 18 more men of the Oldham Comrades were killed or died of wounds, a further 75 were wounded and 109 were affected by gas. Five more men were awarded the MM including Herbert Shaw of Greenfield and Lees Mosley of Mossley.

In the Third Battle of Ypres in October/November 1917 the 24th slogged through the mud towards Passchendaele Ridge and won five more MM's and a Distinguished Conduct Medal where thousands of British, Empire and German troops perished and disappeared in the slime.

In December the battalion arrived in Italy, 779 men strong, of which only some 400 were originals. Thus over 600 men had died, been wounded and evacuated, sent home sick or transferred to other units or duties. Over 50% of the men had not had on a clean shirt for over nine weeks in the trenches before the moved, and the remainder had not had one for seven weeks!

The first three months of 1918 saw the 24th at Montello then they were moved east to Casa Di Forado near the Asiago Plateau. Italy was a quieter theatre there was time for haircuts and football matches and many originals were promoted and transferred back to France and Flanders or to the UK. But casualties still occurred. An epidemic of influenza caused 26 Comrades to be sent to Casualty Clearing Stations. However, the whole Italian Campaign against the Austrians only accounted for 17 deaths, the last one day before the Armistice. Peace came in November and a total of 13 officers and 191 men dead was a remarkably low number for 36 months of active service, and these totals include 30 or so originals who were killed serving in other units. 43 Other Ranks were killed in the first four months prior to the battalion becoming Pioneers. In all 132 'originals' lost their lives as did 9 Officers and 59 men who joined in France. The first draft to be discharged went back to the UK on 23 December when the battalion's strength was 925 including many on courses, detached and in hospital and by the end of January 1919, 248 men had boarded Demobilisation Trains. By mid March only four officers and 40 Other Ranks remained in Italy, and these then left. In all 279 of the original 1100 or so 'Comrades' with the battalion as it left Oldham served the whole war in the 24th.

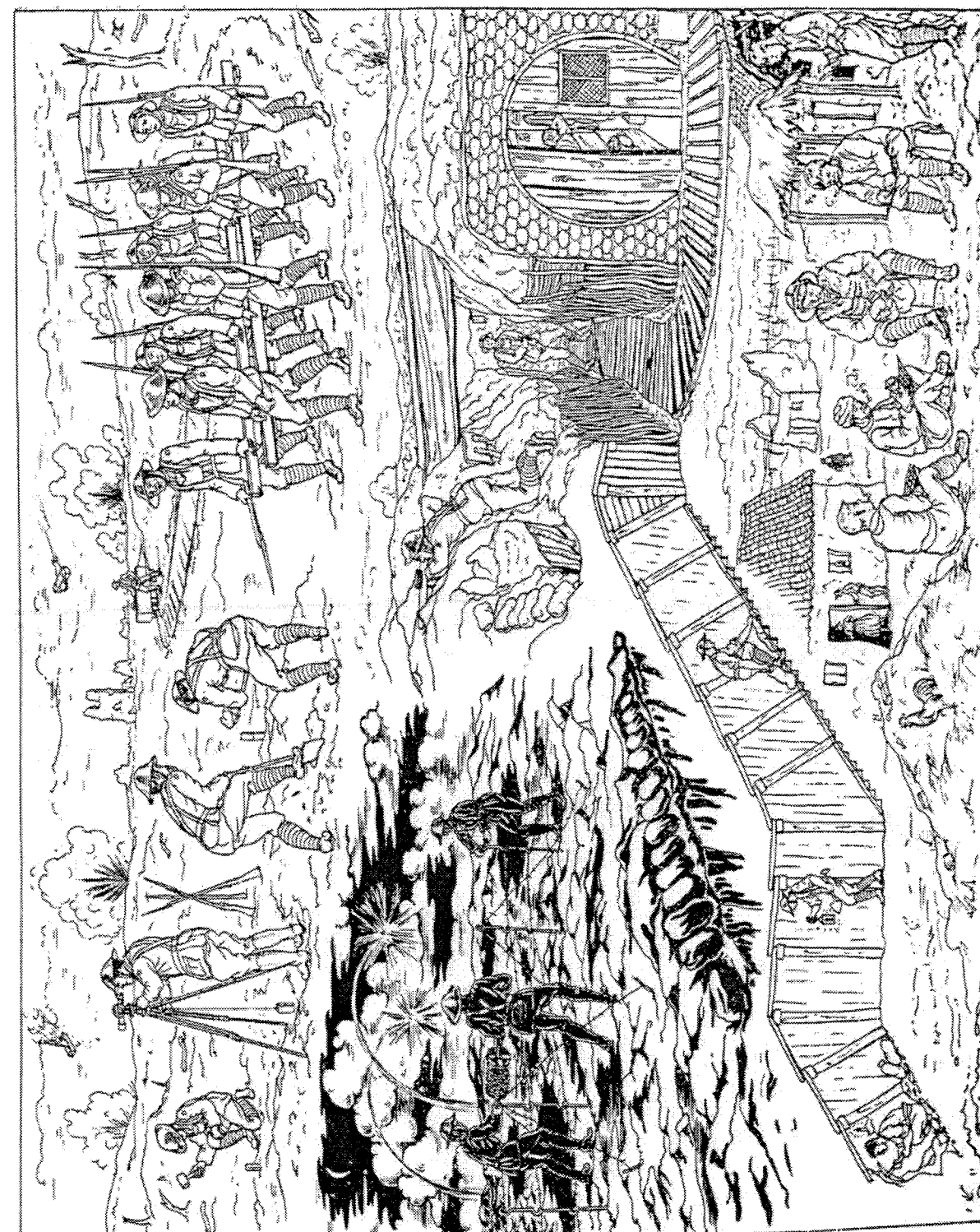


The Life Story of A Pioneer on Active Service

Of the original officers four were awarded the Military Cross and one was appointed to the Distinguished Service Order. The following decorations were earned by the original Other Ranks (either with the 24th or subsequently):-

1	DSO
4	Military Crosses
1	DCM & bar & MM
3	DCM & MM
4	DCMs
1	MM & 2 bars
1	MM & bar
1	MM & MSM
39	MM
8	Meritorious Service Medals

The former 'Comrades' held their first reunion in November 1919 when a meal for all, and for wives, mothers and sweethearts was provided at the Co-operative Hall, Greenacres. Of course, the men who attended were mainly the originals from Oldham and men of the town who joined the Training Battalion. The Colours of the 24th were laid up in Oldham Church in June 1936. Other reunions were held at regular intervals and at the 17th in 1950 90 ex-officers and men attended. At the Jubilee reunion in 1964 11 ex-officers and 77 men were present, however in 1976 former Corporal Fred Whittaker, aged 83, holder of the Military Medal and two bars, announced that that years' assembly would be the last as only 30 members remained alive and only 17 of those had last attended in 1974. The oldest was 91. Fred Whittaker was secretary of the Old Comrades Association from 1957 until 1968. Only 185 men earned three MMs in WW1 as he did. His medals, and many of those of his comrades, can be seen in the Regimental Museum of the Manchester's in Tameside Town Hall, Ashton-under-Lyne. Mr. Whittaker died in 1977 and five surviving veterans attended his funeral.



The Life Story of A Pioneer on Active Service

The following roll lists the 32 Saddleworth men amongst the originals in the 'Comrades' and two from Mossley.

BINNS Pte L 15500. Enlisted in March, 1915 and served in E Company 17 Platoon. He was reported as wounded in the 'Oldham Standard' on 2 March, 1916 and shell shocked and was evacuated to the UK on 21 February, that year. He did not return to active service with the Regiment, but joined the Military Foot Police as P14064. He lived in Thorpe Lane, Austerlands. L/Cpl Joseph R Binns no 15204 may have been his brother, and thus perhaps a 33rd Saddleworth man in the 24th.

BROOKS Pte Frederick 15325 aged 23 on enlistment. From Wood Farm, Delph, brother of Mrs Shepherd, of Millcroft, Delph, son of George and Hellen, giving his address on enlistment as East Hagbourne, Berkshire. He served in E Company 18 Platoon with Burgess. Brooks died of wounds received on 1 July on 12 July - ('The First Day on the Somme' when nearly 20,000 British troops were killed or were to die of wounds received that day). 24th Manchester were in the Mametz Sector and suffered only light casualties, one Non-Commissioned Officer killed in action, two men died of wounds later and five men wounded. (See Jackson below). Brooks is buried in St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Row A28 Grave 8. His name is on the memorial at St Thomas' Delph, on the Pots and Pans war memorial and on that at Wrigley Mill Chapel, Diggle.

BURGESS Pte Walter 15324 served in E Company 18 Platoon with Brooks who enlisted on the same day. From Shaw Hall Bank Road, Friezland and born there. He was the brother of Pte Frank Burgess of the same address, 2/4th Duke of Wellington's Regt. Two of the five sons' of Daniel and Alice. All the boys served in WW1. Frank, 23, and Walter, aged 22, were both killed in action, Walter on 14 July, 1916 at Bazentin-Le-Petit, one of 52 casualties to the Battalion on this date (one officer Died of Wounds, 5 Other Ranks killed, two officers and 44 men wounded), and is buried at Danzig Alley Cemetery, Section VIII Grave 2, and Frank, who had worked at Clare's Dye Works, Frenches, on 29 September, 1918. Both their names are on the Royal George, Friezland Memorial and on that at Pots and Pans.

BUTTERWORTH Pte Harry 14680 Enlisted in December, 1914, born 1891, a cotton spinner and married. Originally from Chadderton, but lived in Denshaw post war. He served a total of three years and

two months overseas including France, Flanders and Italy. In C Company 10 Platoon.

BUTTERWORTH Pte James Wild 15451. On the 1901 census he is living, aged 14, at Field House, Scouthead with his widowed mother Sarah, nee Weaver. Born in Uppermill, Saddleworth and enlisted in March, 1915. He was one of 52 casualties to the 24th Btn when he was killed in action 14 July, 1916 at Bazentin-Le-Petit (see Burgess above). He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval memorial. (Pier & Face 13A and 14C). In E Company 19 Platoon. His name is not on the Pots and Pans Memorial.

CHALLENGE Pte William C 14197 from 134 Oldham Road, Springhead. Enlisted in November, 1914, two weeks after recruiting into 24th Manchester's started. Pre war his trade was that of motor driver/mechanic which may be why he was appointed as a Lewis gunner. A Company 3 Platoon with Hallas (see below). In Autumn, 1918 he was posted back to the UK from Italy to the Royal Air Force as a trainee observer. One of only two men on this roll to attend the 50th Jubilee Reunion in 1964 with Mosley (see below).

COCKS Pte Robert 14235. A warehouseman born at Hey, Lees. Son of Fred and Elizabeth Cocks from 17 Bridge Street, Springhead (see Horne and Hurst below). He enlisted at the Swann Inn, Oldham at the same time in November, 1914 as Challen, also from Springhead. Both were posted to 'A' Company, 3 Platoon, with Horn. He was wounded at Guinchy near Montauban on 31 August 1916 and died three days later when aged only 20. In that action the battalion suffered over 50 wounded, two of whom subsequently died and five killed in action. Cocks was buried at Heilly Station Cemetery Row IV Grave B50. His name is on the Pots and Pans Memorial and that at Hey Church. His brother, Fred, of 7/Yorkshire Regt, was killed in action 25 April 1917 aged 23.

COOKSON Cpl Cabel 14012 from Thornlee Fold, Grotton. Born in 1888, a dyeworker and finisher and married, he was the first Saddleworth man to join the Battalion on the first day of recruiting at the Empire Theatre, Oldham on 5th November and only the 12th man in line. He served in A Company 1 Platoon. He survived the war, serving in all four years and two months including three years and two months overseas in France, Flanders and Italy.

EDGE Pte A 14953. A stoker who worked at Sykes Mill, Delph and Dobcross. Enlisted around the same time as Spencer (below). Served in D Company 14 Platoon with Kinder. Appears not to have served overseas with the Battalion.

EDGE Pte Alfred 14945 D Company 14 Platoon with Edge above. Recruited on the same day, perhaps brothers (?). Wounded 7 August, 1918 in Italy then re-joined from Casualty Clearing Station. Born 1881, an Army Driver. Married St Thomas, Friamere in 1908 to Elizabeth Stansfield of Delph, and buried there on 5 November 1952 having died in Marsden. His wife was buried there in 1938. A stoker, served four years in all, three years two months overseas. Trio of medals know in a collection in Ashton.

FISHER James Sergeant (A/CSM) 14017. A printer from 9 Wellington Terrace, Greenfield, who together with H W Shaw of Arthurs, and A Watson of Kinders, joined with consecutive numbers on the first night of recruiting at the Empire Theatre on Guy Fawkes Night 1914 (see also Caleb Cookson of Grotton and Harry Hurst of Springhead). He was awarded a Military Medal for Bravery in the Field in the London Gazette of 1 September, 1916. The Oldham Comrades Book of Honour records "For conspicuous skill and devotion to duty under heavy fire. He materially contributed to the repulse of the enemy counter attacks on Bazentin-Le-Petit on 14 July, 1916" However, Fisher was wounded and evacuated down the line with a 'blighty' on 31 August at Montauban (see Cocks), and sent to the UK 2 September. There, after treatment and convalescence, he was transferred to 1/5 Lancashire Fusiliers as 50183 WOII, with whom he won a DCM and bar which appeared in the London Gazettes of 3 September, 1918 and 5 December that year. His group of medals are in the Hull Museum.

GARTSIDE Regt Sgt Major Arnold 14098. Enlisted on 6 November 1914. The son of John Henry and Mary Ann Gartside. He was born in Delph in 1889 and was newly married, living at Bailey Terrace, Delph. He was a fruiterer at Mumps, Oldham, a business which continued under the same family ownership until the 1960's. Gartside's brother had served 14 years in the Regulars and was in 1914 a Warrant Officer and no doubt this went some way in appointing the military inexperienced Arnold Gartside as RSM of 24/Manchesters. After time spent at their first camp at Chadderton Hall, then the moves in March to Llanfairfechan, in May to Grantham and in September to Larkhill on Salisbury Plain, the 24th embarked at Southampton for Le Havre on 8

November, 1914 under the stewardship of RSM Gartside. More than 1,000 officers and men and 80 horses were billeted around Autheux a few miles south-east of Doullens and for seven weeks they had further training. On 21 December they were moved to Aumont and on 29 January to the front arriving at Morlancourt four miles south of Albert and entered the trenches on 5 February. Next day at Maple Redoubt the RSM, a Lieutenant, a CSM and three men were killed by one shell. The next day 11 more were to die. RSM Gartside is buried in Point 110 Old Cemetery south of Mapole Redoubt Grave J7. His name is on the Pots and Pans Memorial and that at St Thomas' Church, Delph.

HALLAS Pte Frank 14274 (A Company 3 Platoon). Killed in action 31st August 1916. Buried Delville Wood Cemetery Section VIII Row V Grave 6. From 8 County End, Lees. A cotton worker, born in Saddleworth but his name is not on the Pots and Pans Memorial.

HENNELLY Pte Philip 15263. Aged 21 on enlistment in January, 1915 he came from Springhead having been born in England of Irish parents, the late Peter and Sarah Hennelly, he attended St Edwards RC School, Lees. In B Company 5 Platoon. He was wounded 10 January, 1917 but remained on duty and was killed in action 6 July and is buried in Ecoust Military Cemetery (Section 1 Row B Grave 2). His name is commemorated on the roll of honour in his church, but not on the Pots and Pans War Memorial.

HILL Sgt B C 15024. Enlisted in January 1915 with 15025 Shackleton, below. In D Company 15 Platoon, an hydraulic packer in civilian life. Born in 1888, married and living at Midgrove Cottage, New Delph. Served in total for four years, including three years and two months overseas.

HORNE Pte James E 14246. A Company 3 Platoon. Born 1887. Single, cop packer, from 17 Bridge Street, Springhead (see Cocks). Four years two months service, three years two months overseas in France, Flanders and Italy.

HUGHES Pte John Edward 14063. Enlisted on the first day of recruiting at the Empire Theatre, Oldham on 5 November, 1914. He was a pavior of 4 Lower Quick, Mossley. Born 1879. His father Thomas was a grinder. His mother was Sarah. No doubt but that in the weeks which followed he helped lay the 1,000 or so flag stones loaned by Oldham Corporation to construct

pathways around the newly constructed barracks in Chadderton Hall Farm. In A Company 1 Platoon. He did not serve overseas.

HURLEY Pte John 14311 Enlisted in mid November, 1914. A spinner of Newbolt Farm, High Moor. He did not serve in Italy.

HURST Pte Harry 14038. A transport driver in the Battalion who spent a year away from the front perhaps wounded (?). Born in 1886 and a single cotton spinner he had lived at 15 Bridge Street, Springhead, next door to Cocks and Horne (above). He enlisted at the Empire Theatre on Guy Fawkes Night 1914. In all he served two years two months overseas, including France, Flanders and Italy. In A Company 1 Platoon.

JACKSON Pte Joss 14609. Enlisted in early December 1914 a minder of 800 Huddersfield Road, Saddleworth (See Lees and Vickers below). In D Company 8 Platoon. Did not serve overseas with the 24th.

KERSHAW Pte John 15103. Enlisted in early January, 1915. From Club Houses, Dobcross. In D Company 16 Platoon. Later 502879 Labour Corps.

KINDER Pte Thornton 15105. Enlisted with Kershaw. A minder of 1 High Moor, Saddleworth. (see Hurley). In D Company 14 Platoon with Edge, Shaw and Spencer. Later L/Cpl Labour Corp 446042. In the 1901 census he is shown as living at The Cottages, Thorp Lane, Springhead. Son of James, a quarry man, and Emma.

LEES Pte William 14613. A moulder from 5 Stonebreaks, Springhead. Enlisted the same day as his neighbour, Jackson, above. He was gassed 2 September, 1916 and evacuated to the UK one week later. In C Company 9 Platoon with Vickers.

MOORHOUSE Pte Albert 14765. Born in 1889, a married joiner's labourer from 5 Clayton Court, Cops Street, Springhead when he enlisted around Mid December, 1914.

MOSLEY L/Cpl Lees 15312. Born 1895. Single, a cotton spinner of Eredian House, Lees Road, Mossley. Unusually for 24th Battalion he enlisted at Ladysmith Barracks, Ashton under Lyne

on 6 May 1915 and trained at Heaton Park. He served a total of three years and eight months, including three years and two months overseas in France, Flanders and Italy. Mosley received a 7th Division Good Service Card for the period between 21 September 1916 and 25 February 1917 and was mentioned in Field Marshal Haig's despatch of 9 April 1917 'for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Beaumont Hamel 11/12 January 1917'. Wounded, but remained on duty 4 May, 1917. Later, in the London Gazette of 9 July 1917, he was awarded the Military Medal, his citation reads:- 'at Bullecourt 14/15 May, 1917 the company was unable to advance due to a hostile barrage and shell gas. He was sent forward through the barrage to withdraw the taping and covering party. In this he succeeded. He persistently exhibited great courage and initiative Discharged to the Army Reserve 18 March, 1919 and married in 1923. He was scoutmaster at St George's Mossley 1926-1938 and was a Special Constable and Air Raid Warden at the Lily Mills, Shaw in WW2. Mosley attended the Old Comrades Association meetings, including the 50th reunion in 1964, until 1968 when his address was 81 Stockport Road, Mossley. He died in 1973 and is buried in St Georges' Cemetery. His five medals survive him and are with the family.

SCANLONS Pte James 14990, a spinner of 2 Dixon's, Strinesdale Lane, Saddleworth. Enlisted 11 January, 1915, aged 35 and did not serve overseas. Absent without leave on 1 March for 24 hours and given 3 day's confined to camp and lost one day's pay, then on 5 March found in camp drunk. He was transferred 6 March 1915 to Royal Artillery as number 47488, a driver. Next of kin mother, Mary.

SHACKLETON Drummer F K 15025. Served in the Band and in D Company 13 Platoon. He was a former tram conductor of Hill End, Delph, some 27 recruits came from the local tram department. Enlisted with 15024 Hill above. Transferred to the Royal Army Service Corps and won a Military Medal with them in 1918, as a L/Cpl.

SHAW L/Cpl Friend G 14904. A clerk of Hazeldene, Grasscroft. Served with Spencer in D Company 14 Platoon but not in Italy. Perhaps related to the next man (?) Later A/Sgt in the Battalion.

SHAW Sgt Herbert Wilson 14016. In the 1901 census he was shown as living at Frenches, Friezland aged 11 with his widowed mother, Mary aged 49. Enlisted on the first day of recruiting with Fisher and Watson, all Greenfield men. Shaw was a single plumber from Arthurs working for the family firm of Rowland

and Shaw. Born 1890. In A Company 2 Platoon. He was awarded a Military Medal in London Gazette 9 July 1917 one of five to the Battalion of this action:- 'On 8 May, 1917 when Bullecourt Ave was subjected to heavy bombardment, he finished the work in hand, removed his platoon, and then discovered that several men were missing. He returned through the barrage and eventually found them and brought them in'. In Autumn 1918 he was posted from Italy to the Reinforcement Depot as an Instructor. He was Secretary of the Old Comrades Association from 1948-1950 and attended meetings until 1957.

SPENCER Sgt acting CSM John F 14966. A Clerk of 1 Church Road, Uppermill. He was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal in the London Gazette of 17 June, 1918. Enlisted in January, 1915 but did not serve in Italy. In D Company 14 Platoon with Kinder. He was a relative of the late Cllr Albert Spencer, one time Chairman of Saddleworth Parish Council.

TURNER Pte Herbert 15465. Born in Ashton under Lyne in 1882, but gave his address as 6 Platt St, Springhead on enlistment in March 1915. He was wounded 1 September, 1917 during the battles around Ypres and died the next day. He is buried in Huts Cemetery, (section IV Row C Grave 6). His name is not on the Pots and Pans Memorial. Son of Henry and Sarah Turner and husband of Annie Turner. Two others named Turner enlisted on the same day. All three served in E Company. They may have been three brothers (?), but nothing is known of them: Pte H Turner no 15474 and Pte W Turner 15467. (Perhaps the 34th and 35th Saddleworth men?)

VICKERS Pte George 14611 a moulder of 745 Huddersfield Road. He enlisted on the same day in early December as Jackson and Lees, all three near neighbours and all cotton workers. In C Company 9 Platoon with Lees.

WHEATCROFT Pte Harold 14255. A former blowing room hand of 4 Buckley Place, Springhead, who enlisted in November, 1914 at around the same time as Hallas, also from Springhead. Wheatcrofts four brothers all served in WW1. Two were killed, Thomas in 2nd Manchester's and William in 2nd Dukes.

WATSON Pte Arthur 14018. A shoemaker of Kinders, Greenfield he enlisted on the first day of recruitment with Fisher and Shaw. A Company 2 Platoon. He was wounded twice. Firstly on 21 May 1916 but returned to duty 23 June, that year, then again 25 June, 1917 near Bullecourt and was evacuated to England. He

married a Greenfield girl, Edith Cunliffe, February 1918, at Road End Methodist Chapel, and later worked as an electrician at Kinders Mill.

These are the only Saddleworth men I have identified – there could be more!

I would be very interested to hear from anyone who has further details of Saddleworth men in the Comrades.

The details in the above article have been extracted from the book "Cotton Town Comrades" by K W Mitchinson and I McInnes, published in 1993. A DVD of the out of print work is in preparation by Jade Publishing of Uppermill. Much of the original data was extracted from 'The Oldham Battalion of Comrades (24th Battalion Manchester Regiment) Book of Honour' published in 1919 and from records in the Local Studies Library in Oldham. Back numbers of the Oldham Chronicle and Oldham Standard were invaluable and the Public Records Office at Kew (now the National Archives) holds the War Diary of the Battalion. The Commonwealth War Graves Register was used to fill out more details, as were census returns and other records.

Letter to the Editor

Brian Kenworthy (grandson of Harold Kenworthy's eldest brother, Herbert)

I have just received the latest Bulletin of the Historical Society, and have read the article of Passchendaele. I suppose it is tempting fate to write a list of those killed in that series of battles, but my great uncle, Harold Kenworthy of Greenfield, is not among those mentioned, and though it only right that his name should be remembered.

He was Private Harold Kenworthy, S/11853 of 'A' Company, 8th Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, who died on 22nd August 1917, aged 27. He is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial at Zonnebeke.

His home was Greenfield, and he was the youngest son of James Henry and Jane Hannah Kenworthy. He was employed at Whiteley's, in Huddersfield, and formerly at the Huddersfield Tramways Department, and was remembered at Greenfield Methodist Church, where he had been educated, as having a fine tenor voice.

In 1915 the 51st Highland Brigade came to south Lancashire to sign on recruits, and by this means were able to expand their strength, the Seaforths doubling the number of their battalions from two to four. Harold was wounded on the Somme and recovered from his wound in time to be returned to his regiment to take part in Third Ypres, The Battle of Passchendaele. What happened after that is best recorded by Lyn McDonald in her book, 'They Called It Passchendaele'.

She reports that on 22nd August 1917 four companies of the 13th Royal Scots, and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who were in support of the leading companies of their battalions, went off again up the terrible Frezenberg Ridge in one more weary and desperate attack to carry out orders by securing the fortifications of Beck House and Borry farm. Two hours after zero hour, a handful crawled back. They did better than the Seaforths on their left, for none of them came back at all (Harold was in 'A' Company, the lead company of the battalion).

As a postscript Ms McDonald states that on the 12th October two companies of the 2/5 West Lancashire regiment were ordered to go to the Frezenberg Ridge and bury the bodies of the successive waves of soldiers who had been killed there in the fighting of the two months before Borry Farm and Beck House had fallen on 20th September.

World War 2

Ivy Grayshon

World War Two had a big impact on my life. In 1939 I was at Uppermill School, later to be known as Saddleworth School. Lessons were continually interrupted by Gas Mask Drills and Fire Drills. Some subjects were longer taught because of the shortage of teachers (tennis and badminton).

At the age of 13 I went to Kenyon's in Oldham to embark on a secretarial course. I was prepared for the Phonographic Society's exams but unfortunately because of the bombing in Manchester there was a Home Office directive that that you could not congregate in groups but the Society would not create another centre so, although fully trained, I started work without any certificates. I started on 17/6d (87 ½ p) per week but after a month I received one guinea per week (£1.05).

I travelled by train to Kenyon's - getting the train from Diggle to Greenfield Junction and then the Delph Donkey to Oldham (Glodwick Road). The train went past the Prisoner of War Camp at the Glen Mill, and we could see the prisoners quite clearly standing outside the high wire fence.

Coming back home I had to change at Greenfield to get the stopping train back to Diggle. There were two trains due at the same time - an express Liverpool-Leeds-Newcastle which also stopped at Huddersfield, and my local train. All the names were blacked-out and porters, guards and other railway personnel were not allowed to say where the train was going. One of the porters knew my father's cousins in Greenfield but was not permitted to tell me if the train was the right one. In consequence on two occasions I got on the express and whizzed through to Huddersfield. I then had to explain my situation to the Ticket Collectors - there was no train back to Diggle until about 9pm. All the trains were long and full of troops so you had to stand up for your journeys most of the time. After a long conversation with the Ticket Collector I got a trolley bus down to Marsden - fare ten pence (5p) - and then walked up over the top via the old Standege toll road to the cutting on the A62. At the entrance to the cutting was a check-point and I had to explain myself to the soldier guarding the cutting. He let me through and I was waved thorough the other end near the Floating Light - presumably they had a field telephone to say I was coming. There were soldiers guarding both ends of the cutting and the vents for the tunnels on the moors, also, there was searchlight battery on the top of Standege. There was real fear of invasion and that reservoirs might be poisoned.

If, there were persons at Greenfield waiting for the stopping train, I would board with them. One morning, I was waiting at Diggle, passing the time of day with one of the porters. And we could hear a train coming through the tunnel. As the engine emerged, the porter said 'oh, its only luggage.' I asked him how he knew, and he then explained the coding of the lamps, and after that I didn't get on the wrong train.

One day, when the train from Oldham got to Greenfield, all the station personnel were waiting for us on the platform, including the Station Master. We were informed that there had been a derailment at Manchester and the connecting trains would not arrive until after 8.00pm – it was ten to five at the time. I immediately decided to walk home. The Station Master was concerned that I could walk from Greenfield to Diggle. I just said that I had walked that distance before. In fact, I was back home early. Trains were often late with the blackout and bombing in Manchester, it was quicker to walk.



Pill Boxes on the A635 at Greenfield (Copyright of Oldham Local Studies and Archives)

The problem with the blackout was out in the country we only had a half-inch beam on a small torch. Not very practical, clambering over 8ft drifts of snow! We soon learnt to carry two torches, one in each hand. I still do this now, and friends in my Shropshire village think it odd.

We had a heavy wooden door on the cottage and behind the door a thick curtain. My parents devised a sort of tunnel of thick army blankets from the door to the wall and another curtain at the end – it was like going through a tunnel to get in. This was because we had a

complaint from the ARP in Diggle that the light from our cottage shone straight down the valley.

Being just below the Rifle Range, all day there was a constant rat-a-tat of machine gun firing and when the bombing pit was in use, it shook the windows.

At night we could hear the German bombers following the line of hills to bomb Manchester and at sunset we could count the barrage balloons on the horizon towards Ashton-under-Lyne.

A couple came to live next door who had been bombed out in Salford. They were the advance of the 'Good Life' but had no idea how to keep goats or hens. The man announced one day to my father that the grass in the field in front (the old tenter field) needed burning off. My father told him not to as he would set the moor on fire, but the man said he would control it. My father still argued against it. However, when dad came in the man set fire to the field and the moor caught alight. The warden came down from the Rifle Range and the Sgt of police said my father should have stopped him but it was useless to tell the man anything. The moor raged for about a week and all the grouse were killed.

My father worked ammunitions at Old Trafford during the war as an auto-setter. He would often get tickets for the theatre and I would meet him in Manchester. After the bombing, there was a terrible acrid smell from the burning. My father's cousin was killed in the blitz – he was a fireman on the railway engine and had been helping to put out fires and a delayed action bomb killed him. My friend's brother was killed in the war – he was a Sgt Pilot in the RAF. He had been on leave over the weekend and we saw him off on the train – two days later they had this telegram.

There was bomb damage at Oldham which damaged the side of a house. A Land Mine fell on the cricket field at Greenfield.

When there was a Salvage Collection (recycling these days!) mother got rid of a lot of Sunday School prizes – many of the stories I loved to read. We had a collection of aluminium and tinfoil at Uppermill School.

When the evacuees came they had a special House at the school with Orange badges. We were Lordsmere (blue), Friarmere (Red), Quickmere (Green) and Shawmere (Yellow). I cannot recall the House name for Orange.

With food rationing, grandma living in Mossley was sure we would starve living up Diggle. Our milk came from the farm in cans – one for each household – and the milk had a thick cream. Mother collected the cream into Horlicks jars and we had one each and shook it into butter. As we shook them from side to side in a rocking motion we sang 'Run rabbit run', I

took a pat of butter to Grandma's – her eyes nearly fell out of her head when she opened up the greaseproof paper 'Is is black market?' she asked. No, I said I, made it for you.

The men who worked in the railway tunnel got extra cheese ration.

Diggle station was patrolled by soldiers guarding the tunnels. When it snowed prisoners of war came from Glen Mill at Oldham to help clear the tracks. One village lady brought them coffee and sandwiches and was shunned by some in the village but she said 'I don't care, they are somebody's lads' She lived at Far Diggle Edge.

All the iron railings and gates disappeared. The Director of Hutchinson Hollingworth came out of his big house and it was requisitioned for the Evacuees. The director went to live with his daughter.

The roads to the rifle range were churned up with the army traffic.

With clothes rationing mother decreed that I should go without stockings during the summer so I started to knit socks instead. Our aunty showed me how to turn the heel and grandma showed me how to graft the toe. My design was a mix of style but very comfortable. Many years later, my grandson wore out a pair and said they were the most comfortable he had ever worn.

Compoflex were bombed out at Teddington and relocated to Diggle. Up to then we only had single deck buses and suddenly we got double-deck buses every hour in the week and instead of four hourly on Sunday they were now to hourly.

Typically for Victory the time-honoured maxim of 'Put flag up and fetch band out' was true to form with church banner and at the front of the parade small boys dressed as Heralds and solder, sailor and airman. Mrs Burns at the Rifle Range made the costumes for the Heralds. Smiths at the glue works threw a party for the works and office staff.

Saddleworth Historical Society Publications

Books

“Mapping Saddleworth”

Edited by Mike Buckley, David Harrison and Alan Petford. £19.95
Volume I, Printed Maps of the Parish 1771-1894.

“A History and Description of the Parochial Chapelry of Saddleworth”

by James Butterworth, with introduction by Robert Poole. £13.95
A facsimile reprint of the original edition of 1828.

“Saddleworth 1914-1919”

by K.W. Mitchinson. £10.00
The Experience of a Pennine Community during the Great War.

“Cherry Valley Chronicles”

edited by Maurice Dennett. £10.00
Letters from Thomas Buckley of Millbury, Massachusetts, USA to Ralph Buckley, his son of Dobcross, Saddleworth 1845-1875.

“Passage through Time”

by Bernard Barnes. £6.95
Saddleworth Roads and Trackways - A History.

“With Ammon Wrigley in Saddleworth”

by Sam Seville, edited by Bernard Barnes. £5.95

“Saddleworth from the Air”

edited by Barri Jones. £5.00

“The Saddleworth-America Connection”

by Anne Parry. £5.00
Reprint of the original 1979 Saddleworth Festival Publication.

"The Huddersfield Narrow Canal"

A compilation of essays on the construction and history of the canal. £5.95

"Street Guide to Saddleworth"

£2.00

Saddleworth Local Interest Trails

Ten walks around Saddleworth illustrated with sketches and notes on local history and landscape.

Uppermill, Greenfield, Huddersfield Narrow Canal,

Grasscroft, Denshaw, Delph, Lydgate & Grotton,

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each £1.20

Maps & Plans

Churchyard Plan: St Chad's Church, the old graveyard £1.20

Churchyard Plan: St Chad's Church, the lower graveyard £3.00

Ordnance Survey 25" Godfrey reprint - Lydgate £1.95

Orders

Graham Griffiths, 6 Slackcote, Delph, Saddleworth OL3 5TW. Cheques should be made payable to Saddleworth Historical Society. Please add 20% for post & packing in the UK

SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER WINTER 2007

Whene're I drink of Friezland ale,
Drawn from an old brown bottle;
I feel as if a summer morn
Was running down my throttle
A pint of Sunshine at a draught
All sparkle, grip and mettle;
There never is a cloudy day
When Friezland ale's in fettle.

Friezland Ale - Ammon Wrigley.

FORTHCOMING LECTURES 7.30 pm. at the Museum, Uppermill.

Wednesday The Changing Face of Lees.
2nd April, 2008 Freda Millett.

Thursday Ancient Saddleworth.
5th June, 2008 Highways & Byways.
Mike Buckley

SUMMER COACH TRIP SATURDAY 12th JULY, 2008

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY.....

The Summer Coach Trip to YORK will take place on the 12th July, and not the 14th as stated in the Syllabus.

The city of York is the capital of the North and was a walled city whose walls are unique in the completeness of their preservation. To the Danes it was Jorvik and Eboracum to the Romans. William the Conqueror built two castles here, facing each other across the Ouse, the most noteworthy survivor being Clifford's Tower which is well worth mounting for the roof top view of York. The tower built by Henry III in a quatre foil plan stands high on a mound and is an observation point. The Minster is the largest cathedral built in England in the Middle Ages (60,952 sq.ft.) The crypt incorporates a pillar of the Roman praetorium and parts of two earlier churches. The medieval glass is justly world famous, its sole rival being Chartres. The city has many architectural features to be explored on foot and the medieval Shambles, where shops lean precariously across a narrow street are obviously a priority glorying in the past. Alan Pettford together with Alan Schofield are your guides on this day of antiquity at the junction of the Three Ridings of Yorkshire. Booking details wil be found in the next Bulletin.

SUMMER GUIDED WALKS: Information regarding the proposed Guided Summer Walks which proved so successful last year are being prepared details will be given in the next Bulletin and posters displayed around the villages.

CANALS AND LOOMS

The Society were pleased to receive a letter from members Maurice & Dorothy Redman (nee Appleton, Uppermill Post Office) of Edinburgh suggesting a couple of places that they thought members of the Society might like to visit. The Falkirk Wheel A Millenium initiative to encourage canal usage. The rotating lift raises canal vessels (with you on board) the 150 feet to connect Glasgow's Forth and Clyde Canal with Edinburgh's Union Canal. The hundred year old system of eleven locks took a full day to negotiate in the past. Contact 08700 500 208 or Dunsdale Mill, Selkirk where D.C. Dalglish Ltd., weave tartans on Dobcross looms.

Dorothy's father-in-law, Herbert Redman was the outfitter who came to Selkirk to set up the new looms. Visitors are welcome with advance notice - Contact 01750 20781

PAST LECTURES.

Bernard Barnes Memorial Lecture
16th January, 2008

Recent Archaeological Research in Greater Manchester by Norman Redhead, The Greater Manchester County Archaeologist drew a goodly audience at the Museum Gallery and revealed a great deal of detail on the 38 Excavations which he had led including Moston Hall, Northenden, Mellor Hall, Wythenshawe Hall, Manchester Airport and Buckton Castle with its ever expanding adjacent quarry on the moor providing Pennine grit backfill for our road system. Obviously he was operating on a very wide remit exploring many Funerary Sites providing specific information and descriptions of these excavations, digging a large number of trenches and discovering Roman slipper, arrow and axe heads, a stone knife, a horses head handle and hundreds of pottery fragments which were reconstructed to create a beautiful inscribed pottery jar. The whole lecture was illustrated with an impressive set of professional slides showing amongst others Northenden Mill Farm, Ordsall Mill and the Monarch Mill. This brilliant leadership was ably demonstrated as we finally traversed Miller Street, Manchester, Yorkshire Street, Rochdale and back tracked our way out of Bury via The Old Railway Station. The lecture engendered a most enquiring Question Session and Jim Carr gave a generous and knowing vote of thanks exemplifying Norman's previous visits and experienced work in Saddleworth at our own Roman Fort in Castleshaw.

Methodism in Delph 1779-2000

The popularity of Mr. Alan Rose displayed itself yet again in another very well attended lecture at the Museum on the 7th February, 2008, when he delivered more intimate details of its circuit organisation which extended to Sheffield, Holmfirth, Bridlington, Whitby and Liverpool. These are the places which contributed to the building of the first Methodist Church in Millgate, Delph all organised by the good offices of preacher John Marsden of Manchester. The first chapel cost £900. To pay for it £231 was collected from Saddleworth and £300 from John Marsden at 5% yearly. Mr. Rose read several interesting and humorous passages from 'On Larkhill', by J.P.W. Mallalieu who grandfather, Henry Mallalieu, owner of Bailey Mill, Delph, provided much of the cash required for the reconstruction of the chapel after a fire in 1894. The talk raised a fuel of questions which enhanced the evening's entertainment. Neil Barrow gave a noteworthy vote of thanks embracing this very lively talk.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM

2nd Sunday of each month 8.00 am to 2.00 pm
2nd Wednesday of each month 10.0 am to 1.00 pm

Farmers' Market.
Friends Coffee Mornings.

Tuesdays 9.30 am-12.30 pm

Canalside Quilting Group
Free to new members in the morning
Annual £10.00 or £2.50 weekly.

Boredom Busters & Boom Ting. Childrens events.

Ring Museum for details on
01457 87 4093

ART GALLERY EXHIBITION.

22nd March - 20th April, 08
26th April - 25th May, 08

Stockport Art Guild.
Varied, mixed media Exhibition.
Judith Trescatheric
Treescapes, seascapes, figures.

FRIENDS OF SADDLEWORTH MUSEUM.

If you are not already a member of the Friends of Saddleworth Museum, Uppermill, please consider joining the Museum which is run and operated by volunteers. Many more are required to provide a friendly service in the Museum so please give your consideration and more than a moments thought to this worthy outpost in Yorkshire. Obtain a Membership Form from the Gallery or enquire at the Museum Shop and join a happy band of volunteers who form, the Friends of Saddleworth Museum, you will be most welcome and embrace a new enthusiasm. Ring the Curator Peter Fox on 01457 87 4093 or speak to the staff on duty.

SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY

LECTURES SADDLEWORTH MUSEUM

Thursday 1st May, 08

Buildings of Victorian Bradford.
Illustrated presentation by Paul Jennings.
Historic Author & Lecturer at
Bradford University.

Saturday 14th June, 08 2.0 pm

Half Day Heritage Walk
Guided by Mike Buckley. Details later.

Thursday 26th June, 08

Life in Saddleworth in the early 1800's connected
with St. Chad's Church, Uppermill..., etc.
Illustrated lecture by the Rev. Duncan Rhodes,
Local Historian.

Thursday 3rd July, 08 8.30 am
Uppermill Bus Turning Circle.

Summer Trip.
Duncombe Hall & Gardens and Helmsley Town,
North Yorkshire.
Fully inclusive day out - full details later.

To join the Saddleworth Civic Trust Society -

Contact Mrs. Lorna Gartside on 01457 87 3195

SHS MEMBERSHIP SECTION.

We welcome Mrs. Shena M. Cuming, of Uppermill, who has joined the Society since the publication of the last Bulletin.

One of our new members the Right Revd. Rupert Hoare has been commissioned by the Bishop of Manchester as Assistant Bishop, he was formerly Principal of Westcott House, Bishop of Dudley and latterly Dean of Liverpool, Bishop Rupert and his wife have now retired and settled in Saddleworth. He has offered his services to be of help episcopally across the diocese.

The regretful death of Mrs. Christine Sykes, in hospital has to be reported. She was a proud Yorkshire woman from across the moor in Holmfirth who came to live in Grasscroft with her husband Edward in 1966, and together they were active members of the Round Table, Saddleworth Rotary and Christine in the Ladies Circle, in which she had many good friends and her presence at our lectures will be missed. Condolences have been sent to her family.

Sadly we have to announce the death of Mrs. Joyce Walsh who with her late husband had lived in Denshaw for many years and supported the Society for several years.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2008

Although we have received a very good response from members regarding this year's subscriptions we take this opportunity of enclosing a further request for remittances unpaid and we should be very much obliged to receive cheques as soon as possible. Your valued support is greatly appreciated.

Family Membership	£14.00	
Single Membership	£12.00	
Retired Single & Family..& Students.....	£ 9.00	
O/S	US & Canada	£15.00 or 40 dollars.
	Australia & New Zealand.....	£15.00 Sterling.

S. Broadbent.

