

In Memory of

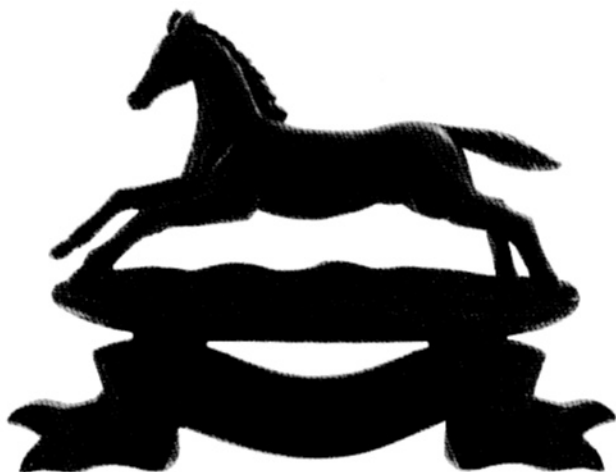
Private 9999

Thomas Parker

1st Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) - C Coy

who died on 2nd April 1915, Age 20

Son of William & Esther Parker of Gateforth Road, Hambleton



Remembered with Honour

Ploegsteert Memorial
Berks Cemetery Extension
Hainaut
Belgium

Panels 3/4
(no known grave)

NEWING J.
NEWTON J.
NICHOLSON T.
NUNNS S.
OATES G. A.
PAPE C. B.
PARKER T.
PEGG J. R.
PEMBERTON H.
POTTER D.
PRATT L.
QUINN J.
RANSON C.
REWGCASTLE J. G.
RHODES H.

Friday April 9th 1915

SOLDIER KILLED AT THE FRONT

News has been received at Hambleton of the death of Private **Tom Parker** of that village, who was serving with the British Expeditionary Force in France with the 1st West Yorks. Regiment.

The information was received on Wednesday by Miss Parker the deceased's sister, and was conveyed in a letter written by Private Thompson of the same Company.

The writer says:

"As your brother Tom's chum, I think it is my duty to write these few lines to acquaint you of his sad death. He was killed on Good Friday by a German sniper, the bullet passing straight through his head. He simply fell down and died about a quarter of an hour afterwards without speaking a word, suffering no pain whatever and passing quietly away as if asleep. I and four of his comrades buried him in Houfling cemetery at 7 o'clock the same evening. He was a very good comrade always looking on the bright side of life, and always singing. We feel his loss very much and all join in sending you our sympathy. We shall always remember him as one who did his duty to the last."

Friday April 16th 1915

THE LATE PRIVATE PARKER

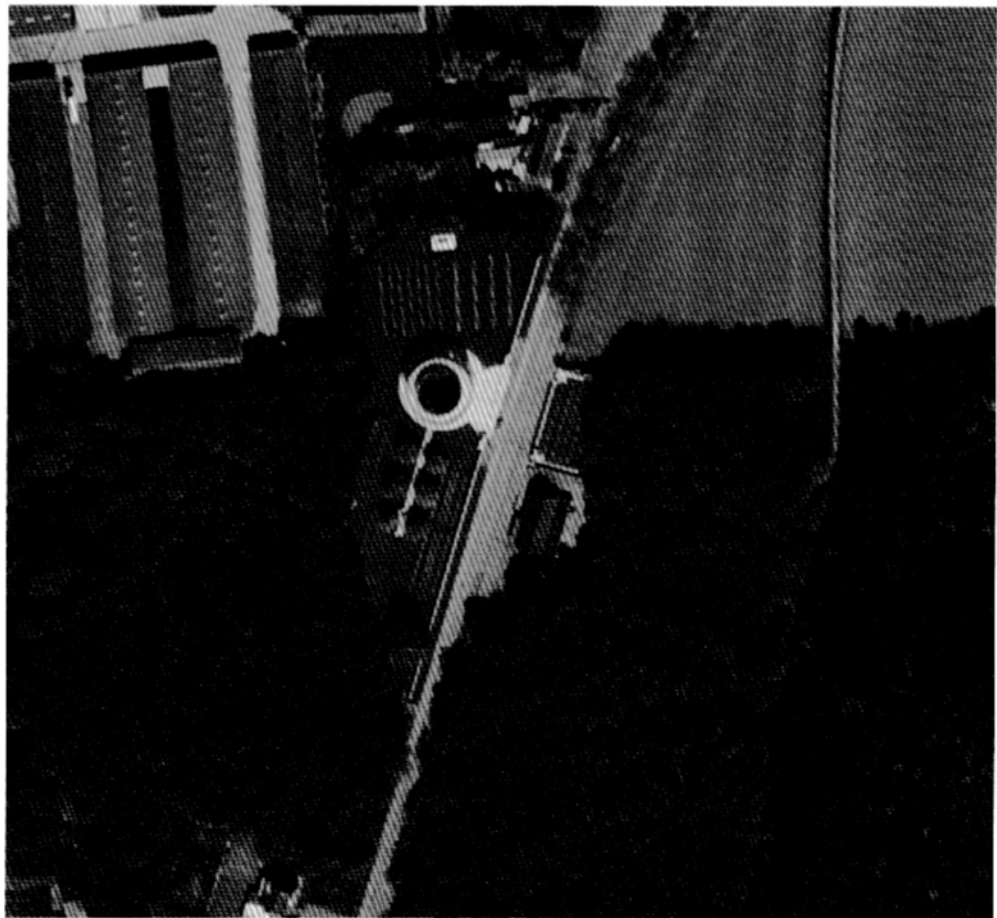
Mrs Parker, mother of Private **Tom Parker**, of the C Company West Yorkshire Regiment, whose death occurred on Good Friday as reported in our last issue, has received the following letter from Capt. W. Tyers C. Huffam, commanding that Company:

"You will have heard of the death of your son on April 2nd, and I am writing to say how much we all in C Company sympathise with you in the loss of a son, who in his early life has sacrificed his all for his home and country. It will be some consolation for you to know that he died in action; he was shot in the head whilst in the trench and died almost at once. We buried him the same evening in a small cemetery behind the trenches where many of his comrades in the West Yorkshire are laid at rest; it is in the garden of a French farm, near the Belgian border, and his grave was afterwards covered with daffodils by his friends. He had a soldier's funeral as he deserved. I have forwarded some letters which he had written to his friends. Your son had many friends, and it will be difficult to fill his place in the Company as well as in the hearts of those who loved and respected him."

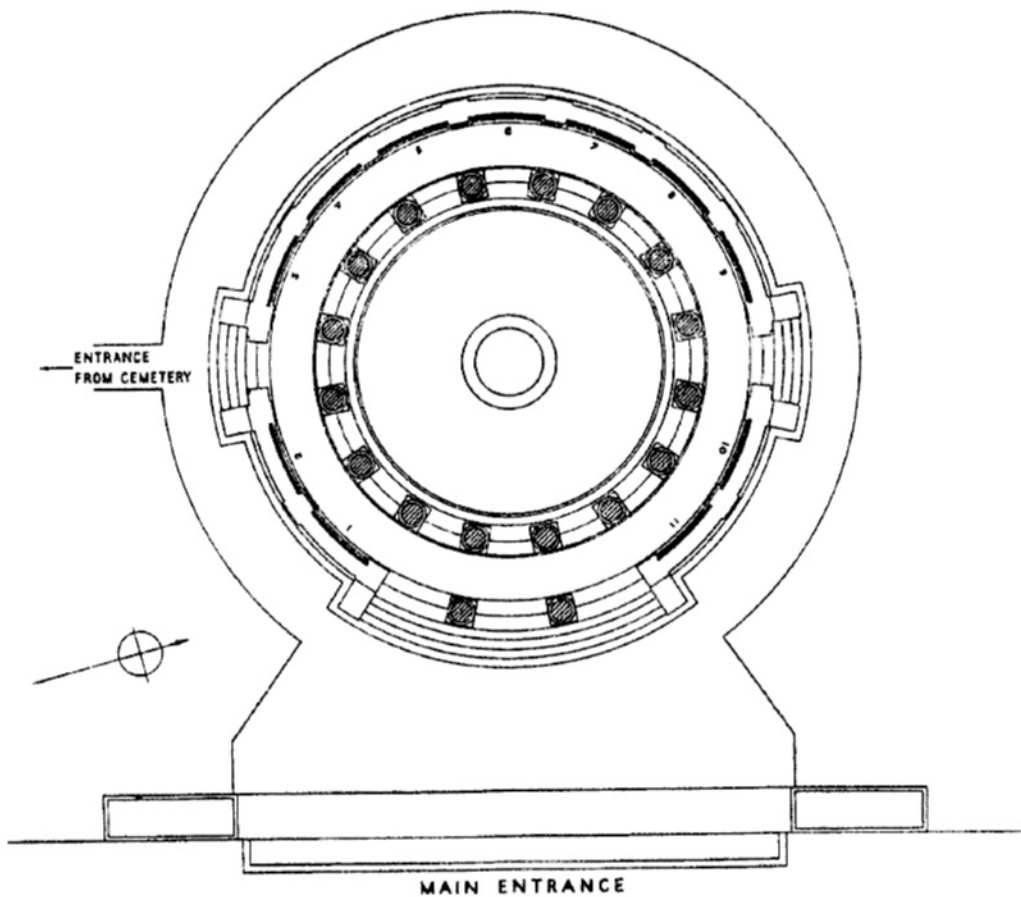
Mrs Parker also received from Lord Kitchener the following note:

The King commands me to assure you of the true sympathy of His Majesty and the Queen in your sorrow - Kitchener.

Ploegsteert Memorial







PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL
THE NUMBERS AND LAYOUT OF THE PANELS

Country:

Belgium

Locality:

Hainaut

Identified Casualties:

11366

Location Information

The Ploegsteert Memorial stands in Berks Cemetery Extension, which is located 12.5 kilometres south of Ieper town centre, on the N365 leading from Ieper to Mesen (Messines), Ploegsteert and on to Armentières.

Historical Information

The Ploegsteert Memorial commemorates more than 11,000 servicemen of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in this sector during the First World War and have no known grave. The memorial serves the area from the line Caestre-Dranoutre-Warneton to the north, to Haverskerque-Estaires-Fournes to the south, including the towns of Hazebrouck, Merville, Bailleul and Armentières, the Forest of Nieppe, and Ploegsteert Wood. The original intention had been to erect the memorial in Lille.

Most of those commemorated by the memorial did not die in major offensives, such as those which took place around Ypres to the north, or Loos to the south. Most were killed in the course of the day-to-day trench warfare which characterised this part of the line, or in small scale set engagements, usually carried out in support of the major attacks taking place elsewhere.

It does not include the names of officers and men of Canadian or Indian regiments (they are found on the Memorials at Vimy and Neuve-Chapelle) and those lost at the Battle of Aubers Ridge, 9 May 1915, who were involved in the Southern Pincer (the 1st, 2nd, Meerut and 47th Divisions - they are commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial).

WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT

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...Lce. Cpl. William Stanley, 60587. 23rd (beside Scottish) Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. April, 1918. Age 24. Son of George Pape, of High St., Wigton, Cumberland.

DOE, Gnr. George, 230148. "D" Bty. 11th Royal Field Artillery. 14th April, 1918.

ISH, Lce. Cpl. Ernest Charles, 9241. 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers. 15th Dec., 1914. 24. Son of John Thomas Parish.

K, Serjt. Alexander, 1174. 2nd Bn. Argyll Sutherland Highlanders. 10th Nov., 1914. 30. Son of Christian Park, of 8, Bridge St., then, Aberdeenshire, and the late George. Served 9 years in India prior to the War. in the Abor Expedition in 1911.

K, Pte. Carlton James, 203029. 8th Bn. er Regt. 10th April, 1918.

K, Pte. William, 8115. 2nd Bn. Seaforth landers. 26th Oct., 1914.

KER, Pte. Albert, 102894. 7th Bn. Sherwood sters. 16th April, 1918. Age 21. Son of Alice Parker, of 18, Percival St., Rochdale,

KER, Pte. Arthur, 42165. 12th Bn. Suffolk 12th April, 1918.

KER, Pte. A., 30076. 17th Bn. Royal ex Regt. 6th Oct., 1918. Age 19. Son of and Mary Ellen Parker, of 9, Langness St., on, Manchester.

KER, C.S.M. David George, 17619. 6th Bn. a Wales Borderers. 15th April, 1918.

KER, Pte. Ernest, 9143. 2nd Bn. Essex 16th Nov., 1914.

KER, Pte. Ernest, 90984. 34th Bn. Machine Corps (Inf.). 10th April, 1918. Age 33. of Luke and Elizabeth Parker, of Hinckley, stershire; husband of Emmie Parker, of shbourne St., Leicester.

KER, Pte. Frederick, 15211. 1st Bn. Royal ickshire Regt. 15th April, 1918.

KER, Pte. Frederick George, 9315. 12th Bn. umberland Fusiliers. 8th Feb., 1916.

PARKER, Pte. George Edward, 28199. 34th Bn. Machine Gun Corps (Inf.). 9th April, 1918.

PARKER, C.S.M. George Stanley, 12468, D.C.M. 12th Bn. King's Own Yorkshire Light Inf. 13th April, 1918. Age 29. Son of Lucy Gertrude Parker, of 12, Occupation Rd., Hazel Grove, Hucknall, Notts, and the late George Parker.

PARKER, Pte. Henry John, 8326. 2nd Bn. Royal Berkshire Regt. 25th Sept., 1915. Age 30. 29 Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Parker, of Basingstoke Rd., Reading; husband of Rose Ethel Chappell (formerly Parker), of 70, Linden Rd., Shinfield Rd., Reading.

PARKER, Pte. Henry William, 8259. 2nd Bn. York and Lancaster Regt. 18th Oct., 1914. Age 26. Son of Mr. G. R. and Mrs. F. S. Parker, of 379C, Petre St., Sheffield. Six years' service in India.

PARKER, Pte. John, 29959. 10th Bn. East Yorkshire Regt. 12th April, 1918. Age 24. Son of Senior Parker.

PARKER, C.Q.M.S. John Beetham, 18257. 12th Bn. Gloucestershire Regt., formerly 13th Bn. 28th June, 1918. Age 37. Son of John and Sarah Parker, of 15, Ashville Grove, Cardigan Rd., Leeds; husband of Lydia Parker, of Hawthorn Villa, Drybrook, Glos. A schoolmaster. Enlisted in Feb., 1915.

PARKER, Pte. Sam, 13624. 1st Bn. Sherwood Foresters. 9th May, 1915.

PARKER, Pte. Samuel W., 78997. 1st/7th Bn. Durham Light Inf. 13th April, 1918. Age 43. Son of Thomas and Mary Ann Parker, of 2, Clifford Rd., South Norwood; husband of Edith Eliza Parker, of 10, Westgate Rd., South Norwood, London.

PARKER, Pte. Thomas, 4595. 2nd Bn. Irish Guards. 13th April, 1918.

PARKER, Pte. Thomas, 9999. "C" Coy. 1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. 2nd April, 1915. Age 20. Son of William and Esther Parker, of Gateforth Rd., Hambleton, Selby, Yorks.

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