

In Memoriam
To The Men of Baslow and Bubnell
who gave their lives in
the Great War 1914 - 1918

1	In Memoriam To The Men of Baslow and Bubnell who gave their lives in the Great War 1914 - 1918	2		
3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22

- No. 1. Captain John Francis Hodgkinson**
- No. 2. Second Lieutenant Geoffrey Eric Burdekin**
- No. 3. Private Thomas Robert Atkin**
- No. 4. Private Hugh Goodwin Stroyan**
- No. 5. Lieutenant Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson**
- No. 6. Private (Drummer) Frank Vick**
- No. 7. Lance Corporal Charles Tomlinson**
- No. 8. Private Samuel Sheldon**
- No. 9. Private William White**
- No. 10. Private Robert Bratby**
- No. 11. Rifleman John James Wootton**
- No. 12. Major Basil Ziani De Ferranti (Military Cross)**
- No. 13. Lance Corporal Joseph E. Eades**
- No. 14. Sergeant Joseph Arthur Hodgkiss (Military Medal)**
- No. 15. Private Edgar Brightmore**
- No. 16. Private Thomas Frederick Sheldon**
- No. 17. Private William Francis Heathcote**
- No. 18. Corporal Ralph William Hollis**
- No. 19. Private Arthur Sheldon**
- No. 20. Private Frank Thorpe**
- No. 21. Private George Edward Siddall (Military Medal)**
- No. 22. Gunner Arnold Joe Froggatt**

Throughout the First World War 22 men of the Parish of Baslow and Bubnell paid the ultimate price with their lives.

Their photographs have been arranged in chronological order of their deaths, from top to bottom, left to right. Where there is no known photograph a representative silhouette is shown.

No. 1. Captain John Francis Hodgkinson 3rd (Prince of Wales's) Dragoon Guards (Household Cavalry). Died November 10th 1914 aged 35

Family home, Rose Hill Farm, off School Lane, Baslow. A career soldier. On 6th November, severely wounded by a bullet to the head defending ground near the village of Hooge. Taken to the hospital at Boulogne but failed to recover. Buried Boulogne Eastern Cemetery.

No. 2. Second Lieutenant Geoffrey Eric Burdekin 3rd Battalion Sherwood Foresters. Died January 26th 1915 aged 22

Family home The Beeches, Baslow. Pre-war saw military service for two years but resigned his commission due to ill health and seemed destined to become a solicitor like his father. At the outbreak of war re-enlisted and by Christmas Eve 1914 was in France at Lens. Much liked by the men under him, he was caught by sudden shell-fire and killed instantly. Buried Lievin Communal Cemetery Extension, nr. Lens.



Memorial plaque within St. Anne's Church.

No. 3. Private Thomas Robert Atkin No. 10382. 1st Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Died April 14th 1915 aged 25

Born in Sheffield, his father died when he was young and his mother remarried a farm worker of Bubnell. The family home became a cottage on Church terrace, Baslow. A career soldier before the war in 1914 he was brought home from Singapore, re-equipped and sent straight out to France. By mid April he was in the vicinity of Zonnebeke and with several fellow soldiers was caught under sustained shell-fire. His body was never recovered and his name is commemorated on Panel 47 of the Menin Gate.

No. 4. Private Hugh Goodwin Stroyan No. 28891. 16th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment). Died April 23rd 1915 aged 18

Extended family ran the Baslow Post Office, at that time on Church Street. Before the war the family emigrated to Vancouver, British Columbia where he joined a volunteer regiment. At the outbreak of war he joined the Canadian Infantry and arrived in Britain on 14th October. By April 1915 the Canadians were engaged with the enemy in what was known as Kitchener Wood nr. Poperinghe at which time he was Killed in Action. Buried Seaforth Cemetery, Cheddar Villa nr. Ypres.

No. 5. Lieutenant Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson H.M.A.S. "Australia", Royal Australian Navy. Died August 1st 1915 aged 28

Family home, The Mill, off Calver Road, Baslow. Direct relative of Captain John Hodgkinson (see No. 1. above). Went straight into the Navy on leaving school. In August 1914 was in Australian waters preparing for action. By December had been involved in the sinking of the German light cruiser "Emden". In 1915 made it into British waters but sustained a serious abdominal injury during gunnery practice. Time convalescing enabled him to make a visit home to Baslow. On return to duty, was taken ill again and was removed to a Scottish hospital for surgery. This time the operation was not successful and he failed to recover. Buried in a private family service at Hassop Roman Catholic Church.

No. 6. Private (Drummer) Frank Vick No. 13109. 9th Battalion Sherwood Foresters. Died August 9th 1915 aged 25

Born Sheffield, but the family moved to Baslow where by 1901 his father was running The Royal Hotel – formerly next to The Devonshire Arms Hotel. As a youth he was a Sergeant Drummer in the Baslow Church Lads Brigade. Circumstances of his death in 1915 are not known.

No. 7. Lance Corporal Charles Tomlinson No. 44264. 10th Division Signals Company. Corps of Royal Engineers. Died September 6th 1915 aged 21

Born and raised in The Rutland Arms, Baslow. On leaving school embarked on a career in a Chesterfield bank, but in August 1914 enlisted with a group of friends. In 1915 was sent to Egypt before going on to Gallipoli where he was wounded and evacuated to a hospital ship. Before he had time to recover, dysentery broke out and he succumbed, being buried at sea. His name is commemorated on the Helles Memorial.

No. 8. Private Samuel Sheldon No. 12/1127. 12th (Sheffield) Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Died July 1st 1916 aged 23

Family home, a cottage opposite The Wheatsheaf, Baslow from where his parents were grocers and bakers. Saw military service for five years before the war but failing eyesight brought this to a premature end. At the outbreak of war in 1914 he immediately re-enlisted in Sheffield and was accepted back into the ranks. On the day of his death, he was one of 20,000 other men who were killed on this fateful first day of the Somme Offensive. So many were affected it would take a year for his parents to receive confirmation of what had happened to him. On Sunday 1st July 1917 a memorial service was held in his name at Baslow Church. Playing bugle at the service was Boy Scout Frank Thorpe. He would also be killed on the Western Front (see No. 20 below). Sheldons' name is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.



Family gravestone, St. Anne's Church

No. 9. Private William White No. 20538. 7th Battalion Sherwood Foresters. Died September 9th 1916 aged 29

Family home was at Nether End, Baslow where his father was a blacksmith. At the outbreak of war his son was helping in the work but before long he enlisted and saw action in the Somme Offensive. In early September was in trenches near Bretencourt and was caught by shells fired from the British lines. Buried at Bellacourt Military Cemetery, nr. Arras.

No. 10. Private Robert Bratby Bates No. 3499. 4th Battalion (Territorial) Northumberland Fusiliers. Died Sept 15th 1916 aged 27

Family moved to Baslow on account of work at the Baslow gas works. With the outbreak of war, enlisted and married whilst on leave in March 1916. By July was involved in the major Somme Offensive. Between the 14th and 16th September 1916 he was one of 110 men from his regiment killed, 229 wounded and 143 posted as 'missing'. 17 officers were also killed or wounded. His body was never recovered and his name is commemorated on the Thiepval memorial.

No. 11. Rifleman John James Wootton No. R/18632. 16th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps. Died May 20th 1917 aged 25

Originally from the Burton-on-Trent area, by the outbreak of war was living in Baslow and working as a gardener on the Chatsworth Estate. Returned to BoT to enlist but in April 1916, whilst on leave, married Louisa Sheldon in Baslow Church. In July was wounded by shell-fire but recovered and was returned to the trenches. In May 1917 his battalion was involved in an offensive on the Hindenburg Line nr. Arras. He was killed by shell-fire and his body could not be recovered due to a forced withdrawal. His name is commemorated on the Arras Memorial.

No. 12. Major Basil Ziani De Ferranti (Military Cross) 21st Siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery. Died July 12th 1917 aged 26

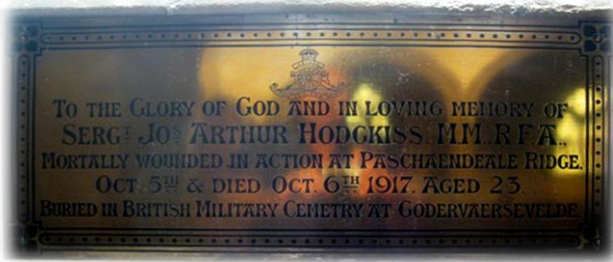
Family home, Baslow Hall, off Calver Road. Son of famed Sebastian Ziani Ferranti – electrical pioneer. At the outbreak of war obtained a commission and swiftly made his mark being awarded the Military Cross for Gallantry. He was wounded on the Somme and whilst recovering was promoted to Major, but in June 1917 was seriously wounded again and removed to hospital at Boulogne where he failed to recover a second time. Buried at Wimereux Communal Cemetery nr. Boulogne.

No. 13. Lance Corporal Joseph E. Eades No. 12912, 9th Battalion Sherwood Foresters. Died August 16th 1917 aged 22

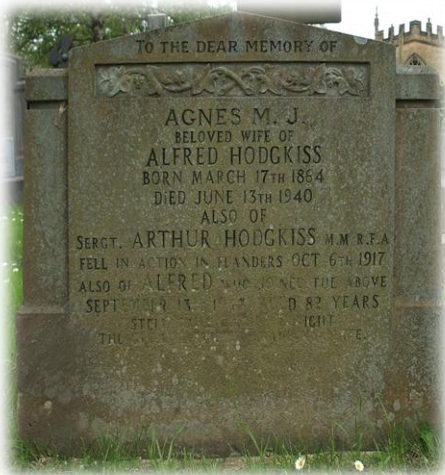
Family home, Yeld Cottage off the Sheffield Road, Baslow. Employed as a waggoner and wheelwright before the war, volunteered in 1915. Promoted to Lance Corporal. Wounded in the knee but recovered and returned to the front. July 1917 had leave and made a brief visit home. One month later he was killed by shell-fire in the Ypres area. Buried Artillery Wood Cemetery, nr. Boezinge, Ypres.

No. 14. Sergeant Joseph Arthur Hodgkiss (Military Medal) No. 35451 "B" Battery 94th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Died October 6th 1917 aged 23

Family home, Hawthorne Dene, Baslow. After schooling in Bakewell, worked alongside his father as an apprentice mining engineer at Calver. Enlisted in 1915 at Buxton. During the Somme Offensive was awarded the Military Medal for devotion to duty. During the Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele) was mortally wounded in the abdomen. Died later in the night at a Casualty Clearing Station. Buried Godeswaersvelde British Cemetery, Belgium. (see also next page).



Joseph Hodgkiss memorial plaque within St. Anne's Church.



Family gravestone, St. Anne's Church.

No. 15. Private Edgar Brightmore No. 26104. 2nd Battalion West Riding Regiment. Died October 10th 1917 aged 20

Family home, Victoria Cottage, School Lane, Baslow. On leaving school, helped his uncle run a village fruit shop. With defective hearing he became a munitions worker in Sheffield believing this would negate conscription however by 1917 the demand for more men at the front was so huge, in April 1917 he enlisted. On October 9th was involved in an offensive against the village of Poelcappelle. When it was over he was one of 22 men killed, 99 wounded and 49 'missing'. His body was never recovered and his name is commemorated at the Tyne Cot Memorial, Ypres.

No. 16. Private Thomas Frederick Sheldon No. M/272136. 402nd Mechanical Transport Company Army Service Corps. Died November 5th 1917 aged 36

Born in Sheffield where his father (born Baslow) ran a druggist store. On the death of his mother, his father spent more time returning to Baslow and became acquainted with widow Catherine Tomlinson who was running The Rutland Arms. The couple eventually married leaving the son – Fred to run the Sheffield business. The war brought this to an end on enlistment in September 1916. One month before his death was severely shaken by a shell explosion and removed to a base hospital where he managed to recover swiftly. On

return to the front was attached to the Canadian Corps and was involved in supplying them with munitions for their attack on Passchendaele village. In near impossible swamp-like conditions was struck and killed by shell shrapnel. Buried in the Oxford Road Cemetery, north-east of Ypres.

No. 17. Private William Francis Heathcote No. 46868. 1st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment. Died March 23rd 1918 aged 19

Resident in Baslow by 1901. After schooling at Edensor found work in London and enlisted in 1917. Photograph No. 17 shows William five years earlier in 1912. Due to the massive German Spring Offensive of 1918, was sent into the line north east of St. Quentin. During several retirements, was caught by heavy shellfire. Body never recovered and his name is commemorated at the Pozieres Memorial.

No. 18. Corporal Ralph William Hollis No. 23280. "B" Company 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Died May 27th 1918 aged 27

Only known connection to Baslow is being married to a woman who by 1918 was residing in Church Terrace, Baslow. Enlisted in Northampton. Also caught up in the overwhelming German Offensive of March 1918 whilst on the Aisne Front. Body not recovered and name commemorated on the Soissons Memorial.

No. 19. Private Arthur Sheldon No. 82486. "B" Company 15th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Died May 29th 1918 aged 18

In 1914, family home at The Green, Bar Road, Baslow. After schooling obtained work on the Chatsworth Estate. On reaching 18, enlisted in 1917. Due to the overwhelming German March Offensive, entered the line with minimal training and preparation. Struggled to maintain a rear-guard action but was eventually caught by overwhelming odds and shell-fire. His body was never recovered and his name is commemorated on the Soissons Memorial.

No. 20. Private Frank Thorpe No. 57302. 16th Battalion Lancaster Fusiliers (Salford Pals). Died August 10th 1918 aged 18

Moved to Baslow where his father became the manager of the Baslow Gas Works. By 1917 was a Patrol Leader in the Baslow Boy Scouts and played the bugle at the church memorial for Samuel Sheldon (see No. 8 above). Enlisted in Baslow in early 1918 and within five months was in Belgium on the Ypres Sector and involved in a series of attacks which would lead to the German Army asking for an Armistice on November 11th. In an area known as Damery Wood was overrun and heavily shelled. Body not recovered. Name commemorated at the Vis-en-Artois Memorial between Arras and Cambrai.

No. 21. Private George Edward Siddall (Military Medal) No. 58660 "B" Company 10th Battalion Sherwood Foresters. Died October 13th 1918 aged 40

Born in Bubnell. By 1901 was married with children living at Heathy Lea and the Cupola on the northern edge of the village. Shortly before the war, moved to Pilsley and became a Chatsworth Estate worker. In 1912 became caretaker of the Edensor Institute which in 1914 became a Royal Naval Convalescent Hospital. Eventually enlisted and initially served as a stretcher bearer and as a result came to be awarded the Military Medal for devotion to duty. Whilst taking over new positions in the dark, the men he was with found that in daylight they were in full view of the enemy who made many casualties by machine gun fire and shelling. Attempted to recover one of the wounded and was shot by a sniper. Body not recovered and name commemorated at the Vis-en-Artois Memorial between Arras and Cambrai.

No. 22. Gunner Arnold Joe Froggatt No. 167462. 4th Siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery. Died November 8th 1918 aged 38

Born at the farmhouse, Gorse Bank lane, Baslow. By 1901, aged 21 was living and working at Birchill Lodge, Hassop. Before the war was married with five children living in New Buildings, Bubnell Lane, Baslow. Enlisted at Bakewell, and became a gunner. Involved in the advance into German territory in the closing days of the war, was caught under heavy shell-fire and wounded, south-east of Lille, France. Removed to an Australian Casualty Clearing Station, but failed to recover. Buried at Fretin Communal Cemetery.

The majority of the above information courtesy of Keith Taylor, author of 'Dales' Life in the Devonshire and Rutland Villages'.

