

ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE SERVED

Albert Bennett – Private, 3rd Battalion, West Riding Regiment enlisted at the age of 19. Son of William and Elizabeth Bennett of Firvale. He worked as a blacksmith before signing up on 26th April 1918.

Ethel Bennett – Nurse 9851, Red Cross Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) volunteered at the age of 24. Daughter of William and Elizabeth Bennett of Firvale. Ethel was the sister of Albert Bennett. She was posted to the south coast after training, and kept a look out for her brother, and his friends, as the casualties were brought back from France for treatment.

George Bilham – Private, Royal Field Artillery enlisted at the age of 23. He was born around 1891 in Harthill. Son of George and Elizabeth Bilham. Prior to enlisting, he worked at Kiveton Park Colliery.



William (Billy) Drabble– Private, York and Lancs Regiment enlisted at the age 22 on the 12th December 1915, at Worksop Police Station. He did his initial training at Cannock Chase under canvas. On finishing his training he volunteered for the Machine Gun Corps and went to France on the 8th May 1916.

Edward Froggatt - Private 25486, York and Lancaster Regiment enlisted at the age of 21, and was later attached to the 27th Northumberland Fusiliers. He was born in Waleswood, and lived at New Cottages, Woodall. He was posted to France 24th July 1916, accidentally wounded on 7th August 1916 to forefinger of left hand. He was placed in the reserve.



Clifford Leslie Harrison – Black Watch and Northumberland Fusiliers. Initially with the Black Watch, and later transferred to the Northumberland Fusiliers. Baptised at All Hallows Church 8th September 1895. Son of Sam Harrison (Schoolmaster), and Mary Harrison of Harthill.

Clement Howard Hill – Corporal, York and Lancaster Regiment, enlisted at the age of 22. He was born on 23rd August 1893 to Jacob and Fanny Hill of Firvale. He was seriously wounded - shot in the right thigh - on 1st July 1916.



Frank Hydes MM - (Gunner 23343) Royal Field Artillery enlisted at the age of 18. He was the son of John William and Mary Ellen Hydes of Woodall. He served in the Royal Field Artillery, Trench Mortar battery, where he was awarded the Military Medal in November 1916 for "conspicuous gallantry and bravery in keeping to his post under heavy bombardment". He worked at Kiveton Park Colliery.



Horace Laking - Collingwood Battalion, Royal Naval Division Horace was a sailor before the First World War. On 17th September 1914 he was transferred to the *Collingwood Battalion of the Royal Naval Division with the service number PO/SS 103350. Horace fought in the defence of Antwerp; on the 8th of October the Royal Naval Division were ordered to withdraw; In the confusion that arose only 22 of the 700 men of the Collingwood Battalion got back to England the remainder were captured and either interned in Holland or made prisoners in Germany. Horace was one of those interned for the remainder of the war in Holland. – Horace Laking (30/11/1885 - 12/1960) was baptised at Harthill Church 3rd January 1886. He was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Laking, Firvale. He Married Maria Drabble in June 1913.

*The Collingwood Battalion - Royal Naval Division was formed at Walmer in September 1914, made up from Royal Naval and Royal Marine Reservists not at the time needed on ships. After five or six week's training at Walmer and on the first Sunday in October 1914, the Collingwood's along with some of the other Battalions were ordered to pack their kit bags. They left Dover, sailing to France and landing at Dunkirk. The order came for them to go to the relief of the Belgians at Whybreck. On the 5th October the Collingwood's were occupying No 1 Fort in the trenches beyond Antwerp. The bombardment lasted 3 days and on 8th October, the RND were ordered to retire, this being under shellfire and part of the town being on fire.



Thomas Laking - Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery (Regimental number 63478) - Thomas served as a Driver/Gunner in the Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery in France and Salonika where he contracted Malaria, which remained with him all his life. He was discharged on 14/3/1919: Thomas the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Laking, Firvale, was baptised at Harthill Church 17th November 1884.

Zilpah Mary Nicholls - Women's Royal Air Force, enlisted on 12th June 1918 at the age of 20. She was born at Normanton Barracks, and was employed sewing fabric to airplanes.

Cass W. Smith - Second Lieutenant, Durham Light Infantry enlisted in the early days of the war, and was wounded in France.

Horace Stone - Royal Navy, HMS Hydra enlisted at the age of 19. Baptised 11th July, 1886 at Harthill Church. He was the son of William and Sarah Stone of Firvale.

Wilfred Storey - Private 241783, York and Lancaster Regiment, 2/5th Battalion enlisted 10th March 1916 at the age of 23. Son of William and Elizabeth Ann Storey and stated his occupation as a painter at the time of his enlistment. He was seriously wounded which resulted in his leg being amputated.

Frank Wainscoat – Private, Age and regiment not known. Invalided home through illness via the Leicester War Hospital.

Ernest Walker – Able Seaman, Royal Navy, age 23.

James Walker – Private, (regiment not known), age 24

Joseph Waplington - Private 6173, Coldstream Guards, he had previously served as a soldier, and was a reservist at the time of the outbreak of war and was recalled to his regiment at the age of 27. He was wounded in the leg. He lived at Firvale. Joseph was the elder brother of *George Waplington - Private 10910, 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards* aged 19 who was reported missing in action on the Western Front on 22nd December 1914, and was reported as having been killed in action some 14 months later on the 4th February 1916.

William Weston - Private 52207, East Yorkshire Regiment enlisted at the age of 18. Son of William and Gertrude Weston of Firvale. He worked at Kiveton Park Colliery and married Annie Parker in February 1917.