

Private 2033 John Thomas Presley Ellis
Age 36
2nd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment

Killed in Action 20th July, 1916, during the Battle of the Somme

Buried in Authuille Military Cemetery, Somme, France

Commemorated on Harthill and Whitwell War Memorials

John enlisted in 1914 He was the son of Mr John Ellis of Whitwell, Lived in Firvale, and was born in Cliff Cottage, Dog Lane (Portland Street) Whitwell. Husband of Sarah Elizabeth Ellis who pre-deceased him in 1907, and father of Ronald Ellis, who was baptised Harthill 8th February 1903. In the 1911 he and his son were living with his sister Laura Ellis, at Granby House, Smalldale, Bradwell, Derbyshire. It is appears that the writer of the article in the Worksop Guardian was misinformed

Worksop Guardian - 25 August 1916



“On Friday morning, Miss Laura Ellis of Harthill, late of Whitwell, received intimation from the War Office, that her brother, Pte John Thomas P Ellis, "C" company, Yorks and Lancs, had been killed in France. The deceased soldier was a well known Whitwell man, and for a time previous to enlistment he resided with his three children and sister. He last wrote home on July 15th, and since then nothing was heard of him until the arrival of the official intimation. He had only been in France a week when he met his death.

Pte., Ellis was the elder son of Mr John Ellis of Whitwell, and was well known in the district. A very pathetic feature of his death is that he leaves three motherless children, two boys and a girl, and the parishioner's a sympathy is extended to them, and his brothers and sisters. Ralph Ellis, brother of deceased, is also serving in the Forces.”

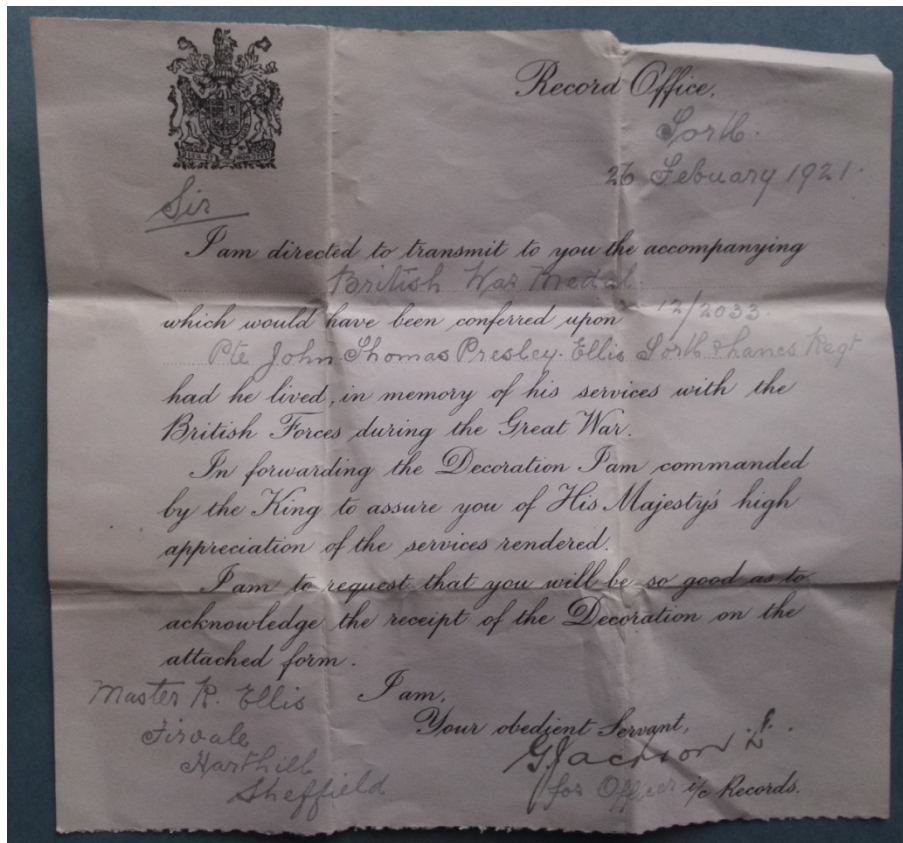
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