

Private 28253 William Covell
Age 37
8th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment

Killed in Action Wednesday, 26th September 1917
 He most likely died during the attack on Zonnebeke, near Passchendaele

No known grave

Commemorated - Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium, and on Harthill War Memorial

Son of William and Sarah Covell, Firvale, Harthill. Baptised 5th September 1880 All Hallows Church, Harthill. Parents. Prior to enlisting in 1915, he lived at 55 Hartington Terrace, Bradford, with his wife Sarah Ann Covell (nee Gowland), and their daughter, Constance Laura Covell who was born 26th July 1914, three years before his death.

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“The news reached Harthill on Monday evening of the death of Pte. William Covell, (East Yorkshire Regiment) who was killed in action on September 26th. The late soldier last wrote home to his wife, who resides at Bradford, on September 20th, and since then nothing had been heard of him, until the official notification was received stating that he was reported killed. Pte., Covell had previously been wounded on March 24th, and had only returned to the front three weeks when his death occurred. He was aged 37, and enjoyed the esteem and respect of a large circle of friends, both at Harthill and Bradford. In his boyhood days he was a chorister at 'All Hallows Church'. He is the third member of Harthill Church Choir to make the supreme sacrifice. The deepest sympathy of the parishioners is expressed to his wife and child, widowed mother, brother and sisters.”