



# Patterdale & Glenridding War Memorial Book of Remembrance

## World War One



2nd Lt Robert  
Granville Bennett  
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Private Frank  
Dewis Brown  
Border Regiment



Private George  
Robinson Cooper  
Coldstream Guards



Private Richard  
William Hayton  
Border Regiment



Private Frederick  
Kirkland  
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Private Ernest  
Lake  
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Private Cecil  
James Mason  
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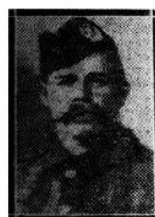
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Artillery



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6th. Bn., King's Own Scottish  
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***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them***



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# Patterdale & Glenridding War Memorial Project



Towards the end of the First World War the inhabitants of Patterdale collected money in order to establish a permanent Monument as a Memorial to the Officers and Men who fell in the Great War.

William Hibbert Marshall, owner of Patterdale Hall, donated a piece of land to allow for the building of a permanent Monument in February 1921 on the shores of Ullswater, midway between Glenridding and Patterdale. The memorial slab was hewn from a twenty ton piece of local slate and the eventual undressed slate stone still weighs in at around 5 tons. It was unveiled in October 1921.

As part of the 100th Anniversary Commemoration of the outbreak of World War One, we have tried to find out more about the men whose names are inscribed on the Memorial, from both World Wars, on the Roll of Honour in the Village Hall, and also about life in and around Patterdale and Glenridding at the time. Their generation have all gone now, but their stories still resonate. The project started off working with the children of Patterdale School and was then enlarged into a wider community project involving St Patrick's Church and the Parish Council.

From research including interviews with people around the Dale, trawling local Newspaper archives, studying the Parish Registers, online investigation and frankly a lot of guesswork, we have tried to piece together the stories of each of these men as far as we can. We are immensely grateful to everyone who has helped to bring life to the stories we have researched so far, especially Warren Allison, Eddie and Anne Pool, Rosie Lightfoot and the many relatives who have kindly shared their treasured family memories with us.

We are still looking for more information so if you have any memories, photos or stories you'd be willing to share with us then please contact us via the website. This booklet contains just the briefest details on each of the men – there is much more about their lives and families on the websites.

We realise that no amount of words could ever fully do justice to the suffering and sacrifice made by those who died and by those who fought and survived. Suffice to say that we are forever in their debt and can never imagine what they went through. We hope that by trying to tell their story and keep their memory alive, we can perhaps repay a small part of our enormous debt of gratitude to them, and help others to remember their sacrifice in the "War to End All Wars" and the Second World War .....

Rob Shephard and Norman Jackson - November 2018

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***Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.***

***At the going down of the sun and in the morning,***

***We will remember them***



## **For King and Country**

This stone was erected in memory  
of the men of this parish  
Who fell in the Great War 1914 - 1918

GR Bennett  
F Brown  
GR Cooper  
RW Hayton  
F Kirkland  
E Lake  
CJ Mason  
JD Place  
J Pattinson  
J Routledge  
J Slee  
R Slee  
TH Wall  
J Wilkinson  
G Readshaw

**Lest we forget**

**We also remember**

SW Curry	HW Thompson
T Hadwin	AG Tallentire
F Mallinson	WC Wilson
TH Murray	TW Wynn

**Who gave their lives in  
The Second World War 1939-1945**





# Patterdale & Glenridding War Memorial

## *We will Remember Them*

### Notes on the Fallen – First World War



**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Granville Robert Bennett**, Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Died October 1917 in Flanders aged 24 – *page 7*



**Private Frank Dewis Brown**, Border Regiment. Died October 1918 in Peshawar aged 22. Grew up at Middle and High Rake Glenridding. Worked at Greenside – *page 8*



**Guardsman George Robinson Cooper**, Coldstream Guards. Killed in action August 1918 in Flanders aged 26. Worked at Crookabeck and Glencoyne Farms – *page 9*



**Private Richard William Hayton**, Border Regiment. Killed in Action March 1918 in Arras, France aged 20. Grew up at Halton Terrace Glenridding. Worked at Greenside – *page 10*



**Private Frederick Kirkland**, Army Service Corps. Died of his wounds March 1918 in France aged 25. Grew up at Beckstones and Deepdale Bridge – *page 11*



**Guardsman Ernest Lake**, Coldstream Guards. Died of his wounds, August 1917 in Ypres, aged 28. Grew up at Bridge House Glenridding. Worked at Greenside. Played for Ullswater Rovers – *page 12*



**Guardsman Cecil James Mason**, Coldstream Guards. Killed in Action, July 1917 at Ypres, aged 24. Was working as a gardener at the Patterdale Hall estate on the outbreak of war – *page 13*



**Private John Dewis Place**, Canadian Infantry. Died of his wounds, September 1917 in France, aged 33. Grew up at Row Head Glenridding and had emigrated to Canada before the war – *page 14*



**Gunner John Pattinson**, Royal Field Artillery. Died of his wounds, April 1917 in Lancashire, aged 19. Grew up How Green Hartsop – *page 15*



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**Driver John Routledge**, Army Service Corps. Died December 1918 in Basra aged 27. Grew up at Noran Bank Farm Patterdale – *page 16*



**Driver John Slee**, Royal Field Artillery. Died of his wounds, June 1917 in Newcastle aged 22. Grew up at Blowick in Patterdale, and then moved to work in County Durham. Brother of Robert Slee – *page 17*



**Sergeant Robert Slee**, Northumberland Fusiliers. Killed in Action, April 1917 in Arras, France aged 36. Grew up at Blowick in Patterdale, and then moved to work in County Durham. Husband of Mary Slee, father of Joseph & Robert Slee, brother of John Slee – *page 18*



**Private Thomas Henry Wall**, Border Regiment. Died of his wounds, April 1918 in Glasgow aged 24. Grew up at Place Fell Cottage and Scarfoot. Buried in Patterdale Churchyard alongside his nephew Henry Wall Thompson, who died in the Second World War – *page 19*



**Private John Wilkinson**, Kings Liverpool Regiment. Died of his wounds, September 1918 in Arras, France aged 19. Born at Glencoin Farm and grew up in Dockray – *page 20*



**Private George Readshaw**, Durham Light Infantry. Died of his wounds, September 1915 in Belgium aged 31. Grew up in Glenridding then moved to County Durham and worked as a miner. Husband of Esther Readshaw, father of Ellen & Edith. Brother of Oliver – *page 21*

#### **The following name does not appear on the War Memorial**



**Private Oliver Readshaw**, Durham Light Infantry. Died of his wounds, October 1915 in Belgium aged 30. Grew up in Glenridding then moved to County Durham and worked as a miner. Brother of George Readshaw. In 2017 a memorial bench was placed by the War Memorial in Oliver's memory by Patterdale Parish Council – *page 22*

There are a number of other men who tragically died in the War who had strong local connections, especially a number who had played for Ullswater Football Club. Their stories are told in more detail on the Ullswater Memorial Website.



# 2nd Lieutenant (Robert) Granville Bennett

## 10th Bn., East Yorkshire Regiment (10/727) and 9th Bn., Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

Born 9 August 1893, Swinefleet, Yorkshire.

Died 4 October 1917, Beselare, Flanders (Age 24).

Son of Herbert Thomas and Mary (nee Taylor) Bennett, of Goole,  
Yorkshire



Robert Granville Bennett was the third son of Herbert Thomas Bennett, a Farmer, and his wife Mary (nee Taylor). The family were moderately wealthy, as Herbert was the son of John Bennett who established and was Chairman of the Bennett Steamship Company of Goole, which by 1899 had six ships operating between, Goole, London and Boulogne.

Granville enlisted on the 1st September 1914 as a Private into the 10th Battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment (a Pals Battalion known initially as the Hull Commercial). After a spell in Egypt, Granville's regiment moved to France where Granville's Battalion took part in the opening Battle of the Somme, the Battle of Albert and, during the next ten months, fought in other notable actions, such as the Battle of the Ancre and the Third Battle of the Scarpe. Granville had been progressively promoted and by early 1917 he had achieved the rank of Sergeant. His leadership skills and other abilities must have been recognised, as, on the 29th May 1917, he was discharged from the East Yorkshire Regiment and commissioned the following day as a Second- Lieutenant with the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (KOYLI).

Lieutenant Bennett reported to the 9th Bn. KOYLI on the 21st July 1917. They were holding positions close to the Hindenberg Line at Longpre, north-west of Amiens. During the latter half of September the Battalion moved gradually northwards to take up a position on the front line near Polygon Wood, east of Ypres in preparation for their part in the Battle of Broodseinde, a major offensive by the British Second and Fifth armies against the German Fourth Army.

Granville was killed during an attack on the 4th Oct 1917. According to the newspaper reports, he received a bullet wound to the head that killed him instantly.

There is far more information on Granville and his family on the website, including a moving letter he sent to his sister before he died. We believe Granville's family were friends of the Marshall family and he spent time at Patterdale Hall which is why he appears on our memorial. Granville is remembered on the Patterdale War Memorial, the Cenotaph in Goole, Yorkshire and on the Tyne Cot Memorial.



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# Private Frank Dewis Brown

**201572, 'B' Coy. 2nd/4th Bn., Border Regiment**

Born 30<sup>th</sup> July 1896 Glenridding.

Died 30<sup>th</sup> October 1918 Aged 22 in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Son of David and Mary Jane Brown (nee Dewis), of High Rake,  
Glenridding



Frank Dewis Brown was born on the 30th July 1896, probably at Middle Rake in Glenridding. He was the eldest son of David Brown, a Lead Miner, and his wife Mary Jane (nee Dewis). He attended Patterdale School and was a member of the Patterdale Church choir. After leaving school, he initially worked as a Lead Ore Washer, aged 14 years, at the Greenside Mine but later worked as a Farm Labourer at Edenhall, near Penrith.

Probably in answer to Lord Kitchener's fifth 'Call to Arms', a 19 year old Frank, went into Penrith on the 11th February 1915 and signed up to join the 2nd/4th Border Regiment. After less than a month of basic training in Blackpool, the battalion embarked for India. After an eventful journey including having to change troopships after a collision, he reached India at the end of March. Their final destination was the Ghorpuri Barracks, in Poona. Whilst serving in India, Frank would have served in Shankargarh, Nowshera, Peshawar and Sadar Garhi (for service on the Mohmand Blockade Line).

He is known to have suffered a short bout of Malaria in October 1916 and a more prolonged bout in September 1918 whilst in Nowshera. Upon returning to Peshawar, presumably still in a weakened state, he contracted influenza and was admitted to the hospital there on the 21st October but sadly his condition worsened and he died at 3:30pm on Wednesday the 30th October 1918 aged just 22 years. He is buried at Peshawar in modern day Pakistan. He is commemorated on The Delhi Memorial (India Gate), India, The Patterdale War Memorial, Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour (alongside his cousins Robert and David) and at Kendal Parish Church, Border Regiment Chapel and Roll of Honour.

We think Frank's father had died in Glenridding in August 1917. His mother died 19th Oct 1934 aged 65 and was buried at Patterdale. Frank's older Sister Alvinza (born 1895) died in Dec 1948 aged 54, lived at 2 High Rake Glenridding His other sister Alice (born 1896) married John Lancelot Mounsey, an engineer from Liverpool. Frank's youngest brother John (born 1905) lived at Stybarrow Terrace until his death on the 22nd Aug 1980.



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# Guardsman George Robinson Cooper

## 17523, 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards

Born May 1892 Matterdale.

Died 27th August 1918 Aged 26 in Flanders.

Son of Joseph and Bridget (nee Allison) Cooper, Number 2  
Glenridding



George Robinson Cooper was born in 1893, in Matterdale, the youngest of the nine children of Joseph and Bridget Cooper. His father had started working at Greenside mine around 1883 having been born in Penrith. The family lived in Dockray and it is likely that George attended school in Matterdale before starting work first at Crookabeck Farm, and then at Glencoyne Farm. It was from here that he enlisted in 1915, joining the 2nd Battalion of the Coldstream Guards, at the same time as Ernest Lake, and their childhood friend George Thompson.

He had been in the army for nearly 3 years at the time of his death, and had been wounded twice. He was initially reported missing and his death was confirmed as having been killed in action on 27th August 1918. His parents received a letter from Captain Eccles of the Coldstream Guards (his company commander)

*"I was very sorry to hear that your son was killed on the 27th August. I would have written sooner but I was wounded myself. Your son was a good soldier and his death will be a great loss to the regiment. Men of his type can be ill spared. You have my deepest sympathy in your sad loss."*

It is likely that George died in the Second Battle of Bapaume. He is buried at Croisilles British Cemetery in the Pas de Calais, France, alongside over 1,000 other fallen comrades, the majority of whom were from the Guards divisions. He is commemorated on the Patterdale War Memorial and the Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour alongside his older brother Miles Cooper, of the Border Regiment, and his best friend Ernest Lake.

George's mother died in June 1904 and in July 1905 his father Joseph married Rachel Hayton. Joseph died in October 1922. George's eldest brother Thomas married Edith Hannah Kitching from Hartsop in June 1907. We know they had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth born in July 1908. Another older brother Adam married Margaret Ellen Dewis in December 1908. We know they had at least 7 children including James Robinson who continued to live at the family home of 7 Low Glenridding until his death in March 1992 aged 81.



# Private Richard William Hayton

## 35087, 8th Battalion, Border Regiment

Born 8th November 1897 Glenridding.  
Died 23rd March 1918 Aged 20 in Arras, France.

Son of John George and Mary (nee Harris) Hayton, Halton Terrace, Glenridding and Newlands Terrace Penrith



Richard William Hayton was born on the 8th November 1897, in all likelihood at 8 Halton Terrace Glenridding where his parents John George and Mary were living. Richard's father was a miner at Greenside mine, and Richard attended Patterdale School and by 1911 was still living in Halton Terrace along with his parents and younger brother George and sister Hilda. By the time war broke out he had followed in his fathers footsteps and was working at Greenside mine.

He enlisted with the Army reserve in December 1915, just a month after his 18th birthday, possibly at the same time as local lads Ernest Lake and George Cooper. It is likely he remained on the reserve list until 1917 when he was mobilised into the regular army, joining the 3rd Battalion of the Border Regiment in September 1917.

On the 31st January 1918 he embarked to France, and on the 1st February 1918 he joined the 8th Battalion of the Border Regiment. Tragically he died just 7 weeks later on 23rd March 1918 during the German Spring offensive which claimed so many of the Patterdale fallen. Details of his death were sent to his mother by a fellow soldier who had been at his side when he died.

*"the battalion went to retake a position from the Germans which the latter had captured in the morning. (We) were called back by the captain, and stood in (our) own trench where (we) fought the Germans. Private Hayton and (I) were Lewis gunners and were side by side, when (he) was hit. (I) went to his assistance, but he never spoke"*

Richard is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, one of 35,000 servicemen who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7 August 1918 who have no known grave. He is commemorated on the Patterdale War Memorial and the Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour. We think Richard's cousin Agnes lived in Halton Terrace until her death in 1963, and another cousin Mary Jane died in Penrith in Feb 1965 and is buried at Patterdale. Richard's two younger brothers, Thomas Henry and George Harold, had died in infancy in 1900 and 1905 respectively. We are unsure what became of his mother Mary or sister Hilda Jane.



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# Private Frederick Kirkland



## M2/104268, 43rd Field Ambulance Royal Army Service Corps

Born 13th July 1892 Hartsop.

Died 31st March 1918 Aged 25 in France

Son of William and Emma (nee Woof) Kirkland, of  
Matterdale, Hartsop, Deepdale Bridge and Penrith



Frederick Kirkland was born on the 13th July 1892, when his parents William and Emma were living in Hartsop. His parents had met when they were both servants at Matterdale End in the 1870s. William was an agricultural labourer and the family moved from Patterdale to Hartsop in the 1880s, settling at Beckstones Farm. Fred was the youngest of 8 children. In September 1896 his father died and was buried in Patterdale, and by 1901 his mother and family were living at Deepdale Bridge, where Fred attended Patterdale School with his elder brother Albert and cousin Percy.

Before the outbreak of war he was employed as a driver of the mail motor bus which Messrs Taylor Motors Ltd ran between Penrith and Patterdale, and may well have been living with his mother who had moved to 25 Duke Street in Penrith.

He enlisted early in the war and arrived in France on 16th July 1915. We know that at the time of death he was part of the Mechanical Transport Section attached to the 43rd Field Ambulance, who were attached to the 14th (Light) Division. This would have been quite a specialist role at the time as there was still a great reliance on horse drawn wagons. We sadly know little details of his death, with the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald simply reporting that he

*“died on Sunday (31st March 1918) of wounds received during the recent offensive”*

He died at No. 9 General Hospital, probably of wounds received during one of the many British counter-attacks following the German's last ditch Spring Offensive in March 1918 around the Somme. He is commemorated on the Patterdale War Memorial, Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour (alongside his older brothers Joseph, who served in the Military Foot Police in France and Albert, who was also a chauffeur before the war and joined the Royal Army Service Corps, serving in Egypt. Also remembered there is his cousin Ernest Kirkland, with whom Frederick grew up at Beckstones.



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# Guardsman Ernest Lake

## 17524, 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards

Born 1889 Glenridding.

Died 2nd August 1917 Aged 28 in Belgium.

Son of John and Christiana (nee Oglethorpe) Lake, late of Bridge House, Glenridding



Ernest Lake was born in 1889, in Glenridding. His father, John, was born in Coombemartin, Devon around 1850 and had moved with his parents, to Glenridding to work at the mine in around 1870. In his youth Ernest would have attended Patterdale School, and was a member of Patterdale Football Club, alongside Frank Dewis and Glen Pattinson. By 1911 he was the third generation of Lakes working at Greenside mine as an Ore Dresser, and his mother Christiana ran a boarding house at Bridge House in Glenridding.

He is likely to have enlisted around December 1915, alongside George Cooper and George Thompson. He had been in France for about a year with the 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards, when he died. His Captain wrote to his mother, who by this time had moved to Heatherfield, Haltwhistle in Northumberland.

*"You have probably heard that your son, Private E Lake, was wounded in our great advance on 31st July, and I am sorry to say that I now have even worse news for you. After being in hospital for two days he passed away on 2nd August. Your son was a terrible loss to us as he has always behaved in a most gallant manner and volunteered for the most dangerous duty by acting as a stretcher bearer. It was while carrying out these duties during the attack that he was wounded"*

Ernest died in the Third Battle of Ypres, otherwise known as the Battle of Passchendaele. He is commemorated on the Patterdale War Memorial and the Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour alongside his cousins William and Herbert Lake, and Harold Oglethorpe, and his childhood friend George Cooper.

In terms of Ernest's family his mother Christiana died on the 12th October 1924 whilst living at Tyne View Road, Haltwhistle in Northumberland, where the family had moved during the war. She bequeathed her estate to her daughter Ethel, Ernest's younger sister, who had been born in Glenridding in May 1893. Ethel died aged 78 in Carlisle in June 1971. Ernest's elder sister Ellen was born in 1886. Ernest also had a brother, John, who had died in infancy in 1891.





# Guardsman Cecil James Mason



## 17667, 2nd Bn., Coldstream Guards

Born December 1892 in Bedale.  
Died 31st July 1917, Aged 24 in Ypres

Son of Harry and Mary Mason, of Hawkshead Ambleside



Cecil James Mason was born in Bedale Yorkshire in December 1892. His father Harry was a Blacksmith, originally from Lewisham in London and the family moved around with his work. In 1901 they were living in Middlesbrough and by now Cecil, the eldest, had been joined by brothers William & Harry and a sister Olga Mary. By 1911 Cecil's parents Harry and Mary were living in Ambleside with his brothers and sister, and a new younger brother Andy. Meanwhile Cecil had left home and was working as a gardener on the Eden Hall Estate in Langwathby. We know that at some point between 1911 and the outbreak of war Cecil moved to Patterdale and worked as a gardener here, possibly at the Patterdale Hall Estate.

He enlisted in December 1915, so at the same time as other locals including Ernest Lake, John Pool and George Cooper. Like Ernest and George he joined the Coldstream Guards. In March 1917 he was mentioned in dispatches for

*“conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a runner on September 15th 1916, (when) he repeatedly carried messages in spite of heavy shell fire”.*

He died on 31st July 1917 at Ypres, aged just 24. The Gazette quoted a letter that Captain John H Hall wrote to his parents which said that

*“He took part in the advance on July (3)1st and reached our final objective. He was shot through the heart by a sniper whilst the company was digging in. He was a splendid soldier, and it was only last March that he was awarded a parchment for gallantry in the field. He will be a great loss to me and his comrades. He was buried where he fell.”*

He is remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate), as well as the Patterdale War Memorial, and also the memorial in St Margarets, Low Wray, where his parents lived. We are not sure what became of Cecil's parents or siblings, although we believe William survived the war having served with the Dragoon Guards in France from August 1915 until he was demobbed in December 1919.



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# Private John Dewey Place

## 234188, 8th Battalion, Canadian Infantry Regiment

Born 26th November 1883 Glenridding.

Died 6th September 1917 Aged 33 in Etaples, France.

Son of John Place and Mary Ann (nee Dewey), late of Row  
Head, Glenridding



John Dewey Place was born on the 26th November 1883, probably at number 3 Row Head in Glenridding. He was the youngest son of John Place, a Lead Mine Agent, and the only child of his mother Mary Ann (nee Dewey) who had married his widower father in early 1882. John had a older half-brother Matthew (who became a Wesleyan Preacher in the village and also worked at Greenside mine) and three half-sisters, Esther, Isabella and Jane.

He was probably educated at Patterdale School, however his father died in September 1891 and his mother took him to live in London. By 1901 he was living in Islington with his mother and working as a Solicitor's Clerk. They returned to the Penrith area where John became a Wesleyan Preacher with Matthew. His mother died in early 1906 and so John decided to seek a new life in Canada, probably with the support of the Wesleyans.

In 1916 John was working as a farmer in Lavinia, Manitoba and on the 7th March he travelled the 200 miles to Winnipeg to sign up for the 8th Battalion of the Canadian Infantry Regiment (The 90th Winnipeg Rifles - 'The Little Black Devils' ). It is likely John took part in the battle for Vimy Ridge, and in early August 1918, John's Battalion was part of a major Canadian led offensive to take Hill 70 north of Lens. The battle lasted around ten days and there was extensive use of poison gas by both sides, including mustard gas. Casualties were high, the Canadian forces lost over 10,000 men the Germans lost over 25,000.

John was one of the wounded, with a bullet wound in his left leg, so was evacuated to the Canadian Military Hospital at Etaples on the French coast. He was initially reported as seriously ill but never recovered and died in hospital, perhaps from Septicaemia, on the 6th September 1917 aged 33 years.

John is buried at the Etaples Military Cemetery and is commemorated on the Patterdale War Memorial and the Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour. His half-brother Matthew stayed in the area, working at Greenside Mine, became a JP and Chair of the local Parish Council, and conducted the unveiling of the War Memorial in October 1921 with the Rev WP Morris.



# Gunner John Pattinson

## **161176, 8th Reserve Brigade, 69th Divisional Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery**

Born 1st August 1897 in Patterdale.  
Died 30th April 1917, Aged 19 in Cartmel.

Son of James and Margaret (nee Winder) Pattinson, of  
Howbarrow Farm, Field Broughton, & once of How Green  
Hartsop



John Pattinson was born on the 1st August 1897, the son of James and Margaret Pattinson, who lived at How Green in Hartsop, where James was a Farmer. John was baptised at Patterdale Church on 12th September 1897. Mary was the youngest daughter of John Winder who farmed in Hartsop and it is likely that when he retired John's father James took over the running of his farm.

We do not know much about John's war service but we know he served in the Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery, and enlisted in Ulverston. He must have enlisted as soon as he was of age. From the Cartmel Parish Magazine of November 1916 we know that "Gunner John Pattinson of Howbarrow Farm is in Ireland".

Whilst visiting his recently widowed mother at Howbarrow Farm, near Cartmel, we know that John had contracted Scarlet Fever and died on the 30th April 1917. He was buried at Field Broughton near his father. The May 1917 issue of the Cartmel Parish Magazine carried the following tribute.

*"It is with very great sorrow that we have to record the death of Gunner John Richard Pattinson, RFA, at his home, Howbarrow Farm, on Monday April 30th. He was only 19 yrs old, and was a Communicant of Cartmel Church. He attended his father's funeral last month, and when afterwards he came home on leave he was found to be suffering from scarlet fever. The after effects of this illness seem to have gone to his brain, and he was never conscious after April 26th. The burden of sorrow at Howbarrow has been a very heavy one, but John Pattinson died in the service of his king and country, and this is a glory which can never be taken away. ....A good son and brother will be sadly missed at Howbarrow, and we shall miss his honest face and kindly ways."*

As well as his grave in Field Broughton, John is commemorated on the Patterdale War Memorial and the Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour. We are unsure whether John qualified for any service medals as he may have only served in Ireland.





# Driver John Routledge



**MY/31719, 596th M.T. Coy., Royal Army  
Service Corps**

Born 1891 Kirkoswald Cumbria.

Died 3rd December 1918 Aged 27 Basra Mesopotamia

Son of Thomas and Jane (nee Clapham) Routledge, Noran  
Bank Farm Patterdale



John Routledge was born in 1891, in Kirkoswald Cumbria. His parents, Thomas and Jane moved to Patterdale and farmed at Noran Bank Farm. John was shown living there in the 1901 and 1911 census, with his parents and brothers, Matthew and Albert. It is believed that John attended Patterdale School and is then shown in the 1911 census as working as “boots at hotel”.

Having learnt to drive he joined the Motor Transport (MT) section of the Royal Army Service Corps. He was posted to Egypt, arriving on 20th November 1915.

In October 1918 his parents received a telegram stating that he was seriously ill with pneumonia. They heard nothing more until they received a telegram informing them of the death of their son on 3rd December 1918 in hospital in Basra Mesopotamia (modern day Iraq).

He is buried at Teheran War Cemetery in Iran which is enclosed within the walls of the British Embassy residential compound at Gulhek, about 13km from Teheran.

He is commemorated on the Patterdale War Memorial and the Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour alongside his brother Albert. His name is also inscribed on his parents gravestone in Patterdale Churchyard, alongside his older brother George who died in 1900 aged 23.

His brother Albert served with distinction throughout the war, winning the Military Medal as a Corporal in November 1917. He returned to Patterdale where he continued to live until his death with his wife and was good friends with Eddie Pool who still lives in the village. John's mother died in July 1919 while the family were still at Noran Bank and his father Thomas died in Hartsop in November 1926. John's eldest brother Matthew continued to live in the Dale, marrying Mary Agnes Wilkinson on 18th September 1912, and had 2 children, Elsie (born 1913) and Albert (born Jan 1915). Matthew died in December 1949 and Mary Agnes in 1972. Their son Albert, John's nephew, died in April 1994 in Glenridding.



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# Driver John Slee

## **43422, 8th Division. Ammunition Column., Royal Field Artillery**

Born 1895 Patterdale.

Died 2nd June 1917, Aged 22 in Newcastle.

Son of Robert and Margaret (nee Young) Slee, once of Blowick  
Patterdale



John Slee was born in 1895 in Patterdale. His father Robert was working as a Wagonner at Greenside mine. John was the ninth child to be born to his mother Margaret, who also gave birth to a tenth child, Arthur, when the family lived in Patterdale, firstly in Rookings and then by 1891 at Blowick.

By 1901 John's father had died and John was living with his widowed mother, and six of his siblings in Escomb, Durham. His older brother Robert was head of the household and was a general labourer and Fred and Harry, two of his brothers were Putters in one of the local Coalmines.

So far we have not been able to trace John between 1901 and the time of his death. In the early part of 1915, John went to Carlisle where he enlisted in 8th Division Royal Field Artillery (RFA) and trained as a Driver with the Division's ammunition column. We don't know the full circumstances of John's death, except the date he died, the 2nd June 1917, and the place, the 1st Northern General Hospital in Newcastle.

The fact that he is buried in St Andrews and Jesmond Cemetery in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne implies that he was wounded in action, was brought home to recover, but sadly died from his wounds. He left his effects split between his brothers and sisters and his sister-in-law Mary Elizabeth, widow of his brother Robert Slee. The inscription on his gravestone reads "43422 Driver J Slee Royal Field Artillery 2nd June 1917 aged 22. He answered the call."

As well as his grave in Newcastle, John is commemorated on the Patterdale War Memorial and the Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour, alongside his older brother Robert, who was a Sergeant in the Northumberland Fusiliers and who died just 5 weeks before John, and another brother Harry (Service #306791), who served in the Royal Navy (having joined up in 1904) and survived the war.





# Sergeant Robert Slee

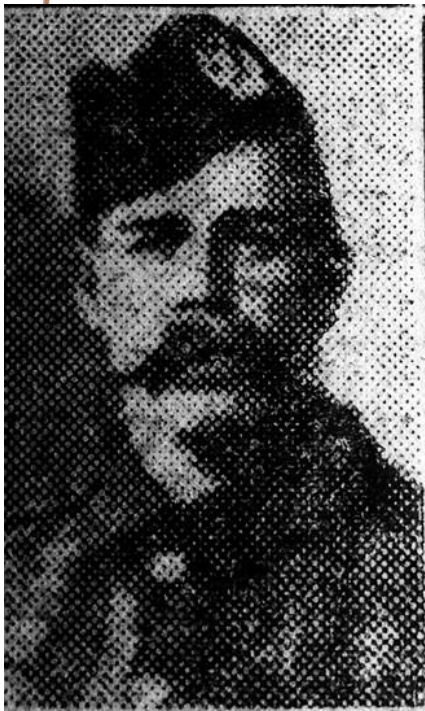
## 20/476, 25th (Tyneside Irish) Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers

Born 1881 Skelwith.

Died 26th April 1917 Aged 36 in Arras France.

Son of Robert & Margaret (nee Young) Slee, once of Blowick  
Patterdale

Husband of Mary Elizabeth and Father of Joseph and Robert, &  
adopted son John R Webster of Chopwell Co Durham



Robert Slee was born in 1881 in Skelwith. His father, also Robert, was a quarry labourer when he was born and around 1888 the family moved to Patterdale, firstly to the Rookings and then to Blowick, where Robert senior worked as a Wagonner at Greenside mine. By 1901 Robert's father had died and he was head of the household with his widowed mother, and six of his siblings all living in Escomb, Durham. Robert was a general labourer and Fred and Harry, two of his brothers were Putters in one of the local Coalmines.

We believe that during 1901 Robert enlisted as a Trooper in the South African Constabulary and fought in a number of the Boer War battles. He was discharged from "C" (Eastern) Division of the S.A.C. and returned to England on the 25th February 1903.

In 1904 Robert married Mary Elizabeth and by 1911 they had 2 children (another child had died), and Robert was working as a coalminer. Robert and Mary had also adopted a son, John R Webster, who was 15 and worked as a Driver in the mine.

We know little of Robert's war service except that he enlisted with the Northumberland Fusiliers, probably towards the end of 1915 or early in 1916 and joining the 25th Tyneside Irish Battalion. He died on the 26th April, 1917 somewhere near Arras and sadly his body was never recovered.

Robert is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, the Patterdale War Memorial and the Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour (where he is incorrectly listed as a Private), alongside his younger brother John, who tragically died just 5 weeks after Robert, and another brother Harry, who served in the Royal Navy and survived the war. We are unsure what became of his wife Mary Elizabeth and the children, and indeed of Robert's other siblings, Margaret, William, Ada and Arthur



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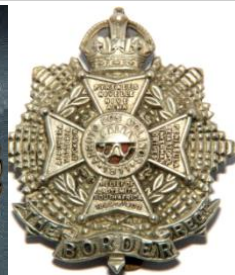


# Private Thomas Henry Wall

## 260645, 7th Battalion West. and Cumb. Yeomanry, Border Regiment

Born 24th May 1893 Glenridding.  
Died 17th April 1918 Aged 24 in Glasgow.

Son of Henry & Ann Tuer Wall, of Scarfoot & Place Fell Cottage,  
Patterdale



Thomas Henry Wall was born on the 24th May 1893 in Glenridding, and baptised at the Methodist Chapel there in June. His father Henry was a miner at Greenside, having started there in 1891, following in the footsteps of his father (also Henry) who had moved from Rookhope in Durham with many other families to work at Greenside. Thomas attended Patterdale School and was a choir boy at Patterdale Church. His father died in 1902 aged just 38, and by 1911 Thomas' mother and younger brother John were living in Place Fell Cottage. We're not sure what Thomas did before the war but as a member of the Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry he would have enlisted soon after war broke out.

He served with the Yeomanry which then became the 7th Battalion of the Border Regiment. He was severely wounded in the March 1918 German Spring Offensive. He was transferred to No.4 Military Hospital, Stobhill, Glasgow but tragically as he was returning from France he contracted a severe cold, and double pneumonia ensued. His mother Ann was notified and made the journey to Glasgow to be at his bedside. He died on Wednesday 17th April 1918 aged 24. He was buried with full military honours in Patterdale Churchyard on the 20th April. His gravestone can still be seen not far from that of his father Henry and grandparents Henry and Susannah.

Thomas is commemorated on the Patterdale War Memorial and the Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour. Thomas' mother Ann continued to live in Patterdale until her death in July 1950 aged 80 (while living at 1 Oakbank). We know his younger brother John lived with his mother at Scarfoot at least until 1939. His younger sister Cecily married Thomas Pears from Crookabeck and continued to live in Patterdale until her death in May 1951. His elder sister Clara married Thomas Thompson, and died at just 33 in 1923. Thomas also served with distinction in the First World War in the Border Regiment, Tragically their only son Henry Wall Thompson, died in the Second World War. He is commemorated in the Second World War section of the Patterdale Memorial. He was buried next to his Uncle in St Patrick's Church, presumably watched by poor Ann, who had lost both her son and grandson to the Wars.



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# Private John Wilkinson

## 87009, 8th Bn., The King's (Liverpool Regiment)

Born 1899 Patterdale. Died 28th September 1918, Aged 19 Arras, France

Son of Margaret Rebecca Wilkinson (Glencoin Farm), and adopted son of the Chapplow family, Dockray



John Wilkinson was born in 1899, and baptised at Patterdale Church on 9th July 1899. He was the illegitimate son of Margaret Rebecca Wilkinson, daughter of John & Elizabeth Wilkinson who lived at Glencoin Farm Cottages. John's grandfather, Joseph Wilkinson, was head of Glencoin Farm and a man of some standing. We can only guess the reasons for what happened next but all we know for sure is that aged just 1, John Wilkinson was listed as a "boarder" with the Chapplow family in Dockray in the 1901 Census. The Chapplovs had a long association with the Wilkinsons with several members of the family having worked on the farm. By 1911 John had been formally adopted by the Chapplovs and was living with 82 year old John Chapplow, and his daughter Margaret (46) and grandson John Chapplow (24).

We do not know anything about John's war service but we know he enlisted in The King's (Liverpool Regiment) as soon as he was old enough, and that sadly he died on the 28th September 1918. He is buried at Boisieux-St. Marc, in the Pas de Calais France. We know that there were several casualty clearing stations operating there in September 1918, and John's obituary in the Cumberland & Westmorland Herald stated simply that he had "died of wounds received in action", aged just 19. There is no mention made in the obituary about his mother, or his adopted family, although it does refer to an Uncle, Joseph Wilkinson, who was living at Beckstones. At least his mother (referred to as Rebecca) is commemorated on his Commonwealth War Graves Record.

As well as his grave in Boisieux-St. Marc, John is listed on both the Matterdale and Patterdale War Memorials although not for some reason on the Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour.

Perhaps the saddest part of this story is that on the 20th February 1922 the Commanding Officer of the Liverpool Regiment requested permission to dispose of John's medals, as no next of kin could be found. Likewise his army pension was never issued as no next of kin could be found – despite his Uncle Joseph and family living at Beckstones and then Deepdale. One of John's cousins was still living in Patterdale until he died in 1968.



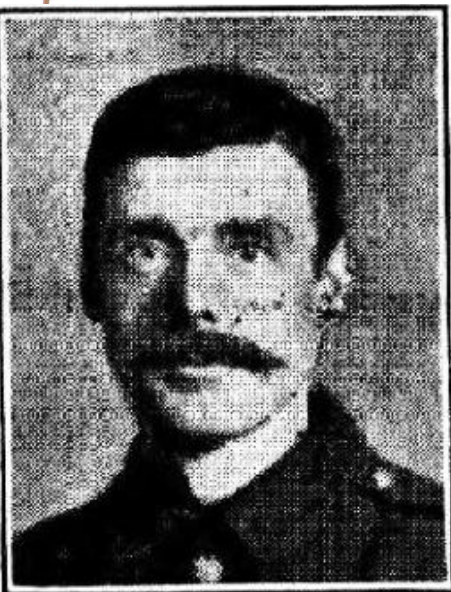


# Private George Readshaw

## 2462, 6th Battalion Durham Light Infantry

Born 25th Feb 1884 Glenridding.  
Died 22nd Sept 1915 Aged 31 in Belgium.

Son of Paul and Ann (nee Oliver) Readshaw, of 3 High  
Cottages Glenridding and Durham  
Husband of Esther and Father of Ellen and Edith from  
Leadgate Co Durham



George Readshaw was born on the 25th February 1884, in Glenridding, where his father Paul, originally from Country Durham, was a miner at Greenside Mine. George was the middle one of 8 children born to Paul and his wife Ann. He attended Patterdale School, and then Benfieldside School, when his family moved back to Consett, County Durham. In 1901 his father Paul died and George, and his younger brothers Oliver and Paul were working as coalminers. In 1909 his mother Ann also died and in 1911 George, Oliver and Paul were all coalminers living together in Leadgate, County Durham.

In 1912 George married Esther Coombe, and had 2 daughters, Ellen and Edith. He had also joined the Consett Territorials and by the time war was declared was a Corporal in the local Ambulance Brigade. He joined the Durham Light Infantry on 26th August 1914 just weeks after the outbreak of war, almost certainly with his brother Oliver, and served with the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) in France.

He died in No.8 Casualty Clearing Station at Bailleul, in France near the border with Belgium, on 22nd September 1915 from wounds received in action on the 20th. His death was reported in De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour (listed as Redshaw) which quotes from a letter written by Lieutenant Hugh McNair

*"I have lost a good soldier – one of the best, as a chum of his said when he heard the news. Always the same here as I knew him at home – quiet and ready to do any duty at any time. It may be of some consolation to you to know of the great esteem in which George was held by all his comrades"*

George is buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord. He is commemorated on the Patterdale War Memorial and the Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour alongside his brother Oliver, who was also tragically killed in action as a member of the DLI on 23rd October 1915. Oliver was also born in Patterdale although his name was not added to the War Memorial.

George's widow Esther married Albert Robinson in the Consett area. It is not known what became of George's two daughters Ellen and Edith.



# Private Oliver Readshaw

## 24554, 14th Battalion Durham Light Infantry

Born August 1885 Glenridding.  
Died 23rd Oct 1915 Aged 30 in Belgium.

Son of Paul and Ann Readshaw (nee Oliver), of 3 High Cottages Glenridding and Durham



Oliver Readshaw was born in Glenridding, most likely at 3, High Cottages, around August 1885 and was baptised at St Patrick's Church on the 18th October 1885. He was the fifth son of Paul Readshaw, a Lead Miner at the Greenside Mine, and his wife Ann (nee Oliver). Paul and Ann had moved to Glenridding from Weardale around 1880. By 1911 Oliver was with his brothers George and Paul in Leadgate, County Durham - they were all coalminers, probably also working at the nearby Busty Pit.

Just a few weeks after war was declared, Oliver enlisted at Barnard Castle and was assigned to the 14th (Service) Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry (DLI). He was shipped to France in September 1915. Within 2 weeks his battalion moved up into reserve trenches on the Loos battlefield and up to the front line the next day.

The Battle of Loos lasted until the 18th October and casualties were heavy, with both sides using poison gas. The 14th Battalion casualties alone during this period were horrific with over 270 listed as killed, wounded or 'missing'. It is possible that Oliver was wounded around the 26th/27th September and died from those wounds on the 23rd October 1915. An entry in the Newcastle Daily Journal dated 30th October 1915 reads:

*"Mrs Winch, of Dixon Street, Blackfyne, has received word that Private Oliver Redshaw, of the 14th D.L.I. Has been killed in France. Private Redshaw, who was 30 years of age and unmarried, formerly worked at the Busty Pit, Medomsley. He was a well known cricketer, and acted as groundsman and "coach" for the Leadgate C.C."*

Oliver had completed just over a year with the DLI and just 6 weeks in France and Flanders before he died. He is remembered and commemorated on the Glenridding Public Hall – Roll of Honour (alongside his brother George), Leadgate War Memorial (Left Hand, Lower Plinth), Church of Saint Ives, Leadgate - Memorial Plaque and Ploegsteert Wood Military Cemetery in Belgium (Plot III, Row H, Grave 5). He is also now commemorated on a memorial bench by the Patterdale War Memorial.







# Patterdale & Glenridding War Memorial

## *We will Remember Them*

### Notes on the Fallen – Second World War



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**Corporal Frank Mallinson**, Durham Light Infantry. Died July 1945 aged 41. Lived at Glenridding House and worked at the Ullswater Hotel before the war with his wife Edith Annie and sons Joseph and Thomas – *page 26*



**Guardsman Thomas Henry Murray**, Grenadier Guards. Killed in Action, October 1944 in Italy aged 27. Grew up in Glenridding and worked at Greenside before he joined the Army – *page 27*



**Private Harry Wall Thompson**, Royal Army Medical Corps. Died of his wounds, May 1944, in Newmarket, aged 23. Grew up in Patterdale. Buried in Patterdale Churchyard alongside his Uncle, Thomas Henry Wall who died in the First World War – *page 28*



**Lance Bombardier Alexander Gordon Tallentire**, **Military Medal**, Royal Horse Artillery. Killed in Action, June 1942 in Egypt aged 24. Was living at Greenside Cottages before the war where his father and brother worked at Greenside Mine – *page 29*



**Corporal William Carmichael Wilson**, Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Killed in Action, September 1944 in Holland aged 25. Lived at Brow Field Glenridding and probably worked at Greenside Mine. Husband of Eileen Elsie Wilson, who he married in Patterdale Church just 3 months before he died – *page 30*



**Guardsman Thomas William Wynn**, Coldstream Guards. Killed in Action, July 1944 in France aged 24. Grew up in Glenridding and worked at Greenside Mine before joining the Army – *page 31*



# Sergeant Samuel (Sam) Walter Curry



**551339 - C Flight, 224 Squadron, Royal Air Force**

Born November 1920, Rothbury, Northumberland,  
Died Saturday 21st July 1940, Skaggerak Strait (Age 19)

Son of Walter Jocelyn and Annie Emma (nee Payne) Curry of  
Wetside Glenridding



Samuel Walter Curry was born in Rothbury, Northumberland in November 1920. He was the second of at least four sons born to Walter Jocelyn Curry and his wife Annie Emma (nee Payne). Sometime after 1929, the family moved from Hexham to Glenridding where his father worked at the Greenside mine. The family lived at Wetside Glenridding and Sam attended Penrith Grammar School.

He joined the RAF in January 1937 and trained at RAF Cranwell as a wireless operator, passing out in May 1937, before joining 224 Squadron at Boscombe Down. The squadron, equipped with the new Lockheed Hudsons moved to its war station at RAF Leuchars in Scotland and began to fly patrols over the North Sea looking for German ships as well as providing convoy escorts. Sam volunteered as an aerial gunner. On 20<sup>th</sup> July Sam wrote a moving letter home to his parents – a copy of which is available on the Ullswater Memorial website. This was to be Sam's last letter home. The following day, on the 21st July 1940, several Hudsons, each with it's crew of four, left RAF Leuchars to patrol the sea area between Norway and Denmark, known as the Skaggerak. The German support boat Nordmark was spotted and attacked. During the attack, the Hudson with Sgt. Sam Curry on board was hit and although not seen to crash, it was last seen disappearing into the clouds. Initially the crew were reported as missing, giving some hope to his family, however, in early August his parents received the following letter from the Air Ministry:

*"It is with regret that we write to say that as all our efforts to trace your son have failed, all hope must be abandoned that he is alive"*

Sergeant Samuel Walter Curry is remembered and commemorated on The Patterdale War Memorial, The Runnymede Memorial, Surrey (Panel 13), and the Roll of Honour in the Battle of Britain Chapel in Westminster Abbey. He is also remembered on his parents gravestone in Patterdale Churchyard, and on a memorial at his old school in Penrith. His parents continued to live in Glenridding and were living at Wet Side, Glenridding, when Walter died, aged 67, in November 1959 and when Annie died, aged 93, in December 1984.



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# Driver Thomas Hadwin

## **T/220461 - 2nd. Reserve. Motor Transport Coy, Royal Army Service Corps**

Born 13 August 1907, Patterdale, Westmorland

Died 23 April 1941, Nafplio, Greece (Age 33)

Son of Stephen Slinger and Betsy Ann (nee Routledge) Hadwin,  
Wordsworth Cottage Patterdale

Wife of Margaret (nee Tomlinson Cheeseman) & Father of Roger



Thomas Hadwin was born at Wordsworth Cottage, Patterdale, on the 13th August 1907 and was baptised at St Patrick's Church on the 29th September later that year. Thomas was the third son of Stephen Slinger Hadwin and his wife Betsy Ann (nee Routledge).

An excellent biography has been written by his son, Roger Hadwin, a fuller extract of which is on the Ullswater Memorial website. After leaving School Thomas assisted his father with his carriers business between Patterdale and Penrith before joining the local Pattinson's building firm as a driver. In the late 1920's he was employed by John Dickinson of Rooking Ghyll Patterdale as a chauffeur and handyman. He married Margaret Tomlinson Cheeseman of New Hutton Kendal in April 1934, and their son Roger was born in July 1938.

Thomas was called up on the 12th September 1940 joining the Royal Army Service Corps as a driver. After training he was posted to the 2nd Reserve Motor Transport Company for overseas service and subsequently disembarked in Egypt on the 5th March 1941. As Roger says..

*"The first notification my mother received that my father was missing was dated the 30th July 1941 from the RASC Records office in Hastings in which it states 'T/220461 - Dvr T Hadwin was posted as 'missing' on the 28th April 1941'. I am also in possession of letters to my mother between 1941 and 1944, from various organisations obviously in response to my mother's desperate pleas for information, culminating with a letter from The War Office dated 5th December 1944 in which she receives the first official confirmation that 'it is with deep regret that the military authorities overseas have now reported that your husband's grave has been found in Greece and that it is consequently being recorded that Driver Hadwin was killed in action between the 23rd and 25th April 1941'.*

*I believe that he was first interred at Nafplio on the Peloponnese near to where he was killed when the enemy pushed down through Greece resulting in the allied forces evacuating to Crete following the capitulation of the Greek Army on 21st April 1941. Later my father's remains were re-interred in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery at Phaleron, on the coast road near Piraeus. "*

Driver Thomas Hadwin is remembered and commemorated on The Patterdale War Memorial, and the Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece (Plot 9, Row A, Grave 12).



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# Corporal Frank Mallinson

**4468606 - Durham Light Infantry (possibly  
16<sup>th</sup> Battalion)**

Born January 1904 in Hetton-le-Hole, County Durham  
Died 9th July 1945 (Age 41) Carlisle

Son of Joseph and Isabella (nee Parslow) Mallinson  
Husband of Edith Annie (nee Spedding) Mallinson, of  
Glenridding House  
Father of Joe and Tom



Frank Mallinson was born around 1904 in Hetton-le-Hole, County Durham. He was the second son of Joseph Mallinson and his wife Isabella (nee Parslow). Frank's father, was a Miner so he may well have brought the family to Glenridding at some point to find work at the Greenside Mine. Unfortunately we do not know too many details about Frank's early life although it is possible that he joined the army and was based in India in the 1920s (based on the photo above which places him in India in 1925). In 2018 his grandson Joe kindly shared some family photos with us, including the one above and many more on the website. Frank married Edith (Edie) Annie Bowes Spedding in Carlisle around July 1932.

Given his possible previous military service it is probable Frank reenlisted at the start of the war. We think it's possible Frank served in the 16th Battalion DLI which sailed away to war on Christmas Day 1942, entering the frontline in the Green Hill sector of Northern Tunisia on January 17th 1943. They suffered grievous losses in the Battle of Sedjenane and played a major role in the Salerno Landings of September 1943 and the subsequent gruelling campaign in Italy. Eddie Pool believes that he was injured early on in the war so it's possible he was injured in North Africa or Italy and then subsequently given a medical discharge. Eddie remembers him giving PT lessons to the school children in Glenridding. All we know for certain is that Frank died on the 9th July 1945 at the Cumberland Infirmary in Carlisle of a perforated gastric ulcer. On his death certificate his occupation is given as a "Hotel Waiter", still at Glenridding House, so it is possible that by this time he had left the army, although this does not tie in with his probate record (see below). His brother in law JW Spedding was present at his death.

Corporal Frank Mallinson is remembered and commemorated on The Patterdale War Memorial, in Arthuret Churchyard, Longtown, Nr Carlisle (SW of Church, Middle Aisle). Frank's widow, Edith Mallinson, died on the 25th April 1977 and was buried alongside her husband in Arthuret Churchyard (see photo below). His son Joe Mallinson was born in Glenridding on the 25th December 1932 and married Margaret Lloyd in Wigan in early 1957. Joe worked at Greenside alongside Eddie Pool and when the mine closed they moved away. Frank's youngest son Tom Mallinson was born in Longtown, Cumberland around June 1934 and married Patricia Rimmer towards the end of 1964.



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# Guardsman Thomas (Tommy) Henry Murray

**2167565 - 3rd. Battalion, Grenadier Guards**

Born 31st May 1917 in Glenridding.

Died 5th October 1944, Apennine Mountains, Italy (Age 27)

Son of Alexander and Jane (nee Robison) Murray

Husband of Dorothy May Vines

Father of Jean Murray (born 1942)



Thomas Henry Murray was born on the 31st May 1917 in Glenridding and baptised 6 weeks later on the 15th July at the Wesleyan Chapel in Patterdale. Thomas was the youngest of eight children born to Alexander and Jane Murray (nee Robison). We don't know any details about his childhood although one of his nephews, Alexander, kindly shared some stories with us, including the fact that Tommy kept a pet red squirrel as a child and that he and his brothers would run up Keldas in 20 minutes from their house in Low Glenridding - no mean feat! After attending school in Patterdale, Thomas started work at the Greenside Lead Mines. However, soon after War was declared in September 1939, Thomas enlisted in the 3rd Battalion of the Grenadier Guards, who were part of the British Expeditionary Force serving in France & Belgium (attached to the 1st Guards Brigade, 1st Infantry Division). In June 1940, Thomas would have been one of those evacuated from Dunkirk and returned to Britain.

Around May 1941, Thomas married Dorothy May Vines and on the 2nd February 1942 had their only child, a daughter named Jean.

In November 1942, the 3rd Battalion, still in the 1st Guards Brigade but by now transferred to the 78th Infantry Division, were sent to Tunisia to take part in the invasion of North Africa. By February 1943, the Battalion had transferred to the 6th Armoured Division.

Following the surrender of all Axis forces in North Africa the 6th Armoured Division were sent to Italy in March 1944, where Thomas would have seen action at Cassino and then Operation Olive in August and September 1944 when the Germans were in retreat into the high Apennine Mountains. Many small actions followed, with several casualties recorded in the early days of October, so it is likely that Thomas was killed during one of these actions. His obituary, published in the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald on the 28th October 1944, describes Thomas as an accomplished angler and an outstanding player in the Ullswater United football team.

Guardsman Thomas Murray is remembered and commemorated on The Patterdale War Memorial and The Santerno Valley War Cemetery, Italy (Plot II, Row B, Grave 16).



# Private Henry (Harry) Wall Thompson

**7394272 - 3rd. Field Dressing Station Royal  
Army Medical Corps**

Born November 1920 Westmorland  
Died 2 May 1944, Newmarket, Cambridgeshire (Age 23)

Son of Thomas Thompson and Clara (nee Wall)



Henry Wall Thompson was born around November 1920. The only son of Thomas Thompson and his wife Clara (nee Wall). Clara Wall was the eldest sister of Thomas Henry Wall, who died in WW1 and is also commemorated on the Patterdale War Memorial. In early 1911, his mother Clara, who was born in Patterdale, was working as a 'Under-Housemaid' at Flass House near Crosby Ravenscroft. She met Thomas Thompson, a Railway Porter at nearby Tebay and a marriage was planned for March 1912. However, for some reason the marriage was 'called off' before the third reading of the Banns on the 25th February 1912. They did eventually marry around August 1914. It is not clear exactly whereabouts the family lived in the early years but when his mother died in May 1923, at the young age of 33, she was recorded as living in Glenridding. It is quite probable that, Clara's mother, the widow Annie Tuer Wall helped to raise Henry and Constance at her home Oak Bank in Patterdale, alongside his father Thomas, who had served with the Border Regiment and been injured in the war, being honourably discharged in 1919 with the Silver War Badge.

Before enlisting in the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1941, Henry was serving an apprenticeship in the building trade (possible Brown Leonard Ltd). He saw much service in the Mediterranean area, including Sicily and Italy.

The newspaper report says that he had returned to England about 6 weeks before he died and had been granted leave which was spent 'at home' with his grandmother Annie (his father had died at the start of 1943, so this was probably his home now). It was whilst here that he contracted Meningococcal Meningitis and was admitted to the White Lodge Hospital in Exning, near Newmarket in Suffolk, where he died on the 2nd May 1944.

He was buried in St Patrick's Churchyard on the 5th of May 1944 with military honours, six sergeants from a local camp acted as coffin bearers, their commanding officer read the lesson and a bugler sounded The Last Post. He was buried next to his Uncle Thomas Henry Wall, who had died in the First World War. They are both therefore commemorated in St Patrick's Church and on the Patterdale War Memorial.



# L/Bdr Alexander G Tallentire MM

## 868214 - "C" Battery, 4th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery

Born November 1917 Penrith  
Died 6 June 1942, Egypt (Age 24)

Son of Alexander Gordon Annie Elizabeth (nee Simpson)  
Tallentire



Alexander Gordon Tallentire was born around November 1917. He was the fourth son of Alexander Gordon Tallentire (Senior) and his wife Annie Elizabeth (nee Simpson). His father was working as a Farm Hand in Maunby, near Thirsk in Yorkshire at the time of the 1911 census. The family seem to have moved around, probably to find work, as their children were each born in a different area. We know they lived in Whitehaven for a while around 1920 but had moved to Greenside Cottages, Glenridding by 1940, as both his father and brother John Richard are listed as employees of the Greenside mine.

We do not know exactly when Alexander enlisted or was 'called up'. We do know that by mid 1940, he was a Lance Bombardier, in Mersa Matruh, Egypt, with 'C' Battery 4th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery. When Italy declared war in June 1940, the British Army was heavily outnumbered by the Italians, so British Commander-in-Chief, the famous General (The Earl) Archibald Wavell, formulated a plan with his senior commanders to retain the initiative by harassing the enemy using mobile all-arms flying columns. It was 'C' Battery, under Lt. Col. 'Jock' Campbell's brilliant command of one of these columns, that led to them being given the generic name 'Jock columns'. During one of these actions, on the 15th and 16th June 1940, that Alexander's courage and devotion to duty led his Commanding Officer to recommend the award of the Military Medal.

The CWGC Certificate records that Alexander died on the 6th June 1942, which suggests hat he was killed during the Battle of Gazala, which was fought around the port of Tobruk in Libya from the 26th May to the 21st June 1942. Lance Bombardier Alexander Tallentire is remembered and commemorated on The Patterdale War Memorial and The Alamein Memorial, Egypt (Column 5).

His father, Alexander Gordon Tallentire (Senior), was born in Edenhall, near Penrith around May 1885. He married Annie Elizabeth Simpson in the East Ward registration district of Westmorland around November 1908. He died around February 1964 in the Penrith registration district at the age of 78.





# Corporal William Carmichael Wilson

**3191578 - 6th. Bn., King's Own Scottish  
Borderers**

Born About 1919, Wanlockhead, Dumfries, Ayrshire  
Died 19 September 1944, Oosterbeek, Holland (Age 25)

Son of William Carmichael Wilson (Snr) and Thomasina Love  
Husband of Eileen Elsie Wilson, of Penrith



William Carmichael Wilson was born around 1919 in Dumfries, Ayrshire. Son of William Carmichael Wilson (Snr) and his wife Thomasina Love. William gave his address as 8, Brow Field, Glenridding and his occupation a Soldier when he married Eileen Elsie Cooper on the 11th May 1944 at St Patrick's Church, presumably whilst home on leave. Elsie was in the W.A.A.F and gave her address as 7, Low Glenridding. Elsie was in fact the niece of George Cooper, who died in World War One, and is also commemorated on the Patterdale Memorial.

William's parents were still at 8, Brow Field when William Senior died in February 1945. The 6th Bn. KOSB landed with the 15th Division on the Normandy beaches on the 15th June 1944, and soon found themselves involved in the fierce battles around Caen and the River Odon, fighting through France, Belgium and Holland, and eventually crossing the Siegfried Line, ending the war just beyond Hamburg.

It is very likely that William was killed in The Battle of Arnhem or 'Operation Market Garden' as it is more often called - a famous Second World War battle in which the Germans defeated an Allied attack that stretched too far from its support.

Corporal William Wilson is remembered and commemorated on The Patterdale War Memorial, The Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Netherlands (Plot 9, Row D, Grave 8), and The Wanlockhead War Memorial in Dumfriesshire.

His father died on the 23rd February 1945 and is buried in St Patrick's churchyard. As a widow after only 5 weeks of marriage, it is not surprising that Elsie, still living in Glenridding, married again; this time to John Alexander Ferguson, a 29 years old Fitter from Liverpool. No children have been found from her marriage to William. His younger brother Andrew Sloan Wilson was born around 1922. Whilst working at the Patterdale Hotel he met and married, at St Patrick's Church on the 28th October 1950, Alaine Nocher Robb a Housemaid at the hotel. They continued to live in Glenridding until at least 1958 and had two sons, William Carmichael Wilson and Brian Charles Wilson, both baptised at St Patrick's.



# Guardsman Thomas William Wynn

**2660995 - 4th Coy., 5th. Bn., Coldstream  
Guards**

Born March 1920, Glenridding  
Died 31 July 1944, St Martin des Besaces, France (Age 24)

Son of John William and Elizabeth Jane (nee Richardson)  
Wynn



Thomas William Wynn was born in Glenridding around March 1920 and was baptised at St Patrick's Church on the 11th April 1920. He was the eldest son of John William Wynn, a miner, and his wife Elizabeth Jane (nee Richardson). The Wynn family had been in Glenridding since at least 1856 and some descendants still live here. Thomas would have attended Patterdale School. After leaving school he took up farm work in the Melmerby and Ullswater areas before moving back to Glenridding where he worked at the Greenside mine for a short time.

At the outbreak of war, Thomas enlisted in the 5th Battalion of the Coldstream Guards. Unlike some other Coldstream Battalions, who had converted to Armour, the 5th remained an Infantry Battalion. His battalion did not take part in D-Day but landed on Gold Beach 25<sup>th</sup> June 1944. By the 31st July 1944 the 5th Battalion were in a position just North East of Caumont L'Eventé. During that day they began to move southwards but after passing through Saint Martin des Besaces they encountered a hill that was strongly held by the Germans. It was during the assault on this position that Thomas was killed. The Battalion lost 10 men in the action, including Thomas, and 22 more were wounded. Guardsman Wynn was held in high esteem by the officers and men of his company and this expressed in a touching letter sent to his parents by his platoon officer:

*'Tommy was one of my friends - perhaps the grandest fellow we had in the platoon - and his loss is deeply felt by all of us here. His cheerfulness, good nature and firmness of character always were outstanding wherever he was, at work, in the field or in our leisure hours. He died as he would have wished, while in offensive action against the enemy. He continued to fire his gun until he himself was hit - an inspiration to all of us ..... Tom was buried in a peaceful apple orchard and later the grave was revisited and a memorial service held'*

Guardsman Thomas Wynn is remembered and commemorated on The Patterdale War Memorial and The St Charles de Percy War Cemetery, Calvados, France (Plot I, Row C, Grave 14). Thomas' father John William Wynn died at the age of 67. The family were living at High Rake, Glenridding at that time. His mother Elizabeth Jane died, aged 73, in March 1971 at The Headlands, Glenridding. Both John and Elizabeth are buried in St Patrick's churchyard.



More details can be found on  
[www.ullswatermemorial.co.uk](http://www.ullswatermemorial.co.uk)



# Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour

Below are the names of the 103 men who served during the First World War who are listed on the Glenridding Public Hall Roll of Honour. We have also added some names onto the site who were not included on the Roll of Honour. We have tried to research as many of them as possible but are still looking for additional photos, memories or stories so if you can help please contact us through the website.

Driver William Abbott, Army Service Corps  
Private Ben Armstrong, Coldstream Guards  
Private John Bell, Border Regiment  
Private Ben R Bell, 5th Royal Fusiliers  
Lance Corporal Thomas Bellas, Machine Gun Corps  
Gunner John W Birkett, Royal Field Artillery  
Private John Blamire, Border Regiment  
Gunner Henry Blamire, Royal Field Artillery  
Lieutenant Edward T Borlase, RGA  
Private Joseph Boustead, Border Regiment  
Private Frank Boustead, Border Regiment  
Captain Dawson Bowman, RFA  
Private John Bowman, RAF  
Private James Bowman, RAF  
Private Frank Brown, Border Regiment †  
Private David Brown, Border Regiment  
Private William S Brown, Durham Light Infantry  
Private Robert C Brown, Durham Light Infantry  
Private Richard Brown, MM  
Private Ernest Chugg, Royal Army Service Corps  
Private Miles Cooper, Border Regiment  
Private George R Cooper, Coldstream Guards †  
Private Jos Dargue, Northumberland Fusiliers  
Private Frederick J Dewis, Border Regiment  
Private Moses Fisher, Australians  
Private Charles Flint, Royal Field Artillery  
Private John Graham, Princess Patricia's Regiment  
Driver Joseph L Graham, Royal Army Service Corps  
Private William Graham, Canadians  
Private Thomas E Greenhow, Border Regiment  
Private Joseph Greenhow, Border Regiment  
Private Harry Grenfell, Northumberland Fusiliers  
Private John E Hadwin, Border Regiment  
Private William M Ham, Australians  
Cadet Raymond Ham, OTC  
Driver William Harker, Sherwood Foresters  
Private George Harrison, Border Regiment  
Private Jas M Hawkrig, Border Regiment  
Private Richard Hayton, Border Regiment †  
Private John W Hicks, Border Regiment  
Private William Hodgson, RFA  
Driver Thomas Hodgson, Royal Field Artillery  
Sergeant Roger Jackson (Woof), Border Regiment  
Able Seaman Roy W Kilner, Royal Naval Division  
Private Arthur G Kilner, RAF  
Driver Frederick Kirkland, Army Service Corps †  
Lance Corporal Jos Kirkland, RMFP  
Driver Albert Kirkland, Royal Army Service Corps  
Driver Ernest Kirkland, Royal Army Service Corps  
Driver Newton Kirkup, Royal Field Artillery  
Private George Kirkup, Border Regiment  
Private Ernest Lake, Coldstream Guards †

Private Herbert Lake, Military Foot Police  
Private William Lake, Lancashire Fusiliers  
Captain Alex S Lancaster, 1st London Regiment  
Trooper John E Lancaster, West & Cumberland Yeomanry  
Private John Lancaster, Honourable Artillery  
Private Thomas Lewthwaite, Border Regiment  
Private Alfred Lewthwaite, Border Regiment  
Private George Lewthwaite, Border Regiment  
Lance Corporal Ernest Marr, American Brigade  
Corporal Leonard Marr, American Brigade  
Private Donald Marshall, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders  
Private Frank Nelson, Royal Flying Corps  
Private Harold Oglethorpe, Royal Army Service Corps  
Sergeant Harrison Pattinson, Royal Engineers  
Driver Glenthorn J Pattinson, Royal Army Service Corps  
Gunner John Pattinson, Royal Field Artillery †  
Sapper Herbert Pattinson, Royal Engineers  
Private Alex Pearson, Border Regiment  
Private Edwin Pearson, Border Regiment  
Sergeant Edward H Place, Scottish Rifles  
Private John D Place, Canadians †  
Petty Officer Ernest Plummer, Royal Navy  
Private John Pool, Border, MGC, Tank Corps  
Private George Readshaw, Durham Light Infantry †  
Private Oliver Readshaw, Durham Light Infantry †  
Private John H Roberts, Durham Light Infantry  
Sapper Eric Roberts, Royal Engineers  
Private James Roberts, Yorkshire Regiment  
Sergeant Albert Watson Rothery, MC MM Yorks, MGC, Tank  
Private Albert Routledge, MM Border Regiment  
Driver John Routledge, Royal Army Service Corps †  
Private John W Shaw, 6th Yorkshire Regiment  
Driver John Slee, Royal Field Artillery †  
Private Robert Slee, Northumberland Fusiliers †  
Seaman Harry Slee, Royal Navy  
Private George W Stout, Border Regiment  
Private Stephen Stout, Durham Light Infantry  
Private Henry Stout, Northumberland Fusiliers  
Private Cecil R Thawaite,  
Private George Thompson, Coldstream Guards  
Private Edmund Thompson, Border Regiment  
Driver Moffat Thompson, Royal Field Artillery  
Sec AM Brownrigg Thompson, RAF  
Trooper Thomas Thomson, West & Cumberland Yeomanry  
Sapper Stanley Thwaite, Royal Engineers  
Private Henry W Thwaites, Winnipeg Rifles  
Trooper Thomas H Wall, West & Cumb Yeomanry †  
Private Amos M Walton, Border Regiment  
Private Thomas Walton, 2nd East Lancs  
Private John Watson, Border Regiment  
Driver Laurence Wilson, Royal Field Artillery







# Patterdale & Glenridding War Memorial



## Memorial History

Towards the end of the First World War the inhabitants of Patterdale collected money in order to establish a permanent Monument as a Memorial to the Officers and Men who fell in the Great War. William Hibbert Marshall, owner of Patterdale Hall, donated a piece of land to allow for the building of a permanent Monument in February 1921.

The memorial slab was hewn from a twenty ton piece of local slate and the eventual undressed slate stone still weighs in at around 5 tons. It was created by a Mr Pattinson of Glenridding and was carved on site. It was unveiled on 20th October 1921. As reported in the Westmorland Gazette on the 21<sup>st</sup>

*There is a large open space around the memorial, approached by steps from the road, and on the fellside above the wire fence it is intended to plant suitable flowers. Saturday was an ideal day for the ceremony. The first part of the proceedings took place at the church...The service was conducted by the Rev WP Morris, C.F., Senior Chaplain to the 43rd Division (East Lancashire), and Mr M Place\*, as representing the Wesleyans of the dale read the Lesson...Colonel Weston stepped forward, withdrew the Union Jack, and saluted the memorial. The Rector dedicated it and read the inscription, and Colonel Weston afterwards addressed the large company. He said – War was always a terrible thing, and he prayed and hoped that never in their time would there be another, but even amid the horrors of war there was a bright side, and that was the magnificent heroism and sacrifice that their gallant young fellows made...Corporal Wannop, Border Regiment, went on to the hillside above the memorial and sounded the Last Post and the Reveille.*



## Memorial Benches & John Statue

The two memorial benches were donated by the Parish Council in May 2017 as part of the work done to restore the Memorial after the ravages of Storm Desmond in December 2015. As part of the centenary commemoration for the end of World War One in 2018 Patterdale Parish Council commissioned a sculpture to be placed on the site of the War Memorial. “John”, named after the two soldiers from the First World War for whom no photos have been found, Driver John Slee and Private John Wilkinson, it was created by local firm Metal Star and installed in September 2018 by Parish Lengthsman Carl Scrivens.



# Further Information

There is far more detail on the lives of each of the brave men listed on the War Memorial on the Ullswater Memorial and Patterdale Today websites – see links below.

Please take the time to visit the site and also look at the other memorial sites in the Parish, including the Roll of Honour in the Glenridding Public Hall and also the CWGC graves of Private Thomas Wall and his nephew Private Harry Wall Thompson in the graveyard at St Patricks Church Patterdale.

We are continually looking to add to the information we have on each of the people listed on the site. If you have any information you'd like to share then please contact Rob Shephard via email [admin@ullswatermemorial.co.uk](mailto:admin@ullswatermemorial.co.uk).

*We will remember them.....*



2nd Lt Robert  
Granville Bennett  
E Yorks Regt



Private Frank  
Dewis Brown  
Border Regiment



Private George  
Robinson Cooper  
Coldstream Guards



Private Richard  
William Hayton  
Border Regiment



Private Frederick  
Kirkland  
Army Service  
Corps



Private Ernest  
Lake  
Coldstream Guards



Private Cecil  
James Mason  
Coldstream Guards



Private John  
Dewey Place  
Canadian Infantry



Gunner John  
Pattinson  
Royal Field  
Artillery



Driver John  
Routledge  
Army Service  
Corps



Driver John Slee  
Royal Field  
Artillery



Sergeant Robert  
Slee  
Durham Light  
Infantry



Private Thomas  
Henry Wall  
Border Regiment



Private John  
Wilkinson  
Kings Liverpool  
Regiment



Sergeant Sam Walter Curry  
224 Squadron, Royal Air Force



Driver Thomas Hadwin  
Royal Army Service Corps



Corporal Frank Mallinson  
Durham Light Infantry



Guardsman Tommy Henry Murray  
3rd. Battalion, Grenadier Guards



Private Harry Wall Thompson  
Royal Army Medical Corps



L/Bdr Alexander G Tallentire MM  
4th Regiment Royal Horse  
Artillery



Corporal William Carmichael Wilson  
6th. Bn., King's Own Scottish  
Borderers



Guardsman Thomas William Wynn  
5th. Bn., Coldstream Guards



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