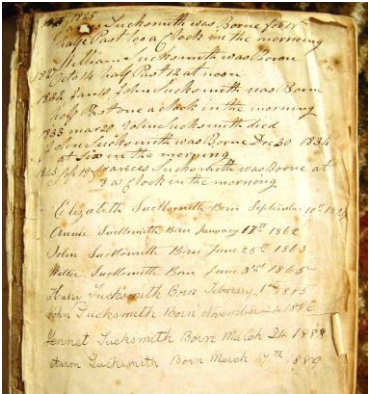


SUCKSMITH BROTHERS & SISTERS

	 Pte. A. SUCKSMITH.				
JOHN 1886	AARON 1889	WALTER 1890	JIM 1894	LEONARD 1898	IRVINE 1907

		
JANET (Jennett in Family Bible) 1888	HANNAH 1892	ALICE 1899
		MARGARET ('Maggie') 1902

**The family of William Sucksmith (3 June 1865 - 2 Dec 1935) and
his wife Elizabeth Ann née Pratt (c 1866 - 31 July 1931)**

John	24 Nov 1886 – 5 March 1942
Janet	24 March 1888 – 7 Sept 1972
Aaron	17 March 1889 – 4 Sept 1916
Walter	17 June 1890 – 8 Dec 1916
Hannah	16 Oct 1892 – 14 March 1912
Jim	3 Nov 1894 – 13 March 1949
Leonard	7 May 1898 – 23 Nov 1920
Alice	10 Sept 1899 – 1959
Margaret	14 Nov 1902 – 17 March 2000
Irvine	14 March 1907 – 13 Dec 1957

William and Elizabeth Ann Sucksmith were buried in plot G26 which has no headstone next to their Leonard's plot G27 with his CWGC headstone.
Son John also buried in G26.

William Sucksmith was the son of
James Sucksmith (17 Feb 1825 – 4 April 1885) and
his first wife Elizabeth née Bentley (c1830 - 19 Oct 1876)
They were buried in plot C11.

James Sucksmith was the son of
Elizabeth Sucksmith (before 13 March 1808 - 24 May 1873)
She was buried with her uncle William Hardcastle (c1786 - 28 October 1852)
of Roydlands Farm in plot F*28

JOHN SUCKSMITH - Born LIGHTCLIFFE 24th November 1886
Died LIGHTCLIFFE 5th March 1942: Age 55



DATE		PLACE	Comments
24/11/1886	Born	Lydget Bridge, Lightcliffe	
16/11/1891	Baptised	St. Matthews Church, Lightcliffe	Batch Baptism with Aaron, Janet & Walter
1901		Hill Top, St. Giles Road, Lightcliffe	
1901	Working as Oiler Machinery, Worsted Mill		
1911	Carpet Weaver		
12/12/1914	Carpet Weaver	Married Age 28	Married Phoebe Butterworth (29)
1920s	Played Cricket – Batsman	Lightcliffe Cricket Club	Saturday 14th July 1923 – Scored 110 for Lightcliffe versus Sowerby Bridge at Sowerby Bridge.
05/03/1942	Died	13 Glen Terrace	Plot G27, Lightcliffe Churchyard (no headstone)

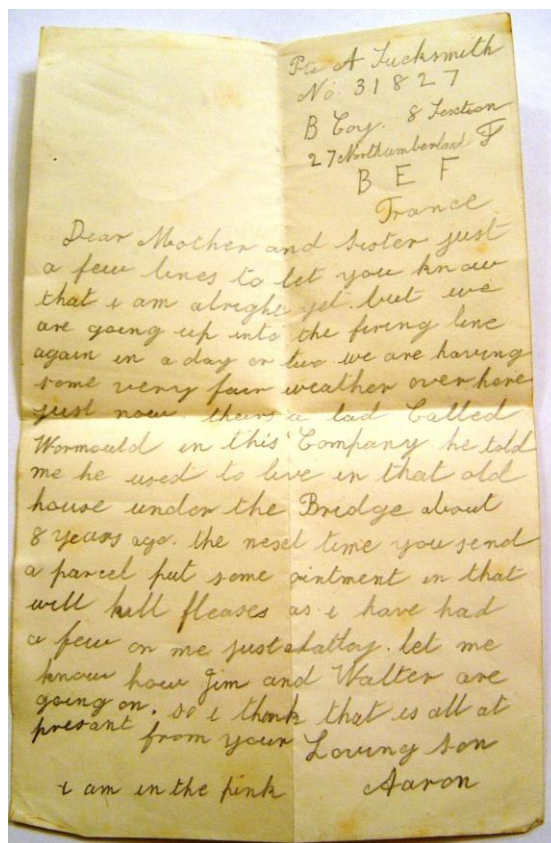
AARON SUCKSMITH - Born LIGHTCLIFFE 17.03.1889:
Killed in Action FRANCE 04.09.1916: Age 27



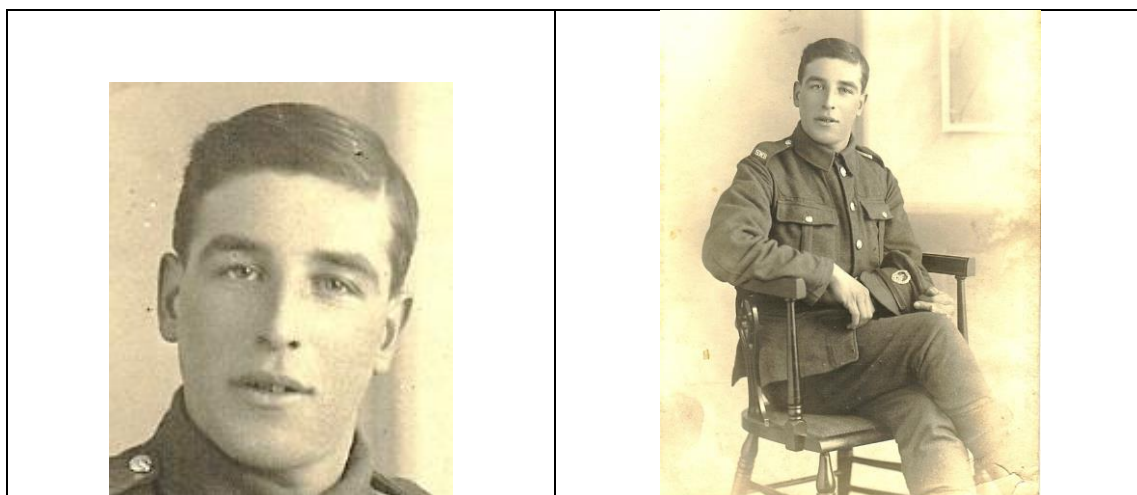
DATE		PLACE	Comments
17/03/1889	Born	Lydget Bridge, Lightcliffe	
16/11/1891	Baptised	St. Matthews Church, Lightcliffe	Batch Baptism with John, Janet, & Walter
02/04/1911	Working as a Brick Labourer	Hill Top, St. Giles Road, Lightcliffe	Probably at Brookes, Brick Works
Up to 19/04/1916	Working as a Dyers Labourer	The British Millerain Co Ltd Croft Mills Halifax	Proofer, Dyers, Shrinkers, Finishers
1907-1916	League Billiard Player	Hipperholme & Lightcliffe Liberal Club	Interested in All Sports
26/02/16	Submitted ABSOLUTE EXEMPTION Application.	Subject to call up under Class 9 (Birth Year 1889) of the Military Service Act, 1916	REASON: Father ill, paralysed 12 months ago. 2 Brothers in Army (one at Salonika JIM, other at Clifton WALTER). That leaves me the only Son working at home.
08/03/16	Supporting Application submitted by Employer		The British Millerain Co Ltd Proofer, Dyers, Shrinkers, Finishers Croft Mills Halifax
16/03/16	Application NOT GRANTED		

DATE		PLACE	Comments
19/04/16	Enlisted	Recruiting office, HALIFAX	
20/04/16	Posted		HALIFAX BARRACKS
20/04/16 to 11/07/16	"Home"		Training at NORTH SHIELDS
11/07/16	Posted		BEF France
12/07/16	Posted to 13 th Bn DLI		
28/07/16	Attached to 27N:F		DLI 13 th Battalion 27 th Northumberland F. (Troop/Company)
01/09/16	Wrote FIELD POST CARD to Home	B Coy, 8 Section, 27 Northumberland F	Letter addressed to "Dear Mother & Sister" & saying "we are going up into the firing line again in a day or two" **
04/09/16 Monday	KILLED IN ACTION		Specific action involved in Not Known but the CWGC supporting information for the Memorial states that - <i>"Most of those commemorated by the memorial did not die in major offensives, such as those which took place around Ypres to the north, or Loos to the south. Most were killed in the course of the day-to- day trench warfare which characterised this part of the line, or in small scale set engagements, usually carried out in support of the major attacks taking place elsewhere."</i> Best guess it was somewhere South of Armentieres, in the Wez Macquart - Bois Grenier area.
	NO KNOWN GRAVE - name appears with 443 other DLI on the Ploegsteert Memorial, near Ypres.	PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL	http://www.cwgc.org/find-a- cemetery/cemetery/88800/PLOEGSTEERT%20MEMORIAL http://www.ww1battlefields.co.uk/flanders/plugstreet.htm !

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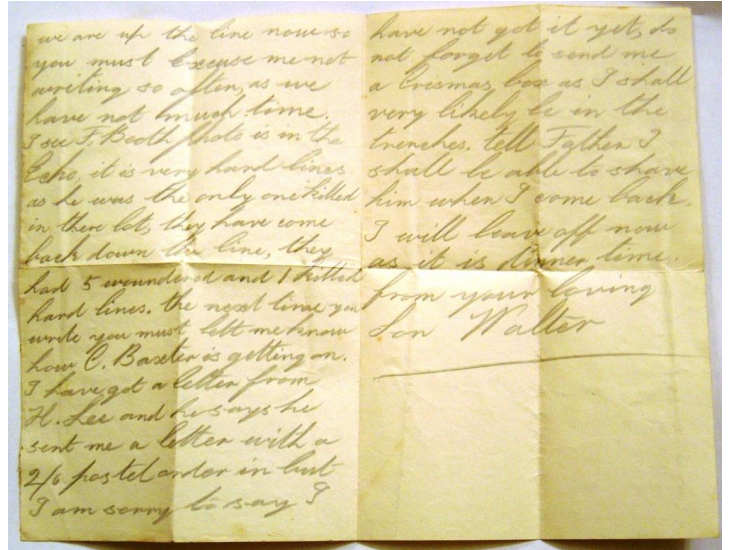
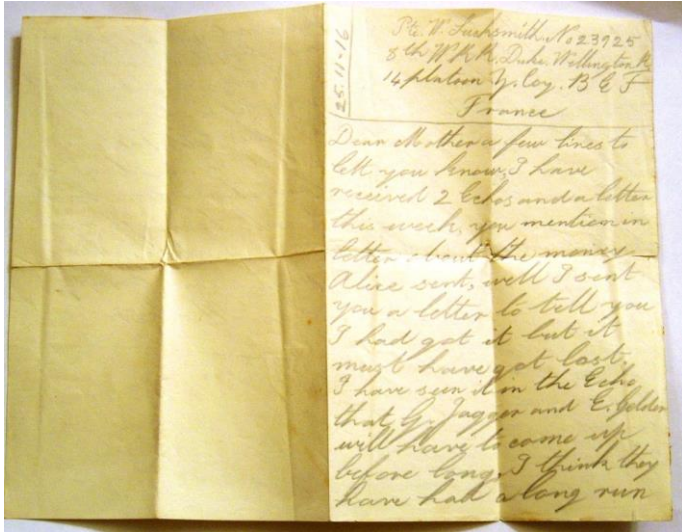


WALTER SUCKSMITH - Born LIGHTCLIFFE 7th June 1890:
Died of WOUNDS FRANCE 08.12.1916: Age 26



DATE		PLACE	Comments
07/06/1890	Born	Lydget Bridge, Lightcliffe	
16/11/1891	Baptised	St. Matthews Church, Lightcliffe	Batch Baptism with John, Janet, & Aaron
1911		Hill Top, St. Giles Road, Lightcliffe	
Up to 10/02/1916	Working as a Dyers Labourer	Messrs. Thornton, Hannam & Marshall Brookfoot Dyeworks	
1907-1916	League Billiard Player	Hipperholme & Lightcliffe Liberal Club	Member of Brighthouse Dyers Club
08/12/15	Attested		
09/12/15	To Army Reserve		
10/02/16	Mobilised & Posted		DUKE OF WELLINGTON WEST RIDING REGIMENT, 8th (Service) Battalion, 34th Brigade, 11 th Northern Division
10/02/16 to 14/09/16		"Home"	Trained at Clipstone (near Newark, Notts).
15/09/16	Posted to BEF		
15/09/16 Friday	Embarked	FOLKESTONE	
15/09/16	Disembarked	BOULOGNE	
16/09/16	Joined 34 ?? Base Depot	ETAPLES	South of Boulogne
28/09/16 Thursday		"Field"	32 nd Brigade, II Corps. Battle of Thiepval Ridge ??
25/11/16	Wrote FIELD POST CARD to Home	Z Coy, 14 Platoon 8 th Battalion West Riding Regiment, Duke of Wellington, BEF	Letter addressed to "Dear Mother" & saying "I shall be very likely to be in the trenches" at Xmas. **
08/12/16 Friday	Wounded in Action.		Gunshot wounds to chest
	Moved to 33 Field Ambulance	Probably MESNIL DRESSING STATION	Probably MESNIL DRESSING STATION
	Died of wounds received in Action		
	MESNIL COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION	Grave Reference: III.B.6	

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JAMES (JIM) SUCKSMITH - Born LIGHTCLIFFE 3rd November 1894
Died 13th March 1949: Age 54

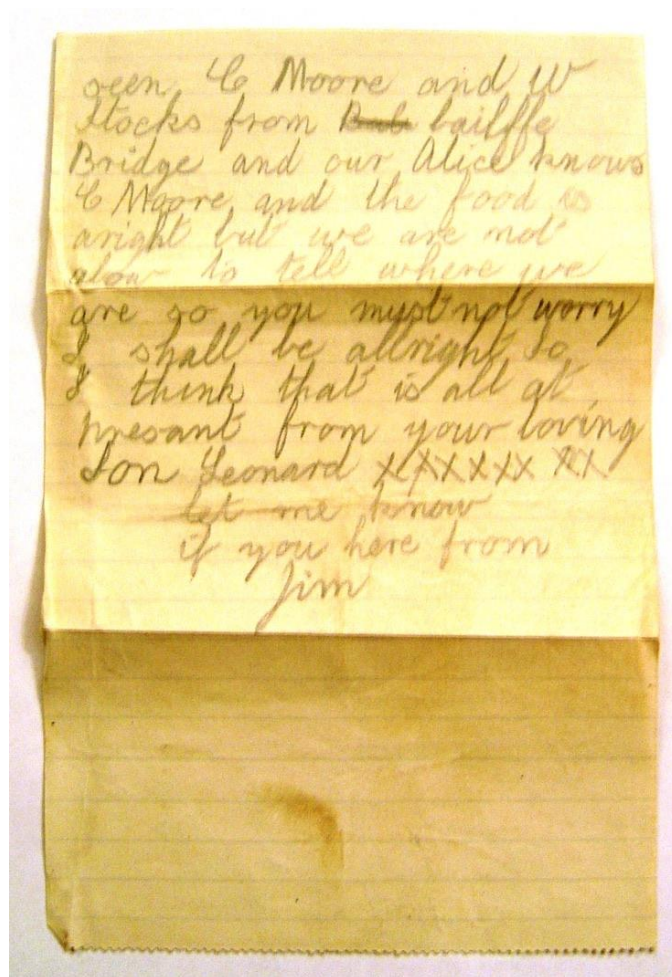
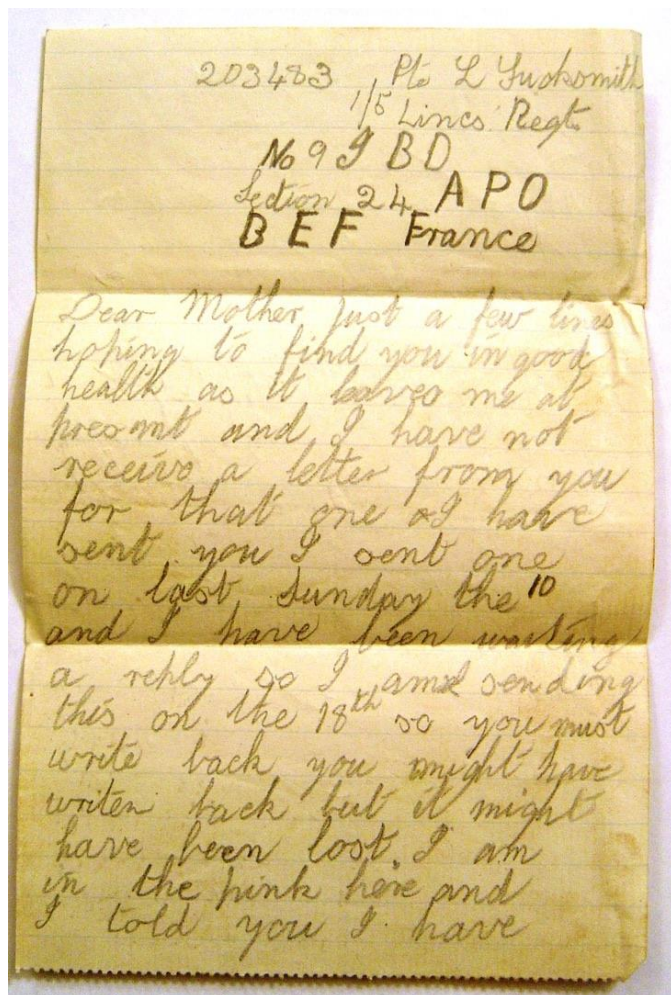
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DATE		PLACE	Comments
03/11/1894	Born	Lydget Bridge, Lightcliffe	
20/02/1901	Baptised	St. Matthews Church, Lightcliffe	Joint Baptism with Hannah
1911		Hill Top, St. Giles Road, Lightcliffe	
Up to Aug 1914	Working as a Dyers Labourer	Messrs. Thornton, Hannam & Marshall Brookfoot Dyeworks	
Aug 1914	Volunteered		
30/08/1914	Embarked		Coldstream Guards
1915		Salonika	
20/12/1918	Decorations Awarded - "put into stock"		
06.03/1922	WW1 Medals released		
	Van driver		Employer L.M.S and British Railways
13/03/1949	Died	12 Broad Oak Terrace, Hipperholme	Cremated

LEONARD SUCKSMITH - Born LIGHTCLIFFE 7th May 1898:
Died LIGHTCLIFFE 23.11.1920: Age 22



DATE		PLACE	Comments
07/05/1898	Born	Lydget Bridge, Lightcliffe	
06/10/1901	Baptised	St. Matthews Church, Lightcliffe	Joint Baptism with Alice
1911		25 Hill Top, St. Giles Road, Lightcliffe	
Up to 10/02/1916	Working as a Doffer, Worsted Spinning		A doffer removes "doffs" (bobbins or spindles) holding spun cotton fibre from a spinning frame and replaces them with empty ones. The role of a doffer was a demanding, dangerous use of child labour in the textile industry.
24/06/1916	Enlisted		Enlisted with the South Wales Borderers
18/06/1917 ??	Sent Letter Home	BEF France	1/5th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment (Regimental No. 203483) **
			Monmouth Regiment (Regimental No. 260076)
12/08/1919	Discharged	Depot SWB	"No longer physical fit for Service" – thought to be Leg wound.
Aug19 – Nov20	Looked after by his sister, Margaret.	Hill Top, St. Giles Road, Lightcliffe	In severe pain from leg wound. Concert held to raise money for him after an amputation, presumably part of his leg.
23/10/1920	Died	Lightcliffe	CWGC Headstone Plot G27, Lightcliffe Old Churchyard
			



Letter is not dated but mentions "Sunday 10th" – the only 10th Sunday in 1917 was June, so possible date is 18th June 1917.

In June 1917, the **1/5th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment** was stationed in the **Lens and Lievin** area of northern France as part of the 46th North Midland Division. During this month, they were involved in a period of intense and "bloody" fighting around **Hill 70** and the industrial suburbs of Lens.

Significant Actions in June 1917

The battalion's activities were characterized by active patrolling, trench raiding, and street fighting:

Tours of Duty: The battalion took repeated turns in the front-line trenches, facing heavy shelling and constant German counter-raids.

19 June 1917 – Major Attack: The battalion carried out a full-scale assault that resulted in **74 casualties**. One casualty, Private Thomas Edwin Neville Wright, is buried at Loos British Cemetery from this engagement.

26 June 1917 – Booby-trap Incident: C.S.M. Herbert Pickard was mortally wounded by a German booby-trap in **Brick Trench, Lens**.

30 June 1917 – Capture of Cité de Moulin: In a final effort before being relieved, the battalion attacked and captured **Cité de Moulin**, a fortified residential area, suffering **51 casualties**.



JAMES SMALLWOOD - Born LIGHTCLIFFE 25th March 1885:
Killed in Action FRANCE 01:08:1917 : Age 32

A first cousin once removed of the Sucksmith brothers.



ARTILLERY WOOD CEMETERY , BOESINGHE Plot IV E20