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1. 4530 Private Harry Hallam 14th London Regiment (London Scottish). Harry was born in April 1894 and was the son of Benjamin and Barbara Anne Hallam of Town Bottom. In 1921 Harry Hallam married Hilda Hall. Hilda's mother Hannah started making ice-cream in Bradwell a trade taken on by Hilda's younger sister Nellie. Harry was shown as a pupil teacher in the 1911 census. The 14th London Regiment was in action at Ypres in October 1915.
2. 26665 Private Stanley Bradwell 16th (Chatsworth Rifles) Sherwood Foresters. Stanley was born in 1895 and was living with his widowed mother Nancy in Church Street in 1911 when his occupation was given as Mill Worker but he had joined the police by the time he enlisted. Stanley had a distinguished war career being awarded the DCM as a sergeant and the MC following his commission as 2nd Lieutenant. (The circumstances surrounding the award of the MC are described in After Seth p224.) The Chatsworth Rifles arrived in France in 1916 and played a prominent role in the Battles of the Somme. For his bravery Sergeant Stanley Bradwell received the DCM.
3. 3655 Private Stephen Middleton 4th (Hallamshire) York & Lancs Regiment. Stephen was born in 1892 and was living with father Samuel and mother Alice in Hollowgate in 1911. When he enlisted on 4th March 1915 he was married and living in Hope having married Frances Hadfield of Chapel-en-le-Frith in 1914. His visit home must have come shortly before leaving for France at the end of June 1915. In 1916 the 4th (H) York & Lancs Regiment were also in action at the Battles of the Somme.
4. 17000 Corporal William Bough 8th York & Lancs Regiment. He was born in 1891 and first joined the Regiment as a reservist in 1913 but fully enlisted in April of the following year. He was living in Bamford in 1911 working as a blacksmith for the Derwent Valley Water Board. His wife Muriel was born in Cornwall. The 8th landed at Boulogne in August 1915 and were in action at the Thiepval salient on the Somme front early the following year.