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1. M2/021529 Private William Hill Revell Royal Army Service Corps. When he enlisted on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1914 William was 42 years and 4 months of age. He was Bradwell-born and was living at the Cycle Dépôt, Netherside with his wife Esther and children Roland, Elizabeth and William Charles in 1911 (Pattie Revell was born in 1912). His occupation given in the 1911 census was that of cycle repairer and dealer but on enlistment he was described as a blacksmith. His army record includes a letter of recommendation signed by John Hall. The letter head reads 'All kinds of Machines repaired and supplied, Maker of Palisades, Picks, Hammers and modern work in Iron and Steel – 5 per cent interest charged on overdue accounts'. The letter says that William had worked well for John for 3 years and is dated Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1895. By 1919 when he was demobilized William was in 406 Motor Transport Corps and was stated to be sober, reliable and intelligent.
2. 18726 Private Wilfred Eyre 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion York & Lancaster Regiment. Wilfred Eyre was christened in Hathersage on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1892 and his parents were Samuel and Fanny Eyre of Mill Farm Abney whose other children were James and Benjamin, Rose and Ruth. By 1919 Rose had married William Bramhall and was living in Smalldale. Wilfred had been living in Bradfield when he enlisted in February 1915. By 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1916 he had been killed in action and his memorial is in the Essex Farm Cemetery, Belgium and of course on the Bradwell War Memorial. (In an earlier publication on the war dead Wilfred Eyre was confused with another Wilfred Eyre of Little Hucklow. Since then recently released correspondence between the Army and Ruth Eyre of Mill Farm Abney make it clear that it was her brother Wilfred Eyre who had died.)
3. 24701 Driver William Henry Ash Royal Field Artillery. Willie Ash who aged 23 was the son of Joseph and Sarah Elizabeth of Heatherfield, Jeffrey Lane. Joseph was a Cutlery Manufacturer and his son was employed in his father's company. In 1920 the King of the Belgians awarded his country's Ordre de la Couronne to Joseph Ash for his work with the Belgian refugees who came to live in Bradwell during the recent war.
4. 28006 Private (soon to be Lance Corporal) Ernest Bower 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Ernest was aged 19 and living at 199 Crookes Valley Road, Sheffield when he enlisted in 1915. He was living on The Hills, Bradwell in 1911 with his mother Ada (née Ash) and brother Stanley Arthur, his father having died in 1909. His mother's occupation was grocer and provision dealer and Ernest was her assistant. Both Ernest and his brother Stanley Arthur are listed in the roll of honour kept in St Barnabas Church.
5. M/347048 Private Charles Wilson Royal Army Service Corps. Charles was aged 22 in 1915 and had been born in Bamford. In 1911 he was shown as helping his father Abraham on a farm at Offerton, Hathersage. He may have been visiting his cousin Reuben Wilson at New Nook. Reuben was listed as a yeast dealer in 1911. Both Abraham and Rueben had been born in Thornhill.