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1. C/6063 Private Cyril Evans Hallam 18th (Arts & Crafts) Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps. Cyril was 13 and at school in 1911. He was living with his father and mother Benjamin and Barbara Anne at Town Bottom. His older brother Harry, who was a pupil teacher in 1911, had been home on leave in June 1915. The Arts & Crafts battalion had been formed in May 1915 and was moved to France in 1916. They took part in two battles on the Somme that year, were moved to Italy in 1917 but returned to France the following year.
2. Private Joseph Daniel Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. Joseph was the son of James and Elizabeth who were living in Church Street in 1911. Joseph was born at Brampton but was christened on 3rd May 1891 at Eyam. Joseph married Selina Hall in 1920 just one year before Harry Hallam married her sister Hilda.
3. 613322 Private William Brickwood Bradwell 19th Battalion London Regional Royal Army Ordnance Corps. In 1911 Brickwood was aged 15 and living with his father Nathaniel and mother Florence Lily at 2 Faranden Road, Darnall, Sheffield where he was working as a boot repairer at the Brightside and Carbrook Co-operative Society. He enlisted in Sheffield on 16th August 1915. In visiting Bradwell in November he could well have come to see either of his two grandfathers: William Bradwell who lived in Hugh Lane or William Brickwood Prisk who lived on Towngate. (William Prisk's father John had come to Bradwell from Redruth, Cornwall in the middle of the nineteenth century when he changed his trade from copper to lead mining.) In December 1917 a brief report states that Brickwood Bradwell had suffered 'shell gas poisoning (mustard)' while fighting in the Battle of Cambrai in the Nord Département of France. After treatment in Rouen he was transferred home and left the army in August 1918. He married Jane Clay in 1925 and died in 1960 when he was buried at St Barnabas Church.