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1. Lieutenant (later Captain) Sylvanus Noble Dixon Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Before his father Joseph Noble Dixon moved Bradwell to in the 1880s he had been Her Majesty's Inspector of Light Houses in the Bahamas. Two of his sons fought with British Empire Armies in WWI. Sylvanus was with the Canadians and brother Innis with the New Zealanders (12/994 Private Innis Noble Dixon Auckland Infantry Regiment 1st Battalion). Both were Bradwell born and had lived at Woodcroft before emigrating. Sylvanus was the luckier of the two brothers because although he was wounded in 1917 he did survive the war. Innis was also wounded but at Gallipoli two years earlier. By 1917 he had recovered and was in France when he was killed in action. He is commemorated at the Caterpillar Valley (New Zealand) Cemetery in France, on the Bradwell War Memorial and at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. He left a wife Esther Daisy and a son George in Auckland. Sylvanus also fought with the Canadians in the Boer War and was awarded the Queen's Medal with 5 clasps.
2. 16324 Private Ernest Lee Coldstream Guards. In the 1911 census 18 year old Ernest was living in Station Road Hathersage with his widowed mother Annie. His occupation was given as Tempering in Pin Works.
3. 1227 Private Stephen Middleton 5th Battalion Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. In 1911 19 year old Stephen was at home with his parents Samuel and Alice and his occupation was given as general labourer. He had joined the Foresters as a reservist one year earlier when his address was given as Hollowgate. His Army records show him as a learner driver in 1917; he left the Army in 1919.
4. 28508 Private Fred Dobson 2nd Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment. In 1911 22 year old Fred was living at Stretfield with his parents Robert and Sarah. His occupation was that of horn comb maker. Fred's name is one of those inscribed on the Bradwell War Memorial having died in action on 5th February 1918. He is commemorated at Metz-en-Couture Communal Cemetery British Extension France.
5. 50177 Private Robert Elliott South Staffordshire Regiment. In 1911 39 year old Robert was living in Foolow with his mother Elizabeth where he was working as a spar labourer.