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1. 38633 Private Joseph Taylor Randles Highland Light Infantry. Joseph is one of three brothers mentioned in the Bradwell Roll of Honour for WWI. An earlier visit home by brother Teddy was reported in this series in the Bradwell News for February 2016 when the family details were reported.
2. 67523 Private Alfred Eyre Machine Gun Corps attached to the South Staffordshire Regiment. In the 1911 census 13 years old Hope-born Alf was shown as living with his parents William and mother Mary Ashton at the New Bath Hotel where William was the licensed victualler. Alf enlisted in May 1916 at which time his occupation was given as Assistant Grocer.
3. 185333 Private Leonard Bradwell Machine Gun Corps. When 20 year old Leonard enlisted in October 1916 he was living in Tinsley but for his next of kin he gave his Aunt Eliza Ashton who was living at Green View Cottage on the Hills. Leonard was posted in Salonika in 1n 1917. When he left the Army in 1920 he gave his home address as that of his aunt.
4. 44605 Air Mechanic 1 (Fitter) Hedley Spencer Bradwell Royal Flying Corps. Hedley was born in Bradwell in 1892 to Spencer Joshua and Nancy Frost Bradwell. By 1911 Hedley was a student at Sheffield University, where he later graduated B.Eng. with honours in Mechanical Engineering. Hedley also shared the prestigious Mappin Medal with Premiums in Engineering with a fellow student. It is not surprising that when he joined up he did so as mechanic in the RFC. Hedley married Nellie Hall in 1930. Nellie was carrying on her mother's (Hannah Hall) ice cream business which then became Bradwell's Ice Cream and the name N. Bradwell seen on the shop stands for Nellie Bradwell.