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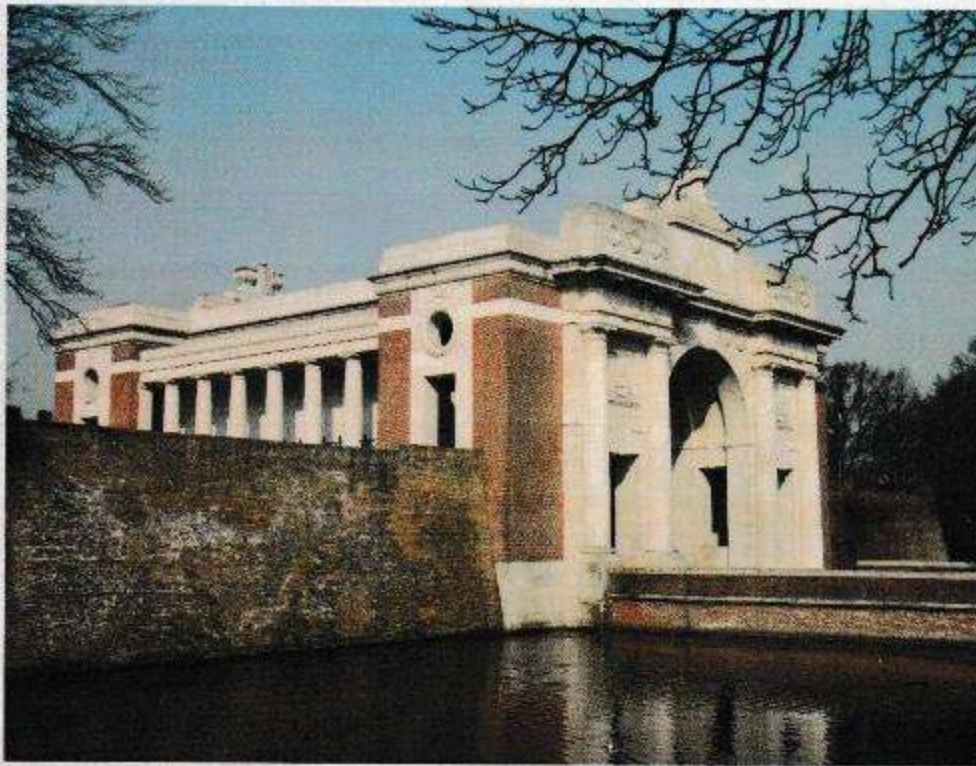
Private

# Walter Borthwick

2180, 1st/8th Bn., Durham Light Infantry who died on 26 April 1915 Age 21

Son of Frank and Barbara Borthwick, of 14, Edward St., Hetton-le-Hole., Co. Durham.

Remembered with Honour  
Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

### Great War Ancestor – Record of research

Surname	BORTHWICK
Forenames	Walter
Home address	14 Edward Street, Hetton-le-Hole
Regiment	1/8 <sup>th</sup> Bn Durham Light Infantry.
Notes	

### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Website

Rank	Private
Age at death	21
Date of death	26 April 1915
Service Number	2180
Cemetery/Memorial	Ypres – Menin Gate
Grave/Memorial no	
Additional Information	Son of Frank + Barbara Borthwick of 14 Edward Street, Hetton-le-Hole

Cousin of Edward Borthwick

### Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-19

Place of birth	Hetton-le-Hole
Place of enlistment	Houghton
Death	France + Flanders K/A
Other regiments, etc.	

**Medal Index Cards (TNA WO 372/2)**

14 Star	
14-15 Star	✓
British War Medal & Victory	✓
Other	

**Soldiers Documents, First World War, 'Burnt documents' (TNA WO 363/xxxx)**

Type of Document	None
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**War Diary (TNA WO 95/xxxx)**

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**Local Newspaper**

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**Biographical Information**

Birth	1894
Baptism	
1901 Census (RG 13/xxxx)	11 Princess Street, Hetton-le-Hole
1911 Census (RG14/xxx)	11 Princess Street, Hetton-le-Hole
Electoral register, 1 January 1915	

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Notes



## UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919

Name:	<b>Walter Borthwick</b>
Birth Place:	Hetton-le-hole, Co. Durham
Residence:	Hetton
Death Date:	26 Apr 1915
Death Place:	France and Flanders
Enlistment Place:	Houghton
Rank:	Private
Regiment:	Durham Light Infantry
Battalion:	1st 8th Battalion
Regimental Number:	2180
Type of Casualty:	Killed in action
Theatre of War:	Western European Theatre
Other Records:	<b>Search for 'Walter Borthwick' in other WWI collections</b>

**Source Information:**

Military-Genalogy.com, comp. *UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA:

Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2008.

Original data: *British and Irish Military Databases*. The Naval and Military Press Ltd.

**Description:**

This database contains information extracted from 81 volumes of soldiers that died in World War I. It includes over 703,000 individuals. Information listed may include: name of soldier, birthplace, enlistment place, residence, number, decoration, rank, regiment, battalion, type of casualty, death date, death place, and theater of war served in.

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Campaign:--

1914-15

(A) Where decoration was earned.

(B) Present situation.

Name: (A) BORTHWICK  
 (B) Walter

Rank: (A) Serjeant  
 (B) -

Reg. No: (A) 116  
 (B) -

MEDAL	ROLL	PAGE
VI	01/103	447
BRITISH	do	do
15 STAR	01/116	208

Action taken

TREASURY - 15/11/15

France

QUALIFYING DATE

19-11-15

18 54 40: W284 BETHEN UNIFORM 1.57 HWV/P24

OVER

Correspondence.

Address.

### **1/6th Battalion**

August 1914 : at Bishop Auckland. Part of DLI Brigade, Northumbrian Division. Moved to Bolden Colliery in early August, then Ravensworth Park. Was at Newcastle by October.

17 April 1915 : landed at Boulogne.

14 May 1915 : became 151st Brigade in 50th (Northumbrian) Division.

3 June 1915 : after taking heavy casualties, 1/6th and 1/8th Bns merged to form 6/8th Bn. Resumed original identity 11 August 1915.

15 July 1918 : reduced to cadre strength and transferred to Lines of Communication.

16 August 1918 : transferred to 117th Brigade in 39th Division.

6 November 1918 : disbanded in France.

### **1/7th Battalion**

August 1914 : at Sunderland. Part of DLI Brigade, Northumbrian Division. Moved to coast defences in mid August, then Ravensworth Park. Was at Newcastle by October.

17 April 1915 : landed at Boulogne.

14 May 1915 : became 151st Brigade in 50th (Northumbrian) Division.

16 November 1915 : left Brigade and converted into Pioneer Battalion for same Division.

20 June 1918 : transferred to 8th Division.

3 July 1918 : absorbed the 22nd Bn.

### **1/8th Battalion**

August 1914 : at Durham. Record same as 1/6th Bn.

## St Julien

Battle of St Julien, 24 April – 4 May 1915

Impelled by the momentum of unexpected success, German attacks on the much reduced northern sector of the Salient were renewed in the early morning of 24 April. Following an intense bombardment and the release of cloud gas on the exposed apex of the readjusted Allied line, Canadian and British forces withstood repeated enemy assaults on their positions. The defenders, with only the most makeshift protection against the gas, were steadily driven back and by the afternoon the Germans were past St Julien.



The pattern of fighting established in the previous two days was repeated. A whole series of desperate British counter-attacks, notionally in conjunction with delayed and often ineffective French support sought to dislodge the Germans from their newly won ground. This list of

tragic actions included 10th Brigade's attack on Sunday 25 April and two major attacks by the Lahore Division (the first supported by 149th Brigade) on 26 and 27 April. The costly failures of ensuing British counter-attacks moved General Smith-Dorrien to recommend a withdrawal to a more tenable line.

Ever sensitive to criticism, Sir John French replaced Smith-Dorrien and appointed General Plumer as overall commander of British troops in the Salient. Plumer saw the logic of a better defensive line though a move back was postponed following Foch's plea to Sir John French on 28 April not to give ground. The failure of a French counter-attack eastward from the Yser canal-line on 1 May finally convinced the British of the necessity of falling back. Amidst continuing German pressure, including another gas attack on 2 May, the remaining battle-weary British forces were withdrawn from forward positions to take up new defensive lines to the east of Ypres by 3/4 May.

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the

Administrative County		Civil Parish		Ecclesiastical Parish		County Borough Municipal		Urban District		Ward of Municipal Borough		Parliamentary Borough		Village or Hamlet	
Dunham		Dunham		Dunham		Dunham		Dunham		Dunham		Dunham		Dunham	
No.	ROAD, STREET or No. of FARM or HOUSE	HOUSES	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Sex	Age last Birthday	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employed, Working, or Own account	Working at Home	WHERE BORN	11. Dead and Dumb	12. Blind	13. Lame	14. Idiots, Imbeciles, Mentally Deficient	
265	18 "Wood St"	1	Thomas Allen	Head	M	52	Miner			Dunham Sutton & Hole					
			Elizabeth	Wife	F	57				do					
			Ann	Daughter	F	20				do					
			Joseph	Son	M	15	Miner			do					
			William	Son	M	11				do					
266	11 "Pines St"	1	Alexander Burnett	Head	M	5	Miner			do					
			Ann	Wife	F	36	Wife			do					
			Thomas	Son	M	36				do					
			Robert	Son	M	18				do					
			Charles	Son	M	7				do					
			John	Son	M	2				do					
			Ellen	Daughter	F	10				do					
267	12 "B's"	1	Southcott & Little	Head	M	48	Engine Driver	Worker		do					
			Mary	Wife	F	48				do					
			Virginia	Son	M	16	Blacksmith	Worker		do					
			John	Son	M	14	Plumber	Worker		do					
			William	Son	M	12				do					
			Frederick	Son	M	8				do					
			Bell & Brock's	Wife	F	29	General			do					
			Thomas	Nephew	M	2				do					
268	13 "B's"	1	William Johnson	Head	M	48	Miner	Worker		do					
			Ann	Wife	F	40				do					
			Lily	Daughter	F	2				do					
			George	Son	M	11				do					
			Elizabeth	Daughter	F	9				do					
			Thomas	Son	M	4				do					
			Joseph	Son	M	5				do					
			John	Son	M	1				do					
269	14 "B's"	1	William & Newton	Head	M	32				do					
			Margaret	Wife	F	39				do					
			Ed	Son	M	11				do					
5	Total of Males and of Females	5				19									



MEMIN GATE MEMORIAL.

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STONE - B

Two columns of names.

Top Stone.

Stone below - F

DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY

LANCE CORPORAL	PRIVATE
Greenwood J.H.	Borthwick W.
Guyll S.	Bowman G.
Halley E.	Bowman T.
Hancock H.W.	Boon G.H.
Harrison H.	Boyers J.
Hart E.	Boyle F.
Hazelgrove F.W.	Boyles J.
Hornsby H.	Braithwaite F.
Howe R.	Branson P.A.
Kell W.H.	Bridgick J.
Laidler G.J.	Briggs T.
Land C.J.	Brookbanks H.S.
Levy D.	Brodie P.
Louson T.	Bronson T.R.
McDonnell M.	Brooks R.R.
Marley J.H.	Brown B.
Martindale M.	Brown F.
Hairn O.T.	Brown G.A.
Hesbitt H.	Brown J. 1028
Woble W.	Brown J. 2773

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15th name, 1st column.

19th & 20th names, 2nd column

### CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule... 226  
 (To be filled up by the Enumerator)

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is divulged with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, or in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	SEX	AGE	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE						PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged ten years and upwards				BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country	EDUCATION
				Married	Widow	Single	Divorced	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other			
Francis Borthwick	Head	M	66	Married	23	7	5	2	Engineer	349	Home Dept.	Mother	Hutton to the Duke of Devon	English	None	
Barbara Borthwick	wife	F	46	Married	23	7	5	2				Mother	Hutton to the Duke of Devon	English	None	
Walter Borthwick	son	M	17	Single								Working	Hutton to the Duke of Devon	English	None	
John Borthwick	son	M	12	Single								Working	Hutton to the Duke of Devon	English	None	
Ada Borthwick	Daughter	F	9	Single									Hutton to the Duke of Devon	English	None	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (Kitchens, Toilets, or Apartments). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count cellars, landing, lobby, cloak, bedrooms, nor washrooms, office, shop.

Rooms: 3 2 5 1

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in charge of the dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: Francis Borthwick  
 Postal Address: Princess St Hutton Down