

In Memory of

Private

# Michael Welsh

17162, 1st Bn., East Yorkshire Regiment who died on 14 July 1916

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



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## Cemetery Details

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### THIEPVAL MEMORIAL



**Country:** France  
**Locality:** Somme  
**Identified Casualties:** 72192

#### Location Information

The Thiepval Memorial will be found on the D73, next to the village of Thiepval, off the main Bapaume to Albert road (D929).

Each year a major ceremony is held at the memorial on 1 July

#### Visiting Information

The Panel numbers (or Pier and Face) quoted at the end of each entry relate to the panels dedicated to the Regiment served with. In some instances where a casualty is recorded as attached to another Regiment, his name may alternatively appear within their Regimental Panel (or Pier and Face). Please refer to the on-site Memorial Register Introduction to determine the alternative panel numbers (or Pier and Face) if you do not find the name within the quoted Panels (or Pier and Face).

#### Historical Information

On 1 July 1916, supported by a French attack to the south, thirteen divisions of Commonwealth forces launched an offensive on a line from north of Gommecourt to Maricourt. Despite a preliminary bombardment lasting seven days, the German defences were barely touched and the attack met unexpectedly fierce resistance. Losses were catastrophic and with only minimal advances on the southern flank, the initial attack was a failure. In the following weeks, huge resources of manpower and equipment were deployed in an attempt to exploit the modest successes of the first day. However, the German Army resisted tenaciously and repeated attacks and counter attacks meant a major battle for every village, copse and farmhouse gained. At the end of September, Thiepval was finally captured. The village had been an original objective of 1 July. Attacks north and east continued throughout October and into November in increasingly difficult weather conditions. The Battle of the Somme finally ended on 18 November with the onset of winter.

In the spring of 1917, the German forces fell back to their newly prepared defences, the Hindenburg Line, and there were no further significant engagements in the Somme sector until the Germans mounted their major offensive in March 1918.

The Thiepval Memorial, the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

The memorial, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, was built between 1928 and 1932 and unveiled by the Prince of Wales, in the presence of the President of France, on 1 August 1932 (originally scheduled for 16 May but due to the death of French President Doumer the ceremony was postponed until August).

The dead of other Commonwealth countries, who died on the Somme and have no known graves, are commemorated on national memorials elsewhere.

Great War Ancestor – Record of research

Surname	WELSH
Forenames	MICHAEL
Home address	8 LYONS LANE EASINGTON LANE CO. DURHAM
Regiment	EAST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT 1 <sup>ST</sup> BTN
Notes	COAL MINER. WIFE, ETHEL ROBINSON CHILDREN: JOHN GEORGE, MICHAEL, CHARLES. PARENTS MICHAEL AND ISABELLA

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Rank	PRIVATE
Age at death	29 YEARS
Date of death	14/7/1916
Service Number	17162
Cemetery/Memorial	THIEPVAL MEMORIAL
Grave/Memorial no	PIER + FACE 2C
Additional Information	

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

Place of birth	HEITON, CO. DURHAM
Place of enlistment	HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING
Death	14 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 1916
Other regiments, etc.	8 <sup>TH</sup> BTN EAST YORKS REG DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY NO 20389



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## WELSH, MICHAEL

<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Service No:</b>	17162
<b>Date of Death:</b>	14/07/1916
<b>Regiment/Service:</b>	East Yorkshire Regiment 1st Bn.
<b>Panel Reference:</b>	Pier and Face 2 C.
<b>Memorial:</b>	THIEPVAL MEMORIAL
<b>Additional Information:</b>	

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

Name:	Michael Welsh
Birth Place:	Easington Lane, Co. Durham
Death Date:	14 Jul 1916
Death Place:	France and Flanders
Enlistment Place:	Houghton-le-spring
Rank:	Private
Regiment:	East Yorkshire Regiment
Battalion:	1st Battalion
Regimental Number:	17162
Type of Casualty:	Killed in action
Theatre of War:	Western European Theatre
Comments:	Formerly 20389, D.L.I.
Other Records:	<a href="#">Search for 'Michael Welsh' in other WWI collections</a>

### Source Information

Military-Genealogy.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. [Learn more...](#)

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British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920 for Welsh Michael

Record Index

**Name:** Welsh Michael  
**Regiment or Corps:** East Yorkshire Regiment  
**Regimental Number:** 17162

Source Information

**Record Url:** <http://search.ancestry.co.uk/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&db=MedalRolls&h=1696872>

**Source Information:** Ancestry.com. *British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2008. Original data: Army Medal Office. *WWI Medal Index Cards*. In the care of The Western Front Association website.

Campaign:— **1914-15** (A) Where decoration was earned.  
 (B) Present situation.

Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Reg. No. which included (if any)
(A) <i>WELSH 6 YORK REGT</i>	<i>1102</i>			<b>ROYAL VICTORY BATTLE</b> <i>0/1102 B5. 450</i> <i>-do- -do-</i>
(B) <i>Michael</i>	<i>- -</i>	<i>- -</i>	<i>- -</i>	<b>1 STAR</b> <i>0/145270</i>

Action taken *Pues D*

THEATRE OF WAR. *(1) France*

QUALIFYING DATE. *9.6.15*

(6 34 46) W234—HP5590 500,000 4/19 HWV(P240) K608 [Overl.

Correspondence.

Address.



## Michael Welsh in the UK, WWI Service Medal and Award Rolls, 1914-1920

Name:	Michael Welsh
Military Year:	1914-1920
Rank:	Private
Medal Awarded:	British War Medal and Victory Medal
Regiment or Corps:	East Yorkshire Regiment
Regimental Number:	17162
Previous Units:	1st, 8th E. York. R. Pte. 17162
Other Records:	<a href="#">Search for 'Michael Welsh' in other WWI collections</a>
War Diaries (France, Belgium, Germany):	<a href="#">Search for 'East Yorkshire Regiment' in the WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium, Germany) collection</a>
War Diaries (Gallipoli):	<a href="#">Search for 'East Yorkshire Regiment' in the WWI War Diaries (Gallipoli) collection</a>

### Source Citation

The National Archives of the UK; Kew, Surrey, England; *WWI Service Medal and Award Rolls*; Class: WO 329; Piece Number: 919

### Source Information

Ancestry.com. *UK, WWI Service Medal and Award Rolls, 1914-1920* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.

Original data: War Office and Air Ministry: Service Medal and Award Rolls, First World War. WO329. The National Archives of the UK, Kew, Surrey, England.

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REGIMENT OR CORPS

of 1919

Regt No.	Rank	NAME	Unit primarily served with Regt. No. and field to cover his entire period of war	Period of service								Remarks								
				From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To									
17160	Pte.	DELAN ROBERT	8th S. York. B.																	
17162	Pte.	WELSH MICHAEL	1st, 8th S. York. B.																	Discharged.
17163	Pte.	MCGRATH THOMAS	8th S. York. B.																	Recorded dead.
17164	Pte.	WANDERS ALBERT	8th S. York. B.																	Killed in action.
17165	Pte.	DARTS ROBERT L.	8th S. York. B.																	Killed in action.
17166	Pte.	BOYSE RALPH T.	8th S. York. B.																	Discharged.
17170	Pte.	HENDERSON JOHN A.	8th S. York. B.																	Discharged.
17172	Pte.	HART ROBERT J.	8th, 7th S. York. B.																	Died of wounds.
17174	Pte.	SIFFORD JAMES	1st S. York. B.																	Trans. Class '12' A.R.
17175	Pte.	ATKINSON SAMUEL	8th S. York. B.																	Discharged.
																				Trans. Class '12' A.R.

Place 208 A.  
Date 5 MAR 1920

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Medal or Medals as detailed above.  
*Richard T. [Signature]*  
Signature and rank of Officer certifying



## 1911 England Census for Michael Welsh

## Record Index

**Name:** Michael Welsh  
**Relation to Head:** Head  
**Birth Date:** 1887  
**Age:** 24  
**Gender:** Male  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Occupation:** Coal Miner  
**Birth Place:** Hetton, Durham, England  
**Address:** 8 Lyons Lane Easington Lane

## Source Information

**Record Uri:** <http://search.ancestry.co.uk/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&db=1911England&h=35591910>

**Source Citation:** Class: RG14; Piece: 30078

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NAME AND BIRTHING	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE						PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged 15 years and upwards				MISTAKE of entry
			Write "Single," "Married," "Widowed," or "Widow," or "Divorced," or "Serving," etc.	State, for each Married Woman named in this Schedule, the number of children born alive to her since the date of her marriage	Profession, Trade, Occupation, or Service	Industry or Service with which member is connected	Whether Employed or Working as long as usual	Whether Married as usual	(1) If born in the town, write of County, and T				
1 Michael Welsh	Husband	24	Married	3	3	3	0	Coal Miner - Home	150	worked		Yarham - A	
2 Edith Welsh	Wife	25	Married	3	3	3	0					Yarham - B	
3 John George Welsh	Son	2	Single									Yarham - C	
4 Michael Welsh	Son	1	Single									Yarham - D	
5 Elizabeth Welsh	Son	1	Single									Yarham - E	
6 Sarah Robinson	Widow	14	Single									Yarham - F	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

1. Name of the Head of Family: Michael Welsh

2. Name of the Head of Family: Edith Welsh

3. Name of the Head of Family: John George Welsh

4. Name of the Head of Family: Michael Welsh

5. Name of the Head of Family: Elizabeth Welsh

6. Name of the Head of Family: Sarah Robinson

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

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up in accordance with the instructions given on the other side of the paper, and that the information given is true and correct.

Signature: Michael Welsh

Print Address: 150 Yarham



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## Michael Welsh in the 1901 England Census

Name:	Michael Welsh	
Age:	14	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1887	
Relation to Head:	Son (Child)	
Gender:	Male	
Father:	Michael Welsh	
Mother:	Isabella Welsh	
Birth Place:	Easington Lane, Durham, England	
Civil Parish:	Hetton le Hole	
Ecclesiastical parish:	Lyons St Michael and All Angels	
Town:	Easington Lane	
County/Island:	Durham	
Country:	England	
Street address:	} View image	
Occupation:		
Condition as to marriage:		
Education:		
Employment status:		
Registration district:	Houghton Le Spring	
Sub-registration district:	Hetton le Hole	
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Household Members:	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
	Michael Welsh	41
	Isabella Welsh	36
	John Welsh	16
	✕ Michael Welsh	14
	James Welsh	12
	Andrew Welsh	10
	Charles Welsh	7
	Thomas Welsh	5

Name	Age
Catherine Welsh	3
Margart J Welsh	1
Jane Aire	14

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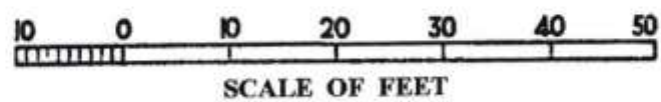
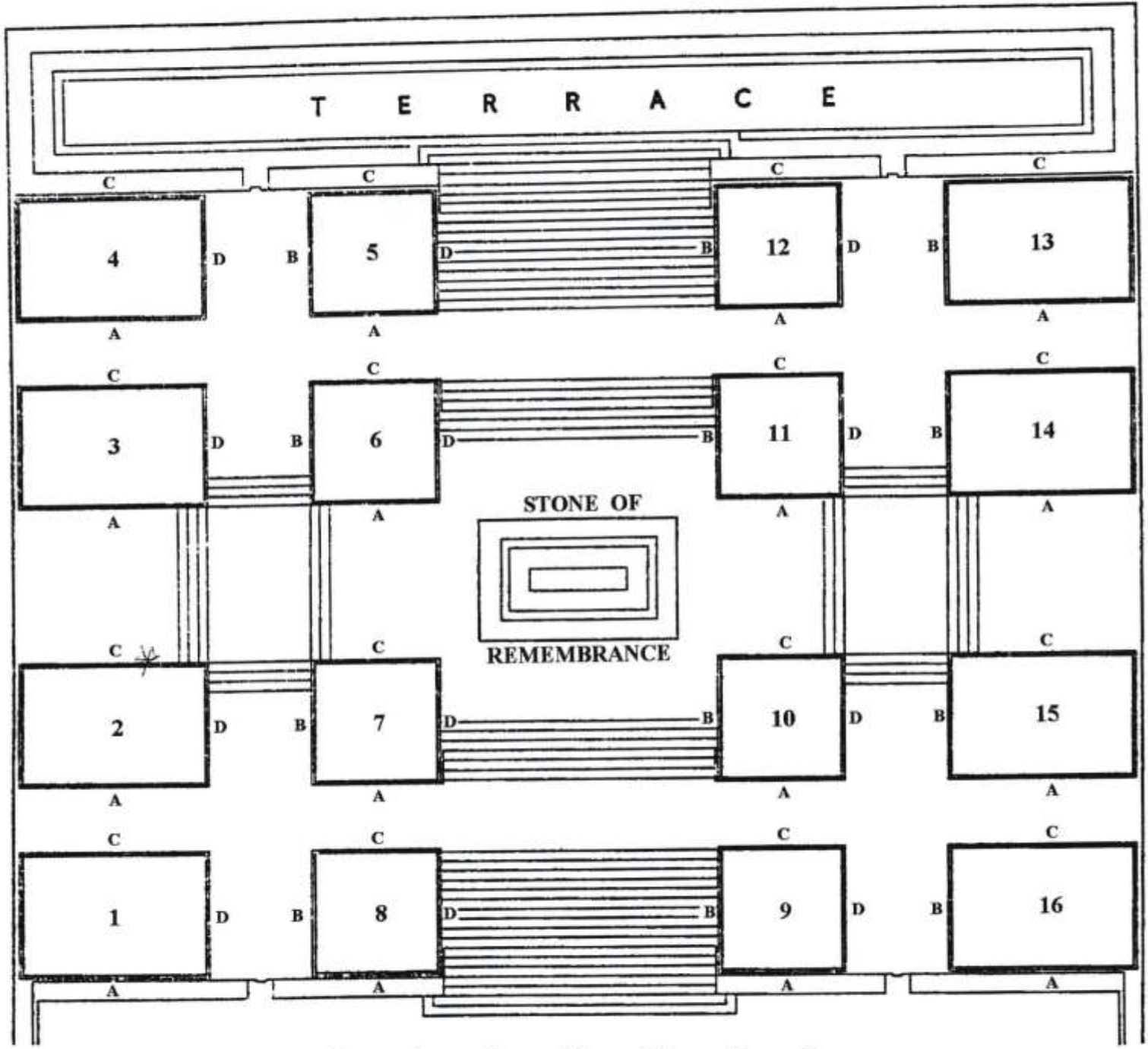
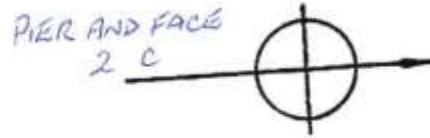
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House No.	ROAD, STREET, No. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	SEXES			Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Age last Birthday or (Mths. Weeks)	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Insane, Mentally Deficient
		Males	Females	Persons								
56	Front St (opposite No 1)	1			Charles H. Madlam	Head	M	31	Insurance Clerk	own account	Durham, Sunderland	
					Jane M. do	wife	M	23			Scotland	
					Margaret do	Daughter	F	2			do	
					Charles Moffat	Uncle	M	52	Coalminer		Northumberland	
					Mary A. Hill	Serv	F	5			Durham	
57		1			Mary J. Kennedy	Head	F	50	Washer	own acc.	Durham	
					Kelvin do	Son	M	14	Labourer	own acc.	Durham	
58		1			Benjamin Welch	Head	M	50	Coalminer	own acc.	Durham	
					Christina do	wife	F	30			Durham	
					Harriet do	Daughter	F	8			do	
59		1			Joseph Woodroffe	Head	M	32	Coalminer	work	Staffordshire	
					Francis do	wife	F	23			Durham	
					Mary A. do	Daughter	F	4			do	
					Allen do	Son	M	3			do	
					Edmond do	Son	M	1			do	
60		1			Thomas Oliver	Head	M	28	Printer	work	Durham	
					Jane do	wife	F	25			do	
					John do	Son	M	3			Yorkshire	
					Thomas do	Son	M	2			Durham	
61		1			John Scott	Head	M	21	Cartman	work	Scotland	
					Margaret do	wife	F	20			Durham	
					James do	Son	M	3			do	
62		1			Michael Welch	Head	M	41	Coalminer	work	Durham	
					Isabella do	wife	F	36			do	
					John do	Son	M	16	Coalminer	work	Durham	
					Michael do	Son	M	14			do	
					James do	Son	M	12			do	
					Andrew do	Son	M	10			do	
					Charles do	Son	M	7			do	
					Thomas do	Son	M	5			do	
					Catherine do	Daughter	F	3			do	
49		4			Total of Males and of Females			19	12			

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 MICHAEL WELSH 17162  
 1ST BN EAST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT



**THIEPVAL MEMORIAL**

THE NUMBERS OF THE PLOTS

A large grid of names, likely a directory or roster, organized in rows and columns. The names are small and difficult to read individually, but they appear to be arranged alphabetically or by some other systematic order. A red circle highlights a specific name in the middle of the grid.

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