

‘...the lads that will never be old ...’

Surname	ATCHISON				
Forenames	Harold Vivian				
Date of birth	18 th August 1884	Place of birth	Eccleshill, Bradford	BGS years	1898-1901; Technical Coll
Parents	‘Son of James R. S. and Eliza D. Atchison, of Bradford; husband of Gertrude Atchison, of 12, Bourne Terrace, Thackley, Bradford, Yorks.’ son of the late JRS Atchison of Thackley, of the firm of Atchison & Haxby, manufacturers' agents, Bradford				
Wife/children	Gertrude; Dorothy, Joan				
Address	4 Thackley Road, Thackley		Occupation	Cloth Merchant	
Death date	26 th August 1918	Age	34	Cemetery/ Memorial	MEALTE MILITARY CEMETERY, SOMME, FRANCE G.25.
Rank	Second Lieutenant		Service number	81074	
Regiment/ Corps	RGA, 19 Siege Battery (76 Bde RGA)				

1871 Census 14 Vere St, Bowling

Francis A Haxby	53, Piccadilly Mx	
William R “	32, Ripley	Saddler
Ralph “	23, “	“
Frances A “	21, “	Stuff weaver
Michael P “	11, “	Cotton spinner
Alfred “	8, “	Scholar
Robert “	16, “	Warehouse boy
Eliza D “	14, “	Stuff weaver



1879 Baptism Charles Graham Stanley Atchison, b 2.6.1879, 7 Victoria Terrace, fa Warehouseman;

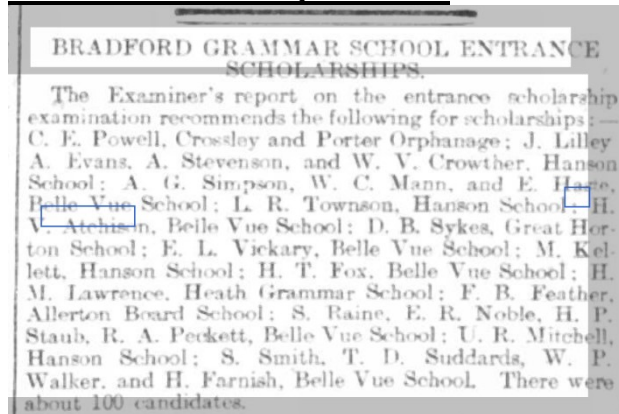
1881 Census 14 Victoria Terr, Eccleshill, James RS Atchison, 26, Commission Agent,; Eliza D, 24, b Ripley; son Charles G.S., under 1; dau Margaret, 1mo; sister-in-law Mary Ann Haxby, unemployed weaver, b Bedale. **1883**, (Manufacturer's Agent) **1887 Directory** 14 Victoria Terr, Fagley Rd, Eccleshill, Commission Agent; 6 Drake St, Bradford.

RG Atchison: James Ralph Stanley Atchison and his wife Eliza Dorothy, whose maiden name was Haxby. James was originally from Liverpool, while Eliza's family moved to Bradford from the country near Brimham Rocks in the 1860s. They married in **1878 [Bradford]**. James was a 'warehouseman', as was Eliza's brother Robert, and the two formed a partnership together, although an unequal one—in subsequent censuses James was described as a 'Manufacturers' agent' dealing in Worsted textiles and was an employer, whereas Robert remained a warehouseman and a 'worker'. The company of Atchison & Flaxby had its premises at 6 Drake Street, near the centre of Bradford. James and Eliza had five children, although the eldest, Charles, died in infancy. Ralph was the youngest, born in Idle on 4th January 1892. He went to Thorpe Modern School, Idle, until he went to Bradford Grammar School in September 1904

1891 Census 49 Leeds Road, Idle

James Ralph Stanley Atchison	36, Liverpool	Manufacturer's Agent ?Textile	Employer
Eliza Dorothe Atchison	34, Burnt Yates Yk		
Harold Vivian Atchison	6, Fagley	[Ancestry has 'Bagley', but it looks like 'F']	
Marguerite F Atchison	10, Fagley		
Florence E Atchison	1, Thackley		
Henrietta E Bradlee	12, Bradford	Niece	

1898 Leeds Mercury 18.6.1898



BGS 1898-1901 BGS Annual Report(s)
1899 3rd Modern Fr4, Ger11, En1, Hi5, Lit11, Gg11, Bk-kp13, Shorthand21; Div iii.3 Chem7, Phys1, Art11 /28 Kershaw
1900 4th Modern Fr19, Ger1, En13, Hi11, Lit18, Gg12; Div VB Ma4, Chem5, Phy6, Art7. /33 Brayshaw, Kershaw, Muff, Vickary.
1901 5th Modern Fr11, Ger2, En16, Gg9; Div V^a Ma8, Chem5, Phys6, Art10.
1901 Bradford Observer 31 July honourable mention Div. V Prize.
1901 Bradford Daily Telegraph 28 August obtained Lower Certificate

1901 Census 118 New Cross St, Bowling

James Ralph S Atcheson 46, L'pool Manufacturer's Agent Textile Worsted Own account
 Eliza D Atcheson 44,
Harold V Atcheson 16, Eccleshill [blank]
 Florence E Atcheson 11, Idle
 Ralph G Atcheson 8,

1904 Bradford Daily Telegraph 05 October Atchison on committee of recently formed Bradford Lacrosse club

1907 Bradford Daily Telegraph 11 October

1908 Yorkshire Evening Post 23 January

1908 Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer 28 March

Selected for Bradford Lacrosse team

1910 Marriage Parish Church, Eccleshill 13.7.

Harold Vivian Atchison, bachelor 25, Agent, Castle Bank, son of James Ralph Stanley, Agent, m Gertrude Smith, 26 Spinster, 15 Hall Terr, dau of William Henry, 'Reed & ? Manufacturer'.

1911 Census 47 Ashfield Road, Idle 5 rooms

Harold Vivian Atchison 26, Eccleshill Manufacturer's agent (own account)
 Gertrude Atchison 27, Eccleshill m under 1 year

1911 Census 12 Cross Road, Idle 8 rooms

James Ralph Stanley Atchison 56 Manufacturer's agent (own account)
 Eliza Dorothy Atchison 54 32, 5, 4, 1
 Marguerite Frances Atchison 30
 Florence Ethel Atchison 21 Warehouse (Stuff)
 Ralph Graham Atchison 18 Warehouse (Stuff)
 Mary Ann Atchison 69 (sister in law)

ATCHISON James Ralph Stanley of 536 Leeds-road Thackley
Bradford died 27 January 1914 Probate **Wakefield** 23
February to Eliza Dorothy Atchison widow and Harold
Vivian Atchison manufacturers' agent.
Effects £1589 7s. 6d.

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1914 Shipley Times & Express 20 March Probate for JRS Atchison, 536 Leeds Rd and formerly
Castle Bank, Idle to Mrs Eliza Dorothy and Harold Vivian Atchison, 4 Thackley Rd.

1915 Electoral Register

Atchison, Harold Vivian 4 Thackley Rd Eccleshill joint tenement 6 Drake St
(Service Record address) (Atchison & Haxby premises)

1914 Bradford Weekly Telegraph 18 December

Acting Cpls 'B' Co. 2nd Battalion

1916 Bradford Daily Telegraph 15 September late platoon commander, now on active service,
made full Bombardier.

1917 Death Fernbank, Leeds Rd, Thackley Eliza Dorothy, Widow, to Marguerite. £614.

Ralph Graham Atchison, YorksObsDec14:

younger son of the late JRS Atchison of Thackley, of
the firm of Atchison & Haxby, manufacturers' agents,
Bradford; BGS & Technical Coll.

1918 Shipley Times and Express 13 September

SDGW

Name: Harold Vivian Atchison
Death Date: 26 Aug 1918
Rank: 2 Lieutenant
Regiment: Royal Garrison Artillery
Type of Casualty: Died of wounds
Comments: 19 S

PREFERRED TO BEGIN AS A
PRIVATE.—Captain A. W. Brown, of West
Lyn, Thackley, and Assistant Director of
National Service, Hull, writes: "Lieutenant
H. V. Atchison, R.G.A., whose death in
action is announced will be well remem-
bered by the two or three thousand men
who passed through the Bradford Volunteer
Force in the early days of its formation.
He was associated with me in the secretar-
iat, and displayed a genius for organisation
such as I have rarely met. He was strong
in mind and body, and was never dismayed
either by the nature or size of a problem.
He devoted his days and evenings during
the best part of a year to building up the
Volunteer movement, and also held rank
as platoon commander. Although he could
have obtained a commission in the Army,
he joined up as a private in the R.G.A., and
worked his way up by sheer merit to com-
missioned rank. He was the soul of honour.
He died a gallant death while standing
directing the guns of his battery. His only
brother was killed in France a few months
ago. His many friends will deeply sym-
pathise with his wife and two children."

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Name		Corp.		No. 2/8 9/2000	Regt. No.
ATCHISON		R.G.A.		A/Cpl.	81074
Harold Vivian		1953 R.G.A.		7/25	
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks		
R.G.A.	Off/139	193 E	} 1.V. X/4950 2/16-5-22 (D. 25.10) NW/5/19628		
BRITISH					
STAR					
Theatre of War first served in	(1)				
Date of entry therein	23.2.18		NW/5/19628		

Correspondence

Widow - Mrs H.V. Atchison,
 Address 12, Bourne Terrace,
 Thackley,
 Bradford

(140) W.L. WOODHEAD LONDON 1101 J.P.W. 6.2281.

Officer Personal Record

- 5) "Died of wounds received in action"
 Formerly No.81074 A/Cpl RGA joined No.1 RGA OC Unit at Trowbridge 26th July 1917.
 Next of kin Mrs G H.V. Atchison, 12, Bourne Terrace, Thackley, Bradford Yks.
- 8) Gratuity = 124 days @ 10/6 £65. 2s.
- 11) Casualty Form - Active Service

26.2.1918	Joined 19 S.B. from Base	O.C. 76 Bde R.G.A.	1.3.1918
26.8.1918	Admitted 37 Field Amb, died of wounds		
25.8.1918	Wounded to Hospital)	O.C. 76 Bde R.G.A.	B.213
26.8.1918	Died of wounds)		
"	Died (GSW Head)	O.C. 37 F.Amb	
- 12) Attestation 81074 Atchison, Harold Vivian 8.12.1915 Eccleshill
 40 Thackley Road, Thackley 31y 102d Manufacturer's Agent Married
 CofE
- 13) Height 5' 8" Chest 31-35"
 Wife Gertrude Atchison, 40 Thackley Rd m Eccleshill Parish Church 13.7.1910
 Children Dorothy 30.4.1912
 Joan 21.2.1915
- 14) Weight 141 lbs Development: Good Discharged: 16.12.1917 to Commission
- 18) 8.12.1915 Enlisted
 9.12.1915 Posted to Reserve
 Mobilized
 8.5.1916 Gunner R.G.A. Depot (20) Dover 11.5.1916
 9.9.1916 A/Bombardier
 15.9.1916 A/Cpl
 26.7.1917 R.A. Cadet School Trowbridge (20) Trowbridge 27.7.-16.12.17
 16.12.1917 Discharged to Commission
- 22) Application for Admission to O.C. Unit
 Applied for temporary commission Regular Army, Artillery siege or heavy, or A.S.C.
 Born 18.8.1884 Eccleshill
 Father: Cloth Merchant
 Address Stallingboro' Battery, nr. Grimsby 4 Thackley Rd, Thackley
 Education Grammar School, Bradford
 Occupation Cloth Merchant
 1st appointment 12th Co. R.G.A. 8.5.1916
 Stamped Gazette 25.12.1917 Special Reserve
- 23) Dated 19.4.1917 24) Recommendation O.C. Humber Garrison, Hull 15.5.1917
- 30) Certificate of Death 37 Field Ambulance, from wounds received in action, buried Sandpit
 British Cemetery, Méaulte.
- 34) Telegram announcing died of wounds 28.8.1918, 19 Siege Battery.

<https://www.longlongtrail.co.uk/soldiers/a-soldiers-life-1914-1918/enlisting-into-the-army/the-group-scheme-derby-scheme/>

Derby's Group Scheme: Men aged 18 to 40 were informed that under the scheme they could continue to enlist voluntarily or attest with an obligation to come if called up later on. The War Office notified the public that voluntary enlistment would soon cease and that the last day of registration would be 15 December 1915

http://www.pastscape.org.uk/hob.aspx?hob_id=1429224

Stallingborough Battery (Fort) – 2 6" guns, built Feb 1916.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BL_8-inch_howitzer_Mk_VI_%E2%80%93_VIII


This was a new design, not the improvised Mk I-V which were bored out 6" naval gun barrels; 200lb shell, equivalent to German 21 cm Morser, range 10k yds, then 12k.

CWGC Sandpit Cemetery, on the Albert-Bray road was concentrated into Méaulte Military Cemetery. It contained 93 UK graves and 1 Canadian airman, all of whom died 22-29 Aug 1918. Meaulte Cemetery

http://www.calverley.info/idle_ceno.htm

NO. 2201 (ESTAB. 1878.) FRIDAY, SEPT. 6, 1918 Regist
sion

SOME RECENT CASUALTIES.



1, Sec.-Lieut. Harold Vivian Atchison, of Bourne Terrace, Thackley (died of wounds); 2, Pte. T. Rutherford, of 21, Shirley Street, Saltire (killed in action); 3, Sergt. William Prith, of 14, Bromet Place, Eccleshill (killed); 4, Pte. G. Fletcher, of 11, John Street, Woodbot'om, Baildon (prisoner of war and wounded); 5, Pte. George Poole, of 40, Alexandra Terrace, Shipley (wounded).

IT NOW TRANSPIRES that death from wounds of Sec.-Lieutenant Harold Atchison, of Bourne Terrace, Thackley, occurred on August 26th. Aged 34, he leaves a wife (daughter of Mr. W. H. Smith, of Eccleshill), and two children. He was in partnership with Mr. Haxby in his (Sec.-Lieut. Atchison's) father's business as a stuff merchant in Drake St., Bradford, and previous to joining the colours he was a member of the Bradford City Volunteer Force. His younger brother, Ralph, was killed in action just over a year ago. He was connected with the Idle Parish Church.

ATCHISON Harold Vivian of 12 Bourne-terrace Thackley **Bradford** second lieutenant R.G.A. died 26 August 1918 in France Probate **London** 8 May to Gertrude Atchison widow. Effects £1954 9s. 1d.

Probate

Holy Trinity Church Memorial Lych Gate (WMR 28613) Idle West Yorkshire
Bradford Grammar School Memorial (WMR 28454) Frizinghall West Yorkshire

1939 Register

81 Thackley Old Rd	Harry Hopkinson	(1890)	Draper
	Florence "	(1889)	Foreign Correspondent
	Marguerite Hutchinson	(1881)	Shipping Clerk/Book-Keeper
83 " "	Gertrude Atchison	(1883)	
	Dorothy(Crafer)	(1912)	Physical training teacher
	Joan (Peel)	(1915)	Domestic Science teacher

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Gertrude died 1965, 3 Fairfield Rd Manningham, probate John PEEL works manager, George CRAFER company director