

Roll of Honour
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918

			<p>JAMES PILLANS of Biggar, Lanarkshire</p>
<p>L/Cpl James Pillans</p> <p>Mendingham Military Cemetery</p>			


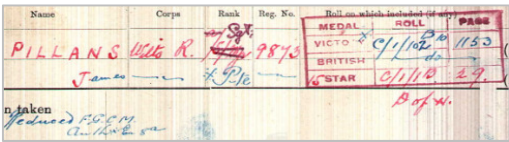
Date of birth	1889	Baptised	
Birth registered	Biggar Lanarkshire Scotland		
Birthplace	Biggar		3

Father	James Pillans - occupation Passenger Guard (from L/Cpl Pillan's marriage cert)	
Mother		
Siblings		

Residence 1891	Possibly: Westrow, Biggar, Lanarks. Age 6 living with Grandmother Elizabeth Pillans	
Residence 1901	Possibly: Main Street, Lanarks. Age 16 - occupation message boy - living with Grandmother Elizabeth Pillans	
Residence 1911	1 Douglas Villas, Ludgershall. Occupation 'Boots' at Hotel	3

Wife	Hilda Susannah (nee Edwards). Married 3 July 1909 Pewsey Register Office. Died 4 Oct 1972, buried St James	2
Children	Freda V born 24 Dec 1909. Baptised 13 Feb 1910 St James Ludgershall	5
Widow's re-marriage	1922 to Frederick James Grey (died 18 July 1961)	

Rank	Lance Corporal	1
Regiment	2 nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment	1
Enlisted	Pewsey 4 August 1914	
Service Number	9873	1
Medals	Victory / British / 1915 Star	4
Date of Death	3 August 1917 age 29	1
Cause	Died of wounds	
Burial / Memorial	Mendingham Military Cemetery, Belgium. Memorial Ref III.B.14	1

<p>NOTES</p>  <p>Private in Cameron Highlanders at time of marriage. Possible middle name Nicholson? Entered France 19 July 1915. Held rank of Sergeant; reduced to Private - see Medal Rolls Index Card</p>	 <p>In ever loving memory of my darling husband Cpl James Pillans killed in action Aug 3rd 1917 age 29. If we could have raised his dying head or heard his last farewell, the blow would not have been so hard, to those he loved so well. From his sorrowing wife and child.</p> <p>Sgt Pillans, late of Ludgershall, has died of wounds in France. He joined the Wiltshire Regt when war was declared and, after a short stay on the Downs, went to France. Six months later he came home for a week's leave, returning to France where he put in 13 more months of strenuous fighting. Then for 3 weeks he was a patient in hospital in France being brought home to Southampton suffering from dysentery. After his convalescence he was home for 10 days and was then transferred him to the 2nd Wilts at Weymouth from which station he again journeyed to France so that altogether he put in 25 months fighting taking part in some of the most important engagements. Recently his wife received the sad news of his death from gunshot wounds in the head at a clearing station after being in the battle at Messines. Deceased was well known in Ludgershall and was liked and respected by his comrades. The sympathy of a large number of friends goes out to the widow and child in their sad loss. The same day he was killed his brother was taken into hospital. Andover Advertiser 17 August 1917</p> <p>Commemorated: Ludgershall War Memorial, St James' Church Memorial Plaque, Salisbury Cathedral Book of Remembrance</p>
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