

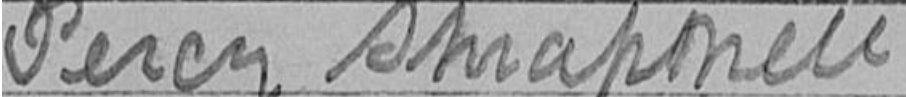


## WWI Casualty

### Percy Shrapnell

Surname	Given Names	Rank	Number	Regiment	Attachment	Date of Death		Age at Death	
						Year	Date		
Shrapnell	Percy	Private	306640	1/7th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment		1915	15th June	25	
Date of Birth		Place of Birth	Father		Mother		Baptised		
Year	Date		Surname	Given Names	Maiden Name	Given Names	Year	Date	Place
		Shrapnell	Joseph		Ellen or Mary				
Census Information									
Year	Surname	Given Names	Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	Relationship to Head		
Yarnbrook, North Bradley									
1901	Shrapnell	Joseph	Married	59		Trowbridge	Head		

	Shrapnell	Ellen	Married	57		West Ashton	Wife	
	Shrapnell	John	Unmarried	29	Railway Labourer	North Bradley	Son	
	Shrapnell	Emily	Unmarried	21	Glover	North Bradley	Daughter	
	Shrapnell	Fred	Unmarried	17	Railway Labourer	North Bradley	Grandson	
	Shrapnell	Bertie		10		North Bradley	Son	
	Shrapnell	Percy		8		North Bradley	Grandson	
	Shrapnell	Ernest G.		2		North Bradley	Grandson	
<b>Yarnbrook, North Bradley</b>								
<b>1911</b>	Shrapnell	Joseph	Married	68	Agricultural Labourer	Trowbridge	Head	
	Shrapnell	Ellen	Married	65		West Ashton	Wife	
	Shrapnell	Bertie	Unmarried	20	Cowman on Farm	Yarnbrook	Son	
	Shrapnell	Percy	Unmarried	18	Bricklayers Labourer	Yarnbrook		
<b>Military Service Record</b>								
<b>Enlistment Details</b>								
Year	Date	Place	Age			Trade	Religion	
			Years	Months	Days			
1915	11th December	Trowbridge	22	9		Bricklayers Labourer		
<b>Physical Description</b>								
Height		Complexion	Eye Colour	Hair Colour	Distinguishing Marks			
Feet	Inches							
5	9							
Possibly enlisted under the Derby Scheme; According to the scheme, men were visited at home to persuade them to 'volunteer' for war service and their details recorded. However, on 27 January 1916 compulsory conscription was introduced.								
He was sent to Italy with the 1/7th Battalion Warwickshire Regiment, killed when the Austrians heavily shelled the British trenches at Magnaboschi with both high explosive and gas shells.								
On 4th December 1916 was recorded as suffering Pyrexia of Unknown Origin, often known as Trench Fever								
On the 19th December he was transferred to Hospital in England, and discharged on the 9th February 1917								
Some parts of Percy's military records were destroyed during WWII through enemy action on London repositories								
<b>Next of Kin</b>								
Surname	Given Names	Status	Relationship		Abode			
Shrapnell	Mary Ann		Mother		West Ashton Road, Yarnbrook, North Bradley			

Details of Death										
Date of Death		Cause of Death	Theatre of War	Ships Name	War Gratuity Paid					
Year	Date				Year	Date	£	s.	d.	Recipient
1918	15th June	Killed in action	Italy							
Grave Location										
Cemetery								Plot Number		
Magnaboschi British Cemetery, Italy										
War Memorials and Commemorations										
Memorial Name and Location								Panel Number		
Commemorated on the North Bradley Church War Memorial										
Commemorated on the Avon Tyres Memorial, Melksham										
Other Significant Information										
His brother Ernest G. Shrapnell may have also died on active service										
Awarded the British War & Victory medals										
There does not seem to be much reference to the reason why Percy should appear on the Avon Tyres Memorial										
								signature of Percy Shrapnell		

### OPC Note:

Please note the anomalies around the parentage of this casualty. If we take the census of 1901 as accurate then Percy is recorded as the grandson of the names recorded as parents. Later his mother is named as Mary Ann and is recorded as next of kin as per official army records. The 1911 census records the parents as those listed above.



North Bradley Church Memorial Plaques



Avon Tyres Melksham War Memorial