

# PEACE CELEBRATIONS AND IN MEMORY OF A LOST GENERATION

The Armistice was signed by representatives of Britain, France and Germany in the railway carriage of French Commander Foch tucked away from view in the middle of a forest.

It was an agreement to end fighting on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month 1918, as a prelude to the start of peace negotiations.

The Peace Treaty was signed at Versailles on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1919.



"The end of the struggle" was met according to the Craven Herald "with subdued but genuine public rejoicing".

In Earby and Kelbrook mill buzzers sounded the "joyous news and the mills stopped at once for the day"

Flags and bunting appeared everywhere as if by magic.

The mills were lavishly decorated and Peace Day celebrations were held over two consecutive Saturdays in Earby in August 1919.

A temporary war memorial was erected at the junction of New Road, Victoria and Skipton.

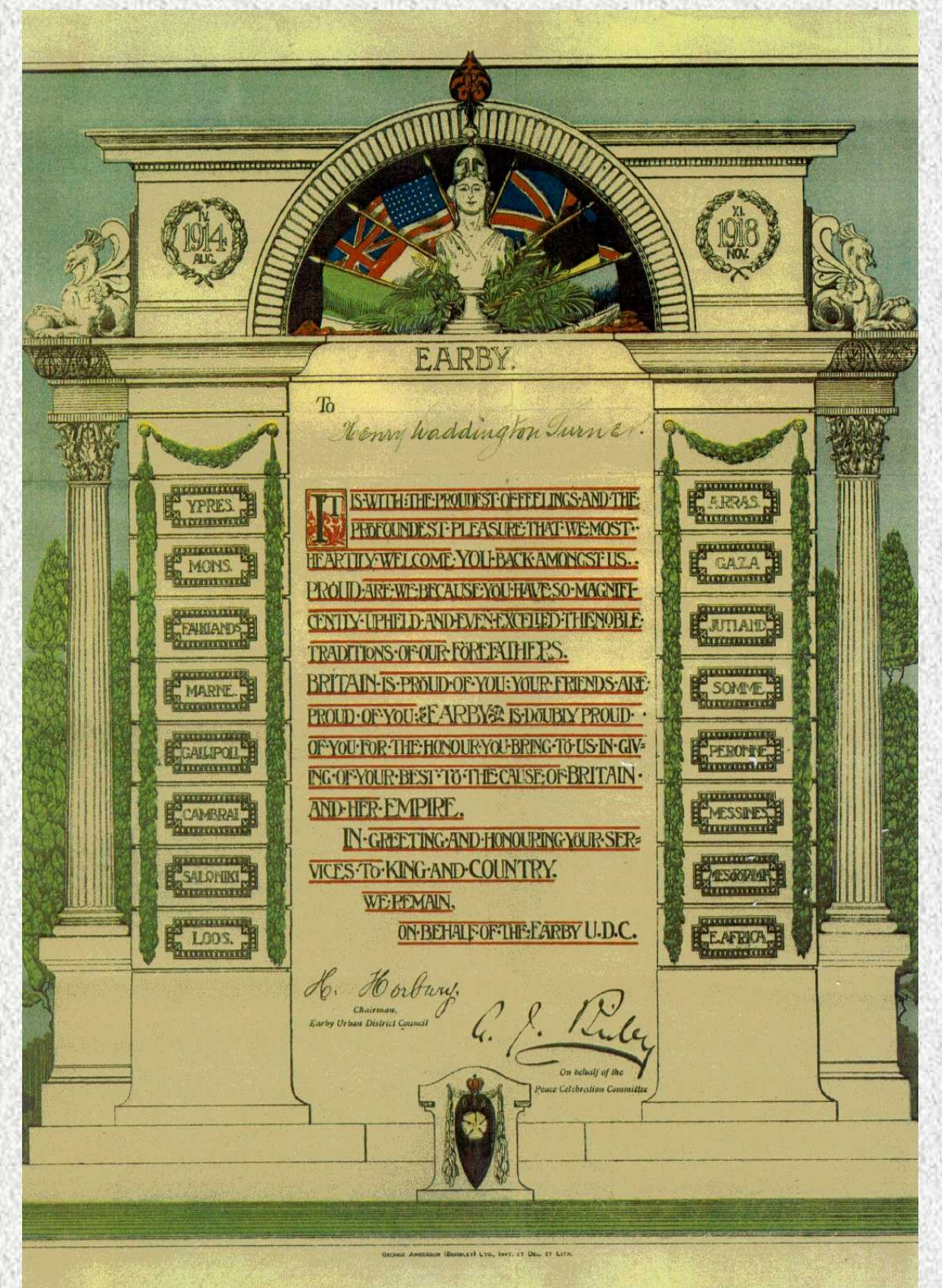


Decorations at Grove Shed for armistice week



All surviving servicemen were presented with a decorated scroll by Earby Urban District Council as the one on the right, which is dedicated to Henry Waddington Turner.

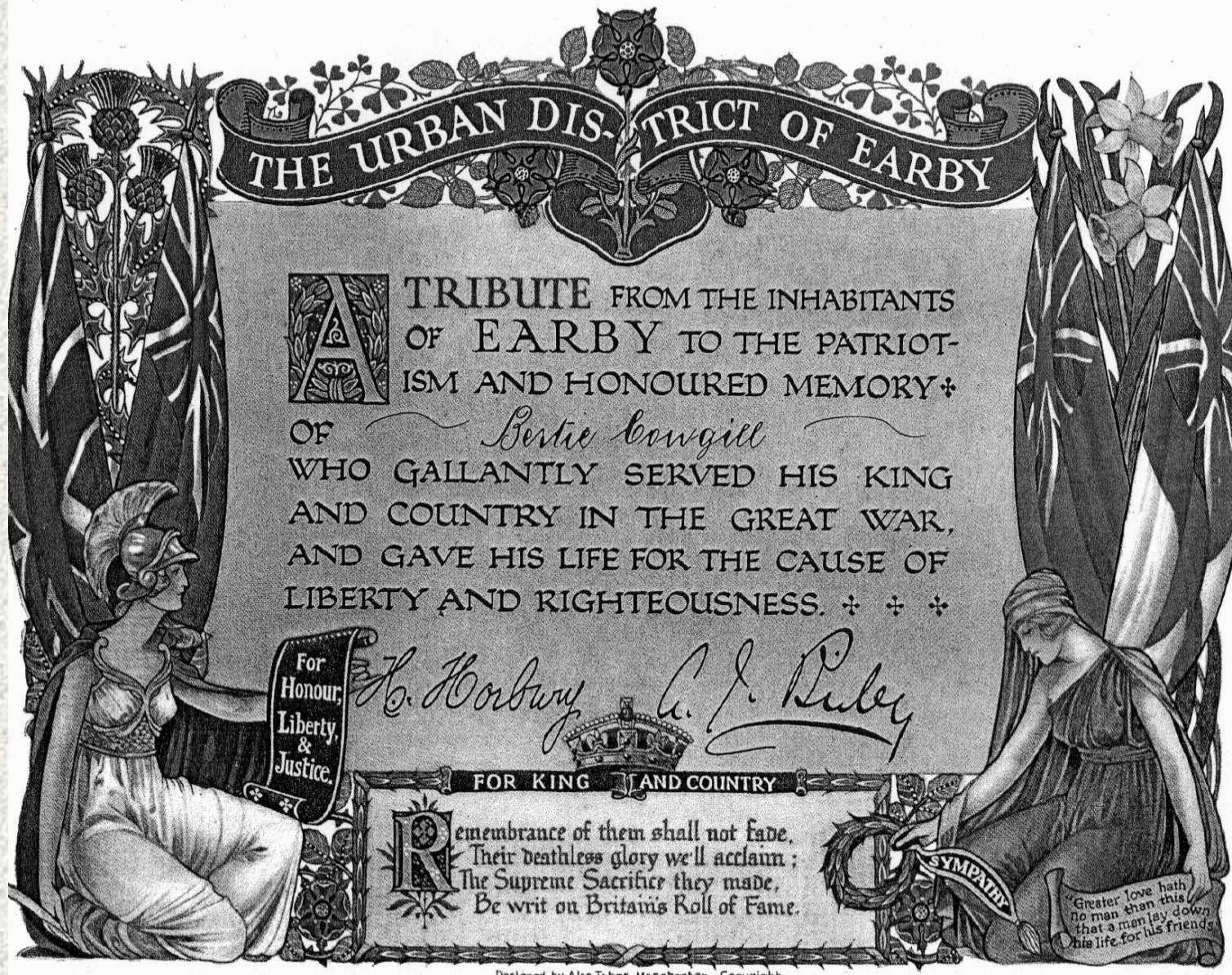
Relatives of all those who did not return home also received an large appropriate scroll, like the one below in memory of local man Bertie Cowgill.



There was much debate regarding the form to be taken of a permanent memorial—baths or park? It was decided to raise funds (£5000) to buy the land, to erect a cenotaph and provide a bowling green, tennis courts and a children's play area.

The foundation stone for the cenotaph was laid on 27th August 1921.

It was not until 1924 that the memorial grounds were fully opened. The bowling green and tennis courts were opened in 1935.



Memorial, Earby

**CRAVEN'S WAR RECORD.**  
**PRESENTATION AT EARBY.**  
 About a thousand volumes of "Craven's Part in the Great War"—the gift book presented to ex-Service men and women in the Skipton Division by Mr. Walter Morrison—were handed over to appreciative recipients in the New Road Council School at Earby last Saturday afternoon. The proceedings were presided over by Mr. J. T. Clayton, the editor and compiler of the book, assisted by Captain Churchman, and a staff of voluntary and enthusiastic clerks. Credit is due to Mr. E. S. Kaye, secretary of the Brass Band Club, who had spent much time in distributing the vouchers and verifying the claims of recipients, who included residents in Earby, Kelbrook, and Thornton-in-Craven. The organisation worked smoothly and expeditiously and the task was accomplished in about four hours.  
 There was convincing evidence that Mr. Morrison's kindness is deeply appreciated—a fact that stands out boldly at every distribution. Last night (Thursday) the Rev. J. W. Cockerill, vicar of Kettlewell, very kindly officiated at a distribution of the volumes to the ex-soldiers of his particular district.  
 The next distribution will be at Silsden on Saturday, November 20th. Mr. Arthur Elder, retired school master, is kindly assisting the organisation in the preliminary arrangements.

Other memorials include the Baptist memorial window, the Reredos at All Saints Church, the Hartley Memorial now in the Albion Hall together with the Conservative Club Memorial.

There are also War Memorials in Thornton and Salterforth and the Kelbrook Memorial in St Mary's Church



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THE MEMORIAL GROUNDS, EARBY

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