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<https://www.greatwarforum.org>

who are so generous with their knowledge. Whatever the question, you are sure to find someone there who knows the answer, or can tell you where to find it. Many of them also shared documents and provided photographs for the project. While researching our men, I learnt a great deal more about the Great War, and this is largely due to the GWF and the website from which it sprang, The Long Long Trail

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Tracing the footsteps of these men has been a fascinating and moving journey, and a privilege. I have found information in various sources including parish registers, censuses, school records and local newspapers. In most cases it was not possible to refer to individual service records, as unfortunately the majority of WWI soldiers' records were destroyed by bombing in 1940, and WWII records are not available to the general public. However, stories can be pieced together using other resources such as war diaries, medal rolls and regimental histories. Sometimes I have fallen back on speculation, but hope that I have not got anything wildly wrong. Any errors are my own, and any corrections will be welcomed.

If anybody can provide any additional information – especially photographs - for any of the men of the East Ilsley War Memorial, we would be delighted to hear from you.