

Sources for the Study of Sheffield and Bapaume & Serre, France



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Sheffield Memorial, Serre, France, 2015
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Toujours Amis, Toujours Reunis (Always Friends, Always Reunited) plaque
on front of the Ecole Lawrence, Bapaume, France, 2015
(Picture Sheffield: a04015)

Bapaume Town Hall, France, 2015
(Picture Sheffield: a04002)

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Introduction

This booklet lists sources available within Sheffield Libraries Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library for the study of the links between Sheffield and the Northern French town of Bapaume and the villages of Serre and Puisieux between 1920 and the present day.

On the first day of the Battle of the Somme on 1 July 1916 men of the 12th battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment (“the Sheffield Pals”) were entrenched ready to launch an attack on the German position in the fortified hilltop hamlet of Serre. The troops met with devastating machine gun fire and by the end of the day, the Battalion reported 248 killed, 246 wounded and 18 missing.

In 1920 a philanthropic scheme was set up in England called the British League of Help for the Devastated Regions of France which aimed to provide aid to communities in the areas of northern France laid waste during the Great War by encouraging British cities and towns to become ‘Godparent’ to a town or village that had been destroyed. It was suggested that Sheffield should adopt Serre. The British League of Help, however, proposed that Sheffield should also adopt the hamlet of Puisieux and the town of Bapaume which were only a few kilometres from Serre.

In July 1920 the Lord Mayor of Sheffield Sir Samuel Roberts went on a fact-finding mission to Bapaume and Serre, and found the residents of Bapaume living in cellars or in makeshift timber and corrugated iron shanties lacking furniture and household equipment. Roberts then went on to Serre which before the war had been a hamlet with 150 inhabitants. It was now completely devastated, its location marked only by the stump of a huge tree.

Later in 1920, the formal adoption by Sheffield of Bapaume, Serre and Puisieux took place, by which time Roberts had been succeeded as Lord Mayor by Alderman William Farewell Wardley,. Wardley made Bapaume and Serre his Lord Mayor’s charity, and Wardley and his Bapaume committee set out to raise funds. Wardley would continue to be associated with these French places for the rest of his life.



William Farewell Wardley
(Picture Sheffield: s08584)

The Lord Mayor’s fund was taken up by the *Sheffield Telegraph* which launched a French Aid Shilling Appeal with rather disappointing results. In the end the sum of just over £4,800 was raised and the first items purchased were farming implements, a tractor and quantities of corn seed for Serre. As a quarter of the money had been raised by children in Sheffield, the Mayor of Bapaume promised that a crèche would be built at a later date and a sum of money was put aside for this. There was also a Ladies Committee which collected 2,300 items of children’s clothing for the

children of Bapaume. The reconstruction work in Bapaume went on until 1935 and included the opening in 1932 of the new Town Hall, the former one having been destroyed in a booby-trap explosion in 1917.

It had been hoped that sufficient funds would be raised to build 30-40 workmen's cottages, a welfare clinic for the town's children and a fountain for Bapaume's main square. However, the actual amount raised only allowed 12 houses to be built, eight on the rue de Marcelin Gaudefroy and four on the rue de la Liberté.



Left: Sheffield houses on rue Marcelin Gaudefroy, Bapaume.

Right Sheffield houses on rue del Liberte, Bapaume

(Picture Sheffield: a04008 and a04009)



A Sheffield-Serre Memorial committee, chaired by Alderman Wardley, also raised funds for a memorial to the men of the Sheffield Pals battalion, to be erected close to where they had fallen on 1 July 1916. A large official group went to France for the unveiling ceremony which took place near Serre in May 1923.

Alderman Wardley also chaired the Sheffield-Serre Memorial Park committee which raised £978, part of the proceeds for which came from a friendly football match between Sheffield Wednesday and Huddersfield Town. The Park, which opened in May 1931 on land at Railway Hollow, near Serre, where the Pals had been entrenched on the 1 July 1916, contains a cemetery with the graves of 107 British and two French soldiers. Only some of the graves are of Sheffield soldiers because the practice was adopted of burying those who could be identified near where they had fallen, irrespective of their nationality or regiment.



Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Ald. W. J. Hunter and Lady Mayoress, Miss Hunter and the Sheffield Branch of the British War Graves Association at Sheffield-Serre Memorial Park, 1939

(Picture Sheffield: t03326)

A stainless-steel casket was given by Sir Robert Hadfield and placed in a teak case with a glass front presented by Walker & Hall in a shelter at the Memorial Park. The casket contained a roll of honour with the names of 4,898 Sheffield fallen during the First World War. This casket is now in the Town Hall at Puisieux.



Stainless steel casket given by Sir Robert Hadfield which was originally in the 1931 Serre Memorial Park
(Picture Sheffield: a03720)

The promised Bapaume crèche finally opened in July 1939. Half the cost was paid by razor manufacturer and Sheffield and Hathersage philanthropist, George Lawrence, who was a friend of Alderman Wardley, and half by the town. There had already been regular official visits to Bapaume during the interwar years and in July 1939 a party led by Lord Mayor, Alderman W J Hunter, arrived in Bapaume for the formal opening of the Wardley Crèche, as Lawrence insisted it be known - a tribute to his friend.



Left: George Lawrence, 1939
(Picture Sheffield: y12300)

Right: Toujours Amis, Toujours Reunis (For ever friends, for ever close) plaque on front of the Ecole Lawrence, Bapaume, 2015
(Picture Sheffield: a04015)



On the front of the building are two locked hands with the words Sheffield and Bapaume on either side of the hands and the words 'Toujours Amis, Tourjours Unis' ("For ever friends, for ever close") above and below. At the bottom is the date - 9 Juillet (July) 1939. The translation of another plaque on the front of the building reads, "This building has been built and furnished thanks to Mr and Mrs Lawrence's generosity and that of other inhabitants of the City of Sheffield."

Mrs Lawrence had provided for the furnishing of a nurses' room which was to be known as the Lawrence room, whilst families of Sheffield men who had fallen nearby during the War provided the chairs with the names of their lost relatives inscribed on the back.

In addition, George Lawrence paid for each child in the town, including a few Belgian, Italian and Polish children, to be given a set of Sheffield cutlery in a case inscribed in French, "A Souvenir from the City of Sheffield to the children of Bapaume in commemoration of the opening of the crèche" and below "July 1939. Gift of Mr and Mrs Lawrence of Sheffield." Sets were also given to the six English children of the local war cemetery gardeners.



Cutlery set presented to the children of Bapaume in 1939 by George and Elsie Lawrence

(Picture Sheffield: a04007)

A further 100 sets were sent later in 1939 for children in local private schools who had been overlooked in July. George Lawrence also paid for the Mayor of Bapaume to be presented with a fancy pocket-knife, the Mayoress to receive a case with four pairs of scissors and the nineteen town councillors and the clerk to be given pearl-hafted pocket knives.



Also presented was a casket on an oak table which had been designed, made and given by Mr Maurice Swift of the Sheffield firm of undertakers, Swift and Goodinson Ltd. Made of seasoned oak, it measures twenty-three by twenty by seven and a half inches and is recessed at each corner. In each recess stands the bronze figure of a soldier with reversed arms. On the front is a plaque bearing the inscription "City of Sheffield. Roll of Honour of Sheffield men who fell or died of wounds in the Great War, 1914-1918".

On each side of the casket is a specially designed bronze handle bearing the Sheffield and Bapaume coats of arms and on the top stands the British lion. The whole casket is supported by four bronze lions' feet. The action of opening the lid automatically brings up a tray containing the Roll of Honour with the names of Sheffield's 4,895 war dead. The *Sheffield Telegraph* was responsible for the book and its binding which is in dark blue morocco leather. The inside of the casket is lined with royal silk velvet. Both the casket and an example of the cutlery set can be found in the museum of Bapaume in the Ecole Lawrence.

During the official visit to Bapaume the Mayor of the town presented the Lord Mayor of Sheffield and George Lawrence with ceremonial Sèvres vases. The one given to the City is kept in Sheffield Town Hall. George Lawrence's is thought to have been lost when his factory was bombed during the Sheffield Blitz and Lawrence himself was killed.



Left: Presentation vase given to the City of Sheffield on behalf of the people of Bapaume, France
(Picture Sheffield: a04003)

Right: Mrs Elsie Lawrence
(Picture Sheffield: y12301)



After the Second World War it was believed that the oak casket had been lost. However, it had been rescued from a bonfire and hidden by the wife of the Bapaume Town Hall caretaker. The four bronze soldiers were missing but these were replaced by the same Maurice Swift who had paid for the casket originally. In 1946 the Wardley Crèche became an infant school and George Lawrence's wife, Elsie, promised to pay for an extension to nearly double the size of the building, and to add a stained-glass window in memory of her husband. This did not happen as Elsie Lawrence died later that year.

After the Serre Memorial Park had been reinstated after the War, the links between Sheffield and Bapaume gradually diminished until Cllr Jackie Field (now Cllr Jackie Drayton) began to rediscover the story and visited the Sheffield Memorial, the Memorial Park and Bapaume where she received a warm welcome.



Railway Hollow cemetery in the Sheffield Memorial Park
(Picture Sheffield: a04011)

As Lord Mayor in 2006 she arranged for a small exhibition to be put on at Sheffield Town Hall and led an official visit to the area when the Bishop of Sheffield formally rededicated the Sheffield Memorial which had been restored.



Left: Sheffield Memorial, Serre, France (rededicated 2006)
(Picture Sheffield: a04014)

Right: Badge of the York and Lancaster Regiment on the Sheffield Memorial
(Picture Sheffield: a04014 inset)



Further visits have taken place with Lord Mayor, Cllr Denise Fox, leading a large group of Sheffield and South Yorkshire dignitaries and local people to Bapaume and to the Sheffield Memorial Park in July 2016 on the occasion of the centenary of the start of the Battle of the Somme. In March 2017, the Mayor of Bapaume brought a party of Bapalmois to Sheffield and it is hoped that close links will now continue.

Timeline showing key dates

Aug 1914	Outbreak of the First World War
Sep 1914	Formation of the Sheffield Pals Battalion
1 Jul 1916	First day of the Battle of the Somme
Aug 1918	Bapaume liberated by troops from New Zealand
Nov 1918	Armistice signed
Jul 1920	Fact finding mission to Bapaume and Serre by Sheffield Lord Mayor, Cllr Samuel Roberts
1920	Adoption of Bapaume, Serre and Puisieux by Sheffield
1922	Visit to Bapaume by the Bishop of Sheffield
May 1923	Unveiling of the Memorial to the York and Lancaster Regiment, Serre
Sept 1929	Sheffield Houses in Bapaume ready for occupation
May 1931	Opening of the Sheffield Memorial Park at Railway Hollow
Jul 1938	Sheffield Pilgrimage to the French and Belgian battlefields
Jul 1939	Sheffield Pilgrimage to the French and Belgian battlefields
Jul 1939	Formal opening of the Wardley Creche in Bapaume
Dec 1940	George Lawrence killed in the Sheffield Blitz
Sept 1946	Official tour of the northern battlefields in France
Dec 1946	Death of Elsie Lawrence
Sep 1947	Official opening of extensions and renovation of the Wardley Creche
1967	Opening of the Bapaume Museum in the Ecole Lawrence
2001	Cllr Jackie Field rediscovers link between Sheffield and Bapaume
Jul 2006	Rededication of the York and Lancaster Memorial
July 2016	Official Visit to Bapaume/Serre for the centenary of the first day of the Battle of the Somme
Mar 2017	Official Visit to Sheffield led by Mayor of Bapaume

List of documents, books, photographs and other items available at Sheffield Libraries, Archives and Information

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(Sheffield Central Library Store: 940.431)

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(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 929.2 SQ)

Horsfall, Jack, *Somme: Serre* (Leo Cooper, 1996)
(Sheffield Central Lending Library: 940.4272)

Oldfield, Paul and Gibson, Ralph, *Sheffield City Battalion: the 12th (Service) Battalion, York & Lancaster Regiment: A History of the Battalion Raised by Sheffield in World War One* (Leo Cooper, 2006)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.412 S)

Sparling, Richard A., *History of the 12th Service Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment* (1920)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.43 S)

Swift, Jacquie, *The Sheffield Pals*, 2007 (a song to the tune of Battle of the Somme)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 6136 M)

Sheffield City Council, *Parks & Burial Grounds Committee Minutes*, 17 Sep 1945 and 13 Nov 1946
Resolution to restore the Serre Memorial Park and Sheffield Council to bear the cost
(Sheffield City Archives: CA-GPP/1/13)

Sheffield City Council, *Recreation Committee Minutes*, 14 Feb 1974
Approval of financial arrangements to meet the costs of maintaining the Serre Memorial Park in future years
(Sheffield City Archives: CA-REC/1/1)

Commemoration of the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme: Bapaume-Sheffield, Office de Tourisme du Seuil de l'Artois, 2006
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 459/1)

Re-dedication of Sheffield City Battalion Monument, Serre, France, 1 Jul 2006
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 458/1; also available at Sheffield City Archives: X46)

Bapaume and Serre

Historical Museum of Bapaume (Guide in English)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 6794 M)

Field, Jackie, *A Forgotten Link Between Sheffield and [Bapaume], dating back to the Great War* (Sheffield Newspapers, 2001)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1602 L)

White, Sally, 'Forgotten Philanthropy: The British League of Help', offprint from *History Today*, vol. 63, issue 7, 7 July 2013
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP6796 M)

British War Graves Association

British War Graves Association, Sheffield Branch, *Sheffield Pilgrimage to the French and Belgian battlefields, 8th-13th July 1938, 1938*
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 587)

Account of pilgrimage to French and Belgian battlefields, 8th-13th July 1938
(Sheffield Archives: MD 7753/1)

British War Graves Association, Sheffield Branch, *Annual Report 1938, 1938/9*
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5989 M)

British War Graves Association, Sheffield Branch, *Sheffield Pilgrimage to the French and Belgian battlefields, 7th-12th July 1939, 1939*
The ceremonies included the opening of the Alderman Wardley Creche in Bapaume
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 586/1)

[Set of speeches and reports relating to the Sheffield pilgrimage to the French and Belgian battlefields, 7th-12th July, 1939, organised by the Sheffield Branch of the British War Graves Committee]
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5992 M)

Alderman William Wardley

Biographical details, , *South Yorkshire Notes and Queries*, vol. 1, p.285
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 913.4274 S (microfilm))

Brief biographical notes
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol.42, p.77 942.74 SQ (microfilm))

Queen Street Congregational Church, William Farewell Wardley, born July 8th, 1848, died January 4th 1941: Order of Service, 1941
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local pamphlets, vol.141, No.9 (042 S))

Order of funeral service
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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 22 p.2, 942.74 SF (microfilm)*)

Sketch, *Our Fancy Portrait Gallery*, p. 40
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 920.04274 SSTQ*)

William Farewell Wardley and Mrs Wardley: Souvenir, with portraits of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Sheffield, Ald. W. F. Wardley and Mrs Wardley, and sonnets by William Dowsing and C. A. Renshaw (Sheffield, Parker [printed 1921]
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 114 S*)

Sheffield and District Who's Who, 1905 (Sheffield), pp. 34-35
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 920.04274 S*)

George Lawrence

Ward, Brian, *The Forgotten Philanthropist: The Story of George Lawrence*, (Hucklow Publishing, 2011)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: B LAWR S*)

Newspaper reports

Relevant articles and features may appear in local newspapers. The main titles for the 20th century available at Sheffield Local Studies Library are the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph*, 1855 - 1986; *Sheffield Independent* 1819 - 1938 and the *Star* 1873 - date

The British Library British Newspapers website includes over twenty three million pages from over 300 national and local newspapers (including Sheffield titles)
(<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>)

Below is just a selection of newspaper articles about the links between Sheffield and Bapaume/Serre that can be found in local newspapers. There were also regular reports in the *Yorkshire Post* and *Yorkshire Evening Post*.

'Valour of France'

Sheffield's Lord Mayor, about to set out on a visit to France, moves a resolution expressing admiration for the valour and zeal of France
Sheffield Evening Telegraph, 14 Jul 1920

'Sheffield to adopt Serre and Bapaume: All can help'
Sheffield Daily Independent, 14 Jul 1920

'Sheffield's Link' (Passer By Column)
Sheffield Daily Independent, 14 July 1920

'Round the Battlefields; Sheffield's Lord Mayor leaves for Serre and Bapaume'
Sheffield Daily Independent, 15 Jul 1920

'Bapaume-Sheffield' (Passer By Column)
Sheffield Daily Independent, 16 Jul 1920

'Bapaume Freeman: Sheffield Lord Mayor's Distinction'
Sheffield Daily Independent, 23 Jul 1920

'Labour Lord Mayor: Alderman Wardley to be nominated'
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 17 Aug 1920 (Wardley was Sheffield's first Labour Lord Mayor)

'A Shilling Fund to Help the Wrecked Towns in France: Lord Mayor's Appeal'
Sheffield Evening Telegraph, 24 Sep 1920

'Lord Mayor's Appeal: Sheffield's Adoption of Bapaume'
Sheffield Evening Telegraph, 29 Sep 1920

'Our Shilling Fund' (Letters to the Editor)
Sheffield Evening Telegraph, 1 Oct 1920
Letter regretting the poor response of Sheffielders to the Lord Mayor's appeal

'Bapaume and Serre: Children's Effort for Sheffield's Godchild'
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 5 Oct 1920

'For Bapaume and Serre': Sheffield Amateur Operatic Society give proceeds from performances to the light opera, "Erminie", to the Bapaume and Serre Fund
Sheffield Evening Telegraph, 20 Nov 1920

'For the Children: What the Parents of Bapaume and Serre desire'
Sheffield Independent, 5 Jan 1921

'Clothing for Bapaume and Serre'
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 7 Jan 1921

'Adopted Towns: Response to Sheffield's Appeal for Help'
Clothing donated for the children of Bapaume
Sheffield Independent, 2 Feb 1921

'French Play'
The French Society at the University of Sheffield to raise funds for the Bapaume and Serre Fund with a performance of Alfred de Musset's "*On ne badine pas avec l'amour*"
Sheffield Independent, 18 Feb 1921

'Bapaume Amazed: French Gratitude for Sheffield's Gifts'
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 12 Apr 1921

'Sheffield and Bapaume: Advantage of Local Entente Cordiale'
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 3 Jul 1922

'Sheffield's Gift to Bapaume'
Sheffield Independent, 1 Sep 1922

'Bapaume'
Sheffield Independent, 1 Sep 1922

'For Ever Sheffield: where the heroes of the City Battalion fell'
Sheffield City Battalion Memorial at Serre
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 23 May 1923

'Sheffield Square: Bapaume's Compliment in Reconstruction Scheme'
Proposal to construct a new square in Bapaume to be known as 'Sheffield Square'
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 27 May 1926

'Serre Memorial: Football Match in Aid of Funds'
Announcement of a charity football match to be played between Sheffield
Wednesday and Huddersfield.
Sheffield Daily Independent, 2 Nov 1927

'Huddersfield in a Friendly Mood: Six Goals Against the Wednesday'
Report on the Wednesday versus Huddersfield charity match which Huddersfield
won 6-1. £248 was raised.
Sheffield Daily Independent, 15 Nov 1927

'Rebuilding Bapaume: Sheffield Bought Houses Nearing Completion'
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 22 Mar 1928

'To Mark Front Line: Trees for Sheffield Serre Park'
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 28 Jun 1928

'Sheffield-Serre Memorial: Houses Ready by Next Month'
Sheffield Independent, 23 Aug 1929

'Sheffield Pilgrimage to Adopted Towns'
Sheffield Independent, 22 Nov 1929

'Serre Memorial Park: hallowed spot 'for ever Sheffield'
Inauguration ceremony
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 26 May 1931, p. 6

'Memorial Service at Serre'
Daily Independent, 6 Jul 1937

'City Pilgrims keep Faith with Fallen'
Daily Independent, 11 Jul 1938

'Interchange Visits to France?'
Daily Independent, 25 Jul 1938

'Sheffield Man's Pilgrimage'
Daily Independent, 28 Jul 1938

'French Clinic as Tribute to City Alderman'
Bapaume Creche to be called the Wardley Creche
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 27 Jan 1939

'Sheffield Roll of Honour for Bapaume Creche'
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 13 Apr 1939

'City's Roll of Fallen: Place of Honour at Bapaume'
Includes picture of casket open to show the Roll of Honour
Sheffield Telegraph and Daily Independent, 13 May 1939

'Bapaume Souvenirs'
Sets of Sheffield cutlery for the children of Bapaume
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 26 May 1939

'Adopted Town's Welcome to Sheffield Civic Party'
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 10 Jul 1939

'Cutlery Sets for Bapaume Children: Did Gifts from Sheffield Arrive?'
Cutlery sets for children who had missed out in July 1939
Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 28 Sep 1939

'Search for City Roll in Bapaume'
The Star, 26 Mar 1945

'Bapaume's Liberation'
The Star, 30 Oct 1945

'Pillaged Bapaume Gifts to be Replaced'
Sheffield Telegraph, 16 Jan 1946

'How City's Casket Was Saved', newspaper cutting (possibly *Sheffield Star*), 1946
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 6795 M*)

'Bapaume Roll is Safe'
The Star, 7 Feb 1946

'Sheffield Keeps Faith with Bapaume'
Includes picture of the oak casket
The Star, 28 May 1946

'Rockets Hail Civic Party at Bapaume'
Sheffield Telegraph, 28 May 1946

'Bapaume Stopped Work for Sheffield'
Sheffield Telegraph, 29 May 1946

'Lest we forget again'
Account of her visit to Bapaume by Jackie Field (now Jackie Drayton)
Sheffield Telegraph, 2 Nov 2001

'A corner of a foreign field that is forever Sheffield'
Account of her visit to the Sheffield Memorial Park by Jackie Field (now Jackie Drayton)
Sheffield Telegraph, 9 Nov 2001

'From brothers in arms to the 'Godmother' of alms'
How George Lawrence honoured Sheffield's fallen after the horror of the Somme
Sheffield Star, 19 Apr 2003

'Benefactor who made a splash' (George Lawrence)
Sheffield Telegraph, 13 Aug 2011

Photographs

Over 90,000 images, including several relating to Bapaume and Serre, from the Sheffield Local Studies Library photographic collection are available to search online at www.picturesheffield.com.

The following are also available:

'Record of Sheffield's Sacrifice'
Mr F K Gardiner, editor of the "Sheffield Telegraph and Daily Independent" presenting the Sheffield Roll of Honour to Alderman Wardley
The Star, 12 Apr 1939

'War Graves Pilgrims'
Some of the Sheffield party who visited war graves in Belgium and France, including Jean Revill and John Trickett who represented Sheffield schoolchildren
Daily Independent, 8 Jul 1939

'Bapaume's Welcome to Sheffield'
Parade through Bapaume to mark the first official visit from Sheffield to the town after the Second World War
Sheffield Telegraph, 3 Jun 1946

'Councillor F.W.R. Stokes of Sheffield'

Cllr Stokes is with the four bronze figures of soldiers given by Mr. Maurice Swift to replace those stolen during the Second World War from the Sheffield Roll of Honour casket

The Star, 20 Dec 1946

'Alderman C. W. Gascoigne with the Mayor of Bapaume'

The official opening of the extensions and renovations of the crèche which were paid for by the late Elsie Lawrence

The Star, 6 Sep 1947

Useful Websites (all accessed Jan 2018)

<http://www.remembrancetrails-northernfrance.com/trails/post-war-reconstruction/bapaume-town-hall.html>

www.greatwar.co.uk/somme/memorial-sheffield-park.htm

www.ww1battlefields.co.uk/somme/serre.html

<https://cityofsheffieldpipeband.wordpress.com/history> (the City of Sheffield Pipe Band accompanied the official delegation to Bapaume in July 2016)

Library and Archive collections held elsewhere

The National Archives Discovery catalogue includes catalogues describing archives held locally in England and Wales <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

The Archives Hub contains catalogues describing archives held in universities and colleges in the UK <http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk/>

The National Archives (TNA) holds records of central government departments and agencies. You can search the TNA catalogue online at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. There are several reference to War Office files relating to Bapaume.

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