

Letter from Mr F.W. Edge - 7th January 1992

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Dear Mr. Ravenhill,

Thank you for your letter of 1st January, and particularly for the photo-copy of the drawing of your cousin, which will be placed with my other service records. I can well imagine your pleasure in receiving the original.

I am very pleased indeed that your enquiries have proved so fruitful. It is quite surprising sometimes when, once an initial 'break through' has been achieved, other things follow.

On a minor matter, but which may be of some slight interest now that you have Sheffield 'roots', I don't know if I mentioned the Ravenhill house. Whilst I did not know the particular house of course, I did know the area fairly well.

I think the address was Norfolk Park Road on Norfolk Park Avenue in one of the older suburban residential districts, within about a mile from the city centre. The Norfolk Park area was adjacent to a large open recreational park (several hundred acres) of the same name, originally donated to the citizens of Sheffield by the then Duke of Norfolk, who had extensive land holdings and interests in the Sheffield area.

As I remember, the houses in these roads were either stone built or stone faced and many of them were what used to be described as 'a family house'. Quite large by to-day's standards with many being detached or semi-detached. In Victorian times a very pleasant and quiet area, and on the opposite side of the city from the heavy industrial foundries, etc.

Again my thanks for keeping me in touch with your progress, which I trust will continue.

Very sincerely yours,

Bill Edge