

The Middlesbrough **Roll of Honour of the Great War** **Names “R”**

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In the years 1914-1918 thousands of Middlesbrough men and women served their country in a time of hardship, stress and suffering both for the troops on the battlefronts and those left at home.

After the Armistice in November of 1918 handsome memorial tablets and plaques recalling the fallen were erected in the works, shops and churches of the Middlesbrough area.

At this time a committee was formed to consider the question of a war memorial for the town as a whole to remember the citizens who had laid down their lives. In the words of the committee,

“We recognise the splendid sacrifice made by our men and we desire that our children and our children’s’ children should hear the story and share in the inspiration which such sacrifice will always give”.

The response of the townspeople resulted in the fine cenotaph of Aberdeen granite and the wall of Portland stone containing the bronze panels with the names of the fallen that we see today at the entrance to Albert Park.

The memorial works were completed at a cost of approximately £17,000 and the people of the town attended in their thousands for the dedication and unveiling ceremony which took place on November 11th 1922.

This roll of honour contains close to 3500 names of the fallen who are remembered on the memorial and also those whose names were put forward by their families after the unveiling ceremony.

I felt it fitting that as the centenary of the onset of the Great War approaches I should try and add a little information on those remembered and the actions in which they laid down their lives.

I would just add that much as I regret it, details on some of these brave people is not available due to the passage of time but their names will still appear in the text as they do on the memorial panels.

Finally just a few points to consider,

It will be noticed that on some of the entries no Middlesbrough connection may be obvious, indeed the person appears to have come from well outside the area or even the country.

It must be remembered that it was the townspeople who put the names forward for inclusion and as an example a relation who stayed with the family in the town occasionally, could well appear after his family took the trouble to forward the name.

Middlesbrough was a thriving centre of industry at the time and a person may well have been employed in the town before hostilities and had their name included by workmates.

Serving under an alias is also quite common and although sometimes used to cover criminal activity, was normally just a person keen to serve but underage and using another identity.

Also a mother who had taken another man's name might have offspring who preferred to serve using their natural father's name.

Double entries for the same name also appear quite a few times, for example, Samuel Alder and S Alder.

I believe they are one and the same person named twice as a result of a large family with different branches putting the name forward twice.

The person will appear in the listing as named on the memorial with any variations in spelling and second names being included in the text.

It will be noticed that some entries begin "I believe this to be".

These are people who to the best of my judgement are those named but can not be 100% certain. They are included with the best intentions and if a mistake is made I make my apologies in advance.

Robert Henry Coulson died on 8 November 2008. His papers were donated to the Green Howards Museum in Richmond, and the work below comes from these papers.

Names on the Middlesbrough War Memorial

Rackstraw, J.

Joseph Rackstraw was born in High Wycombe and enlisted in Richmond with the 6th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Corporal Rackstraw was killed in an attack on the Turkish line at Ismail Oglu Tepe on August 22nd 1915 at the age of 45.

The son of the late Frederick and Joyce Rackstraw of High Wycombe and husband of Annie Elizabeth Rackstraw of 15 High Street, Northwood in Middlesex he is remembered today on the panels of the Helles Memorial on Gallipoli.

Radigan, Thomas.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, Thomas Radigan served with the 9th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Radigan died at home of illness or injury on June 7th 1916 at the age of 25 and today lies in St Josephs Roman Catholic Cemetery in North Ormesby.

Thomas Radigan was the son of Thomas Radigan of 48 Albert Street in Middlesbrough.

Raines, William.

William Raines was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town with the 44th Field Ambulance of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Private Raines was killed in action during the 1918 1st Battles of the Somme on March 24th 1918 at the age of 26.

His grave can be seen today in Noyon New British Cemetery in the town of Noyon to the north west of Soissons in northern France.

Raison, F.

Born at Attercliffe in Sheffield, Frank Raison was a steelworker before the onset of war.

Enlisting in Middlesbrough with the 9th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Raison was killed in actions at Cameron Covert south of Polygon Wood during the Passchendaele offensive on October 2nd 1917 aged 37.

His grave can be visited today in Hooge Crater Cemetery three miles east of Ypres on the Menin Road.

The son of William and Mary Anne Raison he was the husband of Agnes Raison of 21 Short Street in South Bank.

Ralph, Robert Bertie.

Robert Bertie Ralph was born in Middlesbrough and did his war service with the Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Private Ralph was hospitalised after being gassed in action and passed through the casualty chain back to England where he died of his injuries at the age of 21 on October 26th 1918.

The son of Mrs Mary E Phillips, formerly Ralph of 49 Parliament Street in Middlesbrough and the late John Ralph, his grave today lies in Linthorpe Cemetery.

Ramage, Allick.

Ramsay, Richard.

Richard Ramsay was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town for service with the 8th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Ramsay was killed in action at the age of 26 on October 7th 1917 in fighting close to Reninghelst during the Passchendaele offensive.

Another with no known final resting place, his name is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial set on the slopes of the Passchendaele ridge.

Ramsay, J.

I believe this to be Sunderland born John Ramsey who enlisted in Boldon Colliery with the 10th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Lance Corporal Ramsey was wounded in fighting in the Armentieres sector and died of his wounds aged just 19 on October 28th 1915.

He lies buried today in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension situated eight miles to the south west of Ypres.

John Ramsey was the son of George Ramsey of 41 Davison Street in Boldon Colliery.

Raper, Albert Ernest.

Correct name Albert Edward Raper who was born in Middlesbrough where he enlisted with the 5th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Raper died aged 22 on September 15th 1916 while the battalion were in action between High Wood and Martinpuich during the Battle of the Somme.

He has no known grave and his name appears on the panels of the Thiepval Memorial set high above the old Somme battlegrounds.

Raper, Arthur.

Names on the Middlesbrough War Memorial

Rawden, Alfred.

Alfred Rawden did his war service with the 3rd Garrison battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Private Rawden died at home due to illness or injury on April 26th 1917 at the age of 39 and today lies in Linthorpe Cemetery.

Alfred Rawden was the husband of Sarah Rawden of 51 School Croft in Middlesbrough.

Rawlings, John William.

I believe this to be John William Rowlands who enlisted in Middlesbrough and was a member of the 5th battalion of the Border Regiment.

Private Rowlands was taken as a prisoner of war and died in enemy hands on July 1st 1918 being buried in Berlin South Western Cemetery fifteen miles to the south west of Berlin and close to the village of Stahnsdorf.

Rawlinson, George.

George Rawlinson was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town with the 53rd Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery.

Driver Rawlinson died of wounds received in action aged 23 on July 30th 1916 and today lies in Linthorpe Cemetery.

It is not certain if he died in the UK or on a hospital ship on the way home as conflicting entries exist in the records.

George Rawlinson was the son of Walter Rawlinson of 27 Fleetham Street in Middlesbrough.

Rawlinson, George Lancelot.

Born in Northampton, George Lancelot Rawlinson enlisted in Middlesbrough to serve with the 4th battalion of the Grenadier Guards.

Guardsman Rawlinson died at home of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis on February 10th 1915 at the age of 22 and lies today in Linthorpe Cemetery.

George Rawlinson was the son of the Reverend George Rawlinson and Mrs Maud Rawlinson of 24 Ayresome Street in Middlesbrough.

Raywood, Charles.

Charles Raywood was born in South Bank and had previously served during the Boer War in South Africa.

He enlisted in Middlesbrough and during the Great War served with the depot of the Yorkshire Regiment in Richmond.

Private Raywood died at home due to illness or accident on July 8th 1918 aged 39 and is buried in Linthorpe Cemetery.

Charles Raywood was the husband of Hannah Raywood of 33 Adam Street in Middlesbrough.

Names on the Middlesbrough War Memorial

Read, C J.

I believe this to be Charles Edward Reed who was born in Thornaby and enlisted in Newcastle with the 18th battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Private Reed was wounded in actions close to Martinpuich during the Somme offensive and died of his wounds aged 24 on September 8th 1916.

His grave can be visited today in Contalmaison Chateau Cemetery in the village of Contalmaison situated four miles north east of Albert.

Charles Reed was the son of Matthew and Mary Elizabeth Reed of Thornaby.

Read, Thomas.

I believe this to be Thomas Reed who enlisted in Durham for war service with the 1/8th battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

Sergeant Reed was killed in fighting in the Arras sector on June 24th 1917 aged 24.

His grave today lies in Neuville-Vitasse Road Cemetery situated four miles south east of Arras in northern France.

Thomas Reed was the son of Robert and Jane Reed and husband of Helen Reed of 33 Sydney Street in Fencehouses in Co Durham.

Reader, W William.

Walter William Reader was born in North Ormesby and before hostilities worked in a local iron foundry.

Private Reader did his war service with the Teesside Pioneers, the 12th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment and died at home after the armistice on March 3rd 1919 at the age of 37.

The son of Robert and Sarah Ann Reader and husband of Jane Ann Jefferson, formerly Reader of 100 Stephenson Street in North Ormesby he is buried in North Ormesby Cemetery.

Readman, Henry.

Born in Ormesby, Henry Readman worked as a bricklayer before the onset of war.

Enlisting in Middlesbrough he did his war service with the 234th Field Company of the Royal Engineers.

Sapper Readman was killed in action during the Somme offensive on September 3rd 1916 at the age of 34.

The son of William and Margaret Readman of 108 Market Place in North Ormesby he has no known grave and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

Readman, James William.

Born in Middlesbrough, James William Readman enlisted in the town to serve with the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Lance Corporal Readman was killed in action on the Messines Ridge on September 25th 1917 at the age of 28 and with no known grave is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial to the north east of Ypres.

James Readman was the husband of Gertrude Barnes, formerly Readman of 117 Newport Road in Middlesbrough.

Readman, Joseph Lambert.

Joseph Lambert Readman was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town with the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Readman was killed in fighting between the villages of Wytschaete and Messines on August 25th 1917 at the age of 25.

His grave can be visited today in Torreken Farm Cemetery No1 situated four miles south of Ypres on the road to Armentieres.

Readman, William Edward.

Whitby born William Edward Readman enlisted in Middlesbrough with the Teesside Pioneers, the 12th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Readman was killed in actions close to Strazeele at the age of 30 on April 11th 1918.

William Readman was the son of Mrs Mary Readman of 43 Hartington Road in Middlesbrough and the husband of Mary Hannah Woodmansey, formerly Readman of

47 Outhwaite Street in Middlesbrough and is remembered today on the Ploegsteert Memorial to the south of Ypres in Belgium.

Readman, William Henry.

William Henry Readman was born, lived and enlisted in Middlesbrough and did his war service with the 7th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Killed in actions at the village of Sailly-Saillisel aged 26 on February 8th 1917, Private Readman has no known grave and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial.

William Readman was the son of Mrs J Readman and the late Mr J Readman of Portland Cottage, Acklam Road in Middlesbrough and the husband of Eva Readman of 23 Myrtle Street in Middlesbrough.

Readshaw, Herbert Whitfield.

Born and living in Middlesbrough, Herbert Whitfield Readshaw worked as a journalist before the war when he enlisted in Birmingham with the 1/6th battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Sergeant Readshaw was killed in an attack on The Quadrilateral, a German strongpoint on Redan Ridge during the Somme offensive on July 1st 1916 at the age of 23.

The son of Paul and Emily Readshaw of 57 Crescent Road in Middlesbrough he is remembered on the panels of the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

Reay, John.

John Reay was born in West Hartlepool and enlisted in Middlesbrough with the 11th battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment.

Wounded in action, Private Reay passed through the casualty chain to hospital in England where he died of his injuries on December 30th 1916 at the age of 25.

John Reay was the son of Mrs Ellen Reay of 33 Henry Street in Middlesbrough and his grave can be seen today in Linthorpe Cemetery.

Redfearn, Albert Edward.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough with the Yorkshire Regiment, Albert Redfearn then transferred to the 9th battalion of the Highland Light Infantry.

Private Redfearn was wounded in fighting during the Battle of the Selle and died of his wounds aged just 19 on October 23rd 1918.

The son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Redfearn of Middlesbrough his grave today lies in Mont Huon Military Cemetery situated one mile south of the seaside town of Le Treport on the French channel coast.

Redman, Henry Harland.

Merchant Navy man Henry Redman was born in Hartlepool and served as a donkeyman on the Liverpool registered SS Rhineland.

He perished on November 11th 1915 aged 45 when the Rhineland struck a mine and sank six miles south east of Southwold off the coast of Suffolk.

Henry Redman was the husband of Annie M Redman of 30 St Johns Terrace in Middlesbrough and is remembered today on the Tower Hill Memorial in Trinity Square in London.

Redman, Thomas Henry.

Thomas Henry Redman was the husband of Laura A Sheard, formerly Redman of 13 Lamport Street in Middlesbrough.

Private Redman did his war service with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment and died at home aged 31 on May 8th 1917.

His grave can be visited today in Linthorpe Cemetery.

Names on the Middlesbrough War Memorial

Reece, Walter.

Correct spelling Walter Rees, he was born in Grangetown and enlisted in Middlesbrough with the 5th battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Private Rees was killed in action at the 1st Battle of Bapaume on March 27th 1918 at the age of 29.

The son of Walter and Harriet J Rees of 17 Cargo Fleet Lane in Middlesbrough his name is remembered on the Arras Memorial at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras.

Reece, Joseph.

Middlesbrough born Joseph Reece enlisted in the town for war service with the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Lance Corporal Reece was killed in actions east of the town of Meurains on November 6th 1918 at the age of 25.

His grave can be visited today in Bettrechies Communal Cemetery situated to the south west of Mons.

Joseph Reece was the son of Elizabeth M Reece and the late Joseph Reece of 26 Thomas Street in North Ormesby.

Reed, Charles Graham.

Charles Graham Reed was born and enlisted in Middlesbrough with the 139th Heavy Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery.

Gunner Reed was killed in action during the 1st Battle of the Somme on March 22nd 1918 at the age of 21.

Another with no known final resting place, his name appears on the Arras Memorial at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras.

Reed, Edward.

Born in West Hartlepool, Edward Reed lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 2nd battalion of the Queens Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Private Reed was killed in action during the 2nd Battle of Passchendaele on October 26th 1917 and having no known grave is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial on the Passchendaele ridge.

Reed, Thomas.

Double entry, see Thomas Read listed earlier.

Reed, W N.

Walter Nelson Reed was Middlesbrough born and served as an officer with the 10th Siege Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery.

Lieutenant Reed held the Military Cross, the announcement of which appeared in the London Gazette on August 25th 1916.

“For a conspicuously daring and enterprising reconnaissance by means of which he was able to select an observation post and thence direct fire onto an important enemy trench”.

Lieutenant Walter Nelson Reed was killed in actions during the Somme offensive on October 27th 1916 at the age of 23 and today lies in Flatiron Copse Cemetery in the village of Mametz to the east of Albert on the Somme.

Regan, Edward.

I believe this to be Edward Keegan who was born and lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted in Stockton into the 15th battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

Private Keegan was killed in actions close to the Fricourt to Contalmaison road on the first day of the Somme offensive, July 1st 1916.

He has no known grave and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

Reid, James.

Born and enlisting in Glasgow, James Reid lived in Middlesbrough and did his war service with the 2nd battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Private Reid was wounded in action and died of his injuries on July 8th 1915, his grave today lying in Erquinghem-Lys Churchyard Extension situated two miles west of Armentieres.

Remmer, G A.

George Albert Remmer was born in Pickering and enlisted in York with the Northumberland Fusiliers before transferring to the 9th battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment.

Lance Corporal Remmer was killed in actions during the Passchendaele offensive on August 27th 1917 at the age of 29 and is remembered today on the Tyne Cot Memorial to the north east of Ypres in Belgium.

George Remmer was the brother of Mrs Cole of 32 Bude Road, Dewsbury Road in the city of Leeds.

Renals, George Henry.

Born in Newport in Monmouthshire, George Henry Renals lived in Middlesbrough and before the war worked as an analytical chemist with the North Eastern Steelworks in the town.

Private Renals served with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment and was killed in action aged 22 on April 25th 1915 in fighting at the village of St Julien close to Ypres in Belgium.

The son of William and Margaret Ann Renals of 114 Portman Street in Middlesbrough he is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres.

Rendall, William Gullion.

William Gullion Rendall was born at Westray in the Orkneys on October 19th 1870. He served with the Merchant Navy as Master of the Middlesbrough registered SS Mordenwood and perished aged 46 on May 18th 1917 when the Mordenwood was torpedoed ninety miles south east of Cape Matapan off the coast of Greece. William Rendalls name appears on the Tower Hill Memorial in London and as well as Middlesbrough memorial he is remembered on the memorial in Westray on the Orkney Islands.

Rennison, Arthur.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, Arthur Rennison did war service with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Rennison was killed in actions close to Craonelle on the Chemin des Dames ridge on May 27th 1918 aged just 18.

He has no known grave and is remembered today on the Soissons Memorial situated in the town of Soissons some sixty miles north east of Paris.

Rhodes, Albert.

Albert Rhodes was born in Wakefield but lived in Middlesbrough where he was a steelworker before the war.

Enlisting in London he first served with the Royal Engineers and then transferred to the 708th Company of the Labour Corps.

Private Rhodes was wounded in action during the Passchendaele offensive and died of his wounds on September 3rd 1917 at the age of 48.

His grave can be seen today in Mendinghem Military Cemetery to the north west of Ypres on the road to Poperinghe in Belgium.

Albert Rhodes was the husband of Mrs M E Rhodes of Brandy Carr, Wrenthorpe in Wakefield.

Rhucroft, A.

Born at Ashfordby in Leicestershire, Albert Rhucroft enlisted in Middlesbrough with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment before transferring to the 11th battalion of the Hampshire Regiment.

Wounded in action, Private Rhucroft passed through the casualty chain to hospital in England where he died aged 20 on July 27th 1916.

The brother of Ernest Rhucroft listed below, his grave today lies in Linthorpe Cemetery.

Rhucroft, Ernest.

Ernest Rhucroft was born at Ashfordby in Leicestershire, lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted in Stockton with the 227th Field Company of the Royal Engineers.

Pioneer Rhucroft was killed in action aged 21 on March 18th 1917 and today lies in Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery three miles to the west of Ypres.

The Rhucroft brothers were the sons of John and Jane Rhucroft of Middlesbrough.

Richards, George.

Born at Woolaston in Staffordshire, George Richards enlisted in Middlesbrough with the Yorkshire Regiment before transferring to the 61st Company of the Machine Gun Corps.

Private Richards was killed in actions during the 1st Battles of the Somme on March 22nd 1918 and with no known grave is remembered on the Pozieres Memorial four miles north east of Albert on the Somme.

Richards, Harold.

Harold Richards was born in Eston and worked as a teacher at Fleetham Street School in Middlesbrough before the war.

Enlisting in Northallerton with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Richards was killed in action on April 23rd 1917 aged 39 during the 2nd Battle of the Scarpe, part of the Arras offensive.

His grave can be visited today in Wancourt British Cemetery situated five miles south east of Arras in the village of Wancourt.

Harold Richards was the son of William and Mary Ann Richards of 1 York Terrace in Normanby.

Richards, Samuel.

Born at Millom in Cumberland and enlisting in Middlesbrough with the Yorkshire Regiment, Samuel Richards then transferred to the 1/8th battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Richards died on July 28th 1917 and is buried in Mont Huon Military Cemetery in the small French seaport of Le Treport where many hospital units were based.

Richardson, Ewart.

Ewart Richardson was born in Middlesbrough and before the war worked as a practising solicitor in the town having been admitted to the bar in 1904.

2nd Lieutenant Richardson joined the Yorkshire Regiment in July of 1915 and in May of 1916 joined the 4th battalion at Locre in Belgium.

Ewart Richardson was killed in actions at Eaucourt L'Abbaye during the Somme offensive on September 27th 1916 at the age of 35.

The son of Mr Thomas Henry Richardson and Mrs M Richardson of Brynteg, Grove Hill in Middlesbrough he is remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial set high above the old Somme battlegrounds.

Richardson, George Henry.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, George Henry Richardson served with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Richardson was killed in action during the 2nd Battle of the Scarpe, Arras offensive on April 23rd 1917 at the age of 22.

Another with no known final resting place his name appears on the panels of the Arras Memorial at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras.

Richardson, James.

James Richardson was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town into the 6th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Richardson was killed in an attack on the Turkish positions at Ismail Oglu Tepe on August 22nd 1915 during the Gallipoli campaign.

With no known grave he is remembered today on the Helles Memorial at the southern tip of the Gallipoli peninsula.

Richardson, John Lowther.

Born in Workington, John Lowther Richardson lived in Middlesbrough and worked as a driver before the war.

Enlisting in the town he did his war service with the 10th battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Private Richardson lost his life in an attack on the German positions at 26th Avenue on September 25th 1916 aged 32 during the Battle of the Somme.

His grave can be visited today in Adanac Military Cemetery situated two miles south of Miraumont on the Somme.

John Richardson was the husband of Mrs M H Richardson of 13 Herbert Street in North Ormesby.

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Richardson, Joseph.

Joseph Richardson was born in Skelton and enlisted in Stockton to serve with the 6th battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Private Richardson was killed in action on April 9th 1917 aged 25 at the 1st Battle of the Scarpe in fighting close to Monchy le Preux and Wancourt.

The son of James and Mary Ann Richardson of 4 Railway Cottages in Carlin How, his grave lies in Roclincourt Valley Cemetery four miles to the north of Arras.

Richardson, Mark Alexander.

Born and living in Middlesbrough, Mark Richardson enlisted in his hometown with the 4th battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, City of London Regiment.

Private Richardson lost his life at the age of 30 on March 28th 1918 at the 1st Battle of Arras during the German spring offensive.

Sadly another with no known grave he is remembered on the Arras Memorial at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras.

Richardson, Robert William.

I believe this to be Robert Richardson who was born at Hatfield in Co Durham and served with the 6th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Richardson was killed in action during the Somme offensive in fighting at Hessian Trench and Stuff Redoubt on September 27th 1916 at the age of 22.

The son of William and Dorothy Richardson of 15 Beatrice Terrace, Penshaw in Co Durham his name is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

Richardson, Samuel.

I believe this to be Samuel Richardson born at Kibblesworth in Co Durham who enlisted in Sacriston with the 20th battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

Private Richardson was killed during the Operations on the Flanders Coast on July 30th 1917 aged 33 and is remembered today on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres in Belgium.

Samuel Richardson was the son of Mrs M J Pritchard of Alma House, Sacriston in Co Durham.

Richmond, Albert Edward.

Albert Richmond enlisted in Middlesbrough for war service with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Wounded in actions during the Arras offensive, Private Richmond died of his injuries on May 10th 1917 and today lies in St Sever Cemetery Extension situated two miles south of Rouen city centre.

Ridgeway, F.

Names on the Middlesbrough War Memorial

Ridley, T W.

Thomas William Ridley was born at Coatham in Redcar and enlisted in Middlesbrough with the Northumberland Fusiliers before transferring to the 458th Field Company of the Royal Engineers.

Sapper Ridley was wounded during the 1918 German spring offensive and died of his wounds aged 33 on March 30th 1918.

His grave can be visited today in Etaples Military Cemetery situated fourteen miles south of Boulogne on the French channel coast.

Thomas Ridley was the son of Thomas Henry and Barbara Ann Ridley and the husband of Jane Ridley of 51 Richardson Street in Middlesbrough.

Ridley, P W.

I believe this to be an incorrect spelling and is a double entry for T W Ridley listed above.

Rigg, James.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, James Rigg did war service with the 19th Battery, 9th Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery.

Gunner Rigg was killed in action on October 16th 1918 aged 25 and having no known grave is remembered today on the Vis-En-Artois Memorial situated six miles south east of Arras on the road to Cambrai.

Ridsdale, H N.

Harold Newsham Ridsdale was Thornaby born and enlisted in Middlesbrough with the Yorkshire Regiment and then transferred to the 1st Garrison battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

The battalion were stationed on Malta during the war and it was here that Private Ridsdale died on March 3rd 1918 at the age of 25.

His grave today lies in Pieta Military Cemetery, one mile south of Valetta on the island of Malta.

Harold Ridsdale was the stepson of Mr C E Whaley of 12 Brereton Avenue in Cleethorpes.

Riley, Charles.

Born in Middlesbrough on June 7th 1891, Charles Riley had emigrated to Canada before the war and worked as a cashier.

In Canada he was a member of the local militia in his spare time and attested into the Canadian Expeditionary Force on November 9th 1914.

Serving with the 5th Brigade of the Canadian Field Artillery, Lieutenant Riley lost his life on November 8th 1917 aged 26 as the Passchendaele offensive closed.

His grave can be seen today in Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery situated three miles west of Ypres town centre.

Charles Riley was the son of Thomas and Ann Ellen Riley of 11 Albert Terrace in Middlesbrough.

Riley, Edward.

Edward Riley was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town with the Royal Army Medical Corps before transferring to the 6th battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment.

Private Riley was killed in actions during the Battle of Epehy on September 18th 1918 and having no known grave is remembered on the Vis-En-Artois Memorial on the road between Arras and Cambrai.

Riley, Thomas.

Born in Port Clarence, Thomas Riley enlisted in Ipswich for war service with the 7th battalion of the Suffolk Regiment.

Wounded in actions at the 1st Battle of Bapaume, Corporal Riley died of his injuries aged 29 on April 1st 1918.

His grave can be seen today in Etaples Military Cemetery in the seaside town of Etaples to the south of Boulogne.

Thomas Riley was the son of John and Ellen Riley of 29 Benson Street, Linthorpe in Middlesbrough.

Riley, William.

Double entry, see William George Riley listed below.

Riley, William George.

William George Riley was born in Middlesbrough and worked for a local grocer before the onset of war.

Enlisting in the town with the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Riley was killed in fighting at the village of Henin on April 2nd 1917 at the age of 38.

Buried close to where he fell his grave today lies in Henin Crucifix Cemetery five miles to the south east of Arras.

William Riley was the husband of Edith Riley of 3 Costa Street in Middlesbrough.

Ripley, William Leonard.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, William Leonard Ripley did his war service with the 8th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Ripley was killed in action during the Somme offensive in a 4-50pm attack on the village of Contalmaison on July 10th 1916.

With no known final resting place his name is remembered on the panels of the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

Risley, Samuel Francis.

Samuel Francis Risley was born in West Derby in Liverpool and enlisted in Middlesbrough with the Yorkshire Regiment before transferring to the 10th battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Private Risley fell in an attack on the German line at Gird Trench on September 25th 1916 during the Battle of the Somme.

Having no known grave he is remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial set high above the old Somme battleground.

Roberson, Jesse Birbeck.

Born in Thornaby, Jesse Birbeck Roberson enlisted in Stockton to serve with the 1/6th battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Corporal Roberson was killed in fighting at the village of St Julien on August 27th 1917 aged 34 during the Passchendaele offensive.

The son of the late Mr Jesse Putland Roberson and Mrs Isabella Roberson of Stockton and husband of Phoebe Roberson of 18 Clarendon Road in Middlesbrough he is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial situated to the north east of Ypres in Belgium.

Roberts, David.

David Roberts was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town to serve with the 9th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Roberts was killed in actions at Munster Alley during the Somme offensive on August 8th 1916 at the age of 19.

David Roberts was the son of Samuel and Sarah Roberts of 92 Vaughan Street in Middlesbrough and having no known grave is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

Robert, J.

This is a possible double entry for Jesse Roberts listed below.

Names on the Middlesbrough War Memorial

Roberts, Jesse.

Jesse Roberts was born in Stockton, lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted in Thornaby into the 13th battalion of the Rifle Brigade.

Rifleman Roberts died aged 19 on October 11th 1915 and today lies in Beauval Communal Cemetery situated fourteen miles north of Amiens.

Jesse Roberts was the son of Jesse and Sarah Jane Roberts of 12 Rushford Street in Middlesbrough.

Roberts, Michael.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, Michael Roberts served with the Depot of the Yorkshire Regiment at Richmond.

Private Roberts died at home due to illness or accident on August 1st 1915 aged 31. His grave can be seen today in St Josephs Roman Catholic Cemetery in North Ormesby.

Roberts, Robert.

Robert Roberts was born and lived in North Ormesby enlisting in Middlesbrough for service with the 6th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Roberts was killed in action on October 8th 1916 in the Beaumetz area and with no known grave is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial overlooking the old Somme battlegrounds.

Roberts, Thomas.

Middlesbrough born Thomas Roberts enlisted in his hometown with the 6th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Lance Corporal Roberts was killed in actions against the Turkish lines at Ismail Oglu Tepe during the campaign on Gallipoli on August 22nd 1915 at the age of 23.

The son of Richard and Hannah E Roberts of 84 Wicklow Street in Middlesbrough, Thomas Roberts is remembered on the Helles Memorial on the Gallipoli peninsula.

Robertson, John William.

John William Robertson enlisted in Middlesbrough and served with the 5th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Robertson lost his life in fighting at the Craonne Plateau on the Chemin des Dames Ridge on May 27th 1918 at the age of 22.

Having no known final resting place his name is on the Soissons Memorial situated sixty miles north east of Paris in the town of Soissons.

John Robertson was the son of Mr and Mrs John William Robertson of 63 Shakespeare Street in Middlesbrough.

Robertson, Alexandre.

An engine fitter before the war, Alexander Robertson was born in Thornaby and enlisted in Middlesbrough with the East Yorkshire Regiment before transferring to the 63rd Company of the Machine Gun Corps.

Private Robertson was killed in action on February 27th 1918 at the age of 32 and having no known grave is remembered today on the Arras Memorial at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras.

Alexander Robertson was the husband of Mrs Minnie Church, formerly Robertson of 29 Salisbury Street in Middlesbrough.

Robertson, Peter.

Peter Robertson was born in Scotland but lived in Middlesbrough and did war service with the Portsmouth battalion of the Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Wounded in action on Gallipoli during the Battles of Krithia, Private Robertson was taken by hospital ship to Egypt where he died of his wounds on May 20th 1915 at the age of 27.

His grave today lies in Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, three miles south east of Cairo city centre in Egypt.

Peter Robertson was the son of William and Mary Robertson of 27 Derby Street in Middlesbrough.

Robertson, William Scott.

Newcastle born William Scott Robertson was commissioned from an officer cadet unit into the Royal Flying Corps in August of 1917.

Flying an SE5A of 85th Squadron, Lieutenant Robertson was killed in aerial combat south east of Armentieres on July 13th 1918 at the age of 20.

His grave can be visited today in Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery in Armentieres in northern France.

Robertson, William.

William Robertson was born in Thornaby, lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted in Glasgow to serve with the 5th battalion of the Cameron Highlanders.

Sergeant Robertson was killed in action during the Battle of the Somme in fighting between Longueval and Delville Wood on July 17th 1916.

Having no known final resting place his name is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme battles.

Robinson, Arthur.

I believe this to be Arthur James Robinson who served as a Stoker 1st class aboard HMS Cockatrice.

He died at home due to illness or accident on November 7th 1918 at the age of 21. Arthur Robinson was the son of Mrs Harriet Robinson of 11 James Street in West Hartlepool, his grave today lying in the town's Stranton Cemetery.

Robinson, Charles William.

Charles William Robinson was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town to serve with the 6th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Wounded in action, Private Robinson died of his injuries on May 6th 1917 at the age of 21.

His grave can be seen today in Grevillers British Cemetery situated two miles west of Bapaume.

Charles Robinson was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Robinson of 10 Linden Grove, Linthorpe in Middlesbrough.

Robinson, Charles.

Newcastle born Charles Robinson enlisted in Richmond with the 1/7th battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Private Robinson died aged 19 on October 26th 1917 during the 2nd Battle of Passchendaele and is remembered today on the Tyne Cot Memorial set on the slopes of the Passchendaele Ridge.

Charles Robinson was the son of Jane Elizabeth Robinson and the late John Brisco Robinson of 2 Cargo Fleet Lane in Middlesbrough.

Robinson, Edward.

Edward Robinson was born and lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town to serve with the 12th battalion of the Rifle Brigade.

Lance Corporal Robinson was killed in action on January 19th 1917 and today lies in Sailly-Saillisel British Cemetery situated six miles south of Bapaume on the Somme.

Robinson, Harry.

Enlisting in London, Harry Robinson did his war service with the 25th battalion of the Royal Fusiliers.

Lance Corporal Robinson was killed in actions against the German forces in East Africa on September 3rd 1915.

He has no known grave and is remembered on the Nairobi British and Indian Memorial situated two miles south east of Nairobi city centre.

Robinson, Francis Summers.

Francis Summers Robinson was Middlesbrough born and worked as a bricklayer before the onset of war.

Serving with the Royal Engineers, Sapper Robinson was attached to the 7th division artillery when he died during actions on the Piave river in Italy on October 27th 1918 at the age of 41.

His grave can be seen today in Giavera British Cemetery to the west of Conegliano in the Italian province of Treviso.

Francis Robinson was the son of William Allan Robinson and Jane Ann Robinson of Middlesbrough.

Robinson, Frank.

Living in Kirby Stephen, Frank Robinson enlisted in Middlesbrough for war service with the 1/8th battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Robinson was killed in actions during the 2nd Battle of Bapaume on September 1st 1918 at the age of 19.

His grave can be visited today in Vaulx Hill Cemetery close to the village of Vaulx-Vraucourt, four miles north east of Bapaume.

Frank Robinson was the son of Joseph and Mary Jane Robinson of Station Yard in Kirby Stephen.

Robinson, George Wilkinson.

George Wilkinson Robinson was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town for service with the 9th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

The battalion had just moved from the Somme offensive to the Ypres sector when Private Robinson was killed in action on November 14th 1916 at the age of 21.

His grave today lies in Bedford House Cemetery two miles south of Ypres on the road to Armentieres.

Robinson, John Robert.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, John Robert Robinson did his war service with the 7th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Robinson was killed in actions between Longueval village and Delville Wood during the Somme offensive on August 10th 1916 at the age of 29.

The son of Mr and Mrs J Robinson of 143 Union Street in Middlesbrough he has no known grave and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

Robinson, John William.

John William Robinson was born in Middlesbrough enlisting in the town for service with the 11th battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Wounded in action, Rifleman Robinson died of his wounds at the age of 21 on February 22nd 1916.

His grave today lies in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery situated seven miles to the west of Ypres in Belgium.

John Robinson was the son of Robert John and Elizabeth Robinson of 26 Carlton Street in Middlesbrough.

Robinson, Joseph.

Enlisting in Middlesbrough with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Joseph Robinson was wounded in actions in the Hindenberg Support line and died of his wounds on June 27th 1917.

His grave can be seen today in St Martin Calvaire British Cemetery in the village of St Martin-sur-Cojeul, five miles south east of Arras.

Robinson, Joseph.

I believe this to be Private J Robinson who served with the Depot of the Yorkshire Regiment and died at home aged 27 on May 25th 1917.

His grave today lies in the town's Linthorpe Cemetery.

Robinson, Samuel Colley.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, Samuel Colley Robinson did his war service with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Robinson was killed in actions close to Rosieres-en-Santerre at the age of 22 on March 26th 1918.

His grave can be visited today in Pargny British Cemetery in the village of Pargny situated eight miles south of Peronne.

Robinson, Leslie Lowe.

Leslie Lowe Robinson was born in Saltburn and served with the 5th battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment.

Gassed in action, Private Robinson died of the effects after the conclusion of the war on April 1st 1919 aged 22.

The son of Alfred Robinson of 35 Stanley Street, Newport Road in Middlesbrough his grave can be seen today in Linthorpe Cemetery.

Robinson, Thomas Francis.

Enlisting in Middlesbrough, Thomas Francis Robinson served with 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Robinson was wounded in actions at Hill 60 in the Ypres Salient and died of his injuries on February 16th 1916.

His grave lies seven miles west of Ypres in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery.

Robinson, Thomas.

Thomas Robinson enlisted in Middlesbrough for war service with the 10th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Robinson was killed in the trenches in front of the village of Gueudecourt on September 19th 1916 during the Battle of the Somme.

With no known grave he is remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme battles.

Robinson, Thomas Ernest.

Born and living in Middlesbrough, Thomas Ernest Robinson enlisted in Malton with the 6th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Robinson lost his life in an attack on the village of Poelcapelle during the Passchendaele offensive on October 9th 1917.

Another with no known final resting place, his name is on the panels of the Tyne Cot Memorial situated to the north east of Ypres in Belgium.

Robinson, William.

I believe this to be a double entry for Charles William Robinson listed earlier.

Robinson, Thomas William.

Born in Swainby, Thomas William Robinson served with the Drake Battalion of the Royal Naval Division.

Able Seaman Robinson lost his life on April 24th 1917 during the 2nd Battle of the Scarpe at the age of 24.

The son of William and Elizabeth Robinson of Middlesbrough, his grave lies in St Nicolas British Cemetery situated in the northern suburbs of Arras.

Robinson, William Alfred.

William Alfred Robinson was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 12/13th battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Private Robinson was killed in action aged 27 on December 10th 1917 and today lies in Heudicourt Communal Cemetery Extension nine miles south west of Cambrai.

William Robinson was the son of William John and Eliza Robinson of 91 Union Street in Middlesbrough.

Names on the Middlesbrough War Memorial

Robson, James.

Born at Coundon in Co Durham, James Robson enlisted in Middlesbrough with the 9th battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Private Robson was killed in actions between Fricourt and Mametz during the Somme offensive on July 7th 1916.

His grave can be visited today in Gordon Dump Cemetery at Ovillers La Boisselle to the north east of Albert on the Somme.

Robson, Albert.

Albert Robson lived in Redcar but was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town for service with the 6th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Corporal Robson was killed in actions at Ismail Oglu Tepe during the Gallipoli campaign on August 22nd 1915.

With no known grave his name is remembered on the Helles Memorial situated at the southern tip of the Gallipoli peninsula.

Robson, John Henry.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, John Henry Robson first served with the Yorkshire Regiment and then transferred over to the Tank Corps.

Military Medal holder Private Robson died due to illness or accident at the age of 26 on June 26th 1918.

The son of the late Joseph and Mary Jane Robson of Middlesbrough he lies in Etaples Military Cemetery situated south of Boulogne on the French channel coast.

Robson, Mark.

Robson, Robert Edward.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, Robert Edward Robson did war service with the 1/15th battalion of the London Regiment, the Civil Service Rifles.

Private Robson was killed in fighting close to the Butte de Warlencourt on October 7th 1916 at the age of 20 during the Battle of the Somme.

His grave today lies in Warlencourt British Cemetery three miles south west of Bapaume on the road to Albert.

Robert Robson was the son of Thomas Weastell Robson and Jane Robson of 24 Woodlands Road in Middlesbrough.

Names on the Middlesbrough War Memorial

Robson, Stanley.

Stanley Robson was Darlington born and enlisted in the town into the 1/5th battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

Wounded in actions during the 2nd Battle of Passchendaele, Private Robson died of his wounds at the age of 21 on November 2nd 1917.

His grave can be seen today in St Sever Cemetery Extension situated two miles south of Rouen city centre.

Robson, Stephen.

Middlesbrough born Stephen Robson enlisted in the town for service with the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Robson was killed in action during the Battle of Neuve Chapelle on March 12th 1915 at the age of 23.

He has no known grave and is remembered on the Le Touret Memorial on the south side of the Bethune to Armentieres road.

Stephen Robson was the husband of Jennie Knox, formerly Robson of 27 Derwent Street, Newport in Middlesbrough.

Robson, Stephen.

Double entry, see Stephen Robson listed above.

Robson, Tom Redfern.

Middlesbrough born Tom Redfern Robson worked as a hawker before the war when he enlisted in the town with the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Robson lost his life on January 5th 1918 aged 38 when his party was in the Hedge Street Tunnels close to Ypres and an electrical fault caused a fire which necessitated the tunnels being sealed to prevent the fire spreading.

Tom Redfern Robson is remembered on a Commonwealth War Graves Commission memorial stone in Railway Dugouts Burial Ground one mile south east of Ypres town centre.

Robson, W O.

William Oswald Robson was Middlesbrough born enlisting in the town into the 7th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Robson was killed in action on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, July 1st 1916 when the battalion attacked the village of Fricourt at 2-30 in the afternoon, he was 25 years old.

The son of Mrs Sarah Jane Robson of 1 Palm Street in Middlesbrough he is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial set high above the old Somme battlefields.

Robson, T O.

Gateshead born Thomas Oxendale Robson did his war service with the 26th battalion of the Royal Fusiliers.

Private Robson was killed in actions close to the Butte de Warlencourt during the Somme offensive on October 4th 1916 at the age of 31.

His grave can be visited today in AIF Burial Ground just to the north of the village of Flers on the Somme.

Thomas Robson was the son of the late Thomas Oxendale Robson and Jane Anne Robson of Marske by the Sea.

Roche, John.

John Roche was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the Yorkshire Regiment before transferring to the 15th battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Wounded in actions during the "Advance in Flanders" Private Roche died of his wounds aged 26 on August 29th 1918.

His grave lies in Longuenesse St Omer Souvenir Cemetery situated in the southern outskirts of the town of St Omer.

John Roche was the son of the late James Roche of Middlesbrough.

Roddy, T.

Dublin born Thomas Roddy enlisted in Middlesbrough and served with the Inland Waterways and Docks section of the Royal Engineers.

Corporal Roddy died of wounds on August 4th 1917 aged 40 and is buried in Dunkirk Town Cemetery on the French channel coast.

Thomas Roddy was the son of the late Martin and Elizabeth Roddy of Drummany, County Cavan in Ireland.

Rodgers, A.

Arthur Rogers was born at Barrow in Furness and enlisted in Middlesbrough for war service with the 11th battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Rifleman Rogers was killed in action aged 26 on October 28th 1915, his grave today lying in Rue-de-Bacquet, 13th London, Graveyard in the village of Laventie four miles south west of Armentieres.

Rodgers, Frederick.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, Frederick Rodgers served with "A" Battery, 66th Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery.

Gunner Rodgers was killed during the "Actions at Sannaiyat" in Mesopotamia on February 25th 1917 at the age of 31.

The son of Clement Fred and Annie Rodgers of 47 Westward Street in Middlesbrough he is remembered on the Basra Memorial along the road to Nasiriyah in Iraq.

Rodgers, Harold.

Harold Rodgers was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town into the 7th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Wounded in actions at Curly and Cupid trenches during the Arras offensive, Private Rodgers died of his wounds aged 22 on May 13th 1917.

His grave can be seen today in Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension situated eight miles north west of Arras on the road to St Pol.

Rodgers, Joseph Alfred.

North Ormesby born Joseph Alfred Rogers enlisted in Middlesbrough to serve with the 12th battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Private Rogers was wounded in action at the Battle of Loos and died of his injuries on October 2nd 1915 aged 24.

Today he lies in Lapugnoy Military Cemetery, four miles west of Bethune in the village of Lapugnoy.

Rodway, William Henry.

William Henry Rodway was born at Rodingham in Lincolnshire and enlisted in Middlesbrough for war service with the 8th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Rodway was killed in action in a 4-50pm attack on the village of Contalmaison during the Somme offensive on July 10th 1916 at the age of 21.

The son of Hannah Maria Lewis, formerly Rodway and the stepson of Thomas Lewis of 51 Cooper Street in Middlesbrough he has no known grave and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial to the north east of Albert on the Somme.

Roe, John.

Born and living in Middlesbrough, John Roe enlisted in the town into the 12th battalion of the Rifle Brigade.

Rifleman Roe was killed in action at the Battle of the Menin Road during the Passchendaele offensive at the age of 31 on September 20th 1917.

The brother of Joseph William Roe of 13 Carey Street in Middlesbrough, John Roe has no known final resting place and is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial on the Passchendaele ridge.

Rogers, Andrew.

Andrew Rogers was born in Workington and enlisted in Middlesbrough with the 6th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Rogers was killed in actions on the Cambrian front on February 4th 1918 and today lies in Cambrian Military Cemetery situated five miles east of Bethune on the road to La Bassee.

Rogers, Arthur.

Born at Barrow in Furness and enlisting in Middlesbrough, Arthur Rogers did war service with the 11th battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps. Rifleman Rogers was killed in action aged 26 on October 28th 1915, his grave today lying in Rue-du-Bacquerot (13th London) Graveyard in the village of Laventie situated four miles south west of Armentieres.

Roger, George Arthur.

George Arthur Roger was born in Thornton Dale near Pickering and enlisted in Middlesbrough into the Royal Field Artillery. With the 41st Battery of the 42nd Brigade, Shoeing Smith Roger died due to illness or accident on November 9th 1918 at the age of 36. His grave can be seen today in Delsaux Farm Cemetery in the village of Beugny along the Cambrai to Bapaume road. George Roger was the son of the late Mr and Mrs Hudson Roger of Thornton Dale and the husband of Mary Yeoman, formerly Roger of Pickering.

Rogers, John William.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, John William Rogers served with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment. Drummer Rogers was wounded in actions at the village of St Julien close to Ypres and died of his wounds on April 29th 1915. His grave can be visited today on the French channel coast in Boulogne's Eastern Cemetery. John Rogers was the son of Annie and the late William Rogers of "Belle Vue" Cockermouth in Cumbria.

Rogers, J.

This is a double entry but unsure as to which J Rogers it refers.

Rogers, James.

Living and enlisting in Southwark in London, James Rogers did his war service with "A" Battery, 170th Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery. Wounded in action, Gunner Rogers died of his injuries aged 27 on May 17th 1916 and today lies in Louvencourt Military Cemetery situated seven miles south east of Doullens. James Rogers was the son of James and Catherine Rogers of Middlesbrough.

Rogers, John James.

John James Rogers was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town with the 12th battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

Private Rogers was wounded in actions at Le Sars during the Battle of the Somme and died of his wounds aged 21 on October 9th 1916.

The son of John and Mary J Stubbs of 25 Cook Street in Middlesbrough his grave lies in Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension two miles south of Albert on the Somme.

Rogers, John.

John Rogers was the son of James and Catherine Rogers of 17 Queen Street in North Ormesby and at the onset of war was living and working in New Zealand.

He enlisted into the Hauraki company of the Auckland Regiment on August 12th 1914 and was soon promoted through the ranks.

Sergeant Major Rogers was killed in action aged 24 on April 25th 1915 in fighting at the hill known as Baby 700 after the New Zealanders had landed at Anzac Cove on Gallipoli.

The history of the Auckland Regiment carries the following passage,

As he lay dying Sergeant Major Rogers raised himself on his elbow and spoke to the men passing on up, "Don't let them beat you boys, don't let them beat you."

John Rogers has no known grave and is remembered on the Lone Pine Memorial situated on the road from Gaba Tepe to Chunuk Bair on the Gallipoli peninsula.

Rogers, John.

John Rogers was born in West Hartlepool where he enlisted into the 1st battalion of the Cameronians, Scottish Rifles.

Private Rogers was wounded in fighting at La Boutillerie during the Battle of Armentieres and died of his wounds on November 3rd 1914.

His grave can be seen today in Trois Arbres Cemetery in the village of Steenwerck situated four miles south east of Bailleul.

Rogers, Joseph.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, Joseph Rogers did war service with the 8th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Rogers was killed in a 4-50pm attack on the village of Contalmaison on July 10th 1916 during the Somme offensive.

With no known final resting place his name appears on the panels of the Thiepval Memorial set high above the old Somme battlegrounds.

Rogowski, Arnold Fred.

Arnold Fred Rogowski was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town into the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Wounded in action during the 2nd Battle of the Scarpe, Arras offensive, Sergeant Rogowski died of his injuries aged 22 on April 22nd 1917.

His grave can be visited today in Warlincourt Halte British Cemetery at Saulty on the Arras to Doullens road.

Arnold Rogowski was the son of Arnold Edward Francis Rogowski and Sarah Elizabeth Rogowski of 4 Fife Street, Grange Road East in Middlesbrough.

Rooke, Arthur Eustace.

Born in Portsmouth and enlisting in York, Arthur Eustace Rooke saw service with the 1st battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Rooke was killed in actions on the Chemin des Dames Ridge at the age of 25 on September 20th 1914.

His grave can be seen in Chauny Communal Cemetery British Extension situated nineteen miles west of Laon.

Arthur Rooke was the son of the late Leonard Arthur Rooke and of Arabella Annie Rooke of 24 Old Burlington Street, Westminster in London.

Rooney, Edward.

Edward Rooney was born in Middlesbrough and worked as a shipyard labourer before enlisting in the town with the 9th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Wounded in actions close to the Menin Road during the Passchendaele offensive, Lance Corporal Rooney died of his wounds on October 31st 1917 aged 35.

His grave today lies in Etaples Military Cemetery to the south of Boulogne on the French channel coast.

Edward Rooney was the husband of Mrs Mary Rooney of 21 Cross Street in Middlesbrough.

Roper, George.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, George Roper did his war service with the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Sergeant Roper was killed in actions close to the village of Roupy on March 22nd 1918 at the age of 27.

He has no known grave and is remembered today on the Pozieres Memorial situated along the Albert to Bapaume road on the Somme.

George Roper was the son of Mrs Mary Ann Moore, formerly Roper of 78 Richmond Street in Middlesbrough.

Names on the Middlesbrough War Memorial

Roskelly, W N.

I believe this to be Stockton born Wilfred Menadue Roskelly, an officer with the West Yorkshire Regiment before transferring to the Royal Flying Corps. Lieutenant Roskelly was lost in combat over the Belgian coast at Nieuport on July 29th 1917 aged 25 and is remembered today on the Arras Flying Services Memorial at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras.

1901 Census,

11 Upper Milbank Street, South Bank.

William J Roskelly – Father – Superintendant of insurance agents.

Mary A Roskelly – Wife.

Children = Ethel, William, Wilfred, Harold, Mary, Evelyn and Mabel.

Rose, Samuel.

Samuel Rose was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town with the Yorkshire Regiment before transferring to the 11th battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Private Rose was killed in actions just prior to the Passchendaele offensive on July 6th 1917 at the age of 24.

With no known grave he is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres in Belgium.

Round, Enoch.

Enoch Round was born in North Ormesby and enlisted in Middlesbrough for service with the 12/13th battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Lance Corporal Round died aged 23 on May 29th 1918 as the battalion were involved in the Battle of the Aisne.

Enoch Round was the son of Benjamin and Jane Round of Maple Street in Cargo Fleet and the husband of Jane Barton Round of 19 Herbert Street in North Ormesby.

He has no known final resting place and is remembered on the Soissons Memorial situated to the north east of Paris in the town of Soissons.

Routledge, Alfred.

Stokesley born Alfred Routledge enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 2nd battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Private Routledge died at home on July 18th 1918 aged 20 and today lies in St Botolphs Churchyard at Carlton near Stokesley.

Alfred Routledge was the son of Thomas and Jane Routledge of 43 Gladstone Street in Middlesbrough.

Rowden, Alfred.

Private Alfred Rowden did his war service with the 3rd Garrison battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers and died at home aged 39 on April 26th 1917.
The husband of Sarah Rowden of 51 School Croft in Middlesbrough his grave can be seen in Linthorpe Cemetery.

Rowley, Frederick Thomas.

Born in Middlesbrough, Frederick Thomas Rowley enlisted in Redcar with the 7th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.
Private Rowley was attached to the 175th Tunneling Company of the Royal Engineers when he was killed in action on June 5th 1917 aged just 19.
His grave can be visited today in La Clytte Military Cemetery situated six miles west of Ypres in Belgium.
Frederick Rowley was the son of Hannah and the late Arthur Rowley of 9 Grange Road West in Middlesbrough.

Rowe, John Peacock.

John Peacock Rowe was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 1st Garrison battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.
Stationed on the island of Malta, Private Rowe died there on September 23rd 1918 at the age of 27.
His grave lies in Pieta Military Cemetery situated one mile south west of Valetta on Malta.
John Rowe was the son of Middlesbrough couple Matthew and Mary Ann Rowe and the husband of Nina Rowe of 10 Costa Street in the town.

Rowe, J.

A bricklayers labourer, correct name John Rowse was born at Millom in Cumbria and enlisted in Redcar with the 9th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.
Private Rowse was killed in an attack on Horseshoe Trench aged 31 on July 5th 1916 during the Battle of the Somme.
His grave is six miles north east of Albert close to the village of Serre in Serre Road Cemetery No 2.
John Rowse was the son of Rachael H Rowse and the late William Rowse of 4 Albert Street, Millom in Cumbria.

Rowlands, A.

Albert Rowlands was born in the St Pauls area of Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town with the 10th battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Rowlands was killed in actions during the 2nd Battle of Bapaume on September 5th 1918 at the age of 25.

His grave can be seen today in Lebucquiere Communal Cemetery Extension, five miles to the east of Bapaume.

Albert Rowlands was the son of Mr W H and Mrs J A Rowlands of 1 Arthur Street, Coatham in Redcar.

Rowlands, Tom Foster.

West Hartlepool born Tom Foster Rowlands enlisted in Middlesbrough to serve with the 6th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Rowlands was killed in an attack on the Turkish line at Ismail Oglu Tepe during the Gallipoli campaign on August 22nd 1915 at the age of 31.

The son of the late George and Elizabeth Rowlands he is remembered on the Helles Memorial on the Gallipoli peninsula.

Rowlands, John W.

John William Rowlands was Middlesbrough born and a steelworker before the war when he enlisted in the town into the 5th battalion of the Border Regiment.

Taken as a prisoner of war, Private Rowlands died in German hands on July 1st 1918 aged 41 and today lies in Berlin South Western Cemetery situated fifteen miles south west of Berlin city centre.

Rowlands, W.

Born in Middlesbrough, William Rowlands enlisted in West Hartlepool to serve with the 18th battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

Private Rowlands was killed in actions at the Nieppe Forest during the Battle of Hazebrouck on April 12th 1918.

He has no known grave and is remembered on the Ploegsteert Memorial to the south of Ypres on the road to Armentieres.

Rowntree, George Albert.

George Albert Rowntree was born in Middlesbrough where he enlisted for war service with the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Wounded in actions east of Meurains, Private Rowntree died of his injuries aged 19 on November 20th 1918.

His grave today lies in Mont Huon Military Cemetery in the small seaport of Le Treport to the north east of Dieppe.

Royer, George Arthur.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, George Arthur Royer served with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Royer was killed in actions between High Wood and Martinpuich during the Battle of the Somme on September 15th 1916 aged just 19.

He has no known grave and is remembered high above the old Somme battlefield on the Thiepval Memorial.

Royle, W.

William Royle enlisted in Guisborough to serve with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Distinguished Conduct Medal holder Sergeant Royle was killed in action at the Battle of Hazebrouck on April 12th 1918 at the age of 26.

William Royle was the son of James and Lydia Royle of Rosedale Abbey and the husband of Mrs Margaret Royle of 10 Park Street in Middlesbrough.

With no known final resting place his name appears on the Ploegsteert Memorial situated to the south of Ypres in Belgium.

Rudd, William Alexander.

A clerk before the war, William Alexander Rudd was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 5th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Rudd was wounded in fighting at the Butte de Warlencourt during the Somme offensive and died of his wounds aged 40 on November 9th 1916.

His grave today lies close to where he fell in Warlencourt British Cemetery situated three miles south west of Bapaume.

William Rudd was the son of Robert and Jane Elizabeth Rudd of 41 Essex Street in Middlesbrough.

Ruddy, Thomas.

Thomas Ruddy was born in Stockton and worked as a general labourer before enlisting in Middlesbrough to serve with the 3rd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Ruddy died at home aged 35 on October 6th 1914, his grave today lying in Eston Cemetery on Normanby Road.

He was the son of the late Thomas and Eliza Ruddy.

Rudge, Reginald Theodore.

Middlesbrough born Reginald Theodore Rudge served with a reserve cavalry unit before joining the 7th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment on the Somme in July 1916.

2nd Lieutenant Rudge was killed in actions in the line between Lesboeufs and Gueudecourt on November 5th 1916 at the age of 26.

With no known grave he is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme battles.

Rumfitt, Harry.

Harry Rumfitt was born in Ripon and enlisted in Middlesbrough for his war service with the 2nd battalion of the Grenadier Guards.

Sergeant Rumfitt was killed in fighting close to the Ginchy-Lesboeufs road during the Somme offensive on September 25th 1916 at the age of 27.

The son of Edmund and Sophia Rumfitt of Ripon his grave today lies in Guards Cemetery at Lesboeufs on the Somme.

Rummings, D J.

Double entry see Douglas Rumens listed below.

Rumens, Douglas.

Correct name Douglas Rumins, he was Middlesbrough born enlisting in the town with the 7th battalion of the Border Regiment.

Corporal Rumins was killed in action aged 22 on September 23rd 1915 and today lies in Brandhoek Military Cemetery situated four miles west of Ypres in Belgium.

Douglas Rumins was the son of Robert and Rose Hannah Rumins of Middlesbrough.

Rush, B.

Born and living in Middlesbrough, Benjamin Rush enlisted in Stockton into the 7th battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Wounded in actions at Hooge just outside Ypres, Rifleman Rush died of his injuries aged 23 on July 6th 1915.

His grave can be visited today in Ypres Town Cemetery situated half a mile east of the town centre of Ypres in Belgium.

Rutter, J.

Joseph Henry Rutter was born and lived in Thornaby and worked as a shipyard labourer before enlisting in Middlesbrough with the 13th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Taken as a prisoner of war, Private Rutter died in enemy hands on August 7th 1918 aged 43 and today lies in Niederzwehren Cemetery situated six miles south of Kassel in Germany.

Rutley, William.

Middlesbrough born and enlisting in the town, William Rutley served with the 8th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Rutley was wounded in actions in the Bois Grenier sector to the south of Armentieres and died of his wounds aged 22 on December 16th 1915.

His grave can be seen today in Sailly-Sur-La Lys Canadian Cemetery four miles to the west of Armentieres.

William Rutley was the son of William and Mary Rutley of 8 Mabel Street in Middlesbrough.

Rutter, Thomas Arthur.

Thomas Arthur Rutter was born in Stockton and served as an Able Seaman with the Hood battalion of the Royal Naval Division, the sailors who fought as soldiers. He lost his life on May 19th 1915 aged 25 just after the 2nd Battle of Krithia during the Gallipoli campaign.

With no known grave, Thomas Rutter is remembered on the Helles Memorial at the southern tip of the Gallipoli peninsula.

Rutter, William.

Born in Thornaby, William Rutter enlisted in Middlesbrough with the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry before transferring to "H" Special Company of the Royal Engineers.

Pioneer Rutter was killed in action at the age of 25 on April 18th 1918 and today lies in Sailly-Labourse Communal Cemetery Extension situated three miles south east of Bethune on the road to Lens.

William Rutter was the son of Thomas and the late Mary Louisa Rutter of 12 Lord Street in Middlesbrough.

Ryder, James Francis.

James Francis Ryder was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town to serve with the 8th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Ryder was killed in actions close to Ypres aged 37 on November 12th 1916 and having no known grave is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres. James Ryder was the husband of Mrs Mary McClusky, formerly Ryder and the son of John Ryder of 5 Welford Street in Middlesbrough.

Ryder, John Erskine.

Enlisting in Middlesbrough, John Erskine Ryder did his war service with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Ryder was killed in action during a German gas attack on the trenches at Hooze close to Ypres on May 24th 1915 aged just 19.

The son of George Spoor Ryder of 143 Linthorpe Road in Middlesbrough he has no known grave and is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres in Belgium.

Ryder, Richard Rowland.

Richard Roland Ryder was Middlesbrough born and served in the Royal Naval Reserve as a Stoker aboard HMS Natal.

He lost his life aged 29 on December 30th 1915 at 3-20pm when with HMS Natal in the Cromarty Firth a series of violent explosions tore through the ship, the cause of which has never been determined.

Richard Ryder is remembered today on the Chatham Naval Memorial in Kent.

Ryder, Robert William.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, Robert William Ryder did service with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Ryder was killed in action on Whit Monday May 24th 1915 aged 25 during a gas attack on the battalion's trenches astride the Menin Road at Hooze near Ypres. The son of Emily Ryder of 10 Rose Street in Middlesbrough he has no known final resting place and is named on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres in Belgium.

Rylatt, Albert Hedley.

Albert Hedley Rylatt was born in Middlesbrough and worked for the Post Office before enlisting in the town with the Yorkshire Regiment and then transferring to the 6th battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

Private Rylatt was killed in actions at the Butte de Warlencourt during the Somme offensive on November 5th 1916 at the age of 35.

Albert Rylatt was the son of John and Lucy Rylatt of 41 Shakespeare Street in Middlesbrough and husband of Edith Baker, formerly Rylatt of 11 Norman Street, Cathays in Cardiff.

He has no known grave and is remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme battles.

Rymer, James.

North Ormesby born James Rymer enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 8th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Lance Corporal Rymer was killed in a 4-50pm attack on the village of Contalmaison, during the Battle of the Somme on July 10th 1916 aged 20.

Remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, James Rymer was the son of Alice and the late William Rymer of 7 James Street in North Ormesby.

Rymer, Robert.

Robert Rymer was born in West Hartlepool and enlisted in Middlesbrough with the Yorkshire Regiment before transferring to the 50th battalion of the Machine Gun Corps.

Military Medal holder Sergeant Rymer was killed in action during the Battle of the Lys on April 10th 1918 at the age of 24.

With no known final resting place he is remembered today on the Ploegsteert Memorial situated south of Ypres on the road to Armentieres.

He was the brother of James Rymer listed above and son of Alice and the late William Rymer of 7 James Street in North Ormesby.