

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

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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

Earnshaw, William T.

William Thomas Earnshaw was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town. Serving with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Earnshaw was killed in action on April 23rd 1917 in fighting on the high ground west of Cherisy during the Battle of Arras.

Having no known grave, his name is remembered today on the Arras Memorial at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras.

Earls, William.

William Earls enlisted to serve in Middlesbrough and was born in Thornaby. Serving with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Earls was killed in action in trenches astride the Menin Road at Hooge on May 24th 1915 aged 24 during the 2nd Battles of Ypres.

His body not recovered he is remembered today on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres.

William Earls was the son of Annie J and the late William Earls of 5 Vulcan Street in Darlington and the husband of Florence Ida Earls of 47 Mills Street, Newport in Middlesbrough.

Eastwood, Joseph.

I believe this to be Huddersfield born Joe Eastwood who enlisted in Redcar for service with the 12th battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Rifleman Eastwood was wounded during the 1st Battle of Bapaume and died of his injuries on April 2nd 1918 being remembered today on the Pozieres Memorial alongside the Albert to Bapaume road.

Eaves, Albert William.

Albert Eaves was born in North Ormesby, enlisted in Richmond and lived in Middlesbrough where he was a moulder in a foundry.

Serving with the 9th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Sergeant Eaves was killed in action aged 39 on July 10th 1916 in a late afternoon attack on the village of Contalmaison during the Battle of the Somme.

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

Albert Eaves was the son of the late Joseph and Charlotte Eaves and the husband of the late Elizabeth Rachael Eaves.

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Eaves, Alfred.

Double entry, I believe this to be Albert Eaves listed above who is named as Albert or Alfred on different memorial rolls.

Ebrun, George.

After confusion over the spelling of the surname, this man turned out to be George Hebron who was born in Stokesley and enlisted in Middlesbrough.

Serving with the 5th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Hebron was killed in action aged 31 on high ground west of Cherisy on April 23rd 1917 during the Battle of Arras.

His body not recovered George Hebron is remembered today on the panels of the Arras Memorial at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras.

Eccles, Will.

William Eccles was born in Skinningrove and enlisted for service in Middlesbrough. Originally with the Dragoons he then transferred to the 2nd battalion of the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment.

Lance Corporal Eccles was killed in action on October 12th 1916 in fighting close to Hannescamps during the Battle of the Somme.

His grave can be visited today in Guards Cemetery at Lesbœufs, seven miles to the east of Albert.

Eden, Thomas.

Thomas Eden enlisted in Middlesbrough and was also born in the town.

Serving with the 13th Siege Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery, Gunner Eden was killed in action aged 24 on March 21st 1918 as the Germans launched their spring offensive.

His grave today lies in Gouzeaucourt New British Cemetery situated one mile to the south west of Gouzeaucourt on the road to Heudicourt.

Thomas Eden was the son of Mary and the late William Eden of 65 Pelham Street in Middlesbrough.

Edwards, J.

James Walter Edwards was born in Glamorgan in Wales and enlisted to serve in Middlesbrough.

With the 9th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Edwards was killed in action on May 24th 1916 aged 35 in the Souchez river sector.

His grave can be seen today in Fosse No 10 Communal Cemetery Extension at Sains-en-Gohelle to the south of Bethune.

James Edwards was the husband of Lily Walters of 2 Mount Pleasant in Great Ayton.

Ellerton, William Edward.

William Ellerton was born in Middlesbrough where he worked as an accounts clerk and enlisted in the town into the 12th battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment. Private Ellerton was wounded in action and passed through the casualty clearing chain to England where he died of his wounds aged 36 on December 30th 1917. His grave can be seen today in the town's Linthorpe Cemetery.

Elliott, John William.

John Elliott served as 1st Engineer aboard the Middlesbrough registered vessel the SS Cedarwood.

He lost his life on February 12th 1916 aged 40 when the ship struck a mine and sank two miles off Aldborough on the north Norfolk coast.

His name is remembered today on the Tower Hill Memorial at Trinity Square in London.

John Elliott was the husband of Mary Elliott of 98 Ayresome Park Road in Middlesbrough.

Elliott, Percy Dudley.

Percy Dudley Elliott was born at Widdledon in Yorkshire and lived in Middlesbrough where he enlisted for his war service.

With the 9th battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, City of London Regiment, Lance Corporal Elliott was killed in action aged 24 on October 7th 1916 in an attack on Bayonet Trench close to Gueudecourt during the Somme offensive.

His body not recovered his name is remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial set high above the old Somme battleground.

Percy Elliott was the son of George and Mary Ann Elliott of 151 Southfield Road in Middlesbrough.

Elliott, R.

Robert James Elliott was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted for his war service in the town.

With the 4th battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment, Private Elliott was killed in action aged 22 on October 18th 1917 during the Passchendaele offensive.

His grave can be visited today in Potijze Chateau Lawn Cemetery situated two miles to the north east of Ypres in Belgium.

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Ellis, Richard.

Richard Ellis enlisted for war service in his hometown of Middlesbrough. With the 26th battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers, Tyneside Irish, Private Ellis died on April 23rd 1917 aged 22 during the 2nd Battle of the Scarpe, part of the Arras offensive.

His grave today lies in Brown's Copse Cemetery at Roeux, six miles to the east of Arras.

Richard Ellis was the son of Thomas and Hannah Ellis of 120 Barritt Street and the husband of Ada Ellis of 111 Barritt Street in Middlesbrough.

Elwell, Wilfred.

Wilfred Elwell enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Elwell was killed in action aged 22 on May 3rd 1915 during the 2nd Battle of Ypres.

Lost to the battlefield Wilfred Elwell is remembered today on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres in Belgium.

He was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Elwell of 129 Essex Street in Middlesbrough.

Elwick, William M.

William Moses Elwick was born at Lythe near Whitby and enlisted in Middlesbrough. Serving with the 5th battalion of the Durham Light Infantry, Private Elwick was killed in action at the Battle of Hazebrouck on April 12th 1918 aged 40.

Having no known grave his name is remembered today on the Ploegsteert Memorial situated four and a half miles north of Armentieres.

William Elwick was the husband of Grace Elwick of 415 Newport Road in Middlesbrough.

England, Sidney.

Sidney England was born and enlisted in Guisborough and lived in Middlesbrough. Serving with the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private England was killed in fighting close to Bethune on November 20th 1915 aged 21.

His grave can be seen today in Guards Cemetery at Windy Corner, three quarters of a mile north of Cuinchy.

Sidney England was the son of Mrs E A Burrton, formerly England of 33 Calthorpe Street in Middlesbrough.

English, A.

Alexander English was born in Belfast, lived in Norton and enlisted in Stockton. Serving with the 225th Field Company of the Royal Engineers, Sapper English died on July 4th 1916 aged just 19.

He has no known grave and is remembered today on the Loos Memorial at Dud Corner Cemetery on the Bethune to Lens road.

Alexander English was the son of George and Elizabeth English of 8 Jameson Road in Norton.

English, Albert.

Albert English was born and enlisted in East Ham in London.

Serving with the 1st battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, Rifleman English was killed in action aged just 19 on August 23rd 1918 during the Battle of Albert.

His grave can be visited today in Railway Cutting Cemetery at Courcelles-le-Comte situated ten miles south of Arras.

Etherington, Frank A.

Frank Alison Etherington enlisted in Grove Park and was born in Pontefract.

Originally with the Army Service Corps he then transferred to the 1st battalion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

Private Etherington was killed in action at the Battle of St Quentin on March 22nd 1918 aged just 18.

His body lost to the battlefield his name is remembered today on the Pozieres Memorial situated along the road between Albert and Bapaume.

Frank Etherington was the son of the late Thomas Etherington and Mrs Annie Etherington of 66 Dunning Road in Middlesbrough.

Evans, Albert Edwin.

Albert Evans was born in Middlesbrough where he worked as a fitter turner and enlisted in the town into the 13th battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment.

During the Somme offensive Corporal Evans was wounded in fighting around Bernafay Wood and died of his wounds aged 36 on August 3rd 1916.

His grave today lies in Le Touret Military Cemetery four and a half miles north east of Bethune.

Albert Evans was the husband of Sarah Jane Thompson, formerly Evans of 114 Kildare Street in Middlesbrough.

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Evans, Charles.

Charles Evans was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 1st battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders.

Private Evans was killed in action in the Persian Gulf region on June 29th 1916 at the age of 22.

He has no known grave and is remembered today on the Basra Memorial in Iraq situated along the road between Basra and Nasiryah.

Charles Evans was the son of the late David and Annie Evans.

Evans, Charles Edward.

Charles Edward Evans was born and lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted for service in Richmond in North Yorkshire.

With the 6th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Sergeant Evans was killed in action on Gallipoli on August 22nd 1915 aged 30 in the attack on the hill known as Ismail Oglu Tepe.

His body not recovered from the battlefield he is remembered today on the Helles Memorial on the Gallipoli peninsula.

Charles Evans was the son of John Benjamin and Mary Evans and before the war worked as a shipyard labourer.

Evans, David Rees.

David Rees Evans was born in West Hartlepool and during the Great War served as a 2nd Lieutenant with the newly formed Royal Air Force.

While flying a DH 9 aircraft above Duxford on July 29th 1918 he was killed when the machine suffered engine failure and spun in from 700 feet catching fire when it hit the ground.

The grave of David Evans can be seen today in Linthorpe Cemetery.

He was the son of Rees and Jane A Evans of 65 Costa Street in Middlesbrough.

Evans, Richard G.

Richard George Evans was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 9th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Evans was killed in action aged 20 on July 10th 1916 in a late afternoon attack on the village of Contalmaison during the Battle of the Somme.

His body lost he is remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme battles.

Richard Evans was the son of Dorothy Dobson Purdy, formerly Evans of 28 Elizabeth Street in Middlesbrough and the late Mr John Evans.

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Evans, Samuel.

Samuel Evans was born and lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted to serve in Rugby in Warwickshire.

With the 9th battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Corporal Evans was wounded in action on the Gallipoli peninsula and evacuated by hospital ship to Malta where he died of his injuries on August 21st 1915 aged 23.

His grave can be visited today in Pieta Military Cemetery situated one mile south west of Valletta on the island of Malta.

Samuel Evans was the son of Samuel and Mary Ann Evans of 48 Crescent Road in Middlesbrough.

Everson, Arthur Robert.

Arthur Everson was born in North Ormesby and enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 5th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Everson was killed in action on March 30th 1918 aged 23 in fighting south east of Hourges as the German Spring Offensive opened.

Having no known grave he is remembered today on the Pozieres Memorial situated along the road between Bapaume and Albert.

Arthur Everson was the husband of Clara I Everson of 20 Marsh Street in Middlesbrough.

Evetts, Walter Henry.

Walter Evetts was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town but lived in South Bank.

Serving with the 8th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Evetts was killed in action aged 23 in fighting in the Angres sector on March 24th 1916.

His grave today lies in Tranchee de Mecknes Cemetery at Aix-Noulette to the south east of Bethune.

Evison, Ernest.

Ernest Evison was born in Middlesbrough on October 5th 1888, the son of Mrs C Evison of 81 Corporation Road in Middlesbrough.

He emigrated to Canada before the war and lived at 547 Bowman Avenue in Winnipeg where he followed the trade of automobile salesman and mechanic.

He enlisted into the Canadian forces in June of 1918 but the records show no details of his service or death unfortunately.

Ewbank, Charles Thomas.

Charles Ewbank enlisted in Middlesbrough and was also born in the town. Serving with the 50th Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery, Bombardier Ewbank died at the age of 21 on March 30th 1918. His grave can be seen today in Etaples Military Cemetery two miles north of the town on the French channel coast. Charles Ewbank was the only son of Charles and Sarah Jane Ewbank of 8 Cooper Street in Middlesbrough.

Eyre, James.

James Eyre was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment. Private Eyre was killed in action aged 24 on March 11th 1915 during the Battle of Neuve Chapelle. His body lost to the battlefield his name is remembered today on the Le Touret Memorial four and a half miles north east of Bethune.