

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

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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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 theses 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

### **Fagan, J R.**

John Robert Fagan was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Fagan was killed in action aged 24 on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, July 1<sup>st</sup> 1916, in the battalion's attack on the village of Montauban. His grave can be visited today in Peronne Road Cemetery at Maricourt to the east of Albert.

### **Fairbrass, William Edwin.**

William Fairbrass was born in South Bank and served with the Royal Navy as a 4<sup>th</sup> class Electrical Artificer aboard the battlecruiser HMS Queen Mary. He lost his life on May 31<sup>st</sup> 1916 when the Queen Mary was lost during the Battle of Jutland in the North Sea. His name is remembered today on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

### **Fairbridge, William Fletcher.**

William Fairbridge was born and enlisted for service in Middlesbrough. With the 9<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Fairbridge was killed in action aged 20 on July 10<sup>th</sup> 1916 in a late afternoon attack on the village of Contalmaison during the Somme offensive. Having no known grave his name is remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme battles. William Fairbridge was the son of the late William and Jane Elizabeth Fairbridge.

### **Fairless, Arthur.**

Arthur Fairless was born in Middlesbrough and served as an Able Seaman with the Anson battalion of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Royal Naval Division, the sailors who fought on land. He was killed in action close to Gavrelle on July 11<sup>th</sup> 1917 aged 22 and his grave can be seen today in Naval Trench Cemetery at Gavrelle, five miles north east of Arras, the cemetery being named after a trench held by the 63<sup>rd</sup> Division in the summer of 1917.

### **Fardon, Thomas.**

### **Farrell, John.**

John Farrell was born and enlisted in Middlesbrough into the Yorkshire Regiment before transferring to the 10<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Durham Light Infantry. Private Farrell was killed in action aged 28 on August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1917 in fighting during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of Ypres, Passchendaele offensive. His grave can be visited today in Tyne Cot Cemetery situated five miles to the north east of Ypres in Belgium.

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### **Farrell, Peter.**

Peter Farrell appears on the memorial as serving with HMS Maori. This vessel was part of the 6<sup>th</sup> flotilla and sank after hitting a mine on May 7<sup>th</sup> 1915. There is no record of commemoration for Peter Farrell however on the database of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

### **Farquharson, A.**

Alexander Farquharson was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 8<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment. Private Farquharson was killed in action during the Somme offensive on July 11<sup>th</sup> 1916 in an attack on the German held village of Contalmaison. His body lost to the battlefield his name is remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme battles.

### **Farrow, Ernest.**

Ernest Farrow enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment. Private Farrow was killed in action on December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1915 in fighting at Armagh Wood in the Ypres Salient. His body not recovered his name is remembered today on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres in Belgium.

### **Farthing, E.**

Ernest Farthing was born and lived in Spennymoor where he worked as a groom and enlisted for his war service in Middlesbrough. With the Machine Gun Corps, Lance Corporal Farthing was wounded in action during the German Spring Offensive and died of his injuries aged 34 on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1918. His grave subsequently lost he is remembered today on the Pozieres Memorial situated along the road from Albert to Bapaume.

### **Farthing, T.**

Thomas Farthing was born in Middlesbrough where he worked as a shipyard plater and enlisted in the town into the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Grenadier Guards. Guardsman Farthing was killed in action aged 37 at the Battle of Loos on September 27<sup>th</sup> 1915 and having no known grave is remembered today on the Loos Memorial at Dud Corner Cemetery on the Lens to Bethune road.

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### **Fawbett, Jack.**

I believe this to be John Fawbert who served with the 142<sup>nd</sup> Field Ambulance of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Sergeant Fawbert died during the Battle of the Somme on July 24<sup>th</sup> 1916 and today lies in Bernafay Wood British Cemetery at Montauban south of Longueval.

### **Fawcett, Alfred.**

Alfred Fawcett enlisted in Middlesbrough and was also born in the town.

Serving with the 7<sup>th</sup> battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, Rifleman Fawcett was wounded in action close to Delville Wood during the Battle of the Somme and died of his injuries on September 16<sup>th</sup> 1916.

His grave can be seen today in Heilly Station Cemetery at Mericourt-L'Abbe five miles to the south west of Albert.

### **Fawcett, Ernest.**

Ernest Fawcett was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the Yorkshire Regiment before transferring to the 9<sup>th</sup> battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Private Fawcett was killed in action aged 30 on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1918 during the Battle of St Quentin.

Having no known grave he is remembered today on the Pozieres Memorial along the road from Albert to Bapaume.

### **Fawcett, Herbert.**

Herbert Fawcett enlisted in Middlesbrough and also lived in the town.

With the 41<sup>st</sup> Divisional Train of the Royal Army Service Corps, Driver Fawcett died on May 8<sup>th</sup> 1916, his grave today lying in Hazebrouck Communal Cemetery situated on the south western outskirts of the town.

### **Fawcett, Matthew.**

Matthew Fawcett was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted for service in Leeds.

With the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Grenadier Guards, Guardsman Fawcett was killed in action aged 26 on September 25<sup>th</sup> 1916 in a 12-30pm attack close to Bernafay Wood during the Battle of the Somme.

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

**Fearon, Michael.**

Michael Fearon was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 7<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Fearon was killed in action aged 25 on November 5<sup>th</sup> 1916 in a noon attack close to Le Transloy during the closing stages of the Somme fighting.

His body was not recovered and he is remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial situated five miles north east of Albert.

**Featherstone, Harry.**

Harry Featherstone was born in Great Broughton and enlisted in Stokesley.

Serving with "D" Battery of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Royal Field Artillery, Driver Featherstone was wounded in action during the Germans' 1918 spring offensive and died of his wounds aged 40 on March 25<sup>th</sup> 1918.

His grave can be visited today in Noyon New British Cemetery fifteen miles to the north east of Compiègne.

Harry Featherstone was the husband of Isobel Featherstone of 8 Cliffe Terrace in Great Ayton.

**Featherstone, Thomas Roddam.**

Thomas Featherstone was born in Middlesbrough but lived and enlisted for his war service in Stockton.

Private Featherstone was killed in action with the 5<sup>th</sup> battalion Yorkshire Regiment on April 10<sup>th</sup> 1918 during the Battles of the Lys.

His name does not appear on the database of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission so details of his burial place are unfortunately not available.

**Featonby, Lawrence.**

Lawrence Featonby enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 10<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Sergeant Featonby was killed in action on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1917 in fighting close to Dickebusch and Zillebeke during the Passchendaele offensive.

His body not recovered his name is remembered today on the panels of the Tyne Cot Memorial situated five miles north east of Ypres.

**Featonby, William.**

William Featonby was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 5<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Featonby was wounded in action close to Morevil during the German spring offensive and died of his wounds aged 20 on April 8<sup>th</sup> 1918 whilst in enemy hands.

His grave can be seen today in Ham British Cemetery fourteen miles south of Peronne.

**Fielden, John.**

**Fellows, Samuel Clarke.**

Samuel Fellows was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 8<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Fellows was wounded in action at the Battle of Messines and died of his injuries on June 8<sup>th</sup> 1917 aged 24.

His grave subsequently lost his name is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres in Belgium.

Samuel Fellows was the son of Mr and Mrs Enoch Fellows of 19 Bargate Street in Middlesbrough and the husband of Ethel May Malpas, formerly Fellows of Osborne Street, Pitsmoor in Sheffield.

**Fellows, Thomas James.**

**Fenton, Peter.**

Peter Fenton was born and enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Lance Corporal Fenton was killed in action aged 21 on October 28<sup>th</sup> 1917 in the Elverdinghe area and having no known grave is remembered today on the Tyne Cot Memorial situated five miles north east of Ypres.

**Fenton, John.**

John Fenton was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted for service in the town where he worked in the ironworks.

With the 6<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Fenton was killed in action close to Karakol Dag on September 18<sup>th</sup> 1915 aged 32 during the Gallipoli campaign.

His body lost to the battlefield his name is remembered today on the Helles Memorial on the Gallipoli peninsula.

John Fenton was the husband of Mrs S E Keeper, formerly Fenton of 74 Denmark Street in Middlesbrough.

**Fenwick, William.**

William Fenwick lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town for war service.

With "B" Battery 46<sup>th</sup> Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery, Driver Fenwick was killed in action aged 33 on November 27<sup>th</sup> 1917 at the close of the Passchendaele offensive. His grave can be visited today in Ypres Reservoir Cemetery in the north western part of the town.

William Fenwick was the son of George and Jane Fenwick and the husband of Ida Fenwick of 20 Henry Street in North Ormesby.

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### **Fenwick, Charles.**

John Charles Cuthbertson Fenwick was born and lived in North Ormesby enlisting in Middlesbrough with the 5<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Fenwick was killed in actions close to Chateau La Motte during the Battles of the Lys on April 12<sup>th</sup> 1918 at the age of 43.

The husband of Florence L Fenwick of 50 Moses Street in North Ormesby he has no known grave and is remembered on the Ploegsteert Memorial to the south of Ypres.

### **Ferguson, John.**

Private John Ferguson served with the Royal Army Service Corps.

He died at home of war related illness or injury on October 27<sup>th</sup> 1919 aged 46 and his grave today lies in Linthorpe Cemetery.

John Ferguson was the husband of Elizabeth Ferguson of 28 Russell Street in Middlesbrough.

### **Ferguson, H L.**

An unusual spelling, Harrie Leonard Ferguson enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Ferguson was killed in action in fighting close to High Wood during the Somme offensive on September 15<sup>th</sup> 1916 aged 20.

He has no known grave and is remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial set high above the old battleground.

Harrie Ferguson was the son of William Stokell Ferguson and his wife Eliza Jane of 69 Borough Road in Middlesbrough.

### **Ferry, Richard William.**

Richard Ferry was born in Spennymoor and enlisted in Middlesbrough for war service.

Originally with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment he then transferred to the 11<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Hampshire Regiment.

Private Ferry was killed in action close to Ginchy during the Somme offensive on September 9<sup>th</sup> 1916 aged 21.

His grave can be visited today in Quarry Cemetery situated north west of Montauban on the road to Bazentin.

Richard Ferry was the son of William Pearson Ferry and his wife Eliza of 30 Gresham Road in Middlesbrough.



**Ferry, Thomas Henry.**

Thomas Ferry was born and lived in Sunderland and enlisted to serve in Middlesbrough.

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> Buffs, the East Kent Regiment, Private Ferry was killed in action during the Battle of Loos on September 28<sup>th</sup> 1915 aged 21.

With no known grave he is remembered today on the Loos Memorial at Dud Corner Cemetery on the Lens to Bethune road.

Thomas Ferry was the son of Thomas Henry and Margaret Ferry of 30 Backsands Street in Sunderland.

**Finkell, Charles Andrew.**

Charles Finkill was born at Crewe in Cheshire and enlisted for war service in Middlesbrough.

With the 234<sup>th</sup> Field Company of the Royal Engineers, Sapper Finkill was killed in action on June 30<sup>th</sup> 1916 aged 23.

His grave today lies in Brown's Road Military Cemetery at Festubert, five miles to the east of Bethune.

Charles Finkill was the son of William and Mary Gertrude Finkill of 9 Rose Street in Middlesbrough.

**Finkle, C T.**

Charles Thomas Finkell lived in North Ormesby and enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 5<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Finkell was killed in action on June 26<sup>th</sup> 1916 in fighting close to Locre in Belgium.

His grave today lies in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension situated on the eastern outskirts of the town of Bailleul.

**Finlay, Robert.**

Robert Finlay was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 8<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Finlay was killed in action during the Passchendaele offensive on September 20<sup>th</sup> 1917 in fighting close to Inverness Copse.

His body lost to the battlefield his name is remembered today on the Tyne Cot Memorial situated five miles north east of Ypres in Belgium.

**Firth, Louis.**

Louis Firth was born at Tower, Worthley in Yorkshire, lived in Shipley and enlisted for war service in Middlesbrough.

Lance Corporal Firth with the 7<sup>th</sup> battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers was killed in action at the Battle of Loos on September 25<sup>th</sup> 1915.

With no known grave he is remembered today on the Loos Memorial at Dud Corner Cemetery.

**Fish, Herbert.**

Herbert Fish lived in North Ormesby and enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Fish was killed in action in the Eaucourt L'Abbe area during the Somme offensive on November 7<sup>th</sup> 1916.

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

**Fisher, Herbert.**

I believe this could be a double entry referring to Herbert Fish listed above.

**Fisher, A E.**

Albert Edward Fisher was born and lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted in Redcar. Serving with the 7<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Sergeant Fisher was killed in action on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1916 aged 27 in the battalions assault on the German held village of Fricourt on the opening day of the Battle of the Somme.

His grave can be visited today in Fricourt British Cemetery, three miles to the east of the town of Albert.

Albert Fisher was the son of John and Maria Fisher of "Homeville" Devonshire Road in Middlesbrough.

**Fisher, John William.**

John Fisher was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 12<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, the Teesside Pioneers.

Lance Corporal Fisher died on February 1<sup>st</sup> 1917 aged 30 with the battalion in the Rancourt area.

His grave today lies in Bray Military Cemetery, one mile north of Bray.

John Fisher was the son of Mrs Fisher of 242 Cannon Street in Middlesbrough.

## Names on the Middlesbrough War Memorial

### **Fisk, Alfred.**

Alfred Fisk was born in Leeds, enlisted in Sheffield and lived in Middlesbrough. Serving with the 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Lance Corporal Fisk was killed in action on March 13<sup>th</sup> 1915 during the Battle of Neuve Chapelle. Having no known grave he is remembered today on the Le Touret Memorial situated four and a half miles north east of Bethune.

### **Flannigan, Peter.**

Peter Flannigan was born in Motherwell in Scotland and enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 20<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Durham Light Infantry. Private Flannigan was killed in action on September 21<sup>st</sup> 1917 during the Battle of the Menin Road, part of the Passchendaele offensive. His name is remembered today on the Tyne Cot Memorial, five miles to the north east of Ypres.

### **Flavel, William Henry.**

William Flavell was born in Ormesby, lived in North Ormesby and enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 5<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment. Private Flavell was killed in action during the Battle of the Menin Road on September 26<sup>th</sup> 1917 and his body lost is remembered today on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium.

### **Fitzjohn, Robert William.**

Robert Fitzjohn served as a Fireman aboard the SS Djerv, Mercantile Marine. He lost his life aged 34 on February 20<sup>th</sup> 1918 when the ship was torpedoed and sunk twelve miles north west of the island of Anglesey. His name is remembered today on the Tower Hill Memorial in Trinity Square in London. Robert Fitzjohn was the son of Francis and Margaret Fitzjohn, nee Kirk of 30 Temple Street in Middlesbrough.

### **Fleet, Geo.**

### **Fleming, William Carney.**

William Fleming was born and enlisted for service in Sunderland. With the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers, Lance Corporal Fleming was killed in action aged 24 on April 9<sup>th</sup> 1917 during the 1<sup>st</sup> Battle of the Scarpe, part of the Arras offensive. His grave today lies in Tilloy British Cemetery in the village of Tilloy-les-Mofflaines, one and a half miles south east of Arras. William Fleming was the son of John and Elizabeth Fleming of Sunderland.

**Flintoff, Charles.**

Charles Flintoff was born in Newcastle and lived in Gateshead enlisting for service in Middlesbrough.

With the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Flintoff was killed in action aged just 19 on April 25<sup>th</sup> 1915 at the Battle of St Julien.

He has no known grave and is remembered today on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres in Belgium.

Charles Flintoff was the son of Mrs Caroline King, formerly Flintoff of 43 Tennyson Street in Gateshead.

**Flodin, Robert William.**

Robert Flodin was born at New Becton in London and served in the Royal Navy as an Acting Leading Stoker aboard HM submarine L 55.

He lost his life on June 4<sup>th</sup> 1919 aged 27 when the L 55 was blockading the Bolshevik naval base at Kronstadt on the Baltic and was sunk by gunfire from enemy destroyers.

The 42 officers and men of L 55 lay below the surface until 1928 when the Soviets raised the submarine and the bodies were returned to the UK.

All of the crew are now buried together in a collective grave in Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery at Gosport in Hampshire.

Robert Flodin was the son of Charles W and Susan Flodin and the husband of Constance H Flodin of 106 Harford Street in Middlesbrough.

**Flynn, John.**

John Flynn was born in South Shields, enlisted in Richmond and lived in Middlesbrough.

With the 19<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Durham Light Infantry, Private Flynn was killed in action on October 31<sup>st</sup> 1918 at the Action of Tieghem, during the final advance in Flanders.

His grave can be visited today in Vichte Military Cemetery situated in the village of Vichte, twenty miles to the east of Ypres in Belgium.

**Flynn, John.**

John Flynn was born and enlisted for service in Thornaby.

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Flynn was killed in action on May 8<sup>th</sup> 1918 during a 7-15am attack on the battalion's line close to Voormezele. Having no known grave his name is remembered today on the panels of the Tyne Cot Memorial situated five miles north east of Ypres.

**Flynn, William.**

William Flynn was born in South Wales and enlisted in Middlesbrough. Serving with the 5<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Durham Light Infantry, Private Flynn was killed in action on September 15<sup>th</sup> 1916 in an attack on Prue and Starfish trenches during the Somme offensive.

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

**Footit, Lancelot.**

Lancelot Footit was born and lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted for service in Sunderland.

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion of the Coldstream Guards, Lance Corporal Footit was killed in action on September 16<sup>th</sup> 1916, in fighting close to Lesboeufs, during the Battle of the Somme.

Having no known grave Lancelot Footit is remembered on the panels of the Thiepval Memorial.

**Forbes, Albert Edward.**

**Forbes, Alexander.**

Alexander Forbes was born in Aberdeen and enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders.

Corporal Forbes was wounded in fighting in the Persian Gulf and died of his injuries on November 8<sup>th</sup> 1917.

His grave today lies in Baghdad North Gate War Cemetery, just beyond the north gate of the city of Baghdad on the road to Baguba in Iraq.

**Ford, Frank.**

Frank Ford was born and lived in North Ormesby and enlisted in Middlesbrough.

Serving with the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Ford was wounded in fighting on the Chemin des Dames ridge in late May and died of his wounds on July 24<sup>th</sup> 1918.

His grave can be seen today in Sissonne British Cemetery in the village of Sissonne close to the river Aisne.

**Ford, W H.**

William Henry Ford enlisted in Stoke on Trent and lived in Burslem in Staffordshire before moving to the Middlesbrough area.

Lance Corporal Ford served with the Depot of the North Staffordshire Regiment and died at home of war related illness on July 20<sup>th</sup> 1917.

His grave today lies in North Ormesby Cemetery.

**Ford, Joseph.**

Joseph Ford was born and enlisted in Middlesbrough and lived in North Ormesby. Serving with the 6<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Ford died in Egypt of wounds or illness sustained on the Gallipoli peninsula on September 4<sup>th</sup> 1915. His grave can be seen today in Alexandria, Chatby Military and War Memorial Cemetery situated in the eastern suburbs of the city of Alexandria.

**Foreman, Ernest.**

Ernest Foreman was born in Port Clarence and enlisted for service in Middlesbrough. With the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Foreman was wounded in action in the Elverdinghe sector and died of his wounds aged 24 on October 30<sup>th</sup> 1917 during the Passchendaele offensive. Today his grave lies in Dozinghem Military Cemetery situated to the north west of Poperinghe in Belgium.

**Forgan, Charles.**

Charles Forgan enlisted in Middlesbrough and was also born in the town. Serving with the 69<sup>th</sup> Field Company of the Royal Engineers, Sapper Forgan was wounded in action during the Battle of Loos and died of his wounds aged 34 on October 9<sup>th</sup> 1915. He is buried close to the Loos battlefield in Sailly-Labourse Communal Cemetery, three miles to the south east of Bethune. Charles Forgan was the son of Charles and the late Elizabeth Forgan of Middlesbrough and the husband of Edith Forgan of 43 Rutland Street in Middlesbrough.

**Formstone, George Henry.**

George Formstone was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 9<sup>th</sup> battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Private Formstone was killed in action aged 42 on September 16<sup>th</sup> 1916 in the battalion's advance from Flers to Gird Trench 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. George Formstone was the son of the late George and Mary Formstone and the husband of Elizabeth H Formstone of 89 Croft Street in Middlesbrough.

**Foster, Anthony.**

Anthony Foster was born in Darlington but lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted for service in the town.

With the 2/6<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, Private Foster was killed in action on January 20<sup>th</sup> 1918.

His grave can be visited today in Roclincourt Military Cemetery in the village of Roclincourt on the east side of the Arras to Lens road.

**Foster, Harry.**

Harry Foster was born in North Ormesby and enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 12<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Private Foster was killed in action aged just 19 on September 27<sup>th</sup> 1915 during the Battle of Loos.

His body lost to the battlefield, he is remembered today on the Loos Memorial.

Harry Foster was the son of Mrs Cora Foster of 5 Tees Street in North Ormesby.

**Foster, John James.**

John Foster was born at Richmond in Surrey, lived in Ormesby and enlisted in Middlesbrough.

Serving with the 11<sup>th</sup> battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, Sergeant Foster was killed in action on June 7<sup>th</sup> 1916 aged 21 during the Battle of Mount Sorrel.

Today his grave lies in Potijze Burial Ground Cemetery to the north east of Ypres and close to St Jan.

John Foster was the son of Joseph and Isabella Foster of 32 Fitzwilliam Street in Redcar.

**Foster, Horace.**

Horace Foster was born at Otley in Yorkshire and enlisted in Burnley in Lancashire.

Gunner Foster served with the West Riding Divisional Ammunition Column of the Royal Field Artillery and died in England of war related illness or injury on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1918 aged 22.

Horace Foster was the son of Sam and Elizabeth Foster of Otley and his grave today lies in Aylesbury Cemetery in Buckinghamshire.

**Foster, Morgan.**

Morgan Foster was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 9<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Foster was killed in action aged 33 on June 7<sup>th</sup> 1917, in fighting in the Battle Wood area during the Battle of Messines.

His body not recovered, Morgan Foster is remembered today on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres in Belgium.

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### **Foster, William.**

William Foster was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted for service in the town. With the 9<sup>th</sup> battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment, Private Foster landed at Suvla Bay on Gallipoli on August 7<sup>th</sup> and was killed in action two days later on August 9<sup>th</sup> 1915 in fighting at Scimitar Hill.

Having no known grave William Foster is remembered today on the Helles Memorial situated at the tip of the Gallipoli peninsula.

### **Fowler, Charles William.**

Charles William Fowler was a Royal Naval Reserve Stoker based at HMS Vivid, the Royal Naval barracks in Plymouth.

He died on January 27<sup>th</sup> 1915 and today his grave lies in Ford Park Cemetery in Plymouth.

### **Fowler, H.**

Henry Fowler was born and lived in Middlesbrough working as an ironworks labourer and enlisted in Richmond.

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Fowler was killed in action on September 25<sup>th</sup> 1915 aged 33 during the Battle of Loos, in an attack on the crossroads to the north east of Hulloch.

His body lost to the battlefield, he is remembered today on the Loos Memorial at Dud Corner Cemetery on the Bethune to Lens road.

### **Fowler, Robert William.**

Robert Fowler enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Fowler was killed in action aged 21 on April 21<sup>st</sup> 1917 in fighting on the high ground west of Cherisy during the Arras offensive.

His grave can be visited today in Hibernia Trench Cemetery at Wancourt, four miles to the south east of Arras.

Robert Fowler was the son of Mrs Ada Fowler of 157 Parliament Road in Middlesbrough.

### **Fox, Austin William.**

Austin Fox enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 5<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Fox was killed in action on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1917 in fighting close to Bois St Martin. His grave today lies in Roye New British Cemetery, twenty miles south east of Amiens.



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### **Fox, Henry.**

Henry Fox was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted for his war service in the town. With the 63<sup>rd</sup> Field Company of the Royal Engineers, Sergeant Fox was killed in action on October 13<sup>th</sup> 1916 during the Battle of the Somme.

His grave can be seen today in Warlencourt British Cemetery situated three miles to the south west of Bapaume.

### **Fox, Thomas W.**

Thomas William Fox enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 5<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

Private Fox was wounded during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of the Scarpe, Arras offensive and died of his wounds on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1917.

His grave can be visited today in Bucquoy Road Cemetery in the village of Ficheux to the south of Arras.

### **Fox, Herbert.**

Herbert Fox was born at Ampleforth in Yorkshire and enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 7<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Corporal Fox was killed in action on February 1<sup>st</sup> 1917 in fighting around the village of Sailly Saillisel.

Today he lies in Guards Cemetery at Combles, seven miles to the south of Bapaume.

### **France, John.**

John France was born, lived and enlisted to serve in Middlesbrough.

With the 12<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Rifle Brigade, Rifleman France was killed in action on June 29<sup>th</sup> 1916, his grave today lying in Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, three miles to the west of Ypres in Belgium.

### **Frary, James William.**

James Frary was born and enlisted for service in Middlesbrough.

With the 5<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Frary was captured by the enemy and died in captivity in German hands on September 24<sup>th</sup> 1918 aged 29.

His grave can be visited today at Grand-Seraucourt British Cemetery situated four miles south west of St Quentin.

James Frary was the son of the late William and Sophia Frary of Middlesbrough.

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### **Fraser, William.**

Born in Inverness in Scotland, William James Fraser enlisted for his war service in Middlesbrough.

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Fraser was killed in action aged 20 on March 12<sup>th</sup> 1915 during the Battle of Neuve Chapelle.

His body lost he is remembered today on the Le Touret Memorial situated along the road from Armentieres to Bethune.

William Fraser was the son of Jane E Holley of 26 Ann Street in Middlesbrough and the late Mr John Fraser.

### **Fraser, Edward William.**

Edward Fraser enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Fraser was killed in action on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1917 in fighting on the high ground west of Cherisy during the Arras offensive.

His body not recovered from the battlefield his name is remembered today on the Arras Memorial at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras.

### **Frazer, David.**

David Frazer was born in Newcastle and enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Corporal Frazer was killed in action in the Ypres Salient on February 28<sup>th</sup> 1915 and his body not recovered is remembered today on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres.

### **French, George.**

George French was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 8<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Sergeant French was killed in action aged 22 on July 11<sup>th</sup> 1916 in a 4-50pm attack on the village of Contalmaison during the Battle of the Somme.

Having no known grave, his name is remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial situated five miles to the north east of Albert.

### **French, Robert Illtyd.**

Robert Illtyd French was born in the All Saints area of Middlesbrough and enlisted for his war service in the town.

Originally with the Yorkshire Regiment he then transferred to the 2/4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment.

Private French was wounded in action during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battles of the Somme and died of his injuries on September 12<sup>th</sup> 1918 aged 23.

His grave today lies in Ruyaulcourt Military Cemetery situated six miles east of Bapaume.

Robert French was the son of Robert and Martha French of 14 Lennox Street in Middlesbrough.

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### **French, Thomas.**

Thomas French served with the Mercantile Marine and was Master of the tug Hero. He died on March 28<sup>th</sup> 1917 aged 27 when the Hero hit a mine and sank in the entrance to the River Wear off Sunderland.

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

Thomas French was the son of the late Thomas and Margaret French and husband of Mary Teresa French of 131 Abingdon Road in Middlesbrough.

### **Freeman, Charles.**

Charles Freeman was born and enlisted for war service in Middlesbrough.

Originally with the Royal Irish Rifles he was then posted to the 18<sup>th</sup> battalion of the London Regiment, London Irish Rifles.

Rifleman Freeman died of wounds incurred in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battle of Bapaume on March 21<sup>st</sup> 1918 at the age of 22.

Charles Freeman has no known grave and his name is remembered today on the Arras Memorial at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras.

### **French, Robert.**

Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Robert French served aboard HMS Moldavia and died at sea due to illness or accident on August 15<sup>th</sup> 1916 aged 45.

His name is remembered today on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial in Devon.

Robert French was the son of William and Mary French of Seaham Harbour and husband of Martha French of 14 Lennox Street in Middlesbrough.

He was the father of Robert Illtyd French listed above, Martha French losing her husband and son in the Great War.

### **Freemantle, William Raylton.**

William Freemantle was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town into the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Freemantle died at home on September 20<sup>th</sup> 1914 aged 21 due to war related illness or accident and today lies in Linthorpe Cemetery.

### **Fretter, Charles William.**

Charles Fretter was born at Masbrough near Rotherham and enlisted in Middlesbrough.

Serving with the 13<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment, Sergeant Fretter was killed in action on October 18<sup>th</sup> 1917 during the Passchendaele offensive.

His grave can be seen today in Voormezeele Enclosures No 1 & No 2 in the village of Voormezeele two miles south west of Ypres in Belgium.

**Frost, George Gilbert.**

George Frost was born in London and enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 6<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Frost was killed in action aged 23 on August 21<sup>st</sup> 1915 in an attack on the hill known as Ismail Oglu Tepe during the Gallipoli campaign.

George Frost has no known grave and is remembered today on the Helles Memorial on the Gallipoli peninsula.

He was the son of Harriet Frost of 26 Abingdon Road in Middlesbrough.

**Frost, Joseph.**

Joseph Frost was born in Middlesbrough where he worked as a shoemaker and enlisted in the town into the 1/7<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment.

Private Frost was killed in action during the Pursuit to the Selle on October 11<sup>th</sup> 1918 at the age of 35.

His grave can be seen today in Wellington Cemetery at Rieux-en-Cambresis, five miles north east of Cambrai.

Joseph Frost was the son of William and Martha Frost of 262 Borough Road East in Middlesbrough.

**Fryer, Thomas.**

Thomas Fryer lived in Middlesbrough but enlisted in Hornsea into the 14<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

Private Fryer was killed in action on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1917 aged just 19 during the Battle of Cambrai.

He has no known grave and is remembered today on the Cambrai Memorial in the village of Louverval along the road from Bapaume to Cambrai.

Thomas Fryer was the son of Richard and Ellen Fryer of 55 Frances Street in Middlesbrough.

**Fuller, Phillip.**

Phillip Fuller enlisted in Middlesbrough and was also born in the town.

Serving with the 10<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, Private Fuller was killed in action on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1916 aged 34 attacking just to the north of Fricourt village as the Battle of the Somme opened.

His body lost to the battlefield his name today appears on the panels of the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme battles.

Phillip Fuller was the husband of Mary Ann Bartley, formerly Fuller of 22 Garbutt Street in Middlesbrough.

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### **Furnell, Herbert.**

Herbert Furnell lived at Marske but was born and enlisted for service in Middlesbrough.

With "C" Company of the 8<sup>th</sup> battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps, Rifleman Furnell was killed in action aged 31 on October 11<sup>th</sup> 1917 during the 1<sup>st</sup> Battle of Passchendaele. His body not recovered he is remembered today on the Tyne Cot Memorial set on the slopes of the Passchendaele Ridge.

Herbert Furnell was the son of the late James Henry and Ruth Furnell and the husband of Ellen Freeman Caley, formerly Furnell of 6 Charles Street in New Marske.

### **Furmidge, James.**

James Furmidge was born in the St Pauls area of Middlesbrough and enlisted in Redcar into the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Furmidge died of wounds at home on July 9<sup>th</sup> 1917 aged 21, his grave today lying in Redcar Cemetery.