

# **The Middlesbrough**

## **Roll of Honour of the Great War**

### **Supplementary Names, - “D”**

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The names below are found on the Supplementary Panels on the Middlesbrough War Memorial. The names were received for inclusion after the official unveiling of the Memorial, and are included on the 3 supplementary panels.

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 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

### **Dale, Arthur.**

Arthur Dale was South Bank born and enlisted there for war service with the 12<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Lance Corporal Dale was killed in action at the Battle of Loos on September 27<sup>th</sup> 1915 and having no known grave is remembered on the Loos Memorial at Dud Corner Cemetery on the Lens to Bethune road.

### **Darby, Lancelot.**

I believe this to be Phillip L Darby who was born in Middlesbrough and enlisted in London into the 9<sup>th</sup> battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Darby was killed in an attack on Turk Street and The Wonderwork during the Battle of the Somme on September 14<sup>th</sup> 1916 at the age of 20.

The son of William and Rebecca Ann Darby he has no known final resting place and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

### **Davies, W.**

Double entry, see William Davis in the main listing.

### **Delaney, Patrick.**

Born at Galway in Ireland, Patrick Delaney enlisted into the Australian Expeditionary Force on June 17<sup>th</sup> 1915 at Collingwood, Victoria in Australia.

Private Delaney was killed in an attack on Fromelles on July 19<sup>th</sup> 1916 aged 37 and today lies close to where he fell in VC Corner Australian Cemetery at Fromelles south west of Armentieres.

He was the younger brother of Richard Delaney of 119 Victoria Parade, Collingwood in the state of Victoria.

### **Dobie, William Winship.**

William Winship Dobie was born in Felling and served in the Merchant Navy as Ships Cook aboard the SS Rhineland.

He died at the age of 39 on November 11<sup>th</sup> 1915 when the Rhineland struck a mine six and a half miles south east of Southwold off the coast of Suffolk.

Remembered on the Tower Hill Memorial in London, William Dobie was the son of David Scott Dobie and Ann Elizabeth Dobie and the husband of Phoebe Elizabeth Dobie, nee Young of 20 Buxton Street in Middlesbrough.

**Dobson, George Thomas.**

Born in Middlesbrough, George Thomas Dobson was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Dobson died almost two years after the armistice on September 26<sup>th</sup> 1920 aged 21 and today lies in Kantara War Memorial Cemetery situated thirty miles south of Port Said in Egypt.

George Dobson was the son of Mrs Francis Hesk, formerly Dobson and stepson of Mr R Hesk of 94 Lime Street in Middlesbrough.

**Donnelly, Michael.**

Michael Donnelly served in the Royal Navy as a Stoker aboard HMS Ariadne. He died aged 27 on July 26<sup>th</sup> 1917 when the minelayer Ariadne was sunk by submarine in the English Channel, his name being remembered today on the Chatham Naval Memorial in Kent.

Michael Donnelly was the son of William and the late Norah Donnelly of Middlesbrough and the husband of Mrs Frances Maude Donnelly of 47 Duncombe Street in Middlesbrough.

**Dowd, Daniel J.**

Middlesbrough born and living in the town, Daniel Joseph Dowd enlisted in Warrington in Lancashire joining the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion of the Kings Liverpool Regiment. Private Dowd was killed in fighting at Cuinchy on February 5<sup>th</sup> 1915 aged 21 and is buried in Vieille-Chapelle New Military Cemetery to the north east of Bethune.

**Dove, R.**

Robert Dove was born in East Cleveland and enlisted in Saltburn to serve with the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Dove died at home of Typhus on February 20<sup>th</sup> 1916 aged 35 and is buried in St Aidan's Churchyard in Boosbeck.

He was the husband of Ada Naomi Smith, formerly Dove of 16 Dale Terrace in Lingdale.

**Doyle, Henry Michael.**

I believe this to be Nottingham born Henry Doyleson who enlisted in Stockton for service with the Royal Field Artillery.

Driver Doyleson was killed in actions during the Battle of Loos on September 26<sup>th</sup> 1915 aged 27 and having no known grave is remembered on the Loos Memorial at Dud Corner Cemetery.

**Driscoll, Francis Augustus.**

Francis Augustus Driscoll was Middlesbrough born enlisting in the town for war service with the 1/4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Driscoll was killed at the Battle of Estaires during the Battles of the Lys on April 10<sup>th</sup> 1918 at the age of 22.

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

**Drummond, James.**

Double entry, see T Drummond in the main listing.

**Duffield, J T.**

John Thomas Duffield was born in Middlesbrough and served with "D" Battery, 95<sup>th</sup> Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery.

Gunner Duffield died one week after the end of hostilities on November 19<sup>th</sup> 1918 aged 25 and is buried in Caudry British Cemetery six miles to the west of Le Cateau.

He was the son of William and Sarah Ann Duffield of North Ormesby and the husband of Charlotte Mildred Essex, formerly Duffield of 39 Charles Street in North Ormesby.

**Duffy, Thomas Edward.**

Double entry, see Thomas Duffy in the main listing.