

# **The Middlesbrough**

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

### **Supplementary Names, - “G”**

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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.

**Gallacher, H W.**

Born in the St Aidans area of Middlesbrough and enlisting in the town, Herbert Gallacher served with the 10<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

Sergeant Gallacher was killed in fighting at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of the Scarpe, Arras offensive on May 5<sup>th</sup> 1917 at the age of 27.

His grave can be visited today in the British cemetery in the village of Tilloy-les-Mofflaines two miles south east of Arras.

Herbert Gallacher was the son of William and Ann Gallacher of 76 Lumley Road in Redcar.

**Garrett, Charles.**

Charles Garrett was born in Hinderwell and served in the Merchant Navy as 1<sup>st</sup> Mate aboard the SS Wathfield.

He died aged 28 on February 21<sup>st</sup> 1917 when the Wathfield was torpedoed and sank fifteen miles north of Cape Carbon.

Charles Garrett is remembered on the Tower Hill Memorial in London and was the son of Sarah Hannah Garrett, nee Green and the late William Garrett of 31 Hill Street in Middlesbrough.

**Garvey, Owen.**

Middlesbrough born Owen Garvey enlisted into the 15<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Durham Light Infantry in the town.

Private Garvey was killed in action just after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Bapaume on September 10<sup>th</sup> 1918 and today lies in Gouzeaucourt New British Cemetery situated eight miles to the south west of Cambrai.

**Gibbon, S.**

Samuel Gibbon was Sunderland born and enlisted in Middlesbrough to be a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment.

Wounded in action, Private Gibbon died of his injuries aged 20 on October 8<sup>th</sup> 1915 and is buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery seven miles to the west of Ypres in Belgium.

**Gill, James.**

Born in Middlesbrough, James Gill enlisted in Norwich joining the Royal Field Artillery.

With the 113<sup>th</sup> Battery, 25<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Gunner Gill died of wounds on May 18<sup>th</sup> 1918. His grave can be visited today in Pernes British Cemetery in the small town of Pernes-en-Artois on the St Pol to Lillers road.

## Names on the Middlesbrough War Memorial

### **Gilleeny, Michael.**

Michael Gilleeny was born in Middlesbrough, lived in South Bank and enlisted in Strensall with the 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Gilleeny was killed in fighting at the Battle of Neuve Chapelle on March 12<sup>th</sup> 1915 and having no known grave is remembered on the Le Touret Memorial situated on the south side of the Bethune to Armentieres road.

### **Goodings, Jackson.**

Born in Middlesbrough on April 5<sup>th</sup> 1886, Jackson Goodins was living in Canada at the onset of war working as a teamster.

He enlisted in Winnipeg on November 15<sup>th</sup> 1915 joining the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles, Saskatchewan Regiment.

Private Goodins was killed at the Battle of Vimy Ridge on April 9<sup>th</sup> 1917 aged 30 and today lies in Bois-Carre British Cemetery in the village of Thelus four miles north of Arras.

He lived at 511 Agnes Street in Winnipeg and gave his next of kin as his father Mr Matthew Goodins of Middlesbrough.

### **Goodison, A.**

Albert Goodison was Sheffield born and enlisted in the city for war service with the 10<sup>th</sup> battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Private Goodison was killed in action aged 39 on December 27<sup>th</sup> 1915 and lies today in Houplines Communal Cemetery Extension one mile east of Armentieres.

He was the husband of Mrs Ethel Goodison of 1 Burton Street in Sheffield.

### **Gomez, J.**

Sapper J Gomez served with the Inland Waterways and Docks section of the Royal Engineers in the Middle East.

He died after the end of hostilities on November 15<sup>th</sup> 1919 being buried in Baghdad North Gate War Cemetery on the road to Baguba in Iraq.

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### **Graham, Austin.**

Austin Graham was born in Barnard Castle and before the war worked in Middlesbrough as an electrical engineer also serving as a captain with the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, the territorials.

Captain Graham landed with the battalion at Boulogne on April 18<sup>th</sup> 1915 and was soon in action at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Ypres where on Whit Monday of that year he was badly gassed in fighting at Hooge which required him to be hospitalised.

By April 1918 he had risen to the rank of major and was commanding officer of the battalion when wounded in an attempt to hold a bridge at Sailly-sur-La Lys during the Battle of the Lys.

Major Graham died of his wounds the following day April 11<sup>th</sup> 1918 aged 38 and is buried in Haverskerque British Cemetery between Hazebrouck and St Venant.

He was the son of John and Margaret Ely Graham of 17 Montalbo Terrace in Barnard Castle where he is also remembered on the town memorial.

### **Graham, Fred.**

Middlesbrough born Fred Graham had emigrated to Australia where he worked as a general labourer at the onset of war.

He enlisted with the 48<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Australian Infantry on September 4<sup>th</sup> 1916 in Freemantle and joined the battalion in France on April 11<sup>th</sup> 1917.

Private Graham was killed in fighting during the Passchendaele offensive on October 12<sup>th</sup> 1917 aged 22 and with no known final resting place is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres.

Fred Graham was the son of Charles Alfred and Martha Ann Graham of 140 Silas Street East in Freemantle Western Australia.

### **Graham, Hugh Luke.**

### **Greenfield, William Thomas.**

Thornaby born William Thomas Greenfield served in the Merchant Navy as a Donkeyman aboard the SS Sowwell.

He died at the age of 54 on April 19<sup>th</sup> 1917 when the Sowwell was torpedoed and sank one hundred and seventy miles west of Gibraltar.

William Greenfield was the son of William Thomas and Jane Greenfield and the husband of Mary Hannah Greenfield of 27 High Feversham Street in Middlesbrough being remembered on the Tower Hill Memorial in London.

**Grewer, Charles Herbert.**

Charles Herbert Grewer was born at Driffield in East Yorkshire and was a Bosun in the Merchant Navy aboard the SS Montebello.

He perished on June 21<sup>st</sup> 1918 aged 47 when the Montebello was torpedoed and sank three hundred and twenty miles west of Ushant.

Remembered on the Tower Hill Memorial in London, Charles Grewer was the son of William and Mary Ann Grewer and the husband of Mrs Clara Grewer, nee Wilson of 19 Harris Street in Middlesbrough.

**Griffin, Cornelius.**

I believe this to be Middlesbrough born Fireman and Trimmer C Griffin of the Merchant Navy serving on the Liverpool registered SS Rhineland.

He lost his life on November 11<sup>th</sup> 1915 aged 26 when the Rhineland struck a mine six and half miles south east of Southwold off the coast of Suffolk.

His name is remembered today on the Tower Hill Memorial to merchant seamen in London.

**Griffin, John.**

John Griffin was South Bank born and enlisted in Middlesbrough with the 11<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

Sergeant Griffin was killed in fighting close to Gueudecourt during the Battle of the Somme on October 5<sup>th</sup> 1916 aged 31 and today lies in Bancourt British Cemetery two miles to the east of Bapaume.

The son of Catherine Griffin of Middlesbrough he was the husband of Mary Emma Griffin of 19 Dundas Mews in Middlesbrough.