

The Middlesbrough

Roll of Honour of the Great War

Supplementary Names, - “H”

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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 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

Hanratty, Christopher B.

Born in Normanby, Christopher Bernard Hanratty enlisted in Middlesbrough and did his war service with the 146th Army Troops Company of the Royal Engineers. Wounded in action, Sapper Hanratty died of his injuries aged 25 on May 2nd 1917 and is buried in Duisans British Cemetery on the Arras to Habarcq road. He was the son of Mrs C Hanratty of 16 Cleveland Street in Middlesbrough.

Hardcastle, Ernest.

Ernest Hardcastle was born in Middlesbrough where he enlisted into the Yorkshire Regiment before transferring to the 19th battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers. Lance Corporal Hardcastle was wounded during the Passchendaele offensive and died of his wounds on November 25th 1917 at the age of 21. The son of William P Hardcastle of Middlesbrough his grave today lies in Etaples Military Cemetery on the French channel coast.

Harding, James Thomas.

I believe this to be James Harding who was born and lived in Skelton and served with the 18th battalion of the Durham Light Infantry. Private Harding was killed in fighting at the 3rd Battle of the Scarpe, Arras offensive on May 3rd 1917 at the age of 26. With no known grave his name appears on the panels of the Arras Memorial at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras.

Hardstaff, Jack.

John Hardstaff was Middlesbrough born enlisting in the town for service with the 2nd battalion of the Grenadier Guards. Wounded during the closing stages of the war at the Battle of the Sambre, Lance Corporal Hardstaff died of his wounds aged 22 on November 28th 1918. His grave can be visited today in St Sever Cemetery Extension situated two miles south of Rouen city centre.

Hargreaves, Reginald Percy.

Enlisting in London, Reginald Percy Hargreaves was a member of the 16th battalion of the London Regiment, the Queens Westminster Rifles. Rifleman Hargreaves was killed on the first day of the Somme offensive, July 1st 1916, as the battalion attacked the Quadrilateral at the village of Gommecourt. He has no known final resting place being remembered on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

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Harris, Arthur.

Arthur Harris was born in North Ormesby enlisting in Middlesbrough as a member of the 1st battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders.

Private Harris died aged 19 on May 22nd 1916 while the battalion were close to Sannaiyat in Iraq.

The son of John and Annie Harris of North Ormesby his grave lies in Amara War Cemetery on the left bank of the river Tigris in Iraq.

Harrison, William David.

Born at Huntington near York, William David Harrison enlisted with the Royal Engineers in Middlesbrough.

Sergeant Harrison was with the 233rd Field Company when wounded in action on the Piave front in Italy and died of his injuries aged 33 on January 9th 1918.

The son of William and Mary Harrison of Cargo Fleet he is buried in Giavera British Cemetery in the Italian province of Treviso.

Harvey, Phillip.

Phillip Harvey was Middlesbrough born and did war service with the Yorkshire Regiment before transferring to the 25th battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers, the Tyneside Irish.

Private Harvey died aged 25 on April 11th 1918 during the Battles of the Lys and with no known grave is remembered today on the Ploegsteert Memorial to the south of Ypres in Belgium.

Phillip Harvey was the son of the late Phillip and Mary Ann Harvey.

Heaby, Thomas H.

The correct name of this man was Thomas Healey who served in the Royal Navy as a Stoker on the cruiser HMS Natal.

He died on December 30th 1915 aged 49 when just after 3-20pm with Natal anchored in the Cromarty Firth an internal explosion tore through the ship resulting in over four hundred casualties.

Thomas Healey was the husband of Mrs Alice M Healey of 18 Pitch Street in Middlesbrough and is remembered on the Chatham Naval Memorial in Kent.

Heath, Edward.

Edward Heath was born in Hartlepool and enlisted in Middlesbrough for service with the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Heath was killed in action aged 34 on October 30th 1914 in fighting at the Nieuwe Kruiseecke crossroads to the east of Ypres.

The son of William and Sarah Heath he has no known final resting place, his name remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres in Belgium.

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Henry, Robert.

Born in Middlesbrough, Robert Henry was a member of the Royal Marine Light Infantry aboard HMS King George V.

Private Henry died at home after the armistice on December 26th 1918 aged 21 and is buried in North Ormesby's St Josephs Roman Catholic Cemetery.

He was the husband of Sarah Mohan, formerly Henry of 75 Cannon Street in Middlesbrough.

Hill, Bertie Ernest.

Bertie Ernest Hill was Middlesbrough born enlisting in the town with the West Yorkshire Regiment and then transferring to the 2nd battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

As part of the British Salonika Force Lance Corporal Hill died on February 27th 1917 aged 19 and having no known grave is remembered on the Doiran Memorial in northern Greece.

Hindmoor, Robert.

Born at Newburn in Newcastle, Robert Hindmoor enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 2nd battalion of the Grenadier Guards.

Guardsman Hindmoor was killed in fighting at Polygon Wood east of Ypres on November 10th 1914 at the age of 24.

The son of Mary Jane and the late Robert Hindmoor of 49 Warwick Street in South Bank his name appears on the panels of the Menin Gate at Ypres in Belgium.

Hodgson, Albert Edward.

Albert Edward Hodgson was born in Stockton and enlisted in Middlesbrough for war service with the 15th battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

Private Hodgson was killed in actions at the 1st Battle of Bapaume on March 31st 1918 and with no known final resting place is remembered on the Pozieres Memorial between Albert and Bapaume on the Somme.

Hogg, Joseph Marsden.

Middlesbrough born and enlisting in Port Clarence, Joseph Marsden Hogg was a member of the 6th battalion of the South Wales Borderers.

Private Hogg was killed at the 1st Battle of Bapaume on March 25th 1918 aged 21 and is remembered on the Arras Memorial at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras.

Holman, Thomas Edward.

Thomas Edward Holman was born and lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted in Richmond with the 1st battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment.
Private Holman was killed in actions at the Battle of St Quentin on March 21st 1918 at the age of 19 and with no known grave is remembered today on the Pozieres Memorial on the Albert to Bapaume road.

Holloway, Sidney Charles.

Born in Croydon in Surrey, Sidney Charles Holloway was with the Royal Navy serving as an Able Seaman at HMS Dolphin the submarine base at Gosport in Hampshire.
He died after the war on November 8th 1919 aged 22 and today lies in Linthorpe Cemetery.
Sidney Holloway was the son of Mr E and Mrs H Holloway of West Croydon and the husband of Violet Maude Holloway of 34 Tees Street in North Ormesby.

Horton, Edwin.

Able Seaman Edwin Horton of the Royal Navy was with HMS Titania the submarine base at Blyth in Northumberland.
He perished on November 1st 1918 when HM Submarine G7 was lost in the North Sea of an unknown cause, the last submarine to be lost in the Great War.
Edwin Horton is remembered on the Plymouth Naval Memorial on Plymouth Hoe in Devon.

Horton, Joseph Patterson.

Born in Middlesbrough on December 16th 1885, Joseph Patterson Horton was living and working in Canada at the onset of war.
He enlisted into the 4th battalion of the Canadian Infantry, Central Ontario Regiment on October 18th 1915 at Peterborough in Ontario.
Private Horton was killed on the Passchendaele Ridge on November 5th 1917 aged 33 and has no known grave being remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres.
He was the brother of Thomas N Horton of 41 Skinnergate in Darlington and the brother of Miss Sophia Horton of 21 Porte Street in Hull.

Horan, T.

I believe this to be Middlesbrough born Michael Horan who enlisted in Newcastle to serve with the 1st battalion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.
He fell on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, July 1st 1916 aged 22 as the battalion attacked the village of Beaumont-Hamel from the south of Y-Ravine.
His grave today lies close to where he was killed in Ancre British Cemetery situated one mile south of Beaumont-Hamel on the Somme.
Private Horan was the son of Mr Thomas Horan of 27 Dundas Mews in Middlesbrough.

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Hoskins, Walter.

Born in the Newington area of London, Walter Hoskins enlisted in Newcastle and served with "A" Battery, 296th Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery. Wounded in action, Gunner Hoskins died at home aged 38 on June 26th 1918 and is buried in North Ormesby Cemetery. He was the son of Mrs Elizabeth Hoskins of 21 Henry Street in Middlesbrough.

Howroyd, J L.

James Leo Howroyd was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in Derby joining the Royal Field Artillery. With "B" Battery of the 173rd Brigade, Sergeant Howroyd was wounded in action and died of his injuries on July 4th 1917 at the age of 30. His grave can be seen today in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension situated on the eastern outskirts of the town of Bailleul. James Howroyd was the son of James Isaac Howroyd and the husband of Maude Howroyd.

Howling, Francis Robert.

Newcastle born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, Francis Robert Howling was a member of the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment. Private Howling was wounded in actions at the Cojeul river west of Heninel during the Arras offensive and died of his wounds aged 23 on April 24th 1917. His grave can be visited today in Bucquoy Road Cemetery at Ficheux to the south of Etrun. Francis Howling was the son of Thomas and Esther Ann Howling of 12 Bargate Street, Newport Road in Middlesbrough.

Howxwell, J.

Hudson, Miles.

Born at Bacton in Norfolk, Miles Hudson enlisted at Deaf Hill near Trimdon into the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and then transferred to the Machine Gun Corps. Private Hudson was killed in actions during the Somme offensive on August 26th 1916 aged 20 and having no known grave is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial overlooking the old Somme battlegrounds. Miles Hudson was the son of George and Sarah Hudson of 52 Smeaton Street in North Ormesby.

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Hudson, T W.

Thomas William Hudson was born in Middlesbrough where he enlisted to serve with the Yorkshire Regiment before transferring to the 19th battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers.

Private Hudson was killed in action aged 27 at the 2nd Battle of Kemmel on April 24th 1918 and with no known final resting place appears on the Tyne Cot Memorial on the Passchendaele Ridge.

Thomas Hudson was the son of Mr and Mrs James Hudson of 87 Princes Road in Middlesbrough.

Hudson, Robert Foster.

Middlesbrough born and enlisting in the town, Robert Forster Hudson did his war service with the 9th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Hudson was killed in a 4-50pm attack on the village of Contalmaison during the Somme offensive on July 10th 1916 at the age of 33.

He was the brother of Miss Mary Hudson of 10 Major Terrace, Felling-on-Tyne and is remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

Hughes, Alexander.

Alexander Hughes was Middlesbrough born enlisting in his hometown with the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Taken as a prisoner of war in actions close to Rouge de Bout, Private Hughes died in enemy hands on May 29th 1915 and today lies in the war cemetery plot inside Ohlsdorf Cemetery in Hamburg in Germany.

Humphries, H.

Wolverhampton born Harry Humphries enlisted in Middlesbrough joining the 6th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Humphries was wounded in actions close to Jephson's Post during the Gallipoli campaign and died of his injuries on December 2nd 1915.

His grave today lies on the Gallipoli peninsula in Lancashire Landing Cemetery at Helles.

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Hunt, G.

George Edward Hunt was born in Redcar and commissioned as an officer with the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry was then attached to the RAF.

2nd Lieutenant Hunt was flying as observer in a DH 9 aircraft piloted by Lieutenant G A LeMoine from No 1 School of Navigation and Bomb Dropping when he was accidentally killed over Wiltshire at the age of 19 on July 21st 1918.

He is buried in Christ Church Churchyard at Coatham in Redcar and is also remembered on a memorial plaque inside the church.

George Hunt was the son of Sarah Dickson, formerly Hunt of "Glenroyd" in Marton and the late Mr Charles George Hunt.