

The Middlesbrough

Roll of Honour of the Great War

Supplementary Names, - "L"

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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.

Laheney, Michael.

Hartlepool born and enlisting in the town, Michael Laheney did his war service with the 10th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Wounded in action in the Armentieres sector, Private Laheney died of his wounds on February 26th 1916 and is buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension eight miles to the south west of Ypres.

Lake, Charles F.

Charles Frederick Lake was Guisborough born enlisting in Middlesbrough with the 53rd Young Soldiers battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment.

The battalion was based at Rugeley in Staffordshire and Private Lake died in England aged 18 on October 29th 1918.

He was the son of Mrs Janet Turner of 33 Jubilee Street in North Ormesby and today lies in Eston Cemetery on Normanby Road.

Lake, John W.

Born in Middlesbrough, John William Lake enlisted in Wood Green to serve with the 17th battalion of the Royal Fusiliers.

Private Lake was killed in fighting at Bournon Wood during the Battle of Cambrai on November 28th 1917 at the age of 29.

Having no known final resting place his name is on the Cambrai Memorial in the village of Louverval on the Bapaume to Cambrai road.

Larry, George.

George Larry was born in Middlesbrough where he enlisted for his war service with the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Larry was killed advancing from Bernafay Wood to Trones Wood at 7-15am on July 8th 1916 aged 30 during the Somme offensive.

His grave can be visited today in Quarry Cemetery in the village of Montauban six miles to the east of Albert on the Somme.

Latheron, Walter Christopher.

Double entry, see W Latheron in the main listing.

Latheron, William Brompton.

Double entry, see Harry Latheron in the main listing.

Lawton, John Edward.

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Lee, J.

James Joseph Lee was Middlesbrough born enlisting in the town into the Teesside Pioneers, the 12th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Lee died on July 17th 1916 when the battalion was based in the South Maroc sector close to the town of Loos.

He is buried fifteen miles north of Arras in Bethune Town Cemetery in northern France.

Lee, George Edward.

Bradford born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, George Edward Lee was a member of the 5th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Lee was killed in actions close to Marsuin Farm during the 2nd Battle of Passchendaele on October 28th 1917 and with no known grave is remembered today on the Tyne Cot Memorial north east of Ypres in Belgium.

Levy, Philip Marcus.

Philip Marcus Levy was born in Sunderland and enlisted in Middlesbrough with the 9th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Wounded in actions at Marbaix during the Battle of the Sambre, Private Levy died of his wounds aged 21 on November 6th 1918 and today lies in Busigny Communal Cemetery Extension situated six miles to the south west of Le Cateau.

Philip Levy was the son of Emily and the late Joseph Levy of 174 Linthorpe Road in Middlesbrough.

Lewis, Terence O'Toole.

Double entry, see T Lewis in the main listing.

Lincoln, E.

Born in Middlesbrough and living in the Linthorpe area, Ernest Lincoln enlisted in the town into the Yorkshire Regiment and then transferred to the 50th Brigade of the Machine Gun Corps.

Wounded in action during the Battles of the Lys, Private Lincoln died of his injuries aged 24 on April 11th 1918 and is buried in La Kreule Military Cemetery just north of the town of Hazebrouck.

He was the son of Middlesbrough couple Mr Thomas William and Mrs Margaret Ann Lincoln.

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Little, Christopher.

Christopher Little was born in the Stockton area and worked as a boilermaker at Bell Brothers in Middlesbrough before the war.

A widower with eight children he emigrated to Australia and enlisted with the 43rd battalion of the Australian Infantry in Adelaide on February 22nd 1917, joining his unit in France on January 5th 1918.

Private Little was killed in actions in the Somme Valley on March 28th 1918 aged 46 and is buried in Heilly Station Cemetery at Mericourt-L'Abbe six miles to the south west of the town of Albert.

His attestation papers give his next of kin as his mother Mrs Elizabeth Little of 65 New Cottages in Port Clarence.

Lofthouse, T W.

Middlesbrough born and enlisting in the town, Thomas William Lofthouse served with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Lofthouse was killed in action aged 20 on December 28th 1917 when the battalion was at Brandhoek and doing tours in the front line east of Ypres.

With no known grave his name is remembered today on the Tyne Cot Memorial on the slopes of the Passchendaele Ridge.

Long, Arthur.

Arthur Long was born in the Guisborough area and lived in Middlesbrough where he enlisted for war service with the 1st battalion of the Rifle Brigade.

Rifleman Long was killed in action on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, July 1st 1916 aged 22 as the battalion attacked the German positions on the Redan Ridge.

The husband of Mrs Gladys Long of 7 Haymore Street in Middlesbrough his name is remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

Lucas, Thos.

Born in North Ormesby, Thomas Lucas worked as a fish dealer before hostilities when he enlisted in Middlesbrough joining the 2nd battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment.

The battalion was in the Wieltje area close to Ypres when Private Lucas was killed in action aged 38 on December 2nd 1917.

The son of John and Isabella Lucas of North Ormesby he is buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery to the north east of Ypres in Belgium.