

The Middlesbrough

Roll of Honour of the Great War

Supplementary Names, - "S"

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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

Samuels, Edward.

Samuels, Frederick.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, Frederick Samuels served with the 2nd battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Private Samuels was killed at the Battle of Givenchy aged 19 on June 15th 1915 and with no known grave is remembered on the Le Touret Memorial four and a half miles to the north east of Bethune.

He was the son of Mr David Samuels of 64 Prince Charles Street in Middlesbrough.

Saunders, John.

Skaife, J.

Correctly named Joseph Skaife, he was born in Middlesbrough and did service with the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Private Skaife "Died of Sickness" at home on December 15th 1917 aged 30 and is buried in Linthorpe Cemetery.

He was the son of Benson and Agnes Skaife of Middlesbrough and the husband of Maude Skaife of 3 Laycock Street, Newport in Middlesbrough.

Sharp, Thomas.

Thomas Sharp lived in Grangetown and enlisted in Middlesbrough for war service with the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Wounded in action during the Arras offensive, Lance Sergeant Sharp died of his wounds on April 28th 1917.

His grave can be seen today in St Sever Cemetery Extension, two miles to the south of Rouen city centre.

Shaw, Stanley Arthur.

Living in Cargo Fleet and enlisting in Middlesbrough, Stanley Arthur Shaw was with the 66th Battery of the Royal Field Artillery.

Wounded in action during the campaign in Mesopotamia, Driver Shaw died of his injuries aged 21 on November 8th 1917 and today lies in North Gate War Cemetery just north of the city of Baghdad in Iraq.

Stanley Shaw was the son of Frederick and Mary Shaw of 6 Cargo Fleet Lane in Middlesbrough.

Names on the Middlesbrough War Memorial

Smith, Patrick.

Patrick Smith did his war service as a Trimmer aboard HM trawler Compassion. He died after the war at the age of 40 on May 19th 1920 and is buried in North Ormesby's St Josephs Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Patrick Smith was the husband of Mrs Elizabeth G Smith of 9 Hopkin Street in Middlesbrough.

Smith, Robert Henry.

Born in the city of York, Robert Henry Smith enlisted in Middlesbrough for service with the 1st battalion of the Grenadier Guards.

Guardsman Smith was killed in fighting at the village of Kruiseecke during the 1st Battle of Ypres on October 26th 1914 at the age of 19.

His grave can be seen today in Zandvoorde British Cemetery five miles to the south east of Ypres in Belgium.

Robert Smith was the son of Mrs Mary Lindo of 6A Lower Pennyman Street in North Ormesby.

Smithies, Sydney.

Correctly named Sidney Smithers, he was born in Carlin How and enlisted in Middlesbrough joining the 10th battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Rifleman Smithers was killed in a noon attack on the village of Guillemont during the Battle of the Somme on September 3rd 1916 at the age of 21.

He has no known final resting place being remembered today on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

Smithson, T.

Double entry, see Thos Harker Smithson in the main listing.

Smollan, David.

David Smollan was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town for service with the 9th battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment.

The battalion was a training reserve unit based at Lichfield in Staffordshire and it was here that Private Smollan died aged 18 on September 30th 1917.

The family brought his body back to Middlesbrough and he was buried in the Jewish section of Linthorpe Cemetery on October 4th 1917.

David Smollan was the son of Mr Isaac Smollan of 227 Newport Road in Middlesbrough.

Sowerby, Ernest Edward.

Enlisting in Middlesbrough into the Yorkshire Regiment, Ernest Edward Sowerby then transferred to the 5th battalion of the Border Regiment.
Lance Corporal Sowerby was killed in an attack on the Flers Line during the Somme offensive on October 1st 1916 his name remembered today on the panels of the Thiepval Memorial north east of Albert on the Somme.

Spensley, Algar W L.

Double entry, see A Spensley in the main listing.

Stainthorpe, William Henry.

Stevens, Edward.

Edward Stevens was a pre-war regular soldier born and enlisting in Middlesbrough and serving in the Yorkshire Regiment.
With the 2nd battalion, Private Stevens was killed in action during the Battle of Givenchy on June 15th 1915 at the age of 34.
The son of the late John Henry and Mary Ellen Stevens he has no known grave and is remembered on the Le Touret Memorial on the south side of the Bethune to Armentieres road.

Stevens, John Loynes.

Enlisting in Middlesbrough, John Loyens Stevens joined the 32nd Trench Mortar Battery of the Royal Field Artillery.
Bombardier Stevens was killed in action one week before the Armistice on November 4th 1918 at the age of 22.
The son of William and Jane Stevens of 6 Jetty Cottages in Cargo Fleet he is remembered on the Vis-En-Artois Memorial six miles to the south east of Arras.

Stevenson, William.

William Stevenson was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in Sunderland for service with the 1st battalion of the Gordon Highlanders.
Sergeant Stevenson was killed in fighting close to Ypres on March 2nd 1916 and is buried in Sanctuary Wood Cemetery three miles to the east of Ypres town centre.

Stimpson, John Bow.

Middlesbrough born John Bow Stimpson worked for HM Stationary Office and enlisted in London into the County of London Yeomanry before transferring to the 15th battalion of the Durham Light Infantry.

Private Stimpson was wounded in actions close to Kemmel in Belgium and died of his injuries aged 34 on May 8th 1918.

His grave can be seen today in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery on the French channel coast.

Stockdale, G.

George Stockdale was Guisborough born and enlisted in Middlesbrough with the Royal Field Artillery.

Gunner Stockdale was with "C" Battery of the 149th Brigade when he was killed in action on October 15th 1916 during the Somme offensive.

Having no known grave his name appears on the Thiepval Memorial to the north east of Albert on the Somme.

Stolweather, H.

Born and enlisting in Middlesbrough, Harold Stolweather was a member of the 1st Garrison Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Serving in India, Private Stolweather died aged 26 on May 20th 1918 and is remembered today on the Karachi 1914-1918 War Memorial in Pakistan.

Stubley, Joseph.

Double entry, see J M Stubley in the main listing.