



SHERBORNE WAR MEMORIAL: FIRST WORLD WAR (1914-1919)

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“At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.”

But remember whom? On August 4th 2014 a century had passed since the outbreak of hostilities signified the start of the First World War and yet that conflict – with its carnage, associated poetry and literature, haunting images, and political and human consequences - still profoundly affects and influences our emotions and imaginations: not least in the widespread appearance of a fresh feature in the urban and rural landscape at the cessation of hostilities: the war memorial to commemorate the fallen, each one unique to its own community.

Sherborne, Dorset, was a modest market town in 1914, supporting a population of around 6,000, with shops, trades and crafts of a miscellaneous commercial nature, still catering largely to its agricultural hinterland; and some industrial development, including a railway station, a gasworks, two breweries, two glove factories, two dairies and a silk mill. As in so many other towns and villages, the inhabitants ‘responded to the call’, and something of their contribution and the impact of the war are recorded in the pages of *The Western Gazette* and the minutes of the Urban District Council. In January 1920 the Urban District Council produced a Roll of Service containing the names of some eight hundred and seventy seven names of Sherbornians who served their King and Country.

The Sherborne War Memorial, outside the Abbey, with access from Half Moon Street, was designed by William Douglas Caroe FSA and executed in Doulting stone by John Merrick of Glastonbury. On 11th November 1921 the unveiling ceremony was performed by the Earl of Shaftesbury. Two years later one hundred and seventy five names of the fallen were inscribed on metal plates and attached to the plinth. But the questions now begin to surface: who were these men, where did they serve, how did they die, where were they buried and what family did they leave behind them?

An opportunity therefore presents itself to research the names and provide a fitting human context and tribute to their lives and service. Sherborne Museum is currently in the process of compiling detailed biographies for each of the men recorded on the Sherborne town memorial, and aims to bring them together for publication in due course. It is anticipated that the biographies will contain details such as the parentage and family background of each individual; their employment before the war; their connection to the town, or residence on the outbreak of war; and the circumstances surrounding their death.

The names of the men we are researching can be found below, as can a separate list of those casualties who are yet to be identified. We would be very pleased to hear from anyone who has, and is willing to share, information about any of those featured – whether in the form of photographs, letters, diaries, newspaper cuttings, or family stories – to augment our own researches and ensure that we render a full and accurate account of their lives and service.

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Name and Surname	Rank	Number	Regiment, Corps, Unit or Ship	Date of Death	Where Died
Adams, George Henry	Stoker 1st Class	K/18896	H.M.S. "Defence", Royal Navy	31/05/1916	North Sea
Andrews, George Fred	Corporal	369	1/1st (Queen's Own) Dorset Yeomanry	21/08/1915	Gallipoli
Anstey, Hubert Claude	Gunner	162890	"D" Battery, 38th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery	05/08/1917	Flanders
Baker, Edward George	Shoeing Smith	97520	20th Divisional Ammunition Col., Royal Field Artillery	10/11/1916	France
Baker, Edwin John	Lance Sergeant	11229	"B" Company, 6th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	16/02/1916	Flanders
Baker, Ernest	Private	16442	6th Btn., Northamptonshire Regiment	26/09/1916	France
Baker, Harry Jeffery	Lance Corporal	3/7666	1st Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	24/05/1915	Flanders
Baker, Reginald William John	Lance Corporal	17587	2nd Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	25/03/1917	Mesopotamia
Baldock, Charley Blair	Lieut. Colonel	N/A	108th Indian Infantry	19/10/1915	India
Barrett, Albert George	Private	12252	5th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	21/08/1915	Gallipoli
Batson, Frederick	Rifleman	37245	1/5th Btn., South Lancashire Regiment	22/03/1918	Home
Baxter, Walter Herbert	Lieut. Colonel	N/A	4th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	18/05/1917	India
Bell, Edward Bertie	Trooper	230829	1/1st (Queen's Own) Dorset Yeomanry	21/11/1917	Palestine
Best, Ernest George	Trooper	230081	"B" Squadron, 1/1st (Queen's Own) Dorset Yeomanry	19/11/1917	Palestine
Best, William John	Lance Corporal	851	1/4th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	26/01/1916	Mesopotamia
Biss, Harry Christopher	Private	27342	2nd Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	12/07/1917	Mesopotamia
Bown, Albert John	Private	9525	1st Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	13/11/1918	Germany
Bown, Arthur Edward	Private	8965	2nd Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	30/08/1916	Mesopotamia
Brown, Oscar	Lieutenant	N/A	7th Btn., Haryana Lancers (attd. 4th Btn., Dragoon Guards)	24/04/1915	Flanders
Burden, Arthur	Trooper	230739	1/1st (Queen's Own) Dorset Yeomanry	16/08/1916	Mesopotamia
Burgess, Frank	Driver	T/18750	Army Service Corps (attd. 26th Brigade Ammunition Col.)	27/06/1917	France
Button, Harry	Private	329575	2nd Btn., Suffolk Regiment	30/08/1918	France
Case, Ernest	Gunner	338681	142nd Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery	08/11/1917	Flanders
Catchpole, Herbert Edward	Corporal	230527	1/1st (Queen's Own) Dorset Yeomanry	13/10/1918	Egypt
Chaffin, Trevor	Trooper	735	1/1st (Queen's Own) Dorset Yeomanry	26/02/1916	Egypt
Charles, Harold Wilfred	Private	202747	1/5th Btn., Royal Scots Fusiliers	19/04/1917	Palestine
Churchill, Clarence Reginald	Private	M/323833	42nd Motor Ambulance Convoy, Army Service Corps	07/11/1918	France
Churchill, Ernest Raymond	Steward	N/A	H.M.H.S. "Guildford Castle"	09/01/1919	At Sea
Clarke, Arthur Frederick	Corporal	207399	2nd Btn., Worcestershire Regiment	29/09/1918	France
Coffin, Harold Frederick	Private	137342	6th (Infantry) Btn., Machine Gun Corps	13/07/1918	Flanders
Collins, Frank	Private	40821	2nd Btn., South Wales Borderers	11/04/1918	Flanders
Cook, Samuel	Private	172013	13th Btn., Devonshire Regiment (transf. to Labour Corps)	01/11/1918	Home
Cooper, Edward John	Private	1439	1/1st (Queen's Own) Dorset Yeomanry	26/02/1916	Egypt
Cooper, Eli	Gunner	88795	16th Battery, 41st Brigade, Royal Field Artillery	20/05/1917	France
Crabb, Walter George	Driver	T2/14107	108th H.T. Coy, 10th Divisional Train, Army Service Corps	12/04/1917	Home
Cuff, George	Private	265559	11th Btn., Somerset Light Infantry	03/11/1918	Flanders
Cuff, Wilfred George	Lance Corporal	S/4238	"A" Company, 10th Btn., Black Watch	09/05/1917	Greece
Curtis, Wilfred	Private	19515	6th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	11/06/1918	France
Davis, Robert Henry	Private	3/8826	1st Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	02/05/1915	Flanders
Delement, Arthur	Private	18061	2nd Btn., Coldstream Guards	28/05/1918	France
Dewfall, Tom	Private	12813	6th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	01/04/1918	France
Diment, Thomas	Private	15326	1st Btn., Somerset Light Infantry	06/04/1915	Flanders

Diment, William Grant	Private	231583	1/1st (Queen's Own) Dorset Yeomanry	13/11/1917	Palestine
Dingley, William	2nd Lieutenant	N/A	7th Btn., Suffolk Regiment	29/04/1917	France
Dodge, Kenneth Augustus	Private	TR/8/9436	7th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	31/03/1917	Home
Downton, Walter James	Private	3/7944	3rd Btn. Dorsetshire Regiment	13/04/1917	Home
Dungey, Edward John	Private	103224	34th (Infantry) Btn., Machine Gun Corps	14/10/1918	Flanders
Dunn, Percy Victor John	Private	1488	1/1st (Queen's Own) Dorset Yeomanry	26/02/1916	Egypt
Durrant, Lewis Frederick James	Lance Corporal	3/8160	1st Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	22/02/1915	Flanders
Edgington, Herbert James	Private	265573	8th Btn., Somerset Light Infantry	05/04/1918	France
Farrell, John Francis	Private	2729	"G" Company, 4th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	12/12/1914	India
Few, Frederick John	Lance Corporal	10959	6th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	10/11/1915	Flanders
Foot, Frederick	Private	27087	1st Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	13/07/1917	Flanders
Framp, Eric William John	Private	G/11112	7th Btn., Royal West Sussex Regiment	09/02/1917	France
Gibbs, Thomas	Private	12620	5th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	08/08/1915	Gallipoli
Gillam, George	Gunner	163707	"C" Battery, 156th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery	25/05/1917	France
Gillard, John Warren	Private	230108	1/1st (Queen's Own) Dorset Yeomanry	24/11/1917	Egypt
Gordon, Gerard Montague	Captain (Adjutant)	N/A	12th Btn., Royal Fusiliers	09/06/1917	Flanders
Gosney, Harold	Private	10644	1st Btn., South Wales Borderers	23/09/1915	France
Gould, Herbert John Victor	Private	13060	6th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	14/05/1917	France
Gray, Sydney Maggs	Private	6482	1st Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	15/09/1914	France
Guppy, Arthur John	Private	10403	5th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	08/08/1915	Gallipoli
Guppy, Reginald John	Private	300264	18th Btn., King's Liverpool Regiment	08/05/1918	Flanders
Hallett, Thomas Henry	Sergeant	MT/1205	South African Service Corps	25/07/1916	Malawi
Hallett, Tom George	Private	8383	2nd Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	13/01/1916	Mesopotamia
Hamblin, Alfred John	Rifleman	331082	1/8th Btn., Hampshire Regiment	19/04/1917	Palestine
Hamblin, Bertie James	Private	48842	10th Btn., Lancashire Fusiliers	22/03/1918	France
Hamblin, William Edward	Private	10374	5th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	21/08/1915	Gallipoli
Hann, Frederick	Private	5896	1st Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	16/09/1914	France
Hardman, Frederick McMahon	2nd Lieutenant	N/A	4th Btn., Royal Fusiliers	29/10/1914	France
Hodges, William Henry	Private	14365	5th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	30/09/1916	France
Hodgson, Francis Herbert	Captain	N/A	"O" Flight, Royal Air Force	19/11/1918	France
Hodgson, Richard Eveleigh	Lieutenant	N/A	Camel D8221, 204th Squadron, Royal Air Force	15/09/1918	Flanders
Huss, Frederick Arthur	Lance Corporal	40834	5th Btn., South Wales Borderers	25/03/1918	France
Huss, William Thomas	Gunner	70055	116th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery	01/05/1917	France
Hutchings, William Charles	Private	86120	"B" Battery, 103th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery	16/07/1916	France
Hyde, George	Private	74106	10th Btn., Sherwood Foresters (Notts. & Derby Regiment)	21/04/1918	France
Hyde, William Thomas	Private	40081	1/8th Btn., Hampshire Regiment	02/11/1917	Palestine
Ireland, Wyndham Charles	Private	20929	1/1st Btn., Oxford & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry	06/11/1916	France
Jacob, Edgar	Rifleman	3476	21st Btn., London Regiment (First Surrey Rifles)	04/05/1916	France
Johnstone, Thomas	Private	23868	1st Btn., Hampshire Regiment	28/04/1918	France
Jupe, Edward	Private	40012	7th Btn., Queen's Own Hussars	22/06/1918	India
Keates, Wilfred	Private	30795	2nd Btn., Devonshire Regiment	31/07/1917	Flanders
Lambert, Harry	Private	1804	1/4th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	15/08/1916	Mesopotamia
Lambert, Reginald	Private	20409	2/1st Btn., Oxford & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry	18/01/1917	France

Lawson, Horace Mainham	Lance Corporal	7219	2nd Btn., Irish Guards	27/09/1915	France
Leadbetter, Nicholas	Sergeant	53475	105th Squadron, Royal Air Force	18/02/1919	Home
Loader, Arthur Edwin	Deck Hand	10563/DA	H.M.T. "Ben Glas", Royal Naval Reserve	21/11/1918	At Sea
Loader, Charles	Able Seaman	215202	H.M.S. "Niger", Royal Navy	11/11/1914	English Channel
Lockett, Robert	Able Seaman	218626	H.M.S. "Bulwark", Royal Navy	26/11/1914	North Sea
Lush, Charles William	2nd Lieutenant	N/A	11th Btn., Royal Warwickshire Regiment	14/11/1916	France
Lyne, Henry James	Shoeing Smith	21534	3rd Btn., King's Own Hussars	26/10/1918	France
Martin, Arthur	Leading Stoker	K/13846	H.M.S. "Vanguard", Royal Navy	09/07/1917	North Sea
Martin, Isaac	Lance Sergeant	9990	5th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	21/08/1915	Gallipoli
Martin, Sidney Sherring	Able Seaman	N/A	S.S. "Treveal" (St. Ives), Mercantile Marines	04/02/1918	English Channel
Matthews, Albert Edward	Private	12738	5th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	06/11/1915	Flanders
McEnery, John Aloysius	Captain	N/A	1st Field Squadron, Royal Engineers	16/10/1914	Flanders
Meteyard, William George	Corporal	9898	1st Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	09/07/1916	France
Miller, Enoch	Private	3/8879	1st Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	04/05/1915	Flanders
Mitchell, Harry	Sergeant	200222	1/4th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	10/09/1918	Mesopotamia
Morley, Charles Frederick	Private	20043	3rd Btn., Worcestershire Regiment	26/08/1916	France
Nash, Ronald Milsom	Private	B/19589	2nd Btn., Royal Fusiliers	04/06/1918	Flanders
Newton, John Thomas	Lance Corporal	12388	5th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	21/08/1915	Gallipoli
Norman, William	Trooper	106	1/1st (Queen's Own) Dorset Yeomanry	26/02/1916	Egypt
Norris, John William	Private	26732	2nd Btn., (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment	09/04/1917	France
Ogden, Hugh	Lance Corporal	66539	24th Divisional Signal Company, Royal Engineers	20/06/1917	Flanders
Osborne, Reginald Charles	Private	31560	9th Btn., Devonshire Regiment	08/10/1918	France
Palmer, Arthur	Private	191131	Machine Gun Corps	13/11/1918	Home
Palmer, Francis Reginald	2nd Lieutenant	N/A	6th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	23/04/1917	France
Palmer, Thomas Carey	Private	9962	1st Btn., Somerset Light Infantry	06/07/1915	Flanders
Park, Bert	Private	103070	184th (Infantry) Company, Machine Gun Corps	24/11/1917	France
Park, Sidney James	Private	9548	6th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	24/03/1918	France
Parker, William	Private	36653	2nd Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	10/02/1916	Mesopotamia
Patten, Bert	Private	200960	1/4th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	19/06/1917	Mesopotamia
Payne, Cecil John	Private	TR/7/2460	17th Btn., Royal Warwickshire Regiment	06/06/1917	Home
Pearse, Wallace John	Private	132	3rd South African Infantry Regiment	19/03/1918	France
Perham, Frederick William	Driver	203019	17th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery	29/09/1918	Flanders
Pitcher, George	Private	19064	6th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	23/08/1918	France
Pitman, James Arthur	Private	2000216	1/4th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	01/09/1916	Mesopotamia
Pople, George Harold	Private	203170	1st Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	06/09/1918	France
Powell, Ernest Henry	Private	32673	8th Btn., York & Lancaster Regiment	25/10/1917	France
Pragnell, Sidney Ralph	2nd Lieutenant	N/A	Camel C27, 4th Squadron, Royal Air Force	10/08/1918	Home
Prout, Arthur Thomas	Private	201229	1/4th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	02/08/1918	Mesopotamia
Quinton, Frank	Private	16037	"D" Company, 8th Btn., Somerset Light Infantry	25/09/1915	France
Rawlings, Tom Hallett Walter	Saddler	TS/7230	No. 1 Company, Army Service Corps	16/07/1916	Home
Rawson, Philip Colin	2nd Lieutenant	N/A	1st Btn., Royal Berkshire Regiment	28/09/1915	France
Rayson, Edwin John	Gunner	203290	74th Company, Royal Garrison Artillery	26/08/1918	Mesopotamia
Rayson, William Arthur	Private	3/7715	5th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	26/09/1916	France

Richards, James	Private	42624	2nd Btn., Essex Regiment	02/09/1918	France
Ridout, Frederick	Private	14751	5th Btn., South Wales Borderers	18/01/1918	France
Ridout, William James John	Sergeant	64376	6th Australian Reinforcement	28/11/1918	Egypt
Roberts, Philip Hugh	Sapper	264348	38th Motor Air Line Service, Royal Engineers	30/11/1918	Greece
Rowell, Charles Edgar	Sapper	127028	Base Signal Depot, Royal Engineers	25/09/1917	Tanzania
Ruegg, Maurice Chilton	Private	29887	7th Btn., Somerset Light Infantry	30/11/1918	Home
Russell, Harold Stanley	Lance Corporal	15485	1st Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	11/08/1916	Home
Sansom, John Auston	Private	1557	1/4th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	07/07/1916	Mesopotamia
Sansom, Sidney Herbert	Private	59125	23rd Btn., Northumberland Fusiliers	20/10/1918	Flanders
Sartin, James Henry	Private	3/6828	Somerset Light Infantry	26/03/1915	Home
Seymour, Charles Benjamin	2nd Lieutenant	N/A	FE2 C4745, 11th Squadron, Royal Air Force	07/09/1918	France
Sheldrick, John Stanley	Rifleman	S/35884	2nd Btn., Rifle Brigade	24/04/1918	France
Sims, William	Private	865124	8th Btn., (90th Winnipeg Rifles) Canadian Infantry	09/11/1917	Flanders
Smith, Charles Yeatman	Corporal	29620	2nd Btn., (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment	21/03/1918	France
Stagg, Sidney Herbert	2nd Boy	J/94424	H.M.S. "Powerful", Royal Navy	27/02/1919	Home
Stone, William	Lance Corporal	200962	1/4th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	31/10/1918	Mesopotamia
Stubbings, Harry Woolmer	Lance Corporal	8729	2nd Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	27/08/1916	Mesopotamia
Sturgess, Herbert Harry	Private	307871	1/8th Btn., Royal Warwickshire Regiment	27/08/1917	Flanders
Taylor, Percy Lionel	Staff Sergeant	T/1450	Royal Army Ordnance Corps (attd. Royal Garrison Artillery)	03/07/1918	France
Taylor, Sidney Harold	2nd Lieutenant	N/A	1st Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	04/04/1917	France
Thomas, Reginald James	Private	3/8065	1st Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	03/05/1915	France
Tidd, George William	Private	14579	6th Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	16/02/1916	Flanders
Tuck, John Henry	Private	M2/033727	765th Motor Transport Company, Royal Army Service Corps	05/12/1918	Greece
Turl, Arthur	Private	201367	1/4th Btn., Hampshire Regiment	10/10/1918	Mesopotamia
Vickery, Worthy	Corporal	49034	2nd Company, 1st Btn., Devonshire Regiment	14/04/1918	France
Vincent, Austen Ears	Lieutenant	N/A	"Z" Battery, 91st Brigade, Royal Field Artillery	08/11/1918	France
Vizard, Harold Talbot	Captain	N/A	"D" Battery, 71st Brigade, Royal Field Artillery	01/09/1918	France
Waldegrave, Edmund John	2nd Lieutenant	N/A	"D" Battery, 286th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery	10/08/1918	France
Warne, William Henry	Lance Corporal	230034	"B" Squadron, 1/1st (Queen's Own) Dorset Yeomanry	09/10/1918	Home
Wells, Samuel John	2nd Air Mechanic	7870	Royal Flying Corps	20/09/1916	Mesopotamia
Welsman, Percival George	3rd Air Mechanic	77253	RE8 C2897, "T" A. A. P., Royal Air Force	24/09/1918	Home
West, Robert John	Gunner	RMA/10382	H.M.S. "Hogue", Royal Navy	22/09/1914	North Sea
Wildman, Arthur Henry	Lieutenant	N/A	130th King's Own Baluchis	14/09/1915	Kenya
Wood, Arthur George	Rifleman	R/39051	King's Royal Rifle Corps (transf. to Queen Victoria's Rifles)	24/08/1918	France
Wood, Cecil Harry	Corporal	10466	2nd Btn., Royal Warwickshire Regiment	04/05/1917	France
Wood, James Henry	Private	8842	2nd Btn., Dorsetshire Regiment	15/06/1916	Mesopotamia

Unidentified Casualties

Name and Surname	Notes
Andrews, C.	No information
Andrews, J.	No information
Baker, J.	Possible duplication of Edwin John "Jack" Baker?
Cuff, F.	Possible duplication of Wilfred George "Fred" Cuff?
Day, G.	No information
Egerton, H.	Possible duplication/variant of Herbert James Edgington?
Gillingham, G.	No information
Notley, T.	No information
Tulbot, H.	Possible duplication/variant of Harold Talbot Vizard?