

Much more than you ever wanted to know

Saltash and St. Stephens by Saltash Great and Second World War Memorials

Saltash Heritage is attempting to identify all those World War casualties named on the War Memorials. Though each named individual was a dreadful loss of life the stories behind some of the lost lives seem to have an extra poignancy.

From the Great World War these include:-

The Rev. Claude C. C. and Millicent P. Bosanquet, of the Vicarage, St. Stephens - by Saltash. lost their son: Captain Armytage Percy Bosanquet. he died on 25 January 1917 age 23. He's 'remembered with honour', along with 4,621 other First World War casualties, at the Amara War Cemetery, Iraq.



Captain BOSANQUET Armytage Percy.
3rd Bn. the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry;
Military Cross
Mentioned in Dispatches.

Roderick Porter and his wife Ellen Loveday, of Glenside, Saltash, lost two sons:

1. Private Roger Philip Russell Porter. 14th Bn., Royal Warwickshire Regiment died on 03 February 1920 Age 21
2. Second Lieutenant Roderick Spicer Russell Porter Indian Army Reserve of Officers died on 09 June 1916 Age 26.

There are many other Great World War examples from the War to end all war:-

But in 1939 we were at war again, and:-

On the 8th June 1940 Boatswain Joseph Forster. R.N and his wife Sarah Ann Doris Forster lost their 19 year old son Able Seaman Joseph Maurice Forster on HMS. Glorious. Then on the 28th April 1941 Sarah Ann Doris Forster lost her 47 year old husband Boatswain Joseph Forster RN on HMS Stag.

On the 22nd April 1941 on the way to assist with firefighting in Plymouth six Saltash Firemen died at Kings Street Devonport.

During a Bombing Raid on the 28th April 1941 Charles Henry Allen and his wife Emma Amelia Allen, of 71 Fore Street Saltash, were among nine Saltash civilian casualties. The previous month, on the 31 March 1941, their 23 year old son Leading Stoker John Wallace Allen, had been killed in action on HMS Bonaventure.

During the same 28th April 1941 Bombing raid Frederick H. Goad's 36 year old wife Dorothy and their 16 year old daughter Joan were killed. Also, Auxiliary Fire Service Fireman/Boy Scout Donald Noel Cummins aged 18 died on duty at Saltash G.W.R. Goods Station. *Boy Scout Bronze Cross (posthumously awarded).*

Saltash Heritage research indicates there were at least 234 Saltash Great and Second World War Casualties. They were the fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, sisters and brothers of residents of Saltash or St. Stephens by Saltash. Ongoing research shows each casualty reveals a sad story of loss and the futility of War.

The ongoing research indicates that of the 185 'named' on the War Memorials 20 can't now be identified. Assistance identifying these would be appreciated. Also the Commonwealth War Graves Commission list of casualties show there are at least 49 Saltash and St. Stephens by Saltash Great and Second World War casualties that can be identified whose 'names' should or could be added.

We will remember them.