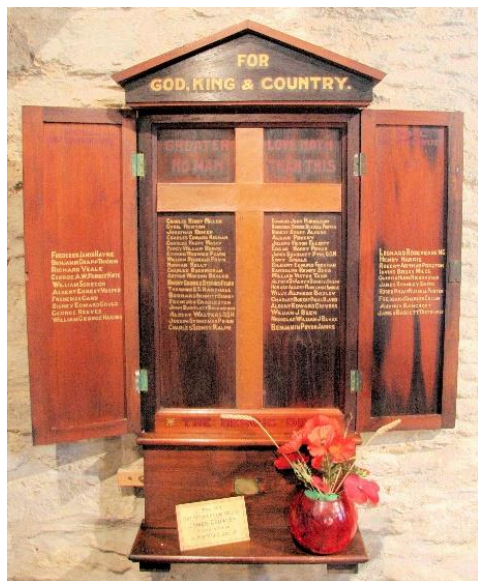
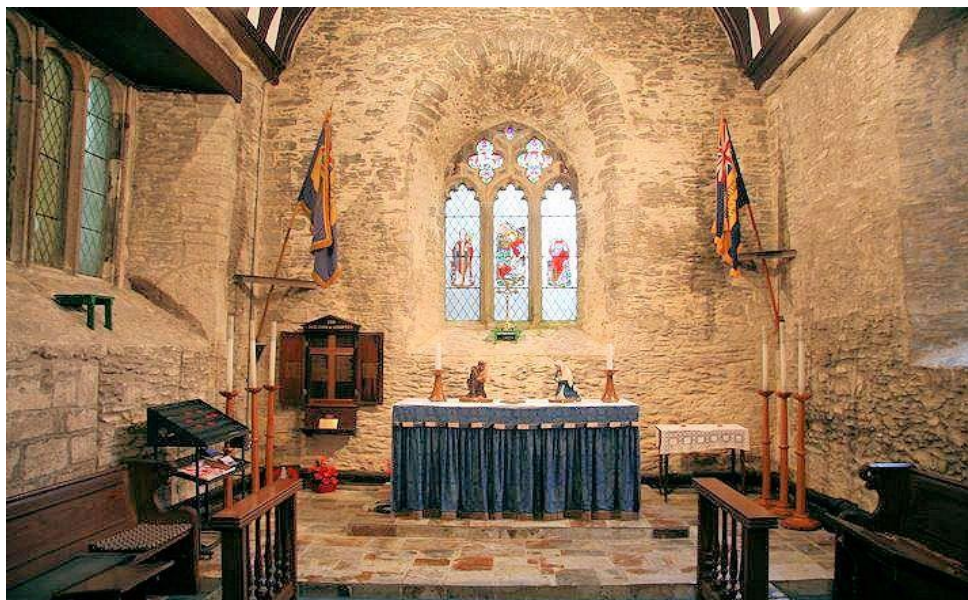


Captain Leonard Roseveare MC. Royal Garrison Artillery

Leonard Roseveare MC is named on a WW1 1914-1918 Memorial in St. Johns Chapel inside St. Nicholas and St. Faith Church, Saltash.



He is not named on the Borough of Saltash WW1 Memorial outside that Church: nor is he 'Commemorated in perpetuity' by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Records obtained from the National Archives and his Birth Certificate obtained from the General Registry Office show he was born on May 31st, 1881 at Wearde Farm House, St. Stephens, Saltash.

The 1891 Census show that in 1891 he was then 9-years-old living with his parents and two older siblings at Wearde Farm House, Wearde Quay, St. Stephens, Saltash.

The 1901 Census show he was then a 19-year-old Electrical Engineer Student. Now living at Liskeard, Cornwall.

The 1911 Census show he was then still

single, aged 29, employed as an Electrical Engineer-Power Station, living as a Boarder in London.

He was educated at Dunheved College, Launceston.

In 1913 he married Margaret G Wevill at Launceston. They subsequently had two children: Richard and Patricia.

Cornwall War History Remembered, Royal Artillery Honours & Awards Transcription, Medal Index cards and Imperial War Museum 'Lives of the First World War' show some details of his WW1 Army Service and awards.

In the 1919 Birthday Honours (MC) he was awarded a Military Cross by King George V "for distinguished service in connection with military operations in France and Flanders".

Records of Leonard Roseveare MC WW1 Army service and subsequent death, were obtained from the National Archives *these include:*

1. APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN THE REGULAR ARMY FOR THE PERIOD OF THE WAR. (4 pages)
2. Form M.T 348. Report of a Regular Officer of the R.A.M.C. dated 1/12/1914.
3. Army Form B. 103. Casualty Form – Active service (*dates 2/10/15, 25/7/16 & 1/8/16*)
4. 32718/7 dated 20th November 1920 which says that "*Captain Leonard Roseveare MC formerly Royal Garrison Artillery – The Army Medical Authorities consider that the stress of military service was the cause of the late officer's state of mind as he committed the act, or sustained the injury, which caused his death.*"
5. 32718/7 copies of a letter dated 11th May 1920 signed by Sanford D. Cole The Secretary War Office S.W. With attached statements from Dr. R. W. Stahem, Dr. J. F. Powell, Dr. E. H. Brook and Mrs Roseveare. *All whose opinion was that Captain Leonard Roseveare's mental condition leading to his death was attributable, aggravated, or caused, by his active WW1 Army service.*
6. Letter from R. Whiteside Statham dated 2.5.20. Late Capt R.A.M.C. saying "*deceased condition was aggravated if not caused by his active service in the Army*".

His Death Certificate was obtained from the General Registry Office. It gives his cause of death as "*Compression of the brain from fracture of the skull caused by throwing himself out of a window during a state of temporary insanity*".

Leonard Roseveare's grave is in St. Stephens-by-Saltash Churchyard. (*He is buried with and surrounded by graves of other members of his family*)



At the start of WW1 Leonard Roseveare applied for and was accepted for appointment to a temporary commission in the regular army for the period of the war. He served through out WW1. initially as a Second Lieutenant, then Lieutenant, then Acting Captain in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He served for 1.25 years at home and 3 years abroad. During his time abroad he was 'in the line' for several months at a time. He was wounded, hospitalised, recuperated and returned to active service on more than one occasion. I believe that he died as the result of wounds or hurts caused by or aggravated by or were attributable to his active WW1 service.

An application has been made to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission requesting that he is 'Commemorated in Perpetuity' and that his grave is recognised as a War Grave.

Peter Clements

A Commonwealth War Graves Commission 'Eyes on Hands on' project volunteer.