

John Edward Tamlin

Recently someone pointed out a grave in St. Stephens-by-Saltash Churchyard as they thought it could be a Saltash Civilian WW2 Blitz Casualty who would possibly be missed during the proposed Saltash Civilian WW2 Casualty Commemoration.



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR DEAR SON
JOHN EDWARD TAMLIN,
WHO DIED BY ENEMY ACTION
APRIL 21ST 1941, AGED 43 YEARS
ALSO CATHERINE, MOTHER OF
THE ABOVE, DIED JULY 1ST 1946
AGED 82 YEARS. R.I.P**



Research shows a Civilian John Edward Tamlin ‘Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission’ as:

JOHN EDWARD TAMLIN

Civilian War Dead who died on 21 April 1941 Age 43
Home Guard; Firewatcher; of 4 Osborne Villas, Stoke, Devonport.
Son of John Edward and Catherine Tamlin, of Ardnaree,
Belle Vue Road, Saltash, Cornwall.
Died at junction of Exmouth Road and Devonport Park.
Remembered with Honour
PLYMOUTH, COUNTY BOROUGH.

He was a Plymouth, not Saltash, WW2 casualty. Probably was buried at St. Stephens-by-Saltash because his parents lived in Saltash.

His Death Certificate gives his cause of death as **“due to war operations”**.

If he died whilst on Home Guard duty, then maybe he should be commemorated in perpetuity as a Home Guard member, not Civilian casualty and his grave recognised as a War Grave. Enquiries are ongoing.

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