

## More than you ever wanted to know about the Names on St. Stephens by Saltash and Saltash Great World War Memorials.

As this year is the one hundredth anniversary of the Battles of the Somme and Jutland. Saltash Heritage researchers are attempting to identify those named on the local 'First or Great World War' war memorials.

Until 1934 'Saltash' and 'St. Stephens by Saltash' were two separate Parishes and each parish had its own Great War, *to end all war*, War Memorial.



Above .St Stephens by Saltash

Right Saltash



At the annual Civic Saltash Service of Remembrance the names on each Memorial and Saltash and District Branch of the Royal British Legion 'Roll of Honour' are read out aloud.

Saltash Heritage 'Researchers' decided to try to identify all these Great World War 'casualties' named on our War Memorials: but, now we need help.

We've used Saltash Heritage own resources, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website, Cornwall War History website and the 1911 Census Returns - we think we have identified most – but the following are still outstanding.

On the St. Stephens by Saltash memorial:

DYER. Herbert H	13	No obvious connection to Saltash
GORMAN. Frederick	7	ditto

On the Saltash memorial:

BANCROFT, A	7		ditto
BUCKINGHAM. C	9	'Charles' on the RBL Roll of Honour	
GOULD. S	9	'Sidney E'	ditto
KELLY. N	9	'Norman'	ditto
MILLER. C. H	6	'Charles H'	ditto
PEARN. H. G. S	?	'Harry'	ditto
PRESTON. R. A	22	'Robert A'	ditto
SEED. R. H	5	'Randolph H'	ditto
SMALE. E	6	'Edward E C'	ditto

(None seems to have an obvious connection to either St. Stephens by Saltash or Saltash)

Problems in identification that Saltash Heritage researchers think they have solved include:

'J C C LAMERTON' is shown on the Saltash Memorial and RBL Roll of Honour: but there's no casualty with those initials on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission web-site.

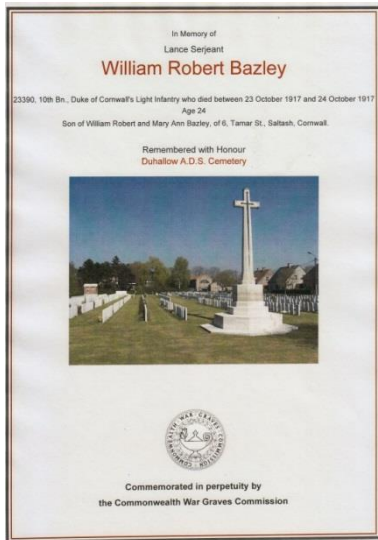
There is, however, a LAMERTON J H G Master at Arms grave in Saltash Baptist Chapelyard.



Saltash Heritage is reasonable certain, that on the balance of probability, that's him.

But we are still unable to explain the 'C C' (or maybe G. C) initials on the War Memorial and RBL Roll of Honour.

Another example of detective work is: William Robert Bazley is shown as William Robert on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) website:



But is shown with the initials W A on the Saltash Memorial and William A on the RBL Roll of Honour. Saltash Heritage research discovered that he had three (not two) forenames, including ‘Alphage’: this explains the ‘A’ initial on Saltash War Memorial and Royal British Legion (RBL) Roll of Honour.

What can’t be explained is why there are at least 12 Great World War Forces casualties shown on the Commonwealth War graves Commission web-site, who are buried in St. Stephens Graveyard – but not shown on either the St. Stephens by Saltash or Saltash’s War Memorials, nor shown on the RBL Roll of Honour?

T T Ambrose	St Stephens Grave reference	1413
C Benney		86A
Walter Norman Hocking		2051
R Lovell		1430
J Muckler		1430
R J Penna		2015
B J Rackham		1153
Harry Croad Read		579
M H Robinson		1469
F T Tamblyn		1197
John Richard Tofts		1153
William Henry Widdicombe		1544

There may be a good reason why we aren’t remembering these on our War Memorials or RBL Rolls of Honour or Civic Remembrance Services. If you do know why please tell Saltash Heritage.

There’s a ‘HEATH, Robert McIlven’ shown on the St. Stephens by Saltash Memorial: and on the RBL Roll of Honour. Records show that he was a Chief Yeoman of Signals, he was born in Buenos Aires in 1876, he served on HMS Sapphire, and at age 42 he was interred in St. Stephens by Saltash Churchyard. But, he’s not shown on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website: nor is his grave at St. Stephens listed. Saltash Heritage would appreciate information about him.

Once Saltash Heritage has completed researching names on the Great World War memorials, or competed as much as is possible, the intention is to then research the names on the World War Two Memorials.

In a poem Robert Laurence Binyon wrote (verses 3 & 4):

‘For the Fallen’

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,  
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
**We will remember them.**