

The Gladstone Memorial

Nearly every child that has passed through Gladstone Road School will have noticed at some time or other a large brass plaque with the names of the ex pupils who died in the 1914-18 war. The plaque will probably not mean very much to the pupils of today, "just a bunch of names".

But just by delving into the newspaper archive library, a mass of information and photographs from the forgotten age, causes one to realise that "the bunch of names" is indeed a tragic part of our history.



The grave of Alex Hick, Dean Road Cemetery

Details Of Some Of The Soldiers Killed In Battle

Alex and Arthur Hick both served in the Navy during World War One. Alex Hick of HMS Racoon took part in one of the first sea battles of the war as a member of the light cruiser HMS Birmingham. "Our battle cruisers," he says in a letter to his mother, "didn't half give them socks! They really pounded them to jelly, more so the Bluecher, it was the finest sight I have seen. It was lovely British weather nice and fine. We don't want dirty nasty weather like the Germans do. Let them all come, we can beat them off just the same. You can rest assured that Scarborough will not be bombarded again for some time to come." Alex died in 1918 aged 24. He died as a result of being gassed in Zeebrugge.

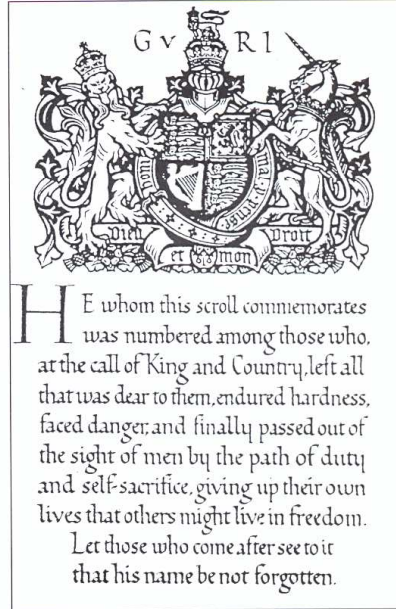
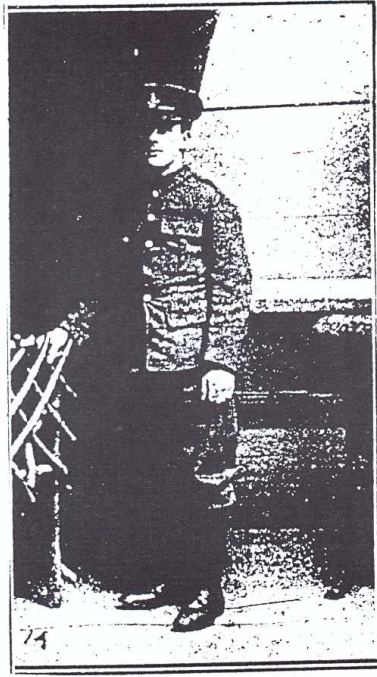
Pte. John Edward Archer 39365 Green Howards Depot Battalion, who died on the 27th June 1917 in Richmond Barracks is buried in Manor Road Cemetery, Scarborough, Section K. Row 16. Grave 10. At the time of his death he was aged 31 years. He was the third son of John and Mary Archer who lived at Victoria Road, Scarborough.

Corporal Ernest Moore 1st Battalion Kings Liverpool Regiment, brother of PC Moore of the Scarborough Police force, was killed in action 7th Jan 1915 in France. Ernest was well known in the town and owned a grocery business on the corner of Hibernia Street and Fairfax Street and was called up as a reservist when war broke out. He enlisted in Warrington before going to the front. Ernest was initially attached to the Army Service Corps but transferred to the fighting line where he was killed. He was aged 32 years. He left a widow and two children. A pathetic circumstance of his death was that shortly before he was killed Ernest wrote to his wife and asked her to send him a Thermos flask which was in the post for him when news of his death was received. On 7th Jan when Ernest died, Captain Hudson wrote in his diary "I fancy this ground is too soft, this gun will fire a bomb up to 500x. Raining in torrents all day, trenches are full of water and parapets are collapsing all along the line, the work to keep up anything like a decent parapet is tremendous. The ground is so sodden with wet that earth won't stand. We are sapping towards the Germans but the water makes things nearly impossible. I would suggest that the fleet takes a hand up here, there is a lot of water. 3 killed and wounded."



Details of Soldiers Killed in Action

Pte. Williams Hastings 2091 Green Howards 5th Territorial Battalion. Born and enlisted in Scarborough. Died on the 8th Sept 1915 and is buried in the Strand Military Cemetery, Belgium, Plot 9, Row H, Grave 3. He was the son of William and Louisa Hastings of Caledonia St, Scarborough. He was 20 years of age.



Pte. W. Hastings 5th Yorks, Caledonia Street
 Also a copy of the scroll which would be sent along with the medals to the next of kin

Also mentioned on the memorial plaque are the men below.



A.W. Marr 1st Batt
 Grenadier Guards
 of Roscoe Street



F. Hawxwell
 East Yorks
 of Ramsey Street



Jack Lord
 RAMC
 of Lyell Street