

St. Erth War Memorial

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Private William Charles Trevarthen
Private Stanley Thomas
Ordinary Seaman Henry Pearce Veal
Lieutenant Thomas Goldsworthy
Private John Vincent
Sapper Michael Albert Rowe
Private George Liles
Captain Francis Tregarthen Coulson M.C.
Major Herbert Augustine Carter V.C.
Petty Officer Stoker Stanley George Smart
Able Seaman Stewart Bond
Corporal Samuel Carter
Trooper Melvyn Pearce Stone
Private Arthur Franklin Lashbrook
Private Reginald Owen James
Corporal John Maynard
Sergeant James Kitchener Wendle Paul

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Roll of Honour (War Shrine)

About the Roll of Honour (War Shrine)

Before the erection of the War Memorial in the churchyard of St Erth there was a War Shrine established inside the church. This is likely to be in the same location as the current 'Roll of Honour' which is situated in front of the organ in the North Aisle. An article in The Cornishman on 25th January 1917 states that the original War Shrine was put into place in that month.

The vicar at the time was Rev. J. J. Murley and it was he who had seen the shrine created. The cost of this shrine was said to have been borne by Mrs Helen Carter (Nee Wilmot Ware), widow of Major Carter V.C. of this parish. The Shrine had two rolls of honour: one for those who had joined the war campaign, and the other for those who had fallen. The shrine was, and still is, of "bine and gold" and was draped with the Union Jack at the time of its creation. By the end of the First World War there were 110 names on the Roll of Honour for men from the parish who had served in the War.

In the present day there are two rolls of honour framed and hanging on the War Shrine: one for those who fell during World War 1 and the other for those who fell during World War 2.

Additionally, the War Shrine has on it a brass cross and candlesticks.



The War Shrine in St. Erth Church.



World War 1 (bottom) and World War 2 (top) Roll of Honour.

Names on Roll of Honour (as is written)

The following is the exact layout of the writing on the Roll of Honour for the two lists of names now present and has not been altered in any way.

1914**1918**

Greater love hath no

man than this, that

a man lay down his

life for his friends

At Rest

NAME.	RANK.	REGIMENT.	PLACE.	DATE.
H.A. Carter. v.c.	Major.	101st Grenadiers.	Brit. East Africa	13 · 1 · 16.
Noel Conway Carter. D.C.M.		2nd S.African Horse	South Africa	21 · 2 · 17.
Richard Cloke.	A.B.	Royal Naval Reserve	Dardanelles	1 · 7 · 15.
F.C. Tregarthen Coulson. M.C.	Capt.	546th Siege Battery. R.G.A.	France.	8 · 9 · 18.
C.H. Crowle.	Private.	24th Bn. Royal Fusiliers	Delville Wood	2 · 8 · 16.
Thomas Goldsworthy.	Lieut.	1st/5th Bn. D.C.L.I.		
A. Goodfellow.	Private.	1st Bn. D.C.L.I.	Cardiff Hospital	4 · 10 · 16.
A.H. Hart.	Do.	6th " "		
W.J. Hosking.	Do.	2nd " "	St Eloi	18 · 3 · 15.
George Liles	Do.	82nd M.G.Coy. D.C.L.I.		
T.J. Lockett	Do.	11th Bn. West Yorks.	La Guernurie	1 · 1 · 16.
W.J. Prior.	Gunner.	177th Siege Battery. R.G.A.		5 · 10 · 17
B. Rowe.	Sapper.	Canadian Engineers.		
C.T. Stevens.	Private.	8th Bn. Devonshire	France.	23 · 5 · 17
S. Thomas.	Do.	6th Bn. Dorset		
W.C. Trevarthen.	Do.	4th Reserve Bn. Wilts.		12 · 9 · 17
Henry Pearce Veale.	Seaman.	H.M.S. "Bittern".		
J. Vincent.	Private.	1st Bn. D.C.L.I.		

Jesu, Mercy.**1939 - 1945**

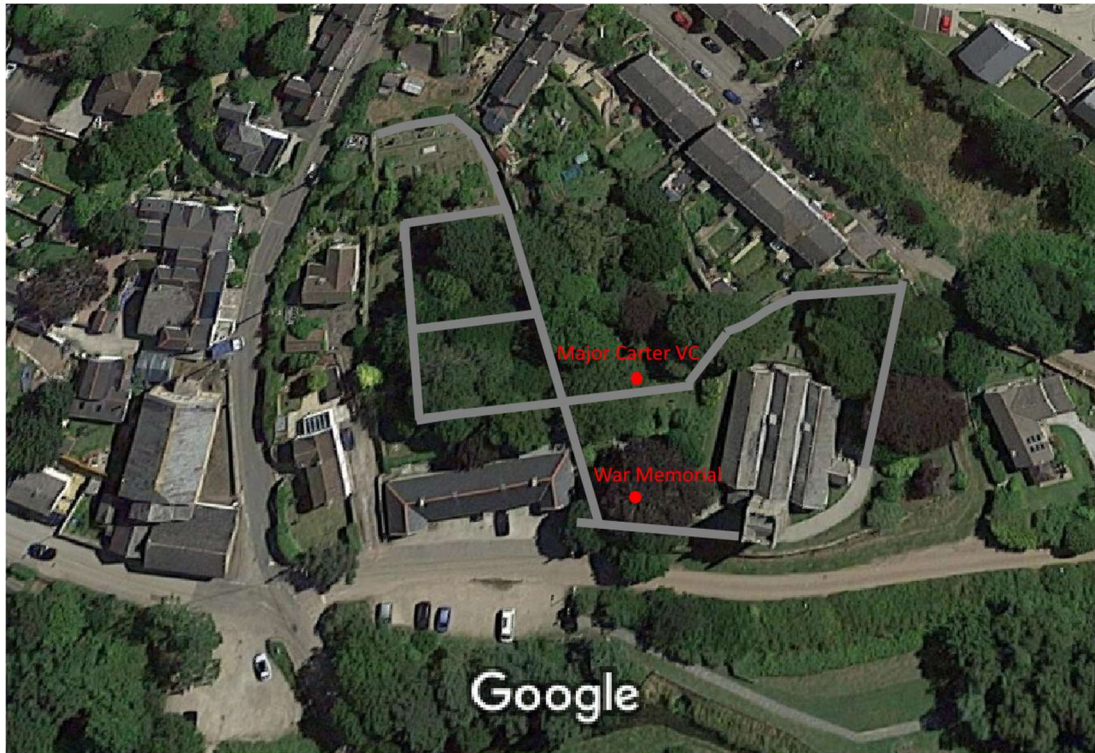
NAME	RANK	REGIMENT	PLACE	DATE
Stanley George Smart	Petty Officer	R. N.	Hong Kong	1 : ii : 43
Stewart Bond	A. B.	R. N.	Russia	25 : ii : 44
Samuel Carter	Corporal	Durham L. I.	Bayeux	24 : vii : 44
Melvin Pearce Stone	Trooper	R. Armour Corps.	Normandy	27 : vii : 44
Arthur Franklin Lashbrook	Pte :	Devon.	Arnhem	3 : x : 44

Notes:

- For clarity in the text above the uppercase letter 'A' under the Rank column replaces the handwritten version on the Roll of Honour which is written more like an 'a'.
- 'Do.' in the Rank column means Ditto.

The War Memorial

St. Erth War Memorial is located a few yards just inside The Old Churchyard on The Green Lane near the Parish Church. As you enter the churchyard through the Lych Gate, which is next to The Church Hall (The Old School), there are only a few steps to take until you will see the memorial's tall column before you, which is surrounded by a shallow wall and slabbed path. A short path from the main gravelled path provides the entrance to the memorial.



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The Unveiling Ceremony

The War Memorial we see before us today in the Old Churchyard has been in situ for 103 years as of the year 2020. For it was on Saturday 28th July 1917, under the setting of a lovely summer's day, that a large congregation came together in the Old Churchyard for the dedication and unveiling of the War Memorial. Dedicated to the memory of Major Carter V.C. and all parishioners who had fallen during the 1st World War, the memorial was presented to the Parish by Major Carter's widow, Helen Carter. At the time of its unveiling the War had not ended, and 8 names were inscribed on the memorial; by the end of the war some 16 months later, that total had risen by another 10 to stand at 18 in total.

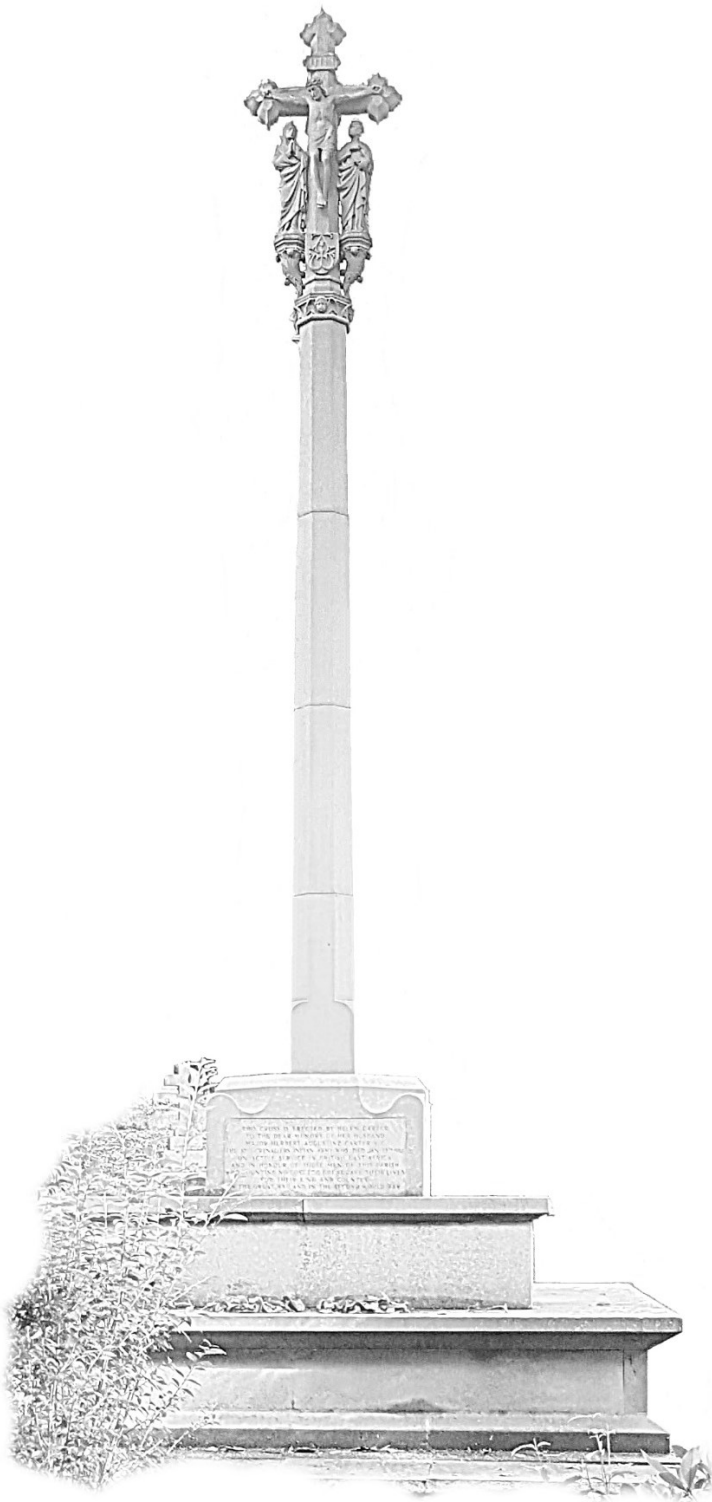
The service that day was attended not only by a large congregation but also by the families of the fallen, dignitaries representing the Military Services, numerous local clergy, and members of the Parish Council. The Archdeacon of Cornwall gave an impassioned sermon, the official unveiling was performed, a eulogy to Major Carter V.C. given, before prayers and a dedication, including the hymn "The saints of God, their conflict past" which was sung to the accompaniment of the band of the 251st Company, Royal Defence Corps.

For a full transcript of the unveiling ceremony, taken from The Cornishman, please turn to page 57.

After World War Two in 1945, on the North side of the War Memorial, the names of the five men who had fallen from the parish in that war were added, bringing the total of names engraved on the War Memorial to 23.

About the War Memorial

Standing tall at some 22 feet (6.7 metres) in height, the memorial is made of Forest of Dean stone and designed by Mr. Comper, a London architect, sculpted by Mr. Gough and was erected by Mr I. Lobbs of Wadebridge.



The photo to the left shows the memorial.

The Column

The tapered freestone column/shaft at the centre is octagonal, in 4 segments/chamfers & has two tiers and rests on a base which is panelled on each side.

The 3 Levels

Beneath the column/shaft is an inscribed plinth which also stands on a large, stepped base consisting of 3 levels (top, middle, bottom).

Engravings

Most of the panels on the top and middle levels have engravings. The following pages detail the exact lettering and layout on the panels on each side of the memorial.

The Top of the Column

At the top of the column the following is depicted:



On the side facing **west**, is Jesus upon a cross, with two figures stood beneath on either side looking upwards.



On the side facing **east**, is the Madonna and child.

East Side

The top tier (**East Side**) has, interwoven, the coats of arms of the Carter and Wilmot Ware families:



The **middle** tier has the following prayer engraved:

BY THY CROSS AND PASSION GRANT US O LORD WITH THEM A PLACE OF
REFRESHMENT OF LIGHT AND OF PEACE WITH THY SAINTS FOR EVER. AMEN

The **bottom** tier is blank.

West Side

When approaching the War Memorial in the Old Churchyard, you are facing its **West** side.

The **top** tier (**West** Side) has the dedication engraved:

THIS CROSS IS ERECTED BY HELEN CARTER
TO THE DEAR MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND
MAJOR HERBERT AUGUSTINE CARTER V.C.
THE 101st GRENADIERS INDIAN ARMY WHO DIED JAN 13th 1916
ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN BRITISH EAST AFRICA
AND IN HONOUR OF THOSE MEN OF THIS PARISH
WHO COUNTING NO COST TOO GREAT, GAVE THEIR LIVES
FOR THEIR KING AND COUNTRY
IN THE GREAT WAR AND IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

The **middle** and **bottom** tier on the **west** side are blank.

North Side

The **top** tier has the engraving:

WE HAVE NO GLORY GREAT ENOUGH FOR YOU
THIS LAND INVIOLETE YOUR MONUMENT SHALL BE

THEY DIED PROUDLY THEY ARE MOURNED PROUDLY

The **middle** tier has the engravings of those who lost their lives in the 2nd World War in this parish:

STANLEY GEORGE SMART,	P. O. R. N,	HONG KONG
STEWART BOND,	A. B. R. N.	RUSSIA
SAMUEL CARTER,	C ^{pl} DURHAM	L.I. BAYEUX
MELVIN PEARCE STONE,	T ^{pr} R. A. C ^{ps}	NORMANDY
ARTHUR FRANKLIN LASHBROOK,	P ^{te} DEVON	REG ^t ARNHEM
1939 - 1945		

The **bottom** tier is blank.

South Side

The **top** tier and **middle** tier have the names of those who fell during World War 1 within the parish engraved:

Top tier:

PTE. T. J. LOCKETT,	11 th	B ⁿ	WEST YORKS.	REG ^t .
RICHARD CLOKE,	A. B.	ROYAL	NAVAL	RESERVE
PTE. W. J. HOSKING,	2 nd	B ⁿ	DUKE OF CORNWALL'S L.I.	
PTE. C. H. CROWLE,	24 th	B ⁿ	ROYAL	FUSILIERS
PTE. A. GOODFELLOW,	1 st	B ⁿ	DUKE OF CORNWALL'S L.I.	
NOEL CONWAY CARTER D.C.M.,	2 nd	S. AFRICAN	HORSE.	
PTE. C. STEVENS,	8 th	B ⁿ	DEVONSHIRE	REGIMENT
PTE. A. H. HART,	6 th	B ⁿ	DUKE OF CORNWALL'S L.I.	
GNR. W. J. PRIOR,	177 th	SEIGE BATTERY	R.G. A.	
PTE. W. C. TREVARTHEN,	4 th	RESERVE B ⁿ	WILTS.	REG ^t .

Middle tier:

PTE. S. THOMAS,	6 th	B ⁿ	DORSET	REGIMENT
HENRY PEARCE VEALE,	SEAMAN		H.M.S.	BITTERN
LIEUT. T. GOLDSWORTHY,	1 st	B ⁿ	DUKE OF CORNWALL'S	L. I.
PTE. J. VINCENT,	1 st	B ⁿ	DUKE OF CORNWALL'S	L. I.
SAPPER B. WROE,	CANADIAN			ENGINEERS
PTE. GEORGE LILES,	82 nd	M.G. COMPANY,	DUKE OF CORNWALL'S	L.I.
CAPT. C. TREGARTHEN COULSON,	546 th	SIEGE	BATTERY	R.G.A.

The **bottom** tier is blank.

War Memorial - World War 1

The information on the following pages (including sections on World War 2 and War Graves) comes chiefly from information online at:

- IWM (Imperial War Museum)
- CWGC (Commonwealth War Grave Commission)
- CFHS (Cornwall Family History Society War Memorials)
- Imperial War Museum's Lives of the First World War
 - British Newspaper Archive
 - Ancestry.com

PRIVATE TOM JAMES LOCKETT

World War 1

Service Number 18439

Born: 30th January 1891, Trebartha Place, St. Erth.

Parents: James and Elizabeth Jane (nee Trevarthen) Lockett.

Died: 01/01/1916, Aged 24, of wounds in France.

Served: with 11th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal WW1, Victory Medal WW1.

Buried: at RATION FARM MILITARY CEMETERY, LA CHAPELLE-D'ARMENTIERES, Nord, France.
Number of Casualties: 1,319.
Cemetery/memorial reference: I. E. 9.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission records Private Tom Lockett as a resident of Trebartha Place in St. Erth.

A short article in The Cornishman on Thursday 20th January 1916 stated that Private Tom Lockett, who had only been on the front for a short time, was amongst the first to fall from the village men who had enlisted.

His two brothers, Arnold and Ernest, also enlisted at the beginning of the war.



A View of the Ration Farm Military Cemetery in France.

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ABLE SEAMAN RICHARD JOSEPH CLOKE

World War 1

Service Number 27810 (or 2781C)

Born: 16th November 1879, Polruan, Cornwall.

Parents: Richard and Elizabeth (nee Quinell) Cloke.

Spouse: Eliza Jane (nee Mills) Cloke

Served: H.M.S. "Europa", Royal Naval Reserve

Died: 09/08/1915, Aged 36, of enteric fever
(General Hospital, Alexandria).

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal WW1,
Victory Medal WW1

Buried: at ALEXANDRIA (CHATBY) MILITARY AND
WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY, Egypt.

Number of Casualties: 2,865.

Cemetery/memorial reference: J. 140.

Other Memorials: Fowey War Memorial, Parent's Grave

Richard Joseph Cloke (said in one source to have served under the name Michael Cloke) was serving on HMS Goliath which was sunk by German torpedo boat off Gallipoli on 13th May 1915. He survived but was wounded and was transferred to the HMS Europa where sadly he died on 9th August 1915.

Richard and his family (wife and daughter) were living at Undercliffe, Hayle in the 1911 census.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Next of Kin certificate says Mr (sic) E Cloke as living at Battery Mills, St Erth.

The Roll of Honour in St Erth Parish church says Richard Cloke died 1.7.1915 but all official material has the date at 9.8.1915.



A view of Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery in Egypt.

Photo Credit: Commonwealth War Graves Commission

PRIVATE WILLIAM JAMES HOSKING
World War 1

Service Number 17626

Enlisted: Bodmin

Born: 1892, Hayle

Parents: William and Elizabeth Banfield (nee Thomas) Hosking of Foundry Street, Hayle.

Served: 2nd Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Died: 18/03/1915, Aged 23, killed in action.

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal WW1, Victory Medal WW1

Commemorated: at YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Number of casualties: 54,370.
Cemetery/memorial reference: Panel 20.

Other memorials: Hayle (St. Elwyn's), Hayle War Memorial, Phillack War Memorial, St. Day War Memorial.

A short article in the 'West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser' on Monday 29th March 1915 stated that Private Hosking had only been enlisted a few months and had been at the front for two days before he was tragically killed in action. Before the war he was employed as a driver for Mrs Clark of Foundry Hill.



View of Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium.

Photo Credit: Commonwealth War Graves Commission

PRIVATE CHARLES HENRY CROWLE

World War 1

Service Number 3363

Enlisted: Hayle

Born: September 1892, Phillack.

Parents: Charles H. and M. Crowle, of Trelissick Terrace, Hayle, Cornwall.

Served: 24th Battalion. Royal Fusiliers

Died: 03/08/1916, Aged 24, killed in action.

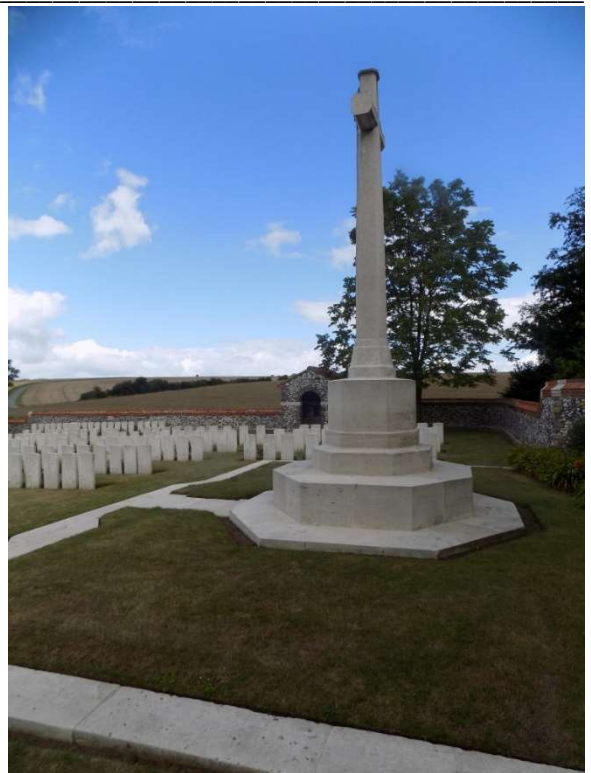
Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal WW1, Victory Medal WW1

Buried: at QUARRY CEMETERY, MONTAUBAN, Location: Somme, France.

Number of casualties: 755.

Cemetery/memorial reference: III. M. 6.

Other Memorials: Hayle War Memorial, St Elwyn Churchyard War Memorial, Phillack War Memorial



A view of Quarry Cemetery in France.

Photo Credit: Commonwealth War Graves Commission

A newspaper article in The Cornishman on Thursday 17th August 1916 stated that Private Charlie Crowle was hit by a shell on the Western Front. He was an only son but had sisters. Having enlisted in March 1915, he had been serving in France for 9 months and had seen much service.

Prior to the war, Charlie Crowle was a valued employee of Harvey & Co of Hayle where for 9 years he oversaw their harbour office and was well known amongst those in the local shipping industry. He was especially known for his *"courteous manner and upright dealings"* whilst working for Harvey & Co.

In the 1911 Census, Charles Henry Crowle is listed as living at 10 Penpol Road, Hayle with his parents and two sisters.

PRIVATE ARTHUR GOODFELLOW

World War 1

Service Number 10320

Enlisted: Phillack.

Born: 1892, Lambeth, London.

Parents: William Arthur and Maria (nee Law)
Goodfellow

Served: with 1st Bn. Duke of Cornwall's Light
Infantry

Died: 4th October 1916, Aged 24, died of wounds.

Medals: 1914-1915 Star, British War Medal
WW1, Victory Medal WW1.

Buried: at Cardiff (Cathays) Cemetery,
Glamorgan.

Number of casualties: 725.

Cemetery/memorial reference: EB. 20.

An article in The Cornishman on Thursday 12th October 1916 extended condolences to Mr. and Mrs. C. Brockman, of Primrose Cottage, Lanuthnoe in the village for the loss of their brother. After suffering an injury in France on 7th September he was taken to Western General Hospital in Cardiff nine days later but unfortunately succumbed to his injuries.



A view of Cardiff (Cathays) Cemetery in Glamorgan.

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CORPORAL NOEL CONWAY CARTER D.C.M.

World War 1

Service Number 1549

Born: 25th December 1879, Exeter, Devon.

Parents: Rev. C. R. D. and Mrs. Georgina Mary Carter.

Served: 2nd Battalion South African Horse

Died: 21st February 1917, Aged 38, of blackwater fever.

Medals: D. C. M. (Distinguished Conduct Medal)

Buried: at JOHANNESBURG (BRIXTON) CEMETERY, Gauteng, South Africa.

Number of casualties: 281.

Cemetery/memorial reference: E.C. 293.

Other Memorials: Camborne Mining School, Krugersdorp and Districts War Memorial (South Africa)

Corporal Noel Conway Carter D.C.M was awarded the D.C.M. medal in November 1916 for "*gallantry and devotion to duty in the field.*" He went out twice under heavy fire to take water to a wounded scout whilst on the field in East Africa and tried to remove him into safety from his exposed position.

He was a son of Rev Conway Carter, the then vicar of St. Erth, and Georgina Carter.

His brother had died in service a year previous, Herbert Augustine Carter V.C., and who is also named on the village war memorial.

Sadly, in early 1917 Corporal Noel Conway Carter D.C.M fell sick with fever and died in the Johannesburg Military Hospital.



Corporal Noel Conway Carter's grave in South Africa.

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PRIVATE CYRIL THEODORE STEVENS

World War 1

Service Number 33470

Enlisted: Penzance.

Born: 28th September 1891, St Erth.

Parents: Son of the late George Gillard Stevens and Amelia Hayse Stevens, of Rose Cottage, Chanalls (sic), St. Erth, Cornwall

Spouse: Jane Tyacke Jenkins, of Whitehall, St. Hilary, Marazion, Cornwall.

Served: 8th Battalion. Devonshire Regiment

Died: 23/04/1917, Aged 25, killed in action.

Medals: British War Medal WW1, Victory Medal WW1.

Buried: at Honourable Artillery Company CEMETERY, ECOUST-ST. MEIN, Pas de Calais, France.

Number of casualties: 1,921.

Cemetery/memorial reference: I. F. 2.

Other Memorials: Named on Mother's Grave in St. Erth New Churchyard (at Chenhalls Road).

In a newspaper article, news of Cyril's death is reported to have been received with "profound regret" throughout the village of St Erth. Both the Church and Chapel sung hymns in his memory.

A letter to Cyril's widow, Mrs Stevens, was printed from Rev E.C. Crosse who detailed how he was tragically killed in action, conveying his deepest sympathy and that he had enclosed a copy of an Easter Card he'd given to Cyril.



A view of the Honourable Artillery Company Cemetery in France.

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PRIVATE ALBERT HARRIS HART
World War 1

Service Number 34599

Enlisted: Penzance.

Born: 22nd March 1898, Illogan.

Parents: William John Amelay and Arabella
Adeline (nee Gilbert) Hart.

Served: 6th Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light
Infantry.

Died: 19th October 1917, Aged 19, Killed in
Action.

Medals: British War Medal WW1, Victory
Medal WW1.

Commemorated: at TYNE COT MEMORIAL,
West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Number of casualties: 35,000.
Cemetery/memorial reference: Panel 80 to 82.



View of Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium.

Photo Credit: Commonwealth War Graves Commission

GUNNER WILLIAM JOHN PRIOR

World War 1

Service Number 82457

Enlisted: Hayle

Born: 1890, St. Kew.

Parents: John and Laura Mary (nee Pascoe)
Prior, Down's Cottage, Foundry Hill, Hayle.

Served: 177th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison
Artillery

Died: 06/10/1917, Aged 27, Killed in Action.

Medals: British War Medal WW1, Victory
Medal WW1.

Buried: at YPRES RESERVOIR CEMETERY, West-
Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Number of casualties: circa 2,614.

Cemetery/memorial reference: I. E. 83.

Other Memorials: Phillack War Memorial, Hayle War Memorial.

Several letters from comrades of Gunner W J Prior (in which he is referred to as Percy) were published in The Cornishman in November 1917 by his parents, with them all expressing their condolences and the love that his fellow men in his battery felt for him. Several of the letters state that he was killed on the 5th, by a shell, whereas the official record says the 6th. He was said in a letter by Gunner Oliver to *"be held in great respect by all of his chums in the battery and ever ready to do his duty."*



View of Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, Belgium.

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PRIVATE WILLIAM CHARLES TREVARTHEN

World War 1

Service Number 203542

Born: 2nd June 1887, St. Erth.

Parents: William and Selina Trevarthen of Chenhalls, St Erth.

Spouse: Ethel Maud Trevarthen of Under Cliff, Phillack, Hayle.

Served: 4th Battalion. Wiltshire Regiment

Died: 12/09/1917, Aged 29.

Medals:

Buried: New Churchyard, Chenhalls Road, St. Erth.

Other Memorials:

Private William Charles Trevarthen was married, had three children (William Charles, George, and Jack), and died tragically whilst home from the war in Warminster.

His grave is in the New Churchyard, Chenhalls Road, and is maintained by the Commonwealth War Grave Commission.



View of Private William Charles Trevarthen's grave in The New Churchyard, Chenhalls Road, St Erth.

Photo Credit: Stephen Murley

PRIVATE STANLEY THOMAS

World War 1

Service Number 30891

Enlisted: Hayle

Born: 1897, Phillack.

Parents: William G. and Caroline G. Thomas of Lower Trenowth Bungalow, St Columb.

Served: 6th Battalion. Dorsetshire Regiment

Died: 21st March 1918, Aged 21, of Wounds.

Medals: British War Medal WW1, Victory Medal WW1.

Commemorated: at ARRAS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France.

Number of casualties: circa. 34,818.

Cemetery/memorial reference: Bay 6.



View of Arras Memorial, France.

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ORDINARY SEAMAN HENRY PEARCE VEAL

World War 1

Service Number J/76454

Enlisted: Devonport, Devon.

Born: 19th March 1888, St. Ives.

Parents: Richard Cocking and Mary Annie (nee Polmear) Veal of St. Ives.

Spouse: Mary Ellen Veal of 9, Mill Row, Hayle, Cornwall.

Served: H.M.S. "Bittern." In Royal Navy.

Died: 4th April 1918, aged 30.

Medals: British War Medal WW1, Victory Medal WW1

Buried: Commemorated at PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL, Devon, United Kingdom.

Number of casualties: circa 23,224.

Cemetery/memorial reference: 27.

There are several articles that mention Seaman Henry Veal (printed as Veale on St Erth War Memorial and Roll of Honour) published in The Cornishman in April 1918. He is said to be a resident of Chenhalls and had a wife and son (Henry Pearce).

He was one of around 60 individuals who lost their lives on 4th April 1918 whilst serving on the H.M.S. Bittern when it was sunk after a collision with merchant ship SS Kenilworth in the English Channel near the Isle of Portland during thick fog. There were no survivors.



View of Plymouth Naval Memorial, UK.

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LIEUTENANT THOMAS GOLDSWORTHY
World War 1

Service Number Unknown.

Born: 1887, St. Erth.

Parents: Thomas and Hannah Goldsworthy,
Trelissick, Hayle.

Spouse: Annie Goldsworthy

Served: 5th Battalion. Duke of Cornwall's Light
Infantry (attd. Machine Gun Corps (Infantry))

Died: 12/04/1918, Aged 31, Killed in Action.

Medals: WW1 War Medal, Victory WW1 Medal,
Mentioned in Dispatches.

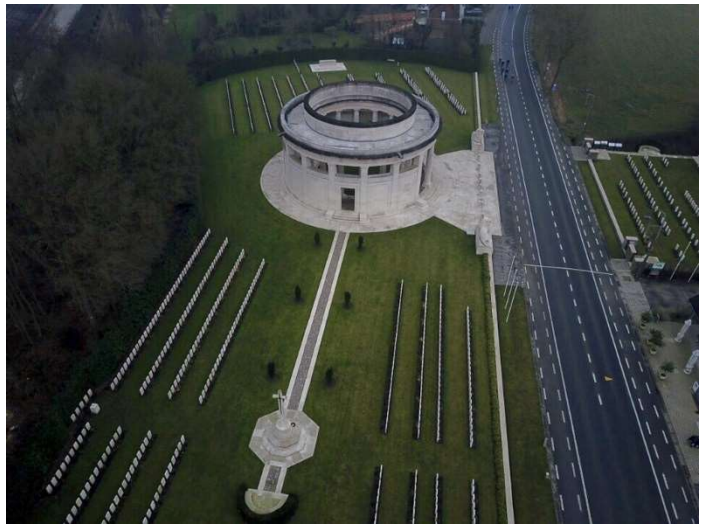
Commemorated: at PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL,
Hainaut, Belgium.
Number of casualties: circa 11,394.
Cemetery/memorial reference: Panel 6.

Other Memorials: Hayle War Memorial, Journal of the Institute of Bankers - Roll of Honour.

News of Lieutenant Thomas Goldsworthy death was published in a newspaper article in The Cornishman on Wednesday 1st May 1918. His parents, then of Hayle (but formerly of Trelissick, St Erth) were extended deepest sympathy. Their two sons both served in the war, the other son (Francis Glanville) serving in India.

Lieutenant Thomas Goldsworthy was killed in action during a German offensive in France.

Before the war Lieutenant Goldsworthy worked in Barclay's Bank in St. Austell.



View of Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium.

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PRIVATE JOHN VINCENT

World War 1

Service Number 23764

Enlisted: Hayle

Born: Helston

Parents: John Vincent & Mrs E Vincent

Served: 1st Battalion. Duke of Cornwall's
Light Infantry

Died: 21/08/1918, Killed in Action.

Buried: at QUEENS CEMETERY, BUCQUOY,
Location: Pas de Calais, France.
Number of casualties: circa 523.
Cemetery/memorial reference: III. C. 2. 7

Medals: British War Medal WW1, Victory Medal WW1

Other Memorials: St Ewe War Memorial

It was reported in the Cornishman of Wednesday 18th September 1918 that Private J Vincent was a resident of Trannack, St. Erth and was killed in action on the Western Front in France.



View of Queens Cemetery, France.

Photo Credit: Commonwealth War Graves Commission

SAPPER MICHAEL ALBERT ROWE

World War 1

Service Number 2710604

Enlisted: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

Born: 1887, Penzance.

Parents: Michael & Elizabeth Rowe of Trannack, St. Erth.

Served: Training Depot Canadian Engineers

Died: 01/10/1918. Aged 31, Pneumonia.

Medals: Canadian Silver Memorial Cross WW1.

Buried: at MONTREAL (MOUNT ROYAL) CEMETERY, Quebec, Canada.

Number of casualties: circa 462.

Cemetery/memorial reference: S. N.



View of Montreal (Mount Royal) Cemetery in Canada.

Photo Credit: Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Other Memorials: Canadian Virtual War Memorial, Canadian Book of Remembrance, Canadian Memorial in London.

Sapper Michael Albert Rowe was known as 'Bertie' Rowe and it is this initial which is inscribed on the St Erth War Memorial and Roll of Honour. Although the St Erth War Memorial has his surname as WROE, this appears to be a mistake, as every other source has his surname as ROWE.

In the Cornishman of 16th October 1918, Michael Albert Rowe's death at a Military Hospital in Ottawa, Canada was sadly published. He was the youngest son of Mr & Mrs Rowe of Trannack. It states that he left home for America some 12 and a half years before.

PRIVATE GEORGE LILES

World War 1

Service Number 74579

Enlisted: Hayle

Born: 1897, Paddington, London.

Parents: James and Mary Ann Liles, Paddington, London.

Served: 82nd Company. Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)

Died: 28/09/1918, Aged 21, Malaria.

Medals: British War Medal WW1, Victory Medal WW1.

Buried: at KARASOULI MILITARY CEMETERY, Greece.

Number of casualties: circa 1,371.

Cemetery/memorial reference: C. 635.

Other Memorials: Machine Gun Corps Memorial in London.

Private Liles was believed to be a resident at Glebe Farm, St. Erth.

A short statement in The Cornishman of Wednesday 16th October 1918 says that Private George Lyle (sic) died of fever in a military hospital at Salonica (near the Greek city now known as Thessaloniki).



View of Karasouli Military Cemetery in Greece.

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CAPTAIN FRANCIS TREGARTHEN COULSON M.C.

World War 1

Service Number:

Born: 1887, Kenegie, Gulval.

Parents: William Craze and Susan Coulson Tregarthen (nee Craze) of "Moor Grove," Lelant, Cornwall.

Served: 546th Siege Battery. Royal Garrison Artillery

Died: 08/09/1918, Aged 31, Died of Wounds.

Medals: Military Cross, British War Medal WW1, Victory Medal.

Buried at: Buried at ARNEKE BRITISH CEMETERY, Nord, France.

Number of casualties: circa 443.

Cemetery/memorial reference: VIII. A. 17.



View of Arneke British Cemetery, France.

Photo Credit: Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Other Memorials: Royal Regiment of Artillery Memorial, London.

In The Cornishman of 18th September 1918, an article stated news of Captain Coulson's death reaching his parents in Lelant. He was their eldest son and had served three years in East Africa, upon which he received the Military Cross on 3rd June 1918 for his distinguished service to that country. He had been on the French battlefield only a short time before he was fatally wounded whilst out on reconnaissance.

Before he volunteered for active service in the war, Captain Coulson had been working in Liverpool for Globe Insurance Company for several years before becoming a resident inspector for the city council of Gloucester.

MAJOR HERBERT AUGUSTINE CARTER V.C.
World War 1

Service Number:

Born: 26th May 1874, Exeter.

Parents: Rev Conway Richard Dobbs Carter and
Georgenia Mary Carter

Spouse: Helen Lilian Wilmot (nee Ware) Carter.

Served: 101st Indian Grenadiers (attd. 40th
Pathans)

Died: 13/01/1916, Aged 41, Heat Exhaustion.

Medals: Victoria Cross

Buried: at The Old Churchyard, The Green Lane, St.
Erth.

Other Memorials: Bodmin Parish Church, York Minster, St Mary's Church (Pune, Maharashtra, India).

The career of Major Herbert Augustine Carter V.C. is much documented: A brother of Corporal Noel Conway Carter D.C.M., and son of Rev Carter of St. Erth, he received the Victoria Cross for his actions on 19th December 1903; Then aged 29, he was a lieutenant in the Poona Mounted Infantry in the Indian Army and was on reconnaissance with his men outnumbered by thirty to one, when he rode a distance of 400 yards alone to aide an Indian private, who was but a few hundred yards away from the enemy, and badly wounded, bringing him back to safety.

Years later in 1916, Major Herbert Carter V.C. died *"from the effects of exhaustion after effecting the relief of Mwele Mdogo, Kenya; while suffering from fever he made a forced march of two days under intense heat to reach the fort."*



View of Major Herbert Augustine Carter V.C. grave (left side) in The Old Churchyard, The Green Lane, St. Erth.

Credit: Stephen Murley.

War Memorial - World War 2

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PETTY OFFICER STOKER STANLEY GEORGE SMART

World War 2

Service Number D/KX81418

Born: 9th March 1913, Camberwell, London

Parents: Charles Smart and Mary Annie Smart (nee Derry).

Spouse: Theodora (nee Harvey) Smart.

Served: H.M.S. Tamar, Royal Navy

Died: 01/02/1943, Aged 30, of Croupous pneumonia

Buried: at YOKOHAMA WAR CEMETERY, Japan.
Number of casualties: circa 1,507.
Cemetery/memorial reference: Brit. Sec. F. C. 15.

Other Memorials: Ludgvan War Memorial.

Notes: In The Cornishman of 2nd September 1943 a short article reports the sad news received by Mrs Smart of Riverside, Cockwells, Ludgvan of her husband's death, Petty Officer Stoker Stanley George Smart.

Having served in the Far East for 5 years he was reported missing at the fall of Hong Kong some 20 months prior to September 1943.

Around the time of June 1943, Mrs Smart had news that her husband was a Japanese POW at a POW camp at Asaka Kobe, before hearing that he had died of pneumonia.



View of Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan.

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ABLE SEAMAN STEWART BOND

World War 2

Service Number D/JX 369465

Born: 27th May 1921, Lelant.

Parents: John Stewart Bond and Lena Maud Bond, of Cannon's Town, Cornwall.

Served: H.M.S. Mahratta, Royal Navy

Died: 25/02/1944, Aged 23, ship torpedoed.

Commemorated: at PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL, Devon, United Kingdom.

Number of casualties: circa 23,224.

Cemetery/memorial reference: Panel 85, Column 3.

Other Memorials: Artic Convoy Memorial (Russia).

Able Seaman Stewart Bond sadly lost his life on the H.M.S. Mahratta which was torpedoed by a German submarine about 200 miles off the coast of Norway during bad weather conditions. It was part of an Artic Convoy (60 boats), bringing cargo of tanks, aircraft, and other hardware to Russia to help in WW2. From a crew of 190, only 17 men were saved. The Convoy was overall deemed a success and was said to be the biggest ever sent to Russia. The H.M.S. Mahratta was awarded the "Battle Honour for Artic 1943-44".



View of Plymouth Naval Memorial, UK.

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CORPORAL SAMUEL CARTER

World War 2

Service Number 5443102

Born: 1912

Parents: John Henry Carter (of Breage) and Rebecca Carter (of St Erth)

Spouse: Beatrice May (nee Martin) Carter,

Served: 8th Battalion Durham Light Infantry

Died: 24/07/1944, Aged 32, Killed in Action.

Buried: at JERUSALEM WAR CEMETERY, CHOUAIN, Calvados, France.

Number of casualties: circa 47

Cemetery/memorial reference: Row A. 4.

Other Memorials:

Corporal Samuel Carter is believed to have been a resident of Trebartha Place, Fore Street, St Erth and had a son, Roger.



View of JERUSALEM WAR CEMETERY in France.

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TROOPER MELVYN PEARCE STONE

World War 2

Service Number 14590227

Born: 1925

Parents: William Pool Stone and Edith (nee Blight) Stone, of St. Erth, Cornwall.

Served: 1st Royal Tank Regiment. Royal Armoured Corps.

Died: 27/07/1944, Aged 19, Killed in Action.

Buried: at RANVILLE WAR CEMETERY, Calvados, France.

Number of Casualties: circa 2,500.

Cemetery/memorial reference: IX. A. 35.

Trooper Melvyn Pearce Stone of Chapel Hill, St Erth was killed in action in Normandy. His photo appeared in *The Cornishman* on 17th August 1944. He had a brother (Idris) and two sisters (Cora and Doreen). Note, Melvyn's name is misspelt as 'Melvin' on War Memorial and Roll of Honour.



Trooper Melvyn Pearce Stone's grave in Ranville War Cemetery, France.

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PRIVATE ARTHUR FRANKLIN LASHBROOK

World War 2

Service Number 5628772

Born: 20th November 1915.

Parents: John James Palmer Lashbrook and Kate Lashbrook (nee Gilbert), of Fore Street, St. Erth, Cornwall.

Served: 2nd Battalion. Devonshire Regiment

Died: 04/10/1944, Aged 28, killed in action.

Buried: at ARNHEM OOSTERBEEK WAR CEMETERY, Gelderland, Netherlands.

Number of Casualties: circa 1,770.

Cemetery/memorial reference: 9. C. 14.

An article in the Cornishman on 26th October 1944 reported that Private Arthur Franklyn (sic) Lashbrook had been killed in action in Holland. He'd been in the army for over 4 years and was the eldest son of Mrs K Lashbrook and of the late Mr J. P. Lashbrook, blacksmith of Fore Street, St. Erth. Arthur had 2 brothers and a sister, Frances Elizabeth (Betty). His youngest brother, Albert, was in the Royal Navy and his other brother, Eslea, was blacksmith in St Erth and in the home guard.



Private Arthur Franklin Lashbrook's grave in Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery, Netherlands.

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War Graves

About the War Graves and their location

There are 5 official War Graves in the Village Churchyards. These graves are maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission honours the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars and ensures they will never be forgotten. Their graves in the UK are in the majority made of Portland stone but can be of slate, bottichno, stancliffe, or granite. CWGC ensure that inscriptions/badges are legible, headstones are upright, clean, and accessible, and clean the headstones at least every 2 to 3 years.

St. Erth has two churchyards: The 'Old Churchyard' which is located around the Parish Church on The Green Lane next to the Church Hall (The Old School), and the 'New Churchyard' which is located some 200 yards (183 metres) North of the Parish Church in Chenhalls Road, above the current cemetery.

At the entrance to both churchyards in the village is a plaque with a green background and white lettering, stating that there are Commonwealth War Graves within the churchyards.



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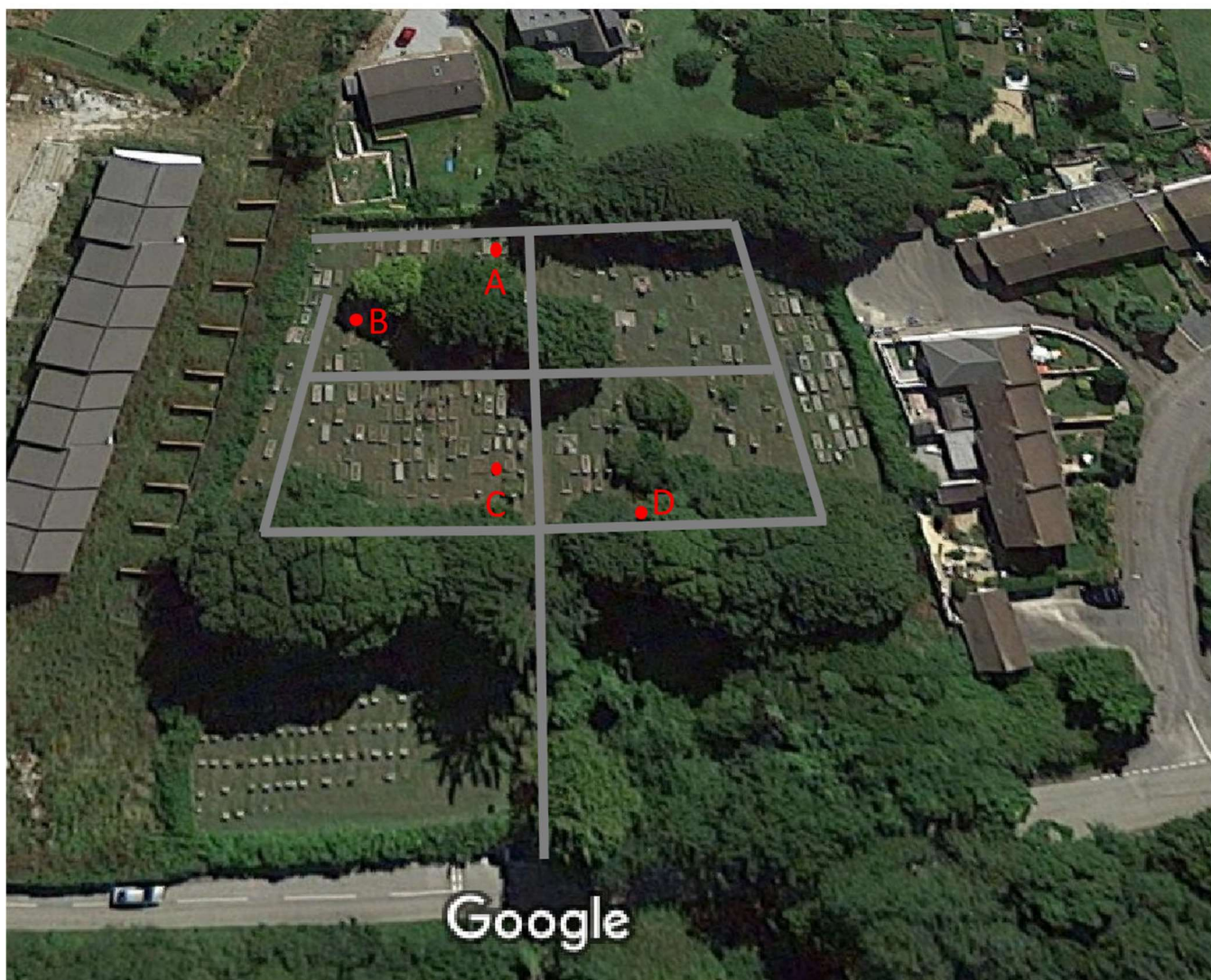
The names of those individuals with War Graves in the village are shown on the next 2 pages along with images from Google Maps to illustrate the location of those graves in each churchyard.

Subsequent pages detail the men individually; Those with an **asterisk*** after their name have previously been covered in this document as they are inscribed on the War Memorial.

New Churchyard (Chenhalls Road)

In this churchyard there are 4 war graves highlighted in red on the aerial photo below:

- (A) CORPORAL JOHN MAYNARD
- (B) PRIVATE REGINALD OWEN JAMES
- (C) SERGEANT JAMIE KITCHENER WENDLE PAUL
- (D) PRIVATE WILLIAM CHARLES TREVARTHEN*

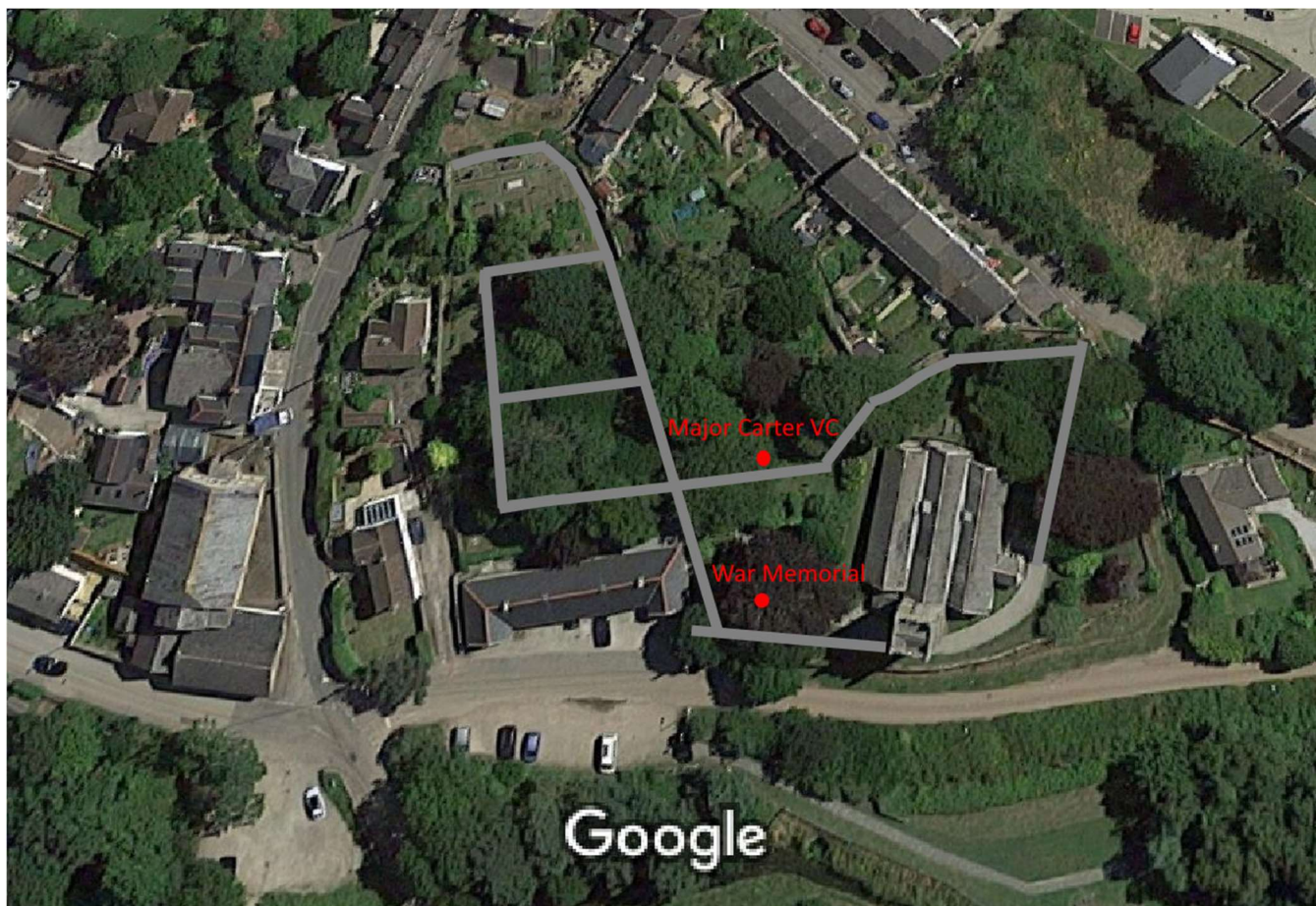


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Old Churchyard (The Green Lane, by St Erth Parish Church)

In this churchyard there is 1 war grave:

- MAJOR HERBERT AUGUSTINE CARTER V.C.*



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PRIVATE REGINALD OWEN JAMES

World War 2

Service Number 5440041

Born: 1917

Parents: Mr Joseph Gilbert and Mrs Eliza Mary (nee Rescorla) James of Hayle.

Spouse: Sylvia (nee James) of Penzance.

Served: Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

Died: 03/02/1940, Aged 22, at Bodmin's Auxiliary Hospital

Buried: New Churchyard, Chenhalls Road, St. Erth.

Other Memorials: Hayle War Memorial



View of Private Reginald Owen James grave in The New Churchyard, Chenhalls Road, St. Erth.

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CORPORAL JOHN MAYNARD

Service Number 7519349

World War 2

Born: 1904

Spouse: Lucy (nee Brown) Maynard, of Aldershot, Hampshire.

Served: Royal Army Medical Corps

Died: 10/01/1946, Aged 42, at St Michael's Hospital, Hayle.

Buried: New Churchyard, Chenhalls Road, St. Erth.

Corporal John Maynard joined the services in 1940 and had four children with his wife Lucy.



View of Corporal John Maynard's grave in The New Churchyard, Chenhalls Road, St. Erth.

Credit: Stephen Murley.

SERGEANT JAMES KITCHENER WENDLE PAUL

World War 2

Service Number 1380822

Born: 5th March 1912.

Parents: William Angwin Paul and Fanny Evelyn Paul, of St. Erth.

Served: 218 Squadron. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Died: 23/04/1942, Aged 27, Died in Accident.

Buried: New Churchyard, Chenhalls Road, St. Erth.

Other Memorials: Norfolk Memorial Hall, Airmen Memorial, St Ives War Memorial, Lelant War Memorial, Penzance Book of Remembrance.

Wireless-Operator/Air-Gunner Sergeant James (also known as Jamie) Kitchener Wendle Paul, a resident of Lelant (his parents lived in St Erth), was well-known in both parishes and was a member of Lelant Cricket Club, Lelant market gardening & Bulb growing group, and a member of St Erth Church. He left Lelant to volunteer for the R.A.F in 1940. Tragically, he was killed on an operational flight (W7473 on a Short Stirling I plane) from RAF Marham on Thursday 23rd April 1942. The flight destination was Rostock, Germany but sadly the plane crashed in a field just two miles west of King's Lynn, Norfolk when the port engine lost power. All seven crew were killed.

Also engraved on the same headstone is a brother of Sergeant James Kitchener Wendle Paul: "W. B. J. Paul" (William Bernard John), also of Lelant, was a Chief Officer of the Merchant Navy, who died, aged 40, and was buried in Aden, Yemen.



View of Sergeant James Kitchener Wendle Paul's grave in The New Churchyard, Chenhalls Road, St. Erth.

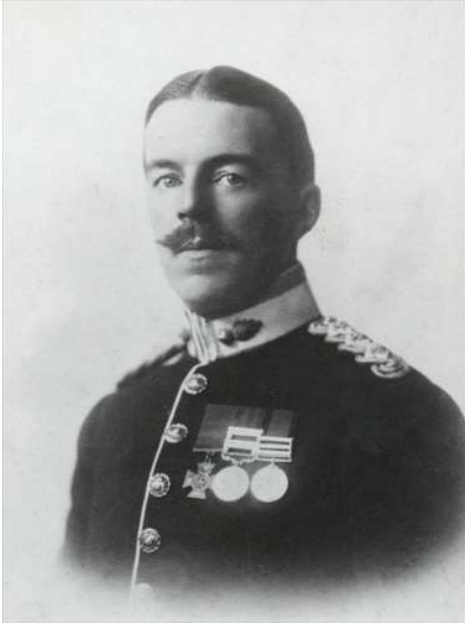
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Photos

The next few pages contain photos of the fallen who are either engraved on the War Memorial or a War Grave in the village. Appropriate credit has been given to the sources.

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MAJOR HERBERT AUGUSTINE CARTER V.C.
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CORPORAL NOEL CONWAY CARTER D.C.M.
Illustrated Star Newspaper, South Africa, circa 1910s.

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PRIVATE CYRIL THEODORE STEVENS

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CAPTAIN FRANCIS COULSON TREGARTHEN COULSON M.C.

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SERGEANT JAMES KITCHENER WENDLE PAUL
STIRLING W7473, 218 Squadron, R.A.F. Marham

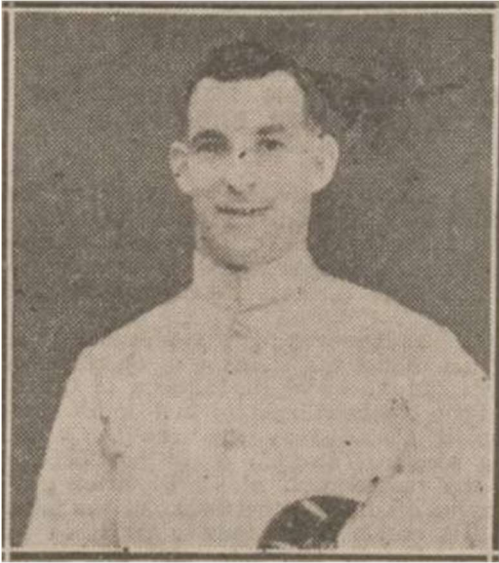
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PRIVATE ARTHUR FRANKLIN LASHBROOK

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PETTY OFFICER STOKER STANLEY GEORGE SMART

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TROOPER MELVYN PEARCE STONE

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CORPORAL JOHN MAYNARD

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Appendices

St Erth War Memorial Unveiling Ceremony

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MAJOR CARTER, V.C.

WAR SHRINE UNVEILED AT ST. EARTH.

An ideal summer afternoon, a large congregation, and beautiful message of comfort and hope to those bereft of loved ones through the war. These were the conditions under which the dedication and unveiling of a war shrine the memory of Major Carter, V.C., and seven parishioners who have fallen in the war, took place St. Erth on Saturday. The shrine, a beautiful piece of work, was presented to the parish by the widow of Major Carter. It was only fitting that in the churchyard where the remains of the Cornish V.C. are at rest that a memorial should be erected. Major Carter, as is well-known, lived in St. Erth for many years when his father was vicar of the parish, and he was esteemed by all classes of the community.

The ceremony on Saturday took the form of a service in the church, and the usual dedication at the shrine.

IN THE CHURCH.

The service in the church was simple, but beautiful in its simplicity. The front pews were reserved for the relatives of those who had fallen in the great battle. These included Mrs. Carter (widow), Mrs. Carter (mother), and Miss Irene Carter (sister). Near the choir stalls sat Capt. Sir Hugh Molesworth St. Aubyn, D.C.L.I., and other officers present included Capt. W. Thomas (commanding the 251st Co., R.D.C.), and Lieut. Giles. There was a large congregation, which included the chairman and members of the Parish Council and officers of the church. The Roll of Honour near the pulpit was draped with the Union Jack and vases of beautiful flowers scattered here and there.

There was large attendance of clergy and those present were: Archdeacon of Cornwall (Canon Raffles-Flint), Revs. Dr. Sutton (Penzance), Canon H. R. Jennings (St. John's, Penzance), J. Stona (Sancreed), W. Whittley (Towednack), P. E. F. Berry (Hayle), A. J. Perry (Gwinear), J. J. Murley (vicar of the parish), and H. A. Benaton (curate).

The service was opened with the hymn "Blessed are the pure in heart," which was effectively sung by the surpliced choir. This was followed by the customary dedicatory prayers, and the lesson was read by Canon Jennings.

At the conclusion of the creed, the Archdeacon entered the pulpit and addressed the assembly. Speaking from the words: "Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which have loved us and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts" (2nd Thessalonians, 2c., 16v), the preacher at the outset told his congregation that he did not propose to make any personal reference him who was particularly in their minds that afternoon, because he understood that others were associated in the memorial shrine erected in the churchyard, which, in its beautiful proportions, would add much to what has always been beautiful in that place. He trusted that it would shed a hallowing influence over God's acre. He should, therefore, confine himself to just saying a few words guide their thoughts on this occasion and to give the comfort which they all needed so much at this time. For even in the world which was apparently so comfortless, he thought they might find ground for comfort.

Leaning over the pulpit and with raised hand, the preacher asked: What was it that nerved your husband, son, brother, sweetheart, father, to join, to enlist, to take his life in his hand, to go forth to fight? If he is not one

of the expeditionary forces what was it that made him so anxious to join with those who are in the fighting lines? It is what has nerved every soldier and sailor of England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and the colonies ever since our race began; it is what has stood out in the character of him whom we think of to-day —it is the sense of duty. Other nations may talk of glory, as the French used to in the days of Napoleon, but to the men of our race, the great force which urged them on, one by one, is the sense of duty.

"Glory to an Englishman is doing his duty," continued the preacher, "and it that sense of duty which has been the comfort and support of the men during the three long winters in the trenches, and which will enable them to face another if need be, which saved us in Mesopotamia when otherwise they would have given in despair, and through the long marches in the waterless deserts of East Africa, it is the sense of duty which has made our citizen army the admiration of everyone.

"We have seen the sense of duty the glorious actions on the Somme, in Flanders, and it is maintaining the discipline of our Navy in their vigil in the North Sea. We are fighting a righteous fight, and it is with clear consciences that we pray to Almighty God to be with our sailors and soldiers in the hour of battle that He give success to our armies and confound the devices of the enemy."

Then followed a reference to those at home, and in the silence which followed a pause by the preacher, the sun shone through the tiny windows of the church and lit up the half-darkened edifice.

In a subdued voice, the Archdeacon continued: We ask for comfort for ourselves this time. We ask that the comfort of those who are fighting our battles may be ours, who are doing our duty at home, who are bearing our share of the burdens laid upon our country, who have the privilege of feeling that we are taking our part in this noble Christian duty. We do our duty by heartening our loved ones in the performance of theirs, by encouraging them at whatever sacrifice is made, even to ourselves, to go where duty calls them. We do our duty by bearing those inevitable discomforts which war entails and which are increased as time goes on. We can bear them without any murmurs or discontent. We do our duty by passing through long periods of anxiety and waiting obediently. We do our duty by responding to the call of revering and lifting up our hearts for those who are in the midst of the fight. We do our duty by taking up work which comes our way, however strange and irksome; by going about our duty in the ordinary way, but with that sense of the stern realities of life and death.

"It is not really a comfort to be able to go about our daily occupation?" asked the Archdeacon. "Does it not bring the surest relief in times anxiety and trouble? The sense of Christian duty surely brings with it the truest comfort. There has been mourning in many, many homes. What comfort remains? Our loved ones are in the hands God. Face the future with fortitude, Christian faith and Christian hope. To everyone on earth death comes sooner or later. Death comes in the ordinary course of nature as the inevitable termination of our lives. The death to be envied with the man, who with all the joys of life before him, deliberately risks it, deliberately lays it down in the performance of his sacred duty. It is a death to be proud of, and for those who are left there is great comfort in that thought. We are proud that he, who is dearer than life, gave up his life uncomplainingly that others might live. This must, indeed, bring comfort to the aching hearts of those who remain. Those men who fight and fall have the gratitude and sympathy, not only of their friends, but of the whole country. Those who have died will be ever held in honourable remembrance. The memory of these gallant men, who during the past three years have laid down their lives for England, will live long and we pray their influence will be strong upon us and upon the nation which they loved and for which they fought and died."

As the hymn "How bright these glorious spirits shine" was being sung, the choir, clergy and relatives formed a procession to the site of the memorial.

THE UNVEILING CEREMONY.

The shrine is near the main entrance to the church. As the procession wended its way there, the Union Jack which covered Major Carter's remains during its long journey to England, veiled the beautiful memorial. Resting

at the foot of the base was a wreath of laurels tied with creme ribbon, and inscribed in letters of gold "To the undying memory of our splendid dead, who died for England."

The service was of a most impressive character and marked with great solemnity. The special prayers were conducted by the Archdeacon, and at the wish of the donor, Capt. Sir Hugh Molesworth St. Aubyn. Bart., unveiled the memorial.

The shrine, which is of grey Forest of Dean stone, is a beautiful work of art. It was designed by Mr. Comper, London architect, and the work was carried out by Mr. Gough. the well-known sculptor. The erection of the shrine was in the hands of Mr. I. Lobbs, of Wadebridge.

The memorial consists of high column with two tiers, resting on a huge base. The base is panelled on each side. On the top of the column facing East is the Madonna and child, and facing West the Crucifix. Lower down the column are interwoven the coats of arms of the Carter and Wilmot Ware families. On the Western side of the base is the following inscription :—

"This cross is erected by Helen Carter to the loving memory of her husband, Major Herbert Augustine Carter, V.C., 101st Grenadiers, Indian Army, who died on January 13th, 1916, on active service in East Africa; to all those men of this pariah, who counting nothing too great, gave their lives for their King and country in the great war."

On the north side is a prayer: "By Thy grace and compassion grant us, O Lord, Thy blessing of refreshment, of light and of peace with Thy saints for ever and ever, Amen."

Another side contains the following names of those who have made the great sacrifice:-

Herbert Augustine Carter, V.C.
Thomas Lockett, 71st Batt. West York R.
Richard Cloke, A.B., R.N.R.
William Hosking, 2nd D.C.L.I.
Charles Crowle, 24th R.F.
Arthur Goodfellow, 1st D.C.L.I.
Noel Conway Carter, D.C.M., 2nd South African Horse.
Cyril Stevens, 8th Devon Regt.

After the shrine had been unveiled, Capt. Sir Hugh Molesworth St. Aubyn said it was difficult for him to speak of Major Carter and the others who have fallen in this war. He would give them some details of the career that gallant officer. Herbert Augustine Carter, in his far too short a life, was indeed a sample of all a soldier should be. He obtained his first commission in the D.C.L.I. at Bodmin in May, 1897, when he (Sir Hugh) was there. Within year served in the Tirah campaign, receiving the medal and two clasps. In 1899 he transferred to the Indian Army, and three years later he proceeded to Somaliland with the King's African Rifles, winning the medal and clasps, together with the Victoria Cross.

"The Victoria Cross," continued Sir Hugh, "is an honour coveted by both sailors and soldiers. There have been many cases where this honour might have been awarded in this war, but we are certain of this fact: the man who gets it has merited and deserved it. Major Carter won the Cross on the 19th December, 1913. During a reconnaissance two sections of the Poona Mounted Infantry and Tribal Horse were retiring before force of Dervishes, outnumbering them by thirty to one. A wounded Sikh had lost his horse and was being closely pursued by a number of the enemy. Major Carter rode back distance of three hundred yards, charged and scattered the enemy, and after three attempts succeeded in getting the man on his horse and brought him in."

Then came the story how the hero died. "He was with the 40th Pathans in East Africa once more, having accompanied the regiment there from France. Although suffering from fever he went, in command of a relief

column, to a garrison, by forced marches and in great pain. This garrison, composed of Arabs, was demoralised by defeat. He cheered up the garrison and wished to attack the enemy at once. Forced marches through a waterless country would have been trying to a man in robust health, but how much more to one weakened by fever. His strength was not equal it, and sank and died shortly afterwards. His wife followed him East Africa, undergoing great peril by the ship being torpedoed by the enemy. After being nineteen hours in an open boat, she was rescued and joined her husband in Egypt before he went on his last expedition.

"Our sympathy will out to the whole family," concluded Sir Hugh. "It is sad for them, but there a feeling of pride. As a parishioner I feel great honour to unveil this shrine and as representing the regiment which he first joined. It is a proud day for and the whole of the country. I hope this memorial will be an incentive to others to do their duty. I knew Major Carter when he first joined the Army. He was a bright youngster and I felt he would distinguish himself should opportunity arrive. He did not stop long to consider things; he was impetuous, rash to a degree, but those are the sort of men we want now. At this time I can think of two passages of scripture which we bear in mind:

Inasmuch ye have done it unto one of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.

He that loseth his life for My sake shall find it.

Prayers and the dedication were conducted the Archdeacon, the hymn "The saints of God, their conflict past," was sung to the accompaniment of the band the 251st Co. R.D.C., and the service terminated with the Collect and Blessing.