

WORTLEY GOLF CLUB MEMORIAL ROLL

A BRIEF BACKGROUND TO THE ELEVEN NAMES ON THE MEMORIAL
ROLL.



Wortley
Golf Club
• Est. 1894 •



Dining Room Memorial Plaque

INTRODUCTION.

Prior to 1914, Wortley was a thriving golf club with around 140 male and 60 female members. Upon the declaration of war in August 1914 men all over the country hurried to “do their bit”, the members of Wortley Golf Club were no different.

Many Wortley members were already attached to the local territorial regiments, many that were not, rushed to join the local volunteer regiments and by December 1914 Wortley Golf Club had over 40 members serving with the forces (one in the French Army). Several more enlisted in the following years.

November 1918 brought the end of the war and Wortley Golf Club sadly had lost eleven of its members to the conflict. T C Allport, F P Belcher, A D Bond, W A Colley, E W Colver, H Colver, S Green, B R Heape, G A G Hewitt, V S Simpson, and J A Stainsby.

At a General meeting held In 1919 the committee announced that they intended to commission a memorial tablet to be made and placed in the clubhouse, to commemorate the fallen.

On Saturday the 26th of November 1921 the memorial was officially unveiled. The following extract is from the Sheffield Daily Telegraph.

“The unveiling of the Roll of Honour provided by the members of Wortley Golf Club took place on Saturday before one of the largest attendances of members known in the history of the club. Friends of those who had fallen were also present, in addition to members. There were also present Lord and Lady Carlton, Sir Joseph Hewitt of Barnsley and Canon Blakeney of Sheffield who offered prayer and dedicated the memorial.

To Lord Carlton, the Earl Wharncloffes eldest son, who learned all his golf on the Wortley course devolved the distinction of unveiling the Roll of Honour, and he and Sir Joseph Hewitt, whose sons name is shown on the scroll made eloquent references to the sacrifice paid and the splendid spirit of the lads who had gone out. The ceremony was a very moving one, offering proof of the living memory in which the fallen are held”

Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 28,11,1921.



THOMAS COOTE ALLPORT

CAPTAIN *THOMAS COOTE ALLPORT*

1/5TH YORK & LANCASTER REGT *Territorial.*

Killed in action Aug 1st 1915 at Boeshinghe near Ypres. (Shot by sniper). Aged 33.

Son of Howard and Sarah Allport of The Grove Dodworth.
Director of the Wharncliffe Woodmoor Colliery Barnsley.

How Capt Allport met his death – A letter from the men in his company. *“The regiment regret the loss of one of the best Captains that it is possible to find in the person of Capt Allport, who met his death in showing sympathy to a wounded German who along with a small party was forming a German bombing party which was beat off. They left one of their wounded behind and Capt Allport was attempting to get him into our line for treatment when he was struck in the head by a bullet and killed instantly. We all send our deepest sympathy to his relatives and specially do the lads in C Company, whom he led in that never to be forgotten night the 9/10th of July. Capt Allport worked liked a trojan the whole of the time.”*

Captain Allport is buried at Talana Farm Cemetery, Belgium.

MAJOR *FREDERICK PERCY BELCHER*.

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY.

Commanding C Battery 92ND Brigade RFA

Died on the 5th August 1918 of wounds he received at
Lens on July 19th 1918. Aged 33.

Attained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant October 1914.

Married to Dorothy Belcher, and the only son of
John and Elisha Belcher of Rossleigh House Broomfield
Road Sheffield. Brother in law to Captain V S Simpson
(see later).

Prior to the outbreak of war, Frederick Percy Belcher
was the joint manager of the London and Midland
Bank situated on Church Street, Sheffield. He was a
keen rifleman and the Honourable Secretary and
Captain of the Birley Carr and Hillsborough Rifle Club.

Major Belcher is buried at Terlincthune cemetery,
Wimille, Pas de Calais.



FREDERICK PERCY BELCHER

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALFRED DALTON BOND (BARNEY) .

2/5TH BATTALION YORK AND LANCASTER REGIMENT.

Died 22nd May 1916 of Pneumonia aged 32.

Lieutenant Bond was married with two young children and Lived at Ardsley Lodge, Barnsley. He was a practising solicitor and in 1912 became a partner in the firm Newman and Bond solicitors of Barnsley. Prior to the war he was a noted Yorkshire hockey player and frequently appeared for Yorkshire and the North of England.

Upon his death his Colonel wrote *"He was a true friend beloved by all and greatly esteemed by all the N C O s and men of the battalion if ever a man died without an enemy your husband did."*

The Bishop of Sheffield wrote *"How deeply your good husband was respected by all with whom he came in contact, just one of those straight duty doing loyal Christians who are the special glory of the Church of England."*

Ardsley Memorial Gift.

A new bell has been presented to the Ardsley Parish Church by Mrs. A. D. Bond, of Ardsley Lodge, in memory of her husband, the late Lieutenant A. D. Bond, who died while serving in His Majesty's Forces. The new bell weighs 1½ cwt., and bears the inscription:—"Alfred Dalton Bond, 1888—1916." After the dedication of the bell by the Vicar, it was rung for the first time by Master Derek Bond, son of the donor.

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ALFRED DALTON BOND



WILLIAM ARTHUR COLLEY

CAPTAIN WILLIAM ARTHUR COLLEY

12TH SERVICE BATTALION YORK and LANCASTER REGT
(SHEFFIELD CITY BATTALION).

Previously West Riding Field Co Royal Engineers (Territorial)

Killed in action 1st July 1916 at Serre, on the first day Battle of the Somme. Aged 48.

Captain Colley commanded C Company of the Sheffield City Battalion, he led the attack upon the German trenches at Serre on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. The attack began at 7.30am *"within minutes it was as if the battalion had been wiped off the face of the earth."* by evening the battalion had lost 513 men killed wounded or missing and 75 slightly wounded.

Captain Colley appeared to have been struck by a shell. *"His men say he had expressed a premonition of his death, but was one of the quickest out of the trench, and went to his fate like a brave English gentleman."*

Captain Colley is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

LIEUTENANT, *EDWARD WATKINS COLVER*

1st WEST RIDING FIELD COMPANY, ROYAL ENGINEERS,
(*TERRITORIAL*).

Killed in action near Krithia in the Dardanelles (Gallipoli)
Turkey. Age 23.

Son of Robert Colver a former Master Cutler and partner
in Jonas and Colver steel manufacturers of Sheffield. Lived at
Rockmount, Ranmoor, Sheffield. Brother of Henry Colver.

Lieutenant Colver took part in the landing at Suvla Bay
when the SS River Clyde a converted collier ship was run
aground to allow troops to rush onto the beach, after which
he was Mentioned in Dispatches.

Lieutenant Colver was killed on the 28th of June 1915.
His friend and fellow officer wrote. *"Poor old Ted died an
instantaneous death, being hit in the right shoulder and chest
by shrapnel which appears to have crossed inside the chest to
the heart. Ted lived a clean and honest life, always worked
hard and did his best for everybody. He died a soldiers death
serving his King right well up to the last minute."*

Ted Colver is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey.



EDWIN WATKINS COLVER



HENRY COLVER

CAPTAIN *HENRY (HARRY) COLVER*

1/5TH YORK & LANCASTER REGIMENT

Killed in action 19/12/1915 aged 25 - gassed in the first ever German phosgene gas attack at Ypres.

Henry was the son of Robert Colver J.P. and brother of Edward Colver. His father was a steel magnate and Master Cutler who ran a well known Sheffield steel firm Jonas and Colver.

Harry Colver was a keen amateur photographer and whilst in France he would take every opportunity to photograph life in the trenches. The images he captured were the subject of a television documentary shown on the BBC in 2014. Several of the images taken include his friend Captain George Hewitt.

Captain Colver is buried at Bard Cottage cemetery, Ypres, Belgium.

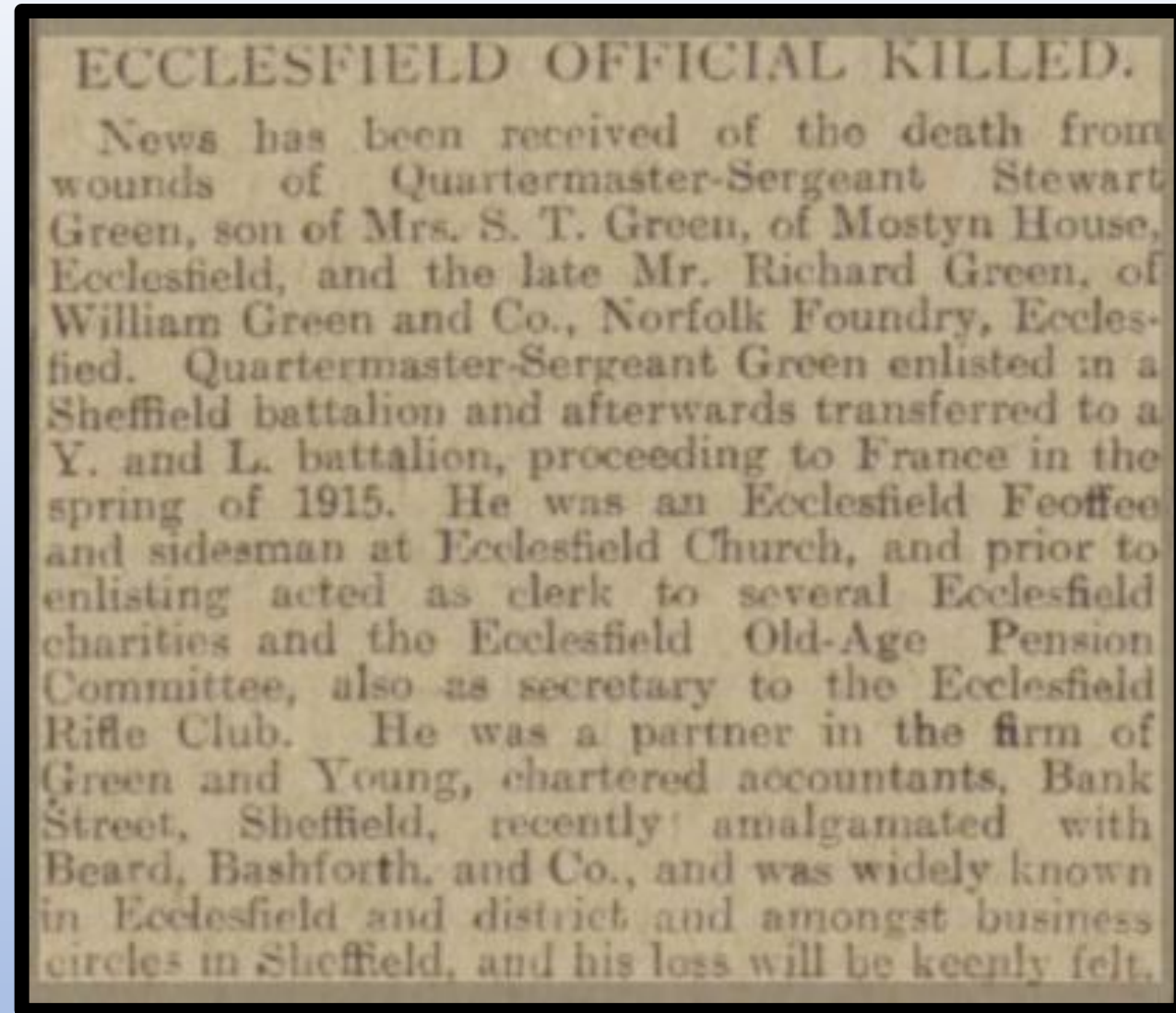
CO QUARTERMASTER SERGEANT *STEWART GREEN*
4TH BATTALION YORK AND LANCASTER REGIMENT.

Died of wounds 17th December 1917. aged 35

Son of Richard and Susan Tofield Green, Mostyn House, Ecclesfield. Chartered Accountant. Stewart Green was a partner in Green and Young Accountants of Sheffield.

Originally enlisted in the Sheffield City Battalion on the 10th September 1914, but 10 days later was discharged as unfit due to poor physical development, he was 5ft 4 inches in height and weighed 114 lbs. Undeterred three days later he re enlisted with the 4th Battalion York and Lancaster regiment and within a year was promoted to Sergeant.

C,Q,M,S Stewart Green is buried at Lissenthoeke Military Cemetery, Poperinge, Belgium.



Sheffield Daily Telegraph 27th Dec 1917

MAJOR BRIAN RUSHTON HEAPE

*ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY, formerly West Riding Territorial,
Royal Engineers.*

Killed in action 16th May 1917. Aged 34.

Born in Cambridge and employed at Vickers of Sheffield. He was killed whilst in command of his battery and fighting his guns at the Battle of Arras.

His Colonel wrote. *"Brian as you know was a great friend of mine and we have journeyed into much danger together. You have reason to be proud of him as the bravest of brave soldiers, as brave a man as ever I have met. He had nerves of steel, and did not know what fear was, in fact, he didn't realise that there was any such thing as danger in the whole world. He was a born fighter, a soldier, a most capable battery commander, and during the whole time he was serving under me I never found a single fault in him, nor did I have a single complaint from him. I miss that great big cheery fellow."*

Major B R Heape is buried at Fauborg Military Cemetery, Arras.



BRIAN RUSHTON HEAPE



GEORGE ALFRED GUEST HEWITT

CAPTAIN *GEORGE ALFRED GUEST HEWITT*

5th BATTALION YORK AND LANCASTER REGIMENT.

Killed in action 2nd November 1917, aged 24

George Hewitt was the son of Sir Joseph Hewitt, The 1st Baronet of Barnsley. Land and colliery owner, proprietor of the Barnsley Echo, Justice of Peace for the West Riding of Yorkshire and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of 13th York and Lancaster's (The Barnsley Pals.)

Captain Hewitt was wounded at Ypres and the Somme before being killed at Bourslon near Cambrai on the 2nd November 1917.

Prior to the war he lived at Ouslethwaite Hall Worsborough.

Captain G A G Hewitt is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial at Louverhal.



CAPTAIN, *VIVIEN SUMNER SIMPSON*

12th SERVICE BATTALION, YORK and LANCASTER REGT (SHEFFIELD CITY).

[Later 13th battalion (Barnsley Pals)].

Killed in action 13/4, 1918, near the village of Outtersteen, France aged 33.

Extract from Sheffield Daily Independent 20/04/1918, under the headline:
FAMOUS SHEFFIELD ATHLETE KILLED IN FRANCE. SHOT BY SNIPER.

“ Captain Vivian Simpson, M.C. who was the first man to join the Sheffield City Battalion has been killed in action in the recent fighting. Official intimation has not yet been received but Captain Simpson's brother has heard the news from another officer of the battalion. It appears that Captain Simpson was shot by a German sniper whilst crossing a road. He was mortally wounded and when 2nd Lieutenant Gill rushed to give assistance, Captain Simpson had just enough strength to say ‘goodbye’ Lieutenant Gill remarks in a communication. ‘About ten yards away two Germans made an appearance and we dealt with them’. It is thought that these two had sniped Captain Simpson at close range.

Captain Simpson was a fine all round athlete, and prior to the war was one of the best amateur golfers in the city. He was a good cricketer playing with Wesley college and Collegiate.

He was well known to thousands of followers of football throughout the country, and although an amateur was one of the best forwards in England and figured in the international trial of 1907”.

Vivian Sumner Simpson (cont.)

During his career he played over 200 times for his beloved Sheffield FC, scoring well over 100 goals including a starring role in the 1904 FA Amateur Cup win. During this time he was also appearing for Sheffield Wednesday as they won the English League championship in 1903 and 1904, and the FA cup in 1907.

Despite the rise of the professional game, he continued to play as an amateur and was described as *"arguably the last of the great amateur players"*. Richard Sparling in his book **Romance of the Wednesday 1867-1926** said *"he was the best and most whole hearted player who wore the Wednesday colours"*.

Injuries saw his playing career end in his mid-twenties but the *"free scoring forward"* finished with over 150 goals from around 250 games representing Club and Wednesday.

Away from football he worked as a solicitor and he was one of many Sheffield sportsmen who joined up in 1914. He received the Military Cross in 1917 for his leading part in the attack on the Cadorna trench, part of the 1917 Arras offensive.

His Citation reads *'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during and after the attack upon enemy trenches. He was the first man into the trench and to be engaged in hand to hand fighting with the defenders. Later he displayed the greatest ability and energy in organising his Company for the work of protection and consolidation. His work has been consistently excellent on previous occasions.'*

In June 2014 his medals came up for auction and were bought by the York and Lancaster museum . They are now on permanent display at the Rotherham Museum, Clifton Park.

Captain Simpson is buried at Outtersteen Military Cemetery, Bailleui.



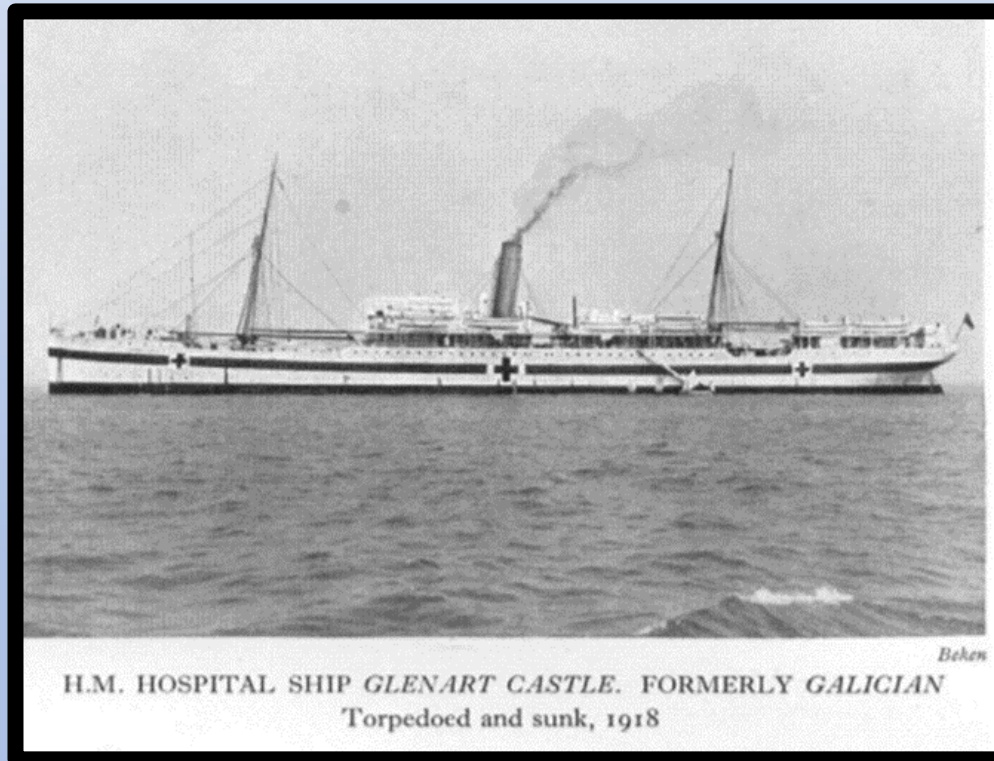
Vivian Sumner Simpson in
Wednesday colours.

LIEUTENANT, JOHN ADDISON STAINSBY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS - Died 26th Feb 1918, aged 52

Lieutenant Stainsby was drowned at sea aboard the HMS Glenart Castle after being torpedoed in the Bristol channel by U boat UC 56. He was serving as a surgeon aboard the Glenart Castle which was a hospital ship and was sailing from Newport to Brest to collect wounded.

Prior to enlistment he lived at Ecclesfield where he served as a practicing surgeon for 25 years. A memorial to Lieutenant Stainsby was erected inside St Marys Church, Ecclesfield.



JOHN ADDISON STAINSBY

This photo is of the 28 officers belonging to the 1/5th York and Lancaster regiment (territorial). It was taken outside York Baths on the 3rd of April 1915, just prior to heading South and then embarkation to Boulogne, France.

Wortley Golf Club seem to have a deep association with the regiment. In the photo are circled from left to right George A G Hewitt, Terence C Allport and Henry Colver. Also in the group are Wortley members Arthur Norman Mallinson (2nd left of T C Allport) and Charles Duvall Fox (middle front row) both future Captains of Wortley Golf Club.

