The Middlesbrough Roll of Honour of the Great War

Names "I"

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In the years 1914-1918 thousands of Middlesbrough men and women served their country in a time of hardship, stress and suffering both for the troops on the battlefronts and those left at home.
After the Armistice in November of 1918 handsome memorial tablets and plaques recalling the fallen were erected in the works, shops and churches of the Middlesbrough area.
At this time a committee was formed to consider the question of a war memorial for the town as a whole to remember the citizens who had laid down their lives.
In the words of the committee,

"We recognise the splendid sacrifice made by our men and we desire that our children and our children's' children should hear the story and share in the inspiration which such sacrifice will always give".

The response of the townspeople resulted in the fine cenotaph of Aberdeen granite and the wall of Portland stone containing the bronze panels with the names of the fallen that we see today at the entrance to Albert Park.
The memorial works were completed at a cost of approximately £17,000 and the people of the town attended in their thousands for the dedication and unveiling ceremony which took place on November 11th 1922.

This roll of honour contains close to 3500 names of the fallen who are remembered on the memorial and also those whose names were put forward by their families after the unveiling ceremony.

I felt it fitting that as the centenary of the onset of the Great War approaches I should try and add a little information on those remembered and the actions in which they laid down their lives.

I would just add that much as I regret it, details on some of theses brave people is not available due to the passage of time but their names will still appear in the text as they do on the memorial panels.

Finally just a few points to consider,

It will be noticed that on some of the entries no Middlesbrough connection may be obvious, indeed the person appears to have come from well outside the area or even the country.
It must be remembered that it was the townspeople who put the names forward for inclusion and as an example a relation who stayed with the family in the town occasionally, could well appear after his family took the trouble to forward the name.

Middlesbrough was a thriving centre of industry at the time and a person may well have been employed in the town before hostilities and had their name included by workmates.

Serving under an alias is also quite common and although sometimes used to cover criminal activity, was normally just a person keen to serve but underage and using another identity.
Also a mother who had taken another man's name might have offspring who preferred to serve using their natural father's name.

Double entries for the same name also appear quite a few times, for example, Samuel Alder and S Alder.
I believe they are one and the same person named twice as a result of a large family with different branches putting the name forward twice.

The person will appear in the listing as named on the memorial with any variations in spelling and second names being included in the text.

It will be noticed that some entries begin "I believe this to be".
These are people who to the best of my judgement are those named but can not be 100% certain. They are included with the best intentions and if a mistake is made I make my apologies in advance.

Robert Henry Coulson died on 8 November 2008. His papers were donated to the Green Howards Museum in Richmond, and the work below comes from these papers.

I'Anson, Alfred.

Igo, Thomas.

Able Seaman Thomas Igo served with the Anson battalion of the Royal Naval Division, the sailors who fought as foot soldiers.
He died on August 18th 1917 in actions close to Arras and his grave can be seen today in Naval Trench Cemetery at Gavrelle, five miles to the north east of Arras.

Iley, James Pattison.

James Iley was born in Workington but lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted in the town for service with the 4th battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, City of London Regiment.
Private Iley was killed in action aged 19 on October 23rd 1918 during the Battle of the Selle, his grave today lying in Romeries Communal Cemetery Extension north east of Solesmes.

Iley, John William.

John Iley enlisted in Middlesbrough into the 19th battalion of the Durham Light Infantry and then transferred to the 187th Company of the Labour Corps.
Wounded in action during the build up to the Passchendaele offensive, Private Iley died of his wounds on July 21st 1917 aged just 20.
His grave can be visited today in Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery just to the west of Ypres in Belgium.
John Iley was the son of Mary E and the late George Iley of 4 Palm Street in Middlesbrough.

Ivison, William.

Middlesbrough born William Ivison enlisted in the town into the 7th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.
Private Ivison was wounded in an attack on the German line at Sailly-Saillisel and died of his injuries aged 32 on February 12th 1917.
His grave can be seen today in Grove Town Cemetery at Meaulte, four and a half miles south of Albert.
William Ivison was the son of George and Rhoda Ivison of 5 Fidler Street in Middlesbrough.

Ingram, Charles Harold.

Listed only as Harold Ingram in the memorial rolls, he was born at Stillington in Durham and enlisted in Middlesbrough into the Teesside Pioneers, the 12th battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment.
Private Ingram was killed in action aged 24 on January 14th 1917 while the battalion were doing trench repair work in the Rancourt sector.
Today his grave lies in Delville Wood Cemetery on the road between Longueval and Ginchy on the Somme.

Ingledew, Frank.

Frank Ingledew was born and lived in Middlesbrough and enlisted into the 7th battalion of the Border Regiment at Bovington Camp in Dorset.
Wounded in action, Lance Corporal Ingledew died of his wounds aged 22 on July 26th 1917, his grave today lying in Brown's Copse Cemetery at Roeux, half a mile west of the village and to the east of Arras.

Ingledew, William.

Stockton born and enlisting in the town, James William Ingledew was a member of the 18th Hussars, Queen Marys Own.
Private Ingledew was killed in the early days of the war during the Action of Elouges on August 24th 1914 aged 22 as the British Expeditionary Force fell back from the Mons-Condee canal.
His grave can be visited today in Elouges Communal Cemetery situated ten miles west of Mons.
He was the son of James William and Emily Alice Ingledew of 62 Hume Street in Stockton.

Irving, Herbert.

Listed as Hubert on the memorial rolls this gentleman did his war service with the Machine Gun Corps.
Hubert Irving died aged 44 of war related illness or injury on January 17th 1921, his grave today lying in North Ormesby's St Josephs Roman Catholic Cemetery.
The son of Charles and Catherine Irving of Middlesbrough he was the husband of Ellen Irving of 9 Robinson Street in Middlesbrough.