# The Middlesbrough Roll of Honour of the Great War

## Supplementary Names, - "I"

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**The names below are found on the Supplementary Panels on the Middlesbrough War Memorial. The names were received for inclusion after the official unveiling of the Memorial, and are included on the 3 supplentary panels.**

**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.

**Iley, C.**

Charles Iley was Middlesbrough born and enlisted in the town for war service with the 15th battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment.
Private Iley was killed in action on July 1st 1916 aged 28 on the first day of the Battle of the Somme when attacking the village of Serre where “the battalion were cut down in no mans land”.
He was the son of Mrs Ellen Iley and the late Mr J Iley of 16 Thorrold Terrace in North Ormesby and the husband of Mrs F A Mahon, formerly Iley of 19 Stovin Street in North Ormesby and is remembered on the Somme on the Thiepval Memorial.