

## **WW1 Roll of Honour**

This page is dedicated to ALDERSONs world-wide who died in World War 1. It has a separate entry for each ALDERSON – military or civilian – we know died in WW1. If you know of any others please let us know. If you can add or correct any information in any of the entries please let us know. If you are related to any of these ALDERSONs we would like to hear from you.

### **Albert Edward ALDERSON**

Company Serjeant Major 204409  
12th/13th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers  
Born: Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland  
Married: 4th Qr 1906 to Annie FEARON; Registered in Newcastle upon Tyne  
Enlisted: Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland  
Died: 28 Aug 1918  
Buried: Warlencourt British Cemetery, IV. D., Pas de Calais, France

### **Albert Evelyn ALDERSON**

Captain  
1st Yorkshire Light Infantry  
Attached from The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regt.)  
Son of Mary (CADELL) ALDERSON, of "Weeford", River, Dover, and the late Rev. E. A. ALDERSON (Chaplain to the Forces, 1st Cl.)  
Born: 4th Qr 1883, Dover R.D.  
Died: 11 Mar 1918 Drowned  
Buried: Struma Military Cemetery, VI. F. II., Greece

### **Alexander ALDERSON**

Private 2235  
Northumberland Fusiliers, 1st Battalion  
Son of Mary Jane ALDERSON  
Grandson of Henry and Margaret (BOYD) ALDERSON  
Born: 1890, Lancaster, Lancashire  
Enlisted: Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland  
Died: 15 Nov 1914 Killed in Action  
Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 8 and 12, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium  
First Battle of Ypres, 15th November 1914: Positioned in Herenthage Woods at Herenthage Chateau, when the enemy attacked and took Herenthage Chateau stables. A party of 50 men under CSM Gilborn counter-attacked and regained the position. Headquarters, W and Y Companies were relieved and withdrew. X and Y Companies relieved on the 16th. War Diary records casualties for November as 366 killed, wounded or missing.

## **Alexander George Jermyn ALDERSON**

Second Lieutenant

Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry 5th Battalion, attached Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)

Son of Frederick Henry & Eliza (WILLETT) ALDERSON

Born: 3rd Qr 1880 Fulham R.D.

Died: 19 Oct 1916 Killed in Action

Buried: Branksome Park (All Saints) Churchyard, Dorset, England

Mention must be made of Alex George Jermyn ALDERSON, who was formerly a Master at Sherborne. He was unfortunately killed in England during bombing practice with the Machine Gun Corps on the 19th October 1916. ALDERSON was at Oxford, and took Holy Orders, before proceeding to Sherborne.

## **Arthur ALDERSON**

Private 27122

Cheshire Regiment 16th Battalion (Bantam Battalion)

Son of John Thomas and Martha Ann (DENNIS) ALDERSON

Born: Waterfoot, Lancashire

Enlisted: Bacup, Lancashire

Died: 22 Oct 1917 Died of Wounds

Memorial: Tyne Cot Memorial, Panel 61 to 63, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

3rd Battle of Ypres - 1st Passchendaele: 105 Brigade attacked with the 16th Cheshires and the 14th Gloucestershires; the 15th Sherwood Forresters were in support with the 15th Cheshires in reserve. The right of the 16th Cheshires went well and gained its objective, Marechal Farm, with few problems. However, the centre and left were help up by fire from a blockhouse in the wood, 500 yards north-west of Colombo House. The line was consolidated at this point. At 4:39pm the Germans launched a counter-attack against the left of the 16th Cheshires and broke through. The surviving Cheshires fell back 100 yards, and then back to their original line. 16th Cheshires lost 9 officers and 327 men during the day long struggle to take pill-boxes and repulse counter-attacks.

## **Arthur Roy ALDERSON**

Lieutenant

Royal Engineers, 87th Field Company

Mentioned in Despatches

Son of George Beeton ALDERSON, of Ramleh, Alexandria, Egypt, and the late Mrs. Ellen Owen (WELLS) ALDERSON

Husband of Adele Maude ALDERSON, later CHAMBERS, of Elm Leaze, Stratton, Cirencester, Gloucestershire

Died: 22 Mar 1916 aged 30 Killed in Action

Buried: Vermelles British Cemetery, II. M. 15, Pas de Calais, France

## **Arthur William ALDERSON**

Private 17160

Durham Light Infantry, 12th Service Battalion

Son of Margaret ALDERSON

Born: Low Worsall, Stockton, Co. Durham

Enlisted: West Hartlepool, Co. Durham

Died: 19 Jul 1916 Died of Wounds

Buried: Heilly Station Cemetery, II. D. 30, Mericourt-L'Abbe, Somme, France

Second Battle Of Ypres

## **Benjamin ALDERSON**

Private 10286

Princess Victoria's Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Battalion

Son of Edward and Susannah (MURRAY) ALDERSON, of 5, Lady Pit Cottages, Sunny Hill, Whitehaven, Cumberland

Born: Whitehaven, Cumberland

Enlisted: Whitehaven, Cumberland

Died: 1 Jul 1916 aged 22 Killed in Action

Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 15 A, Somme, France

Battle of the Somme; Second Battle Of Ypres, Battle of Albert. 1-13 Jul 1916,

including the capture of Montauban, Mametz, Fricourt, Contalmaison and La Boisselle. The 1st Battalion fought at Le Chateau and shared in the battle of

Maine and advance to the Aisne. It was involved in the capture of Armentieres and in the second battle of Ypres 1915, where it suffered two of the earliest gas

attacks in the war. The Battalion took part in the battle of the Somme 1916 and the battle of Arras 1917. Also in 1917 the Battalion became part of the 36th

Ulster Division, fighting with distinction in the battle of Cambrai. As a result of the German offensive in March 1918, the Battalion suffered heavily and was reformed

into one company attached for a time to the 9th Battalion. When it was restored to strength, it took part in the third battle of Ypres 1918. Private Robert Morrow

of the 1st Battalion was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery near Messines 12th April 1915. During the war 1,058 men died while serving with the

1st Battalion

## **Bernard Henry ALDERSON**

Major

34th Prince Albert Victor's Own Poona Horse

Son of Charles Sibbald and Emily Annie (BROWN) ALDERSON, of Wyton Lodge, Hessle, Yorkshire

Born: 22 Oct 1881 Wakefield R.D.

Died: 2 Sep 1917 aged 35

Buried: St. Pol-sur-Ternoise, G. 25, Pas de Calais, France

Memorial: Etton & Holme on the Wolds, Yorkshire

Sacred to the memory of / Emily Annie Alderson / entered into rest 10th Feb

1934 / aged 79 years / Also her son / Bernard Henry Alderson / Major 34th Poona Horse / who died on active service in France on 2nd Sept 1917 / and was buried at St. Pol / aged 35 years / And her husband / Charles Sibbald Alderson / entered into rest 21st March 1937 / aged 82 years / Till the day breaks and the shadows flee away.

3rd Battle of Ypres - 1st Passchendaele

The combined strength of the Indian Corps was little more than a British Infantry Division. Thus, in the action of Festubert which opened on November 21, not only was the Indian Corps very weak, considering the strength of the attack now made upon it, but when this attack actually developed, on the nights of November 22 - 23 and 23 - 24, the relief of the Meerut Division by the Lahore Division was in progress. On the 23rd the right centre of the Indian Corps was heavily attacked by the German 29th Division, and three of the defending battalions were driven from their trenches, which for a length of 800 yards, were occupied by the enemy.

In the meantime the two other squadrons of the regiment - C and D under Captain Grimshaw, who had with him Captain Alderson and Lieutenant de Pass - had also moved up to Festubert, and the following extracts from Captain Grimshaw's diary tell the story of their experiences:

24th: At dusk I sent for Alderson with C squadron and he arrived about 8 pm and his men were a welcome support. He also brought some blankets, braziers, and charcoal, also rations, so we were a little less uncomfortable; while in reply to my request they sent me up a lot of bombs and a sack full of gun-cotton slabs and fuses.

### **Bertie ALDERSON**

Lance Corporal 4/10201

Durham Light Infantry 2nd Battalion

(2nd Bombay Europeans and 106th Light Infantry)

Son of Thomas and Sarah Ann (PERCIVAL) ALDERSON

Born: 1893 Spennymoor, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Durham, Co. Durham

Died: 17 Aug 1916 Killed in Action

Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 14 A and 15 C, Somme, France

Battle of the Somme; Second Battle Of Ypres

### **Charles ALDERSON**

Private 34839

King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 6th (Service) Battalion

Formerly 5447 Yorkshire Regiment

Son of John & Martha (DAY) ALDERSON

Born: Skeeby, Yorkshire

Enlisted: Richmond, Yorkshire

Died: 24 Aug 1917 Died of Wounds

Memorial: Tyne Cot Memorial, Panel 108 to 111, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen,

Belgium

3rd Battle of Ypres - 1st Passchendaele, Inverness Copse, At 4am a heavy German barrage fell on Inverness Copse and north as far as Glencorse Wood. At 4:30am the German infantry attacked; south of Glencorse Wood the attack was with bombers and flame-throwers. The forward posts were held by companies of the 6th Kings' Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, which were forced back, as were the 6th Cornwalls to their start line of the 22nd August.

### **Charles ALDERSON**

Rifleman 267065

West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own), 8th Battalion

Son of Squire and Ruth (GLOVER) ALDERSON, of 48, Bawn Lane, Old Farnley, Leeds, Yorkshire

Born: 1895 Leeds, Yorkshire

Enlisted: Leeds, Yorkshire

Died: 20 Jul 1918 aged 23 Killed in Action

Buried: Marfaux British Cemetery, X. J. 10, Marne, France

Second Battle of Marne

### **Charles ALDERSON**

Private 5714

Lancers (The Queen's) 16th Battalion

Son of Thomas & Margaret (WOODEND) ALDERSON, of 76, Beaconsfield St., Greenbank, Darlington, Co. Durham

Born: 1891 St. John's, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Newmarket

Died: 21 Feb 1915 aged 23 Killed in Action

Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 5, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **Charles ALDERSON**

Air Mechanic 3rd Class 228930

Royal Air Force

Formerly Royal Naval Air Service

Son of George Thomas & Sarah Ann (FAWCETT) ALDERSON

Husband of Eliza (PHELPS) ALDERSON, of 11 Arthington Street, Entwistle Road, Rochdale, Lancashire

Born: 1885 Caistor R.D.

Died: 3 Nov 1918 aged 32

Buried: Rochdale Cemetery, Section R, Grave 23359

Memorial: UK Memorial, London, England

### **Charley ALDERSON**

Also appears as Charlie and Charles in records

Private 100381

Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regt.), 31st Battalion

Son of Anthony and Emma (NOBLE) ALDERSON  
Husband of Ada Mary (NOTHARD) ALDERSON  
Born: 1882 Dewsbury R.D.  
Died: 25 Sep 1916  
Buried: Sunken Road Cemetery, II. B. 2, Contalmaison, Somme, France  
See AFHS Newsletter 56 page 11

### **Charles George ALDERSON**

Private 27991  
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/4th Battalion  
Son of George and Hannah (SPENCER) ALDERSON, of 12, Durham St., West  
Hartlepool, Co. Durham  
Brother of James William ALDERSON (Also died in WWI)  
Born: 1885 West Hartlepool  
Enlisted: West Hartlepool  
Died: 16 Sep 1917 Killed in Action  
Buried: Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, IX. G. 3, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen,  
Belgium  
3rd Battle of Ypres - 1st Passchendaele

### **Charles Seyburn ALDERSON**

SS63 Lance Corporal 9257  
Durham Light Infantry 2nd Battalion  
Born: 1882, Lanchester, Durham; Youngest son of Joseph & Hannah (RAINE)  
ALDERSON of Durham  
Enlisted: Sunderland, Co Durham  
Died: 20 Aug 1915 aged 33. He was wounded at Hooge near Ypres and died in the  
13th General Hospital, Boulogne.  
Buried: Eastern Cemetery, VIII. B. 73, Boulogne, Pas de Calais, France  
Apprenticed to the Durham firm of upholsterers Ruddock and Fletch before joining  
the army

### **Charles Stanley ALDERSON**

Private 2955A  
Australian Imperial Force, Australian Infantry, 20th Battalion  
Served as Harold PALSER  
Son of Henry Ward & Phoebe Jane (BENTLEY) ALDERSON  
Born: 1898 Woonona, New South Wales, Australia  
Enlisted: Ashfield, New South Wales, Australia  
Died: 3 May 1917  
Memorial: Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Somme, France  
Ashfield Bowling Club Roll of Honour flanked by an Australian flag and the Union  
Jack. Names of members' sons included in the Roll: H. Alderson, F.S. Alderson,  
C.S. Alderson (killed); FS is Frank Sydney and H is Henry both brothers of Charles

Stanley

### **Christopher ALDERSON**

Private 26/17

Northumberland Fusiliers, 26th (3rd Tyneside Irish) Battalion

B Company

Grandson of Thompson & Ellen (METCALF) ALDERSON

Son of Rebecca ALDERSON

Husband of Mary (MADDISON) ALDERSON, of 13, Gardiner Crescent, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham

Born: Topcliffe, Yorkshire

Enlisted: Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland

Died: 1 Jul 1916 aged 38 Killed in Action

Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 10 B 11 B and 12 B, Somme, France  
Battle of the Somme; Battle Of Albert, 1-13 July 1916, The Tyneside Irish supported the attack, setting out from the Tara-Usna line and advanced, in the straight lines prescribed, down the gentle slope of the open hillside and across the valley floor, losing men all the way. On the left, before the village they were stopped like all the rest, but they managed to adhere to the plan and passed through the few successful remnants of the initial wave to press on into the German lines. Three thousand men had set off, but by the end of the day the Tyneside Irish had been reduced to less than fifty men still capable of fighting. (OTT p139-140); The 21st and 22nd Northumberland Fusiliers (102 Brigade) and 26th Northumberland Fusiliers (103 Brigade) tried to pass south of La Boiselle and north of Lochnagar. They started the moment the mine was fired, crossing no man's land and reaching the trench of the Schwaben Hohe, they continued down the west side of Sausage Valley and crossed both Kaufmanngraben and Alte Jugerstrasse. Bombers were sent out to La Boiselle but could not make progress. Machine-gun fire from La Boiselle started to cause heavy casualties, but Quergraben III was reached in places and a few men were reported in Bailiff Wood. A German counter-attack forced the defenders back to Kaufmanngraben where they consolidated. (The Somme p25)

### **Claude ALDERSON**

Canadian civilian

Son of John William & Edith (JONES) ALDERSON

John William also died in WWI

Died: 7 Feb 1917 aged 3

Burial: Lost at sea

Passenger, with his father, on S.S. California, Anchor Line, when it was torpedoed and sunk by submarine without warning. 43 killed and missing.

### **Cyril Laverack ALDERSON**

Private 15/1787

West Yorkshire Regt. (Prince of Wales's Own), 1st Battalion

Son of John Edwin and Hester (LAVERACK) ALDERSON, of 6, Bank View, Chapel Allerton, Leeds, Yorkshire  
Born: 30 Aug 1897 Leeds R.D.  
Enlisted: Closterdale  
Died: 12 Oct 1916 aged 19 Killed in Action  
Buried: Bancourt British Cemetery, VIII. C. 4, France  
Memorial: St Laurance, Scalby, Yorkshire  
In loving memory of John Edwin Alderson / died 2nd May 1956 / aged 88 / Also his wife Hester Ann / died 31st May 1957 / aged 87 / and their son / Cyril Laverack / killed in action 13th Oct 1916 / aged 19  
Battle of the Somme: Battle Of Ancre Heights, The 1st West Yorks failed in their effort on Mild Trench and the remaining part of Cloudy Trench.

### **David ALDERSON**

Private 2628  
Northumberland Fusiliers, 1st/5th Battalion  
Son of Reuben & Martha (BROWN) ALDERSON  
Husband of Mary (FLETCHER) ALDERSON  
Born: 1880 Shildon, Co. Durham  
Enlisted: Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland  
Died: 27 Jun 1916 Died of Wounds  
Buried: Communal Cemetery Extension, II. E. 147, Bailleul, Nord, France

### **Edmund Irving ALDERSON**

Private 2066  
King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1st/5th Battalion  
Son of Joseph Edmund & Alice (BURROWS) ALDERSON, of East View, Hornby, Lancashire  
Born: 1885 Hornby, Lancashire  
Enlisted: Lancaster  
Died: 18 Sep 1916 aged 21 Killed in Action  
Buried: Guards' Cemetery, IV. P. 10, Lesboeuifs, Somme, France  
Battle of the Somme; Second Battle Of Ypres

### **Edward ALDERSON**

Private 45916  
Lancashire Fusiliers, 2nd Battalion  
Son of Thomas Edward and Elizabeth Ann (WADDINGTON) ALDERSON, of 23, Myerscough Avenue, St. Anne's on Sea, Lancashire  
Born: 1899 Salford R.D.  
Died: 4 May 1918 aged 18 Killed in Action  
Memorial: Loos Memorial, Panel 45 and 46, Pas de Calais, France.



### **Edwin Clarkson ALDERSON**

Lance Serjeant 535

2nd Cavalry, Hussars

Son of Mary Ann (JORDAN) ALDERSON, of 11, Egerton Rd., Bexhill on Sea, Sussex, and the late Jonathan ALDERSON

Born: 1885 Sevenoaks, Kent

Enlisted: Shorncliffe, Kent

Died: 30 Oct 1917 aged 29 Died of Wounds

Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 5, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Memorial: Hythe War Memorial

25th Hussars?

### **Emmerson ALDERSON**

Private 205660

East Yorkshire Regiment, 7th Battalion

Son of David & Maria Agnes (HATTERSLEY) ALDERSON, of 69, Gladstone St., Middlesbrough, Yorkshire

Born: 1898 New Shildon, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Middlesbrough, Yorkshire

Died: 21 Mar 1918 aged 20 Killed in Action

Memorial: Arras Memorial, Bay 4 and 5, Pas de Calais, France

German Operation Michael

### **Emmerson ALDERSON**

Private 350787

Durham Light Infantry, 1st/7th Battalion

Husband of Margaret (GILLESPIE) ALDERSON of 41, Coronation St., North Shields, Northumberland

Son of John Thomas & Esther (PEART) ALDERSON

Born: 1891 South Shields, Co. Durham

Enlisted: South Shields, Co. Durham

Died: 11 Apr 1918 aged 27 Killed in Action

Memorial: Ploegsteert Memorial, Panel 8 and 9, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium

German Operation Georgette

### **Ernest ALDERSON**

Private 51868

The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)

24th (Service) Battalion (2nd Sportsman's)

Formerly 10/56206 TR Battalion

Son of William & Emily (SMITH) ALDERSON

Husband of Agnes Ethel (RONKSLEY) ALDERSON

Born: 1880 Dore Sheffield, Yorkshire

Enlisted: Edmonton

Died: 21 Mar 1918 Killed in Action

Buried: Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery, X. E. 24, Manancourt, Somme, France

The Battle of St Quentin: Exceptionally heavy German shellfire hit all areas of British front occupied by Fifth Army, most of the front of Third Army, and some of the front of First Army, at 4.40am. It was concentrated on British artillery and machine-gun positions, headquarters, telephone exchanges, railways and other important centres of communications. German infantry began to attack at 9.40am. New tactics mean that infantry continue to probe forward through gaps while follow-up units besiege and engage British posts and defended villages. Many of these only fell once entirely surrounded, outflanked and hopeless.

### **Ernest ALDERSON**

Private 41824

East Yorkshire Regiment, 1st Battalion

Formerly 63984 85th Territorial Regiment

Son of Israel and Hannah Sarah (DENTON) ALDERSON, of 5, Railway Cottages, Ferryhill Station, Co. Durham

Born: 1899 Sedgefield, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Ferryhill, Co. Durham

Died: 21 Jun 1918 aged 19

Buried: Sissonne British Cemetery, O. 19, Aisne, France

German Operation Blucher-Yorke

### **Ewart ALDERSON**

Serjeant 4095

Royal Fusiliers, 24th (Service) Battalion (2nd Sportsman's)

Son of Benjamin ALDERSON and Sophia (HOLROYD) ALDERSON

Born: 1889 Halifax, Yorkshire

Enlisted: London

Died: 30 Apr 1917 Killed in Action

Memorial: Arras Memorial, Bay 3, Pas de Calais, France

### **Francis ALDERSON /Gerald Francis SMITH**

Sergeant 21110

Canadian Light Infantry, Princess Patricia's (Eastern Ontario Regiment)

Adopted son of Christopher & Emily (WINN) ALDERSON of Shildon, Co. Durham

Born: 1888 East Ward

Died: 2 Jun 1916

Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 10, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Memorial: Shildon War Memorial

4 years in 2nd DLI

See AFHS Newsletter 56 page 11 & Attestation paper

## **Frank ALDERSON**

Private 32730

York and Lancaster Regiment, 8th (Service) Battalion, "D" Company

Formerly 28770 West Riding Regiment

Son of Sam and Ann (FEARNLEY) ALDERSON, of 9, Walker St., Northgate, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire

Husband of Elizabeth Ann (TURNER) ALDERSON, of 24, Moor Bottom, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire

Born: 1883 Cleckheaton, Yorkshire

Enlisted: Cleckheaton, Yorkshire

Died: 7 Jun 1917 aged 34 Killed in Action

Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 36 and 55, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

## **Frank James ALDERSON**

Private L/5529

Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regiment, 1st Battalion

Son of Frank & Elizabeth (HINES) ALDERSON

Born: 1878 Pimlico, Middlesex

Enlisted: Hounslow

Died: 31 Oct 1914 Killed in Action

Buried: Le Trou Aid Post Cemetery, E. 35, Fleurbaix, Pas de Calais, France

This peacetime Division of the army was quartered in Ireland and England at the outbreak of war, and was ordered to concentrate near Cambridge. By early September it was fully equipped and trained. On the 10 September 1914, it landed at St Nazaire and proceeded to the Western Front, where it remained throughout the war. The Division arrived in time to reinforce the hard-pressed BEF on the Aisne, before the whole army was moved north into Flanders. By 15th October the last troops left the Aisne, and joined those who had moved earlier, in Flanders.

First Battle of Ypres, 30th October 1914: Positions near Bas Maisnil - held trenches in front of La Boutillerie. Enemy broke through between C & D Companies. B Company made a successful counterattack. B Company almost ceased to exist - 16 killed & 29 wounded.

## **Fred ALDERSON**

Private 8/3565

Durham Light Infantry, 1/8th Battalion

Enlisted: Birtley, Co. Durham

Died: 26 Feb 1916 Killed in Action age unknown

Memorial: Railway Dugouts Burial Ground, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **Frederick Harold ALDERSON**

Gunner 174988  
Royal Field Artillery, 232nd Brigade., "D" Battery  
Son of James & Minnie Emily (JONES) ALDERSON  
Born: 1898 Ulverston, Lancashire  
Enlisted: Burton on Trent, Staffordshire  
Died: 9 Sep 1917 Died of Wounds at home  
Buried: Burton upon Trent Cemetery, Staffordshire

### **George ALDERSON**

Rifleman 2753  
West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own), 1st/7th Battalion, Leeds Rifles  
Enlisted: Leeds, Yorkshire  
Died: 18 Dec 1915 Killed in Action  
Buried: Essex Farm Cemetery, I. D. 6, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, France

### **George ALDERSON**

Private 56095  
Loyal North Lancs Regiment, 3rd battalion  
Son of James and Mary (KIPLING) ALDERSON  
Born: 1897 Oakbank, Westmorland  
Died: 19 Sep 19 aged 22 Died of Wounds  
Memorial: Window in St Stephen, South Stainmore, Westmorland

### **George ALDERSON**

Private 148386  
Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment), 78th Battalion  
Born 1879 Pancras R.D.  
Died: 25 Nov 1916  
Buried: Etretat Churchyard, II. A. 11, Seine-Maritime, France  
See AFHS Newsletter 56 page 12

### **George ALDERSON**

Gunner 5023  
Royal Field Artillery, 61st Brigade, "A" Battery  
Son of John Ralph and Hannah (FEATHERSTONE) ALDERSON, of 75, Stafford Rd., Swinton, Manchester, Lancashire  
Brother of John Ralph ALDERSON (also died in WWI)  
Born: 1892 Barton on Irwell R.D.  
Enlisted: Manchester, Lancashire  
Died: 25 Oct 1916 aged 26 Died of Wounds  
Buried: Guards' Cemetery, VII. P. 6, Lesboeuifs, Somme, France  
Battle of the Somme; Second Battle Of Ypres.

## **George ALDERSON**

Private 30150

Border Regiment, 6th (Service) Battalion

Son of George and Margaret Ann (CLEASBY) ALDERSON, of Calva House, Stainmore, Brough, Westmorland

Born: 1896 Stainmore, Westmorland

Enlisted: Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland

Died: 7 Oct 1917 aged 21 Died of Wounds

Buried: Mendinghem Military Cemetery, VI. C. 46, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, France

Memorial: Window at St Stephen South Stainmore, Westmorland

3rd Battle of Ypres - 1st Passchendaele

Westvleteren is a village and commune in the Province of West Flanders, near the French frontier. Dozinghem Military Cemetery is south of the village, and 8 km from Poperinghe. Westvleteren was outside the front held by British troops in Belgium during the war, and the Cemetery is its one historical link with the British forces. In July 1917, at the beginning of the British offensive of Third Ypres, groups of Casualty Clearing Stations (CCS) were placed in readiness at three positions called by the troops Mendinghem, Dozinghem and Bandaghem.

## **George ALDERSON**

Private 16694

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 2nd Battalion

Husband of Mrs. Hannah ALDERSON (later SIMPSON), of 10, Galt St., Thornley, Co. Durham

Born: 1894 South Shields, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland

Died: 24 May 1915 aged 21 Killed in Action

Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 44 and 46, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Second Battle Of Ypres: St Julien, April - May 1915, The 2nd Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers suffered near annihilation during the second battle of Ypres on the 24th of May 1915. On May 24th, 1915, around 2.45am, the Germans launched a poison gas attack. By 9:30 pm, out of a battalion strength of 666 men, all that remained when the battalion 'retired' was one officer and twenty other ranks 'retired' to headquarters. For the record, in just eighteen and three quarter hours, the Dublin Fusiliers had suffered a loss of 645 men who were blown to bits, gassed, or driven insane by the effects of poisonous gas. In the years that followed the ending of the war, many of those who did survive the attack and suffered a gas wound, would die a very slow and painful death from weakened lungs. The German gas attack in the early hours of May 24, was described as being about three miles long and forty feet deep. The Allied troops in the trenches had little hope of escape. The 2nd Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers were serving at the front that night. The gas bleached the grass, blighted the trees and left a 'broad scar of destruction in its wake'. Outside the city of Ypres on the road to Menin, stands the majestic Menin Gate memorial. Engraved

on that memorial are 143 names of Dublin Fusiliers belonging to the 2nd Battalion who died on the 24th of May 1915.

### **George ALDERSON**

Private 102363

Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment), 1st Battalion

Formerly 6778 5th Battalion King's Own Liverpool Regiment

Son of James & Elizabeth Emma (PARKER) ALDERSON

Born: 26 Jan 1894 Ancoats, Manchester, Lancashire

Enlisted: Newton Heath, Manchester, Lancashire

Died: 28 Aug 1918 Killed in Action

Buried: Orchard Dump Cemetery, V. C. 2, Arleux-En-Gohelle, Pas de Calais, France

### **George ALDERSON A.M.**

Lance Corporal 12231

Durham Light Infantry,

10th DLI (Service)

Husband of Ethel (GALL) ALDERSON, of 10, Stephenson St., Dunston on Tyne, Co. Durham

Born: 1884 Easington, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Gateshead, Co. Durham

Died: 15 Oct 1915 aged 31 Died of Wounds

Buried: Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, I. B. 14A, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Awarded Albert Medal-1st class for bravery gazetted 19 May 1916. Storing bombs in a farmhouse when one fell to ground triggering the firing sequence. Knowing the bomb would explode in 4 seconds, and knowing that throwing it from the window would endanger men outside, he carried it to the door where it exploded inflicting fatal injuries on himself, but saving the lives of others in the room.

See AFHS Newsletter 56 page 8, 44 page 13 & London Gazette

### **George Frederick ALDERSON**

Private 205766

Northumberland Fusiliers, 2nd Garrison Battalion

Formerly 20405 The Buffs

Enlisted: Brighton, Sussex

Died: 27 Jul 1917

### **George Percy ALDERSON**

Private 95208

Durham Light Infantry 13th (Service) Battalion

Son of John William and Elizabeth Ann (URWIN) ALDERSON, of 6, Rough Lea Colliery, Hunwick, Willington, Co. Durham

Born: 1898 Hunwick, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham  
Died: 26 Oct 1918 aged 20 Killed in Action  
Buried: Pommereuil British Cemetery, B. 40, Nord, France

### **George Robert ALDERSON**

Private 35240  
King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 7th (Service) Battalion  
Formerly 2924 Durham Light Infantry  
Son of James ALDERSON, of 29, Garbutt St., Stockton on Tees, Co. Durham and  
the late Mrs Annie (ATKINSON) ALDERSON  
Born: 1889 Stockton R.D.  
Enlisted: Stockton, Co. Durham  
Died: 4 Apr 1918 aged 28 Killed in Action  
Memorial: Pozieres Memorial, Panel 59 and 60, Somme, France  
German Operation Michael

### **George Sedgwick ALDERSON**

Driver 700348  
Royal Field Artillery, 210th Brigade., "B" Battery  
Son of George and Margaret Annie (MATTHEWS) ALDERSON, of 67, Fountain St.,  
Accrington  
Born: 1898 Ruabon, Denbighshire  
Enlisted: Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire  
Died: 23 Jan 1918 aged 19  
Buried: Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, IV. F. 46, Pas de Calais,  
France

### **George Thomas ALDERSON**

Private 93139  
Durham Light Infantry, 2nd Battalion  
(2nd Bombay Europeans and 106th Light Infantry)  
Formerly 3/21331 Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment  
Son of William and Catherine (BETTERIDGE) ALDERSON  
Born: 1882 Barnsley, Yorkshire  
Enlisted: Barnsley, Yorkshire  
Died: 21 May 1918 Killed in Action  
Buried: Belgian Battery Corner Cemetery, I. P. 9, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **Harold ALDERSON**

Private 91150  
The King's (Liverpool Regiment), 13th Battalion  
Son of Nathan and Ann (METCALFE) ALDERSON, of 22, Sussex St., Burnley,  
Lancashire  
Born: 1899 Burnley R.D.  
Died: 22 Mar 1918 aged 19

Memorial: Arras Memorial, Bay 3, Pas de Calais, France  
German Operation Michael

### **Harold Ernest ALDERSON**

Private 205020

Durham Light Infantry, 1st/9th Battalion, The Gateshead Gurkhas

Son of George William & Margaret Jane (STEVENS) ALDERSON

Husband of Mary (JEFFREY) ALDERSON, of Green Lea, Station Rd. South, New Seaham, Co. Durham

Born: 1885 Sunderland, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Ripon, Yorkshire

Died: 27 Oct 1917 aged 33 Died of Wounds

Buried: Poelcapelle British Cemetery, XLIII. E. 17, Langemark-Poelkapelle, Belgium

Somme: On the 24th October 1917 the battalion provided working parties at Saragosa Farm Camp; Harold ALDERSON was amongst the casualties

### **Harry ALDERSON**

Private 62483

King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 5th Battalion

Formerly 90216 7th Territorial Reserve Battalion

Son of Thomas and Mary Ellen (RODGER) ALDERSON, of 119, Leeds Rd., Birstall, Leeds, Yorkshire

Born: 1899 Dewsbury R.D.

Died: 20 Jul 1918 aged 19

Buried: Jonchery-Sur-Vesle British Cemetery, I. F. 2, Marne, France

Second Battle of Marne

### **Harry ALDERSON**

Corporal 5902

Coldstream Guards, 3rd Battalion

Son of Thomas & Elizabeth (GOODWIN) ALDERSON

Husband of Ethel Frances (BARKER) ALDERSON

Born: 1886, Neepsend, Sheffield, Yorkshire

Enlisted: Sheffield, Yorkshire

Died: 21 Oct 1914 Killed in Action

Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 11, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

First Battle of Ypres: Positions around Piklem [Pilckem?]; Nos. 1 & 2 Companies in support of 3rd Brigade's recapture of Koekuit

### **Henry ALDERSON**

Private 19821

West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own), 16th Battalion

Son of John and Elizabeth (SANDERS) ALDERSON

Husband of Annie Elizabeth (COWLING) ALDERSON



Born: Leeds, Yorkshire  
Enlisted: North Shields, Northumberland  
Died: 1 Mar 1917 Died of Wounds  
Buried: New British Cemetery, B. 18, Couin, Pas de Calais, France

### **Henry ALDERSON**

Private 20555  
Leicestershire Regiment, 7th (Service) Battalion  
Son of Margaret (BENNETT) ALDERSON, of Hawthorn Cottage, Barningham,  
Darlington, and the late John ALDERSON  
Born: 1893 Romalduke, Yorkshire  
Enlisted: Barnard Castle, Co. Durham  
Died: 8 Oct 1917 aged 25 Died of Wounds  
Buried: British Cemetery, I. F. 17, Godewaersvelde, Nord, France  
3rd Battle of Ypres - 1st Passchendaele

### **Henry ALDERSON**

Private 34182  
West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own), 10th Battalion  
Son of Richard and Florence (TEMPEST) ALDERSON  
Born: Leeds, Yorkshire  
Enlisted: Leeds, Yorkshire  
Died: 24 Mar 1918 Killed in Action  
Memorial: Arras Memorial, Bay 4, Pas de Calais, France  
German Operation Michael

### **Herbert Edward C ALDERSON**

Private 16629  
Northumberland Fusiliers, 9th Battalion  
Husband of Catherine (MADISON) ALDERSON, of 23, Chapel St., Tantobie, Co.  
Durham  
Born: Birtley, Co. Durham  
Enlisted: Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland  
Died: 7 Jul 1916 aged 28  
Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 10 B 11 B and 12 B, Somme, France  
Memorial: Rowlands Gill war memorial  
Battle of the Somme; Battle Of Mametz Wood: At 2am after a 35 minute  
bombardment, 9th Northumberland Fusiliers and 10th Lancashire Fusiliers (52nd  
Division) with the 10th Sherwood Foresters (51 Brigade) in support, made a night  
advance on two trenches. The Northumberland Fusiliers and the right of the  
Lancashire Fusiliers were held up by British shells falling short and then found the  
wire uncut. They retired and attacked again later. This was also unsuccessful and  
they withdrew.

## **Herbert Thomas ALDERSON**

Private 21215

Royal Welsh Fusiliers 14th (Service) Battalion

Son of Walter George and Florence (SAUNDERS) ALDERSON, of Llanfair P.G., Anglesey

Born: 1896 Bangor R.D.

Enlisted: Menai Bridge, Anglesey

Died: 7 Jun 1917 aged 20

Buried: Terlincthun British Cemetery, VIII. A.A. 18, Wimille, Pas de Calais, France  
Messines and Passchendaele

## **Horace ALDERSON**

Gunner 74822

Royal Garrison Artillery, 186th Siege Battery

Son of Fred & Charlotte (ALDERWICK) ALDERSON of 13, Milnes Street, New Wortley, Yorkshire

Husband of Annie DAWSON (formerly ALDERSON), of 16, Thornhill View, Wortley, Leeds

Born: 1892 Leeds

Enlisted: Leeds

Died: 15 Oct 1917 aged 25 Died of Wounds

Memorial: Tyne Cot Memorial, Panel 6 to 7 and 162, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

3rd Battle of Ypres - 1st Passchendaele

## **Ian Dixwell ALDERSON**

Midshipman, H.M.S. "Conqueror"

Royal Navy

Son of Marmaduke Jonathan George & Ethel Grace (BYRDE) ALDERSON

Born: 1900

Died: 15 Dec 1917 Killed in Action

Buried: St. Mary Churchyard, Tickhill, Yorkshire, United Kingdom with his mother

## **J ALDERSON [Joseph]**

Coxswain Trinity House Yacht "Irene", Mercantile Marine

Son of Edward and Hannah (COTTINGHAM) ALDERSON

Husband of Annie (WELFORD) ALDERSON

Died: 9 Nov 1915 Killed in Action

Memorial: Tower Hill Memorial, London

Mined off North Foreland, lat. 51.29 N., long. 1.27 E., 1.5 miles ESE from Tongue Light Vessel, mine, 21 lost including master

## **James ALDERSON**

Private 4171

Durham Light Infantry, 8th Battalion (TA)

Son of John and Elizabeth (HART) ALDERSON

Born: Leamside Co. Durham

Enlisted: Durham

Died: 18 Sep 1916 Killed in Action

Buried: Adanac Military Cemetery, VIII. B. 27, Miraumont, Somme, France

18/9/1916 Somme: B Company of 8th DLI did not receive orders to stand down and so at 05:30 attacked alone Prue Trench on the right of the Crescent in the direction of High Wood with heavy casualties.

### **James ALDERSON**

Private 22/870

Durham Light Infantry 22nd (Service) Battalion, attached XIV Corps HQ

Son of Joseph and Harriet (AINSLEY) ALDERSON, of Barnard Castle, Co. Durham

Born: 1894 Barnard Castle, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Darlington, Co. Durham

Died: 19 Jun 1918 aged 23

Buried: Communal Cemetery Extension, Plot I. Row C. Grave 7, Dueville, Italy

### **James ALDERSON**

Private 3/10665

Durham Light Infantry 2nd Battalion

(2nd Bombay Europeans and 106th Light Infantry)

Son of James & Mary Ann (WALTON) ALDERSON, of William Street, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham

Husband of Lily (RAW) ALDERSON, of Daneswood, North Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne

Born: 1890 Shildon

Enlisted: Sunderland

Died: 5 Aug 1915 aged 25 Killed in Action

Buried: Hop Store Cemetery, Plot I. Row D. Grave 5, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **James William ALDERSON**

Private 8726

Northumberland Fusiliers, 1st Battalion

Son of George & Hannah (SPENCER) ALDERSON of 12, Durham St., West Hartlepool, Co. Durham

Brother of Charles George ALDERSON (also died in WWI)

Born: 1884 Hartlepool R.D.

Died: 11 Nov 1917 aged 31

Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 8 and 12, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

## **James Young ALDERSON**

Private 307274

West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own), 1st/8th Battalion  
Son of Mary Ann (WRIGHT) ALDERSON and the late Anthony ALDERSON, of  
Sunderland, Co. Durham

Born: 1896 Sunderland R.D.

Died: 25 Jul 1917 aged 21

Buried: Mont Huon Military Cemetery, IV. L. 6A, Le Treport, Seine-Maritime,  
France

## **Jeffrey/Geoffrey ALDERSON**

Private 15699

East Yorkshire Regiment, 8th Battalion

Son of Mary Elizabeth ALDERSON

Husband of Ellen (O'NEILL) ALDERSON

Born: 1893 Spennymoor (Auckland R.D.)

Enlisted: Spennymoor, Co. Durham

Died: 20 Jul 1916 Killed in Action

Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 2 C, Somme, France  
Battle of the Somme; Second Battle Of Ypres

## **John ALDERSON**

Private 25783

Border Regiment, 1st Battalion

Son of Joseph Thomas and Ann (THWAITES) ALDERSON of 1 High Wiend,  
Appleby, Westmorland

Born: 1893 Appleby, Westmorland

Died: 19 May 1917 aged 25 Killed in Action

Memorial: Arras Memorial, Bay 6, Pas de Calais, France

## **John ALDERSON**

Sapper 203538

Royal Engineers, 183rd Tunnelling Company

Son of Thomas and Elizabeth (GOODWIN) ALDERSON

Husband of Isabella (BURNS) ALDERSON

Born: Eccleshall, Yorkshire

Enlisted: Glencorse, Edinburgh, Scotland

Died: 17 Mar 1918 Died of Wounds

Buried: Dozinghem Military Cemetery, XIV. I. 7, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen,  
Belgium

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## **John ALDERSON**

Private 42433

Durham Light Infantry, 15th Battalion, 15th DLI (Service)

Son of Henry and Elizabeth Jane (ROBSON) ALDERSON

Born: Crook, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Crook, Co. Durham

Died: 16 Sep 1916 Killed in Action

Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 14 A and 15 C, Somme, France

Battle of the Somme, Battle Of Flers-Courcelette, 64 Brigade (attached from 21st Division) formed the 41st Division's attack. They experienced great difficulty in coming up to the front position in the darkness and rain so 15th DLI and 9th KOYLI in front and 10th KOYLI and 1st East Yorks in support advanced some 1300 yards behind the barrage and were also late in starting. They suffered considerably from machine gun fire and shrapnel before passing even 41st Division's forward positions. A few troops got within 100 yards of Gird Trench but the attack could not be pushed home.

### **John Albert ALDERSON**

Corporal 33606

King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, Depot

Son of the late William John ALDERSON of Newcastle upon Tyne

Husband of Catherine ALDERSON of 19 Pitt Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland

Born: 1882 Newcastle upon Tyne

Died: 9 Sep 1918 aged 37 Killed in Action

Buried: Newcastle upon Tyne (St John's Westgate and Elswick) Cemetery J. C. 551, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland

### **John Henry ALDERSON**

Serjeant 12329

Durham Light Infantry, 18th (Service) Battalion "Durham Pals"

Son of David Slack and Mary Anne (BROWN) ALDERSON, of Barningham, Darlington

Born: 1890 Barningham

Enlisted: Sunderland

Died: 12 Apr 1918 aged 28 Killed in Action

Buried: Le Grand Beaumart British Cemetery, II. F. 7, Steenwerck, Nord, France  
German Operation Georgette

### **John Myers ALDERSON**

Private 18212

Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment), 6th (Service) Battalion

Son of the William & Elizabeth Ann (ROBINSON) ALDERSON, of High Green, Stokesley, Yorkshire

Born: 1896 Burby Yorkshire

Enlisted: Stokesley Yorkshire

Died: 20 Oct 1915 aged 19 Killed in Action

Buried: Azmak Cemetery, I. F. 24, Suvla, Gallipoli, Turkey

## Gallipoli

Book of Remembrance, Stokesley Parish Church:

Private John Myers ALDERSON NO. 18218 of the 1st Yorkshire Regiment, scholar of the Preston Grammar School, butcher, left England in September 1915, and went to Egypt, thence to the Dardanelles, in October. While restoring wire entanglements at midnight, he was wounded; his friends brought him back to the British lines. He lived only one hour; by his friend Private Farnaby he sent home his last messages; and desired that his Bible be sent to his mother. He died on 20th October 1915. He was 19 years of age. His grave is at Azmac Cemetery, Sulva in Gallipoli. From the Parish Magazine: He died in the service of his country. He was confirmed of 1910; a soldier of Christ as well as of his King and country "Think not that I am come to destroy; I am come not to destroy, but to fulfil"

## **John Ralph ALDERSON**

Private 19205

Lancashire Fusiliers, 2nd/5th Battalion

Son of John Ralph and Hannah (FEATHERSTONE) ALDERSON, of 75, Stafford Rd., Swinton, Manchester

Brother of George ALDERSON (also died in WWI)

Born: 1886 Swinton, Lancashire

Enlisted: Rochdale, Lancashire

Died: 26 Apr 1918 aged 31 Killed in Action

Memorial: Loos Memorial, Panel 45 and 46, Pas de Calais, France

German Operation Georgette

## **John Thomas ALDERSON**

Private 32528

York and Lancaster Regiment, 8th (Service) Battalion

Son of James & Elizabeth (BLENKIRON) ALDERSON, of Oakworth House, Bridge Terrace, Reeth, Richmond, Yorkshire

Born: 1883 West Hartlepool, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Reeth

Died: 7 Jun 1917 aged 33 Killed in Action

Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 36 and 55, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

## **John Thomas ALDERSON**

Corporal 13823 (13223?)

Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), 2nd Battalion, "C" Company

Son of William & Mary Elizabeth (BARKER) ALDERSON

Husband of Margaret (WARD) ALDERSON, of 26, Brown St., Burnley, Lancashire

Born: 1888 Burnley, Lancashire

Enlisted: Burnley, Lancashire

Died: 30 Oct 1916 aged 28 Died of Wounds

Buried: Grove Town Cemetery, II. D. 24, Meaulte, Somme, France  
Battle of the Somme; Second Battle Of Ypres

### **John William ALDERSON**

Canadian civilian

Son of Thomas & Margaret (BUTSON) ALDERSON

Husband of Edith (JONES) ALDERSON

Son Claude also died in WW1

Born: 4 Oct 1881 Burnley, Lancashire

Died: 7 Feb 1917 aged 35

Buried: Lost at sea

Passenger with his son on S.S. California, Anchor Line, when it was torpedoed and sunk by submarine without warning. 43 killed and missing

### **John William ALDERSON**

Private 20/576

Durham Light Infantry 20th (Service) Battalion

Son of Richard Edward & Ann (DAWSON) ALDERSON

Born: 1896 Hetton Le Hole

Enlisted: Houghton, Co. Durham

Died: 7 Jun 1917 Killed in Action

Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 36 and 38, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **John William ALDERSON**

Private 22946

Northumberland Fusiliers, 2nd Garrison Battalion

Son of John George & Ann (MUSE) ALDERSON

Born: 1884 Consett, Co. Durham

Died: 9 Oct 1916 in India

Buried: Ahmednagar Government Cemetery Plot JJ Grave 12, India

Memorial: 1914-1918 Memorial, Panel Number: Face 3, Kirkee, India

### **John William ALDERSON**

Private 26763

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), 55th Company

Son of Thomas & Kate (DUNN) ALDERSON

Born: West Hartlepool, Co. Durham

Enlisted: West Hartlepool, Co. Durham

Died: 20 Nov 1916 Killed in Action

Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 5 C and 12, Somme, France

### **Joseph ALDERSON**

Private 27021

Durham Light Infantry 15th (Service) Battalion

Son of John and Louisa (WRIGHT) ALDERSON, of 58, Lincoln St., Leeholme,  
Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham  
Born: 1881 Skelton, Yorkshire  
Enlisted: Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland  
Died: 24 Aug 1918 aged 39 Killed in Action  
Buried: Regina Trench Cemetery, VII. A. II, Grandcourt, Somme, France

### **Joseph ALDERSON**

Private 200676  
Durham Light Infantry, 13th (Service) Battalion  
Son of Joseph and Jane (PEMBERTON) ALDERSON, of 21, Fern St., Deptford Rd.,  
Sunderland, Co. Durham  
Born: 1896 Southwick, Sunderland, Co. Durham  
Enlisted: Seaham Harbour, Co. Durham  
Died: 13 Jun 1917 aged 21 Died of Wounds  
Buried: Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, XV. H. 13, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen,  
Belgium

### **Joseph ALDERSON**

Able Seaman Clyde Z/7594  
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Drake Battalion R.N. Division  
Died: 4 Feb 1917  
Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 1 A, Somme, France

### **Joseph Henry ALDERSON**

Driver 82617  
Royal Field Artillery, 108th Brigade, "C" Battery  
Son of James and Jane (BLAND) ALDERSON  
Husband of Clara (BENDELOW) ALDERSON  
Born: 1883 Richmond R.D.  
Enlisted: Darlington, Co. Durham  
Died: 7 Oct 1917 Died of Wounds  
Buried: Oxford Road Cemetery, I. E. 10, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium  
3rd Battle of Ypres - 1st Passchendaele

### **Lancelot Reginald ALDERSON**

Sergeant 1119  
Australian Imperial Force, Australian Infantry, 16th Battalion  
Son of William Henry and Annie (MCALLISTER) ALDERSON, of 29, Leah St.,  
Forestville, South Australia  
Enlisted: Port Pirie, South Australia  
Died: 2 May 1915 aged 19y 6m Killed in Action  
Memorial: Lone Pine Memorial, 50, Gallipoli, Turkey  
Native of Strathblyn



Occupation: Cabinet Maker  
Gallipoli

### **Leonard C ALDERSON**

Son of George and 2nd wife Mary L. CRAMER  
Born: 2 June 1896 most probably in Belden, Cedar County, Nebraska, USA  
Died: Died of disease  
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### **Levi Banner ALDERSON**

Chief Engine Room Artificer 403EB  
Royal Naval Reserve, H.M. Tug "Desire",  
Son of the Rev. John ALDERSON and Jane (HOBSON) ALDERSON  
Husband of Eleanor (ANDERSON) ALDERSON, of 41, Essex Gardens, Gateshead,  
Co. Durham  
Born: 1875 Gateshead, Co. Durham  
Died: 24 Jan 1918 aged 42 Killed in Action  
Memorial: Chatham Naval Memorial, Kent  
Memorial: Gateshead War Memorial - C.E.R.A. L Banner  
HM Tug Desire (165 tons gross) was lost on 24 Jan. 1918, sunk by submarine off  
the Yorkshire coast.

### **Mark ALDERSON**

Lance Corporal 12158  
West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own), 12th Battalion  
Son of Thomas and Elizabeth (STOCKHILL) ALDERSON [OLBISON]  
Born: 1890 Leeds, Yorkshire  
Enlisted: Leeds, Yorkshire  
Died: 10 Oct 1916 Killed in Action  
Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 2 A 2 C and 2 D, Somme, France  
Battle of the Somme; Second Battle Of Ypres

### **Matthew ALDERSON**

Private 5702  
Northumberland Fusiliers, 14th Battalion  
Son of Ann HARPLEY (formerly ALDERSON), of Spennymoor, Co. Durham, and the  
late Cuthbert ALDERSON  
Husband of Eleanor Jane (BROWN) ALDERSON, of 24, Chiltern St., Stoke Rd.,  
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire  
Born: 1889 Crook  
Enlisted: Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland  
Died: 22 Mar 1918 aged 29 Killed in Action  
Memorial: Pozieres Memorial, Panel 16 to 18, Somme, France  
German Operation Michael

## **Matthew Hollandings ALDERSON**

Fireman

Mercantile Marine Reserve, H.M.S. "Viknor"

Son of John and Catherine Rebecca (HOLLAND) ALDERSON

Born: 1881 South Shields

Died: 13 Jan 1915 Killed in Action

Memorial: Naval Memorial, Plymouth, Devon

H.M.S. Viknor was an 5386 ton armed merchant cruiser of the 10th Cruiser Squadron, originally a Blue Star Line vessel called the 'Viking' and built in 1888, she was requisitioned and renamed by the Royal Navy. She was under the Command of Commander E. O. Ballantyne and had a crew compliment of 22 officers and 273 ratings - these were made up of Royal Navy Reserves, 25 of whom came from the Newfoundland Division of the Royal Navy Reserves. On January 13th, 1915 while on active patrol duty in heavy seas off Tory Island she struck a German mine and sank with the loss of all hands. Many of the crew were from South Shields and South Tyneside. In Bonamargie Friary you will find the grave of Private. J. Griffin, PO 7084, RMLI. 25 seamen were of the Newfoundland Division of the Royal Naval Reserve. 24 are commemorated on the Beaumont Hamel Memorial in France. One body was washed ashore and is buried in Colonsay. There are also four unknown graves of seamen from H.M.S. Viknor. In Ballintoy Churchyard you'll find the grave of E.R. Hewett, RN J/27300, 1st Class Boy.

## **Naylor ALDERSON**

Private 241021

Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), 2nd/5th Battalion

Son of Samuel and Asenith (LISTER) ALDERSON

Born: 1893 Dewsbury R.D.

Died: 3 May 1917

Memorial: Arras Memorial, Bay 6, Pas de Calais, France

He lived with his father at Cross Street, Norristhorpe, near Liversedge, West Yorkshire.

## **Norman ALDERSON**

Private 53860

West Yorkshire Regt. (Prince of Wales's Own), 8th Battalion

Son of Richard and Emma (RIGG) ALDERSON, of 20, Bute St., Bolton Woods, Bradford, Yorkshire

Born: 1899 Bradford, Yorkshire

Enlisted: Bradford, Yorkshire

Died: 3 Sep 1918 aged 19 Died of Wounds

Buried: Bac-Du-Sud British Cemetery, III. F. 2, Bailleulval, Pas de Calais, France

## **Percival ALDERSON**

Private 22/779

Durham Light Infantry 22nd (Service) Battalion

Son of Pilate & Elizabeth (DACK) ALDERSON

Born: 1892 Eldon, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Sunderland, Co. Durham

Died: 23 Oct 1916 Killed in Action

Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 14 A and 15 C, Somme, France

Battle of the Somme; Second Battle Of Ypres

## **Percy ALDERSON**

Gunner 2274

Australian Imperial Force, 3rd Brigade Australian Field Artillery, 7th Battery;  
Brigade Ammunition Column

Son of William Henry & Elizabeth Catherine (STRAUSS) ALDERSON

Brother of Reginald ALDERSON (also died in WWI)

Next of Kin: N.ALDERSON (brother) Moorhead Street, Redfern, NSW, Australia

Born: 1891 Grafton, NSW

Enlisted: Redfern, NSW

Enlisted: 28 Aug 1914 Brisbane

Died: 19 Aug 1915 aged 35 Killed in Action

Buried: Shell Green Cemetery, I. B. 7, Gallipoli, Turkey

Gallipoli

## **Percy Richard ALDERSON**

Chemist Pioneer 183413

Royal Engineers, "P" Special Company

Son of George Thomas and Henrietta (ALDERSON) ALDERSON, of Raby House,  
Sadberge, Darlington

Born: 9 Apr 1888 Thornaby, Yorkshire

Enlisted: London (of 4 Princess Road, Finsbury Park, Middlesex)

Died: 19 Oct 1917 aged 29 Died of Wounds

Buried: Dozinghem Military Cemetery, XI. G. 2, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen,  
Belgium

3rd Battle of Ypres - 1st Passchendaele

## **Ralph ALDERSON**

Private 6577

The King's (Liverpool Regiment), 1st/8th Battalion

Formerly 5320 Manchester Regiment

Son of George & Sarah J (CHEETHAM) ALDERSON

Born: 1893 Manchester, Lancashire

Enlisted: Manchester, Lancashire

Died: 9 Sep 1916 aged 23 Killed in Action

Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 1 D 8 B and 8 C, Somme, France  
Battle of the Somme; Second Battle Of Ypres

### **Ralph ALDERSON M.M.**

Guardsman 24371  
Grenadier Guards, 3rd Battalion  
Son of Thomas & Jane (KIRKBRIDE) ALDERSON  
Born: 1880 Hawes, Yorkshire  
Enlisted: Leyburn, Yorkshire  
Died: 27 Mar 1918 Killed in Action  
Memorial: Arras Memorial, Bay 1, Pas de Calais, France  
German Operation Michael

### **Reginald ALDERSON M.C.**

Captain  
Lancashire Fusiliers, 1st/8th Battalion  
Son of the Rev. Henry Everingham & Annie Hake H. (COX) ALDERSON of Hope  
Vicarage, Pendleton, Manchester, Lancashire  
Born: 1894 Bolton R.D.  
Died: 25 Mar 1918 aged 23 Died of Wounds  
Buried: Bac-Du-Sud British Cemetery, I. D. 2, Bailleulval, Pas de Calais, France  
German Operation Michael

### **Reginald ALDERSON**

Private 755  
Australian Imperial Force, Australian Infantry, 42nd Battalion  
Son of William Henry & Elizabeth Catherine (STRAUSS) ALDERSON  
Brother of Percy ALDERSON (also died in WWI)  
Next of Kin: N. ALDERSON (brother) 6 Fisher's Reserve, Petersham, New South  
Wales, Australia  
Born: 1872 Grafton, New South Wales, Australia  
Enlisted: 20 Nov 1915 Clifton, Queensland, Australia  
Died: 4 Oct 1917 aged 38 Killed in Action  
Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 7 - 17 - 23 - 25 - 27 - 29 - 31,  
West-Vlaanderen, Belgium  
3rd Battle of Ypres - 1st Passchendaele

### **Reginald Liddon ALDERSON**

Major  
Royal Air Force  
Son of the Rev. Canon F. C. ALDERSON, of Peterborough Cathedral and  
Lutterworth, and of Katharine Gwladys (GUEST) ALDERSON  
Born: 1880 Brixworth R.D.  
Died: 30 Jun 1918 aged 38 of 'Spanish' 'flu in Hull, Yorkshire  
Buried: Lutterworth (St. Mary) Churchyard, Leicestershire

Memorial: Plaque on wall of War Memorial Cloister at Winchester College in section France, Flanders: Reginald Liddon, Major Royal Air Force, started at Winchester 1894

The departure of the Rector [Montague Alderson] has been attended by a very heavy blow which has fallen on the family by the untimely death of his youngest brother, Major Liddon Alderson, of the R.A.F., fourth son of the late Canon and Mrs Alderson], who died in a Military Hospital at Hull on Saturday night [29 June 1918] from a heart failure, following a serious attack of influenza. He was visiting at the Rectory only three weeks ago, and then seemed in his usual health. A wire reached his mother and the Rector on Friday morning as they were preparing to take their leave of the Rectory, and they at once left for Hull. Just about to train as ferry pilot when taken ill.

FUNERAL OF MAJOR ALDERSON: The internment of Major L Alderson took place on Wednesday afternoon (3 July 1918), with full military honours, in the Parish Churchyard. The body was brought from Hull the previous night. The church was closely filled with parishioners, and many waited in the churchyard. The service in the church was choral, the Rev. S. J. Jameson (Cotesbach) took the first part, and the Rector (brother of deceased [Montague 26534]) read the Lesson and also took most of the service at the graveside.

### **Richard ALDERSON**

Private 28136

Yorkshire Regiment, 2nd Battalion

Son of William & Margaret (SCOTT) ALDERSON, of Angram, Muker, Yorkshire

Born: 15 June 1896 Skeughead, Yorkshire

Enlisted: Satron Yorkshire

Died: 26 Jul 1917 aged 21 Died of Wounds

Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 33, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Memorial: Keld Memorial & plaque in Muker Village Hall

See AFHS Newsletter 45 page 3

### **Richard Albert ALDERSON**

Lance Corporal 47530

Lancashire Fusiliers, 1st/5th Battalion

Son of William & Elizabeth (PARKER) ALDERSON, of 144, Abel St., Burnley, Lancashire

Born: 1898 Burnley, Lancashire

Died: 25 Mar 1918 aged 19 Died of Wounds

Buried: British Cemetery, A. 5, Alette, Pas de Calais, France

German Operation Michael

Obituary from the Independent Methodist Magazine 1918 page 90 (with photograph): Richard ALDERSON of Robinson Street Church, Burnley; We received another sad blow when news was received that our young friend, Richard ALDERSON, had died from wounds received in France on March 25th.

Only nineteen years old, he was a very bright lad, and took an active part in Band

of Hope work and the Scout Troop of our School. We had great expectations of him for the future, as he manifested much interest in the Church. An impressive service, largely attended, was held on Sunday evening, June 16th, when reference was made to our young friend by Mr. Henry HARGREAVES.

### **Robert ALDERSON**

Private 116461

Canadian Infantry (British Columbia Regt.), 29th Battalion

Son of James and Isabella (WHARTON) ALDERSON, of 64, Walter St., Brierfield, Burnley, Lancashire

Born: 1885 Burnley R.D.

Died: 2 May 1918 aged 33

Buried: Bac-Du-Sud British Cemetery, Bailleulval, Pas de Calais, France

See AFHS Newsletter 56 page 12

### **Robert Harold ALDERSON**

Serjeant 15781

The King's (Liverpool Regiment), 17th Battalion

Son of Robert and Elizabeth Grace (BRAGG) ALDERSON, of 52, Moscow Drive, Stoneycroft, Liverpool, Lancashire

Born: 1892 West Derby R.D.

Died: 14 Oct 1916 aged 24

Buried: Heilly Station Cemetery, III. C. 26, Mericourt-L'Abbe, Somme, France

Battle of the Somme; Second Battle Of Ypres

Battalion formed in Liverpool, 29 August 1914, by Lord Derby, in the old watch factory at Prescott. Has probable distinction of being the first of the 'Pals' battalions to be formed.

### **Robert William ALDERSON**

Private 52

Army Veterinary Corps, Northumbrian Division

Son of Thomas and Susan (SIMPSON) ALDERSON, of West Pelton, Co. Durham

Husband of Mary Elizabeth (WHITEHEAD) ALDERSON, of 28, Park St., Middlesbrough, Yorkshire

Born: 1884 Chester le Street R.D.

Died: 11 Nov 1915 aged 31

Buried: St. Paul Churchyard, Old ground, North-West, West Pelton, Co. Durham

### **Robert William ALDERSON**

Private 2338

Australian Imperial Force, Australian Infantry, 11th Battalion

Son of James and Maria (SHIPPEY) ALDERSON

Husband of Isabel (KELLY) ALDERSON

Born: 11 April 1867, 5 Belsize Mews, Belsize Lane, Hampstead, London, England

Enlisted: Kalgoorlie, Western Australia

Died: 25 Jul 1916 aged 46

Memorial: Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Somme, France

Battle of the Somme; Battle of Pozieres Ridge, At 3:30 am the securing of Pozieres began. On the right the 12th Battalion was exposed to heavy fire which prevented it from forming the link with 11th Battalion, who had reached the Light Railway but had come under fire from 8th Brigade, causing some confusion. At daylight 11th battalion was so heavily shelled that it was drawn back to its old line.

### **Robson ALDERSON**

Corporal 20445

Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), 2nd/4th Battalion

Son of John & Hannah (EDWARDS) ALDERSON

Husband of Mary (WADDINGTON) ALDERSON

Born: 1886 Bradford, Yorkshire

Enlisted: Bradford, Yorkshire

Died: 20 Nov 1917 aged 31 Died of Wounds

Buried: Flesquieres Hill British Cemetery, III. A. 4, Nord, France  
Cambrai

### **Stanley Wentworth ALDERSON**

Private 31239

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), 53rd Company

Formerly 12201 RW Kent Regiment

Son of William & Louisa (COLLINS) ALDERSON

Born: 1892 Idle Hill, Kent

Enlisted: Sevenoaks, Kent

Died: 19 Jul 1916 Killed in Action

Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 5 C and 12 C, Somme, France  
Battle of the Somme; Second Battle Of Ypres

### **Thomas ALDERSON**

Stoker 1565/U

Royal Naval Reserve, H.M.S. "Pembroke"

Son of Thomas & Jane (DEES) ALDERSON

Husband of Bertha S. (WELLHAM) ALDERSON

Born: 19 Apr 1871 Newcastle upon Tyne R.D.

Died: 22 May 1918 aged 46 in Monkwearmouth Hospital, Sunderland, Co.  
Durham

Buried: 27 May 1918 by Rev. C.W. Thistlethwaite, Removed from Monkwearmouth  
to Ryhope Road Cemetery 5. A. 1171. C, Sunderland

### **Thomas ALDERSON**

Private 33378

York and Lancaster Regiment, 1st/4th (Hallamshire) Battalion

Formerly 45577 Yorkshire Regiment  
Son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (HURD) ALDERSON  
Born: 12 Nov 1879 Stockton on Tees, Co. Durham  
Enlisted: Stockton on Tees, Co. Durham  
Died: 15 Apr 1918 Died of Wounds  
Buried: Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery, I. E. 9, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, France  
German Operation Georgette

### **Thomas ALDERSON**

Mercantile Marine, S.S. "Ausonia" (Liverpool), joiner  
Son of the late William Baxter and Charlotte (WRIGHT) ALDERSON  
Born: 1894 Appleby, Westmorland  
Died: 30 May 1918 aged 28 Killed in Action  
Memorial: Tower Hill Memorial, London  
Memorial: War Memorial, St Lawrence Churchyard: Petty Officer T. Alderson, R.N.  
Ausonia (1911-1918) (formerly Tortona, taken over with Thomson Line), 8185 tons, was torpedoed without warning and sunk by gunfire 620 miles W by S (true) from Fastnet on 30 May 1918 with 44 lives lost.

### **Thomas ALDERSON**

Lance Bombardier 213542  
Royal Field Artillery, 50th Brigade, "C" Battery  
Son of William and Mary (JONES) ALDERSON, of Lower Lea, Bishop's Castle, Shropshire  
Born: 1 Feb 1896 Bishop's Castle, Shropshire  
Enlisted: Ludlow, Shropshire  
Died: 29 Jul 1918 aged 22  
Buried: Le Peuplier Military Cemetery, D. 17, Caestre, Nord, France  
See AFHS Newsletter 33 page 12

### **Thomas ALDERSON**

Private 20/908  
Durham Light Infantry, 20th (Service) Battalion  
Son of John and Ann (SYKES) ALDERSON, of 1, Graham Terrace, Shildon, Co. Durham  
Husband of Ada (SWINGLEHURST) ALDERSON, of 8, Short St., Shildon, Co. Durham  
Born: 1885 Shildon, Co. Durham  
Enlisted: Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham  
Died: 31 Jul 1917 aged 31 Killed in Action  
Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 36 and 38, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium  
123rd Brigade attacked north of the canal with two companies of the 23rd Middlesex, 11th Queen's, 10th Royal West Kents and 20th Durham Light Infantry



in support. Despite meeting strong resistance they managed to take the first objective, the Red Line. Progress was slow owing to the state of the ground and the barrage which got ahead of the attacking troops. An attempt was made to take the Green Line, but a line of pillboxes resisted all attempts at capture.

### **Thomas ALDERSON**

Private 95036

Durham Light Infantry, 15th (Service) Battalion

Son of Thomas & Jane (CHARLTON) ALDERSON

Born: Durham, Co. Durham

Enlisted: New Brancepeth, Co. Durham

Died: 7 Nov 1918 aged 21 Killed in Action

Buried: Doullers Communal Cemetery Extension, II. A. 15, Nord, France

### **Thomas ALDERSON**

Private 6589

Border Regiment, 2nd Battalion

Son of Thomas W and Eliza ALDERSON, of 143, Boarshaw Rd., Middleton, Manchester, Lancashire

Born: Apr 1878 Sunderland, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Manchester, Lancashire

Died: 16 May 1915 aged 37 Killed in Action

Memorial: Le Touret Memorial, Panel 19 and 20, Pas de Calais, France

Enlisted 18980513 aged 20 years 1 month in Coldstream Guards No. 1643, and served 12 years including South Africa campaign.

15-25 May 1915, Forming part of French Commander-in-Chief Joseph Joffre's Artois Offensive in the spring of 1915 - his second large-scale infantry assault following the Champagne Offensive in December 1914 - the Battle of Festubert, in the Ypres Salient, was fought by the Allies (British, Canadian and Indian troops) against the Germans from 15-27 May 1915. The Festubert attack was launched by Sir Douglas Haig in response to pressure applied to the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) by Joffre, and was the BEF's second attack during the offensive, following an assault upon Neuve Chapelle four days earlier on 9 May. Preceded by a four day artillery bombardment by over 400 guns firing 100,000 shells, the attack around the village of Festubert was launched at night on 15 May by two divisions of mostly Indian infantry, and made rapid initial progress, despite the failure of the preliminary bombardment to effectively destroy the German Sixth Army front line defences (under Crown Prince Rupprecht). Under attack, the Germans retreated to a line directly in front of the village. A further assault upon these lines, by Canadian troops, was begun on 18 May, but was unsuccessful in the face of German artillery fire. In heavy rain some Allied troops began to prepare trenches to consolidate the small gains made thus far. During that same evening the German front line received a further injection of reserves. Renewed attacks by the Allied forces between 20-24 May resulted in the capture of Festubert village itself, a position held until the ...

## **Thomas ALDERSON**

Gunner 64160

Royal Garrison Artillery, 99th Siege Battery

Son of John and Emma Jane (FRY) ALDERSON, of Backhold Royd, Southowram, Halifax, Yorkshire

Born: 1896 Halifax, Yorkshire

Enlisted: Halifax, Yorkshire

Died: 17 Jul 1917 aged 21 Died of Wounds, gas casualty

Buried: Dozinghem Military Cemetery, I. D. 12, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

## **Thomas Alfred ALDERSON**

Private 32166

Durham Light Infantry, 10th (Service) Battalion

Son of John & Elizabeth Jane (KIDD) ALDERSON

Born: 1895 West Auckland, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Seaham, Co. Durham

Died: 16 Sep 1916 Killed in Action

Memorial: Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 14 A and 15 C, Somme, France

Battle of the Somme; Second Battle Of Ypres, On the night of the 14th Sept the 10th moved forward again into Fricourt area and after receiving stores moved forward the following morning to Bernafay Wood. They were ordered to occupy trenches east of Longueval-Fler-Road, the way was by Delville Wood and 8 men were killed by shell fire and a further 9 were killed by shell fire when they reached the objective. The British advance had been stopped with heavy losses at Bulls Road east of Flers and the 10 were ordered to march at midnight to new positions on the left. At 9.45a.m. they were ordered to attack breaking through the Gird defences clearing Gueudecourt of Germans and establishing a new line. The support artillery was poor as they started their advance and as soon as they were in the open they came under heavy machine gun fire losing lots of men for each yard gained. After gaining 1/4 of a mile they had to take shelter in shell holes until 6.45p.m. when another attack was ordered. Our own shell fire was falling all around the 10th forcing them to abandon their shell holes only to cut down by German machine guns. As there were no support troops left withdrawal was ordered to Bulls Road under cover of darkness where they set up defensive positions. On the morning of the 17th they were relieved by the 21st and when they reached Pommiers Redoubt having sustained losses of 381 killed or wounded. They marched back in pouring rain to Ribemont where they boarded French busses travelling to Brevillers for rest and more training.

## **Thomas William ALDERSON**

Private 201067

Durham Light Infantry 19th (Service) Battalion

Son of Charles and Ann (RAINE) ALDERSON

Born: 1888 Cotherstone, Co. Durham  
Enlisted: Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham  
Died: 1 Oct 1918 Killed in Action  
Buried: Perth Cemetery (China Wall), II. J. 4, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **Walter ALDERSON**

Private 2118

Yorkshire Regiment, 1st/4th Battalion

Son of Frederick & Isabel (ATKINSON) ALDERSON

Husband of Helena/Ellen (KITCHING) ALDERSON of Brompton, Northallerton, Yorkshire

Born: 1885 Darlington R.D.

Died: 17 Jul 1916 aged 31

Buried: Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery, L. 37, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Battle of the Somme; Second Battle Of Ypres

Walter ALDERSON was born in Darlington, though at the outbreak of War he was living in and enlisted in Northallerton. He was married and his wife's name was Ellen and they had one child. Before the War he worked at the Pattison's Linen Mill and he was a member of the Brompton Chess Club. He joined the territorials immediately after the outbreak of War, and sailed to France with the 4th Yorkshires in April 1915. He was killed, aged 31, while the 4th Yorkshires were occupying the front-line trenches near Kemmel (Trenches G1 to J3). Walter was the only casualty on an otherwise quiet day and the Battalion was relieved on 19th July and moved back to Kemmel Chateau in the rear. In a letter to his family from a Major Charlton it was said he was "shot through the neck and died almost immediately".

### **Wilfred Eric ALDERSON**

Serjeant 19015

Grenadier Guards, 4th Battalion

Son of William James and Eliza Dobbing (ATKINSON) ALDERSON

Nephew of Ada E. MASON, of 9, Van Mildert Terrace, Stockton on Tees, Co. Durham

Born: 1888 South Stockton, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Darlington, Co. Durham

Died: 2 Aug 1917 aged 28 Died of Wounds

Buried: Artillery Wood Cemetery, II. A. 8, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

3rd Battle of Ypres - 1st Passchendaele

### **William ALDERSON**

Private 200197

Durham Light Infantry, 1/5th Battalion, D Company

Son of George & Alice (STONEHOUSE) ALDERSON

Born: 1895 Broompark, Co. Durham

Enlisted: Stockton on Tees, Co. Durham  
Died: 18 Aug 1919 Died of Wounds at Home after the War  
Buried: Hutton Henry Cemetery 3. 127 V, Co. Durham

### **William ALDERSON**

Gunner 95014  
Royal Garrison Artillery, 214th Siege Battery  
Son of James & Mary Ann (HUNT) ALDERSON  
Born: 1882 Richmond, Yorkshire  
Enlisted: Darlington, Co. Durham  
Died: 13 Jul 1917 Died of Wounds  
Buried: Dozinghem Military Cemetery, I. C. 10, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium  
In July 1917, at the beginning of the British offensive of Third Ypres, groups of Casualty Clearing Stations (CCS) were placed in readiness at three positions called by the troops Mendinghem, Dozinghem and Bandaghem.

### **William ALDERSON**

Gunner L/19416  
Royal Field Artillery 161st Brigade  
Son of William James & Sophia (SPROXTON) ALDERSON  
Born: 1893 York, Yorkshire  
Enlisted: York, Yorkshire  
Died: 27 May 1918 Died of Wounds  
Buried: Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, VIII. O. 35, Souchez, Pas de Calais, France  
German Operation Blucher-Yorke

### **William ALDERSON**

Private 4121  
West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own), 1st/7th Battalion, Leeds Rifles  
Son of Joseph and Charlotte (FOTHERBY) ALDERSON  
Born: 1887 Leeds R.D.  
Died: 3 Jul 1916 aged 28 Died of Wounds  
Buried: Puchevillers British Cemetery, I. B. 2, Somme, France  
Battle of the Somme

### **William ALDERSON**

Private 7230  
Durham Light Infantry, 1st/9th Battalion, The Gateshead Gurkhas  
Son of James and Hannah (LENG) ALDERSON of Eastfield Farm, Great Smeaton, Northallerton, Yorkshire  
Born: 1894 Fishburn, Co. Durham  
Enlisted: Grosmont Yorkshire  
Died: 5 Nov 1916 aged 22 Killed in Action

Buried: Warlencourt British Cemetery, I. D. 29, Pas de Calais, France  
Battle of the Somme; Battle Of Ancre Heights, The Division attacked with the 1/8th DLI (151 Brigade) on the right. The men had to pull one another out of the mud before they could start. They almost reached the German lines but were stopped by machine gun fire and gradually fell back during the day. The 1/6th DLI suffered a similar fate except on the left where they linked with 1/9th DLI. The 1/9th went through two lines of German trenches, reached the Butte and established a post on the Bapaume road - some entering the Walencourt line. But these advanced posts were forced back and at 10:00 pm the enemy were still holding the quarry and 500 yards of the German front line. By midnight the DLI had been forced back to their own lines.

### **William Arthur ALDERSON**

Serjeant 66249

Royal Engineers, 145th Army Troops Company

Son of John Alexander and Helen (PERKS) ALDERSON, of 128, Stafford St., Dudley, Worcestershire

Born: 1895 Dudley, Worcestershire

Enlisted: Worcester

Died: 9 Apr 1918 aged 22 Killed in Action

Buried: Croix-Du-Bac British Cemetery, IV. E. 7, Steenwerck, Nord, France  
German Operation Georgette

### **William Blundell ALDERSON**

Serjeant 13645

Border Regiment, 11th (Service) Battalion (Pal's Regiment), D. Company

Son of James Gilmore and Hannah (RITSON) ALDERSON of 134, High St., Maryport, Cumberland

Born: 1894 Cockermouth R.D.

Died: 9 Mar 1916 aged 21 Killed in Action

Buried: Becourt Military Cemetery, I. H. 14, Becordel-Becourt, Somme, France

Somme: After their trench duty the Lonsdales moved to rest billets in Albert and Henencourt Woods, then once again back to trench duty. More losses occurred on 10th March 1916 when a working party was clearing out a support trench. One man threw some dirt over the top of the trench with the inevitable result of the Germans quickly shelling the position. Lt. Robinson was killed along with a Sgt Alderson and three men.

### **William J ALDERSON**

Bombardier 35587

Royal Field Artillery, 12th Trench Mortar Battery (attached to)

Son of Mrs. E. A. HERON (formerly ALDERSON), of 6, Sutcliffe Buildings, Wakefield Rd., Sowerby Bridge, Yorkshire

Born: 1897 Luddendenfoot, Yorkshire

Enlisted: Halifax, Yorkshire

Died: 25 May 1918 Killed in Action

Buried: Maily Wood Cemetery, II. N. I2, Somme, France

### **William John ALDERSON**

Corporal T4/174020

Army Service Corps, 11th Division Train

Son of Frederick & Jane (LEWIS) ALDERSON, of Leominster, Warwickshire

Born: Leominster, Warwickshire

Enlisted: Seaford

Died: 25 Oct 1918 aged 26

Buried: Terlincthun British Cemetery, VI. C. 13., Wimille, Pas de Calais, France

### **William Joseph ALDERSON**

Private 423

Canadian Infantry (Winnipeg Rifles), 8th Battalion

Son of James & Margaret (ELLISON) ALDERSON

Born: 1890 Formby, Lancashire

Died: 3 Jun 1915 aged 24 in an orchard Givenchy, France

Memorial: Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

See AFHS Newsletter 56 page 11

### **William Valentine ALDERSON**

Private 8333

6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers)

Son of David and Annie (BURDEN) ALDERSON

Born: 1895 Fulford, Yorkshire

Enlisted: York, Yorkshire

Died: 17 May 1915 Killed in Action

Buried: Communal Cemetery, II. C. I8, Hazebrouck, Nord, France

Second Battle Of Ypres, Festubert, 15-25 May 1915, Forming part of French

Commander-in-Chief Joseph Joffre's Artois Offensive in the spring of 1915 - his

second large-scale infantry assault following the Champagne Offensive in

December 1914 - the Battle of Festubert, in the Ypres Salient, was fought by the

Allies (British, Canadian and Indian troops) against the Germans from 15-27 May

1915. The Festubert attack was launched by Sir Douglas Haig in response to

pressure applied to the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) by Joffre, and was the

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Chapelle four days earlier on 9 May. Preceded by a four day artillery

bombardment by over 400 guns firing 100,000 shells, the attack around the

village of Festubert was launched at night on 15 May by two divisions of mostly

Indian infantry, and made rapid initial progress, despite the failure of the

preliminary bombardment to effectively destroy the German Sixth Army front line

defences (under Crown Prince Rupprecht). Under attack, the Germans retreated

to a line directly in front of the village. A further assault upon these lines, by

Canadian troops, was begun on 18 May, but was unsuccessful in the face of

German artillery fire. In heavy rain some Allied troops began to prepare trenches to consolidate the small gains made thus far. During that same evening the German front line received a further injection of reserves. Renewed attacks by the Allied forces between 20-24 May resulted in the capture of Festubert village itself, a position held until the German advance of spring 1918. Despite having captured Festubert however, the Allied forces had advanced less than a kilometre; consequently the attack was ended on 27 May.