

## Church of St Tudy

### Key to the Pictorial Record

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The history of St Tudy recorded in the W.I. Scrapbook in 1951 describes a “lovely memorial picture” hanging in the Church which commemorates all the men of St Tudy who served in the Great War. The author of the chapter on Memorials, Edith Maude Searle, continues: “I believe it is the only one of its kind in this part of the Country. This Pictorial Record is a huge oak frame, containing the photographs of sixty-eight who served during World War No 1 including two women who served in the capacity of Red Cross Nurses on active service.

“On a ledge underneath this picture is a book, called the “Key to our Pictorial Record”, in which the names of the men and women, and their experiences are recorded.”

Sadly the condition of this book, compiled less than two years after hostilities ended, has deteriorated over the decades. It was never a complete record and some pages, including the index to the photographs, are now missing. What follows is a transcript, as they are written, of the War Records that remain. Several entries were written by a different hand and may be of a later date. These later entries are printed below in italics.

The inside cover of the book bears a golden bookplate which states

**1914 -1918**

**Parishioners of St Tudy**

**Who during the Great War**

**Responded to the call of**

**Their King and of their**

**Country.**

**Giving Thanks to God,**

**Their friends at home can**

**Never forget the glorious**

**Service they rendered at**

**A time of the gravest anxiety**

**For the whole World.**

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**The Parish of St Tudy**  
**Comrades in the Great War 1914-1918**  
**The Pictorial Record**

Having found in the Picture the Portrait you have been seeking if you refer to the same position on the Key, on the next page, you will see the number of the page in this Book where the War Record is preserved.

September 1920

**1 Alfred S Worth**

Alfred S Worth joined the R.E. at Chatham in Nov 1915. Transferred to the Pioneer Batt<sup>n</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Liverpool Reg<sup>t</sup> and served on the Ypres front (La Bassée, Ypres) in 1917. Somme 1918, wounded in the fighting near St Quentin in 1918. Bullet wound in left thigh, bullet lodged in the bone, position detected by X Ray and removed. Twelve weeks in hospital then sent to Labour Batt<sup>n</sup> being considered unfit for fighting line owing to his wound.

**5 Curtis**

Frederick J Curtis enlisted August 28<sup>th</sup> 1916 and joined the R.A.S.C Motor Transport. He could not pass as “physically” fit for service abroad and so he served at home at Newcastle and Darlington until demobilized on February 28<sup>th</sup> 1919.

**9 Worth**

William John Worth joined the 1/5 D.C.L.I. in November 1915 and was sent to France May 1916 to Laventie – La Bassée, Ypres sector, taking part in various engagements. Served on the Somme Oct 1916 to May 1917. Arras June and July 1917, Ypres August 1917 and Cambrai to the end of the year. St Quentin 1918 and Merville to September 1918 then to Estaire up to the date of the Armistice.

## **10     Worth**

Albert Charles Worth joined the 1/5 D.C.L.I in November 1915, sent to France in May 1916 to Laventie served there until September. Sent to the Somme in Oct took part in various engagements up to May 1917, Served at Arras June and July, Ypres in Aug 1917 when the Germans made a heavy attack on the British lines and were repulsed. He was then sent to Cambrai and again to the Ypres Salient. He took part in the action from La Bassée to Ypres which commenced April 11<sup>th</sup> 1918. There was a very heavy engagement west of Armentiere-Merville. After this engagement he was reported missing (killed).

## **12     Burden**

William Hedley Burden, Lance Corporal, joined 1/5 D.C.L.I. December 9<sup>th</sup> 1914. Stationed at Bodmin for several months. Afterwards at Blyth and Falmouth. Sent to France at the beginning of May 1916. During 16 months following he was engaged in Active Service in France and Belgium and was wounded at Ypres on August 12<sup>th</sup> 1917. Sent to England on August 20<sup>th</sup> 1917 where he spent several months in Hospital and was discharged as unfit for further Military Service on April 5<sup>th</sup> 1918.

## **17     Hewett**

Mark Hewett, enlisted in the Suffolk Reg<sup>t</sup> at Cambridge on May 25<sup>th</sup> 1915. October 1915 Lance Corporal. March 1916 Corporal. August 1916 Lance Sergeant. November 1916 P.T. course at Aldershot. October 1915 to May 1917 Instructor in Drill and Physical Training 3<sup>rd</sup> Suffolk Reg<sup>t</sup> at Felixstowe. May to August 1917 Officers' Cadet Battalion Rhyl. August 29<sup>th</sup> 1917 Gazetted 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Norfolk Regiment.

December 24<sup>th</sup> 1917 to February 8<sup>th</sup> 1918 served in Egypt and Palestine with 4<sup>th</sup> Norfolk Regiment (54<sup>th</sup> Division). Assist Adjutant April to December 1918. In the front line in the Plain of Sharon and the foothills during the Spring and Summer of 1918. In general advance Division took strong positions in foothills overlooking the Plain of Sharon. Consolidated and afterwards marched via Zimmerin, Haifa, Tyre, Sidon and Beirut to Junie in Syria. Returned by sea to Karbana and thence to Helmhah Camp near Cairo. Left Egypt Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1919. Demobilised Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1919.

## **18     Richards**

Miss Annie Richards V.A.D. (Cornwall No 14). Served for several short periods on the Voluntary Nursing Staff of the Launceston Red Cross Hospital, during 1915 and the first half of 1916. Being on the Reserve List of Nurses for Military Service she was called up in July 1916 and sent to the Military Hospital at Fazakerly, Liverpool (the 1<sup>st</sup> Western General Hospital). She served there until the following September and was then transferred to one of its Auxiliaries. She was accepted for Active Service and in July 1917 was sent to Boulogne in charge of a number of V.A.D's , and was

appointed to the Staff of the 57<sup>th</sup> General Hospital newly established under Canvas near Boulogne. In December orders for removal of the Hospital were received. The German Compound for wounded prisoners was taken over, the Hospital dismantled, packed up and after some delay – owing to a snowfall – was dispatched to the South of France with its Staff and set up on Camp Musso, near Marseilles in January 1918.

Whilst at this place Miss Richards was put in charge of the British West Indian and the Military patients of other Nationalities. Demobilized at Folkstone on April 12<sup>th</sup> 1919.

Awarded: General Service Medal and the Victory Medal.

## **19 May**

Surgeon Vice Admiral Sir Arthur May K.C.B., F.R.C.S., K.H.P., D.L. Cornwall.

Entered the Royal Navy in 1878. Served in the Egyptian War 1882, in the Suakin Expedition 1884. Nile for the Relief of General Gordon 1884-85 - given the C.B. Deputy Director General 1905-09, Director General of Medical Department May 1913 – to June 1917 during the Great War. Given K.C.B. 1914.

## **20 Richards**

Miss Rosina May Richards as a Red Cross Nurse gave Voluntary services in Launceston May 1915, and later on in the Military Hospitals at Plymouth and Brighton but not being strong enough for the work required was discharged. In 1918 she was accepted for work in the Women's Royal Navy Service. Hearing that the W.R.N.S. were soon to be disbanded, she, with many of her fellow-workers, were transferred to the Royal Air Force which took over the Felixstowe Naval Station. In both Services she was in the Clerical category. She was demobilised in 1919 from Ruislip near London. Since then Miss Richards has been living at The Heights, Pennant Hills Road, Thornleigh, Sydney, N.S.W.

## **22 Atkinson**

Charles Henry Atkinson, Surgeon R.N.R., O.B.E.

Joined H.M.S. "Canopus" on July 29<sup>th</sup> 1914 and went to the Falkland Islands: the Falkland Battle was fought Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1914. Later he was appointed to the Hospital at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands and was mentioned in Despatches for the able manner in which he conducted the Hospital. He was sent home in H.M.S. "Otranto", in Feb. 1915, and appointed to Trevol Fever Hospital. In September 1915 he was appointed to the Destroyer Flotilla Leader H.M.S. "Tipperary". And shortly before the Battle of Jutland he was transferred to the "Princess Margaret" Mine layer, operating in the North Sea. Dr Atkinson was demobilized in Jan 1918 and was awarded the O.B.E. in 1919.

## **24 Onslow**

William Onslow of Hengar, entered the Navy Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1905. During the Great War he served as an Assistant Paymaster in H.M.S. "Benbow", 1914 and 1915 which was one of the Grand Fleet in the North Sea. In 1915 and 1916 he was Paymaster of H.M.S. "Hearty" engaged in survey work on the East Coast of England. In 1917 he was Paymaster of H.M.S. "Boadicea" in the North Sea Fleet. 1917 to the end of the War he was Paymaster of H.M.S "Diana", a Light Cruiser on the East Indies Station. Medals received:- 1. Star 2. British War Medal 3. Victory Medal.

## **26 Worth**

Cyril H. Worth joined April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1917 served in the Machine Gun Corps. The Unit to which he belonged found itself more or less surrounded by the enemy near Merville.

The Serg<sup>t</sup> in charge wished to examine the position to see in what direction they could retire. He set out accompanied by Cyril who had volunteered. On proceeding they came upon a number of Germans who suddenly opened fire on them. Cyril fell, instantly killed. The Serg<sup>t</sup> was wounded and taken prisoner.

## **27 Burden**

Gordon Burden – Private. Joined 1/5 D.C.L.I. on November 15<sup>th</sup> 1915, he went to France in May 1916 where he was on active service in the Laventie region until September. He served on the Somme from October 1916 to May 1917. Arras June and July 1917. And afterwards at Ypres until August 20<sup>th</sup> 1917 when he was killed by a shell when on guard duty in the Town.

## **29**

*Corporal William John Moyse R.E. 1914-1919. Motor Cyclist Despatch Rider. Mesopotamia*

## **36 Button**

Stafford Button joined the Army October 15<sup>th</sup> 1917 and was placed in the Motor Transport of the R.A.S.C. Landed at Rouen November 15<sup>th</sup> and after being kept at No 1 Motor Transport Base for about a week was sent to Dunkirk and attached to the Motor Transport Officers' Staff there. It was his duty to drive officers in a Motor Car. He said his recreation was 'dodging bombs'. He remained at Dunkirk until after Armistice Day when he again returned to Rouen with his Car which by that time was worn out. He remained at the 26<sup>th</sup> Vehicle Park, Rouen, until after his demobilisation on January 24<sup>th</sup> 1920.

Stafford Button says he had quite a good time whilst wearing His Majesty's Uniform and the satisfaction of knowing that he was trying to do his duty, as far as his physical strength allowed him, in the Great War.

### **38      Nicholls**

Frederick Nicholls enlisted at Bodmin May 4<sup>th</sup> 1917 and joined 1C Reserve Brigade of the R.F.A. at High Wycombe. In July he began his training as Driver and passed qualified on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sent to France October 3rd to join the 64<sup>th</sup> Brigade R.F.A. – a Flying Column operating along the Ypres Front (La Bassée Ypres). Served there through heavy fighting continuously, with the exception of 10 days when sick in Hospital, up to April 17<sup>th</sup> 1918, when he received a shrapnel wound in the right hand. After an operation for the removal of shrapnel he was sent to the Hospital at Étables thence to England. He was detained in Hospital and Convalescent Home up to June 5<sup>th</sup> 1918. After ten days sick furlough he was passed by the Medical Board in Category B<sup>2</sup> and sent into 50<sup>th</sup> Reserve Brigade R.F.A. at Woolwich and the Cadet School at Lords. Discharged Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 1919.

### **39      Kent**

Private Harold Kent, 7<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> East Surrey Regiment. Joined the Forces Christmas 1916, sent to France, Feb 1917. Joined his Regiment at Arras, went into action at Monchy, Vimy Ridge, Bully Court. Taken prisoner at Cambrai and was held until released at Brussels on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1918. Demobilised in August 1919.

### **40      Nicholls**

*John Nicholls*

### **44      Whale**

Albert C. Whale, joined 1/5 D.C.L.I. at Bodmin, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1915. Training up to May 21<sup>st</sup> 1916 he was then sent to France, to Laventie. Served there up to September 1916, thence to the Somme where he served up to May 1917. From there he was sent to Arras remaining until July, here he was gassed. From Arras he moved on to Ypres where he was engaged during the heavy fighting at Stenbeck Ridge. After this he served at Cambrai, Arras, S. Quentin, down to March 21<sup>st</sup> 1918. He was buried by a shell on the morning of March 31<sup>st</sup> 1918 and found in the Evening by the Australian and French Cavalry. He was conveyed to No 9 Hospital and subsequently to the Convalescent Camps at Rouen and Trouville. He was demobilised on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1919 with a good record and with two medals.

**46 Button**

No 20255 Thomas Henry Button, Gunner of the Royal Garrison Artillery. Served at Plymouth and Sheerness from 1903 to 1907. Transferred to the Army Reserve, August 16<sup>th</sup> 1907. Recalled from the Army Reserve, August 4<sup>th</sup> 1914. Joined the 8<sup>th</sup> Division of the Regular Army but was pronounced as Medically Unfit for Service Overseas, November 26<sup>th</sup> 1914. Served on the Home Head Quarters' Staff: 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Brigade Heavy Artillery at Woolwich and Winchester from November 1914 to February 1919.

**50 Nicholls**

Arthur Nicholls, son of John Nicholls, joined 1/5 D.C.L.I. in Nov 1915. Sent to France to Laventie in La Bassée, Ypres Sector in May 1916. Served there to Oct 1916 and the Somme, October 1916 to May 1917, Ypres August 1917 and Cambrai to the end of the year. S. Quentin and Merville to September 1918 and then to Éstaire to the date of the Armistice.

**52 Nicholls**

*James Nicholls*

**55 Samuel Langford**

**56 Edgar Moyse, Penvose, St Tudy, Cornwall.**

**57 Burden**

Wilfrid John Burden joined the Army on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1918, he was sent to Guernsey in the R.G.L.I. where he was trained to be a Lewis Gunner and Marksman. He was discharged from the Army on December 16<sup>th</sup> 1919.

**58 Mitchell**

No 212602 Gunner Harry Mitchell joined the Army at Bodmin Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1917, being recalled under the Derby Scheme 1915. Sent to Portsmouth in the R.F.A., passed out as a first class Gunner, at Salisbury Plain May 1917. Entrained to Egypt with the 172 Brigade in July, was attacked by a U.Boat after leaving Avonmouth 3 days, the boat was sunk by our men.

He took part in the capture of Gaza the same month, following the Turks to the entrance of Jerusalem. This Division was honoured by having the stamp of a key on all its guns and wagons because it had taken part in the capture of the Holy City. They then retraced their steps for the attack on Jaffa, following the Turks as far as Nablous. Gunner Mitchell after 14 days in hospital at

Gaza with Malaria, was attached to the A.37 Brigade and sailed for England Feb 1919. He was demobilized 9<sup>th</sup> March 1919.

### **59 Couch**

Edward Warwick Couch, joined the 1/5 Batt. D.C.L.I. Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1914. Went Coomhis Camp for 7 months on Coast defence. Came back to Falmouth to help to form a battalion and went from there to Tidworth Barracks to await orders for embarkation to France. Left for France in May 1915 and landed at Le Havre where we had 3 days rest and then went straight into the Trenches at Laventie. We stayed on this front for 6 months and then moved to the Somme front: here our battalion was cut up rather badly. After a time we left for Arras just to the left of Monchy. From Arras we moved to S. Quentin where the Germans were driven back. From S. Quentine we moved to Arras again. We then moved to Ypres Sector, here we had a very hard and trying time. I cam to England for 14 leave and then returned to France and met the battalion at Cambrai where the Germans were attacking. I was only back from my leave about 7 days when we were out in the front of our line and got caught in a gas attack. I got gassed rather badly and was hit with shrapnel and so was sent down to Rouen to the American General Hospital where I was in bed for 6 weeks after which I was sent across to England to the Manchester Hospital where I was kept for 6 months. From Manchester I went to Tidworth to a School of Instruction until the Armistice. Then went to the Isle of Wight and was Demobilised March 28<sup>th</sup> 1919.