

Semington Casualties of War



Like every other city, town, village and hamlet the residents of Semington suffered losses during the First and Second World Wars. They are commemorated on the War Memorial, which stands in St. George's Churchyard. There is also a commemoration to a soldier killed in the Korean War.

FIRST WORLD WAR

Butler, R. W. – Private 10640 – Wiltshire Regiment 2nd Battalion – Died 31st July 1917 – aged 19 – son of William and Matilda Butler of Seend Farm, Semington – Commemorated on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium – Panel 53

Fisher, Harry Bruges* – Lieutenant Colonel - Wiltshire Regiment – Commanding 12th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment – Died 3rd October 1916- aged 38 – son of the late Colonel Henry Oaken Fisher and Mrs. Helen Agnes Fisher of Ty Mynydd, Radyr, Cardiff; husband of Annabella Sybil Fisher (nee Dansey) of Manor House, Richards Castle, Ludlow – Buried at Le Touret Military Cemetery, Richebourg-L'Avoue, Pas de Calais, France - Grave Reference IV.B.31. Harry Bruges Fisher is also commemorated on a headstone at Radyr Old Churchyard (St. John the Baptist) with his brother Lieutenant Colonel Herbert George Fisher

Flower, Frederick Benjamin* – Bombardier 58513 – Royal Field Artillery, 9th Battery, 36th Brigade – Died 4th September 1916 – aged 38 – son of the late John and Martha Flower of Semington – Buried at Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps, France – Grave Reference I.F.7

Forsyth, William Henry* – Lance Corporal 7389 – Wiltshire Regiment 1st Battalion – Died 26th October 1914 – Commemorated on Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France – Panel 33 and 34

Gulliver, Frederick George* – Private 18910 – Wiltshire Regiment 1st Battalion – Died 15th December 1916 – aged 20 – son of Isaac and Ann Gulliver of Littlemarsh, Semington – Buried at Tancrez Farm Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium – Grave Reference II.C.1

Moore, Frederick Lionel* – Lance Corporal 10550 – Wiltshire Regiment 2nd Battalion – Died 15th April 1915 – aged 17 – son of Henry and Mary E. Moore of Somerset Arms, Semington – born at Broad Hinton, Swindon – Buried at Rue-du-Bois Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, Pas de Calais, France – Grave Reference II.D.24. Also in St. George's Churchyard, Semington

Perrett, Albert Charles* – Private 133781- Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), 32nd Company – Died 2nd October 1918 – aged 19 – son of Charles Perrett, of Little Marsh, Semington – Commemorated on Vis-En-Artois, Pas de Calais, France – Panel 10

Swaine, George Henry – Private 2937 – Wiltshire Regiment 2/4th TF – Died 22nd November 1915 – aged 26 – son of Alfred and Celia Swaine, Canal Bridge, Semington – Commemorated on Basra Memorial, Iraq and on War Memorial Trowbridge St. James.

Watts, E. C.* – Sapper 90829 – Royal Engineers, 24th Division Signals – Died 29th November 1917 – aged 24 – son of Charles and Agnes Watts of 13 High Street, Semington – Buried at St. Pierre Cemetery, Amiens, France – Grave Reference VIII.D.I

Wheeler, Clifford Frank* – Lance Corporal – C/1639 - King's Royal Rifle Corps, 16th Battalion – Died on 19th January 1919 – aged 22 – son of John P. and Elizabeth Wheeler of 69 Park Street, Trowbridge – Buried at Trowbridge Cemetery – Grave Reference K.3.1764

SECOND WORLD WAR

Farr, Norman A* – Petty Officer D/MX634658 – Royal Navy, H.M.S. Orchis – Died 21st August 1944 – aged 20 – son of Nelson and Dora Farr of Semington and husband of A. G. Joyce Farr of Semington – Buried at Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados, France – Grave Reference – Sp. Mem V.E.12

Kemp, Walter Leonard* - Petty Officer C/J100921 – Royal Navy, H.M.S. Patroclus – Died 3rd November 1940 – aged 37 – son of Charles Edward and Catherine Maud Kemp and husband of Edith Evelyn Kemp of Semington – Commemorated on Chatham Naval Memorial – Grave Reference 34. 2.

Titt, Cyril Howard* – Sapper 2113551 – Royal Engineers 13th Corps Troop Company – Died 23rd November 1941 – aged 23 – Commemorated on Alamein Memorial – Panel Reference Column 51

KOREAN WAR

Adair, W* – Corporal 7013974 – Royal Ulster Rifles – Missing presumed killed during the Battle of Seoul 2nd – 4th January 1951. No known grave. Commemorated on the United Nations Wall of Remembrance , Busan, Korea

The above is an alphabetical list of names with some additional information, mainly which I have taken from the [Commonwealth War Graves Commission web site](#). If I have been at all uncertain I have not included the details. Besides the information the CWGC supplies, such as the details of rank, service number and cemetery they are currently (2013) working in association with [The War Graves Photographic Project](#) to photograph every war grave and individual memorial of service personnel from the First World War to the present. They are able to provide photographs or digital images to enquirers for a small fee. Photographs of graves or memorials are available for those servicemen marked with a * Both web sites are extremely easy to search and may help you to trace your military ancestors, or one of the 67,000 Commonwealth civilians who died as a result of enemy action during the Second World War.