

THE WAR MEMORIAL PUZZLE

Readers will perhaps recall that in the last Newsletter there was mention of a photograph of an unidentified war memorial with the name of D. G. GODDARD upon it. My sister, having analysed the names upon the memorial and found that most of the fallen had died in the Channel Islands though that it might be the memorial at St Brelade in Jersey. Denis Goddard's half sister, Miss P. Goddard, confirmed that there was a Channel Island connection as Denis's mother had come from there, though he was killed during the Battle of Jutland.

very soon after, seeing a name and address of someone living in St Brelade in a genealogical magazine I thought it too good a chance to miss and wrote to ask if the person concerned could confirm that it was the memorial at St Brelade. Mr George Smith of St Brelade answered my letter promptly and did even more; he confirmed that we had the correct one, photographed the memorial from all sides and also the lovely seaside situation in which it stood. I shall send a copy of the photographs to Miss P. Goddard and anyone else who might request them.

GODDARD ASSOCIATION OF



5 December 2000

Dear Mr Smith,

I have seen your name and address in the Leics. Family History Journal and wonder if I might ask for your assistance.

My sister found a copy of the enclosed photograph at a car boot sale and, seeing that it had a Goddard name on the memorial she sent it on to me. We know that the D.G.A. Goddard named was killed at the Battle of Jutland but we do not know the location of the depicted memorial. Having analysed the other names on the memorial my sister found that several of them came from around St Brelades and we wonder if that is where the memorial is. Denis Goddard's half sister says that his mother's surname was Le Gallais and that she came from the Channel Islands.

Would it be any trouble to you to examine the St Brelades memorial and say if it is the one shown. I enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Julie Goddard
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George Smith



13 December 2000

Dear Mrs. Goddard,

First let me apologise for the delay in answering your letter. There are two reasons for this. First, as is usual after the delivery of the Journal I get lots of E-Mails for requests to include names in the member's list of E-Mail addresses and Members requesting the inclusion of the Surname interests.

Secondly, I recognised the War Memorial immediately as it is on 400 yards down the road from here. Because of this I thought you might like some photographs of it so waited for a break in the rain to go and take some pictures which I have now done, and enclose for you. I hope you will find them of interest. There is one taken of each of the four sides of the memorial and a distant one to show the setting.

It is situated on the corner of St. Brelade's Churchyard, if you look closely you can see the gravestones.

I also enclose a photograph of St. Brelade's Bay. The church is situated to the right of the picture in the background.

I return your stamped addressed envelope as I am unable to use it. U.K. stamps not being valid in the Channel Islands.

Wishing you every success in your endeavours and sending you Season Greetings

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Smith", with a flourish at the end.

George Smith



21 December 2000

Dear Mr Smith,

How very kind of you to take the time to photograph the St Brelade Memorial and to write back to me so speedily. I realised after I had written and posted the letter to you that I probably had a) not put sufficient postage on your letter b) sent you stamps that you could not use. I can only apologise and put it down to rushing around preparing for Christmas and the beginnings of a cold.

My sister will be pleased that she had guessed where the memorial was situated and Denis Gerald Ambrose Goddard's half sister will be thrilled to find that there is yet another memorial to him other than the ones of which she already knows - though I am sure that the family would rather that he had survived and did not need such a memorial.

I enclose a copy of a Goddard Newsletter for your interest.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Julie Goddard
Research Co-ordinator



In Memory of

DENIS GERALD AMBROSE GODDARD**Midshipman****H.M.S. "Queen Mary.", Royal Navy****who died on****Wednesday, 31st May 1916. Age 18.****Additional Information:**

Son of Lt. Col. F. A. D'O. Goddard (late Royal Munster Fusiliers), of 45, Warwick Rd., Earl's Court, London, and the late Evelyn Maud Goddard.

Commemorative Information**Memorial:
Grave Reference/
Panel Number:**

PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL, Hampshire, United Kingdom
11.

Location:

The Memorial is situated on Southsea Common overlooking the promenade, and is accessible at all times.

Historical Information:

PORTSMOUTH MEMORIAL REGISTER. The first part (1914) records particulars of the loss of 1,917 ranks and ratings of the Royal Navy, 1,524 of whom fell in H.M.S. "Good Hope" and "Bulwark". The second part (1915) records particulars of the loss of 972 ranks and ratings of the Royal Navy, 536 of whom fell in H.M.S. "Viknor", "Bayano", "Goliath", "Princess Irene", "Lynx", and "Natal", and of four civilians employed by the Admiralty. The third, fourth and fifth parts (1916, divided alphabetically into three parts) record particulars of the loss of 4,485 ranks and ratings of the Royal Navy, 567 of whom fell in H.M.S. "Black Prince", "Defence", "Indefatigable", "Invincible", "Queen Mary", "Tipperary", and "Hampshire", and of eight civilians employed by the Admiralty. The sixth part (1917) records particulars of the loss of 1,269 ranks and ratings of the Royal Navy, 443 of whom fell in H.M.S. "Ghurka", "Paragon", "Vanguard", "Begonia", "Partridge", and "Torrent", and of five civilians employed by the Admiralty. The seventh part (1918-21) records particulars of the loss of 1,086 ranks and ratings of the Royal Navy, 249 of whom fell in H.M.S. "Narborough", "Opal", "Louvain", and "Glatton", and of four civilians employed by the Admiralty. Each entry in these Registers represents untimely death, and the bereavement of a family. Together they represent the price paid by those families and the Empire for keeping our shores inviolate; for moving here and there, as we would, greater Armies than the Empire had ever before dreamed of raising; for confining to its harbours, during almost the whole of four years, the greatest Navy except our own; for annihilating enemy sea borne trade; and for a decisive share in breaking the aggressive spirit of the German Government and people.

Display Record of Commemoration

My sister has sent me a photograph which she found in a junk shop. It is of a group of nine men and women in costumes of the nineteen thirties, in front of a war memorial. The memorial in a column about ten foot high, with flattened sides on which their are the names of the fallen. The side which is shown has names from A to L and includes D.G.Goddard. We have run this name through the Commonwealth War Graves Commission CD and the only Goddard who might fit this description is Denis Gerald Ambrose Goddard, midshipman on "Queen Mary", son of Lt Col F.A.D'O. Goddard and the late Evelyn Maud Goddard, who was killed on 31st May 1916 aged 18. The record goes on to state that his memorial is at Portsmouth. However, the photograph does not look big enough for the Portsmouth War Memorial, which must have thousands of names on it. The initials are not entirely correct either.

My sister ran the other names on the memorial through the computer and found that they had in common that many were killed in the Channel Islands around Jersey, and we wonder if the picture is of St Brelade's memorial there. Can anyone help? A copy of the photograph can be forwarded for your inspection.

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