

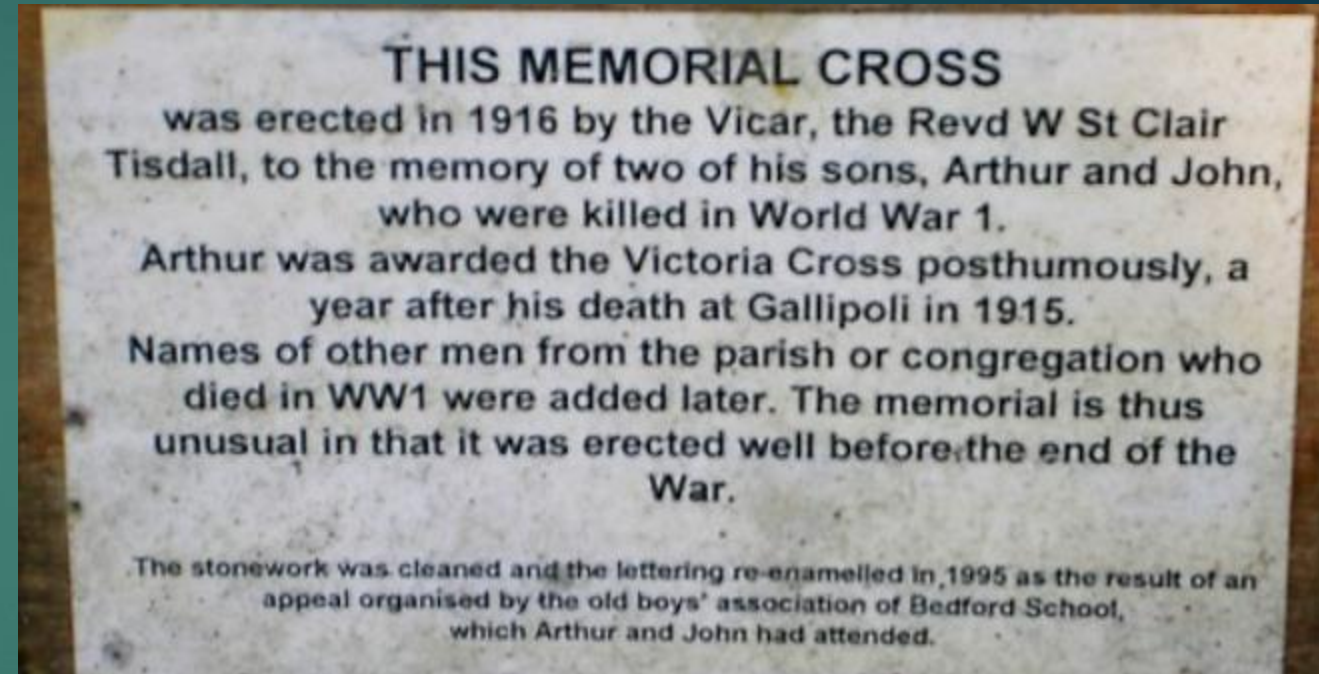
TWO WWI WAR HEROES REMEMBERED



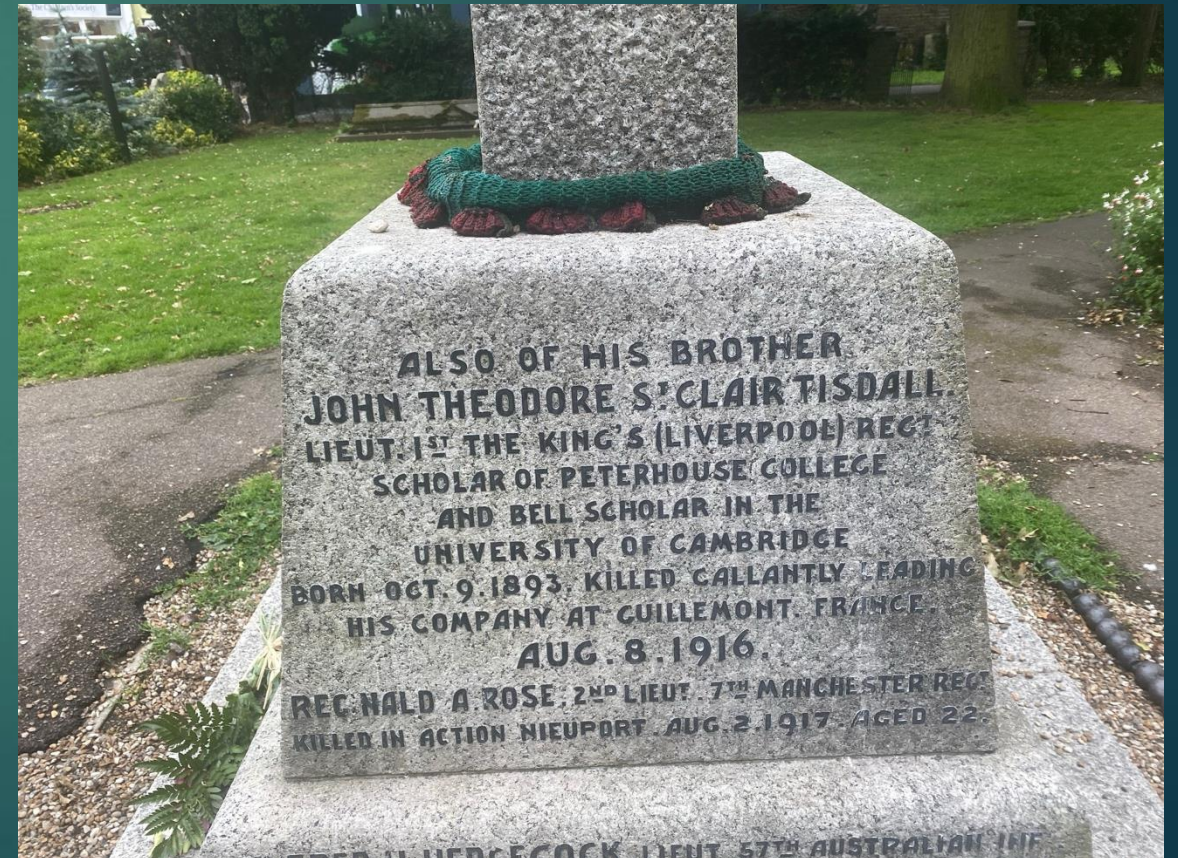
ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, DEAL

2

This memorial tweaked my curiosity



Who are these brave young men?
Who are their parents?



DETAILS FROM MEMORIAL

4



Tisdall coat of arms



A bronze Victoria Cross
hanging from a wreath

Family Motto:
tutantur tela coranum
(the weapons of the Koran are
protected)

Now where did that come
from? Time to dig deeper

Rev. Dr. WILLIAM ST CLAIR TISDALL, MA, DD

linguist, historian and philologist

5

FLUENT IN SEVERAL MIDDLE EASTERN LANGUAGES, INCLUDING ARABIC, AND SPENT MUCH TIME RESEARCHING THE SOURCES OF ISLAM AND THE QUR'AN IN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGES. HE ALSO WROTE GRAMMARS FOR PERSIAN, HINDUSTANI, PUNJABI AND GUJARATI.

b. 19 Feb 1859 Milfordhaven, Pembrokeshire, Wales

d. 1 Dec 1928 Walmer, Kent

m. 1881 to Bertha Alice Billing MACLEAN who died in 1885 in Lahore, Punjab, India

Children from first marriage:

- Charles William, MA of Wadham College Oxford. Rector of Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire b. 11 Dec 1881 Dunedin NZ d. 1969 Leicestershire
- John Gordon b. 12 March 1883, NZ d. 23 Jul 1883 NZ
- Bertha Annette b. 1884 Nelson NZ d. 2 Jun 1936 Hampstead UK

SECOND MARRIAGE

m. 1887 Marian Louisa Grey b. 24 Nov 1860 in Palamertta, Madras, India
d. 18 March 1946 Dartford, Kent

- Irene Mary b. 1888 Bombay, India
- Edith Rosabella b. 1889 Maharashtra, India d. 1952
- **Arthur Walderne b. 1890 Bombay, India d. 16 May 1915 Kanli Dere, Turkey**
- **John Theodore b. 9 October 1893 Ispahan, Persia d. 8 August 1916 Guillemont, France**
- Edward Gordon, MC b. 25 April 1895 Ispahan, Persia d. 3 March 1946 Torquay Devon. Captain 1st Monmouthshire Regiment, South Wales Borderers
- Ruth Noel, b. 1897 Persia m. 1918 Harold Lambert d. approx. m. 1955 Henley, Oxfordshire
- Violet Manon b. 23 Feb 1899 Persia m. Alan B. Alcock, Capt Royal Marines
- Francis Royston b. 17 Feb 1901 Bedford UK d. 19 Mar 1988 Cotswolds 2nd Lieutenant King's Liverpool Regiment. Emigrated to US 1931 1948 Real Estate Salesman

THE ST CLAIR TISDALL FAMILY

7



Rev William and his
wife Marian in centre

Ruth Noel 2nd left
middle row

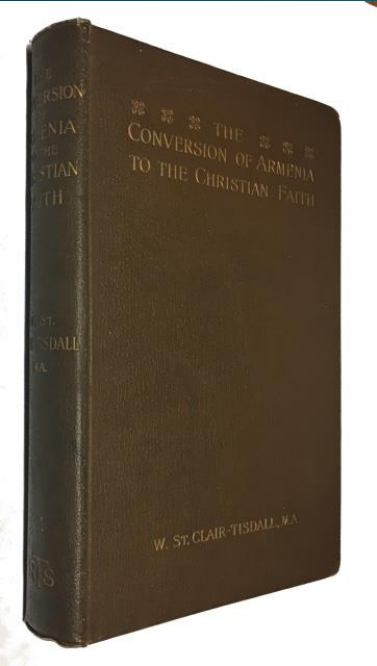
Irene Mary 2nd left back row
and Edith Isabella 2nd right
back row

Violet Manon 2nd right
front row

Arthur Walderne centre of back row
Edward Gordon far left back row
John Theodore far right back row
Francis Royston centre front

DISCOVERING WILLIAM ST CLARE TISDALL

8



“The Conversion of Armenia to the Christian Faith” by William St Clair Tisdall, MA

- Family moved to Auckland, NZ where he graduated from the University of New Zealand with 1st Class Degree in Classics in 1878
- Ordained a priest in 1883.
- Taught Hebrew and Classics at Bishopsdale Theological College at Nelson and Vicar of Wakefield until 1884, when accepted by the Church Mission Society (CMS) for service in India.
- Appointed to staff of the Lahore Divinity School, he was Vice Principal for 12 months before transferred as Principal to the CMS Training College in Amritsar.
- Missionary of English Church in Isfahan, then in 1888/90 in Bombay, in 1892 in London

Vicar of St George-the-Martyr corporation church, Deal, Kent, 1913-1926; two of his four sons killed in the First World War, one awarded a VC following the landing from SS “River Clyde” at Gallipoli

ARTHUR WALDERNE ST CLAIR, VC

9

Born 21 July 1890 Bombay, India

Died 6 May 1915, Kanli Dere, Turkey
age 24

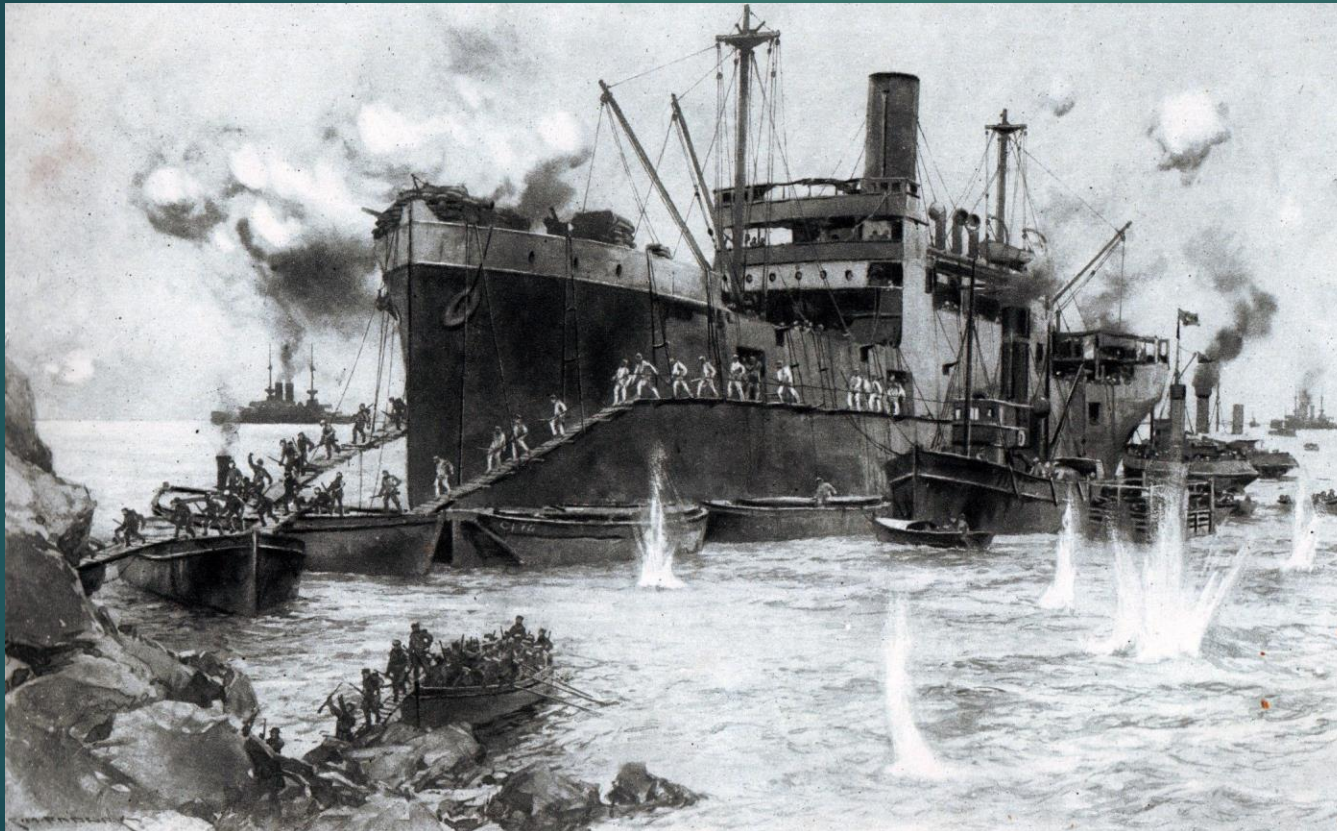


Educated at Bedford School and went on to Trinity College, Cambridge where he gained a BA Double 1st Class Degree with Honours in Classics and was awarded the Chancellor's Gold Medal

Cambridgeshire, England, Electoral Registers, Burgess Rolls and Poll Books, 1722-1966 for Arthur Welderne St Clair Tisdall. Register of Electors > Borough of Cambridge > 1913-1914

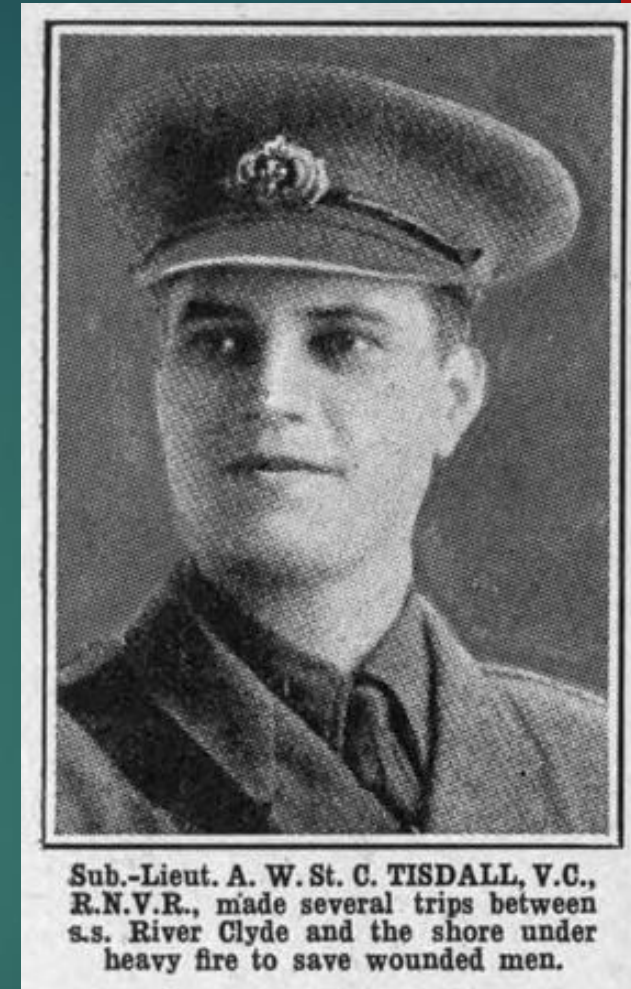
15	Taylor, Godfrey Ingram	...	D, Nevile's court	dwelling house	Rooms in college
16	Taylor, Henry Martyn	...	D, Old court, Trinity college	dwelling house	Rooms in college
17	Taylor, Sedley	...	I, Cloisters, Trinity college	dwelling house	Rooms in college
18	Thirkill, Henry	...	Clare college	dwelling house	Rooms in college, F
19	Thompson, Hugh Vernon	...	H, Old court, Trinity college	dwelling house	Rooms in college
20	Tisdall, Arthur Welderne St. Clair	...	I, New court, Trinity college	dwelling house	Rooms in college
21	Waldstein, Charles	...	King's college	dwelling house	Rooms in college F
22	*Wallis, Arnold Joseph	...	Corpus Christi college	dwelling house	Rooms in college
23	*Wardale, John Reynolds	...	Clare college	dwelling house	Rooms in college, E
24	Ward, Joseph Timmis	...	M, 2nd court, St. John's college	dwelling house	Rooms in college
25	Watson, George Neville	...	C, Nevile's court Trinity college	dwelling house	Rooms in college
26	Webb, Frederick William	...	33 Market hill	dwelling house	Market hill
27	Webster, Charles Kingslev	...	King's college	dwelling house	Rooms in college

During landing at V Beach from SS "River Clyde"
John jumped into water to rescue wounded men from beach, which was under heavy fire
With others he later made 5 trips from ship to shore
rescuing many other wounded despite intense and accurate fire

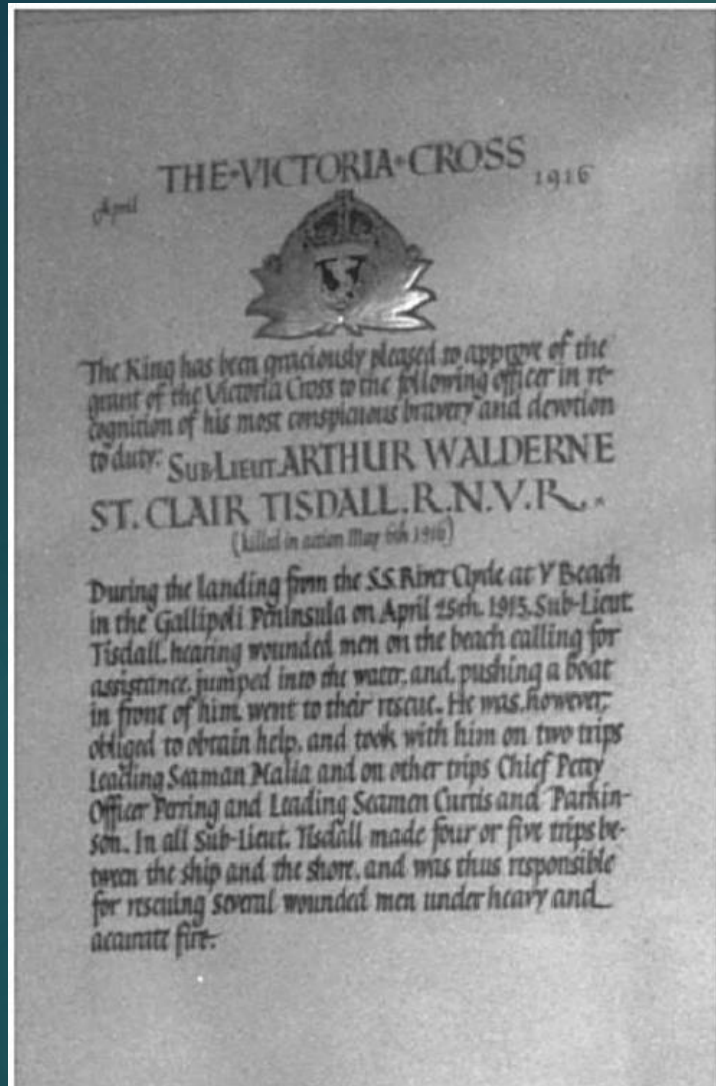


SS River Clyde during first
Landings on V Beach in
1915

► <https://youtu.be/oKEC2FCo76c>

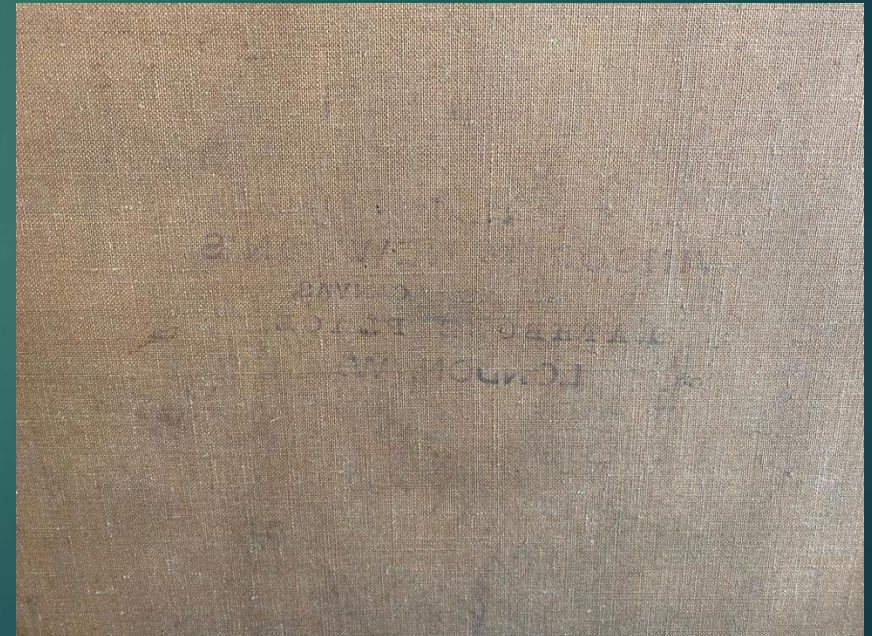
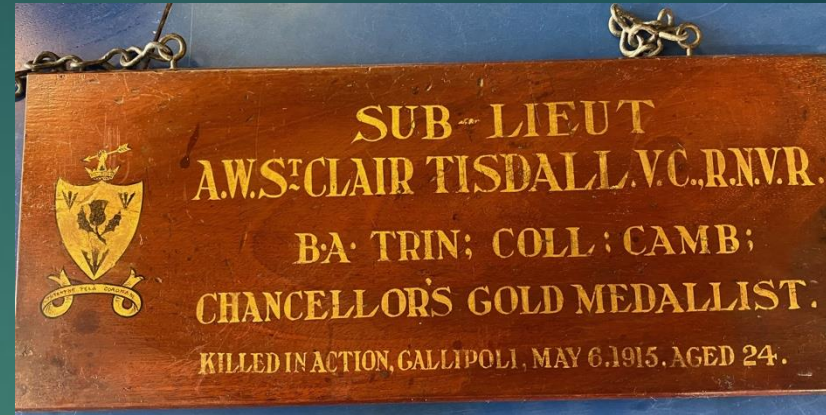


**AWARDED VC FOR BRAVERY AT GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN
ON 25TH APRIL 1915**
First member of the Royal Naval Division to be awarded the VC



Victoria Cross citation

During the landing from the S.S. "River Clyde" at V Beach in the Gallipoli Peninsula on the 25th April 1915, Sub-Lieutenant Tisdall, hearing wounded men on the beach calling for assistance, jumped into the water and pushing a boat in front of him, went to their rescue. He was, however, obliged to obtain help and took with him on two trips Leading Seaman Malia and on other trips Chief Petty Officer Perring and Leading Seaman Curtiss and Parkinson. In all Sub-Lieutenant Tisdall made four or five trips between the ship and the shore, and was thus responsible for rescuing several wounded men under heavy and accurate fire.





6TH May 1915 Mortally wounded in action at Sedd-el-Bahr, when shot in chest by a Turkish sniper during second battle of Kirithia, near Kanli Dere, Turkey. Buried yards from where he fell but body never recovered



UK, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Service Records, 1903-1922 for Arthur Waldene St. Clair Tisdall V.C.

RNVR Officers Records > Officers Service Record, Vol 01

17 Save

Sublimed
temp
7.10.14

Arthur Waldene St. Clair Tisdall V.C. ✓

Victory for R.N. Division 7.10.14.

^{12/10/15}
Killed in action
during operations

in Dardanelles
9.5.15.

H.W.I.C. informed. 12/5/15

Awarded V.C. posthumously for his
falling in, receiving wounded men under
fire during the Gallipoli landing on
25th April 1915

Deck from Army form death
Certificate 8th May 1915

332 of 456

C.W. 35945/16

Forfeited 31/3/16

England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1995 for Walderne Tisdall

1915 > Tabb-Zrinyi

TIRRELL William of 21 A'Court-street Hysons Green **Nottingham** died 19 April 1915 Administration **London** 16 June to John Henry Tirrell butcher. Effects £264 7s. 1d.

TIRRILL Sarah of Oakley **Buckinghamshire** widow died 30 June 1887 Administration **Oxford** 12 April to Martha Tirrill widow. Effects £247 10s. Former grant **Oxford** July 1887.

TISDALL Isabella Frances of 68 Wellington-road county **Dublin** widow died 18 September 1915 Probate **Dublin** to Fane Vernon esquire D.L. and Vernon Archibald Tisdall retired vice admiral R.N. Effects £10452 6s. 9d. in Eugland. Sealed **London** 20 December.

TISDALL Walderne of St. George's Vicarage **Deal** sub-lieutenant Royal Naval Division Anson battalion died 8 May 1915 at the Dardanelles (killed in action) Administration (with Will) **Canterbury** 6 December to Marian Louisa Tisdall (wife of the reverend William St. Clair Tisdall). Effects £484.

TITCHENER William James of 15 Athol-street **Middlesbrough** died 7 September 1915 at Workhouse Hospital Middlesbrough Administration (with Will) **London** 3 November to

TITT Ellen Jane of 20 Imber-road Warminster **Wiltshire** widow died 14 April 1915 at the Cottage Hospital Warminster Wiltshire Probate **Salisbury** 3 May to Henry Charles Titt carpenter. Effects £151 12s. 10d.

TITTER James of 207 Ripponden-road **Oldham** died 8 June 1915 Administration **London** 19 July to Ada Titter widow. Effects £268 19s. 6d.

TITTERINGTON William of 4 Terry-road **Coventry** fitter died 12 January 1915 Probate **Birmingham** 9 February to Frances Titterington widow. Effects £347 18s. 5d.

TITTERINGTON William Thomson of 4 Court Farm-road Mottingham **Kent** died 24 September 1915 Probate **London** 26 October to Ellen Titterington widow. Effects £2143 12s. 10d.

TITTERTON Frances Hannah of 82 Highleyer-road Kensington **Middlesex** widow died 17 November 1915 Probate **London** 2 December to Clarence Cuthwin Titterton artist. Effects £482 10s. 4d.

TITTERTON Mary Ann of 85 Blackheath-hill **Kent** spinster died 6 July 1915 Probate **London** 6 August to James

77 of 384

© 1997-2023 Ancestry.com

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE		
SEAMAN	STOKER	
CALLARD H. T.	CONWAY J.	
GALEA G. B.	MCGILL C.	
KENNY E.	MORAN T. C.	
TROAKE T.	SUTTON M.	
LEADING STOKER		
QUINN W.		
ROYAL NAVAL VOL. RESERVE		
LT. COMMANDER	SUB-LIEUTENANT	
ANNAND W. M.	HENRY W. J.	
GIBSON M. C.	JUKES R. W.	
LIEUTENANT		
ANDERSON C. C.	KENNY B. W.	
BADHAM F. M.	LINTOTT W.	
BALDWIN H. R.	LITTLE H. W.	
BROWN W. F.	LOVE T. E.	
COKE HON. A. G.	MCLEOD A.	
DUNCAN R.	MARTIN C. J.	
EDGAR H. J. M.	MELLAND B. T. R.	
FERGUSON J. W.	MILROY D.	
GARNHAM P. C.	NORMAN J.	
	PLUNKETT G.	
	RICE E. V.	
HAYES W. E.	RICHMOND J. A. H.	
HOOD HON. M. H. N.	ROSS G. W.	
LOWE F. A.	SMYTH B. W.	
MCINTOSH H. B.	STACEY F. W.	
MILLER N. H.	TISDALL A. W. ST. C., V.C.	
MORGAN W. W.	TREMAYNE J. A. E.	
RAMSEY F. B.	TUCKER L. E.	
SPENCER-WARWICK J. C.	WEIGHTMAN J.	
	WHITAKER H. J.	
SUB LIEUTENANT	CHIEF P. O.	
BAGSHAWE A. G.	CHARLES F. G.	
BAKER F.	MCLAUGHLIN T.	
BOLTON W.	SKELTON W.	
BOOKLESS J. H.	WALKER R.	
BROWNE W. D.	PETTY OFFICER	
CHERRY L. A.	ANDERSON A. W.	
CLIFFORD E. A.	BALBIRNIE W.	
COOKE G. P.	BIRCH E.	
CROWE T. M.	BIRNIE R.	
DAVIES J. E.	BRIDGER A. G.	
DICKSON J. M. E.	CAIRNS R. P.	
EDWARDS W. H.	CARRIER S.	
FLOOD C. E. C.	CHRISTIE J.	
FREYBERG O.	CRIPPS S. H.	
HART J. W.		

Arthur is remembered on a plaque in the school chapel of Bedford Preparatory School in Bedfordshire



LIEUTENANT	ROSS G.W.	BARCLAY W.
ANDERSON C. C.	SMYTH B. W.	BARKER E.
BROWN W. F.	STACEY F. W.	BANKS J.
COKE HON. A. G.	V. C. TISDALL A. W. STC.	BELL J.
DUNCAN R.	TREMAINE J. A. E.	BRAY W. M.
EDGAR H. J. M.	TUCKER L. E.	BROWN R.
FERGUSON J. W.	WEIGHTMAN J.	BUCHAN E.
GARNHAM P. C.	WHITAKER H. J.	CAPELIN D. C.
HAYES W. F.	CHIEF P. O.	COLLINS J.
HOOD HON. M. H. N.	CHARLES F. G.	CUNNINGHAM
LOWE F. A.	MCLAUGHLIN T.	DALE H. B.
McINTOSH H. B.	SKELTON W.	DALTON M.
MILLER N. H.	WALKER R.	DAVIDSON J.
MORGAN W. W.	PETTY OFFICER	DIPLOCK W.
RAMSEY F. B.	ANDERSON A. W.	FAWCETT J.
SPENCER-WARWICK	BALBIRNIE W.	FENWICK A.
J. C.	BIRCH E.	FORBES R. B.
SUB LIEUTENANT	BIRNIE R.	FOTHERINGH
SAGSHAW A. G.	BRIDGER A. G.	FULLER G. S.
GOLTON W.	CAIRNS R. P.	GILL E. G.
BOOKLESS J. H.	CARRIER S.	GRAY A.
BROWNE W. D.	CHRISTIE J.	GRIER J.
	CRIPPS S. H.	HAGUE T.
		HEGGIE R.
		HIDE T. T.

20

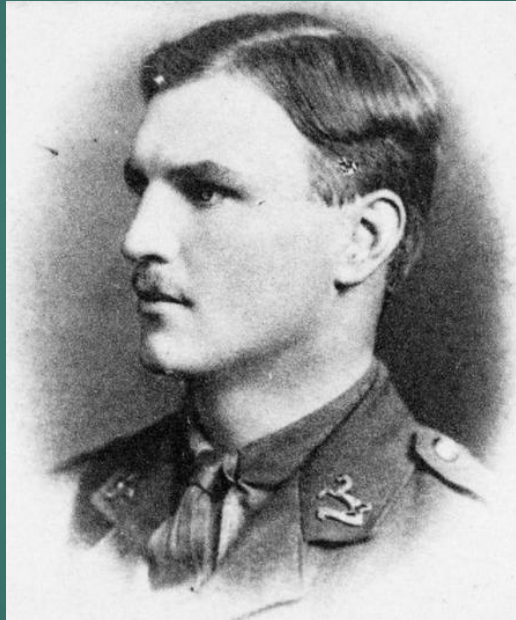


**ARTHUR HAS NO KNOWN GRAVE
BUT REMEMBERED AT HELLES MEMORIAL, TURKEY**

JOHN THEODORE ST CLAIR TISDALL

21

Born 9 October 1893 Ispahan Persia
Died 8 August 1916 Guillemont, France
age 22



Educated at Bedford School where member of Officer Training Corps
and had just finished 1st year at Peterhouse College, Cambridge

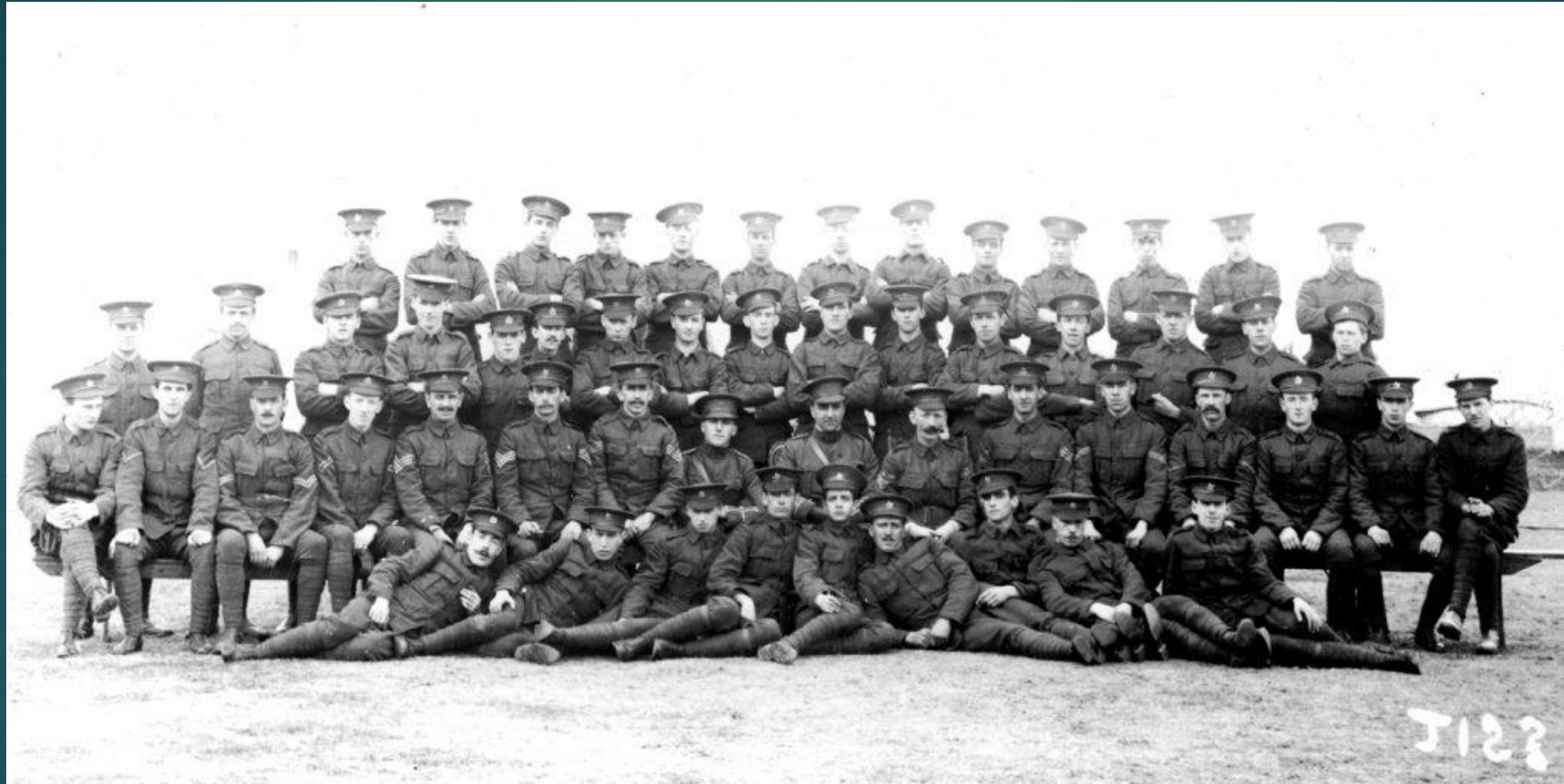
LIEUTENANT 1ST BATTALION (8TH FOOT) THE KING'S (LIVERPOOL REGIMENT)



Cap badge

KING's LIVERPOOL REGIMENT WWI

23



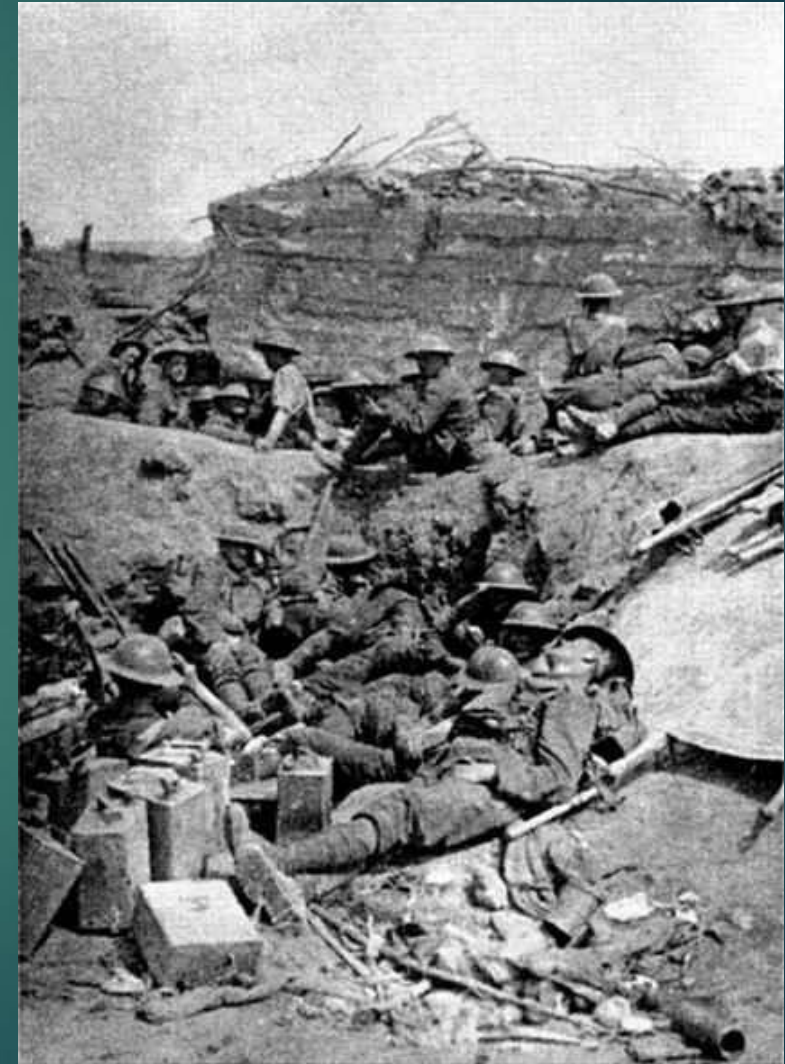
KING's LIVERPOOL REGIMENT at war

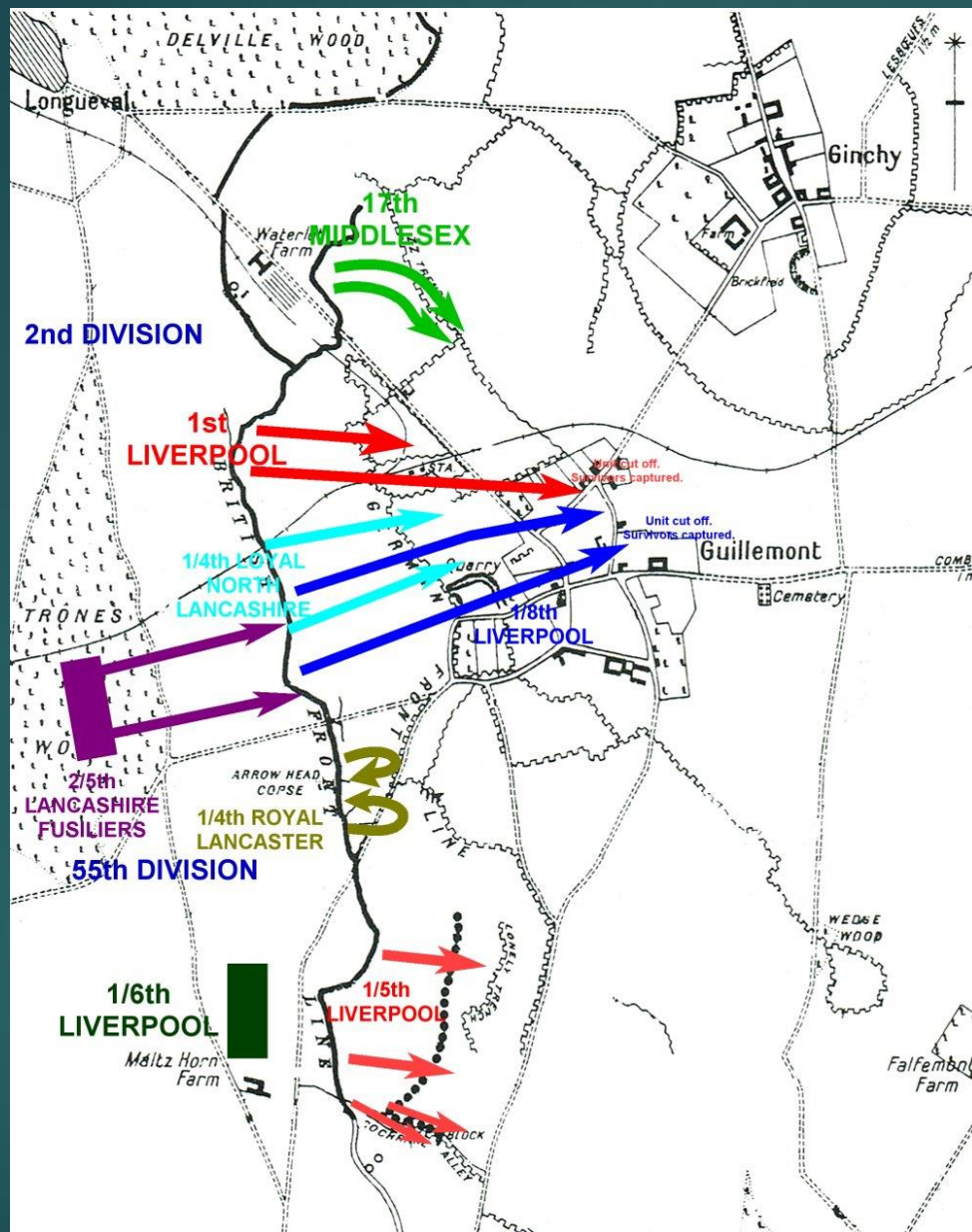
24



BATTLE OF THE SOMME GUILLEMONT AUGUST 1916

25





GUILLEMONT ON 8 AUGUST 1916

DEVILLE WOOD

27



UK, British Army World War I Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920 for John Theadore Stclair Tisdall

A-Z > Thomson-Voice > Tipp, James R-Tizzard, Walter J

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
TISDALL, John Theodore Stclair	2nd Pool R.	2nd Lieut	

Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	2nd Pool R Off HQ	195	Kia A. 8-8-16 1.V.X/80 d/3rd 22 E 7/6/843
BARRAGE	—	—	
15 Star	Off HQ	55	

Theatre of War first served in	Date of entry therein
France	27. 9. 16

*E F/8/ 5843
 K 1380

Rev St Tisdall applies for Lake non Medal 10/9/21
 Correspondence

The Rev. W. St. C. Tisdall / Father /
 Address: Forge & Carriage
 Deal

251 W. 701/R. P. 680 1,000. 24/5/21 N.H. & Co. Ltd. E. 7600

KINGS LIVERPOOL

Regiment or Corps when Decoration was earned.

29

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Decoration granted under Army Order 20. of 23rd December 1918.

To be left blank	On date of Disembarkation		NAME	Date of Disembarkation	REMARKS (a) If non-effective:—Cause, etc. (b) If transferred:—Present Regtl. No., Rank and Unit. (c) If forfeited:—Cause.	Record of disposal of decoration	To be left Blank for use in War Office
	Regtl. No.	Rank				(a) Presented (b) Despatched by Post (c) Taken into Stock	
		2. LIEUT.	MUSKER.	J. W. 11. 15 (1)	Kin A 30. 7. 16	Issued.	IV. x/11474 22. 12. 21. h.w/7/9994
		2. LIEUT.	WILSON.	F. W. W. 17. 6. 15 (1)		"	IV. 34/0. 5. 1. 22. h.w/4/2696
		2. LIEUT.	LEWIS.	E. T. 1. 12. 15 (1)		"	IV. x/3144. 23. 1. 22. 6. 3/6/7752
		2. LIEUT.	PARKER.	T. W. L. 4. 15 (1)		"	IV. 7071/W. 17. 2. 22. h.w/7/11095
		2. LIEUT.	BROOKE.	J. N. H. Prior to 22. 10. 15 (1)		"	IV. 5379/W. 3. 2. 22. 6. 3/5/6464
		2. LIEUT.	WATTS.	T. W. Prior to 25. 9. 15 (1)	Kin A 25. 9. 15.	"	IV. 8264/W. 6. 3. 22. 6. 3/5/6666
		2. LIEUT.	WILLIAMS.	L. B. 20. 5. 15 (1)		"	IV. 318/0 24. 2. 22 NW/8/12779
		2. LIEUT.	BREERETON.	H. prior to 1. 7. 15 (1)	Kin A. 22. 12. 16.	"	IV. 7952/W. 3. 3. 22 NW/5/16794
		2. LIEUT.	HILL.	T. H. 7. 15 (1)		"	IV. 10279/W. 22. 3. 22. h.w/6/17276
		2. LIEUT.	ARMSTRONG.	T. H. Prior to 20. 6. 15 (1)		"	IV. x/10139. 21. 3. 22 6. 3/5/8185
		2. LIEUT.	DIGGORY.	P. 11. 3. 15 (1)		"	IV. x/450 5. 4. 22 NW/5/9308
		2. LIEUT.	TISDALL	J. T. St. C. 27. 9. 15 (1)	Death accepted 8. 8. 16	"	IV. x/80 3. 4. 22 EF/8/5843

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Decoration as detailed above.

Place _____

Date _____

Signature and rank of Officer certifying.



S.A. DOOLY E.M.	MURPHY J.
MURDON R.G.	NETTLES J.
RICHARDS C.W.	NORMAN J.
I.M. SHARPE J.S.	O'NEILL J.
SINCLAIR W.	ORR R.
SLOCOCK L.A.N.	ORRETT J.S.
SMALL H.A., M.C.	OSBORNE J.
SPROAT J. McC.	PADFIELD H.J.
M.C.	PARKER A.
STAINFORTH G.	PARTRIDGE B.
SWALLOW J.R.	PRESTON W.
THOMPSON A.E.	PUGH T.
THOMPSON G.E.	RODGERS R.D.
G. TIPPING W.	ROGER G.G.
TISDALL	ROOTS H.H.
J.T. STC.	SAVAGE E.D.
TURNBULL H.J.	SHERCLIFF H.
VAUGHAN J.	SKELTON A.M.M.
WANE H.	STANLEY E.G.
WATSON H.	UDALL W.E.
WHITEHEAD M.	WALLACE J.
WILKINSON G.E.	WALTON J.
WILSON C.L.,	WARD G., M.M.
D.C.M.	WHITE A.
WOODIN W.G.	WHITELEGG J.
WOODLAND H.L.	YOUNG H.G.
REG. SGT. MAJOR	LCE SERJEANT
MILLER E.M.C.	FERRIS J.S.

**JOHN HAS NO KNOWN GRAVE
BUT REMEMBERED AT
THIEPVAL MEMORIAL**





ARTHUR AND JOHN's SIBLINGS

33

- Irene Mary b. 1888 Bombay, India d. 1965 Isle Wight
- Edith Rosabella b. 1889 Maharashtra, India d. 1952
- Edward Gordon, MC b. 25 April 1895 Ispahan, Persia d. 3 March 1946 Torquay Devon. Captain 1st Monmouthshire Regiment, South Wales Borderers
- Ruth Noel, b. 1897 Persia m. 1918 Harold Lambert d. approx. 1955 Henley, Oxfordshire
- Violet Manon b. 23 Feb 1899 Persia m. Alan B. Alcock, Capt Royal Marines d. 1989 Dover, Kent
- Francis Royston b. 17 Feb 1901 Bedford UK d. 19 Mar 1988 Cotswolds 2nd Lieutenant King's Liverpool Regiment.

