

Tewkesbury War Memorial Working Party
Meeting 25 April 2017 at 6 p.m.
Adding Names to the War Memorial
Request to Tewkesbury Town Council for support

Aims:

1. To propose list of names for Council agreement
2. To propose style of plaque

1. Criteria

- a. **1922 Town Council Pledge:** *“the present corporation and all succeeding corporations would guard it with jealous care and see that nothing untoward happened to it”.*
- b. Qualifying dates for Commemoration
 - i. **WWI 4-8-1914 to 31-12-1925** [Dates used at time by TTC]
 - ii. **WWII: 3-9-1939 to 28 February 1955**
- c. **Locality:** lived in the parish of Tewkesbury – bearing in mind boundaries have changed, especially that of **Newtown**.
- d. **Not being included on another official War memorial** [as defined by WMT]
- e. **Circumstances of Death**
 - i. At the time: strict criteria applied where accidents and illness was a grey area, giving rise to inconsistencies;
 - ii. 2018: **agreed on 25-4-2017 that the Criteria be extended to all those who died in service between the due dates above [b]**

2. Working Party Procedure

- a. Followed example of Cheltenham BC which has completed the exercise
- b. Undertaken public consultation ending on 30 April 2017 **[PC]**
- c. Took cognisance if victim awarded a CWGC headstone in the Borough Cemetery; however ,the criteria are different. **[CWGC]** For example **Pte. H Waylen** is commemorated on the War Memorial but CWGC has only recently accepted that his grave should be awarded a CWGC headstone.

3. Proposals for Additional Names [over page]

<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>War</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
All Tewkesbury born or migrants All within deadlines All Serving Personnel Not commemorated elsewhere on parish memorials	WWI	Pte. Frederick Green	Killed in Action 22 March 1918; missed deadline because his body was not identified until 1925
		Worker Kathleen Sollis	Died in influenza pandemic while a military nursing worker at Tredington Isolation Hospital. [CWGC]
		Pte. F. W. Taylor	Died in influenza pandemic whilst serving in UK; but lived in Newtown, then Ashchurch. Commemorated on neither Memorial [CWGC]
		Pte. A. E. Fletcher	Discovered by Cheltenham Historian; disappeared in battle
		Pte. F.G. Green	Discovered by Cheltenham Historian; enlisted London; family breakup and thought wrongly to be from Winchcombe; commemorated on neither Memorial
		Pte. A. J. E. Parsons	Gassed in war but died accidentally in 1919 [PC/CWGC]
		Pte. L. Rossell	Killed in Action 3 July 1916 during the Battles of the Somme but lived in Newtown, then Ashchurch. Commemorated on neither Memorial [PC]
		Cpl. V. W. Marment	Killed in Action on 3 May 1917 during the Battle of Arras. Tewkesbury resident in 1911 but emigrated to Canada. Father donated present YMCA building.
		Pte. P. L. Marment	Died in the flu pandemic at Le Havre on 31 October 1918. Tewkesbury resident in 1911 but moved to London. Father donated present YMCA building.
		Gunner Henry Knight	Died in service [CWGC]
	WWII	Pte. John C. Cash	Guard at POW camp who died in road accident in service. [CWGC]
		Sgt. Arthur Hanlon	Migrant to Tewkesbury; killed on duty in Home Guard Accident in Tewkesbury. [CWGC]
		Pte. R. E. Collet	Conscripted but fatal accident in High Street, presumably off-duty [CWGC]
		Sapper W E Portlock	Conscripted but “came home <i>on leave</i> and was taken seriously ill” [CWGC]

4. Plaque Design and Cost

- a. The working Party accepts the need for ‘ *a balanced approach*’: with consistency in design and manufacture
- b. However, the Conservation Officer insists at this stage on two separate plaques for WWUI and WWII. It was, therefore, decided *to ask the Foundry if there was sufficient space could these names be added to the existing WWII plaque.*¹
- c. **Sam Eedle** has kindly produced the following templates to take forward in our discussion with the Conservation Officer:



¹ Minutes of meeting 6 June 2017