

Bridgwater War Memorials

- 1) In Saint George's Chapel, Saint Mary' Church, dedicated November 1920 - see commemorative booklet for details
- 2) In King Square, Bridgwater, dedicated 1924
- 3) In Haygrove School, lists the old boys of Dr Morgan's School, dedicated ?
- 4) In Benjamin Holloway House?, lists the 10 members of the Royal Perseverance Lodge No 5105 of the Bridgwater District of the Independent Order of Foresters. Dedicated ? In the Blake Museum, needs conservation
- 5) In Bridgwater Baptist Church. One memorial of the dead and another commemorating all those who served.
- 6) In St Josephs' Catholic church. Memorial and window to the Anglin family.
- 7) Christ Church Unitarian Chapel, Memorial.
- 8) Monmouth Street Methodist Church ?
- 9) King Street Methodist Church ?
- 9) Westfield URC Church (as successor to Fore Street Congregational Church)?

Histories of the War

Basil Liddell Hart, *History of the First World War*, (1934) This is the definitive single-volume history of the war.

Lyn Macdonald wrote a series of acclaimed histories of the war which made extensive use of the memories of those who served in it, for she was able to interview numerous survivors. They concentrate mainly on the Western Front, and contain horrifying accounts of the conditions of trench warfare.

1914: The Days of Hope, a vivid account of the first months of the war and winner of the 1987 Yorkshire Post Book of the Year Award. (1987)

1915: The Death of Innocence, a brilliant evocation of the year that saw the terrible losses of Aubers Ridge, Loos, Neuve Chapelle, Ypres and Gallipoli. (1993)

Somme, a history of the legendary and horrifying battle in 1916 that has haunted the minds of succeeding generations. (1983)

They Called It Passchendaele, an account of the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917. (1978)

To the Last Man: Spring 1918, a story of the second battle of the Somme.

The Roses of No Man's Land, a chronicle of the war from the neglected viewpoint of the casualties and the medical teams who struggled to save them.

1914-1918: Voices and Images of the Great War, an illuminating account of the many different aspects of the war.

At the Going Down of the Sun, 365 soldiers from the Great War. Co-writer with Ian Connerty, Sir Martin Gilbert, Peter Hart, Lyn MacDonald and Nigel Steel, Tiel, 2001.

Other reference books

Peter Doyle and Julian Walker, *Trench Talk: Words of the First World War*, 2012 A very useful compilation of terminology.

Gordon Corrigan, *Mud, Blood and Poppycock*, 2003. Examines WW1 myths.

Contemporary literary memoirs

Anon, but attributed to Sister Kate E. Luard, RRC and Bar, *Diary of a Nursing Sister on the Western Front 1914-1915*, 1915

Vera Brittain, *Testament of Youth*, 1933

Alan Bishop and Mark Bostridge, eds, *The First World War letters of Vera Brittain and Four Friends*, 1998

Robert Graves, *Goodbye to all that*, 1929

Kate E. Luard, *Unknown Warriors*, 1930. New edition, 2014

Frederick Manning, *The Middle Parts of Fortune, Somme and Ancre*, Peter Davies, London, 1929.

An expurgated version, *Her Privates We*, 1930.

Erich Maria Remarque, *Im Westen nichts Neues*, 1929. Translated as *All Quiet on the Western Front*.

Sieffried Sasson *Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man* (Faber & Gwyer: 1928)

Memoirs of an Infantry Officer (Faber and Faber: 1930)

Sherston's Progress (Faber and Faber: 1936)

Re-issued as *Complete Memoirs of George Sherston*" (Faber and Faber: 1937)

Henry Williamson *The Wet Flanders Plain*, 1929

The Patriot's Progress – Being the Vicissitudes of Private John Bullock. 1930

See also, Paul Fussell, *The Great War and Modern Memory*, 1975, rep with afterword 2000

Referenced at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Great_War_and_Modern_Memory

Ruth Cowen, ed, *A nurse at the Front, The first World War Diaries of Sister Edith Appleton*, 2012

Modern novels

Pat Barker, *Regeneration trilogy*

Regeneration, (1991)

The Eye in the Door, (1993)

The Ghost Road, (1995)

Life Class (2007)

Toby's Room, (2012)

Sebastian Faulkes, *Birdsong*, 1993

R. F. Delderfield. *The Horseman Riding By* trilogy, 1966. The second volume *Post of Honour* covers the Great War period.

John Masters, *The Ravi Lancers* 1972

Great War Trilogy

Now, God Be Thanked (1979)

Heart of War (1980)

By the Green of the Spring (1981)

Michael Morpurgo, *War Horse*, 1982. Made into the acclaimed film in 2011.

Henry Williamson, Volumes in the *Chronicles of Ancient Sunlight* series

Vol 4, *How Dear is Life*, 1954

Vol 5, *A Fox under my Cloak*, 1955

Vol 6, *The Golden Virgin*, 1957

Vol 7, *Love and the Loveless*, 1958

Vol 8, *A Test to Destruction*, 1960

See also Anne Williamson, *Henry Williamson and the First World War*, 1998

ONLINE RESOURCES

BRIDGWATER

Alphabetical index of military photographs that appeared in the pages of the Bridgwater Mercury 1914-1918 <http://www.paulhyb2.homecall.co.uk/Bridsold/Abridind.txt>

Selected photographs taken from the above <http://www.paulhyb2.homecall.co.uk/Bridsold/>

GENERAL

Open Education research site <http://www1.centenary.oucs.ox.ac.uk/> It has a wealth of material and numerous links to other resources.

Army nurses source <http://scarletfinders.co.uk/9.html> This should be read in conjunction the author's Blog. <http://greatwarnurses.blogspot.co.uk/> These are very important resources for all aspects of army nursing. Highly recommended.

War memorials

Bridgwater King Square memorial. Wikipedia entry - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridgwater_War_Memorial

Roll of Honour site with list of names - <http://www.roll-of-honour.com/Somerset/Bridgwater.html>

War Memorials Trust restoration grant particulars – <http://www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/?gID=514>. Scroll to the bottom for a link to a list of names on the King Square memorial.

War Memorials Trust education page - <http://www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org/> Includes work sheets and lesson plans suitable for all pupil ages.

Bridgwater war memorials <http://bridgwaterlife.co.uk/War%20Memorials/Roll%20of%20Honour.html> Includes photographs of the name panels in St George's Chapel in Saint Mary's Church, and Commonwealth War Grave markers in Wembdon Road Cemetery, and St John's Cemetery, Bristol Road

Village memorials in the Museum's collecting area <http://www.cattermoles.co.uk/>

DVD resources

2 discs of published copyright-free resources, mainly from the Internet Archive – .387 World War 1 Books, Manuals & Publications + 720 Photographs on 2 DVD's.
<http://cgi.ebay.co.uk/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=271073192252>

1disc of 17,812+ World War 1 The Great War Images & 79 Short Videos DVD copyright free for any Project <http://cgi.ebay.co.uk/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=150931172197>

The Great War was 26 part written documentary by John Terraine and broadcast by the BBC in 1964 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the war. It is probably the most authoritative compilation ever attempted. It is in black and white and comprises thousands of films and still photographs. The commentary is spoken by distinguished actors and a number of interviews of the survivors is included. A boxed DVD version was produced in 2002 by DD Video and can be obtained from places online like Amazon. The Daily Mail issued in 2007, as a sales promotion, all

26 episodes on 26 DVDs. These can often be found at reasonable cost on Ebay.

10 part Serial based on the work of Hew Strahan On You Tube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qY3Sb8xiQ_c&list=PLC91A368FC30FFF95