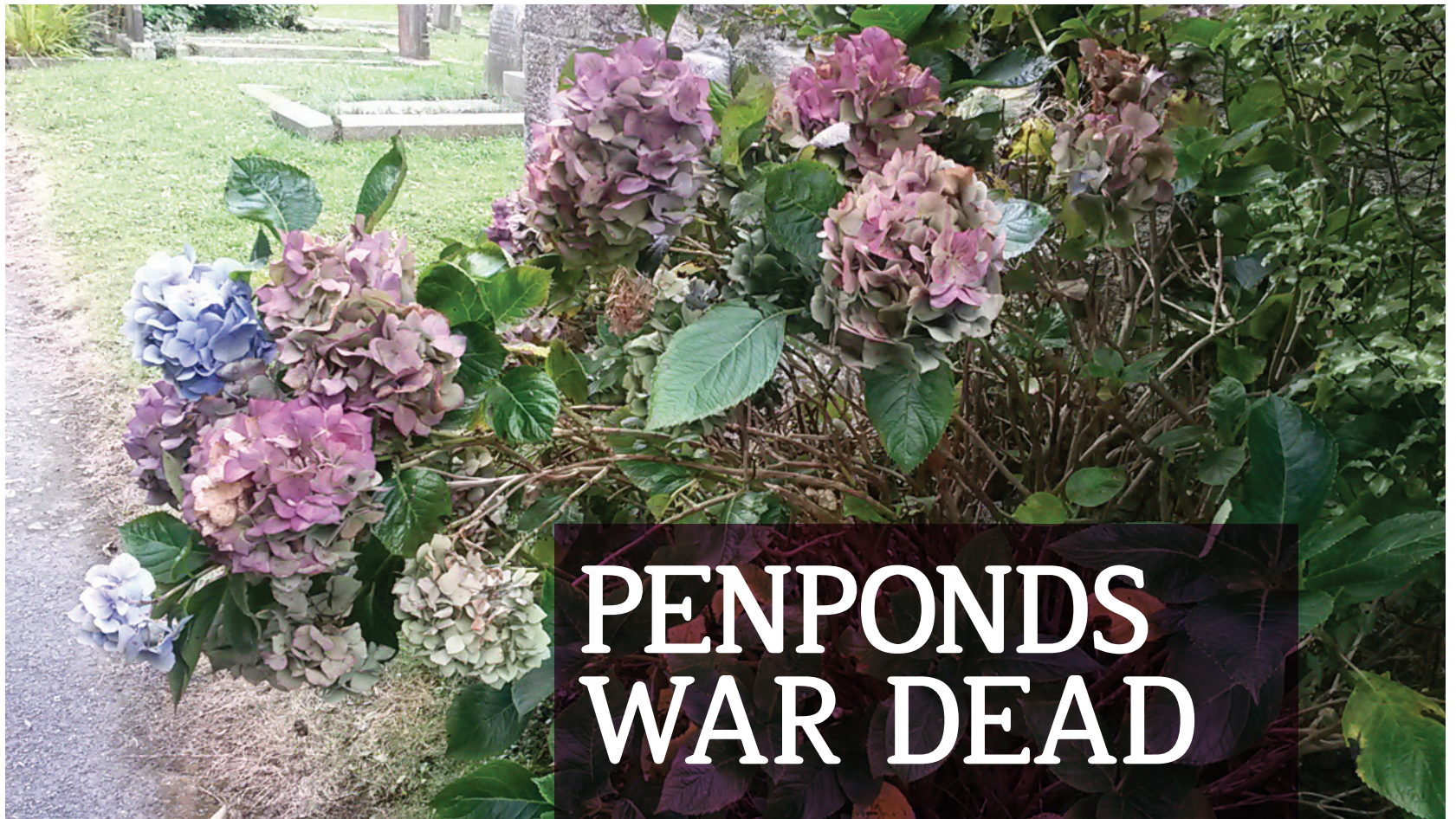


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PENPONDS WAR DEAD

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Introduction

Craig Carey-Clinch is a local businessman who is based in Penponds and supports the local church.

He was inspired to research the war memorial as part of local commemorations for the outbreak of World War One.

Penponds memorial is also quite unusual in that it forms part of the fabric of the church, being located in the church porch. It commemorates people from across the spectrum of the social classes of the day - from ordinary workers, to professionals, engineers and even a baronet.

Taken together these remarkable people form a snapshot of the Cornwall of yesteryear, though Craig found that some were not from Cornwall. A number of names are also associated with the Camborne School of Mines.

The war memorial is open to the public.

The database is as complete as Craig can currently make it using 'desktop research' alone. He would very much welcome any further information about the names that anyone can provide as we move through the next four years' remembrance of the events of 'the war to end all wars'.

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Photo cover: Hydrangeas in bloom in Penponds Church graveyard in October 2014, 100 years on from the outbreak of World War One.

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Baker	Arthur Forbes Wilfred	Royal Flying Corps		Flight Commander	July 1891 Wimbledon, Surrey	11/04/1917 France	Gouzeaucourt New Brit Cemy	Yes

"KIA. Second son of Frederick William. and Winifred Grace Florence Baker, of 10, De Vere Gardens, Kensington, London. Lieutenant (Temp Captain) 52d Sqd and 3rd Battalion DCLI. Home: Wimbledon, School Attended: Ashdown House CSM: 1906-1909. Rank: Flight Commander, Regiment: 3rd. Bn. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, attached to 52 Squadron Service Royal Flying Corps Memorials: CSM Roll of Honour 1914-18, Penponds Church War Memorial. Medals: MID. 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal

He was educated at Ashdown House, Forest Row, the School of Mines, Camborne, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Whilst at CSM he gained 1908-09 Practical Chemistry First Prize 10 shillings (10/-). By August 1914, he was engaged in professional work in Siberia, and when war broke out returned immediately to England, and was gazetted in October to the D.C.L.I. In April, 1915, he left for the front, and remained with his regiment on active service until seconded to the R.F.C., acting as observer at the front for five months, after which he returned to 'England, and in July, 1916, received his certificate as a pilot. He was employed for some time in a night flying squadron. He returned to the front in the late autumn, and in March of 1915 was gazetted flight commander. He was mentioned in despatches in 1915 for services while with his battalion. On Wednesday the 11th April a Bleriot Experimental [B.E.] 2e reconnaissance/light bomber aircraft boasting the distinctive 'flash of lightening' markings of No.52 Squadron had taken off from it's airfield near the village of Longavesnes to search for reported heavy German troop movements near the village of Gouzeaucourt. The aircraft had never returned, the burned out wreck being eventually located near the village some days later. Nearby lay the mangled bodies of the pilot, the 26 year old, Flight Commodore Arthur Forbes Baker, and his observer, the 23 year old, Temporary Lieutenant Alfred Joseph Etches. In 1911, he lived as a boarder in Carhullen, Newquay, listing occupation as 'undergraduate'. (see also Ancestry Matthew Kirkman)

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Balcombe	Charles Percy Lionel. (Military Cross and Bar)	Royal Engineers 11th Field Company		Major	1888 Waltham, Essex	29/10/1918 France	Awoingt British Cemy	Yes

Died of wounds. Son of Stephen B. Balcombe, husband of A. D. Balcombe, of The Grey House, Camborne, Cornwall. Student of Camborne School of Mines, and an Old Felstedian. Temporary Captain and Acting Major. Medal card exists. Home: Tunbridge, School Attended: Falsted CSM: 1905-1908

Rank: Major, Regiment: 11th Field Coy Royal Engineers

Date of Death: 29/10/1918 Aged 30 in France

Memorials: CSM Roll of Honour 1914-18, Penponds Church War Memorial, Camborne Church War Memorial, Awoingt British Cemetery

Medals: Military Cross and Bar, British War Medal, Victory Medal, 1914-15 Star

Charles was born in 1888, son of Stephen and Kate Balcombe (his wife was Rose Marie in 1911 census - living in Lydford Devon then) of Hawthorns, Tunbridge, Kent. After school at Falsted Modern V, his entry on the CSM Register in 1905 when he was 19 shows that he had been ranching in British Columbia. The CSM Magazine reports that in 1911 he was working for Brazilian Golden Hill, Ltd., Lavras. Est; Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. He was a member of the IMM from 1914-18

The citation for his Military Cross reads:

'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding his company. Under heavy machine-gun fire he selected sites for and constructed strong points. He also personally went out in front of the lines to bring in a small detachment who were isolated. Owing to his fine example of coolness his company, besides carrying on their own duties, made a counter-attack and captured several prisoners. '

Charles was mortally wounded on 25 October 1918 and died four days later. He is interred in Awoingt British Cemetery and left a widow, Annie Davey (nee Whitworth) Balcombe of The Grey House, Camborne. In 1921, the 'Cornishmen' newspaper listed all the addresses on the Camborne War Memorial and gave his address as Pendarves Road, Camborne and the author believes he lived in a large, detached house on the east side of the road towards Praze-an-Beeble. In Jan 1913, he travelled to New York by ship. Occupation: engineer

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Butlin	Sir Henry Guy Trentham. Bart:Cambs: Capt & Adj	1st Btn, Cambridgeshire Regiment		Captain	Jan 1893 Marylebone, London	16/09/1916 Somme	Thiepval Mem	No: grandson of Rev Butlin, vicar of Penponds

Volunteered while still at Cambridge University and was reported missing and wounded near Beaumont Hamel on Sept 16th 1916. He was the 2nd Bart Butlin. Son of Sir Henry Trentham Butlin, 1st Bart., and of Lady Butlin, of 22, Harcourt Terrace, West Brompton, London. B.A. Cambs. Mentioned in Despatches. Was at school in Harrow in 1911 census. 1918 Will & Administration to mother, Dame Annie Tipping Butlin widow Effects.£6175 6s 3d. Sir Henry, the First Baronet, was born 24th Oct 1845 in Camborne. He was the son of the Rev William Wright Butlin, curate of Camborne who also had the joint living of cury and Gunwalloe before becoming Vicar of Penponds, where he is said to have become instrumental in building the church. Sir Henry 1st Bart was a surgeon who was considered the “father of British head and neck surgery. he was also the great uncle of Billy Butlin, the holiday camp entrepreneur. He died in 1912, with the baronetcy going to his son Henry Guy. (see Ancestry Tree: jsmart23). A WWI death plaque awarded to Sir Henry posthumously was sold at auction.

Trinity College, Cambridge, 1911, B.A. 1914 ; won the Macnaghten Sculls ; was a student at the Inner Temple. Captain Butlin joined the Cambridgeshire Regiment on August 1st, 1914. He went to the Western Front in February, 1915, as 2nd Lieutenant, and became Lieutenant, then Captain and Adjutant by June, 1915. He was reported wounded and missing near Beaumont Hamel on September 16th, 1916, after a bombing attack. As nothing has since been heard of him his death has now been presumed on that date. He was mentioned in Despatches.

Lieut. -Colonel Riddell, commanding 1/1 Cambridgeshire Regiment, wrote to his Mother: — Poor Guy was wounded in the act of binding up the wound of a brother-officer while under very heavy fire at point-blank range. All we know is that he told one of the stretcher bearers to go back for help and bring more ammunition. Every effort was made that night — and very gallant efforts they were — to bring in your son, but without success. One of his brother-officers crawled out in the daylight to find him, but was driven back. The following night another effort was made. This time we found out for certain that he was in the hands of the Germans. We are all very depressed at losing poor Guy. If he had a fault, it was that he always thought of others and never gave a thought for himself — that was how he received his wound. We have lost a brave man and a great friend.”

Major Few wrote to his Mother: — “Lieutenant Bradford made several determined efforts himself through- out the night to reach your son, and was the last to come in after wading through a marsh, sometimes up to his shoulders in water, in order to try and find a way round by a flank. He showed the greatest gallantry. He will be greatly missed by all. I don't think there is an Officer in the Battalion who had the welfare and comfort of the men more at heart than he had.”

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Calvert	Cecil(ius) Frederick Holcombe	DCLI / 3rd Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment, Attached 179th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers		2nd Lieutenant	1894 Hampstead, London	14/09/1915 France	Albert Communal Cemy Extension	Yes

KIA. 3rd Btn. Att 2/Bn E Lanc. Home: London, School Attended: Elstree and Harrow CSM: Sept 1912— June 1914 (Enlisted Sept 1914)

Rank: Second Lieutenant, Regiment: Memorials: CSM Roll of Honour 1914-18, Albert Communal Cemetery Extension, Camborne Parish War Memorial, Penponds War Memorial Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal 1914 Star Medal, Recommended For the Distinguished Service Order (DSO)

Cecil was born in 1896, son of Albert & Florence Calvert of 56 Eton Avenue London. His father was a famous explorer and author, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society (FRGS) and the leader of the Calvert Scientific Exploring Expedition (1896) to explore and examine the unexplored and unmapped parts of Australia. He was the author 'The Exploration of Australia (1896) and 'My Fourth Tour In Western Australia' (1897). The CSM Magazine shows that Albert was a donor to the School.

After attending Harrow School, in 1911 Cecil went to the Royal School of Mines, and then studied at CSM from June 1912 until he enlisted in Sept 1914. He was a student member of the IMM from 1912-15. Reports of his Military service appeared in 'The Mining World', Sept. 25th, 1915 and from his Recommendation for a Distinguished Service Order (DSO). 'The sincere sympathy of his many friends in mining and literary circles will be extended to Mr. Albert F. Calvert upon the death of his eldest son, Second Lieutenant Cecil Frederick Holcombe Calvert, of the Royal Engineers, who was killed in action in France on September 14th.

Mr. Calvert, who was 20, was educated at Elstree and Harrow, and later studied mining engineering at King's College, London. He then passed through the schools of Mines in London and Camborne, gaining in the latter his First Class Diploma. He was gazetted Second Lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment on November 14th, 1914. On May 16th, 1915, he left for France, where he was attached to the 2nd Battalion of the East Lancashire's, and remained with that regiment until August 12th, when he was transferred to the Royal Engineers. On September 6th 1915 Second Lieutenant Cecil Frederick Holcombe Calvert, of the 3rd South Staffords, who was then attached to the 179th Company, Royal Engineers, serving with the 51st Division, performed a most splendid action, combining conspicuous gallantry with determination and resourcefulness. A heavy bombardment by the enemy had caused one of the mining shafts to fall-in killing two men and burying two others in one of the galleries. Second Lieutenant Calvert, who was in charge of this isolated post, at once went to the assistance of the important men, and as, owing to the close proximity of the enemy, the noise made by the use of tools would have invited certain death, he worked for three hours under heavy fire, scraping away the earth with his hands until he had made a hole large enough to rescue them. For this brave deed the young officer was recommended for the Distinguished Service Order

Unhappily, he never lived to receive this coveted decoration, as eight days later (September 14th) he lost his life in a most gallant attempt to rescue a man who had been overcome by gas. The poisonous fumes caused by the explosion of a German mine in the vicinity had overtaken the man in a mining gallery before he could effect his escape, and, although an attempt at rescue was fraught with terrible risk, Second Lieutenant Calvert, without a moment's hesitation, went to his assistance. Before, however, he could accomplish his task he was overcome by the gas, and although he was brought out of the shaft and treated at once by the medical officer on the spot, he was already too far-gone to rally the seizure, and died without regaining consciousness. His father received many letters of sympathy from brother officers, expressing the high estimation in which his son was held. His commanding officer wrote: 'I feel sure it will comfort you to know that he died as he had lived, a victim to his high souled sense of duty. The Army can ill afford to lose such men. Although he had only lately joined the 179th Tunnelling Company, he had already made his mark, and we shall deeply feel his loss.'

The Colonel commanding the Division, in a letter to Mr. Calvert, makes a special reference to his son's 'most gallant work' in the rescue of his men, and adds: 'I had already taken action as regards recommending him for the award of the DSO in connection with his services on this occasion, and I deeply deplore the fact that he has not survived to receive it, if my recommendation had been accepted, as I feel sure it would have been.'

'I cannot tell you,' wrote one of his brother officers, 'how we all mourn his loss, which has cast a gloom over all of us. During the short time he had been with this company he had already won the admiration of all his fellow officers, on account of his absolute fearlessness and coolness on all occasions. His death will be a severe loss to the Service and particularly to his friends. Since not only did his coolness in action inspire confidence in all, but his cheerfulness had also endeared him to all the officers of his unit.'

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Capel	James Hoskins	Royal Navy	J56182	Ordinary Seaman	29/09/1897 Camborne	22/01/1917 SS Linwood	Plymouth Naval Memorial	

Killed or died by means other than disease, accident or enemy action. Body not recovered. Mother: Mary, Killivose, Camborne, Cornwall. On Jan 22nd 1917, the British steel cargo ship Linwood left Gibraltar for Maryport with a cargo of iron ore and went missing. She was no heard of ever since. 22 crew lost their life. Linwood was previously known as the Gondola. An online forum says: HMT Linwood left port on 20th January 1917, passed Gibraltar on 22nd, and is untraced. Was carrying Iron ore fromCartagena to Maryport. Could have been sunk by enemy action or have fallen victim to maritime causes. His father was Henry Capel, a rock drill fitter in a foundry

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Clemence	Lionel Theodore	Royal Air Force		Lieutenant	1899 Chiswick, Middlesex	27/07/1918 Camborne	Penponds, Holy Trinity	

Son of Herbert (b1865 Kensington) and Carrie (Caroline Sternberg - 1870 Barton on Humber -1953 Alton Hants) Clemence, of Basset Rd., Camborne. On the UK Naval List in August 1917. Tranfered from RNAS to RAF. RNAS medal card exists. He died at Bryn-y-Mor, Camborne from illness contracted while on active service. Flight Global Personals said he was the younger son of Herbert and Carrie Clemence of 6 Beaumont Mansions, West Kensington, London. Probate records list Lionel's address as 6 Beaumont Mansions, West Kensington. Probate of £96,16s,2d went to Herbert Clemence, solicitor. In the 1911 census, he was at school in Acton, staying with his grandmother along with his father and brother Wm. Brother William Herbert baptised March 1893 in Stamford Brook, as was Lionel in Sep 1898

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Dunkin	Alfred Davey Hosking	Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)		2nd Lieutenant	1888 Camborne	03/10/1918 France	Bellicourt Brit Cemy	

KIA. Son of Alfred (a builder, ironmonger and auctioneer) and Edith Dunkin, of St Leonard's, Camborne, Cornwall Remembered on parents' grave in Camborne Wesleyan Chapelyard.

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Eathorne	Arthur (Albert Allan)	S.African FA / Machine Gun Corps (infrantry)	122066	Private	1886 Camborne	26/03/1918 Somme	Ville-Sur-Ancre communal cemy extension	

KIA. Husband of Lilian Jane Eathorne of 4 Albert St, Camborne. Formerly 203071 DCLI. Enlisted Bodmin. Medal card exists. Son of John (a Permanent Wayman in 1891 census) and Eliza, who lived in Penponds in 1891. Arthur appears in the 1911 Census as Albert Allan Eathorne, a tin miner living on Broad Lane, Illogan with wife Lilian Jane. Listed as AA Eathorne on Tuckingmill, Redruth and Carn Brea memorials. Cross referencing records suggests that Arthur and Albert were the same person.

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Eustice	T John	Royal Navy		Warrant Officer				

No war records or death records. There was a Eustice family living in Higher Penponds in 1911. Head of household was J Eustice, aged 47, a Ganger with GWR, born in Helston and a son J Eustice, a labourer aged 18, born in Sithney. CWGC has no Eustice entries, but several Eustace records. None seem to match and none for the Navy

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Ford	Thomas H	DCLI	19241	Private		04/03/1916 France	Cabaret-Rouge Brit Cemy, Souchez	

CWGC says: Son of Mrs. E. Ford, of Treswithian Downs, Camborne, Cornwall. No other records found. However the 1911 census has a Thomas Ford, aged 24 (b1887) living in Treswithian Downs with WIFE Elizabeth. He was a tin streamer.

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Graze	William J	RNAS						
No war or death records. A Wm J Graze was in the 1901 Census, Living in Illogan, born 1888 Illogan, son of Charles (aged 43) a tin mine labourer, otherwise no on-line records about this person or his family were found.								
Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Hatch	Algernon Walton	DCLI, 7th Btn	24183	Private	1894 Gulval	26/06/1918 France	Hautmont Communal Cemy	
In 1911, he was living in Gulval with his parents, a tin miner, possibly working the Ding Dong Mine								
Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Hocking	Francis Vivian	Worcestershire Regiment. 2nd/7th Btn	202664	Private	1895 Camborne	26/08/1917 Flanders	Tyne Cot Mem y	
KIA. Formerly 2420, Duke Of Cornwall's L.I.. Son of Francis and Elizabeth. A mining family, living in Penponds in 1901								
Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Holman	John	Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line. 4th (Royal Irish) Dragoon Guards, 'C' Sqn		Lieut	1894 Redruth	29/10/1914 France	Boulogne Eastern Cemy	
Died of wounds. Known as 'Jack'. Son of the late John Holman and of Mrs. Holman, of Tregenna, Camborne, Cornwall. Also remembered in Irish records. His father, John was 'JP for Cornwall Mechanical Engineers' and an employer, living at Tregenna Villas in 1901. Mother was called Mary. Educated at Blundell's School, entering at the age of 10. "Junior House", September 1905 – Easter 1907; "Petergate", September 1909 – Easter 1914 In March 1916 flowers were sent anonymously to the Chapel at Blundell's in his memory. (Possibly in commemoration of his 21st birthday). Memorial at Blundell's Prep School, Tiverton, Devon. He was part of the 'lost generation' of young public school officers who died in WWI, probably having been recruited from school. Large numbers of young officers are named on the Blundell's memorial.								
Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Jeffery	Owen	DCLI (WWII)	14579826	Private	Cornwall	14/05/1944 Italy	None	
Infantry. There is no CWGC entry. Jeffery died towards the end of the battle for Monte Cassinio, though there's no definite indication that he fought there. A search of Cassino Cemy records does not reveal him. No records of Jeffery were found during a broad search on-line								
Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Julyan	William John (Julian)	DCLI	202040	Private	1893 Camborne	10/09/1917 Flanders	Tyne Cot Mem	
Recorded as Wm J JULIAN. Son of Mr J and Mrs MJ Julian, Treswithian Downs. Also a medal card for William J Julyan, DCLI Private 202040. In 1911, he was living with his parents James and Mary in Treswithian Downs, working as a tin streamer								

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Laity	Joseph Thomas	Royal Navy	M/18928 (Devon)	Cooks Mate	11/02/1888 St Ives	07/10/1918 HMS Vivid, Barracks Base, Devonport	St Martin, Camborne	
Died from disease. One of six men who died of disease on the same day at HMS Vivid. Husband of Lilian Fine (formerly Laity), of 10, Cross St., Camborne or 43 Carmarthen St Camborne. Buried in St Martin's Churchyard, Camborne. Son of Jacob Henry Laity (born Porthleven and a St Ives fisherman in 1881, a tin miner in 1891) and Rebecca								
Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Lee	John	DCLI	28040	Private	1889 Camborne	16/08/1917 Flanders	Tyne Cot Mem	
KIA. Son of Jane Lee, of 19, Albany Rd., Falmouth, and the late William Rowe Lee; husband of Annie Jane Lee, of Park Holly, Treswithian, Camborne, Cornwall. Resident of Roseworthy. A tin miner in 1911								
Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Luke	Reginald Arthur	Devons	31920	Private	19/11/1899 Queensland, Australia	01/09/1918 Frances	Vaux Hill Cemy	
KIA. Penponds resident, enlisted Truro. Son of John Arthur (b1872 Camborne - a tin miner in 1911) and Mary Luke (b1864 Redruth) of Penponds. No info re why Reginald was born in Queensland, but the 1911 census confirms he was (at school in 1911)								
Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Mitchell	Thomas Charles	DCLI	16576	Private	28/09/1892 Gwinear	17/08/1918 Balkans	Karasouli Mil Cemy	
2nd Btn DCLI. Died of wounds in Salonica. Enlisted Camborne. Son of Mary Mitchell of Gwinear and the late George Henry Mitchell. Thomas was orphaned before the age of 8 and Mary his mother was a farmer in 1901. Two brothers and a sister worked in a dynamite factory (Tuckingmill?) All lived in Mennor Downs, Nr Camborne in 1901 according to the written census.								
Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Mitchley	Matthew Walter	Mercantile Marine		Third Engineer	1897 St Breward	28/05/1917 SS Antinoe (London)	Tower Hill Mem	
Son of Ellen Mitchley (nee Phillips), of Penponds, Camborne, Cornwall, and the late Harry Mitchley. SS Antinoe was a British Cargo steamer that was torpedoed by German submarine U-86 when 150 miles WSW of Bishop Rock on 28-5-1917 when en-route from Sevilla for Newport with a cargo of ore. In 1911 Matthew was a fitter's apprentice in an iron foundry, living with parents on Kimbeley Tce, Camborne								
Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Moon	Harry	Devons	30575	Private	1895 Camborne	04/10/1917 Flanders	Tyne Cot Mem	
1st Btn. KIA. Son of Mrs Sarah Jane Moon of Adjewhella, Penponds. Medal card exists. The 1911 census shows that Harry was the son of William James Moon, a farmer. The family lived at Crane Farm Camborne and Harry was listed as a farmer's son, working on farm.								

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
O'Beirne	John Ingram Mullanniffe	Royal Flying Corps		2nd Lieutenant	1893 Possibly Co. Longford, Ireland	03/04/1917 Vimy Ridge	Arras Flying Services Mem	Yes

KIA flying a photographic sortie over Vimy Ridge. Camborne School of Mines. Son of Maj. Arthur O'Beirne and A. S. M. O'Beirne, of Astrop Grange, Banbury, Oxon. Attached to 25Th Sq R War Reg from Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Photograph exists. Rank: Second Lieutenant, Regiment: Royal Flying Corps 25 Squadron

Date of Death: 3/4/1917 Aged 24 in France

Memorials: CSM Roll of Honour 1914-18, Radley College War Memorial, Parish Church of Saints Peter and Paul, Banbury War Memorial, Penponds Church War Memorial, Arras Flying Services Memorial, King's Sutton War Memorial

Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal, 1914 Star

John was the son of Major Arthur and Gertrude O'Beirne of Astrop Grange Banbury, 95 Eaton Terrace, London SW1 and the family home Augherea House, Co. Longford, Ireland. Astrop Grange is an 18th century Manor House now converted into 6 flats and Augherea House which dates from 1775 is now a large guest house.

John enrolled at CSM in 1911 aged 18, having previously been in Radley College Army Class. He obtained a 2nd Class CSM certificate in 1914 and was a student member of IMM 1914-17.

From 'The Roll of Honour, Ruvigny Volume IV'. (Ruvigny in Nth Central France)

'John obtained a commission in the Reserve Battn. The Royal Warwickshire Regt. 25 Aug. 1914; underwent training at Sandhurst; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders, being attached to the 2nd Battn.; took part in the First Battle of Ypres; was invalided home in Nov., suffering from poisoning, contracted through drinking polluted water; on his recovery entered the Royal Military College, Sandhurst; was again gazetted to the Royal Warwickshire Regt. 19 Oct. 1915; transferred to the Royal Flying Corps; returned to France in May, 1916, as an Observer; was sent to England on sick leave in Aug. 1916, but returned to France in Dec., and was killed 3 April, 1917, while with the 25th Squadron on a photographic expedition over Vimy Ridge. A brother officer wrote: 'As an observer he was in my opinion second to none, and I would have gone anywhere with him. He was the finest fellow I have ever known, and I wish we had more like him. He was always one of the most cheerful in the squadron, and we all feel his loss most fearfully. I don't think there was anyone more popular than he was' From War Memorial Parish Church of Saints Peter and Paul, Banbury: '1917 saw a changing role for 25 Squadron. In addition to the bombing and offensive patrols, it undertook an increased amount of photography under strong escort from their own aircraft. The FEs were increasingly vulnerable against a new generation of German aircraft (mainly Halberstadts) and so the FE2s, supplemented with a few Ds, were transferred to bombing duties and the Squadron undertook night raids. An extract from Flight 24 May 1917 Second Lieutenant J I M O'Beirne, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, attached RFC, reported missing on April 3rd, and now unofficially reported killed on that day. He joined the Special Reserve of Officers in September 1915, and went to the front but was invalided home after the first battle of Ypres. Later he went to Sandhurst, and received a commission in the regiment, joined the RFC, and went to the front in May 1916.'

From 'Red Baron's' Southern African' Victories' (1917-1918)

It was on the 3 April 1917 (just prior to the commencement of 'Bloody April'), a little more than week after joining the squadron, that McDonald and his observer, 2nd Lieutenant John Ingram M. O'Beirne, were to fly a volunteer Photo Sortie to Vimy Ridge, McDonald piloting a FE2d 'Fees' (No. A6382). They were subsequently attacked by enemy fighters of Von Richthofen's famous Jasta 11 at approximately 16:15 hours, the 'Red Baron' flying an Albatross DIII (No. 2253/17), and McDonald's engine and controls were hit. His observer, after valiantly downing one of the German aircraft, was hit in the head and was to die of his wounds shortly afterwards (being 24 years-of-age at the time of his death),

John has no known grave and his only brother Arthur was also killed just a few months later, in July 1917, while also serving with the RFC. He is commemorated on the Penponds War Memorial and it is possible that he had lodgings in the village while a student at CSM.

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Pascoe	Stanley	Machine Gun Corps	82702	Private	1894 Camborne	30/11/1917 France	Cambrai Mem, Louveral	

KIA. Son of Mr. James H and Mrs. Mary. L. Pascoe (nee Treglown), of 20, Limerick Cottages, North Parade, Camborne, Cornwall. Enlisted Redruth. Formerly 34017 DCLI. Family Living in Reskadinnick, Camborne in 1911; stanley was a tin streamer

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Penwarden	Samuel	DCLI & Royal Engineers	DCLI 19240 / RE 103344	Sapper	1890 St Kew	30/10/1918 Flanders	Kezelberg Mil Cemy	

"Died of wounds. RE 184th Tunnelling Company. Samuel was the son of Henry (a farmer and miller) and Ellen. He was part of a large family that lived in Crowan in 1891. By 1911, only Samuel lived with his parents in Kehelland where he was a labourer. His father by this time was a farm labourer.

The 184th Tunnelling Company was Formed in Rouen in October 1915, moved immediately to the Somme area, for work at Maricourt. By Spring 1916 was active at Vimy. Before the attack at Arras in April 1917, the Company were engaged on Fish Avenue Tunnel, and in helping construct emplacements for heavy mortars. Moved to Nieuport in June 1917. Worked on underground shelters along the coast to La Panne. Moved to Ypres-Brielen sector to prepare tank crossings over Ypres canal for attack on 31st July 1917. Forced to move from camp at Boeschepe in April 1918, when the enemy broke through the Lys positions and were then put on duties that included digging and wiring trenches over a long distance from Reninghelst to near St Omer"

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Roberts	Richard	DCLI / Royal Engineers	132311	Sapper		26/09/1917 France	Arras Mem	

"KIA. Formerly 21502 DCLI (170th Tunn Coy, RE). Son of Richard Roberts, of Sunnyside, Pengegon, Camborne, Cornwall. NOTE: other options exist in records, but this person seems likely due to Camborne connection. Several Richard Roberts in the census collection, so not possible to accurately state who this person was without further information about his family.

The 170th Tunnelling Company was formed in February 1915, and initially attached to 11th Field Company RE. With a nucleus of civilian sewer-workers from Manchester, with miners withdrawn from a number of infantry battalions (8/South Wales Borderers; 11/Welsh; 8/South Staffords). Rushed to Givenchy for operations to counter enemy activity. Relieved by 176th Company in June 1915. Employed under the command of 2nd Division on operations near Cuinchy and the Brickstacks in Summer 1915. Blew two mines at the Hohenzollern Redoubt in the opening of Battle of Loos. Remained in this very active area for a considerable time. In April 1918, troops of the Company fought a large fire in Bethune"

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Rowe	William John	Canadian Forces	439125	Private	09/02/1887 Camborne	19/09/1916 Vimy Ridge	Vimy Memorial	

He was a miner, who lived with mother in Barriper. Joined Canadian forces on 22-3-1915

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Sandercock	W J Percy (Percy James William Parnell)	DCLI	28205	Private	1893 Camborne	22/09/1918 France	Vis-en-Artois Mem	

"Killed in Action. Medal card exists. 1st Btn. Son of John and Eliza Sandercock of Three Burrows, Truro, husband of Hilda I Sandercock of Treswithian Downs, in 1911 he was living with his parents at Rose Down farm nr Camborne, as a 'farmers son'

He married Hilda I Noye at Redruth during Q2 1918 under the name William JP Sandercock. He exists in the records under a number of variations of his name"

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Smale	Arthur Voss	Royal Navy	M/31630	Armourer	17/06/1898 Bodmin	30/10/1918 HMS Impregnable	St Martin, Camborne	

Died from disease. Son of Samuel (a Superintendent of Police) and Maud Smale, of "Sunnyside," 6, Roskear Villas, Camborne. Born at Bodmin. Naval war graves rolls says: Mother: Maude, Montpellier, Trever Rd, CAMBORNE, Cornwall

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Smitham	William	DCLI 1st/4th Btn	74	Serg	1882 Camborne	14/10/1916 Aden, Yemen	Maala Cemy, Aden, The Yemen	

"KIA. Husband of Lucy Smitham, of "'Belvoir,'" Mount Pleasant Rd., Camborne. Medal card exists. Had brother (Richard Stanley, Private DCLI) who died of wounds in Cologne, 8/5/18. Son of Caroline Smitham of 42 Wesley St Camborne and the late Richard Smitham. DCLI also (Private 240363)

William married Lucy Prideaux during Q3 in 1909 in Redruth. They had two children, Ada Mary (d1994) and William Kenneth (d2007) (Ancestry bridgetwarne tree)

In 1911, William was a schoolmaster of an elementary school and had worked in education since at least 1901. His father may have been involved in the mining industry and his brother was a boilerman in 1901. His mother was Caroline

Commemorated in Camborne Church along with his brother

The DCLI 1/4th Btn landed at Aden on the 28th January 1916, coming under the orders of the Aden Brigade. William died towards the end of the Aden campaign, which had been heavily contested before summer 1916. The eruption of the British-sponsored Arab Revolt in the Hejaz diverted Ottoman attention from Aden in the summer of 1916. Those Ottoman troops which remained reverted to the defensive, while the British built an eleven-mile-long defensive perimeter around Aden. They did not attempt to resecure lost territories in the hinterland, and no major fighting took place after 1916. The Ottomans continued to hold territories in the protectorate until the Armistice of Mudros in October 1918 and the partition of the Ottoman Empire after the war"

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Sullivan	John	USA service			1893 Camborne			

"Lived in Penponds in 1911 with parents Michael and Kate. He was a tin miner and his father was a tin mine labourer.

No war service records can be found"

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Sweet	Leonard	Kings Royal Rifles Corps	45040	Rifleman	1899 Camborne	21/08/1918 France	Bienvillers Mil Cemy	

KIA. Son of William Arthur Sweet of Park West, Penponds Tr/8/10104, 35Th T.R. Battn., 31554, Dorset Regt. Medal card exists

In 1911 he was at school and living in Penponds. His father was an engine fitter

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Thomas	Clarence Arthur	USA service			12/01/1896 Crowan	21/08/1918 France	Bienvillers Mil Cemy	

Son of William James and Elizabeth. Living at Penponds Farm in 1911, a miller, working at home. In April 1915, he arrived in New York on the SS Orduna. In 1917, he was living at 194 Lippard Street, San Francisco, California when he enlisted in the US forces as part of the draft. Claimed exemption due to defective eyesight.

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Thomas	Thomas H	Royal Field Artillery	153382	Gunner	1878	02/12/1917 Somme	Rocquigny- Equancourt Road British Cemy, Manancourt	

Died of Wounds. Husband of Maud Thomas, of Trewoon, St. Austell, Cornwall. Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery. Resident of St Austell. This Thomas seems the most likely in the CWGC records, despite no obvious connection to Penponds or Camborne (all other RFA T Thomas deaths were non-Cornish). Born Sancreed in 1878, a servant and widower (of Lily Thomas) in the 1911 census and living in Grampound Road. He married Maud Best in Q4 1914 in St Austell district.

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Tredrea	William John	Royal Engineers 144 Army Troops Coy	184024	Sapper	1880 Penponds	23/07/1916 Somme	Thiepval	

"1st Btn. KIA. Enlisted in Tavistock, resident of Camborne. Medal card exists

Arthur was born in Penponds in 1899. He was the son of John Eustice Trestrail (1868-1903) and Elizaabeth Mary (nee Huthnance 1869-1935) The family lived at Railway View House, Penponds in 1911"

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Treloar	James Denys	Royal Fusiliers (WWII)	14518978	Fusilier	1923 Cornwall	13/11/1944 Italy	Naples War Cemy	

"Born Q4 1923, mother's maiden name: Hocking. Various records suggest that his father was Albertus Treloar who married Florence Christian Hocking Q1 1910. They lived at (Church Farm?), Penponds in 1911 (and had one son at that time William Henry who was born Dec 1910/Jan 1911)

The Cornwall Council website notes a citation, faculty, correspondence and certificate to erect a bronze memorial tablet to James, dated 10th July 1948"

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Trestrail	Arthur	DCLI	19654	Private	1898 Penponds	23/07/1916 Somme	Thiepval	

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Tyack	Richard Henry	DCLI 6th Battalion		Captain	1881	04/11/1918 France	Awoingt British Cemy	

"Died of wounds. 6th Btn. Son of Mr. Charles and Mrs. Elizabeth Bawden Tyack, of Church St., Camborne, Cornwall. Medal card exists

In 1911, he was living with his cousin, the widowed Maude Mary Jane Andrew, in Bridgewater, Somerset. Working as a Draper Partner. He was head of household in the census

Mentioned in despatches 4/1/1917 (page 230)

Commemorated on Camborne memorial

An unidentified message on inmemories.com says: In memory of my great uncle, Richard Henry Tyack who died 4th Nov 1918. Captain in the Duke of Cornwall's light infantry. My mother told me about his heroics, and being mentioned in despatches. The family celebrated the end of the war with dancing in the streets of Camborne, sadly they found out the same day he had died 7 days earlier from his wounds"

Name	Forename	Unit	Service No	Rank	Birth	Death	CWG?	Camborne School of Mines?
Vellanoweth	Richard	Killed by enemy action						

No CWGC entry. No Ancestry record. A Richard John Vellanoweth lived in Perranuthoe in 1911, born 1888 Perranothoe, a carpenter, Journeyman, son of Wm. Brother Reginald served in the Royal Garrison Artillery