



Salisbury Cathedral

The Soldiers

**These men had connections with the Cathedral
with the exception of Gunner Buskin.**



Colonel Frank Albert Symons, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.B.,

9th Division, Royal Army Medical Corps

Killed in action on 30 April 1917 aged 48, buried in St Nicholas British Cemetery, Arras, France. Son in law of Edmund Grove Bennett of The Close, Salisbury and father of Mrs Helen Skyrme and Miss Geraldien Symons, author of 'Children of the Close'. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, and created CMG in 1917.



Captain Charles Basil Mortimer Hodgson, 2nd/24th Battalion,

The Queen's (Royal and West Surrey Regiment)

Died in hospital in Cairo of wounds received in Palestine on 1 April 1918 aged 37. Buried at Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Husband of Mary Alice Hodgson of North Canonry, The Close, Salisbury. Awarded Croix de Guerre with Palm.



Lieutenant John Philip Morton Carpenter, Royal Field Artillery

Died in action on 16 September 1916 in the Battle of the Somme aged 23. Buried in Bulls Road Cemetery, Flers, France. Son of Archdeacon H W Carpenter of North Canonry, The Close, Salisbury. The silver processional Cross used here most Sundays was given in his memory – first used on Palm Sunday 1919. A statue of St Aldhelm in memory of Archdeacon Carpenter is on the south wall of the Quire.



Captain Christopher Ken Merewether, 1st/4th Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment

Died in hospital in Port Said of wounds received in action on 20 December 1917 aged 27. Buried at Port Said War memorial Cemetery, Palestine. Only child of the Revd Canon Wyndham Arthur Seinde Merewether and Harriot Edith Merewether, of Langton House (now 21 Churchfields) Salisbury.



Captain Francis Dodgson, 8th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment

Killed in action on 10 July 1916 during the taking of Contalmaison in the Battle of the Somme aged 27. Buried at Serre Road Cemetery No 2, France. Eldest son of Helen Fulton (formerly Dodgson), of The Close, Salisbury. Although buried at Serre he has a private memorial beside a field track to the west of Contalmaison.



Captain Guy Dodgson, 1st Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment

Died of wounds in a casualty station on 14 November, 1918 aged 23. Buried in Caudry British Cemetery, France. Younger brother of Captain Francis Dodgson – he was the battalion's last officer death in France, dying several days after the armistice had been declared.

Gunner George Arthur Keith Buskin, 1st Australian Field Artillery Brigade

Killed in action in Polygon Wood, Ypres on 3 November 1917 aged 23. Buried at The Huts Cemetery, Dickebusch, Ypres, Belgium. Son of Alexander and Laura May Buskin of Sydney, Australia. He served at Cape Helles and throughout the Gallipoli campaign and was invalided to England from where he was sent to the Flanders Front. His mother said of him " I am told that he refused promotion. He did his duty." No records can be found to explain why Gunner Buskin's cross is in Salisbury although his mother emigrated from Australia to Britain the year after he was killed.

(Information from *The Soldiers* banner in Salisbury Cathedral Cloisters)





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