

The deadly grim reaper drops incendiary bombs,
It cuts through the town like a sharp blade.
Rhiannon & Rebecca



William Greaves Turner was born in Jarrow in 1895 and was a 20 year old engineering apprentice when he died. He was the son of John and Elizabeth Turner, one of seven children. In 1911 the family lived at 46 St Paul's Road. (Section 9 Grave **286**)

As the sinister Zeppelin floated above
The Civilians stared in shock.
Incendiary bombs dropped to the ground
Palmers was like a demolition site.
Kai & Josh



George Windle was a screwing machine fitter and died aged 22. He was the son of Robert and Mary Windle. The family had moved from Cumberland to Jarrow in the 1890s and lived at 50 Stothard Street in 1911. (Section A Grave **124**: some 4m and a little to the right of the broken cross marking the Thompson family)

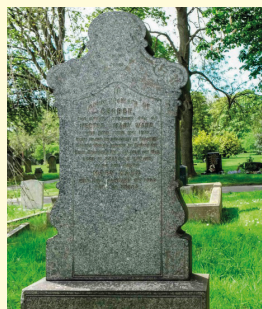
Bombs devastate the innocent,
Fleeing from their homes while above in the moonless twilight
Käpitanleutnant Hirsch peers down.
As grim satisfaction rolls across his face,
Then in a pool of deep darkness, Hirsch doubts himself.
Is this Victory?
Hannah, Megan, Rhiannon, Tomas, Alex



William Erskine Cook Young was one of the youngest Zeppelin victims. He was only 16, an apprentice fitter, better known as 'Willie'. His niece Sheila has recorded a sad family memory:

"My father told me that his brother Willie really shouldn't have been there. He wasn't employed at Palmers, he was taking lunch to my grandfather (David Young) who was working there and who survived the air raid." (Section 2 Grave **300**)

Illuminating Empire Lights shone brightly
Making Palmers an easy target.
Death dealt a savage hand.
Alice, Bradley, Jack, Sean



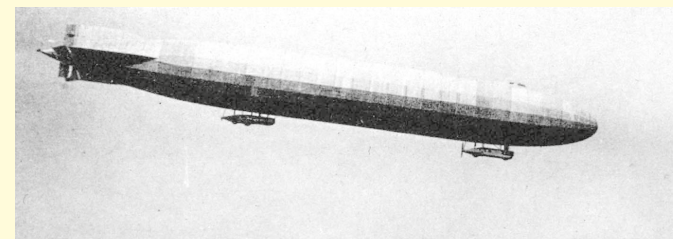
George Ward was an 18 year old apprentice fitter and turner at Palmer's shipyard. He died on the way to hospital in Newcastle from head injuries. His parents Hector and Mary saw him for the last time when he came home for supper at 9:30 pm. (Section 7 Grave number **197**)



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THE NIGHT PALMERS BURNED

THE JARROW CEMETERY HERITAGE TRAIL



German Zeppelin L10

In June 2015 Teacher Amy Shepherd and the Year Six children from St Oswald's Primary School investigated the Home Front during the First World War. Supported by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant, they focused on Zeppelin attacks on the North East and discovered their local community had played a significant role in the conflict. Jarrow and Hebburn had been a thriving centre of industry, a target for air raids and the scene of a grim tragedy.

The Raid

On the night of June 15th 1915 German Navy Zeppelin L10 crossed the coast just North of Blyth and headed for Wallsend. Käpitanleutnant Klaus Hirsch was in command and he ordered the first bombs dropped on the North Eastern Marine Engineering Works causing severe damage. The next target was Palmer's Shipyard in Jarrow. About 11.40pm L10 dropped 7 heavy explosive and 5 incendiary bombs killing 16 men and injuring 72 working on the night shift.

Hirsch gave a vivid account of the raid: "Shortly after I reached the English coast, I noticed on the portside a great number of lights and the glare of blast furnaces..... At this moment the L.10 was suddenly subjected to heavy fire from various ground batteries. On account of the gunfire I decided to bomb the area below the airship as the many factories and blast furnaces afforded good targets. In all 2,500 kg of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped. The glare from the raided locality was still visible 30 nautical miles away."

The Victims In Jarrow Cemetery

Twelve of those killed by L10 were buried in Jarrow Cemetery, six with memorials and six in unmarked graves. On the 100th anniversary of the raid the children, with the assistance of South Tyneside Bereavement Services, identified all the plots and laid poppies to remember the victims. This leaflet is intended as a further memorial and as a guide to those wishing to visit the graves.



Matthew Carter was a 55 year old fitter. The 1911 census shows him living at 52 Salem Street Jarrow with his wife Caroline. Matthew has no memorial but his grave lies to the left of G N Fondes, Home Guard. (Section 11 Grave **345**)



Little is known of **Karl Kalnin**. He was probably a sailor, born in Russia in 1883 and was 22 years old when killed. Karl has no memorial but lies next to the Anderson family grave behind the chapel. (Section D Grave **21**)



Joseph Lane was a mechanical engineer. He was born in Belfast in 1848 and still working when he was killed aged 67. Joseph lived at 25 Bede Burn Road Jarrow with his wife Jane. (Section 2 Grave Number **269**)

A shadow of death fills the sky.
As a zeppelin hovers over us,
Incendiary bombs dive from the sky
Bailey & Bradley



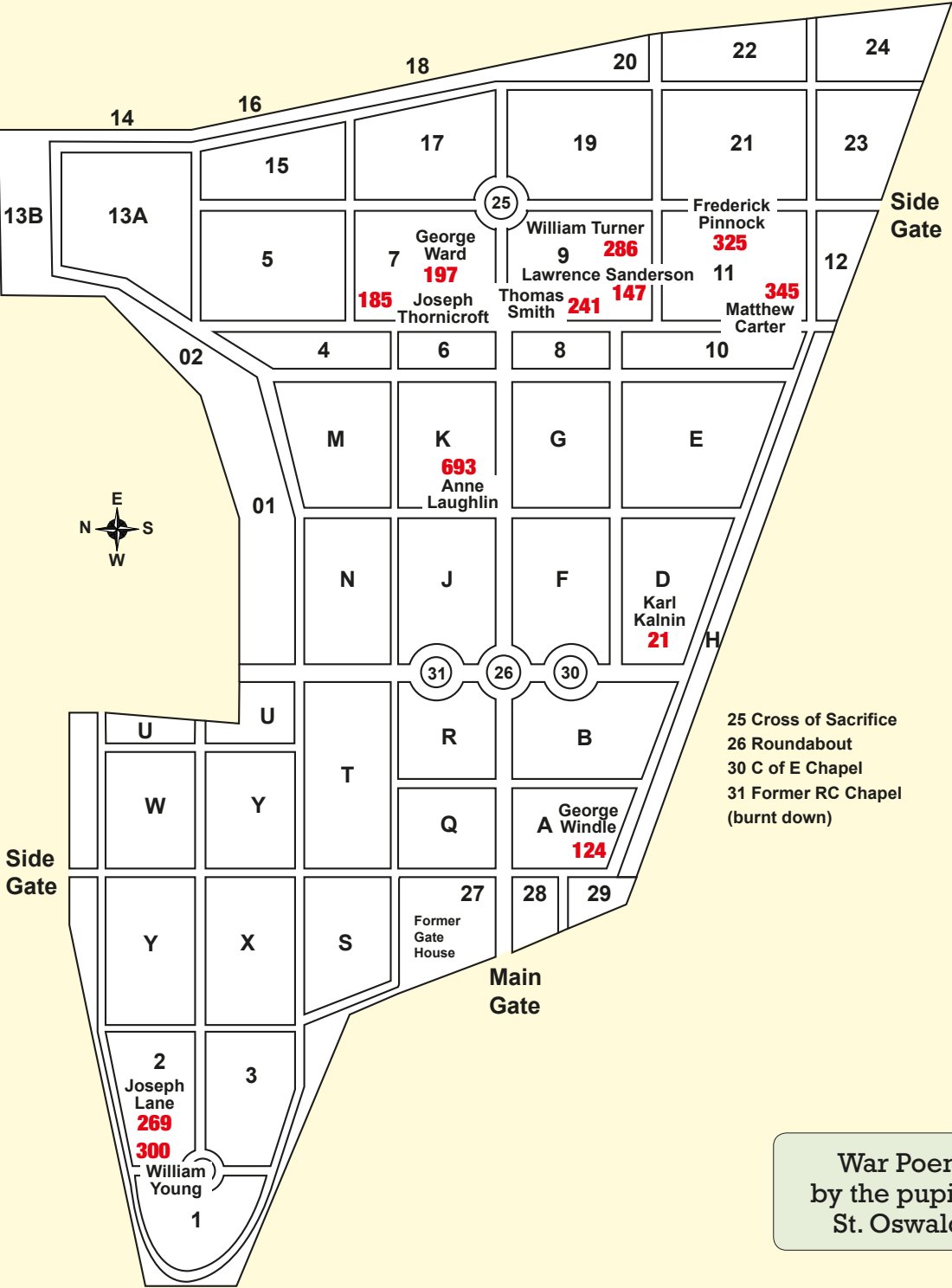
Ann Elizabeth Laughlin was 63 when she died. She is recorded in the 1911 census as Isabella Ann Laughlin, a widow living with her two daughters and three year old grandchild Florence May. In 1915 the family were living 'across the road from Palmers' but the address is not known. Sadly Ann died of shock when the bombs exploded. (Section K Grave **693**: about 2m to the right of the gravestone of Robert and Jane Charlton)



Frederick Pinnock was born in Jarrow, the son of Robert and Caroline Pinnock. His death certificate records his age as 31, though local papers state he was 29. He is listed in the 1911 census living at 7 Hibernian Road Jarrow and working as a dock labourer. (Section 11 Grave **325**: about 3 metres in front of the large Walton family grave)



Lawrence Sanderson was just 16 when he was killed, an apprentice fitter and turner. He was the son of Lawrence Frazer and Ellen Sanderson, living at 9 Grant Street in 1911. (Section 9 Grave **147**: near the grave of Aaron Stoker)



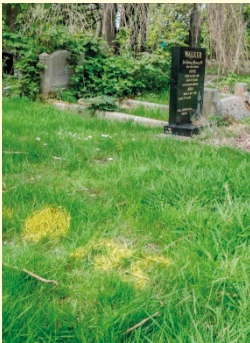
War Poems
by the pupils of
St. Oswalds.

Terrifying faces fleeing.
The sinister silhouette of death creeps by
Palmer's shipyard is going down today.
Ellie and Sophie



Thomas Henry Smith was a 23 year old engineer, the son of Frederick and Mary Smith. The family lived at 161 Wansbeck Road in 1911, when his father was recorded as the manager of the Hebburn and Jarrow Cooperative Society in Market Square. (Section 9 Grave **241**)

A Busy Night
Palmer's shipyard gleams bright
Attracting the predators
About to bite.
Constant fear all night.
Bobbie



Joseph Beckwith Thornicroft was a sea going engineer when he died aged 31. He was the son of Joseph and Ellen Thornicroft, living at 55 Northbourne Road in 1911. He married Cissie Hall the same year and they had two children, Thomas and Ellen. (Section 7 Grave **185**: about 3m to the left of Agnes Walker)

The flames danced over the corpse of Palmer's shipyard.
Death raged liked a caged fire,
Palmers - John Bull's shipyard - was lit like a twilight moon.
It was an easy target...
Daniel, Luke and Darcy