

LT COLONEL GEORGE FREDERICK SPASHETT MC (1895-1901)

The following is mainly taken from the 1968 Register :-

He was born on 12 June 1884 into a fishing family based in Lowestoft. Like his father, he went on to win the MC. He was a steamship owner and broker and was Lloyds Agent for Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth.

During WW1 he served in the Royal Field Artillery, rising to the rank of Major. He was awarded the Military Cross on 26 July 1918 "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile bombardment a dug out in the battery received a direct hit, which buried 4 men. He at once assisted to dig them out, 3 being wounded, and then ran down a road, being subjected at the same time to heavy concentrated fire of high explosives and gas shells, to obtain medical assistance, passing again through the shell fire on his return. His energy and courage set a splendid example to the men of his battery."

After WW1 he returned to Lowestoft and became a JP in 1934 and an Alderman in 1937. He was also Vice Consul for Sweden, Germany and Latvia, being decorated with the Distinguished Service Order of the German Eagle in 1938 and the Order of the Three Stars of Latvia also in 1938.

During WW2 he served in the Quartering Commandant for Lincolnshire with the rank of Lt Colonel. He was killed on active service on 15 September 1943 at the age of 59.

It would appear that there was a diesel drifter called "LT 184 George Spashett" named after him – see poor quality picture below.

