

LT COLONEL GEORGE FREDERICK SPASHETT MC (1895-1901)

Date of Birth	12 June 1884 in Lowestoft
School Information	Prefect. Cricket XI 1900 & 1901. Football XI 1900-01.
Career Information	Steamship owner and broker (Small & Co, Lowestoft), Lloyd's Agent for Lowestoft & Great Yarmouth Districts. See more info below on his WW1 service etc
Date Of Death	15 September 1943
Cause of Death	Died while on active service
Location	Unknown
Cemetery	Kirkley Cemetery, Lowestoft, Suffolk
Rank	Lt Colonel
Branch of Service	During WW2 he was first an ARP Warden in Lowestoft and then assigned to a desk job in Lincolnshire where he was a Billeting Officer

He was born on 12 June 1884 into a fishing family based in Lowestoft. He went on to win the MC in WW1. 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 "Temporary" 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 President of the Lowestoft and District Maternity and Nursing Association and Deputy-chairman, Lowestoft Division of the Conservative and Unionist Party. He was a member of the Devonshire Club, Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club, Constitutional Club, Lowestoft and Lowestoft Golf Club captain. He was a Lowestoft based 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. His great nephew Martin Cartwright explains that his appointment as Vice-Consul was an honorary appointment which went with the job (The French, Belgian, Dutch and Norwegian ones passed from his father to him and then to Martin's father, and then to Martin's father's nephew in the 1970's).

During WW2 he was first an ARP Warden in Lowestoft and then assigned to a desk job in Lincolnshire where he was a Billeting Officer and given the 'Local' rank of Lt Colonel. ('Local' meant that it was only applicable whilst he was doing his job in Lincolnshire). He was mentioned in dispatches and died while on active service on 15 September 1943 at the age of 59. He is buried in Kirkley Cemetery, Lowestoft, Suffolk – see photo.



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LOVING MEMORY OF
**LIEUT. COLONEL GEORGE
FREDERICK SPASHETT**
W.S. J.P. LATE R.A.
DEARLY BELIEVED HUSBAND OF
BEATRICE, & ONLY SON OF
FREDERICK SPASHETT, J.P.
& BENNETTA SPASHETT.
WHO DIED ON SEP 15-1943.
AGED 53 YEARS.
R.I.P.

ALSO:
BEATRICE SPASHETT,
WHO DIED ON MARCH 27 1951
AGED 58 YEARS.

There was a herring drifter called "LT 184 George Spashett" named after him – see poor quality picture below. According to his great nephew Martin Cartwright, it was built by his father ('Tony' Cartwright) in the 1950's in memory of his uncle.

