

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

AdA Perfin Bulletin 248 Pg.7 from John Nelson.

My son, who lives in Tyne and Wear, has shed a little more light on this one by visiting the Sunderland Public Library to search the local Kelly's and Ward's Directories. As is often the case the directories are not complete and in any event they are never that reliable for fixing precise dates.

What he has established is that Mr. Ahlers appears by 1909 at York Chambers, St. Thomas' Street, Sunderland, where he was a manufacturers' agent and the Imperial German Consul. His telegraphic address is listed as 'Ahlers, Sunderland' and his National Telephone Number was 1553.

Clearly a man of some standing, Ahlers lived at Sugley House, Cliffe Park, Roker, an area of expensive houses overlooking the sea on the A183 Whitburn Road. What became of him is a matter for conjecture but with the onset of the War with Germany in 1914 he may well have been deported or interned. Whatever his fate, he did not reappear in the Sunderland directories.