There are many reasons why some people were omitted from their local War Memorials. There was no central government involvement in the process of collecting names and in general a group of local people would get together to form committee to organise the design and erection of the memorial and collect the names for inscription. The collection was very varied, with door-to-door surveys, advertisements in the local press, leaflets put through doors or announcements in church.

Some relatives may have been too distressed at the time, or it may have been still uncertain if their loved one was still alive; the family might have moved away or the family simply did not want the name put forward.

I would therefore like to commemorate three of six brothers, who were baptised and possibly spent their early years in Swaffham Bulbeck before moving to Cambridge, Lance-Sergeant W.C. Stevens, Pte S.R. Stevens and Pte G. Stevens sons of Susannah Louise Stevens, of 71 Cavendish Road, Cambridge, and late Charles Stevens of Swaffham Bulbeck.
Their brother, Lance-Corporal Horace Bertram Stevens was awarded the Military Medal.

George Stevens was baptised in Swaffham Bulbeck in April 1887. He was the husband of Mrs A. Stevens, 50 Suez Road, Cambridge.

He joined the army immediately war was declared and became Private, 6572, 2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. He was killed in action on 26 August 1914 fighting at Le Cateau, aged 27 years.

The 2nd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment had crossed the Belgian border on the 22nd August, and advanced as far the Mons-Conde Canal. It was on this day that the first shots of the Great War were fired. The following day two companies crossed the canal. The Germans advanced rapidly, and with the backing of massive artillery pushed the British back. This was the beginning of what has gone down in history as The Retreat from Mons.

On the 25th the troops were retreating down the long straight road by the Mormal Forest Quatre Vaux, at the crossroads just half a mile to the west of Le Cateau. There was a heavy battle in a stubble field with high explosive shells and German planes circling overhead dropping smoke bombs of different colours to direct their artillery. The Suffolks ran out of ammunition and were overwhelmed.

George Stevens is commemorated on the La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.