



# Fellow Comrades

With passing time all lives end. During the 12 years that the Royal Marines lived and toiled peacefully on San Juan Island—until the boundary dispute was settled—six British soldiers died and five were buried here. Four of the marines drowned, two drowning together: Privates Ellis and Kiddy. Private Wensley’s body was never found. Only his memory rests here, memorialized on Private Wood’s stone.

Private Davis, the youngest marine here, at 26 years, also drowned. Corporal Stewart, the first marine buried here, died in 1865. How, we don’t know.

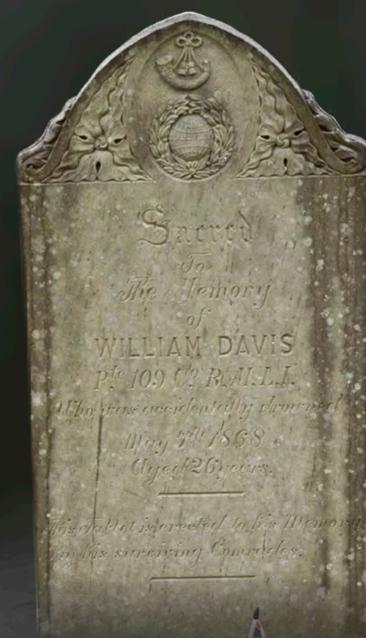
William Taylor is the only civilian buried here. Tragically, he was accidentally shot by his brother. Two other bodies are also interred here, but their identities and causes of death are unknown.



IN MEMORY OF  
**G.E. STEWART CORP.**  
Royal Marines L.I.  
Who suddenly departed this life  
June 1, 1865 Aged 28 years  
*Native of Derby England*



IN MEMORY OF  
**JOS. ELLIS**  
&  
**THOMAS KIDDY**  
Privats R.M.L.I.  
Who were accidentally  
drowned January 4, 1863.  
*This tablet is erected by their comrades*  
*“In the midst of Life we are in Death”*  
R. Trendall



SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF  
**WILLIAM DAVIS**  
Pte. 109 Co. R.M.L.I.  
Who was accidentally drowned  
May 7<sup>th</sup> 1868 Aged 26 years  
*This tablet is erected to his Memory*  
*By his surviving Comrades*



SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF  
**WILLIAM TAYLOR**  
Aged 34 years  
Who was accidentally shot  
By his Brother Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 1868  
*This tablet is erected*  
*by his Sorrowing Brother*



SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF  
**109<sup>th</sup> Co. CHARLES WOOD Pte**  
Who died Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 1869  
Aged 28 years  
**27<sup>th</sup> Co. JAMES WENSLEY Pte**  
Who was accidentally drowned in the  
Adjacent Harbour April 7<sup>th</sup> 1869  
His Body was not found  
*As a Mark of esteem by their fellow*  
*Comrades of the above Cos. of the R.M.L.I.*