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Patrick Basil Barlow

Private 25676 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.

Patrick was the youngest son of Sir Thomas and Lady Barlow. He died in hospital 18th January aged 32, from blood poisoning contracted while suffering from trench foot.

He is buried in St Sever Cemetery.

Frederick Hampton Bignall

Private 9975 2nd Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Frederick enlisted in Aylesbury in 1914 and lived in Clay Lane Wendover.

He was killed in action on 13th November, France and Flanders 1916 aged 22.

Frank Birch

Private 19223 2nd Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.

Son of Thomas Birch of Wellwick Cottages. Frank died in action 21st September 1918, after a failed dawn attack near Basse Boulogne aged 25.

William Birch

Private 26400 5th Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

William lived at 4 Tring Road Wendover and enlisted in 1914.

He was killed in action on 21st March aged 28 while moving into the Battle Zone to meet a German attack.

Thomas Bishop

Lance Corporal 2674-13 2nd/4th Battalion Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Thomas was the son of Thomas and Laura of Weston Turville.

He worked as a gardener and was married to Esther.

Thomas died of his wounds on 15th April 1918 at Aire-sur-la Lys aged 36 and is buried in Aire Communal Cemetery.

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Arthur T Bonham

Private 265709 A Company 1st/14th Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Arthur lived on Aylesbury Road Wendover with his parents Marry Ann and Thomas. On 27th August 1917 Arthur was killed in action, near St. Julien aged 21.

Second-Lieut. F W Caldwell wrote a most sympathetic letter to his widowed mother to tell her of her great loss, and to her it is a bitter blow, for sympathising friends will recall that she has lost husband, one daughter, and a son within a few years. Arthur, before the war, had been employed by the late Mr R White.

Archibald Bowden

Gunner 108061, D Battery, 11th Brigade, Royal, Field Artillery.
Born in Wendover. Enlisted at Aylesbury 4th September 1915.
Was killed in action 24th September 1917 aged 23 near Pilckem.

The Wendover Magazine of November 1917 included the following:

"News came through during the month of the death of Gunner Archie Bowden... Archie Bowden was one of Wendover school pupil whence his daily walk took him to Scrubwood. He also joined up before being called up, and being fond of horses was drafted to the RFA."

William Bowden

Private 3/8118 3rd Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, attached 2nd Battalion.

William was the only son of Mrs Pearce of Tring Road. Born in Tring. Enlisted at Oxford. Died of wounds 10th October 1914 at La Cour de Soupier. Buried in Soupier Churchyard.



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Benjamin Joseph Buckingham



1st Mate SS Bishopstone. Son of Benjamin and the late Sarah Buckingham. Husband of Kate Buckingham, nee Wyatt, of "Elthorpe", Nightingale Road. Aged 41, Benjamin was killed by enemy action 4th September 1917 in the English Channel.

It was reported :

Benjamin spent thirty years at sea; and met a sailor's death by drowning, his vessel being sunk by a Hun pirate. Born at Kimble, he married the daughter of Mr George Wyatt, who shares the home in Nightingale Road, where the widow and little child live. He joined the Mercantile Marine service as a youth, and since the war had twice before been on board vessels sunk by the U boats, to meet his death with a third this September.

Thomas Carter

Private DM2/196369 895th MT Company, Army Service Corps.

Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Carter of High Street Wendover. Brother of Gordon Geoffrey.

Born in Wendover. Thomas died at sea 15th April 1917 in the Cyclades. The 895th Mechanical Transport Company ASC (No 1 Mechanical Transport Tractor Company) was formed at Deir-el-Belah, Egypt, on 13th April 1917. On 15th April the SS Arcadian, a troopship of 6,939 tons sailing from Alexandria to Salonika, was sunk by a submarine off the island of Siphano in the Aegean. The ship was on the second leg of a voyage to Marseille and bringing troops out from Britain. Two hundred and seventy-one lives were lost in the sinking: 35 crew and 236 passengers.

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Hugo Beaumont Burnaby DSO

Lieutenant-Colonel 11th Battalion Queens Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Hugo was the youngest son of the Rev. Sherard Beaumont Burnaby, vicar of Hampstead, and Jane Mary Burnaby. Born in Hampstead on the 5th May 1874.

Killed in action 8th September 1916 near Delville Wood. On the 8th September 1916 the battalion was in billets at Meault. He went forward with his four Company Commanders and was killed while reconnoitring the front line trenches.

The Wendover Magazine of October 1916 reported:

On Sept 8th, while he was inspecting his battalion of the East Surrey Regiment, he was struck by a shell, and died almost immediately afterwards. So passed away one of the best and most gallant of men.

He was a very familiar figure in Wendover. Everybody knew him and everybody liked him, and this universal popularity was not, as it so often is, a mark of a weak character, but a testimony to his fine qualities. He was always courteous, always considerate; he loved a joke, and his laughter was infectious; he had a simplicity and directness which were charming, and he had a joy of life which showed itself, not only when the war broke out, he was over forty, and though he sent in his papers, the War Office did not believe at that time that they would require officers of his age. This lack of military employment fretted him, but, anxious to do what he could, he took charge of the guard at the Chiltern Hills Water Works and of the Wendover Company of Special Constabulary. By some natural instinct, he was a leader of men, and he had the art of getting the most out of those under him.. The writer, by no means an impressionable person, knows that he did a lot of things for Colonel Burnaby in the Special Constabulary simply because he seemed so pleased and grateful, and was so ready to praise whatever was done.



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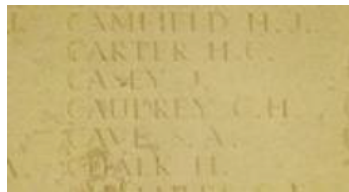
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Charles Henry Caudry



Private 16320 1st Battalion Hampshire Regiment (Also served as Private 13495 9th Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.)

Charles was born in Wendover and lived in Back Street.

On 1st July the battalion was in support of the 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment. At 7.30am the latter attacked from the British front line. As soon as they left the trenches heavy machine-gun fire was brought on them from all directions.

Bertram Deering



Private G/7113 2nd Battalion Royal Fusiliers (Also served in 16th Battalion).
Son of Mr and Mrs James Deering of Chandos Street. Born in Wendover.

Aged 19 he Died of wounds 1st August 1915 on Malta. On the 26th they were bombed from the air, suffering four men wounded. At 6pm on the 28th they took over the front line of Essex Knoll and Worcester Flat. On the 29th they lost one man Killed and four wounded. Buried in Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta.

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Gordon Geoffrey Carter

Corporal 205163 1st/1st Royal Bucks. Hussars, also served as 935.

Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Carter of High Street Wendover.



Served with the Regiment at Gallipoli from August to December 1915 when it returned to Egypt following the evacuation.. Age 20. Died of wounds 4th June 1917 at Kantara.

On 31st May the Regiment was encamped in a branch gully off the Wadi Guzze, near El Shellal. Four bombs were dropped on 1st Troop, A Squadron. Fourteen men, thirteen from A Squadron and one from. C, were wounded, one dying within a few minutes. The remaining men were evacuated to. 24 General Hospital at Kantara. Eighteen horses were killed by the bombs and the same number wounded.. One further man died of wounds in hospital that evening. Buried in Kantara War Memorial Cemetery; Row C, Grave 73.

The following letter was published in the Bucks Herald on 7th June 1917:

8th June 1917

Dear Mrs Carter - Before this reaches you, you will have heard the sad new/s of the death of your son, No. 935 SS Corpl. G Carter and I am writing to express my sympathy for you all in your great loss. Your son was wounded on May 31st by a piece of a bomb dropped from an enemy aeroplane, and was badly wounded in the back. It happened in camp, so luckily, the doctors were able to attend to the wounded in a very few minutes after the explosion. Your son was removed to hospital at once, and he was taken down the line as far as the hospital on the canal, where I understand he went under a serious operation. At present we have not heard the full particulars, except from the hospital staff, saying your son died in the hospital after a serious operation. We hope for more details. He died on the evening of June 4th.

A few days before he was wounded he told me there was a chance that his brother was coming out on a boat which was sunk. I hope for your sake that this has been found to be incorrect, as you have enough to bear with the loss of one son. I will try to find out further particulars, and will then write to you again.

*With deepest sympathy
I am, yours sincerely
Fred Archer 2nd Lieut.
B Squadron Royal Bucks Hussars*

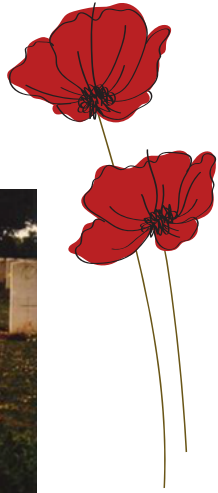
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Walter George Deering

Private 19605 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment (Also served as Private 8112 3rd Bn. attd. 2nd Bn. Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.)



Son of Walter and Sarah Deering of 1 Clay Lane, Born in Wendover. Enlisted at Aylesbury. Age 21. Nicknamed Pednor. Killed in action 6th May 1916 near La Targette. On the 6th May 1916 the battalion was holding the La Targette sector.

A letter sent to Walter's Mother:

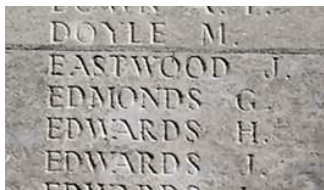
DEAR MRS DEERING

Just a few lines to tell you how very sorry I am that your son has been killed. He was in my platoon, and I am extremely sorry to lose him. He died as bravely as anyone could, when we were taking a German mine crater, being shot by a German machine gun, and his death was instantaneous. He has been buried in a cemetery at Mont St Eloi, and of course there is a cross on his grave with his name and Regiment.

Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Yours sincerely

G D Brown



George Edmonds

Private 48053 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment, also served 3rd Battalion.

Son of James and Emma Edmonds. Husband of Eva Edmonds of Clay Lane. Born Wendover. Enlisted Aylesbury. Worked in the King's Head Brewery. Nicknamed Tubby. Age 39. Killed in action 9th October 1917 near Schrieboom

A report of October 1917 included the following:

Though the official news has not come through, there is little doubt but that poor Geo. Edmonds has paid the great sacrifice, for some of his personal belongings have been returned to Mrs Edmonds. His brother Alf is back in England – severe shell-shock.

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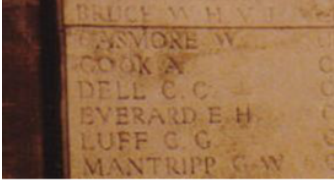
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Cecil Clark Dell

Lance Corporal 266125 2nd/1st Buckinghamshire Battalion,
Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Son of William and Martha Dell of Wellwick Cottages and, latterly, High Street Great Missenden. Enlisted at Aylesbury. Age 21. Killed in action 19th July 1916 near Laventie.

Sixty-two other ranks killed, one hundred and eighty wounded and sixty-five missing.
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial; Panels 63-85.

Cecil's Commanding Officer wrote as follows to Mrs Dell:-

Madam

It is with the greatest respect that I send you my deep sympathy in your anxiety about your son. As you know, I thought the world of your boy (Will) now in the First Battalion, and during the four months I have been with this Battalion I soon found out the worth of your other son (Cecil) too. I would give anything to be able to send you news of him. But since July 19 there is none. As soon as any news arrives I will write to you at once, but I am bound to tell you that the chances are out faint that we shall get any more news.



Arthur James Dorrell

Private 220505 8th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment (Also served as Private 265710 Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, 2/1st Bucks Battalion.

Son of James and Sarah Dorrell of London Road. Enlisted at Aylesbury in 1911 if
Nicknamed Kruger. Age 20. Died of wounds 26th August 1918 at Daours.

At 1am on the 24th of August, zero hour, the barrage opened and the battalion moved forward. The battalion's casualties throughout August were 79 killed, 225 wounded, 9 died of wounds.



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Alfred Drake

A/2nd/Corporal 560602 Royal Engineers Signal Service X Corps HQ Signal Company, serving in VII Corps area around Nurlu. Also served as Private (T)3971 Royal Engineers.

Son of Alfred and Sarah Drake of York Buildings, Tring Road Wendover. Killed accidentally 16th January 1918 at Guyencourt-Saulcourt. Killed when the cellar in which he was sleeping collapsed in on him. Buried in Saulcourt Churchyard Extension.

After his death Drake's commanding officer wrote to his parents. An extract from the letter was published in the Bucks Herald on 2nd February 1918:

I always regarded him more as a friend than an NCO, and I have never met a man more to be relied on. He was buried in a little cemetery quite near us, the service being carried out by the Assistant Chaplain. I will get a cross made as soon as possible.

Harry Fanthom

Sapper 266804, 264th Railway Company Royal Engineers (Also served as Private 5878 2nd/5th Battalion Suffolk Regiment.)

Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Fantham of London Road. Husband of Isabella Fantham of Aylesbury. Enlisted at Aylesbury in the autumn of 1916.

Worked as a blacksmith. Nicknamed Hoboy. Aged 40. Uncle of William George Fantham. Died of wounds 30th August 1917 at Boulogne. (General Hospital). Commemorated on the family grave in Wendover Churchyard.

The Wendover Magazine of October 1917 included the following:

Poor Harry received severe injuries whilst with a working party of the Royal Engineers in France, and lingered for some days in Hospital, Boulogne, before expiring. His wife had several very kind letters from the Matron, but there was little hope of his recovery, though his death was painless. He was 38 years old, and leaves a young wife and two little children. He joined the army in October last year, and was at first attached to the Suffolk Regiment. He was a well known "Oddfellow", and in civil life had worked for a considerable time as a farrier for Mr Tom Carter, and more recently at Mr J S Holland's Brewery.

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William, George Fantham

Private 2162 1st/5th Leicestershire Regiment Son of William and Jane Fantham of The Pack Horse, Tring Road Wendover. Age 22. Killed in action 8th May 1916 near Neuville St. Vaast. Landed at Havre with battalion 28th February 1915.



WILLIAM G. FANTHAM,
Leicester Regiment,
Killed May 8th, 1916

At 1.45pm on the 29th April the battalion paraded on the Duffin-Perin road and took over the front line at Neuville St. Vaast using all four companies. They remained in the line until 9pm on the 8th May, when they were relieved by the King's Royal Rifle Corps. While not providing fatigue parties the off duty troops rested in caves beneath Neuville St. Vaast.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial; Pier and Face 2C and 3A. Commemorated on the family grave in Wendover churchyard.

The Wendover Magazine of July 1916 included the following:

"We give below copies of two letters received by the parents of Will Fantham and George Deering, whose deaths on May 8 we chronicled in our last issue....."

France, 15th May 1916

*A letter from a comrade
France, 16th May 1916*

DEAR MRS FANTHAM

I regret to write the following lines, and I am sorry to let you know that William was killed on the 8th instant. He was one of the best lads in the platoon, and he always seemed bright and jolly up to his last end.

I received a small parcel for William, which I divided up between his comrades.

Will you please accept from his comrades sincere thanks, and our expressions of sympathy in your sad and sudden bereavement.



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Edward Thomas Harding

Private 8668 Q Company, 1st Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.
Son of George Harding, widower, of Aylesbury Road Wendover.

Age 27. Died 20th June 1916 near Ras al 'Ain. On, or about, the 19th June the survivors reached Ras al 'Ain. The Medical Officer and the Regimental Sergeant Major both reported that he had died on the last stage of the march to this town. The escort refused to allow his body to be brought into the camp for burial. No more than one hundred and five men of the battalion survived captivity. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial; Panels 26 and 63.



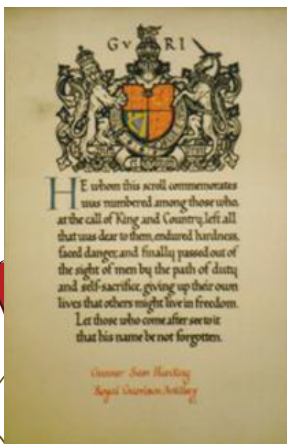
Samuel 'Sam' Harding

Gunner 292628 48th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery (Also served as Gunner 930 135th Oxfordshire Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery (TF).)

Son of George Harding, widower, of Aylesbury Road. Brother of Edward and Sid. Sam Died of wounds 29th November 1917 aged 30 at 52 Field Ambulance, Canada Farm.

The Wendover Magazine of January 1918 included the following:

Sam had been home on leave recently, so it came as a great shock to hear that he had died of wounds on November 29th so soon after returning to his RGA unit in France. His father and family have our deepest sympathy, for Ted is still prisoner of war in Asia Minor and Sidney was killed in the Spring. His wife died whilst the family was young, and his daughter Annie has faithfully fulfilled her task of bringing up the family; and to her also we tender our deepest sympathy. Sam was 30 years old and the picture of strength and energy. The youngest son Ewart is still in France, and may God spare him is our prayer.



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Sidney 'Sid' Harding

Private 25220 12th Battalion South Wales Borderers (Also served as Private 8145 Army Cyclist Corps.) Spent periods attached to 229 Company Royal Engineers and the Machine Gun Corps.

Son of George Harding, widower, of Aylesbury Road. Brother of Edward and Sam. Sid was killed in action 11th March 1917 aged 23 near Clery-sur-Somme.

The following extracts from letters received by the family after his death:

Dear Mr Harding

It is with the deepest regret that I have to inform you that your son Private S Harding was killed in action on Sunday March 12th. It may be a slight comfort to know that he suffered no great pain, being unconscious from the beginning. All the officers join with me in offering you all our deepest sympathy. I am sure Cpl Whitworth will be writing to you himself.

Yours sincerely

Stanley A Sharpe 2nd Lt A Coy

PS If there are any further particulars that you would care to know please let me know. I shall only be too glad to do anything can.

Dear Mr Harding

By now you will have heard the sad news of the death of your son, but I must just write you a few lines to assure you of my sincere sympathy. It was on the 13th that I was called in to take the Burial Service for Sid & his body lies in the small cemetery here, the spot being marked by a cross.

Alex F Bellman (Chaplain)

The official notification of his death states, unlike the Commonwealth War Graves Commission record, states that he died of wounds. When this information is taken with that provided by Lt Sharpe it indicates that Pte Harding was probably one of the three Officers' servants wounded by the shell which fell on A Company HQ on 10th March.



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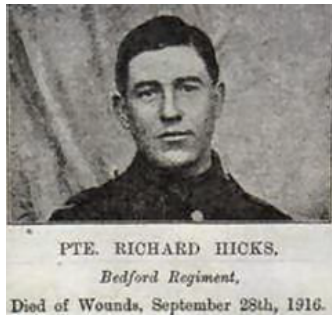


Richard T Hicks

Corporal 15027 7th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment. Born in Wendover and lived at Peacock Farm. Richard died of wounds 26th September 1916 at Contay.

The Wendover Magazine of November 1916, included the following:

It is a melancholy coincidence that we have regretfully announced in this issue the death of a brave lad who had spent so much of his life in the woods around Halton and Wendover. The sympathies of everyone have gone out to Mr and Mrs Hicks of Peacock Lodge, who received notice on October 7 that their second son, Richard, had died of wounds on 28th of September. "Dick" was only 18 years of age, and was serving with the Bedfords. His elder brother, Jack, is still in France with the Oxford and Bucks, and has been wounded we understand.



Richard Horwood

Private PO/1882 Royal Marine Light Infantry, 1st Royal Marine Battalion, 63rd Royal Naval Division. Husband of Annie Horwood of Beechwood Cottage.

Born 24th February 1878. Died of wounds 5th July 1918 at Rouen. aged 40 Buried in St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen.



Arthur Hensley Hudson

Captain D Company, 6th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment
Son of Rev Thomas William and Alethea Mary Hudson,
of the Vicarage Wendover.

Killed in action 31 July 1917 aged 25. Original grave marker now lodged in St Mary's Parish Church, Wendover. Hudson is not commemorated on the Wendover Memorial.



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Percy John Ingram

Gunner 49159 F Battery, XIV Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery.
Died of wounds 16th September 1916 at Heilly.

Percy Ingram had served six years in the RHA before war broke out, and joined up with the Reserve when war broke out. In his boyhood days he was educated at Wendover School under Mr J G Bushell, and was in civil employment at Putney Garage when called up in 1914.

The following letter to Mr Ingram gives a brief account of his death. His wounds were apparently in the abdomen and arm:-

5th October 1916

DEAR MR INGRAM

I was standing just outside your son's gun pit when it was hit by a shell, and I was the first man to be near him. I was with him all the time until he was taken away to the hospital.

He did not seem to be in very great pain, and was quite conscious. He did not say he wanted anything to be done. He was a very gallant soldier: I can say nothing better of any man.



Arthur Johnson

Private 40887 2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment (Also served as Private 31507 Suffolk Regt.)

Born in Wendover, Arthur lived at the Wellhead Inn.

Killed in action 12th May 1917 near Monchy.

Commemorated on his sister's grave in Wendover churchyard. Buried in Feuchy Chapel British Cemetery, Wancourt.



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James Norman Johns

Private T/2C6691 2nd/4th Battalion, Queen's, Royal West Surrey Regiment. Also served as T4192.

Son of Charles and Edith Johns of Nightingale Road Wendover. James was killed in action 27th December 1917 aged 23, near Jerusalem.

**THE GREAT WAR.
THE ROLL OF HONOUR.
KILLED IN ACTION. PRIVATE J. N. JOHNS, WENDOVER.**

Mr and Mrs. Johns, of Nightingale Road, have received official news that their son, James. N. Johns, of the Queen's R.W. Surrey Regiment, was killed on December 27th, in Palestine. The whole town sympathises with them in their loss, for Jim, as he was called, was well known, having served an apprenticeship with Mr. Birch, builder, in Perry Road, and had been a member at the Church Lads' Brigade. He joined up over two years ago at Guildford, where he enlisted with some companions to defend their country's cause. All his letters home were full of good news, and looking on the bright side of things, and containing no complaints. He was held in high esteem by his companions. He was at the relief of Jerusalem, where he hoped to get his Christmas dinner. He encamped twice in the Garden of Eden, and had been to places of interest, particularly Bethlehem, which he thought the best of all. Had he lived until April 20th he would have been 21 years of age.



Nigel Kennedy

Lieutenant 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Younger son of the late John Kennedy JP DL and Mrs Kennedy of Bacombe Warren and Underwood, Ayrshire. Age 26. Commissioned October 1906. Promoted Lieutenant September 1911. Mentioned in despatches for services in France and Belgium. Killed in action 25th October 1914 near Beceleare.

At 1pm the CSM and six men went out as a burial party. They lost three of their number to snipers, but captured one officer and nineteen men while armed only with shovels. Some losses were suffered in the trenches from sniping. At 5pm they were ordered to support the 2nd Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment. The attack went forward immediately but was not pressed. Lieutenant Kennedy was posted wounded and missing.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial.



LIEUT. N. KENNEDY,
Royal Scots Fusiliers,
Killed October 25th, 1914.



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Henry Herbert Langford

Private SD/705 11th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment.

Son of Frederick Bailey and Rosina Langford of Boddington House. Killed in action 30th June 1916 near Rue du Bois aged 20.

The Wendover Magazine of August 1916 included the following:

Henry Herbert Langford was the son of Mr and Mrs Langford, of Boddington House. Those who knew him speak of him as a good man and a good son, Everybody liked him. For some time he was in service at Hampden House, but when the war broke out he at once joined the Army he was then only 18 years old. He met his death on June 30th, at the age of twenty. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr and Mrs Langford in the great loss they have suffered. They will have the consolation of knowing their son died like a hero, and that in Wendover his name, ennobled by the cause for which he died, will be held in glorious memory.



Horace John Nunn

Sergeant 49 8th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Born in Ipswich. Proceeded overseas with his Battalion on July 1915.

Horace died of his wounds on 25th August 1915 at Suvia Bay.

Benjamin Parkin

Private 41614 2nd Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (Also served as Private T4/142201 Army Service Corps.) Husband of L Parkins of 6 Scrubwood Cottages. Born in Scrubwood. Benjamin died of wounds (gas) 13th August 1917 at Coxyde.

The Wendover Magazine of October 1917 reported:

Chubby, cheerful little Ben is no more. We will miss his cheerful ways. Joining the ASC last year, he was afterwards attached to the Inniskilling Fusiliers, and met his death (wounded and gassed) on August 13. It is not generally known that he came home on leave to be married this year. Though his father's home is at Scrubwood, he was always to be seen about Wendover. He was 31 years of age.



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Thomas Parkins

Private 33595 12th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment. Also served 6th Battalion. Son of Thomas Parkins. Husband of Florence Jane Parkins of Woodlands Lodge, Great Missenden.

Thomas was killed in action 8th May 1917 near Fresnoy aged 32. The battalion lost 1 officer killed, 7 wounded, 2 wounded and missing and 3 missing; 288 other ranks were reported as killed, wounded or missing. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial.

Arthur Gilbert Parsons

Private 22477 5th Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. (Also served as Private 4442 1st/4th Battalion). Son of Walter and Sarah Ann Parsons of Pound Street Wendover. Age 24
Killed in action 23rd August 1917 near Glencorse 'Wood. Serving with the 1st/4th Battalion in France and Belgium until July 1916. He was then wounded by shrapnel in five places during the fighting between Pozieres and Ovillers.

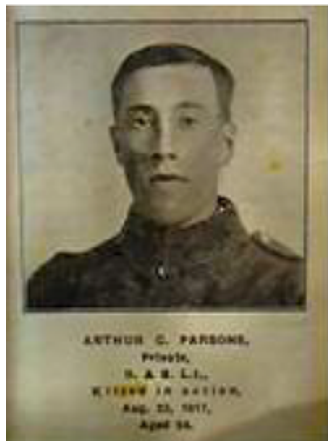
It was reported on October 1917:

Arthur Parsons was killed on August 23, according to the War Office notification, but his sorrowing parents can obtain no further particulars. There are many parents in Bucks who are equally anxious for news of the poor Territorial lads. Arthur was 24 years old, and he went out to France in January, 1916, to be badly wounded on the Somme by shrapnel in July. After leaving hospital at Torquay he spent some time in convalescence at Ballyvonare, Ireland, He was sent back to France to re-join the Bucks Territorials early this year, there to meet his sad end.

Alfred John Pedel

Private 12118 C Company, 2nd Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. (Also served with the 3rd Battalion.). Son of Frederick John and Emily Pedel of the Railway Hotel, Pound Street Wendover. Alfred was killed in action 15th February 1915 aged 21, near St. Eloi.

In a letter to his mother an unknown officer told her that Pedel had been buried close to where he fell. Commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial.



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Frederick William Pedel

Sergeant 205060 1st/1st Royal Bucks Hussars (Also served as 773).

Son of Frederick John and Emily Pedel of the Railway Hotel, Pound Street. Frederick died of wounds 16th November 1917 aged 21, and is buried in Ramieh War Cemetery.

After his death the following letter, published in the Bucks Herald on 2nd February 1918 from his commanding officer:

You will have heard from the officer commanding your son's squadron all the details of his death. I write to you as the officer commanding his Regiment to offer you my most sincere sympathy. Sgt Pedel had distinguished himself by his gallant conduct on November 13 in a charge; he was mortally wounded in a dismounted attack on November 15 and died of his wounds on the following day. The loss to the Regiment is a considerable one, but great strength is gathered from such examples. It must be a great consolation to you to know how well your son had done and that he died gallantly leading his troop.

Thomas Rogers

Stoker Petty Officer HMS Queen Mary.

Son of Joe and Elizabeth Rogers of Bacombe Terrace. Born the 25th of July 1873.

Husband of Rosa Rogers, Thomas was killed in action 31st May 1916 ages 43 off Jutland.

Queen Mary was struck by a salvo from the Derfflinger. It is believed that the flash from these shells penetrated her main magazines, causing the ship to explode and sink in under half a minute. Seventeen survivors were picked up from the total complement of officers and men. Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial.



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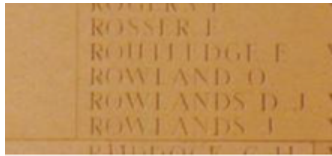


Oliver Rowland

Private 30121 2nd Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Son of Charles and Ann Rowland of Wyvenho, Perry Street. Born in Hammersmith, the family moving to Wendover in 1909. Oliver died of wounds aged 27 on 5th November 1916 near Lesbeoufs.

Rowland's mother received a letter from an unknown officer after her son's death. The following extract was published in the Bucks Herald on 17th November 1916:

I am very sorry to have to inform you that your son died of wounds received in action on 5th November. He died painlessly and everything possible was done for him. He was buried and a cross placed over his grave. Private Rowland was a very good soldier and did his duty well, and his death is felt keenly by all ranks. You have my deepest sympathy in your great loss.



Reginald Thomas Shaw

Lieutenant 3rd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, attached 2nd Battalion. Son of Dr. and Mrs. Lauriston, Shaw of Icknield Cottage, Pound Street. Reginald was killed in action 9th May 1915 aged 22 near Richebourg L'Avoue. Lieutenant Shaw was wounded while leading his platoon in the early stages of the attack. While arrangements were being made to bring him in he was hit again and killed. Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial.

Mark Simmons

Private (Acting Lance-Corporal) 27251 2nd/4th Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Born in Wendover and lived in Tring Road Wendover. Enlisted at Aylesbury. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission erroneously recorded his name as Summons. Killed in action 23rd March near Premont.

From his place of burial, well to the east of the battalion's position on the 21st, it seems likely that he, in fact, died of wounds in German hands on the 23rd, having been wounded and captured on the 21st. Buried in Premont British Cemetery.



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Harry Simmons

Private BS3079 16th (Public Schools) Battalion Middlesex Regiment. Son of William and Fanny Simmons of Pear Tree Cottage, High Street, Wendover. Died of his wounds 2nd July 1916 near Auchonvillers. Enlisted at Tring in 1914 in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Buried in Auchonvillers Military Cemetery; Plot and also commemorated on the family grave in Wendover Churchyard.

A letter received from a prominent Wendover resident.

"DEAR SIR, - May I be permitted to convey to Mr and Mrs W Simmonns and family the sincerest sympathy, of all in Wendover, in the great bereavement they have suffered in the loss of their only son Harry, who dies like a man for his country.

"Those who knew Harry personally as I did cannot possibly speak too highly of him in every way. Honesty, truthfulness, strict adherence to business, politeness – these were some of his outstanding characteristics – and whatever he undertook to do he did well, whether for himself or others.

"As a C.L.B. lad he was keen and one of the best. He was always a good lad at home to his parents, and when he left Wendover to improve himself in business experience one was certain he would succeed. Although it is hard to lose a dear one, Mr and Mrs Simmons have the satisfaction of knowing that their son was trusted and loved by all who knew him – that he has done his duty, and that right well. – N.L."



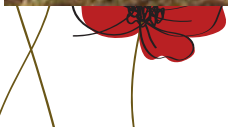
Arthur Spittles

Son of the late George and Mary Ann Spittles of London Road Wendover. Arthur was invalided from the army on account of ill health and died 9th May 1917 aged 20. He is buried in Wendover churchyard.



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THOMAS Simmons

Private 5816 1st/4th Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Son of Mrs Sarah Simmons, widow, of Tring Road Wendover. Died of wounds 16th August 1916 at Warloy Baillon. Enlisted at Aylesbury late in 1915. Went to France in July 1916. Buried in Warloy Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension.

Dear Mrs Simmons

I am very sorry indeed to have to tell you of the death of your son, T Simmons, 5816 1/4th Oxford and Bucks, who died in this hospital early this morning.

He was brought in severely wounded in the abdomen and in a very collapsed condition; but although the surgeon and sisters did all they possibly could do for him, he did not improve, and died at 4am this morning.

He will be buried in the village cemetery at Warloy by our Chaplain.

'With deepest sympathy,

Yours sincerely

T M Whyte, Sister

John Henry Smith

Private 41681 8th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment (Also served as Private 32313 Worcestershire -Regiment.) (Medal Rolls record previous service with 1/1st Herts. Regt.)

Son of William and Lucy Smith, of 7 Sidney Terrace Wendover, John died aged 39 on 7th October 1918 near Givet.

John died while a prisoner of war in German hands. Originally buried in Givet German Cemetery but the exact location of the grave could not be established. Now commemorated on Givet German Cemetery Memorial in Sedan Torcy French National Cemetery.



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Jessie Robert Slade

Private 203641 6th Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Son of George and Ellen Slade of Cold Comfort. Jessie who was Nicknamed Dapper, died of wounds 22nd September 1917 aged 19 at Canada Farm.

News came through during the month of the death of Jessie Slade we can very inadequately express the sympathy we all feel for the family. Mr and Mrs Slade some years ago, long before we dreamt of this war, lost one son by sudden illness whilst he was serving in the army and poor Jessie himself had a severe illness two years ago after he joined the "Terriers". We scarcely thought he would be considered fit to go abroad. He was only 19 years of age, having joined up long before he was of military age, and his death is given as Sept. 22nd. He was a Juvenile Oddfellow.

Alfred Frederick Taylor



Private 203811 2nd/4th Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Husband of Mary Taylor of Cold Harbour Wendover.

Enlisted at Aylesbury. Killed in action 22nd August 1917 near St. Julien. Owing to the failure of the knoppers to take Pond Farm. Both flanks were unsupported but it was decided to hold on. At 4pm with the support of two platoons from the 2nd/5th Gloucestershire Regiment, Pond Farm was taken. The battalion's casualties were three officers and 26 other ranks killed, 5 officers and 74 other ranks wounded and 44 other ranks missing. Three of the missing men were later reported to be prisoners. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

George Tomlin

Private 265522 2nd/4th Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Tomlin of Addington Cottages Wendover. Enlisted at Aylesbury 21st August 1914. Age 22. Died of wounds 13th September 1918 at Aire.

On the 12th of September the battalion was involved in a local operation to capture Junction Post, near Laventie. actions, Two officers had been wounded and one was missing. Seven other ranks were killed, twenty-two wounded, eighteen were missing and one man was reported missing. Buried in Aire Communal Cemetery.



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Arthur Treadway

Sergeant 3/6246 7th. Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. Born in Southwark. Killed in action 11th April 1916 near Pilckem. Enlisted in the Regiment on the 30th of January 1896 from the 4th (Militia) Battalion East Surrey Regiment. Served in India from the 1st of December 1897 until the 21st of December 1900, when he went to Ceylon, where he stayed until the 30th of June 1901. He then returned home, before going on the reserve after seven years' service. He left the reserve at the end of January 1912. During this period he served as Private A/4939. He held the India General Service Medal with two clasps; Punjab frontier 1897-98 and Tirah 1897-98. He re-enlisted in the Regiment in September 1914 at Oxford.

The Wendover Magazine of September 1916 reported:

We expressed our fears in a former issue that Sergeant A Treadway, our brisk and cheerful postman had paid the great sacrifice. He was reported wounded and missing at Ypres on April 11th 1916. He was serving as a Sergeant in the DCLI, and his friend, Sergeant Kelly, of the same Regiment, reported that he saw brave Treadway knocked over by a sandbag hurled at him by the explosion of a shell, he was moved to a dressing station, which was afterwards shelled and completely destroyed. The Red Cross Society has carefully searched all hospitals, and the German Red Cross Society has failed to trace him in all the German lists. The War Office has presumed his death, and made arrangements to pay a pension to his sorrowing wife and four little children, the eldest of these only being eight years old.

Harry Wells

Private 9212 R Company, 1st Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.
Born in Wendover. Enlisted at High Wycornbe. Died 26th July 1915 at Amarah.

The Wendover Magazine of August 1915 reported:

Private H Wells, of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, who died in the Persian Gulf, as a result of sun fever. He had served several years in the Army, and at the time of the outbreak of the war was stationed with his Regiment in India. He had been fighting for some months in the Persian Gulf against the forces of the Turks when he was struck down. We honour this brave soldier who dies fighting for his country and our sincerest sympathy goes out to his father and mother in Scrubwood.

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Thomas George Wells

Guardsman 17352 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards. Born in Wendover.
Killed in action 18th March 1916 near Potijze.

On the 18th of March the battalion was at Camp M near Poperinghe. At 6pm they marched into the town near Ypres Asylum. They had been delayed for some minutes at Valmertinghe by German shelling. The battalion then marched up to the line east of Potijze village. There was very little shooting and plenty of light. During the relief the battalion lost one man killed and one slightly wounded but remaining at duty. Buried in Potijze Burial Ground.

A letter received from Battalion Chaplain:

DEAR MR WELLS:- This letter will bring you the very sad news of the death of your gallant boy, who was killed in action on the 19th. I buried him in a little cemetery near the firing line and his body is surrounded by a band of heroes who, like him, have laid down their lives for their country. May God comfort you in your great sorrow and give him rest and peace and joy and light in the bright land to which he has gone.

Yours in great sympathy

Maurice Ponsonby

Chaplain, 2nd Grenadier Guards



Albert Edward Wood

Private 30641 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Albert was Born in Wendover and was killed in action 4th March 1917 near Bouchavesnes.

On the 3rd of March the battalion took over Bouchavesnes Sector North. At 5.30am on the 4th they attacked the German line east of the village. The attack was quite successful after some fierce bombing in parts. Pallas and Fritz Trenches were captured, along with two machine guns and 100 prisoners. Throughout the action the enemy kept up a heavy barrage on the position and the surrounding communication trenches. German parties moving up from Moislaines were also dispersed. Casualties were fairly heavy. Amongst the officers 5 were killed, 4 wounded and 1 missing, Forty-four other ranks were killed, 170 wounded and 11 missing. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

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Stewart Sidney Wood

Private 266138 2nd/1st Buckinghamshire Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Son of Herbert and Emily Edith Wood of Mill Cottage, Aylesbury Road Wendover. Stewart enlisted at Aylesbury, Aged just 18 he was killed in action 19th July 1916 near Laventie. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial.

Reginald Woodward

Private 4443 1st/1st Buckinghamshire Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Elder son of George Woodward of Aylesbury Road Wendover. At the age of 18, Reginald was Killed in action on 21st July 1916 near Pozieres. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial,

It was reported on August 1916:

News that seems almost incredible - that Reggie Woodward has been killed. It seems only yesterday that he left Wendover, having at last succeeded, after many failures to pass the doctor, in joining the colours.

Reggie Woodward was a member of the C.L.B. when the war broke out. He was noted for his very high sense of duty and an extraordinary quality of determination. He wanted to get on in life, and was prepared to do the work necessary. We remember how at our instigation he took up boxing. Somehow or other he lacked the instinct to be a good boxer, but this did not prevent him from trying. When the Wendover Company boxed the Aylesbury Company, Reggie Woodward played his part. He had to meet a boy much stronger and more skilful than himself; he received a most tremendous hammering - never had such black eyes been seen before in Wendover - but he took it all without flinching or without losing his temper, and never groused or grumbled. This was characteristic of Reggie Woodward - to make up his mind to do something and go through with it.

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Ronald Edward Blake

Trooper, 14241325 H.Q. Sqn. 31st Tank Bde., Royal Armoured Corps.
Ronald was the Son of Edward Thomas Blake and Annie Blake, of Wendover.

Died Sunday 16th July 1944. Age 20. Battle for Caen.
Buried in Ryes War Cemetery, BAZENVILLE, Calvados, France.

Arthur L S Buggey

Serjeant S/236232104 Field Bakery Royal Army Service Corps.

Son of Ernest and Ruth Buggey; husband of Audrey Leonora Buggey.

Died 3 August 1944, Age 27. Buried in BAYEUX WAR CEMETERY.



Robert COLLINSON

Boy 1st Class, P/JX 181937, H.M.S. Hood., Royal Navy. Son of George and Daisy Collinson, of Weston Turville, Buckinghamshire. Died on Saturday 24th May 1941. Age 16.

Sinking of HMS Hood by the Bismarck. No known grave. Commemorated on PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL, Hampshire, United Kingdom

Richard Ambrose Cross

Sergeant 370163, 33 Sqdn., Royal Air Force. Husband of M. A. Cross, of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Died on Saturday 31st May 1941. Age 37. Squadron (Hurricanes) at Malame Airfield Crete. No known grave. Commemorated on ALAMEIN MEMORIAL, Egypt.

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MiD Frederick Charles Verdun Cutting

Second Lieutenant 323166, 7th Bn., Oxford. and Bucks Light Infantry. Son of Frederick Alfred and Ethel Cutting, of Eltham, London. Born London SE. Residence Bucks.
Died on Thursday 7th September 1944. Age 28. Attack on Gemmano. 56 (London) Division.
Buried in CORIANO RIDGE WAR CEMETERY, Italy.

Jack Edward Day

Private 5393209, 1st Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment. Son of Albert and Kate Day, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire; husband of Violet Frances Day.
Died on Wednesday 14th June 1944. Age 26. Attack on the Dome, near Silchar, west of Imphal. No known grave. Commemorated on RANGOON MEMORIAL.

John Percy Edmonds

Lance Corporal 6969185, 9th (1st Bn. The Tower Hamlets Rifles) Bn. Rifle Brigade.
Died on 7th April 1941. Age 25. Part of 2 Support Group in 2 Armoured Division.
No known grave. Commemorated on ALAMEIN MEMORIAL.

Ronald Arthur Felgate

Corporal 5348817, 9th Bn., Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regt.).
Son of Reginald William John and Doris Felgate, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire.
Died on Saturday 9th September 1944. Age 22. Buried in GRADARA WAR CEMETERY. Also commemorated on the family grave in Wendover Churchyard.

Colin W Slade

Corporal 5392806, 7th Bn., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Born in Bucks.
Died on Saturday 28th April 1945. Age 22. Buried in BECKLINGEN WAR CEMETERY.

Lancelot Thomas Francis Simmons

Private 14430925, 4th Bn., Lincolnshire Regiment. Son of Harold Francis and Alfreda Mary Simmons, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire. Died on Sunday 8th October 1944. Age 19.
Buried in OISTERWIJK (ST. PETER) ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHYARD.

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Arthur W Gurney

Able Seaman P/J89805, H.M.S. Berwick., Royal Navy.

Son of Arthur William and Ellen Gurney, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire.

Died on Sunday 7th March 1943. Age 40.

HMS Berwick (65) was a Royal Navy County Class Cruiser, of the Kent subclass. From 1941 she was engaged in the Russian Convoys and North Sea.

Buried in REYKJAVIK CEMETERY, Iceland.

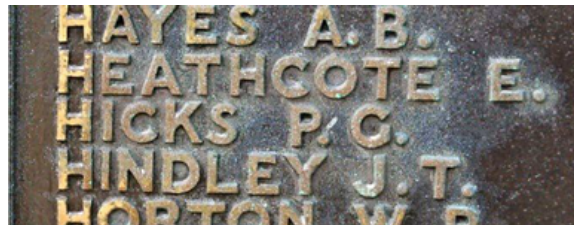
Edward Thomas Gurney

Serjeant 13077183, 237 Coy., Pioneer Corps.

Son of William and Hellen Gurney; husband of Phillis Maud Gurney.

Died on Monday 21st May 1945. Age 33.

Buried in TILBURG GENERAL CEMETERY, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands.



Peter Gamble Hicks

Leading Seaman P/JX 325274, H.M.L.C.T.332., Royal Navy.

Adopted son of Mrs. M. Hicks, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire.

Killed in action on Saturday 28th August 1943. Age 20.

No known grave. Commemorated on PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL.

Albert Hicks

Corporal 539000, 2nd Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. (Prince of Wales's Own).

Son of John and Mary Hicks, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire; husband of Mary Josephine Hicks, of Wendover.

Died 23rd April 1944. Age 29. Buried in IMPHAL WAR CEMETERY.

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P MILNER

Possibly Peter MILNER, Flying Officer 123235, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Died on Tuesday 7th March 1944. Age 21.

*Cremated and commemorated in LEEDS (COTTINGLEY HALL) CREMATORIUM, Yorkshire,
United Kingdom Screen Wall*

Edward John Matchette

Second Engineer Officer, S.S. Fort La Montee (London), Merchant Navy.

*Son of Edward and Ida Matchett; husband of Kate Matchett, of Wendover,
Buckinghamshire.*

Died on Saturday 7th August 1943. Age 44.

*SS Fort La Montee was carrying ammunition and a number of fires broke out on her in
Algiers Harbour. She blew up killing a number of her crew and over 100 crew from HMS
Arrow, which had come alongside to fight the fires. Buried in EL ALIA CEMETERY, Algeria.*

Walter Herbert Mitchell

Sergeant 569064, 40 Sqdn., Royal Air Force.

*Son of John and Emily Mitchell; husband of Dorothy Elizabeth Mitchell, of Wendover,
Buckinghamshire.*

Died on Tuesday 28th July 1942. Age 21.

*The Sqn. Was operating Vickers Wellington III from Sallufa, against targets in North
Africa. No known grave. Commemorated on ALAMEIN MEMORIAL.*

John Edward George Muschamp

Flying Officer 153175 (Pilot), 218 Sqdn., Royal Air Force.

*Son of Group Captain George Allen Rodolphe Muschamp, R.A.F., and Louise Henriette
Helene, Muschamp, of Wendover Buckinghamshire.*

Died on Thursday 22nd February 1945. Age 21.

*Flying Avro Lancasters from Chedburgh joined from No 31 base Stradishall 15 February
1945. Buried in REICHSWALD FOREST WAR CEMETERY.*

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Anthony Holbech Nicholls

Lieutenant, H.M.S. Sphinx, Royal Navy. Son of the Revd. Canon Reginald Morton Nicholls M.A. and Phyllis Nicholls, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire. Died on Sunday 4th February 1940. Age 26. No known grave. Commemorated on CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL.

In January 1940 HMS Sphinx moved to Scottish waters and on 21st January 1940 she rushed to the aid of the destroyer HMS Exmouth which had been torpedoed 20 miles off Wick. There were no survivors. At about 0800 on 3rd February 1940, SPHINX, Speedwell and Skipjack commenced sweeping north of Kinnaird Head. At 0912 a bomb struck the SPHINX forward. It went through the back of the T.S. , through the front of the bridge, through the forecastle deck and burst on the Mess Deck. The explosion folded the forecastle back onto the bridge and badly crippled the whole fore end of the ship. The Captain (Taylor) was killed outright on the bridge. Attempts were made to tow the ship. At about 0430 on 4th February a large wave struck the ship forward and she immediately capsized. Five officers and forty nine ratings were killed. She was the first Halcyon to be lost.

P A Robinson

Captain 101261, Royal Army Medical Corps. Son of Ernest Augustus and Mabel Henrietta Robinson, of Chaguanas, Trinidad; Husband of Kathleen Robinson, of Chaguanas. L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. Born Barbados, resident of Bucks. Died 10th November 1944. Age 33. Buried in MIERLO WAR CEMETERY.

Harold Warner

Petty Officer Stoker P/K 56597 Royal Navy. Son of Archibald and Annie Warner; husband of Annie Warner, of Bexley, New South Wales, Australia.

Killed in action 19 January 1940. Age 38.

HMS Grenville, a G –Class destroyer struck a mine in the North Sea. No known grave. Commemorated on PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL.



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