

# Heyford and Stowe

## *Roll of Honour*





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# INTRODUCTION

The two world wars were tragic periods in the history of Heyford and Stowe, both villages bearing their full share of the over one million killed and two million injured from the British Isles.

This book is a personal record of the servicemen commemorated on the Heyford and Stowe Memorials, and is not intended as a glorification of war. It is our tribute to all those killed or injured from these shores, including those villagers who were injured and who died, perhaps many years later, as a result of their injuries.

The information contained in this book has been taken from official records and newspaper articles. Newspaper articles which we have discovered relating to individual servicemen are included or referred to, as are articles concerning the unveiling of the memorials etc.

Photographs of the last resting place, or memorial to the missing where there is no known grave, are included for each serviceman. They will hopefully serve as a permanent reminder to all.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Writing a book of this nature demands much research, which invariably means a heavy reliance on the co-operation of others. This we received in generous measure, not least from relatives of the deceased and other villagers whose recollections, especially of World War 1 were invaluable to our research. We should like to express our appreciation to the staff of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for identifying the last resting places / memorials, and for providing the photographs in respect of Thomas Crawley, Charles Foster, Matthew Muir (gravestone), Frederick Watson and John Whiting, as well as our thanks to the many people who helped us in our research. They include:

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With reference to the contents of this book, we would like to make the following observations. This book contains many articles which have been copied verbatim from newspapers and therefore may include typographical errors which occurred in the original articles. Also the quality of some photographs is not to the standard we would have liked, due to either unsuitable weather conditions at the time of our visit, or the poor state of the gravestone or memorial. Readers may wonder why we have only included extracts from the Northamptonshire section of the National Roll of the Great War in respect of five servicemen commemorated on the Heyford and Stowe Memorials. Unfortunately only those five are included in the National Roll, although much interesting information is contained in the document on villagers who fought in the war and returned home. Finally, we have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this book, but if errors have occurred, please accept our apologies.

*Celia and Brian Caucutt.*



# ROLL OF HONOUR

Alphabetical order

## THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Thomas W	ADAMS	21.07.16	Killed in action	
Isaiah H	ALLEN	09.10.17	Killed in action	
Albert E	BONE	03.11.18	Died of wounds	
Harry	CHARVILL	22.08.18	Killed in action	
Thomas (F T )	CLEMENTS	10.09.18	Died of wounds	
Horace T W	COLLEY	31.01.20	Died of illness	*
Thomas J	COLLEY	02.05.18	Died of wounds	*
Thomas H O	CRAWLEY	06.05.15	Killed in action	**
Surrie S	FRENCH	30.07.17	Killed in action	
Walter	FURNISS	08.10.18	Killed in action	
Thomas	GIBBINS	08.11.16	Killed in action	
Ernest A	GLANISTER	04.09.18	Killed in action	
Frederick	HADDON	16.05.15	Killed in action	
Edward G	HOLLOMAN	10.07.17	Killed in action	
Frank	JEFFERY	30.07.16	Killed in action	
Matthew A	MUIR	18.07.16	Died of illness	
Melburne	MUSKETT	13.11.16	Killed in action	*
Frederick J	NEWTON	09.08.17	Killed in action	*
Thomas	PARKINSON	27.05.18	Killed in action	
William A	PINNOCK	23.04.17	Killed in action	
Arthur H	SHARP	09.10.17	Killed in action	*
Arthur	SHORTLAND	13.10.16	Killed in action	
Harold J	STARMER	23.05.16	Killed in action	
Harry (W H)	TAPLEY	03.05.17	Killed in action	
Samuel	THOMPSON	20.08.16	Died of wounds	
Harry E	TOMLIN	09.04.18	Killed in action	**
Arthur	WESTON	28.03.18	Killed in action	
John C	WILKINSON	17.02.17	Killed in action	

## THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Charles L	FOSTER	23.05.44	Killed in action	
Frederick	HEELER	24.07.44	Killed in action	
Cyril E	TOMLIN	21.05.43	Killed in action	*
Frederick	WATSON	10.10.44	Killed in action	
John B	WHITING	01.09.42	Killed in action	

\* Commemorated on the Stowe Memorial

\*\* Commemorated on both the Heyford and Stowe Memorials



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Frederick	HADDON	16.05.15	Killed in action
Harold J	STARMER	23.05.16	Killed in action
Matthew A	MUIR	18.07.16	Died of illness
Thomas W	ADAMS	21.07.16	Killed in action
Frank	JEFFERY	30.07.16	Killed in action
Samuel	THOMPSON	20.08.16	Died of wounds
Arthur	SHORTLAND	13.10.16	Killed in action
Thomas	GIBBINS	08.11.16	Killed in action
Melburne	MUSKETT	13.11.16	Killed in action
John C	WILKINSON	17.02.17	Killed in action
William A	PINNOCK	23.04.17	Killed in action
Harry (W H)	TAPLEY	03.05.17	Killed in action
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# ROLL OF HONOUR

## Place of burial or commemoration

### THE FIRST WORLD WAR

#### KNOWN GRAVE - CEMETERY

England:	St. James the Great Cemetery	Thomas J. Colley
France:	Bellicourt British Cemetery	Walter Furniss
	Cabaret Rouge Cemetery	Harold J. Starmer
	Calais Southern Cemetery	Thomas W. Adams
	Etaples British Military Cemetery	Albert E. Bone
	Naval Trench Cemetery	Frederick J. Newton
	Regina Trench Cemetery	Thomas Gibbins
	Ribemont Communal Cemetery Extension	Harry Charvill
	Sailly-Saillisel British Cemetery	Ernest A. Glanister
	St Sever Cemetery	Samuel Thompson
Gibraltar:	Gibraltar [North Front] Cemetery	Horace T.W. Colley
Tanzania:	Iringa Cemetery	Matthew A. Muir

#### NO KNOWN GRAVE - MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING

Belgium:	Nieuwpoort Memorial	Edward G. Holloman
	Ploegsteert Memorial	Harry E. Tomlin
	Tyne Cot Memorial	Isaiah H. Allen, and
		Arthur H. Sharp
		Surrie S. French
France:	Ypres [Menin Gate] Memorial	William A. Pinnock, and
	Arras Memorial	Harry [W.H.] Tapley
		Frederick Haddon
	Le Touret Memorial	Arthur Weston
	Pozieres Memorial	Thomas Parkinson
	Soissons Memorial	Frank Jeffery,
	Thiepval Memorial	Melburne Muskett,
		Arthur Shortland, and
		John C. Wilkinson
	Vis-en-Artois Memorial	Thomas [F.T.] Clements
Turkey:	Hellas Memorial	Thomas H.O. Crawley

### THE SECOND WORLD WAR

#### KNOWN GRAVE - CEMETERY

Belgium:	Schoonselhof Cemetery	Charles L. Foster
France:	Banneville-La-Campagne War Cemetery	Frederick Heeler
Italy:	Assisi War Cemetery	Frederick Watson

#### NO KNOWN GRAVE - MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING

England:	The Runnymede Memorial	Cyril E. Tomlin
Egypt:	The Alamein Memorial	John B. Whiting



# HEYFORD'S HONOUR LIST - A FINE RECORD

*"Article appearing in the 08.01.15 edition of the Northampton Herald"*

*The following list represents those from Upper and Lower Heyford who are now serving with his Majesty's Forces. Out of a total population of about 740, surely this is a fine record.*

Major Campbell, Northants Yeomanry  
Captain Walter Judkins  
Lieutenant Gardiner-Muir, Central African Forces  
——— Ditmus, Army Veterinary Corps  
Colour Sergeant William T. Marsh, 3rd Inf, Port Alfred's  
Guard, Cape Town  
Sergeant Isaiah Allen, 12th Cavalry Reserve  
Corporal James Ward, 2nd Brigade, Canadian Field  
Artillery  
Lance Corporal George Haddon, Army Ordnance Corps.  
Sergeant John Lilley, Royal Field Artillery  
Lance Corporal William French, Royal Engineers  
Corporal William Kemp, R.F.A.  
Sergeant John Baillie, Scots Greys  
John Hobbs, Royal Garrison Artillery  
Edward James Draper, R.F.A.  
Joseph Edgar Wadhams, Canadian Divisional Cyclists'  
Company  
Tom Toone, Northants Regiment  
Harry T. Allen, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry  
Gunners A.G. Weston and J.H. Weston, R.F.A.  
Arthur Weston, 4th Northants, Territorials  
Staff Sergeant Wm. Weston  
Ronald E.M. Cameron, 4th Batt. Northants, Territorials  
Donald J.C. Cameron, Army Service Corps  
Fred W.P. Browning, A.S.C.  
Sidney Collins, 3rd Batt. Coldstream Guards  
Victor Robertson, Coldstream Guards  
Harry Charvill, R.F.A.

Henry G. Sutton, 23rd Brigade, R.F.A.  
William Wheeler, R.F.A.  
William J. Wright, Motor Transport Division, A.S.C.  
Harold Isom, Northants Yeomanry  
Alfred Matthews, Warwickshire Regiment  
Herbert Clarke, Royal Garrison Artillery  
Herbert Blood, 4th Northants, Territorials  
Surrie French, R.F.A.  
Joe Holloman, R.F.A.  
Edward Holloman, 4th Northants.  
Walter George Adams, Surrey Regiment  
Fred Court, Scots Greys  
Albert George Eales, Northants Yeomanry  
Frank Johnson, R.F.A.  
Benjamin Stiles, 7th Hussars  
J. Mellor, King's Own  
Harry William Draper, farrier, A.S.C.  
Arthur Kingston, R.F.A.  
Charles Robbins, R.F.A.  
Fred Haddon, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry  
Thomas F. Wilkinson, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry  
William Clarke, H.M.S. Armadale Castle  
Chief Stoker James Lowe, H.M.S. Triumph

*The last-named was engaged in the siege of Tsing-Tau, German China, by the combined British and Japanese Fleets.*



# MISCELLANEOUS NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

## **Northampton Herald 04.06.15.**

HEYFORD - Thanks - Lance Corporal William French and other Heyford Soldiers of the Expeditionary Force have written to kindly thank the ladies of the parish for the comforts they have forwarded to them. The air cushions particularly, have proved very useful, and are much appreciated.

## **Northampton Herald 09.07.15.**

HEYFORD - Mr. J. E. Cameron, of Heyford, has received a letter from Private A.V. Robertson, Machine Gun Section, 1st Coldstream Guards, from France, stating he had received an air cushion, together with a card containing the words " With the best of wishes from Upper and Lower Heyford." He did not know who sent it, but he desired through the Press to thank the person or persons who had been so kind to forward such a useful and splendid present.

## **Northampton Herald 28.01.16.**

TWO HEYFORD HEROES WIN THE D.C.M. - Sergeant James Ward, of the Canadian Field Artillery, and whose mother, Mrs. M. Ward, resides at the Laurels, Lower Heyford, has been successful in obtaining the D.C.M. for distinguished gallantry at the Front. Ward, then a private, came over with the first contingent, and has been on continual active service since. Another recipient of the coveted honour is Pte. Thomas Markham, whose brothers and also a sister [Mrs. Hayward] reside at the Furnaces, Heyford. Markham has been in the Forces 13 years, and is expecting his discharge shortly.

## **Northampton Herald 25.08.16.**

WAR ITEMS - Sergeant-Major James Ward, the Laurels, Lower Heyford, serving in the 2nd Artillery Brigade of the Ammunition Column Brigade, Canadian Artillery, who recently was awarded the D.C.M., has now been further promoted to a Lieutenancy in the Trench Mortars, 1st Canadian Division.

## **Northampton Herald 21.06.18.**

WAR ITEMS - Pte. T.E. Markham, 1st Northants, brother of Mrs. Hayward, the Furnaces, Heyford, has been awarded a bar to his Military Medal. He went to France in August, 1914, and has been wounded three times. He also holds the 1914 Mons Star.



# UNVEILING OF HEYFORD MEMORIAL

*The unveiling of the Heyford Memorial took place on Sunday 20.02.21, and was reported (with photograph) in the 26.02.21 edition of the Northampton Independent, as follows:-*

## Heyford War Memorial The Scene at the unveiling

In memory of 23 soldiers from Heyford who lost their lives in the war, a cross was unveiled on Sunday afternoon. It stands on the green at the junction of four cross roads, a most appropriate site, although a few villagers agitated for it to be erected in the churchyard. The ceremony of unveiling was performed by Lieut-Col. Livingstone-Learmouth, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.H.A., of Heyford Manor, who read the inscription, which is as follows:-

"In affectionate and grateful remembrance of the men of Heyford who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914 - 1919"

The names on the memorial are

Captains	A.E. Bone, T.H.O. Crawley, M.A. Muir,
Sergeants	I.H. Allen, H. Charvill, W. Furniss, H.W. Tapley,
Lance Corporal	E.G. Holloman,
Bombardiers	S.S. French, H.J. Starmer, H.E. Tomalin,
Sapper	T.W. Adams,
Privates	T.F. Clements, T. Gibbins, E. Glanister, F. Haddon, F. Jeffery, T. Parkinson, W.A. Pinnock, A. Shortland, S. Thompson, A. Weston, and J.C. Wilkinson.

The cross, which was designed and executed by Messrs. J.G. Pullen and Sons, of Bridge Street, Northampton, is 10 feet high and is made of granite, with carved interlaced work on the front. There was a short open-air service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Isham Longden, M.A., assisted by the Rev. H.W. Batstone, Baptist minister of Bugbrooke, the school children led the singing of the hymns "O God, our help in ages past" and "When I survey

the Wondrous Cross," buglers sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille," and the service closed with the National Anthem.

In the appropriate impressive address, the Vicar said it was fitting that the cross should be at the four cross roads. That stone spoke to them of heroism, self-sacrifice, remembrance - a symbol of honour and love. The memories of the fallen would never pass away, nor could they ever forget the courage of the stricken in the hospitals as he saw them and the patience and pluck of the broken men who had returned to our midst. We hardly realised from what England had been spared and the pinnacle to which the country had risen. Their care should now be to promote the righteousness which exalteth a nation. After the service there was a touching procession of the bereaved with floral tributes, which they placed around the cross. The sunny spring-like afternoon brought out many visitors from the neighbouring villages, there being a congregation of over 700. Among those present were Mr. J.O. Adams, J.P., [Chairman of the Committee], Mrs. Adams, Mr. Stanton Boyes [hon. treasurer], Mrs. Boyes, Mr. W. Jones [hon. secretary], Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Learmouth, Mrs. Judkins [Heyford Grange], Mr. J.B. Campion, J.P., and Mrs. Campion, Mr. R. Payne, Captain Ditman, Mr. Sawtell, Mr. A. Cosford, Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Westley Faulkner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Eales, Mr. G. Haddon, Mr. and Mrs. H. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Pitford, Mr. T. Rolfe, Mr. Clements, Mr. H. Garrett, Mr. T. Kingston, Mr. B. Kingston, Mr. H. Sutton, Mr. Draper, Mr. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. W. Parkinson, Miss Eales, Mr. and Mrs. Woolman, Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. T. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. G. Masters, Miss Stowe, Litchborough, Mr. Edwin Foster, who is 96 years of age, and Mr. J. Masters, who is over 90.

*A similar but much shorter article appears in the 25.02.21 edition of the Northampton Herald.*

The Heyford Register of Church Services records the unveiling on 18.04.20 of the Memorial Tablet in Church by Col. Livingstone-Learmouth. The Tablet records the names of 22 of the 23 first world war servicemen commemorated on the Heyford Memorial. The serviceman not recorded on the Tablet is Harold J. Starmer.



## UNVEILING OF STOWE MEMORIAL

*The unveiling of the Stowe Memorial took place on Sunday 21.11.20, and was reported in the 27.11.20 edition of the Northampton Independent, as follows:-*

In spite of the cold and foggy weather on Sunday afternoon, a large congregation attended the unveiling of the war memorial to the men of Stowe-Nine-Churches who fell in the war. An impressive service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H.H. Crawley, assisted by the Rev. C.G.C. Walker, Vicar of Weedon, who delivered an address, and the Rev. W.H. Shackel, Rector of Brockhall. The first part of the service took place in the Church, after which the congregation proceeded to the village green, where the memorial was unveiled by Colonel J.C. Livingstone Learmouth, D.S.O., and dedicated by the Vicar. The "Last Post" and the "Reveille" were sounded and the service concluded with the Benediction and the National Anthem. The memorial, which was designed and executed by Messrs. J.G. Pullen and Sons, Northampton, takes the form of a very handsome Celtic cross with beautifully carved interlaced work on its face, and stands ten feet high. The base bears the following inscription in leaded letters: "Pro Deo, Rege, et Patria. This cross was erected in grateful memory of all who gave their lives in the Great War of 1914 - 1919, and especially of

Captain	T.H.O. Crawley,
Private	T.J. Colley,
Gunner	Horace Colley,
Private	Melbourne Muskett,
Private	Frederick J. Newton,
Private	Arthur Sharp, and
Bombardier	Harry E. Tomlin,

Requiescant in Pace"

*A similar article appears in the 26.11.20 edition of the Northampton Herald.*



# **Personal Details**

## **First World War Servicemen**



**ADAMS, Thomas William**

Sapper 138558.

118th Railway Company, Royal Engineers.

Killed in action 21.07.16, aged 21.

Buried in Calais Southern Cemetery, France, Plot E, Row 2, Grave 13.

Son of James and Violetta Mary Adams of Upper Heyford.

**Northampton Daily  
Chronicle 29.07.16.**

Killed, Sapper Thomas William Adams, Royal Engineers, second son of Mr. James Adams, Upper Heyford. Killed in France by a shell. He was 21 years of age, and went to the front in February last.

**Northampton Daily  
Chronicle 31.07.16, and  
Northampton Herald  
04.08.16 [Photograph].**

Killed, Sapper Thomas William Adams, Royal Engineers, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams of Upper Heyford. Killed by a shell on July 21. Before enlisting he worked on the railway at Atherstone. The eldest son is serving in India in the R.A.M.C. and a son-in-law in the A.S.C. in London.

**Northampton Daily Echo  
31.07.16, and Northampton  
Mercury 04.08.16.**

Killed. Adams, Sapper Thomas William, R.E. was the second son of Mr. James Adams, Upper Heyford and was killed by a shell. He was 21 years of age.

**In Memoriam's appear in  
the 19.07.18 and 25.07.19  
editions of the Northampton  
Herald.**







**ALLEN, Isaiah Humphriss**

Private 32885.

16th Btn Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Killed in action 09.10.17, aged 28.

No known grave, Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing, Passchendaele, Belgium, Panel 24, which records the names of 34,888 men who died from 16.08.17 to the end of the war in the Ypres area and who have no known graves.

Son of Sarah and Harry Green Allen of Lower Heyford, husband of Lizzie Emily Martha Allen of Lower Heyford. Lizzie and Isaiah were resident at Rugby at the time of Isaiah's death.

Formerly a Sergeant in the Hussars 5375.

Officially recorded as a Private, whereas the Heyford Memorial and the National Roll of the Great War record him as a Sergeant.

The Heyford Memorial records his name in error as I.N. Allen .

Died the same day and is commemorated on the same memorial as Arthur Henry Sharp.

His photograph hangs in the Church Rooms.

**National Roll of the Great War.**

Allen, I.H., Sergt, 16th R.  
Warwickshire Regt.

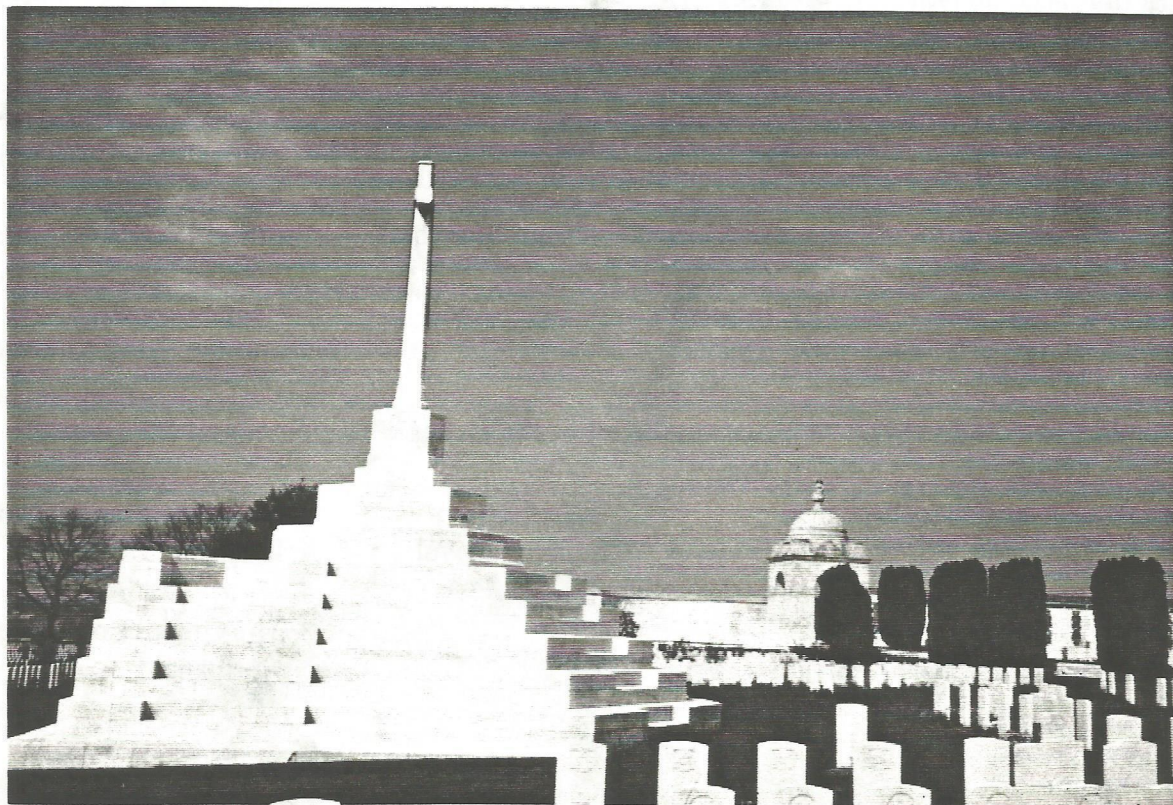
A Reservist, he was called to the Colours in August 1914, and in the following year proceeded to the Western Front, where he took part in many important engagements, including the Battles of Ypres and the Somme. He was reported missing, and is believed to have been killed in action near Ypres on October 9th, 1917. He was entitled to the 1914-15 Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals.

' A costly sacrifice upon the alter of freedom'.

The Green, Lower Heyford,  
Northants.



AKERMAN R.  
ALEXANDER H. J.  
ALLARD J. T.  
ALLEN A.  
ALLEN F. L.  
ALLEN H. P.  
ALLEN I. H.  
ALLEN J.  
ALLEN W.  
ANDREWS C.  
ANDREWS G. P.  
ANSCOMBE F. C.  
APPLETON A.  
ARLETT F. G.





## **BONE, Albert Edward**

Captain.

B Battery, 242nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died of wounds 03.11.18, aged 36.

Buried in Etaples British Military Cemetery, France, Plot 48, Row D, Grave 4.

Son of William Thomas and Catherine Bone of 215, Boleyn Road, Forest Gate, London,  
husband of Harriet Elizabeth Bone of Lower Heyford.

Gassed in 1917, and subsequently died from bronchial pneumonia. Officially reported as  
having died of wounds.

### **Northampton Daily Chronicle 11.11.18.**

Died, Capt. A.E. Bone R.F.A.  
Husband of Mrs. Hettie Bone  
of Lower Heyford and of 215  
Boleyn Road, Forest Gate,  
London. Died from bronchial  
pneumonia following  
influenza in France on Nov  
3rd. Age 36. Been in France  
nearly four years. He fought  
in the Mons Battle. He had  
been twice mentioned in  
despatches.

### **Northampton Daily Echo 11.11.18, and Northampton Mercury 15.11.18.**

Died, Bone Capt. A.E. [36]  
R.F.A., husband of Mrs.  
Hettie Bone, Lower Heyford,  
and 215, Boleyn Road, Forest  
Gate, London, died on

November 3 in France from  
bronchial pneumonia  
following influenza; was one  
of the Mons heroes, and had  
seen four years' active  
service, and had been twice  
mentioned in despatches.

### **Northampton Herald 15.11.18.**

Died, Capt. A.E. Bone R.F.A.  
Husband of Mrs. Hettie Bone  
of Lower Heyford and of 215,  
Boleyn Road, Forest Gate,  
London. Died from bronchial  
pneumonia following  
influenza in France. Aged  
36.

### **National Roll of the Great War.**

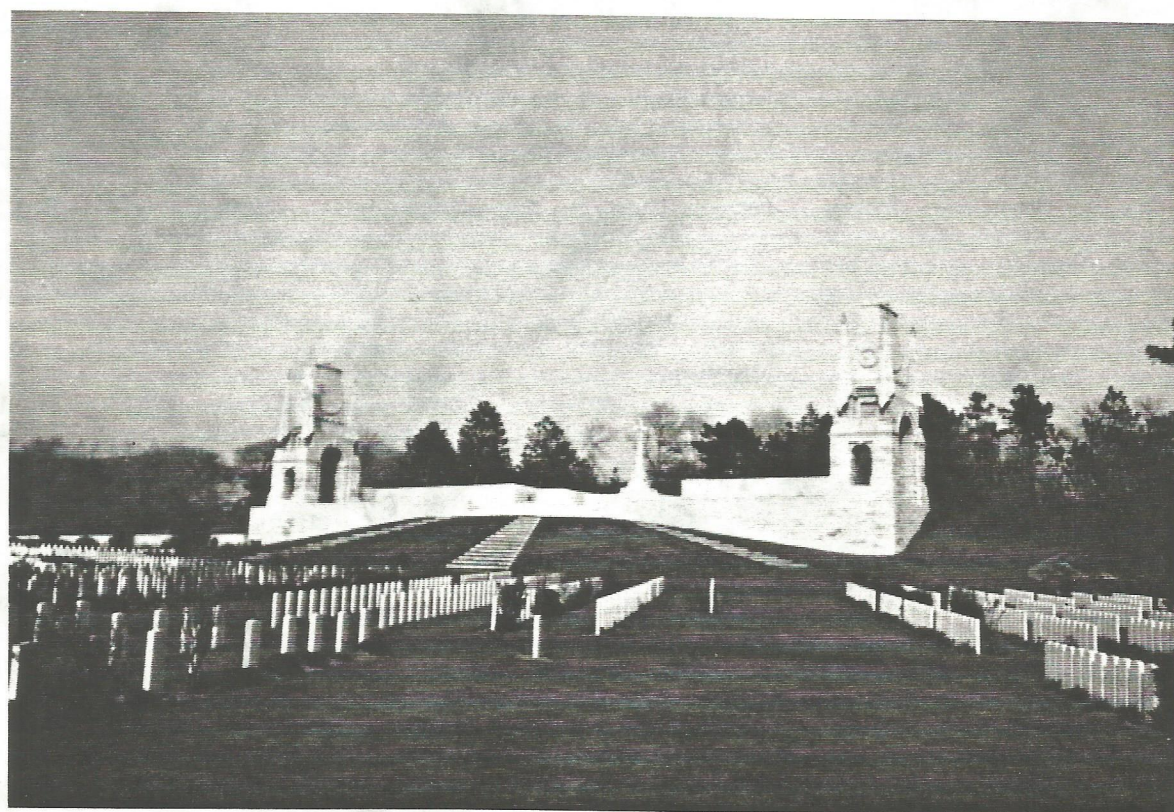
Bone, A.E., Captain, Royal  
Field Artillery.

Mobilised in August 1914, he  
was at once ordered to the  
Western Front, and served in  
the Retreat from Mons. He  
also fought with distinction at  
the Battles of the Marne, the  
Aisne, La Basse, Ypres,  
Neuve Chapelle and the  
Somme, and was mentioned  
in Despatches for good work  
in the Field in 1917. He was  
gassed in the vicinity of  
Cambrai in 1917, and  
unhappily succumbed to the  
effects on November  
3rd, 1918. He had been  
granted his commission in  
September 1915, and was  
entitled to the Mons Star, and  
the General Service and  
Victory Medals.

'He nobly died that we might  
live'.

The Green, Lower Heyford,  
Northants.







**CHARVILL, Harry**

Sergeant 71622.

C Battery, 82nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Killed in action 22.08.18, aged 24.

Buried in Ribemont Communal Cemetery Extension, France, Plot 2, Row B, Grave 7.

Son of Kate Amy Garratt [formerly Charvill] and Harry Garratt [Stepfather] of Lower Heyford.

His photograph hangs in the Church Rooms

**National Roll of the Great War.**

Charvill, H.G., Sergeant,  
R.F.A.

A serving soldier at the outbreak of war, he was at once drafted to France. He fought in the Retreat from Mons and at Ypres, Neuve Chapelle, Loos, the Somme, Albert, St. Quentin and Cambrai, and was wounded. He was unfortunately killed in action on August 22nd, 1918, and was entitled to the Mons Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals.

'The path of duty was the way  
to glory'

Lower Heyford, Weedon,  
Northants.







**CLEMENTS, Frederick Thomas [known as Thomas]**

Rifleman 50269.

King's Royal Rifle Corps, attached to the 1st/6th Btn London Regiment [City of London Btn].

Died of wounds 10.09.18, aged 18.

No known grave, Commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial to the Missing, between Arras and Cambrai, France, Panel 9, which records the names of 9,903 men who died in the 1918 advance in Picardy and who have no known graves.

Son of Frank and Henrietta Clements of Lower Heyford.

Formerly in the 20th T.R. Btn, TR/13/58769.

Officially recorded as above, whereas the Heyford Memorial records him as Private T.F. Clements.

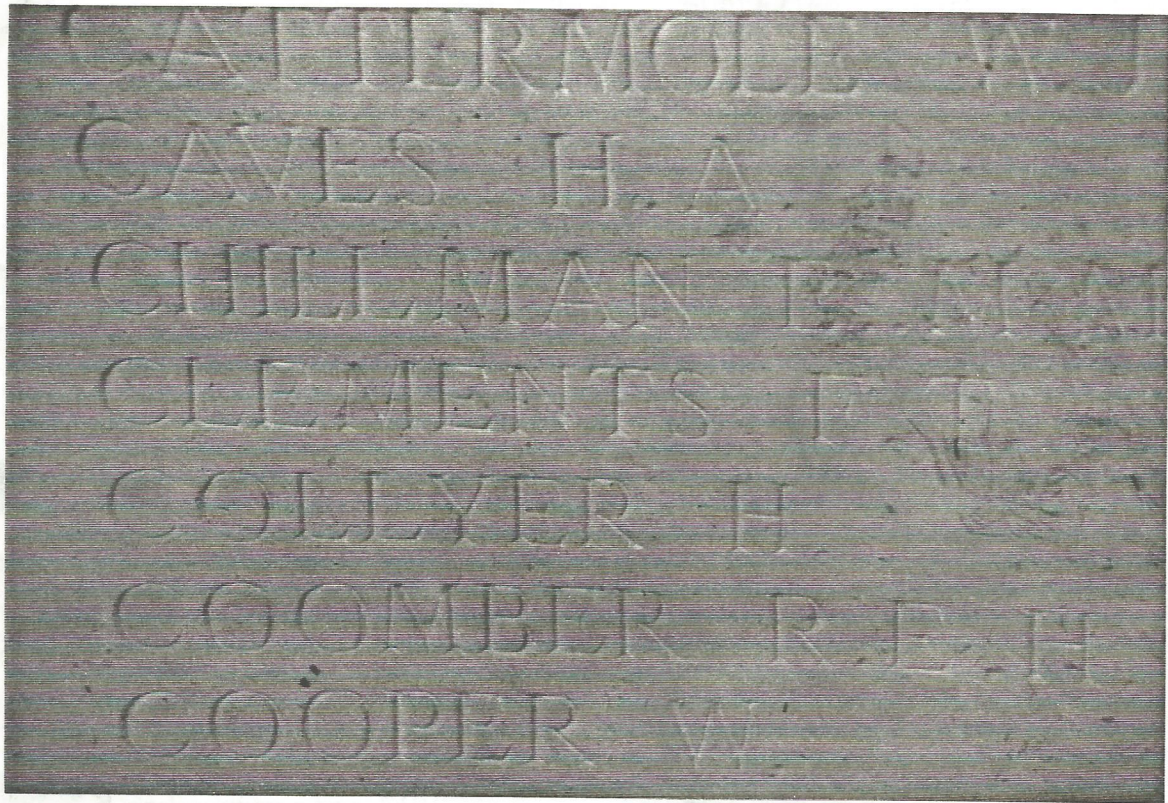
**Northampton Herald  
21.02.19 [Photograph].**

Information Wanted,  
Rifleman F.T. Clements, No.  
50269, K.R.R. [attached D  
Coy, 16 Platoon, 1/6  
Londons] in France. He was  
reported missing 10th Sept.  
1918. Information will be  
gratefully received by his  
mother Mrs. F. Clements,  
Lower Heyford, nr Weedon,  
Northants.

**Northampton Daily Echo  
31.10.19.**

In Memoriam. Clements. In  
loving memory of Rifleman  
F.T. Clements, dearly loved  
son of Mr. and Mrs. F.  
Clements of Lower Heyford  
who was reported missing  
September 10th 1918, aged  
18, now presumed killed  
same day.







**COLLEY, Horace Thomas William**

Gunner, 125585.

8th Company, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died of illness [pneumonia] 31.01.20, aged 23.

Buried in Gibraltar [North Front] Cemetery, Gibraltar, Plot B, Grave 4647.

Son of Thomas and Eliza Colley of 7, Upper Stowe.

Brother of Thomas James Colley and commemorated on his brother's gravestone. Official army records and the newspaper article below give his age as 23, whereas the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records his age as 24.

**Northampton Herald**  
**12.03.20.**

**Death of Private H. Colley**

We regret to announce the death of Pte. Horace Colley, 8th Coy, R.G.A., who passed away in the military hospital at Gibraltar on January 31st, after three days illness [pneumonia], aged 23 years. He was buried at Gibraltar on the 2nd February with full military honours. Three beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin, two from the officers and one from the men of the Company. Deceased was much respected by all who knew him, and was

about to be demobilised. He enlisted on the 2nd October, 1916, and had been at Gibraltar since November that year. This is the third loss that Mrs. Colley has suffered in two years and a half. Her husband died Nov. 4th, 1917, and a younger son, Pte. Thomas James, 17th Royal Fusiliers, died at Brighton Military Hospital, May 2nd, 1918, and was buried beside his father at Upper Stowe. Mrs. Colley has received several letters from the officers stationed at Gibraltar, speaking in highest terms of her son, and expressing sympathy with her in her sad trouble.







**COLLEY, Thomas James**

Private G/68534.

17th Btn Royal Fusiliers.

Died of wounds 02.05.18, aged 20.

Buried in the graveyard of the Church of St James the Great, Upper Stowe.

Son of Thomas and Eliza Colley of 7, Upper Stowe.

Brother of Horace Thomas William Colley, who is commemorated on his gravestone.

The article in the 12.03.20 edition of the Northampton Herald reporting the death of Horace also refers to the death and burial of Thomas.







**CRAWLEY, Thomas Henry Ouseley**

Captain.

4th Btn Worcestershire Regiment.

Killed in action 06.05.15, aged 30.

No known grave, Commemorated on the Hellas Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey, Panel 104 - 113.

Son of Lieutenant-Colonel G. B. Crawley, of Upper Brooms, Ightham, Kent,  
husband of Meta Janette Steel Crawley.

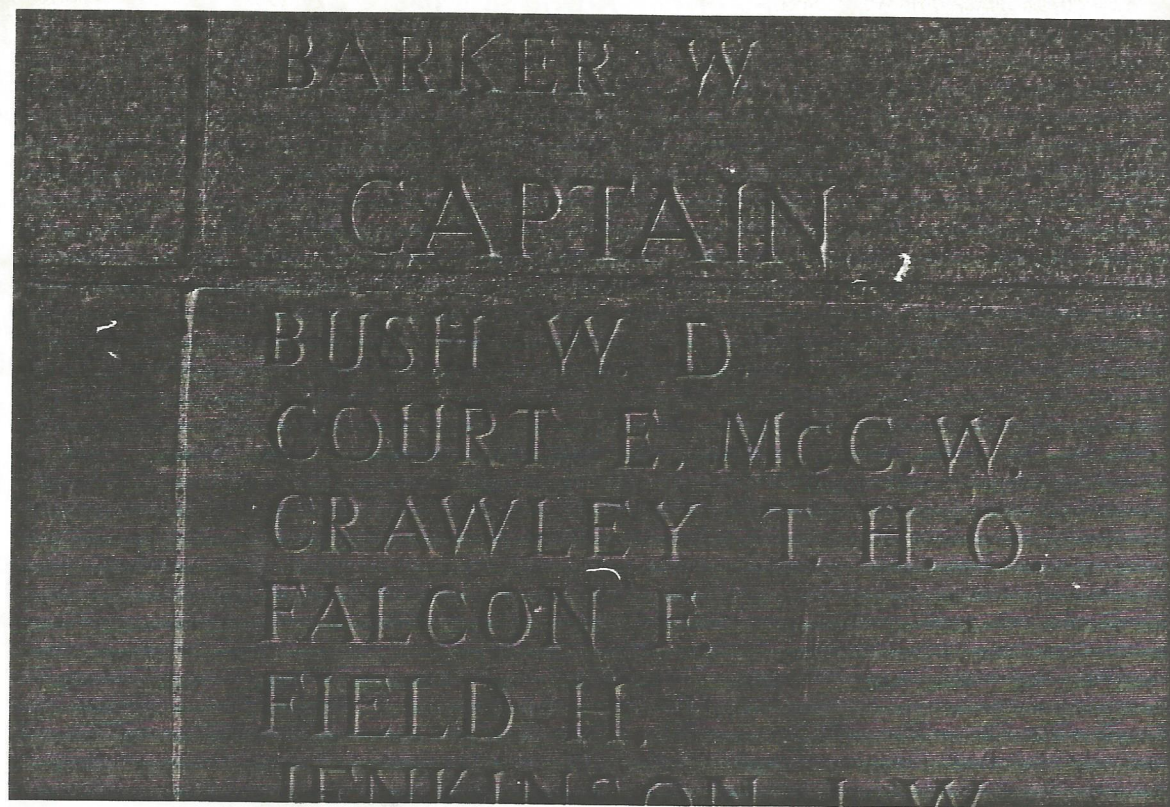
His photograph hangs in the Church Rooms

**Northampton Herald  
14.05.15.**

Killed, Captain Thomas Henry Ouseley Crawley, 4th Worcesters. A nephew of the Rev. H.H. Crawley, R.D., Rector of Stowe-Nine-Churches. He was killed in action on May 6th. Captain Crawley was the youngest son of Lieutenant-Colonel G.B. Crawley of the Indian Army, retired [Afghan medal], and grandson of the Rev. T. W. Crawley, many years Rector of Heyford. His great-great-grandfather, the Rev. Charles Crawley, was Rector of Stowe-Nine-Churches 1786 to 1849, and Vicar of Broadway, Co. Worc., 1785 to 1849. He married Mary, daughter of George Abraham Gibbs of

Exeter. This last-named gentleman and his wife, Anne, daughter of Anthony Vicary of Exeter have had descendants 61, and husbands of descendants 8, serving with the armed forces of the Crown 1914-15. Captain Crawley's death makes the sixth blank in this roll. Captain Crawley only returned from Burma at the end of January, and was married at Banbury on February 6th to Miss Grant, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Grant and of Mrs. Grant, of Blairgowrie, N.B. He was a very good horseman and a first-class shot. He brought home from Burma some fine heads, including two bisons and a bear.







## **FRENCH, Surrie Staines**

Corporal 3408.

"B" Battery, 64th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Killed in action 30.07.17, aged 21.

No known grave, Commemorated on the Ypres [Menin Gate] Memorial to the Missing, Belgium, Panel 5, which records the names of 54,896 men who died in the Ypres Salient between 1914 and 15.08.17 and who have no known graves.

Son of Henry James and Amy Maria French of Lower Heyford.

Officially recorded as a Corporal, whereas the Heyford Memorial records him as a Bombardier.

His photograph hangs in the Church Rooms

**Northampton Daily  
Chronicle 14.08.17 and  
Northampton Herald  
17.08.17 [Photograph].**

Killed, Corporal Surrie Staines French, R.F.A. Youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H.J. French, Lower Heyford. Struck by a shell in dug-out. His Officer writes that he was one of the best N.C.O.'s, and was a great favourite with both officers and men. Aged 21. Joined up in 1914. Previously was employed in the Army Ordnance Stores at Weedon.

**Northampton Daily Echo  
15.08.17, and  
Northampton Mercury  
17.08.17 [Photograph].**

Killed, French, Corpl. Surrie Staines [21], R.F.A., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H.J. French, Lower Heyford, struck by shell in dug-out; joined up in 1914; was employed at the Army Ordnance Stores at Weedon.

**An In Memorium appears  
in the 30.07.18 edition of the  
Northampton Daily Echo.**



SECOND LIEUT.	CORPORAL	SERVED AS
BROWN J.W.	ARNOLD J.L.E.	DAWES C.W.
CARTER E.	ATHERTON F.	EMERY C.W.
DINAN F.A.	BENNETT O.	FAIRCHILD R.
EDGINGTON W.	BONWICK F.J.	FAIRWEATHER
FARMER J.D.H.	CARR T.A.	FORSYTH J.E.
FLETCHER R.W.	DAY H.J.	FOSSEY T.A.
GAMBLIN J.L.	FRENCH S.	FOSTER J.
LYNCH J.	GERARD C.R.M.M.	GIBSON W.
McLERNON R.W.	GURMAN H.A.	GILBERTSON
MILLS W.R.G.	HODGE G.J.	GILDER F.
MILNER J.L.	HOLDER W.E.	GOODISON
MUNNIE J.F.MC.	McCLEN A.V.	GOODWIN
RAINBANK A.R.	MORRIS W.C.	GOUGH C.
RELLER J.C.	NORRIS R.E.	GOVUS W.
WILSON J.C.	PARSLEY W.	GRASSICK
WILSON J.C.	PATTERSON R.R.	GRAY H.
		GREEN H.





**FURNISS, Walter D.C.M.**

Sergeant 1838.

13th Field Artillery Brigade, Australian Army.

Killed in action 08.10.18, aged 28.

Buried in Bellicourt British Cemetery, France, Plot 1, Row B, Grave 6.

Son of Alfred and Agnes S.E. Furniss of 29 Ribble Road, Stoke, Coventry, [as officially reported, but see below]. Native of Lower Heyford.

His photograph hangs in the Church Rooms

**Northampton Independent  
02.11.18 [Photograph].**

An aeroplane bomb killed Sergeant Walter Furniss of the 13th Field Artillery Brigade A.I.F. and two of his comrades whilst they were working on a gun in France on October 8th. Twenty eight years of age the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Furniss and grandson of the late Mr T.G. Faulkner of Lower Heyford deceased enlisted in Queensland - August 1915, and previously served in Egypt. He had many friends in Northampton before going to Australia where he was prominent in political circles. He was buried at Bellicourt.

**Northampton Mercury  
08.11.18.**

Killed, Furniss Sergt. Walter [28] R.F.A. eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Furniss, and

grandson of the late Mr. T.G. Faulkner, of Lower Heyford, Weedon; killed in action on October 8, 1918. He was working at his gun, when a bomb fell from an aeroplane, and killed three and wounded one of his comrades. He was buried at Bellicourt. He enlisted at Barie Mount Morgan, Queensland, in August 1915; embarked for Egypt on January 1, 1916, and was transferred to France in June, 1916, where he has served until the present time. He had many friends in Northampton before he went to Australia. At the time of his enlistment, the President of the Workers' Political Organisation wrote to his parents, stating their son's high moral character and sweet, kind nature had endeared him to all, and as a political speaker he would be much missed.

**Northampton Independent  
25.01.19 [Photograph].**

"A Posthumous Award"  
Mrs. A. Furniss of Lower Heyford has just received the gratifying news that the D.C.M. has been awarded to her son Sergeant Walter Furniss of the 13th Field Artillery Brigade A.I.F. who was killed by an aeroplane bomb in France on October 8th. Sergeant Furniss who was 28 years of age was a grandson of the late Mr T.G. Faulkner of Lower Heyford, enlisted in Queensland in August 1915, and had served in Egypt as well as in France.

**A photograph and short commentary appears in both the 01.11.18 edition of the Northampton Herald and the 02.11.18 edition of the Northampton Daily Echo.**







**GIBBINS, Thomas**

Private G/13722.

7th Btn Queen's [Royal West Surrey Regiment].

Killed in action 08.11.16, aged 26.

Buried in Regina Trench Cemetery, Grandcourt, France, Plot 2, Row B, Grave 38.

Born at Grimscote, son of Mrs Annie Gibbins, husband of Florence May Gibbins of Lower Heyford.

**Northampton Daily Chronicle 22.12.16, and Northampton Herald 22.12.16.**

Killed, Private Thomas Gibbins, R.W. Surrey. Husband of Mrs Gibbins, Lower Heyford, Joined in May, and was sent to the front in September. Killed in action about Nov 6th.

**Northampton Mercury 22.12.16, and Northampton Daily Echo 22.12.16.**

Killed, Gibbins Pte. Thomas. Queen's [R.W. Surrey] Regiment. Joined the Forces in May, and was sent to the Front in September, being killed in action about November 6. He leaves a widow and three young children, who reside at Lower Heyford.

**A photograph and short commentary appears in the 29.12.16 edition of the Northampton Herald.**







**GLANISTER, Ernest Albert**

Private 12145.

38th Btn Machine Gun Corps [Infantry].

Killed in action 04.09.18, aged 25.

Buried in Saily - Saillisel British Cemetery, France, Plot 2, Row G, Grave 1.

Born at Hardingstone, youngest son of Joseph Henry Percival and Johannah Glanister of Hardingstone.

Originally joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, then was attached to the Machine Gun Corps as a signaller.

**Northampton Daily  
Chronicle 19.09.18, and  
Northampton Herald  
20.09.18.**

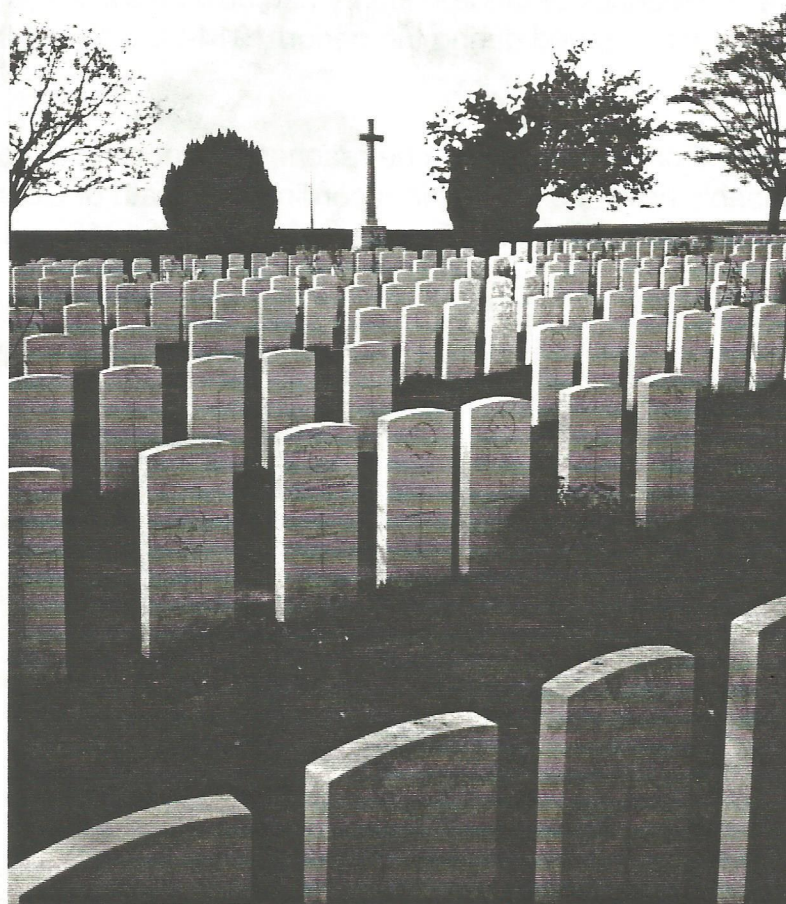
Killed, Signaller E.A.  
Glanister M.G.C. Youngest  
son of Mr. and Mrs. J.  
Glanister, Hardingstone, and  
grandson of Mr. Edwin  
Foster, Lower Heyford. Aged  
25.

**National Roll of the Great  
War.**

Glanister, E.A., Pte., R.  
Warwickshire Regt.  
Volunteering in December  
1915, he proceeded to France  
in the following year and  
served in the Somme, Ypres  
and Cambrai sectors, being  
attached to the Machine Gun  
Corps as a signaller. He was  
unfortunately killed in action  
at Cambrai on September 4th,  
1918, and was entitled to  
General Service and Victory  
Medals.

'Steals on the ear the distant  
triumph song'.  
School House Lane, Lower  
Heyford, Northants.







## **HADDON, Frederick.**

Private 13089.

2nd Btn Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Killed in action 16.05.15, aged 22.

No known grave, Commemorated as George Henry Haddon [see below] on the Le Touret Memorial to the Missing, near Bethune, France, Panel 26, which records the names of 13,482 men who fell in the battles of La Bassee, Neuve Chapelle, Aubers Ridge and Festubert between October 1914 and September 1915 and who have no known graves.

Son of George Henry and Annie Elizabeth Haddon of Lower Heyford. One of his brothers was also named George Henry. Relatives have confirmed that Frederick was killed in action and that his brother George Henry survived the war. The father died in 1921, aged 54.

Both Frederick and George Henry attended Lower Heyford School, and the School's records show their dates of birth as 25.03.1893 and 14.03.1891 respectively.

Official records state that a Private George Henry Haddon, 13089, of the 2nd Btn. Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry was killed in action 16.05.15, aged 24 [the age Frederick's brother would have been on that date], and that he was born at Heyford, Northants, enlisted at Coventry and was resident at Lower Heyford, Northants. No official records exist relating to Frederick Haddon having died during the war. No articles have been found relating to the death of Frederick or to the death in action of a George Henry Haddon of Lower Heyford. However, the article quoted on page 8 shows that Frederick was serving with the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry in January 1915. Unfortunately no records relating to the military service of Frederick or George Henry can now be traced as a large proportion of the records of soldiers who served during the period 1914-20 were totally destroyed by enemy air action in 1940.

From the above the only conclusion to be reached is that official records are in error [the reason will probably never be known] in recording the death of George Henry when it was in fact his brother Frederick who fell in France or Belgium in 1915 and has no known grave.



FRANKLIN F E	ADKIN
FRISWELL J P	BALDW
FROGGATT E	BROGD
GARNER A W	GOODS
GODDARD A	JOHNST
GOODENOUGH S T	STEDIA
GREEN W F	LCE S
HADDON G H	HUBBAR
HAGGITT E A	CORP
HARDING T	DALE J
HEARD S	EASTO
HEWITT H F	FOSTER
HOBBS A F	CASCO
HOLT T W	HONOL
HONOR L	
HUBBARD W J	





**HOLLOMAN, Edward George**

Lance Corporal 31235.

1st Btn Northamptonshire Regiment.

Killed in action 10.07.17, aged 20.

No known grave, Commemorated on the British Memorial to the Missing, Nieuwpoort, Belgium, which records the names of 566 men who died in the operations at Antwerp in 1914 and later actions on the Belgium coast, particularly those in 1917, and who have no known graves.

Son of Mrs. Edith Jane Sitford [formerly Holloman] reported in the local press in error as Mrs Sidford, of Lower Heyford.

His photograph hangs in the Church Rooms

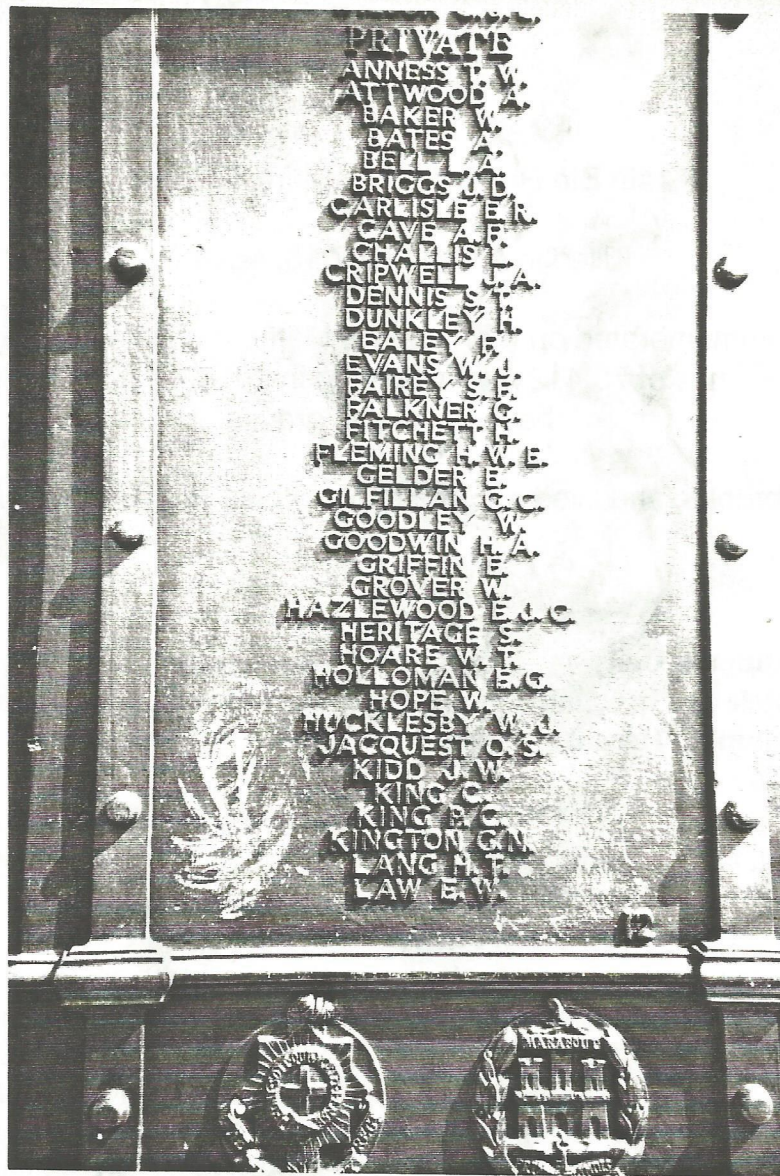
**Northampton Daily  
Chronicle 21.08.17, and  
Northampton Herald  
24.08.17.**

Missing, Corporal Edward G.  
Holloman, Northants Regt.  
Son of Mrs Sidford [formerly  
Holloman] of Lower Heyford.  
Aged 20. Missing since the  
Dunes Battle. Previously in  
the Territorials and employed  
at Weedon Stores.

**Northampton Daily Echo  
21.08.17, and Northampton  
Mercury 24.08.17.**

Missing, Holloman, Corpl.  
Edward G. [20], Northants,  
son of Mrs Sidford [formerly  
Holloman] of Lower Heyford,  
previously in the Territorials  
and employed at Weedon  
Stores; missing since the  
Dunes Battle.







**JEFFERY, Frank**

Private 9956.

14th Btn Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Killed in action 30.07.16, aged 32.

No known grave, Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, France, Panel 9A, which records the names of 73,412 men who died in 1916-17 in the Somme area and who have no known graves.

Born at Bugbrooke, and lived at Flore Lane, Stowe Hill. Brother of Bert Jeffery.

**Northampton Daily  
Chronicle 11.11.16, and  
Northampton Herald  
17.11.16.**

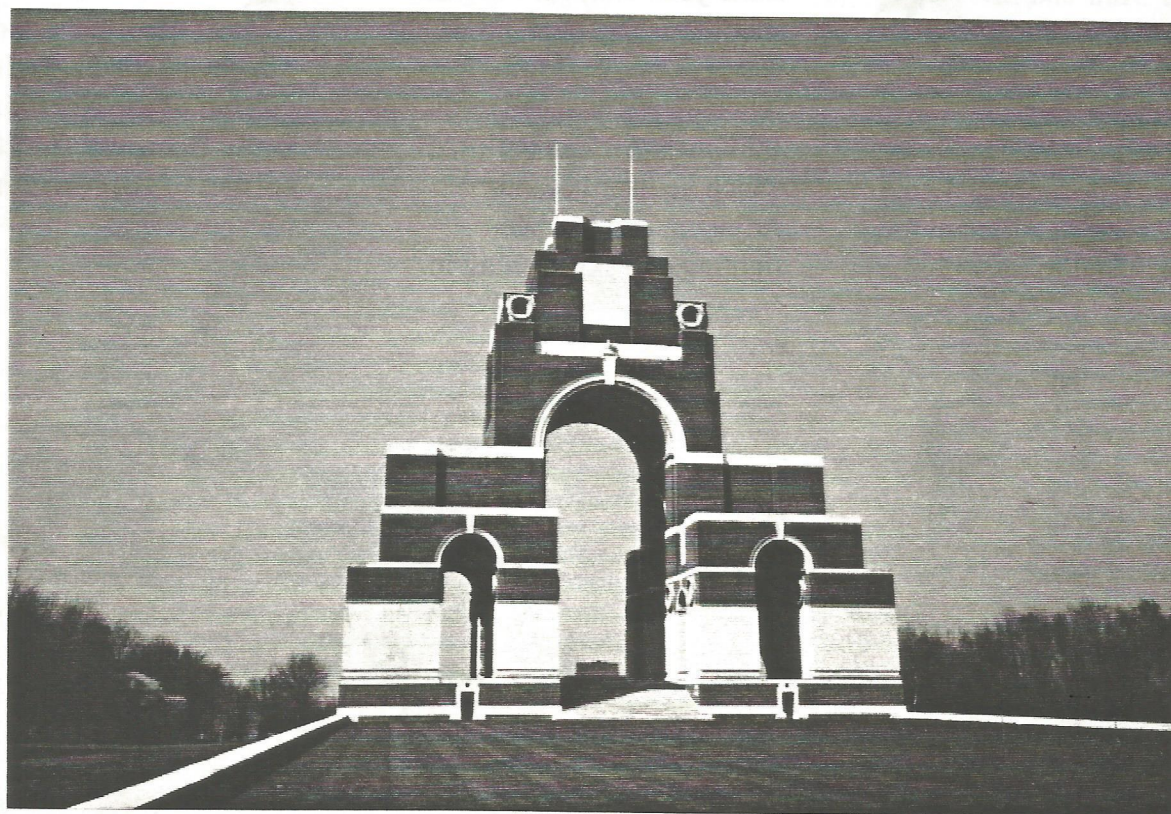
Missing, Private Frank  
Jeffery, Royal Warwicks.  
Brother of Mr. B. Jeffery,  
Flore Lane, Weedon.  
Officially reported wounded  
and missing since July 30th.  
Aged 32. He had been in the  
Army over 14 years, and had  
served five years in India, and  
went through the South  
African War. He was sent to  
the front as soon as the war  
broke out. One other brother  
is at the front, and another is  
in training.

**Northampton Daily Echo  
13.11.16, and Northampton  
Mercury 17.11.16.**

Missing, Jeffery, Pte Frank,  
Royal Warwickshire  
Regiment, the brother of Mr.  
B. Jeffery, Flore Lane,  
Weedon, is officially reported  
wounded and missing since  
July 30. Aged 32, he had  
been in the Army over 14  
years, and had served five  
years in India, besides going  
through the South African  
War.



PRIVATE	REG
JACKSON S.	LAWSON B.
JACOBS D.	LAY A. T.
JACOBS W. C.	LEDIARD G. H.
JACQUES F.	LEE A.
JAMES A.	LEE H.
JAMES E. B.	LEE J.
JAMES F.	LEESON E. P.
JAMESON J.	LEFLEY G.
JARRETT T.	LEGGETT F.
JARVIS E.	LEIGH J.
JAYES P.	LEONARD H. I.
JEANES G. E. F.	LEONARD H.
JEARY A. G.	2000
JEEVES P.	LEWIS C. J.
JEFFERY F.	SERVED A. S.
JEFFS A.	CURZON J.
JEFFS G. O.	LEWIS W. C.
JENKINSON A. A.	LIDDINGTON
JENNINGS P. D.	LILLEY A.
JENNINGS W.	LINCOLN W.
4522	LINE S.
JENNINGS W.	LING H.
9427	LINNETT F.
JOHNSON A. E.	LISTER E.
JOHNSON E. E. V.	LISTER H.
JOHNSON G. F.	LITTLE A.
JOHNSON H. W.	LLOYD H.
JOHNSON M.	LOAM G. L.
JONES A.	





**MUIR, Matthew Andrew**

Captain.

15th Btn King's Hussars, attached to 1st King's African Rifles.

Died of illness [black-water fever] 18.07.16, aged 32.

Buried in Iringa Cemetery, East Africa [Southern part of Tanzania], Plot 9, Row A, Grave 7.

Son of Jessie and the then late John, Gardiner Muir of Heyford Manor.

Newspaper articles reporting his death record his age as 32, whereas the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records his age as 35.

His photograph hangs in the Church Rooms

**Northampton Daily Chronicle 25.07.16, and Northampton Herald 28.07.16 [Photograph].**

Died, Captain M.A. Muir, late 15th Hussars. Attached King's African Rifles. The only son of the late Mr. J. Gardiner Muir and Mrs. Gardiner Muir, of Heyford Manor. Educated at Eton and Sandhurst, he was gazetted to the 15th Hussars in Jan 1903, and joined them in India. He was Adjutant for three years, returning with the

Regiment from South Africa in the spring of 1913. He played back in their polo team for many years, and was playing for them when they won the Inter-Regimental Tournament at Hurlingham in 1913. He resigned his commission in October the same year, and was big game shooting in Nyassaland when war broke out. He was immediately attached to the 1st King's African Rifles, of which he later became Adjutant, and has been fighting and skirmishing in

Central and German East Africa against the enemy continuously since war started, succumbing to black-water fever on July 18th last. He was 32 years of age and unmarried. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Muir and family by the parishioners.

**Almost identical articles appear in the 25.07.16 edition of the Northampton Daily Echo and the 28.07.16 edition of the Northampton Mercury.**







**MUSKETT. Melburne**

Private 23581.

4th Btn Bedfordshire Regiment.

Killed in action 13.11.16, aged 26.

No known grave, Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, France, Panel 2C, which records the names of 73,412 men who died in 1916-17 in the Somme area and who have no known graves.

Born at Olney, Bucks, son of George and Mary Muskett of Church Stowe.

Officially recorded as above, whereas the Stowe Memorial records him as Melbourne Muskett.

**Northampton Daily  
Chronicle 22.12.16, and  
Northampton Herald  
22.12.16.**

Killed, Private Melburne Muskett, Bedford Regiment. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Muskett, Church Stowe, near Weedon, and brother of Mrs. Elson, 66 Gordon Street, Northampton. Killed in action on Nov 13. A letter from Sergeant Hollingshead states that he was killed by a shell. He was 26 years of age and had been at the front about six months. Has another brother at the front with the Northants, who went out at the start of the war.

**Northampton Daily Echo  
22.12.16, and Northampton  
Mercury 29.12.16.**

Killed, Muskett, Pte. M. Bedfordshire Regiment, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Muskett, of Church Stowe, Weedon, and brother of Mrs Elson, 66 Gordon Street, Northampton, was killed on November 13 by a shell. He was 26 years old, and had been at the front about six months.

The Stowe Register of Church Services records that a memorial service for him took place on 06.12.16.



GS J. F.	MONEY I. J.	WILE
A	MOODY W. H.	SHADE
YARD J.	MOORE C. H.	SHAM
ON B.	MORGAN J. W.	SHART
DIVAY W.	MORGAN W.	SHART
OWAY J. J.	MORRISON H.	SHART
IES J.	MOULD H. W.	SHART
B.	MUSKETT M.	SHAW
ER W. C.	NAUNTON W. E.	SHEA
NS G.	NEWBURY W. W.	SHEA
X S.	NEWMAN S. H.	SHIP
G.	NEWSTEAD R. J.	SILL
TT W.	NEWTON W.	SILL
D. G. R.	NICE C.	
H.	NICE D.	





**NEWTON, Frederick John**

Private PO/1771.

Royal Marine Light Infantry, 2nd Royal Marine Btn, Royal Naval Division.

Killed in action 09.08.17, aged 25.

Buried in Naval Trench Cemetery, Gavrelle, France, Row D, Grave 4.

Youngest son of John Allen and Eliza Newton of Upper Stowe.

**Northampton Daily  
Chronicle 28.08.17, and  
Northampton Herald  
31.08.17.**

Killed, Pte. F.J. Newton,  
Royal Marine Light Infantry.  
Youngest son of Mr. and Mrs.  
J. Newton, Stowe-Nine-  
Churches. Aged 25. Killed  
in action Aug 9th by enemy  
machine gun bullet. Had  
been at the front three  
months. Prior to joining the  
Army was in the employ of  
the L and N.W. Railway  
Company at Wolverton  
Station. Another brother is  
serving with the forces in  
India. A service was held in  
the Parish Church, Stowe to  
the memory of the deceased,  
a goodly number of  
parishioners and friends  
attending. The Rector [the  
Rev. H.H. Crawley]  
conducted the service.

**Northampton Mercury  
31.08.17.**

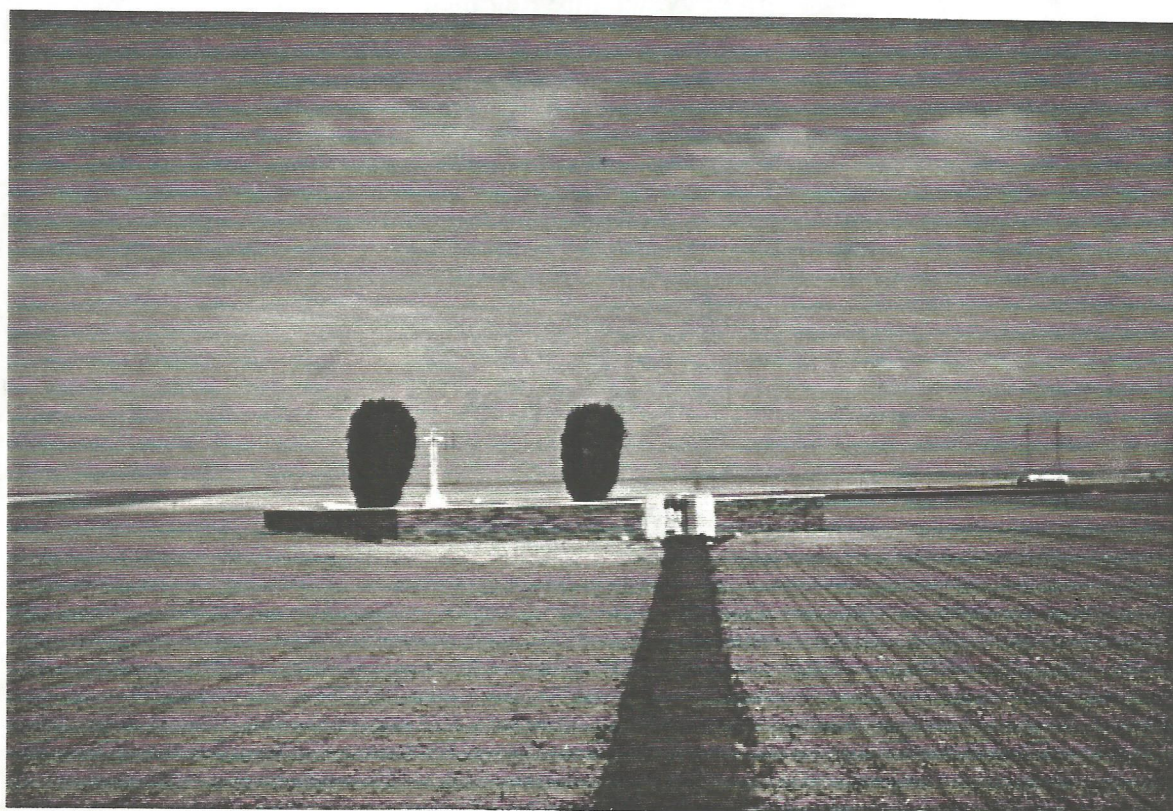
Killed, Newton, Pte. F.J.  
[25], Royal Marine Light  
Infantry, youngest son of Mr.  
and Mrs. J Newton, Stowe-  
Nine-Churches. Killed in  
action on August 9 by  
enemy machine gun bullet;  
been at the front three  
months; employed by the L  
and N. W. Railway Co. at  
Wolverton; another brother  
is serving with the forces in  
India; a memorial service,  
conducted by the Rev. H.H.  
Crawley, was held in the  
Parish Church, Stowe.

**Northampton Independent  
08.09.17 [Photograph].**

Pte Frederick John Newton,  
of the Royal Marine Light  
Infantry, youngest son of Mr.  
and Mrs. J. Newton, of  
Stowe-Nine-Churches, was  
killed in action by a machine  
gun bullet on August 9th.  
Deceased, who had been at  
the front three months, was  
25 years of age and, prior to  
joining up was employed at  
Wolverton Station. A  
memorial service was held at  
Stowe Church. His Captain  
writes "Such a man cannot  
but be mourned by the whole  
company". A brother is  
serving in India.

The Stowe Register of Church Services records the above mentioned memorial service as  
having taken place at St. James, Upper Stowe on 26.08.17.







**PARKINSON, Thomas**

Private 41637.

7th Btn Leicestershire Regiment.

Killed in action 27.05.18, aged 19.

No known grave, Commemorated on the Soissons Memorial to the Missing, France, which records the name of 3,987 men of the British IX and XXII Corps which fought during 1918 alongside the French Army and who have no known graves.

Son of William Joseph and Annie Parkinson of Lower Heyford.

Originally joined the 3rd Btn Northamptonshire Regiment 48750.

Officially recorded as having died 27.05.18, whereas article below gives his date of death as 26.05.18.

**National Roll of the Great War.**

Parkinson, T., Private, 7th Leicestershire Regt.  
Joining the 3rd Northamptonshire Regiment in April 1917, he was drafted to the Western Front with the 7th Leicestershire Regiment in March of the following year and there took part in the Battle of the Somme and minor engagements in the final Retreat. He died gloriously on the Field of Battle on May 26th, 1918, after only two months' active service, and was entitled to the General Service and Victory Medals.

'He nobly fell that we might live'.  
Lower Heyford, Weedon,  
Northants.







**PINNOCK, William Adams**

Private 40620.

2nd Btn South Wales Borderers.

Killed in action 23.04.17, aged 31.

No known grave, Commemorated on the Arras Memorial to the Missing, France, Bay 6, which records the names of 35,928 men who died in the battles of Arras, Vimy Ridge, the Scarfe, and those of Arleux, Bullecourt and Hill 70 of 1917 and who have no known graves.

Born at Lower Heyford, husband of Edith May Pinnock of 6, Vernon Terrace, Towcester.

Formerly in the Norfolk Regiment 27248.

**Northampton Daily  
Chronicle 22.05.17.**

Missing, Pte. Wm. A. Pinnock, South Wales Borderers. Husband of Mrs. Pinnock, 6, Vernon Terrace, Towcester. Joined the Army since the new year. News of the missing man would be gratefully received by the wife.

**Northampton Daily Echo  
23.05.17, and Northampton  
Mercury 25.05.17.**

Missing, Pinnock, Pte William [31], South Wales Borderers, the husband of Mrs. Pinnock,

6, Vernon Terrace, Towcester, officially reported missing since April 23; joined up on Jan 1, 1917, and went to the front on Good Friday; formerly worked for Mr. Claridge, wheelwright, at Northampton and Towcester.

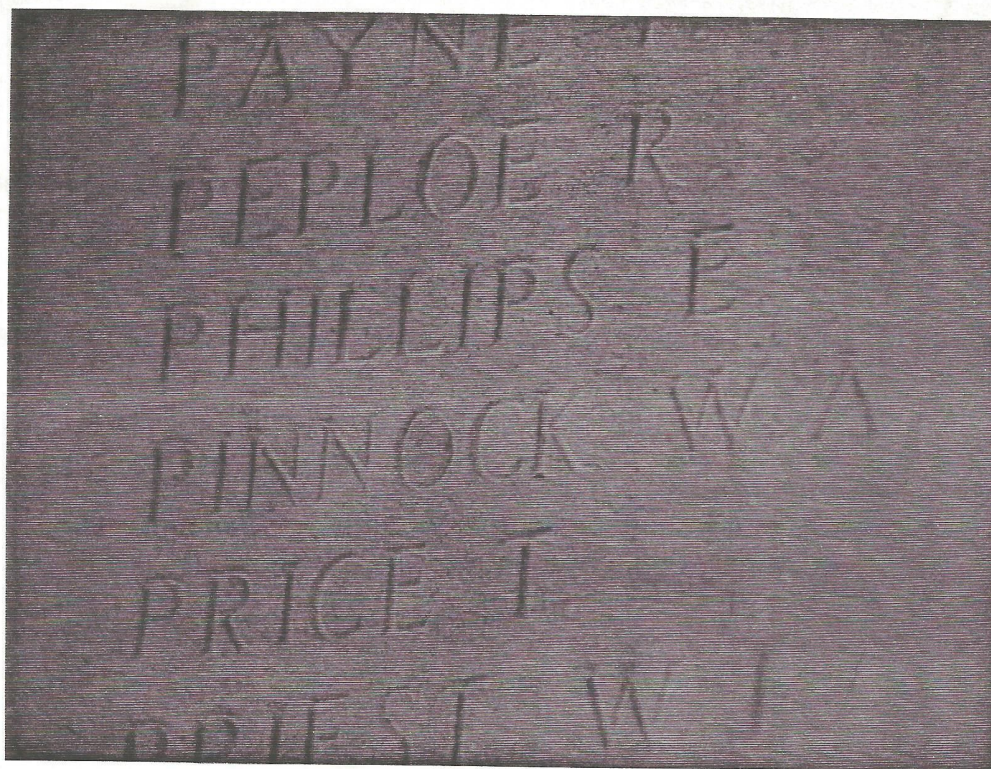
**Northampton Herald  
25.05.17.**

Missing, Pte. Wm. A. Pinnock, South Wales Borderers. Husband of Mrs. Pinnock, 6, Vernon Terrace, Towcester. Joined the Army this year.

**Northampton Herald  
26.04.18.**

Killed, Pte. Wm. A. Pinnock, South Wales Borderers. Husband of Mrs. Pinnock, 6, Vernon Terrace, Towcester. Has been missing 12 months [23rd April 1917] and now officially stated to have met his death on that day. He leaves a widow and one child. He was a native of Lower Heyford, and worked for Mr Claridge, wheelwright, Harlestone Road, for many years.







**SHARP, Arthur Henry**

Private 21163.

2nd Btn Grenadier Guards.

Killed in action 09.10.17, aged 21.

No known grave, Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing, Passchendaele, Belgium, Panel 9, which records the names of 34,888 men who died from 16.08.17 to the end of the war in the Ypres area and who have no known graves.

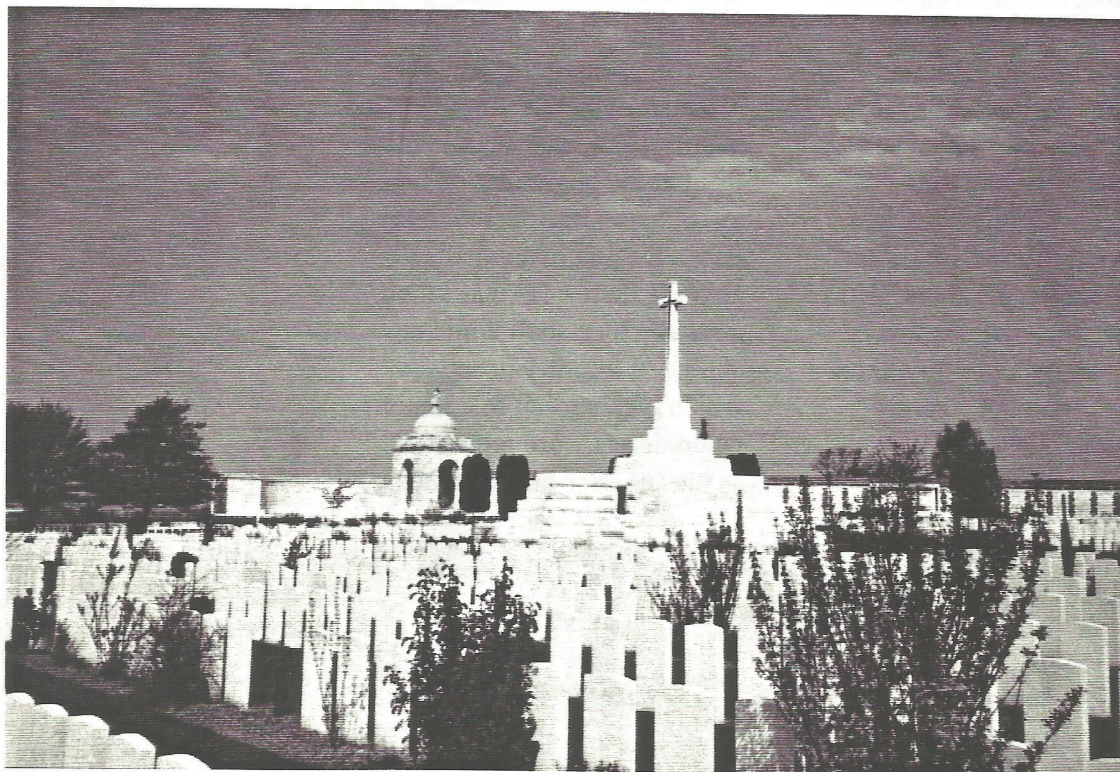
Born at Towcester, son of Thomas and Mary Sharp of 37, Church Stowe.

Died the same day and is commemorated on the same memorial as Isaiah Humphriss Allen.

No articles have been found relating to his death, but the Stowe Register of Church Services records that a short memorial for him took place during the Evening Prayer with Sermon held on 16.12.17.



PEARSON J. W.  
PICKERING W.  
PICKLES H.  
PILCHER T.  
POOLE J. C.  
PRIESTLEY A.  
PURCHASE W. J.  
RICHMOND E. E.  
RIVERS W.  
ROYTHORNE A.  
SAUNDERS H. R.  
SERGEANT H. C.  
SEYMOUR L.  
SHARP A. H.  
SHELLARD E. W.  
SHELLEY T.  
SILLINCE M. A. G.  
SKIDMORE L. G.  
SMITH E. W.  
SMITH E. L.  
SMITH S. J.  
SOUTHWELL A.





**SHORTLAND, Arthur**

Lance Corporal 43494.

1st Btn Essex Regiment.

Killed in action 13.10.16, aged 28.

No known grave, Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, France, Panel 10D, which records the names of 73,412 men who died in 1916-17 in the Somme area and who have no known graves.

Son of Annie and the then late Thomas Shortland of Weedon Road, Lower Heyford.

Officially recorded as a Lance Corporal, whereas the Heyford Memorial records him as a Private.

Formerly in the Northamptonshire Regiment 20312.

**Northampton Daily Chronicle 11.11.16, and Northampton Herald 17.11.16 [Photograph].**

Killed, Lance Corporal Arthur Shortland, Essex Regt. Only son of Mrs. Annie Shortland [widow], Weedon Road, Heyford. He joined the 3rd Northants in July 1915, and went to the front at the beginning of June 1916, and transferred to the Essex Regt. soon after arriving there. His superior officer states that he was killed instantly by a shell while in charge of a sentry group which held on to the trench when things were pretty bad.

**Northampton Daily Echo 11.11.16, and Northampton Mercury 17.11.16.**

Killed Shortland, Lce Corpl Arthur, Essex Regiment, the only son of Mrs. Annie Shortland, Weedon Road, Heyford, joined the 3rd Northamptonshire Regiment in July 1915, and went to the front at the beginning of June 1916, being transferred to the Essex Regiment soon after arriving there. He was killed instantly by a shell while in charge of a sentry group which had held on to a trench when things were pretty bad, as his superior officer states.

**A photograph and short commentary appears in the 18.11.16 edition of the Northampton Daily Echo.**



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L. M. M.	REIDY W.	BROV
O.	RICHER E. C. M. M.	BROV
H.	RUST J. V.	BROV
W.	SARLE C.	BROV
I. M. M.	SAUNDERS R. G.	BROV
S. A. J.	SCOTT V. H.	BROV
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W.	SHORTLAND A.	BRY
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E.	SMITH A.	BUO
RE A.	SPICER A. M. M.	BUI
M. M.	STEED A.	BUI
T.	THOMSON W.	BUI
C. J.	TOMKINS W. R.	BUI
	TURNER H. C.	BUI





**STARMER, Harold John**

Act Bombardier L/32388.

"D" Battery, 235th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Killed in action 23.05.16, aged 23.

Buried in Cabaret Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, near Arras, France,  
Plot 8, Row A, Grave 10.

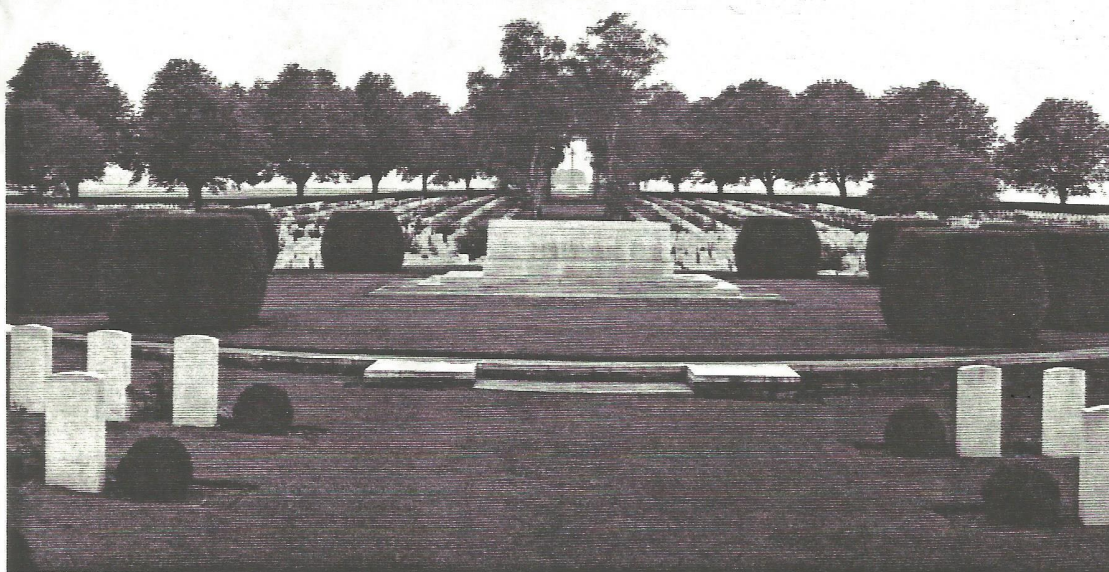
Born at Leicester, son of Edward and Edith Starmer of 192, Tudor Street, Leicester. Attended Lower Heyford School from 17.09.1900 to 22.11.1905. Shortly after leaving school his family moved back to Leicester.

**Leicester Daily Mercury  
30.05.16, and Leicester Daily  
Post 31.05.16.**

News has been received of the death in action of Bombardier Harold Starmer of the R.F.A., a son of Sergt. Starmer, 1st/4th Leicesters, whose home is at 192, Tudor Street, Leicester. In a letter to the deceased's mother, an army chaplain states that Starmer was killed instantly by a shell, and adds: 'Your son was universally liked and respected by his battery, who mourned his loss very much indeed'. Bombardier Starmer formerly belonged to the West End Adult School, and was held in high esteem by the members.

**A photograph and short commentary appears in both the 06.06.16 edition of the Leicester Daily Post and the 07.06.16 edition of the Leicester Daily Mercury.**







**TAPLEY, William Harry [known as Harry]**

Corporal 10657.

5th Btn Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Killed in action 03.05.17, aged 24.

No known grave, Commemorated on the Arras Memorial to the Missing, France, Bay 7, which records the names of 35,928 men who died in the battles of Arras, Vimy Ridge, the Scarfe, and those of Arleux, Bullecourt and Hill 70 of 1917 and who have no known graves.

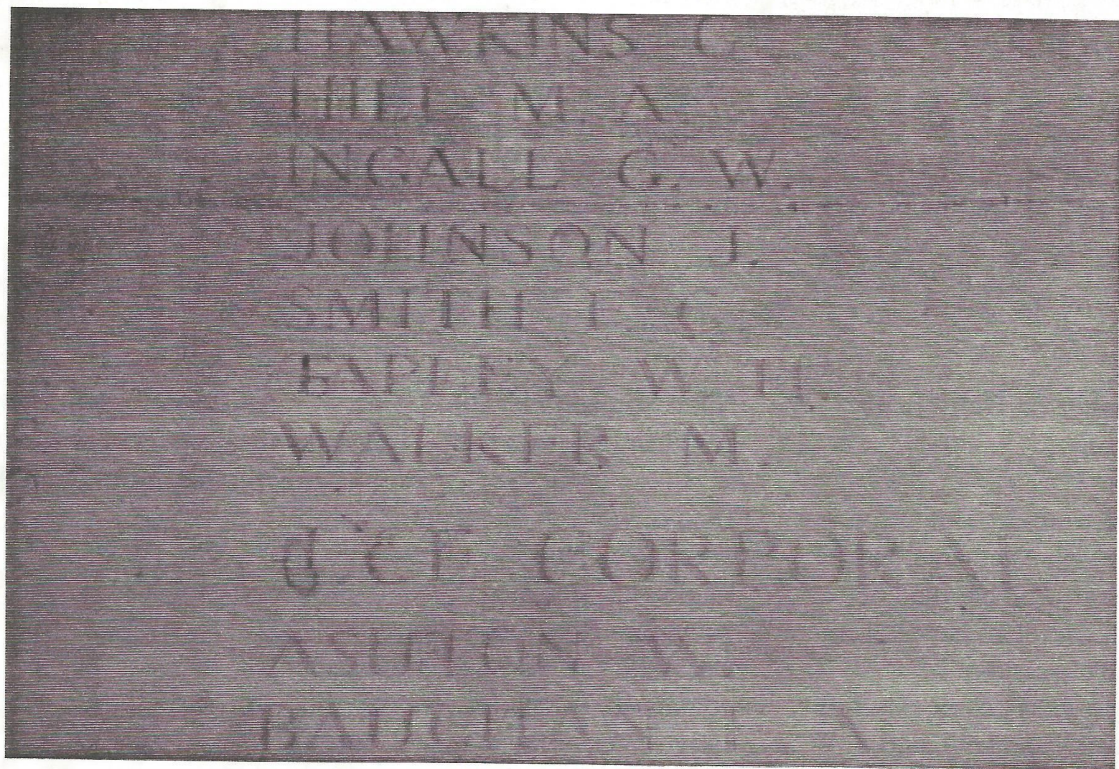
Son of William and Sophia Tapley of Stowe Hill.

Officially recorded as above, whereas the Heyford Memorial records him as  
Sergeant H.W. Tapley.

**Northampton Herald  
03.05.18.**

In Memoriam. Tapley. In  
loving memory of Corpl.  
Harry Tapley, eldest and dearly  
beloved son of Mr. and Mrs.  
William Tapley, Stowe Hill,  
Weedon. Reported missing  
May 3rd 1917, now officially  
reported killed in France on  
that date, aged 24 years.  
Oxford and Bucks Light  
Infantry.







**THOMPSON, Samuel**

Private 17066.

7th Btn Northamptonshire Regiment.

Died of wounds 20.08.16, aged 40.

Buried in St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France, Plot B, Row 27, Grave 39.

Son of William and Rose Ann Thompson of Lower Heyford, husband of  
Kate Thompson of Lower Heyford.

**Northampton Daily Echo  
23.08.16.**

Died of wounds. Thompson  
Pte Samuel, Northamptonshire  
Regiment, who has died of  
wounds at Rouen Hospital,  
was the husband of Mrs  
Thompson, of Lower Heyford.  
He was 40 years old, and,  
enlisting in the earlier stages  
of the war, went to the front in  
September 1915. He leaves a  
family of four sons.

**Northampton Herald  
25.08.16 [Photograph].**

Died of wounds, Pte Samuel  
Thompson, Northants  
Regiment. Has died of  
wounds at Rouen Hospital.  
Deceased was 40 years of age,  
voluntarily enlisted during the  
early stages of the War, and  
went to the Front in  
September. His home is at  
Lower Heyford, where his  
wife and four sons and also  
his parents reside.

**An In Memorium appears in  
the 20.08.17 edition of the  
Northampton Daily Echo.**







**TOMLIN, Harry Ernest**

Bombardier 86440.

15th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Killed in action 09.04.18, aged 32.

No known grave, Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial to the Missing, Belgium, Panel 1, which records the names of 11,447 men who died in the battles of Armentieres, Aubers Ridge 1914, Loos, Fromelles 1915, Estaires 1916, Hazebrouck, Scherpenberg, and Outtersteene Ridge 1918 and who have no known graves.

Son of George and Annie Tomlin of Church Stowe, husband of Annie E. Tomlin of Church Street, Kislingbury.

Commemorated on the Heyford Memorial as Tomalin and the Stowe Memorial as Tomlin. Officially recorded as Tomlin.

**Northampton Mercury**

**26.04.18, Northampton Daily**

**Echo 26.04.18, and**

**Northampton Herald 26.04.18.**

Tomlin. Killed in action, in France, April 9th, Bdr. Harry Tomlin, R.G.A., dearly loved husband of Annie Tomlin, Kislingbury, and eldest son of Mr and Mrs. G. Tomlin, Stowe, near Weedon, aged 32.



FIGURE 1.		
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G W. P.	FARMINER A.	HEFFRON
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PTON T.	CLAYTON T., M. M.	HOLMES
SJT. MAJOR	TOMLIN H. E.	HUGHES
E T. J.	WESTMACOTT E. W.	HULME A.
JEANT	GUNNER	INGRAM
R L. V., M. M.	APPS C. M.	JACKSON
N J.	BAKER A. J.	LEWIS D.
D J. H. M., M. M.	BALLARD B. W.	LUMB J.
ORAI	BRADSHAW W.	MAY A.
	BUNTING G. P.	SCHOFF
	CLIFFORD B. L. V.	SOWTE
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**WESTON, Arthur**

Private 250571.

1st/6th Btn Durham Light Infantry.

Killed in action 28.03.18, aged 20.

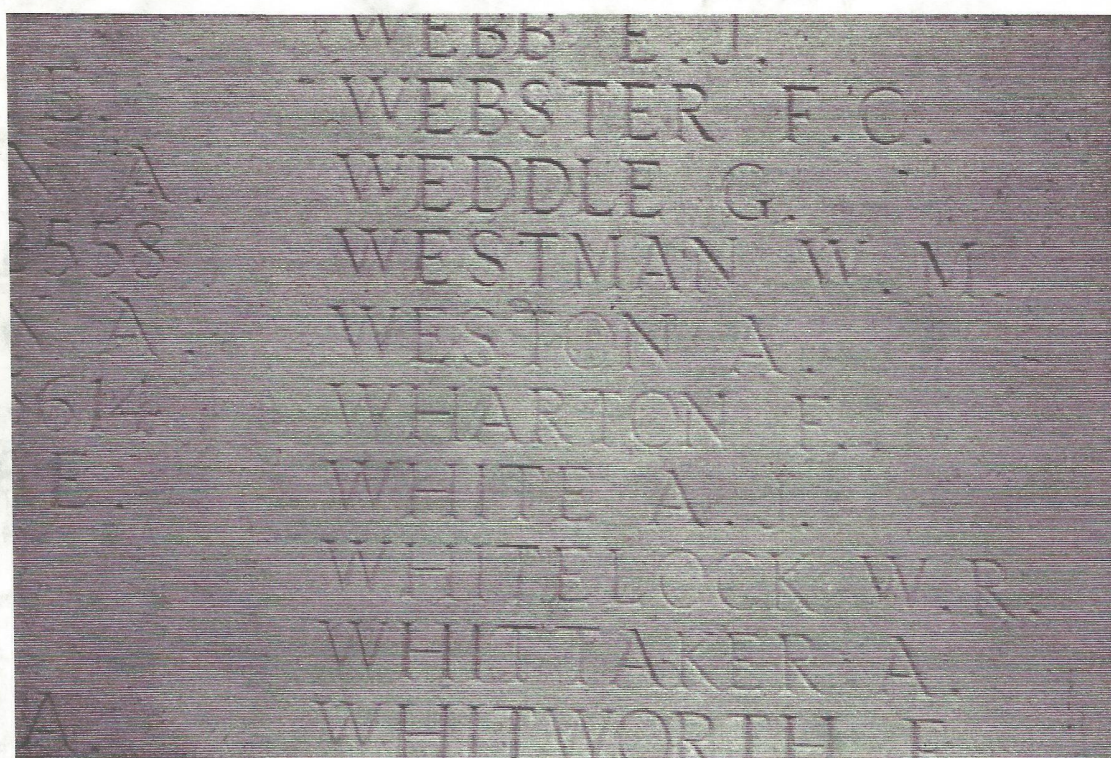
No known grave, Commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial to the Missing of the Fifth Army in 1918, France, Panel 71, which records the names of 14,690 men of the Fifth Army who died in the 1918 battles of the Somme up to 05.05.18, and all other casualties up to 07.08.18, and who have no known graves.

Son of William George and Sarah Ann Weston of Lower Heyford.

Formerly in the Northamptonshire Regiment 2545.

No articles have been found relating to his death, but his photograph, together with those of the other members of his family who fought in the war, hangs in the Church Rooms.







**WILKINSON, John Charles**

Private G/52161.

23rd Btn Royal Fusiliers.

Killed in action 17.02.17, aged 19.

No known grave, Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, France, Panel 8C, which records the names of 73,412 men who died in 1916-17 in the Somme area and who have no known graves.

Son of Caleb Joseph and Harriett Wilkinson of Upper Heyford.

Formerly in the Royal Sussex Regiment G/11650.

**Northampton Herald  
30.03.17**

Killed, Private J.C. Wilkinson, Royal Fusiliers. Younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Wilkinson, Upper Heyford. Killed in action 17th Feb.

**Northampton Mercury  
30.03.17 and Northampton  
Daily Echo 30.03.17.**

Killed, Wilkinson Pte. John Charles, Royal Fusiliers, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Wilkinson of Upper Heyford, was killed on February 17.

**Northampton Daily  
Chronicle 05.04.17, and  
Northampton Herald  
05.04.17.**

Killed, Private John Charles Wilkinson, Royal Fusiliers. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Wilkinson of Upper Heyford, killed on Feb 17th. Another brother serving in the Oxford and Bucks L.I.

**A photograph and short commentary appears in the 13.04.17 edition of the Northampton Herald.**







# **Personal Details**

## **Second World War Servicemen**



**FOSTER, Charles Leslie**

Flight Sergeant [Air Gunner] 624078.

100 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Killed in action 23.05.44, aged 24.

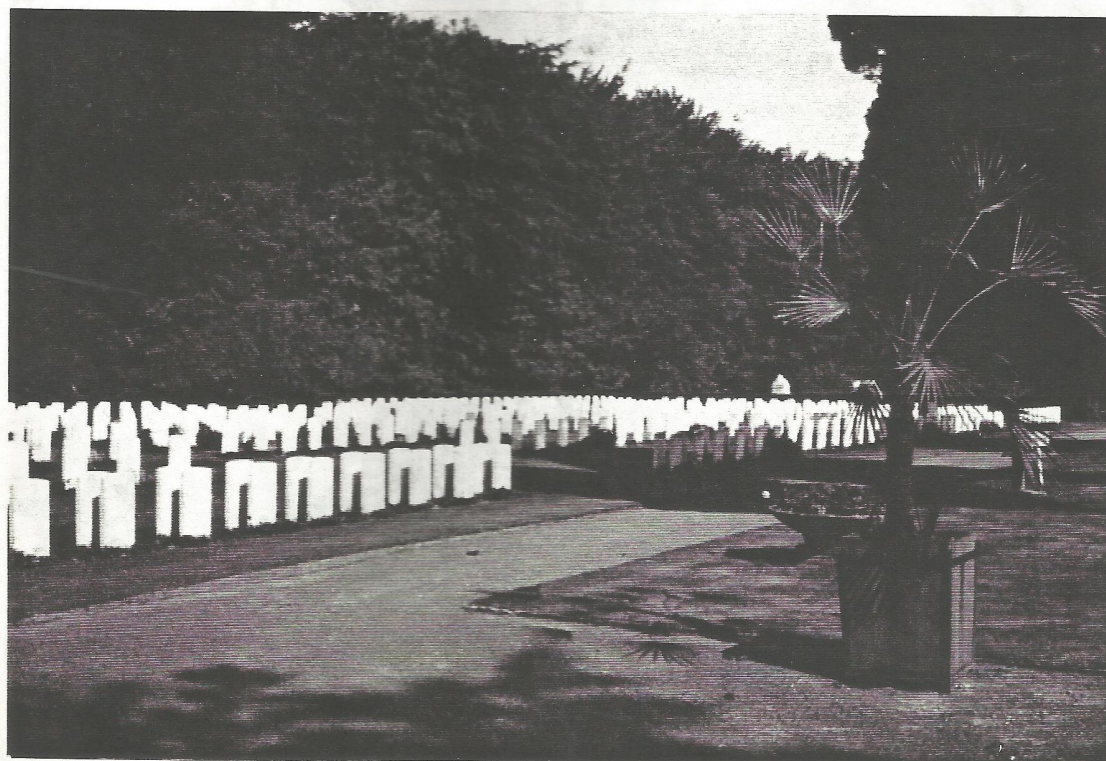
Buried in Schoonselhof Cemetery, Antwerp, Belgium, Plot 4A, Row E, Grave 8.

Son of Charlie and Emma Jane Foster of Lower Heyford.

**Northampton Mercury &  
Herald 13.04.45 [Photograph].**

Presumed Killed. News that their youngest son, Flight Sergt. Leslie Foster, R.A.F. reported missing in May of last year, is now presumed to have been killed, has been received by Mr. and Mrs. C. Foster, Stonebank, Lower Heyford. Sergt. Foster, who was 24, joined the R.A.F. in October, 1938, and had been in many flights over Germany when he was reported missing. He had seen service in North Africa. He was a former pupil of Lower Heyford School and was employed by the Miller Last Co. Ltd., before joining the R.A.F. He was also a former member of Bugbrooke Boys' Brigade.







**HEELER, Frederick**

Lance Corporal 5343373.

2nd Btn Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Killed in action 24.07.44, aged 28.

Buried in Banneville-La-Campagne War Cemetery, near Caen, France,  
Plot 9, Row A, Grave 17.

Son of Alfred and Elizabeth Heeler, husband of Eva Bertha Heeler of Lower Heyford.

**Northampton Chronicle &  
Echo 09.08.44 [Photograph],  
and Northampton Mercury  
& Herald 11.08.44  
[Photograph].**

Killed in Normandy. Mrs. E. Heeler, of The Green, Lower Heyford, has received news that her husband, Lance Corporal Frederick Heeler, has been killed in Normandy. Lance Corporal Heeler joined the forces in April 1940. He attended Pattishall School, and played football for Kislingbury Football Club. He worked at Towcester. He leaves a 17 months - old baby.

**Northampton Independent  
25.08.44 [Photograph].**

Killed. Lance Corporal F. Heeler. Mrs. E. Heeler of The Green, Lower Heyford has received news that her husband, Lance Corporal Frederick Heeler, has been killed in Normandy. He joined the Forces in April 1940. He attended Pattishall School and worked at Towcester. He played football for Kislingbury. He leaves a 17 months - old baby.







**TOMLIN, Cyril Edward**

Sergeant 1435137.

149 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Killed in action 21.05.43, aged 20.

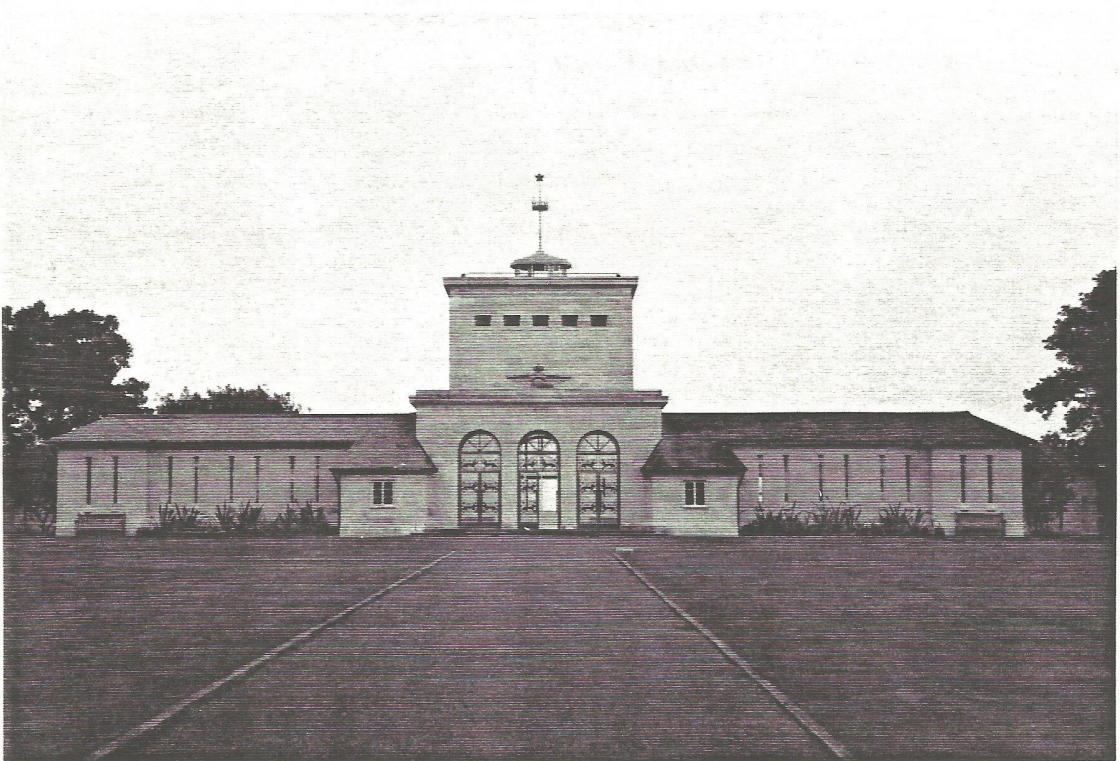
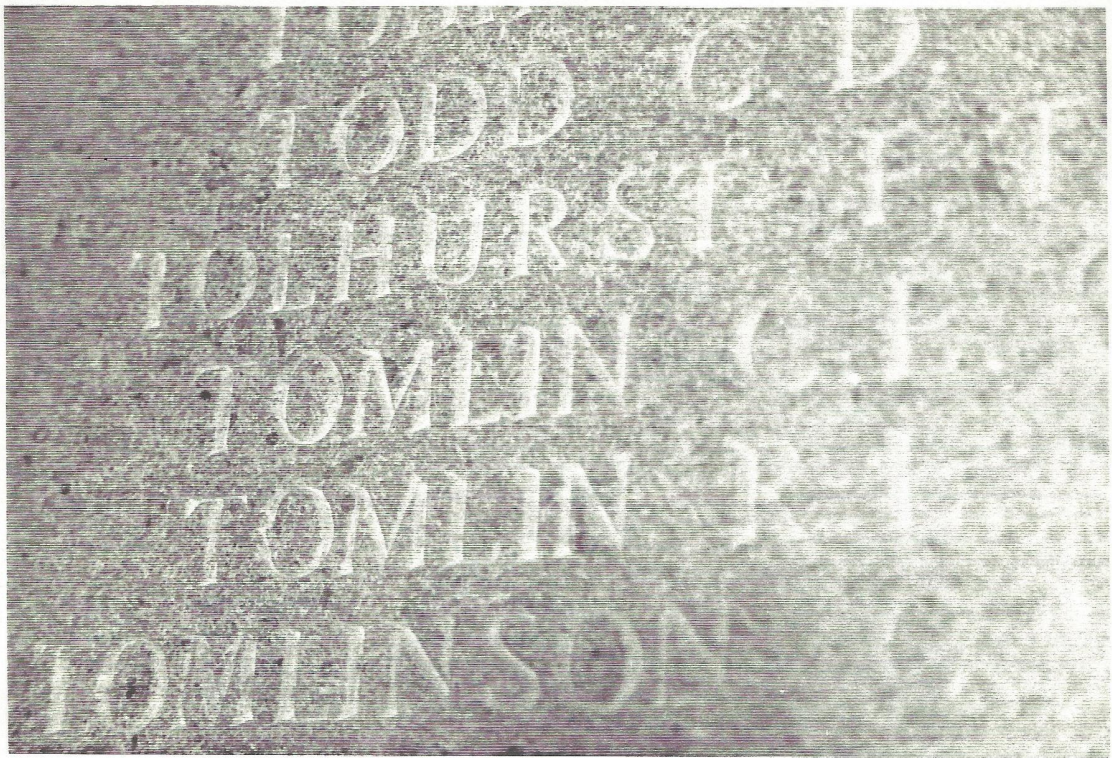
No known grave, Commemorated on The Runnymede Memorial, Egham, Surrey, Panel 167, which records the names of 20,547 Airmen and women who died in the Second World War and who have no known graves.

Son of Percy John and Margaret Ellen Tomlin of 8, Upper Stowe.

**Northampton Mercury &  
Herald 17.12.43 [Photograph],  
and Northampton Independent  
31.12.43 [Photograph].**

Killed, Sergeant Pilot C. E. Tomlin. News has reached Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tomlin of 8, Upper Stowe, near Weedon, that their son, Sergeant Pilot Cyril E. Tomlin, who was posted missing in May, is now presumed killed. An old boy of Daventry Grammar School, where he distinguished himself as a scholar and athlete and gained his colours in Rugby football, Sergt. Tomlin was on the staff of the Midland Bank at Towcester before joining the R.A.F. at the age of 18, and a member of Long Buckby Rugby Club. He got his pilot's wings in the U.S.A. and made several operational flights. His elder brother A.C. Harry J. Tomlin is serving in the R.A.F.







**WATSON, Frederick**

Sapper 2157010.

270th Field Company, Royal Engineers.

Killed in action 10.10.44, aged 22.

Buried in Assisi War Cemetery, Italy, Plot 1, Row E, Grave 4.

Son of William and Annie Watson of Lower Heyford, husband of Winifred May Watson of 26, Little Brington.

**Northampton Mercury &  
Herald 27.10.44 [Photograph].**

Sapper Frederick Watson, R.E., of Lower Heyford, has been killed in action while serving with the Central Mediterranean Forces. His wife lives at 26, Little Brington. Sapper Watson, who was 22, joined the forces in February 1942. He went abroad in August 1943. The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson of Lower Heyford, he married Miss Winifred Cannon in April 1943. After attending Lower Heyford School, he was employed by Messrs. Bosworth and Wakeford, builders, of Daventry.







## **WHITING, John Bennett**

Lieutenant 189068.

The Nottinghamshire Yeomanry, Royal Armoured Corps.

Killed in action 01.09.42, aged 25.

No known grave, Commemorated on The Alamein Memorial, Egypt, Column 29.

Son of John Bennett and Charlotte Sophia Whiting of Heyford Grange.

**Northampton Chronicle & Echo 16.09.42, and Northampton Mercury & Herald 18.09.42 [Photograph].**

Death of Northants Officer. News has been received by Mr. and Mrs. J. Bennett Whiting, of Heyford Grange, Weedon, of the death on Sept 1, while on active service, of their elder son Lieut. John [Jack] Bennett Whiting. Lieut. Whiting who was 25, was an old boy of Eaglehurst College, Northampton, and of Amersham Grammar School. He joined the Warwickshire Yeomanry in the spring of 1939, later going abroad. On receiving his commission in 1940, he was transferred to the Nottinghamshire Yeomanry. A keen sportsman

and a fine rider, Lieut. Whiting hunted regularly with the Grafton and Pytchley Hounds, and was frequently a competitor at local point-to-points. When he left school he was apprenticed at the racing stables of Mr. C. Beechener, and later joined the stables of Mr. J Hall, of Fenny Compton, Warwickshire, and Marlborough, Wiltshire. He then went into business at Heyford with his brother-in-law, Mr Leslie Wienholt, and together they ran a hunting stable. His father formerly farmed at Willen House, Willen, Newport Pagnell, where Lieut. Whiting was born. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Whiting, in addition to another son, have four daughters.

**Northampton Independent 25.09.42.**

Killed, Lieutenant J. B. Whiting. News has been received by Mr. and Mrs. J. Bennett Whiting, of Heyford Grange, Weedon, of the death on September 1st, while on active service, of their elder son, Lieutenant John [Jack] Bennett Whiting. Lieutenant Whiting, who was 25, was an old boy of Eaglehurst College, Northampton, and of Amersham Grammar School. A keen sportsman and a fine rider, Lieutenant Whiting hunted regularly with the Grafton and Pytchley Hounds, and was frequently a competitor at local point-to-points.



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