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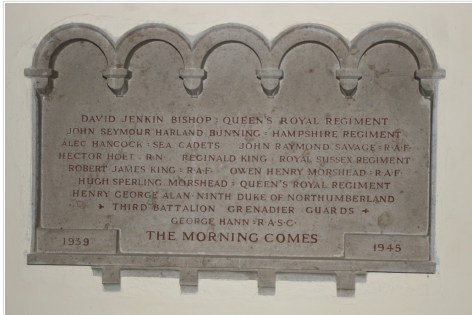
Albury



WW1 Memorial Plaque in the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

A ATFIELD J E BOTTING F L BULLEN N O BURNE
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F W J DEDMAN A GREENTREE A E HARRISON
A HEAD G HEWITT C E KING-CHURCH J MOSS
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A STYLES H STYLES M THOMPSON H TUGWELL
T WRIGHT VC



WW2 Memorial Plaque

DAVID JENKIN BISHOP : QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT
JOHN SEYMOUR HARLAND BUNNING : HAMPSHIRE
REGIMENT
ALEC HANCOCK : SEA CADETS JOHN RAYMOND SAVAGE
RAF
HECTOR HOET RN REGINALD KING
ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT
ROBERT JAMES KING : RAF OWEN HENRY MORSHEAD : RAF
HUGH SPERLING MORSHEAD : QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT
HENRY GEORGE ALAN NINTH DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND
THIRD BATTALION GRENADIER GUARDS
GEORGE HANN : RASC
THE MORNING COMES
1939 1945

The Fallen from WW1

Arthur ATFIELD

Private, 1st Battalion, The Royal Munster Fusiliers, 86 Brigade, 29th Division. Army no. 2781

He died from illness on 31 January 1916 after serving in the Gallipoli campaign. He was 34.

He was the son of Albert and Sarah Atfield of Brook, Albury
He is buried in grave E 9 Chatby Military Cemetery, Alexandria, Egypt

James Elliott BOTTING

Private, 15th (Suffolk Yeomanry) Battalion, The Suffolk Regiment, 230 Brigade, 74 Division. Army no. 305582

He died in Suffolk on 23 March 1917. He was 18 and born in Albury

He was the son of Charles A and Ellen Botting, Lismore, West Road, Guildford.

He is buried to the south of the Church Tower in the churchyard of St Peter and St Paul, Albury.

Frederick Leonard L BULLEN

Private, 20th Battalion, Australian Infantry, Australian Imperial Force. Army no 4077

He was killed in action near Zonnebeke Ridge on 13 October 1917. He was 24

He was the grandson of Isaac and Emma Bullen of Little London
He is buried in grave V A 12 Nine Elms British Cemetery

Additional information

He had emigrated to Australia and volunteered for the army under the name of BULLER.

In March 1916, the 10th Battalion sailed to France along with the rest of the 1st Division and deployed to the Somme. The battalion's first major action came in July 1916 when they were involved in the Battle of Pozieres. Later they fought at Ypres before returning to the Somme in the winter where they were deployed to defend the trenches.

In 1917, the battalion returned to Belgium to take part in Third Battle of Ypres.

Australian records

Religion Church of England
Occupation Labourer
Address Prospect,

New South Wales Marital status Single

Next of kin Friend, C Beattie, Glenberne, Church Street, Croydon, Sydney, NSW

Enlistment date 15 November 1915 Age at embarkation 21

Rank on enlistment Private

AWM Embarkation Roll number 23/37/2

Unit name 20th Battalion, 10th Reinforcement

Embarkation details from Sydney, NSW, on HMAT A67 Orsova on 11 March 1916

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial 15

An eye witness record:

20th A.I.F. Buller. F.L. 4077 D/W. Oct. 13/17 Dets. D/B

"We were at Battalion HQ at Zonnebeke Ridge when a shell landed right on the signallers' dugout at about 4 pm. Buller was wounded right in the chest. It was impossible to get him out under the conditions and he lingered on until about the next day when he died. I have a photograph of him if his relatives care to have it. I know nothing about his burial."

Eyewitness: Yes, to his being wounded

Description: Tall, 5'11", fair, commonly known as Bull.

Informant: L/C. T J Bates. 4061, 20th AIF C Coy. XII pl.

Coombe Lodge Hospital, Great Warley, Essex.

Home address: Darrune, Ryde Road, Hunter's Hill, Sydney

Signed: 17/4/1918 E.Wontner

Newdigate Owen BURNE

Lieutenant, 40th Pathans Brigade, 3 East African Brigade, 1st East African Division

He died of his wounds on 27 October 1917. He was 19

He was the son of Brigadier General Rainold O Burne CBE

and Sybil M Burne, 77 Biddulph Mansions, Elgin Avenue, Maida



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
NEWDIGATE OWEN BURNE
LIEUTENANT 40TH PATHANS
ONLY SON OF BRIGADIER GENERAL & MRS R O BURNE
BORN 9TH APRIL 1898 DIED 27TH OCTOBER 1917 AT
KILWA, EAST AFRICA OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION.
DULCE ET DECORUM EST PRO PATRIA MORI.

THIS TABLET IS PLACED HERE BY THE OFFICERS, M.T.
RECEPTION & TRAINING AREA RASC AS AN EXPRESSION OF
THEIR SYMPATHY WITH HIS FATHER & MOTHER

For more information about this memorial see:

<http://www.alburychurches.org/tour.html>



IN MEMORY OF THREE SISTERS OF
ALAN 8TH DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND
WHO ARE BURIED IN THIS CHURCHYARD
MARGARET PERCY 1873-1934
VICTORIA ALEXANDRINA PERCY 1875-1958
MARY MAXWELL 1878-1965
WIFE OF AYMER EDWARD MAXWELL
KILLED AT ANTWERP OCTOBER 1914
COMMANDING COLLINGWOOD BATTALION
ROYAL NAVAL DIVISION
ESPERANCE EN DIEU



Lieutenant John Coombs United Kingdom WW1

He was educated at Uppingham School from September 1912 to July 1915 where he was a classical scholar. He boarded at Highfield which House had 190 old boys fighting in WW1, no less than 37 of them were killed.

He was gazetted Lieutenant on 18 April 1916 attached to the Indian Army having previously been an Officer Cadet at Wellington College. The following year, his posting to 40th Pathans was confirmed in the London Gazette.

He died from his wounds in Dar es Salaam but the occasion of his being wounded was not recorded

Brief History of the 40th Pathans

The regiment was raised as an emergency unit in 1858 and their reputation and regimental number earned them the nickname of the Forty Thieves and their British Colonel – Ali Baba. On the outbreak of WW1, the regiment was stationed in Hong Kong. It arrived in France on 2 April 1915, and within days, was on the frontline. The 40th Pathans fought with great gallantry in 2nd Battle of Ypres, where they suffered 320 casualties on 26 April, and in the Battles of Aubers Ridge and Loos.

In December 1915, the regiment left for Mombasa, East Africa arriving on 9 January 1916.

The regiment transferred to Dar es Salaam on 6 September 1916 and sailed to occupy Mikindani, arriving on 13 September and occupied Lindi on 17 September. They then took part in the battles of Njinjo on 9 October and at Kimbarambara on 11 October 1916. On 19 July 1917 at the battle of Narungombe, the regiment took heavy losses and lost four maxims to the Germans.

Charles William COOPER

Private, 1st Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment, 95 Brigade, 5th Division. Army no 14922

He was killed in action on 29 July 1916 in the fighting on the Somme. He was 19

He was the son of Henry and Alice Cooper, Swiss Cottage, Albury.

He is remembered on pier and face 6B and 6C of the Thiepval Memorial

Philip CROWLEY

Lieutenant, 11th (Service) Battalion, The King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 120 Brigade, 40th Division.

He was killed in action on 7 July 1917. He was 31

He was the son of the Reverend Henry E and Edith Crowley, previously the Rector of Albury but who moved to Albury, The Avenue, Andover.

He is buried in grave I C 47 Fifteen Ravine British Cemetery, Villers-Plouich, which is 13 kms south of Cambrai

Additional information

He was the Transport Officer

Probate granted to his father who was the Rector in Albury (1904 to 1921)

William Webster DYSON

Second Lieutenant, 1st Battalion, Princess Victoria's (Royal Irish Fusiliers), 10 Brigade, 4th Division. He was previously Sergeant, 17th (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Lancers

He was killed in action on 26 August 1916. He was 32.

He was the son of William and the late Amelia Dyson, Homeleigh, Albury Heath.

He is buried in grave Valley Cottages Cem Mem D 10 Railway Dugouts Burial Ground near Ypres. His division was on the Somme

Additional information

Probate to William Dyson, Schoolmaster.

James George DEDMAN

Sergeant, 7th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), 55 Brigade, 18th Division. Army no G/1292

He was killed in action on 28 August 1917. He was 24

He was the son of James and Ann Dedman, Winterfold Cottage, Albury and the husband of Ada Dedman and brother to Frank, see next entry.

He is buried in grave VI M 14 of Niederzwehren Cemetery, Kassel, Germany

Additional information

Was he a PoW? He is buried in Germany in an area where a British Soldier should not have been unless he was a Prisoner of War. The supporting evidence is held by his regiment which records that J Dedman was sent Red Cross Parcels by the Staff of the Ministry of Labour, Employment Department and V W Wood of Wimbledon (who could have been in the Ministry of Labour!).

But, whether he was a PoW is not proved beyond doubt as he is described as being killed in action.

His Mother is also recorded as living at 21 Eagle Road, Guildford.

Frank William John DEDMAN

Lance Corporal, 6th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal

was 20

He was the son of James and Ann Dedman, Winterfold Cottage, Albury and brother to James.

He is buried in grave I H 7 Wailly Orchard Cemetery, south west of Arras

William Albert GREENTREE

Private, 1st/22nd (County of London) Battalion (The Queen's), The London Regiment, 142 Brigade, 47th Division. Army no. 682428. He was formerly with 5th Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Army no 3554,

He was killed in action on 2 December 1917 during the German counter attacks during the Battle of Cambrai. He was 20.

He was the son of William and Celia Greentree, Watery Lane, Albury.

He is remembered on panel 12 of the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval

Albert Edward HARRISON

Private, 1st/5th Battalion TF, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), 12 Indian Brigade, 15th Indian Division. Army no T/240170

He died on 1 November 1917 probably from fever. He was 23

He was the son of Annie Peacock (formerly Harrison), Pyle Hill Cottages, Sutton Green and the late James Harrison.

He is buried in grave XII E 3 North Gate War Cemetery, Baghdad

Albert HEAD

Lance Corporal, 10th (Service) Battalion, The Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own), 59 Brigade, 20th Division. Army no S/1698

He was killed in action on 3 September 1916 either at Delville Wood or Guillemont as his Division was fighting at both places on this date. He was 26

He was the son of William and Jane Head of Albury

He is remembered on pier and face 16B and 16C of the Thiepval Memorial

Cyril Edward KING-CHURCH

Captain, D Company, 1st/7th (City of London) Battalion, The London Regiment, 140 Brigade, 47th Division.

He was killed in action near Loos on 25 September 1915. He was 36

He was the son of William T and Susan A King-Church, Northfield, Albury.

He is buried in grave 7 Houchin Communal Cemetery, south of Bethune

Additional information

Probate granted to Major Francis William King-Church

Lenox William McClure JOHN

Second Lieutenant, 1st Battalion, The Lincolnshire Regiment, 62 Brigade, 21st Division.

He was killed in action on 24 September 1916 on the Somme.

He was 34

He was the son of General John (The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry,) and Edith John and the husband of A Muriel A Gay (formerly John), Snape, Wadhurst, Sussex.

He is buried in grave IV F 25 Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt l'Abbé in the Somme

Additional information

The Probate records state that he lived in Harrop Kootenay, British Columbia

Robert William MIDDLETON

Private, 5th (Service) Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment), 40 Brigade, 13th Division. Army no. 10885.

He died of his wounds on 29 April 1917. He was 21

He was the son of William D and Emma Middleton

He is buried in grave XV M 10 North Gate War Cemetery, Baghdad

Matthew James SHURLOCK

Private, 8th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), 72 Brigade, 24th Division. Army no. G/22292.

He was killed in action on 21 March 1918 during the fighting at St Quentin. He was 22

He was the son of Frederick Shurlock, Warren Cottage, Albury Heath.

He is remembered on panel 14 and 15 of Pozières Memorial

Additional information

He had served using the name SHERLOCK.

Charles Albert Victor SPOONER

Boy 1st Class, HMS Hawke, Royal Navy. RN no. J/26754

He died on 15 October 1914. He was 16

He was the only son of Emily K Spooner of Albury and the late Ernest Spooner.

torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine U9 who had in the previous month sank three cruisers HMS Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy.

HMS Hawke, under the command of Captain Hugh P E Williams, had met HMS Endymion in the North Sea to collect mail. As she was returning to the fleet, she was struck near a magazine by a torpedo. Despite having 192 compartments and 98 watertight doors, she sank in eight minutes with the loss of 524 men leaving only 70 survivors.

HMS Hawke and Cressy were primarily used for training and many of the crew were cadets and reservists and this was not well-received when the information became public.

Albert STYLES

Private, 1st/5th Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), 12 Indian Brigade, 12 Indian Division. Army no T/240063

He died on 29 August 1916 probably from illness. He was 25

He was the son of George and Fanny Styles.

He is buried in grave XXI T 36 North Gate War Cemetery, Baghdad

Harry STYLES

Private, 2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), 91 Brigade, 7th Division. Army no G/3872

He was killed in action on 16 May 1915 during the Battle of Festubert. He was 28

He was the son of George and Fanny Styles and born in Albury.

He is remembered on panel 4 and 5 of Le Touret Memorial

Harry TUGWELL

Lance Corporal, 1st Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment), 7 Brigade, 25th Division. Army no. 10205

He died of his wounds on 26 December 1915. He was 23

He was the son of William and Esther Tugwell of Albury Heath.

He is buried in grave I D 156 Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension (Nord)

Theodore WRIGHT VC

Captain, 57th Field Company, Royal Engineers

He was killed in action on 14 September 1914. He was 31

He was the son of the late William Walter and Arabella Wright, Talgai, Albury.

He is buried in grave II B 21 Vailly British Cemetery

Additional information

An extract from The London Gazette dated 16 November 1914, records the following:

Action for which commended: Gallantry at Mons on 23 August in attempting to connect up the lead to demolish a bridge under heavy fire; although wounded in the head he made a second attempt. At Vailly, on 14 September he assisted the passage of 5th Cavalry Brigade over the pontoon bridge and was mortally wounded whilst assisting wounded men into shelter.

More about his valour

Mons, 23 August 1914, a company of the Royal Scots Fusiliers was holding a barricade at the north end of a bridge over the Mons-Condé canal. By this time the firing on the position had become so violent and the casualties were so numerous that a retirement had been decided. Corporal Alfred Jarvis of the Royal Engineers was then called upon to destroy the bridge but he was without the exploder and leads. It was then that he met Captain Theodore Wright, who had been wounded in the head, who told him to return to the bridge and he would bring the necessary equipment.

It was whilst attempting to connect the leads under the bridge to blow it that Theodore Wright earned his Victoria Cross. Time and again he tried to get at the end of the leads but, each time he raised his head above the level of the towpath, he was fired upon from about thirty yards. Eventually he gave up the attempt and, in swinging himself back under the girder of the bridge, he lost his grip and owing to exhaustion fell into the canal, and was pulled out by a Sergeant Smith. (Corporal Alfred Jarvis was also awarded the Victoria Cross for this same action).

At Vailly, on 14 September 1914, Theodore Wright assisted the passage of 5th Cavalry Brigade over a pontoon bridge, and was mortally wounded whilst assisting wounded men into shelter. An officer of the Scots Greys wrote in a letter later

"We got across the river the day before yesterday a bit before our time and we had to go back over a pontoon bridge considerably quicker than was pleasant, under a very heavy fire too. At the end of the bridge was an Engineer Officer repairing bits blown off and putting down straw as cool as a cucumber - the finest thing I ever saw. The poor fellow was killed just after my troops got across. No man earned a better Victoria Cross."

The Victoria Cross awarded to Captain Theodore Wright has been donated to the Royal Engineers Museum in Gillingham, Kent. His descendants presented his VC, 1914 Star - with clasp "5 Aug - 22 Nov 1914," British War Medal and Victory Medal and Memorial Plaque to the museum, together with the letters relating to the award of the VC and the wooden cross which

The Fallen in WW2

David Jenkin BISHOP

Private, 2nd/6th Battalion, The Queen's Royal (West Surrey) Regiment. Army no. 6093904
 He died on 21 September 1944. He was 25
 He was the son of Thomas and Eliza Bishop and the husband of Violet L G Bishop.
 He is buried in grave II D 53 Gradara War Cemetery
Additional information
 The cemetery contains the graves of casualties incurred during the advance from Ancona to Rimini, which broke the German's heavily defended Gothic Line and those who died in the heavy fighting around Rimini, which was taken by the Allies on 21 September 1944.

John Seymour Harland BUNNING

Lieutenant, 5th Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment, 128 Infantry Brigade, British 46 Infantry Division. Army no. 190217
 He died on 9 November 1943. He was 21
 He was the son of Captain W H Bunning MC, Gurkha Rifles and Dorothy S Bunning, Rose Cottage, Newlands Corner
 He is buried in grave XVI D 17 Cassino War Cemetery
Additional information
 Andrews Newspaper Index Cards: BUNNING - Now officially reported killed in Italy on 9 Nov 1943, after liberation from a prisoner of war camp, JSH Bunning, Lieutenant of the Hampshire Regiment, elder son of Mr & Mrs Bunning of Newlands Corner, grandson of the late Seymour J Pike. His Father, William Harland Bunning, had served with the Australian Army in WW1 where he got, jaundice, was badly wounded in the arm and won an MC in that order! At the end of the war he joined the 1st/4th Gurkha Rifles and went to India
 Then another announcement: BUNNING : PIKE - on 24 February 1919 at Bombay Cathedral, Captain William Harland Bunning MC, Gurkha Rifles to Dorothy Sybil Pike. William is the son of Joseph Harland Bunning and Dorothy is the daughter of Seymour James Pike
 The Australian records state that their son, John Seymour Harland Bunning, was born in India and that he died around the time that he was liberated from a PoW Camp

Alec Victor HANCOCK

A member of the Society of Ordinary Seamen described on the War Memorial Plaque as a Sea Cadet
 He died on 27 August 1943 at Lawrenny Ferry near Tenby "due to war operations" as stated on his death certificate which was registered by J E Mansfield, Office Commanding. He was 14
 His parents have not been identified but his mother's maiden name was Cowlard and he lived at Gate Bourne Crossing, Albury or Brook Gate
 He was buried in the churchyard of St Peter and Paul on 3 September 1943
Additional information
 Lawrenny Ferry was a RNAS seaplane training establishment from February 1942 to October 1943. Two steam yachts were moored there for accommodation, Carmela and Zaza

John Raymond SAVAGE

Flight Lieutenant (Pilot), 208 Squadron, Royal Air Force. RAFVR no. 118493
 He died on 24 April 1944. He was 31
 He was the son of Henry C F and Edith Savage of Albury.
 He is buried in grave X E 17 Sangro River War Cemetery
Additional information
 The Squadron had converted to the Spitfire in Iraq in December 1943 when it moved to Italy where, in April 1944, the Allies had air superiority. Nevertheless, the enemy flak batteries continued to take their toll and two pilots from the squadron were shot down on 24 April 1944.
 Flying Officer John R. Savage was hit by heavy anti-aircraft fire. With his cockpit full of smoke he bailed out at 200 feet, insufficient height for his parachute to open. Flying Officer M B Strubell was posted as missing. They had been carrying out a tactical reconnaissance between Francavilla and Pescara, an area renowned for its flak defences.

Hector HOLT

Stoker 2nd Class, HMS Victory III, Royal Navy. RN no. P/KX 139093
 He died on 19 August 1942 during the Dieppe Raid. He was 41
 He is buried in grave G 1 Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery, Hautot sur Mer
Additional information
Dieppe was a major operation planned by Vice-Admiral Lord Mountbatten involving 5,000 Canadians, 1,000 Commandos, and 50 United States Rangers. The Royal Navy supplying 237 ships and landing craft, and the Royal Air Force 74 squadrons of which 66 were fighter squadrons

The plan called for a frontal assault, without heavy preliminary air bombardment. Under pressure from the Canadian government to ensure that Canadian troops saw some action, the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division, commanded by Major General J H Roberts, was selected for the main force. Armoured support was provided by 14th Army Tank Regiment (The Calgary Regiment (Tank)) with 58 of the new Churchill tanks. They were landed using the new landing craft tank (LCT). The tanks had a mixture of armament with 2 pounder gun-armed tanks fitted with a close support howitzer, operating alongside 6 pounder gun-armed tanks. In addition, three of the Churchill Tanks were equipped with flame thrower equipment and all had adaptations enabling them to operate in the shallow water near the beach.

Casualties The Canadian contingent suffered very badly, 3,367 were killed, wounded or taken prisoner; an exceptional casualty rate of 68%. The British Commandos lost 247 men. The Royal Navy lost one destroyer and 33 landing craft, suffering 550 dead and wounded. The RAF lost 106 aircraft to the Luftwaffe's 48.

The German Army's casualties totalled no more than 591.

Three Victoria Crosses were awarded for the operation:

Captain Porteous, No. 4 Commando;

the Reverend John Weir Foote, padre to Royal Hamilton Light Infantry;

and Lieutenant Colonel Merritt of the South Saskatchewan Regiment.

Conclusion Valuable lessons were learnt which were to significantly reduce the casualty levels during Normandy invasion 2 years later.

Reginald KING

Corporal, 5th Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment. Army no. 6407087

He died on 3 November 1942. He was 28

He was the son of William and Ethel King and the husband of Elsha J King of Albury Heath.

He is remembered on column 61 of the Alamein Memorial

Additional information

Fighting in North Africa started with the Italian declaration of war on 10 June 1940. On 14 June, the British Army's 11th Hussars (assisted by elements of the 1st Royal Tank Regiment,) crossed the border into Libya and captured Fort Capuzzo. This was followed by an Italian offensive into Egypt and the capture of Sidi Barrani in September 1940. In December 1940 the Allies a Commonwealth counter-offensive, Operation Compass. During this operation, the Italian 10th Army was destroyed and the German Afrika Korps, commanded by Rommel, was dispatched to reinforce Italian forces in order to prevent a complete Axis defeat.

A see-saw series of battles for control of Libya and parts of Egypt followed, reaching a climax in the 2nd Battle of El Alamein when Allied forces under the command of Lieutenant-General Bernard Montgomery delivered a decisive defeat to the Axis forces and pushed them back to Tunisia.

During **Operation Lightfoot**, the second and decisive Battle of El Alamein, the 133rd Brigade, of which The Sussex Regiment was part, served with the 8th and 10th Armoured Divisions and the 51st (Highland) Division. This battle started in late October and the German lines were broken on 5 November.

Almost immediately the Allies landed in Morocco and Algeria. Within days Tobruk and Benghazi were captured. Perhaps this was the turning point in the war

Robert James KING

Warrant Officer (Pilot), 17 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. RAFVR no. 1324008

He died between 11 May 1945 and 12 May 1945. He was 24

He was the son of William and Ethel King of Albury.

He is buried in the Churchyard to the SE of the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Albury

Additional information

The fact that Robert King is buried in Albury indicates that he died in England probably through illness or from wounds received. The history of his Squadron is such that he was unlikely to have been an operational pilot when he died. In November 1944, the Squadron had moved with their Spitfires to the Burma front. In June 1945 they were part of the force allocated to the invasion of Malaya.

Hugh Sperling MORSHEAD

Captain, 1st/5th Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey). Army no. 112892

He died on 23 January 1945. He was 25

He was the son of Lieutenant Colonel Henry T Morshead, DSO, Royal Engineers, and Evelyn T Morshead of Albury and older brother to Owen, the next entry

He is buried in grave III C 11 Nederweert War Cemetery, Netherlands

Additional information

Hardingham, Private John T Gowlett and Private William H White

Owen Henry MORSHEAD

Flying Officer, 625 Squadron, Royal Air Force. RAFVR no. 150313

He died on 23 October 1944. He was 21

He was the son of Lieutenant Colonel Henry T Morshead, DSO, Royal Engineers, and Evelyn T Morshead of Albury and brother to Hugh.

He is remembered on panel 208 of the Runnymede Memorial

Additional information

The official records show: 625 Squadron, Lancaster PB531 CF-H took off from RAF Kelstern, Lincolnshire at 16.32 hours for a raid on Essen. The aeroplane was lost without trace along with the crew

Henry George Alan PERCY, 9th Duke of Northumberland

Lieutenant, 3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards. Army no. 51289

He was killed in action on 21 May 1940 at Pecq in Flanders

during the retreat to Dunkirk. He was 27

He was the son of the late Alan Ian Percy, KG, CBE, MVO, 8th Duke of Northumberland and of Helen M Percy, Duchess of Northumberland.

He is buried in grave IV B 7 Esquelmes War Cemetery, near Tournai

Geoffrey George HANN

Sergeant, 903 Company, Royal Army Service Corps. Army

no. T/149242

He died on 24 April 1943. He was 25

He was the son of George and Emily Hann of Finchley and the

husband of Doris J Hann, Lipscombe Cottage, Farley Green

He is buried in grave II G 17 Ancona War Cemetery

Additional information

Was he a POW? The probability is that he was. The Allied invasion of Italy had not started so there is no reason for him to be in the country unless he had been captured in the North African campaign and taken to Italy. It is certainly true that others buried in this cemetery had been captured in North Africa.

Probate was granted to his widow on 15 September 1943.

Plaque in the church WW1

Aymer Edward MAXWELL

Lieutenant Colonel, Collingwood Battalion, 1 Naval Brigade, Royal Naval Division and formerly with 10th (Lovat Scouts) Battalion, The Queens Own Cameron Highlanders. He had also served with 1st Battalion, The Grenadier Guards during the Anglo-Boer War.

He died from his wounds on 9 October 1914. He was 36

He was the son of the Rt. Hon. Sir Herbert Maxwell, 7th Baron of Monreith, Wigtownshire and Lady Maxwell and he was the husband of Lady Mary Maxwell, House of Elrig, Portwilliam, Wigtownshire.

He is buried in plot IIa 69 Schoonselhof Cemetery a suburb of Antwerp.

Additional information

Lieutenant Colonel Aymer E Maxwell was born on 26 October 1877 and he married Lady Mary Percy, daughter of Henry G Percy, 7th Duke of Northumberland and Lady Edith Campbell on 20 October 1909.

Antwerp was the seat of the Belgian Government from 17 August to 7 October 1914. On 27 September the Germans laid siege to Antwerp and, during the first week of October, the Royal Naval Division entered the city, playing a crucial part in its defence. On 9 October, before other British and French reinforcements could arrive, the last forts became untenable and the last defenders retired. From 10 October 1914 to the Armistice, the city was occupied by the Germans.

Aymer E Maxwell was the father of the naturalist and author Gavin Maxwell and a member of the Catholic Apostolic Church who lost 16 members of their Church in the war

Others from Albury who are not on the War Memorial

John David Botting MM

Lance Corporal, 8th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), 72 Brigade, 24th Division. Army no S/15

He died of his wounds on 2 April 1918 in the fighting on the Somme. He was 27

He was the son of John and Mary Botting

He is buried in grave I C 18 Roye New British Cemetery

Additional information

He also appears on the Cranleigh War Memorial

WILLIAM Arthur PAUFFLEY

Rifleman, 3rd Battalion, Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own), 17 Brigade, 6th Division, Army no. 4848

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He was the son of William and Celia Pauffley and the brother of Emily L Ford, Mill Farm, Manning's Heath, Horsham.
He is remembered on panel 10 of the Ploegsteert Memorial