

INTRODUCTION

In commemorating 100 years since the outbreak of the Great War in August 1914, our minds turn to those who were close to home and living within this parish. We remember those who gave their lives in service to our country.

Almost 4,000 men from around what is now the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton (*Southport, Crosby, Bootle and parts of West Lancashire*) died fighting in the Great War. Countless men, women and children on the home front found their lives were changed forever, whether they lost loved ones or took up new work challenges. Women replaced the work traditionally done by men in the factories, farming, and public transport. They were also employed in the armouries where the demand for weapons increased as war progressed, or they became VAD nurses (*Voluntary Aid Detachments*).

Initially men enlisted voluntarily or later joined regiments under conscription. They left their families behind to fight in the war; many never to return to their loved ones.

Such was the impact of WW1 that almost immediately after peace was restored in 1918, there were concerted efforts across the country to ensure that the events were properly remembered. War memorials were erected across West Lancashire and Liverpool to mark the sacrifice made by thousands of men. As well as the many civic memorials seen in parks and public places, local churches dedicated their own memorials to commemorate the men who died within their parishes.

We can see later in the Exhibition how St. Nicholas' Parish had a part to play in commemorating those who lived in this parish and died fighting. Our Rose Window and Commemorative Brass Plaque form the centre of the exhibition.

REGINALD ACTON

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Date of Death: 09/05/1915

Regiment/Service: South Lancashire Regiment 5th Bn.

Cemetery: BAILLEUL COMMUNAL, NORD in France

Grave Reference: I. 4.



CHARLES HENRY ASHWORTH

Rank: Driver **Service No:** 12498

Date of Death: 24/04/1917

Age: 40

Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery 9th Div. H.Q.

Cemetery: DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY, ETRUN in France

Grave Ref: IV. E. 20.

Additional Information: Husband of Sarah Thomasina Ashworth, of 4, Sussex St., Blundellsands, Liverpool.

CHARLES WILFRED BANISTER

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Date of Death: 16/06/1915

Age: 22

Regiment/Service: Royal Fusiliers 4th Bn.

Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL Belgium

Panel Reference: Panel 6 and 8.

Additional Information: Son of Howard Cottrell Banister, of St. Catherine's, Cadogan Gardens, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

FRED BREW

Rank: Private **Service No:** 32168

Date of Death: 10/04/1917

Regiment/Service: East Lancashire Regiment 8th Bn.

Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL in France Panel Ref: Bay 6.

ERIC MACKIE BRIGGS

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Date of Death: 03/05/1917

Age: 19

Regiment/Service: Lancashire Fusiliers 6th Bn.

Cemetery: POINT-DU-JOUR MILITARY CEMETERY, ATHIES in France Grave Ref: IV. F. 16.

Additional Information: Son of J. I. Briggs, of "Sandymount," Blundellsands, Liverpool.



Point-Du-Jour Military Cemetery

CHARLES NORMAN BROCKBANK



Rank: Captain

Date of Death: 01/07/1916

Age: 32 **Regiment:** The King's
(Liverpool Regiment) 18th Bn.

Cemetery: DANTZIG ALLEY BRITISH
CEMETERY, MAMETZ **Grave Ref:** V. U. 8.

Additional Information: Son of Marion
Annie Brockbank, of "Ulverscroft,"
19, Adelaide Terrace, Waterloo, Liverpool,

and the late R. M. Henry Brockbank.

An extensive biography appeared in Liverpool's Scroll of Fame. His photo appeared in the biography and is reproduced above with the kind permission of Liverpool Record Office.

CAPTAIN Charles Norman Brockbank was one of the first officers to be selected from the ranks of the "Pals." Like many other young patriots, he enrolled as soon as the call to arms sounded, and he was given his lieutenancy almost immediately. With him the gifts of leadership were transparent and supreme. The "Pals," moreover, demanded a specially high standard in their officers, and in this young and faithful soldier they found one who worthily honoured his calling. He helped in the training of the brigade, and he fell at the forefront of his men in that grim opening Battle of the Somme on July 1st, 1916. Further information on Charles Norman Brockbank can be found on www.merseysiderollofhonour.co.uk/database.htm

See plaque on the wall, here in St Nicholas' Church, dedicated to this brave soldier.

ALBERT JOHN BROCKMAN

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Date of Death: 08/08/1916

Regiment: King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) 4th Bn.

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL in France

Panel Reference: Pier and Face 5 D and 12 B.

Additional Information: Son of John William & Mary Brockman



Thiepval Memorial

GEOFFREY BUNNELL BURTON

Rank: Lieutenant

Date of Death: 03/08/1917

Age: 21

Regiment/Service: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 1st/6th Bn.

Cemetery: LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY

Grave Reference: XV. A. 2.

Additional Information: Son of George Lewis Burton and
Katharine Mary Burton, of Blundellsands, Liverpool.

KENRICK HAMMOND BURTON

Rank: Lieutenant

Date of Death: 16/06/1918

Regiment/Service: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 6th Bn.

Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL

Panel Reference: Panel 31 to 34 and 162 and 162A and 163A.

Additional Information: See Plaque on wall here in St Nicholas' Church dedicated to GEOFFREY BUNNELL BURTON and KENRICK HAMMOND BURTON *with the following Inscription:-*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF/ LIEUT GEOFFREY BUNNELL BURTON
KILLED IN ACTION 3RD AUGUST 1917/ AND/ LIEUT KENRICK
HAMMOND BURTON REPORTED WOUNDED AND MISSING JUN
1918/ 1 & 2/6TH (RIFLE) BATTALIONS KING'S LIVERPOOL
REGIMENT/ "DULCE ET DECORUM EST PRO PATRIA MORI"



Tyne Cot Memorial

THOMAS CYRIL CATON

Rank: Fitter **Service No:** 4072

Date of Death: 01/06/1917

Age: 21

Regiment/Service: Australian Field Artillery 6th A.F.A. Bde.

Cemetery: LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE CEMETERY in Belgium

Grave Reference: IV. A. 15.

Additional Information: Son of Edward and Fanny Jane Caton, of 30, Oxford Drive, Waterloo, Liverpool, England.



London Rifle Brigade Cemetery

ALFRED THOMAS CLINCH

Rank: Private **Service No:** G/66856

Date of Death: 25/03/1918

Age: 32

Regiment/Service: Royal Fusiliers 23rd Bn.

Grave Ref: XIX. Q. 3.

Cemetery: DELVILLE WOOD LONGUEVAL

Additional Information: Son of Harry and Sarah Clinch, of Cheshire; husband of Maggie Clinch, of 7, Brighton Vale, Blundellsands, Liverpool.

FREDERICK GREGORY COWMAN

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Date of Death: 28/09/1918

Age: 22

Regiment: King's (Liverpool Regiment) 6th Bn. **Awards:** DCM

Cemetery: NOYELLES-SUR-L'ESCAUT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, France. **Grave Reference:** II. B. 10.

Additional Information: Son of Joseph Gregory Cowman and Margaret Watson Cowman, of 15, Coronation Drive, Great Crosby, Liverpool. Frederick was still a private when he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (London Gazette 19th August 1916) When the leading bayonet men in a raid were wounded, Private Cowman at once came forward and held a traverse alone with conspicuous courage and coolness. His conduct conduced to the capture of a machine-gun.



Basra Memorial, Iraq

And also killed, his brother:-

ROBERT JOSEPH COWMAN

Rank: Corporal **Service No:** 16087

Date of Death: 12/07/1916

Age: 22

Regiment: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) "D" Coy. 17th Bn.

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL in France

Panel Reference: Pier & Face 1 D 8 B and 8 C

Additional Information: Son of Joseph Gregory Cowman and Margaret Watson Cowman, of 15, Coronation Drive, Great Crosby, Liverpool. Robert went missing at the Somme sometime between the 10th and 12th July. His parents received a letter from one of his comrades telling them that Robert had been badly wounded on the night of the 11th July but no further news of his fate ever came to light. His death was "assumed by Army Council for Official purposes" to have occurred on the 12th July.

THOMAS HAROLD RAYNER DANIELS

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Date of Death: 09/04/1916

Regiment: King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) 6th Bn.

Memorial: BASRA MEMORIAL, in Iraq

Panel Reference: Panel 7

JOSIAH STANLEY DEAN

Rank: Captain

Date of Death: 27/05/1915

Age: 26

Regiment/Service: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 7th Bn.

Cemetery: BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY in France

Grave Reference: II. A. 22.

Additional Information: Son of Josiah and Elizabeth Emily Dean, of "The Dunes," Blundellsands, Liverpool.



Boulogne Eastern Cemetery

HARVEY SISSON GILLANDERS

Rank: Company Serjeant Major **Service No:** 85

Date of Death: 16/06/1915

Age: 35

Regiment: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 1st/10th Bn.

Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL in Belgium

Panel Reference: Panel 4 and 6.

Additional Information: Son of the late George and Anna Gillanders, of 7, Harlech Rd., Blundellsands, Liverpool.

JAMES HENRY GOODYEAR

Rank: Rifleman **Service No:** 1700

Date of Death: 13/04/1915

Age: 35

Regiment/Service: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 6th Bn

Cemetery: POPERINGHE OLD MILITARY CEMETERY

Grave Reference: II. N. 39.

Additional Information: Son of James Henry and Elizabeth W. Goodyear, of "Willowbank," Blundellsands, near Liverpool. Born at Liverpool.



Poperinghe Old Military Cemetery in Belgium

JOHN HAILWOOD

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Date of Death: 16/10/1918

Regiment/Service: The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment



Cemetery: DON COMMUNAL CEMETERY, ANNOEULLIN in France 1st/4th Bn.

Grave Reference: I. A. 35.

John's Headstone



Don Communal Cemetery, Annoeullin in France

Additional Information: John Hailwood was the grandfather of Caroline Hailwood (*Deputy Churchwarden of St Nicholas' and a member of the PCC*). He was the son of William and Elizabeth Hailwood; husband of Susie Winifred Hailwood (nee Lumby), of "Ingleholme," 10 Abbotsford Road, Blundellsands, Liverpool. Member of The Liverpool Stock Exchange. Native of Liverpool.

More information can be found in the Black Folder

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ALLAN STANLEY HAYNES

Rank: Rifleman **Service No:** 1731

Date of Death: 05/05/1915

Age: 23

Regiment/Service: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 6th Bn.

Cemetery: BAILLEUL COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION,
NORD in France

Grave Reference: I. E. 175.

Additional Information: Son of A. A. and Harriet Ann Haynes,
of "Westcote," Agnes Rd., Blundellsands, Lancs.



Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord in France

WILLIAM MARSH HIGSON

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Date of Death: 09/04/1917

Age: 36

Regiment: King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) 8th Bn.

Cemetery: DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY, ETRUN France

Grave Reference: II. B. 1.

Additional Information: Son of John Hewitt Higson, and Annie
Higson, of Marshfield, Blundellsands, Liverpool.

Further information: *taken from an article on The Higson
Memorial Window and Plaque by Albert Kirby, July 201.*

William Marsh Higson was a member of the Higson family well known in Liverpool for their work in the licensing trade and as founders of Higson Breweries. The family were valued members of our congregation and an integral part of the community of Blundellsands for many years.

See Memorial plaque and stained glass window on the north side of the Church, next to the entrance to the organ loft.

AITKEN HOOD-ROWAN

Rank: Pioneer **Service Number:** 341158

Date of Death: 01/03/1919

Age: 20

Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers

Additional Information: Son of William and Eleanor Hood-
Rowan of Rowan Tree, Blundellsands, Liverpool.

Brother of Maxwell Hood-Rowan.

MAXWELL HOOD-ROWAN

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Date of Death: 12/08/1916

Regiment/Service: King's [Liverpool] Regiment [The Liverpool Pals] 1st/9th Battalion

Memorial: Thiepval Memorial – Pier & face 1D, 8B & 8C.

Additional Information: Son of William and Eleanor Hood-Rowan, of Rowan Tree, Blundellsands, Liverpool.
Brother of Aitken Hood-Rowan.

JOHN PRIOR JAMIESON

Rank: Captain

Date of Death: 13/10/1917

Age: 27

Regiment/Service: King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) 3rd Bn. att'd. 1st Bn.

Cemetery: DOZINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY in Belgium Grave

Reference: XII. F. 5.

Additional Information: Son of Eleanor Jamieson, of Ellerslie, Blundellsands, Liverpool.



Dozinghem Military Cemetery

RICHARD JOHNSON

Rank: Private **Service Number:** 1607

Date of Death: 16/05/1915

Age: 21

Regiment/Service: King's [Liverpool] Regiment – The Liverpool Pals 1st/7th Battalion

Memorial: Le Touret – Panels 6 to 8

Additional Information: Son of Mrs Annie Johnson, of 133 Brighton Road, Great Crosby.

BERTRAM LE ROUGETEL

Rank: Corporal **Service Number:** 477535

Date of Death: 16/09/1916

Age: 29

Regiment/Service: Royal Canadian Regiment

Memorial: Vimy Memorial

Additional Information: Son of Philip Le Rougetel, of 2 Oxford Drive, Waterloo, Liverpool and the late Susan Harvison Le Rougetel. *Brother of Guy Le Rougetel.*



Vimy Memorial

GUY LE ROUGETEL

Rank: Private **Service Number:** 33891

Date of Death: 04/02/1917 in Mesopotamia

Age: 21

Service: Machine Gun Corps [Infantry] 187th Company

Cemetery: Amara War Cemetery XVIII. H. 15.

Additional Information: Son of Philip and Susan Le Rougetel, of 2 Oxford Drive, Waterloo, Liverpool.

Brother of Bertram Le Rougetel.

HENRY LEADBETTER

Rank: Private **Service No:** 2781

Date of Death: 16/05/1915

Age: 20

Regiment: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 1st/7th Bn.

Memorial: LE TOURET MEMORIAL in France

Panel Reference: Panels 6-8.

Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Leadbetter of 2, Brighton Vale, Waterloo, Liverpool.



Le Touret Memorial

FRANCIS KIRKPATRICK LEVER

Rank: Midshipman

Date of Death: 08/10/1918

Age: 21

Regiment/Service: Royal Naval Reserve P.C. 69.

Cemetery: SEFTON (ST. HELEN'S) **Grave Ref:** M. 216

Additional Information: Francis Kirkpatrick Lever was buried in the family grave at St Helen's C. of E. graveyard, Sefton Village, on the 29th Oct 1918. His home address was given as Winton Lea, Elton Avenue, Blundellsands. He died at Milford Haven and he was 21 years of age. The inscription on the grave reads:

"In loving memory of Francis Kirkpatrick (Frank) Midshipman RNR younger son of Samuel V & Amy Lever accidentally drowned at Milford Haven October 8th 1918 aged 18 years 'Faithful unto death'. Also of Samuel Vernon Lever died May 19th 1933 aged 69 years. Also Amy Lever beloved wife of the above who died August 31st 1946 aged 76 years".

GEORGE LIGHTFOOT

Rank: Private **Service No:** 1174

Date of Death: 16/05/1915

Age: 25

Regiment/Service: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 1st/7th Bn.

Memorial: LE TOURET MEMORIAL in France

Panel Reference: 6-8

Additional Information: Son of Annie Lightfoot, of 36, Brighton Rd., Crosby, Liverpool, and the late J.G. Lightfoot.

HARRY KINDER LIVERSIDGE

Rank: Rifleman **Service No:** 1824

Date of Death: 10/09/1914

Age: 18

Regiment: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) "C" Coy. 6th Bn.

Cemetery: LIVERPOOL (ANFIELD)

Grave Reference: XII. C. 708.

Additional Information: submitted by Carol Tarr. Harry Kinder Liversidge was first cousin to her Mother-in-law, Kathleen:-



Harry was born in Liverpool in May 1896, the first of Herbert and Sarah Liversidge's five children. The family lived in various parts of Liverpool, where Herbert had a series of ordinary jobs, but Harry spent a lot of time with his widowed grandmother Mary Emma Liversidge, first in Walton and later in Rossett Road, Crosby, where he seems to have settled after his mother died of TB in 1912. My mother Kathleen Tydeman

(1904-2006) also lived there while her parents were in India.

Harry took up his great-grandfather John Young's profession and started work as a surveyor's clerk after leaving school, but

when war was declared he enlisted as a Rifleman with the King's Liverpool Regiment. He soon went south to a training camp near Reigate in Surrey. On the day of his death he was on guard duty at the entrance to

Merstham Tunnel on the main Brighton railway line. The family account of the accident was that someone in a passing train tossed him a newspaper, and while picking it up he was hit by another train. His death certificate states that he died from "fracture of the spine and other severe injuries due to being knocked down by a passing train". A sad tale, though whether he would have survived the horrors and slaughter of the war is another unanswered question. He is buried in the family plot in Anfield Cemetery, with a standard military headstone.

Images: (Left) Harry dated approx. 1912-1913 (Top) Family group at 59, Rossett Rd, Crosby. L-R Kathleen Tydeman, Mary Emma Liversidge and Harry seated. The others are all aunts, taken approx. 1909-1911 (Right) Harry's headstone at Anfield Cemetery.



ARTHUR LLEWELLYN MARE

Rank: Major

Date of Death: 27/05/1918

Age: 22

Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery 33rd Bde.

Memorial: SOISSONS MEMORIAL in France

Additional Information: Son of Charles Dennis Mare and Mary Llewellyn Mare.



Soissons Memorial in France

GEORGE MARTIN

Rank: Private **Service No:** 267157

Date of Death: 16/08/1916

Regiment/Service: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 13th Bn.

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL in France.

Panel Reference: Pier and Face 1 D 8 B and 8 C.

Brother to Frank Martin – See black folder

CECIL MAWDSLEY

Rank: Private **Service No:** 5539

Date of Death: 15/08/1916

Age: 19

Regiment/Service: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 7th Bn.

Cemetery: ABBEVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY, France.

Grave Ref: VI. J. 2.

Additional Information: Son of Ellinor and the late James Mawdsley, of Blundellsands, Liverpool.



Abbeville Communal Cemetery in France

JAMES MAWDSLEY

Rank: Shoeing Smith **Service No:** 110223

Date of Death: 30/01/1920

Age: 28

Regiment/Service: Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry

Cemetery: SEFTON (ST. HELEN'S) CHURCHYARD

Grave Reference: G. 179.

Additional Information: Son of Thomas and Sarah Ann Mawdsley, of "Marina," Holden Road, Blundellsands, Liverpool. He was buried in the family grave at St Helen's C.of E. graveyard, Sefton, on the 2nd February 1920. His place of death was given as 'Marina', Holden Road, Blundellsands and he was described as "late Army". The inscription on the grave reads: *"In loving memory of Sarah Ann beloved wife of Thomas Mawdsley of Blundellsands died 21st November 1940 in her 78th year. Also of the above Thomas Mawdsley died 12th July 1941 in his 80th year. And also their children, Tom died 1892*



aged 6 years. Helen died 1900 aged 10 months. Elsie Atherton died 1904 aged 17 month. John died 1905 aged 11 years. Jane died 1918 aged 29 years. James died 1920 aged 28 years"

As this family gravestone does not give information about James' war service the grave is also marked by a CWGC stone.

WILLIAM EDWARD MAYCOX

Rank: Sergeant **Service No:** 39009

Date of Death: 28/10/1916

Age: 20

Regiment/Service: South Wales Borderers 2nd Bn.

Cemetery: ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY, France.

Grave Reference: VIII. E. 3A.

Additional Information: Son of Tom and Mary Jane Maycox of 139 Brighton Road, Great Crosby. Native of Blundellsands.



A report on his death appeared in the Bootle Times on the 6th Nov 1915. His photo appeared in the report and is reproduced here with the kind permission of the Liverpool Daily Post & Echo.

A CROSBY BORDERER. DIES OF WOUNDS IN FRENCH HOSPITAL.

Widespread sympathy has been expressed with Mr. and Mrs. Maycox, of 139, Brighton-road, Great Crosby, who recently lost their eldest son in the war. Sergt. Wm. Edward Maycox, of the South Wales Borderers, was a descendant on his mother's side from a well-known Bootle family, being the eldest grandson of the late Mrs. Williams, 4, Keats Street. Born at Crosby just over twenty years ago, young Maycox received his early education at St. Nicholas' School, Blundellsands. On leaving school he took up his father's trade of a stonemason, being apprenticed with Mr. T. Banner, of Blundellsands. In youth he joined the Boys' Brigade, and the knowledge of drills and military movements he thus acquired served him in good stead when

he subsequently entered the Army. Maycox had not completed his apprenticeship when war broke out, but his employer made no trouble about permitting him to join H.M. Forces.

On April 1st, 1915, Maycox joined the R.W.F. He was a steady lad, and his exemplary conduct, combined with a good prior knowledge of military tactics soon secured him promotion. He was quickly made a corporal, and in due course attained the rank of sergeant. After being at camps in different parts of the country and taking his musketry course, he left for France on May 31st last year, and was unfortunately wounded on June 19th. After a course of hospital treatment in England, Maycox was transferred to the South Wales Borderers, again went out to France on September 28th, and was wounded in a battle on the Somme on October 19th. He was carefully treated at a hospital in France, but alarming symptoms developed. On October 23rd, the parents received a telegram intimating that he was seriously ill. The mother went over, saw her son on the 26th, and he then appeared to be getting along splendidly. His mother had the satisfaction of conversing with him, and he expressed a strong desire to get home. The chaplain, he said, had given him Communion. Again matters took a bad turn, and the patient died on the 28th. Death was certified as injury in the back and bowel. A shot that struck him in the thigh set up septic poisoning, which it was impossible to combat.

Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Maycox - Thos. Alfred - aged 19, is a corporal in the Machine Gun Section at Salonica. He, too, is an old St. Nicholas' boy, and had a partial military training in the Boys' Brigade. He was learning the handicraft of a joiner

with Mr. Burns, of Litherland. Joining on Nov. 3rd, 1915, he went out on August 31st last, and celebrated his nineteenth birthday at Salonica. On hearing of his elder brother's death, the young corporal wrote a comforting letter to his mother. In this he said, "It makes me feel proud to think I had a brother who did his duty so nobly." Two younger sons are also in the Boys' Brigade. ***Bootle Times 6th November 1915***

WILLIAM EDWIN GORDON MEIN

Rank: Private **Service No:** 11420

Date of Death: 12/02/1919

Age: 19

Regiment/Service: Honourable Artillery Company 1st Bn.

Cemetery: COLOGNE SOUTHERN CEMETERY in Germany

Grave Reference: II. C. 6.

Additional Information: Son of Thomas Gordon Mein and Mary S. Mein, of Hassendene, Blundellsands.



Cologne Southern Cemetery in Germany

FRANCIS RIGBY MELLOR

Rank: Lieutenant

Date of Death: 16/01/1917

Age: 26

Regiment: East Lancashire Regiment 10th Bn. attd. 6th Bn.

Cemetery: AMARA WAR CEMETERY in Iraq

Grave Reference: XXVI. D. 1.

Additional Information: Son of John and Mary Elizabeth Mellor (nee Kewley), of Blundellsands, Liverpool.

JOHN MITCHELL

Rank: Private **Service No:** 337114

Date of Death: 03/05/1917

Age: 22

Regiment/Service: Royal Army Medical Corps 87th Field Amb

Cemetery: FAUBOURG D'AMIENS CEMETERY, ARRAS in France

Grave Reference: IV. F. 18.

Additional Information: Son of John and Margaret Mitchell, of 17, Hastings Rd., Blundellsands.



Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery in France

And also killed, his brother

NORMAN LESLIE MITCHELL

Rank: Sergeant **Service No:** 23115

Date of Death: 30/07/1916

Age: 20

Regiment/Service: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 20th Bn.

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL in France

Panel Reference: Pier and Face 1 D 8 B and 8 C.

Additional Information: Son of John and Margaret Mitchell, of 17, Hastings Rd., Waterloo, Liverpool.

ROBERT NOEL MOUNTFIELD

Rank: Captain

Date of Death: 05/11/1917

Age: 29

Regiment/Service: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 8th Bn.
Attd. 2nd/9th Bn.

Cemetery: SOLFERINO FARM CEMETERY in Belgium

Grave Reference: II. A. 22.

Additional Information: Son of Robert and Caroline Mountfield, of "Edenvale," Eshe Rd., Blundellsands.



Solferino Farm Cemetery

BENJAMIN BIRCHALL NAYLOR

Rank: Private **Service No:** 168

Date of Death: 19/06/1917

Age: 26

Regiment/Service: 1st King Edward's Horse "B" Sqdn.

Cemetery: BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY in France

Grave Ref: IV. A. 9.

Additional Information: Son of Benjamin Shepherd Naylor and the late Caroline Naylor, of Grasmere, Blundellsands, Liverpool

THEODORE WILLIAM SUTTON NEAME

Rank: Private **Service No:** 15831

Date of Death: 21/06/1916

Age: 19

Regiment/Service: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 17th Bn.

Cemetery: CERISY-GAILLY MILITARY CEMETERY, France

Grave Ref: II. L. 3.

Additional Information: Son of Theodore and Jeannette Neame, of 1A, King St., Wrexham.

ALBERT EDWARD NORMAN

No information found.

OSWALD WRIGHT PARKINSON

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Date of Death: 01/02/1917

Regiment: East Lancashire Regiment 3rd Bn. attd. 6th Bn.

Memorial: BASRA MEMORIAL in Iraq

Panel Reference: Panel 19.



Cerisy-Gailly Military Cemetery in France



SAMUEL VICTOR PARTRIDGE

Rank: Gunner **Service No:** 690307

Date of Death: 04/03/1917

Age: 19

Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery
55th Trench Mortar Bty.

Cemetery: VLAMERTINGHE MILITARY
CEMETERY in Belgium

Grave Reference: VI. A. 3.

Additional Information: Son of Samuel
and Grace Partridge, of Gt. Crosby,
Liverpool.



Samuel Victor Partridge was born at 11 Cedar Street, Bootle on the 23rd April 1897 and baptised at St. Mary's C.of E. Church, Bootle on the 30th May.

His parents, Samuel Partridge and Grace (nee Johnson), were married at the same church in 1880. Grace Johnson was a native of Bootle and Samuel senior was from West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

Samuel junior was one of seven children. His siblings were Thomas (born 1881), Joseph (born 1882), Mary (born and died 1885), Margaret May (born 1891), Ann Rothwell (born 1892) and William Rothwell (born 1900).

Samuel senior worked as a woodturning machinist and in later years he was employed in that capacity as a foreman at a soap factory.

In 1881, soon after their marriage, the young couple were living at 9 Cross Street, Bootle. Ten years later they had moved to 98 Berry Street, Bootle and had three family members visiting with them; Grace's brothers, Thomas and Joseph Johnson, and Selina Partridge from West Bromwich.

The family home was at 74 Gloucester Road, Bootle in 1901. The two eldest boys were of working age; Thomas was a Homeopathic chemist's apprentice and Joseph was a solicitor's clerk.

By 1911 the Partridge family had moved to 28 Rossett Road, Great Crosby, which was still their address when Samuel Victor enlisted in the army.

Samuel Victor's service records have survived. They show he enlisted in the 6th Battalion Kings Liverpool Regiment at their Princes Park Barracks, Liverpool on the 10th November 1914. He was 5ft 7 inches tall.

On the 26th June 1915 he was transferred to the 43rd Provisional Battalion King's Liverpool Regiment.

In March 1916, whilst stationed at Weybourne, he was allowed to transfer to the 4th West Lancashire (Howitzer Brigade) Royal Field Artillery at Blackpool as his eldest brother was already serving at the front with this unit and had submitted a claim form.

Samuel was posted to the front on the 3rd June 1916 and joined the 36th (Ulster) Division Base Depot.

On the 10th June he was admitted to no 9 Stationary Hospital but the reason is not specified in his service records.

On the 25th September he was transferred to the Machine Gun Section and on the 18th February 1917 he was attached to the 55th (West Lancashire) Division Trench Mortar Battery.

He was killed in action whilst serving with them on the 4th March 1917.

In July 1917 his father's address was 11 Poulter Road, Aintree.

A report on his death appeared in the Evening Express on the 20th March 1917 and also in the Bootle Times. The photo which appeared in the Bootle Times report is reproduced here with the kind permission of the Liverpool Daily Post & Echo.

BOOTLE CORPORATION OFFICIAL KILLED TRIBUTE TO WALTON GUNNER

"Intimation has been received that Gunner Samuel Victor Partridge, third son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Partridge, of Rossett Road, Blundellsands, and previous to the war a member of the staff of the Bootle Insurance Committee, was killed in action on March 4th. It appears that Gunner Partridge and his comrades were having their mid-day meal in their billet – a cellar – when it was hit by a German shell, killing six men, of whom Partridge was one, and wounding nine others. Deep sympathy will go out to the parents in the loss of a promising son, whose frank, cheerful disposition and diligence in his duties had made him exceedingly popular with all who knew him.

Gunner Partridge, who was a native of Bootle, was educated at Christ Church School, Waterloo, and was only 17 years of age when in September, 1914, he gave up his position under the Bootle Corporation and enlisted in the 6th K.L.R. Later he was transferred to the R.F.A., and in April, 1916, went out to France, finally being attached to a trench mortar battery. He was a young fellow of splendid physique, and a first class soldier.

Lieut. R.E. Ford, R.A., in the course of a sympathetic letter to the bereaved parents, says: - It is my painful duty, as the officer commanding the Reserve Personnel attached – Trench Mortar Battery, to have to inform you that your son, Gunner Partridge, was killed in action on the 4th inst. In the Ypres salient It gives me great pleasure to tell you that he was an excellent fellow, and was thought a great deal of by his comrades, who wish to join with me in expressing deepest sympathy in your sad loss and the hope that you will find some comfort in the knowledge that he was killed instantaneously and did not suffer It will, I have no doubt, be a comfort to you to know that your son was buried properly in a military cemetery in a village east of Ypres."

Mr. and Mrs. Partridge's eldest son joined the R.F.A. on August 4th, 1914, and has been in France nearly two years. Their second son, Mr. J. Partridge, is a member of the Town Clerk's staff, and holds the position of Clerk-in-charge of the National Registration department at Bootle Town Hall".

Bootle Times 20th March 1917

KILLED IN HIS DUG-OUT

"News has been received of the death in France of Gunner Samuel V. Partridge, who, with six comrades, was killed by a German shell falling on his dug-out. The deceased soldier was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Partridge, of Rossett Road, Blundellsands, and before the war was on the staff of the National Insurance Committee at Bootle. He was only 19 years old, and enlisted at the age of 17, very soon after the outbreak of hostilities, in the King's (Liverpool Regiment). He was afterwards transferred to the R.F.A. and at the time of his death was attached to a Trench Mortar Battery. His remains have been interned in the Military Cemetery at Vlamertinghe.

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A notice appeared in the Bootle Times on the 8th March 1918, the first anniversary of his death.

IN MEMORIAM

PARTRIDGE. - *In loving memory of Gunner Samuel V. Partridge, R.F.A. (our dear boy), killed in action in France, 4th March, 1917. (Sadly missed by his loving Mother, Dad, Sisters, and brothers (Tom in France). His memory ever dear).*

His father and mother died at 11 Poulter Road, Aintree in 1928 and 1952. They were buried at St. Mary's C.of E. Churchyard, Bootle with their daughter Mary who had died in 1885 aged eleven weeks.

JOHN HARTLEY PEARSON

Rank: Private **Service Number:** 22211

Date of Death: 01/07/1916

Regiment/Service: King's [Liverpool Regiment] - The Liverpool Pals 20th Battalion

Memorial: Thiepval Memorial – Pier and Face 1B, 8B and 8C.

Additional Information: Duty in France and Flanders.

Residence in Blundellsands, Lancashire.

HERBERT ANGUS RILEY

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Date of Death: 28/06/1916 **Age:** 19

Regiment/Service: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 1st/9th Bn.

Cemetery: WAILLY ORCHARD CEMETERY in France

Grave Ref: I. D. 2.

Additional Information: Son of C. Herbert and E. Iona Riley, of "Carlton," Warren Rd., Blundellsands.



Wailly Orchard Cemetery in France

HENRY ROBERTS

Rank: Private **Service Number:** 7533

Date of Death: 12/10/1918

Regiment: King's [Liverpool] Regiment. The Liverpool Pals

Additional Information: Birth and residence Town – Liverpool.
Died of Wounds. Served in France and Flanders.

RICHARD VAUGHAN ROBERTS



Rank: Lieutenant

Date of Death: 30/07/1916

Age: 24

Regiment: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) 19th Bn.

Cemetery: BERNAFAY WOOD BRITISH CEMETERY,
MONTAUBAN in France

Grave Reference: L. 72.

Additional Information: Son of Dr. W. Vaughan Roberts and
Mrs. B. Vaughan Roberts, of Minafon, Blaenau-Festiniog,
Merioneth.



Bernafay Wood British Cemetery

THOMAS RUSHTON

Rank: Corporal **Service Number:** 22807

Date of Death: 20/03/1917

Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps

Additional Information: Born Simonswood, Lancashire.
Resided in Formby. Duty in France and Flanders.

ALFRED SHERRINGTON

No information found.

CLIFFORD STOCKDALE

Rank: Private **Service Number:** 266447

Date of Death: 10/04/1918

Age: 19

Regiment/Service: South Lancashire Regiment

Memorial: Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium

Panels: 6 & 7

Additional Information: Served in
France and Flanders. Son of Sara Cole
[formerly Stockdale] and the late
Richard Stockdale, of Aireville,
Blundellsands.

Brother of William Stockdale.



Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium

WILLIAM STOCKDALE

Rank: Lieutenant

Date of Death: 03/05/1917

Age: 23

Regiment/Service: Duke of Wellington's [West Riding]

Memorial: Arras Memorial – Bay 6

Additional Information: Son of Sara Cole [formerly Stockdale], of Aireville, Blundellsands, Liverpool, and the late Richard Stockdale.

Brother of Clifford Stockdale.

PETER DUDLEY STUART



Rank: Captain

Date of Death: 01/06/1918

Age: 24

Regiment/Service: Royal Air Force

Cemetery: Anfield Cemetery VIII. C. 1543

Additional Information: Son of Mrs Edith Kate Stuart [nee Simpson] of Drummoyne, Serpentine North, Blundellsands, and the late Dr Peter Stuart, who practised in

homeopathy.

Peter was known as Dudley to his family. The family are descendents of the Royal Stuarts. He was educated at Parkfield School and was looking to a career in medicine. He enlisted in August 1914 and joined the 19th Battalion of the King's [Liverpool] Regiment – a Pals Battalion. On 03/09/1914 he received his commission [2nd Lieutenant]. He had flown before

the War commenced, and on 11/05/1916 received his Royal Aero Club of the UK Aviators Certificate and transferred to the Royal Flying Corps [Military Wing] where he graduated on 22/06/1916.

July 1916 – June 1917 he was in France and was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palme. His missions included taking aerial photographs behind enemy lines. He was promoted to the rank of Captain on 17/03/1917, and in June of that year he returned to England and became a training officer for new pilots.

In June 1918 Dudley should have been on leave, but due to a dire shortage of pilots he went instead to Easton Aerodrome, Lincolnshire, to help out. A trainee he was teaching, Lieutenant P P Ayles, crashed their plane, killing both instantly. Dudley's death certificate showed his cause of death as:

"Fracture of spinal column cervical region, sustained through the aeroplane in which he was flying accidentally crashing to the ground." He was buried at Anfield Cemetery. Dudley was a member of West Lancashire Golf Club and also Formby Golf Club. He is commemorated as Dudley Stuart at St Nicholas Church, Blundellsands.

Anfield Cemetery



Additional information in Black folder

GEORGE ERIC THOMPSON



Rank: Second Lieutenant

Date of Death: 03/09/1916

Age: 20

Regiment/Service: The King's (Liverpool Regiment) "C" Coy. 4th Bn.

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL in France

Panel Ref: Pier and Face 1 D 8 B and 8 C.

Additional Information: Son of George H.

and Gertrude F. Thompson, of The Barn, Formby, Lancs. A
Report from the Liverpool Echo 11th Sept 1916:-

"WELL-KNOWN LIVERPOOL OFFICER KILLED"

A well-known Liverpool officer, Second Lieutenant, George Eric Thompson, of the K.L.R., has been killed in action.

Second-Lieutenant Thompson was the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, of "Parkfield," Freshfield, and was twenty years of age. He was educated at Dunchurch Hall, Rugby, and at Harrow, playing for the school at cricket against Eton and at football against Winchester.

After leaving school he joined the staff of Messrs. Milligan and Mackintosh, cotton merchants, Liverpool, and became a playing member of the Northern Cricket Club and the West Lancashire Golf Club.

He enlisted in a Liverpool Regiment shortly after war broke out, and obtained his commission in December, 1915. He had been seven weeks at the front. His colonel writes that he was killed whilst leading his platoon into action.

HORACE BROCKBANK THOMPSON

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Date of Death: 24/04/1917

Age: 27

Regiment: Royal Berkshire Regiment 7th Bn. Awards: M C

Memorial: DOIRAN MEMORIAL, Greece

Additional Information: B.A. Son of the Rev. Jacob and Amy Beatrice Thompson, of The Rectory, Grafton Regis, Stony Stratford, Bucks.



Doiran Memorial in Greece

ALFRED FRANCIS CAMPBELL VAUGHAN

Rank: Sub Lieutenant, RNVR

Date of Death: 01/03/1915

Regiment/Service: Howe Battalion at Antwerp, transferred to HMS "Excellent" in 1914.

Additional Information: Killed on board by the explosion of a paraffin heater. 1914 Star issued to his brother, Lieutenant Commander Vaughan.

THOMAS WHARTON

Rank: Rifleman **Service Number:** 72514

Date of Death: 21/06/1918

Regiment: King's [Liverpool] Regiment . The Liverpool Pals

Cemetery: COUIN NEW BRITISH CEMETERY

Grave Reference: G. 50.

Additional Information: Son of Mr T Wharton, of 122, Brighton Road, Great Crosby, Liverpool.



Couin New British Cemetery

FREDERICK WILSON

Rank: Private **Service Number:** 10856

Date of Death: 21/10/1914

Regiment/Service: Worcestershire Regiment

Memorial: Ypres Menin Gate Memorial – Panel 34

Additional Information: Service in France and Flanders.

THOMAS MAITLAND WINSLOW

Rank: Lieutenant Commander

Date of Death: 13/12/1917

Regiment/Service: Royal Naval Reserve

Memorial: PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL

Panel Reference: 27

Additional Information: He died when the H.M.S. Stephen Furness was sunk by a German submarine off the west coast of the Isle of Man on the 13th December 1917. He has no grave but the sea. He is commemorated at Portsmouth Naval Memorial

ESDAILE WYATT

Rank: Not known **Service Number:** 245

Regiment/Service: Royal Marines Divisional Engineers, Deal.



Portsmouth Naval Memorial

Information taken from
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Merseyside Roll of Honour.