

## **MEN COMMEMORATED ON THE WATERLOO AND TAUNTON WAR MEMORIAL WHO DIED IN WORLD WAR TWO, 1939-1945**



The War Memorial commemorating the dead of two World Wars stands at the junction of Oldham Road and Taunton Road, adjacent to the Dog and Partridge Public House. It is a four-sided column made of Portland Stone, on top of three steps. On each side of the column there is a sword cut into the stone and beneath, a wreath. There are four bronze panels, bearing 94 names from the First World War, and 28 from the Second World War.

The architect was Percy Howard. The Ashton Reporter described the monument as being “of simple but dignified design”.

The Mayor of the Manor, Mr Maurice Lees, unveiled the memorial on St George's Day (23 April), 1921, in front of a crowd of around 3,000 people.

A procession led by the Manchester Regiment band and Firing party started at the junction of Ney Street and Oldham Road. The Mayor and Mayoress of Ashton (Councillor and Mrs Henry Greenwood), schoolchildren, and the representatives of the churches were led by the Salvation Army Band.

Councillor E. Williamson, Chairman of the War Memorial Committee, gave a speech. The lesson “God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength” was read by Mr R Thornley. The Rev T. Brian Castle led the prayers.

Mr Lees then unveiled the memorial. The assembled sang the hymn “Fight the Good Fight”, and the Rev A.D. Johnson dedicated the monument. The Rev A.L. Bradfield gave the Benediction. A volley of shots was then fired into the air, and the proceedings closed with the Last Post.

The bronze tablets bearing 122 names were dedicated on Remembrance Sunday, 12 November 1950, by Canon A.D. Johnson, Vicar of Christ Church, Oldham Road.

## Remembering those men who lost their lives in World War 2



**ARNFIELD Norman 1921-1942 Service Number: L/JX299857**

**Regiment and Unit: Royal Navy**

Norman Arnfield was born 26 Aug 1921, son of Percy Arnfield and Sarah Hague. His parents had married in Ashton in 1919.

In the 1939 Register Norman Arnfield was living at 165 Newmarket Road, Waterloo with his parents and six siblings: Mary, Eva, Bertha, Elsie, Leonard and Stanley. Ordinary Seaman, Norman Arnfield died at sea on 25 March 1942 aged 20. He was on board HMS Sulla, a 251 ton whaler converted to be a minesweeper. The ship was en route to Murmansk to be delivered to the Soviet Union when it was lost in gales in the Barents Sea. Norman Arnfield is commemorated on the Lowestoft Naval Memorial as well as the Waterloo and Taunton War Memorial.

**BOWRING Ernest Andrew 1925-1944 Service Number 14583937**

**Regiment and unit: South Staffordshire Regiment 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion**

Ernest Bowring was born on 28 Feb 1925, son of Harold Bowring and Ann Wilde.

In the 1939 Register Ernest Bowring was living at Gambrel Bank Farm, Waterloo, Ashton under Lyne with his widowed father and five siblings: Harold, Walter, Margaret, Jean and Frank.

Ernest was a private in the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment. He was killed on 8 Aug 1944 in France and is buried at Banneville-la-Campagne, Dept de Calvados, Basse-Normandie.

**BOYLE Gerald 1916-1941 Service Number: 979835**

**Regiment and Unit: Royal Air Force 5<sup>th</sup> Operational Training Unit. Coastal Command**



Gerald Boyle was born on 9 Nov 1916 in Preston, son of William J. Boyle, a theatre manager and his wife, Eva Chadwick.

By 1921 the family were living in Bradford, East Manchester. In 1939 Gerald was living with his parents at 22 Paradise Street, Audenshaw and working as a cinema operator. Gerald Boyle married Mary Clark in January 1940 in Ashton.

He was a wireless operator and air gunner in Coastal Command based at Chivenor, Devon. He was killed on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1941, whilst flying. The aircraft, a Beaufort 1, flew into high ground at Exford, Devon when descending through cloud during a night training flight. He left a widow, Mary and a young son, Gerald born 1940. Sgt. Boyle was buried in Hurst Cemetery in Ashton under Lyne.

From the Kinematograph Weekly 14 Dec 1941

*“Well known in the Kinema world, Sgt Air Gunner Gerald Boyle, younger son of Billy Boyle, managing director of the Hulme Hippodrome, Manchester, has been killed on active service with Coastal Command. Sgt Boyle, in his 25<sup>th</sup> year, was, in peacetime, chief electrician of two Manchester kinemas – the Regal, Oxford Road and the Apollo, Ardwick Green. He leaves a wife and child.”*

**BUTTERWORTH Harry 1910-1943 Service Number: T/18724**

**Regiment and Unit: Royal Army Service Corps**

Harry Butterworth was born on 3 December 1910, son of George Butterworth and Hannah Chadwick of 108 Taunton Road, Waterloo. His parents had married in 1910 at St Stephen's in Audenshaw.

In the 1921 census, Harry was aged 10, was living with his parents and sister, Edith at 26 Raynham St, Ashton. By 1939 Harry was married and working as a railway joiner. He had married Dora Burnett in 1937 in Ashton. They were living at 60 Leam Street in 1939. They had two children living with them, Alan Butterworth born 1933 and Barry Butterworth born 1935.

Harry was a Driver in the R.A.S.C (Royal Army Service Corps). He was taken Prisoner of War in the Far East. He died on 12 May 1943 and was buried in the Chungkai War Cemetery in Thailand.

**CLAYTON Robert 1913-1944 Service Number: 171432**

**Regiment and Unit: Royal Air Force (Volunteer Reserve)**

William Robert Clayton was born in the last quarter of 1913 in Preston, son of Arthur Clayton and Lily Davies. In the 1921 census William Robert was aged 7 living with his parents and a sister, Annie at 28 Moorgate, Ormskirk, Lancashire. His father, Arthur Clayton, was working on the railways as a goods guard.

(William) Robert appears to have emigrated to the U.S.A. at a young age. He was back in the UK by 1942, however, as he married Alice Beaumont in that year in Knaresborough, Yorkshire.

*William Robert Clayton Pilot Officer (Nav) aged 30 death 21 June 1944 Military base Winthorpe Notts. 1661 Heavy Conversion Unit, Bomber Command. Ship: Stirling III Nav. Killed whilst flying. Residence: Waterloo Ashton under Lyne*

*R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve. His service number was 171432.*

He was flying a plane on his first solo flight and crashed at Kettlethorpe, Lincolnshire. The engine caught fire, and he lost control. Three of the crew survived. William Robert Clayton (also known as Billy) was killed on 21 June 1944. He was buried in Hurst Cemetery. Grave Ref Section N. Grave 214. His probate record gives his address as 146 Taunton Road and he left a widow, Alice.

**GERRARD Joseph 1921-1943 Service Number: 3393991**

**Regiment and Unit: York and Lancaster Regiment 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion**

Joseph Gerrard was born on 20 February 1921, son of Matthew Gerrard and Ortholena Johnson.

In the 1921 census Joseph was just 4 months old and living with his parents at 21 Hill Street (now Vale Street), Waterloo. In 1939 the family were still living at 21 Hill Street. Joseph's mother had remarried as her husband, Matthew Gerrard had died in 1924. Joseph was working as a little piecer in a cotton mill. This was dangerous work as broken cotton threads had to be joined together whilst the machinery was still in operation.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment took part in the Allied invasion of Italy suffering very heavy casualties. They helped in the liberation of Naples.

Private Joseph Gerrard of the 6<sup>th</sup> battalion, the York and Lancaster Regiment, was killed in action in Italy on 7 December, 1943 aged 22. His service number was 3393991. Joseph Gerrard was buried in the Minturno War Cemetery, north of Naples. Grave reference IV.J.4.

**GOODWIN Samuel 1915-1945 Service Number: 264828**

**Regiment and Unit: Lancashire Fusiliers/South Wales Borderers 2nd Battalion**

Samuel Goodwin was born on 12 Aug 1915 in Staffordshire, son of Samuel Goodwin and Mary Ann Bailey. In the 1939 Register Samuel was living with his parents in Coventry and was employed as a school master.

Samuel married Annie Brierley Wales in Ashton in April Q 1942. Annie was the daughter of William Arthur Wales and Lilian Newton Brierley. She was born in Ashton in 1912, and she lived with her parents at 87 Taunton Road, Waterloo.

Samuel joined the Lancashire Fusiliers and had the service number 264828. A secondary regiment is cited on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion South Wales Borderers.

Lieutenant Samuel Goodwin was killed on war service on 21 March 1945. He was aged 29. He was buried in the Groesbeek Canadian Cemetery, near Nijmegen, Netherlands. Grave Reference VI.A.15.

It might seem strange for a soldier from the UK to be buried in a Canadian war cemetery. However, the CWGC did move remains there after the war. The cemetery is unique in that many of the dead were brought there from nearby Germany. It is one of the few cases where bodies were moved across international frontiers.

Samuel's Probate record gives his address as 87 Taunton Road, Waterloo. He left a widow Annie Brierley Goodwin and two sons, both born in Ashton: Arthur David John Goodwin born 1943 and Samuel Peter Goodwin born 1945.

**HARRISON Sidney 1911-1945 Home Guard**

**Regiment and Unit: 51<sup>st</sup> County of Lancashire (Ashton under Lyne) Battalion**

Sydney Harrison was born on 14 May 1911, son of John Percy Harrison and Catherine Turner. In the 1921 census, Sydney (as his name was spelled) was living with his parents and two siblings, Percy and Ivy, at 258 Oldham Road. In 1938 Sydney married Nora Hulme. In the 1939 Register the couple were living at 221 Newmarket Road, Waterloo. Sydney was working as a General Clerk at a chemist's (possibly Kerfoot's manufacturing chemist in Bardsley Vale). Sydney is listed on the Home Guards Records 1940-1944. His battalion was 51<sup>st</sup> County of Lancaster (Ashton under Lyne). Sidney Harrison died on 5 July 1945 on war service. His address in the Probate records was 255 Newmarket Road, Waterloo.

**HAYNES Albert 1921-1944 Service Number: 14551492**

### **Regiment and Unit: Gordon Highlanders 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion**

Albert Haynes was born on 10 Nov 1921, son of Harold Haynes and his wife Ethel Lees. In the 1921 census, taken before Albert's birth, the family were living at 76 Queen Street, Hurst. By 1939 the family had moved to Limehurst and they were living at 38 Oldham Road. Father, Harold, was an iron moulder, working in munitions. Albert, aged 18, was employed as a greaser on the London and North Eastern Railway.

Albert was a Private in the Gordon Highlanders, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion London Scottish. He died on 13 Jan 1944 and was buried in the Minturno War Cemetery, Italy. Grave reference: II.G.3. He was the son of Harold and Ethel Haynes of Waterloo, Ashton under Lyne. His epitaph reads "God keep him. Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn". The Commonwealth Monumental Military Cemetery in Minturno holds the burials of 2049 soldiers who fell during WWII on the Garigliano Front from January 1944 in an attempt to break the Gustav Line.

Albert Haynes' death was reported in the Manchester Evening News 15 Feb 1944: Private Albert Haynes of Oldham Road, Waterloo died in the Central Mediterranean.

### **HAYNES Tom 1923-1944 Service Number: 1750518**

#### **Regiment and Unit: Royal Air Force 160 Squadron**

Tom Haynes was born on 20 June 1923. He was Albert Haynes' younger brother. In the 1939 register Tom is listed at 38 Oldham Road. He was employed as an audit clerk.

Tom joined the R.A.F. and he was a Leading Aircraftman based in Ceylon. His service number was 1750518 and he served with 160 Squadron. The 160 squadron were flying bombers in a reconnaissance role. Tom died around 23 May 1944 just before his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. He wandered into the jungle near Sigiriya, Ceylon and was never seen again.

Mr and Mrs Haynes lost two sons within the space of three months.

### **HIGGINBOTTOM John 1920-1942 Service Number: FAA/SFX 2048**

#### **Regiment and Unit: Royal Navy**

John was born Jack Higginbottom on 8<sup>th</sup> July 1920, son of Joe Higginbottom and Minnie Rossbottom. Joe and Minnie had married on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1909 at St Peter's church, Ashton-under-Lyne. They had three other children as well as Jack: Mary born 1911, Nora born 1913, and Vera born 1917. In the 1921 census Jack was only 11 months old living with his parents and three older sisters at 147 Blandford Street Ashton.

In the 1939 Register he was an apprentice fitter, living with his widowed mother, Minnie (his father, Joe, had died in 1932) and an older sister Nora at 24 Wilshaw Grove, Waterloo. Jack

Higginbottom of Waterloo was killed at sea on 15 Nov 1942 aged 22. He was a fitter on board H.M.S. Avenger. The ship was an Escort Aircraft Carrier, built by the Americans and transferred to the Royal Navy. The ship had taken part in Operation Torch which was part of the Allied Invasion of North Africa. She was lost when torpedoed by a U-Boat (U-155) at 3.20 am, nine hours after leaving Gibraltar whilst en route for Britain. 561 men lost their lives when the ship was sunk. Higginbottom is also named on the Lee on Solent War Memorial which commemorates over 1900 service personnel of the Fleet Air Arm who have no known grave.

**IRVING Robert 1913-1944 Service Number: 3659762**

**Regiment and Unit: Kings Own Yorkshire Dragoons 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion**

Robert Irving was born on 8 Feb 1913 in Scotland. His mother, Mary married Charles Scott in 1920 in Ashton. He had two siblings, Thomasina born 1911 and Eva born 1920. In the 1921 census Robert was living with Charles and Mary Scott at The White House, Knott Lanes, Bardsley. He was shown as Charles' step-son. Robert married Lena Mellin in 1935 in Ashton. In the 1939 register Robert and Lena were living at 9 Hill Street (now Vale St) Waterloo.

Robert joined the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Kings Own Yorkshire Dragoons. His Service Number was 3659762.

Coriano Ridge was the last important ridge in the way of Allied advance in the Adriatic sector in Autumn 1944. It was the key route to the liberation of Rimini and thence to the River Po. German parachute and panzer troops, aided by bad weather, had resisted all attacks on their positions between 4-12 Sept 1944. Robert was killed at the Battle of Coriano Ridge on the Adriatic coast of Italy on 12 Sept 1944. He was buried in the Coriano Ridge War Cemetery. Grave Reference IV.A.B. (Husband of Lena Irving of Waterloo).

**McGLASHAN Walter Ross 1911-1946 Service Number: T/14938101**

**Regiment and Unit: Royal Army Service Corps**

Walter McGlashan was born on 26 May 1911 in Ashton. He was baptised on 26 May 1911 at St Peter's church in Ashton, son of William John McGlashan and his wife Hannah nee Lowndes.

Walter was aged 10 by the time of the 1921 census and living with his parents at 116 Earle Street, Ashton. He was a pupil at West End Council School.

Walter married Edith Charlton in 1938. In the 1939 Register the couple were living at 41 Wilshaw Grove, Waterloo with baby daughter, Jean.

The probate record says that Walter died in India on 12 July 1946 but the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records a burial for Walter R McGlashan at the Yokohama



Cemetery, Japan (Grave reference British Section R.B.5) . Walter was a driver for the Royal Army Service Corps. His service number was T/14938101.

**MARSHALL Norman 1921-1943 Service Number: 549755**

**Regiment and Unit: Royal Air Force 106 Squadron**

Norman Marshall was born in 1921 in Ashton, son of William Harold Marshall and Bertha Annie Pine. He was the youngest of five children.

In the 1921 census the Marshall family were living at 82 Oldham Road, Waterloo. Norman was just four months old. In 1939 Norman's parents were living at 75 Oldham Road, Waterloo. They had two unmarried daughters living with them- Alice and Marie, Norman's older sisters. However, Norman was not at the same address, nor was he living with his married siblings, Harold and Eileen.

Norman was a Sergeant Flight Engineer in the RAF. He served in the 106 Squadron which flew Lancaster bombers, based at Syerston in Nottinghamshire. His service number was 549755. Norman was killed in action on 31 Jan 1943 when his plane was shot down by flak near Imsum during a raid on Hamburg. He was aged 22, son of William and Bertha Marshall of Waterloo. Norman was buried in Becklingen War Cemetery which is in Northern Germany on the Luneberg Heath.

**MOLYNEUX Keith 1922-1944 Service Number: 1436972**

**Regiment and Unit: Royal Air Force 467 Squadron**

Keith Molyneux was born on 19 April 1922 in Ashton, son of George Leonard Molyneux and Florrie Bailey. In the 1939 Register Keith was living with his parents at 93 Newmarket Road, Waterloo. He was working as a clerk in a petroleum office. Keith's father had been in the R.A.F. in World War One so it must have seemed almost natural for Keith to join the Air Force. Keith was a wireless operator and air gunner on a Lancaster Bomber in 467 Squadron Bomber Command flying out of Waddington, Lincolnshire. His service number was 1436972.

Keith was killed on 27 January 1944 when his plane crashed at Ziegenhagen, four miles northwest of Witzenhausen during a raid on Berlin. He was just 21. He was buried in the Hanover War Cemetery.

**MOTTRAM Harry 1912-1943 Service Number: 4463389**

**Regiment and Unit: Durham Light Infantry 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion**

Harry Mottram was born on 10 Jul 1912 in Oldham, son of James Mottram and his wife Edith Lord.

In the 1921 register, Harry was living with his parents and five siblings at 8 Blackburne Street, Oldham. His father was employed as a firewood dealer. Harry married Elsie F. Hone in 1935 in Ashton. By 1939 they were living at 8a Earnshaw Street off Newmarket Road. Harry was working as a builder's labourer and Elsie worked as a cotton piecer.

Harry was in the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry. His service number was 4463389. Three battalions of the Durham Light Infantry took part in the Allied invasion of Sicily in July-August 1943. Harry was killed in action in Italy on 17 July 1943 aged 31, probably at the battle of Primasole Bridge where there was a fierce battle with German paratroopers from 16-19 July 1943.

He was buried in the Catania war cemetery in Sicily, son of James and Edith, husband of Elsie Mottram of Waterloo. His epitaph reads "He peacefully sleeps, free from pain. We would not wake him to suffer again."

### **POSTLE Harold Wright 1906-1944    Service Number: 10600648**

#### **Regiment and Unit: Kings Regiment Liverpool    1<sup>st</sup> Battalion**

Harry Wright Postle was born in 1906 in Ashton, son of Harold Postle and Sarah Ann Wright.

In 1911 Harold was aged 4 and living at Ingleside, Taunton Road, Waterloo with his parents. In the 1921 census Harold was aged 15 and living with his parents Harold and Sarah Ann plus two siblings, Nora and Derek at 41 Taunton Road. Harold Postle senior died in 1922. By 1939 Sarah Ann Postle, a widow was living with her son Derek at 98 Cranbourne Road, Waterloo. There is a redacted record which could be Harold Wright Postle as there is no trace of him elsewhere in 1939 although he appears on the Electoral Roll for 98 Cranbourne Road in 1934.

Harold Wright Postle died on 30 May 1944 on war service, aged 38. His service number was 10600648 and he was a Private in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, the Kings Regiment, Liverpool. Postle is buried in the Kirkee War Cemetery in the Pune district of India. The probate record gives his address as 98 Cranbourne Road and says probate granted to his wife Sarah Ann. As there is no indication that Harold married, this is probably his mother Sarah Ann Postle nee Wright.

Harold's younger brother Derek, born 2 May 1911 was captured by the Japanese during WW2. He survived and was married in 1946. Derek died in Oldham in 2000.

### **RICHARDSON Arthur 1905-1945    Service Number: T/253318**

#### **Regiment and Unit: Royal Army Service Corps    19<sup>th</sup> General Transport Company**

Arthur Richardson was born on 30th January, 1905, in Oldham, son of William Richardson and Mary Ann Cole.

He first appears in a census in 1911, aged 6, with his parents, William and Mary Ann and his siblings: Clara aged 12, William Henry (10), Roselia (8) and John Harmond (1) living at No 2 Court, off Oldham Road, Waterloo. By 1921 Arthur was 16 and working as a general

labourer, living with his widowed father and siblings at 4, No. 2 Court, Off Oldham Road, Waterloo. Arthur married Sarah Lomas in 1934 at St James' church, Ashton under Lyne.

In the 1939 Register Arthur and Sarah Richardson were living at 4, No.2 Court, Oldham Road, Waterloo. Arthur was working as a general labourer in a cotton mill.

Arthur Richardson was a Driver in the Royal Army Service Corps. 19<sup>th</sup> General Transport Company. His service number was T/253318. Arthur was killed in Germany on 2 April 1945 aged 40. He was buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Kleve, Germany, son of William and Mary Richardson of Waterloo, Ashton under Lyne and husband of Sarah Richardson of Waterloo. Sarah Richardson, Arthur's widow, married Sam Ridgway in 1961 in Ashton and she died in 1990 aged 81.

## **RICHARDSON William Henry 1901-1946    Service Number: 1511095**

### **Regiment and Unit: Royal Air Force Technical Training Command**

William Richardson was born on 8 February 1901, in Ashton under Lyne, son of William Richardson and Mary Ann Cole.

In 1901 William Henry was two months old living with his parents and two older sisters, Gladys and Clara in Higham Fold in Ashton. By 1911 the family had moved to Waterloo and were living in No.2 Court which was off Oldham Road almost opposite the war memorial. William Richardson, senior was a cotton weaver. He and his wife Mary Ann had five children living with them: Clara (12), William Henry (10), Roselia (8), Arthur (6) and John Harmond (1).

In 1921 census William was aged 20 and working as a general labourer. He lived with his widowed father, William (54) and three siblings: Roselia aged 18, Arthur aged 16 and John aged 12 at 4, No.2 Court off Oldham Road, Waterloo.

William Henry married Edith Howard the following year. In the 1939 register William H. Richardson, his wife Edith and two children: Mary A Richardson born 1923 and Harmond born 1929 were living at 2, No.2 Court, off Oldham Road. William was an unemployed road labourer and Edith was also unemployed as a cleaner in a cotton mill.

Leading Aircraftman William Henry Richardson died on 28 January 1946. He was aged 44. His service number was 1511095. He was based at Innsworth in Gloucestershire in the Technical Training Command.

*From the Sutton & Epsom Advertiser 7 Feb 1946*

#### *DIVED IN FRONT OF BUS*

##### *Airman dies instantly*

*A driver's experience of seeing a man suddenly raise his hands and dive immediately in front of a bus was told to the East Surrey Coroner at an inquest at Sutton on Tuesday on L.A.C. William Henry*

*Richardson (44), R.A.F. who had been a patient at Banstead Military Hospital and who lived at Oldham Road, Ashton under Lyne. The driver of the bus gave his account: "When I was about 10-12 feet from the man, he raised his arms above his head and dived in front of the bus. He gave me no chance. I swerved and braked immediately and stopped in just over a bus length. (There were other witnesses).*


*The Medical Officer at the Military Hospital stated that Richardson was admitted to a sick station in the Middle East in October last. He was suffering from acute anxiety and was convinced he had venereal disease but this was not the case. At one hospital it was observed he had suicidal ideas. Verdict: Took his own life whilst the balance of his mind was disturbed. Richardson had a history of a chronic mental state.*

William Richardson was buried in Hurst Cemetery in Ashton under Lyne.

**ROUSE Harry (spelling ROWSE) 1919-1942 Service Number: D/JX 193649  
Regiment and Unit: Royal Navy**

## Killed in Nairobi

Mr. and Mrs. James Rowse, of 66, Wilshaw-grove, Waterloo, have received official news that their only son, Able Seaman Harry Rowse, R.N., has been killed in a motor accident in Nairobi. Able Seaman Rowse, who was 22, joined the Navy in May, 1940, previously being employed as a clerk by Mr. Rupert Wood, solicitor, Wellington-road, Ashton. He was educated at the Modern School, and was at one time a member of



H. Rowse.  
Queen's - road  
Brigade.

Methodist Boys'

Harry Rowse was born on 22 October 1919, son of James Rowse and Lilian Wood.

In the 1921 census Harry was aged 1 and living with his parents at 33 Margaret Street in Ashton. By 1939 the family had moved to 66 Wilshaw Grove, Waterloo. "Henry" was working as a solicitor's clerk and living with his parents.

He served as an Able Seaman on board H.M.S. Decoy. Service number D/JX 193649. This indicates that his home port was Devonport, J means he was a long service seaman and X indicates the rating was engaged after a new pay code was introduced in 1932. His ship was part of the Eastern fleet in the Indian Ocean between February and September 1942. Harry Rowse died on 25 July 1942 aged 22. He was killed in a road accident, perhaps whilst on shore leave. He was buried in Nairobi War Cemetery. Grave Reference 2.G.7

**SUTTON Stanley 1919-1945 Service Number: 7914236**

**Regiment and Unit: 10<sup>th</sup> Royal Hussars Royal Armoured Corps**

Stanley Fraser Sutton was born on 2 December 1919, son of Fraser Sutton and Alice Leek.

In the 1921 census, Stanley was living with his mother, Alice and four siblings at "Thornhill", Hale Road, Hale, Cheshire. His father, Fraser Sutton, a Manchester solicitor, was shown as a visitor at an address in the Isle of Man in the same census. By 1939, Stanley's parents had died. His mother Alice died in 1930 at 'Tiverton' Hale Road and his father died of pneumonia in a nursing home in Bowden in 1932. Fraser Sutton had served in the Tank Corps in World War One and had been seriously injured by a shot to his left lung.

In the 1939 Register, Stanley Sutton was the sole occupant of the Borough Police Station in Macclesfield. He was described as a soldier but gives his date of birth as 2 December 1918, adding a year to his age. In 1937 Stanley's sister Bertha had married a solicitor John Green and they were living at 4 Vicarage Road, Waterloo in the 1939 Register. The probate record for Stanley shows his address as 4 Vicarage Road, hence his name on the Waterloo and Taunton Memorial.

Stanley Fraser Sutton was killed on 5 April 1945 when he was 25 years old. His service number was 7914236. He was a corporal in the 10<sup>th</sup> Royal Hussars, the Royal Armoured Corps. The 10<sup>th</sup> Royal Hussars were involved in the Italian campaign at that time.

Stanley, son of Fraser and Alice Sutton, was buried in the Ravenna War Cemetery. Grave reference 1.B.16. The epitaph on his gravestone read:

"To live in the hearts of those who live is not to die, brother and sisters"

### **TAYLOR Ernest J. 1925-1941    civilian death**

Ernest Joseph Taylor was born on 15 February 1925, son of Ernest Joseph Taylor and his wife Nellie Cumberbatch. Ernest first appears on the 1939 Register with his parents, living at St Luke's School House, Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester. His father was verger, grave digger and caretaker. By 1941 the family had moved to 11 Incline Road, Oldham. Ernest was aged 16 and a fire watcher. On the night of 12-13<sup>th</sup> October 1941, Oldham suffered a two-hour long bombing raid and 27 civilians lost their lives. Ernest was one of those.

11 Incline Road was bombed and he was killed. He is remembered on the war memorial at Christ Church Oldham Road as well as the Waterloo and Taunton War Memorial and a record on the CWGC site states "In memory of civilian Ernest Joseph Taylor, Civilian War Dead who died on 12 Oct 1941 aged 16."

Even though Ernest lived in Oldham, his parents married at Christ Church, Waterloo in 1920; his father was born in Bardsley and his mother was a Cumberbatch, a well-known Waterloo family.

### **TETLOW Harry 1915-1944    Service Number: 3528974**

#### **Regiment and Unit: Lancashire Fusiliers 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion**

Harry Tetlow was born in 1915 son of James Stafford Tetlow and Mary Ann Burgess. In the 1921 census Harry was the eldest of two children. He and his younger brother Ralph lived at 23 Peel Street, Ashton with their parents. Harry married Mary Wild of Bardsley in 1938. In the 1939 register the couple were living at 14 Ney Street, Waterloo. Harry served with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers. His service number was 3528974. His regiment

advanced through Aquino, Italy in 1944. Harry died on war service in Italy on 2 April 1944 aged 28. He was buried in the Cassino War Cemetery.

**WALKER Harold 1923-1944 Service Number: 3607336**

**Regiment and Unit: Lancashire Fusiliers 2/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion/ The Royal Scots Fusiliers 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion**

Harold Walker was born on 14 June 1923 in Ashton under Lyne, son of Bertram Walker and his wife Jane Brierley Hilton. In the 1939 Register the family were living at 71 Queens Road, Hurst, Ashton under Lyne.

Harold had two brothers - Arthur born 17 June 1921 and George born 5 Jan 1927. Arthur died in Bude, Cornwall in 2001 and George died in Ashton in 2000.

Harold joined the 2/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers; service number 3607336. The 2/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers was a territorial unit, reformed in 1939. The men served with the 197<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade 66<sup>th</sup> Division until June 1940 when they transferred to 59<sup>th</sup> Division. His unit landed in Normandy on 29 June 1944, as part of Operation Overlord. The battalion first saw action in early July at Maon near Caen as part of Operation Charnwood where they suffered 121 casualties. Harold survived this experience but, on 21 Aug 1944, General Lewis Lyne, late of the regiment, visited the battalion to inform them that the 59<sup>th</sup> Division was to be disbanded and the men were to provide replacements for other infantry units which were severely depleted after heavy fighting. Harold Walker was rebadged from 2/5<sup>th</sup> Lancashire Fusiliers to 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion of The Royal Scots Fusiliers. The battalion took part in 'Operation Market Garden' an Allied military operation fought in German occupied Netherlands from 17-25 Sept 1944.

On 27 September 1944 the battalion went into battle against the Germans near Nijmegen; they were ordered to attack and capture Fratershoef. The attack began at 21.00 hours. Within an hour their objective had been achieved but not without some loss of life. Harold was one of four men killed that day.

Harold Walker was buried in Uden War Cemetery, Netherlands.

**WELLENS Thomas 1917-1943 Service Number: D/MX 74832**

**Regiment and Unit: Royal Navy**

Thomas Wellens was born on 19 Oct 1917, son of Robert Wellens and Mary Ellen Clough.

In the 1921 census, Thomas, aged 3, was living at 56 Taylor Street Dukinfield with his parents and siblings – Robert (16), William (14), Rebecca (12) and Harold (8). In the 1939 Register Thomas was a "boarder" at 3 Railway View, Ashton under Lyne. He was single and his occupation was Millwright. Thomas married Annie Wilde of 10 Langham Street, Waterloo on 4 June 1941 at Christ Church, Waterloo. Thomas joined the Royal Navy and was on board H.M.S. Charybdis, a cruiser, when it was sunk by German torpedoes off the north coast of Brittany on 23 Oct 1943. There was a heavy loss of life as the ship sank within 30 minutes of being hit. Twenty one bodies were washed up on Jersey or Guernsey beaches.

Thomas Wellens D/MX 74832 ERA (Engine Room Artificer) was buried on 17th November 1943 in St Helier War Cemetery, Jersey.

**WILDE Roy 1916-1944 Service Number: D/MX 74832**

**Regiment and Unit: Royal Air Force**

Bernard Roy Wilde was born on 26 Sept 1916, son of William Wilde and Elsie Gertrude Lawton.

In the 1921 census Bernard Roy was aged 4 and living with his parents at 139 Taunton Road, Waterloo. His father, William, was working at the National Gas and Oil Engine works in Ashton. By 1939 the family were still at the same address. Bernard Roy was working as a commercial artist. Wilde was killed when attempting a "wheels-up landing" at Tortorella, Italy. Tortorella was a USAF/RAF base near Salerno, South West Italy He was a pilot. A 4,000lb bomb exploded in an emergency landing soon after take-off destined for a raid on Padua. Sergeant Roy Wilde aged 27, service number D/MX 74832, died on 8 February 1944. He was buried in the Bari War Cemetery, Italy.

**WILLIAMS D. Adam 1912-1945 Service Number: 3392914**

**Regiment and Unit: Royal Norfolk Regiment**

David Adam Williams was born on 10 Aug 1912, son of Adam Williams and his wife Florence Bamford Carr. In 1921 the family were living at 120 Oldham Road, Waterloo. Adam Williams, senior, was employed on his own account as a fishmonger. Adam was aged 9 with three older siblings. By 1939 the family were still living at 120 Oldham Road. Adam listed as David A. Williams was assisting his father in the fish trade.

David A. Williams married Florence A. Dale in January 1941 in Ashton.

David Adam Williams was a Private in the Royal Norfolk Regiment. His service number was 3392914. He died on war service on 1 March 1945. His address at the time was 2 Holyoake Street, Droylsden. He was buried in the Reichswald Forest Cemetery in Northern Germany. Grave reference: 62.D.6.

It is likely that his name is included on the Waterloo and Taunton memorial because he grew up there and his parents still lived in Waterloo.

**WRIGHT JAMES EDWARD 1914-1944 Service Number: 2989714**

**Regiment and Unit: Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion**

James Edward Wright was born on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 1914, son of James Edward Wright and Margaret Leech. James' father died in the First World War and is also commemorated on the War Memorial. In 1911 James, senior and his wife, Margaret, were living at 21 Mary Street. Unable to trace either Margaret Wright or her young son in the 1921 census. However, James E Wright was living in the household of Robert Leech and his wife Dorothy in 1939. Mr and Mrs Leech are likely to be relatives of his mother. James was working as a cotton



spinner and lived at 244 Newmarket Road, Waterloo. Sergeant James Edward Wright joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (service number 2989714). He had married a Scot - Margaret Harris of Edinburgh. The 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (2 ASH) fought in Operation "Epsom" on June 26, 1944, as part of the 15th (Scottish) Division and the 227 Brigade. The operation was a major offensive on Caen that began with the Normandy landings on June 6, 1944.

James died on 29 June 1944 aged 29 and he was buried at Banneville-La-Campagne War Cemetery in France. Grave reference II.E.12. His gravestone reads "Love and Esteemed. In All Things shewing thyself, a pattern of good works"

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### LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES OF THE FALLEN

Road or Street	Names of Men
98 Cranbourne Road	Postle
8A Earnshaw Street	Mottram
Gambrel Bank Farm	Bowring
9 Hill Street	Irving
21 Hill Street	Gerrard
11 Incline Rd Hollinwood	Taylor
10 Langham St	Wellens
60 Leam Street	Butterworth
93 Newmarket Road	Molyneux
165 Newmarket Road	Arnfield
244 Newmarket Road	Wright
255 Newmarket Road	Harrison
14 Ney Street	Tetlow
Oldham Road 2, No 2 Court	Richardson W.H.
Oldham Road 4, No 2 Court	Richardson A
38 Oldham Rd	Haynes A & T
82 Oldham Rd	Marshall
120 Oldham Rd	Williams
Paradise Street Audenshaw	Boyle

71 Queens Road, Hurst	Walker
87 Taunton Road	Goodwin
139 Taunton Road	Wilde
146 Taunton Road	Clayton
24 Wilshaw Grove	Higginbottom
41 Wilshaw Grove	McGlashan
66 Wilshaw Grove	Rowse
4 Vicarage Road	Sutton