

The Men of Benson Parish
Who Served in the
Armed Forces
in the Great War

Compiled originally by the History Group of the Bensington Society for the 2014 Event “Benson & The Great War”.

The History Group studied the names on the Benson War Memorial, which are divided into two groups. The first group are the men of the village. The second group are the men from “Turner’s Court” or “Wallingford Farm Training School”, which was then inside the Benson Parish boundary.

WW1 Service – Abbreviations

Can RFA	Canadian Royal Field Artillery
Capt	Captain
Coy	Company
Cpl	Corporal
Dorsets	The Dorset Regiment
DCLI	The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry
DLI	The Durham Light Infantry
East Kents	The Royal East Kent Regiment (The Buffs)
East Surreys	The East Surrey Regiment
Flt/Sgt	Flight Sargeant
Gnr	Gunner
Hants	The Hampshire Regiment
kia	Killed in action
KOYLI	Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
Lt Col	Lieutenant Colonel
L/Cpl	Lance Corporal
L/Sgt	Lance Sargeant
Lt	Lieutenant
MGC	Machine Gun Corps
O&BLI	The Ox and Bucks Light Infantry
POW	Prisoner of War
Pte	Private
Queens	The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment
QOOH	The Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars
RAF	The Royal Air Force
RAMC	The Royal Army Medical Corps
RASC	The Royal Army Service Corps
RAVC	The Royal Army Veterinary Corps
RE	The Royal Engineers
RFA	The Royal Field Artillery
RFC	The Royal Flying Corps
R Fusiliers	The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)
RGA	The Royal Garrison Artillery
RGLI	The Royal Guernsey Light Infantry
Rifle Bgd	The Rifle Brigade
R Berks	The Royal Berkshire Regiment
R Irish	The Royal Irish Rifles
RM	The Royal Marines
RMA	The Royal Marines Artillery
RMLI	The Royal Marines Light Infantry
RN	The Royal Navy
R Scots	The Royal Scots Fusiliers
SAAC	South African Aviation Corps
Sgt	Sargeant or Sergeant
South Staffs	The South Staffordshire Regiment
Turners Court	The Wallingford Farm School, Turners Court
Warwicks	The Royal Warwick Fusiliers
West Surreys	The Queen's Royal Regiment of West Surrey
Worcesters	The Worcester Regiment
WM	War Memorial
WT	Wireless Telegraphy

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BENSON WW1 SERVICEMEN

It is believed all these men had Benson connections and served in the Great War

Names marked with an asterisk are also commemorated on the Benson War Memorial

Harold Alder, MM

Born 1890 in Rokemarsh, the son of John & Ellen Alder; served as a Cpl then Sgt in the new WT section of RE Signals, wounded in Aug 1916 but survived the war. Post war he became a Telegraph Inspector and died in 1945.

John Alder

Born 1882 in Hagbourne, son of Isaac & Caroline Alder, married Lucy Abdey in 1912, father of two, lived in N Stoke where he worked as a carter on a farm; enlisted as a pre-war regular soldier, Pte (6619) in 1st R Berks, kia 6.1.1915, commemorated on the LeTouret Memorial (Panel 30)

James G H Austin

Born 1872 in Benson, son of George & Charity Austin of London Rd, Benson; a pre-war regular soldier then a labourer at the French Gardens; later served in Bedfords (802057)

Gerald Aldridge

Born 1898 in Benson, son of William & Sarah Aldridge, brother of Harry, served in 4th West Surreys, was a POW in 1918, survived the war and died in 1976.

Harry Aldridge

Born 1896 in Benson, son of William & Sarah Aldridge, brother of Gerald, lived in Brook St, Benson; served in RFC.

James Louis Badcock

Born 1869, served as a Sgt in the Canadian Med Corps

Sam Bailey*

Was a resident at Turners Court, originally from Ashford, Kent; son of Titus & Martha of Brighouse, Yorkshire; served as a Pte (203929) in the 1st East Kents, kia 7.6.1915 near Hulluch – supposedly a quiet sector of the line. Buried in Philopophe British Cemetry (11.Q.8)

Joseph Henry Baker MC

Born 1894 in Benson, where his family ran a drapers shop in the High St. He served as a Gnr (730) in the RFA, 6th London Battery, served in France from March 1915, being promoted to Sgt and then Lt and survived the war. Lt Baker was awarded the MC for conspicuous gallantry in Nov 1916.

Charles F Barrett

Born in 1873 in Burbage, Wilts, son of George & Ann Barrett - a coachman at the Military Hospital in Alverstone, lived in Reading in 1891, in 1911 he was the Proprietor of the White Hart Hotel in Benson, married but separated; he served pre-war as an officer in the Yeomanry, in December 1914 appointed Capt in the Fife & Forfar Yeomanry but later served in the new RAF, was in Egypt from January 1916; survived the war and died in 1959 at Midgham, Berks

Albert Batts*

Born 1876 in Northmoor, son of Fred & Jane Batts, an ex regular soldier he first enlisted in 1893 and served in India; later worked as farm labourer in Roke; re-enlisted & served as a L/Cpl (9589) in the 2nd O&BLI, kia 25.9.1915 at Battle of Loos; commemorated Loos Memorial (Panel 83 to 85)

Albert Victor Billing

Born 1897 in Benson, son of Richard & Ellen Billing, brother of William, a farm labourer living in Brook St, served as a Gnr (199650) in the RFA, survived the war, married Winifred Barlow in 1923 and emigrated to Australia in 1924; died in Heidelberg, Victoria in 1964

William Gabriel Billing

Born in 1877 in Upton, Berks, eldest son of Richard & Ellen Billing, brother of Albert, married Mabel in 1899 and father of 3 children, a haybinder living in Brook St, enlisted in 1916 and served as a driver (24324) in the RASC, Mech Transport Dept

Charles Bonner

Born 1865 in Benson, son of Moses & Elizabeth Bonner of Brook St, married Alice Louise in 1900, 4 children and lived in Littleworth, a blacksmith, enlisted in 1915 and served in the QOOH (2978)

Albert George Bridcutt

Born 1888 in Benson, half brother to John & Charles, a farm labourer living in Rokemarsh, served as a Cpl (30384) in the 80th Coy, RGA, survived the war but died still young in 1934 in Reading.

Arthur Elijah Bridcutt*

Born 1896 in Roke, Benson, son of John & Esther Bridcutt, youngest brother of John & Charles, a miner in 1914, enlisted as a Gnr in the RGA (40822), survived the Western Front, but kia 11.8.1919 in Russia, commemorated on the Memorial B12 in Archangel Allied Cemetery

Charles Amos Bridcutt

Born 1876 in Roke, son of John & Amelia, younger brother of John, married Catherine in 1903, in 1914 a bricklayer living in St Albans with three children – Kathleen, Charles & Agnes; served in 7th E Surreys (21459) kia 3.5.1917 at Vimy; commemorated St Albans WM & the Arras Memorial (Bay 6)

Frank Edward Bridcutt

Born 1890 in Benson, brother of Albert & Arthur, lived in Rokemarsh, a farm labourer, served in 471st Siege Battery, RGA, (55456), survived the war but died in 1934.

John Henry Bridcutt*, MC, DSO

Born 1874 in Benson, enlisted as a regular soldier in the Coldstream Guards (9509) in 1893, rising to Sergeant Major in 1901, served in Boer War & mentioned twice in Despatches, gazetted Lieutenant in 1915, served with the Bedfords and awarded the DSO, rose to Lt Col with the R Irish, kia 1.10.1918 near Ypres. Son of John & Amelia Bridcutt, married Florence Martha Scott in 1902, survived by Henry Owen & Norah.

Ernest James Brown*

Born 1887 in Crowmarsh, son of James & Sophia Brown, worked as a carter on Clacks Farm, then enlisted as a regular soldier, served as Pte (8828) in the 1st R Berks, to France August 1914, kia 28.9.1915 in the Battle of Loos, commemorated on the Loos Memorial (Panel 93-95)

Walter John Brown

Born 1881 in Chalgrove, son of Frank & Mary Brown, a farm carter in Chalgrove, then a farm labourer in Rokemarsh; married to Eliza Helen and father of 3 children; an ex regular in the OBLI, he served in the RASC from January 1916

Frank Browning

Born 1899, enlisted in April 1917, served in the RMA (15569)

Albert Bullen*

Born 1897, son of Cornelius & Florence Bullen, was a resident of Turners Court, served as Pte in the 4th R Berks (201104), kia 22.8.1917 at St Julien near Ypres, commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial (Panel 105)

Rev William Gaisford Burgis, MC, BA

Born 1881 in Benson, son of John & Marie Burgis, worked as assistant in chemist's shop in Barnet before becoming a clergyman in 1911. Served as an Army Chaplain in Mesopotamia, became a local vicar in Staffs post war, d.1951

Arthur Butcher

Born 1898 in Brightwell, son of Charles & Mary Ann Butcher, lived in Brook St, Benson, a farm labourer, served in the DCLI.

Charles Edward Butcher*

Born 1897 in Brightwell, son of Charles & Mary Ann Butcher, later of Brook St, Benson, a farm labourer, served in the Worcesters (9817), missing in Gallipoli, believed kia 6.8.1915.

Henry Casey

Born 1898 in Birmingham, but lived at 3 Crown Lane Benson, served in the RFA.

Peter Chadd*

Was a resident of Turners Court, served as a Pte in 8th R Berks (18163), kia 27.5.1916 near Loos, commemorated on the Cite Calonne Memorial at Loos British Cemetery

Basil E Champion

Born 1893 in Goring, son of James & Ella Champion, served with the 10th NZ Contingent.

Stephen Alfred Chapman

Born 1890 in Benson, lived Tetsworth Common, worked as a cowman, served in the RFA.

Robert Cherrill

Born 1879 in Ewelme, son of George & Mary Cherrill, lived in Ewelme working as a carrier.

Herbert Cockerell*

Was a resident of Turners Court, served as a Pte (8487) in the 97th Bn MGC; kia 16.12.1917, buried Harlebeke New British Cemetery (Plot 11, Row D, Grave 17)

Albert Collet

Born 1883 in Benson, son of George (the village policeman) & Susan Collett, lived in Hailey and Islip; married Millicent in 1909; worked as a brewery clerk, then as assistant branch manager in Witney; believed to have enlisted Sept 1917; survived the war, died 1940 in Leamington Spa

William Collinson

Born 1890 in Benson, later a farm carter in Easthampstead; son of William & Sarah Ann originally of Roke, married to Ellen and father of William & Edith; served as L Cpl in A Coy, 1st Berks (16210), kia 27.7.1916 during Battle of the Somme. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial (Pier & Face 11D)

Frederick Constable

Born 1886 in Buckland, Berks, son of Charles & Mildred Constable, lived Benson, was a groom on a farm, then a regular soldier, served as Pte in 1st & 2nd O&BLI (7981); kia 3.10.1914; commemorated Vailly British Cem (I.H. 16)

Frederick Cook

Born 1871 in Oakley, Bucks, son of James & Mary Cook, husband of Kate, father of 5 including Harold, lived in Littleworth and then London Rd, worked as a labourer; went to France in Jan 1917 as a Military Road Maker.

Harold Frederick Cook

Born 1898 in Warborough, son of Fred & Kate Cook, lived in London Rd, farm worker who enlisted in April 1917 and was reported as having served in the Worcesters.

Reginald Charles Cook

Born 1895 in Benson, son of Harry & Martha Cook who kept the Sun Inn, lived in Hope Cottage, Benson, a house decorator, enlisted and went to France in June 1915, served in the RASC as a driver.

George Norris Cooke

Born 1881 in Watlington, son of David Cook, married Agnes Hilsdon in 1912, lived in Benson working as a labourer, went to France in June 1915, served a Driver in the RASC; survived the war, died 1954

Frederick Cordery

Born 1889 in Cholsey, son of George & Lucy Cordery, lived in Honey Lane, Cholsey, pre war regular soldier in 72nd Bty, RFA; enlisted in Benson as Gnr (58079) in 58th Bgd RFA; kia 13.1.16, buried Cairo War Memorial Cemetery (D263)

Owen Corderoy

Born 1896 in Warfield, Berks, son of Justinian & Julia Corderoy; pre-war lived in Fifield Lodge and was an apprentice motor engineer, later a chauffeur in London; enlisted in 1914 as Pte (21928) in 15th Hussars, later Gnr (154006) in RFA; survived the war, died in Hounslow 1981

Frederick John Currell

Born 1899 in Crowmarsh, Benson, son of John & Emily Currell, lived on Hale farm; served as Pte (44925) in the 2nd O&B LI, survived the war, died 1981

Fred Dixon*

Born 1883 in Littleworth, Benson, son of John & Elizabeth Dixon, brother of George, later was a farm labourer living in Brook St with widowed mother; enlisted and served as a Gnr (73203) in the RGA, kia 25.7.1917 in Battle of Passchendaele, buried in Vlamertinge New Military Cemetery (Plot 5, Row A, Grave 12)

George Dixon

Born 1890 in Benson, lived Brook St with brother Fred, a jobbing gardener, son of Elizabeth/Esther Dixon, served in O&B LI, POW in Mesopotamia in 1917.

George Thomas Druce

Born 1888 in South Stoke, son of Arthur & Mary Jane Druce, married Margaret Beane in 1910 and lived in Cowley; enlisted in Benson, a pre war regular soldier, L/Cpl (8602) in 2nd OBLI, kia in France 1.11.1914, commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial.

Frank Dutfield*

Born 1888 in Whitchurch, son of Henry & Emma Dutfield, married Minnie Pether in Benson 1917, served as Pte (17430) in 4th O&B LI, kia 21.3.18 during German offensive on the Somme, commemorated on Pozieres Memorial (Panel 50)

Thomas Emberry*

Was a resident of Turners Court, enlisted as Pte (28798) in the 5th R Berks, kia 28.4.1917 in Battle of Arras, commemorated on the Arras Memorial (Bay 7)

Frank Eustace*

Born 1889 in Roke, son of William & Eliza Eustace, married Kate in 1908; worked as a collier then served as a Pte (B/1927) in the 8th Rifle Bgd, kia 15.9.1916 at Delville Wood in the Battle of the Somme, commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial (Pier 16, Face B/C)

Albert William Field

Born 1883 in Mongewell, husband of Annie, father of two, lived in Brook St and worked as a gardener; enlisted as Gnr in the RGA

Arthur Henry Durrant Field

Born 1882 in Shillingford, son of Henry & Agnes Field, nephew of John Field (Vicar of Benson); was a regular officer in the Royal Navy, he served as a Lt Cmdr in HMS Temeraire in 1914; survived the war and remained in the Navy, died in 1967 in Wallingford.

Cyril Durrant Field

Born 1883 in Shillingford, son of Henry & Agnes Field, nephew of John Field (Vicar of Benson), married in 1908 when working as an electrical engineer in Kingston on Thames, enlisted as 2nd Lt in the 6th E Surreys in Oct 1914, later attached to the RE, served in India & Afghanistan, survived the war, died in 1971

Edgar Fuller Field

Born 1893 in Wallingford, son of John Edward Field (Vicar of Benson) and Mary Agnes Field; joined the 181st Batt RFA as Gnr (4137) in Nov 1914, to France in Aug 1915, promoted Lt in Jan 1916; taken POW, survived the war, died in 1972

Geoffrey Simpson Field

Born 1892 in Reading, son of Charles & Blanche Field, nephew of John Field (Vicar of Benson), enlisted in 4th R Berks in Nov 1914, went to France in Dec 1915, survived the war as a Major, married in 1923, died in 1956.

Henry Chalker Durrant Field

Born 1880 in Shillingford, son of Henry & Agnes Field, nephew of John Field (Vicar of Benson); married in 1907; regular officer in Royal Navy, in 1911 a Lt on HMS Minerva, later Lt Cmdr, survived the war, remained in Navy, died 1961

Ernest William Fonge

Born 1879 in Forest Hill, worked as a chauffeur in Folkestone, served as a driver in the RASC. Son of Ganis Fonge, a gardner of Old London Road Benson

Alfred John Franklin

Born 1897, son of John & Bertha Franklin, lived Chapel Lane, worked on family farm as farmer's assistant, enlisted in 1916 and served as a Gnr (163630) in the RGA

Joseph Frost*

Originally from Richmond on Thames, he was a resident of Turners Court who enlisted on New Year's Eve 1914 in Reading, served as a Pte (201111) in the 2nd R Berks, kia 27.5.1918, on Soissons Memorial

William B Goodey

Born 1888 in Reading, son of William & Sarah Goodey, married Ellen in 1910, lived Wokingham and worked as a carpenter, believed to have enlisted in April 1917 in the 35th Training Bn

Frank Lewis Goodsell

Born 1880 in Goudhurst, Kent, son of William & Louisa Goodsell, lived in Benson with wife Esther, worked as a grocer's assistant.

Alfred Gosford

Born 1879 in Wallingford, son of James & Martha Gosford, lived in Wallingford where he worked as a house painter, widowed in 1911, his son Alfred was raised by grandparents in Roke; served in the Territorials & enlisted as Pte (203821) in the 1st R Berks Sept 1914.

Cecil Gordon Grey*

Born 1896 in Woodcote but later lived in Benson, son of Albert & Amelia Grey, served as a despatch rider, L/Cpl (Mz/046891) in the RASC, died 24.10.1916, suffering from dysentery and pneumonia

Charles James Green

Born 1891 in Benson, son of William & Minnie Green, brother of Harry, lived in Brook St, a regular soldier, served as Sgt, in the 1st O&BLI in Mesopotamia

Frederick John Green

Born 1879 in Benson, son of Henry & Elizabeth Green, married Lucy, worked as a brewery labourer in Wallingford, joined 4th R Berks in Nov 1914, survived the war, died 1942

George Green

Born 1887 in Stokenchurch, son of John & Harriet Green, lived London Rd, Benson, worked as a gardener, enlisted in the RGA

Harry Green*

Born 1888 in Benson, son of William & Minnie Green, father of Gerald Henry, worked as a gardener at Howbery Park, lived Brook St then Guernsey, married 1910 to Gladys Amy Guille, enlisted as a Pte (1361) RGLI, sent to France 2nd December 1917, killed 13.4.1918, commemorated on Ploegsteert Memorial (Panel 11)

Harry Green

Born 1892 in Benson, son of John & Harriet Green of London Rd, Benson, brother of George, was a grocer's assistant, enlisted in the RGA, wounded January 1917

Jonas Green*

Born 1872 in Benson, married in 1895, husband of Gertrude Emily Green, father of Eleanor, Herbert, Charles & Hilda, lived in Brook St, Benson; a hay binder, enlisted & served as a Sgt (116446) in the RE with Nr 2 Army Tramways Co, based at Coxyde, near Ypres, died of wounds 29.9.1917 aged 45; buried at Gwalia Cemetery (Plot 2, Row D, Grave 6)

Cyril Beeson Gregory

Born 1897 in Sheffield, Cyril was raised by his Grandmother Hannah Gregory until her death, he then lived in Benson with his Aunt Alice & Uncle John Wiltshire – the latter being the school caretaker; he joined the RN (J19292) in August 1912, served on HMS Bristol & HMS Cormorant during the war, leaving the Navy in 1927.

Alfred Gurney jnr

Born 1891 in Benson, son of Alfred & Mary Gurney of Sun Lane, Benson; worked as a haulage contractor's assistant; enlisted in the QOOH

Augustus John Hailey

Born 1880 in Compton, son of Cecil & Ellen, a cabinet maker, served in the RAMC.

Frederick Hailey*

Born 1885 in Abingdon, son of Cecil & Ellen Hailey, later lived in Truro; served as Cpl (202216) in the DCLI, killed 4.10.1917 and commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial

Bernard William Haines

Born 1899 in Benson, son of Thomas & Sarah Haines of London Rd, Benson; enlisted April 1917 in the RFA (18616) for 2 years; from 1922 to 27 he served with the Territorials (747768) in the QOOH when they became the 399th Battery RFA.

Thomas James Haines

Born 1895 in Benson, son of Thomas & Sarah Haines, older brother of Bernard, lived in London Rd and worked as a gardener; enlisted in the RFA; wounded Aug 1916

Jesse Harmer*

Born 1882 in Ewelme, son of William & Mary Harmer, married Elizabeth Emma Winterbourne in 1914, worked as a gardener at Fifield Manor, enlisted as a Pte (23630) 6th O&B LI, KIA 20.9.1917 and was buried near where he fell at the Cement House Cemetery Langemarck (Plot 8, Row A, Grave 16)

John Harris

Born 1884 in Dorchester, son of James & Sarah Harris, lived Crown Corner, Benson and worked as a rural postman

Walter Harris*

Was a resident of Turners Court, served in the RN on HMS Invincible, KIA 31.5.1916 at the Battle of Jutland

William Charles Hastings*

Was a resident of Turners Court until 9th November 1914 but originally from Kensington; enlisted as Pte (G4405) in 6th E Kents; KIA 11.7.1915 near Ypres

Harold Ernest Hatt

Born 1877 in Ewelme, younger son of Richard & Emma Hatt, brother of Richard, later lived with parents in Dorchester before moving to Tiverton where he ran a chemist's shop; gazetted as Lt in the RASC in Nov 1914

Richard Charles Hatt

Born 1875 in Ewelme, elder son of Richard & Emma Hatt, married Evelyn in 1899, farmed at Hale Farm; enlisted in the County Yeomanry (the QOOH) in 1901 as a trooper, promoted Cpl in 1903, Sgt in 1906, Lt in 1912 and Capt in 1914, unit part of 2nd Div RASC, served Italy in 1918; post war was c/o local Territorials (399th Bty RFA), died 1946 in Dorchester

Henry Hawting*

Born 1884 in Rokemarsh, son of George & Emma Hawting, a farm worker then regular soldier in India with 2nd Berks (Pte, 7783), Wounded in France late 1914, then again with 5th Berks during a trench raid near Festubert, died of wounds 17.1.1916, buried Bethune Town Cemetery (Plot 4, Row H, 35)

Thomas Henry Hawting

Born 1892 in Benson, son of Stephen & Hannah Hawting, lived in Castle Sq then as a boarder in Reading where he worked in a tinworks as a labourer, served in 1st R Scots, wounded Apr 1916, survived the war, died in Reading in 1962

Ernest R Hinton

Born 1892 in Ewelme, son of Thomas & Harriet Hinton, brother of Tom, lived Castle Sq, Benson; enlisted in RN (J2577) in Sept 1908, discharged in June 1919 as Leading Seaman, married Janet Heron in 1919, died Portsmouth in 1964

Tom Hinton

Born 1890 in Ewelme, son of Thomas & Harriet Hinton, lived in Castle Sq, Benson, worked as a baker, enlisted in Carmarthen as a Sapper (48824) in the 64th Bgd Signals Section RE, died of wounds 16.4.1918

Fred Holt*

Originally from Sheffield, he was a resident of Turners Court before enlisting, served as a Driver in the RE in India, d. 4.8.1916 and buried in Bolarum Cavalry Barracks at Secunderabad.

Alfred Honey

Born 1883 in Benson, later a haycutter in Tatsfield, Surrey; son of James Honey; enlisted Guildford & served as Pte in 2nd Queens (G/4534), kia 16.5.15, commemorated on Le Touret Memorial (Panel 4/5)

Henry George Howard

Born 1882 in Berrick, son of Thomas & Mary Ann Howard, lived in Rokemarsh, Benson working as a farm labourer; enlisted April 1915 in the 7th R Berks, a POW in Sept 1915, returned Jan 1919

Edward Morris Hutchins*

Born 1889 in Oxford, son of Ralph & Mary Huthchins of Willow Cottage, Benson; initially worked on parents' farm in Roke, later trained as a mechanic and served in SW Africa with the SAAC in 1915; later served as Flt/Sgt (2105) in the RFC, d.18.6.1916 when his aircraft crashed in East Africa, buried in Dar Es Salaam War Cemetery (Plot 33, Row F, 16), but headstone in Benson Churchyard.

John Thomas Hutchins

Born 1891 in Roke, later lived in Ewelme, son of John & Martha Hutchings, served as Pte (202461) in the O&BLI

William John Jefferies

Born 1885 in Marcham, Berks, son of William & Mary Jefferies, lived in littleworth, married in 1907, Benson with wife Mary and two sons, worked as a baker, enlisted as Pte (4035982) in the RASC in November 1914

Harry Jessup

Born 1887 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, son of Fanny Jessup (widow) of Ewelme; was a regular soldier in 2nd Grenadier Guards, then worked as a groom in Slinfield, Sussex, re-enlisted at Ewelme in 1st Grenadier Guards (Pte, 14513), died of wounds 21.3.1915, commemorated Boulogne Eastern Cem (III.D.44) and on the Ewelme War Memorial.

Alfred Bruce Jones

Born 181896 in Standlake, son of Henry Jones (a Police Constable) & Elizabeth, lived in Witney and Eynsham working as a carpenter's labourer before moving to Chelsea where he worked as a barman; joined the RF as Pte (4505) at Battersea on 20th Sept 1914 where he gave his birth place as Benson, but was transferred to the RGA as Gnr (291501) and served with the 128th Heavy Bty in France from March 1916; died of pneumonia at Magdalen Camp, Winchester in Feb 1919 and was buried in St Helens, Benson

Austin Jones

Born 1890 in Benson, son of Mary Jones, lived with Winfields in Rokemarsh, worked as a farm carter on Hale Farm, enlisted August 1918 and reported as served in O&BLI

William John Jones*

Born 1876 in Dorchester, son of William & Sarah Jones, husband of Emily and father of Phylis, Emily & Ernest; worked as a farm labourer, then later as the Preston Crowmarsh Ferryman, enlisted and served as a Pte (204280) in the 1st O&B LI, kia 16.8.1917 near St Julien, Ypres

John Keene

Born 1895 in Ewelme, later a farm labourer in Berrick, son of William & Emma Keene (later Parks) of Ewelme and later Berrick, enlisted Reading in 5th Berks (Pte, 15258), kia 3.7.1916 in the Battle of the Somme, commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial (Pier & Face 11D)

Ernest Anderson Lane

Born 1882 in Benson, son of Henry & Ellen Lane, younger brother of George, married Alice Jane Rudman in Dec 1913; lived in Nythe Cottage, Birmingham Yard and then Oxford Rd, Benson, worked as a blacksmith; enlisted in Wallingford Dec 1915, went to France March 1917 with RFA in 34 Bgd

George Joseph Lane

Born 1876 in Benson, son of Henry & Ellen Lane, eldest brother of Ernest, lived Birmingham Yard then Littleworth, worked as a farrier/blacksmith and enlisted April 1917, believed to have served with the QOOH

Edward Leach

Born 1888 in Abingdon, the son of Stephen & Sarah Leach; enlisted in Benson, served as Sgt (8684) in 4th Rifles; drowned 21.2.1917 when his ship "SS Princess Alberta" hit a mine off the Greek coast; commemorated on the Mikra Memorial.

John Theodore Legg

Born in 1893 in Sussex, son of Edwin & Ann Mary Legg, lived in Ivy House, Benson, was an apprentice chemist in Epsom in 1911, enlisted at Winchester, served as Pte with 15th Hants (204805), kia 4.9.1918 at Ypres; commemorated at Voormezele Enclosure 3, Belgium.

Conrad Robert Long

Born 1888 in Agra, India; son of John W F Long & Katherine (nee Bianchi); John Long was an army surgeon, retiring as a Major in the RAMC and living in Willow Cottage, Oxford Rd, Benson; Conrad lived in Dover, then in Leicestershire, before joining his parents in Benson; he enlisted as a Pte (37365) in the RAMC in Nov 1914; he survived the war and died in Bromley in 1970

Walter Lockett

Born 1889 in Clapcot (Rush Court), Wallingford, the son of Maurice (or Morris) & Alice Lockett, married Agnes Wilkins in 1910; lived in Wallingford pre-war working as a brewery labourer; believed to have joined the 4th R berks & served from June 1915; survived the war, later worked in the Didcot Army Depot, died in Reading in 1969 and buried in Benson

Alfred Luker*

Born 1887 in Crowmarsh, son of Charles & Sarah Luker, brother of James, worked as a farm labourer; served as Sgt (7714) in the 1st R Berks; kia 28.9.1915 in the Battle of Loos, commemorated on the Loos Memorial (Panel 93-95)

Edward Luker

Born 1889 in Crowmarsh, a cousin of Alf and James, farm labourer, served as a Gnr in the RGA, served in Italy, Egypt & Salonika, was medically discharged from the Army in February 1919 suffering from dysentery and deafness.

James Luker*

Born 1893 in Cowmarsh Gifford, son of Charles & Sarah Luker, a farm labourer in Ewelme where he lived with his two brothers in Clack's Lane, served as Pte (15179) in the 71st Bn MGC, kia 15.9.1916 during the Battle of the Somme, buried Guillemont Road Cemetery (Plot 7, Row F, Grave 8)

Frank MacQueen

Born 1899 in Henley, son of John & Eliza MacQueen, lived in Brook St, Benson, enlisted June 1917

William Frederick Main

Born 1882 in Leatherhead, Surrey; son of John & Mary Main, later lived in Henley and then Rokemarsh, where William was a general dealer; believed to have enlisted in August 1917 with the 1st Worcesters.

Harold Aubrey Marks

Born 1895 in Benson, son of William & Jane Marks, lived Rokemarsh and worked as a farm waggoner, enlisted as a Pte (202351) in the O&B LI, went to France in April 1916, reported wounded by Oct 1916, believed to have survived the war.

William George Matthews

Born 1888 in Benson, was a regular soldier (Pte, 8105) in 1st O&B LI, kia 1.10.1916, commemorated on the Basra Memorial

Henry James Moffatt

Born 1880 in Poplar, Middx; married Alice Emma Underwood in 1906, lived in Clapcot working as the Benson Lock Keeper; previously a regular soldier in the Boer War, he re-enlisted in the O&B LI; survived the war, died in 1926 and is buried in Benson churchyard.

Henry Silver Morris

Born 1877 in Reading, son of Edward & Kate Morris, lived in Reading where the family ran a draper's business, then a poultry farmer in Silchester, later in Churchfield House, Benson where he worked as an architect; served from Nov 1914 as a Lt in the 8th E Yorks, went to France Sept 1915, promoted Capt and then Major, survived the war and died in 1962

Arthur James Mumford*

Born 1894 in Coate, Wilts, the fourth child (of nine) of Henry & Sarah Anne Mumford, initially a farm labourer, he enlisted at Faringdon as a Pte (9908) in the 1st R Berks, landing in France on 13th August 1914; he later transferred as a L/Cpl (25192) into the 1st Dorsets and was kia 27.2.1918 near Passchendaele, he was buried in Zonnebeke Cemetery and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial (Panel 92)

Henry William Munday

Born 1889 in Ipsden, son of Henry & Mary Ann Munday, later lived in Stoke Row and worked as a farm carter; served as Cpl (2309) in the 10th R Fusiliers

Percival William Munday

Born 1888 in Ewelme, son of Alfred & Rebecca Munday, worked as a farm labourer, married Ada Taylor 1915 in Aston Rowant, served as a Pte (32679) in the Hampshires

Edward Victor Naish

Born in 1901 in Wallingford, son of Henry & Kathleen, younger brother of George, was the deputy organist at St Helens in Benson, volunteered under age in 1918

George Howard Naish

Born 1899 in Wallingford, son of Henry & Kathleen Naish, brother of Edward; went to France in Oct 1917, served in 6th Warwick (26895) and Hampshires 9070070); survived the war, married in 1926

Frederick Ovenell DCM

Was the son of the temporary lock keeper at Benson Lock; he served as a Gnr in the RGA and was awarded the DCM for gallantry

John Randall Painter*

Born 1895 in Benson, 5th son of John Thomas Painter & Helen, family farmed Brook Farm and lived in The Cedars; emigrated to Canada in 1912 and farmed in Ontario; enlisted 1st Feb 1916 at Toronto and served as a Gnr in the 4th Bgd Can RFA; seriously wounded 30th Sept 1918 during Battle at Canal du Nord, died of wounds 6th Oct 1918, buried Etaples Military Cemetery (Grave: LXVI. H.25)

John Peters*

A resident at Turners Court, served in the RN on HMS Indefatigable, kia 31.5.16 at Battle of Jutland

Arthur Phillips MM

Born 1893 in Benson, worked as a farm labourer at Battle Farm in Crowmarsh, enlisted as Pte in the O&BLI and awarded the MM for gallantry; kia 27.5.1917

Ernest Phillips*

Born 1893 Born 1894 in Fencott, Oxon, son of Joseph & Elizabeth Phillips, lived in Littleworth, Benson, a farm labourer, enlisted as a Pte (10941) in the 5th O&B LI, went to France in May 1915, survived the Battle of Arras, but was kia 27.5.1917, buried in London Cemetery at Neuville Vitasse

Ben Pick MM

Born 1881 in Notts, worked as a builder before enlisting as a regular, Cpl in the RE, he went to France in Sept 1914; awarded the MM for gallantry at the Battle of Cambrai; he survived the war, served in the local Territorials as Sgt (747255) as the QOOH became the 399th Bty, RFA; ran the Horse & Harrow pub in Rokemarsh with his wife Lizzie, was a local builder, died in 1933

Arthur Pratt

Born 1898 in Wallingford, son of John & Sarah Pratt, later in Brook St, Benson, enlisted in Dec 1916 and served as a Pte (1908) in the RMLI

Thomas Gill Pratt

Born 1874 in Brightwell, son of James & Ann Pratt, worked as an odd job boy at Goulds Grove, then a cowman at Crowmarsh Battle Farm, later as a farm carter living in Crowmarsh Gifford; married Annie Griffin in 1902; enlisted in RAVC (SE/9892) and went to France in Sept 1915, discharged Feb 1919

George Henry Richens

Born 1876 in Benson, son of Henry & Eliza Richens; family moved to Ewelme for many years, George later worked in Sussex before returning to live with his widowed mother in Brook St, Benson; a farm labourer, enlisted in the RAVC as Pte (SE/9889) and served from Aug 1915, went to France in Sept 1915, survived the war and died in Henley in 1943

F C Rowe

Was the church organist at St Helens, Benson, reported as going on service in Aug 1915, served as a Cpl (1031167) despatch rider in the RE

George Henry Sandall

Born 1899 in Benson, son of Harry & Ada Sandall, lived in Brook St and later in Littleworth, Benson; believed to have enlisted in the 10th O&BLI in June 1917

Reginald P Saunders

Born 1895 in Brightwell, in 1901 living with Aunty Alice in West Ham, in 1911 in Brook St, Benson, working as a house boy; served as a Pte (22476) with 2nd O&BLI, went to France in March 1916, kia 30.7.1916 in Battle of the Somme

William Albert Reginald Selwood

Born 1896 in Benson, son of Albert & Ellen Selwood, lived in Lion Yard, Benson; worked as a footman at Huntercombe Manor pre-war; enlisted as a Pte (11987) in the RAMC, went to France in Sept 1915 and survived the war, being discharged in June 1919; married in 1928 to Marjorie Harwood

Robert James Sheldrake*

Was a resident of Turners Court until December 1915, enlisted in Oxford, served as a Pte (20825) in the 6th O&B LI, kia 3.9.1916 at Guillemont in the Battle of the Somme, commemorated on Thiepval Memorial (Pier16, face B/C)

Leslie Frank Simmonds

Born 1892 in Benson, son of Stephen & Lydia, married Agnes Telling in 1919; joined RN in 1910 as a stoker (K7833), served on HMS Minotaur through war, stayed in RN until 1938, later ran Post Office in West Hendred, died 1948

William J Slaughter

Born 1872 in Benson, son of William & Mary Slaughter of Berrick, married in 1895 to Rose, father of William, George & Frederick; previously served in Middlesex Regt (242866) and re-enlisted in 1st East Surreys (Pte, 28546); kia 4.10.1917, commemorated Hooze Crater Cemetery (XIII.A.1)

William George Smith*

Born 1885 in Benson, son of William Brackley Smith & Martha, lived in Littleworth, Benson, a carpenter who enlisted as a regular soldier, served as Sgt (7784) in the 2nd Berks ; kia 15.3.1915 and commemorated on the Le Toret Memorial (Panel 30)

Oscar John Snepp

Born 1888 in Somerset, the son of Maitland & Alice Snepp, who later lived in Lyneham; by 1911 Alice was separated from her husband and was the manageress of the White Hart Hotel in Benson; Served as a Pte (7975) in the 2nd KOYLI and went to France in October 1914; taken POW in the early battles & held in Mecklenberg camp; survived the war and discharged March 1919

Sydney Soper*

Born Poplar in London I 1889, he was a resident of Turners Court, leaving on 10th April 1915 to enlist, served as a Pte (17101) in the 1st R Berks, landed France on 16th August 1916, kia 15.11.1916 near Thiepval, buried Warlincourt Cemetery (Plot 2, Row J, Grave 12)

John Henry Spyer

Born 1872, son of William & Eliza Spyer, was a farm labourer & lived in Littleworth, Benson; enlisted in Oct 1915 as a Pte (295908) in the RE

John Cecil Snuggs

Born 1881 in Wantage, son of Jabez & Elizabeth Snuggs, lived in Lewknor, then in London working as a groom, enlisted in June 1915 in the RASC as a driver; survived the war and died in 1939

Leonard Snuggs

Born 1892 in Buckland, son of Jabez & Elizabeth Snuggs, lived in Brook St, worked as a grocer's assistant, enlisted June 1915 in 8th R Fusiliers, went to France in October 1916 as Sgt (G/49568), married 1917, survived the war, died in Oxford in 1968

Alfred George Strudley*

Born 1890 in Worplesdon, Surrey, son of Owen & Ellen Strudley, widowed Ellen remarried Henry Thorn of Ewelme, in 1911 he worked on Down Farm as a carter, enlisted & served as Cpl (14396) in the 2nd O&B LI, kia 28.4.1917 in Battle of Arras, commemorated on the Arras Memorial (Bay 6/7)

Leslie Talbot

Born 1896 in Benson, son of William & Rubacelle Talbot, brother of William; the family lived in Littleworth and later Beggarbush; worked as a domestic gardener, enlisted in Nov 1914 in the RFA, survived the war, married Lilian Brignell in 1927, died 1983 in Cholsey

William Talbot

Born 1884 in Sotwell, Berks, son of William & Rubacelle Talbot, older brother of Leslie, lived in Littleworth, Benson and later at Beggarbush, worked on Clacks Farm before enlisting as a regular soldier in 1906 as a Pte (8386) in the 1st Gloucesters, served in India, Malta & China before being discharged; re-enlisted 31st Aug 1914 as Pte (2613) in the 1st Gloucesters and went to France in January 1915

Frank Albert Taylor

Born 1889 in Benson, son of John & Sarah Taylor, lived in Brook St, Benson; worked as a domestic gardener, enlisted as Pte (19494) in 9th R Berks, service from Dec 1915, wounded Aug 1916, later served in MGC (7582), survived the war, died in Surrey in 1980

Thomas Frank Thetford

Born 1890 in Gt Yarmouth, son of Thomas & Elizabeth; lived Benson, served as Cpl (11772) in RFA, went to France July 1915, survived the war, died in 1965

John Town

Born 1889 in Benson, son of James & Sophia Charlotte Town, 9 siblings, lived in Brook St, Benson and worked as a farm labourer; enlisted as a pre-war regular Pte (5924) in the O&BLI, later in the 2nd O&BLI (202329), went to France in April 1916, captured and taken POW in Aug 1916, returned home Dec 1918, discharged to army reserve in Sept 1919.

Richard Charles Townend

Born 1900 in Benson, son of Alfred & Eliza Townsend, lived in Brook St, Benson, believed to have enlisted in the O&BLI in July 1918, survived the war, married in 1927, died in Reading in 1965

Alexander Tubb

Born 1892 in South Stoke, son of Ezra & Charlotte Tubb, but raised in Benson after early death of mother; lived in Clifton Terrace, Benson and worked as a farm carter; enlisted as Pte (23173) in 7th O&BLI and went on service in Oct 1916; survived the war, but died 1943 in Goring

Herbert Frederick Lewen Tugwell MC

Born 1897, the son of Herbert Tugwell - the Bishop of Equatorial West Africa, served as Lt in the RGA, went to France in May 1917, awarded the MC for valour; he survived the war, lived in India for some time serving in the Indian Army on the NW Frontier

Ernest Walters

Born 1882 in Wallingford, son of William & Ellen Walters, who kept the Red Lion pub in Wallingford's High St, husband of Dora, trained initially as an architect's pupil, but later was an estate clerk living at Riverview, Preston Crowmarsh; enlisted & served from June 1917 as a Pte (320259) in the RASC mech transport services

Sir Francis Weatherby MC

Born 1885 in Surrey, educated Winchester, served locally as Lt with the Yeomanry (the QOOH), went to France in Sept 1914 and served with the Intelligence Corps; awarded the MC for conspicuous gallantry in 1918; survived the war, lived mainly in London, was Secretary of the Jockey Club in 1930, knighted in 1953, he died in 1968

Benjamin Webb

Born 1887 in Clare Pyston, Oxon, eldest son of Harry & Emily Webb, brother of Charles & Sidney, lived at Crowmarsh Battle and worked as a cowman, enlisted January 1915 & served as a Pte (17355) in the 6th O&BLI alongside his brother; survived the war and died in 1944

Charles William Webb*

Born 1893 in Cholsey, son of Harry & Emily Webb, lived Crowmarsh Battle and worked as a farm labourer, served as a Pte (17360) in the 6th O&BLI, killed 2.7.1916 near Ypres, buried in Vlamertinge Military Cemetery, (Plot 3, Row E, 13)

Sidney Harry Webb

Born 1888 in Clare Pyston, son of Harry & Emily Webb, brother of Ben & Charles, lived Crowmarsh Battle working as a cowman; enlisted Nov 1914 and served as a Pte (16340) in the O&B LI; survived the war and died 1977 in Warwick

Albert Wells MM

Born 1899 in Benson, son of Thomas & Mary Wells, brother of John, lived in Littleworth, served as a bugler in the QOOH (2797), went to France in December 1915, awarded the MM for gallantry in 1918, discharged April 1919

John Edward Wells

Born 1902 in Roke, Benson, son of Thomas & Mary Wells, brother of Albert, lived in Littleworth, Benson, believed to have enlisted voluntarily under age in 1918 in the RASC

Richard Daniel Wells

Born 1889 in Benson, son of Robert & Jane Wells. Lived in Brook St, worked as a house decorator, served in the RFC, on service from April 1916

William Thomas Wells

Born 1895 in Roke, son of Thomas & Margaret Wells, lived in Benson and worked as a haybinder; served as Pte (285742) in the QOOH, on service in July 1915, discharged April 1919

John Percy West

Born 1893 in Benson, son of John & Mary West, brother of Herbert, lived in Castle Sq and worked as a dairyman/builder, enlisted July 1916 as a Pte (2761705) in the DLI

Herbert Arthur West

Born 1883 in Benson, son of John Thomas & Ellen West, married Florence May Harris in 1913 and lived in Jericho, worked as a poultry shop assistant, enlisted Oxford in 5th O&B LI (Pte, 10264), KIA 25.9.1915 near Ypres, commemorated Menin Gate (Panel 37/39)

Herbert Stanley West

Born 1898 in Benson, son of John & Mary West of Castle Sq, Benson, worked as dairyman in family dairy, enlisted (J25765) in RN in 1913; served on HMS Dreadnought through war, discharged 1928

John Edward Weston

Born 1867 in Wallingford, son of John & Emma Weston, ex regular soldier, enlisted as Pte (1181) in S Staffs in 1885, in the R Berks (496) in 1900, & in the RGA (1901) in 1901; married Sophia in Gibraltar in 1890, lived Benson but in 1911 living in Kidmore End working as a farm labourer, later in Rokemarsh; rejoined the S Staffs in 1914

John Edward Weston Jnr*

Born 1890 in Gibraltar, son of John & Sophia Weston, lived in Benson and Kidmore End then Rokemarsh, served as Cpl (12985) in the 4th Worcesters; on service in March 1915, KIA 11/12/1915 at Gallipoli; buried Azmak Cemetery, Suvla (II. A. 23)

Thomas Wheeler

Born 1897 in Benson, son of Charles & Esther Wheeler, lived in Brook St, worked as a farm labourer, served in the O&B LI

William Wheeler*

Believed born in Oxford, a regular soldier for 12 years, Pte (10590) in 1st R Berks, POW in Mesopotamia in 1916, died in captivity Oct 1916

Edgar Whichello

Born 1896 in Aston Tirrold, son of Frederick & Agnes Whichello who ran the Chequers pub in Aston Tirrold; later lived in Benson, served as a Pte (11738) in the 2nd R Berks, kia 4.4.1917 and commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial (Pier & Face 11 D)

Frederick W G Whichello MM

Born 1892 in Benson, son of Walter & Mary Whichello of Brook St, Benson, brother of Joseph & Richard, butcher living in Stoke Newington in 1911; enlisted & served as Sgt (42446) with 99 Bgd RFA in Salonika; awarded the MM for gallantry, survived the war and died in 1977

Joseph Walter Whichello

Born 1897 in Benson, younger son of Walter & Mary, lived in Brook St and served in RFA

Richard Whichello*

Born 1881 in Benson, son of Walter & Bessie Whichello who ran the Lamb & Flag Inn in Brook St, married Beatrice Emily Bartholomew in 1910, one son Richard Henry; enlisted in the RM in 1899 and served as a Gunnery Instructor, Sgt (7928) in the RMA, kia 21.9.1914 when his ship HMS Hogue was torpedoed, the first Benson man to die in WW1.

John White

Born Benson, enlisted Stow on the Wold in 10th Gloucester (Pte, 16088); kia 20.9.1916 in Battle of the Somme, commemorated Thiepval Memorial (Pier & Face 5a/5b)

Harry Wigmore*

Born 1890 in Bucklebury, Berks, son of Daniel & Sarah Wigmore, brother of James; the family later lived in Crowmarsh Gifford and then Ewelme; a farm worker, enlisted as a Pte (204225) in the O&B LI, kia 21.8.1917 at St Julien, part of the Battle of Passchendaele; commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial (Panel 96 to 98)

James Wigmore

Born 1886 in Bucklebury, Berks; son of Daniel & Sarah Wigmore, brother of Harry; lived in Crowmarsh Gifford and then Ewelme, worked as a farm cart boy and then a labourer; enlisted and served in the RAVC

John Wilde*

Was a resident at Turners Court for three years, enlisted as Pte (18168) in 5th Berks, wounded at Orvilliers in Battle of Somme on 3.7.1916, he died of his wounds on 13th July 1916

Arthur Anthony Wilkinson

Born 1883 in Wantage, raised by G'parents in Warborough, married Mary Sophie Kent in 1906; worked as a Railway Car Man on SV Railway near Treorchy in Wales, then later lived in Roke Marsh, Benson; enlisted August 1915 in Oxford as Pte (19581) in O&B LI; believed to have survived the war.

John Henry Winfield*

Born 1881 in Swyncombe, son of Samuel & Jane Winfield and husband of Anna Maria, worked as a carter for a coal merchant and lived in Brightwell Sotwell, served as a Pte (6502) in the 2nd O&B LI, KIA 13.11.1916 at Redan Ridge, Beaumont Hamel in the closing stages of the Battle of the Somme, buried at Waggon Road cemetery, Beaumont Hamel, (Row E, Grave 32)

Thomas Winfield

Born 1878 in Upperton, son of Samuel Winfield, lived in Rokemarsh, worked on Hale Farm, reported as enlisted in April 1917

Edward A Wise

Born 1893 in Shillingford, the son of Albert & Alice Wise, the family lived in Shillingford where Albert was the ferryman, whilst Edward worked as a farm labourer; enlisted as Pte (35144) in the R Berks, on service in June 1917, captured and held as a POW, returned in Jan 1919.

Frederick John Young

Born 1899 in Benson, son of Walter & Rose Young, brother of Gilbert, lived in Castle Sq, enlisted and served in the RN.

Manoah Young

Born 1877 in Benson, son of Gabriel & Mary Young, lived in Brook St, Benson; married Mary Bridges in Drayton St Leonard in 1906, two sons, family lived in Brook St and later in Sidmouth, Devon; pre-war regular soldier in Grenadier Guards, served as Pte (118783) in RE, then in France in Sept 1915 with Labour Corps (293401), then with RE again as Cpl (612616); survived the war, died in Oxford in 1953.

Maurice Gilbert Young*

Born 1896 in Benson, son of Walter & Rose Young living in Castle Sq, worked as house boy in a gentlemen's club in Newbury, enlisted & served as a Pte (10335) in the 5th R Berks, KIA 20.7.1917, buried at Monchy Le Preux (Plot 1, Row B, Grave 24)

Walter Young

Born 1894 in Aston Tirrold, son of George & Annie Young, worked as a biscuit packer in Reading, believed to have joined the new RAF in August 1918

William Young

Born 1890 in Ewelme, later lived Reading, son of Philip & Rose Young, husband of Ethel; worked as a builder's labourer; enlisted Reading in 8th Berks (Pte, 21775), KIA 18.8.1916 in Battle of the Somme, commemorated Thiepval Memorial (Pier & Face 11D)