

WORCESTER, ST JOHN IN BEDWARDINE WAR MEMORIAL

World War 1 & 2 - Roll of Honour with detailed information
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The memorial stands in the grounds of St John in Bedwardine, Church Close, Worcester.
It takes the form of two stone obelisks with small, narrow centre panel, tiered. There are
104 names for World War 1 and 15 for World War 2.



**IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF THE MEN OF ST JOHN'S WHO
GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR A.D. 1914-1918**

AYRTON

**John
(Probably)**

Driver, 84610661st Division Ammunition Column Royal Field Artillery. Died 30th March 1919 aged 23 and is buried at Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No.2., Doullens, France, Grave I. F. 10.
John Ayrton attended Royal Grammar School from 1909 to 1910. His death was accidental and he was the last student from the school to die in the First World War.
A photograph of Driver J. Ayrton of Worcester can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 19th April 1919, available at Worcestershire Archives.

BADGER

Herbert

Ord Smn, J/25480, HMS Queen Mary, Royal Navy. Killed or died as a direct result of enemy action 31 May 1916. Aged 19. Son of James and Edith Badger, 6, East Corner, St John's, Worcester. Body Not Recovered For Burial. Commemorated on Plymouth Memorial Part 3 (A-K).

BAKER

**Alfred
Frederick
[Barry]**

Private 33373, 13th Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment. Killed in action 23 August 1918. Aged 20. Born and enlisted Worcester. Son of Robert Barry Baker and Florence Evelyn Baker, of 6, Skinner St., St. John's, Worcester. Formerly 6396, Essex Regiment. No known grave. Commemorated on PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL, Hainaut, Belgium. Panel 5 and 6.

BANCROFT

**Harry Thomas
(Probably)**

Private, 203578, 1st/7th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Died of wounds aged 37 on 17th August 1917 and was buried at Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No 3, Belgium, Grave I. A. 24. Born in Halifax, enlisted Worcester. Son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Bancroft, of Halifax; husband of Mrs A Bancroft, 294 Gibbet St., Halifax.

BIRBECK

**Harold
[Joseph]**

Private 50549 [SDGW] or 50540 [CWGC], 2nd Battalion, Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment). Died of wounds 9 June 1918. Aged 19. Born and enlisted Worcester. Son of Thomas and Agnes Birbeck, of 43, Rowley Hill St., St. Johns, Worcester. Formerly 39958, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Buried in TERLINCTHUN BRITISH CEMETERY, WIMILLE, Pas de Calais, France. Plot XVII. Row F. Grave 18.

BIRCHLEY

Cecil Henry

Private, 25243, 14th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Died of wounds following enemy action in Flanders, 19 Nov 1917. Aged 39.

Son of Osmand and Fanny Birchley, who lived in Albany Terrace St Johns, Worcester.

BISHOP	William Frederick	Private 35896, 8th Battalion, Princess Charlotte fo Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment). Killed in action 20 September 1918. Aged 23. Born Worcester, enlisted Birmingham, resident St. John's, Worcester. Son of Frederick Henry and Annie Bishop, of 33, McIntyre Rd., St. John's, Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on VIS-EN-ARTOIS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 7.
BOSWORTH	Ernest Victor	Private 203819, 1st/7th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action 22 February 1917. Aged 19. Born and enlisted Worcester. Son of George and Annie Bosworth, of 2, Skinner St., St. John's, Worcester. Buried in ASSEVILLERS NEW BRITISH CEMETERY, Somme, France. Plot I. Row C. Grave 2.
BRAY	Frederick James	Private 325578, "D" Squadron, Queen's Own Worcestershire Hussars (Worcester Yeomanry). Killed in action in Egypt 23 April 1916. Aged 23. Born Powick, enlisted and resident Worcester. Son of James and Sophia Bray, of Barn Close, St. John's, Worcester; husband of Lilian Bray, of 41, Astwood Rd., Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on JERUSALEM MEMORIAL, Israel and Palestine (including Gaza). Panel 3 and 5.
BRAY	Robert William	Private, 23620, 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Died 15th November 1916 and his death is commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier and Face 5A and 6C. He has no known grave
BRUTON	William	Private, 31105, 2nd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Died 4.9.18 whilst a Prisoner of War in France, aged 37. Wife Roseanne of Upper Wick, St Johns, Worcester.
BURGESS	Sydney Hugh	Lance Corporal 3053, "A" Company, 2nd/8th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Died in United Kingdom 23 October 1916. Aged 26. Enlisted and resident Worcester. Son of Leonard and Martha W. Burgess, of 46, Nelson Rd., St. John's, Worcester. Attended Royal Grammar School from 1903 to 1905. Buried in WORCESTER (ST. JOHN'S) CEMETERY, Worcester. Grave 603. Also appears on the Worcester Royal Grammar School memorial .

CARWARDINE

**Thomas
Edward**

Lance Corporal 10236, 2nd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action 26 September 1917. Aged 27. Born and enlisted Worcester. Son of Thomas and Emily Carwardine, of 3, Holly Cottages, Nursery Rd., St. John's, Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on LOOS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 64 and 65.

CAUSIER

**Leonard
[Austin]**

Private 3959, "A" Company, 1st/7th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action 19 July 1916. Aged 20. Born Martin Hussintree, Worcs., enlisted Kidderminster, resident Worcester. Son of John and Sarah Jane Causier, of Gown East, St. John's, Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 A and 6 C.

CHARLES

**William
Joseph**

Private 102088, 171st Company, Labour Corps. Killed in action 15 April 1918. Aged 21. Born St. John's, Worcester, enlisted Worcester. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Charles, of 13, Blakefield Rd., St. Johns, Worcester. Formerly 55161, 6th Labour Company, Devonshire Regiment Buried in ST. PIERRE CEMETERY, AMIENS, Somme, France. Plot XVI. Row D. Grave 2.

CHIGNELL

Hugh

Second Lieutenant, 3rd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action aged 19 on 26th April 1918. Son of George Street Chignell and Emma May Chignell, of Thornloe Bank, Worcester. In the 1901 census he was aged 2, born Worcester, son of George Steel and Emma Mary Chignell, resident 103, Bransford Road, Worcester. In the 1911 census he was aged 12, born Worcester, at school, son of George Steel and Emma Mary Chignell, resident 53 Comer Road, Worcester. Tyne Cot Memorial, Panel 75 to 77. Also appears on [Worcester Kings School memorial](#), Kings School window in [Worcester Cathedral Cloisters](#) and [Worcester Guildhall memorials](#).

Extract from *The Worcestershire Regiment in the Great War*, by Captain H. FitzM. Stacke.

Second Lieutenant Chignell was killed during the second battle of Kemmel. The village had been taken by British forces but when the French failed to take Kemmel Hill and provide support for them, they were forced to withdraw from the village to the railway line. The 3rd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment lost 9 officers and 90 N.C.O.'s and men during the battle, including Hugh Chignell.

COLLINS

George Henry

Private 12125, 4th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action 6 August 1915. Aged 23. Born Kempsey, Worcester enlisted Worcester. Son of George Collins, of Lower Wick, St. John's, Worcester, and the late Elizabeth Collins. No known grave. Commemorated on HELLES MEMORIAL, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Panel 104 to 113.

COOK

Robert

Private 26634, 12th Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. Died 10 October 1916. Aged 29. Born High Lane, Worcester, enlisted Worcester, resident St. John's, Worcester. Son of Edmund and Elizabeth Cook, of 29, Pitmaston Rd., St. John's, Worcester. Formerly 20368, Royal Berkshire Regiment. Buried in MEAULTE MILITARY CEMETERY, Somme, France. Plot/Row/Section E. Grave 25.

COOK

William

Private, 39731, 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Formerly 2565, Worcestershire Yeomanry. Killed in action on 18th August 1917 and is buried at Artillery Wood Cemetery, Belgium, Grave I. A. 19. Enlisted and resident Worcester.

COOK

**Walter Edward
(Possibly)**

Sergeant, 8458, 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Died 7th October 1915 and is buried at Plymouth (Weston Mill) Cemetery, Devon, England, Military Con. C. 3706. Born in Worcester, enlisted and resident Birmingham.

COX

Joseph James

Private, 36549, 12th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly 11646, Royal Engineers. Killed in action aged 21 on 3rd May 1917 and his death is commemorated on Arras Memorial, France, Bay 4 and 5. He has no known grave. Born in Stourton, Stourbridge, enlisted Worcester. Son of Joseph and Eliza Alice Cox, of West View, Rushwick, Worcester. Joseph Cox enlisted in the Royal Engineers on 30th March 1915 and he was posted immediately to the Army Reserve. He was called up for service in 1916, embarking from the UK on 11th December 1916. On 13th December 1916 Joseph was posted to the East Yorkshire Regiment and joined his battalion on 16th January 1917. He was initially reported as 'missing' on 3rd May 1917. A photograph of Private J.J. Cox of Crown East can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 23rd February 1918, available at Worcestershire Archives.

CROMPTON **Percy Charles** Private, 19224, 7th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. Died 14th July 1916 and he is commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier and Face 2C and 3A.
Percy Crompton has no known grave

DREW **Christopher** Private, 242152, 1st Battalion Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 3rd October 1917 and is buried in Poelcapelle British Cemetery, Belgium, Grave VIA. C. 9.
A photograph of Private C.T. Drew can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 3rd November 1917, available at Worcestershire Archives.

DRINKWATER **Albert Edward** Private, 17747, 9th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Died on 9th April 1916. He is commemorated on Basra Memorial, Iraq, Panel 18 and 63. He was born and resident in Worcester.
A photograph of Private A.E. Drinkwater can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 13th May 1916, available at Worcestershire Archives.

ENNIS **Harold Theodore** Private, 3488, 2nd/8th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Died on 27th July 1916 aged 20 and is buried in Laventie Military Cemetery, La Gorgue, France, Grave III. C. 26. He was the son of Harry Ernest, and Priscilla Ann Ennis, of Manor Lodge, Lower Wick, St. John's, Worcestershire

FARMER **Frederic Stanley** Second Lieutenant, 1st/2nd Battalion attached 14th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Died of wounds aged 22 on 20th July 1917 and is buried in Roclincourt Military Cemetery, France, Grave I. D. 14. He was the son of Frederick and Margaret Ann Farmer, 145 Bromyard Rd., Worcester.
Frederic attended the Royal Grammar School in Worcester between 1906 and 1912. Before joining the army he worked in the County Finance Office at Shirehall, Worcester.
Following 4 months of training at Newmarket, he was commissioned into the 14th Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment. After the end of the Arras battles, the battalion was based nearby at St Nicholas having been involved with work on defences and

communications. After just 7 weeks in France, he was killed by shellfire.

A photograph of Second Lieutenant F.S. Farmer can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 4th August 1917, available at Worcestershire Archives.

FARMER	Reginald	Private, 2394, 1st/8th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. He died of wounds on 20th July 1916 and is buried Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension, France, Grave V. A. 36. He enlisted and was resident Worcester.
FIDOE	Thomas	Potentially. LCpl, 11056, 4th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Died 4 Jun 1915 at Gallipoli, buried at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery Helles in Turkey Possible son of Henry and Ellen Fidoe of Bozward Street St Johns, Worcester.
FULCHER	Albert	Private, 13808, 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment Died of wounds aged 22 on 9th July 1916 and is buried at Mericourt-L'Abbe Communal Cemetery Extension, France, Grave II. C. 9. Son of Albert and Emily Fulcher, 46 Blakefield Rd., Worcester. A photograph of Private A. Fulcher can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 29th July 1916 and Saturday 9th March 1918, available at Worcestershire Archives.
FULCHER	Alfred Ernest	Private, 8956, 2nd Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Died 17th February 1917 and is buried at Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta, Grave D. XVII. 6. Wife Jane Fulcher (nee Brant)
FULCHER	Thomas Henry	Private 50633, 10th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Died of wounds 3 October 1918. Aged 18. Born and enlisted Worcester. Son of Mrs. E. Fulcher, of 46, Blakefield Rd., St. John's, Worcester. Buried in LEUZE COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Hainaut, Belgium. Plot I. Row F. Grave 1.
GWILLAM	Joseph	Private 240988, 2nd/7th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action 24 August 1917. Aged 30. Enlisted and resident Worcester. Husband of Lily Gwillam (nee Sharples), of 10, Malvern Rd., St. Johns, Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on TYNE COT MEMORIAL, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 75 to 77.

GWILLAM

Thomas

Lance Corporal, 203824, 1st/7th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Died of wounds on 4th June 1917 and is buried at Grevillers British Cemetery, France, Grave V. C. 14. Born at Shelsley Walsh, Worcestershire, enlisted and resident Worcester. A photograph of Lance Corporal T. Gwilliam can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 23rd June 1917, available at Worcestershire Archives.

HAINES

Frank Pearce

Private, PS2746, 23rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers. He was killed in action aged 22 on 28th November 1917 and he has no known grave but his death is commemorated on Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France, Panel 3 and 4. He was born and enlisted Worcester and is the son of John and Mary Haines. Frank Haines was the son of John and Mary Haines of Crawford Lodge, Malvern Road, Worcester. He attended Worcester Royal Grammar School from 1907 to 1910. After leaving school and prior to enlisting he worked as an apprentice at Messrs Hill, Evans and Co. Vinegar works. He was in the Public School Corps in December 1914. A photograph of Private F.P. Haines of Worcester can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 15th December 1917, available at Worcestershire Archives.

HALL

Arthur William

Private, 325605, 1st/1st Queen's Own Worcestershire Hussars (Worcester Yeomanry). He died on the 8th May 1917 aged 26 and was buried in the Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq, Angora Memorial 79. He was born and resident Worcester and was the son of Thomas Richard and Bertha Hall; husband of Annie Margaret Hall, 43 Redland Rd., Malvern Link, Worcestershire.

Details:

A.W. Hall 1st/1st Worcester Yeomanry, 1st Draft, embarked at Devonport 23rd October 1915 for service with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, disembarked at Mudros 6th November 1915, disembarked at Alexandria, Egypt on 30th November 1915. Died at Angora 8th May 1917, Prisoner of War.

Source for additional information: The Yeomanry Cavalry of Worcestershire 1914 - 1922.

Two different photographs of Trooper A.W. Hall can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 13th May 1916 and Saturday 22nd September 1917, available at Worcestershire Archives.

HAMMOND

Arthur George

Gunner 846099, 61st Division Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery. killed in action 12 June 1917. Aged 24. Born and resident Worcester. Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Hammond, of St. John's, Worcester; husband of Nellie Francis (formerly Hammond), of 13, Knight St., St. John's, Worcester. Buried in ACHICOURT ROAD CEMETERY, ACHICOURT, Pas de Calais, France. Plot/Row Section C. Grave 10.

HARDMAN

**Edgar
[Thomas]**

Serjeant 10188, "D" Company, 2nd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Died of wounds 1 August 1916, Aged 28. Born and enlisted Worcester. Son of Edward and Alice Hardman, of St. Johns, Worcester; husband of H. L. Hardman, of Dynes Green, Lower Broadheath, Worcester. Native of St. Johns. Buried in ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France. Plot IX. Row B. Grave 17.

HARRIS

F J

Unable to identify this casualty on Commonwealth War Graves Commission or Soldiers Died in the Great War.

HAWKER

Frederick

Private 241400, 9th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Died 1 December 1918. Aged 28. Son of Frederick and Mary Hawker; husband of Elsie May Hawker, of 46, McIntyre Rd., St. John's Worcester. Buried in BELGAUM GOVERNMENT CEMETERY, India. Plot C. Grave 146.

HAYNES

H

Unable to identify this casualty on Commonwealth War Graves Commission or Soldiers Died in the Great War.

HEMMING

**Francis
William**

Captain, 1st/8th Battalion (Territorial), Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action at Guillemont Farm, near Peronne, 24 April 1917. Aged 29. Son of Francis James and Lucy M. A. Hemming, of 91, Comer Rd., St. Johns, Worcester. In the 1911 census he was the son of Francis James and Lucy Mary Ann Hemming, a B.A. Law Student, aged 23, born Worcester, resident 91 Comer Road, Worcester, Worcestershire. Attended the Royal Grammar School from 1899 to 1906 and

Oxford University (Jesus College) Matriculated 1906. Member of University OTC prior to 1915, gained his B.A August 1914. Buried in TEMPLEUX-LE-GUERARD BRITISH CEMETERY, Somme, France. Plot I. Row A. Grave 22. Also appears on the [Worcester Royal Grammar School memorial](#).

HEMMING

Henry

Private 19451, 10th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action 18 November 1916. Aged 38. Born briockleton, Worcs., enlisted and resident Worcester. Son of James and Sarah Hemming, of The Downs, Bromyard, Worcester; husband of Agnes Hemming, of 6, Middle Rd., St. John's, Worcester. Buried in GRANDCOURT ROAD CEMETERY, GRANDCOURT, Somme, France. Plot/Row/Section C. Grave 91.

HILL

William Joseph

Private, 17768, 3rd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Died of wounds on 13th August 1915 and is buried in Hazebrouck Communal Cemetery, France, Grave II. G. 10. He was born and enlisted Worcester.

A photograph of Private W.J. Hill can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 28th August 1915, available at Worcestershire Archives.

HOWSE

**William Hubert
[George]**

Private 1556, 1st/1st Battalion, Herefordshire Regiment. Killed at Gallipoli by a stray bullet 22 August 1915. Aged 22. Born St. Nicholas, Worcester, enlisted Heeford. Son of Annie Louisa Howse, of 181, Bromyard Road, St. John's, Worcester, and the late Harry Charles Howse. His parents lived in McIntyre Road at one time. In the 1901 census he was the son of Harcy C and Annie L Howse, aged 7, born Worcestershire, resident Snowdon House, Somers Road, Worcester, Worcestershire. No known grave. Commemorated on HELLES MEMORIAL, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Panel 198.

HUNT

**Charles
Gordon**

Signaller 45110, 5th Battalion, Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment). Died of wounds 27 October 1918. Aged 26. Born and enlisted Worcester. Son of Francis Edward and Elizabeth Hunt, of St. Johns, Worcester. Formerly 29857, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Buried in TERLINCTHUN BRITISH CEMETERY, WIMILLE,

Pas de Calais, France. Plot VI. Row D. Grave 14.

INSLEY

Ernest Alfred

Private, 3rd Company, 2nd Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment). Son of Thomas Bernard and Edith Annie Insley, of Worcester, England. Age: 19. Death 9 Apr 1917 and was buried at Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Ecoivres, Departement du Pas-de-Calais, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France in Plot V. D. 8.

A photograph of Private E.A. Insley can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 26th May 1917, available at Worcestershire Archives. His wife was Evelyn May (nee Gill) of Toronto, Canada. Alfred Ernest Insley enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force at Belleville, Ontario, Canada on 19th February 1915. On his attestation paper he gave his date of birth as 15th March 1892 in London, England, his occupation given as a plumber and his next of kin as his mother, Mrs T.B. Insley, Sunnyside, Vernon Park, St Johns, Worcester, England. Alfred was 5ft 5¾ins tall with brown eyes, dark brown hair and a dark complexion.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission database records Alfred's age as 19 which conflicts with the date of birth given by him at the time of his attestation. Further research has revealed that Alfred appears to have given false information at the time of his attestation, changing his names around and dropping 6 years from his actual age. His birth is registered as Ernest Alfred Insley in the March Quarter 1898 under the Lambeth Registration District making him 17 and not 23 years of age.

In April 1915 Alfred spent several weeks in hospital in Canada being treated for influenza. He sailed on the S.S. Missanabie from Montreal, Canada on 24th June 1915. In early November Alfred spent a week in the isolation hospital in Le Havre, France with pyrexia, the cause being unknown. On 25th December Alfred was sentenced to 120 hours detention for being 1) Absent without leave 2) Malingering. He was wounded in action on 9th April 1917 and died later the same day.

Alfred married Evelyn May ?? on 14th June 1915, his next of kin amended to show his wife and later further amended to Mrs Evelyn May Gill, widow, nee Mrs E.M. Insley, 78 Shaftesbury Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada and a note added to records relating to a Separation Allowance states: Account

cancelled. Married after enlistment without officer's consent. However, it would appear that some payment was made to his widow.

INSLEY

**Thomas
Bernard**

Civil Armourer Sergeant in the 4th Battalion, Nigerian Regiment, West African Frontier Force. Drowned 24th April 1917 when hospital ship bringing him home was torpedoed. Wife Edith Anne Insley from St Johns, Worcester. Commemorated on Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, England. A photograph of Armourer Sergeant T.B. Insley can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 12th May 1917, available at Worcestershire Archives.

ISAAC

**Arthur
Whitmore**

Second Lieutenant, 5th Battalion attached 1st Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action 7 July 1916. Aged 42. Baptised 2 November 1873 at Powick, Worcestershire, son of John Swinton and Amelia Alicia Anne Isaac. Son of the late John Swinton Isaac, D.L., of Boughton Park, Worcester. His brother, John also fell (see below). In the 1911 census he was aged 37, married to Lucy with one son, a Banker, born Powick, Worcester, resident Upper Wick near Worcester, Worcester St John Bedwardine, Worcestershire. No known grave. Commemorated on THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 A and 6 C.

ISAAC

**John Edmund
[Valentine]**



John Edmund V. Isaac.

Captain, 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade. Born 14th February 1880 at Powick Court, Worcestershire, died 9th May 1915 at Rouge Bancs, Fromelles Ridge, Armentieres, France. Son of the late John Swinton Isaac, D.L., of Boughton Park, Worcester. His brother, Arthur also fell (see above). Awarded the DSO. First team member for Orange Free State 1906/07 and Worcestershire County Cricket Club from 1907-1908. Buried in NEW IRISH FARM CEMETERY, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Plot XXXI. Row F. Grave 13. Also appears on [Worcester Guildhall](#), [Worcester Cathedral cloister windows](#) and [Lords Cricket Members World War 1 Memorial](#).

Extract from *Distinguished Service Order 1886-1915* published by Naval & Military Press:

ISAAC, JOHN EDMUND VALENTINE, Capt., was born 14 Feb. 1880, at Powyke Court, Worcestershire, son of John Swinton Isaac, D.L., of Boughton Park, Worcester, Banker, and Amelia Alicia Anne, daughter of Major-General R. H. Crofton, Royal Artillery. He was educated at Wixenford and Harrow, and was gazetted to the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers at York 9 May, 1900. He joined his Regiment in South Africa, on active service, leaving England on 28 June, 1900. He was dangerously wounded at Nooitgedacht (General Clements' action on the Mahaliesburg 13 Dec. 1900); and, after two years' sick leave, went back to duty. He had been gazetted Lieutenant 28 Nov. 1900, and became Captain 1 April, 1905. On the disbandment of his battalion he

was gazetted to the Rifle Brigade 24 June, 1908, and subsequently served in Malta and Egypt. In the autumn of 1911 he sent in his papers, and went to Vancouver, British Columbia. On rumours of war he at once returned to England, and joined the Rifle Brigade, Reserve of Officers, 1 Sept. 1914. Capt. J. E. V. Isaac was appointed A.D.C. to Major-General Sir Thompson Capper, Commanding the 7th Division, and went to Flanders on his Staff in Oct. 1914. He was present at the First Battle of Ypres, where he was badly wounded in the left arm. For his services at that time he was mentioned in Despatches, and created a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order [London Gazette, 1 Dec. 1914]: "John Edmund Valentine Isaac, Capt., Reserve of Officers, The Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own). He has shown conspicuous gallantry on all occasions, and has always obtained reliable and valuable information when required. On 24 Oct. he guided a unit to a critical point with great skill, which resulted in checking the enemy. He was wounded in the engagement." With his arm still rather useless, he returned to duty on 19 Dec. 1914, and obtained leave to rejoin his Regiment, 2nd Battn. Rifle Brigade, 5 May, 1915. Four days later he was killed, leading his men, on the Fromelles Ridge. The "Athletic News" of 6 Sept. 1915, says: "Capt. J. E. V. Isaac (Rifle Brigade), unofficially reported killed, was a member of the well-known Worcestershire cricketing family. Since 1903 he had been a member of the M.C.C. In Nov. last he received the D.S.O." Capt. Isaac was a good cricketer; played for his county and his Regiment. He was a member of I Zingari and the Free Foresters' Club. He won the Cairo Grand National in 1911, while with his Regiment in Egypt. He was a keen huntsman and hunted with the Worcestershire, Pytchley, York and Ainsty, etc., etc.

See his statistics on [CricInfo](#)

Extract from *The Bond of Sacrifice* Volume 2:



CAPTAIN JOHN EDMUND VALENTINI ISAAC, D.S.O., RESERVE OF OFFICERS attd. 2nd BATTN. RIFLE BRIGADE (THE PRINCE CONSORT'S OWN, third son of John Swinton Isaac, Esq., D.L., of Boughton Park, Worcester, was born at Powyke Court, near Worcester on the 14th February, 1880.

He was educated at Wixenford and at Harrow, and was gazetted to the Northumberland Fusiliers from the Militia in April, 1900, and, being posted to the 2nd Battalion, sailed in June to join it in South Africa. Thus he began his military career on active service in the Boer War, in the course of which he was severely wounded in December, 1900, at Nooitgedacht. He was present at operations in the Transvaal, Orange River Colony, and Cape Colony between May, 1900, and March, 1901. For his services he received the Queen's medal with four clasps. He was promoted Lieutenant in November, 1900, and Captain in April, 1905. On the disbandment of his battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers he was transferred, in June, 1908, to the Rifle Brigade.

In 1911 Captain Isaac retired from the Army, and went to Vancouver, British Columbia, where he made many friends. On hearing rumours of war he returned to England in August, 1914, and in a fortnight joined the Special Reserve of Officers. Shortly afterwards he was appointed A.D.C. to Major-General Sir T. Capper, Commanding the VIIth Division, and proceeded to the front in October, 1914. He was wounded on the 24th October at the first Battle of Ypres. For his behaviour there he was awarded the D.S.O., receiving

the decoration at the hands of the King on the 15th April, 1915.

*The following is the official record of the award:
"Has shown conspicuous gallantry on all occasions. Has always obtained reliable and valuable information when required. On October 24th he guided a unit to a critical point with great skill, which resulted in checking the enemy. He was wounded in the engagement."*

He was also mentioned in Sir John French's Despatch of the 14th January, 1915. On recovering from his wound he returned to his duties on the Staff in December, 1914, rejoining his Regiment on the 7th May, 1915. He was killed on the 9th May near Fromelles while leading his men. He fell just after they took the German trench, but it was not possible to recover his body.

Captain Isaac, who was a member of the Bath Club, was a good cricketer, playing occasionally for his county, and belonging to the I Zingari, the Free Foresters, and the M.C.C. He was also a good rider, and won the Cairo Grand National in February, 1911.

JONES

**Charles
Frederick**

Private S/361913, "C" Company, Royal Army Service Corps. Died in United Kingdom 31 December 1917. Aged 28. Born, resident and enlisted Worcester. Son of Frederick and Lillia Kate Jones, of 127, Bromyard Rd., Worcester. Attended Royal Grannar School from 1902 to 1904. Buried in WORCESTER (ST. JOHN'S) CEMETERY, Worcestershire. Grave 3430. Also appears on the [Worcester Royal Grammar School memorial](#).

JONES

Harry Benbow

Private, 240405, 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Died on 16th April 1918 and is commemorated on Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium, Panel 5. He has no known grave. He was born Malvern Link, Worcestershire and resident in Worcester. He also appears on Worcester Rowing Club WW1 Memorial. Worcester Guildhall. Worcester Cathedral Cloisters Vol Choir Window as W.B. Jones.

From the Worcester Herald, 11th May 1918:
Only son of Mrs Jones, Fernleigh, Bromyard Road, Worcester and of the late Henry Jones (for many years a member, and for a time, vice-chairman of the board of guardians). He joined the Territorials at the outbreak of war. Previously he was a dentist in business in Broad Street. He was a member of the

Cathedral Voluntary Choir. Also, a member of Worcester Rowing Club and a good all round man at cricket and football. During his army career he did an enormous amount of dental work gratuitously for his fellow soldiers and organised many concerts for their amusement. Killed in action.

A photograph of Corporal H.B. Jones of Worcester can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 11th May 1918, available at Worcestershire Archives.

KINGS

Herbert

Private 325315, Queen's Own Worcestershire Hussars (Worcester Yeomanry). Killed in action in Egypt 23 April 1916. Aged 44. Enlisted and resident Worcester. Husband of Mrs. M. Kings, of 32, McIntyre Rd., St. John's Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on JERUSALEM MEMORIAL, Israel and Palestine (including Gaza). Panel 3 and 5.

KNIGHT

Ernest Richard

Lance Corporal, 325714, 1st/1st Battalion Queen's Own Worcestershire Hussars (Worcester Yeomanry). Died on 13th December 1918 aged 26 and is buried in the Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt, Grave H. 39. He was born in Hartlebury, Kidderminster and was the son of George and Ann Maria Higley, of Bishops Wood, Stourport.

He also appears on Worcester Cathedral Worcestershire Hussars. Worcester Guildhall. Hartlebury St James the Apostle Churchyard with the additional information: Trooper. Cutnall Green C of E School.

E.R. Knight 1st/1st Worcester Yeomanry, 1st Draft, embarked at Devonport 23rd October 1915 for service with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, disembarked at Mudros 6th November 1915, disembarked at Alexandria, Egypt on 30th November 1915. Died 13th December 1918.

Source for additional information: The Yeomanry Cavalry of Worcestershire 1914 - 1922.

KNOTT

Percy

Lance Corporal, 27884, 14th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Died on 19th June 1917 and is buried in the Bailleul Road East Cemetery, St. Laurent-Blangy, France, Grave I. M. 9.

A photograph of Lance Corporal P. Knott of Worcester can be found in Berrow's Worcester

Journal Supplement, Saturday 14th July 1917,
available at Worcestershire Archives.

LANGSTONE **Albert Henry** Private, 161741, 16th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Killed in action on 3rd September 1916 and is commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier and Face 9A 9B and 10B. He has no known Grave. He was born in Worcester, enlisted Birmingham, resident Worcester.

LERRY **Hubert James** Private 31403, 2nd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action 13 December 1916. Aged 20. Born and resident Worcester, enlisted Malvern, Worcestershire. Son of James and Edith Lerry, of 97, McIntyre Rd., St. John's, Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 A and 6 C.

LEWIS **Cyril Wilfrid** Private 241221, "D" Company, 2nd/8th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Died in United Kingdom 12 July 1918. Aged 22. Enlisted and resident Worcester. Son of Wilfrid John and Elizabeth Ann Lewis, of 43, Nelson Rd., St. John's, Worcester. Buried in WORCESTER (ST. JOHN'S) CEMETERY, Worcestershire. Grave 223.

LUCY **Frank [Ernest]** Private 241709, 1st Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action 31 October 1917. Aged 25. Born and resident Worcester, enlisted Birmingham. Son of George William Lucy, of 24, Knight St., St. John's, Worcester. Buried in BERKS CEMETERY EXTENSION, Hainaut, Belgium. Plot I. Row J. Grave 26.

MADDOX **Frank Ladbrooke** Able Seaman 224189, H.M. Submarine E18, Royal Navy. Lost with his ship in the Baltic 11 June 1916. Aged 29. Born 27 October 1886 in Stow On The Wold, Gloucestershire. Son of Thomas and Sarah A. Maddox, of 5, Regent Place, Bransford Road, St. John's, Worcester. Native of Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos. Prior to enlistment he was a Work's Boy. Enlisted 24 October 1904 for 12 years. Height 5 feet 4 inches, brown hair, brown eyes, fresh complexion. No known grave. Commemorated on PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL, Hampshire. Panel 13.

MANN **Robert S** Private, 39753, 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action on 12th October 1916 and is commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier and Face 5A and 6C. He

has no known grave. He was born Malvern, Worcestershire, enlisted Holt, Worcestershire and resident Worcester.

United Parish Magazine, December 1916:
We record, with deep regret, the deaths of four brave men from our parochial Roll of Honour:- Harry Lewis, Roland Green, Robert Mann and Francis Akerman. Expressing our fullest sympathy with the relatives of these heroes in their bereavement, we firmly believe that they have followed in the footsteps of our Lord in laying down their lives for their friends, and for humanity.

A photograph of Corporal R. Mann can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 21st October 1916, available at Worcestershire Archives

MANN

William

Private 16107, 8th Battalion, Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment). Killed in action 25 September 1915. Aged 28. Born Mathon, Worcs., enlisted Birmingham, resident Worcester. Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Mann, of 48, McIntyre Rd., St. John's, Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on LOOS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 93 to 95.

MARSHALL

Isaac

Sergeant, 11517, 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards. He was killed in action aged 29 on 25th October 1914 and he is commemorated on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium, Panel 9 and 11. He has no known grave. Entered the theatre of war overseas on 13th August 1914.
He was born in Chipping Norton, Oxon, enlisted Risca. He was the husband of Marian Marshall, of Great Rollwright, Chipping Norton, Oxon
Isaac Marshall was serving as a Sergeant in the 2nd Battalion, The Grenadier Guards when he was killed in action on the 25th October 1914 aged 29 during the 1st Battle of Ypres. He is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial for soldiers with no known grave. He joined the Grenadier Guards in 1904 and was made full Sergeant in 1911. He left to join the Worcester Police in 1912 but remained on the reserve, being recalled at the outbreak of war in August 1914. He was the son of Edwin and Emma Marshall of Coneygree Terrace, Chipping Norton. He married Marian Deakin in Paddington in 1912 and at the time of his death she was living in Great Rollright with their young son Geoffrey.

MATTEY

Albert

Private 45127, 4th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action 16 August 1917. Aged 36. Born Epsom, Surrey, enlisted and resident Worcester. Husband of Emily B. Mattey, of 2, Skinner St., St. Johns, Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on TYNE COT MEMORIAL, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 75 to 77.

MAUND

Arthur

Sergeant, 11729, 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. He was killed in action aged 27 on 13th October 1915 and is buried in the Quarry Cemetery, Vermelles, France, Grave B. 13. He was born in Hereford, enlisted and resident Worcester. He was the son of Alfred and Dinah Maund, of Lower Wick, Worcester. He entered the theatre of war on 5th November 1914. Awarded the 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British War Medal. A photograph of Sergeant A. Maund can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 13th November 1915, available at Worcestershire Archives

McHARG

Henry

Private, 21191, 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards. He died on 21st September 1918 aged 41 and is buried in the Lagnicourt Hedge Cemetery, France, Grave I. C. 7. He was the son of Mary Ann McHarg, of Worcester, and the late James McHarg; husband of the late Alice Alexandra McHarg, 30 Nelson Rd., St. Johns, Worcester. A photograph of Private H. McHarg of Worcester can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 19th October 1918, available at Worcestershire Archives.

MEARS

Herbert

Gunner 831210, 2nd South Midland Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Died 30 October 1918. Aged 38. Born Worcester. Son of Thomas and Jammia Mears; husband of Selina Mears, of 82, Blakefield Rd., St. John's, Worcester. Buried in WORCESTER (ST. JOHN'S) CEMETERY, Worcestershire. Grave 4681.

MILTON

**[Sidney]
Robert**

Private 240978, 2nd/8th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action 13 April 1918. Enlisted and resident Worcester. Husband of Mrs. E. M. Milton, of 66, Nelson Rd., St. John's, Worcester. Buried in ST. VENANT-ROBECQ ROAD BRITISH CEMETERY, ROBECQ, Pas de Calais, France. Plot II. Row D. Grave 10.

MORRIS ***Francis
William**

Private, 108405, 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles Battalion. He died on 12th June 1918 aged 28 and is buried in the Winnipeg (Brookside) Cemetery, Canada, Military Plot 107. He was the son of Elizabeth Gertrude Morris, 89 Bromyard Rd., Worcester, England, and the late William Thomas Morris.

Francis Morris attended Worcester Royal Grammar School from 1900 to 1908. He possibly sailed from Liverpool to Montreal, Canada on 5th November 1910 aged 21 on the Dominion when he gave his occupation as a teacher.

Francis Morris enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force on 7th June 1915 in Sewell, Manitoba Canada. On his attestation form he gave his date of birth as 24th October 1889 in Worcester, England, his occupation as a bank clerk and his next of kin as his mother, Mrs Elizabeth Gertrude Morris, 89 Bromyard Rd, Worcester, England. He was 5 feet 6 inches tall with brown eyes, dark brown hair and a dark complexion.

Francis spent 6 days in No 3 Dressing Station from 20th May 1916 to 26th May when he was treated for a gunshot wound to the right side of his face. He was admitted to the Canadian Hospital at Eastbourne on 11th February 1917 where he remained for 102 days with nephritis before being transferred to the King's Canadian Red Cross Convalescent Hospital on 23rd May 1917. From there he was transferred on 18th June 1917 to the Ontario Military Hospital, Orpington, Kent for treatment for tubercle of lung. On 29th September 1917 Francis Morris was discharged from the army due to pulmonary tuberculosis. He returned to Canada where his condition worsened as the disease spread to include a tuberculous ulcer of his tongue. He was transferred to Winnipeg General Hospital on 22nd April 1918 and then to the King Edward Memorial Hospital on 8th June 1918 for tubercular treatment. Francis died in the hospital from pulmonary tuberculosis on 12th June 1918.

PHELPS**George Henry**

Private 22461, 4th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action at Gallipoli 6 August 1915. Aged 25. Born Kidderminster, Worcs., enlisted Worcester. Son of Caroline Ann Phelps, of 42, Blakefield Rd., St. John's, Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on HELLES MEMORIAL, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Panel 104 to 113.

PINGREE**Reuben
Charles**

Private, SE4097, 16th Veterinary Hospital Army Veterinary Corps. He died on 19th July 1915 aged 20 and is buried in the Alexandria (Chatby) Military And War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt, Grave M. 11. He was the son of Mr. L. B. Pingree, of Broadheath, Worcester. A photograph of Private R.C. Pingree can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 19th October 1918, available at Worcestershire Archives.

PLUM**Robert
Bagshaw**

Second Lieutenant, R0, Royal Field Artillery. He died on 2nd October 1917 and is buried in the Locre Hospice Cemetery, Belgium, Grave III. B. 14.

Lieut., R.F.A., 103rd Brigade, T.F.
Born, January 6, 1898. Killed in France, October 1, 1917.

R. B. Plum was the only son of Mrs. Bagshawe Plum, of Belmont, Worcester, and nephew of Colonel Williams, of St. Johns. He entered the School in September, 1909, in the First Form as a day boy. Subsequently he became a Boarder in the School House, won a King's Scholarship and left from the Fifth Form in July, 1914, to take a post in the Evesham Branch of the London County and Midland Bank. At school he was a promising cricketer, bowling with good effect for the 1st XI., and a keen member of the O.T.C. from the start. Later he qualified for the Inns of Court O.T.C., passed through the Exeter School of Gunnery and was attached to the 2nd South Midland Brigade. He was crossed to France in March of this year and was killed by a shell when fighting with the battery against a German counter-attack. His C.O. writes: "His loss will be felt by the whole Brigade; he was much esteemed by his brother officers." He was a devoted son and a keen O.V., a constant correspondent with his old Headmaster. A requiem service was held for him in S. John's Church on October 11th. R.I.P.

W. H. C.

Worcester Daily Times, Friday 12th October 1917:

Lieut. R.B. Plum

Mrs R.B. Plum of Belmont House has received letters from the Colonel commanding the Brigade, the Captain of his battery, the Chaplain and an officer who is serving in the brigade and another officer of his battery giving details of the action in which her only son was killed, all bearing testimony to his

bravery and to the loss they all sustain at his death. Lieut Plum was shooting the battery at an urgent request for fire from the infantry, when he was hit at his post by a fragment from a German shell, and was struck in the head. He never regained consciousness and died soon after arriving at the Clearing Station hospital. He was buried in the adjacent cemetery by the hospital Chaplain. Quotes from various letters are printed in the paper, the report closing witha very impressive memorial service at St John's Church on Thursday morning.

A photograph of Lieutenant R.B. Plum can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 13th October 1917, available at Worcestershire Archives.

RASTALL

Albert

Driver 831416, "D" Battery, 63rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Killed in action 3 December 1917. Aged 19. Born and enlisted Worcester. Son of James William and Alice Rastall, of 13, McIntyre Rd., St. John's, Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on CAMBRAI MEMORIAL, LOUVERVAL, Nord, France. Panel 1.

RATCLIFFE

Albert Ernest

Corporal, 499929, 1st Field Survey Company Royal Engineers. Died on 15th February 1919 aged 23 and was buried in the Etaples Military Cemetery, France, Grave LXXII. B. 21. He was the son of Charles and Louisa Ratcliffe; husband of Rose Ratcliffe, 10 Britannia Row, Britannia Rd, Worcester and was a native of Worcester. A photograph of Corporal E.A. Ratcliffe of Worcester can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 1st March 1919, available at Worcestershire Archives.

REA

Thomas

Private 15658, 11th (Prince Albert's) Hussars. Died 7 June 1917. Aged 28. Born and resident Worcester, enlisted Nuneaton. Son of Frank and Phyllis Rea, of 77, Blakefield St. John'S, Worcester. Buried in DOULLENS COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION NO.1, Somme, France. Plot V. Row D. Grave 64.

REPTON

Ronald

Private, 2675, Queen's Own Worcestershire Hussars (Worcester Yeomanry). He was killed in action aged 19 on 23rd April 1916 and his death is commemorated on Jerusalem Memorial, Israel, Panel 3 and 5.

He was the son of Walter and Georgina Repton, 35 Comer Rd., Worcester and he resided in Worcester.

He also appears on the Worcester Cathedral Worcestershire Hussars as W.R. Repton with the information:

Private W.R. Repton 1st/1st Worcester Yeomanry, embarked at Avonmouth 9th April 1915 for service with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, disembarked at Alexandria, Egypt on 24th April 1915. Killed in action 23rd April 1916.

A photograph of Trooper R. Repton can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 13th May 1916, available at Worcestershire Archives

ROBERTS

Rupert Edward

Major, R0, 16th Battalion Manchester Regiment. He died of wounds aged 37 on 26th March 1918 near Moyencourt (Somme) and was buried in the St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France, Grave Officers, B. 5. 11. He was the second son of James and Ada Roberts, of St John's, Worcester.

Rupert Roberts was one of six sons of James and Ada Roberts of Clent House, Bromyard Road, Worcester. He attended Worcester Royal Grammar School from 1895 to 1900, during which time he was Captain of Football and Head Boy. He read Mathematics at Jesus College, Cambridge and after graduating he 1903 he became Maths Master at Dunstable Grammar School. After a spell in Egypt with the Ministry of Public Instruction, he returned to the UK to teach at Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh, where he ran the Officer Training Corp. In early September 1914, he became one of the original officers of the 16th Battalion of the Manchester Regiment. In the Spring of 1918, the Battalion was occupying the Manchester Hill Redoubt near the road out of St. Quentin. Battle commenced on 21st March 1918 after their commanding officer refused the German offer to surrender. Major Roberts took command of the remaining men, organising them to defend positions along the Nesle-Noyon Canal. On 24th March the German troops outflanked their positions causing the collapse of their flank and forcing them to retreat towards Cressy. It was during this action that Major Roberts fell, dying of his wounds on 26th March 1918.

ROBERTS**Thomas
Fisher**

Private 400040, Northern Command Labour Centre, Labour Corps. Died in United Kingdom 5 December 1917. Aged 40. Born St. John's, Worcester, enlisted Worcester. Son of James and Mary Roberts, of 121, Bransford Rd., St. John's; husband of Louisa Roberts, of 1, Church Terrace, St. John's, Worcester. Formerly Driver 183658, Royal Field Artillery. Buried in WORCESTER (ST. JOHN'S) CEMETERY, Worcestershire. Grave 3470.

ROWBERRY**George
William**

Private, 195548, 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles Battalion. He was killed in action aged 26 on 6th September 1917 and is buried in the Petit-Vimy British Cemetery, France, Grave G. 4. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rowberry, Pickersleigh Cottage, Madresfield, Worcestershire and the husband of Lilian M. Bottomley (formerly Rowberry) 45 Chapel House Rd., Nelson, Lancashire, England.

Appears in the Worcester/Worcestershire Roll of Honour Book for army casualties located in Worcester Cathedral.

George Rowberry enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force on 20th January 1916 at Peterborough, Ontario. On his attestation form he gave his date of birth as 10th April 1890 in Worcester, England, his present address as 4081/2 George St., Peterboro, Ontario, his next of kin as his wife, Lilian May Rowberry, of the same address and his occupation as a Butcher. George was 5 feet 5 inches tall with dark brown hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion.

George sailed from Halifax, Canada on the S.S. Empress of Britain on 15th July 1916 and disembarked at Liverpool, England 10 days later on 25th July 1916. After several weeks in England he was posted overseas landing in France on 8th September 1916.

National Archives of Canada Reference: RG150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 8506 - 29.

The Canada War Graves Registers (Circumstances of Casualty) record the following information on Private George William Rowberry:

Killed in Action

Location of unit at time of casualty: Trenches East of Vimy.

Malvern News, Saturday 15th September 1917:

Mrs Rowberry of Pickersleigh Cottage, Madresfield Road, has received information that her son Pte George Rowberry, Canadian

Mounted Rifles Machine Gun Section, has died of wounds. He was wounded in the breast and died whilst being conveyed to the dressing station. He joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force at Peterborough, Canada in November 1915. Before emigrating to Canada he was for sometime employed at the Union Club, The Cross, Worcester and was a member of the Territorials. Aged 25, he leaves a widow and 1 child, now in Canada. Mrs Rowberry had another son killed in November 1915. A photograph of Private G. Rowberry can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 22nd September 1917, available at Worcestershire Archives.

ROWBERRY

Joseph James Edward (Possibly)

Private, 13656, 9th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. He was killed in action aged 21 on 8th August 1915 and his death is commemorated on Helles Memorial, Turkey, Panel 104 to 113. He was born in Redditch, Worcestershire, resident Malvern Link, Worcestershire, enlisted Worcester. He was the son of William Joseph and Dora Ellen Rowberry, of Edgecote Bungalow, Cowleigh Rd., North Malvern.

Malvern News, Saturday 30th October 1915
Mr W.J. Rowberry, Oak Villa, Worcester Road, Malvern Link has received the worst news regarding his son Joseph Rowberry. He hadn't heard anything from him for three months, and has now heard through a letter from Sgt Hopkins to his mother in Broad Street, Worcester: "I am more than sorry to say I can tell you about poor Joe Rowberry. He was in the 'hill' fight where I lost all my pals on the 10th August 1915. He died fighting beside his officer, Major Moss, to whom he was servant. The Major was killed by a bomb and poor Joe a second after was shot through the heart. I saw him drop, but could not get near him on account of the dead and wounded. It was hell. Tell his friends he was very brave, but careless. I am sure he killed the bomber who killed his officer and he was the only one left near that spot after the bomb had fallen. He died a soldier and a brave man." Mr Rowberry made official enquiries, but has had no news – none of his letters to his son were returned and Warwick Record Office has told him that in this case and in the absence of official notification not to worry.

ROWE **F** Corporal, "A" Company 1st Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Service No 37186. Died aged 27 on 25th September 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs Arthur Rowe, of Worcester; husband of Elsie May Rowe, 84 Hylton Rd., Worcester. Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun, Plot VI. Row H. Grave 72. Also appears on [Worcester Guildhall memorial](#) and [Worcester St Clements](#)

SEWELL **James William** Private 10/224, 17th (Ruahine) Company, Wellington Regiment, N.Z.E.F. Killed in action 29 April 1915. Aged 25. Son of Jane Elizabeth Sewell, of Bromwich House, St. John's, Worcester, England, and the late George Sewell. No known grave. Commemorated on LONE PINE MEMORIAL, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Panel 76.

SPENCER **[Albert] Victor** Lance Corporal 19347, "D" Company, 1st Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Died of wounds in United Kingdom 15 June 1917. Aged 21. Born Ledbury, Herefordshire, enlisted Wolverhampton, resident Worcester. Son of Mr. E. A. and Mrs. A. Spencer, of 2, Bromwich Rd., St. John's, Worcester. Buried in WORCESTER (ST. JOHN'S) CEMETERY, Worcestershire. Grave 4657.

SPRAGUE **Frank [Henry]** Lance Corporal 202973, 4th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action 3 December 1917. Aged 19. Born and enlisted Worcester. Son of Henry Frank and S. A. M. Sprague, of Field Cottage, Bransford Rd., St. John'S, Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on CAMBRAI MEMORIAL, LOUVERVAL, Nord, France. Panel 6.

STEVENS **H G** Unable to identify on Commonwealth War Graves Commission or Soldiers Died in the Great War.

STEVENS **Richard Wilfred** Private 202843, 1st Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action 26 December 1917. Aged 23. Born and enlisted Worcester. Son of Richard and Louisa Stevens, of 60, Nelson Rd., St. John'S, Worcester. Attended Worcester Royal Grammar School from 1906 to 1909. No known grave. Commemorated on TYNE COT MEMORIAL, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 75 to 77. Also appears on the [Worcester Royal Grammar School memorial](#).

SUMMERS **William Arthur** Private, 54504, 1st Battalion Somerset Light Infantry. He was killed in action aged 19 on

24th October 1918. He was born and enlisted Worcester and was the son of Joseph W. and Rosa Summers, of Lower Wick, Worcester. He has no known grave.

Appears in the Worcester/Worcestershire Roll of Honour Book for army casualties located in Worcester Cathedral under Lower Wick.

A photograph of Private W.A. Summers of Lower Wick can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 16th November 1918, available at Worcestershire Archives.

SWEETMAN

Alfred George

Lance Corporal, 8983, Alfred George Sweetman served as Albert Edward Jones in D Company 6th Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. He was killed in action in France on 18th August 1916 aged 26 and was buried in the Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, France, Grave XXVII. Q. 4. He was born and resident St John's Kidderminster, enlisted Worcester. He was the son of Alfred and Susan Sweetman, 4 Croydon Villas, Oldbury Rd, Worcester.

Recorded as Albert Edward Sweetman on Commonwealth War Graves Commission and Albert Edward Jones on Soldiers Died in the Great War.

TAYLOR

Alfred

Rifleman 391977, "C" Company, 2nd/9th (County of London) Battalion (Queen Victoria's Rifles). Killed in action 8 September 1917. Born and resident Clifton-on-Teme, Worcestershire, enlisted London. Son of John and Ellen Taylor, of Sugar Pool Cottage, Upper Sapey, Worcester. Formerly 5189, 9th Battalion, London Regiment. No known grave. Commemorated on YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 54.

THATCHER

Ernest

Private, 241274, 8th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment transferred to (474304) 60th Company, Labour Corps. Formerly 3931 Worcestershire Regiment. He died on 22nd February 1918 aged 19 and was buried in the St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France, Grave P. V. P. 1B. He was born in St John's, Worcester, enlisted Worcester and was the son of Walter and Annie Thatcher, 43 Bransford Rd., Worcester.

A photograph of Private E.A. Thatcher can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 6th April 1918, available at Worcestershire Archives.

THATCHER

**Walter
Frederick**

[Served as ALLEN.] Lance Corporal 7303, 4th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action at Gallipoli 6 August 1915. Aged 32. Born Landport, Portsmouth, enlisted and resident Worcester. Son of Walter and Annie Thatcher, of 45, Bransford Rd. St. John's, Worcester; husband of Florence Mary Jane Thatcher, of 26, Sansome Place, Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on HELLES MEMORIAL, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Panel 104 to 113.

VINNEY

**[William]
Sampson**

Private 66382, Royal Army Medical Corps. Died at sea 4 May 1917. Born Leeminster, enlisted Southampton. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Vinney, of 13, Skinner St., St. John's, Worcester; husband of Anna Louisa Tomlin (formerly Vinney), of 51, Waterloo St., St. Peters, Cheltenham. No known grave. Commemorated on SAVONA MEMORIAL, Italy.

WALTERS

T

Unable to identify this casualty on Commonwealth War Graves Commission or Soldiers Died in the Great War. Possible duplication of Thomas Francis Walters.

WEBB

H

Possibly Private Herbert Webb, 240884, 10th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. He was born and enlisted Worcester. He was killed in action on 18th June 1918 and is commemorated on Soissons Memorial, France. He also appears on Worcester St Paul's Church.

Or

Possibly Private Henry Webb, 1460, 1st/8th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. He was born and enlisted Worcester. He died on 20th July 1916 and is commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier and Face 5A and 6C. He also appears on Worcester St Paul's Church. The same photograph of Private H. Webb can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 29th July 1916 and Saturday 1st December 1917, available at Worcestershire Archives.

Herbert and Henry Webb both have no known grave.

WEBB

**Walter
Buncombe**

Pioneer, 181840, 270th Railway Labour Company Royal Engineers. He died on 3rd October 1916 aged 40 and is buried in the Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greece, Grave 509. He was the son of William and Frances Webb, of Honiton, Devon; husband of Bertha Winifred Webb, 45 Boughton St., Worcester.

WHITE

T H

Unable to identify this casualty on Commonwealth War Graves Commission or Soldiers Died in the Great War.

WILDING

Albert Victor

Private, 202844, 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. He died on 25th September 1917 aged 29 and his death is commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium, Panel 75 to 77. He has no known grave. He was the son of Mrs. Harriett Elizabeth Hudson, 58 Malvern Rd., Worcester.

Details:

Great Western Railway Roll of Honour:
Albert Victor Wilding, Clerk, Goods Department, Worcester, Age 29, Private, 2nd Worcester Regiment, killed in action 25/9/1917.

Source: The Great Western Railway in the First World War by Sandra Gittins, 2010.

Death reported in the Great Western Railway staff magazine, reference 1917/12/241. Photo in the Great Western Railway staff magazine, reference 1918/02/23.

Source: <http://www.nrm.org.uk/RailwayStories/worldwarone.aspx>

A photograph of Private A. V. Wilding of Worcester can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 13th October 1917, available at Worcestershire Archives.

WILKS

William Henry

Private, 4437, 2nd/8th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. He was killed in action aged 21 on 20th October 1916 and is buried in the St. Vaast Post Military Cemetery, Richebourg-L'Avoue, France, Grave II. V. 3. He was born in Kettering, Northants, resident Sheffield, enlisted Worcester. He was the son of Mr. W. J. Wilks, 54 Wade St., Firth Park, Sheffield.

Details:

1911 Census:

Poplar Cottage, Nursery Walk, St Johns,
Worcester

Mary Wilks, Head, age 71, Widow, born Holt,
Worcestershire

Harry Wilks, son, age 34, Married, Railway
Foreman, born Grimley, Worcestershire

Ellen Wilks, sons wife, age 33, born Areley
Kings, Worcestershire

James William Wilks, son, age 9, born St
Johns, Worcester

William Harry Wilks, grandson, age 16,
Labourer Sauce Factory, born Kettering,
Northamptonshire

Great Western Railway Roll of Honour:

W.H. Wilkes, Platform Porter, Worcester Joint,
GWR Magazine January and March 1917.

Source: The Great Western Railway in the First
World War by Sandra Gittins, 2010.

Death reported in the Great Western Railway
staff magazine, reference 1917/01/13. Photo
in the Great Western Railway staff magazine,
reference 1917/03/60.

Source: <http://www.nrm.org.uk/RailwayStories/worldwarone.aspx>

WILLIAMS

Albert John

Private 265444, 1st/7th Battalion, Royal
Warwickshire Regiment. Died 26 October
1918. Aged 26. Born St. John's, Worcester,
enlisted Worcester. Son of John and Mary Ann
Williams, of St. John's, Worcester. Formerly
1753, Worcestershire Regiment. Buried in
MONTECCHIO PRECALCINO COMMUNAL
CEMETERY EXTENSION, Italy. Plot 8. Row C.
Grave 10.

WILLIAMS

Thomas

Private 31288, 1st Battalion, Worcestershire
Regiment. Died of wounds 28 December 1917.
Aged 39. Born Camberwell, London, enlisted
and resident Worcester. Husband of E.
Williams, of 39, McIntyre Rd., St. John's,
Worcester. Buried in GREVILLERS BRITISH
CEMETERY, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Plot
XVIII. Row A. Grave 2.

WILLITTS

**Alwyne
Bernard**

Sergeant, 242438, 1st/8th Battalion
Worcestershire Regiment. He was killed in
action on 16th August 1917 and his death is
commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial,
Belgium, Panel 75 to 77. He was born in
Ombersley, Worcestershire, resident and

enlisted Worcester. He has no known grave.

WINNINGTON

John Francis Sartorius

Lieutenant Colonel, J0, 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment commanding 1st/4th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment. He died on 22nd September 1918 aged 42 near Kefar Kassin, Ramleh, Palestine and was buried in the Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel, Grave C. 31. He was born in Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire on 17th September 1876. He was the son of the late Captain John Taylor Winnington; husband of Joyce M. Winnington, of Boughton Park, Worcester.

Details:

Served in the South African War. Awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO), twice mentioned in despatches. First team member for Worcestershire County Cricket Club in 1908.

John Winnington is mentioned a number of times in the Regimental book. He was invalided after the battle of Neuve Chapelle from the effects of the strain and exposure of the three days and nights of fighting. Whilst fighting at Gallipoli, his health once again broke down and he was deemed physically unfit for duty. The Gallipoli campaign was the last that the Regiment was to see of that gallant officer, who was destined to fall later at the head of a battalion of another regiment in Palestine. He is mentioned in despatches on 22nd June 1915, 12th July 1916 and 5th June 1917.



WODEHOUSE

Ernest Charles Forbes

Lieutenant Colonel, E0, 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. He died on 12th March 1915 aged 43 and his death is

commemorated on Le Touret Memorial, France, Panel 17 and 18. He has no known grave. He was the son of the late Lieutenant Colonel Charles Wodehouse, C.I.E.; husband of A. Violet Wodehouse, 11 Prince of Wales Terrace, Kensington, London

Details:

Awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO).

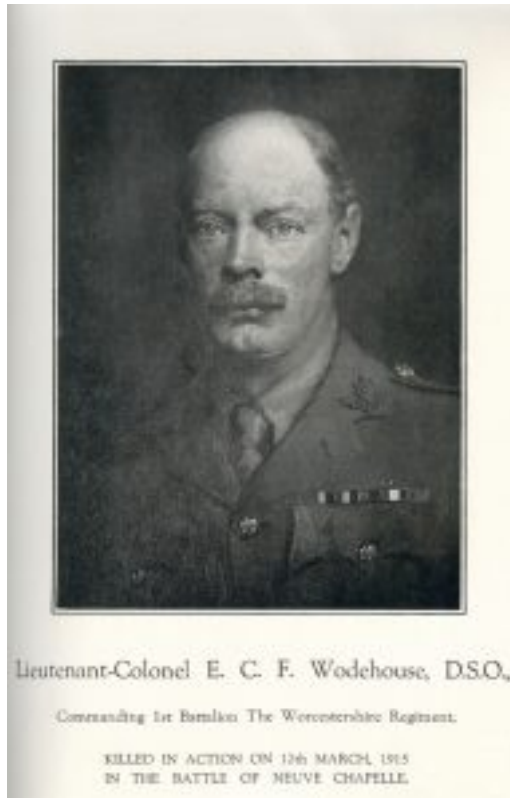
Ernest Wodehouse was born on 5th August 1871 at Hove, Brighton. He was educated at Wellington, and the Oxford Military College, joining the army from the Worcestershire Militia in October 1892. In November 1895 he was promoted to Lieutenant then Adjutant of his Battalion in March 1899. He served throughout the South African war, seeing action in a variety of places including the Transvaal and Orange River Colony. In January 1900 he was promoted to Captain, he was mentioned in despatches (London Gazette, 10th September 1901), awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO), received the Queen's medal with three clasps and the King's medal with two clasps. He continued to serve in the army after the war. In April 1906 he married Amy Violet Isaac, daughter of the late John Swinton Isaac of Boughton Park, Worcester. He belonged to the United Service Club and enjoyed cricket and shooting. During the Great War he was promoted to temporary Lieutenant Colonel on 1st February 1915 and reported missing and wounded before his death was confirmed whilst leading the battalion at Neuve Chapelle on 12th March 1915. He was mentioned in Sir John French's Despatch of 31st May 1915.

The Worcestershire Regiment in the Great War by Captain H. FitzM. Stacke of the Regiment, 1928:

Ernest Wodehouse is mentioned a number of times in the Regimental book. During the Battle of Neuve Chapelle, Lieut. Col. Wodehouse led a battalion advance, storming the buildings in front and preparing to hold them against counter-attacks. However, no support came and the British artillery intermittently bombarded the captured buildings. It became clear that that the battalion's position, far in advance of the remainder of the brigade, encircled by the enemy on 3 sides and shelled by both artilleries, was no longer tenable. Officers and men fell fast during the retirement, which was

over open and level ground flanked on both sides by the strongly posted enemy. The loss of Colonel Wodehouse was felt most keenly by all the survivors, for his courage, kindness and resource had been the mainstay of the battalion throughout the long ordeal of the winter.

A photograph of Major Wodehouse can be found in Berrow's Worcester Journal Supplement, Saturday 1st May 1915, available at Worcestershire Archives.



WOOD

[Owen] Glen

Private 240741, 2nd/8th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in action 31 March 1918. Aged 44. Enlisted and resident Worcester. Husband of Frances Mary Wood, of 21, Little Boughton St., St. John's, Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on POZIERES MEMORIAL, Somme, France. Panel 41.

WOODWARD

William Pullen

Private, 50741, 16th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers. He died on 5th April 1918 and was buried in the Bienvillers Military Cemetery, France, Grave XIII. A. 3. He was the son of Mrs. E. Woodward, of Upper Wick, Worcester.

Details:

William Woodward was born in Upper Wick and attended Worcester Royal Grammar School from 1908 to 1914. He enlisted in Worcester with the Royal Army Service Corps, and died of wounds after presumably transferring to the Lancashire Fusiliers.

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BAND

Arthur W E

Private, 5249109, 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. Died on 14th June 1942 aged 29 and is buried in the Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Grave 8. C. 22. He was the son of Ernest Frederick and Elizabeth Band, of Worcester; husband of Kathleen Mabel Band, of Worcester

BARRON

**William
Thomas**

Private 1815396, 5th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment). Died 28 September 1944. Aged 34. Son of William and Ethel Barron, of Worcester; husband of Cicely May Barron, of St. John's, Worcester. Buried in CORIANO RIDGE WAR CEMETERY, Italy. Plot XII. Row F. Grave 1.

BOWEN

Denis Anthony

Private, 14700177, 1st/6th Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment. He died on 6th August 1944 aged 18 and he was buried in the Bayeux War Cemetery, France, Grave XXII. E. 2. He was the son of Sam and Lavinia Bowen, of Worcester .

Details:

A letter from Denis's mother, Mrs S. Bowen, 13 Pitmaston Rd, St Johns, Worcester, no date, can be found within war records held at Worcestershire Archives requesting that his name be added to the county roll of honour. The letter states that he was killed in action in France in 1944. The letter included a

		donation of 2/6 towards the county war memorial.
CREESE	Maurice Gerald	Master, S.S. C. H. Speddon, Merchant Navy. Died 29 December 1943. Aged 42. Son of Sydney Joseph and Edith May Creese, of Worcester; husband of Nancy Margaret Creese, of St. John's, Worcester. Buried in WORCESTER (ST. JOHN'S) CEMETERY, Worcestershire. Grave 2971.
HALL	Reginald Joseph Charles	Private 5256560, 7th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Died 8 May 1944. Aged 31. Son of Harry and Caroline Hall, of St. John's, Worcester. Buried in KOHIMA WAR CEMETERY, India. Plot 5. Row C. Grave 3.
HASELL	Albert George	Lieutenant 276819, Royal Amru Ordnance Corps. Died 18 September 1945. Aged 37. Son of George Marriott Hasell and Bertha Hasell; husband of Esmie May Hasell, of St. John's, Worcester. Buried in CASERTA WAR CEMETERY, Italy. Plot VIII. Row C. Grave 15.
JENNINGS	Ernest	Private 4036482, 4th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Died 5 September 1944. Aged 26. Son of Edward and Annie Rosetta Jennings, of Worcester, husband of Irene Helen Jennings, of St John's, Worcester. Buried in SCHOONSELHOF CEMETERY, Antwerpen, Belgium. Plot II. Row D. Grave 21. Also on St Clements, Worcester memorial.
JEW	Sidney Wallace	Private 5257949, Worcestershire Regiment. Died 8 August 1944. Aged 33. Son of William and Margaret Jew, of Worcester; husband of Madeline Mary Jew, of St. John'S, Worcester. Buried in ST. MANVIEU WAR CEMETERY, CHEUX, Calvados, France. Plot VIII. Row F. Grave 12.
JONES	Bernard Leslie	Engine Room Artificer 4th Class C/MX 77420, H.M.S. Liverpool, Royal Navy. Died 14 June 1942. Aged 22. Son of George Henry and Annie Jones, of St. Johns, Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on HATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL, Kent. PAnel 6, Column 2.
PUGH	Eric Vincent	Captain, 126219, 51 Heavy Regiment Royal Artillery. He died on 10th June 1944 aged 32 and was buried in the Bayeux War Cemetery, France, France, Grave XI. F. 7. He was the son of Vincent and Margaret Pugh; husband of Yvonne Jessie Pugh, of Worcester.

Details:

Appears on the Army casualty list for Worcestershire.

Berrow's Worcester Journal, Saturday 24th June 1944:

Capt. E.V. Pugh Killed in Action. The death is reported in action in France of Captain Eric Vincent Pugh R.A., of Worcester. Mrs Pugh and a daughter reside at The Broadway, St. John's. Captain Pugh was the only son of Councillor and Mrs. Vincent Pugh, of The Coppice, Barneshall, Worcester.

Although he was with the Royal Artillery, Capt. Pugh had been doing special observer work with the R.A.F. for two years. He was called up two days before war was declared and was commissioned in 1940. He served in France in the first campaign and took part in the evacuation from Dunkirk. Capt. Pugh was educated at St. John's and the Worcester Royal Grammar School. He was a member of the Worcester Golf and Country Club and of Worcester Commercial Travellers Association.

He was a keen yachtsman. At the age of 17 he joined his father's business in Bank Street and eventually became a partner.

The report includes a photograph of Capt. Pugh. The following additional information is taken from In Dedication to a Future World by Mark Rogers, 1999:

Eric Pugh was killed in Normandy during the week following D-Day, when the Allies were pushing out from the landing beaches in an attempt to take Caen, and encountering heavy German resistance.



Capt. Pugh

SMITH

Stanley

Able Seamna D/JX 125098, H.M.S. Neptune, Royal Navy. Died 19 December 1941. Aged 31. Son of Howard Joseph and Harriett May Smith, of St. Johns, Worcester. No known grave. Commemorated on PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL, Devon. Panel 48, Column 2.

SORRIE

Albert William

Sergeant (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner) 1425985, 160 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Died 15 June 1944. Aged 23. Son of Frank and Hilda Sorrie, of St. John'S, Worcester. Buried in COLOMBO (LIVERAMENTU) CEMETERY, Sri Lanka. Grave reference L.A.I. 2. H. 14.

TAYLOR

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Corporal 2879742, 1st Bn. The London Scottish, Gordon Highlanders. Died 13 March 1944. Aged 30. Son of David Mitchell Taylor and Elizabeth Taylor; husband of Kate Helena Taylor, of St. John's, Worcester. Buried in PADUA WAR CEMETERY, Italy. Plot I. Row F. Grave 13.

THOMPSON

Albert George

Corporal 5253245, 7th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Died 9 May 1945. Aged 25. Son of Albert Edward and Lizzie May Thompson, of St. Johns, Worcester. Buried in

CLICHY NORTHERN CEMETERY, Hauts-de-Seine, France. Plot 16. Row 11. Grave 12.

WHITE

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Unable to identify this casualty on Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

WORRALL

Victor James

Lance Bombardier, 905664, 67 Field Regiment Royal Artillery. He died on 31st May 1940 aged 24 and was buried in the Les Moeres Communal Cemetery, France, Row B. Grave 24. He was born and resident Worcester. He was the son of Victor Harold and Christine Maud Worrall, of Acocks Green, Birmingham; husband of Doris Rose Worrall.

Details:

A letter from Victor's mother, Mrs C.M. Worrall, Westminster Arms Hotel, West Malvern, no date but acknowledged 22nd March 1952, can be found within war records held at Worcestershire Archives requesting that his name be added to the county roll of honour. The letter states that Victor James Worrall, Royal Artillery, service no 905664 was killed in action at Dunkirk on 31st May 1940 aged 24.

The information in this document has come from two main sources and we are very grateful for the work that both teams have done in researching the heroic fallen of both wars.

Roll of Honour:

<http://www.roll-of-honour.com/Worcestershire/WorcesterStJohninBedwardine.html>

and Remember the Fallen:

<http://www.rememberthefallen.co.uk>