

Laverstock War Memorial

1914 – 1919

1939 - 1945

St Andrews Church, Laverstock



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There is no charge for this document but a donation to St Andrews Church,
Laverstock would be appreciated.

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From the parish records

The faculty for the erection of a brass tablet on the north wall of the nave in memory of parishioners who gave their lives in the Great War was granted on 10th April 1918 and subsequently dedicated on 18th November 1919.

A faculty for a processional cross with the figure of our Lord and the inscription to the memory of 2Lt Aldworth was granted on 10th April 1919. The cross was made by Barkentin and Krall, 291 & 289 Regent Street, London and cost £12/10/- plus £4/10/- for the figure of Christ in bronze. The cross is still in use.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal 29th November 1919

Laverstock

War Memorial – On Sunday morning the Archdeacon of Sarum visited Laverstock to perform the ceremony of unveiling a handsome brass tablet to commemorate those villagers and worshippers in the Parish Church who had fallen in the war. There was a large congregation at the impressive service. There were hung below the memorial a chaplet of laurel and violets given by parishioners and another of palm, carnations and chrysanthemums given by relations of the fallen. The brass is a gift of Mr Hamilton Fulton and Mrs George Fulton in memory of Lieutenant-Colonel G. K. Fulton, formerly church warden of Laverstock and the donors generously included in the memorial the following names: - Second Lieutenant D.G.H Aldworth, Privates G Applin, T.P. Bundy, and A.L. Cook, Sergeants F. Fiander and S. Glover, O.S. C.V. Hensler, Sergeant A.G. Howes, Privates R. Salisbury, S. C. Saunders and W.J. Stout.

Sunday 30th October 2011

Rededication of the War memorial.

St Andrews Church Laverstock has had a WW1 memorial since 1920 but did not have a memorial to those members of the parish who died on active service during WW2.

Following a years research and planning a WW2 memorial was unveiled and dedicated on the 30th October 2011. This included the addition of two names for WW1 which were not included in 1920.

The dedication was attended by representatives of the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, Royal British Legion, HMS Hood Association and families of those remembered along with local parishioners and the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Leaders, Parents and families of the 1st Laverstock Scout Group.

TO THE
GLORIOUS MEMORY
OF
THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS & MEN
WHO WERE VILLAGERS
OR WHO WORSHIPED IN THIS CHURCH
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY
IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

ALDWORTH	DGH	2 nd LIEUT	3 rd BERKS
APLIN	G	PRIVATE	7 th WILTS
BUNDY	TP	PRIVATE	2 nd MGC
COOK	AL	PRIVATE	6 th WILTS
FIANDER	E	SERGT	8 th KSLI
FULTON	GK	Lt COLONEL DSO	9 th CHESHIRE (FORMERLY 6 th WILTS)
GLOVER	S	SERGT	6 th WILTS
HENSLER	CV	OS	HMS VICTORY
HOWES	AG	SERGT	4 th WILTS
SALISBURY	R	PRIVATE	ASC MTI
SAUNDERS	C	PRIVATE	2 nd WILTS
STOUT	WJ	PRIVATE	1 st WILTS

*“Greater love hath no man than this, that
a man lay down his life for his friends.”*

*“Think of me sometimes when the red sun is setting in the west
Think of me then and know what is, is best*

Ford JT Private	MGC	1917
Holmes G Private	DCLI	1918

1939 – 45

Burden AL Private 7 th Para Bn AAC	Oborne RGH Petty Officer Steward RN
Godwin JW Sergeant RE	Sanders AE Sergeant RA
Grace CJ Driver RASC	Turner EV Sergeant RAFVR
Hammill RLA Flying Officer RAF	Way FA 2 nd Lieutenant GLOUCESTERS
Hoskins OJH Pilot Officer RAF	

2nd Lieutenant D. G. H. Aldworth

3rd Berkshire Regiment

Died 10th October 1918



Douglas Gilbert Hayward Aldworth, was born at 18 DeBurgh Hill, Dover on the 30th August 1899 the only son of Rev Arthur Ernest and Edith Rose Aldworth (nee Weigall). He was baptised on the 23rd September 1899 at Charlton near Dover, Kent. In 1901 the family moved to Laverstock when the Rev Arthur Aldworth became the vicar of St Andrews Church.

Douglas had three sisters, Joan Petronella, (b1897) Rachel Rosemary (b1905) and Betty Mary (b1908) and in 1911 the family was living in Manor Farm Road, Laverstock.

Douglas was educated at All Hallows School in Honiton an independent school for boys from January 1907 to June 1916.

Whilst at the school Douglas was a Private in the Officer Training Corp and the local Red Cross Detachment.

On the 23rd November 1916 Douglas applied for a commission in the Regular Army Special reserve or Territorial Force but was declared unfit at his medical. Between June 1916 and January 1917 Douglas was coached for the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst by Messrs. Disbrowe and Nott in Kelsey Road, Salisbury. On the 27th February 1917 Douglas re-applied for a commission and was this time declared fit for service.

Douglas passed out from Sandhurst in May 1918 and was commissioned on the 24th April 1918 as 2nd Lieutenant, 3rd Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment. Douglas served with his regiment in Ireland until October 1918 when he was ordered to France.

Douglas embarked on the RMS LEINSTER at Kingstown, Ireland on route for Holyhead. The Leinster was struck twice by torpedo launched from UB-123. Douglas was drowned on the 10th October 1918. His body was recovered and buried in Grangegorman Military Cemetery, County Dublin, Ireland.

According to the official records Douglas was not eligible for any service medals. As well as the Laverstock war memorial Douglas is commemorated on the Old Honitonians War Memorial, The Salisbury City War Memorial and on the processional cross used in St Andrews Church.

Private G. Aplin

5th Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment

Service No. 20887

Died 13th April 1916



Gilbert Fred Aplin, was born on the 27th May 1895, son of Henry and Emma Ann Aplin (formerly Sutton) in Bemerton, Salisbury. Gilberts' father was employed as a Railway Signalman. Gilbert was baptised on the 12th July 1895 Gilbert Fred at the same time as his older sister Alice who had been born three years earlier. Gilbert had five older siblings Fanny Ethel (B1881) working as a housemaid in Downton, William (b1888), Sidney (b1896), Emma (b 1898) and Alice(b1903).

In 1901 the family was living at 16 Clifton Terrace, Fisherton Anger, Salisbury and the family had increased with the birth of his younger sister Ethel (b1898). In 1907 the family moved to St. Thomas Bridge, London Road, Laverstock but on the night of the 1911 census only Mrs Aplin, Fanny Ethel, Gilbert and Ethel were at home.

Gilbert enlisted in the 5th Battalion Wiltshire regiment on the 24th May 1915. On the 4th November 1915 Gilbert wrote an informal (soldiers will) stating "In the event of my death I give the whole of my money due to me to my mother, Mrs. E Aplin, Ford, Nr. Salisbury, Wiltshire. On the 16th November 1915 Gilbert disembarked possibly to Suvia Bay replacing heavy casualties the battalion had suffered during a Turkish attack the previous August . In January 1916 the battalion was evacuated from Gallipoli and moved to Egypt and then in the February to Mesopotamia. The Battles of Bair Aisa and Sannauyat were fought between the 7th and 22nd April 1916 and it was probably during these events that Gilbert was wounded and on the 13th April 1916 Gilbert died. His parents were by now living at 45 North Street, Wilton.

Gilbert has no known grave but is commemorated on the War Memorial in Basra, Iraq. Gilbert was awarded the 1914 - 15 Star, British War Medal and Victory medal. In the list of soldiers effects his mother was paid £2/12/6d in 1917 and a War Legacy of £3 in 1919.

Gilbert is commemorated by the CWGC Basra, Salisbury War memorial, St Marks Church War memorial, Dews Road Primitive Methodist War memorial and St. Andrews Church, Laverstock War memorial however as being in the 7th Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment.

Private T. P. Bundy

2nd Btn. Machine Gun Corp (Infantry)

Service No. 10316

Died 18th December 1916



Thomas Pearman Bundy was born on the 7th October 1888 the third child of Robert and Ellen Bundy (formerly Pearman) in Alderbury. Thomas father Robert was employed as a signalman on the railway. In 1891 Thomas was living with his parents, two older sisters Emily aged 11, Hester aged 10 and an as yet unnamed sister aged two weeks at "The Cottages on the Road, Facing the Chapel" in Alderbury.

In 1901 Thomas was the eldest child living with his parents at Alderbury Junction with his younger sister Vera and brother Robert, (who also lost his life on the 22nd April 1918).

On the 6th January 1904 he was employed as a Lamp Lad on the London and South Western Railway in Salisbury and paid 7/- (£0.35p) a week rising to 8/- (£0.40p) in January 1905. In June 1905 his role was changed to Junior Porter at 10/- (£0.50p) increasing to 12/- (£0.60p) by September 1906. In September 1906 Thomas was recorded a Trade Union Member. On the 15th May 1907 Thomas resigned from the railway to seek more suitable work.

In 1911 Thomas is employed as a Ships Steward with the White Star Line and is still living with his parents at Alderbury Junction.

In August 1915 Thomas enlisted in the 8th Btn. Wiltshire Regiment, with Service No. 22069 in Wareham and five months later was transferred to the 2nd Btn. Machine Gun Corp at Bovington Camp, Dorset with Service No. 10316.

On the 5th December 1915 Thomas married Winnifred Annie Cable from Laverstock at St. Andrews Church, Laverstock. In March 1916 Thomas was in the front line in France and on the 3rd April 1916 completed a soldiers will. On the 18th December 1916 Thomas had come out of the front line for rest. According to a newspaper report published on the 5th January 1917 Thomas was quartered in canvas huts close behind the front line. A German shell burst over the tents and Thomas was hit in the head by shrapnel while asleep. He was taken to hospital but died soon afterwards without recovering consciousness.

Winnifred was living at Lynwood Cottage, Laverstock when she received the news of Thomas death. Thomas was buried in Bazentin-Le-Petit Military Cemetery, Somme, France with his section present. In accordance with his soldiers will all his effects were returned to his wife Winnifred.

Thomas was awarded the Victory and British War Medal and is commemorated on the Alderbury and St Andrews Laverstock, War memorials.

Private A. L. Cook

6th (Wiltshire Yeomanry) Btn. Wiltshire Regiment

Service No. 204150

Died 27th April 1918



Arthur Lewis Cook was born on the 18th February 1893 the second son of Mark Cook a general labourer and Julia Ann Cook (formerly Durnford) and baptised at St. Andrews, Laverstock on the 31st March 1893. They lived at of 1 Ivy Cottage, Laverstock, Wiltshire.

In 1901 Arthur was living with his parents, older sister Ellen (b1899) brother George (b1891) and younger brothers Percy (b1895) and Victor (b1899)

In 1911 Arthur now 18 years old was employed as a Cowman on a farm. He was still living with his parents and siblings but the family had increased to include two more brothers Bertram (b1902) and Sidney (b1908).

Arthur enlisted around November 1915 and was originally recorded with a service number of 1993 and served in the 1/1st Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry a Territorial Force. The regiment was part of the 1st South Western Mounted Brigade proceeding to France in December 1915. In 1917 the regiment converted to Infantry and joined the 6th Btn. Wiltshire Regiment. Arthur was part of the 4th (TF) Btn. Wiltshire Regiment and now had the service No. 204150.

On the night of the 22nd March 1918 the 6th Btn. Wiltshire Regiment were under attack as the German Army pushed forward during the Ludendorff Offensive. Alfred was wounded and captured at Bethune and became a Prisoner of War. Arthur died of his wounds and is buried in Cologne Southern Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.

Arthur was awarded the Victory and British War Medal.

Lance Sergeant E. Fiander

8th Btn. Somerset Light Infantry

Service No. 19206

Died 31st July 1917



Edgar Fiander, was born on the 4th November 1895 the second son of Robert James Fiander and Catherine Rose Fiander (formerly Mitchell) of Milton Abbas, Dorset.. In 1901 Edgar was living in Chetnole, Dorset with his parents, sister Elsie (b1890), Reginald (b1894)), Frederick (b 1898), Ethel (b1900).

By 1911 the family had increased to include 5 more siblings Gladys, Ernest, Oliver, Margeret and Sidney. Edgar aged 16 had by now left the family home and was working as a Page at The Cliff Hydro Hotel, Ilfracombe, Devon.

In April 1915 Edgar enlisted in the 8th Btn Somerset Light Infantry arriving in France on the 11th October 1915. On the 31st July 1917 the first day of the third battle of Ypres Edgar was recorded as missing assumed dead.

Edgar was one of 61 members of the regiment that died on the 31st July 1917 with no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Ypres Memorial. Awarded the Victory, British War Medal and 1914 - 15 Star.

Research Notes

E Fiander. Recorded on the war memorial as Sergt 8th Btn. KSLI. The Kings Shropshire Light Infantry. No E Fiander served in this regiment.

Eight Fianders were killed in WW1 with only one E Fiander. Edgar Fiander Lance Sergeant 8th Btn. Somerset Light Infantry. The only link other than the war memorial is his mother is recorded as being born in Salisbury living at 43 Gigant Street in 1871.

The only other Fiander to die during WW1 with links to Salisbury was Bertie James Fiander died 12th April 1917, 2nd Btn Wiltshire Regiment, 2 St James Street, Salisbury.

Lieutenant Colonel G. K. Fulton DSO

9th Cheshire Regiment

Died 14th April 1918



George Koberwein Fulton was born on 29th September 1884 son of Hamilton Fulton a solicitor and Rosa Josephine Anna Fulton (formerly Koberwein) and baptised in Downton on the 7th December 1884.

In 1891 George was living at Holmeleigh, Milford Hill with his parents and two older sisters Agnes (b1882), and Rosa (b 1883). The household employed a Governess and three domestic servants.

From January 1898 to July 1902 George was being educated at Marlborough College and was a member of the Officer Training Corp. In 1903 he went to Brasenose College, Oxford but left in 1904 and became involved in forestry in the Caucasus. The port of Batoum in Georgia was bombarded and George escaped on an Oil ship returning to England to become a partner in his father's solicitor's business in 12 Rollstone Street, Salisbury.

On the 5th August 1912 George married Eleanor May Gardiner MacKay at Ashted St Giles Parish Church, Surrey. In 1914 living at 54 St Ann Street, Salisbury George had a daughter Ruth who was baptised on the 5th March 1915 at St Andrews Church Laverstock where George was a churchwarden.

On the 25th January 1915 George was gazetted with a commission of temporary Captain in the 6th Battalion Wiltshire regiment and on the 22nd August 1916 was on active service near Kemmel, France. On the 9th September 1916 George was at Chapelle Rompue, France where with his commanding officer and other officers attended an anti gas course. After a short course for senior officers in Aldershot he was promoted to Major on the 13th November 1917 in the Cheshire Regiment.

As Lieutenant Colonel of the 9th Battalion Cheshire Regiment George was on a personal reconnaissance when he was killed on the 14th April 1918 at Crucifix Corner, Neuve Eglise just inside the Belgium Border.

George was mentioned in dispatches three times and in September 1918 was posthumously awarded the DSO for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

George has no known grave. He is commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial, Ypres.

Sergeant S. Glover

6th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment

Service No. 6883

Died 2nd July 1916



Stanley Glover was born on the 31st December 1883 in Kiddles Lane, Yeovil the eldest son of John Glover a Labourer on the Railway and Charlotte Glover (formerly Hambridge). Stanley was baptised on the 25th July 1885 at Charlton Mackrell, Somerset.

On the 3rd November 1890 Stanley started at Reckleford School, Yeovil in class G.

In 1891 the family had moved a short distance to a new build house in an area of Yeovil called Newtown, 3 Morton Terrace. Stanley was now at school and had four brothers and sisters Lillie, William, Maud and Frank. On the 24th August 1891 Stanley left Reckleford School.

Around 1895 the family moved to Exeter and later to Chard but by 1901 the family were living at 22 Clifton Terrace, Fisherton Anger. Stanley's father John was now employed as an Engine Driver and Stanley now aged 17 was working as a Greaser for the London and South Western railway. Stanley now had four more brothers and sisters Edwin, Beatrice, Elizabeth and Hilda May.

Around 1904 Stanley joined the army subsequently serving in India and Africa In the 1911 census his occupation was recorded as a Soldier Pte. RAMC and his address was 45 Clifton Road, Salisbury. Stanley returned to civilian life and was employed as an attendant at Laverstock Asylum but remained on the Army Reserve list. In April 1913 Stanley was appointed as a postman in Salisbury. On 22nd November 1913 Stanley married Florence Mary Jerred from Laverstock in St Andrews Church. Stanley was now employed by the Post Office in Tollard Royal. As a reservist Stanley was called back to the Army at the outbreak of WW1 where he joined the 6th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment. In October 1914 Stanleys' son Frank Stanley James Glover was born and on the 6th December 1914 he was baptised in St Andrews, Laverstock. Charlotte and Frank were now living in Laverstock possibly with Charlottes mother Phoebe Jerred whose address is recorded as 2 Laverstock, Salisbury.

On the 19th July 1915 the 6th Battalion arrived in France where they were engaged in a diversionary action supporting the Battle of Loos. By July 1916 they were in action in the battle of the Somme. At 4pm on the 2nd July the 6th Battalion advanced against the enemy front line at La Boisselle when Stanley was killed leading his platoon.

In his soldiers will written twelve months earlier he left all his property and effects to his wife. Stanley was awarded the 1914 – 15 Star, Victory and British War medal. Stanley has no known grave but is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, France, the Salisbury Postal District memorial and the Tollard Royal War Memorial.

Ordinary Seaman C. V. Hensler

Royal Navy

Service No. J59673

Died 21st November 1916



Charles Victor Daniel Hensler was born on the 1st August 1882 at 5 Leigh Cottage, Leigh, Havant, Hampshire, son of Daniel Victor Hensler a Labourer and Bertha Hensler (formerly King).

On the 15th October 1882 he was baptised at St Mary's, South Hayling. By 1891 Charles was at school, his father was now employed as a carter and he had a younger sister Florence.

In 1901 Charles was employed as a Gardener and was boarding with George Miller a Kitchen Gardener at The Gardens, Itchen Stoke, Hampshire.

In 1906 Charles moved to Laverstock as a Gardener and on the 25th December 1906 married Alice Maria Cooper of Laverstock at St Andrews Church.

On the 19th July 1910 Charles and Alice had a son Edwin Charles Hensler who was born in Staffordshire and in 1911 they were living at 11 Bedwin Street, Salisbury. On the 30th January 1912 they had a second child Doris May Hensler who was baptised in St Andrews Laverstock on the 25th February 1912.

On the 3rd October 1916 Charles enlisted in the Royal Navy rated Ordinary Seaman at HMS Victory I, RN Barracks, Portsmouth. Charles had been posted to HMS Diadem but was taken ill with Bronchitis and transferred to the Royal Naval Hospital at Haslar, Gosport where on the 21st November 1916 he died. At the time Alice was living at Meadow View, Laverstock.

Charles was awarded the British War Medal.

Charles was interred in the churchyard of St Andrews.

Sergeant A. G. Howes

1st/4th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment

Service No. 200121

Died 8th November 1917



Arthur George Howes was born on the 27th June 1891 the eldest son of William Howes a coachman and Clara Howes (formerly Stamp) at The Lodge, Laverstock, He was baptised at St Andrews church Laverstock on the 16th August 1891.

In 1901 the family was still at The Lodge, Laverstock but Arthur now had a younger brother William and sister Hilda.

In 1911 the family had moved to 58 Park Street, Salisbury. Arthur now 19 was employed as a Whitesmith, his younger sister was at school and his younger brother William had left home and was employed as a valet at The White Hart, Hotel.

On the 29th August 1913 Arthur Howes and Edith Maud Whitlock had a daughter Barbara Molly Howes who was born at 6 Nelson Road, Salisbury. On the 1st June 1914 Arthur now aged 22 and a Coppersmith married Edith M Whitlock at The Parish Church, Fisherton Anger.

Arthur was a Corporal in the 4th (T.F.) Battalion Wiltshire Regiment Service No.1174. At the outbreak of war, the 4th Territorial Battalion was expanded into the 1/4th and 2/4th and was deployed to India on Garrison Duties. In March 1917 the 1/4th left Bombay, India for active service as part of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force in Palestine joining the 75th Division in the trenches south of Gaza then held by the Turkish Army. In November the battalion made their first attack in the third battle of Gaza. Arthur was the Platoon sergeant for Lieutenant Tucker who took the above photograph at 4pm on the 8th November 1917. At 11pm the same day Arthur was killed in action.

He is buried at Deir El Balah War Cemetery, Israel. Arthur was awarded the Victory, British War and Territorial Forces War medals.

Private R. Salisbury

Army Service Corp

Service no. M2/226823

Died 7th December 1917



Richard Salisbury was born on the 10th December 1893 in Sedgehill, Wiltshire, the third son of William Henry and Elizabeth Salisbury (formerly Cheffey). Richard was baptised at St. Catherines Church, Sedgehill on the 21st January 1894.

In 1901 Richard aged 7 was living at 1 Hill Cottages, Sedgehill with his father employed as a coachman, his mother, older brothers John and William and younger brothers Fred and Ernest.

In 1909 the family had moved to The Lodge, Burroughs Hill, Laverstock and in 1911 Richard aged 18 was employed as a chauffeur.

On 5th December 1916 Richard married Lily Julia Witt a housemaid of 52 St Ann Street, Salisbury at St Martins Church, Salisbury. Richards' profession was described as Soldier and his residence as Catford. He was probably stationed at the Motor Transport section of the Army Service Corp Barracks in Grove Park Road, London.

In October 1916 Richard had enlisted in the Army Service Corps, 884th Coy, Mechanical Transport. In February 1917 they were attached to XIX Corps Heavy Artillery, which had been formed in France. They transported ammunition and provided lorries and tractors to move the heavy artillery.

On the 12th September 1917 Richard and Elizabeth had a daughter Ina Beaty Blanche Salisbury and on the 21st October 1917 Ina was baptised in St Andrews Church, Laverstock.

Richard was wounded possibly during the battle of Passchendaele on the Ypres Salient and died on the 7th December 1917 at the Casualty Clearing Station, Westvleteren. He was buried at Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium. Richard was awarded the British War and Victory medals.

Private C. Saunders

2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment.



No record of a Private C Saunders can be found for the 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment or in the CWGC records.

868 soldiers with the surname Saunders died during WW1. 10 were in the Wiltshire regiment of which 2 were in the 2nd Battalion, Privates George Henry Saunders and Reginald Bailey Saunders.

60 soldiers who died during WW1 were a C. Saunders, 33 with the rank of Private, but none of these were in the 2nd Battalion Wiltshire regiment or any other Battalion.

C. Saunders is recorded on the Salisbury War memorial and the Casualties of WW1 with Salisbury Connections but without any details.

There is a Private C W Saunders who served from 1914 in the 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment and survived.

The surname Saunders does appear in Laverstock records, William George Saunders married Hannah Wright both from Laverstock in 1918 and Arthur West married Amy Saunders both from Laverstock in 1897. William Saunders is recorded in 1900 as owning a freehold property in Laverstock and entitled to vote in Parliamentary and Parochial elections.

No record of an C. Saunders can be found linked with Laverstock other than on the War Memorial and on the original faculty in the parish records held in Chippenham.

Private George Henry Saunders 2nd Wiltshire Regiment Service No. 33220 was killed in action on the 4th December 1917. Dependent Pension records reveal his mother Mrs E. J Saunders was living at St Thomas Bridge, London Road, Salisbury in 1919. (In the parish of Laverstock) The record was originally recorded for Saunders "Cha" but the first name was then crossed out.

Georges father is recorded in the UK Army Register of Soldiers effects as William Henry Saunders. William Henry Saunders from Fisherton Anger, Salisbury married Elizabeth Jane Hutchence from Whitchurch, on the 2nd August 1886.

Later pension records record Elizabeth Jane Saunders living in Newbury Road, Whitchurch. The 1911 census William Henry and Elizabeth Jane Saunders are recorded as living in Longparish Hampshire and their third child is recorded as Charles Henry Saunders born 1895.

It is likely that C Saunders 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment as recorded on the war memorial and George Henry Saunders, Service No. 33220, 2nd battalion, Wiltshire Regiment are the same person. There is no known grave, George Henry Saunders is remembered on the Tyne Cot memorial, Belgium.

Private W. J. Stout

1st Battalion Wiltshire regiment

Service No. 22092

Died 15th April 1918



William James Stout, born on the 20th October 1897 in Patagonia, Argentina, the son of Jason Stout, a Carpenter and Mary Stout. The family returned to England just after Williams birth as he was baptised on the 3rd July 1898 in Shalbourne, Wiltshire, Jason Stouts home town.

The family moved to Penton Grafton in Hampshire where Williams younger brother and sister Kenneth (c1899) and Mary (c1900) were born.

In 1901 the family had moved to 10 The Barracks, Laverstock. By 1911 the family had grown to include two more children, Herbert (c1902) and Arthur (c1907). All 5

children were at School.

On the 5th September 1915 William enlisted as a Private in the 8th Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment. William arrived in France on the 4th October 1916 going to No. 3 Infantry Base Depot at Rouen. On the 14th October 1916 William joined the 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion remained in France and was engaged in many of the major actions of WW1 including Mons, Loos, Ypres, Neuve Chapelle, Vimy Ridge and Messines Ridge.

On the 17th July 1917 William arrived at 46 Field Ambulance with an inflammation of the connecting tissue on his left foot and on the 21st July 1917 was admitted to No.12 General Hospital. On the 29th October 1917 William moved to No. 3 Infantry Base Depot and rejoined the battalion on the 5th November 1917. On the 24th November 1917 he was granted leave to the UK returning to the battalion on the 10th December 1917.

On the 24 Mar 1918 late in the afternoon the battalion was ordered to retire at once when the German Army launched a major offensive . Battalions on the right flank fell back immediately leaving companies of the 1st Wiltshire exposed to machine gun fire. William was in A Company and was captured near Fremicourtin France and eventually taken to a POW camp near Münster in Westphalia where he died on the 15th April 1918 of heart failure. William was buried in Cologne Southern Cemetery, Germany.

Williams parents were living at 2 Helena Terrace, College Street Salisbury and received a War Gratuity of £15. William was awarded the Victory and British War medals.

Private J. T. Ford

5th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment

40th Company Machine Gun Corp

Service No. 22852 and 62230

Died 28th January 1917



Jesse Thomas Ford was born on the 17th August 1891 at Stratford Tony, Wiltshire, the eldest son of Samuel Ford a Carter and Margret Ellen Ford (formerly Cox) and was baptised at St Mary and St Lawrence Church, Stratford Tony on the 11th October 1891.

In 1901 the family was living in Idmiston. Jesse now aged 9 had a younger brother William born 1894 in Gussage Dorset, and two sisters Beatrice May born 1897 in Winterbourne and Ellen born 1900 in Gomeldon.

By 1911 the family had moved to Queen Manor, Laverstock. Jesse now aged 20 was working as a Carter on a farm and the family had grown to include Ernest Redvers born 1902 in Dinton, Edith Florence born 1904 in Porton, Archibald Sydney born 1906 in Porton and Reginald born 1908 in Stratford Sub Castle.

Jesse enlisted in the 5th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment in Salisbury about January 1916 as a private with the serial number, 22852. On the formation of the Machine Gun Corp Jesse became Private 62230, 40th Company, Machine Gun Corps. The 40th Company MGC formed the Machine Gun Sections of four regiments including the 5th Battalion Wiltshire regiment.

The company left Grantham on the 18th September 1916 arriving in Amara, Mesopotamia on the 24th October 1916. From the 13th December 1916 they were involved in the Battle of Kut Al Imara (2nd battle of Kut) including the action to capture the Liquorice Factory on the Hai Salient which started on the 25th January 1917. It was during this action that Jesse probably received the wounds from which he died on the 28th January 1917. Jesse was buried in the Amara War Cemetery, Iraq.

On the 6th November 1918 Margaret E Ford now living at Home farm, Clarendon, Salisbury was granted a pension of 5/- a week.

Jesse was awarded the Victory and British War Medals.

Private G. Holmes

1st Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

Service No. 41321

Died 2nd May 1918



George Holmes was born on the 12th July 1899 at Downbarn Cottages, Homington, Wiltshire, the eldest son of George Holmes a Carter and Florence Amelia Holmes (formerly Kitchener). George was baptised on the 21st September 1900 at St Michael and All Angels, Coombe Bissett.

In 1901 George aged 1 was living with his parents and older sister Elizabeth at Pennings, Hommington.

In 1911 the family was living in Wellhouse, Dogdean, Britford. George was now at school and had three younger brothers Cecil, Bert, Alfred and a younger sister Dorothy May.

In 1917 George enlisted initially in the Wiltshire regiment with Service Number 35191 but was transferred as a Private in the 1st Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, Service No. 41321. At the time of enlistment George was living at Savage Cottage, Laverstock.

In December 1917 the 1st Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry was deployed to Italy to bolster Italian resistance and was positioned along the River Piave. In April 1918 the battalion returned to France arriving at Frevent.

The battalion was involved in the resistance against the German Spring offensive including the defense of the Nieppe Forest. On the 2nd May 1918 George was killed in action and is buried in Merville Communal Cemetery, Nord, France.

In October 1918 George's father now living in Queen Manor Cottages, Laverstock, received his effects to the value of £5/12s/9d and in November 1919 a war gratuity of £3 plus a dependents pension of 6/- a week for life.

George was awarded the Victory and British War medals.

Men who left Laverstock between 1914 and 1918 served in the Armed Forces and survived.

There is no memorial or official list of individuals who were living in Laverstock between 1914 and 1918, enlisted in the armed forces and thankfully survived the conflict we now know as World War 1. This following is gleaned from the 1911 census and the lists of Parliamentary Voters, County and Parochial Electors for 1913 to 1915 cross referenced with various military records.

Sergeant Cecil Owen Papps

Royal Flying Corp
Service No. 8232



Born 6th September 1894 in Wilton the son of Frederick Peacock Papps, a Coachman, and Annie Elizabeth Papps (formerly Williams) at Wilton House Stables, Wilton. In 1901 Cecil had an older brothers Victor and Maurice, and a younger brother Kimberley. In 1911 the family had moved to Laverstock living in Milford where Cecils father was a farmer and Cecil was at school. Sadly Kimberley had died but Cecil now had a younger sister Annie.

Cecil emigrated to Saskatchewan, Canada in 1912 as a farmer. In December 1914 Cecil was attested into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force and returned to the UK in 1915 to enlist in the Royal Flying Corp on the 4th September 1915 as an Air mechanic 2nd Class. His civilian occupation was described as Chauffer. Cecil was appointed Air Mechanic 1st Class on the 1st December 1916 and promoted to Sergeant (Non Technical) on the 23rd October 1918 then reclassified as Sergeant driver 1st January 1919. He was transferred to the RAF reserve on the 24th March 1919 and discharged 1st December 1922.

In 1927 Cecil married Olive Cecilia Pearce at East Grafton, Wiltshire. They moved to Surrey living at Grenehurst Park Farm near Dorking. By 1939 they had returned to Wiltshire living near Pewsey where Cecil was employed as a Friesan cattle raising manager. Cecil died in 1979 in Swindon.

LAC Maurice Peacock Papps

Royal Flying Corp
Service No. 24168



Born 9th March 1895 in Hemsworth, Yorkshire the brother of Cecil described above. He was baptized on the 7th April 1895 in the Parish of Wragby, Yorksire. On the 1st May 1899 Maurice and his older brother Victor were admitted to St. Pauls School London moving from Wilton. They were living at 11 Grosvenor Crescent Mews, London. By 1901 Maurice had returned to Wilton and in 1911 had moved with his family to Laverstock, living in Milford.

In 1907 Maurice emigrated to Canada as a Farm Labourer. On the 22nd November 1914 arrived in Liverpool on the St. Paul from New York. On the 29th February 1916

Maurice enlisted in the Royal Flying Corp as an Air mechanic 2nd Class. His civilian occupation was described as Motor Driver. On the 1st November 1916 he was appointed Air mechanic 1st Class and on the 20th June 1918 posted to the British Expeditionary Force (83 Wing). On the 1st January 1919 he was reclassified as a LAC Driver and on the 23rd March 1919 transferred to the RAF Reserve. Maurice served in France from 2nd July 1916 to 27th February 1917 and from the 20th June 1918 to 18th February 1919. Cecil was awarded the British war and Victory medals.

In 1922 Maurice married Betty B Farr in Devizes, Wiltshire. By 1939 Maurice was a farmer living at Ficklelshole Farm, Godstone, Surrey and volunteered as an Air raid warden.

Cecil died on the 3rd April 1983 in Lockerly, Romsey, Hampshire.

Acting Corporal Albert Edward Pearcey

5th Dragoon Guards

Service No. 789



Born 23rd August 1889 in Laverstock the eldest son of Edward and Emma Elizabeth Pearcey (formerly Hazard). Christened at St Andrews 13th October 1889. Married Alice Maud Minall, Whitchurch on the 7th August 1916 at St Andrews, Laverstock.

Albert enlisted on the 15th August 1914 and was discharged on the 5th September 1918. Albert was awarded the 1914 star, Victory and British war medal.

In 1939 Albert was living at 72 London Road, Salisbury with his wife Alice and family. Albert was employed as a General Post Office Telecommunications Engineer and a Fireman. He had also volunteered as an ARP Warden. Died Salisbury 1952.

Sapper William John Pearcey

Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry Service No. 1942

Wiltshire Regiment Service No. 203330

Royal Engineers Service No. 520917



Born 7th April 1895 in Laverstock the second son of Edward and Emma Elizabeth Pearcey (formerly Hazard). Christened at St Andrews 28th July 1895. Married Dinah Wicks in 1919.

In 1939 William was living with his family at Verandah Cottages, Calcott Row, Bradfield, Berkshire and was employed as a Golf Course Grounds man. During WW2 William had volunteered for the 250th Anti Aircraft Unit, Royal Artillery. Died Reading, Berkshire, December 1975.

Private Alfred John Blake

Wiltshire Regiment Service No. 25549

Labour Corp Service No. 284958



Born 22nd September 1890 the youngest son of Frances and Elizebeth Blake (formerly Gauntlett) in Redlynch. Baptised at St Mary's Church, Redlynch on the 4th January 1891. Moved to Hale Hampshire later in 1891. In 1911 Alfred now 21 years old was employed as a Cowman on a farm was boarding with William and Harriet Rattue at 6 Downside Cottages, Laverstock.

Enlisted 15th March 1916 in Devizes and transferred to 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment on the 10th May 1916. Posted to France 9th July 1916, joined the battalion in the field on 24th July 1916. In September 1916 Alfred was taken ill and admitted to hospital. He rejoined the 1st Battalion on the 9th November 1916. In January 1917 he was taken ill again with Dysentery and in the February transferred to England. On the 26th April 1917 Alfred was posted to the 3rd Battalion Wiltshire regiment at Littlemoor Camp and on the 30th June 1917 transferred to 637 H.S. Employment Co. Labour Corps and then to 604 Employment Company in Sittingbourne. In June Ockenden & Smith a company in Basingstoke requested that Alfred be released to help on a project the company was undertaking on Salisbury Plain for the War Office. In December 1917 Alfred was transferred to Class W Army reserve for 6 weeks starting on the 17th January 1918. Alfred was recalled to the colours on the 17th May 1918 and on the 24th May 1918 was posted to 586 HS Employment Company in Bedford. Alfred was demobilized 20th February 1919. Alfred was awarded the Victory and British War Medals.

In 1939 Alfred was living with his family at 4 Parkside Road, Basingstoke where he was employed as a Heavy Worker Nurseryman, Glasshouse Food production. Alfred died in Basingstoke in 1968.

Gunner Alfred Blake

Royal Garrison Artillery

Service No. Unknown



Alfred John Blake was born the 10th April 1890 in Laverstock the son of John and Emily Blake. Baptised 8th August 1890 and received into the church at St Andrews on the 10th August 1890. In 1901 the family was living in The Close, Salisbury and by 1911 when Alfred was 20 and working as a Jobbing Gardner the family lived at 7 Meadows Cottage, The Friary, Salisbury. On the 3rd May 1913 Alfred married Caroline May Bowdige and on 23rd October 1914 they had a daughter Annie Eunice Blake at 55 Park Street, Salisbury.

In 1939 Alfred was employed as a Bricklayer and was living with his wife and daughter at Sarum Ax, Asquith Road, Hornchurch, Essex. Alfred died in Essex in 1970.

Marine Percy Tom Cropp

Royal Marine Light Infantry
Service No. 16392



Born 28th July 1895 Kings Cross London to Rose Cropp. In 1901 Percy is living in The Close with his mother Rose and his Grandmother Ann. In 1906 Rose Married William Thick and by 1911 they were living in Laverstock. Percy was employed as a Labourer in a Leather Factory when on the 12th August 1912 he enlisted in the Marines at Southampton. Initially Percy was underage so studied for his 3rd and 2nd Class School certificates in 1912 in Deal. In 1913 he was transferred to the Portsmouth Division. During WW1 Percy served on board HMS Andes an Auxillery Cruiser part of the 10th Cruiser Squadron. The cruiser spent most of its time in the North Atlantic with several crossings to the eastern seaboard of the USA and to South America.

On the 1st January 1919 Percy was awarded five Chevrons for active service from 1914 to 1918. He was awarded the 1914 Star, Victory and British War medal. Percy was discharged in 1920. In 1932 Percy married Sarah L Warlow in Cheshire. In August 1936 Percy was employed as a Postman in Livrpool.

In 1939 Percy was living at 36 Burrell Drive, Wallasea, Cheshire with his wife Sarah and was employed as a Postman. Percy died in 1969

Frederick Charles Hallett

Army Service Corp Service No. P/283299
Royal Flying Corp Service No. 77716



Born 16th April 1881 the eldest son of David and Mary Hallet. In 1891 the family was living in Shakespeare Place, Fisherton Anger, Salisbury. In 1901 The family had moved to 59 Windsor street, Salisbury, Frederick was now 18 years old and working as a Baker.

On the 23rd February 1903 married Kate Edith Sainsbury at St Andrews Church, Laverstock. In 1911 Frederick was the publican at the Duck Inn, Laverstock, living with his wife and two children Gertie aged 7 and Edward aged 6.

Frederick enlisted in the Army Service Corp on the 11th January 1917 and transferred to the Royal Flying Corp on the 23rd March 1917. Frederick progressed from Airman 3 to Airman 1 finally being stationed at Fovent before being transferred to the RAF Reserve on the 7th March 1919 and finally being discharged on the 30th April 1920.

In 1939 Frederick was living at Harnham End, Downton Road, Salisbury with his wife. He was employed as a Smallholder, Stock Keeper. Frederick died in Salisbury in 1959.

Private William Reginald Howes

Coldstream Guards
Service no. 15680



Born 22nd August 1890 the second son of William and Clara Howes, brother of Arthur G Howes (Killed in action 1917). Baptised at St Andrews Church, Laverstock on the 16th October 1892 living at The Lodge Laverstock. In 1911 William aged 19 was working as a Domestic valet at the White Hart, Hotel, St Johns Street, Salisbury.

On the 8th March 1915 William enlisted in the Coldstream Guards in London and on the 3rd October 1915 left Southampton to join the 2nd Battalion in the field arriving on the 10th October 1915. On the 19th October 1916 William married Ethel Moody at St Marks Church, Salisbury.

William served almost continuously until being granted home leave on the 13th November 1918 until the 27th November 1918. On the 27th December 1918 William returned to England and was demobilized on the 3rd February 1919.

William was awarded the 1915 Star, Victory and British War medal.

In 1939 William was living at 30 Kingsdown Avenue, Croydon, Surrey and was employed as a Steward at Purley Golf Club.

William died in 1945 in Salisbury. At the time his son Arthur Robert Howes was serving as a Lieutenant in the Army.

Private Stephen Henry Jerred

1st Wiltshire Regiment
Service No. 25862



Born 5th June 1882 to Tom, a brush maker, and Phoebe Jerred in Laverstock. Christened at St Andrews Church, Laverstock on the 3rd July 1882. In 1891 the family had grown to include 5 brothers and a sister. In 1901 the family was living at numbers 2 and 3 The Barracks, Laverstock and Stephen was employed as a Laundryman. In 1903 Stephen married Eliza Bond. In 1904 they had a son Alfred followed by William in 1907. In 1911 Stephen was working as a Labourer on a Farm and lived at 1

Downside Cottage, Laverstock.

Enlisted 11th December 1915 and served overseas but was discharged on the 21st December 1917 as no longer physically fit for war service. Stephen was granted the Silver War Badge, The British War and Victory medals.

In 1939 Stephen was living at No. 5 Council House, Duck Lane, Laverstock and was employed as a Painter.

Stephen died in Salisbury in 1945.

From the 1911 Census. Men from Laverstock and Ford who would have been of age and eligible to join during 1914 – 1918.

Fred Wallen
 Frank Tiller
 Hubert Edward Walling Ware
 Eric Wallace Ware
 Victor Papps
 Maurice Papps
 Cecil Papps
 Percy Cropp
 Oliver Cully
 Robert Cully
 Frank Musslewhite
 Frederick Cable
 Edgar Cable
 Arthur Cable
 Arthur Cook
 Percy Cook
 Victor Cook
 Charles Smart
 James Jerred
 Frederick John Dyer
 Charkles Vernon Dyer
 Percy George Dyer
 Cecil Love
 Alfred safe
 Stephen Henry Jerred
 Alfred John Blake
 Edward Woodley
 Charles Percy
 William Pearcey
 Frederick Charles Hallet
 William Salisbury
 Richard Salisbury
 Earnest Salisbury
 Cecil James Macklin
 Victor Collins
 Charles Collins
 Albert Hinton
 Ernest Lampard
 Leslie Norton
 Charles William Tyssul Rhys
 John Baugh
 Alexander Barr

Wlijah William Andrews
 Thomas Alick Brown
 Wilfred Edward Deall
 George Newbury
 Isac James Symes
 George Thomas Godwin
 James Baker
 Ernest Kindler
 William James Stout
 Kenneth Francis Stout
 Ernest Sainsbury
 James Sainsbury
 Alfred Lywood
 Jerbert Judd
 Charles Judd
 William Gilbert
 William Willett
 Sidney Austin Steele
 Edgar frank Fulford
 Fred Fulford
 Ernest Henry Sainsbury
 Frederick Giddings
 Arthur Light
 Alfred Drake
 Sidney Leonard Gulliver
 William John Gulliver
 William Jacobs
 Gilbert Fred Aplin
 William Weeks
 John Weeks
 Edwin James Young
 Joseph Joy
 William Arthur Whales
 Cecil Gordon Whales
 Bertie Holcombe
 Ernest Holcombe
 Frederick Charles Smith
 Albert Carter
 Frank Carter
 Montague Carter

1939 – 1945

Private A L Burden

7th (Light Infantry) Parachute Battalion Army Air Corps

Service No. 2184150

Died 10th August 1944



Alfred Leslie Burden, son of Mr Alfred T Burden and Mrs Bertha Burden was baptised in Wilton on the 23rd December 1912. In 1921 he was living with his parents and five siblings at 69 St Ann Street Salisbury. In 1933 he married of Rosina May Pearce. By 1944 he was recorded as living at Long Hedge farm, Salisbury. Killed in Action taking part in the Normandy Campaign. Commemorated on the Bayeux Memorial, Normandy.

Sergeant J W Godwin

Royal Engineers

Service No. 5433448

Died 2nd March 1943



John William Frank Godwin, born 4th January 1906 third son of Harry and Martha Matilda Godwin (Martin). He was baptised on the 11th January 1911 at St Martins Church Salisbury and recorded as living at 5 Garden Cottages, Culver Street. In the 1911 census they lived at 3 Brights Place Court, Gigant Street, Salisbury. On the 13th October 1924 he enlisted in to the Royal Engineers at Devizes.

In 1935 he married Elsie Godwin (Bird) and lived at 8 Melvin Close, Laverstock. Served in the 161 Railway Construction Company. On the 15th February 1943 he was admitted to No. 5 General Hospital, North Africa where he died of Typhus fever. Buried Bone War Cemetery, Annaba, Algeria.

Petty Officer Steward R G H Osborne

Royal Navy

Service No. P/L 14432

Died 24th May 1941



Reginald George Henry Osborne, born 20th April 1906 son of George and Maude Osborne of Castle Street, Cowes, IOW. In 1921 he was an errand boy. Enlisted in the Royal Navy in Portsmouth 20th April 1921. September 1935 served on HMS FURIOUS as an Ordinary Seaman. In May 1939 serving on HMS EXCELLENT awarded the RN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Married Eliza Alice and subsequently moved with daughter Barbara to 27 Greenwood Avenue, Laverstock. Killed in Action serving on HMS HOOD a battle cruiser sunk by the Bismark in the Denmark Strait.

Driver C J Grace

Royal Army Service Corp

Service No. T/63884

Died 28th May 1943



Cecil John Grace was born on the 7th May 1903 and baptised on the 23rd June 1903 in Downton, Wiltshire, second son of James and Sarah Ann Grace. In 1911 he lived at White Cotts Wick, Downton. In 1921 he was living in Breamore working as a Bakers assistant. In 1935 he married Eliza Bessie Dawkins. In 1936 they had a daughter Delia J Grace and lived at "Rozelle" 27 Greenwood Avenue, Laverstock.

Volunteered in 1939 and went to France with the BEF then evacuated from Dunkirk in 1940. Captured in Greece on the 28th April 1941 and sent to a POW camp in Germany where after a short illness he died. Buried Klagenfurt War Cemetery, Austria.

Sergeant A E Saunders

Royal Artillery

Service No. 1018365

Died 27th September 1942



Albert Edward Saunders, born 1904 and baptised on the 27th March 1904 in Longparish, Hampshire the son of William Henry and Elizabeth Jane Saunders of Laverstock. In 1911 he was living with his parents and four siblings at 6 Station Cottage, Longparish.

By 1921 he was serving as a Gunner with the 12th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, Waterloo Barracks, Wellington Lines, Aldershot Served in 4 Bty., 1 Lt AA Regt. 12th September 1942 he was on board the Cunard White Star troopship, LACONIA which was torpedoed and sunk by UB-156 on, 360 miles NE of Ascension Island. Survivors were picked up by UB-156 and accommodated on the foredeck. The U Boat arranged to rendezvous with a Vichy French ship to transfer survivors but was seen by an American B-24 Liberator which attacked forcing the U boat to dive, killing many of the survivors.

Commemorated at Brookwood 1939 – 1945 memorial.

Flying Officer R L A Hammill

RAFVR

Service No. 141134

Died 25th December 1943



Richard Lloyd Acton Hammill, born 22nd February 1915 Saskatchewan Canada, son of Richard Lloyd Hammill and Sidney Nora May Acton, husband of Margery Violet Givenchy Hammill (nee Stone) of Beechwood Avenue, Laverstock Wiltshire.

Richard attended Strathcona Public School, Central Collegiate and Balfour Technical School and in April 1937 travelled to the UK to join the RAF.

In 1938 he married Margery Violet Givenchy Stone with whom he had a son Melvyn, baptised in Laverstock and a daughter.

Short service commission Acting Pilot Officer 14th November 1938 he was posted to a fighter squadron. When the Empire Air Training scheme was started in Canada he was sent to Trenton Ontario as an instructor. In March 1943 he was posted to England to 512 Squadron stationed at RAF Hendon, a transport unit equipped with Dakotas flying to Gibraltar and North Africa.

Sergeant E V Turner

RAFVR

Service No. 903333

Died 13th August 1943



Edward Victor Turner, was born 1919 and baptised in Wilton on the 28th September 1919 the son of Henry Charles and Margaret Mary Turner. In 1921 he was living with his seven brothers and sisters in Castle Cottages, North Street, Wilton.

By 1939 the family had moved to Lei Lani, Greenwood Avenue, Laverstock. Edward Served in 82 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve as a Wireless Operator/Air gunner on Blenheim IV R3800 stationed at RAF WATTON.

His aircraft was shot down by flak near Egholm Island in the Limfjorden during a raid on Aalborg Airfield, Denmark. The rest of the crew survived and were captured. Buried Vadum Cemetery, Denmark.

Pilot Officer O J H Hoskins

RAFVR

Service No. 69485

Died 9th October 1941



Ormonde John Horace Hoskins was born on the 23rd May 1915 and baptised on the 4th July 1915 at St Marks Church, South Farnborough, Hampshire son of Horace Henry and Lillian Doris Hoskins (nee Hall) in Hartley Witney, Hampshire. He was educated at Price's School, Farham. In 1939 Ormonde was employed as a clerk by London Transport Passenger Board living at 9 Pulross Road, Lambeth SW9.

Ormondes parents now lived in 21 (Clearbury) Church Road, Laverstock.

Ormonde joined the RAF in May 1940 and served in, 262 Squadron stationed at RAF CHARMY DOWN, a fighter squadron flying Westland Whirlwind Mk 1. Collided with Whirlwind P6999 of 263 Sqn during formation practice on the 9th October 1941 and spun into the ground at Saltford, Somerset, the pilot of P6999 survived.

Ormonde was engaged to be married to Miss Hilda Davies.

Ormonde was buried with full RAF Honours, a bearer party carried his coffin, accompanied by officers from his squadron from his home in Church Road to St Andrews Church, Laverstock.

2nd Lieutenant F A Way BA (Cantab)

Gloucestershire Regiment

Service No. 86247

Died 19th May 1940



Francis Alan Way was born on the 21st January 1917, son of Francis Robert and Emily Way(Naish) in Salisbury. He was educated at Clifton College Bristol and Gonville and Gaius College, Cambridge (BA) where he was the captain of the Rugby Football team.

In 1921 Francis was living with his parents and younger sister at Moowolak, Banks Road, Poole.

In 1939 they had moved to Burroughs Hill, Laverstock.

Commissioned 26th July 1939. Member of the BEF in action at Escaut Canal, Belgium on the retreat to Dunkirk. Originally reported as missing in action it was later confirmed that he had die. Buried Ath (Lorette) Communal Cemetery, Belgium.

Servicemen Buried in St Andrew's Church Graveyard

These servicemen are interred in the churchyard but are neither from Laverstock nor mentioned on the Laverstock War Memorial:

Captain E C Keevil

RASC



Ernest Claude Keevil, born 29th March 1891 in Alderbury, youngest son of James Charles and Georgina Selina Keevil. In 1911 he was living at Rangers Lodge, Milford. In 1917 he married Hilda Mary Evans in Christchurch. Involved in a motor accident at Totton in May 1921. Captain Keevil was Adjutant of the RASC MT, Cambridge Barracks, Portsmouth.

He served in the Wiltshire Yeomanry during WW1 in Gallipoli, Macedonia and Palestine rising from Sergeant to Captain. Twice wounded and suffered from shell shock. Awarded a full military funeral, the coffin being conveyed from Salisbury Market Place to Laverstock on an 18 pounder gun carriage.

Flight Lieutenant (Pilot) C Bowen-Davies

RAF

Service No. 33302



Caradoc Bowen Davies, born 12th April 1917, Caerphilly Wales. Died 22nd September 1941. Qualified as a private pilot on his 17th Birthday in 1934. Promoted to Flight Lieutenant 1st Feb 1940. Married to Betty Patricia Bowen Davies. Daughter Cara born early 1942 at Cheltenham.

Pilot Officer D N Harper

RAFVR

Service No. 60533



David Noel Harper born 27th December 1916, son of Frank Herbert and Hilda Ada Harper from Goring-by-Sea Sussex. Qualified as a private pilot 23 Aug 1939. Enlisted in the RAF 15th December 1940. Died 25th February 1941.

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