

CHIPPENHAM ROLL OF HONOUR

1939-1945



May their names be remembered always

Listed below is a short biography of those brave souls who gave their lives for their country and have a connection to Chippenham

ALLEN, SIDNEY GEORGE - Private T/230774 - 2 Combined Motor Transport depot, Royal Army Service Corps - died 2nd March 1942 - age 34 - born c1907 in Bristol, Gloucestershire - Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Singapore - Grave/Memorial Reference - Column 101 - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham

ALLISON, GEOFFREY FRANK - Sergeant (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner) 1336064 - 12 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 22nd October 1943 - age 21 - enlisted at Devizes; son of Thomas Frank and Florence Doris Allison of Chippenham - Buried at Rheinberg War Cemetery, Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany - Grave/Memorial Reference:- 3. K. 7. - Headstone Inscription reads:- Love and remembrance last for ever - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham - Commemorated in the Memorial Book, St. Paul's Church, Chippenham - Commemorated by the RAF Wickenby Memorial, Langworth, Lincolnshire - Commemorated in the Book of Remembrance and Roll of Honour, RAF Wickenby, Langworth, Lincolnshire

ASTLES, BERNARD - Sergeant 1989208 - 696 Artisan Works Company, Royal Engineers - died 11th November 1944 - age 30 - son of William and Nellie Astles; husband of Lillian May Astles of Chippenham - Buried at Schoonselhof Cemetery, Antwerp, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference - III. C. 3. - Headstone Inscription reads:- You live with us in memory still. Not just today but you always will. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham

BAGLEY, WALTER - Sergeant - Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Force - died 25th December 1941 - age 44 - son of Joseph and Ada Bagley; husband of Ellen Elizabeth Bagley of Chippenham - Commemorated on the Sai Wan Memorial, Hong Kong - Grave/Memorial Reference - Column 33

BAKER, EDWARD GEORGE - Trooper 318712 - Royal Armoured Corps attached to the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry - died 28th January 1943 - age 27 - son of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Baker of Chippenham - Buried at Aleppo War Cemetery, Syria - Grave/Memorial Reference - 2. A. 9. - Headstone Inscription reads:- In ever loving memory of my dear son. Peace perfect peace. Father, mother & family. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham

BAKER, LESLIE GILBERT - Gunner 1514740 - 111 Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery attached to 2nd Battalion Royal Norfolk Regiment - died 19th March 1945 - age 26 - son of Silobia Baker and stepson of Fredrick Herbert Edwards of Chippenham - Buried at Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar - Grave/Memorial Reference - 17. E. 2. - Headstone Inscription reads:- The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the Everlasting arms. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham

BANKS, JOHN HENRY FREDERICK WOOD - Civilian - died 15th May 1944 at the Cottage Hospital, Chippenham - age 71 - husband of Ada Banks of Hope Villa, Burlands Road, Chippenham; injured at 74 Wood Lane, Chippenham - Commemorated in the Chippenham Municipal Borough Section of the Civilian War Dead Register, Westminster Abbey, London

BARNARD, JAMES GEORGE - Warrant Officer 354029 - Royal Air Force - died 22nd March 1942 in a road traffic accident near Kemble - age 40 - husband of Mary Barbara Barnard of Chippenham - Buried at Chippenham (St. Paul's) Churchyard, Chippenham - Grave/Memorial Reference - West of path to the South of church tower - Commemorated on the Liberal Club Memorial, Gladstone Road, Chippenham

BARNARD, JAMES RICHARD - Petty Officer (Supplies) P/MX45056 - Royal Navy - HMS Glowworm - vessel was lost in Norwegian Waters after ramming the German vessel Hipper - died 8th April 1940 - age 33 - son of James E. T. and Lily L. Barnard of Chippenham - Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, The Esplanade, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hampshire - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 43. Column 1

BARNARD, LESLIE JAMES - Pilot Officer/Air Gunner 178232 - 76 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - Died 23rd June 1944 - Son of Horace James and Ethel Barnard of Copnor, Hampshire; Resident of Malmesbury Road, Chippenham - Buried at Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Harrogate, Yorkshire - Grave/Memorial Reference - Section B. Row G. Grave 8.

BELCHER, DERRICK GIBSON - Air Artificer 4th Class L/FX78596 - Royal Navy - H.M.S. Vulture (vessel not lost) - died 12th October 1947 - age 23 - son of Archibald Gibson and Dorothy Belcher of Chippenham - Buried a St. Merryn Churchyard, St. Merryn, Cornwall - Grave/Memorial Reference - 28.

BESANT, WILLIAM JAMES - Sapper 1874050 - 30 Fortress Company, Royal Engineers - died 3rd July 1943 - age 28 - Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand - Grave/Memorial Reference - 4. A. 1. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham

BOWDEN, ADA ELIZABETH - Civilian - died 25th April 1942 at her home - age 69 - wife of Frederick Bowden who also died in the incident; mother of Harold Roy Bowden who died during WWI; resident

of Firlands, The Folly, Chippenham - Commemorated in the Calne and Chippenham Rural Section of Section of the Civilian War Dead Register, Westminster Abbey, London

BOWDEN, FREDERICK - Civilian - died 25th April 1942 at his home - age 71 - husband of Ada Elizabeth Bowden who also died in the incident; father of Harold Roy Bowden who died during WWI; resident of Firlands, The Folly, Chippenham - Commemorated in the Calne and Chippenham Rural Section of Section of the Civilian War Dead Register, Westminster Abbey, London

BOWSHER, HAROLD IVOR - Corporal 5570583 - 5th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - died 28th August 1944 - age 22 - son of Percy and Charlotte Ellen Bowsher of Chippenham - Buried at St. Desir War Cemetery, Calvados, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - VI. C. 5. - Headstone Inscription reads:- Years pass by as if on wings, but loving memories always cling - "Resting" - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham - Commemorated on the Sheldon Road Methodist Church Memorial, Chippenham

BOYLE, WILLIAM DONALD - Leading Aircraftman/Wireless Operator/Air Gunner 618097 - 142 Squadron, Royal Air Force - died 19th May 1940 whilst on a mission to bomb Laon - age 19 - son of William Darnell and Caroline Isabel Boyle of Chippenham - Buried at Dagny-Lambercy Churchyard, Aisne, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - 3 yards from the northern boundary hedge of churchyard between it and the church. This is the sole British grave in the churchyard.

BRADLEY, FREDERICK GEORGE - Aircraftman 1st Class 1314099 - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 11th January 1942 - age 19 - son of Ethel Bradley of Chippenham - Buried at Victoria (Royal Oak) Burial Park, British Columbia, Canada - Grave/Memorial Reference - Section D. Plot 20. Grave 11.

BREWER, CHARLES - Private 5670671 - 7th Battalion Somerset Light Infantry - died 9th August 1944 - age 26 - Buried at St. Manvieu War Cemetery, Cheux, Calvados, France - Grave/Memorial Reference: VIII. D. 5. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham - Commemorated in the Memorial Book, St. Paul's Church, Chippenham

BRIDGEMAN, ALFRED - Civilian - died 11th September 1943 at his home - age 73 - resident of Rawlings Farm, Cocklebury, Langley Burrell - son of the late William and Christiana Bridgeman of Oare, Pewsey; husband of Marguerite Kate Mary Bridgeman - Commemorated in the Calne and Chippenham Rural Section of Section of the Civilian War Dead Register, Westminster Abbey, London

BRIGHT, EDWARD ALBERT - Corporal - 17th/21st Lancers, Royal Armoured Corps - died 21st February 1943 - age 28 - Commemorated on the Medjez-El-Bab Memorial, Tunisia - Grave/Memorial Reference - Face 3 - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham - Commemorated in the Memorial Book, St. Paul's Church, Chippenham

BRIGHT, FRANK AUGUSTUS - Sergeant 551270 - "A" Squadron, 12th Royal Lancers, Royal Armoured Corps - died 4th January 1945 - age 32 - son of Walter Inkerman and Sarah Ellen Bright; husband of Freda Maud Bright of Calne; Father of Pam - Buried at Ravenna War Cemetery, Italy - Grave/Memorial Reference - I. F. 5. - Headstone Inscription reads:- He died that we may live. His loving wife and daughter Freda and Pam. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham - Commemorated in the Memorial Book, St. Paul's Church, Chippenham

CARNOHAN, ALEXANDER KENNETH - Company Quartermaster Sergeant 513 - Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps - died 28th December 1944 - Buried at Prospect Hill Military Cemetery, Bermuda - Grave/Memorial Reference - 544 - Commemorated in the Memorial Book, St. Paul's Church, Chippenham

CARPENTER, LEONARD GEORGE - 1939 -1945 - General Service Corps - Commemorated in the Memorial Book, St. Paul's Church, Chippenham (*There does not appear to be an entry for this casualty in the Commonwealth War Grave Commission List*)

CHAPPELL, WILLIAM JOHN CHARLES - Private 5570615 - 1/4th Battalion Essex Regiment - died 8th November 1944 - Buried at Cesena War cemetery, Italy - Grave/Memorial Reference - VII. C. 1. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham; Commemorated on the Sheldon Road Methodist Church Memorial, Chippenham

CHIVERS, MICHAEL JOHN - Stoker 1st Class P/KX 133519 - Royal Navy - H.M.S. Egret (vessel lost off the North Coast of Spain after being hit by a German glider bomb) - died 27th August 1943 - age 21 - son of Michael and Phoebe Chivers; husband of Ruby Joan Chivers of Hardenhuish - Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Southsea Common, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hampshire - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 78, Column 1. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham

CLARK, EDWARD JAMES - Craftsman 7596615 - Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers - died 16th November 1943 - age 21 - son of Ernest Edward and Alice Mary Clark of Chippenham - Buried at Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt - Grave/Memorial Reference - 5. G. 8. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham

CLARK, FRANCIS HENRY (FRANK) (DCM) - Sergeant 5566242 - 7th Field Company, Royal Engineers - died 9th November 1944 - age 38 - Buried at Meldola War Cemetery, Italy - Grave/Memorial Reference - I. E. 16. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham; Commemorated in the Memorial Book, St. Paul's Church, Chippenham (This is the only casualty that meets the criteria known listed in the Commonwealth War Grave Commission Lists and is therefore tenuous)

COLLER, PETER DONALD - Private 14600480 - 5th Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment - died 10th July 1944 - age 19 - son of William James and Dorothy Kathleen Collier of Chippenham - Buried at St. Manvieu War Cemetery, Cheux, Calvados, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - I. D. 1. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham

COLLETT, STANLEY JOHN - Flight Sergeant 1186962 - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 19th August 1942 - age 22 - son of Ernest Reginald John and Emma Elizabeth Collett of Chippenham; Commemorated on The Runnymede Memorial, Cooper's Hill, Englefield Green, Surrey - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 73. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham; Commemorated in the Memorial Book, St. Paul's Church, Chippenham; Commemorated on The Chippenham Secondary School Memorial, Hardenhuish School, Chippenham

COMER, AUSTIN LEONARD - Private 1086876 - The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) - died 28th February 1947 - age 35 - son of Lot and F. F. M. Comer of Chippenham; husband of Doris Elizabeth Comer of Chippenham; Commemorated at The Bristol (Arnos Vale) Crematorium, Bath Road, Bristol, Gloucestershire - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 1. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham

COOK, ARTHUR JOHN - Lance Corporal 5194225 - 6th Battalion Gordon Highlanders - died 15th February 1944 - age 20 - son of Arthur Thomas and Ethel Dorothy Cook of Chippenham - Buried at Anzio War Cemetery, Italy - Grave/Memorial Reference - III. M. 8.

COOK, ERIC GEORGE BENTLEY - Driver T/293655 - 50th Divisional Armoured Transport, Royal Army Service Corps - died 26th June 1942 - age 34 - son of John Coxhead and Florence Mary Cook - Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt - Grave/Memorial Reference - Column 74. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham; Commemorated in the Memorial Book, St. Paul's Church, Chippenham

COOPER, LESLIE - died 1939-1945 - Commemorated on The Chippenham Secondary School Memorial, Hardenhuish School, Chippenham. (*We can find no defining entry for this casualty with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission*)

COPELAND, GEORGE LEWIS - Sergeant/Air Gunner 622353 - 100 Squadron, Royal Air Force - died 31st July 1944 on a bombing raid against a flying bomb storage depot having taken off from Grimsby,

Yorkshire - age 23 - son of George and Mabel Copeland of Chippenham - Buried at Haverskerque British Cemetery, Nord, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - Row B. Grave 18

COUZENS, REGINALD THEODORE ARTHUR - Captain 72347 - 43 General Transport Company, Royal Army Service Corps - died 4th August 1943 - age 35 - son of Francis Arthur and Sarah Ellen Couzens of Chippenham; husband of Pauline Couzens of Chippenham - Buried at Gilgil War Cemetery, Kenya - Grave/Memorial Reference - E. 17. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham; Commemorated on The Chippenham Secondary School Memorial, Hardenhuish School, Chippenham

COX, CHARLES LESLIE - Private 7896177 - Army Catering Corps attached to 2nd Lothians and Border Horse, Royal Armoured Corps - died 7th January 1943 - age 26 - son of Charles and Lily Cox of Culworth, Northamptonshire; husband of Mary Cox of Chippenham - Commemorated on the Brookwood Memorial, Brookwood Military Cemetery, Pirbright, Surrey - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 21. Column 2.

COX, SHEILA LILIAN - Civilian - died 20th February 1944 at Fulham Hospital, London after being injured at 34 Micklethwaite Road, Fulham the day before - age 4 - daughter of Francis Henry William and Marjorie Lilian Cox of 48 Bristol Road, Chippenham - Commemorated in the Fulham Metropolitan Borough Section of the Civilian War Dead Register, Westminster Abbey, London

DOWSON, LIONEL FRANCIS - Sergeant 5569771 - 5th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - died 13th February 1945 - age 24 - son of John Thomas and Lilly Dowson of Chippenham - Buried at Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, Gelderland, Netherlands - Grave/Memorial Reference - VI. D. 10. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham

DUMMER, ALFRED JAMES - Private 5734928 - 4th Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment - died 15th July 1944 - age 27 - son of James and Isabella Dummer of Chippenham - Buried at Banneville-La-Campagne War Cemetery, Calvados, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - XIV. E. 10. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham; Commemorated in the Memorial Book, St. Paul's Church, Chippenham

DYKE, REGINALD N. - Corporal 2092685 - Army Catering Corps attached to Royal Engineers - died 29th November 1944 - age 39 - son of John and Rhoda Dyke of Chippenham; husband of Doris Annie Dyke of Chippenham - Buried at Brunssum War Cemetery, Limburg, Netherlands - Grave/Memorial Reference - IV. 187. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham

FELLENOR, KENNETH ROY - Trooper 14369096 - 43rd (2/5th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment) Reconnaissance Corps, Royal Armoured Corps - died 26th March 1945 - age 20 - Buried at Hanover War Cemetery, Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany - Grave/Memorial Reference - 7. J. 12. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham

FLETCHER, EDWARD ERIC - Flying Officer 52570 - 106 Squadron, Royal Air Force - died 30th August 1944 - age 29 - son of Edward and Deborah Fletcher; husband of Ada Elizabeth Fletcher of Chippenham - Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Cooper's Hill, Englefield Green, Surrey - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 206

FORTUNE, HERBERT - Sergeant/Wireless Operator/Air Gunner 1179661 - 15 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 17th April 1943 - son of Robert and Sarah Jane Fortune; husband of Lillie Fortune of Chippenham - Buried at Rheinberg War Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany - Grave/Memorial Reference - Collective Grave 8. H. 1-4.

FROST, EDWARD JAMES - Craftsman 1058897 - Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers - died 23rd January 1945 - age 40 - son of Ernest and Annie Frost; husband of Madge E. M. Frost of Chippenham - Buried at Chippenham (St. Paul) Churchyard, Chippenham - Grave/Memorial Reference - East side. - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham; Commemorated in the Memorial Book, St. Paul's Church, Chippenham

FURLONG, DENNIS WALTER (DSO, OBE, MC) - Brigadier - General Staff and Royal Berkshire Regiment - died 5th September 1940 - age 43 - husband of Nancy Furlong (nee Charrington) of Chippenham - Buried at Kilham Cemetery, Kilham, Yorkshire - Grave/Memorial Reference - Grave 76.