

ROLL OF HONOUR



Donhead St. Mary *WWI*

May their names be remembered always

Listed below is a short biography of those brave souls who gave their lives for their country during WWI and are in some way connected to Donhead St. Mary

AISH, PERCY ALBERT - Corporal 230040 - 1st/1st Dorset Yeomanry (Queen's Own) - Died 23rd October 1918 - Age 25 - Born in Charlton, Donhead; Enlisted at Charlton, Donhead; Son of Albert and Ann Aish of Berrycourt, Donhead St. Mary - Buried at Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt Grave/Memorial Reference:- E. 56. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Remembrance Book, Salisbury Cathedral.

BIDDISCOMBE, ARTHUR JAMES - Lance Corporal 8116 - 2nd Battalion Welsh Regiment - Died 6th November 1914 - Age 38 - Born in Ludwell, Donhead St. Mary; Resident of Ludwell, Donhead St. Mary; Enlisted at Cardiff, Glamorganshire; Brother of Mr. E. J. Biddiscombe of Hope Cottage, Ludwell, Donhead St. Mary- Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference:- Panel 37. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Remembrance Book, Salisbury Cathedral.

BLANDFORD, SAMUEL - Lance Corporal 10289 - 5th Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment - Died 22nd September 1915 - Age 19 - Born in Charlton, Donhead St. Mary; Resident of Charlton, Donhead St. Mary; Enlisted at Shaftesbury, Dorset; Son of Mrs. B. Blandford of 7 Charlton, Ludwell, Donhead St. Mary - Buried in Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta - Grave/Memorial Reference:- B. XIII. 3. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Remembrance Book, Salisbury Cathedral.

BOWRA, CLAUDE VICTOR - Lance Corporal 2682 - Berkshire Yeomanry - Died 1st November 1915 - Age 26 - Born in Donhead St. Mary; Resident of Lingfield Surrey; Son of William Charles and Margaret Eliza Bowra of 206 Lordship Lane, East Dulwich, London; His brother Douglas Eric Bowra also gave his life for his country - Buried at Dormansland (St. John) Churchyard, Dormansland, Surrey. Grave Reference B. 14. 32.

BOWRA, DOUGLAS ERIC - Bombardier 47473 - 18th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery - Died 12th February 1919 - Age 22 - Born in Donhead St. Mary; Son of William Charles and Margaret Eliza Bowra of 206 Lordship Lane, London; His brother Claude Victor Bowra also gave his life for his country. - Buried at Dormansland (St. John) Churchyard, Dormansland, Surrey. Grave Reference B. 14. 32.

BROOMFIELD, EDWARD WILLIAM - Lance Corporal G/2674 - D Company, 7th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment - Died 20th November 1917 - Age 31 - Born in Ellingham, Hampshire; Enlisted at Chichester, Sussex; Son of Harry Jesse and Fanny Broomfield of Melbury Abbas, Dorset; his brother Frederick John Robert Broomfield also gave his life for his country - Commemorated on the Cambrai

Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- Panel 7. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Remembrance Book, Salisbury Cathedral.

BROOMFIELD, FREDERICK JOHN ROBERT - Corporal 3/7868 - 1st Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment - Died 12th October 1915 - Age 31 - Born in Stourton; Resident of Stourton; Enlisted at Gillingham; Son of Harry and Fanny Broomfield; husband of Jane Broomfield of Salisbury Road, Shaftesbury, Dorset; his brother Edward William Broomfield also gave his life for his country - Buried in St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- A. 12. 28. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Remembrance Book, Salisbury Cathedral.

FANNER, ALFRED - Private 10944 - 1st Battalion Hampshire Regiment - Died 17th June 1918 - Age 27 - Born in Donhead St. Mary; Resident of Ludwell, Donhead St. Mary; Enlisted at Southampton; Son of James and Louisa Fanner of Hill View, 28, Charlton, Donhead St. Mary, Salisbury. Buried at Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- I. A. 23. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Remembrance Book, Salisbury Cathedral.

FLETCHER, FRANK SIDNEY - Rifleman 6031 - 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade - Died 1st July 1916 - Age 23 - Born in Shaftesbury, Dorset; Resident of Shaftesbury, Dorset; Enlisted at Shaftesbury, Dorset; Son of William and Charlotte Ann Fletcher of Glenlyne, 17 Old Boundary Road, Shaftesbury, Dorset - Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- Pier and Face 16B and 16C. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Remembrance Book, Salisbury Cathedral.

GILLINGHAM, HARRY - Sapper 160194 - 2nd Special Company - Royal Engineers - Died 23rd June 1917 - Age 27 - Born in Donhead St. Mary; Enlisted at Shaftesbury, Dorset; Son of John and Clara Gillingham of Hindon; husband of Daisy Millicent Gillingham, of Hope Cottage, Donhead St. Mary, Shaftesbury, Dorset. - Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France - Panel Reference - Bay 1. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Remembrance Book, Salisbury Cathedral.

HEAD, REGINALD CHARLES JOHN - Rifleman TR/13/14596 - 19th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps - Died 8th April 1917 - Age 18 - Born in Donhead St. Mary; Resident of Donhead St. Mary; Enlisted at Chelsea, Middlesex - Buried in Donhead St. Andrew Cemetery, Lower Street, Donhead St. Andrew - Grave/Memorial Reference:- North West Part. Commemorated on the Village War Memorial, Donhead St. Andrew. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral (Donhead St. Andrew Section)

HILL, NICHOLAS WEATHERBY - Captain - Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, 2nd Bn. - Died on 16th January 1917 - Age 20 - Son of Henry L. G. and Mary Hill of Donhead Cottage, Donhead, Salisbury. Scholar of Winchester College and New College, Oxford. Native of Weeke, Winchester. - Buried at Courcelette British Cemetery - Grave Reference I. D. 13. Awards MC.

PEARCE, ALLAN - Private 18066 - Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 7th Coy. - Died 5th March 1916 of wounds - Age 21 - Born in Broughton Gifford; Resident of Salisbury; Enlisted at Devizes; Son of Alfred Francis and Ruth Pearce, of Ludwell, Donhead St. Mary - Buried at Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- II. B. 36.