

# Durrington

## Roll of Honour



*Lest we Forget*

### World War II

**PAMELA R. BATCHELOR**

**ORDNANCE**

**6TH DECEMBER, 1941**



*World War 2 poster*

## **Pamela Ruth BATCHELOR**

Pamela Ruth Batchelor was born on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1920 in Whitchurch, Buckinghamshire. Her birth was registered in the December quarter, 1920 in the district of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. Her mother's maiden name was listed as Sheffield. Harold Batchelor had married Daisy Sheffield in the district of Kensington, London & their marriage was registered in the March quarter, 1920.

Pamela Ruth Batchelor died on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, 1941 after an explosion occurred at the munitions factory she was working in at High Post, located about midway between Durrington & Salisbury.

A death was registered for Pamela R. Batchelor, aged 21, in the March quarter, 1942 in the registration district of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Pamela Ruth Batchelor was buried in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire on 10th December, 1941.



*(Photos by Dave Healing 2014)*



*In  
Treasured Memory  
Of Darling  
Pamela Ruth  
Beloved Daughter Of  
Harold & Daisy Batchelor  
Who Lost Her Life In The Service  
Of Her Country. Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1941  
Aged 21 Years  
Till We Meet Again*

Pamela R. Batchelor is remembered on the Durrington War Memorial, Wiltshire.



**Durrington War Memorial** *(Photo courtesy of Ian King 2010)*

## **Newspaper Reports:**

### **FACTORY EXPLOSION**

#### **ONE KILLED – THREE INJURED**

An explosion which occurred at a South of England factory on Saturday morning, resulted in four girls being taken to hospital, where one of them died later the same day, whilst another was reported to be in a very serious condition. The dead girl was Pamela Ruth Batchelor, aged 21, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Batchelor, of 5 Windsor-terrace, Durrington; Miss Mary Way, aged 21, of Burrough Hill, Laverstock, was seriously injured, and Miss Nellie Jacobs, aged 28, of Figheldean, and Mrs Sybil Sclater, aged 29, of The Grange, Marden, Devizes, were also injured.

The inquest on Miss Batchelor was opened on Monday evening. Evidence of identification was given by Herbert Niccols, an assistant clerk, of 5 Windsor-terrace, Durrington, who stated that the dead girl's mother was not in a fit condition to attend the inquest.

Dr M. J. McSwiney, temporary house surgeon at the Hospital, said deceased was admitted to the Infirmary at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday. She was conscious on admission, and was suffering from extensive burns and shock, from which she died at 6.50 p.m. the same day.

The Coroner adjourned the inquest *sine die*.

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