

**Royal Engineers  
Bomb Disposal  
Explosive Ordnance Disposal  
Roll of Honour  
Volume 1 A to E  
1940 to VJ Day**



**Carver Barracks  
Saffron Walden, Essex**

**Compiled by Peter Markham**



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## Foreword

The advent of *bomb disposal* ('BD') represented something rather different to the established, diverse and gallant role of Sappers since The Norman Conquest. At the time of writing, the ultimate sacrifices made by men of the bomb disposal sections, those glorious and hastily formed units of 1940, is still a living memory to the few; but unknown to the many. Those 'originals' knew little or nothing of 'BD' until they found themselves *in it*. They knew little of enemy bombs until they sank shafts and attempted to remove the lurking menace within. Many were not passed as fit for frontline combat roles . . . but were recognised as 'skilled at digging'. Those men, few of whom had volunteered for this unforeseen contribution to the war effort (but were valiantly assisted by a small band of Conscientious Objectors, who had) often paid a high price for the privilege of *learning on the job*. The ultimate sacrifice made by future generations of BD Sappers, from the ravaged battlefields, beaches and cities of WW2, to the numerous regional conflicts that followed, would be immediately recognisable to the stalwarts of the 'Blitz'. Such is the nature of bomb disposal.

In compiling the volumes of the Roll of Honour, Peter Markham's work has extended the list of bomb disposal's fallen from the dark days of 1940 and into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This work is important for two key-reasons. Firstly, as events recede ever further into the past, establishing a single work of reference that seeks to locate all the names of the dead, and the nature of their contribution, is the right thing to do. Secondly, by developing a contextualised and BD-specific list, an inadvertent oversight is redressed: sacrifices, often made in shadows cast by the harsh light from surrounding battle, become illuminated. While BD's fallen may not have died whilst fighting as company groups or regiments, their achievements were no less glorious. Moreover, the challenges they faced, as observed by Churchill, were often significantly more "grim". This Roll of Honour represents a valuable addition to our collective history and is testament to the memory of our fallen.

Dr Adrian Dwyer OBE, late of 58 EOD Squadron, RE. November 2025



## Introduction

*“They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the  
Sun and in the morning.  
We will remember them”.*  
*Robert Laurence Binyon.*

This document is one of four, produced to pay tribute to those who have passed whilst serving in the Royal Engineers Bomb Disposal/Explosive Ordnance Disposal Units from 1940 to the Present Day.

The entries include those who died on active duty, those who passed away through accidents, natural causes. It also includes, sadly, those who took their own lives.

This project really is best described as a joint venture between the Royal Engineers Association (REA BD Branch) and the RE Bomb Disposal EOD History Group (History Group). The links to both of which can be found in the Sources References page.

It started in 2006 with an initiative started by the REA BD Branch. Over nine years, using various sources and assistance from others, the Roll was put together. It includes photos of graves and memorials as well as incident details from a range of other sources. This work was originally put into the REA BDB website.

Since then, through the History Group, the information has been greatly increased as more sources have been discovered and Casualty Cards/Service Cards located. This was no small task; and around 24,000 cards have been read to identify those serving from 1940 to 1949. Many other sources have been examined to find details from 1949 onward.

The primary aim of this research is to move the Roll of Honour from just a list of names, and develop a resource to benefit families, researchers and others with an interest in the BD history - and the people who made it.

These volumes are living documents which will grow over the years and be updated regularly.

Pete Markham.

*“When You Go Home, Tell Them of Us and Say,  
For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.”*  
*THE KOHIMA EPITAPH.*

**ADAM, Duncan, (144842) Lieutenant, 853 Bomb Disposal General Construction Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1903 at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Died whilst excavating a UXB which exploded. Yeovil, Somerset.

Lance Corporal C W E Andrews and Corporal F J Lillyman also died in this incident.



Died 6 November 1940, aged 37.  
Son of David and Dinah Elizabeth Adam.

Buried at Yeovil Cemetery, Somerset, Division D, Grave 2378  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2692503/duncan-adam/>

Photo Credit.  
<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/2030/>

**ADAMS, John Bell, (2890317) Sapper, 1 Bomb Disposal Platoon, Royal Engineers.**

Born 2 August 1922. Died through an accidental bomb explosion Guida, Greece.

Enlisted 15 January 1942.

Served with 18 Field Park Company, 17 March 1944: 1 Bomb Disposal Platoon from 5 June 1945.

Lance Sergeant G A Askey, Corporal C D Hoare, Sappers A Barnes, J J Hill, T Smith, Drivers B H Misselbrook, R Robertson also died in this incident - 3 injured and two trucks destroyed.



Died 3 July 1945, aged 22.

Buried at Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece, Collective Grave 20 D 12 -20.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2931706/john-bell-adams/>

Photo Credit Dimitrios Corcodilos.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56553729/john-bell-adams>

**ADAMS, Thomas Joseph, (22575621) Sapper, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born on 30 July 1916 in West Bromwich. Died as a result of a mine explosion at Cuckmere, Sussex, whilst removing mines from beaches laid as part of anti-invasion measures.

Next of Kin, informed 12 December 1944.

Enlisted 14 January 1940 at Smethwick.

Served with Construction Company, 4 January 1940; British Expeditionary Force. 19 March 1944; Bomb Disposal Companies and 11 Bomb Disposal Section.

Opinions of Chief Royal Engineer, 2 Bomb Disposal Group, Royal Engineers.

- a. No questions of a technical nature arose.
- b. L/Cpl Wake and Spr Adams were killed whilst engaged in minefield clearance by the explosion of a mine.
- c. They were not to blame and the accident was occasioned by the inadvertent low flying aircraft distracting their attention.

Lance Corporal B A Wake also died in this incident.



Died 11 December 1944, aged 23.

Buried at Horsham Hills Cemetery, Block U, Grave 273.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2723407/thomas-adams/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/69911920/thomas-joseph-adams>

**ALMOND, William, (2128622) Corporal, 110 Bomb Disposal Section, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born on 2 September 1914 at Chorley, Enlisted on 30 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Betty Almond, 134 Babylon Lane, Adlington, Lancashire.

Served in 20 Bomb Disposal, Company 30 November 1940; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1941; 93 Bomb Disposal Section, 29 April 1942; 11 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1943.

Killed in Action, Bomb Disposal, Norwich.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 17 April 1943, aged 28.

Son of Robert and Mary Alice Almond: Husband of Bessie Almond of Heath Charnock.

Buried at Rivington Churchyard, Lancashire, East Side Row 6.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2699888/william-almond/>

Photo Credit Bob the Greenacre Cat.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/39860858/william-almond>

**AMBROSE, Alfred, (2126409) Corporal, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 29 August 1914 in Southport. Enlisted on 21 October 1940. Next of Kin Father T. Ambrose, 29 Cardigan Road, Birkdale.

Served with 17 Bomb Disposal Company, 2 April 1940; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 June 1942; Embarked for North Africa, 23 November 1942; 5<sup>th</sup> Bomb Disposal Company 7 October 1943.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 -1945 Defence Medal



Died on 8 August 1944.  
Buried at Sangro War Cemetery, Italy, Grave 1 X B19.

Son of Thomas and Amelia Ambrose, of Southport, Lancashire.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2377159/alfred-ambrose/>

Photo Credit Italy 64.  
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56549282/alfred-ambrose>



**ANDREWS, Mervyn Tasse, (1922152) Driver, 59 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1920 in Monmouthshire,

Next of Kin Mother Jane Andrews, Libany Cottage, Clydach, near Abergavenny.

Served with 67/69 Bomb Disposal Section; 12 Bomb Disposal Company and 9 Bomb Disposal Company.

Cause of death: detonation of a delayed action fuze, in Birmingham.

Corporal A Haines, Sapper W W Davies, A Knight (Rabinowitz) , W H Thorne and W B Wisely, Driver W H Fergusson also died in this incident.

Awarded 1939 -1945 Star and War Medal 1939 - 1945.



Died 25 August 1940, aged 20.  
Son of Frederick W Andrews and Jane Andrews of Clydach.

Buried at Saint Ellyw's Churchyard. No 2 Extension, Row 14 Grave 9.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2965277/mervyn-tasse-andrews/>

Photo Credit Chris Ellis.

<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/andrews-m-t-2/>

**ANDREWS, Wallace Lancelot GC, (115829) Major, Bomb Disposal School, School Military Engineering, Ripon, Royal Engineers.**

Heart attack whilst Instructing at the Bomb Disposal School Ripon, Chief Instructor.



Died 30 July 1944, aged 35.

Son of William and Josephine Cecila Andrews of Taunton: Husband of Hilda Alecia Andrews.

Buried at Saint Marys Cemetery, Taunton, Grave 2/2442.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2692258/wallace-lancelot-andrews/>

Photo Credit Dave Byth.

<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/andrews-w-l/>



**APPLETON, Frederick Joseph, (2007739) Sapper, 6 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Enlisted 15 March 1940. Next of Kin, Father, Mr Appleton, 65 Cephas Street, Mile End, London E1. Next of Kin Notified 4 October 1940.

Served at 1 Training Battalion, Shorncliffe; 6 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company.

Killed whilst excavating a UXB, when it exploded in Maidstone, Kent. Died on 3 October 1940.



Died 3 October 1940, aged?

Buried at Maidstone Cemetery, Plot C C 1, Grave 52.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2654501/frederick-joseph-appleton/>

Photo Credit JS

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/25025860/frederick-joseph-appleton>

**ARCHER, William Arthur (1986614) Sapper, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 61 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born in Manchester. Enlisted on 27 April 1939, aged 36. Next of Kin Widow Violet Evelyn Archer, 11 Maldon, Grove, Royal Oak Estate, Manchester.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, Newark; 110 E L Army Troops, 6 October 1939; Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 September 1940; 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 18 September 1940.

On 10 November 1940 a 250 kg bomb was recovered with a badly damaged fuze, which could not be removed (it had passed through a cast iron drainage cover). The bomb was considered to be so damaged as being incapable of functioning. Therefore, it was loaded onto a lorry and taken to the Duke of York's Barracks, Chelsea, where the men then went for their evening meal. 2 Lieutenant L G W Carter saw the bomb on the lorry and decided for safety to take it to the Bomb Cemetery, at Regents Park. Captain Hunt was invited to go with him; however, he declined the offer. Driver Brinton was also excused from this duty as he had a date that evening. Nevertheless, 2 Lieutenant Carter decided to drive the lorry himself.

As they drove up Marylebone Road - near to Madam Tussauds - the bomb exploded killing them all.

2 Lieutenant L G W Carter, Corporals L J Sharp, L G W Carter, Sappers J W Cookson, W D Cubitt and W Pass also died in this incident.



Died 10 October 1940, age?

Buried at Southern Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire, Section N Non-Conformist Grave 49.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2403188/william-arthur-archer/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/164310750/william-arthur-archer>

**ARMITAGE, John, (2020831) Driver, 10 Bomb Disposal Company 81/82 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Enlisted 13 June 1940. Next of Kin Wife Blanche Armitage, 6 Ruskin Grove, Sheepridge, Huddersfield.

Served in 2 H T D, Royal Engineers, York, 81/82 Bomb Disposal Section, 14 September 1940.

Died at 142 Hawthorne Road, Bootle, Liverpool. Commanding Officers Opinion. All necessary precautions taken. In the absence of any direct evidence as to cause it is impossible to arrive at a definitive decision. Accidental bomb explosion, possibly due to vibration of stakes being driven into the ground in close proximity, starting the fuze.

Sapper E Baker, H Molyneux also died in this incident.



Died 13 May 1941, aged 26.

Son of John F Armitage and Betsy Armitage, of Sheepridge, Huddersfield: Husband of Blanche Armitage of Almondsbury, Huddersfield.

Buried at Edgerton Cemetery, Huddersfield, Section 6 G Grave 31, Yorkshire.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2401964/john-armitage/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/76381324/john-armitage>

**ASH, John Henry, (1895898) Sapper, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1919, in Essex. Enlisted 20 April 1940. Next of Kin Widow, Doris Irena Ash, 48 Sisley, Barking, Essex.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 16 May 1940; 16 Bomb Disposal Section 28, September 1940.

UXB exploded while being excavated, Carriage Wharf, Dorchester Street, Shoreditch, London.

Lance Corporal G Webster, Sappers J Fletcher, F Robinson also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 Defence Medal.



Died 3 January 1941, aged 22.

Son of John and Elizabeth Louise Ash (nee Galvin), of Barking. Husband of Doris Irene Nash (nee Gates), of Barking, Essex.

Buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. Grave 5 E 10.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2761691/john-henry-ash/>

Photo Credit Peter Markham

**ASH, William Francis Johnson, (116209) Second Lieutenant, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Moving a UXB fitted with two anti-disturbance fuzes, when it detonated. 121 Connor Road, Dagenham, London.

Second Lieutenant L W E Foster, Sappers L H R Hitchcock, R J Lewis and Driver E W Websdale also died in this incident. Seven others injured including Sapper B Woolhouse all taken to hospital, B Woolhouse and three others returned to Bomb Disposal Duties.



Died 7 October 1940, age 39.  
Son of William Murray and Annie Amelia Ash, of Partridge Green, Sussex.

Buried at Chadwell Heath Cemetery, East London.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2721401/william-francis-johnston-ash/>

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[https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104472658/william-francis\\_johnson-ash](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104472658/william-francis_johnson-ash)



**ASHFORD, Eric Alfred, (2127272) Corporal, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1916. Enlisted 30 October 1940. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs S Ashford, 7 Glen Bank, Willingboro, Northants.

Served in 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 31 October 1940.

Minefield explosion whilst clearing mines laid as anti-invasion measures at Frinton minefield, Leigh on Sea, Essex. Inquiry finding: on duty not to blame.

Sappers J Corcoran and S Moore also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 -1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 19 September 1944, aged 28.  
Son of Alfred George and Rose Sophi Ashford, of Wellingborough.

Buried at Doddington Road Cemetery, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, Block 1, Grave 39.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2949671/eric-alfred-ashford/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/123658220/eric-alfred-ashford>

**ASKEY, George Albert. (1909744) Lance Sergeant, 1 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1920. Enlisted 15 February 1940. Next of Kin Mrs K W Askey, 22 North Avenue, Stone, Stafford, Staffordshire.

Served with 4 Field Squadron, 13 June 1940; 67 Bomb Disposal Section, 22 November 1940; 1 Bomb Disposal Section; Proceeding to Port of Embarkation, 14 November 1942; Embarked for North Africa, 12 November 1942,

Died through an accidental bomb explosion Guida, Greece. Balkans and Greece Campaign 1944/45.

Lance Sergeant G A Askey, Corporal C D Hoare, Sappers A Barnes, J J Hill, T Smith, Drivers B H Misselbrook, R Robertson also died in this incident, three injured and two trucks destroyed.

Awarded the 1939 -45 Star and the 1939 -1945 Defence Medal.



Died 3 July 1945, age 25.

Son of William and Hannah Elizabeth Askey: Husband of Kathleen W Askey of Stone, Staffordshire.

Buried at Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece, Collective Grave 20 D 15 - 20.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2931738/george-albert-askey/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56552273/george-albert-askey>

**ATHERTON, Albert Alexander, (2012202) Sapper, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 18 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1915 in Liverpool. Enlisted 25 April 1940. Injured 6 October 1940. Next of Kin Mother Mrs E C Atherton, 31 South Street, off Pier Road, Liverpool 8. Next of Kin, informed by Lewisham Hospital, 19 October 1940; and by 2 Bomb Disposal Company on 22 October 1940.

Served with 5 Stevedore Battalion and 2 Bomb Disposal Company.

Inquest findings. Admitted to Lewisham Hospital, injury to spine, lorry skidded and bomb rolled against back. Dangerously ill in Hospital 6 October 1940.

Extract from AFB 117: Fracture of vertebrae, ribs and severe injuries to kidney. Accident occurred whilst in performance of duty. Accident due to his negligence, by sitting on the side of vehicle, with his back protruding through the canvas cover No one else was to blame.

From the Unit Lieutenant: Accident was not due to a bomb falling on Spr Atherton as is stated in form EMS 105. A passing tramcar struck his back, which was bulging through the cover of the lorry.

Court of Inquiry at London: Opinion of CO. On duty in absence of instructions as to how personnel were to travel in WD vehicles. Sapper Atherton cannot be regarded as to blame.



Died 19 October 1940, aged 25.

Son of Alexander and Evelyn Constance Atherton, of Liverpool.

Buried at Toxteth Cemetery, Lancashire, Section 14 Cons Grave 744.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2412356/albert-alexander-atherton/>

Photo Credit White Feather.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/32676211/albert-alexander-atherton>



**ATKINS, Herbert, (2198695) Corporal, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 27 January 1912 at Kings Lynn. Enlisted 14 June 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E M Atkins of Kings Lynn, Norfolk, informed on the 30 March 1945.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 18 July 1940; 6 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 September 1940; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 September 1940; 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 18 September 1940; 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 3 November 1944.

Died following a mine explosion, Bradmore, Nottinghamshire, whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures.

Inquiry by Chief Royal Engineer 3 Bomb Disposal Group: On duty not to blame, death due to war operations.

Coroners Verdict; Death due to War Operations.

Sapper H Bowler also died at this incident



Died 29 March 1945, aged 33.

Son of Samuel and Fanny Atkins; Husband of Ellen Maud Atkins, of Burnham.

Buried at Saint Margaret's Churchyard, Burnham Norton, Norfolk.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2763439/herbert-atkins/>

Photo Credit FamilyHistoryAddict.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/75330340/herbert-atkins>

**ATKINS, Horace Stuart, (1477811) Sapper, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 17 June 1923 in Somerset. Enlisted 18 August, 1944. Next of Kin, Wife, Mrs T S Atkins, Stone Leach Farm, Wroughtington, Wigan.

Died in Cheltenham Hospital after a motorcycle accident at Coombe Hill, Gloucester. Fracture to the base of his skull.



Died 29 March 1945, aged?

Buried at Saint Joseph Churchyard, Wroughtington, Lancashire, Grave 318.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2701266/stuart-atkins/>

Photo Credit Peter Lucas.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/68229763/h-stuart-atkins>

**ATKINS, James, (1868390) Staff Sergeant, 25 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 10 September 1912. Enlisted 6 January 1927. Next of Kin, wife, Mrs Kathleen Atkins, 6 Cyril Street, Rowbarton, Taunton, Somerset. Next of Kin Notified 14 May 1941.

Served with the Training Battalion, Royal Engineers 14 January 1930; 7 Field Company 30 December 1930; 4 Fortress Company, 23 April 1932; 7 Field Company, 6 January 1933. Transfer to Army Reserve 9 June 1938; 7 Field Company, 15 August 1939; 21 Field Park Company, 3 September 1939; 1 Bomb Disposal Group, 10 November 1940; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 January 1941; Headquarters, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 Bomb Disposal Group, 21 February 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company (date unknown); 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 3 May 1941; 21 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 September 1940; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 3 May 1941.

Fuzes were being removed from a 250kg bomb by the Earl of Suffolk (Charles Howard GC, an experimental officer for the Ministry of Scientific Research), when it exploded, Bomb Cemetery, Erith Marshes, Kent.

Sappers R S Dutson, B J Gillett, J W Hardy, Driver D Sharratt, the Earl of Suffolk, his Secretary Ms E Morden and his Driver Mr F Hands also died in this incident. Unconfirmed that others were injured.



Died 12 May, 1941, aged 28.

Son of Thomas James and Kate Charlotte Atkins: Husband of Kathleen Atkins, of Colchester, Essex.

Buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Grave 5 G 4.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2761701/james-atkins/>

Photo Credit Peter Markham.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/17662039/james-atkins>

**AUGER, Alfred George, (14507457) Sapper, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineer.**

Born 2 August 1923, South West, London. Enlisted 7 January 1943. Next of Kin, Mother, Mrs E Auger, 4 Battersea Bridge Buildings, Battersea, S W 11.

Served in 5 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 17 February 1943; 875 M & W P Company, 24 April 1943; 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 8 October 1943.

Mine Sweeping operations of beach mines laid as anti-invasion measures at Dungeness, near Lydd, Kent.

Chief Royal Engineer, 2 Bomb Disposal Group found no one was to blame.

Sappers G R Lewis and M Pierce also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 Defence Medal.



Died 18 April 1945, aged 21.  
Son of Joseph and Ellen Gertrude Auger, of Battersea.

Buried at Brompton Cemetery, London, Plot O Grave 193543.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2427952/alfred-george-auger/>

Photo Credit Lori Huey Hebert.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24628648/alfred-george-auger>



**AYLWARD, Albert George, (188693) Lieutenant, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1912 in Hampshire.

Minefield clearance of mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures at All Hallows, Kent.

Awarded the 1939 -1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 6 December 1944, aged 32.

Son of William Thomas and Sarah Aylward; Husband of Elizabeth Aylward of Rak.

Buried at Saint Mary Churchyard, Liss, Hampshire, North West of Tower.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2438922/albert-george-aylward/>

Photo Credit Don Knibbs

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/143438468/albert-george-aylward>

**BACK, John Belgium, (2018694) Driver, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born 4 September 1914 in Brighton. Enlisted 13 June 1940. Next of Kin Father, John Back, 4 Lincoln Cottages, Brighton.

Served with 1 Training Battalion Royal Engineers Aldershot,

Motor cycle accident at Well Lane, Willerby Hull. Inquest recorded cause of death due to a ruptured heart and lung, from five fractured ribs. Court of Inquiry recorded Accidentally killed on duty.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 12 April 1941, aged 26.  
Son of John and K L Black, of Brighton

Buried at Brighton and Preston Cemetery, Sussex, Section Z, A Grave 609.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2722702/john-belgium-back/>

Photo Credit Ross.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/82109872/john-belgium-back>

**BAGGALEY, Albert, (2125725) Sapper, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 23 February 1911 in Wigan. Enlisted 21 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs M Baggaley, 13 Clarence Street, Wigan.

Served with 16 and 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Accidental detonation of a mine, while attending a lecture and demonstration at Pembroke Dock, Wales.

Sergeant R E Gilmour, Corporals A J R Skeet and D Whittingham, Lance Corporal W Duckworth, Sappers G Jackson, J J Perry W Plant and J B Jones with other non-Bomb Disposal Personnel died at this incident, with others injured. Inquest verdict: accidental death, no blame.



Died 28 April 1942, aged 31.

Son of William and Mary Baggaley: Husband of Martha Baggaley of Swinton, Lancashire.

Buried at Pembroke Dock Cemetery, Pembrokeshire, Section E Collective Grave G 16b to 16r.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2965709/albert-baggaley/>

Photo Credit.

<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/baggaley-a/>



**BAIN, Andrew Brown , (1990667) Corporal, 23 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1913 in Kircaldy. Enlisted 17 May 1940. Died in the Western Europe Campaign.

Served with 720 Construction Company, 20 June 1940; 15 Bomb Disposal Company 14 January 1941, 11 Bomb Disposal Company 11 September 1941, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 June 1943; 19 Bomb Disposal Section, 17 April 1944; Embarked 9 June 1944, was meant to have gone to 19 Bomb Disposal Company 9 June 1944, however he stayed with 23 Bomb Disposal Company.

Killed by shell fire while proceeding to a task in the Netherlands.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star, 1939 - 1945 War Medal, France and Germany Star.



Died 27 November 1944, aged 31.

Buried at Brunssum War Cemetery, Limburg, Netherlands, Grave II 38

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2965709/albert-baggaley/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/13970290/andrew-brown-bain>

**BAINBRIDGE, William Henry, (14289433) Sapper, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 246 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born 1913 in Hull. Killed on duty not in action. Mine explosion mine field clearance of beach mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measure.

Served in 1 M T T O, 28 October 1942; 4 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 17 February 1943; 3 Bomb Disposal Company, 27 April 1943; 8 Docks Group 1 July 1943; 7 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 2 September 1943; 759 A W Company, 6 October 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Group, 1 November 1943; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 November 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 November 1943.



Died 13 September 1944, aged 31.

Son of Charles Frederick and Sarah Elizabeth Bainbridge, of Withernsea

Buried at Withernsea Cemetery , Yorkshire, Grave 324.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2414496/william-henry-bainbridge/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/204371281/william-henry-bainbridge>

**BAKER, Edwin, (1983441) Corporal, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1904 living in London. Enlisted 19 February 1935, aged 31 years 48 days. Next of Kin Mrs E Baker, 18 Rigby Estate, London E 2 (Bethnal Green).

Served with 102 Army Troop Company, British Expeditionary Force, 20 September 1939; 81/82 Bomb Disposal Section, 24 June 1940; Trade Bricklayer.

Had been wounded at an earlier incident may not have been Bomb Disposal related, 28 May 1940. Died at 432 Hawthorne Road, Bootle, Liverpool.

Commanding Officers Opinion. All necessary precautions taken. In the absence of any direct evidence as to cause it is impossible to arrive at a definitive decision. Accidental bomb explosion, possibly due to vibration of stakes being driven into the ground in close proximity, starting the fuze.

Sapper H Moyneux, Driver J Armitage also died in this incident.



Died 13 May 1941, aged 37.

Buried at Camberwell New Cemetery, Square 102 Grave 6752. Also on-Screen Wall 1.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2428048/edward-baker/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/baker-e/>

**BALL, Lawrence Joseph, (123014) Lieutenant, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1908 in Plymouth,

Unexploded bomb detonated in Plymouth, Devon.

Sergeant D Thompson, Sapper T R Fishwick, D A Palmer Ross, E Thompson, Driver A R Stevens, R Sullivan, also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 27 March 1941, aged 33.

Son of Joseph and Celiac Ball, of Plymouth: Husband of Winifred Mary Ball, of Paignton A.M.I.C.E and CY.E.

Buried at Weston Mills Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, Section C Cons Grave 1789.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2811318/lawrence-joseph-ball/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59986582/lawrence-joseph-ball>

**BARCLAY, Charles Felix, (152067) Lieutenant, 1 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Living in Oxfordshire.

A bomb exploded at Battipaglia Station, near Salerno, Italy.

Sergeant S S Woodcock and Royal Airforce Sergeant H Jones also died in this incident.



Died 5 April 1944, aged ?

Commemorated at Cassino War Cemetery, Italy, Screen Wall Panel 3.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2069065/charles-felix-barclay/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/55978213/charles-felix-barclay>



**BARKER, James Orpe, (1991926) Sergeant, 226 Bomb Disposal Section, 25 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1916. Lived in Wolverhampton. Enlisted 21 August 1940. Next of Kin Father, Saint Jubin's, High Street, Tettenhall, near Wolverhampton.

Served in 2 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 12 September 1940; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 January 1941; Embarked for North West Europe, 4 June 1944.

Killed in action clearing minefields at Caen or Ouistreham, France. Schumines exploded while clearing casualties.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star the 1939 - 1945 Ward Medal and the France and Germany Star.



Died 1 September 1944, aged 28.  
Son of William and Helen Ann Barker, Tettenhall, Staffordshire.

Buried at Bayeux War Cemetery, France, Grave XXV III H 20.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2955368/james-orpe-barker/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56273188/james-orpe-barker>

**BARLOW, Ernest William, (14611835) Lance Corporal, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born on 6 April 1908 in Leicester. Enlisted 20 May 1943. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs C Barlow, 5 Paddock Street, Wigan, Leicester.

Served with 5 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 1 July 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 2 October 1943.

Died while a parachute mine was being rendered safe it detonated, at Olney, Buckinghamshire.

Lance Sergeant A J Maskell, Corporal E F Brooks, Sappers T H Bradshaw, J A Brady, J W Bridges, N Jolley and A E Martin also died in this incident and five others were injured.



Died 20 September 1944, aged 36.  
Son of Charles and Eliza Ann Barlow; Husband of Connie Barlow, of Wigston.

Buried at Wigston Cemetery, Leicestershire, Section H Grave 67.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2719383/ernest-william-barlow/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/197439462/ernest-william-barlow>

**BARNES, Arthur, (2123500) Sapper, 1 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 2 April 1908 in Hampshire. Enlisted 14 October 1940. Next of Kin Sister Stoney Lane, Christchurch, Hants, was his father Mr William B Barnes, deceased.

Served with 14 Training Battalion Royal Engineers 14 October 1940; 17 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 January 1941; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 June 1942; 1 Railway Training Centre, 6 August 1942; proceeding to 1 Bomb Disposal Section, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 November 1942; embark for North Africa 12 November 1942; 1 Bomb Disposal Section, 29 October 1943; Died in the Balkans and Greece Campaign.

Died through an accidental bomb explosion Guida, Greece. Balkans and Greece Campaign 1944/45.

Lance Sergeant G A Askey, Corporal C D Hoare, Sappers A Barnes, J J Hill, T Smith, Drivers B H Misselbrook, R Robertson also died in this incident, three injured and two trucks destroyed.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 3 July 1945, aged ?

Buried at Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece, Collective Grave 20 D 15 - 20.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2931769/arthur-barnes/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56552310/arthur-barnes>



**BARNHURST, Leslie Ernest, (1903408) Corporal, 15 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 12 August 1917 in Birmingham. Enlisted 30 December 1939. Next of Kin Wife, Joyce Molly Barnhurst, 116 Twickenham Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham.

Served with Construction Centre, 30 December 1939 Clacton; Chief Royal Engineer Bomb Disposal London, 9 July 1942; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 July 1942; 28 Bomb Disposal Company, 27 July 1942; 158 Bomb Disposal Section, 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 24 September 1942; North Africa 22 November 1944.

Wounded on the 27 April 1941. Next Kin was notified of his death 8 May 1945.

Died of wounds in Italy.



Died 1 May 1945, aged 28.

Son of William and Alice Barnhurst: Husband of Joyce Molly Barnhurst of Wood End Warwickshire.

Buried at Padua War Cemetery, Grave I V 4.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2817123/leslie-ernest-barnhurst/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21559360/leslie-ernest-barnhurst>

**BARRATT, Stanley Arthur, (244075) Lieutenant, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 8 October 1912 New Malden Surrey. Enlisted on the 27 June 1942 aged 29 at Holloway. Married 10 April 1939.

Served with General Service Corps, 48 PTW Blacon Camp, 6 August 1942; transferred to the Royal Engineers 5 Training Battalion, 19 September 1942; discharged having been appointed to a Commission 26 October 1942; Officer Training Unit Elgin, 27 October 1942 to April 1943; Commission placed in the London Gazette on the 22 February 1943; Bomb Disposal Initial Course School of Military Engineering Ripon, 18 June to 29 June 1943; Passed II, posted to 4 Bomb Disposal Group, 18 May 1943; posted from 4 Bomb Disposal Group to 7 Bomb Disposal Company 18 May 1943.

Military History Home Bristol 27 June 1942 1 day, Class W (T) TA Reserve 28 June to 5 August 1942 39 days, Home 6 August 1942 to 26 October 1942 82 days.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK, at Porthtowan, Cornwall. Whilst on duty with party clearing beach minefields an explosion of a mine occurred causing fatal injuries. The cause of the accident cannot be ascertained. Inquest finding misadventure. Not due to enemy action. Performing military duty.

G T Gode and S H Tyler also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 15 September 1943, age?

Buried at Amersham Consecrated Cemetery. Buckinghamshire. Grave 1825.

<https://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/find-cemeteries-memorials/cemetery-details/36300/amersham-consecrated-cemetery/>

Photo Credit CWGC.



Lieutenant Barratt's family visits the beach where he died.

His father was a bed bound invalid, from the Great War. His younger brother was reported missing on the Murmansk run, later informed that he was picked up and survived the War. His other brother had volunteered for the Glider Regiment, but due to the families' circumstances was taken off active duty.

Photo Credit Andrew Barratt.

**BASSETT, Charles John, (242830) Lieutenant, Bomb Disposal, Royal Engineers.**

Born in Kent.

Investigating a VI crash site, the wreckage was widely spread, the Fuze pockets were separated from the main charge, however, still close when one of the fuze pockets exploded at Hopton, Suffolk.

Major T J Deane Office Commanding, 10 Bomb Disposal Company and Captain Yard injured at this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 15 October 1944, aged 29.

Son of Charles and Celia Kate Bassett, of Westerham; Husband of Nellie Caroline Bassett, of Westerham.

Buried at Saint Mary Churchyard, Westerham, Grave 88 D.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2655509/charles-john-bassett/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/133236985/charles-john-bassett>



**BATCH, Frank, (1880152) Sergeant, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 29 July 1914, in Norwich, Norfolk. Enlisted 14 September 1939. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Batch, 60 Dover Street, Norwich, Norfolk.

Served with 4 Construction Company, 5 Centre Royal Engineer; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 31 December 1940.

No Civil Inquest, owing to the nature of the Incident, recorded death was due to an Unexploded Bomb detonating, whilst being excavated in Denbigh, Wales.

Lance Corporal R Taylor, Sappers J W Hainey, I Owen and Driver R E Holt



Died 7 May 1941, aged 26.

Son of Thomas and Amelia Batch of Norwich: Husband of Doris Louis Batch of Norwich.

Buried at Norwich Cemetery, Norfolk, Section T, Grave 201.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2764134/frank-batch/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59972016/frank-batch>



**BECKFORD, Edwin Albert, (2079725) Sapper, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 9 January 1908 at Plymouth. Enlisted 24 May 1939 at Reading. Next of Kin Wife Mrs D F Beckford, 85 Ashburton Road, Whitley, Estate, Reading.

Served with 266 Field Company, 3 October 1939; 69 Field Park Company, 28 April 1943; 49 Field Company, 25 January 1943; 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 May 1944; 3 Bomb Disposal Group, 8 May 1944; 10 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 September 1944.

Died while clearing beach minefields laid as part of the anti-invasion measures at Winterton-on-Sea, Norfolk. Chief Royal Engineer 3 Bomb Disposal Group, believes the accident might have been caused by the detector man putting his foot into a rabbit burrow and stumbling onto a mine. Or his balance being upset by an explosion on the nearby demolition ground. No blame can be attached to any person or persons.



Died 21 December 1944, aged 36.  
Husband of Dorothy Florence Beckford of Reading, Berkshire.

Buried at Henley Road, Cemetery, Reading, Oxfordshire, Block 10 Grave 16018.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2421761/edwin-albert-beckford/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31000933/edwin-albert-beckford>

**BELCHER, William Edward, (143986672) Sapper, 3 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1909 in Berkshire. Next of Kin Mother Mrs Belcher, Cher - Bel, Box Hill Road, Abingdon, Berkshire.

Served with 4 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 29 January 1943; 546 Electrical and Mechanical Company, 7 April 1943; 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 October 1943.

Died while clearing beach mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures at Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire. Resulting from injuries caused by fragmentation of body by explosion, sustained on duty. On duty not to blame.

Awarded the 1939 -1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 22 March 1945, aged 36.  
Son of Edward William and Mary Elizabeth Belcher of Abingdon.

Buried at Abingdon New Cemetery, Berkshire, Section 1 G Grave 21.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2436217/william-edward-belcher/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/68811445/william-edward-belcher>

**BELL, Harry, (3441344) Corporal, 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 157 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born 6 March 1906 in Salford. Enlisted 15 July 1940 in Manchester.

Served in General Construction Company Chatham; 62 Bomb Disposal Section, 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941, ? February 194? 157 Bomb Disposal Section, embarked for North Africa 24 November 1942; Embarked for unknown destination 18 July 1943.

Wounded 12 April 1945, right leg amputated above the knee, left leg below the knee, died 5 days later in Italy.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 17 April 1945, aged 38.

Buried at Ravenna War Cemetery, Italy Grave I C 27.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2222660/harry-bell/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56499214/harry-bell>

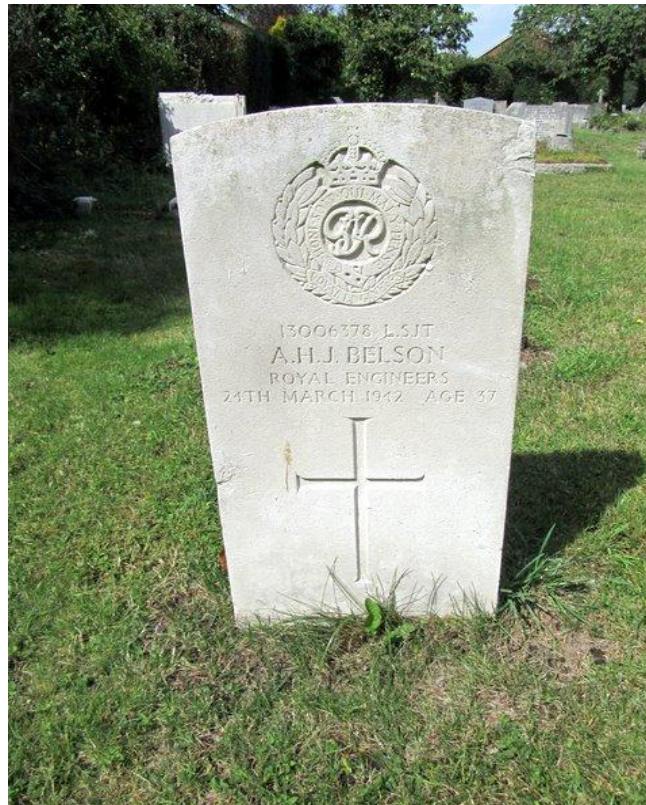
**BELSON, Alfred Henry John, (13006738) Lance Sergeant, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 15 October 1904 in Oxford. Enlisted 22 January 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Violet Alice Belson, 7 Pitcroft Avenue, Reading, Berkshire. Next of Kin, notified 25 March 1942.

Served in Depot Company, 7 October 1940; 853 Quarrying Company, 7 October 1940; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1941.

Fatal accident on Bomb Disposal Work. Inquiry, although he knew the precautions when burning out bombs, he stayed till the thermite had burnt through the bomb and ignited the filling, before returning to the safety distance. He should have retired as soon as the fuze was lit and showed negligence in not doing so. Long Ashton near Bristol.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 24 March 1942, aged 37.

Son of Arthur James and Mary Belson: Husband of Violet Alice Belson of Reading.

Buried at Saint Peters Churchyard, Earley, Berkshire. Section B Row 9 Grave 199.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2436321/alfred-henry-john-belson/>

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**BERRY, Dennis, (2020566) Sapper, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 16 March 1920 in Exeter. Enlisted 13 June 1940 at Shorncliffe. Next of Kin was notified 23 September 1941.

Served with 1 Training Battalion Royal Engineers; 2 Depot Battalion Royal Engineers 9 November 1940; Embarked for the Middle East, 3 January 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company 12 March 1941.

Court of Inquiry 11 October 1941. Died due to the explosion of an enemy parachute mine in Palestine. Court of Inquiry Verdict. Killed by the explosion of a booby trap in the tail of the bomb. Death resulted from the over zealousness of Lieutenant Farnworth in doing unnecessary work on the tail and this resulted in the bomb exploding.

Lieutenant R A Farnworth and Lance Sergeant T H Sutton also died at this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star, the 1939 - 1945 War Medal and



Died 14 September 1941, aged 21.  
Son of Daniel Harry and Edith May Berry of Easton, Bristol.  
Buried at Khyat Beach War Cemetery, Israel. Grave B B 12.



<https://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/find-cemeteries-memorials/cemetery-details/117000/khayat-beach-war-cemetery/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/25266241/dennis-berry>

**BIDDLE, Francis George, (2014060) Sapper, 42 Bomb Disposal Section, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 20 April 1915 in London. Enlisted 16 May 1940 EE Vincent Square, London. 5 W 1. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs K Biddle, 4 Clyngwyn Road, Blaenrhondda, Glamorganshire.

Served in 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 January 1941; Embarked for Middle East 17 March 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company confirmed 17 December 1942.

Died while a 500 lb British type 37 pistol was being worked on and it detonated. The night party had been keeping the shaft clear of water. In Italy.

Lieutenant B M M Sinclair, Sergeant H Evans BEM, Corporal J A Johnston, Sappers P Carney, W Pearn and G W Rice were also killed, and 4 civilians missing.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star, 1939 -1945 War Medal and Africa Star.



Died at 1030 8 January 1944, aged 28.

Buried at Salerno War Cemetery, Italy, Grave III D 45.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/207829/francis-george-biddle/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56575364/francis-george-biddle>

**BINGHAM, Raymond Charles, (126308) Captain, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1916 in South East London.

Died from shrapnel, caused by the demolition of a SD2, whilst sheltering in an armoured car, Butterfly Bomb, Epsom Downs, Surrey.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal. Posthumous Award of the Kings Commendation for Bravery.



Died 6 March 1943, aged 27.

Son of Reginald Harry and Dorothy Winifred Bingham, of Redbourn, Hertfordshire.

Buried at Brockley Cemetery, Deptford, London. Section E Grave 138 RC Ground.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2428372/raymond-charles-bingham/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/bingham-r-c/>

**BIRTWISTLE, William, (1941280) Sapper, 98 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born 27 February 1902 in Sumtrut, Lancashire. Next of Kin Wife, Ellen Birtwistle, 21 Sand Street, Small Bridge, Rochdale Lancashire. Next of Kin was notified by the hospital.

Served in 6 Bomb Disposal Company from 14 November 1940.

Fracture to the skull and laceration to the brain, transferred to Military Hospital seriously ill. Possibly self-inflicted gunshot wound. Cause of death chronic meningitis following self-inflicted gunshot wound. Inquest verdict suicide whilst of unsound mind. Rochdale Infirmary, Greater Manchester.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 21 December 1940, aged 38.  
Husband of Ellen Birtwistle, of Smallbridge.

Buried at Saint James, Calderbrook, Lancashire, Row 20 Grave 16.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2698301/william-birtwistle/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/171920832/william-birtwistle>

**BLACKBURNE, Michael, (3439194) Sapper, 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 20 October 1903, in Manchester. Enlisted 2 June 1939. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs N Blackburne, 575 Collyhurst Road, Manchester

Served with 510 Field Company, 17 January 1940; 77 and 80 Bomb Disposal Sections, 22 June 1940; 103 Bomb Disposal Section, 14 May 1940; 110 Bomb Disposal Section, 19 August 1940; 6 Bomb Disposal Section, 13 October 1940; 22 Depot Battalion, 22 October 1940; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 November 1940; 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941.

Died through the accidental explosion of a land mine in a defence area, not stated which. Inquest held at Teignmouth, Dorset, verdict death by misadventure.

Commanding Officer Opinion, accidental, and not caused by any neglect on his part.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 27 March 1941, aged 38.

Son of William and Ellen Blackburne, of Manchester: Husband of Nancy Blackburne, of Manchester.

Buried at Saint Josephs RC Cemetery, Lancashire. Section G Grave 1170.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2403949/michael-blackburne/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/blackburne-m/>



**BLANEY, Michael Flood George Cross, (119978) Captain, 64 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1910.

An unexploded bomb fell in the premises immediately abutting the main London-Chelmsford Road (Romford Road Manor Park). On the 13th December 1940, in view of the serious dislocation of important traffic, Captain Blaney proceeded to attempt to remove the fuze (one time fuze). The alternative method of sterilizing the bomb was not at the time available and at great personal risk, and with full knowledge of the grave danger, he personally entered the crater to carry out the process. Unfortunately, the bomb exploded and Captain Blaney lost his life.

Captain M Blaney was awarded the George Cross.

Lieutenant R James, Staff Sergeant C Roberts, Lance Corporals D Mills, S White, Sappers J Maycock, T McLaren, Drivers F G Hawkins, J Lauchlan, and J Pickering, Inspector H Lane Metropolitan Police also died in this incident, one female member of the public slightly injured.

Awarded the George Cross, 1939 - 1945 Star and 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 13 December 1940, aged 30.  
Son of Charles and Alyce C Blaney, of Newry

Buried at Newry Old Chapel, RC Cemetery, County Down Ireland. Old Ground.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2690338/michael-flood-blaney/>

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**BLOOD, Norman,(3442278) Lance Corporal, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 21 October 1908 in Manchester. Enlisted 11 July 1940 in Manchester. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E Blood, 53 Squire Street, Manchester, Lancashire.

Served with 3 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 January 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 January 1941; embarked 17 March 1941; Disembarked in the Middle East 18 Bomb Disposal Company 11 May 1941.

Died while a member of a working party, laying anti-personnel mines. Badly injured when an ap mine operated by a trip wire exploded. Died of multiple injuries. Inquiry found insignificant evidence of the cause of the detonation. Location: Lebanon.

Commanding Officer Opinion: Insufficient evidence to show the cause, On Duty - No Blame.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star, 1939 - 1945 War Medal and the Africa Star.



Died 6 August 1943, aged 34.

Son of Alfred and Emma Blood of Manchester: Husband of Elsie Millicent Blood of Manchester.

Buried at Beirut War Cemetery, Lebanon. Grave 3 B 4.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2187639/norman-blood/>

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**BORDYCOTT, Harold, (2132358) Lance Corporal, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 5 April 1940 in Lancaster. Enlisted 20 November 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Bordycott, 696 Blackburn Road, Rising Bridge, Accrington, Lancashire.

Served with 754 Field Company, 20 November 1940; 9 Bomb Disposal Company, 3 June 1941; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 June 1943; embarked from the UK with 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 September 1944; Disembarked North West Europe, 7 September 1944.

Schu mine clearance in France. There had been an earlier explosion on 7 October, killing 4 of the Section. Harold and one other continued to work lifting mines. There was an explosion, Harold was injured and died of his wounds the next day. The other person he was working with survived.

Sergeant L Scott, Sapper R A Cook, J F Weyman, Driver P R Collier also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1946 Star, 1939 - 1945 War Medal and the France and Germany Star.



Died 8 October 1944, aged 30.

Son of Harold and Ruth Bordycott of Rising Bridge, Accrington, Lancashire. Husband of Annie Bordycott of Rising Bridge.

Buried at Bayeux War Cemetery, Lebanon. Grave II F 5.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2955527/harold-bordycott/>

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**BOWGEN, Albert, (5784340) Sapper, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 7 March 1909. Enlisted 14 May 1942.

Served with 6 Field Park Company, 5 June 1942; 250 Field Company, 15 September 1942; 503 Field Company, 22 December 1942; Home Detail 16 January 1943; 503 Field Company, 17 January 1943; 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 18 January 1943; 1 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 February 1942; 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 3 November 1944.

Killed by a mine explosion, whilst clearing beach mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures at Walton-on-Naze, Essex. Court of Inquiry findings drill for dismantling prime tubes generally understood and were being carried out to instructions appear to exist, as to procedures should an unusually light bung be encountered. The condition of the PBG in this particular tube cannot be ascertained. Opinion of 3 Bomb Disposal Group explosion was due to the presence of nitro glycerine round the bung. No one to blame.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 29 November 1944, aged?

Buried at Norwich Cemetery, Norfolk. Section 54 Grave 152.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2764141/albert-bowgen/>

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**BOWLER, Harry, (5784340) Sapper, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in Derbyshire. Enlisted 30 October 1940. Next of Kin Father, 151 Pilsley Road, Danesmoor, Chesterfield, Derby. Next of Kin was informed 30 March 1945.

Served with 673 A W Company 7 July 1943; 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 20 July 1943.

Killed clearing mines as part of the anti-invasion measures at Bradmore, Nottinghamshire. On duty not to blame.

Corporal H Atkins also died in this incident.



Died 29 March 1945. Aged?  
Son of Isacc and Lucy Bowler of Danesmoor.

Clay Cross Cemetery, Derbyshire. Grave 1847.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2702068/harry-bowler/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/178366403/harry-bowler>



**BRADSHAW, Thomas Henry, (2113659) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1913 in Leeds. Enlisted 2 July 1940. Next of Kin Father, Mr J Bradshaw, 46 Town Street, Gildersome, Leeds.

Served with 588 a ? Troops; 70 Bomb Disposal Section, 13 September 1940; 3 L of C 4 September 1941; Headquarters 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 March 1942; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 Bomb Disposal Group, 27 March 1942.

One of a team rendering safe a parachute mine when it detonated at Emberton Road, Olney, Bedford. Next of Kin was notified 23 September 1944.

Lance Sergeant A J Maskell, Corporal E F Brooks, Lance Corporal E W Barlow, Sappers J A Brady, J W Bridges, N Jolley, A E Martin also died at this incident 5 Sappers also injured.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died on the 20 September 1944, aged 31.  
Son of Joseph and Bertha Mary Bradshaw of Gildersome.

Buried at Gildersome Cemetery, Leeds, Yorkshire. Section M Grave 245.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2408042/thomas-henry-bradshaw/>

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**BRADY, James Anthony, (1888706) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 29 November 1919 in East London. Enlisted 4 April 1940 in Ongar. Re-enlisted 18 March 1941, Next of Kin Wife, 7 Hitchin Hill Path, Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, Newark, 18 April 1940; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 June 1940; 65 Bomb Disposal Section, 4 Bomb Disposal Company.

One of a team rendering safe a parachute mine when it detonated at Emberton Road, Olney, Bedford. N

James the son of Alice Brady, came from Silvertown in London. He volunteered for Bomb Disposal Work when he was only 19 years old and it was whilst he was stationed in Hitchin that he met his future wife. They married in 1943 and lived at 7 Hill Path and at the time of his death, the couple had a 9-month-old baby daughter. He had volunteered for overseas service but it was felt that his services were too useful and his request was denied. On the 20th September 1944, just a few days before he was due to go on leave, James was with his Company in Emberton, Bedford.

Lance Sergeant A J Maskell, Corporal E F Brooks, Lance Corporal E W Barlow, Sappers T H Bradshaw, J W Bridges, N Jolley, A E Martin also died at this incident 5 Sappers also injured.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 -1945 War Medal.



**BRADY, Robert Charles, (1430223) Sapper, 97 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Next of Kin Father, J W Brady, 14 All Saints Street, Caledonian Road, Kings Cross N1. Born in 1919 in North London. Enlisted 21 July 1938. Next of Kin was notified 11 September 1940.

Served with 95 Bomb Disposal Section, 25 June 1940; 9 Bomb Disposal Section, 1 July 1940.

Killed when a bomb he was working on detonated at the Caterham/Purley Branch, Warlingham, Surrey of Southern Rail.

Sergeant R A Smith, Corporal J Linsey, Sapper A R Bush also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 8 September 1940, aged 21.  
Son of John and Mary Brady of Islington, London.

Buried at Islington Cemetery, London. Section K Block 4 Grave 19232P.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2735108/robert-brady/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24657955/robert-charles-brady>

**BRAYSHER, Owen Ernest, (2072958) Sapper, 73 Bomb Disposal Section  
Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Enlisted 2 May 1939.

Served with 290 Field Company, 2 May 1939; British Expeditionary Force, 27 October 1939; 5 Line Battalion, 15 May 1940; 73 Bomb Disposal Section, 22 June 1940.

Category A bomb, delayed action fuze detonated 15 ½ hours after being dropped at Woodbridge Lane, Moseley, Birmingham.

Sappers J E Brown and L Fitchett also died in this incident and eight injured.



Died on the 29 October 1940, aged 20.  
Son of Ernest Charles and Ellen Caroline Braysher of Over.

Buried at Saint Mary Churchyard, Over, Cambridgeshire.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2651870/owen-ernest-braysher/>

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**BRESNAHAN, Peter Joseph, (2141936) Lance Corporal, 107 Bomb Disposal Section, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 28 August 1920 in Deptford. Enlisted 27 February 1941. Next of Kin Wife, 4 Lenthorp Road, East Greenwich, London.

Served with 674 Artisan Company, 27 May 1941; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 August 1941; Y list out of unit 14 December 1942 to 26 March 1944; motor cycle accident; 24 Bomb Disposal Company 28 March 1944.

Commanding Officer's opinion, accidentally killed as a result of a revolver bullet wound in the head, on duty not to blame. Commander 14 AQRE Confirmed Commanding Officers opinion.

Awarded the 1939 -1945 Star and 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 25 July 1944, aged 24.

Son of Peter Joseph and Alice Bresnahan: Husband of Barbara Kathleen Bresnahan of East Greenwich, London.

Buried at Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Grave 11 M 12.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2955585/peter-joseph-bresnahan/>

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**BRIDGES, James William, (14527913) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 26 June 1921. Enlisted 4 February 1943. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs R B Bridges, 13 Hall Street, Kidderminster, Worcestershire. NOK was notified 23 September 1944.

Served with 5 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 17 March 1943; 547 Electrical and Mechanical Company, 22 June 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 September 1943; Depot Wing Training T C, 16 May 1944.

One of a team rendering safe a parachute mine when it detonated at Emberton Road, Olney, Bedford.

Lance Sergeant A J Maskell, Corporal E F Brooks, Lance Corporal E W Barlow, Sappers J A Brady, T H Bradshaw, N Jolley, A E Martin also died at this incident 5 Sappers also injured.



Died 20 September 1944, aged 24.

Son of John and May Bridges: Husband of Vivien Rosalie Bridges of Kidderminster.

Buried at Kidderminster Cemetery, Worcestershire. Block 8 Grave 1051.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2712184/james-william-bridges>

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**BRIDGES, Norman William, (1878613) Lance Corporal, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 19 May 1906 at Kinnoull, Scotland. Living in West London Enlisted 12 September 1939 aged 23 at Acton. Next of Kin Father, 12 Rose Terrace, Perth, Scotland. Next of Kin was notified 30 July 1941.

Served with Driver in Charge Regimental Headquarters Motor Transport Depot, 12 September 1939; 3 Motor Transport Depot, 28 November 1939; 29 Bomb Disposal Company, 2 October 1940; 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 October 1940; 3 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 January 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 January 1941.

Died in 15 General Hospital, Egypt, Multiple bomb wounds. Inquest Verdict, Injuries sustained by misadventure. Court of Inquiry held on the 31 July 1941 Commanding Officers Opinion, died from injuries sustained while acting in an operational role. He was on duty and not to blame.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star, the 1939 - 1945 War Medal and the Africa Star.



Died 23 July 1943, aged 25.  
Son of James and Jean Wilson Bridges nee Stenhouse of Perth.

Buried at Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Grave K 77.

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**BRIGGS, Maurice George, (211230) Corporal, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 14 December 1913 at Kirby. Enlisted 8 August 1940. Next of Kin, Mother, Lynton, Orchard Avenue, Kirkby, Notts.

Served with 726 General Construction Company, 27 September 1940; 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 January 1941.

Died in an explosion. Inquest recorded death by misadventure. Removing Anti-Aircraft shells from a store when the explosion occurred. Findings of the Court of Enquiry, no evidence to show the deceased can be held responsible. Chief Royal Engineer 2 Bomb Disposal Group concurred. Location of incident Singleton Manor, Great Chartwell, near Ashford, Kent.



Died 19 August 1940 aged 30.  
Son of John and Mary Ann Briggs of Kirkby-in-Ashfield.

Buried at Kingsway New Cemetery, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, Section A Row A11 Grave 4202.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2703022/maurice-george-briggs/>

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**BRISCOE, Walter, BEM (2126473) Lance Corporal, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1919 in Lancashire.

Served with 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1941.

Died whilst clearing beach mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures laid around the coast of the UK. Inquiry heard that the unusual features of the section of the minefield is a double apron fence inside the dannert wire perimeter fence. Possibly Lance Corporal Briscoe got a reaction on his locator and assumed it came from a visible picket, whereas the reaction was from a mine laying close against the picket. The position of the crater confirms the fact that it must have been nearly touching the mine. How this double apron fence came to be almost on top of the mine is difficult to explain. Verdict that the explosion was an accident and no one is to blame. The location of the incident was Wyke Regis, Dorset.

Lieutenant Morgan was in charge of the operation and was wounded with a number of others by the explosion. Lieutenant Morgan, despite his wounds, entered the live part of the minefield to remove the wounded and Lance Corporal Briscoe's body.

Awarded the British Empire Medal.



Died 8 December 1944, aged 34.  
Son of Walter and Jane Briscoe: Husband of Alice Briscoe of Shaw.

Buried at Crompton Cemetery, Plot 77 Grave 12071.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2698439/walter-briscoe/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/32499929/walter-briscoe>

**BRISTOW GM, Charles Frederick, (13005511) Lance Sergeant, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 10 October 1899 in Sleaford, Lincs. Enlisted 3 January 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E Bristow, Lyndhurst, Cranwell Village, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

Served with 123 Bomb Disposal Section, 2 October 1940; 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 January 1941.

Died in Southend General Hospital, injured whilst dealing with a yellow peril bomb at Halfway House Marshes, Great Wakering, Essex. Court of Inquiry on the 13 April 1942, Commanding Officers Opinion, on duty and not to blame.

Lieutenant J P Walton GM died three days later from this incident.

Awarded the George Medal.



Died 4 April 1942, aged 43.

Son of Fred and Rose Bristow: Husband of Elsie Bristow of Cranwell Village.

Buried at Crompton Cemetery, Crompton, Oldham, Lancashire. Plot 77 Grave 12070.

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**BRISTOW, Rudley Henry, (1950029) Sapper, 8 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born 27 January 1922 in Richmond. Enlisted 4 March 1941 in Clacton. Next of Kin Father, 15 ?? Sheen Vale, Richmond.

Served with 14 Training Battalion, 13 March 1941; 104 Army Troop Company, 8 July 1941; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 May 1942; 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 30 July 1942; Embarked for North Africa, 26 November 1942.

Killed in Action lorry he was travelling in, possibly ran over a mine. Vaasto, Italy.

Corporal G Halliday, Lance Corporal R J Hamilton, Sapper F Downing, Driver G E Randall also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star the 1939 - 1945 War Medal and the Africa Star.



Died 19 February 1944, aged 22.

Son of Mr and Mrs Sidney Bristow of Richmond Surrey: Husband of Joyce Mabel Bristow of Richmond.

Buried at Sangro River Cemetery. Grave X V A 21.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2377403/rudley-henry-bristow/>

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**BROOKS, Eric Frederick, (1888597) Corporal, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 15 January 1918 in Saffron Walden. Enlisted 1 April 1940 at Romford. Next of Kin Father, 54 Cannon Avenue, Chadwell Heath, Essex. Next of Kin was notified on 23 September 1944.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 18 April 1940; 80 Assault Squadron, 14 December 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Company.

One of a team rendering safe a parachute mine when it detonated at Emberton Road, Olney, Bedford. Next of Kin was notified on 23 September 1944.

Lance Sergeant A J Maskell, Lance Corporal E W Barlow, Sappers J A Brady, T H Bradshaw, J W Bridges, N Jolley, A E Martin also died at this incident 5 Sappers also injured.



Died 20 September 1944, aged 26.  
Son of Frederick and Anita Brooks of Chadwell Heath.

Buried at Ilford Cemetery, Essex. Grave 4718.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2722111/eric-frederick-brooks/>

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**BROWN, Harry, (7111600) Lance Corporal, 5 Bomb Disposal Section, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Enlisted 8 June 1933. Next of Kin Widow, Mrs Dorothy Brown, 20 Hinton Grove, Hereford. Next of Kin notified on the 1 January 1941

Died of natural causes, prostrate.



Admitted to Brighton Hospital 16 December 1940. Died 27 December 1940, aged 42.

Buried at Saint Martins, Hereford, Herefordshire. Section F Row 7 Grave 8.

<https://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/find-cemeteries-memorials/cemetery-details/39319/hereford-st-martin-churchyard/>

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**BROWN, John Ernest, (6711953) Sapper, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1925 in West London, Enlisted 26 June 1940. Next of Kin Widow, Olive Mary Brown, 17 Rosevine Road, West Wimbledon, London SLO 20. Admitted to Selly Oaks Hospital died the same day, injuries to left leg and head.

Served in 5 Training Battalion, 18 July 1940; 73 Bomb Disposal Section, 16 October 1940.

Category A bomb, delayed action fuze detonated 15 ½ hours after being dropped at Woodbridge Lane, Moseley, Birmingham.

Sappers A E Braysher and L Fitchett also died in this incident and eight injured.



Died 29 October 1940, aged 25.  
Son of John Kenneth and Katheleen Emily Brown of Allesley.

Buried at Whitton Cemetery, Birmingham, Warwickshire. Section 56 Collective Grave 10374.

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**BROWN, John Edward, (2196474) Sapper, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 18 November 1913 in Nottinghamshire. Enlisted in Acton 20 May 1940. Next of Kin Father, W E Brown, 7 Brockley Road, West Bridgford, Notts. Trade Concreter.

Served with 16 Party Recruit Leaders, 5 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 15 June 1940; Bomb Disposal Section, 16 September 1940; 74 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 March 1940.

Fell through a camouflet.

Sapper Kirkby also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 19 September 1940, aged 26.

Son of Edward William and Mary Elizabeth Brown of West Bridgeford, Nottingham.

Buried at Nottingham Southern Cemetery, Nottinghamshire. Section Q 25 Grave 34.

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**BROWN MM, John Henry, (1921770) Lance Corporal, 853 (Bomb Disposal)  
Quarrying Company.**

Born 7 September 1896 in Cornwall. Enlisted 20 June 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Beatrice Maud Brown, Cheese Wing Cottages, Upton Cross, Callington.

Served with 853 Quarrying Company, Halifax, 17 July 1940.

Died from natural causes Aneurysm of the Aorta at Portway Hospital, Weymouth, Dorset.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 5 November 1940, aged 44.

Son of William Henry and Susan Ann Brown of Linkinhorne: Husband of Beatrice Maud Brown of Upton.

Buried at Saint Pauls Churchyard, Upton, Cornwall. North West of Church.

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**BROWN, Walter Frank, (1874815) Sapper, 1 Malayan Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1918, living in Norwich. Enlisted 26 October 1937.

Served with Training Battalion, Royal Engineers 27 October 1937; Disembarked in the Middle East, 30 Fortress Company, 16 February 1939; 1 Malayan Bomb Disposal Company, 31 May 1941.

Died of acute enteritis while a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Camp 4 Thailand.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 Star.



Died 14 August 1943, aged 25.

Buried at Changkai, Thailand, Grave I J 6.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2352563/walter-frank-brown/>

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**Buchanan, Jim, (2127003) Sapper, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 2 December 1910 in Burnley, living in Lancashire. . Enlisted 23 October 1940.  
Next of Kin Wife, Mrs A Buchanan, 44 Bolton Street, Colne, Lancs.

Served with 17 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1940; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 April 1943.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures in the UK. No evidence to show how the explosion occurred. Verdict accidental death.  
Angmering on Sea, East Preston, Surrey.

Lieutenant W E K Kenway, Lance Sergeant F S Galloway, Sapper H R Jones, Lance Corporal A Raynor also died in this incident, Sapper Gresser was injured and died the next day.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 30 September 1943, aged 32.  
Son of Teddy and Sophia Buchanan of Colne: Husband of Alice Buchanan.

Buried at Trawden Methodist Cemetery, Lancashire, Section B Grave 90.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2700793/jim-buchanan/>

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**BUICK, Alexander, (389365) Sapper, 1 Bomb Disposal Platoon, Royal Engineers.**

Born 14 June 1895. Enlisted 11 June 1940 in Belfast. Next of Kin Wife, Agnes Buick, 19 Saint Leonards Street, Belfast.

Killed in action, battle accident in Greece.

Lance Corporal W Dickens also died in this incident.



Died 2 February 1945, aged 49.  
Husband of Agnes Buick of Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Buried at Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. Grave G 21 C 18.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2931875/alexander-buick/>

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**BUMSTEAD, Frederick Christopher, (1866846) Sergeant, 1 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineer.**

Born 14 November 1913. Enlisted 9 January 1928. Next of Kin Widow, Irene Evelyn, Bumstead, 68 Albany Road, Luton, Chatham.

Serve with for training as a fitter, B T S Chepstow, 9 January 1928; B Company, Training Battalion, 13 January 1931; 4 Fortress Company, 26 September 1931; 38 Field Company, 27 May 1932; M Depot Company, 9 March 1935; 9 Field Company, 2 December 1935; 15 Field Park Company, 20 April 1937; 7 Field Company, 4 June 1937; Transferred to Army Reserve, 3 November 1937; 59 Field Company, 15 August 1939; 17 Field Company, 3 September 1939; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1941,

Died whilst extracting a fuze from a UXB. As far as is known the fuze was fitted with an anti-withdrawal device or the fuze pocket exploded at White Ground Estate, Bermondsey, London. Next of Kin was notified on 23 January 1941.

Captain E T Crump BEM also died in this incident.



Died 16 January 1941, aged 27.

Son of Frederick and Charlotte Bumstead: Husband of Irene Evelyn Bumstead of Chatham.

Buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. Grave 5 E 14.

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**BURNS, John Fred, (14621292) Sapper, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 16 December 1924 in London. Enlisted 3 June 1943 in Chichester. Next of Kin Father, R M Burns, Custom House, Greenock.

Served in 249 Field Company, 24 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died of wounds in France.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star, the 1939 - 1945 War Medal and the France and Germany Star.



Died 25 September 1944, aged 19.

Son of Robert Martin and Dorothy Alice Burns of Greenock, Renfrewshire.

Buried at Saint Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Martine, France. Block S Plot 1 Grave 14.

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Memorial Stone in his home town.

**BURNS, Walter, (1894905) Sapper, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 31 March 1912 at Salford. Enlisted 20 April 1940 in Manchester. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs B Burns, 13 Brooklands Street, Salford, Lancs.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures in the UK. Chief Royal Engineer 3 Bomb Disposal Group opinion no evidence as to what caused the accident at Dunwich, Suffolk. No blame is attached to any person or persons.

Corporal C F Rosier also died in this incident.



Died 19 February 1943, aged 33.

Son of Arthur Ernest and Sara Burns of Salford: Husband of Bella Burns of Salford.

Buried at Agecroft Cemetery, Salford, Lancashire. Section 29 Grave 694.

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**BURT, Joseph Hercules, (1863434) Corporal, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 20 February 1913 in Plymouth. Enlisted 1 February 1924 at Plymouth. Next of Kin Father, 50 Kings Road, Higher Street, Budeaux, Plymouth. Next of Kin was notified on 31 March 1942 (this must be the date he was posted as a POW/Missing), Singapore.

Prisoner of War of the Japanese, died of dysentery.



Died 19 February 1943, aged 39.  
Son of George Herbert and Jessie Burt of Saint Budeaux, Plymouth.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave 2 F 54.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2665521/joseph-hercules-burt/>

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**BUSH, Allan Robert, (948440 Sapper, 97 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Killed when a bomb he was working on detonated at the Caterham/Purley Branch, Warlingham, Surrey of Southern Rail.

Sergeant R A Smith, Corporal J Linsley, Sapper R C Brady also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 8 September 1940, aged 33.  
Son of Harry and Kate Elizabeth Bush of Norwich

Buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. Grave 5 B 9.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2762064/allan-robert-bush/>

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**CALTON, Hyman, (2128800) Sapper, 156 Bomb Disposal Platoon, Royal Engineers.**

Born 21 February 1911 in Glasgow, Enlisted 28 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs M Calton, 4 Cromarty Gardens, Stamperland, Glasgow. Letter to Next of Kin sent on the 17 January 1945, notified on the 25 January 1945.

Served with 21 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 October 1940; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 January 1941; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 20 May 1941; 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 November 1942; 156 Bomb Disposal Section; Embarked for North Africa 22 November 1942; 156 Bomb Disposal Section, 21 September 1943.

Died of natural causes, coronary occlusion in Italy.



Died 31 December 1944, aged 33.  
Son of Louis and Annie Bernstien Calton: Husband of Minnie Calton.

Buried at Moro River War Cemetery. Grave XII G 1.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2204087/hyman-calton/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/55915117/hyman-calton>

**CAMPBELL GC, Alexander Fraser, (135004) Lieutenant, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1898 in Ayrshire, living on the Isle of Bute.

Killed when a 250 kg bomb detonated, as was being unloaded, it had been moved from where it landed to Whitely Common, Coventry.

Sergeant M Gibson MM, Sapper R Gilchrest, M Gibson, Sapper W Gibson, J Plumb, R W Skelton, Driver E F G Taylor also died in this incident.

Awarded the George Cross.



Died 8 October 1940, aged 42.

Son of Archibald and Mary Campbell of Dalmellington, Ayrshire: Husband of Agnes Sharp Campbell of Dalmellington.

Buried at London Road Cemetery, Coventry, Warwickshire. Square 348 Collective Grave 46.

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**Campbell, Thomas, (2128803) Corporal, 4 Bomb Dal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 13 March 1911 in Falkirk. Enlisted 28 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs C Campbell, Castleview, Shieldmill, Falkirk, Stirling. Next of Kin was informed on 25 April 1945.

Served in 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 October 1940; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 January 1943.

Clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Horsey Norfolk. Whilst in performance of Military duty. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer, 3 Bomb Disposal Group, there is no evidence to show what caused the accident. No blame is attached to any person or persons.

Lance Corporal A H Harrison also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 23 April 1945, aged 34.

Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Campbell: Husband of Christina Campbell of Shieldhill.

Buried at Polmont Churchyard, Stirlingshire, Scotland. Section E Grave 242.

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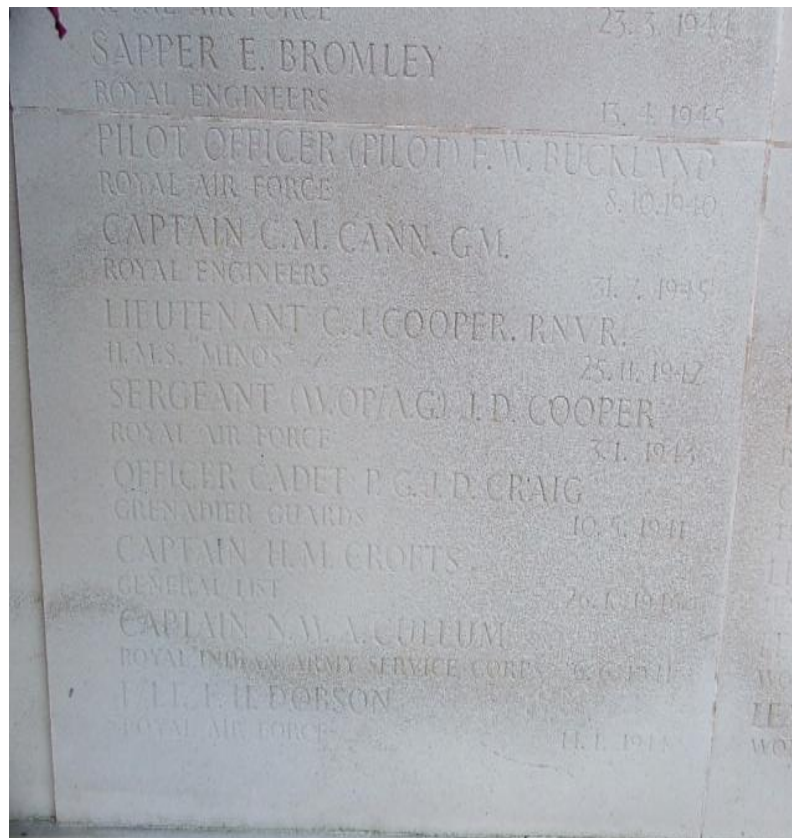
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**CANN GM, Charles Morris, (161418) Captain, Bomb Disposal, Royal Engineer.**

Died under anaesthesia, whilst having his tonsils removed. Some years later the same happened to his son.

Awarded the George Medal.



Died 31 July 1945, aged 27.

Son of John Arthur and Ruby Louise Cann, of Charmouth, Dorset. Husband of Jean Beatrice Cann of Charmouth.

Commemorated at Woodvale Crematorium, Brighton, Sussex. Panel 1.

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**CANT, Ernest, (1903005) Sergeant, 168 Bomb Disposal Section, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 2 February 1908 in Yorkshire, living in Carlisle. Enlisted 29 December 1939 aged 31. Next of Kin Father, Mr Thomas Cant, 40 Lawson Street, Workington. Next of Kin was notified 29 September 1943.

Served with Construction Centre Royal Engineers, 29 December 1939; 653 General Construction Company, 31 December 1939; 168 Bomb Disposal Section, 16 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died clearing mines laid a part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Beach mine explosion. Died on duty. The inquiry's opinion there has been no evidence as to how it occurred, probably by forgetfulness, by the one who stepped on the mine. Location: Newgale, Pembrokeshire. Died as a result of an explosion in a minefield.

Corporal R Pacey Sapper F W F Tennison also died in this incident.



Died 26 April 1943, aged 35.  
Son of Thomas and Mary Cant of Workington.

Buried at Salterbeck Cemetery, Workington, Cumberland.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2695976/ernest-cant/>

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**Carlile, Frank Vernon, (136259) Captain, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1901 in London, living in Hertfordshire.

Inspecting a collection of mines and fuzes one detonated, these could have been cleared from those laid as part of the anti-invasion measures in Sussex.



Died 14 August 1943, aged 42.

Son of Frank Hughes and Ethel Rowena Carlile, (nee Grubb): Husband of Ivy Carlile of Littlehampton.

Buried at Horsham Hills Cemetery, Sussex. Block U Grave 356.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2723412/frank-vernon-carlile/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/69912642/frank-vernon-carlile>

**Carney, Patrick, (1913372) Sapper, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 17 July 1916 at Longford, Eire living in Sussex. Enlisted 8 January 1940 in Sutton. Next of Kin, Mother Mrs E Carney, Lisnagrish, Edgeworthstown, Longford, Eire.

Served with British Expeditionary Force, 12 December 1939; Bridgewater Construction Company, 8 January 1940; Headquarters, embarked from the UK 655 General Construction Company, 9 November 1941; Disembarked Durban Military Liaison Mission, Hospital Durban 22 December 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 July 1942; it says 43 Bomb Disposal Company, however no such Company so probably Section, 26 August 1943; B N A F Middle East, 18 September 1943.

Died while a 500 lb British type 37 pistol was being worked on and it detonated. The night party had been keeping the shaft clear of water. In Italy.

Lieutenant B M M Sinclair, Sergeant H Evans BEM, Corporal J A Johnston, Sappers P Carney, W Pearn and G W Rice were also killed, 4 civilians missing.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star, 1939 -1945 War Medal and Africa Star.



Died 8 January 1944, aged 26.  
Parents John and Elizabeth Carney (nee Parker), of Edgeworthstown, County Longford, Irish Republic.

Buried at Salerno War Cemetery, Italy. Grave 111 D 37.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/207945/patrick-carney/>

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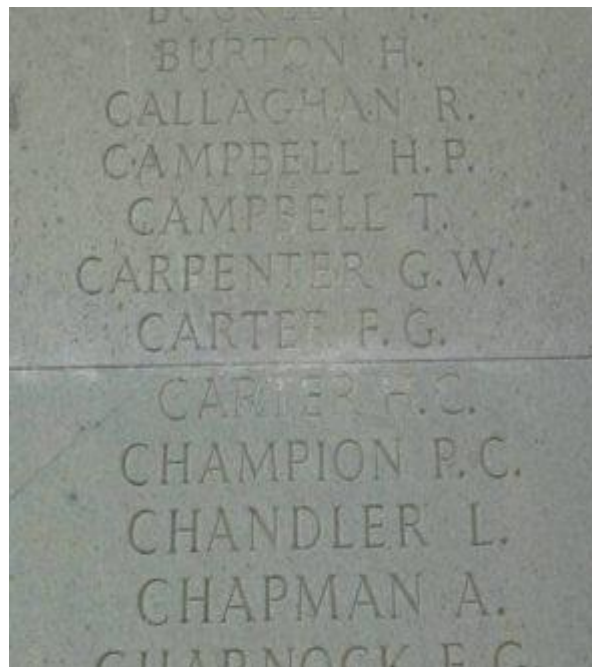
**CARPENTER, George William, (1989839) 89 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born 3 July 1907 in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire. Enlisted 20 May 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Rose May Carpenter, 48 Woolmead Avenue, Hendon N W 9. Next of Kin was notified on 5 May 1942.

Served with 703 General Construction Company, admitted to hospital in Gibraltar embarked for the UK 4 July 1941; 11 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 December 1941; 89 Bomb Disposal Section, 12 January 1942.

Died of natural causes at home.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 1 May 1942, aged ?

Commemorated at the Brookwood Memorial, Surrey. Panel 5 Column 3.

<https://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/find-cemeteries-memorials/cemetery-details/2012400/brookwood-1939-1945-memorial/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/carpenter-g-w/>

**CARPENTER, Russell David, (14285662) Sapper, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born September 1923 at Risca. Enlisted 17 September 1942 in Brecon. Next of Kin Father, 129 Commercial Street, Pontymister, Mon.

Served with 5 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 28 October 1942; 669 A W Company, 2 January 1943; 705 A W Company, 5 June 1943; 1 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 September 1943; 10 Bomb Disposal Company, 19 March 1945.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Possibly the mine had missed detection when turning off the flat onto a slope at Coney Hill Suffolk. Opinion of the Chief Royal Engineer 3 Bomb Disposal Group. One of the two men involved trod on a mine that had been missed. No blame is attached to any person or persons.

Lance Corporal E Lenton also died in this incident.



Died 29 March 1945, aged 21.

Son of William Trevor and Ethel G Carpenter of Pontymister, Risca.

Buried at Danycraig Cemetery, Swansea, Glamorganshire, Wales. Section E Grave 305.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/4019495/russell-david-carpenter/>

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**CARRINGTON, John, (1913525) Sapper, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 31 June 1918 at Leigh, Lancs, living in Preston. Enlisted 11 January 1940 aged 21. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Lillian Carrington, 32 Delp Lane, Leeds 6.

He served with 680 General Construction Company Wimpey, Construction Centre Clacton 15 January 1940; 14 Bomb Disposal Company, 2 November 1940.

HE Bomb detonated, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire. Injured taken to York Hospital where he died.

Sergeant T W Holmes, Lance Corporal J H Wood, Sapper A P Cuff, F C Emery and a Special Constable also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 10 June 1941, aged 22.

Buried at Fulford Cemetery, Section 2 Row D Grave 8.

<https://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/find-cemeteries-memorials/cemetery-details/2000425/fulford-cemetery/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56208458/john-carrington>

**CARTER, Lionel George William, (137176) Second Lieutenant, Bomb Disposal, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1920 in Dorset. Next of Kin was notified 12 October 1940.

On 10 November 1940 a 250 kg bomb was recovered with a badly damaged fuze, which could not be removed; it had passed through a cast iron drainage cover. It was considered to be so damaged as being incapable of functioning. Therefore it was loaded onto a lorry and taken to the Duke of York's Barracks, Chelsea. Where the men went for their evening meal. 2 Lieutenant L G W Carter saw it on the lorry and decided for safety to take it to the Bomb Cemetery at Regents Park. Captain Hunt was invited to go with him; however he declined the offer. Driver Brinton was excused from this duty as he had a date that evening. 2 Lieutenant Carter decided to drive the lorry himself.

They drove up Marylebone Road near to Madam Tussauds, when the bomb exploded killing them all.

2 Lieutenant L G W Carter, Corporals L J Sharp, Sappers Archer, J W Cookson, W D Cubitt and W Pass also died in this incident.



Died 10 October 1940, aged 20.

Son of 2 Lieutenant Edgar Carter MC (retired) and Grace Carter (nee Mathews) of West Wickham, Kent.

Buried at All Saints Churchyard, Langton, Long Blanford, Dorset. West of Church.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2709239/lionel-george-william-carter/>

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**Carter, Thomas, (1874621) Lance Corporal, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1915 I Cambridgeshire, living in Suffolk. Next of Kin Father, 2 Council Houses, Walpole, Saint Andrews, Wisbech, Cambs.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese of dysentery, POW Camp Malai 1.

Awards the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 2 August 1943, aged 28.

Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial Singapore.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2099890/thomas-carter/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/carter-t/>

**CARTER, Thomas Prest, (1925301) Sapper, 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in Yorkshire. Enlisted 20 March 1940. Next of Kin Widow, Dora Carter, 13 Eastcourt Street, Goole, Yorkshire. Next of Kin was notified 12 October 1940.

Served with Stevedore Royal Engineers Folkestone Racecourse, 5 Stevedore Battalion, 1 September 1940; 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 24 September 1940.

The bomb detonated while being excavated at Fingal Street, Worlingworth, Suffolk.

Sapper H J Edwards, T Renz, G W Simpson, F B Wooldridge and Police Constable E Whiting also died in this incident.



Died 10 October 10 1940, aged ?

Husband of Dora Carter of Goole.

Buried at Goole Cemetery, Yorkshire. Section A Plot 4 Grave 1186.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2408069/thomas-prest-carter/>

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**CASS, Leslie Roy, (5510911) Corporal, 25 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 11 May 1921 at Ryde. Enlisted 6 January 1941 at Portsmouth. Next of Kin Father, 23 Alfred Street, Weeks, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

Served with 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 18 November 1941; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 14 August 1942; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 May 1943; embarked with 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 August 1944; disembarked in North West Europe 13 August 1944.

Died in action, verge clearance of mines for a signals cable to be laid, on the road to Cobourg, France.

Sapper J Williams also died in this incident.



Died 19 September 1944, aged 23.  
Son of Frederick and Ellen Cass of Weeks, Isle of Wight.

Buried at Hermanville War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Grave 2412.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2336933/leslie-roy-cass/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56490786/leslie-roy-cass>



**CAVANAGH, Joseph, (2093408) Sapper, 159 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born 16 January 1910 in Manchester. Enlisted 17 July 1939 in Manchester. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs M Cavanagh, 3 Eastwood Avenue, New Manston, Manchester. Next of Kin notified 16 August 1943, delay on notification was due to the wife moving.

Served with 5 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 13 March; 42 E L Division Royal Engineers, 13 July 1939; 74 Bomb Disposal Section, 16 October 1940; 258 Field Company 8 March 1940, 1940, 138 Bomb Disposal Section 22 June 1940, 11 Headquarters Command TPs Engineers, 23 February 1942; 10 Bomb Disposal Company, 14 April 1942; GHQ 2 Echelon 10 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 August 1942,; embarked for North Africa 8 November 1942; disembarked in North Africa 26 November 1942; 159 Bomb Disposal Section, 2 February 1943.

Died in North Africa as a result of an accident. Found shot in his billet caused by his own service rifle. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer. He committed suicide whilst the balance of his mind was disturbed for various reasons. According to the opinion of Brigadier the evidence is not conclusive to point definitely to the cause of death, but due to the fact that the deceased was intoxicated, the death was probably accidental. Since Brig Strong's who originally recorded his opinion the Court's findings is absent on duty and date of his return is unknown. I am not prepared to accept his opinion. Verdict he committed suicide. He was on duty and to blame, I therefore concur with the CRE, location North Africa.



Died 22 July 1943, aged 32.

Buried at Medjez El Bab, Tunisia, Grave 8 F 6.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2104889/joseph-cavanagh/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/cavanagh-j/>

**CAWTHORN Robert William, (2004554) Lance Corporal, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 27 August 1917 in Knottingley. Enlisted on 5 March 1940 in Leeds. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs L Cawthorn, 145 Leicester Road, Shepshed, Loughborough. Next of Kin was notified in July 1943.

Served with 566 Field Company, 2 (FB) Depot Battalion, 29 September 1940; 857 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 November 1940; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941; Headquarters 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 13 January 1941; 230 Bomb Disposal Section, 22 May 1941,

Died whilst sterilizing bombs in course of duty at bomb cemetery when an explosion occurred, when it detonated, Plymouth Devon. Died on admittance to Hospital. Chief Royal Engineers opinion, on duty, not to blame.

Sapper L W Plowright also died in this incident.



Died 5 July 1943, aged 25.

Son of Thomas and Lucy Cawthorne of Knottingley. Husband of Lucy Cawthorn of Brotherton.

Buried at Knottingley Cemetery, Yorkshire. Grave 418.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2402865/robert-william-cawthorn/>

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**Chapman, George, (1942464) Sapper, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1908 in Manchester. Enlisted 6 August 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Isobel Chapman, 56 Osterley Road, Blackley, Manchester. Next of Kin was notified on 17 March 1941.

Served with 96 Bomb Disposal Section, 26 August 1940; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 14 November 1940; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941.

Died whilst a 250 g with a type 17 fuze was being removed, Zus 40 not functioned as it was investigated it exploded, Southsea, Devon. Based at Fort Widely, Portsmouth.

Sergeant G W Purdy Corporal W J Wicken, Sappers J Glynn, A G Hollingsworth also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star, the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 14 March 1941, aged 33.

Son of George and Mary Chapman: Husband of May Isabel Chapman of White Moss, Lancashire.

Buried at Christ Church Military Cemetery, Portsdown, Hampshire. Row M Grave 186.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2349552/george-chapman/>

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**CHURCH, Joseph, (1903445) Corporal, 9 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born 12 May 1908 in Southport. Enlisted 08 January 1940 in Southport. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs R A Church, 25 Kent Road, Birkdale, Southport. Next of Kin was notified on 20 September 1943.

Served with 562 Army Field Company ? June 1943; 233 Field Company, 26 June 1943, 9 Bomb Disposal Section

Died of his wounds in Sicily.



Died 24 August 1943, aged 35.

Son of William and Elizabeth Ann Church of Southport, Lancashire; husband of Rose Ann Church, of Birkdale, Southport.

Buried at Catania War Cemetery, Sicily. Grave II D 6.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2075513/joseph-church/>

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**CLARKE, George, (2191809) Sapper, 28 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1920 in Leicestershire, Enlisted 29 May 1940. Next of Kin Father, Mr H Clarke, 1 Council House, Walcot, near Rugby, Warwickshire. Next of Kin was notified on 11 August 1944.

Served with 1 Depot Battalion Chatham, 25 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 September 1940; 25 Bomb Disposal Section, 28 March 1941; 28 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 July 1942; 113 Bomb Disposal Section, 26 August 1940; disembark in the South Africa 29 September 1942; Embark South Africa 13 November 1942; Disembark Middle East 6 December 1942; 28 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 December 1942.

Believed died while clearing a beach minefield in Libya. Findings of Command Cyrenaica on duty not to blame.

Lance Corporal H Greaves, Sapper H A Cox, J P McDowall, J Rushton also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star, 1939 - 1945 War Medal and Africa Star.



Died 23 June 1944, aged 24.  
Son of Harry and Marion Clarke of Walcot, Warwickshire.

Buried at Benghazi War Cemetery, Libya. Grave 3 A 5.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2063784/george-clarke/>

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**CLIFTON, John Fraser, (2005772) Sapper, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Enlisted 4 April 1940. Next of Kin Widow, Ellen Clifton, 10 Serpentine Walk, Greenock. Next of Kin was notified on 5 November 1940.

Served with 100 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 September 1940.

Died of natural causes, Rupture of aneurism of cerebral artery, at base of the brain ??? Farm, Brislington. From the 6 April 1940 to the 4 October 1940 he had been in and out of hospital.



Died 2 November 1940, aged ?

Buried at Greenock Cemetery, Scotland. Section UU Grave 367 A.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2456418/john-fraser-clifton/>

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**COBB, William James, (1865627) Sergeant, 125 Quarrying (Bomb Disposal) Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1907 in Middlesex. Enlisted 11 November 1926, aged 19 years 113 days. Next of Kin Father, James Cobb, 118 Windmill Road, Greenford, Middlesex. Next of Kin was notified on 29 October 1940.

Served with A Company Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 11 November 1926; 10 Railway Company, 3 October 1927; 8 Railway Company, 3 October 1927; L Depot Company, 30 August 1929; G Depot Company, 9 August 1935; 24 Fortress Company, 31 March 1936; Promoted to Lance Corporal 17 January 1939; G Company 1 Depot Battalion, 31 January 1940; Z Company, 26 April 1940; S. NO R.M.A.N Field Force, 27 April 1940.

Injured at South Ockendon, Essex. Died at Gray's Isolation Hospital, Tilbury as a result of a bomb explosion at 1045 on the 25 October 1940.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died at 2350, 25 October 1940, aged 33.  
Son of James William and Emily Cobb of Greenford, Middlesex.

Buried at London Road, Brentwood, Essex. Plot F Grave 67.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2733620/william-james-cobb/>

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**COLEMAN, Albert Edward, (2015308) Driver, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1915 in Leicestershire. Enlisted 16 May 1940.

Served in 503 Field Company, 17 May 1940; 66 Bomb Disposal Section, 18 June 1940; 4 Bomb Disposal Company.

Officer Commanding 4 Bomb Disposal Company Opinion, Coleman was in no way to blame for the resulting injuries resulting in his death. On duty at the time of the accident his short pass had been authorised by myself personally. Evidence is documentary owing to absence of witnesses. Opinion Commander Norfolk Sub District. I agree with the Commanding Officer's opinion that Coleman was fatally injured as a result of an accident for which he was in no way to blame. Coroners verdict Accidental death. Road traffic accident. Thetford, Norfolk. Awarded the 1939 -1946 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 24 December 1944, aged 29.

Son of William and Clara I Coleman: Husband of Dorothy Coleman of Loughborough

Buried at Leicester Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire. Comp 36 Grave 12.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2719246/albert-edward-coleman/>

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**COLEMAN, Richards George, (1884020) Driver in Charge, 25 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 23 February 1919 at Ashford. Enlisted 16 October 1939. Next of Kin Wife, E Coleman, 81 Perry Hill, Catford, London S E 6. Next of Kin was notified 16 October 1944, delayed through a change of address.

Served with Driver in Charge, 16 October 1939; 1 Motor Transport Depot Aldershot, 16 October 1940; 42 Division, 203 Field Park Company, 13 December 1940; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 December 1940; 1 Bomb Disposal Group, 31 May 1943; 2 Bomb Disposal Company 1 June 1943; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 8 June 1944; embarked for North West Europe, 4 June 1944.

Explosive accident, Falaise Battlefield, France.

Lance Sergeant G W Reeve and Sapper W N Evans, also died at this incident.



Died 22 September 1944, aged 25.

Son of Richard George and Elizabeth Mary Coleman of Elham London.

Buried at Hottot-Les-Bagues War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Grave 11 B 7.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2338648/richard-george-coleman/>

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**COLLIER, Patrick Robert, (1884020) Driver, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 17 March 1939 in Parkstone. Enlisted 19 October 1939 in Weymouth. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs R Collier, 144 Florence Road, Parkstone, Dorset. Next of Kin was notified 16 October 1944.

Served with 45 (West Country) Royal Engineers, 19 October 1939; 562 Field Company, 1 January 1940; 4 Bomb Disposal Section, 28 October 1940; 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 3 August 1942; 184 Bomb Disposal Section, 13 March 1943; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 June 1943; embarked from the UK 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 September 1944; disembarked North West Europe, 7 September 1944.

Schu mine clearance in France. The lorry the section was with exploded killing all, bar two who were working in the minefield

Sergeant L Scott, Sapper R A Cook, Weyman, also died in this incident.



Died 7 October 1944, aged 25.  
Son of Robert and Kate Collier of Lower Parkstone, Dorsetshire.

Buried at Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados France. Grave 11 F 3.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2955886/patrick-robert-collier/>

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**COLLIN, John Jim, (1871825) Sapper, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 27 April 1917 in Sheffield. Enlisted 13 June 1935. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs LE Collin, 74 Horncastle, Road, Lee, London, SE 15. Next of Kin was notified on 4 March 1945, delay due to NOK moving.

Served with C Company Training Battalion Royal Engineer, 15 June 1935; 56 Field Company, 27 February 1936; 42 Field Company, 14 November 1936; Regimental Headquarters Motor Transport Depot, G Depot Company, 28 February 1939; Transfer to Army Reserve, 24 May 1939; 59 Field Company, 15 August 1939; G Company Depot Battalion Royal Engineers 8 September 1939; 2 Survey Training Battalion, F Southwick 15 September 1939; 603 Railway Company, 11 June 1941; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 24 September 1941; Headquarters Railway Workshops, 23 March 1942; 185 Support ?? Company, 1 May 1942; 24 Bomb Disposal Company 16 January 1943; embarked for North West Europe 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 January 1943.

Killed in action unloading mines from a lorry in the Netherlands.

Lance Sergeant H T Sawford, Lance Corporal K F Hawkes also died in this incident.



Died 25 February 1945, aged 26.  
Son of James and Ethel Lily Collins: Husband of Lilian E J Collins, London.

Buried at Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Gelderland, Netherlands, Grave 9 E.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2645274/john-jim-collin/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/13826674/john-jim-collin>

**CONNORS MBE, Colin Richard James, (42192) Captain, Bomb Disposal Royal Engineers.**

Born on the 4 September 1898 in India. Left a wife and 11 children.

Died when a mine laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK, detonated while he was working on it on a beach in Yorkshire.

Awarded the MBE Posthumously.



Died 3 August 1944, aged 46.

Son of James John and Kathleen Myrtle Connors: Husband of Violet Marie Theresa Connors of Leeds.

Buried at Leeds RC Cemetery, Yorkshire. Section E Grave 275.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2408900/colin-richard-james-connors/>

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**COOK, John Frederick, (2191836) Sapper, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Enlisted 28 June 1940. Next of Kin Father, Frederick Robert Cook, 22 Delarne Street, Hammersmith, London W6. Next of Kin was notified on 12 February 1941.

Served with Depot Battalion Chatham; 2 Bomb Disposal Company; 25 Bomb Disposal Section.

Died when an unexploded bomb was being worked on at Bynes Road School Purley Oaks, Croydon.

Lance Corporal W F O'Shea, Sapper F Hickford, G Lincoln, T E Perkins, E J Rolls also died in this incident.



Died 11 February 1941, aged 29.  
Son of Frederick and Florence Cook of Hammersmith.

Buried at Mitcham Road Cemetery, Croydon. Plot P P Grave 40004.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2434254/john-frederick-cook/>

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**COOK, Robert Alfred, (14323731) Sapper, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 16 May 1924 in London. Enlisted 5 November 1942 at Lewisham. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs J C Chamberlain (remarried), 41 Furzefield Road, Blackheath, London SE 8. Next of Kin was notified on 16 October 1944.

Served with 76 Divisional Chief Royal Engineer, 16 December 1942; 620 C F Park Company, 16 December 1942; 92 Field Company, 18 March 1943; 8 Docks Group, 9 September 1943; 2 Corps Troop, 13 September 1943; 92 Field Company, 13 September 1943; 13 Map Reproduction Section, 11 January 1944; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 26 February 1944.

Schu mine clearance in France. The lorry the section was with exploded killing all, bar two who were working in the minefield in France.

Sergeant L Scott, Sapper R A Collier, Weyman, also died at this incident.



Died 7 October 1944, aged 20.  
Son of Francis Alfred and Jessie Catherine Cook of Greenwich, London.

Buried at Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados, France.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2955914/robert-alfred-cook/>

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**COOKSON, John William, (1914548) Sapper, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 26 April 1900. Enlisted 10 January 1940 aged 39. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs V Cookson, 44 Pickslow Street, Harpurhey, Manchester, Lancashire. Next of Kin was notified on 4 July 1940. Letter sent was with 61 Bomb Disposal Section Leeds 15 July 1940.

Served with Construction Company Chatham 10 January 1940, other units on the Service card are not readable.

On 10 November 1940 a 250 kg bomb was recovered with a badly damaged fuze, which could not be removed; it had passed through a cast iron drainage cover. It was considered to be so damaged as being incapable of functioning. Therefore it was loaded onto a lorry and taken to the Duke of York's Barracks, Chelsea. Where the men went for their evening meal. 2 Lieutenant L G W Carter saw it on the lorry and decided for safety to take it to the Bomb Cemetery at Regents Park. Captain Hunt was invited to go with him; however he declined the offer. Driver Brinton was excused from this duty as he had a date that evening. 2 Lieutenant Carter decided to drive the lorry himself.

They drove up Marylebone Road near to Madam Tussauds, when the bomb exploded killing them all.

2 Lieutenant L G W Carter, Corporals L J Sharp, Sappers Archer, J W Cookson, W D Cubitt and W Pass also died in this incident.





Died 10 October 1940, aged ?  
Son of John and Mary Ann Cookson of Manchester, husband of Violet Cookson of Harpurhey,  
Manchester.

Commemorated on the Screen Wall at Manchester Southern Cemetery, Lancashire. C Grave 31.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2402910/john-william-cookson/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/136087953/john-william-cookson>

**COOLEY, James, (2126385) Corporal, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 28 October 1918 in Northwich, Cheshire. Enlisted 21 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Cooley, 78 Solvay Road, Winnington, Northwich, Cheshire.

Served with 17 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 October 1940; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 April 1943.

Admitted to Southlands Hospital, Shoreham, -on-Sea, multiple wounds to face, abdomen and left leg. Placed on the Seriously Injured list in Shoreham Hospital, condition critical. Next of Kin was notified by hospital 20 October 1943.

Injured while clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures laid around the UK. Office Commanding's Opinion; from the evidence was on duty at the time and was carrying out instructions to locate and lift mines in a minefield. During the process an explosion occurred causing death, with no evidence to show negligence on their part or by any other persons, in the area of Shoreham. Opinion of Commander 11 Sub District I concur that no negligence was shown.

Lance Corporal F Garner also died in this incident.



Died 18 October 1943, aged 24.  
Husband of Doris May Mary Cooley of Northwich, Cheshire.

Buried at Northwich Cemetery, Cheshire, C of E Section Grave 1614A.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2735880/james-cooley/>

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**COOLING, Ernest Herbert, (1440248) Sapper, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 2 December 1920. Enlisted 23 March 1939. Next of Kin Mother Ada Cooling, 38 Colville Street, Derby. The Next of Kin was notified he was missing on 10 March 1942. Informed of his death 20 June 1945.

Served with D Company Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 1 April 1939; 3 Training Battalion Ripon, 3 September 1939; Headquarters 3 Training Battalion RE, 22 September 1939; 34 Fortress Company, 27 February 1940; 1 Malayan Bomb Disposal Company, 31 March 1940.

Died of Beri Beri, while a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. NO 1 Camp Thailand.



Died 15 June 1943, aged 23.  
Son of Ernest and Ada Cooling of Derby.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave 8 F 59.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2665841/ernest-herbert-cooling/>

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**COOPER, Clarence, (2126525) Corporal, 15 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 12 August 1919. Enlisted 23 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife 23 Berrylands Road, Surbiton, Surrey. Next of Kin was notified 27 September 1944.

Served with 159 Bomb Disposal Section, embarked for North Africa, 11 November 1942,

Killed in Action.



Died 8 September 1944, aged?

Buried at Rome War Cemetery, Italy. Grave I F 26.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2215970/clarence-cooper/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56404751/clarence-cooper>

**COOPER, Francis Julius, (14629661) Sapper, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 29 September 1903 in Dudley. Enlisted 17 June 1943 in Dudley. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs A Cooper, 10 Blackbrook Road, Netherton, Dudley, Worcestershire.

Served with 4 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 29 July 1943; 14 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 October 1943.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK, accidental explosion of a beach mine for which he was searching, alternatively, was neutralising in course of his duty. Not to blame. in Filey minefield, North Yorkshire. Commander East Riding Sub District concurred with the verdict.

Lance Sergeant J E Edwards also died in this incident.



Died 7 February, 1945, aged 41.

Son of Francis Julius and Mary Cooper of Dudley. Husband of Alice Cooper of Netherton, Dudley.

Buried at Saint Andrew Churchyard, Netherton, Worcestershire. Section 1 Grave 1308.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2712235/francis-julius-cooper/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/cooper-f-j/>



**CORCORAN, John, (3390659), 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born February 1915. Enlisted 20 June 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Ruth Corcoran, 34 Charles Street, Tyldesley, Lancs.

Served with A Company 7 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 24 March 1943; 687 A W Company, 27 June 1943; 3 Bomb Disposal Group, 29 September 1943.

Minefield explosion, whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures, Frinton minefield, Leigh on Sea, Essex. Inquiry, on duty not to blame.

Corporal E A Ashford and Sapper S Moore also died in this incident.



Died 19 September 1944, aged 29.

Son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Corcoran: Husband of Ruth Corcoran, Tyldesley

Buried at Tyldesley Cemetery, Lancashire. Section P Grave 161.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2700802/john-corcoran/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/40846667/john-corcoran>

**CORNELL, Sydney, (1894765) Driver, 3 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Enlisted 17 April 1940. Next of Kin Widow, Bella Cornell, 22 Watsons Avenue, Bridlington, Yorks. Next of Kin was notified 1 October 1940.

Served with Z Company 1 Depot Battalion Chatham, 18 April 1940; embarkation Headquarters from Southampton, 3 L of C Depot Battalion Royal Engineers, 27 May 1940; 4 Bomb Disposal Section, 1 August 1940.

Sergeant Dennis John Owens the Eastbourne Borough Force Bomb Reconnaissance Officer killed on duty 26 Oct 1940. A lone German fighter plane attacked Eastbourne dropping several high explosive bombs around the area of the railway station. Several of the bombs had delayed action fuses, one settled under a train and another in Kilburn Terrace, close to the railway signal box. Sgt Owens and PC Keable attended along with Serjeant Charles William Hoare of 3 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers and a sapper. An explosion occurred and Sgt Owens was buried in the rubble .

Sgt Dennis Owens was buried at Ocklynge Cemetery. His name appears on the war memorial at Eastbourne Police Station. He lived with his wife Ivy at 14, Victoria Drive. PC Keable lived nearby at The Crescent in Old Town.

Sergeant C W Hoare also died at this incident Sergeant J McDonald injured and died 3 days later.



Died 28 October 1940, aged 28.  
Husband of Bella Cornell of Bridlington.

Buried at Bridlington Cemetery, Yorkshire. Section S Grave 191.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2407038/sydney-cornell/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59358314/sydney-cornell>

**COTTON, Leslie, (14802766) Sapper, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 13 February 1926 in Walsall. Enlisted 20 July 1944 (enlistment date on casualty card incorrect 1944 not 1945) in Walsall. Next of Kin Father, Mr A Cotton, 58 New Street, Sheffield, Staffs.

Served with 7 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 31 August 1944; 2 (P) Depot Battalion, 25 January 1945; Proceeded with ??? RJXFA, March 1945; embarked for B L A 2 March 1945; 24 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died when a V2 detonated in Holland.

Corporal J P Coyne, Sappers J S McWinnie, G E Waring, Driver J E Harris also died at this incident.



Died 30 April 1945, aged 19.  
Son of Arthur and Mary Jane Cotton of Sheffield, Staffordshire.

Buried at Almelo General Cemetery, Overijssel, Netherlands. Grave 12.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2820353/leslie-cotton/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18113196/leslie-cotton>

**COWARD, William, (202845) Sapper, 159 Bomb Disposal Platoon, Royal Engineers.**

Born 25 May 1914 in Wigan, Enlisted 13 June 1940. Next of Kin Wife Mrs E Coward, 74 Florence Avenue, Baldy, Doncaster. Next of Kin was notified 29 September 1944.

Served with 2 Motor Transport Depot, embarked for the Middle East, 17 March 1941; disembarked in the Middle East, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 May 1942; P Bomb Disposal Company (later named 29 BD Company), 21 February 1942; 18 Bomb Disposal Company to P Bomb Disposal Company, 26 February 1942; 29 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 November 1942; Injured or wounded as on X (II) list from 6 October 1942 to 24 March 1943; 29 Bomb Disposal Company, 5 May 1943; Left for A I 34 Bomb Disposal Section, 23 March 1944; (18 Bomb Disposal Company was split on half in 1942, half went to P/29 Bomb Disposal Company).

Killed in Action.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star, 1939 - 1945 War Medal and Africa Star.



Died 8 September 1944, aged?

Buried at Rome War Cemetery, Italy. Grave I F 2 L.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2215973/william-coward/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56404754/william-coward>



**COX, Henry Arthur, (1922655) Sapper, 28 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 15 March 1919 in Hythe. Enlisted 22 January 1940 in Canterbury. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Edna Cox, 321A Acton Lane, Acton, London W3.

Served with Construction Centre Royal Engineers, 22 January 1940; 2 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 14 April 1940; 60 Bomb Disposal Section, 26 June 1940; 16/17 Bomb Disposal Section, 15 September 1940; 66 Bomb Disposal Section, 28 September 1940; 28 Bomb Disposal Company, 27 August 1942; 113 Bomb Disposal Section, 26 August 1942; embark UK 26 August 1942; disembark South Africa 29 September 1942; re-embark South Africa 13 November 1942; disembark in the Middle East 6 December 1942.

Believed died while clearing a beach minefield in Libya. Findings of Command Cyrenaica on duty not to blame.

Lance Corporal H Greaves, Sapper G Clarke, J P McDowall, J Rushton, F Wade also died at this incident.

**Further information.**

Harry Cox was born in London and grew up in Hythe, Kent. He was over 6 feet 3 inches and called Little Harry to differentiate from his father, Big Harry, who was 6 feet 4 inches. He was apprenticed to a cabinet maker and became qualified. A keen cyclist, he won medals with the Cinque Ports cycling club before the war. He played the piano and clarinet with a small dance band. When the war started, he volunteered, hoping his skills would lead him to being a “Chippie” in the Royal Navy. In fact he was drafted into the Royal Engineers. After fighting in France, he came back from Dunkirk wearing only the bottom half of his pyjamas, having been evacuated from a field hospital. After leave he returned to his unit and was sent to a Bomb Disposal Unit. He worked in London all through the Blitz, and eventually was offered a Commission, which he declined. It would mean moving from the close-knit unit, who all knew and trusted each other. Their lives literally depended on each other. He married Edna shortly before being posted to Egypt. Edna was barely five feet, and wore a tall, orange-blossom tiara to try and “bridge the gap” in their heights. There were no children. In the desert, the unit was set to clearing mines. They hated this; bombs they knew; mines were more unpredictable. They were right. Their lorry went over a mine and was blown up. Harry wrote regularly and receiving no letters created anxiety at home, but people said, in the manner of the time, “No news is good news”. It wasn’t – in the Autumn the dreaded orange envelope arrived. In due course it was noticed that Sapper Cox’s name was not on any war memorial. With the help of the Royal British Legion, this oversight was corrected and he is now recorded on the Hythe memorial on the Royal Military Canal bank.





Died 23 June 1945, aged 25.  
Son of Henry and Annie Alice Cox: Husband of Edna Cox, Middlesex.

Buried at Benghazi War Cemetery, Libya. Grave 3 A 3.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2063807/henry-arthur-cox/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/cox-h-a/>

**COYLE, Frances William, (2009926) Lance Corporal, 67/69 Bomb Disposal Sections, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 16 April 1916 in Birkenhead. Enlisted 4 April 1940. Next of Kin Widow, Hannah Charlotte Coyle, 12 Dawson Avenue, Birkenhead, Cheshire.

Served with 5 Stevedore Holding Battalion Folkestone, 1 September 1940; 68 Bomb Disposal Section, 24 September 1940; 73 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, 18 October 1940.

Died while dealing with a UXB in Birmingham.



Died 12 December 1940, aged 24.  
Son of Walter and Mary Frances Coyle, of Birkenhead; husband of Hannah Charlotte Coyle, of Birkenhead

Buried at Landican Cemetery, Birkenhead, Cheshire. RC Section, Grave 357.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/1525863/francis-william-coyle/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59279734/francis-william-coyle>

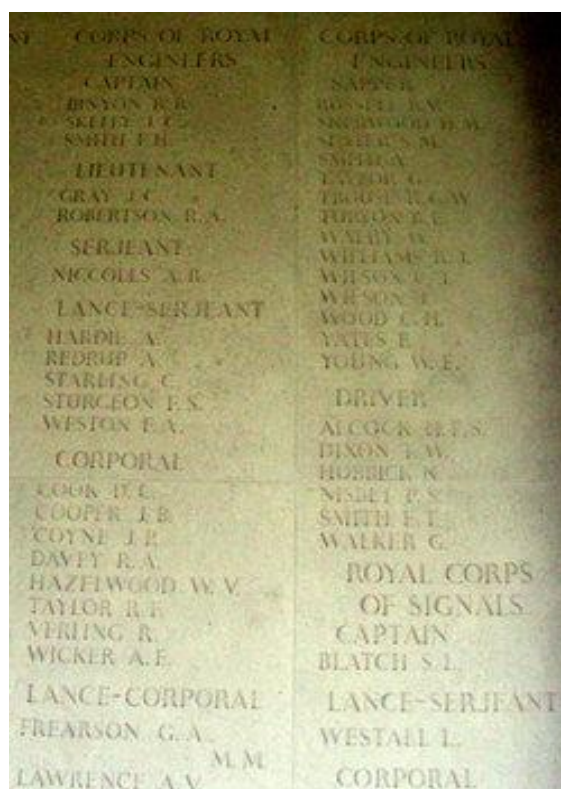
**COYNE, James Patrick, (19122655) Corporal, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 15 August 1905 in South Shields. Enlisted 24 February 1940 in Newcastle-on Tyne. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs I Coyne, 12 Heath Crescent, Scotswood, Newcastle on Tyne.

Served with Construction Centre, 5 March 1940; 113 Company, 5 March 1940; Field Force, 29 March 1940; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 December 1940; 21 Bomb Disposal Section, 30 December 1940; y List injury or illness 5 May 1942 to 12 December 1942; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 August 1942; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 April 1945; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 May 1943; embark 9 September 1944,

Wounded 20 April 1945. Died at a separate incident when a V2 detonated in Holland.

Sappers L Cotton, J S McWinnie, G E Waring, Driver J E Harris also died at this incident.



Died 30 April 1945, aged 39.

Commemorated at the Groesbeck Memorial, Gelderland, Netherlands. Panel 2.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2658904/james-patrick-coyne/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12905666/james-patrick-coyne>

**CRAIG, William, (1886038) Sapper, 103 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 22 February 1919 in Newcastle-on-Tyne. Enlisted 16 October 1939. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Josephine Craig, 31 Sunderland Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Next of Kin was notified 25 February 1942.

Served with B Company 3 Training Battalion Royal Engineers Ripon, 16 October 1939; R M J S P, 25 February 1940; 5 Training Battalion, 3 July 1940; 103 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 September 1940; 103 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 17 November 1940.

On 21 February 1940, were working on a bomb in Castle Street, Swansea. When partially uncovered it was found to be fitted with a Type 50 anti-disturbance fuze. A bomb could be made safe by either dealing with the fuze or removing the explosive filling. This was done by steam sterilisation. The filling plate was removed out a hole cut into the side, then a jet of steam was inserted this would melt the cast explosive inside. Here follows the report from Major J B James who was Officer in Charge of the Company. Sterilisation commenced at 1330, by Headquarters sterilisation staff, Staff Sergeant Munford in charge. At 1625 the steam was turned off, Munford informed Lieutenant W D Rees OC of 103 BD Section that the explosive filling had been steamed out to below fuze chambers level. He recommended bringing the bomb out of the hole and finishing the steaming in the back street. Lt Rees realised a second or lower fuze had still to be exposed. Which could be a 19 Clockwork delay fuze. S/Sgt Munford informed him that they had been checking using a stethoscope and there was no sound of ticking. Therefore it was decided to lift the bomb clear of the hole. A clamp was attached to the filling end of the bomb, and a rope attached between it and a lorry. Instructions were given for everybody to take cover. When this was done the order to pull was given. Sergeant Finney countered this order as he saw the rope was slipping, he secured the rope on the lorry. Maj James once again gave the order to commence pulling. He was watching the bomb when it exploded. He felt the blast and got under the lorry as debris was falling. When he came out, he saw a body on the ground on the far side of the lorry, when he checked he found five others. He believes they came out of cover when the rope slipped and due to where he was standing, he did not see them. Staff Sergeant Munford was due to go to London to receive his Commission, he was only on site as he had relieved a comrade. Sapper Harry Vallance recalls, that his section had meant to be on this task, however they had been busy the other Section had volunteered. Sapper Vallance and the other Section were working on another bomb when the explosion happened, they rushed to the scene but could do nothing more than identify their comrades.

Staff Sergeant T A Munford, Lance Sergeant T R Henderson, Corporal JG Salisbury, J A Holder, Lance Corporal J F Johnstone, Driver R W G Simpson also died at this incident. Lieutenant Rees and Sergeant Finney both suffered shock and punctured ear drums and were hospitalised for a considerable period.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 21 February 1941, aged 21.  
Son of Alfred and Ethel Craig of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Buried at Saint John's Westgate and Elswick Cemetery, Northumberland. Section A Unicon Grave 121.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2810276/william-craig/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59536639/william-craig>



**CRUDDAS, Luke, (1941947) Sapper, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1921 at Gateshead.

Clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK at Burnham-on-Crouch.

Served with 2 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 6 February 1941; 670 A W Company, 19 August 1941; 680 A W Company, 30 November 1943; 664 A W Company, 6 December 1943; 693 A W Company, 3 April 1943; 687 A W Company, 26 July 1943; 3 Bomb Disposal Group, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 September 1943.

Sapper H Gill also died in this incident.



Died 26 September 1944, aged 23.  
Son of Thomas and Catherine Cruddus of London Colney.

Buried at Saint Peters Churchyard, London Colney, Hertfordshire.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2932936/luke-cruddas/>

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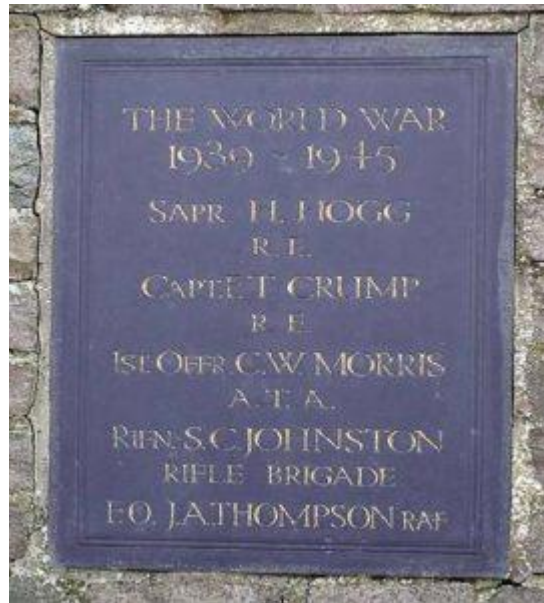
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**CRUMP BEM, Edward Thomas, (66569) Captain, Bomb Disposal, Royal Engineers.**

Died dealing with a 250 kg bomb type 17 fuze at Whites Ground Eastgate, Bermondsey.

Sergeant F C Bumstead also died in this incident.





Died 16 January 1941, aged 36.  
Husband of Elizabeth S Crump, of Dunton Bassett.

Buried at Dunton Bassett (All Saints) Churchyard  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2718817/edward-thomas-crump/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/crump-e-t/>

**CRUST, Cecil, (1878804) Driver, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 19 March 1916 in Billericay Essex, living in West London. Enlisted 19 October 1939. Next of Kin Father, Thomas Crust, 68 Galveston Road, South Putney, London. Next of Kin was notified 21 April 1941.

Served with 1 Motor Transport Depot, 19 October 1939; 42 Division, 203 Field Park Company, 3 April 1940; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 December 1940.

Died of wounds received in an air raid, was on duty when fatally injured. Saint Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 20 April 1941, aged.  
Son of Thomas F and Alice C Crust, of Putney.

Buried at Putney Vale Cemetery and Crematorium, Wandsworth London. Block W Grave 813.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2429676/cecil-crust/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24758229/cecil-crust>



**CRYER, Norman, (4614821) Sapper, 67/69 Bomb Disposal Section 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 1 December 1902 in Yorkshire. Enlisted 5 April Next of Kin Widow, Nancy Cryer, 17a Greenend Avenue, Earley, Lancs.

Served with; Transfer to the Corps from the D of W, 2 December 1939; 170 Tunnelling Company, 2 December 1939; L Depot Company, 13 January 1940; Z Holding Company, 5 April 1940; 142 Officer Cadet Training Unit, 25 May, 1940; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 67/69 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 Bomb Disposal Company 23 August 1940.

Died due to an explosion of a delayed action bomb at Birmingham.



Died 25 August 1940, aged 37.

Son of William and Sarah Anne Cryer: Husband of Nancy Cryer, of Earby.

Buried at Wheatland Cemetery Earby, Yorkshire. Grave 938.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2407740/norman-cryer/>

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**CUBITT, William Donald, (2198754) Sapper, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Enlisted 15 June 1940. Next of Kin Father, Mr James Cubbitt, 35 Courtney Road, Metron S W 19.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 13 July 1940: 11 Bomb Disposal Section, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 September 1940; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 September 1940; 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 18 September 1940.

On 10 November 1940 a 250 kg bomb was recovered with a badly damaged fuze, which could not be removed; it had passed through a cast iron drainage cover. It was considered to be so damaged as being incapable of functioning. Therefore it was loaded onto a lorry and taken to the Duke of York's Barracks, Chelsea. Where the men went for their evening meal. 2 Lieutenant L G W Carter saw it on the lorry and decided for safety to take it to the Bomb Cemetery at Regents Park. Captain Hunt was invited to go with him; however he declined the offer. Driver Brinton was excused from this duty as he had a date that evening. 2 Lieutenant Carter decided to drive the lorry himself.

They drove up Marylebone Road near to Madam Tussauds, when the bomb exploded killing them all.

2 Lieutenant L G W Carter, Corporals L J Sharp, Sappers Archer, J W Cookson, and W Pass also died at this incident.



Died 10 October 1940, aged 35.

Son of William James and Margaret Cubbit of Merton, Surrey.

Buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. Grave 5 D 5.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2762338/william-donald-cubitt/>

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**CUFF, Arthur Philip, (2198754) Sapper, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1907 in Hampshire, living in Surrey. Enlisted 18 June 1940. Next of Kin Sister, Mrs Alice Caugham, 15 Chartham Road, South Norwood, S E 25. Next of Kin was notified 12 June 1941.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 18 July 1940; 28 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 September 1940; 14 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 Bomb Disposal Company,

Died when a UXB exploded all who died and injured were taken to York Hospital incident occurred at Tadeaston.

Sergeant T W Holmes, Lance Corporal J H Wood, Sapper J Carrington, F C Emery, and a Special Constable also died in this incident.



Died 10 June 1941 at 1735, aged 35.  
Son of William Henry and Lydia Cuff.

Buried at Fulford Cemetery, Yorkshire. Section 2 Row D Grave 7.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2407933/arthur-philip-cuff/>

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**CUNLIFFE, Alan Dewett, (165357) Lieutenant, 3 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Registration of death Birmingham no other details.



Panel 4 Column 3.

Died 16 April 1941, aged 22.

Commemorated at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. Panel 4 Column 3.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2145731/alan-dewett-cunliffe/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/cunliffe-a-d/>

**CUNNINGHAM, George Killian O'Bryne, (201238) Lieutenant, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1912 in the United States of America, living in Buckinghamshire.

Died when a UXB exploded whilst being rendered safe. Back Door Field, Billingham Farm, Sussex.

On September 20 1940, a German daylight raid against London was attacked by fighter command, Near Rye a Heinkel 111 was badly damaged by three RAF Fighters and two others crash landed. Just before crashing one of the planes unloaded its bombs on Back Door Field, Billingham Farm, in the village of Udimore, near Rye. In 1940 three of the bombs were made safe and removed. Three other bombs fell upon muddy ground. As they were dug for, they sank lower into the ground. Due to the high demand for Bomb Disposal Units and the low threat presented by these bombs, they were abandoned, till a later date. By 1944 the Ministry of Agriculture wanted to return the field back to agricultural use. Two bombs were successfully defused. Lieutenant G C Cunningham and Sergeant G Mack were instructed to deal with this final bomb. They were stationed about 12 miles away near Catsfield, in a large house called Burntwood. Sergeant Mack and a squad of Sappers arrived, dug out a shaft and uncovered the bomb. Lieutenant Cunningham was on site; it was his job to defuse the bomb. It would seem that Lieutenant Cunningham was down the shaft and Sergeant Mack stood at the top looking down the shaft, when the explosion occurred both men died.

Lieutenant Cunningham was of Irish descent, born in Ohio, USA. Sergeant Mack was born in Ayr, Scotland. Both men were unmarried. On 6 May 1940, 60 years to the day of the incident, about 40 people and the press led by both Army and Air Force Standard Bearers, went to the dual headstone set in St Lawrence Churchyard. A ceremony in tribute to these brave men was conducted. Poppy Wreaths were laid and the Last Post sounded; it rang across a quiet countryside accompanied by the musical sound of a blackbird. The above account was taken from a small booklet in the church. This had been researched by John Hanniford, who served as a Captain with Bomb Disposal during the War,

Sergeant G L Mack also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.





Died 6 May 1944, aged 32.  
Son of Michael Joseph and Grace Marie Cunningham.

Specialist Memorial at Saint Lawrence Churchyard, Extension, Catsfield, Sussex.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2145732/george-killian-o-byrne-cunningham/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/cunningham-g-k-o/>

**CURRAN, John Patrick, (1873311) Corporal, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 17 July 1918 in Colchester . Enlisted 3 May 1933 in Colchester. Next of Kin Father, Mr J C Curran, Shandon, 30 Branston Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. Next of Kin was notified 11 March 1942(this would have been the report of him missing/POW).

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese of Dysentery. Held at Malai Camp. Transferred from Malaya to Thailand. Letter to NOK 11 April 1945, unofficial report.



Died 28 August 1943, aged 25.  
Son of John Patrick and Sarah Ann Curran of Clacton-on- Sea, Essex.

Buried at Chungkai, Thailand. Grave 55.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2352740/john-patrick-currant/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18897296/john-patrick-currant/>

**CURTIS, Harold, (1888425) Sapper, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 17 April 1916 in Sussex. Enlisted 17 February 1940. Next of Kin Father, Mr Frederick Curtis, Trevone, Copthorne Road, East Grinstead. Next of Kin was notified 2 November 1940.

Served with 2 Training Battalion Newark, 15 March 1940; 61 Bomb Disposal Section, 26 June 1940; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 September 1940; 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 September 1940,

Fatally injured as a result of a road accident, whilst on duty as a dispatch rider. Died in Lewisham Hospital.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 31 October 1940, aged 24.  
Son of Frederick and Florence Curtis of Felbridge, Surrey.

Buried at Saint John the Devine Churchyard, Felbridge, Surrey. South of Church.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2434565/harold-curtis/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/43637474/harold-curtis>

**DANSON, Robert, (2126477) Sapper, 25 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born 19 October 1910 in Cheshire. Enlisted 21 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, 18 Cundiff Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Lancashire. Next of Kin was notified by the hospital and placed on the Seriously Ill List 28 January 1943. The Next of Kin was notified he had died on 3 February 1943.

Served with 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 July 1941; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 January 1943.

Died at The Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, of an Arachnoid Haemorrhage.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 31 January 1943, aged 32.

Son of Mr and Mrs James Danson: Husband of Rose Danson of Chorlton- cum-Hardy.

Buried at Manchester Southern Cemetery, Lancashire. Section D RC Grave 473.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2403289/robert-danson/>

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**DARSLEY, John Robert, (2069555) Sapper, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1921 in Manchester. Enlisted 20 April 1939. Next of Kin Father, Mr C P Darsley, 30 Cornbrook Street, Old Trafford, Manchester. Next of Kin was notified on 18 December 1940.

Served with 42 Division, 20 July 1939; 66 Division, 19 September 1939; 203 Field Park Company, 29 September 1939; 258 Field Park Company, 6 January 1940; 31/32 Bomb Disposal Section, 2 September 1940.

On 10 December 1940 at Bushy Park Teddington or Osterley Park, Middlesex, a section was working on a UXB when it detonated. It was a cold day and the section had adopted the standard practice of lighting a fire and brewing a large Dixie of tea. Sapper Jimmy Hulme had gone to see about the tea when the bomb detonated. He was knocked over by the blast and a piece of shrapnel hit him in the back. He spent some time in hospital and then returned to his unit. After this incident he acquired a slight stammer but was otherwise okay.

Lieutenant K G Hope, Lance Corporal C B Lebbon, W Hatton, , Sapper J R Darsley, Driver F G Horton Royal Army Service Corps, A K Hartland also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 10 December 1940, aged 19.  
Son of Charles and Edith Darsley, of Old Trafford, Manchester.

Buried at Manchester Southern Cemetery, Lancashire. Section C of E Grave 584.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2403291/john-robert-darsley/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/156119667/john-robert-darsley>

**DAVIES, Joseph Martin, (2181044) Sapper, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1918 in Cheshire, living in Birmingham. Enlisted 4 September 1939. Next of Kin Father, Ellis Davies, 5 Vallet View, Brynteg, near Wrexham. Next of Kin was notified 9 September 1942.

Served with Depot Company 2 October 1940; 22 Bomb Disposal Company 11 January 1941.

Died whilst engaged on Bomb Disposal Operations, Rainham, Essex.



Died 4 September 1942, aged 24.  
Son of Ellis and Harriet May Davies of Brynteg.

Buried at Saint Paul Churchyard, Broughton, Denbighshire, Wales. Row F Grave 21.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2716394/joseph-martin-davies/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/196344470/joseph-martin-davies>

**DAVIES, William Ward, (2004138) Sapper, 67/69 Bomb Disposal Section 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1920 in Brecknockshire, living in Herefordshire. Enlisted 5 March 1940.  
Next of Kin Mother, Agnes Davies, Killcoed Farm, Oakdale, Mons.

Served with 284 Field Company, 3 March 1940; 67/69 Bomb Disposal Section, 1 July 1940.

Detonation of a delayed action fuze, in Birmingham.

Corporal A Haines, Sapper A Knight (Rabinowitz), W H Thorne, W B Wisely, Driver M T Andrews, W H Fergusson also died in this incident.



Died 25 August 1940, aged 20.  
Son of William John and Agnes Hamilton Davies of Oakdale, Blackwood.

Buried at Saint Davids Churchyard, Penmaen, Monmouthshire, Wales. Row F Grave 21.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/4019456/william-ward-davies/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/davies-w-w/>

**DAWSON, William, (4451619) Lance Corporal, 68 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 12 February 1917 in Durham. Enlisted 4 June 1935, aged 18. in Southampton. Next of Kin Wife, Allendale Cottage, 4 Hally Street, Medomsley, near Consett, County Durham. Next of Kin was informed on 19 November 1940.

Served with 38 Divisional Engineers, 20 January 1940; 561 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 January 1940; 68 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 Bomb Disposal Company Section; 19 July 1940.

Died while on duty by action of an enemy bomb, Humber Works, Coventry. He had been injured by a bomb explosion 25 August 1940 and admitted to Erdington House Birmingham with shock and concussion, discharged 4 September 1940.

Sappers F Wright and F Joyce also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 17 November 1940, aged 23.

Son of William and Florence Dawson: Husband of France Allen Dawson of Westwood.

Buried at Christ Church Churchyard, Hamsterley, Durham. West of Church, left path.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/4028214/william-dawson/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/158552501/william-dawson>



**DAWTON, Sydney John, (6283008) Lance Sergeant, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 31 October 1908 at Rochester. Enlisted 11 March 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Madge Dawton, 9 Dairy Street, Hyde Park, Leeds. Next of Kin was notified 5 August 1944.

Served with Construction Company Chatham, 28 March 1940; 696 Artisan Works Company, 28 March 1940; Port of embarkation, 20 May 1940; returned to Greenock 26 May 1940; 11 Commando, 16 August 1940; 11 Scottish Commando posted from unit to 696 Artisan Works Company, 22 August 1940; 14 Bomb Disposal Company, 2 July 1941.

Died while clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures laid around the UK. A stray dog ran into the minefield and detonated a mine. Normally the dog's weight would not have been enough to detonate the mine, however over a period of time the internal workings had become rusted and weakened. This one mine set off a chain reaction, about half of the mines in the field detonated. Lieutenant H Beckingham recovered the bodies. This was at Redcar; Yorks. Inquest Verdict was disintegration on vital parts of the body accidentally received as the result of an explosion in a minefield. Opinion of the Sub District Commander, no definite evidence to clearly define the cause of the accident, on duty not to blame.

Captain C R J Connors MBE also died in this incident.



Died 3 August 1944, aged 36.

Son of Ooger and Betty Dawton: Husband of Madge Dawton of Hyde Park, Leeds.

Redcar Cemetery, Yorkshire. Plot R Row I. Grave 5.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2412981/sydney-john-dawton/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/60117224/sydney-john-dawton>



**DE-FRIEND, Henry, (1986501) Corporal, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 3 May 1915 in East London. Enlisted 1 May 1939 aged 21 years and 363 days. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs De Friend, 26 Beale Road, Bow London, E 3. Next of Kin was notified 1 July 1941.

Served with Driver in Charge 1 May 1939, 102 A J Company British Expeditionary Force 18 September 1939; 39 Bomb Disposal Section, 20 June 1940; 22 Line of Communication Field Company, 6 November 1940; 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 7 November 1940.

Died in Holmsedale Hospital Sevenoaks Kent, died through an accident with a lorry. There was a private funeral in London an escort attended and the Union Flag provided. Commanding Officers opinion, death was not due to his negligence or misconduct. Neither he or anyone else to blame.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 28 June 1941, aged?

Buried at Woodgrange Cemetery, Eat Ham, Essex. Square 49 Grave 11807.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2833360/henry-de-friend/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/de-friend-h/>

**DEAN, Edwin Frederick, (2123523) Sapper, 17 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 27 April 1911 at Wheeler End, Bucks. Enlisted 14 October 1940 at Reading. Next of Kin Mother, Mary A Dean, Overdale, Grove Road, Sands, High Wycombe.

Admitted Military Hospital Chartham 3 September 1942, placed on the Seriously Ill list, next of Kin notified, transferred to Kent County Hospital 14 October 1942, transferred to Kent Ophthalmic Hospital, Aylesford, Seriously Ill where he died NOK informed on the 15 December 1942 by the hospital.

Served with 1 Stevedore Company, 17 Bomb Disposal Company; 11 January 1942, placed on Y List as ill in hospital 23 September 1942.



Died 12 December 1944, aged 31.  
Son of Mrs M A Dean of Sands, High Wycombe.

Buried at Saint Lawrence Churchyard, West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2706767/edwin-frederick-dean/>



Memorial plaque inside of the church.

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/dean-e-f/>

**DEAN, Harry, (2015560) Sapper, 11 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1916 in Leeds. Enlisted 16 May 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs J Dean, 1 ????? View, Leeds 6.

Served with 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 24 May 1941; 11 Bomb Disposal Company 15 January 1943.

Died in Scotland clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures. Opinion of the Commandant Aberdeen, accidentally killed on duty, insufficient evidence to determine the exact cause. Opinion of District Commander, accidentally killed while clearing mines on duty and not to blame.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 27 July 1944, aged 28.

Son of John W and Ida Dean of Leeds: Husband of Ivy Dean of Leeds.

Buried at Lawnswood Cemetery, Leeds, Yorkshire. Section U Grave 223.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2408681/harry-dean/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/dean-h/>

**DEAS, John Henderson, (210264) Lieutenant, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1914 in Lancashire, living in Norwich.

No information.

Possibly Lance Sergeant D N Simpson died in the same incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 17 April 1943, aged 29.

Son of David Farmer and Mary Ellen Deas: Husband of Meyrl Gaze Deas of Norwich.

Buried at Norwich Cemetery, Norfolk. Section 54 Grave 144.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2764167/john-henderson-deas/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59972117/john-henderson-deas>



**DEVITT, John Basil, (154323) Lieutenant, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineer.**

No further information.



Died on 12 April 1941, aged 32.  
Son of Thomas Gardner and Ida Mary Devitt. Husband of May Dorothy Devitt of Manchester.

Buried at SS Maryland Edward Churchyard, Hanningfield, Essex.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2428377/sydney-arthur-denton/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/221933392/john-basil-devitt>

**DICKENS, Walter, (1876322) Lance Corporal, 1 Bomb Disposal Platoon, Royal Engineers.**

Born on the 25 October 1920 at Sunderland. Enlisted 16 January 1939 in Durham. Next of Kin Father, W Dickens, 24 Duke Street, North Fulwell, Sunderland.

Served with A Company Training Battalion, 16 January 1939; 9 Field Company, 11 February 1939; A Company Training Battalion, 29 April 1939; B Company Training Battalion, 11 July 1939; Depot Company 1 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 9 September 1939; Suffolk Fortress, 19 September 1939; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 September 1941; 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 25 November 1942; embarked for North Africa, 26 November 1942; 1 Bomb Disposal Section/Platoon, 11 August 1943; 12 Bomb Disposal Section, 17 September 1940; 11 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 Bomb Disposal Platoon.

Killed in action in Greece, Balkans and Greece Campaign.

Sappers A Buick and A Johnson also died in this incident.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star, 1939 - 1945 War Medal, the Africa Star.



Died 2 February 1945, aged 22.

Son of William and Elizabeth Dickens of Fulwell, Sunderland, County Durham.

Buried at Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. Grave 21 C 17.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56552594/walter-dickens>

**DIGGLE, Emmanuel, (1913543) Sergeant, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 4 August 1887 Haywood Lancs. Enlisted 11 January 1940 in Acton, aged 49. Next of Kin Wife, E M Diggle, Summicot, Southern Road, Horndean, Portsmouth, Hants.

Served with 680 General Construction Company (Wimpey's) Clacton, 15 January 1940; 51 Bomb Disposal Section, 12 June 1940; 230 Bomb Disposal Section, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941

Died of natural causes, Cosham, Hampshire.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Died 23 January 1942, aged 51.

Buried at Christ Church Military Cemetery, Portsdown, Hampshire. Row M Grave 197.  
[Cemetery Details](#) | [CWGC](#)

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/57625564/emmanuel-diggle>

**DILLON, Edward, (1917545) Sapper, 709 (Bomb Disposal) General Construction Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 12 September 1913. Enlisted 29 January 1940 aged 26.

Served with Royal Engineers Construction Centre, Southern Builders, Chatham, 1 February 1940: British Expeditionary Force, 29 March 1940: 709 General Construction Company, 4 March 1940.

The bomb detonated whilst being excavated at a depth of 23 feet down.

Sergeant F W Soper, Sapper C F Gravett, G A Harbroe died in the same incident.



Died 9 October 1940, aged?

Commemorated at Saint Pancras Cemetery, Middlesex, Special Memorial Row 3.

<https://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/find-cemeteries-memorials/cemetery-details/42304/st-pancras-cemetery/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24723731/edward-dillon>

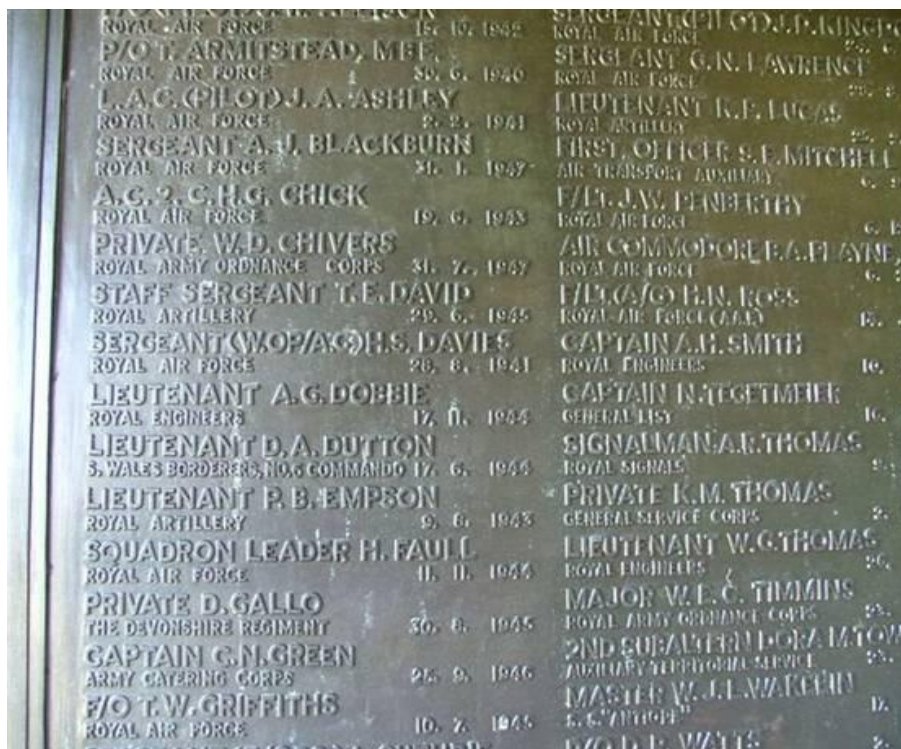


**DOBBIE, Arthur Gavin, (166752) Lieutenant, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineer.**

Born in 1909 in Lancashire, living in Somerset.

The Section were working in a sandy area, in a minefield South of Redcar. It had always been a saving grace that in areas where mines were likely to move, they were wired together, so having located one it was possible to locate others by following the connecting wires. Sapper Knowles and Lance Sergeant Marston were doing this even though it meant tunnelling for the mine. This they had done and were going to disarm the mine when the tunnel collapsed and set it off. Lieutenant Dobbie had just arrived and was walking towards them when it detonated. He was decapitated by a piece of the mine casing.

Lieutenant R Stewart, Lance Sergeant T H Marston and Sapper W Knowles also died in this incident.



Died 17 November 1944, aged 35.

Son of James and Lilian Dobbie: Husband of Dorothy Isabelle Dobbie of Newport, Monmouthshire.

Commemorated at Pontypridd Crematorium, Glamorganshire, Wales. Panel L H.  
[Cemetery Details | CWGC](#)

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/dobbie-a-g/>



**DOODY, Frederick William Arthur, (2191647), Sergeant, 4 Bomb Disposal Section, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 19 April 1885. Enlisted 11 May 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs B Doody, Lexington, Long Lane, Blackheath, Birmingham. Next of Kin was notified 16 September 1940.

Served with 1 Depot Battalion, Chatham, L Depot Company 16 May 1940; 3 Depot Battalion, Chatham, 25 May 1940; 3 and 4 Bomb Disposal Section, 11 August 1940,

According to 3 Bomb Disposal Section, this man was with 4 Bomb Disposal Section at the time of his death.

Died in a motor accident at Mill Corner, Bosham, Chichester, Sussex, verdict of Inquest accidental death. Court of Inquiry at Chichester, opinion of Commanding Officer, Sergeant F W A Doody was to blame for the accident. He was on duty at the time.

He also served in the 1914-1918 War.



Died 14 September 1940, aged 55.

Son of Frank Steventon and Elizabeth Doody; husband of Beatrice Gertrude Doody, of Blackheath, Staffordshire.

Buried at Quinton Cemetery, Warley, Birmingham, Warwickshire. Section B Church Grave 7720.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2711987/frederick-william-arthur-doody/>

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**DOUGHERTY, Samuel, (7018180) Corporal, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 1 December 1899 at Lisburn. Enlisted 18 June 1940 at Belfast. Next of Kin Wife, 98 Grand Street, Lisburn, County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Served with 4 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 6 June 1943; 1 School of Military Engineering, 1 November 1943; 9 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 June 1944; 1 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 September 1944; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 19 March 1945.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the ant-invasion measures around the UK. Mine explosion at Horsey, Norfolk. Inquest verdict, no evidence as to what caused the mine to explode, died from multiple injuries. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer 3 Bomb Disposal Group, killed whilst on duty. In my opinion there is no evidence to show what caused the mine to explode. No blame is attached to any person or persons. Inquest verdict 24 May 1945. Died from multiple injuries caused by the accidental explosion of a mine whilst engaged on minefield duties at Horsey, Norfolk.

Lance Corporal G H Jones also died in this incident.

Also commemorated on the Mundesley Mine Clearance Memorial.



Died 22 May 1945, aged 45.

Son of Samuel and Elizabeth Dougherty: Husband of Annie Dougherty of Enniskillen County Fermanagh.

Buried at Lisburn Cemetery, County Antrim, Ireland. Section A Friends Ground Grave 28.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2931354/samuel-dougherty/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/173529109/samuel-dougherty>

**DOUGLASS MM, Edward James, (147475) Lieutenant, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1897 in West London

Died at Brakenhurst, Higher Lane, Mumbles, Wales.

Freeman of the City of London.

Awarded the Military Medal not for Bomb Disposal work.





Died 17 February 1943, aged 46.  
Son of William Tregarthen and Ada Douglass: Husband of Francis Muriel Douglas of Paddington,  
London.

Buried at Saint Perex Churchyard, Dartmouth, Devon.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2441433/edward-james-douglass/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/douglass-e-j/>



**DOWNING, Frank, (1941131) Sapper, 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 20 September 1919 at Castleford. Enlisted 24 June 1940 in Leeds. Next of Kin Father, Mr J Dowling, 77 Sidwell's Buildings, Cutesy Road, Castleford, Yorks. Next of Kin was notified 23 February 1944.

Served with 727 General Construction Company Chatham, 8 July 1940; placed on Y List, sick/injured/wounded, 4 June 1941 to 17 July 1941; 2 Depot Battalion Royal Engineers, 17 August 1941; C Company 3 Line of Communications, 19 July 1941; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 3 September 1941; 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 November 1942; embarked for North Africa, 26 November 1942.

Killed in Action, Vasto, Italy.

Corporal G Halliday, Lance Corporal R J Hamilton, Sapper R H Bristow also died in the same incident.



Died 19 February 1942, aged 24.

Buried at Sangro River Cemetery, Italy, Grave XV A 20.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2377753/frank-downing/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/downing-f/>



**DRURY, Edward, (2140163) Driver, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 3 November 1914 in Hull. Enlisted 16 January 1941 in Hull. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Edith Drury, Golf House, Wakefield, Yorks. Next of Kin was notified on 27 July 1942.

Served with 2 Motor Transport Depot Royal Engineers; 135 Mechanical Electrical Company, 22 April 1941; 14 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 June 1942.

Died at Clayton Hospital, Wakefield as a result of a traffic accident. Inquest verdict, misadventure, died from injuries received by an army truck coming into collision, with an air raid shelter. Court of Inquiry findings, truck properly maintained and roadworthy, no definitive responsibility for the accident.



Died 26 July 1942, aged 28.  
Son of Robert and Edith Drury of Hull.

Buried at Eastern Cemetery, Hull, Yorkshire. Compt 231 Grave 50.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2402074/edward-drury/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/208695274/edward-drury>

**DUCKWORTH, Walter, (2126769) Lance Corporal, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Next of Kin Wife, Edith Duckworth, 8 Lipp Crescent, Bradlesholme, Bury Lancs. Next of Kin was informed on 29 April 1942.

Served with 22 Line of Communications Training, C Royal Engineers; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1940.

Accidental detonation of a mine, while attending a lecture and demonstration at Pembroke Dock, Wales. Court of Inquiry proceedings disclose that they were in no way to blame.

Sergeant R E Gilmour, Corporals A J R Skeet and D Whittingham, Sappers Baggaley, G Jackson, J J Perry W Plant and J B Jones with other non- Bomb Disposal personnel also died at this incident, with others injured. Inquest verdict: accidental death, no one to blame.



Died 28 April 1942, aged 32.

Son of Walter and Esher Ann Duckworth of Bury, Lancashire: Husband of Edith Duckworth of Brandlesholme, Bury.

Pembroke Military Cemetery, Pembrokeshire Wales. Section E Collective Grave 16 b to 16 r.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2965716/walter-duckworth/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/98180555/walter-w-duckworth>

**DUGMORE, John, Sapper, (5961322) Sapper, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 27 July 1922 in Liverpool. Enlisted 16 January 1942 in Liverpool. Next of Kin Mother, 17 Cowder Road, Old Swan, Liverpool 23. Next, Kin was informed on 28 November 1944.

Served with Depot Company 3 Training Battalion, 8 June 1942; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 November 1942; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 June 1943; embarked from the UK, 8 June 1944.

Incident. The 2 i/c visited the casualties on 23 November 1944. They reported that Driver J Melvin had arrived at the site, which was a SS Barracks at S Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, in his lorry loaded with various missiles, collected from the market square of S Hertogenbosch. He and Sapper Wallis were having tea in an adjacent room to the one containing explosives. Corporal Humphrey had lowered the lorry tow board and was unloading it. Driver Melvin had just \*\*\*\*\* his tea when there was an explosion closely followed by a second. It wasn't until 2230 when the working party had failed to return that Lt Conlon went to the site and the accident was discovered. After investigation later there was no evidence to show what caused the explosion. The Chief Royal Engineer Second Army Group decided that the incident should be treated as a Battle Accident.

Corporals R Verling, J Humphrey, Sappers J Dugmore, H Reed, C Wood, G Styles A A Jones, also died in this incident. Lance Corporal E Nunn, Sapper Wallis Driver J Melvin, J Staniland were all wounded in this incident .



Died 22 November 1944, aged 22.

Buried at Bergan-Op—Zoom War Cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Holland. Grave 9 B 13.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2033678/john-dugmore/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12726985/john-dugmore>

**DUTHOIT, Ernest Clifford, (14613019) Lance Corporal, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 4 April 1910 at Huddersfield. Enlisted 20 May 1943. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs A E Duthoit, 10 Pheasant Mount, Holbeck, Leeds.

Served with 5 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, 1 July 1943; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 September 1943.

Clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures laid around the UK. Killed instantaneously by an explosion of a mine at Brighton, East Sussex. Accidental death, not due to enemy action.



Died 24 July 1944, aged 34.

Son of Alfred and Mary Hannah Duthoit. Husband of Annie Duthoit of Holbeck, Leeds.

Buried at Cottingley Hall Cemetery, Leeds. Section K Grave 182.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2408369/ernest-clifford-duthoit/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59976394/ernest-clifford-duthoit>



**DUTSON, Reginald Stanley, (1880907) Sapper, 719 General Construction Company, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 28 December 1914 in Birmingham. Enlisted 9 May 1940. Next of Kin A Friend Mrs M Tarrish, 9a Bassett Grove, Bordesley Green Birmingham.

Served with 710 Construction Centre, Chatham, 20 June 1940.

Fuzes being removed from a 250kg bomb, by the Earl of Suffolk Charles Howard GC, who was an experimental officer for the Ministry of Scientific Research, when it exploded, Bomb Cemetery, Erith Marshes, Kent.

Sappers J Atkins, B J Gillett, J W Hardy, Driver D Sharratt, the Earl of Suffolk, his Secretary Ms E Morden and his Driver Mr F Hands also died in this incident. Unconfirmed that others were injured



Died on 12 May 1941, aged 26.

Buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. Grave 5 G 3.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2762536/reginald-stanley-dutson/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/dutson-r-s/>



**DYKE, Leonard Arthur Jeffery, (104491) Lieutenant, Bomb Disposal Royal Engineers.**

Born in 1907 in Birmingham

Took his own life.

Newspaper report on his inquest. Liverpool Daily Post 17 December 1940.

Officer felt "Ashamed" Shot After Bomb Work in Scotland.

A letter, in which Lt Dyke said he was ashamed of his weak and puny effort, beside those of my gallant comrades, "was read at a Chatham Inquest yesterday on Lt L A F Dykes, aged 33, Royal Engineers bomb disposal squad, who was found shot through the heart with a service revolver. Lt Dyke had been on bomb disposal work in Scotland, and had recently completed two weeks sick leave. Written in a memorandum book, the letter said - " If I should die, it was because I was ashamed of my weak and puny efforts beside those of my gallant comrades in the army, who under most difficult and trying circumstances, performed miracles "I tried too hard, worried and then completely lost confidence in myself, but not

the cause of freedom, for which I volunteered to fight. Because of my lack of confidence, I found it impossible to face comrades, although I tried desperately hard to win through. I cannot believe even now that this should have happened to me, but I seem driven on by some inexorable fate to a doom which involves everyone I love "Further paragraphs referred to the love of his wife and children. A verdict of suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed was returned.

He had been found behind a straw stack on a farm near Chatham with a bullet wound near his heart and a six chambered service revolver with one chamber empty nearby. He was wearing a battle dress.



Died 11 December 1940, aged 33.

Buried at Saint John's Churchyard, Skeven, Glamorganshire, Wales West Part of Churchyard.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2718188/leonard-arthur-jeffrey-dyke/>

Photo Credit Chris Ellis

**EADIE, Thomas, (1986097) Sapper, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 10 December 1919 in Glasgow. Enlisted 19 June 1939 in Glasgow. Next of Kin Father, Joseph Eadie, 40 Larchfield Avenue, Scotstown, Glasgow W4. Reported Missing 28 February 1942. NOK Informed 11 March 1942. 1 POW Camp, Thailand NOK was informed in January 1944, sadly by this time he was dead. NOK was informed of his death on 12 November 1945. Died whilst a Prisoner of the Japanese, attempting to escape, Kinasai Jungle Camp 1, Thailand.

Served with B Company, Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 22 June 1939; Posted to Malaya, 17 December 1939; 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, 31 May 1941.



Died 15 July 1943, age 23.

Remembered on the Singapore War Memorial. Column 40.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/4018496/thomas-eadie/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/eadie-t-e/>

**EASON, Charles Edward, (1859936) Sergeant, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 19 April 1901 in Eire. Enlisted 1 June 1920 at Whitehall. Next of Kin Friend, Mr C Parrett, Ambletti Cottage, Chithurst, Rogate, near Petersfield, Hants. Reported Missing 28 February 1942, NOK informed 10 March 1942. Letter to NOK 1 September 1943, informed of his death 20 June 1945.

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 18 June 1941.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese, of Dysentery.



Died 17 June 1943, age 43.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand.  
Grave 8 L 12.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2650025/charles-edward-eason/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10834396/charles-edward-eason>



**EASTON, Charles Edwin, (2003663) Corporal, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Died whilst clearing beach mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Inquiry found negligence not proven, no evidence to show that he or others were to blame. Incident location Dover.

Sapper F Fibbens also died in this incident.



Died 24 March 1944, aged 24.  
Son of Charles and Louisa Jane Easton of Plymouth

Buried at C of E Ford Park Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon. General Section H Row 14 Grave 64.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2811150/charles-edwin-easton/>

Photo Credit Andy Kean.  
<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/easton-c-e/>



**EATON, Dennis, (14251156) Driver, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 26 August 1923 in Birmingham. Enlisted 6 August 1942 in Shrewsbury. Next of Kin Father, Frederick Eaton, 40 Beaumont Road, Bournville, Birmingham. NOK was informed of his death on 22 May 1943.

Served with 1 Motor Transport Training Depot, Royal Engineers, 16 September 1942; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 November 1942.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. On duty a beach mine exploded at Aberavon, Glamorgan. Opinion of Officer Commanding no definite explanation can be given explaining how the accident occurred. On duty not to blame.



Died 20 May 1943, aged 19.  
Son of Fred and Edith E Eaton of Bournville, Birmingham.

Buried at Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, Warwickshire. Section K Grave 182.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2449531/dennis-frederick-eaton/>

Photo Credit Myra Mason  
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/133000520/dennis-frederick-eaton>

**EDWARDS, Harry James, (2181902) Sapper, 8 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal, Engineers.**

Born 29 April 1941. Enlisted 9 October 1939. Next of Kin Widow, Elsie Edith Edwards, 15 Oakroyd Crescent, Wisbech, Cambs. NOK notified 12 October 1940.

Served with 1 Railway Training Battalion 9 October 1939; 1 Company, 3 Stevedore Battalion, 5 November 1939.

Died while excavating a UXB at Fingal Street, Worlingworth, Suffolk.

Sappers Carter, H J Edwards, G W Simpson, F B Wooldridge and Police Constable W Whiting also died in this incident.



Died 10 October 1940, aged 39.  
Husband of Elsie Edith Edwards of Wisbech.

Buried at Mount Pleasant Road Cemetery, Wisbech Borough. Western Division Grave 3.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2651962/harry-james-edwards/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/edwards-h-j/>

**EDWARDS, John, (2157941) Lance Sergeant, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 26 March 1921 in Liverpool. Enlisted 26 February 1942. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs L E Edwards, 107 Broad Lane, West Derby, Liverpool.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 26 February 1942; 14 Bomb Disposal Company, 19 August 1942.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures laid around the UK. Filey, Yorkshire. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer, L of C Troops Engineers killed by the accidental explosion of a beach mine for which he was searching, alternatively, was neutralising in course of his duty. Not to blame. Coroners' verdict: death by misadventure.

Sapper F J Cooper also died in this incident.



Died 7 February 1945, age?  
Husband of L E Edwards.

Buried at Anfield Cemetery, Lancashire. Section 12 Non-conformist Grave 1280.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2411655/john-edwards/>

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**EDWARDS, Reginald, (1910075) Lance Corporal, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 11 January 1913. Enlisted 29 December 1939. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs B Edwards, 10 Third Avenue, Llay, near Wrexham. NOK notified 4 August 1943.

Served with Construction Centre Clacton, 29 December 1939; Y list injured, ill, wounded 9 May 1942 to the 17 July 1942; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 17 July 1942.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Whilst sweeping a minefield an undetected mine exploded. Although the detector was efficient it may have failed to locate this mine due to long grass and the depth that it was buried at Aberavon, Glamorganshire. On duty, not to blame and there was no negligence.



Died 2 August 1943, age 30.

Buried at Llay Cemetery, Denbighshire, Wales. Cons Section Grave 531.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2716485/reginald-edwards/>

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**ELDER, John, (1942685) Lance Corporal, 132 Bomb Disposal Section, 1 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 6 April 1911 in Kirkcaldy. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs J W Elder, 80 Beatty Crescent, Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire.

Served with 2 Motor Transport Depot, 22 Line of Communications Training Centre, 9 November 1940; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 November 1940; 1 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941.

Accidentally killed. The Court of Inquiry 14 April 1941 was unable to proceed as an inquiry witness was in hospital. 29 April 1941 Court of Inquiry, findings were an accident caused by handling an enemy bomb, some confusion as to the position of the bomb or mine, L/Sgt Baker and L/Cpl Elder were sent to investigate. L/Sgt Baker was given specific instructions not to touch the object. He disobeyed those orders and therefore is entirely to blame. He is currently in hospital suffering from the loss of a limb, German mine sweeping cutter.



Died 12 April 1944, age 30.  
Husband of Jessie Elder of Kikcaldy.

Buried at Hayfield Cemetery, Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire, Scotland.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2457078/john-elder/>

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**Eldridge, Donald Albert, (2198917, Lance Corporal, 1 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 25 September 1916 at Ashford, Middlesex. Enlisted 15 June 1940 at Exeter Centre. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs E Elderidge, 548 Chippendale Road, Watford, Herts. NOK was notified on 11 September 1941.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 18 January 1940; 1 Bomb Disposal Section, 7 September 1940.

Died due to enemy action whilst on duty. Court of Inquiry, Commanding Officers Opinion, impossible to form a definite conclusion as to the actual cause of the explosion, as neither witness saw what the deceased did. He was a careful and experienced NCO and on duty at the time of the accident.



Died 8 September 1941, age 24.  
Son of Clive Harold and Emily Eldridge of Watford.

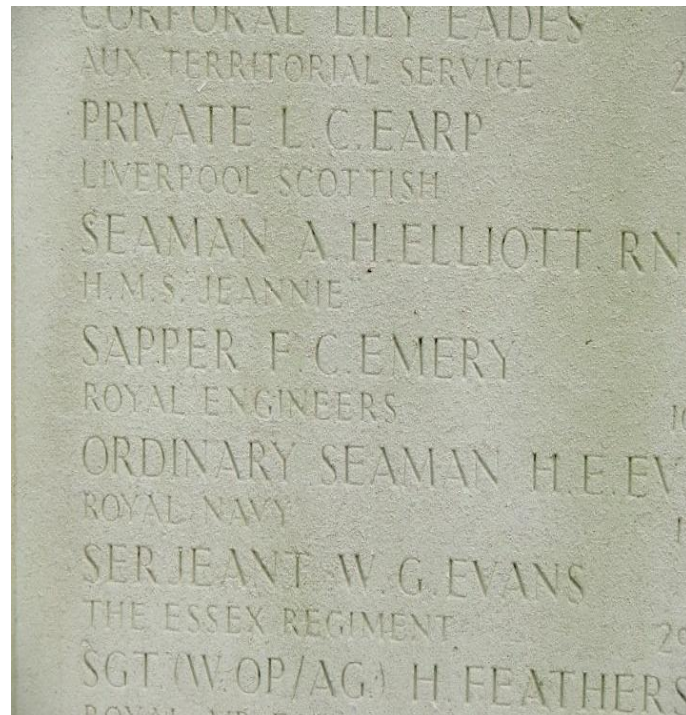
Buried at Watford Cemetery, Vicarage Lane, Hertfordshire. Section A Cons Grave 99.  
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**EMERY, Frederick Charles, (1991025) Sapper, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Died when a UXB exploded all who died and injured were taken to York Hospital incident occurred at Tadeaston.

Sergeant T W Holmes, Lance Corporal J H Wood, Sapper J Carrington, A P Cuff, and a Special Constable also died in this incident.



Died 10 June 1941, age 21.

Son of George Ayerst and Florence Katherine Emery of Ilford.

Buried at City of London Cemetery, Manor Park, London. Collective Grave 108006, also on-Screen Wall Square 241.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2734021/frederick-charles-emery/>

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**EVANS, David Wynford, (14234947) Driver, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 18 February 1921 I Port Talbot. Enlisted 16 July 1942. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs M J Evans, 39 Geifr Road, Margon, Port Talbot, Glam. NOK was notified on 3 February 1945.

Served with 1 Motor Transport Training Depot, 26 August 1942; 1 Bomb Disposal Group, 12 November 1942; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 November 1942; Embarked for North West Europe 7 July 1944.

A mine exploded, causing a chain reaction of other explosives. Two others were killed and material destroyed. It occurred in a field where ammunition was stored near Overlangel.

Corporal H L Tempest, Lance Corporal J Mawdsley also died at this incident



Died 28 January 1945, age 23.

Son of James and Mary Jane Evans of Margam, Port Talbot, Glamorgan.

Buried at Uden War Cemetery, Noor-Brandt, Netherlands.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2765684/david-wynford-evans/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18429458/david-wynford-evans>

**EVANS BEM, Horace, (2198817), Sergeant, 43 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.**

Born 1 September 1911 at West Bromwich. Enlisted 15 June 1944 at Smethwick. Next of Kin Wife Rita Evans, Oltra, Church Lane, West Bromwich.

Served with ?? Bomb Disposal Section ???; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 January 1941; 3 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 January 1941; 43 Bomb Disposal Section.

Died while a 500 lb British type 37 pistol was being worked on and it detonated. The night party had been keeping the shaft clear of water. In North Africa, Italy.

Lieutenant B M M Sinclair, Corporal J A Johnston, Sappers P Carney, W Pearn and G W Rice were also killed, 4 civilians missing.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star, 193- 1945 War Medal and the Africa Star.



Died 8 January 1944, age 32.

Buried at Salerno War Cemetery, Italy. Grave 111 D 41.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/208181/horace-evans/>

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**EVANS, James Green, (4209077) Lance Corporal, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 21 October 1920 at Llanfairfechan. Enlisted 8 January 1942. Next of Kin Father, Mr G G Evans, 6 Penybryn, Llanfairfechan.

Served with Dept Postal Section

Clearing mines laid as part of the anti - invasion measures around the UK. Died in the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. Multiple shrapnel wounds, legs, arms caused by the explosion of a beach mine.

Awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star and the 1939 - 1945 War Medal.



Dead 10 July 1944, age 23.  
Son of George Green and Grace Ellen Evans of Llanfairfechan.

Buried at Saint Mary Churchyard, Llanfairfechan. South West Corner of Churchyard.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2716283/james-green-evans/>

Photo Credit Martin Briscoe.  
<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/evans-j-g/>



**EVANS, William Henry, (2020605), 256 Bomb Disposal Platoon, 19 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 20 June 1916 in South Plymouth. Enlisted 13 June 1940 at Shorncliffe. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs M ? Evans, 80 Vicarage Gardens, Saint Budealry, Plymouth. NOK notified 17 October 1944.

Served with 2(FB) Depot Battalion, Royal Engineers, 7 November 1940; embarked for the Middle East, 3 January 1941; disembarked in the Middle East, 9 March 1941; ? Bomb Disposal Company, 12 March 1941; Middle East Bomb Disposal Company, 7 June 1941; P Bomb Disposal Company (later named 29 BD Company), 21 March 1942; Line of Communication Egypt, 26 March 1942; P Bomb Disposal Company, 18 June 1942; 29 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 September 1943; 256 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 October 1943; disembark in the UK, 12 December 1943; Missing is his posting to whatever Company and details of when he went to France.

Died in action in France.



Died 6 October 1944, age 28.  
Son of Frederick John and Annie Evans of Swilly, Plymouth.

Buried at Saint Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France. Block S Plot 1 Row H Grave 14.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2095387/william-henry-evans/>

Photo Credit LESUEUR Dominique.  
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56261766/william-henry-evans>

**EVANS, William Normington, (1983850) Sapper, 25 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 23 May 1907 in London. Enlisted 28 January 1937 in Chelmsford. trade electrician. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E N Evans, 42 Tennyson Road, Chelmsford.

Served with Royal Engineers, S R Category B, 28 January 1937; 108 Field Park Company, 21 September 1939; 9 Bomb Disposal Company, 2 March 1942; 28 Bomb Disposal Company, 8 September 1942; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 19 October 1942; 858 Quarrying Company, 20 April 1943; 1 Bomb Disposal Group, 15 May 1943; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 May 1943; embark from the UK, 4 June 1944.

Died on due to an explosion, the Falaise Battlefield, France. On duty not to blame.

Lance Sergeant G W Reeve and Driver R G Coleman also died at this incident.



Died 22 September 1944, age 37.

Buried at Hottot-Les-Bagues War Cemetery, Siene-Martine, France. Grave 11 B 9.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2095387/william-henry-evans/>

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**EVERITT, Douglas, (1984477) Sapper, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 8 July 1917 at Wisbech, Norfolk. Enlisted 28 April in Doncaster, aged 19 years 283 days. Trade Pioneer (Engine Artificer) Next of Kin Father, H Everitt, 11 The Crescent, Edenthorpe, near Doncaster. NOK was notified 12 December 1941.

Served with Reserve Category B 106 Army Troops Company, 28 April 1938; M Depot Company, 12 September 1939; 113 Road Construction Company, 29 September 1939; 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 January 1941; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 June 1941; 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 August 1941.

Died in a road traffic accident, Death by misadventure, in Ipswich. Seriously ill in Ipswich Casualty 11 December 1941. The deceased was on duty and not to blame.



Died 11 December 1944, age 23.  
Son of Harry and Susannah Everitt, of Edenthorpe.

Buried at Saint Oswald Churchyard, Kirk Sandall, Yorkshire. Grave 266.  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2402847/douglas-everitt/>

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**EYLES, Alfred William James, (13015857) Corporal, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Born 28 November 1904 in Saint Pancras, London. Enlisted 6 June 1940. Next of Kin Wife, 47 Wicklow Street, Grays Inn Road, London. W C 1. NOK notified 1 May 1941.

Served with Depot Company 22 Line of Communications, 7 October 1940; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1941.

Died through enemy action in Plymouth, Devon. Officer Commanding on duty died in an air raid.



Died 30 April 1941, age 33.

Son of Arthur Frederick and Clara Sarah Eyles of Saint Pancras London: Husband of Violet F R Eyles of Saint Pancras.

Buried at St Pancras Cemetery, London. Specialist Memorial Row 3.

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## Annex A

### Non-Bomb Disposal attached

**ANDREWS, Charles William Edwards, (T/68220) Lance Corporal, Royal Army Service Corps, attached to 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.**

Died whilst excavating a UXB which exploded.

Lieutenant D Adam and Corporal F J Lillyman also died in this incident.



Died 6 November 1940, age 20.  
Son of Charles Henry and Bessie Andrews, of Dagenham, Essex.

Buried at Yeovil Cemetery. Div A Grave 2596.

<https://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/find-cemeteries-memorials/cemetery-details/43721/yeovil-cemetery/>

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[Photograph of the final resting place of ANDREWS, CHARLES WILLIAM EDWARD - The War Graves Photographic Project](#)



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The people who took photos at times didn't have an easy task, not all cemeteries were easy to locate a grave in, however, people persevered contacting local clergy, record offices and at times badgered those responsible to clear the areas round the graves. Some cleared them and still maintain them, one in particular comes to mind, who without fail yearly cleans the grave and has improved it, he is in contact with the family and they appreciate it. Another was a lady in Wales, how went far and wide to take photos, at times dragging along her mother or daughter. This lady found a headstone in a poorly maintained area of a churchyard, tracked down the local clergy and extracted a promise that it would be looked after. The clergyman involved contacted me, asked the history of the person buried there and used the details on the next Remembrance Day Service.

Therefore, there are only two words I can use to end this acknowledgement, that seem so inadequate, but come from the heart, THANK YOU.

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## **Abbreviations**

### **General**

BD	Bomb Disposal
BDO	Bomb Disposal Officer
GP	Group
NOK	Next of Kin
POW	Prisoner of War
RV	Rendezvous Point
UXB	Unexploded Bomb
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance

### **Medals**

BEM	British Empire Medal
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GC	George Cross
GM	George Medal
MM	Military Medal
OBE	Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

## Ranks

Capt	Captain
Corp	Corporal
CO	Commanding Officer
CQMS	Company Quarter Master Sergeant
CSM	Company Sergeant Major
Dvr	Driver
L/Cpl	Lance Corporal
Lt	Lieutenant
Lt Col	Lieutenant Colonel
L/Sgt	Lance Sergeant
Maj	Major
NCO or N.C.O or NCO's	Non-Commissioned Officer
OC	Officer Commanding
Pte	Private
QMSI	Quarter Master Senior Instructor
Spr	Sapper
Sgt	Sergeant
S/Sgt	Staff Sergeant
SMI	Senior Military Instructor
SSM	Squadron Sergeant Major
RSM	Regimental Sergeant Major
WO	Warrant Officer Class 1 or 2

## Units

Coy	Company
Gp	Group
Plt	Platoon
Regt	Regiment
Sec	Section
Sqn	Squadron

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