

**Royal Engineers
Bomb Disposal
Explosive Ordnance Disposal
Roll of Honour
Volume 2 F to K
1940 to VJ Day**



**Alverston Hall
Nantwich, Crewe.**

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Foreword

Deliberately going into an area suspected to contain an explosive device is perhaps one of the most challenging jobs in the world: to do so takes a certain type of character. It demands a stoic resolve and resolute dedication. Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel have had this in abundance since the profession's inception.

For nearly 17 years, I had the great privilege to serve as a bomb disposal officer, an experience that has given me a deep personal understanding of the people who undertake this most demanding of careers. I have been fortunate to command on EOD & Search operations in the United Kingdom, Cyprus, Bosnia, Canada, Iraq, Afghanistan and Kenya. Now, as Chair of the Army EOD & Search Association, I am deeply humbled and honoured to introduce an important contribution to our legacy of Explosive Ordnance Disposal, the Second Volume of the Roll of Honour commemorating those who gave their lives in the performance of EOD Duties.

Not simply a historical record, this book will serve as a permanent memorial, in paper and electronically, dedicated to the memory of our fallen forebears. Every name recorded here represents a compelling individual story of professionalism, service, and the ultimate sacrifice. Each name notes a family forever changed, and a life spent in the service of freedom.

Recently explosive remnants of war have proliferated; the world has recently become more unstable, and conflict is, once again, biting at the borders of Europe. Perhaps now more than ever, it is important to reflect and to remember, to ensure that the bravery, sacrifice, and enduring legacy of our forebears are etched into our memories, to those of the nation that they served. Pete Markham has undertaken this sacred duty by compiling this meticulously researched record, transforming these names and dates into a testament of courage.

Major (Retired) B Hawkins RE Officer Commanding 49 EOD Squadron.

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 the second of four 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 will include those who died on active duty, those who passed away through accidents, natural causes and sadly took their own lives.

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

It started in 2006 with a project by the REA BD Branch and over nine years through various sources and people's assistance, the Roll was put together, photos of graves/memorials taken and what details that could be referenced, as to incidents put together. This was put onto the REA BD Branch website.

Since then through the History Group the information has been greatly increased, as more sources have become available and Casualty Cards/Service Cards have been located. Not a small task around 24,000 cards have been read to identify those serving from 1940 to 1949. Many other sources have been looked at to find details after 1949.

Its primary aim is to move the Roll of Honour from just a list of names, to a resource where families/researchers and others with an interest, can use.

These are live documents which will grow with more information through the years.

Pete Markham.

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

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH.

FARNWORTH, Robert Alexander, (154256) Lieutenant, Bomb Disposal, Royal Engineers.

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.

Lance Sergeant Sutton and Sapper D Berry also died at this incident.



Died 14 September 1941, age 37.

Buried at Khyat Beach War Cemetery, Israel. Grave B B 8.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/1155484/robert-alexander-farnworth/>

Photo Credit Susan Rand-Lakritz.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/25266388/robert-alexander-farnworth>

FARQUHARSON, Thomas Lewis, (2128044) Lance Corporal, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 19 September 1911 in Blackford. Enlisted 28 October 1940. Enlisted 28 October 1940. Next of Kin Father, Thomas Lewis Bayne Farquharson, Guldees, Moray Street, Blackford. NOK notified 26 August 1941.

Served with 22 Line of Communications Training Company, Royal Engineers.

Died when an anti-personnel bomb (SD2-Butterfly bomb)detonated, Saxstead, Suffolk.

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



Died 24 August 1941, age 29.
Son of Thomas and Johanna Farquharson of Blackford.

Buried at Blackford Cemetery, Perth, Scotland.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2457820/thomas-lewis-farquharson/>

Photo Credit Archie Gilbert.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/130786794/thomas-lewis-farquharson>

FEARON, Albert E, (4270436) Sapper, 85 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 14 May 1935. Next of Kin Father, Christopher Fearon, 53 Oban Road, Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne. NOK notified 21 August 1940.

Served with 563 Field Park Company 14 February 1940; 220 Field Company, 12 May 1940; 85 Bomb Disposal Section, 27 June 1940.

Died when a delayed action bomb detonated, near Alverston, Nantwich, Crewe.

Sappers H Thompson, M Lambert G Lucas, J Percival died in the incident, Sergeant E Greengrass died 2 days later.



Died 17 August 1940, age 19.

Buried at Byker and Heaton Cemetery, Northumberland. Section G Grave 251.

Memorial has been placed in Alverson Hall, Nantwich, Crewe.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2810143/albert-edward-fearon/>

Photo Credit River Tyne Lass.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59535939/albert-edward-fearon>

FERGUSON, George, (323012) Lance Corporal, 15 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 6 December at Muirkirk. Enlisted 27 March 1938 in Muirkirk. 1918. Next of Kin Mother, E Ferguson, 41 Garrow Hill, Muirkirk. NOK notified 23 June 1943.

Served with 173 Quarrying Company, 27 June 1940; 2 (FB) Depot Battalion Royal Engineers, 25 July 1941; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 19 August 1941; 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 June 1942; 156 Bomb Disposal Section, 22 November 1942; embarked for North Africa on the 22 November 1942.

Died whilst dumping unserviceable enemy ammunition at sea. A detonation occurred for no apparent reason.

Sergeant G H Sim, Lance Corporal J Sinclair, R V Whitefield, Sappers S Gentry, J Keen, T W Littler also died in this incident, in Tunisia. Les Stokes survived; he had gone into the cabin to get a cap.



Died 10 June 1943, age 24.
Son of George and Eliza Ferguson of Muirkirk, Ayrshire.

Buried at Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery. Grave 7C.

Photo Credit Jeffery Mish.

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

FERGUSSON, William Henry, (2073309) Driver, 68/69 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in Cardiff. Enlisted 24 April 1939. Next of Kin Father, Albert Edward Fergusson, 180 Penarth Road, Cardiff. NOK notified 28 August 1940.

Served with 53 (W) Division, 24 April 1939; 561 Field Company, 30 December 1939; 68/69 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 July 1940.

Admitted to Erdington Hospital Birmingham, seriously ill, multiple wounds to legs caused by the detonation of a time delayed bomb following a raid.

Corporal A Haines, Sappers W W Davies, A Knight (Rabinowitz), W H Thorne, W B Wisley, Driver M T Andrews, also died in this incident.



Died 27 August 1940, age?
Son of Mr and Mrs A E Fergusson of Cardiff.

Buried at Cardiff Western Cemetery. Section J Grave 523.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2717054/william-henry-fergusson/>

Photo Credit Jackie Croker.

<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/fergusson-w-h-2/>

FIBBENS, Frank, (2001694) Sapper, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in Sussex. Enlisted 28 March 1940. Next of Kin Father, Charles, Monsville, Birdham, Chichester, Sussex.

Served with 1 Stevedore Centre Folkestone; 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 January 1941; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 June 1943.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Beach mine explosion at Dover, accidental death. According to the Chief Royal Engineer 2 Bomb Disposal Group, evidence shows that Spr Fribbens was on duty when fatally injured by an explosion of a mine. Negligence is not proven.

Corporal C E Easton also died in this incident.

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



Died 24 March 1944, age 26.
Son of Walter and Gertrude Fribbens of Birdham, Sussex.

Buried at Saint James Churchyard, Birdham, Sussex.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2722652/frank-fibbens/>

Photo Credit Frank Grant.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/82304195/frank-fibbens>

FIDLER, Albert, (1873445), 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 21 February 1913 in Devices, Wiltshire. Enlisted 30 July 1936 in Salisbury, aged 23. Next of Kin Father Jesse Fidler, The Green, Urchfont, Devizes, Wilts. NOK was notified at 1845 11 March 1942. Reported Missing on the 15 February 1940, 3 August 1943 camp not yet stated, Letter sent to the NOK. Camp Malai 1 in Thailand NOK notified 19 June 1944.

Served with A Company Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 30 July 1936; A Company Training Battalion, 12 April 1937; 30 Fortress Company, 16 October 1937; 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, 30 July 1941.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese, of Avitaminosis/cholera in Thailand.

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



Died 22 July 1943, age 30.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave 8 M 1.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2650169/albert-fidler/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10834510/albert-fidler>

FISHWICK, Thomas Raffle, (19917224) Sapper, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 5 October 1917 in Sunderland. Next of Kin Wife, E L Fishwick, 58 Nicholson Street, Ryhope, Durham. Next of Kin was notified on 27 March 1941.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 13 August 1940; 853 Quarrying (Bomb Disposal) Company, 12 November 1940; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1941.

Died on Bomb Disposal Duties in Plymouth, Devon.

Lieutenant's L J Ball, D Ross, Sapper's D A Palmer, E Thompson, Driver A W Stevens, R Sullivan also died in this incident.



Died 27 March 1941, age 22.

Husband of Elizabeth Laura Fishwick of Ryhope, County Durham.

Buried at Western Mill Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon. Section C Cons Grave 17888.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2811453/thomas-raffle-fishwick/>

Photo Credit Cliff Barry.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59986842/thomas-raffle-fishwick>

FITCHETT, Leonard, (2000787) Sapper, 73 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

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

Sapper O E Braysher and J E Brown also died in this incident.



Died 29 October 1940, age 23.
Husband of Lottie Fitchett, of Stoneferry, Hull.

Hedon Road Cemetery, Hull, Yorkshire. Compt 406 Grave 87.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2402168/leonard-fitchett/>

Photo Credit Gunner.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/114831689/leonard-fitchett>

FLETCHER, Alfred Edward, (2209043) Sergeant, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, attached to 8 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 6 March 1906 at Weston-Super-Mare. Enlisted 1 June 1933. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs A Fletcher, 16 Argyle Avenue, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset. NOK was notified on 26 March 1942.

Served with 43 Division, 1 June 1933; 45 Division, 15 December 1939; 261 Field Park Company, 15 December 1939; 47 Bomb Disposal Section, 19 June 1940; 6 Bomb Disposal Company.

Inquest verdict, Misadventure. Court of Inquiry, Commanding Officers Opinion, met his death through misadventure. Although his orders were somewhat indefinite, he was on duty at the time of the accident, in Somerset.



Died 24 March 1942, age 36.

Son of William and Edith Fletcher of Weston-Super-Mare. Husband of Ada Fletcher of Western-Super-Mare.

Buried at Western Super Mare Cemetery, Somerset. Section Y Grave 263.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2692418/alfred-edward-fletcher/>

Photo Credit Sue Hoddinott.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/123589942/alfred-edward-fletcher>

FLETCHER, James, (1903282) Sapper, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 23 June 1915 in Salford. Enlisted 4 January 1940 aged 24. Next of Kin Widow, Sarah Fletcher, 32 South Street, Highfields, near Doncaster. NOK was informed on the 6 January 1941.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, Royal Engineer, 28 March 1940; Royal Engineer Construction Centre Clacton, 4 January 1940; 662 General Construction Company, 5 November 1940; 5 Bomb Disposal Company; 16 Bomb Disposal Section, 28 September 1940

Died when a bomb detonated, which was being excavated at Carriage Wharf, Dorchester Street, Shoreditch, London.

Lance Corporal Robinson, Sapper J H Ash, F Robinson also died in this incident.

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



Died 3 January 1941, age 36.

Buried at Agecroft Cemetery, Salford, Lancashire. Section 31 Grave 577.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2700280/james-fletcher/>

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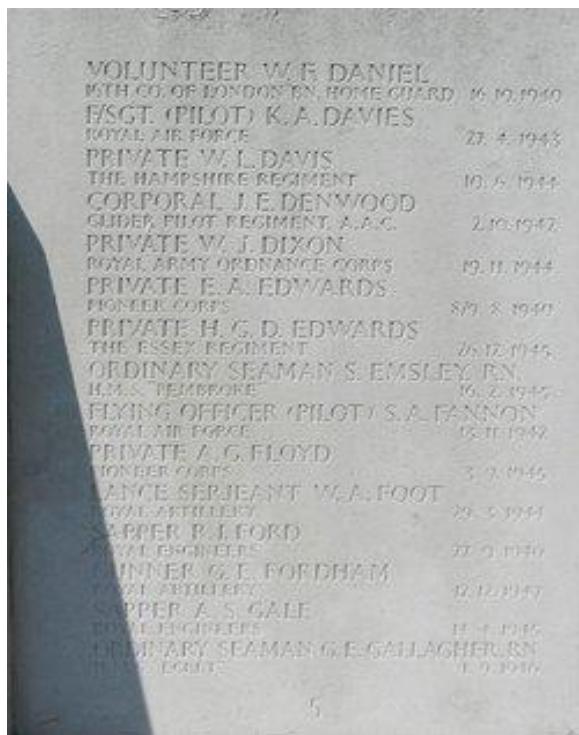
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/60118433/james-fletcher>

FORD, Robert Ingram, (2090532) Sapper, ½ Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Ford, 2 Collwood Terrace, Jemond, Newcastle-on-Tyne. NOK was notified on 1 October 1940.

Served with 235 Field Park Company, 8 May 1939; 508 Field Park Company, 22 January 1940; 5 Training Battalion, 28 February 1940; 2 Depot Battalion, 5 July 1940.

Died when a bomb detonated while being excavated, it was in the rockery behind the surgeon's house at Joyce Green Hospital, Kent.



Died 27 September 1940, age 21.
Son of William and Constance Ford of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Commemorated at Honour Oak Crematorium, Camberwell, London. Screen Wall Panel 5.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2428257/robert-ingram-ford/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24611277/robert-ingram-ford>

Forster, Arnold, (14286435) Sapper, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 16 June 1942 in Newcastle. Enlisted 19 September 1942. Next of Kin Mother, 23 George Street, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

Served with 7 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 28 October 1942; 659 A W Company, 15 March 1943; 3 Home Depot Battalion, 8 April 1943; 10 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 May 1943.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. While detecting and lifting mines there was an explosion, causing fatal injuries. Inquest verdict, death caused by multiple injuries while performing hazardous duties in North Wales.



Died 17 November 1943, age 21.
Son of William and Margaret Jane Forster of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

Buried at West Road Cemetery, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, Northumberland. Section R Grave 823.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2810438/arnold-forster/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59536801/arnold-forster>

FOSHER, Charles Adam, (1883496) Lance Corporal, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 14 December 1940 at Maidstone. Enlisted 4 January 1940, aged 26. Next of Kin Widow, Esher Ellen Fosher, The Bungalow, Old Stone, Stafford. NOK informed 27 November 1940.

Served with 4 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, Colchester, 15 January 1940; Headquarters, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 September 1940.

Died working with mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Coroners' verdict: death by misadventure. Court of Inquiry, cause and place of death explosion of a mine (accident). According to the Commanding Officer there appears to be no evidence to show what caused the accident as the only survivor saw nothing, Fitzgammon Embankment Sully Beach Wales.

Corporal S G Hanford and Lewis died in this incident.

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



Died 12 November 1940, age 26.

Son of Albert Abraham and Caroline (Eiffert) Fosher. Husband of Esher E (Southey) Fosher. Children Frederick, Rose and Elizabeth. Sisters Alice and Edith.

Buried at Cardiff Western Cemetery, Glamorganshire, Wales. Section C Grave 96.

<https://www.cwg.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2717059/charles-adam-fosher/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/121529704/charles-adam-fosher>

FOSTER, Leslie William Eade, (100603) Second Lieutenant, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1902 living in Surrey.

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

Second Lieutenant W F J Ash, 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 38.

Buried at Saint Nicholas Churchyard, Thames Ditton, Surrey. Old Part Grave L S 6. Son of William Frederick and Bertha Steller Foster. Husband of Kathleen Foster of Thames Ditton.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2435992/leslie-william-eade-foster/>

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https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/69553488/leslie-william_eade-foster

FOX, Harry, (2004028) Sapper, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born on the 14 September 1919, living in Sheffield. Enlisted on the 5 March 1940. Next of Kin Mother, 42 Thornborough Road, Arborthourne Estate, Sheffield 2. NOK was notified on 14 April 1941.

Served with 566 Field Company, 25 September 1940; admitted Southport emergency Hospital, 25 September 1940; 9 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 December 1940.

Died when a 250kg fitted with a type 15 and 50 fuze fitted detonated, in Coventry. Lieutenant Lewis Winn and M F H Lloyd, Driver G Jones also died in this incident.



Died at 1735 13 April 1941, age 21.
Son of Harry and Florence Fox of Sheffield.

Buried at London Road Cemetery, Coventry, Warwickshire. Square 348 Grave 81.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2714268/harry-fox/>

Photo Credit Mark Morgan.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59788347/harry-fox>

FRANCE, James, (3511677) Sapper, 3 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born in Surrey. Next of Kin Widow, Alice France, 85 Calverdale Avenue, Barlow Moor Estate, Didsbury. NOK notified 1 October 1940.

Served with 1 Depot Battalion, Chatham, Z Holding Company 22 May 1940.

A German delayed action bomb exploded at Grand Avenue, Hove.

Lance Sergeant E Moss also died at this incident



Died at 1400 26 September 1940, age ?

Buried at Southern Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire. Section V C of E Grave 1148.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2403332/james-france/>

Photo Credit Bob the Greenacre Cat.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/155219995/james-france>

FREER, Bertram, (2126549) Sapper, 158 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 22 November 1911 in Yorkshire. Enlisted 23 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs H A Freer, 12 Ranlagh Drive, Edgware, Middlesex. NOK was notified on 15 July 1943.

Served with Training Company, Royal Engineers; 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1940; embarked for North Africa with 158 Bomb Disposal Section, 22 November 1942.

Died as a result of dysentery in North Africa.



Died 9 July 1944, age 31.

Buried at Enfidaville War Cemetery, Tunisia. Grave E 11 E 16.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2104138/bertram-freer/>

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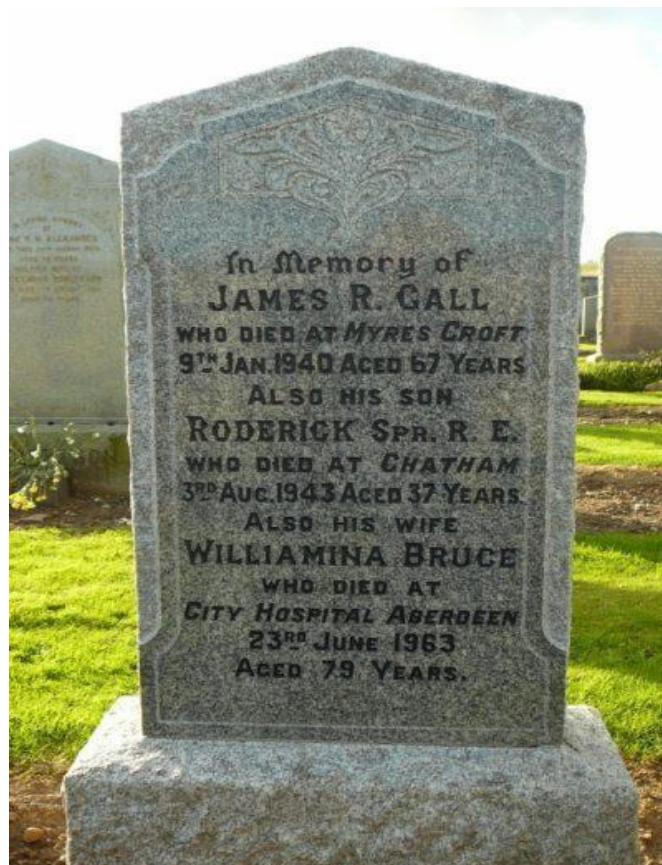
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/55906991/bertram-freer>

GALL, Roderick, (14213557) Sapper, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 30 June 1906 at Cruden Bay. Enlisted 14 May 1942. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Gall, North Haven, Cruden Bay, Aberdeenshire. NOK was notified on 4 August 1943.

Served with 69 C W C, 31 July 1942; 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 5 August 1943.

Died in the Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham, Kent, multiple injuries due to a fall from a window. Coroners' verdict, fell from a window in the middle of the night, no evidence as to what happened. Commanding Officers Opinion, he had been in the unit since 1 July and it is reasonable to assume that he would be conversant with the position of the doors, windows and night urinal in his barrack block.



Injured on the 31 July 1943. Died 3 August 1943, age 37.

Son of James Ross and Williamina Gall of Cruden Bay

Buried at Cruden Parish Church Extension, Aberdeenshire. Grave K 355.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2458606/roderick-gall/>

Photo Credit Rodger Neilson.

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

GALLOWAY, Francis Simpson, (1913105) Lance Sergeant, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 1 March 1919. Enlisted 5 January 1940 aged 20. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E E Gallway, 14a Ainslie Gardens, Perth. NOK was informed on 2 October 1943.

Served with Royal Engineers Construction Centre Clacton, 5 January 1940; 657 General Construction Company; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 December 1940.

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, West Sussex.

Lieutenant W E K Kenway, Lance Corporal A Raynor, Sappers J Buchanan, H R Jones also died in this incident. Sapper Gresser was injured and died the next day.



Died 30 September 1943, age?

Buried at Wellshill Cemetery, Perth, Perthshire. Section I Jeanfield Division, Grave 195.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2457945/francis-simpson-galloway/>

Photo Credit Archie Gilbert.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/60001444/francis-simpson-galloway>

GARFIELD, Joseph Alfred, (2020858) Driver, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1915 in Bradford. Enlisted 13 June 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs M Garfield, 58 Old Bank, Wakefield, Dewsbury, Yorks. NOK was informed on 12 June 1941.

Served with 2 Motor Transport Depot, 28 Bomb Disposal Section, 4 September 1940; 14 Bomb Disposal Company, 20 September 1940.

Died on Operations, UXB detonated at Tadcaster, North Yorkshire.

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



Died 10 June 1941, age 24.

Buried at Dewsbury Cemetery, Kirklees, West Yorkshire. Uncons Sec K Grave 839.

Son of James and Selina Garfield of Dewsbury. Husband of Margery Garfield of Dewsbury.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2407464/joseph-alfred-garfield/>

Photo Credit Adey Garnett.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59783884/joseph-alfred-garfield>

GARNER, Frederick, (2126391) Lance Corporal, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 11 February 1919 at Hornchurch. Enlisted 21 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E Garner, 93 London Road, Hornchurch, Cheshire. NOK notified 20 October 1943.

Served with 17 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 October 1940; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 April 1943.

Died clearing mines laid around as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. He was carrying out instructions to locate and lift mines in a minefield. During the process an explosion occurred causing death, there is no evidence to show neglect by him or other persons. Shoreham, West Sussex.

Both Corporal Cooley and Lance Corporal Garner were 24 when they died. Their service numbers are only six apart suggesting they joined up together and probably grew up together. They are laid to rest next but one to each other, there is no identifying marker on the grave in between.

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

Corporal Cooley also died in this incident.



Died 18 October 1943, age 24.

Son of Peter and Florence Garner of Northwich: Husband of Ann Garner of Northwich.

Buried at Northwich Cemetery, Lancashire. C of E Section, Grave 1616.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2735885/frederick-garner/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59971879/frederick-garner>

GARNER, Orlando, (2126234) Sapper, 21 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1915 in Liverpool. Enlisted 21 October 1940. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Sarah Garner, 34 Muriel Street, Walton, Liverpool. NOK was informed on 20 March 1941.

Served with 21 Bomb Disposal Company, 7 November 1940.

Died when a delayed action bomb detonated, taken to Saint Bartholomew's Hospital. Brought in dead. UXB was at King Edward Street near Saint Pauls.

Sapper H Taylor also died in this incident and 1 Officer and a SNCO wounded.



Died 10 March 1941, aged 26.

Son of Orlando and Sarah Garner of Poulton-Le-Fylde.

Buried at Kirkdale Cemetery, Lancashire. Section 7, Nonconformist Grave 667.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2412277/orlando-garner/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/32675862/orlando-garner>

GAVID, Frederick Charles, (2007432) Driver, 48 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted on the 15 March 1940,

Served with 1 Motor Transport Depot Aldershot,

Died when a UXB detonated while being excavated, by a signal box near Hook Railway Station.

Sappers A Hill, R R E Moxon, D A Vince, F D Warner and A White also died at this incident. Sergeant W J Button was thrown through the air and survived, he was able to check on the injuries to his Section, he was awarded the George Cross for his actions.

Peter Markham spoke to the daughter of the signal man, who was 11 years old at the time. Her mum had sent her and her sister up to the area to take tea and sandwiches to the team. They met her father who stopped them at a safe distance and he said the team were working and he would pass the food onto them. Talked to their dad, then turned to go home as they got a bit away there was an explosion. They returned to their dad and found that the team had been killed.



Died 18 August 1940, aged 22.

Buried at Aldershot Military Cemetery, Hampshire. Grave A 22.

Son of Samuel Drew and Francis Caroline Gaved of Ewell, Surrey.

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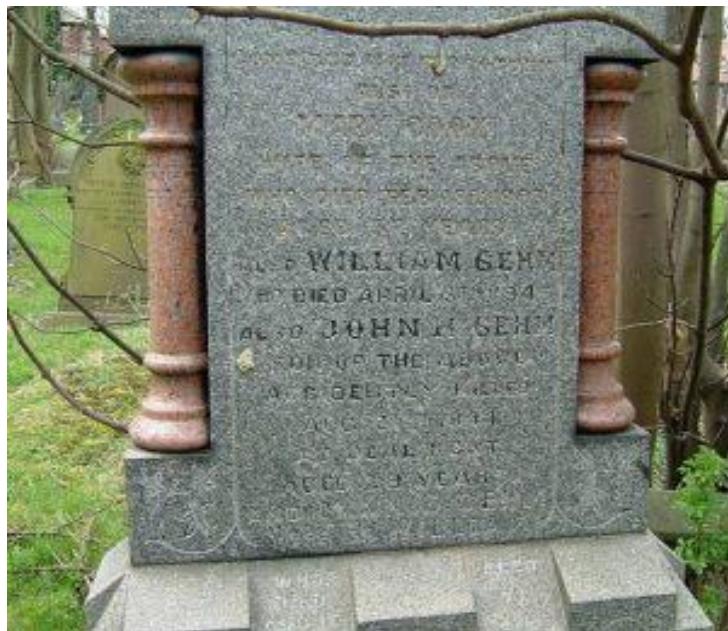
GEHM, John Henry, (2126913) Sapper, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 9 December 1914 at South Shields. Enlisted 30 October 1940 in London. Next of Kin, Father, 277 Dean Road, Tyne Dock, South Shields, County Durham.

Served with 14 Line of Communications, 20 Bomb Disposal Company 10 January 1940.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK at Deal, Kent.

Corporal J M Inches also died in this incident.



Died 31 August 1944, age 29.

Son of William and Millie Gehm of Tyne Docks, North Shields.

Buried at Saint Peters Churchyard, Harton, Durham.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2838262/john-henry-gehm/>

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GENSOUS, Emile Eugene, (5492402) Lance Sergeant, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 16 October 1907 in Guernsey. Enlisted 19 November 1939 in Guernsey. Next of Kin Wife, E A Gensous, 6 Alliy Street, Saint Peters Port, Guernsey. Resident in UK Sister, Babcock, 21 Garden Court, Queen Street, Barnstable, North Devon. NOK informed through the Channel Islands Refugee Committee, 20 Upper Grosvenor Street. W1.

Served with Draft Service RMHDS, 23 Field Company, 12 June 1940; G Depot Company, Royal Engineers, 19 October 1939; 2 Training Battalion, Newark, 16 December 1939; 125 (probably 125 BD Section) Bomb Disposal Company, 13 November 1940; 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 January 1941; Y list, sick/injured/wounded, 2 March 1943 to 14 May 1943; 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 14 May 1943.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Cause of death: multiple injuries caused by a mine explosion, St Osyth, Essex. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer On duty at the time of the accident. No blame can be attached to any person or persons. Inquest Verdict death through shock from multiple injuries, caused by an explosion whilst on military duties. Misadventure.



Died 20 February 1945, age 37.

Son of Jea and Philomene Marie Gensous, husband of Eunice Ada Le Ray Gensous of Limpsfield.

Buried at Clacton Cemetery, Essex. Plot C Grave 454.

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GENTRY, Stanley, (1991971) Sapper, 15 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 22 January 1907 in London. Enlisted 22 August 1940 1 Centre, Whips Cross. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs A M Gentry, 54 Stragey Road, Forest Gate E 7.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, Newark, 12 September 1940; 854 (Bomb Disposal) Quarrying Company, 16 November 1940; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941; 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 June 1942; embarked for North Africa, 22 November 1942 with 156 Bomb Disposal Section.

Died whilst dumping unserviceable enemy ammunition at sea. A detonation occurred for no apparent reason.

Sergeant G H Sim, Lance Corporals G Ferguson, J Sinclair, R V Whitefield, Sappers J Keen, T W Littler also died in this incident, in Tunisia. Les Stokes survived he had gone into the cabin to get a cap.



Died 10 June 1943, age ?

Husband of Ada May Gentry of Forest Gate, Sussex.

Buried at Medjez El Bab Cemetery, Tunisia. Joint Grave 7 C 7.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2620619/stanley-gentry/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56084344/stanley-gentry>

GIBBS, Geoffrey Walter, (1886738) Corporal, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1913 in Northampton. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs N A L Gibbs, 44 Bants Lane, Saint James, Northampton. NOK was notified on 16 April 1941.

Served with 3 Training Battalion, Ripon, 18 April 1940; 2 Depot Battalion, 23 September 1940; 125 (Bomb Disposal) Quarrying Company, 22 November 1940.

Died in the performance of Bomb Disposal duties, dealing with a UXB, adjacent to Main Street, Lowestoft. A shaft was being dug to recover what was later found to be a 250kg bomb fitted with both a 17 and 17 a fuze, partially collapsed, Lieutenant I Hoare was completely buried. Sergeant T Taylor Corporal Bardley and two Sappers extradited their Officer before he suffocated. He was taken to hospital; Sergeant Taylor continued the task and uncovered the bomb. Lieutenant Hoare discharged himself from hospital to defuse it, whilst carrying out this task it detonated killing both men,

Lieutenant I Hoare also died in this incident.



Died 15 April 1941, age 28.

Son of Arthur and Hilda Gibbs: Husband of Nora Alice Edith Gibbs of Saint James End, Northampton.

Buried at Dallington Cemetery, Northamptonshire. Division F 1 Grave 5302.

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GIBSON GC, Michael, (4445289) Sergeant, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 21 June 1906 in Durham. Enlisted 2 May 1936 aged 29, transferred from the Durham Light Infantry. Next of Kin Wife, Elizabeth Gibson, 12 Lyne Street, Chopwell, Newcastle. NOK was informed on 22 October 1940.

Served with 38 Division, Royal Engineers, 56 Field Company, 30 January 1940; 67/68 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 July 1940,

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

Lieutenant A G Campbell CC, R Gilchrest, W Gibson, J Plumb, R W Skelton and E F G Taylor also died in this incident.

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



Died 18 October 1940, age 34.

Buried at London Road Cemetery, Coventry. Square 348 Collective Grave 46.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2714273/michael-gibson/>

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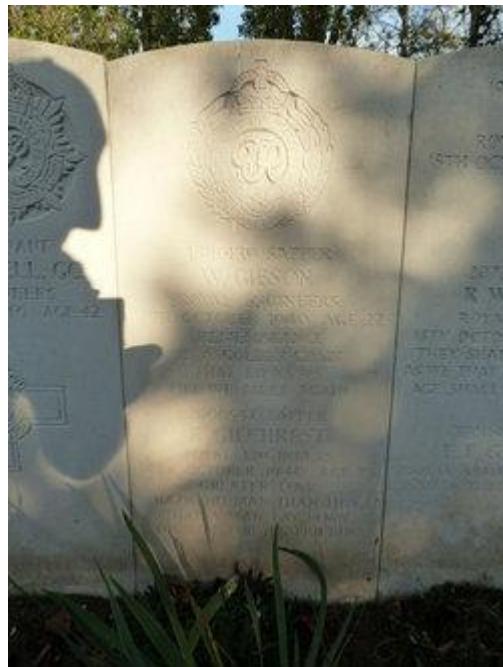
GIBSON, William Haddow, (1890139) Sapper, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 19 October 1939. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Gibson 15 Roseleigh Avenue, Burnage, Manchester. 19. NOK was informed on 22 October 1940.

Served with 38 (South Wales) Division, Royal Engineers, 19 October 1939; 247 Field Park Company, 25 November 1939; 283 Field Company, 18 December 1939; 561 Field Company, 18 June 1940; 67/68 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 July 1940.

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

Lieutenant A G Campbell CC, R Gilchrest, M Gibson, W Gibson, J Plumb, R W Skelton and E F G Taylor also died in this incident.



Died 18 October 1940, age 34.

Son of William and Eleanor Gibson of Burnage, Lancashire

Buried at London Road Cemetery, Coventry. Square 348 Collective Grave 46.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2714273/michael-gibson/>

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GIBSON, William James, (3311879) Sapper, 19 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 7 May 1917 in Belfast. Enlisted 18 May 1939. Next of Kin Widow Mary Jane Gibson, 50 McLaren Crescent, Johnstone, Scotland. NOK notified 25 April 1941.

Served with C Company, 20 May 1939; 3 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 20 September 1939; 51 Division, 16 October 1939; 239 (H) Field Park Company, 18 October 1939; British Expeditionary Force, 21 January 1940; 239 Field Company, 3 July 1940; 727 (Bomb Disposal) General Construction Company, 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1941.

Fatally injured on duty, Plymouth, Devon.

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



Died 23 April 1941, age 23.

Buried at Western Mill Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon. Section C Cons Grave 17873.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59986872/william-james-gibson>

GILBERT, Walter Kenneth, (14697715) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 7 March 1923 in Swansea. Enlisted 6 January 1944. Next of Kin Mrs W Gilbert, 71 Grenfill Park Road, Saint Thomas, Swansea, Glam.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion defences around the UK. Due to an explosion of a British mine B Type C. Opinion of the Chief Royal Engineer 3 Bomb Disposal Group, no evidence to show how the mine was activated or at what stage of the operation the accident occurred it is assumed that the mine was in the process of being uncovered, the deceased was guilty of disobedience of instructions, major responsibility would be with the NCO L/Cpl Rackett. Horsey, Norfolk.

Lance Corporal A F Rackett also died in this incident.



Died 31July 1946, age?

Son of T W and Maud Gilbert of Saint Thomas, Swansea.

Buried at Danycraig Cemetery, Swansea, Wales. Section W Grave 514.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2718216/walter-kenneth-gilbert/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/gilbert-w-k/>

GILCHREST, Richard, (2000532) Sapper, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1917 in Manchester. Enlisted 15 February 1940. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs A H Gilchrest, 132 Church Lane, Gorton, Manchester. NOK was informed on 22 October 1940.

Served with 283 Company, 38 Divisional Engineers, 11 June 1940: 67/68 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 June 1940.

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

Lieutenant A G Campbell GC, Sergeant M Gibson GC, Sappers W H Gibson, J Plumb, R W Skelton and Driver E F G Taylor RASC also died in this incident.



Died at 1645 18 October 1940, age 23.

Son of James and Annie Hida Gilchrest of Gorton, Manchester.

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

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2714275/richard-gilchrest/>

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GILCHRIST, George, (14562145) Sapper, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 3 January 1945 in Liverpool. Enlisted 18 March 1943. Next of Kin Mother, K Gilchrist, 10 Lothian Road, Liverpool 4.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 29 April 1943; 651 A W Company, 3 July 1943; E S C D, 18 January 1944; 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 3 Bomb Disposal Group, 2 April 1944.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Shoeburyness, Essex. Explosion of a mine whilst engaged on military duties at home. Finding of Court of Inquiry.

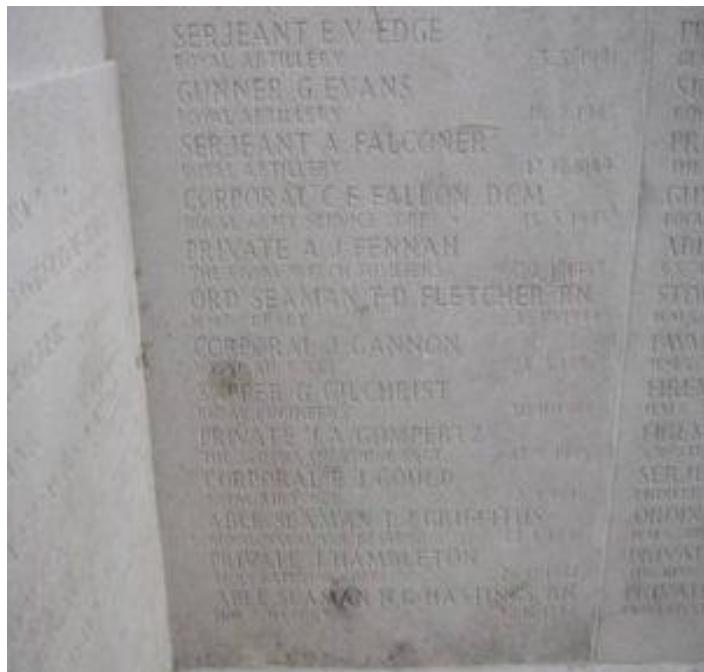
- a. That Company Standing Orders for deliberate minefield clearance were being complied with. Evidence suggests the mine was outside the cleared area.
- b. The Polish mine detector was in order and had been tested.

Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer, 3 Bomb Disposal Group. Sappers J Levitt and G Gilchrist were on duty.

- a. In my opinion there is no evidence to show what caused this mine to explode.
- b. The drill as ordered was being carried out.
- c. . The position of the girder after the explosion would suggest the mine was on the other side of the girder outside the sweep.

No blame can be attached to any person or persons.

Sapper J Levitt also died in this incident.



Died 30 November 1940, age 19.

Commemorated and buried at Anfield Cemetery, Lancashire. Screen Wall 3. Section 5 RC
Collective Grave 1756.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2411682/george-gilchrist/>

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

GILKES, John Ernest, (154263) Lieutenant, 3 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1908 in Oxfordshire.

Died whilst dealing with a 1000lb UXB, fitted with two fuzes. Air Raid Tuesday 3 December 1940. Soon after 3 pm an enemy aircraft was engaged by the BMAR Company factory defence guns, manned by work staff and Home Guard. The plane was hit and damaged and driven off, but not before it had released four bombs on the town. One of the bombs landed on sidings between the Station and Springfield Road Bridge, but did not detonate. BDO was sent for and the next day a bomb disposal team exposed a 1000 lb bomb. The Officer Lt Gilkes reported that the bomb was fitted with two fuzes, each equipped with a booby trap device. Its time fuze could be heard ticking. If not stopped it was likely to detonate the bomb within the next ten days. At 3.15pm the area was cleared so that Gilkes could attempt to make the bomb safe. Three minutes later a tremendous explosion rocked the station area, blasting two policemen who were approaching to check on progress. The courageous Lt died instantly. Inspector Curry, one of the police men wrote in his post incident report, I have nothing but admiration for the dauntless courage of this officer. I am convinced he knew he was taking a risk which was almost certain to cause his death. He took the risk cheerfully, however, one of his last remarks to me were, well when you get back, I shall most probably be on my way to St Peter. Marshalling Yards, London North East Railway, Grantham. More details at [The Railway at Grantham in Wartime, 1939-1945 - Tracks through Grantham](#)



Died 4 December 1940, age 32.

Son of James and Phoebe Ann Gilkes; Husband of Winifred May Gilkes, of Leamington Spa.

Buried at Whitnash Cemetery, Leamington, Warwickshire. Section 109, Grave 222.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2714551/john-ernest-gilkes/>

Photo Credit Stan Murphy.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59972638/john-ernest-gilkes>

GILL, Harry, (14598464) Sapper, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 21 January 1906 at Lole. Enlisted 6 May 1943. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Ann Gill, Sunnyside, Park Grove, Fritzinghall, Bradford, Yorks.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 17 June 1943; 687 A W Company, 21 August 1943; 3 Bomb Disposal Group, 29 September 1943.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Burnham-on-Crouch.

Sapper L Cruddas also died in this incident.



Died 26 September 1944, age 38.

Buried at Nan Wood Cemetery, Shipley, Yorkshire. Section U Grave 303.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2413918/harry-gill/>

Photo Credit

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GILLETT, Bertie John, (1884765) Sapper, 719 (Bomb Disposal) General Construction Company, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in West Bromwich. Enlisted 14 May 1940. Next of Kin Sister, Mrs Olive London, Orchard Hill, Stratford-on-Avon. NOK notified 15 May 1941.

Served with 719 General Construction Company, Chatham, 20 June 1940; 2 Bomb Disposal Company.

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, R S Dutson, 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 9 May 1941, age 45.

Buried at Stratford-Upon-Avon Cemetery. Warwickshire. Grave 4123.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2714936/bertie-john-gillett/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/98180953/bertie-john-gillett>

GILMOUR, Robert Ebenezer, (1914768) Sergeant, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 19 August 1907 at Glasgow. Enlisted 1 February 1940 in Ayr. Next of Kin no relationship, Mr John Hynd, 24 Habbieauld Road, Kilmaurs. NOK was notified on 29 April 1942.

Served with Construction Centre, Chatham, 4 March 1940; 707 Company, 5 March 1940; British Expeditionary Force, 29 March 1940; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 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.

Corporals A J R Skeet and D Whittingham, Sappers Baggaley, Duckworth, 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, age 33.

Buried at Pembroke Dock, Military Cemetery, Pembrokeshire. Section E Collective Grave 16b - 16r.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2965718/robert-ebenezer-gilmour/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/98180558/robert-ebenezer-gilmour>

GLOVER, William Francis, (2214477) Sergeant, 52 Bomb Disposal Section, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1907 in St Helens. Enlisted 7 March 1934. Next of Kin Wife, Annie G Glover, 119 Mill Lane, Sutton, St Helens. NOK was notified on 10 September 1940.

Served with 252 Company, 7 March 1934; 511 Field Park Company, 59 Division Royal Engineers, 15 October 1939; 509 Field Company, 10 June 1940; 1 Bomb Disposal Section, 21 June 1940.

A bomb was dropped outside a Catholic School, Morpeth, Northumberland. Sergeant Glover went into the crater to defuse and make it safe. The bomb had penetrated a disused coal mineshaft. He was overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning. Sapper A E Williams a member of the section donned his service respirator and attempted to rescue Sergeant Glover, he also died from carbon monoxide poisoning, as the respirator was not suitable for this type of gas. It was one of many tragedies of the War.

Sapper A E Williams also died in this incident.

Sergeant Glover's son shared the above details he also said of his father: My father was a well-known parishioner of St Annes and was better known as Billy. His body was brought back to Sutton and he was buried in the family grave, with his Father William Henry, his mother Catharine Agnes and baby sister Elizebeth Mary. Sgt Glover had three sons, Alex aged 8, when his father died. Billy was a popular athlete in the area, he was the West Lancashire Junior and Senior champion at a one mile and won many events for the Sutton Harriers., whom he was Secretary for many years. He also ran for the Royal Engineers team. He defused the first 2000lb bomb in London and later was posted to the North East of England.

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



Died 7 September 1940, age 33.

Son of William Henry and Agnes Glover, of Saint Helens; husband of Annie Gladys Gover of Sutton, Saint Helens.

Buried at Saint Annes RC Churchyard, Sutton, Lancashire. Grave 369.

Photo Credit SLMGC.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/203599044/william-francis-glover>

GLYNN, James, (6081763) Sapper, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 21 February 1908 at Shepherds Bush. Enlisted 9 September 1939. Next of Kin Sister, Katherine Glynn, 42 Granville Gardens, Shepherds Bush, London. NOK was informed on 17 March 1941, notification returned as person unknown.

Served with 7 Docks Labour Company, 9 September 1939; 1 Stevedore Centre, 18 September 1940; 98 Bomb Disposal Section, 20 September 1940; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 14 November 1940 from 7 Bomb Disposal Company; 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 G Chapman, A G Hollingsworth also died in this incident.



Died 14 March 1941, age 33.

Buried at Christ Church Military Cemetery, Portsdown, Hampshire. Row K Grave 184.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2349560/james-glynn/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/57625585/james-glynn>

GODDARD, Vincent Reginald, (2196874) Lance Corporal, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 18 February 1920 in Northampton. Enlisted 19 June 1940 at Northampton. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs B Goddard, 40 Yellgear Road, Cefn, Hengoed, Glam.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 18 July 1940; 79 Bomb Disposal Section, 20 September 1940; 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 October 1940; 48 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 June 1941; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 26 June 1943; 14 Bomb Disposal Company, 22 November 1943; 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 March 1944; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 13 October 1944.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Explosion of a British mine. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer 3 Bomb Disposal Group. A low flying aircraft may have distracted the attention of Sapper Palin and/or there may have been too much noise from the aircraft that he did not hear the reaction of the Polish Mine Detector or caused him to drop it onto a mine. No blame can be attached to any person or persons. Happisburgh, Norfolk.



Died 11 December 1944, age 24.

Buried at Welsh Baptist Church, Hengoed. Grave 200.

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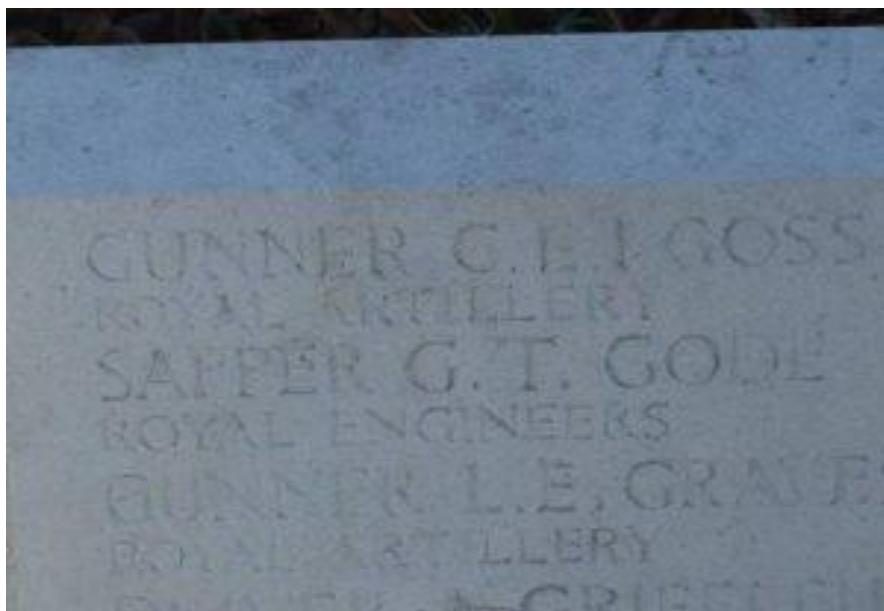
<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/goddard-v-r/>

GODE, George Thomas, (1892839) Sapper, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 15 April 1919 in London. Enlisted 15 December 1939 in East Ham. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs ? Gode, 50 ?undy Road, Euston House, London. E 16. NOK notified 17 September 1943.

Served with Chemical Warfare Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, Winterbourne Gunner, 15 December 1939; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 17 October 1940; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 5 April 1941; 7 Bomb Disposal Company .

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Whilst on duty with a party clearing beach minefields an explosion of a mine occurred causing fatal injuries. Cause of accident cannot be ascertained, no further information, given on AF2. Misadventure. Performing his military duties. Port Towan, Cornwall.



Died 15 September 1943, age 24,

Commemorated and buried at East London Cemetery, Plaistow, Essex. Grave 17259, Screen Wall Panel 6.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2721654/george-thomas-gode/>

Photo Credit Dave Blyth.

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

GODLEY, Joseph, (2126559) Lance Corporal, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1919 in Sheffield. Enlisted 23 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Doreen Godley, 64 Lydgate Lane, Crookes, Sheffield. 10. NOK informed 12 November 1943.

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 around the UK. Shoreham, West Sussex. Whilst engaged in detecting and lifting mines in a minefield an explosion occurred fatally injuring the deceased. Opinion of the Commanding Officer. It is my opinion that the explosion was due to the inability of the detector equipment to locate deeply buried mines. The mine causing the accident was more than 2 ft below the surface. All precautions were being observed and no one was guilty of neglect. The deceased was on duty at the time, name, address and relationship amended to wife. Death due to misadventure. NOK was notified of the findings on 1 December 1943.

Sapper H Parkin also died in this incident.





Died 9 November 1943, age 24.

Son of William and Gertrude Godley of Sheffield: Husband of Doreen Godley of Crookes, Sheffield.

Buried at Burngreave Cemetery, Sheffield. Section M M General Grave 3235.

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GOLDEN, Thomas, (2128052) Sapper, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 7 April 1911 in Dundee. Enlisted 28 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, 124 Hilltown, Dundee, Angus.

Served with 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 October 1940; 182 Bomb Disposal Section, 18/19 Bomb Disposal Company, 13 March 1943; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 June 1943; 2 Bomb Disposal Group Headquarters, 22 November 1943; 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 November 1943; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 November 1944; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 February 1945

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Ringstead Bay, Weymouth. Chief Royal Engineer 4 Bomb Disposal Groups Opinion. Having read the evidence and knowing the minefield in question, I am of the opinion that the death of Sapper Golden was due to an accident for which no one can be blamed. He was on duty at the time.



Died 4 May 1945, age 34.

Son of John and Jane Golden of Dundee. Husband of Elizabeth Golden of Dundee.

Buried at Balgay Cemetery, Dundee, Scotland. Section N N Grave 115.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2459341/thomas-golden/>

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GOODSELL, James Jesse, (2198580) Sapper, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in Kent. Enlisted 5 June 1940. Next of Kin Father, James Goodsell, Maplestone Far Cottages, Farningham, Kent. NOK informed 13 June 1941.

Served with 125 Quarrying Company, 17 October 1940; 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 January 1941; 22 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died when an incendiary detonated. Commanding Officers Opinion. It would appear the Sapper Goodsell had obtained unauthorised possession of an incendiary bomb. He was not on duty when the accident occurred. Death by misadventure. Halesworth Suffolk. Officer Commanding Opinion. On duty in that he was in his proper barracks room or billet. He was probably to blame for negligence but no definite proof to that effect.

His name was not added to the local War Memorial till 2000.

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



Died 11 June 1941, aged 21.

Buried at Saint Michael Churchyard, Offham, Kent. Row 3 Grave 1
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2654834/james-jesse-goodsell/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/32180587/j-j-goodsell>

GORE, Geoffrey, (155785) Lieutenant, Bomb Disposal, Royal Engineers.

Died while carrying out demolitions of beach obstacles , Ostende, Belgium.

Lance Sergeant J Graham also died in this incident.

His brother Kenneth also died while in the services.



Died at 1145 22 October 1944, age 23.

Son of Adrian and Kate Muriel Gore of West Bridgeford, Nottingham.

Buried at Ostende New Communal Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Plot 9 Row 6 Grave 2.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2081946/geoffrey-gore/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/13947178/geoffrey-gore>

GOULD, Percy William Francis, (2216253) Sergeant, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 13 November 1902 in Somerset. Enlisted 15 December 1939. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Winifred Alice Gould, 61 Langford Road, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset.

Served with 4 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, Colchester, 19 December 1939; 104 Bomb Disposal Section.

Died through enemy action Narbeth, North Wales.



Died 2 March 1941, age 38.

Son of Henry and Rose Gould of Weston-Super-Mare. Husband of Winifred A Gould of Weston-Super-Mare.

Buried at Weston-Super-Mare Cemetery North Somerset.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2692423/percy-william-francis-gould/>

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GRAHAM, John, (2116958) Lance Sergeant, 53 Bomb Disposal Platoon, Royal Engineers.

Born 18 June 2012 in Kendal. Enlisted 25 July 1940. Next of Kin Wife Lillian Graham, 17 Church Terrace, Kendal, Westmoreland. NOK was informed on 31 October 1940.

Served with 2 (FB) Depot Battalion, 16 October 1940; embarked for the Middle East, 3 January 1941; disembarked in the Middle East on the 9 March 1941; Bomb Disposal Company, 13 March 1941; Middle East, Bomb Disposal Company, 7 June 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 24 January 1942; 18 Bomb Disposal Section, 3 November 1943; 28 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 October 1943; 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 October 1943; 52 Bomb Disposal Section, 17 January 1944; Embarked to UK with 17 Bomb Disposal Company, 27 July 1944; ex 252 Bomb Disposal Platoon, 53 Bomb Disposal Platoon, 18 September 1944; 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 14 October 1944.

Died while carrying out demolitions of beach obstacles , Ostende, Belgium.

Lieutenant G Gore also died in this incident.



Died at 1145 22 October 1944, age 32.

Son of James and Mary Graham of Kendal, Westmoreland. Husband of Lillian Graham of Kendal.

Buried at Ostende New Communal Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Plot 9 Row 6 Grave 2.
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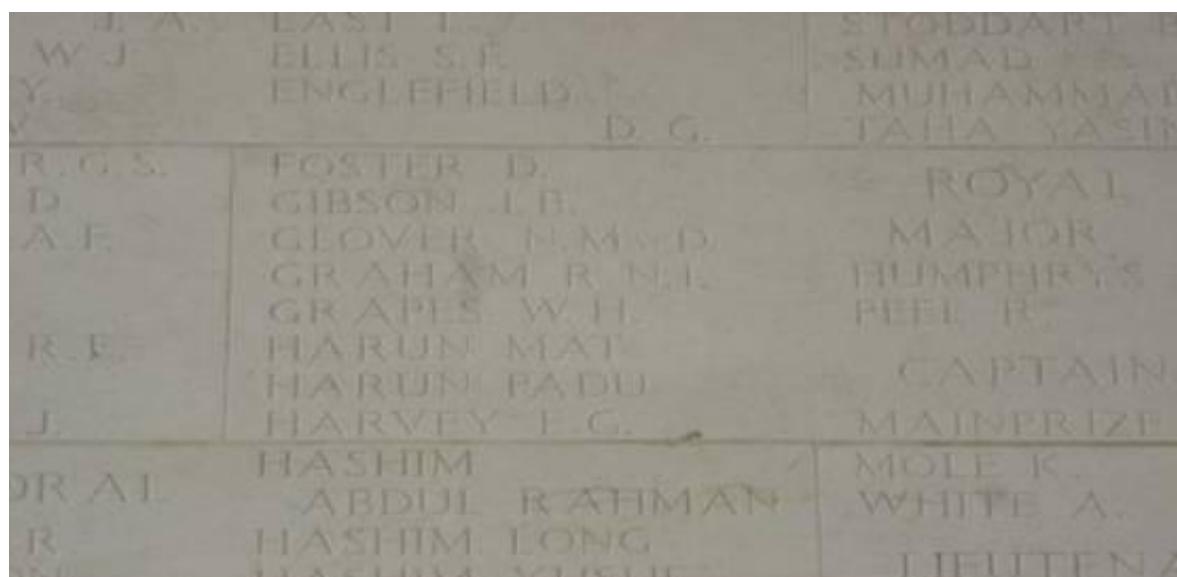
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GRAPES, William Harold, (1874647) Sapper, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 3 August 1915 in Wisbech. Enlisted 26 August 1938 Bury Saint Edmunds. Next of Kin, Mother, 4 Council House West Drive, Walpole Street, Wisbech, Cambs. NOK informed that he was in Camp 4, Thailand 31 March 1944. NOK informed March 1945.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. A ship that was transporting POW from Thailand to Japan.



Died 22 September 1944, age 29.

Commemorated at the Singapore Memorial, Column 40.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2132447/william-harold-grapes/>

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GRAVETT, Charles Frederick, (1919856) Sapper, 709 (Bomb Disposal) General Construction Company, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Widow, Mrs Gravett, Lades Cottage, Ewhurst Road, Cranleigh, Surrey. NOK was informed on 11 October 1940.

Served with Construction Company, Chatham, 709 General Construction Company, 4 March 1940; British Expeditionary Force 29 March 1940.

Court in Inquiry, Commanding Officer Opinion. The occurrence was an unavoidable accident and no blame can be attached to anyone. The men were on duty at the time.

The bomb detonated whilst being excavated at a depth of 23 feet down.

Sergeant F W Soper, Sapper E Dillon, G A Harbroe.



Died 9 October 1940, age 37.

Son of Thomas and Mary Ann Gravett; husband of Mary Agnes Gravett, of Cranleigh.

Buried at Ewhurst SS Peter and Paul Churchyard, Surrey. New Part South West of Church.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/171938531/charles-f-gravett>

GRAY, Stanley Edward, (2197682) Sergeant, 19 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1918 in London. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Gray, 13T Peabody Estate, Clapham Junction, London SW11.

Served with 996 Docks Operating Company

Fatally injured while on duty.

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



Died 23 April 1941, age 23.

Son of Robert William and Hannah Amelia Gray: Husband of Ruby Marion Gray of Clapham Junction.

Buried at Morden Cemetery, Surrey. Section U, Grave 155.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2433942/stanley-edward-gray/>

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GRAYSON, Noel, (1871213) Lance Corporal, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 10 December 1916 at Hull. Enlisted 28 December 1939 in Hull. Next of Kin Father, Mr A Grayson, 54 Raglan Street, New Land Avenue, Hull, Yorks. NOK was informed on 26 December 1945.

Died whilst a Prisoner of the Japanese. Dysentery and Beri Beri.



Died 11 October 1943, age 26.

Buried at Thanbyuzayat WarCemetery, Myanmar. Grave B 6 P 2.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2089822/noel-grayson/>

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GREAVES, Harry, (2020863) Lance Corporal, 28 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1918 in Bradford. Enlisted on the 13 June 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Annie Greaves, 16 Law Street, Tong Street, Dudley Hill, Bradford, Yorks.

Served with 28 Bomb Disposal Company, 27 July 1942; 113 Bomb Disposal Section, 26 August 1942; 28 Bomb Disposal Company, embarked UK 26 August 1942; disembark South Africa, 29 September 1942; re-embark South Africa 13 November 1942; disembark Middle East 6 December 1942.

Died clearing beach mines in Libya. Benghazi area.

Sappers G Clarke, H A Cox, J P McDowall, J Rushton and F Wade also died in this incident.



Died 23 June 1944, age 30.

Son of Herbert and Annie Greaves of Bradford, Yorkshire: Husband of Annie Greaves of Bradford.

Buried at Benghazi War Cemetery. Grave 3 A 2.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2063966/harry-greaves/>

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GREEN, Allan James, (1867621) Lance Sergeant, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 9 June 1913. Enlisted on the 17 August 1928 Corp Trade Trumpeter. Next of Kin Grandmother, Mrs M Bloomfield, The Plough Inn Sutton, Suffolk. NOK was informed missing 15 February 1942. Letter to Aunt 31 July 1944 4 POW Camp Thailand.

Served with Boy Trumpeter Aldershot; 17 August 1928; C Company Training Battalion, 25 May 1931; Sapper 9 June 1931; 56 Field Company, 10 May 1932; A Company, Egypt, 4 September 1935; 30 Fortress Company, 4 December 1937; Lance Corporal, 26 February 1938; Corporal, 1 July 1939; 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, 13 June 1941.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Beri Beri.



Died 14 July 1941, age 26.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave 2 K 6.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2650497/allan-james-green/>

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GREEN, Issac William, (2128891) Sapper, 3 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 24 December 1914 at Keswick. Enlisted 30 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs J Green, 22 Wordsworth Street, Keswick, Cumberland. NOK was notified on 17 July 1941.

Served with 18 Bomb Disposal Company posted to 3 Bomb Disposal Company on the 1 January 1941.

Died when a bomb detonated at Ealand, Scunthorpe. He had just seen his daughter on her first birthday and died on his way back to the barracks.



Died at 1745, 14 July 1941, age ?

Son of Folder and Martha Green, of Keswick; husband of Mary Isabella Green of Keswick.

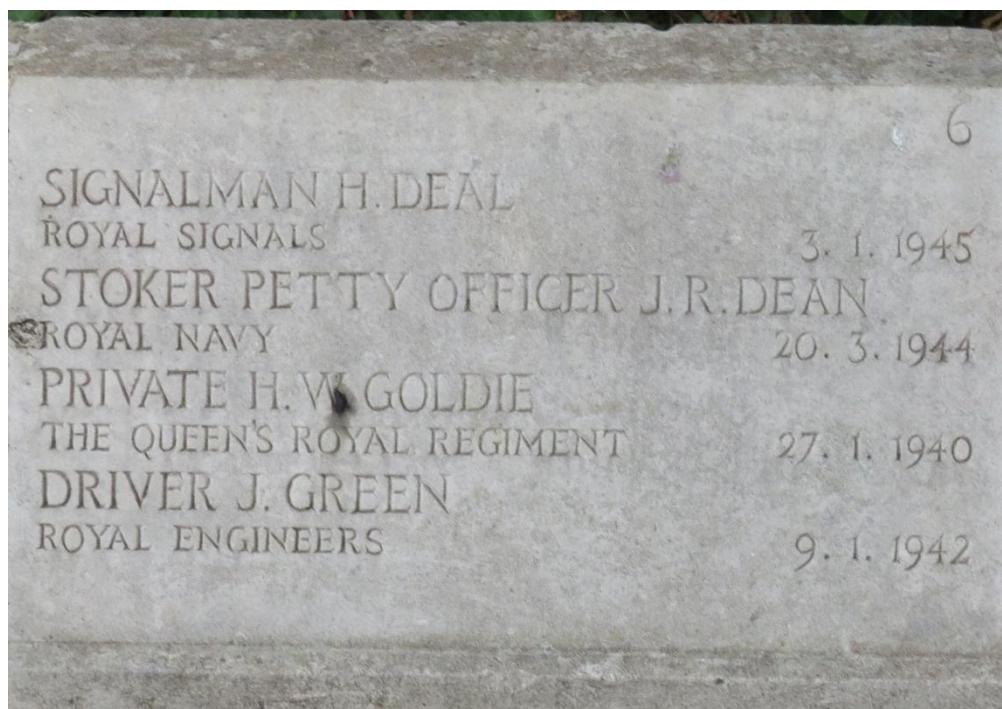
Buried at Saint Kentigern Churchyard, Croswaite, Cumberland. Section D Grave 364.
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GREEN, James, (1946262) Driver, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 12 September 1910 in London, Surrey. Enlisted 18 November 1940 in Kings Lynn. Next of Kin Mrs Margaret Green, The Laurels, Ketteringham Lane, Hethersett, Norwich. Died of a chronic gastric ulcer in Willesborough Hospital, Ashford, Kent. NOK was notified on 12 January 1942.

Served with 2 Motor Transport Depot, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 January 1941.



Died 9 January 1942, age ?

Commemorated and Buried at All Saints Cemetery, Nunhead, London. Screen Wall Panel 6 Square 5 Collective Grave 40778.

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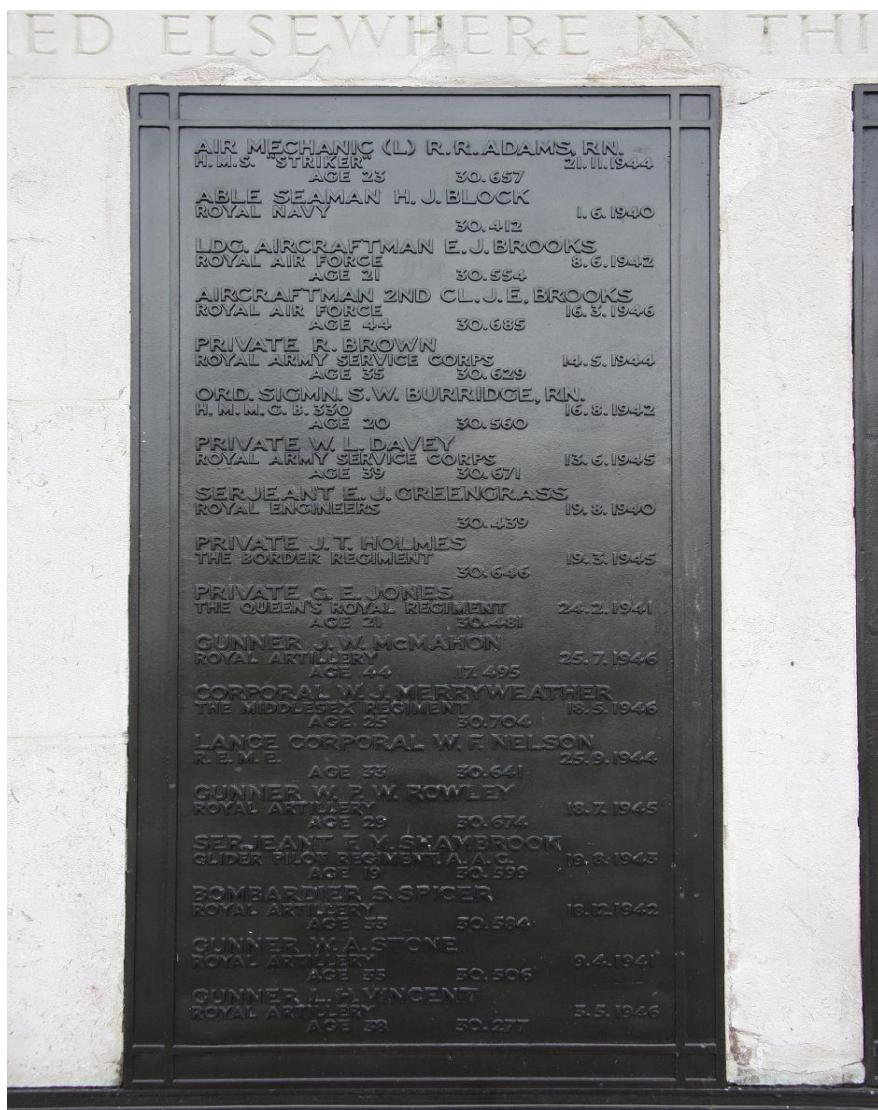
GREENGRASS, Edward Joseph, (2210433) Sergeant, Bomb Disposal, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 19 February 1924. Next of Kin Widow, Dora Greengrass, 16 Candahar Road, Battersea. NOK was informed on 20 August 1940.

Served with London Driver 19 February 1924, Sapper 19 February 1924, Sergeant 1 July 1939.

Injured when a delayed action bomb detonated, near Alverston, Nantwich, Crewe. Admitted to Nantwich Cottage Hospital 17 August 1940, with a fractured skull, clavicle, chest injuries.

Sappers A E Fearon, H Thompson, M Lambert G Lucas, J Percival died at the incident, Sergeant E Greengrass died 2 days later.



Died 19 August 1940, age?

Husband of Dora Greengrass of Battersea.

Commemorated and buried at Earlsfield Cemetery, Wadsworth London. Grave 439, Screen Wall
Block 30.

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GRESSER, Edwin,(2126565) Sapper, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 23 October 1940. Next of Kin Father, Mr G Gresser, 1 Highfield Road, Greasborough, Rotherham, York.

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

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. The accident occurred at Angmering on Sea, East Preston, Surrey. Brought to Worthing Hospital wounds were perforated chest and head, right arm. Passed away in the Hurstwood Park Emergency Hospital 1 October 1943 the day after the accident.

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



Died 1 October 1943, age 24.
Son of George and Elizabeth Gresser of Greasbrough.

Buried at Greasborough Cemetery, Rotherham, Yorkshire. Section B Grave 63.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2413096/edwin-gresser/>

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GRIFFITHS, Griffith Evan, (1944459) Sapper, 40 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 14 August 1944 in Maesteg. Enlisted 24 August 1940 in Birmingham. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs G Griffiths, 3 Duffryn Place, Caeran, near Bridgend, Glam.

Served with 700 General Construction Company, 27 January 1941; embarked for North Africa, 11 November 1942; 40 Bomb Disposal Section, 16 December 1943.

Died in action in Italy.



Died 14 August 1944, age 37.
Husband of Elizabeth Gertrude Griffiths of Bethnal Green, London.

Buried at Sangro River War Cemetery. Grave IX B 35.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2378013/griffith-evan-griffiths/>

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Griffiths, Ronald, (2159007) Lance Corporal, 1 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 23 December 1920 in Glamorgan. Enlisted 23 April 1942. Next of Kin Wife, E V Griffiths, Thornville, Shore Road East, Llanfairfechan, Caernarvonshire.

Served with 4 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 23 April 1942; 688 A W Company, 19 August 1942; 1 Bomb Disposal Company, 20 September 1943.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK, Cresswell, Northumberland. Whilst engaged on minefield clearance accidentally killed by the explosion of a mine. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer 12 Line of Communications Troops Engineers. On duty, not to blame.



Died 7 July 1944, age 23.

Son of Llewelyn and Ellen Griffiths. Husband of Eileen Yvonne Griffiths, of Llanfairfechan, Caernarvonshire.

Buried at Lavender Hill Cemetery, Enfield, Middlesex.

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GROVER GM, Henry Arthur, (143303) Major, Bomb Disposal, Royal Engineers.

Died while attending a demonstration on shaft digging, the shaft collapsed.



Died 7 July 1942, age 48.

Son of Mark and Florence Grover: Husband of Norah Evelyn Grover of South Woodford.

Buried at Loughton Burial Ground, Essex. Section K Grave 2360.

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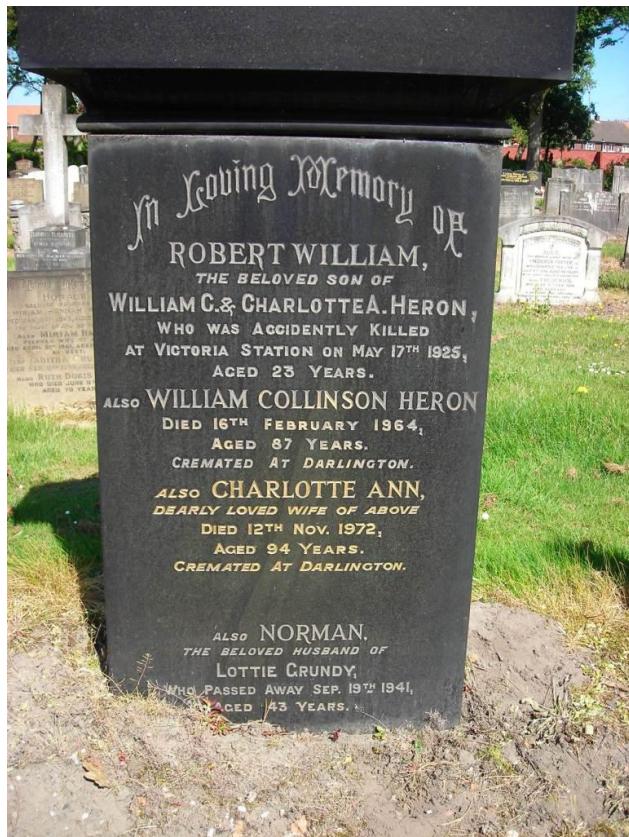
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/142038150/henry-arthur-grover>

GRUNDY, Norman, (1900106) Warrant Officer II, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 21 December 1897 in Lancashire, living in Bolton. Enlisted 6 December 1939. Next of Kin Wife, Muretka, Lower Road, Swinton, Manchester.

Served with 2 F B Depot Battalion, Chatham, 6 December 1939; G Depot Company, 8 August 1939; 5 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died at 60 Creffield Road, Acton. Inquest verdict suicide, self-inflicted gunshot wound, whilst of an unsound mind. Court of Inquiry Commanding Officers Opinion. I agree with the verdict of the coroner. He was not carrying out any military duty at the time at which his death occurred.



Died 19 September 1941, age 43.
Son of Walter and Francis Grundy: Husband of Lottie Grundy of Swinton.

Buried at Peel Green Cemetery and Crematorium, Eccles, Lancashire. Section H Grave 11714.
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GUNNER, Harry Leslie Harold, (2156134) Sapper, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 19 May 1921 in Fleet. Enlisted 26 February 1942. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs L L Gunner, Homelea, Pound Hall, Alresford, Hants.

Served with 8 Railway (Motor Transport) Battalion, 26 February 1942; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 May 1942; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 26 June 1943; embarked from the UK, 4 June 1944.

Died clearing mines, threw himself on a mine to protect the section, France.



Died 10 June 1944, age 23.
Son of Harry and Louisa Lucy Gunner of Alresford, Hampshire.

Buried at Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Grave XIX B 2.

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GWYTHON, George Arthur, (6099653) Sapper, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Mother, Mrs E A Gwyther, 131 Church Street Lower Edmonton, N9. NOK was notified on 12 June 1941.

Died of natural causes, Pulmonary Embolism, in Hill End Hospital, Saint Albans. Died suddenly at Saint Albans Hospital, initially admitted to Saint Bartholomew's Hospital EC1 on the 2 May 1941 with kidney trouble transferred to Saint Albans on the 11 June 1941.



Died at 0230, 11 June 1940, age 26.
Son of Arthur George and Edith Annie Gwyther, of Shoreditch, London.

Buried at Edmonton Cemetery, Middlesex. Sec W Grave 94.

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[Photograph of the final resting place of Gwyther, George Arthur - The War Graves Photographic Project](#)

GYMER, Eric, (1874829) Sapper, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 19 May 1913 in Doncaster. Enlisted 29 October 1937 in Doncaster. Next of Kin Father, Mr W Gymer, 432 Newark Road, Swallowbeck, Lincoln, Lincs.

Died whilst a Prisoner of the Japanese. Beri Beri.



Died 3 June 1943, age 30.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave 8 K 54.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2650552/eric-gymer/>

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HADFIELD, Bernard, (2191753) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born on the 11 February 1901 in Manchester. Enlisted 21 May 1940 in Manchester. Next of Kin Sister, Martha Hadfield, 26 Park Street, Clayton, Manchester.

Served with 1 Depot Battalion Chatham, Z Holdings, 22 May 1940; 4 Bomb Disposal Section, 22 July 1940; proceeding overseas, embarked for North Africa, 24 November 1942; 4 Bomb Disposal Section, 18 September 1943.

Dead as a result of a battle accident at Amalfi, Italy.



Died 19 April 1944, age 43.
Son of John Hadfield and Alice Stringer of Manchester, England.

Buried at Salerno War Cemetery, Italy. Grave I1 F 5
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/208334/bernard-hadfield/>

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HAIME, Stanley James, (1877212) Sapper, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 30 January 1915 in Treslissis, Glamorgan. Enlisted 11 May 1939 in Weymouth. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Lucy Palmer, Stourton Caundle, Blanford, Dorset. Reported missing 15 February 1942, NOK notified 11 March 1942. In Malai Camp NOK was notified on 20 May 1943. 4 POW Camp Thailand NOK notified 18 January 1944.

Served with A Battalion Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 12 May 1939; Depot Company, 13 November 1939; 30 Fortress Company, 11 December 1939; Posted to Malaya, 17 December 1939; 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, 31 May 1941.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Malaria.



Died 13 December 1943, age 28.
Son of Walter and Lucy Sarah Haime, of Stourton Caudle, Dorsetshire.

Buried at Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand. 3 M 8.
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HAINES, Arthur, (2073122) Corporal, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Sister Mrs V Phillips, 23 Daisy Street, Cardiff. NOK notified 29 August 1940.

Served with 246 Field Company 2 May 1939, 67/69 Bomb Disposal Section 30 June 1943.

Detonation of a delayed action fuze, in Birmingham.

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



Died 25 August 1940, age 21.
Son of Charles and Mary Haines.

Buried at Cathays Cemetery, Cardiff, Wales, Section E H Grave 2093.

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HAINY, James William, (2126861) Corporal, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 23 October 1940 in Bolton Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Hainey, 19 Kirkebrook Road, Deane, Bolton. NOK was informed on 9 May 1941.

Served with 16 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died when a UXB detonated at Denbigh, Wales. No civil inquest due to the nature of the incident.

Sergeant F Batch, Lance Corporal R Taylor, Sappers I Owen and Driver R E Holt.

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



Died 7 May 1941, age 29.

Son of James Henry and Sarah Ann Hainey: Husband of Emily Hainey of Bolton.

Buried at Sait Mary Churchyard, Deane, Lancashire. Section A L Grave 5.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2698508/james-william-hainey/>

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HALL, George Francis, (5111530) Sapper, 142 Bomb Disposal Platoon, Royal Engineers.

Born 15 October 1915 at Kingsheath, Birmingham. Enlisted 28 April 1939 at Aston, Birmingham. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E M Hall, 154 Unette Street, Hockley, Birmingham.

Served with 117 Road Construction Company, 24 March 1943; 696 A W Company, 28 July 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Group, 3 October 1943; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 3 October 1943; 142 Bomb Disposal Platoon, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 September 1944.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Southwick, Sussex.



Died 31 October 1944, age 29.

Son of William and Catherine Hall of Birmingham: Husband of Eileen Pearl May Hall of Hockley.

Buried at Handsworth Cemetery, Birmingham. Section 15 RC Class D Grave 1939.

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HALL, James Ernest, (14574745) Sapper, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 28 March 1923 in Durham. Enlisted 1 April 1943. Next of Kin Father 2 Cook Street, Easington Colliery, County Durham.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 13 May 1943; 695 A W Company, 18 September 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Group, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 September 1943.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. While excavating and locating mines, there was an explosion, causing fatal injuries. Normal procedures were being followed and safety precautions observed. Perranporth, Wales.



Died 24 January 1944, age

Buried at Easington Colliery Cemetery, Durham. Section A Grave 201.

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HALLIDAY, George, (2121464) Corporal, 8 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 12 March 1913 in Jarrow on Tyne. Enlisted 12 September 1949 at Shorncliffe. Next of Kin Wife, G Halliday, 15 Lydford Road, Paddington W9.

Served with 1 Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, Shorncliffe, 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 3 April 1941; 59 Bomb Disposal Section. 11 November 1942; embarked for North Africa with 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 16 August 1943.

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

Corporal G Halliday, Lance Corporal R J Hamilton, Sapper R H Bristow, 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, age 30.

Buried at Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy. Grave XV A 15.

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HALLS, Leslie Francis, (1889772) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 10 October 1918 in Romford. Enlisted 21 October 1939. Next of Kin, Mrs Finch, 20 Aveley Road, Romford, Essex.

Served with 1 Division, 45 (West Country) Division Royal Engineers, 21 October 1939; 562 Field Company, 1 January 1940; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1940.

Died on Bomb Disposal Duties. Court of Inquiry Lance Sergeant Kirk exceeded his powers in giving permission to Corporal Richardson to burn out the bomb. He, having accepted the job, displayed gross negligence in its execution. Norfolk.



Died 9 March 1943, age 24.
Son of Samuel and Ellen Constance Finch of Romford.

Buried at Romford Cemetery Essex. Section L L Grave 2206.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2427060/leslie-francis-halls/>

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HALSTEAD, Philip Edmondson, (315490) Lieutenant, Bomb Disposal, Royal Engineers.

No further information than, he died as a result of a motor accident in Yorkshire.



Died 27 November 1944, age
Son of William Arthur and Emma Halstead; husband of Joan Halstead of Edenfield.

Buried at Stubbins Congregational Chapel yard, Lancashire. North Plot Grave 4.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2700690/philip-edmondson-halstead/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/146764458/philip-edmondson-halstead>

HAMILTON, Robert John, (1949004) Lance Corporal, 8 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 31 March 1917 in Newtownstewart. Enlisted 27 January 1941 in Belfast. Next of Kin Father, Mr R Hamilton, Mill Street, Newtownstewart, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

Served with 945 Inland Waterways (Port) Open Company, 23 June 1942; Chief Royal Engineers 4 Bomb Disposal Group, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 August 1942; Headquarters 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 November 1942; embarked for North Africa 23 November 1942; 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 23 June 1943.

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

Corporal G Halliday, Sappers R H Bristow, F Downing, Driver G E Randall also died in this incident.



Died 19 February 1944, age 26.

Son of Robert and Elizabeth Hamilton of Newtonstewart, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

Buried at Sangro River War Cemetery, Grave XV A 16

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2378060/robert-john-hamilton/>

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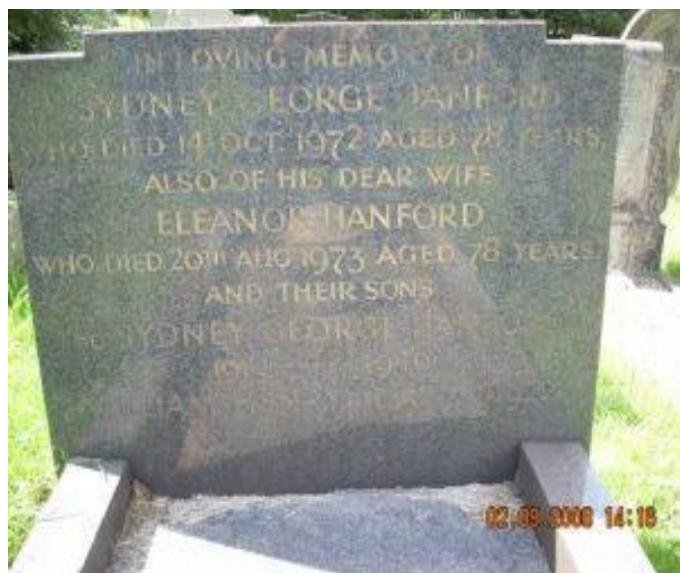
HANFORD, Sidney George, (2073979) Corporal, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Widow, Cynthis May Hanford, 69 Beach Road, Pyle, Bridgend, Glam.

Served with 245 (Welsh) Field Company, 9 May 1939; British Expeditionary Force, admitted to the 141 Field Ambulance, 28 May 1940; Battle Casualty, evacuated to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Gun shot wounds to both legs 30 May 1940; 2 (FB) Depot Battalion, 12 July 1940; 104/104 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 August 1940.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Sully Head Wales. Inquest Coroners Verdict. Death by misadventure, accidental explosion of mine. Commanding Officers Opinion. There appears to be no evidence to show what caused the accident, as the only survivor saw nothing.

Lance Sergeant H Lewis, Lance Corporal L W E Fosher also died in this incident.



Died 12 November 1940, age ?

Buried at Goytre Cemetery, Port Talbot. Plot 1 Row 1 Grave 9.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2717937/sidney-george-hanford/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/hanford-s-g/>

HANLON, Wilfred, (2067898) Lance Corporal, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 31 January 1922 in Manchester. Enlisted 20 February 1939. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Molly Hanlon, 35 Nursery Road, Barnton, Northwich, Cheshire. NOK was notified on 18 December 1941.

Served with 42 (EF) Division, 20 February 1939; 66 Division, 20 September 1939; 258 Field Park, 6 January 1941; 83/87 Bomb Disposal Section, 4 April 1940; M Depot Company, 27 July 1940; B Company 2 Depot, 6 July 1940.

Died in a road accident, hit by a lorry, Chester to Northwick Road, while on leave, Oakham, Cheshire. Commanding Officers Opinion , neither he nor the lorry driver was to blame.



Died 15 December 1941, age 19.

Buried at Saint Josephs Roman Catholic Cemetery, Moston. Saint Theresa Section Grave 561.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2403994/wilfred-hanlon/>

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HARBROE, George Albert, (1919850) Sapper, 709 (Bomb Disposal) General Construction Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 4 August 1914. Enlisted 31 January 1940. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Bearice Hill, 6 Oakgate Cottages, Eastwood Road, Bramley Surrey. NOK notified 11 October 1940.

Served with Construction Centre Chatham; 709 Company, 4 March 1940; British Expeditionary Force, 29 March 1940,

The bomb detonated whilst being excavated at a depth of 23 feet down.

Sergeant F W Soper, Sappers E Dillon, C F Gravett also died in the same incident.



Died 9 October 1940, age 26.

Buried at Bramley Cemetery, Surrey. Section H Row 28 Grave 2.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2434082/george-albert-harbroe/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/116856890/george-albert-harbroe>

HARDIE, Alexander, (2068091) Lance Sergeant, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 29 March 1919 in Aberdeen. Enlisted 27 February 1939 in Aberdeen. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs J T Hardie, 19 Powis Crescent, Aberdeen.

Served with 236 Field Company, 51 Division, 27 February 1939; 236 Field Company, British Expeditionary Force, 27 January 1940; 2 (FB) Depot Battalion, Royal Engineers, 27 September 1940; 851 (Bomb Disposal) Quarrying Company, 15 November 1940; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 November 1940; 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 1 January 1941; 95 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 27 October 1941; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 26 June 1943; embarked with 141 Bomb Disposal Section, 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 Hertogenbosh, Netherlands, in his lorry loaded with various missiles, collected from the market square of S Hertogenbosh. 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. Details of incident from Chris Ranstead

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 .

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS		CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS	
CAPTAIN		SERGEANT	
BINNION, R.D.		BOYD, J.W.	
BLAIZE, J.C.		BUCKWOLD, H.W.	
SMITH, F.H.		DEER, R.M.	
LIEUTENANT		SMITH, G.	
GRAY, J.C.		THOMAS, J.C.	
ROBERTSON, R.A.		THOMAS, T.E.	
SERGEANT		VALLEY, W.	
NICCOLLS, A.R.		WILLIAMS, T.L.	
LANCE-SERGEANT		WHITSON, J.	
HARDIE, A.		WILSON, J.	
REDFORD, A.		WOOD, J.H.	
STARLING, C.		YATES, E.	
STURGEON, F.S.		YOUNG, W.E.	
WESTON, F.A.		DRIVERS	
CORPORAL		ALCOCK, B.T.S.	
COOK, D.C.		DIXON, J.W.	
COOPER, J.B.		HOBSON, N.	
COYNE, J.P.		NISLEY, P.S.	
DAVY, R.A.		SMITH, F.T.	
HAZELWOOD, W.V.		WALKER, G.	
TAYLOR, R.F.		ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS	
VERLING, R.		CAPTAIN	
WICKER, A.E.		BLATCH, S.L.	
LANCE-CORPORAL		LANCE-SERGEANT	
FREARSON, G.A.		WESTALL, L.	
LAWRENCE, A.V.	M.M.	CORPORAL	

Died 22 November 1944, aged
Son of Alexander and Joan Hardie: Husband of Jessie Hardie.

Commemorated at the Groesbeek Memorial.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2659116/alexander-hardie/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12905863/alexander-hardie>

HARDY, John William, (1880920) Sapper, 719 (Bomb Disposal) General Construction Company, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 5 June 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Hardy, 58 Berkenshaw, Road, Great Barr, Birmingham. NOK notified 15 May 1941.

Served with 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.

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



Died 12 May 1941, age ?

Buried at Walsall Wood Church Cemetery, Staffordshire. Section L Row 3 Grave 5.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2713844/john-william-hardy/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/177550195/john-william-hardy>

HARDY, William, (2125702) Sapper, 1 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 13 October 1911 in Birkenhead. Enlisted 21 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs W Hardy, Sunray, Miknet Road, Heswell, Cheshire. NOK was informed on 23 October 1943.

Served with 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 October 1940; 37 Bomb Disposal Section, 13 June 1943

Died whilst locating a secret minefield, while carrying out a survey of minefields, when there was an explosion and he was fatally injured. Not to blame, misadventure.



Died 21 October 1943, age 32.

Son of William and Annie (nee Johnson) Hardy of Heswall; Husband of Wilhelmina (nee Davies) Hardy, of Heswall.

Buried at Saint Peter Churchyard, Heswall, Cheshire. West Extension Section 14 Row 2 Grave 3.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2735688/william-hardy/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/186911470/william-hardy>

HARRIS, John Edward, (2156363) Driver, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born on the 12 December 1919 in Bishopsworth. Enlisted on the 26 March 1942 in Longmoor. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs D L Harris, 6 Manor Road, Bishopsworth, Somerset. NOK informed 9 May 1945.

Served with 8 Railway (MT)Battalion, 26 February 1942; 1 MT Training Depot, 22 May 1942; Chief Royal Engineer, Bomb Disposal, London, 25 August 1942; 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 August 1942; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 January 1943; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 2 March 1943; embarked from the UK with 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 7 July 1944.

Died when a V2 detonated.

Corporal J P Coyne, Sappers L Cotton, J S McWinnie, G E Waring also died in this incident.



Died 30 April 1945, age 25.

Buried at Almelo General Cemetery, Overijssel, Netherlands. Grave 13.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2820355/john-edward-harris/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18113244/john-edward-harris>

HARRISON, Albert Henry, (2118257) Lance Corporal, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 16 June 1910 in Norwich. Enlisted 15 August 1940 in Cambridge. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs C J Harrison, 99 Sanvey Lane, Aylestone, Leicester.

Served with 262 AF Company, 4 February 1941; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 April 1941; 98 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 April 1941; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 26 June 1943; 3 Bomb Disposal Group, 27 July 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Group, 30 July 1943; possibly 23 Bomb Disposal Company as well.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Horsey, Norfolk.



Died 12 March 1945, age 35.

Son of Albert Victor and Alice Harrison of Norwich: Husband of Charlotte Jane Harrison of Aylestone.

Buried at Norwich Cemetery, Norfolk. Section 54 Grave 162.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2764195/albert-henry-harrison/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59972202/albert-henry-harrison>

HARRISON, John Bell, (2128755) Corporal, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 12 July 1914 in Cockermouth. Enlisted 28 October 1940. Next of Kin, Wife Jane Harrison, Kilndale Terrace, Kirkcudbright, Scotland.

Served with 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 February 1942; Y list injured/wounded/ill 24 October to 27 January 1942; 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 27 January 1945.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion defences around the UK. Broomhill Sands, Rye.



Died 12 March 1945, age 30.

Son of Jonathan and Margaret Hannah, Harrison of Cumberland. Husband of Jean Harrison (nee Clark) of Kirkcudbright.

Saint Cuthbert, Kirkcudbright, Scotland. Section B C Grave 4.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2841625/john-bell-harrison/>

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HARTLAND, Arthur Kitchener, (1878807) Driver, 135 (Bomb Disposal) Mechanical Equipment Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 8 June 1916. Enlisted 19 October 1939. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Rosalie Hartland, 10 Moorhall Cottages, Harefield, Middlesex. NOK was informed on 14 December 1940.

Served with, A Company 1 Motor Transport Depot, 19 October 1939; 3 MT Depot, 20 January 1940; Ex Training Wing, 22 February 1940; 1 Mechanical Training Equipment Section, 8 May 1940; 2 Training Battalion, 135 Ex Company, 6 June 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, to 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 Lebon, W Hatton, , Sapper J R Darsley, Driver F G Horton Royal Army Service Corps also died in this incident.



Died 10 December 1940, age 24.

Son of Charles Henry and Sarah Janet Hartland; Husband of Rosalie Mary Hartland of Harfield.

Buried at Teddington Cemetery, London. Section C 3 Cons Grave 1867.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2433263/arthur-kitchener-hartland/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/155762729/arthur-kitchener-hartland>

HARTLEY, Harold, (2122417) Driver, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1909 in Leeds. Enlisted 12 September 1940. Next of Kin Sister, Lilly Barry, 4 Askern Place, Hunslet, Leeds. NOK was notified on 15 July 1941.

Served with 2 Motor Transport Depot, Ripponden, 18 Bomb Disposal Section, 18 February 1941; embarked for the Middle East, disembarked Middle East, 17 March 1941; embarked Egypt, 9 June 1941; disembarked Cyprus, 10 June 1941.

Died through enemy air action in Cyprus.

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



Died 7 July 1941, age 32.
Son of Thomas and Selina Hartley.

Buried at Nicosia War Cemetery. Grave 5 B 3.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2937720/harold-hartley/>

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HATTON, Walter, (1982487) Lance Corporal, 135 (Bomb Disposal) Mechanical Equipment Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 8 January 1940. Enlisted 19 May 1939 aged 35 years 131 days. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Eileen Agnes Hatton, 71 Renuite Road, Broad Green, Liverpool. NOK was informed on 14 December 1940.

Served with 105 Army Field Company British Expeditionary Force, 18 September 1939; 135 Mechanical Excavation Company, 15 January 1940, Excavator Training Company, 31 June 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 to 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 Lebon, W Hatton, , Sapper J R Darsley, Driver A K Hartland, F G Horton Royal Army Service Corps also died in this incident.



Died 10 December 1940, age
Husband of Eileen Agnes Hatton of Broad Green, Liverpool.

Buried at Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool. Sec 3 RC Grave 623.

<https://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/find-cemeteries-memorials/cemetery-details/40301/liverpool-anfield-cemetery/>

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[Photograph of the final resting place of Hatton, Walter - The War Graves Photographic Project](#)

HAWES, Kenneth Frederick, (2035702) Lance Corporal, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 21 September 1917 in Ipswich. Enlisted 3 April 1936 in Ipswich. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs S E Hawes, 165 Rayleigh Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Served with Suffolk Field, 3 April 1936; 584 Army Field Company, 14 August 1940; Holding Company, 3 January 1942; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 August 1942; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 May 1943; 253 Bomb Disposal Section, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 5 May 1944; embark from UK 7 July 1944.

Died whilst unloading mines from a lorry. Netherlands.

Sappers J J Collins and Lance Sergeant H T Sawford also died in this incident.



Died 25 February 1945, age 25.
Son of Robert James Hawes and Annie Kate Hawes; Husband of Sarah Ethel Hawes of Ipswich, Suffolk.

Buried at Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Gelderland, Netherlands. Grave 15 C 7.

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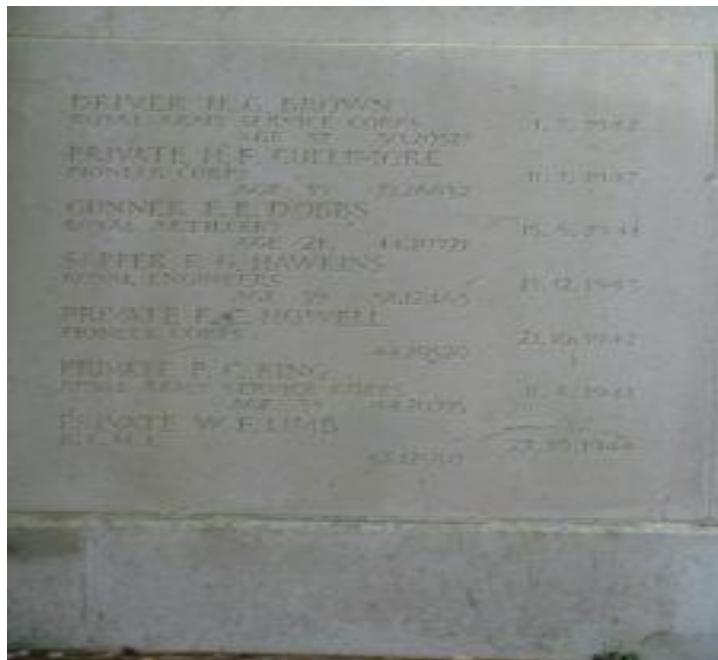
HAWKINS, Frank George, 9742902 Sapper, 15 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1904. Enlisted 25 May 1940.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, Newark 13 June 1940; 4 School of Military Engineering, Depot Battalion 13 July 1940; 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 January 1941.

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



Died 13 December 1943, age 39.

Son of George Henry and Ethel Hawkins: Husband of Ruth Mary Hawkins of Herne Hill.

Commemorated and buried at Norwood Cemetery. Section 58 Grave 12463, Screen Wall Panel 1.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2429381/frank-george-hawkins/>

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HAYCOCK, Francis William, (2126772) Corporal, 90 Bomb Disposal Platoon, Royal Engineers.

Born 31 October 1910 in Ellesmere Port. Enlisted 23 October 1940 in Ellesmere Port. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs J Haycock, Oakdene, Chester Road, Whitby Heath, Ellesmere Port, Wirral, Cheshire. NOK was informed on 6 March 1945.

Served with 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1940; embarked for North Africa, 106 Bomb Disposal Section; 23 November 1942, 15 Bomb Disposal Company 20 June 1943.

Died whilst carrying out a reconnaissance of a minefield, suspected by a S Mine, Leghorn, Italy.



Died 3 March 1945, age 35.

Son of William and Winifred Haycock of Ellesmere Port Cheshire; Husband of Jessie Haycock of Ellesmere Port.

Buried at Florence War Cemetery. Grave XII, H 9.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2614245/francis-william-haycock/>

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[Photograph of the final resting place of Haycock, Francis William - The War Graves Photographic Project](#)

HAYNES, Albert Ernest, (1888801) Lance Sergeant, 20 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 11 December 1914 in Daventry. Enlisted 1 April 1940. Next of Kin Wife Mrs A Haynes, 39 Turner Street, Ashton-Under-Lyne, Lancs. NOK was notified on 23 September 1944.

Served with 43 Division Engineers, 17 June 1940; 204 Field Company, 29 ? 1940; 2 (FB) Depot Battalion, 12 October 1940; 851 (Bomb Disposal) Quarrying Company, 15 November 1940; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 November 1940; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941; embark from the UK 7 July 1944.

Died in action.



Died 29 August 1944, aged 29.

Buried at Saint Desir War Cemetery, France. Grave V B 14.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2063219/albert-ernest-haynes/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56437093/albert-ernest-haynes>

HEASMAN, Charles Alfred, (2003318) Sapper, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 20 September 1917 in Redhill. Enlisted on the 5 March 1940 in Whelstone. Next of Kin Wife, 22 Ately Road, South Park, Reigate, Surrey. NOK was informed on 26 August 1941.

Served with 2 Depot Battalion 10 September 1940; 295 Army Troops, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 22 August 1941.

Died of pelvic peritonitis, admitted to Military Hospital, Shenley, 30 April 1940.



Died 23 August 1941, age 23.

Son of Benjamin and Bessie J Heasman: Husband of Queenie Norah Heasman.

Buried at Saint Andrew Churchyard, Kingswood, Surrey.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2434967/charles-alfred-heasman/>

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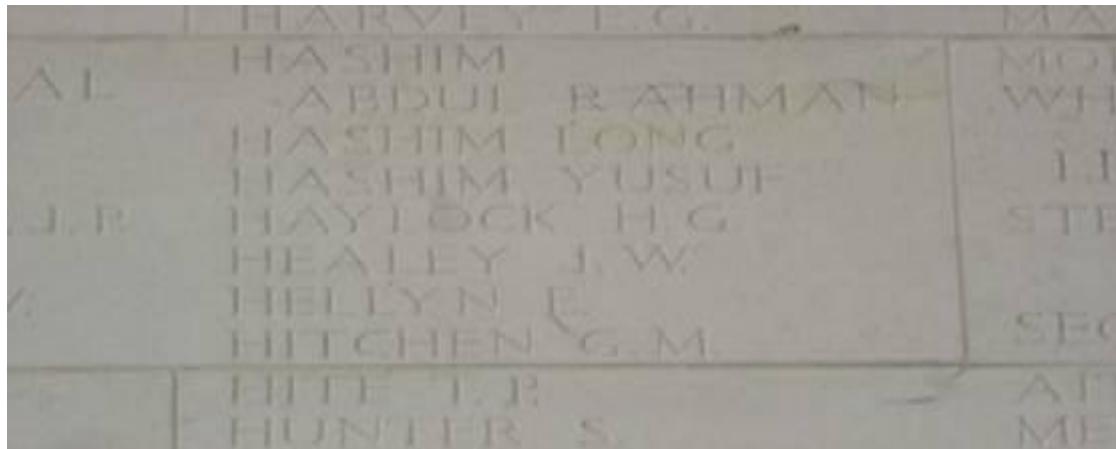
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/44154101/charles-alfred-heasman>

HELLYN, Ernest, (1872722) Sapper, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 25 February 1917 in Sunderland. Enlisted 13 January 1936 in Durham. Next of Kin Father, Mr R G Hellyn, 19 Patrick Terrace, South Hetton, County Durham.

Reported Missing 15 February 1942. NOK was informed he was a POW 28 July 1943. 4 POW Camp Thailand NOK informed 22 February 1944.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Died at sea sinking of a ship carrying POW from Thailand to Japan.



Died 12 September 1944, age 27.
Son of Robert George and Hane Hellyn of South Hetton, County Durham.

Commemorated on the Singapore War Memorial. Column 40.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2133558/ernest-hellyn/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombedisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/hellyn-e/>

HEMINGWAY, Albert, (2126713) Lance Sergeant, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 29 June 1920 in Leeds, Yorks. Enlisted 23 October 1940. Next of Kin Mother, Sarah Hemingway, 4 Low Grange View, Belle Isle, Leeds 10.

Served with 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1940.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. B Type C mine detonated Western Command, Marros, Pembrokeshire. Court of Inquiry. That no definitive reason can be given explaining how the accident occurred. He was on duty at the time and I do not consider that he was blameworthy, nor do I consider anyone else to blame.



Died 15 March 1943, age ?
Son of Charles and Sarah Hemingway of Belle Island, Leeds.

Buried at Leeds Roman Catholic Church. Section L Grave 156.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2408917/albert-hemingway/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/107503923/albert-hemingway>

HENDERSON, Thomas Richard, (2072209) Lance Sergeant, 103 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 Bomb Disposal Company.

Born 30 November 1915 in Duddeston, Birmingham. Enlisted 1 May 1939. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Winifred Rosa Henderson, 3 Rose Avenue, Quinton, Birmingham.

Served with 212 Field Company, 1 May 1939; 4 (FB) Depot Battalion, 11 June 1940, 3 Line of Communication, 24 June 1940; 103 Bomb Disposal Section, 25 June 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 and 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, Corporal JG Salisbury, J A Holder, Lance Corporal J F Johnstone, Sapper W Craig, Driver R W G Simpson also died in this incident. Lieutenant Rees and Sergeant Finney both suffered shock and punctured ear drums and were hospitalised for a considerable period.



Died 21 February 1941, age
Husband of Winifred Rosa Hendersron of Quinton, Birmingham

Buried at Quinton Cemetery, Birmingham, Worcestershire. Grave 9545 C of E.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2711994/thomas-richard-henderson/>

Photo Credit Myra Mason.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/98064654/thomas-richard-henderson>

HENLEY, James, (2199405) Sergeant, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 3 November 1900 in London. Enlisted 11 December 1939 in Surrey. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Hannah Matilda Henley, 3 Admirals, Deptford, SE8. Notified 15 November 1944.

Served with Stevedore Battalion, Folkestone, 12 November 1939; 2 Stevedore Battalion, 8 January 1940; 1 Stevedore Battalion, 28 June 1940; 4 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 September 1940; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 3 February 1944.

Wounded in France 4 June 1940, 9, 11, 13 and 4 General Hospital, evacuated to UK, Alder Hey Emergency Hospital injury to head, NOK informed on the 24 June 1940, discharged to 14 Stevedore Battalion on the 26 June 1940, 24 days leave recommended.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures laid around the UK.
Death by Misadventure Sandwich, Kent. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer 2 Bomb Disposal Group.

- a. No questions of a technical nature arise.
- b. Sgt Henley was killed whilst engaged in minefield clearance by the explosion of a mine.
- c. No blame can be attached to any person for the accident.



Died 14 November 1944, age 44.

Son of Thomas and Margaret Heley of Deptford; Husband of Hannah Matilda Henley of Deptford.

Commemorated and buried at Grove Park Cemetery, Deptford. Plot D Grave 446, Screen Wall Panel 1.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2428416/james-henley/>

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HENSHALL, Amos, (24484778) Corporal, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 15 November 1916. Enlisted 6 September 1939. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs E Henshall, 21 Christleton Road, Chester, Cheshire.

Served with A Company, 1 Training Battalion, 6 September 1939; B Company Training Battalion, 14 October 1939; Depot Company, 8 January 1940; 214 Field Company, 16 January 1940; British Expeditionary Force, 1 April 1940; 17 Bomb Disposal Section, 16 November 1940; 33 Bomb Disposal Section, 27 Bomb Disposal Company, 8 May 1942; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 February 1944.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Holkham, Norfolk. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer 3 Bomb Disposal Group.

- a. The drill was being carried out correctly.
- b. There is no evidence to show how the accident happened.
- c. And no blame can be attached to any person or persons.

Sapper J W Potter was injured at this incident and died 5 days later.



Died 5 December 1944, age 28.
Son of Amos Edwin and Elizabeth Henshal of Chester.

Buried at Chester General Cemetery, Lancashire. New Portion Grave 1694.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2928271/amos-henshall/>

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HICKFORD, Frederick, (1989995) Sapper, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 28 June 1940. Next of Kin Mother, Iva Hickford, 15 Kirk Gradden Street, Salford, Manchester. NOK notified 12 February 1941.

Served with Construction Centre Chatham, 29 June 1940; 2 Bomb Disposal Company

Dead 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, age 20.
Son of George Arthur and Iva Hickford of Salford.

Buried at Weaste Cemetery, Salford. Section A Grave 317.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2700394/frederick-hickford/>

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HIGGINS, Henry Selfridge, (2139255) Corporal, 1 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born on the 5 August 1920 in Girvan. Enlisted on the 16 January 1941. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs W B Higgins, 47 Colgrain Street, Glasgow. NOK was notified on 25 October 1944.

Served with 16 Training Battalion, Elgin; 282 Field Company, 7 October 1940; 1 Training Battalion, 9 January 1943; 509 Field Company, 6 October 1943; 30 RHU, 25 May 1944; B Company Depot Battalion, 19 June 1944; 1 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 July 1944.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures laid around the UK. Hart Warren, Hartlepool, County Durham. Died of Multiple injuries as a result of a mine exploding.



Died 23 October 1944, age
Son of Joseph and Hannah Higgins: Husband of Elizabeth Barclay Higgins of Ruchill, Glasgow.

Buried at Lambhill Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland. Section C Grave 719.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2453052/henry-selfridge-higgins/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/98125014/henry-selfridge-higgins>

HIGGINSON, Fred, (18942516) Sapper, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 1 July 1907 in Prestwich, Manchester. Enlisted 16 August 1940 in Manchester. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Janet Higginson, 21 Saufair Street, Beswick, Manchester. NOK was informed on 6 November 1942.

Served with 20 Training Centre Headquarters, 5 November 1941; 690 General Construction Company, 17 February 1942; General Construction Company, 15 August 1940; Chatham 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 5 August 1942.

Died at North West Hospital cause not stated.



Died 4 November 1942, age 35.

Son of Joseph and Patience Higginson of Beswick, Manchester: Husband of Janet Higginson of Beswick.

Buried at Phillips Park Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire. Section O Church Grave 73.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2403076/fred-higginson/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/145585436/fred-higginson>

HILDER, Albert George, (1917020) Sergeant, 3 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 22 July 1898 in Enfield, Surrey. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Hilder, 34 Chambercombe Road, Ilfracombe, Devon. NOK was informed on 26 April 1941.

Served with 660 General Construction Company, 11 January 1940; 21 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 October 1940; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 December 1940; 3 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941.

After a heavy raid on Birmingham in April 1941, an UXB was found, it had hit a predictor on an anti-aircraft gun site, went through the floor of concrete, down another twelve feet, changing direction as it went. A tunnel was dug to reach it, on investigating it was found to be ticking. Corporal F Norman recalls, Lt R A Wakeford phoned HQ to request the steam sterilization equipment; however this would take too long to arrive. Lt Wakeford accompanied by Sgt Hilder proceeded down the shaft to see if they could tackle it. Lt Wakeford threw his cap to Cpl Norman for safe keeping. Sgt Hilder ordered Cpl Norman to leave the area; he was about 15 yards away when the bomb detonated behind him. Lt Wakeford and Sgt Hilder both died.

Lieutenant R A Wakeford also died in this incident.



Died on the 24 April 1941, age 47.

Buried at Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, Warwickshire. Plot 2 E Grave 2948.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2449556/albert-george-hilder/>

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HILL, Arthur, (2003661) Sapper, 48 Bomb Disposal Section, 4 Bomb Disposal Company.

Born in 1920 in Somerset. Enlisted 5 March 1940. Next of Kin, Arthur J Hill, Higher Merridge, Spaxton, near Bridgewater, Somerset. NOK was informed on 21 August 1940.

Died when a UXB detonated while being excavated, by a signal box near Hook Railway Station.

Served with 562 Field Company, 48 Bomb Disposal Section, 19 June 1940; 4 Bomb Disposal Company.

Sappers A Hill, R R E Moxon, D A Vince, F D Warner and A White, Driver F Gavid also died in this incident. Sergeant W J Button was thrown through the air and survived, he was able to check on the injuries to his Section, he was awarded the George Cross for his actions.

Peter Markham spoke to the daughter of the signal man, who was 11 years old at the time. Her mum had sent her and her sister up to the area to take tea and sandwiches to the team. They met her father who stopped them at a safe distance and he said the team were working and he would pass the food onto them. Talked to their dad, then turned to go home as they got a bit away there was an explosion. They returned to their dad and found that the team had been killed.



Died 18 August 1940, age 20.
Son of Arthur James and Lilly Hill of Higher Merridge, Somerset.

Buried at Aldershot Military Cemetery, Hampshire. Grave A25.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2690583/arthur-hill/>

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HILL, James Johnstone, (2151537) Sapper, 1 Bomb Disposal Platoon, Royal Engineers.

Born 6 September 1920 in Glasgow. Enlisted 16 October 1941 in Clitheroe. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs A Hill, 46 Glenisle Street, Glasgow. NOK was informed on 12 July 1945.

Served with 1 Bomb Disposal Platoon, 11 May 1945.

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

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



Died 3 July 1945, age

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

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2932278/james-johnstone-hill/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56552846/james-johnstone-hill>

HILL, Norman, (2056431) Sapper, 853 (Bomb Disposal) Quarrying Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 16 February 1921 in Manchester. Enlisted 12 May 1938. Next of Kin Father, Mr R Hill, 41 Buckley Street, Moss Side, Manchester.

Served with 42 (EL) Division, 12 May 1938; 66 Division, 20 September 1939; 258 Field Park Company, 6 January 1940; 853 (Bomb Disposal) Quarrying Company, 11 November 1940.

Died on leave for the evening, lacerated left arm, compound fracture of the skull and wound to the forehead. Voluntarily acted as a stretcher bearer through an air raid, it is believed he was hit by an incendiary bomb. Officer Commanding his unit's opinion was that he was hit by bomb splinters.



Died 25 November 1940, age 19.
Son of Rowland and Charlotte Louisa Hill of Moss Side, Manchester.

Buried at Canford Cemetery, Bristol. Section QQ Grave 309 A.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2450698/norman-hill/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59358116/norman-hill>

HILLYARD, Frederick John, (1888085) Lance Sergeant, 53 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 27 August 1917 in Birmingham. Enlisted 28 October 1939 in Birmingham. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs B Hillyard, 85 Finnemore Road, Bordesley Green, Birmingham.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, Newark, 28 October 1939; 53 Bomb Disposal Section, 24 ? 1940; 3 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 January 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, disembarked in the Middle East, 11 May 1941; P Bomb Disposal, 13 February 1942; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 17 December 1942; 28 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 January 1943; 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 19 May 1943; 53 Bomb Disposal Section, 15 June 1943; disembark 5 January 1944; embark for UK 22 December 1943; embark UK, 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 14 July 1944; disembark North West Europe, 18 July 1944.

Injured admitted to Sutton Cheam Hospital, Surrey, burns of face and eyes, gas explosion from Bomb Disposal admitted on the 7 December 1940 discharged on the 17 December 1940, NOK informed 13 December 1940,

Died from wounds received whilst neutralising a Trebret mine, laid horizontally with a type 42 ignitor and iron bar. Near Longues, France.

Sapper E A Turner also died in this incident.



Died 19 August 1944, age
Son of Herbert Henry and Violet Maud Hillyard of Birmingham: Husband of Beryl Audrey Hillyard of Bordesley Green, Birmingham.

Buried at Ryes War Cemetery, Bazenville, France. Grave I A 4.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2045340/frederick-john-hillyard/>

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HITCHCOCK, Leslie Robert Herbert, (2005473) Sapper, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1915 in West London. Enlisted 3 April 1940. Next of Kin Father, Mr W Hitchcock Esq, 41 Lynwood Road, Ealing W3. NOK notified 9 October 1940.

Served with 288 Field Company; 251 Field Park Company, 9 June 1940; 34 Bomb Disposal Section, 15 July 1940; 33 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 September 1940.

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

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



Died 7 October 1940, age 25.
Son of William Hasler Dann and Elizabeth Hannah Hitchcock of Ealing.

Buried at South Ealing Cemetery, Ealing, London. Section N Row C Grave 7.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2430351/leslie-herbert-richard-hitchcock/>

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https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/57958278/leslie-herbert_richard-hitchcock

HOARE, Cecil Dennis, (1922653) Corporal, 1 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 30 March 1919 in Deal. Enlisted 22 January 1940 in Canterbury. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs D Hoare, 23 Lawn Road, Exmouth, Devon. NOK was notified on 14 July 1945.

Served with Construction Company, Chatham, 22 January 1940; 67 Bomb Disposal Section, 21 November 1940; 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 January 1942; 1 Bomb Disposal Section, 12 November 1942; embark for North Africa, 12 November 1942,

Reported missing in North Africa 11 January 1943 NOK informed 11 January 1943. Alive and well in General Base Depot NOK informed on the 21 January 1943.

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

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.



Died 3 July 1945, age 26.

Son of Frederick and Edith Emma Hoare: Husband of Doreen Violet Hoare of Exmouth, Devon.

Buried at Phaleron War Cemetery. Grave 21 E 15.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2932284/cecil-denniss-hoare/>

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HOARE, Charles William, (2209236) Sergeant, 3 Bomb Disposal Section, 3 or 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Wife, Ethel Rose Hoare, 13 Beech Avenue, Sidcup, Kent. NOK notified on 31 October 1940.

Served with 1 Depot Battalion, Chatham, 15 May 1940; 3 Depot Battalion, Chatham, 25 May 1940; 3 and 4 Bomb Disposal Sections, 14 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.

Driver S Cornell also died in this incident Sergeant J McDonald injured and died 3 days later.



Died 26 October 1940, age 41.

Sidcup Cemetery. Section B Row 37 Grave 85.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2824530/charles-william-hoare/>

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HOARE, Iain Lowcook, (88045) Lieutenant, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1918 in Warwickshire.

Died in the performance of Bomb Disposal duties, dealing with a UXB, adjacent to Main Street, Lowestoft. A shaft was being dug to recover what was later found to be a 250kg bomb fitted with both a 17 and 17 a fuze, partially collapsed, Lieutenant I Hoare was completely buried. Sergeant T Taylor Corporal Bardley and two Sappers extradited their Officer before he suffocated. He was taken to hospital; Sergeant Taylor continued the task and uncovered the bomb. Lieutenant Hoare discharged himself from hospital to defuse it, whilst carrying out this task it detonated killing both men,

Corporal G W Gibbs also died in this incident.



Died 15 April 1941, age 23.

Buried at Norwich Cemetery. Section Z Grave 512.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2764198/ian-lowcook-hoare/>

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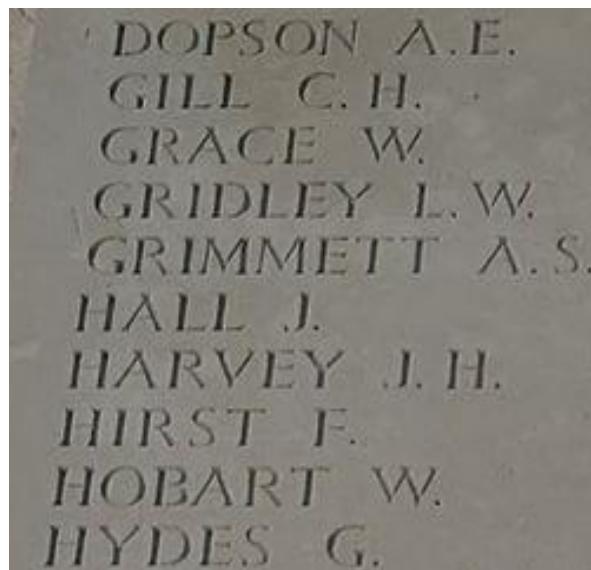
HOBART, William, (2126717) Sapper, 49 Bomb Disposal Section, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 14 September 1910 in Bately. Enlisted 23 October 1940. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Martha Hannah Hobart, ?? Halifax Road, Staincliffe, Batley, Yorkshire.

Served with, embarked from the UK 24 June 1944.

UXB detonated in Caen, France. On duty not to blame.

Lance Corporal Beckham and Sapper F G Bailey were wounded at this incident.



Died 14 July 1944, age 31.

Son of Keighley and Martha Hannah, Hobart, of Staincliffe, Bately, Yorkshire.

Commemorated on the Bayeux Memorial, France. Panel 12 Column 1.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2627634/william-hobart/>

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HOBBS, Albert Frederick, (1918650) Corporal, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 12 April 1904 at Stroud. Enlisted 15 February 1940 at Pontypridd. Next of Kin Father, Mr C F Hobbs, 44 Middlest, Pontypridd, Glam. NOK notified on 2 June 1944.

Served with 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 22 January 1941.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures on airfields, to crater them. West Hythe Kent. Officer Commanding Opinion, explosion of pipe mine during clearance, on duty. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer 2 Bomb Disposal Group. On duty not to blame.



Died 31 May 1944, age ?

Buried at Glyntaff Cemetery, Pontypridd, Wales. Plot Z Grave 388.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2717833/albert-frederick-hobbs/>

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HOF, James Gregory, (1918650) Corporal, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born on the 11 May 1920 in Antwerp, Belgium. Enlisted 21 October 1940 in Blackburn. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs L M Hoff, 80 Withers Lane, Blackburn, Lancs.

Served with 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 October 1940.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Pembury, Glamorganshire. Court of Inquiry, Commanding Officers Opinion, Death was due to multiple injuries and that the accident was caused by some error or slip made by the deceased. Verdict accidental death.



Died 26 January 1943, age 22.
Husband of Lillian May Hof of Blackburn.

Buried at Blackburn Cemetery. Section X C of E Grave 297.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2697538/james-gregory-hof/>

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

HOLBROOK, Leslie George, (2057819) Lance Sergeant, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 11 July 1912 in Monmouth Enlisted 3 June 1938 in Bath. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs A H Holbrook, 7 Crown Street, Crumlin, Monmouthshire.

Served with 43 Division, 3 June 1938; 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 April 1941; 61 Bomb Disposal Section, 31 March 1941; 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 13 October 1944.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Waxham, Norfolk. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer 3 Bomb Disposal Group, Sgt Holbrook walked over an un-swept portion of the minefield, trod on a mine and was responsible for the accident.

Lance Sergeant L Sweetman and Corporal W Vaughan BEM also died in this incident.



Died 5 February 1945, age 32.
Son of George Samuel and Agnes Holbrook, of Crumlin.

Buried at Abercan Cemetery. Section 14 Row 28 Grave 6.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2447898/leslie-george-holbrook/>

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HOLDEN, Charles, (1892057) Driver, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Father, William Holden, 22 Mozart Street, Liverpool 8. NOK notified 7 November 1940.

Served with 38 (South Wales) Division, 18 October 1939; 247 Field Park Company, 25 November 1939; 283 Field Company, 18 December 1939; 284 Field Company, 26 May 1940; 67/68/69 Bomb Disposal Section, 1 July 1940; 68 Bomb Disposal Section, 26 August 1940,

UXB detonated in Coventry.



Died 6 November 1940, age 21.
Son of William Charles and Hannah Holden of Liverpool.

Buried at Allerton Cemetery, Liverpool. Section 16 Roman Catholic Grave 170.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2411376/charles-holden/>

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HOLDER, Jack Albert, (857697) Corporal, 103 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1920 in Brighton. Enlisted on the 1 November 1937.

Served with D Company, Training Battalion, 1 November 1937; 38 Field Company, 10 May 1938; M Depot Company, 13 August 1938; 38 Field Company, 27 January 1939; overseas 23 September 1939; Posted to ITC East Survey Regiment, 29 December 1940, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 5 January 1941.

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 that 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 Hederson, Corporal JG Salisbury, Lance Corporal J F Johnstone, Sapper W Craig, Driver R W G Simpson also died in this incident. Lieutenant Rees and Sergeant Finney both suffered shock and punctured ear drums and were hospitalised for a considerable period.



Died 21 February 1941, age 21.
Son of William Henry and Eliza Jane Holder, of Brighton.

Buried at Brighton and Preston Cemetery, Sussex. Section N Grave 457.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2722724/jack-albert-holder/>

Photo Credit Ross.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/82160976/jack-albert-holder>

HOLLINGSWORTH, Albert George, (1944889) Sapper, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 17 July 1903 in Place, Woodbridge. Enlisted 1 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Eunice Mary Hollingsworth, 10 Warren Hill, Woodbridge, Suffolk. NOK notified 17 March 1941.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 17 October 1940; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 17 February 1941; 98 Bomb Disposal Section, 19 February 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 G Chapman, J Glynn, also died in this incident.



Died 14 March 1941, age 38.

Son of Samuel Charles and Ennice Hollingsworth: Husband of Eunice Mary Hollingsworth of Martlesham, Suffolk.

Buried at Christ Church Military Cemetery, Portsdown, Hampshire. Row L Grave 185.

Photo Credit John Gregory.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2349562/albert-george-hollingsworth/>

HOLMAN, Ronald Frank, (1989887) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1914 in Northamptonshire. Enlisted on the 23 May 1940. Next of Kin Father, Frank G Holman, 10 Wells Avenue, Dutley Heath, West Bromwich, Staffs. NOK notified 16 August 1940.

Served with Construction Company Chatham 23 June 1940, 3 Depot Battalion 25 May 1940,

Died when a delayed action bomb detonated after 56 hours, whilst being excavated. Kingston-on-Sea, Shoreham, West Sussex.



Died at 1230, 15 August 1940, age 26.

Son of Mr and Mrs Gilbert Holman; stepson of Elizabeth Jane Holman of Hythe.

Buried at SS Peter and Paul Churchyard, Saltwood, Kent.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2655126/frank-ronald-holman/>

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HOLMES, Thomas William, (1906951) Sergeant, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 1918 in Northumberland. Enlisted 18 January 1940. Next of Kin Widow, Mrs Nancy Holmes, 2 Tavistock Road, Watford. NOK notified 12 June 1941.

Served with 556 Field Company, 18 January 1940; 14 Bomb Disposal Section; 28 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 June 1944.

Died when a UXB exploded all who died and injured were taken to York Hospital incident occurred at Tadcaster.

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.



Died 10 June 1941, age 23.

Buried at Vicarage Lane, Watford Cemetery, Hertfordshire. Section E Uncons Row 4.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2933176/thomas-william-holmes/>

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HOLT, Richard Edward, (211353) 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 8 August 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Holt, 16 Woodland Grove, Colwick Vale Notts. NOK was notified on 9 May 1941.

Served with 725 General Construction Company, 27 September 1940; 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 January 1941; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 17 January 1941.

Died when a UXB detonated at Denbigh, Wales. No civil inquest due to the nature of the incident.

Sergeant F Batch, Corporal J W Hainey, Lance Corporal R Taylor, Sappers I Owen.



Died May 1941, age?

Buried at Carlton Cemetery, Nottinghamshire. Section B Row M 6 Grave 28.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2702859/richard-edward-holt/>

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[Photograph of the final resting place of HOLT, RICHARD EDWARD - The War Graves Photographic Project](#)

HONOUR, Gerald Arthur, (2314167) Lance Corporal, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born on the 7 April 1903. Enlisted 6 June 1940. Next of Kin Mother, 28 Sheringham Avenue, Norbury, Blackpool, Lancs.

Served with 575 Army Troops Company, Tavistock; 60 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 November 1940.

Slightly injured 15 January 1941 admitted to Hackney Hospital NOK notified 6 January 1941, transferred to Chalkdell House Hospital Hitchin wound to left buttock and leg 11 January 1944. Dangerously ill NOK notified 6 March 1941. NOK was informed he had died 28 April 1941 by the Hospital. Cause of death infected compound fracture of tibia and septic bronchial phenomena. Wounds originally received whilst on duty with BD Squad.

Died in hospital from injuries received whilst burning a bomb fragment. Hackney Marsh Bomb Cemetery.

Sapper E W T With also died in this incident.



Died 26 April 1941, age 37.
Son of Edward Maurice and Muriel Townsend Honour of Streatham, London.

Buried at Hitchin Cemetery, North West Extension Grave 405.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2932859/gerald-arthur-honour/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59975950/gerald-arthur-honour>

HOPE, Kenneth Graham, (142065) Lieutenant, 725 (Bomb Disposal) General Construction Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1908 in Cumberland.

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 to 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.

Lance Corporal C B Lebon, W Hatton, , Sapper J R Darsley, Driver A K Hartland, F G Horton Royal Army Service Corps also died in this incident.



Died 10 December 1940, age 32.

Son of William and Margaret Agnes Hope: Husband of Margaret Phylis Hope of Headington, Oxford.

Buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Oxford. Section B 2 Grave 269.

<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/hope-k-g/>

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<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2421688/kenneth-graham-hope/>

HORNE, James, (2020872) Driver, 60 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1915. Enlisted 13 June 1940. Next of Kin Widow M M Horne, 166 Tennyson Place, Ottley Road, Bradford. NOK notified 9 October 1940.

Served with 2 Motor Transport York, 60 Bomb Disposal Section, Halifax, 11 September 1940,

Deceased was instructed to excavate a bomb at a site known as Navarino Mansions, Dalston Lane, Hackney, after the agreed safety period had expired. For some unknown reason the bomb exploded spontaneously and all members of the working party were killed. This was 50 feet from London to Midlands Service Railway, no survivors.

Lance Corporal Nowell, Wandsworth, Sappers Mason, Stock, Stubbings C R Taylor also died in this incident.



Died 23 September 1940, age 25.

Son of James and Eliza Ann Horne of Bradford, Yorkshire, husband of Madeleine Mary Horne, of Eccleshill, Bradford.

Buried at
Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. Grave 5 C 1.

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HOWARD, Idris John, (2093830) Sapper, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1911 in Glamorgan. Enlisted 27 August 1939. Next of Kin, Widow Kathleen Howard, Wentworth, Huts, Tonmawr, Glam. NOK was informed on 14 May 1941.

Served with 2 Depot Battalion, 81 Bomb Disposal Section, 28 August 1940.

Died when a UXB detonated at 432 Hawthorne Road, Bootle Liverpool. Court of Inquiry, 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. Driving stakes in close proximity to the bomb may have started the fuze mechanism.



Died 13 May, 1941, age

Son of John and Lily Howard of Tonmawr. Husband of Kathleen Howard of Tonmawr.

Buried at Macpelah Congregational Chapel yard, Pontrhydyfe, Glamorganshire, Wales. Plot 3 Row 12 Grave 31.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2717804/idris-john-howard/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/139087375/idris-john-howard>

HOWARD, Thomas, (2019927) Driver, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in Wigan. Enlisted 13 June 1940. Next of Kin Father, Thomas Howard, 720 Armistrank Road, Pemberton, Wigan. NOK notified on 14 December 1940.

Served with 3 Motor Transport Depot, Crewe; 71 Bomb Disposal Section, 16 September 1940; 73 Bomb Disposal Section, 12 December 1940.

Died When a UXB detonated in Birmingham.

Lieutenant G A W Smith and Sergeant T Watson also died in this incident.



Died 12 December 1940, age

Buried at Saint John Churchyard, Pemberton. Plot C New Row Grave 211 A.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2717804/idris-john-howard/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/125713604/thomas-howard>

HOWGATE, James, (2048923) Sapper, 30 Bomb Disposal Section, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 3 December 1906 in Everton. Enlisted 14 February 1938 in Liverpool. Wife Mrs WV Howgate, 50 Handfield Street, Liverpool 5.

Served with A Company Depot Battalion, 12 December 1940; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 13 January 1941; embarked for the Middle East, 17 March 1941; Disembarked Middle East, 11 May 1941; Hospital, 28 October 1941 till 10 December 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 December 1941.

Died at 63 General Hospital whilst being operated on abscess of the appendix. 2 Echelon Medical Abscess 10 January 1042 discharged 26 January 1942, 2 Echelon Medical 18 August 1942 Appendix Abscess NOK notified 21 August 1943.



Died 22 August 1942, age 35.

Son of James and Hannah Howgate of Liverpool: Husband of Winifred V Howgate of Liverpool.

Buried at Heliopolis Cemetery, Egypt. Grave 2 E 14.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2209187/james-howgate/>

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

HUDSON MM, Joseph, (1984473) Sergeant, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 9 February 1899 in Manchester. Enlisted 14 April 1938 in Manchester aged 39 years 63 days. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E Hudson, 45 Leyland Street, Harpurhey, Manchester. NOK was notified on 1 August 1944.

Served with 104 Army Field Company, 13 April 1938; 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 November 1940; 184 Bomb Disposal Section, 13 March 1943; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 June 1943; 1 Bomb Disposal Group, 23 September 1943; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 24 September 1943; embarked with 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 3 June 1944.

Died when a UXB detonated at Arromanches, France.

Royal Air Force Sergeant Clear also died in this incident.



Died 13 June 1944, age 45.

Son of John and Ellen Hudson of Manchester: Husband of Evelyn Hudson of Harpurhey, Manchester.

Buried at Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Grave X1 B 16.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2326778/joseph-hudson/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56275390/joseph-hudson>

HUMPHREY, John Thomas, (213973) Corporal, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 14 February 1912 at Pontefract. Enlisted 8 August 1940 in Sheffield. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Madge Ella Humphrey, 12 Sandy Brow, Purbrook, Hants.

Served with 96 Bomb Disposal Section, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 October 1940; 1 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 November 1940; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941; embark from the UK 4 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 Hertogenbosh, Netherlands, in his lorry loaded with various missiles, collected from the market square of S Hertogenbosh. 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. Details of incident from Chris Ranstead.

Lance Sergeant A Hardie, Corporals R Verling, 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, age 32.
Husband of Madge Ella Humphrey of Purbrook, Hampshire.

Buried at Bergen-Op-Zoom War Cemetery. Grave 9 B 10.

[https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2033896/john-thomas-
humphrey/](https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2033896/john-thomas-humphrey/)

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12727204/john-thomas-humphrey>

HUNTER, John Stewart Simpson, (7250) Second Lieutenant, Bomb Disposal Royal Engineers.

Died at his Headquarters, Mill Hill, London. He was holding a clockwork delayed action fuze, when it detonated.

Members of the Section Bill Carlton were permanently blinded, James Croucher of 37/38 Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Section had to have his left leg amputated, a Sergeant name unknown had his foot broken and another Sapper wounded.



Died 22 September 1940.

Buried at Hendon Cemetery, London. Section G 5 Grave 50247.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2734830/john-stewart-simpson-hunter/>

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

HURLEY, Douglas John, (1991263) Sapper, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 25 September 1919 at Wallhausin. Enlisted 12 July 1940. Next of Kin Widow, Rose Evelyn Hurley, 29 Caris Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. NOK notified 21 November 1940.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 33 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 September 1940,

Dead when a partially uncovered UXB detonated, it was fuzed with a clockwork time delay. Digging continued to excavate the bomb, to see if another fuze was present, while this was being carried out it detonated. Possibly the vibrations caused by the digging may have set it off, or there was an anti-disturbance fuze also fitted. Delwood Gardens Ilford.

Lance Corporal M Thorp died and three Sappers were injured in this incident.



Died 19 November 1940, age 21.

Buried at City of London Cemetery, Manor Park. Square 252 Grave 99859.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2734086/douglas-john-hurley/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24346168/douglas-john-hurley>

INCIES, John Monro, (2216953) Corporal, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1912 in South Shields. Enlisted 22 January 1926. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs J G Inches, 74 Neilston Road, Paisley, Scotland.

Served with 51 Division, 22 January 1926; 6 Training Battalion, 5 August 1940; 276 Field Company, 2 Depot Battalion, 13 December 1940; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 17 January 1941; embarked for Middle East, 11 May 1941; disembark, 9 September 1941; P Bomb Disposal Company, renamed 29 Bomb Disposal Company, 13 February 1942; disembarked in UK, 12 December 1943; 9 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 February 1944; 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 June 1944.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Near Deal, Kent.

Sapper Gehm also died in this incident.



Died 31 August 1944, age 42.
Husband of Jean Gardner Inches, of Paisley.

Buried at Woodside Cemetery, Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2842452/john-monro-inches/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/191528804/john-monro-incies>

INGRAM, Frederick John, (136316) Second Lieutenant, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Died when a fuze detonated in his hand. High Street, Shire Hampton, near Bristol.

Not named Sergeant injured at this incident.



Died 10 September 1940, age 36.

Buried at Canford Cemetery, Bristol. Section QQ Grave 313A.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2450704/frederick-john-ingram/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59358093/frederick-john-ingram>

JACKSON, George, (2126209) Sapper, 16 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 15 November 1910 in Stalybridge Cheshire. Enlisted 21 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Ethel Jackson, 45 Mount Street, Stalybridge, Cheshire. NOK was notified on 29 April 1942.

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, Duckworth, 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, age 32.
Son of James Elizabeth Jackson.

Buried at Pembroke Dock Military Cemetery. Section E Collective Grave 16b - 16r.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2965721/george-jackson/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/98180566/george-g-jackson>

JACKSON, John Robert, (2199758) Corporal, 97 Bomb Disposal Section, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born on the 1 October 1910 in Newcastle-on-Tyne. Enlisted 18 January 1940 at Tower Bridge. Next of Kin Father, Mr John Robert Jackson, 8 Lovaine Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne. NOK was notified on 22 August 1941.

Served with Stevedore Battalion, Folkestone, 18 January 1940; 3 Stevedore Centre, Lympne, 8 June 1940; 100 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 September 1940; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 31 September 1940; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 27 November 1940; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941.

Died in Swansea hyperarathroichism. Princess Royal Hospital, Swansea.



Died 13 August 1941, age

Buried at Saint Peter Churchyard, Cockett, Glamorganshire, Wales. Section S E D Grave 59.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2717150/john-jackson/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/171227543/john-r-jackson>

JAMES, Richard, (141081) Lieutenant, Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

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.

Captain M F Blaney GC, 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 at this incident, one female member of the public slightly injured.



Died 13 December 1940, age 40.

Son of John and Emily James of Penarth. Husband of Joan James of Llandrindod Wells, Radnorshire.

Buried at Penarth Cemetery, Glamorganshire, Wales. Section P Grave 317.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2717761/richard-james/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/93239617/richard-james>

JARRETT, Stephen Victor, (2196919) Sapper, 77 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 10 March 1913 in Birmingham. Next of Kin Widow Emily Edith Jarrett, 13 Saint Andrews Street, Preston Road, Blackburn, Lancs. NOK was informed on 13 December 1940.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, Chester, 18 July 1940; 78 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 September 1940; 77 Bomb Disposal Section, 28 September 1940.

Court of Inquiry held on the 13 December 1940. At Tarporley. Place of death Eaton, Hill, Tarporley. The bomb he was working on exploded. Opinion of Office Commanding, that the accident was caused by the removal of the bomb before it had been defused. It also appears that there was insufficient length of rope used.

Sapper T H Pedel also died in this incident.



Died 11 December 1940, age 27.
Son of William Thomas and Alice Mary Jarrett.

Buried at Chester Overleigh General Cemetery, Cheshire. New Portion Grave 4056.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2928277/stephen-victor-jarrett/>

Photo Credit Chris Kemp.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/146184254/stephen-victor-jarrett>

JAYCOCK, David Henry, (877203) Sapper, 52 Bomb Disposal Section, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 4 June 1909 at Widnes. Enlisted 26 January 1938 at Widnes. Next of Kin Wife, Elsie Jaycock, 60 Saint Mary's Road, Westbank, Lancs. NOK informed dead on the 18 November 1942

Served with 1 Bomb Disposal Company.

Missing NOK notified 12 July 1940 rejoined 17 July 1940. Missing at Sea, SS Laconia, believed dead. SS Laconia was an ocean liner converted to a troop ship. Travelling from Plymouth to North Africa 3,000 on board, some women and children and Italian Prisoners of War. Torpedoed by Commander Werner Hartenstein U 507.



Died 12 September 1942, age?
Son of Edward and Annie, Jaycock, of Widnes, Lancashire.

Commemorated at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Memorial, Surrey. Panel 6 Column 2.

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

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56076485/david-henry-jaycock>

JINKS, Frank Cecil. (141018) Lieutenant, Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Died when a UXB having its explosive fill steamed out detonated. Hazeldene Road, Welling, Kent.

Sappers G M K Lewis, J Orr and W Williams also died in this incident.



Died 3 October 1940, age 50.

Commemorated at West Norwood Crematorium, Lambeth, London. Screen Wall Panel 1.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2429421/frank-cecil-jinks/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24728269/frank-cecil-jinks>

JOHNSON, Alfred, (2019491) Sapper, 1 Bomb Disposal Platoon, Royal Engineers.

Born 28 March 1920 in Stalybridge. Enlisted 13 June 1940 in Manchester. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Alice Johnson, 24 Stanford Street, Millbrook, Stalybridge, Cheshire.

Served with Stevedore Centre Manchester, 4 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 September 1940; proceeding overseas, 103 Bomb Disposal Section, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 November 1942; embarked for North Africa, 12 November 1942; 43 Bomb Disposal Section, 2 September 1943; disembarked in UK, 5 January 1944; 1 Bomb Disposal Section, 20 January 1944; 1 Bomb Disposal Platoon, 18 September 1944.

Wounded on the 5 April 1944 NOK notified 18 April 1944. Later died in an action, battle accident in Greece.

Lance Corporal W Dickens and Sapper A Buick also died at this incident.



Died 2 February 1945, age

Buried at Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. Grave 21 C 16.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2932370/alfred-johnson/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56552941/alfred-johnson>

JOHNSTON, James Archibald, (2126181) Corporal, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 18 March 1919 in Longtown. Enlisted 21 October 1940. Next of Kin Father, Mr J Johnston, 17 Albert Street, Longtown, Carlisle.

Served with 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 October 1940; embarked for the Middle East; 17 March 1941; disembarked in the Middle East, 11 May 1941; 43 Bomb Disposal Section, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 2 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, Sappers F G Biddle, P Carney, W Pearn and G W Rice were also killed, 4 civilians missing.



Died 8 January 1944, age 24.
Son of James and Margaret Johnston of Longtown, Cumberland.

Buried at Salerno War Cemetery Italy. Grave III D 43.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/208536/james-archibald-johnston/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56576085/james-archibald-johnston>

JOHNSTONE, James Fox, (1910870) Lance Corporal, 103 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 13 March 1917 in Leslie Fifeshire. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Mary Johnstone, 113 Main Street, Prinlawo, Leslie, Fifeshire. NOK was notified on 25 February 1941.

Served with Construction Company, Chatham, 15 January 1940; 672 Company, British Expeditionary Force, 16 February 1940; 15 Field Company, 11 April 1940; Headquarters 3 Division, 17 April 1940; Depot Battalion, Chatham, 29 June 1940; 103 Bomb Disposal Section, 21 August 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 that 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, Sapper W Craig, Driver R W G Simpson also died in this incident. Lieutenant Rees and Sergeant Finney both suffered shock and punctured ear drums and were hospitalised for a considerable period.



Died 21 February 1941, age 23.
Son of Robert and Mary Johnstone of Leslie.

Buried at Leslie Cemetery, Fifeshire, Scotland. Compt Yellow Grave 2817.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2457107/james-fox-johnstone/>

Photo Credit Mike Brown.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/121661838/james-fox-johnstone>

JOLLEY, Norman, (14325350) Norman, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 16 June 1924 in Birmingham. Enlisted 5 November 1942 in Shrewsbury. Next of Kin Father, Mr P Jolley, 354 Frankley Beeches Road, Northfield, Birmingham.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 3 March 1943; 547 Electrical and Mechanical Company, 20 May 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 September 1943.

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, T H Bradsaw, J W Bridges,

Sapper A E Martin also died in this incident 5 Sappers also injured.



Died 20 September 1944, age
Son of Percival and Ellen Jolley, of Northfield, Birmingham.

Buried at Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, Warwickshire. Plot 2 Grave 2952.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2449564/norman-jolley/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/133488234/norman-jolley>

JONES, Aubrey Allan Hayes, (2136980) Sapper, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 15 September 1906. Enlisted 1 January 1941. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Lily Jones 16 Fulbrook Grove, Weoley Castle. Selly Oaks, Birmingham. NOK was notified on 28 November 1944.

Served with 14 Training Battalion, 1 January 1941; 26 Bomb Disposal Section, 11 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 August 1942; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 June 1943; embarked from the UK with 141 Bomb Disposal Section, 22 November 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 Hertogenbosh, Netherlands, in his lorry loaded with various missiles, collected from the market square of S Hertogenbosh. 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. Details of incident from Chris Ranstead

Lance Sergeant A Hardie, 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, age 38.

Son of Eliza Ann Jones: Husband of Lily Jones of Bearwood, Smethwick, Staffordshire.

Buried at Bergen-Op-Zoom War Cemetery, Netherlands, Grave 9 B 9 .

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2033925/aubrey-allan-hayes-jones/>

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

JONES, Albert Eric Mathews, (1871739 Sapper, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 3 September 1914. Enlisted 22 May 1935 aged 20 years 8 months. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs F Jones, 28 Second Avenue, Teignmouth, Devon. Reported Missing 15 February 1942. POW NOK notified 11 August 1943. Location Camp 4 Thailand NOK notified 22 March 1944.

Served with B Company, Training Battalion, 22 May 1935; 56 Field Company, 8 July 1936; E Company, 2 Anti-Aircraft Battalion, 15 January 1937; A Company, 1 Anti-Aircraft Battalion, 4 November 1937; 30 Fortress Company, 2 December 1937; 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, 31 May 1941.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Avitaminosis. Thailand.



Died 15 July 1943, age 28.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave 8 L 65.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2823324/albert-eric-matthew-jones/>

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https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10835239/albert-eric_matthew-jones

JONES, ERIC, (2000291) Driver, 16/17 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 15 February 1940. Next of Kin Father, William Jones, 12 Chester Lane, Marshall's Cross, Saint Helens, Lancs. NOK informed 23 September 1940.

Served with 3 Motor Transport Depot, Hollyhead; 693 Artisans Company, 31 May 1940; 5 Training Battalion, 3 June 1940; 16/17 Bomb Disposal Section, 15 July 194.

Died when a dispatch rider. London area. Civil Inquest. Coroners' verdict, accidental death, medical evidence death from fractured skull, laceration of the brain.



Died 15 July 1940,
Son of William and Edith Jones, of Marshall's Cross, Saint Helens.

Buried at Saint Nicholas and All Saints Churchyard, Sutton, Lancashire. Section G Row A Grave 5.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2700701/eric-jones/>

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JONES, Ernest William, (159282) Lieutenant, Bomb Disposal, Royal Engineers.

Also served in World War I.

No details as to how he died.



Died 2 December 1940, age 52.

Son of Thomas and Mary Ann Jones: Husband of Kitty Jones of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Buried at Canford Cemetery, Bristol, Gloucestershire. I. Section QQ 309 B.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2450711/ernest-william-jones/>

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

JONES, George, (2026532) Sapper, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 22 August 1888. Enlisted 18 February 1930. Next of Kin Wife, E Jones, 81 Talbot Street, Moss Side, Manchester.

Served with 42 (El) Division, 18 February 1930; Headquarters Company, 11 October 1940; 201 Field Company, 17 April 1940; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1941.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Penzance, Cornwall. Killed clearing a minefield by an explosion of a mine. On duty not to blame.

Lance Corporal G E Stanley also died in this incident.



Died 26 September 1944, age 44,
Son of Ellen Jones of Moss Side, Manchester.

Buried at Phillips Park Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire. Section O Grave 87.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2403086/george-jones/>

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JONES, George Henry, (9700919) Corporal, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 11 January 1917, London. Enlisted 6 June 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E G Jones, 99 Bevendean Crescent, Moulse Comme, Brighton. Joined up as and served as a Conscientious Objector.

12 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 December 1941; 1 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 July 1941; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 13 February 1944; 1 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 August 1944; 1 Bomb Disposal Group, 18 October 1941; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 19 March 1945.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Horsey, Norfolk. Chief Royal Engineer 3 Bomb Disposal Group 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 Jones died from severe head injuries caused by the accidental explosion of a mine, whilst engaged on minefield duties.

Corporal S Dougherty and Lance Corporal A H Harrison also died in this incident.



Died 22 May 1945, age 28.

Son of Evan David and Ellen Jones: Husband of Eileen Gladys Jones of Bevendean.

Buried at Bear Road Borough Cemetery, Brighton, Sussex. Section ZFU Grave 30.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2722839/george-h-jones/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/jones-g-h/>

JONES, Griffith John, (2011942) Driver, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1915 in Merioneth, Wales, living in Denbighshire Enlisted 18 April 1940.

Served with 1 Motor Transport Depot, Aldershot; 1 Mechanical Equipment Training Company, 13 June 1940; 9 Bomb Disposal Company, 3 September 1940; 74 Bomb Disposal Section, 18 October 1940.

Died when a 250kg fitted with a type 15 and 50 fuze fitted detonated, in Coventry.

Lieutenant Lewis Winn and M F H Lloyd, Sapper H Fox, also died in this incident.

His Father was in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, killed on Active Service in Turkey 10 August 1915.



Died 11 May 1941, age 26
Son of Private G E Jones and Margaret Jones of Penrhyndeudraeth, Wales.

Buried at Minffordd Cemetery, Penrhyndeudraeth, Wales. Section E Grave 150.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2965039/griffith-jones/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/225417491/griffith-john-jones>

JONES, Hugh Ronald, (5498086) Sapper, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 6 February 1919. Enlisted 1 November 1939 at Petershead. Next of Kin Father, Mr H Jones, 14 Station Road, Penarth, Cardiff. NOK was notified on 2 October 1943.

Served with 217 Field Company, 4 September 1939; 17 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 June 1941; from detention Barracks to 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 June 1942; Put on the Y list normally when in hospital 28 September 1942 to 19 November 1942, when back with 12 Bomb Disposal Company.

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, West Sussex. Opinion of Commander Sussex District, insufficient evidence to show how the explosion occurred.

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



Died 30 September 1943, age
Son of Hugh and Doris Jones of, Penarth.

Penarth Cemetery, Glamorganshire, Wales. Section P Grave 473.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2717763/hugh-ronald-jones/>

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JONES, John Brenig, (2004119) Sapper, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born on the 4 February 1917. Enlisted on the 5 March 1940 in Cardiff. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs M Jones, Grangeside, Nantgarie, near Cardiff. NOK was notified on 29 April 1942.

Served with 38 Division, 28 March 1940; 561 Field Company, 6 April 1940; 283 Field Company, 18 May 1940; 247 Field Company, 25 May 1940; 720 General Construction Company, 11 December 1940; 15 Bomb Disposal Section, 14 January 1941; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 17 January 1941; 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 3 April 1941; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 August 1941.

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, Lance Corporal W Duckworth, Sappers A Baggaley, G Jackson, J J Perry, W Plant, 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, age 25.
Son of Thomas and Margaret Jones, of Nantgarw, Glamorgan.

Buried at Pembroke Dock Military Cemetery. Section E Collective Grave 16b - 16r.
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JONES, William John, (2191679) Lance Corporal 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 28 June 1909 in Northumberland. Enlisted 16 May 1940 in Leicester. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Elsie May Jones, 366 Braunstone Lane, Leicester.

Served with 1 Depot Company, Chatham, 2 Holding Company, 16 June 1940; Depot Battalion, 29 June 1940; 2 Company, Gravesend, 11 July 1940; 854 Quarrying Company, 29 April 1940; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 May 1943; 8 Docks Group, 14 July 1943; 7 Training Battalion, 19 September 1943; 1 Bomb Disposal Group, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1943; embark from UK 9 August 1944; disembark North West Europe, 13 August 1944.

Killed in Action.



Died 13 September 1944, age
Son of John Henry and Mary Elizabeth Jones: Husband of Elsie May Jones of Braunstone, Leicestershire.

Buried at Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Grave I E 9.
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JOYCE, Francis, (1942461) Sapper, 68 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 5 December 1907 in Manchester. Next of Kin Widow, Charlotte Joyce, 20 Marris Road, Laucoats, Manchester. NOK notified 19 November 1940.

Served with General Construction Company, Chatham, 6 August 1940; 68 Bomb Disposal Section, 1 September 1940,

Died while on duty by action of an enemy bomb, Humber Works, Coventry.

Lance Corporal W Dawson and Sapper F Wright also died at this incident.



Died 17 November 1940, age 32.

Son of John T and Helen Joyce of Ancoats, Manchester: Husband of Charlotte Joyce of Ancoats.

Buried at Phillips Park Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire. Section G R C Grave 7.

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KEEN, Jesse, (1914429) Sapper, 15 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 13 December 1916 in Birmingham. Enlisted 9 January 1940 in Birmingham. Next of Kin Wife, Rose Mary Keen, 155 Harvington Road, Wesley Castle, Selly Oak, Birmingham.

Served with Construction Centre, Chatham, 9 January 1940; 674 Company, 17 January 1940; 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 June 1942; embarked for North Africa with 156 Bomb Disposal Section, 22 November 1942; 90 Bomb Disposal Section, 23 February 1943.

Died whilst dumping unserviceable enemy ammunition at sea. A detonation occurred for no apparent reason.

Sergeant G H Sim, Lance Corporal G Ferguson, J Sinclair, R V Whitefield, Sappers S Gentry, T W Littler also died in this incident, in Tunisia. Les Stokes survived; he had gone into the cabin to get a cap.



Died on the 10 June 1943, age 29.

Son of Jesse and Rosina Keen of Birmingham: Husband of Rose May Keen of Birmingham.

Buried at Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia. Grave 7 E 10.

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KEMLO, Frederick Ernest, (113832) Lieutenant, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Unknown details, died while a Prisoner of War of the Japanese.



Died 10 September 1942, age?

Buried at Sai Wan War Cemetery, Hong Kong, China. Grave VIII F 17.

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KENWAY, William Ernest, Karl, (126232) Lieutenant, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1933 in Caernarvonshire.

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, West Sussex. Opinion of Commander Sussex District, insufficient evidence to show how the explosion occurred.

Lance Sergeant F S Galloway, Lance Corporal A Raynor, Sappers J Buchanan, H R Jones also died in this incident. Sapper E Gresser was injured and died the next day.



Died 30 September 1943, age 30
Son of Harold and Sarah Louisa; husband of Eileen Florence Kenway of Lee, London.

Buried at Horsham Hills Cemetery, Sussex. Block U Grave 377.

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KETTLE, George Frederick, (2128062) Lance Corporal, 173 Bomb Disposal Platoon, Royal Engineers.

Born 8 July 1908 in Battersea. Enlisted 30 October 1940 in London. Next of Kin Wife, I Kettle, 14 Burr Road, Southfields, Wandsworth, London SW 18. NOK was notified on 15 November 1944.

Served with 17 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 January 1941; 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 18 January 1943; 173 Bomb Disposal Section, 13 March 1943; embark for Sicily 15 August 1943; disembark Sicily, 28 August 1943.

Killed In Action.



Died 7 November 1944, age 36.
Husband of Irene Kettle of Wandsworth, London.

Buried at Cesena War Cemetery, Italy. Grave VI A 13.

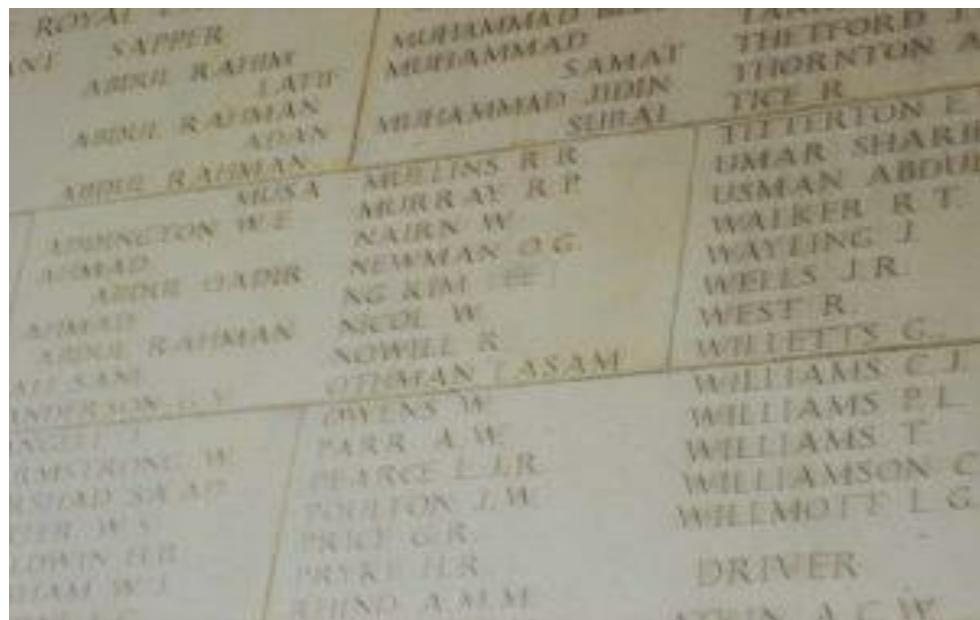
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KIM LEE, N G, (CE15) Sapper, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese.



Died 10 June 1945, age 24.
Son of Tay Buck Sim of Singapore.

Commemorated at the Singapore War Memorial. Column 41.

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KING, Kenneth Arthur, (2015327) Driver, 43 Bomb Disposal Section, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1916 in Leicester.

503 Field Company, 17 May 1940; 502 Field Company, 23 May 1940; 43 Bomb Disposal Section, 17 June 1940; 3 Depot Battalion, 4 January 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 January 1941; embark for Middle East, 17 March 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 April 1942.

Killed In Action. Libya.



Died 19 February 1943, age 27.

Son of Arthur and Daisy Irene King of Wigston Magna, Leicestershire: Husband of Lillian Mary King of Bruntingthorpe, Leicestershire.

Buried at Benghazi War Cemetery, Libyal. Grave 7 F 19.

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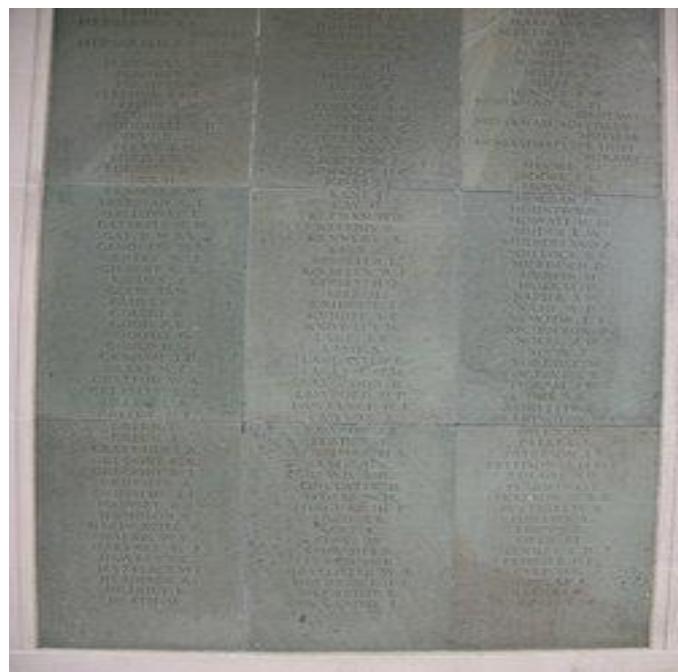
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KINSEY, Harold Joseph, (19030981) Sapper, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 11 September 1903 in Salford. Enlisted 19 June 1940 in Manchester. Next of Kin Wife, Gertrude Kinsey, 14 Bowker Street, West Gorton, Manchester. NOK was notified on 15 October 1941.

Served with General Construction Company, Chatham, 19 June 1940; 709 General Construction Company, 28 June 1940; 8 Bomb Disposal Company; 9 Bomb Disposal Company, 24 October 1940,

Died through enemy action. Coventry.



Died 8 April, 1941, age 46.

Son of Percy and Katherine Kinsey, of Gorton, Manchester, husband of Gertrude Kinsey, of West Gorton.

Commemorated at Brookwood Memorial Surrey. Panel 6 Column 2.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56076618/harold-joseph-kinsey>

KIRK, Robert Harrower, (2154486) Sapper, 159 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 31 March 1923. Enlisted 22 January 1942. Next of Kin Father, Mr D Kirk, 57 Blackmarch Road, Rosyth, Fife. NOK was notified on 30 August 1943.

Served with 6 Training Battalion, 22 January 1942; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 8 July 1942; 28 Bomb Disposal Company, 27 July 1942; 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 19 October 1942; 159 Bomb Disposal Section, embarked for North Africa, 11 November 1942.

Died from wounds to the chest and eyes. A grenade exploded when he struck it with his hand to remove the detonator. Chief Royal Engineers Opinion, his actions were done in ignorance, he was not to blame. Tunisia.



Died 20 August 1943, age 20.
Son of David and Isabella Harrower Kirk of Rosyth, Fife.

Buried at Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia. Grave 16 A 8.

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KIRKBY, James Michael, (1895184) Lance Corporal, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1914 in Westmoreland. Next of Kin, Widow, Mary Jane Kirkby, Hilltop, Craig Walk, Bowness on Windermere. NOK notified 19 September 1940.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 31 October 1940; Bomb Disposal Section, East ??? 11 September 1940.

Fell through a camouflet.

Sapper J E Brown also died in this incident.



Died 19 December 1940, age 26.

Son of Michael Henry and Jane Kirkby: Husband of Mary Jane Kirkby of Bowness-on-Windermere.

Buried at Bowness Cemetery, Windermere. New Part Grave 681.

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KIRKMAN, Leonard Calvin, (2191762) Sapper, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Wife, Mary Elizabeth Kirkman, care of Mrs Ibberson, 12 Malton Street, Miles Platting, Manchester 9.

Served with 1 Depot Company, Chatham, Z Company, 23 May 1940; 5 Bomb Disposal Section, 17 August 1940.

Died Whilst excavating a UXB with a time delay fuze.

Sapper G Luck, G McMahon and T Stringer also died in this incident.



Died 11 September 1940, age 32.

Son of James Thomas and Elizabeth Kirkman, of Harpurhey of Manchester; husband of Mary Elizabeth Kirkman of Harpurhey.

Buried at Edenbridge Cemetery Extension, Kent. Grave 2.

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KNIGHT, Clifford Montague, (1891040) Corporal, 16 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1912 in Southampton.

Served with 167 Bomb Disposal Section and 16 Bomb Disposal Section.

Died through an accident.



Died 30 January 1942, age

Son of Edward Charles and Emily Kate Knight, husband of Phyllis Violet Knight, of Eling.

Buried at Saint Mary Churchyard Extension, Eling, Hampshire. Row B Grave 24.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2691288/clifford-montague-knight/>

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Knowles, Wilfred, (4536616) Sapper, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 18 August 1904 in Burnley. Enlisted 19 May 1939 in Armley aged 34. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs L E Knowles, 84 Throssel Road, Middleton, Leeds.

Served with transferred to the Corps from the West Yorks, 4 December 1939; 170 Tunnelling Company, 5 December 1939; embarked for Gibraltar, 4 March 1941; embarked from Gibraltar, 4 March 1943; disembarked UK, 10 February 1943; 3 Holding Depot Battalion, 11 February 1943; 159 Artisan Works Company, 8 May 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Group, 1 November 1943; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 November 1943; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 November 1943; 14 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 August 1944.

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 A G Dobbie, R Stewart, Lance Sergeant T H Marston also died in this incident.



Died 17 November 1944, age

Son of Thomas and Beatrice Knowles: Husband of Lillian Evelyn Knowles of Middleton, Leeds.

Buried at Hunslett New Cemetery, Leeds. Section 3A Cons Grave 53.

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Annex A

Non-Bomb Disposal

HORTON, Frederick George, (T/211357) Driver, Royal Army Service Corps, attached to 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born on the 2 January 1910 in Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire.

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 to 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 Lebon, W Hatton, , Sapper J R Darsley, Driver A K Hartland, F G Horton Royal Army Service Corps also died in this incident.



Died 10 December 1940, age 30.
Son of Norman and Alice Horton, of Broughton Astley, Leicestershire.

Buried at Sutton Elms Baptist Chapel yard. Broughton Astley, Leicestershire.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/221998434/frederick-george-horton>

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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, who 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 is 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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