



IN
MEMORY OF THE
FALLEN

Of the
Parish of Roath Saint Martin
1914-18 1939-45



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*“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.”*

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Remembrance

*Our thanks to Clive Mullins who has gathered together the
information for this commemorative booklet.*

*To read the short biographies of those who lost their lives
during two World Wars fuels our remembrance and prayer for them.*

*We are reminded that these were
real people, from this parish, belonging to another generation, time and place
who gave up their lives for us in the service of their country.*

Fr. Irving Hamer

“Their name liveth for evermore”



Introduction

Silent names in a quiet corner waiting for the moment, once a year, when they are rehearsed with a prayer not to be forgotten. Names of 69 men and one woman that bear eloquent testimony to the sacrifice made during times of war.

Yet each one represents a precious life - a family member, a loved one, a friend - with a story to tell.

This booklet has been compiled in order to add breadth, depth and colour to these stark lists of names. Here you will find representatives of all the armed services and references to all the well known theatres and battles of the great conflicts of the 20th century.

Limitations of currently available data mean that the pictures are inevitably patchy; some though are all too clear:

A mother who, by 1918, had lost four sons and a husband

*Brothers who, full of hope, had set off for a new life in Australia only to die
3 years later during the tragic actions at Gallipoli*

*The many who have no known final resting place other than the anonymous
mud of northern France*

*Those of the Navy and Merchant services who were lost at sea as a result
of enemy action*

Aircrew shot down, in the dark, over enemy territory

Prisoners of the Japanese put to work on the infamous Burma-Thailand railway

Those who suffered for some time before succumbing to their wounds.

Hopefully the information that follows will help, in a more meaningful way, to respond to the exhortation of the Kohima Epitaph:

*“When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your
tomorrow, we gave our today”*



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Kohima

In 1944 during World War II the Battle of Kohima along with the simultaneous Battle of Imphal was the turning point in the Burma Campaign. For the first time in South-East Asia the Japanese lost the initiative to the Allies which they then retained until the end of the war. This hand-to-hand battle and slaughter prevented the Japanese from gaining a high base from which they might next roll across the extensive flatlands of India like a juggernaut.

Kohima has a large cemetery for the Allied war dead maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The cemetery lies on the slopes of Garrison Hill, in what was once the Deputy Commissioner's tennis court which was the scene of intense fighting, the Battle of the Tennis Court.

The epitaph carved on the memorial of the 2nd British Division in the cemetery has become world-famous as the Kohima poem. The verse is attributed to John Maxwell Edmonds (1875–1958), and is thought to have been inspired by the epitaph written by Simonides to honour the Greeks who fell at the Battle of Thermopylae in 480 BC

*When you go home, tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow, we gave our today*





At the conclusion of the Great War a permanent memorial was constructed against the south wall of what is now the Lady Chapel. This comprised the large, simple, wooden Calvary set behind a small altar draped in purple. To one side, on a small table, sat the equally simple but striking tablet inscribed with the names of 37 parishioners who had made the supreme sacrifice during that 'war to end all wars'.

This was balanced by a matching table on the other side carrying a large flower arrangement. The whole was surrounded on three sides with kneeling benches.

After 1921, when the red poppy first appeared in the UK as a symbol of remembrance, a wreath of poppies replaced the flowers and was renewed each Armistice Sunday.

During February 1941, the church was bombed and very little of the original building survived intact although the Calvary that formed part of the war



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memorial, together with the tablet of names, did. The present Church of St. Martin rose from the charred ruins in 1951 and this is the church that you see today.

The conflict of World War II saw another 33 members of the congregation lose their lives in the service of their country. They are commemorated on a matching wooden tablet. Both tablets and the Calvary today occupy the north-east corner of the Holy Cross chapel.

"He died for freedom and honour"



In Loving Memory
of
Gunner GEORGE A. STEPHENS, 220488
Royal Field Artillery,
of 15 Mackintosh Place, Cardiff,
Who fell in action near St. Quentin, France,
on Sept. 23rd 1918
Aged 20 Years



1508A **ATWELL/ATWILL**

Percy Gerard, private, 13th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force. Son of Thomas Atwill of Dousland, South Devon and his wife Sarah H Atwill (née Gerrard) of 7, Richmond Crescent. A miner living in Auburn, New South Wales, Australia. Killed in action, Courtenay's Post, Gallipoli, aged 28, 27th August 1915.

Commemorated at Lone Pine Memorial near Eceabat in Turkey.

299 **ATWELL/ATWILL**

Thomas Alfred /Arthur, private, 10th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force. Son of Thomas Atwill of Dousland, South Devon and his wife Sarah H Atwill (née Gerrard) of 7, Richmond Crescent. A miner living in Auburn, New South Wales, Australia. Killed in action, Gallipoli, aged 40, 19th May 1915. Laid to rest at Shrapnel Valley Cemetery near Eceabat in Turkey.

A third brother - Leslie Hyde Atwill - was also killed in action, aged 24, 30th January 1917 near Ypres in Belgium. All three brothers are commemorated on the war memorial at Walkhampton, Devon.

A fourth brother - William Atwill - had emigrated to Australia in 1912 with Percy and Thomas to try gold mining. William served with 4th Light Trench Mortar Battery, Australian Imperial Force in the Dardenelles and France. He survived and was awarded the Military Medal in May 1918.

16658 **BATCHELOR**

Walter Henry, sergeant, 10th Battalion, Welsh Regiment. Son of Henry Batchelor and his wife Jane of 38, Daniel Street. Husband of Ellen Batchelor (née Coles) of 9, Coedcae Street. A warehouseman at Spiller's flour mill. Killed in action, aged 32, 2nd August 1917. Laid to rest at Artillery Wood Cemetery near Ypres in Belgium.



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35622 **DACRE**

Harry (Hetherington), private, 2nd Battalion Welsh Regiment. Son of William Dacre and his wife Margaret of 58 Whitwell Road, Southsea, Hampshire - formerly of 107, Dogfield Street. Killed in action, aged 17, 8th September 1916. One of the "missing of the Somme" commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial in France.

1408 **DAVIES**

Arthur, private, 7th Battalion, Welsh Regiment. Son of Philip Henry Davies and his wife Charlotte Sophia of 33, Roath Court Road. An office boy at Bute Dry Dock. Died at home, aged 18, 13th May 1915. Laid to rest at Cardiff (Cathays) cemetery.

DAVIES

Herbert (Edward), lieutenant, Royal Fleet Auxilliary 'Hughli' Son of Benjamin Edward Davies and his wife Louisa of 11, James Street. A marine apprentice. Killed, aged 26, when RFA Hughli exploded off the Belgian coast, 26th April 1919. Laid to rest at Cathays cemetery, Cardiff and commemorated on the Naval Memorial, Plymouth.

DAVIES

Percy Hier, captain, 17th (attached to 15th) Battalion, Welsh Regiment. Son of Percy Llewellyn Davies and his wife Mary of 75, Claude Road. A solicitor's clerk. Killed in action, aged 24, 16th August 1917. Commemorated at Tyne Cot memorial near Ypres in Belgium.

845 **DIGGORY**

Edward/Edwin, (Thomas), acting quarter-master sergeant, Royal Army Medical Corps. Son of Henry R Diggory and his wife Harriett of 46, Albany Road. A clerk at the Great Western Railway. Killed in action, Gallipoli, aged 25, 20th August 1915. Laid to rest at Hill 10 Cemetery near Eceabat in Turkey.

36875 **ELSTON**

(James) **Edward**, sergeant, 2/7th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers. Son of George Elston and his wife Alice of 100, Strathnairn Street. A plumber and gas fitter. Killed in action, aged 35, 14th November 1917. Commemorated at Tyne Cot memorial near Ypres in Belgium.



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1948 **FLETCHER**

Ernest (James), corporal, 1/2nd Welsh Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps. Son of James Boulton Fletcher and his wife Clara Sara of 57, Mackintosh Place. An electro-plater at Electro Motors. Killed Gallipoli, aged 24, 11th August 1915. Laid to rest at Hill 10 Cemetery near Eceabat in Turkey.

6720 **GALE**

Albert (Thomas), private, 2/4th Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Son of Richard Henry Gale and his wife Lily of 79, Donald Street. An errand boy. Died of his wounds, aged 20, 14th July 1916. Laid to rest at Merville Communal cemetery between Bèthune and Armentières in France.

62120 **GIBBONS/GIBBINS**

Thomas Spencer, private, 75th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps. Son of Thomas Gibbins and his wife Rose of 41, Mackintosh Place. Killed, aged 21, 1st May 1918. Laid to rest at Nine Elms British cemetery at Poperinge near Ypres in Belgium.

24062 **GODFREY**

William (George), private, 16th Battalion, Welsh Regiment. Son of Thomas John Godfrey and his wife Jane Olive of 68, Monthermer Road. An apprentice engine fitter. Killed in action, aged 23, 7th July 1916. Laid to rest at Flatiron Copse cemetery near Albert on the Somme in France.

14135 **GRIFFITHS**

William Henry, lance corporal, 11th Battalion, Welsh Regiment. Son of Arthur James Griffiths and his wife Sarah Ellen of 9, Mafeking Road. A jeweller's assistant. Killed in action, aged 25, 24th December 1917. Laid to rest at Doiran Military cemetery near the Romanian border in Greece.

690 **GROVER**

Edward Brockett, private, 22nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Son of lieutenant colonel Henry Llewellyn Grover and his wife Margaret of Porthcawl, husband of Ada of Penylan Court. Killed in action Delville Wood, the Somme, aged 36, 29th July 1916. Laid to rest at the Church of St. Peter, Peterston-super-Ely. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial in France.



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290002 **HALL**

Frederick James, sergeant, 14th Battalion, Welsh Regiment. Son of Walter Hall and his wife Laura of 38, Arabella Street. A clerk at a meat exporter. Killed in action, aged 26, 30th August 1918. Laid to rest at Morval British cemetery in the Pas de Calais, France.

HANCOCK

Ernest Ralph. Son of William Henry Hancock and his wife Mary Ann of 110, Arabella Street. *(No further information currently available)*

9644 **HUNT**

Herbert Clifford, private, 2nd (Infantry) Battalion, Honourable Artillery Company. Son of Edward Hunt and his wife Emma Elizabeth of 22, Tydfil Place. A coal importer's clerk. Killed in action, aged 19, 15th May 1917 at Bullecourt during the Arras offensive. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial in the Pas de Calais, France.

786 **HUSSEY**

Leslie Gifford, private, 7th Battalion, Welsh Regiment. Son of William Hussey and his wife Clara formerly of 95, Whitchurch Terrace. A tram conductor with Cardiff Corporation. Died at home, aged 21, 9th

November 1914. Laid to rest at Arbroath Eastern cemetery, Angus Scotland.

34208 **JONES**

(Philip) **Harold**, private, 11th Battalion, Welsh Regiment. Son of Philip Jones and his wife Edith of 132, Kimberley Road (and formerly of 149 Inverness Place). Killed in action, aged 20, 10th September 1916. Commemorated on the Doiran Memorial near the Romanian border in Greece.

3082 **JONES**

Leslie (Price), private, No 2 Company 1st Battalion, Honourable Artillery Company. Son of Sydney Jones and his wife Clara Louisa of 32, Sandringham Road. (Sydney was assistant superintendent of postal telegraphs in Cardiff). Died, as a result of gunshot wound to the arms and legs received at Brandhoek 5 days previously, aged 19, 29th September 1915. Laid to rest at Etaples Military cemetery near Boulogne, Pas de Calais in France.

Leslie's brother Sydney Sherlock Jones emigrated to Illinois, USA and served with 39th Engineers Battalion of the US Army



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JONES, Thomas

No further information currently available

J/3542 KEAYS

Victor (Thomas), able seaman, HMS Indefatigable, Royal Navy battlecruiser. Son of Frederick Francis Keays and his wife Margaret Anna of 12, Theodora Street (and formerly of 6, Moy Road and 2, Crwys Road). Killed in action, aged 23, 4.03 pm, 31st May 1916 when the Indefatigable was sunk by the German battlecruiser Von der Tann at the Battle of Jutland. There were only two survivors of the ship's complement of 1,015.

*Victor's brother **Herbert George Keays** served with 3rd Battalion Welsh Regiment and died at home, aged 30, 26th February 1915. He was laid to rest at Cathays cemetery.*

730912 LOWE

Reginald (John), gunner, 78th Headquarters Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Son of Ernest Atkins Lowe and his wife Mary of 127, Inverness Place. Killed in action, aged 21, 10th September 1918. Laid to rest at Varennes Military cemetery near Amiens on the Somme in France.

23532 MARTIN

Alfred, private, 16th Battalion, Welsh Regiment. Son of Frank Martin and his wife Martha of 22, Devon Place, Grangetown. Husband of Annie (née Donovan) of 52, Daniel Street. A labourer. Killed in action, aged 22, 8th March 1916. Laid to rest at Le Touret military cemetery in the Pas de Calais, France.

MOORE George

No further information currently available

MORGAN Ivor

No further information currently available

743 SPURWAY

Arthur (George), sergeant, 'D' Battery, 149th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Son of James Spurway and his wife Hannah of 12, Crwys Place. A porter on the Great Western Railway. Killed in action, aged 26, 5th May 1918. Laid to rest at Brandhoek New Military No. 3 cemetery near Ypres in Flanders, Belgium.



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348208 STEPHENS

(Thomas Henry) **Cuthbert**, signaller, 96th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Son of Henry Stephens and his wife Maud of 26, Roath Court Road (and formerly of 83, Keppoch Street). A junior accountant's clerk at R H March. Died, aged 24, 18th March 1920. Laid to rest at Cardiff (Cathays) cemetery

220488 STEPHENS

George Arthur, gunner, 51st Battery, 39th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Son of Edward Pedlar Stephens and his wife Annie of 15, Mackintosh Place. Killed in action, aged 20, 23rd September 1918. Laid to rest at Vadencourt British cemetery, Maiseemy near St Quentin, Aisne in France.

57117 THOMAS

David, private, 17th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Son of William Thomas and his wife Maria of 43, Inverness Place. A butcher's assistant. Died, aged 19, 6th November 1916. Laid to rest at Ferme-Olivier cemetery near Ypres in Flanders, Belgium.

23873 WARDEN

John (William), private, 'D' company, 16th Battalion, Welsh Regiment. Son of Alfred J Warden and his wife Emily of 45, Donald Street. Killed in action, aged 19, 18th July 1916. Laid to rest at Serre Road No. 1 cemetery near Albert on the Somme, Pas de Calais in France.

*John's brother **Alfred Henry Warden** served as an air mechanic 2nd class with the Royal Air Force at No. 12 Training Depot Station. He died, aged 19, 25th September 1918. Laid to rest at Cathays cemetery Cardiff.*

348205 WATKINS

Thomas (Llewellyn), gunner, 122nd Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Grandson of Thomas Llewellyn Miles and his wife Margaret of 13, Kelvin Road. A builder's clerk. Killed in action, aged 23, 7th April 1917. Laid to rest at Vaulx Hill cemetery near Bapaume, Pas de Calais in France.

S/12313 WHEELER

Herbert George, private, 1st Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders. Son of Albert Wheeler and his wife Harriett of 32, Braeval Street. Died, aged 18, 14th July 1916. Laid to rest at Amara War cemetery, Kut al Amara, Iraq.



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PS/1075 **WILLIAMS**

Rice Watkin private, 23rd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. Son of Henry Williams and his wife Sarah of 18, Ninian Road. A chartering clerk. Killed in action, aged 27, 13th November 1916. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial in France.

WILLIAMS

Trevor James, second cook, Merchant Navy. Son of Alfred James Williams and his wife Bronwen of 43, Mackintosh Place. Lost at sea, aged 18, 5th October 1918 when SS Reventazon - owned by Elders & Fyffes Shipping Line - was torpedoed and sunk, with the loss of 15 lives, in the Gulf of Salonika by German submarine UC23. Commemorated on the Tower Hill Merchant Navy Memorial, London

2201 **YORATH**

Glynne Lougher, lieutenant, 12th Battalion, South Wales Borderers. Son of William Lougher Yorath and his wife Elizabeth Ann of "Strathlyn" Lake Road East. A solicitor's articled clerk. Killed in action, aged 22, 23rd November 1917 at Bourslon Wood during the Battle of Cambrai. Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louveral Cambrai, Nord, France.

The Cenotaph



The Cenotaph, London

Probably the best-known cenotaph in the modern world is the one that stands in Whitehall, London.

It was constructed from Portland stone between 1919-1920 by Sir Edwin Lutyens to replace an identical plaster cenotaph erected in 1919 for the Allied Victory Parade. It is undecorated save for a carved wreath on each end and the words "The Glorious Dead", chosen by Rudyard Kipling. The Cenotaph is the site of the annual national service of remembrance held at 11 a.m. on Remembrance Sunday, the closest Sunday to the 11th November (Armistice Day).



802804 **ANSON**

Edward, lance bombardier, 22 Field Regiment Royal Artillery. Son of Oscar Anson and his wife Maud Mary of 125, Glenroy Street, husband of Kathleen Anson of Neath. Killed in action, aged 32, 17th July 1944 fighting as part of 6th Armoured Division near Arezzo, Italy. Laid to rest at Arezzo War Cemetery.

D/J107883 **ANSON**

Jack (John Oscar Henry), able seaman, Royal Navy. Son of Oscar Anson and his wife Maud Mary of 125, Glenroy Street husband of Jessie Anson of Keyham Devonport. Killed in action, aged 36, 31st December 1942 when the destroyer HMS Onslow was attacked, by the German heavy cruiser Admiral Hipper, in convoy en route to Murmansk, Russia. Commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

976784 **BALE**

(Frank) **Edwin** (Fricker), sergeant wireless operator - air, 57 Squadron Royal Air Force. Son of Henry Augustus Bale and his wife Eileen Margaret of Gabalfa. Died, aged 27, 6th September, 1944, of wounds received when his aircraft (Lancaster DX-K) crashed in open country, 8th July, 1944, between Fresnoy-Le-Long and St-Macloude

Folleville in the department of Seine-Maritime, France. Other members of the crew were either killed in action or taken prisoners of war. The aircraft was on a mission from RAF East Kirkby to destroy a flying bomb storage site at St Leu d'Esserent. Laid to rest at Durnbach war cemetery near Bad Tolz in Bavaria, Germany.

932208 **BROCK**

Reginald (William Thomas), sergeant (pilot) Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Son of Reginald William Brock and his wife Mary A. of Cardiff. Died, aged 22, 12th May 1943. Laid to rest at Harare (Pioneer) cemetery, Zimbabwe (formerly Southern Rhodesia).

1261893 **CHALLICOMBE**

Henry George, sergeant (navigator/bomber/wireless operator), 23 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. (23 Squadron flew Mosquitos out of RAF Bradwell Bay). Son of William Edgar Challicombe and his wife Ethel L (née Jenkins), husband of Sheila Margaret Challicombe (nee Dawkins) of Roath. Died, aged 22, 9th September 1942. Laid to rest at Cardiff (Cathays) cemetery

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313431 **CLARKE** *priest*
Colin George, chaplain 4th class,
Royal Army Chaplain's
department. Son of Percy Clarke
and his wife Emily Elizabeth of
Canton. A former assistant curate at
St Martin Roath. Died, aged 35, 8th
June 1946. Laid to rest at Yaba
cemetery near Lagos in Nigeria.

1389509 **CROCK**
Herbert (Windsor), sergeant
(observer), 25 Operational Training
Unit, Royal Air Force. Son of
Herbert Oliver Crock and his wife
May of Diana Street. Killed in
action, aged 26, 16th September,
1942, when his aircraft (Wellington
BJ969) was shot down by a night
fighter and crashed near Rheine.
Other members of the crew were
either killed in action or taken
prisoners of war. The aircraft was
on a bombing mission from RAF
Finningley to Essen, Germany.
Laid to rest at Reichswald Forest
war cemetery near Kleve in Nord
Rhein Westfalen, Germany.

2065833 **DAVIES**
Haydn (Clifford), sapper, 246 Field
Company, Royal Engineers (part of
3rd Infantry Division under major-
general B L Montgomery). Son of
Charles Wilfred Davies and his
wife Cecilia Florence of Roath.
Killed in action, aged 19, 31st May,
1940 during the defence of the
Dunkirk - Nieuport perimeter.

Laid to rest at Coxyde military
cemetery, near Koksijde, Flanders,
Belgium.

6030810 **DAWNAY**
Hugh John, sergeant, 1st Battalion,
Parachute Regiment, Army Air
Corps. Son of Percy St John
Dawnay and his wife Emily Matilda
(née Gardner) of 108, Penylan Road.
Killed in action, aged 34, 3rd
February 1943 when 1st Battalion
were attacking two hillsides in
Tunisia. Commemorated on the
Medjez-el-Bab memorial west of
Tunis, Tunisia.

*The Great East Window at St Martin's
was given in memory of him and there
is a plaque marking this gift in the
North Entrance Porch of the Church.*





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2585877 **DICKENSON**

Kenneth Frank, officer cadet, Royal Corps of Signals. Son of Frank Edward Dickenson and his wife Doris Winifred. Killed in action, aged 23, 12th January, 1944. Laid to rest Kirkee war cemetery, near Poona, India.

1276504 **FOAN**

Maxwell, aircraftman 2nd class, 605 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Son of Katie Foan, a tailoress, of 66, Arabella Street. Captured by the Japanese 20th March 1942 and held in Singapore and Java. While being transferred to Japan, departed Takao, Taiwan 20th June, 1944 with 771 other allied prisoners of war aboard 'Tamahoko Maru'. Lost at sea, aged 22, 24th June, 1944 when the Tamahoko Maru was attacked and sunk by the US submarine 'USS Tang' in the Koshiki Straits, South West of Nagasaki with the loss of 560 prisoners of war. Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Kranji, Singapore.

5619522 **GILBERT**

Terence Russell, gunner, 86th Anti-Tank Regiment (5th Battalion, Devonshire Regiment), Royal Artillery. Son of Francis Philip Gilbert and his wife Evelyn. Killed in action, aged 23, 12th July, 1944 during the advance to Caen following D-Day. Laid to rest Secqueville-en-Bessin war cemetery between Bayeaux and Caen, Normandy, France.

887590 **HOWELL**

(John) Geoffery/ Geoffrey, lance sergeant, 240 Battery, 77th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery. Son of James John Howell and his wife Gwendoline Marie of 65, Moy Road. Captured by the Japanese in Malaya, 8th March, 1942 and put to work on the Burma-Thailand ailway. Died, aged 32, 29th June, 1943 - one of 16,000 allied prisoners of war who died, mainly of sickness, malnutrition and exhaustion, during the building of this railway. Laid to rest Kanchanaburi war cemetery, Thailand.

5627082 **HURLEY**

Thomas (William), private, 12th Battalion, Devonshire Regiment. Died 9th December, 1940. Laid to rest at Cardiff (Cathays) cemetery.



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1808538 **JENKINS**

(Evan) **John**, gunner, 89 Battery, 35th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery. Son of Evan John and Joan Jenkins of Tongwynlais. Captured by the Japanese in Malaya, 15th February, 1942 and put to work on the Burma-Thailand railway. Died, aged 22, 28th January 1943. Laid to rest Kanchanaburi war cemetery, Thailand.

P/MX 101508 **JOHN**

Clifford Trevor, Petty Officer Radio Mechanic, HMS Tynedale, Royal Navy destroyer. Son of Edwin Philip John and his wife Dora Evelyn of Whitchurch. Killed in action, aged 21, 07.10, 12th December, 1943 when HMS Tynedale - which was escorting convoy KMS-34 from Gibraltar to Port Said - was attacked and sunk, with loss of 7 officers and 66 ratings, by German submarine U-593 off the Algerian coast. Laid to rest, Bone war cemetery, Annaba, Algeria.

FAA/SFX 1539 **JONES**

Kenneth Edwin, air mechanic 1st class, Fleet Air Arm, HMS Avenger, Royal Navy escort carrier. Son of Frederick Jones and his wife Lily of Donald Street. A chorister at St Martin. Lost at sea, aged 20, 03.05, 15th November 1942 when HMS Avenger - part of convoy MKF1 en route from Gibraltar to the Clyde - was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine U-155, with the loss of all but 12 lives.

Commemorated on the Lee-on-Solent Fleet Air Arm Memorial, Hampshire.

LAWTON

Thomas Hatfield, chief engineer officer, MV Frederick S Fales, Merchant Navy. Son of Thomas Lawton and his wife Emma of Lezayre, Isle of Man. Husband of Selina (née Davison) of Gabalfa. Lost at sea, aged 52, 01.52, 22nd September, 1942 when MV Frederick S Fales - owned by Standard Fruit & Steamship Corporation Oriental Tankers Limited - was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine U-155 off the west coast of Ireland with the loss of 20 of its crew of 48.

Commemorated on the Tower Hill Merchant Navy Memorial, London.



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2566049 **LENTLE**

Clifford James, sergeant, 1st Battalion, Welsh Guards. Son of Charles James and his wife Charlotte Lydia of 36 New Zealand Road, Gabalfa. Husband of Edna May (née Carter). Killed in action, aged 32, 11th August 1944 during the advance from Caen following D-Day. Laid to rest Banneville-la-Campagne war cemetery, Normandy, France.

NICHOLL

Reginald, chief steward, SS Harpalyce, Merchant Navy. Son of Walter Nicholl and his wife Lillian of Roath Park. Lost at sea, aged 34, 23.53, 25th August, 1940 when SS Harpalyce - owned by Gowland Steamship Company - was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine U-124 23 miles north of the Butt of Lewis, Scotland - with the loss of 37 of its crew of 42. Commemorated on the Tower Hill Merchant Navy Memorial, London.

3963505 **PALMER**

Charles (Vivian), sergeant, 4th Battalion, Parachute Regiment, Army Air Corps. Son of Charles William Palmer and his wife Lillian Alice. Husband of Florence May (née Dyke) of Alum Rock, Birmingham. Killed in action, aged 24, 14th January 1944. Laid to rest at Sangro River war cemetery near Abruzzo in Italy.

7357395 **PARSONS**

Gilbert (Alexander), warrant officer class II (QMS), Royal Army Medical Corps. Son of Albert Henry Parsons and his wife Deborah of Strathnairn Street. Husband of Betty K J (née Neathey) of Gabalfa. Died, aged 25, 31st July 1943. Laid to rest at Cardiff (Cathays) cemetery.

PARSONS Lewis

No further information currently available

2575669 **PARSONS**

Terrence/ Terence (Lewis), signalman, Royal Corps of Signals. Son of Lewis Parsons and his wife Doris of Pontcanna. Died, aged 19, 14th January 1942. Laid to rest at Cardiff (Cathays) cemetery.

2359936 **PATTISON**

Norman (Miller), signalman, 2 Royal Horse Artillery Signal Troop, Royal Corps of Signals. Son of Robert Pattison and his wife Margaret. Husband of Beryl Joan S (née Washer) of Roath Park. Killed in action, aged 29, 3rd July 1942 during the Western Desert campaign prior to the battle of El Alamein. Laid to rest at El Alamein war cemetery in Egypt.



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P/JX 625189 **PHILLIPS**

Gordon (Morrison), ordinary seaman, HMS Quorn, Royal Navy hunt class destroyer. Lost at sea, 3rd August 1944. HMS Quorn was acting as an escort for personnel convoys during Operation Neptune (the naval support to the D Day landings in Normandy). She was hit and sunk, during a heavy attack on the British assault area by German E-boats, explosive motor boats, human torpedoes and low flying aircraft, with the loss of 4 officers and 126 ratings.

2090074 **REES**

Edward Herbert, sergeant, 246 Field Company, Royal Engineers. Son of John Rees and his wife Constance. Husband of Doreen May (née Webster). Killed in action, aged 24, 14th October 1944. Laid to rest at Overloon war cemetery south of Nijmegen in The Netherlands. Mentioned in despatches.

D/KX 86827 **ROBERTS**

Leonard (Albert), petty officer stoker, Royal Navy. Died, 3rd March 1946. Laid to rest at Plymouth (Weston Mill) cemetery in Devon.

1314240 **SHEPHERD**

John, flight sergeant (pilot), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Son of Frederick Shepherd and his wife Edith Rosina (née Davis); husband of Barbara (née Shopland) of Roath Park. Died, aged 22, 3rd November 1943. Laid to rest at Cardiff (Cathays) cemetery.

1333546 **TWIDDY**

Robert, sergeant (air gunner), 44 Squadron, Royal Air Force. Son of William Twiddy and his wife Mabel of Balham, London. Killed in action, aged 20, 30th March 1943, when his aircraft (Lancaster KM-H) crashed at Strausberg east north-east of Berlin, Germany with the loss of all 7 crew members. Laid to rest at Berlin 1939-1945 war cemetery, Berlin, Germany.

128420 **WASHER**

Robert, pilot officer (bomb aimer/navigator), 405 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Son of Edwin Rainey Washer and his wife Florence (née Jenkins) of Whitchurch (and formerly of Howard Terrace); husband of Joan (née Williamson) of Aberdeen. Died, aged 31, 20th December 1942. Laid to rest at Cardiff (Cathays) cemetery.



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883075 **WILLIAMS**

Barbara (Sarah Watkin), aircraftwoman 1st class, Woen's Auxiliary Air Force. Daughter of Thomas Baker Williams and his wife Annie Maud of Ninian Road. Killed, during an air raid on Lincolnshire, aged 17, 20th June 1940. Laid to rest at Cardiff (Cathays) cemetery following a military funeral at St Martin's Church.

On the 10th October 1935 Barbara's sister Betty had married Cardiff boxing legend Jack Petersen.

1003600 **WILLIS**

Ronald Frank, sergeant, (wireless operator-air), 219 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Son of Alfred Walter Willis (pork butcher) and his wife Emily Julia of Mackintosh Place; husband of Mary Joan (née Evans) of Gabalfa. Killed, aged 25, 8th February 1941 when his aircraft (Beaufighter R2074 based at RAF Tangmere) crashed near Slindon, Sussex, after the pilot reported the aircraft being full of smoke. Laid to rest at Cardiff (Cathays) cemetery following a military funeral at St Martin's Church.

Two Minute Silence

At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The Two Minute Silence is observed on Armistice Day, the day which marks the end of the First World War.

Remembrance Sunday

The second Sunday in November, is the day traditionally put aside to remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. On this day people across the nation pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave Service men and women.

The Royal British Legion has always supported the traditional Remembrance Sunday services and the customary Two Minute Silence on that day. As the national custodian of Remembrance, the Legion also believes that when 11th November (Armistice Day) falls on days other than Sundays - on working days - Remembrance should be brought into the everyday life of the nation on those days as well.

The revival of support for observance of this demonstrates that, despite the passing of the years and the declining number of veterans, the nation still feels strongly about Remembrance.



Why the Poppy?

The **blood red** poppy has long been a symbol of our Remembrance of the sacrifices made in past wars.

The poppy has a long association with Remembrance Day.

But how did the distinctive red flower become such a potent symbol of our remembrance of the sacrifices made in past wars?

Scarlet corn poppies popaver rhoeas grow naturally in conditions of disturbed earth throughout Western Europe.

The destruction brought by the Napoleonic wars of the early 19th Century transformed bare land into fields of blood red poppies, growing around the bodies of the fallen soldiers.

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In late 1914, the fields of Northern France and Flanders were once again ripped open as World War One raged through Europe's heart. Once the conflict was over the poppy was one of the only plants to grow on the otherwise barren battlefields.

The significance of the poppy as a lasting memorial symbol to the fallen was realised by the Canadian surgeon John McCrae in his poem "In Flanders Fields". The day before he wrote it one of John's closest friends was killed and buried in a grave decorated with a simple wooden cross. Wild poppies were already blooming between the crosses that marked the graves of those who were killed in battle. Unable to help his friend or other fallen soldiers, John McCrae gave them a voice through "In Flanders Fields".

The poppy came to represent the immeasurable sacrifice made by his comrades and quickly became a lasting memorial to those who died in World War One and later conflicts. It was adopted by The Royal British Legion as the symbol for their Poppy Appeal, in aid of those serving in the British Armed Forces, after its formation in 1921.



In Flanders Fields John McCrae

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Jesus said,
'Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends'.
Saint John Chapter 15 Verse 13

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of mankind.

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Rest eternal grant to them O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them**

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion
on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole
both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace:
turn our hearts and the hearts of all people to yourself, that by the power
of your spirit, the peace which is founded on righteousness
may be established throughout the world.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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For The Fallen

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

*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.*

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

His best known poem For The Fallen (1914), most notably the fourth stanza which adorns numerous war memorials.