

WILTSHIRE POLICE OFFICERS WHO DIED DURING WWI & WWII

The following men are commemorated on the Wiltshire Constabulary Memorials, Police Headquarters, London Road, Devizes



LET THEIR NAME BE REMEMBERED ALWAYS

ASTLE, ALFRED (DFC) - Pilot Officer 177562 - 156 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 24th September 1944 - age 29 - son of Arthur and Clara Kate Astle; husband of Dulcie Astle (nee Seager) of Swindon; Police Rank of Constable - Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Coopers Hill, Englefield, Surrey - Grave/Memorial Reference - Pane 210.

BULL, LEONARD JAMES - Flight Sergeant/Wireless Operator 1606722 - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 28th December 1944 - age 20 - son of Charles James and Beatrice Ellen Bull of Westbury; husband of Phyllis May Bull of Westbury; Police Rank of Junior Clerk - Buried at Dilton Marsh (Holy Trinity) Churchyard, Dilton Marsh - Grave/Memorial Reference - Grave 188.

CARTER, HERBERT WILLIAM - Private SE/25303 - No. 1 Convalescent Horse Depot, Army Veterinary Corps attached to 29th Army Base Depot - died 2nd March 1917 of illness at Rouen Hospital - age 23 - born in Steeple Langford; enlisted at Chippenham; resident of Chippenham; Police Rank of Constable; son of Edward and Maria Carter of Hanging Langford, Salisbury; brother of Police Constable E. G. Carpenter of Wiltshire Constabulary - Buried at St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - O. VI. C. 5.

CATT, HENRY NATHANIEL - Flying Officer 176420 - 158 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 13th August 1944 - Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Coopers Hill, Englefield, Surrey - Grave/Memorial Reference - Pane 205.

CLEMENT, FREDERICK CECIL WALTER - Flight Lieutenant/Pilot 150238 - 106th Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 8th July 1944 - age 27 - son of Arthur & Nellie Clement; Police Rank of Constable - Buried at St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - Block "S". Plot 1. Row I. Collective Grave 6-7.

CLEMPSON, RICHARD JOHN - Guardsman 2662685 - 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards - died 16th - 17th March 1943 - age 20 - son of Frederick & Maud Clempson

of Abergavenny, Monmouthshire; Police Rank of Junior Clerk - Commemorated on the Medjez-el-Bab Memorial, Tunisia - Grave/Memorial Reference - Face 12; Commemorated on the King Henry VIII School Memorial, Old Hereford Road, Pen-y-Pound, Abergavenny, Gwent; Commemorated on the King Henry VIII Grammar School Roll of Honour, Abergavenny Library, Baker Street, Abergavenny, Gwent; Commemorated on a photograph at King Henry VIII School, Old Hereford Road, Pen-y-Pound, Abergavenny, Gwent; Commemorated in the Abergavenny Memorial List, Gwent County Archives, County Hall, Croesycoeliog, Cwmbran, Gwent

COX, HERBERT - Private 12581 - 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards - died 29th August 1918 of sickness - Police Rank of Constable - buried at Minchinhampton (Holy Trinity) Churchyard, Gloucestershire - Grave/Memorial Reference - North of church (This is the only Herbert serving with the Grenadier Guards)

COX, WALTER HAROLD - Private 33562 - 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - died 6th August 1917 - age 27 - Police Rank of Constable; son of Walter & Rebecca Cox of Cloford, Somerset - buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference - XVII. B. 3A.

CURTIS, REGINALD HARRY MARK - Captain 313898 - General List (Civil Affairs) - died 4th May 1945 - age 39 - son of Harry and Minnie Maud Curtis; husband of Dora Elizabeth of Salisbury - Police Rank of Trainee Inspector - Buried at Brussels Town Cemetery, Evere, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference - X. 21. 12

DORRINGTON, REGINALD JOB - Corporal 33510 - 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - died 24th March 1918 age 25 - Born March Quarter of 1893 in Sutton Mandeville; son of Job and Emily Dorrington of Dawsleth Farm, Sutton Mandeville; Police Rank of Constable; former milker on fathers' farm - Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - Bay 7

FEWTRELL, RONALD NORMAN - Flying Officer/Bomb Aimer 130288 - 102 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 28th May 1943 - age 32 - son of Ernest George and Minnie Albanette Fewtrell of Southsea, Hampshire; Police Rank of Trainee or Temporary Detective or Desk Sergeant - Buried at Wieringen (Hippolytushoef) General Cemetery, Noord-Holland, Netherlands - Grave/Memorial Reference - Plot C. Row 13. Collective Grave 378-380

FORDE, WILLIAM FRANCIS VICTOR - Flying Officer/Pilot 166823 - 525 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 30th November 1945 - age 23 - son of Francis Victor William and Mabel Jessie Forde of Warminster; Police Rank of Constable - Buried at Heliopolos War Cemetery, Egypt - Grave/Memorial Reference - 4. F. 24

HARNESS, JACK - Gunner 845755 - 122 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery - died 22nd June 1944 - Police Rank of Constable - Buried at Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan - Grave/Memorial Reference - British Section Q. C. 8.

HAYES, ALFRED EDWARD - Sergeant/Flight Engineer 1277063 - 78 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 12th June 1943 - age 39 - son of Edward

and Josephine Hayes of Swindon; Police Rank of Special Constable - Buried at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany - Grave/Memorial Reference - 5. G. 8.

HOPPS, FRANCIS THOMAS (DFC) - Flight Lieutenant/Pilot 133250 - 103 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 2nd December 1943- age 28 - son of John and Alice Hopps; husband of Betty Georgina Hopps of Salisbury; Police Rank of Constable - Buried at Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Berlin, Germany - Grave/Memorial Reference - Collective Grave 5. D. 14-20.

HOWELL, EDWARD LEONARD COLSTON - Flight Sergeant 1317047 - 635 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 16th June 1944 - age 31 - son of Benjamin Reginald and Lottie Howell of Swindon; husband of Barbara Mary Helene Howell of Swindon; Police Rank of Constable - Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Coopers Hill, Englefield, Surrey - Grave/Memorial Reference - Pane 219.

JOHNSON, HERBERT - Lieutenant 302137 - Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (Possibly Commando Regiment) - died 17th March 1944 - age 28 - son of Herbert and Emily Johnson of Barnsley, Yorkshire; husband of Irene Johnson of Bemerton, Salisbury; Police Rank of Trainee Detective Sergeant - Buried at Barnsley Cemetery, Barnsley, Yorkshire - Grave/Memorial Reference - Section 9. Grave 40.

KING, GERALD - Private 15458 - 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards - died 29th July 1917 - age 24 - Born in Athlone, Ireland; son of George and Mary King of 10 Myrtle Avenue, Warminster; Police Rank of Constable; former blacksmiths' striker; former resident of Lowden, Chippenham - commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 11 - Commemorated on the Chippenham Town War Memorial, Market Place, Chippenham

KNOWLER, ARCHIE GERRARD - Aircraftman 2nd Class/Pilot (Under Training) 1608464 - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 27th January 1945 - age 28 - son of Edward and Nirva Venah Knowler; husband of Gertrude Llewellyn Knowler of Wickham, Berkshire; Police Rank of Constable - Buried at Bulawayo (Athlone) Cemetery, Zimbabwe - Grave/Memorial Reference - Grave 126

LANNING, GEORGE HENRY - Private 14273575 - 1st Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) - died 30th January 1944 - age 27 - son of Frederic and Florence Ethel Lanning; husband of Iris Lanning of Charlton Marshall, Dorset; Police Rank of Constable - Buried at Anzio War Cemetery, Anzio, Italy - Grave/Memorial Reference - I. B. 10.

McDOUGALL, JOHN EDWARD - Corporal 7883383 - 2nd Royal Tank Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps - died 15th June 1941 - age 27 - son of George Edward and Mary Elizabeth McDougall of Southport, Lancashire; Police Rank of Constable -

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt - Grave/Memorial Reference - Column 21

MINCHIN, ARTHUR - Private 204102 - 1st/1st Bucks Battalion, Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry - died 16th August 1917- age 30 - Born in Henley, Berkshire; son of the late Jacob and Jane Minchin; husband of Maud Minchin of Emscote House, 62 Market Place, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire; Police Rank of Constable; former domestic gardener - Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 96 to 98.

OPPERMAN, PAUL/PHILLIP FRANCIS - Pilot Officer/Observer 100561 - 217 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 26th September 1941 - age 19 - son of Percival Herman and Jessie Opperman of Ventnor, Isle of Wight, Hampshire; Police Rank of Junior Clerk - Buried at Rowde (St. Matthew) Churchyard, Rowde

PERKINS, JACK AUSTIN - Flying Officer 130511 - 102 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 25th June 1943 - age 26 - son of Godwin George & Edith Ellen Perkins; husband of Iris Gwendoline Perkins of Swaythling, Hampshire; Police Rank of Constable - Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Coopers Hill, Englefield Green, Surrey

PONTING, FREDERICK LEWIS JOHN - Pilot Officer/Navigator/Bomber 189069 - 156 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 17th April 1945 - age 34 - son of Frederick and Edith Ponting; husband of Kathleen Joyce Ponting of Kingskerswell, Devon; Police Rank of Constable - Buried at Rheinberg War Cemetery, Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany - Grave/Memorial Reference - Collective Grave 9. K. 18-25

RAY, JOHN - Flight Lieutenant/Air Gunner 162911 - 97 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 23rd February 1945 - age 38 - husband of Winifred Kathleen Joyce Ray of Chippenham; Police Rank of Sergeant - Buried at Tonsberg Old Cemetery, Norway - Grave/Memorial Reference - 10. 4.

SAISNBURY, SIDNEY/SYDNEY GEORGE - Private 33500 - 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - died 22nd March 1918 - age 20 - son of Stephen and Elizabeth Sainsbury of Gore Cross Farm, West Lavington; former farmhand; Police Rank of Constable - Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - Bay 7

SANDY, GEORGE A. - Sergeant - Royal Air Force - died 1939-1945 - Police Rank of Constable (Unable to pin point the entry on the CWGC for this casualty)

SARTIN, KENNETH PAUL - Flight Sergeant/Pilot 1587320 - 215 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 2nd June 1945 - age 21 - son of Ernest Roy and Hilda Nellie Sartin of Trowbridge; Police Rank of Junior Clerk - Buried at Gauhati War Cemetery, India - Grave/Memorial Reference - 4. F. 15.

SMALL, EDWARD DEWEY - Lance Corporal P/2005 - Military Mounted Police, Military Police Corps - died 15th July 1916 of sickness - age 24 - son of Thomas and Elizabeth Ann Small of 29 Milton, East Knoyle; Police Rank of Constable - Buried at Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greek - Grave/Memorial Reference - 255.

SMITH, ARCHIBALD - 1914-1918 - Lancashire Fusiliers - Police Rank of Constable (Unable to pin point the entry on the CWGC for this casualty)

SMITH, HARRY OSWALD - Private 21 - 9th (Queens Royal) Lancers - died 29th October 1914 - age 26 - son of Frank Henry and Elizabeth Smith of Fargo Cottages, Amesbury; Police Rank of Constable - commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 1

STEVENS, ROBERT - Warrant Officer/Pilot 1337465 - 103 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 18th October 1943 - Police Rank of Constable - Buried at Hanover War Cemetery, Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany - Grave/Memorial Reference - Collective Grave 1. B. 12-16.

TAYLOR, WILLIE - 1914 - 1918 - Scots Guards - Police Rank of Constable (Unable to pin point the entry on the CWGC for this casualty)

WALDRON, JAMES ROY - Pilot Officer/Navigator 138055 - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - died 12th September 1943 - age 22 - son of James Daniel and Florence Elizabeth Jane Waldron of Swindon; Police Rank of Constable - Buried at Swindon (Whitworth Road) Cemetery, Whitworth Road, Swindon - Grave/Memorial Reference - Section H Grave 865.

WALTON, WILLIAM LESLIE - Lieutenant 293619 - Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force seconded to 5th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - died 18th March 1945 - age 29 - son of George and Georgina Walton; husband of Catherine Ellen Walton of Corsham; Police Rank of Constable - Commemorated on the Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar - Grave/Memorial Reference - Face 16.