



Casualty Biographies of WWI

Avebury

May their names be remembered always

Listed below is a short biography of those brave souls who gave their lives for their country and are in some way connected to Avebury

BOWSHER, WILLIAM JAMES - Private 70397 - 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment - died 27th September 1918 - born in Beckhampton; Enlisted at Marlborough - Buried at La Targette British Cemetery, Neuville-St. Vaast, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference:- IV. C. 8. Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book.

BRINDLE, HENRY JOSEPH - Private 16296 - 6th Battalion (Princess Charlotte of Wales) Royal Berkshire Regiment - died 31st July 1917 of wounds - age 32 - born in Marston Meysey; Enlisted at Marlborough; husband of E. Brindle of East Kennett, Marlborough - Buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference - XVI. G. 8A. - Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book.

BRINDLE, WALTER - Corporal 9772 - 1st Battalion (Princess Charlotte of Wales) Royal Berkshire Regiment - died 25th August 1914 - Born in Castle Eaton in 1893; Resident of West Kennet; Enlisted at Marlborough; Son of Joseph and Mary Brindle - Buried at Maroilles Communal Cemetery, Nord, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - None recorded - Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury - Commemorated on The Calne War Memorial, St. Mary Street, Calne - Named in the Calne & District Soldiers Book by Richard Broadbent - Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book, Salisbury Cathedral

CABLE, REGINALD ARTHUR - Private 18217 - 2nd Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh) Wiltshire Regiment - died 18th October 1918 - Born in Berwick St. James; Enlisted at Devizes, resident of Salisbury - Buried at Warlencourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - II. A. 14 - Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book.

CANNINGS, ERNEST - Private 6765 - 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - died 12th March 1915 - Born in Potterne; son of George and Elizabeth Cannings; Brother of Mr. William Cannings of 6 Rotherstone, Devizes; Employed as an Ostler at the Red Lion Inn, Avebury - Buried at La Laiterie Military Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference - I. B. 2 - Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book. *****

CHAMBERLIN, JOHN BOYD - Second Lieutenant - 13th Training Squadron, Royal Air Force - Died 23rd April 1918 in a flying accident near Avebury - Born in Mylor, Cornwall in 1899; Resident of Mylor, Cornwall; Son of Hugh Whitmore and Aileen Chamberlin; Stationed at Yatesbury - Buried in St. Mylor

Churchyard, Mylor, Cornwall - Grave/Memorial Reference:- None - Named in the Calne & District Soldiers Book by Richard Broadbent.

CHIVERS, CHARLES WILLIAM - Corporal 18112 - A Company 2nd Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh) Wiltshire Regiment - died 11th April 1917 - age 33 - born in Avebury; Enlisted at Devizes; resident of Avebury; husband of Agnes Eliza Chivers of High Street, Avebury, Marlborough - Buried at Warlincourt Halte British Cemetery, Saulty, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - VIII. C. 11. - Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book.

CHIVERS, JAMES - Private 18111 - Depot, Wiltshire Regiment - Died 24th December 1918 - Husband of Sophia Ash (formerly Chivers) of South Street, Avebury - Buried in St. James Churchyard, Avebury - Grave/Memorial Reference - Near North Boundary - Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book.

COOK, WILLIAM CHARLES - Private 305849 - 7th Battalion Tank Corps - died 8th October 1918 - age 34 - Born in Wroughton; Enlisted in Swindon; son of William and Eleanor Cook of Wroughton; husband of Elsie May Cook of 18 Wells Street, Swindon - Buried at Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - IV. F. 37. - Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book.

DEACON, ALBERT EDWARD - Private 54124 - 12th Battalion Durham Light Infantry (formerly 164418 Royal Field Artillery) - died 15th June 1917 of wounds - Born in Avebury; Enlisted at Marlborough - Buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - XXII. K. 21A - Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book.

FISHLOCK, WILLIAM DAVID - Private 8999 - 2nd Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh) Wiltshire Regiment - died 24th August 1917 at home - age 25 - Born in Wootton Rivers; Enlisted at Devizes; resident of Marlborough; son of Phoebe Cook (formerly Fishlock) and the late John Fishlock of Wootton Rivers - Buried at Wootton Rivers (St. Andrew) Churchyard, Wootton Rivers - Grave/Memorial Reference - none recorded - Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book.

GALE, WILLIAM ISAAC - Stoker 1st Class PO/K30752 - Royal Navy - H.M.S. P. 46 - died 20th September 1920 at home - age 23 - son of Isaac James and the late Annie Gale of High Street, Avebury - Buried at Avebury (St. James) Churchyard, Avebury - Grave/Memorial Reference - none recorded - Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury

HANCOCK, FRANK - Private 15305 - 7th Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers - died 5th September 1915 of wounds at Gallipoli - Born in Avebury; Enlisted at Marlborough - Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey- Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 190 to 196 - Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book.

HANCOCK, JOSEPH - Private 15299 - 7th Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers - died 19th August 1915 of wounds at Gallipoli - Born in Hodson; Enlisted at Devizes; resident of Marlborough - Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey- Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 190 to 196 - Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book.

HARRIS, HENRY FRANCIS - Shoeing Smith Corporal 5630 - 26th Veterinary Hospital, Royal Army Veterinary Corps - Died 14th January 1919 - Age 42 - Son of Thomas and Sarah Harris of Worton; Husband of Sarah Harris of Bray Street, Avebury - Buried at Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt - Grave/Memorial Reference:- H. 92

KNIGHT, FREDERICK - Private 8031 - 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - Died 31st October 1914 - Born in Avebury in 1891; Resident of Compton Bassett; Son of James and Kate Knight - Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, France. Grave/Memorial reference:- Panel 33 and 34 - Named in the Calne & District Soldiers Book by Richard Broadbent

WHITE, HARRY - Private 7274 - 1st Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh) Wiltshire Regiment - died 19th October 1914 - Born in Uffcott; Enlisted at Swindon, resident of Beckhampton; son of William White of Beckhampton, Marlborough - Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 33 and 34. - Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book.

WHITE, THOMAS - served 1914-1918 - Commemorated on the St. James Church Memorial, Avebury. Named in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book. (There is no defining criteria to establish the identity of this casualty with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Registers)

OPC Note:-

**** This information has been updated from information received from Ruth Williams, Great Great Niece of Ernest Cannings. The previous entry referred to another casualty from Wiltshire sharing the same name.