

The Men of Benson Parish
Who Served in the
Armed Forces
in the Great War

Compiled originally by the History Group of the Bensington Society for the 2014 Event “Benson & The Great War”.

The History Group studied the names on the Benson War Memorial, which are divided into two groups. The first group is the men of the village. The second group is the men from “Turner’s Court” or “Wallingford Farm Training School”, which was then inside the Benson Parish boundary.

WW1 Service – Abbreviations

Can RFA	Canadian Royal Field Artillery
Capt	Captain
Coy	Company
Cpl	Corporal
Dorsets	The Dorset Regiment
DCLI	The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry
DLI	The Durham Light Infantry
East Kents	The Royal East Kent Regiment (The Buffs)
East Surreys	The East Surrey Regiment
Flt/Sgt	Flight Sergeant
Gnr	Gunner
Hants	The Hampshire Regiment
kia	Killed in action
KOYLI	Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
Lt Col	Lieutenant Colonel
L/Cpl	Lance Corporal
L/Sgt	Lance Sergeant
Lt	Lieutenant
MGC	Machine Gun Corps
O&BLI	The Ox and Bucks Light Infantry
POW	Prisoner of War
Pte	Private
Queens	The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment
QOOH	The Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars
RAF	The Royal Air Force
RAMC	The Royal Army Medical Corps
RASC	The Royal Army Service Corps
RAVC	The Royal Army Veterinary Corps
RE	The Royal Engineers
RFA	The Royal Field Artillery
RFC	The Royal Flying Corps
R Fusiliers	The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)
RGA	The Royal Garrison Artillery
RGLI	The Royal Guernsey Light Infantry
Rifle Bgd	The Rifle Brigade
R Berks	The Royal Berkshire Regiment
R Irish	The Royal Irish Rifles
RM	The Royal Marines
RMA	The Royal Marines Artillery
RMLI	The Royal Marines Light Infantry
RN	The Royal Navy
R Scots	The Royal Scots Fusiliers
SAAC	South African Aviation Corps
Sgt	Sergeant or Sargeant
South Staffs	The South Staffordshire Regiment
Turners Court	The Wallingford Farm School, Turners Court
Warwicks	The Royal Warwick Fusiliers
West Surreys	The Queen's Royal Regiment of West Surrey
Worcesters	The Worcester Regiment
WM	War Memorial
WT	Wireless Telegraphy

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BENSON WW1 SERVICEMEN

It is believed all these men had Benson connections and served in the Great War

Names marked with an asterisk are also commemorated on the Benson War Memorial

Harold Alder, MM

Born 1889 in Rokemarsh, the son of John & Ellen Alder; one of three brothers; married Maud Vera Hopper in 1915; served as a Cpl (17635) then Sgt in the new WT section of RE Signals; went to France in August 1914, wounded in Aug 1916 but survived the war. Post war he became a Telegraph Inspector, lived in Wandsworth but travelled extensively in Africa; died in 1938 when he lived at Brook Farm.

John Alder

Born 1882 in Hagbourne, son of Isaac & Caroline Alder, married Lucy Abdey in 1912, father of two, lived in N Stoke where he worked as a carter on a farm; enlisted as a pre-war regular soldier, Pte (6619) in 1st R Berks, kia 6.1.1915, commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial (Panel 30)

Gerald Aldridge

Born 1898 in Benson, son of William & Sarah Aldridge, in 1911 in High St, Benson; brother of Harry; married Enid Snowdon in 1921, daughter Patricia b1931; served as Pte (201887) in 8th West Surreys, was a POW in 1918; in 1939 at Myrtle Cottage in Castle Sq, a draper/cycle/radio dealer, died in 1976.

Henry (Harry) Aldridge

Born 1895 in Benson, son of William & Sarah Aldridge, brother of Gerald & 2 others, lived in High St then Brook St, Benson; served in RFC & RAF as F/Sgt (5128); local builder, died in 1971.

Walter George Atkins

Born 1866 in Pyrton, son of John & Sarah Atkins; married Annie Martha Keene in 1903, son Ernest b1905; worked as a straw binder, lived in Mill Lane; served as Pte (F/29064) in RASC; survived war and still lived in Mill Lane in 1939 & worked as a gardener.

James George Henry Austin

Born 1872 in Benson, son of George & Charity (nee Spyers) Austin of London Rd, Benson; one of six children; married Julie Austin in 1902, father of Millicent b1902 & George b 1910; in 1901 a cowman, then a labourer at the French Gardens; served as Pte (SE/5465) in RAVC; went to France in May 1915, then possibly with Army Remount Service in Egypt; in 1939 a widower living in Crown Square, Benson working as a gardener.

James Lewis Badcock

Born 1869 in St Pancras, later lived with family in Churchfield House, Benson; s/o John & Mary (nee Frampton) Badcock; one of 9 children; in 1901 ran the family drapery business in London; emigrated to Canada in 1910; joined Canadian Army in 1915; served as a Sgt in the Canadian Med Corps; in 1940 was a farmer in Kamloops, BC and died there in 1968.

Sam Bailey*

Born 1884, was a resident at Turners Court, originally from Yorkshire; son of Titus & Martha of Hipperholme, Yorkshire; enlisted Ashford, initially as Pte (203130) in the 5th E Surreys, then served as a Pte (203929) in the 1st East Kents, kia 7.6.1915 near Hulluch – supposedly a quiet sector of the line. Buried in Philosophe British Cemetry (11.Q.8)

Joseph Henry Baker MC

Born 1894 in Benson, where his family ran a drapers shop in the High St. He served as a Gnr (730) in the RFA, 6th London Battery, served in France from March 1915, being promoted to Sgt and then Lt and survived the war. Lt Baker was awarded the MC for conspicuous gallantry in Nov 1916. He also was awarded the Silver War Badge (nr: 506737) after a wound/injury. After the war he moved to Hereford.

John William Barber

Born 1881 in Newbury, son of John & Bessie Barber, married Annie Elizabeth Booth in 1905 in Wantage, father of Margaret (b1909) & Maurice (b1911); he was a carrier on a farm in Harwell before enlisting as Gnr (110386) in rhe 255th Siege Battery of the RGA; the family lived in Littleworth during the war until 1920.

Charles F Barrett

Born in 1873 in Burbage, Wilts, son of George & Ann Barrett - a coachman at the Military Hospital in Alverstone, lived in Reading in 1891, in 1911 he was the Proprietor of the White Hart Hotel in Benson, married but separated; he served pre- war as an officer in the Yeomanry, in December 1914 appointed Capt in the Fife & Forfar Yeomanry but later served in the new RAF, was in Egypt from January 1916; survived the war and died in 1959 at Midgham, Berks

Albert Batts*

Born 1876 in Northmoor, son of Fred & Jane Batts, an ex-regular soldier he first enlisted in 1893 and served in India; later worked as farm labourer in Roke; re-enlisted in Oct 1914 & served as a L/Cpl (9598) in the 2nd O&BLI, went to France April 1915; kia 25.9.1915 at Battle of Loos; commemorated Loos Memorial (Panel 83 to 85)

William Frank Beaven

Born 1876 in Pewsey, Wilts, son of Frank Thomas & Martha Beaven; married Ethel Phillips in 1900 father of 8 children; in 1911 a farm labourer living in Britwell Sotwell, but later moved to Littleworth in Benson; served as Pte (451199) in RE & Labour Corps (827th Coy); Ethel died in 1932, but William & children still in Littleworth in 1939; William died 1965.

Frank Beckley

Born 1880 in Long Wittenham, son of John & Alice Beckley; married Alice Edmonds in 1906; father of Frank b1906, Charles b1908, Rhoda b1910, John b1916; was an Army Reservist in 1906, lived in Preston Crowmarsh in 1911 where he was the Thames Ferry Keeper; to France in Oct 1914, served as Gnr (15027) in RHA; in 1939 living in Reading where he worked as a foreman on road construction, died in 1942.

Ernest William Benning

Born 1890 in Wendover, son of William & Anne Benning; married Clara Munday in Ewelme in 1910, father of Cyril b1910, Sylvia b1912, Doris b1913; in 1911 lived in Berrick Salome, but later in Brook St; a regular soldier who served as a driver & Cpl (17089) in the RE, went to France 16th August 1914; survived the war, later lived in Wallingford, died in 1981.

Albert Victor Billing

Born 1897 in Benson, son of Richard & Ellen Billing, brother of William, a farm labourer living in Brook St, served as a Gnr (199650) in the RFA, survived the war, married Winifred Barlow in 1923 and emigrated to Australia in 1924; died in Heidelberg, Victoria in 1964

William Gabriel Billing

Born in 1877 in Upton, Berks, eldest son of Richard & Ellen Billing, brother of Albert, married Mabel in 1899 and father of 3 children, a haybinder living in Brook St, enlisted in 1916 and served as a driver (24324) in the RASC, Mech Transport Dept

Charles Henry Bishop

Born 1888 in Rotherfield Peppard, son of Charles & Sarah Bishop; in 1911 a labourer in Henley; married Margaret Bristow in 1915, dt Margaret b.1916; served in the 1st Garrison Bn of the Worcesters as Pte 52201 but discharged May 1918 with heart disease.

James William Bond

Born 1874 in Warborough, son of Henry & Hannah Bond, one of at least 10 children; married Laura Mary Herridge in 1899; in 1911 lived in High St, Benson & James worked as a straw binder; enlisted as Pte (F/29069) in the RASC Forage Dept on 22nd March 1916; discharged on 2nd May 1919; still lived in the High St in 1939 & worked as a thatcher; died in 1951

Charles Bonner

Born 1865

in Benson, son of Moses & Elizabeth Bonner of Brook St, married Alice Louise Vaughan in 1899, in 1911 they had 4 children and lived in Littleworth; a blacksmith; enlisted & sent to France in 1915 and served in the RAVC (3394)

Albert George Bridcutt

Born 1888 in Benson, half-brother to John & Charles, a farm labourer living in Rokemarsh, in 1911 in India serving as Gnr & later as a Cpl (30384) in the 80th Coy, RGA, survived the war but died still young in 1934 in Reading.

Arthur Elijah Bridcutt*

Born 1896 in Roke, Benson, son of John & Esther (nee Town) Bridcutt, youngest brother of John & Charles, a miner in 1914, as a Gnr in the RGA (40822), survived the Western Front, but kia 11.8.1919 in Russia, commemorated on the Memorial B12 in Archangel Allied Cemetery

Charles Amos Bridcutt

Born 1876 in Roke, son of John & Amelia, younger brother of John, married Catherine in 1903, in 1914 a bricklayer living in St Albans with three children – Kathleen, Charles & Agnes; served in 7th E Surreys (21459) kia 3.5.1917 at Vimy; commemorated St Albans WM & the Arras Memorial (Bay 6)

Frank Edward Bridcutt

Born 1890 in Benson, son of John & Esther (nee Town) Bridcutt, brother of Albert & Arthur, lived in Rokemarsh, a farm labourer then a miner, enlisted Nov 1914 in Wincanton as Gnr (55456) & served in 471st Siege Battery, RGA; demobbed Jan 1919 survived the war but died in 1934.

John Henry Bridcutt*, MC, DSO

Born 1874 in Benson, enlisted as a regular soldier in the Coldstream Guards (9509) in 1893, rising to Sergeant Major in 1901, served in Boer War & mentioned twice in Despatches, gazetted Lieutenant in 1915, served with the Bedfords and awarded the DSO, rose to Lt Col with the R Irish, kia 1.10.1918 near Ypres. Son of John & Amelia Bridcutt, married Florence Martha Scott in 1902, survived by Henry Owen & Norah.

Edward John Brown

Born 1889 in Benson, son of James & Sophia (nee Holland) Brown, one of 11 children; in 1911 worked as a carter alongside his father on Clacks Farm in Ewelme; married Beatrice Wigmore in Benson in 1918, father of Patrick b 1926; served as Pte (15709) in 2nd R Berks; in 1939 lived in Henley where he worked as a road labourer; buried in Benson in 1959.

Ernest James Brown*

Born 1887 in Crowmarsh, son of James & Sophia Brown, worked as a carter on Clacks Farm, then enlisted as a regular soldier, served as Pte (8828) in the 1st R Berks, to France August 1914, kia 28.9.1915 in the Battle of Loos, commemorated on the Loos Memorial (Panel 93-95)

Walter John Brown

Born 1881 in Chalgrove, son of Frank & Mary Brown, a farm carter in Chalgrove, then a farm labourer in Rokemarsh; married to Eliza Helen and father of 3 children; an ex regular in the OBLI, he served in the RASC from January 1916

Frank Browning

Born Romford in 1899, enlisted in April 1917, served in the RMA (15569); married Winifred Dubery in 1928; in 1939 lived in Banstead.

Albert Bullen*

Born 1897 in Hammersmith, son of Cornelius & Florence Bullen, was a resident of Turners Court, served as Pte in the 2/4th R Berks (201104), kia 22.8.1917 at St Julien near Ypres, commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial (Panel 105)

Rev William Gaisford Burgis, MC, BA

Born 1881 in Benson, son of John & Marie Burgis, worked as assistant in chemist's shop in Barnet before becoming a clergyman in 1911. Served as an Army Chaplain in Mesopotamia, became a local vicar in Staffs post war, d.1951.

Arthur Butcher

Born 1897 in Brightwell, son of Charles & Mary Ann Butcher; married Olive in 1923; lived in Brook St, Benson, a farm labourer, served in Salonika as Pte (29090) in 7th OBLI; in 1939 lived in Porthill Rd.

Charles Edward Butcher*

Born 1897 in Brightwell, son of Charles & Mary Ann Butcher, later of Brook St, Benson, a farm labourer, served in the Worcesters (9817), missing in Gallipoli, believed kia 6.8.1915.

Henry Casey

Born 1898 in Birmingham, but lived at 3 Crown Lane Benson, served in the RFA.

Peter Chadd*

Probably born in Brighton, was a resident of Turners Court, s/o Mrs Isobel August of Balaklava, S Australia; served as a Pte in 8th R Berks (18163), kia 27.5.1916 near Loos, commemorated on the Cite Calonne Memorial at Loos British Cemetery

Basil E Champion

Born 1893 in Goring, son of James & Ella Champion, served with the 10th NZ Contingent.

George Champion

Born 1879 in Roke, s/o Stephen & Mary Julia; later lived in Ewelme working as a farm labourer; attested at Thame in 1905 with 4th OBLI (Pte 6552), served 3 years, discharged 1908; re-joined on Short Service (309858) in Oxford on 16.11.1914.

Alfred Stephen Chapman

Born 1891 in Benson, son of Frederick & Mary Chapman; lived in Mill Lane; in 1911 Alfred lived in Tetsworth Common at Lobb Farm & worked as a cowman; served in the 5th Red Bde RFA as Gnr (57629), went to France 1st April 1915, later served with RGA as Gnr (136330); survived war

John Frederick Chapman

Born Benson in 1892, s/o Stephen & Martha Chapman; in 1911 a domestic gardener living in Littleworth; served as Pte (9577) 1st R Berks; married Kathleen Meadows in Lambeth in 1922, later lived in Morden.

Robert Cherrill

Born 1879 in Ewelme, son of George & Mary Cherrill; married Eliza Jones in 1912; in 1911 lived with in Ewelme with Brother Edward & sister Hilda, working as a carrier; served as Pte (29518) in 50th Labour coy; in 1939 lived in Rose Villa, Littleworth.

Herbert Frederick Cockerell*

Was a resident of Turners Court, s/o Fred & Annie, born 1899 in Wandsworth but enlisted Oxford in the O&BLI (18726), later served as a Pte (8487) in the 97th Bn MGC; died of wounds 16.12.1917, buried Harlebeke New British Cemetery (Plot 11, Row D, Grave 17)

Albert Collet

Born 1883 in Benson, son of George (the village policeman) & Susan Collett, lived in Hailey and Islip; married Millicent in 1909; worked as a brewery clerk, then as assistant branch manager in Witney; believed to have enlisted in 9th OBLI & served in the Balkans; later served in Labour Corps as Pte (489066); survived the war, died 1940 in Leamington Spa

William Collinson

Born 1890 in Benson, later a farm carter in Easthampstead; son of William & Sarah Ann originally of Roke, married to Ellen and father of William & Edith; served as L Cpl in A Coy, 1st Berks (16210), kia 27.7.1916 during Battle of the Somme. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial (Pier & Face 11D)

Frederick Constable

Born 1886 in Buckland, Berks, son of Charles & Mildred Constable, lived Benson, was a groom on a farm, enlisted as a regular soldier in July 1905, served as Pte in 1st & 2nd O&B LI (7981); kia 3.10.1914; commemorated Vailly British Cem (I.H. 16)

Frederick Cook

Born 1871 in Oakley, Bucks, son of James & Mary Cook, husband of Kate, father of 5 including Harold, lived in Littleworth and then London Rd, worked as a labourer; went to France in Jan 1917 as a Military Road Maker with the RE (Pnr WR20037)

Harold Frederick Cook

Born 1898 in Warborough, son of Fred & Kate Cook, lived in London Rd, farm worker who enlisted in April 1917 and was reported as having served in the Worcesters.

Reginald Harry Hussey Cook

Born 1894 in Benson, son of Harry & Martha Cook who kept the Sun Inn, Chapel Lane; later lived in Hope Cottage, Benson, a house decorator; married Dorothy Baughan in Benson in 1928; enlisted and went to France in June 1915, served as pte (090302) in the RASC as a driver; in 1939 lived in Thame, worked as a foreman builder.

George Norris Cooke

Born 1881 in Watlington, son of David Cook, married Agnes Hilsdon in 1912, lived in Benson working as a labourer, went to France in June 1915, served a Driver in the RASC; survived the war, died 1954.

Frederick Cordery

Born 1889 in Cholsey, son of George & Lucy Cordery, lived in Honey Lane, Cholsey, pre-war regular soldier in 72nd Bty, RFA; enlisted in Benson as Gnr (58079) in 58th Bgd RFA; kia 13.1.16, buried Cairo War Memorial Cemetery (D263)

Owen Corderoy

Born 1896 in Warfield, Berks, son of Justinian & Julia Corderoy; pre-war lived in Fifield Lodge and was an apprentice motor engineer, later a chauffeur in London; enlisted in 1914 as Pte (21928) in 15th Hussars, later Gnr (154006) in RFA; survived the war, died in Hounslow 1981

Frederick John Currell

Born 1899 in Crowmarsh, Benson, son of John & Emily Currell, lived on Hale farm where John was a cowman; served as Pte (44925) in the 3rd and then the 2nd O&B LI, survived the war, died 1981

Edgar Dearlove

Born in Benson in 1871, son of Thomas & Ann Dearlove; lived in London Rd with siblings Thomas b1869, Charles b1874, May b1875, Percy b1878; entered Greenwich School in 1887 and enlisted in RN (140489) in 1889 retiring in 1911 as Master at Arms; re-enlisted in 1914 and served throughout the war; married Edith Woodley in 1905, father of Edgar who died as an infant and Thomas b1907; died in Littlemore Mental Hospital in 1928

Fred Dixon*

Born 1883 in Littleworth, Benson, son of John & Elizabeth Dixon, brother of George, later was a farm labourer living in Brook St with widowed mother; enlisted and served as a Gnr (73203) in the RGA, kia 25.7.1917 in Battle of Passchendaele, buried in Vlamertinge New Military Cemetery (Plot 5, Row A, Grave 12)

George Dixon

Born 1891 in Benson, son of John & Elizabeth Dixon; father died 1891, lived Brook St with widowed mother & brothers Fred, Edward, Alfred; later with stepfather & family; a jobbing gardener, joined army (Pte 9012) in 1908, served as Pte (5374788) with 1st OBLI in India, POW in Mesopotamia (at Kut) April 1916 to Jan 1919, re-enlisted Nov 19120, discharged Dec 1928; married Rose Ellen Munday in 1920; in Brook St with Rose in 1939; died in Benson in 1970.

George Thomas Druce

Born 1888 in South Stoke, son of Arthur & Mary Jane Druce, married Margaret Beane in 1910 and lived in Cowley; enlisted in Benson, a pre-war regular soldier, L/Cpl (8602) in 2nd OBLI, kia in France 1.11.1914, commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial.

Frank Dutfield*

Born 1888 in Whitchurch, son of Henry & Emma Dutfield, married Minnie Pether in Benson 1917, served as Pte (17430) in 1st OBLI in Mesopotamia, then the 6th & 4th O&BLI; kia 21.3.18 during German offensive on the Somme, commemorated on Pozieres Memorial (Panel 50)

William Frederick Edmonds

Born 1897 in Shoreditch, London; s/o Frederick & Edith Edmonds; in 1901 in Princes Risborough, but in 1911 helped father run the Red Lion pub in High St, Benson; called up in 1916 as Pte (12629) in 96th Training Battalion, then Pte 80016 in 1st Notts & Derby, but later served as Pte (568212) in 87th Coy, Labour Corps; wounded in July 1917 (shell shock) & May 1918 (gassed); married Winifred Tollett in 1936; in 1939 a gardener living in Cookham, but when he died in 1964 he and Winifred lived in Oak Cottage, Littleworth.

Edward Henry Eldridge

Born c1886 in Newington, Warborough, son of Charles & Sarah Eldridge; married Alice Martha Weston in Ewelme in 1909, father of Alice Mary b1910; believed to have served as Gnr (616226) in the RFA; died in 1961.

Thomas Henry Emberry*

Born 1898, s/o Emma Saunders Emberry; in 1911 was in Knutsford workhouse with sisters; was a resident of Turners Court, enlisted as Pte (28798) in the 5th R Berks, missing believed kia 28.4.1917 in Battle of Arras, commemorated on the Arras Memorial (Bay 7)

Frank Eustace*

Born 1889 in Roke, son of William & Eliza Eustace, married Kate Denton in 1908; worked as a collier, enlisted Birmingham, then served as a Pte (B/1927) in the 8th Rifle Bgd, kia 15.9.1916 at Delville Wood in the Battle of the Somme, commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial (Pier 16, Face B/C)

Albert William Field

Born 1883 in Mongewell, son of Joseph & Louisa Field; married Annie Lovell in 1909, father of two, lived in Brook St and worked as a gardener; enlisted as Gnr (57046) in the RGA; in 1939 at Chapel House

Arthur Henry Durrant Field

Born 1882 in Shillingford, son of Henry & Agnes Field, nephew of John Field (Vicar of Benson); was a regular officer in the Royal Navy, he served as a Lt Cmdr in HMS Temeraire in 1914; survived the war and remained in the Navy, died in 1967 in Wallingford.

Berin Finch Field

Born 1887 in Benson, son of John Edward Field (Vicar of Benson) & Mary Agnes; youngest of at least 9 children; in 1901 at boarding school in Holt, Norfolk; married Doris House in Croydon in 1922; served as Pte (256088) in 408th Agricultural Coy; in 1939 in Hungerford working as a gardener; died 1954 in Droitwich.

Cuthbert Thomas Finch Field

Born 1882 in Benson, s/o John Edward & Mary Agnes Field, brother on Berin; in 1911 in Fenny Stratford as a clerk in holyorders; served in 1914 as Chaplain on HMS Blake; after war he settled in Gloucestershire, where he married Grizel Lumsden in 1920; Grizel died in 1939 when he was in Battle, Sussex, and he re-married Elsie de Mattes in 1940; Cuthbert died in 1973 in Cheltenham.

Cyril Durrant Field

Born 1883 in Shillingford, son of Henry & Agnes Field, nephew of John Field (Vicar of Benson), married in 1908 when working as an electrical engineer in Kingston on Thames, enlisted as 2nd Lt in the 6th E Surreys in Oct 1914, later attached to the RE, served in India & Afghanistan, survived the war, died in 1971

Edgar Fuller Field

Born 1893 in Wallingford, son of Edgar & Emily (nee Fuller) Field, nephew of John Edward Field (Vicar of Benson); in 1911 in Penarth as an apprentice; married Gladys Keats in 1917 in Cardiff; dt Pamela b 1922; joined the 181st Batt RFA as Gnr (4137) in Nov 1914, to France in Aug 1915, promoted Lt in Jan 1916; taken POW; in 1925 in Birmingham, in 1939 in Sutton Coldfield, died in 1972

Edward Field

Born 1880 in N Moreton, s/o Joseph & Louisa Field; married Sarah Wilson in 1906; served as Pte (5614) in R Berks; survived the war; in Birmingham Yard, Benson 1939; died in 1951 and buried in Benson.

Geoffrey Simpson Field

Born 1892 in Reading, son of Charles & Blanche Field, nephew of John Field (Vicar of Benson), enlisted in 4th R Berks in Nov 1914, went to France in Dec 1915, survived the war as a Major, married in 1923, died in 1956.

Henry Chalker Durrant Field

Born 1880 in Shillingford, son of Henry & Agnes Field, nephew of John Field (Vicar of Benson); married in 1907; regular officer in Royal Navy, in 1911 a Lt on HMS Minerva, later Lt Cmdr, survived the war, remained in Navy, died 1961.

Ernest William Fonge

Born 1879 in Forest Hill, worked as a chauffeur in Folkestone, served as a driver in the RASC. Son of Ganis Fonge, a gardener of Old London Road Benson

Alfred John Franklin

Born 1897, son of John & Bertha Franklin, lived Chapel Lane, worked on family farm as farmer's assistant, enlisted in 1916 and served as a Gnr (163630) in the RGA; in 1939 was farmer on College Farm

Joseph Frost*

Born in Notting Hill, he was a resident of Turners Court who enlisted on New Year's Eve 1914 in Reading, served as a Pte (201111) in the 2nd R Berks, kia 27.5.1918, on Soissons Memorial

Harold James Gale

Born 1882 in Cholsey, son of Joseph Gale a local auctioneer, married Gladys Magt Stevens in 1913; served in the QOOH (Pte 1950) but commissioned into the 7th R Berks in March 1915; survived the war and later lived in Shillingford where he died in 1973.

William B Goodey

Born 1888 in Reading, son of William & Sarah Goodey, married Ellen in 1910, lived Wokingham and worked as a carpenter, believed to have enlisted in April 1917 in the 35th Training Bn

Frank Lewis Goodsell

Born 1880 in Goudhurst, Kent, son of William & Louisa Goodsell, one of 5 children; in 1901 worked as a domestic servant in Brasted; married Esther Olney in 1910; in 1911 lived in Littleworth, Benson with wife Esther, worked as a grocer's assistant; served (295390) in 7th Hussars; survived the war; emigrated to New Zealand in 1920; died Auckland, NZ in 1947

Alfred Gosford

Born 1879 in Wallingford, son of James & Martha Gosford, lived in Wallingford where he worked as a house painter, widowed in 1911, his son Alfred was raised by grandparents in Roke; served in the Territorials & enlisted as Pte (203821) in the 1st R Berks Sept 1914.

Cecil Gordon Grey*

Born 1896 in Woodcote but later lived in Benson, son of Albert & Amelia Grey, served as a despatch rider, L/Cpl (M2/046891) in the Mech Transport, 24th Sub Park, RASC, died 24.10.1916, suffering from dysentery and pneumonia; buried St Sever Cemetery, Rouen (Section O, I.A.7)

Arthur E Green

Born 1898 in Benson, son of William & Minnie Green, one of 9 children including brothers Charles & Harry; married Gladys & lived in Littleworth, working as a builder's labourer; served as Pte (247261) in the 446th Agricultural Coy; in Littleworth in 1939.

Charles James Green, MM

Born 1891 in Benson, son of William & Minnie Green, brother of Arthur & Harry, lived in Brook St; joined army in Feb 1909 as Pte (9075), served as Sgt, in the 1st O&BLI in Mesopotamia; mentioned in dispatches on 2.11.1917 and on 15.4.1918, awarded the MM for action on 7.3.1918; discharged Feb 1929

Frederick Green

Born 1894 in Benson, son of William & Minnie Green, brother of Arthur, Charles & Harry; in 1912 worked with GWR, served as Sapper 495947 in the RE; survived war, married Beatrice Towns in 1920, died in 1970.

Frederick John Green

Born 1879 in Benson, son of Henry & Elizabeth Green, married Lucy, worked as a brewery labourer in Wallingford, joined 4th R Berks in Nov 1914, survived the war, died 1942.

George Green

Born 1886 in Stokenchurch, son of John & Harriet Green, brother of Harry & 2 others; in 1911 lived London Rd, Benson with widowed mother; worked as a gardener, enlisted in the RGA (291278); survived the war.

Harry Green*

Born 1888 in Benson, son of William & Minnie Green, father of Gerald Henry, worked as a gardener at Howbery Park, lived Brook St then Guernsey, married 1910 to Gladys Amy Guille (later Le Tissier) enlisted as a Pte (1361) RGLI, sent to France 2nd December 1917, killed 13.4.1918, commemorated on Ploegsteert Memorial (Panel 11)

Harry Green

Born 1892 in Benson, son of John & Harriet Green of London Rd, Benson, brother of George, was a grocer's assistant, enlisted in the RGA (Gnr 291278), wounded January 1917

Jonas Green*

Born 1872 in Benson, married in 1895, husband of Gertrude Emily Green (nee Sandall), father of Eleanor, Herbert, Charles & Hilda, lived in Brook St, Benson; a hay binder, enlisted Aug 1915 in London & served as a Sgt (116446) in the RE with Nr 2 Army Tramways Co, went to France April 1917, based at Coxyde, near Ypres, died of wounds 29.9.1917 aged 45; buried at Gwalia Cemetery (Plot 2, Row D, Grave 6)

Cyril Beeson Gregory

Born 1897 in Sheffield, Cyril was raised by his Grandmother Hannah Gregory until her death, he then lived in Benson with his Aunt Alice & Uncle John Wiltshire – the latter being the school caretaker; he joined the RN (J19292) in August 1912, served on HMS Bristol & HMS Cormorant during the war, leaving the Navy in 1927.

John Griffin

Born 1887 in Benson, son of David & Mary Ann Griffin of Brook St; 10 siblings; married Edith Ellen Spicer in Benson in 1909, father of Gertrude b1910; in 1911 a bricklayer living in Wallingford; enlisted as Pte (24252) in 7th OBLI, served Salonika; survived the war and died in Benson in 1961

Alfred Gurney jnr

Born 1891 in Benson, son of Alfred & Mary Gurney of Sun Lane, Benson; brother of Archie and at least 5 other siblings; married Emily Wells in 1911 when he worked as a haulage contractor's assistant; in Dec 1915 enlisted as Pte (203613) in the OBLI, later transferred to Pte (543913) in the Labour Corps, 646th Ag Coy; invalided discharge in April 1918; in 1939 lived at Fairways, Church Rd; buried Benson 1958.

Archibald Gurney

Born 1888 in Benson, son of Alfred & Mary (nee Polden) Gurney, brother of Alfred; married Emily Maud Barnes in 1914; served as Pte (204252) in OBLI, then as Pte (154331) in MGC; discharged Feb 1919; in 1939 a widower, lived in Brook St & worked as a Govt checker packer; died 1964 in Benson.

Augustus John Hailey

Born 1880 in Compton, son of Cecil & Ellen, a cabinet maker; in 1911 living in Essex; enlisted April 1915, served (Pte 93541) in R Coy, 3rd Field Ambulances, RAMC, attached to 55th Field Hospital, went to France in April 1917 until March 1920, later lived with parents in Mill Lane, Benson, then moved to Maldon, Essex where he died in 1952.

Frederick Hailey*

Born 1885 in Abingdon, son of Cecil & Ellen Hailey, later lived in Truro; brother of William & Augustus; served as Cpl (202216) in the 1st DCLI; kia 4.10.1917 and commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial

William Sidney Hailey

Born 1879 in Compton, son of Cecil & Ellen Hailey, brother of Augustus & Frederick; trained as a carpenter, married Lottie Paine in 1906; in 1911 in Dover, a piano tuner, father of Frederick b1908 & Frank b1909; in 1918 lived in High St, Benson; served as Mechanic (94495) in the RAF; died 1953

Bernard William Haines

Born 1899 in Benson, son of Thomas & Sarah Haines of London Rd, Benson; enlisted April 1917 in the RFA (18616) for 2 years; from 1922 to 27 he served with the Territorials (747768) in the QOOH when they became the 399th Battery RFA.

Thomas James Haines

Born 1895 in Benson, son of Thomas & Sarah Haines, older brother of Bernard, lived in London Rd and worked as a gardener; enlisted in the RFA (10217); wounded Aug 1916; torpedoed on SS Arcadia in Med April 1917, survived the war

Bernard Anthony Hall

Born 1898 in South Moreton where the family farmed, son of George & Emily Hall, brother of Henry James and at least 7 other siblings; in 1911 he was at boarding school in Burford when his father lived in Brook Lodge, Benson, his mother having died in 1905; enlisted as Gnr (156669) in the RFA; survived the war and died in Abingdon in 1981.

Henry James Hall

Born in 1890 in South Moreton, son of George & Emily Hall, 8 siblings including Bernard; in 1901 he lived with his parents in Brook Lodge, Benson, but was at boarding school in Southwark in 1902; enlisted as Pte (MI/6849) in the RASC; survived the war.

Jesse Walter Harmer*

Born 1882 in Ewelme, son of William & Mary Harmer, married Elizabeth Emma Winterbourne in 1914, worked as a gardener at Fifield Manor, enlisted as a Pte (23630) 6th O&B LI, KIA 20.9.1917 and was buried near where he fell at the Cement House Cemetery Langemarck (Plot 8, Row A, Grave 16)

John Henry Harris

Born 1884 in Dorchester, son of James & Sarah Harris, in 1911 lived Crown Corner, Benson and worked as a rural postman; served in RAF (275110) in 1918; appointed Benson PO in 1937

Walter Harris*

Born 1899 in Pyrford, Surrey, s/o Richard & Elizabeth; father died in 1915; was briefly a resident of Turners Court, enlisted in the RN (J/39938), served as Boy 1st Class on HMS Invincible, KIA 31.5.1916 at the Battle of Jutland

Albert Henry Harwood

Born 1890 in Eynsham, son of Frederick Harwood; married Amelia Jane Weedon in 1910; in 1911 working as a cowman in Eynsham; enlisted as Pte (104379) in the MGC; in 1918 family lived in Brook St, Benson; at least three sons, Frederick (b1911), Albert (b1916) and James (b1922); in 1939 lived in Preston Crowmarsh, worked as a farm labourer and special constable.

William Charles Hastings*

Born in Notting Hill, was a resident of Turners Court until 9th November 1914 but originally from Kensington; enlisted as Pte (G4405) in 6th E Kents; KIA 11.7.1915 near Ypres.

Harold Ernest Hatt

Born 1877 in Ewelme, younger son of Richard & Emma Hatt, brother of Richard, later lived with parents in Dorchester before moving to Tiverton where he ran a chemist's shop; gazetted as Lt in the RASC in Nov 1914

Richard Charles Hatt

Born 1875 in Ewelme, elder son of Richard & Emma Hatt, married Evelyn in 1899, farmed at Hale Farm; enlisted in the County Yeomanry (the QOOH) in 1901 as a trooper (1902) in the Henley Squadron, promoted Cpl in 1903, Sgt in 1906, Lt in 1912 and Capt in 1914, unit part of 2nd Div RASC, served Italy in 1918; post war was c/o local Territorials (399th Bty RFA), died 1946 in Dorchester

Henry Hawting*

Born 1884 in Rokemarsh, son of George & Emma Hawting, a farm worker then regular soldier in India with 2nd Berks (Pte, 7783), wounded in France late 1914, then again with 5th Berks during a trench raid near Festubert, died of wounds 17.1.1916, buried Bethune Town Cemetery (Plot 4, Row H, 35)

Thomas Henry Hawting

Born 1892 in Benson, son of Stephen & Hannah Hawting, lived in Castle Sq then as a boarder in Reading where he worked in a tinworks as a labourer, served in 1st R Scots, wounded Apr 1916, survived the war, died in Reading in 1962

James Edgar Healing

Born London in 1879, son of William & Catherine Healing, married Ada Sarah Yates in 1901, father of Ada, Ethel, Florence, William & Kathleen; in 1911 an antique dealer in Southend; enlisted in Lincolns (Pte 35415) then later served in Labour Corps (Pte 27821); family lived in Chapel Lane, Benson during war until 1927 then moved to Iffley; James re-married in 1951 to Dorcas Wheeler; died 1967

Frederick Charles Owen Hewett

Born 1877 in Ewelme, son of Owen & Emily (nee Mead) Hewett; one of at least 8 children, in 1891 lived with the family in The Street, Ewelme; married Fanny Austin in Southwark in 1904, father of Frederick George b1905, Herbert bpt 1907 in Benson & Violet b1909; enlisted as Pte (4736) in OBLI in 1894, served in India for 7 years, discharged in 1906; in 1911 lived in Peckham & worked as a postman; re-enlisted as Cpl (8881) and served with 2nd, 5th & 6th OBLI; discharged as unfit with a hernia in 1919 when family lived in London Rd, Benson; died in 1965.

Sidney William Hewett

Born in 1899 in Ewelme, son of Sophia Treacher Hewett; married Elizabeth Pether in Benson in 1924; father of Alan B1927, the family lived in Porthill, Benson and Ewelme; believed to have served as Pte (16426) in the 5th R Berks; survived the war and died in 1965

Harry Egbert Hill

Born 1898 in Birmingham, son of Harry Gregory Hill & Elizabeth (nee Bailey); in 1911 lived in Birmingham, but moved to Benson sometime prior to 1918; joined RFA (Gnr 835379) in August 1914, discharged Feb 1919; father died in Benson in 1932

Ernest R Hinton

Born 1892 in Ewelme, son of Thomas & Harriet Hinton, brother of Tom, lived Castle Sq, Benson; enlisted in RN (J2577) in Sept 1908, discharged in June 1919 as Leading Seaman, married Janet Heron in 1919, died Portsmouth in 1964

Tom Hinton

Born 1890 in Ewelme, son of Thomas & Harriet Hinton, lived in Castle Sq, Benson, worked as a baker, enlisted in Carmarthen as a Sapper (48824) in the 64th Bgd Signals Section RE, died of wounds 16.4.1918.

Fred Holt*

Originally from Sheffield, he was a resident of Turners Court before enlisting, served as a Driver (136754) in the RE in India and Mesopotamia, d. 4.8.1916 in Iraq and buried in Bolarum Cavalry Barracks at Secunderabad.

Alfred Honey

Born 1883 in Benson, later a haycutter in Tatsfield, Surrey; son of James Honey; enlisted Guildford & served as Pte in 2nd Queens (G/4534), kia 16.5.15, commemorated on Le Touret Memorial (Panel 4/5)

Henry George Howard

Born 1882 in Berrick, son of Thomas & Mary Ann Howard, lived in Rokemarsh, Benson working as a farm labourer; enlisted April 1915 in the 7th R Berks, a POW in Sept 1915, returned Jan 1919

Edward Morris Hutchins*

Born 1889 in Oxford, son of Ralph & Mary Jane Hutchins (or Hutchings); initially worked on parents' farm in Rokemarsh, later worked as carpenter & lived in Willow Cottage, Oxford Rd, Benson after father died in 1910; joined RNAS (F4039) in January 1915, later trained as a mechanic and served in SW Africa with the SAAC in 1915; later served as Flt/Sgt (Z105) in the RFC, d.18.6.1916 when his aircraft crashed in East Africa, buried in Dar Es Salaam War Cemetery (Plot 33, Row F, 16), but headstone in Benson Churchyard.

Hugh Hampden Hutchins

Born 1895 in Oxford, younger son of Ralph & Mary Jane Hutchings, brother of Edward Morris; emigrated to the USA in 1910, enlisted in the US Army's 105th Infantry Regt in New York, served in France from May 1918; survived the war, registered as a US Citizen in 1919; married Olga Millar in Surrey in 1926, died 1978 in Newcastle under Lyme.

Frederick Charles Hutchings

Born 1899 in Benson, son of Fred & Clara (nee Absalom) Hutchings; one of at least 6 children; in 1901 the family lived in Cookham where Fred snr was a cowman, then in 1911 they were at Bunkers Farm Ewelme; Frederick married Katherine Bennett in Benson in 1919; Fred served as Pte (49179) in the 2nd Northants, enlisting in May 1917 and being discharged in April 1919; he was discharged due his wounds and awarded the Silver War Badge (B/213705); in 1939 lived in Littleworth Rd, Benson, but died in Sandford in 1981

John Thomas Hutchings

Born 1891 in Roke, later lived in Ewelme, son of John & Martha Hutchings, served as Pte (16074) in the 8th O&BLI; married Maizie Winfield in Ewelme in 1921

William John Jefferies

Born 1885 in Marcham, Berks, son of William & Mary Jefferies, lived in littleworth, married in 1907, Benson with wife Mary and two sons, worked as a baker, enlisted as Pte (4035982) in the RASC in November 1914

Harry Jessup

Born 1887 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, son of Fanny Jessup (widow) of Ewelme; was a regular soldier in 2nd Grenadier Guards, then worked as a groom in Slinfield, Sussex, re-enlisted at Ewelme in 1st Grenadier Guards (Pte, 14513), died of wounds 21.3.1915, commemorated Boulogne Eastern Cem (III.D.44) and on the Ewelme War Memorial.

Alfred Bruce Jones

Born 181896 in Standlake, son of Henry Jones (a Police Constable) & Elizabeth, lived in Witney and Eynsham working as a carpenter's labourer before moving to Chelsea where he worked as a barman; joined the RF as Pte (4505) at Battersea on 20th Sept 1914 where he gave his birth place as Benson, but was transferred to the RGA as Gnr (291501) and served with the 128th Heavy Bty in France from March 1916; died of pneumonia at Magdalen Camp, Winchester in Feb 1919 and was buried in St Helens, Benson

Austin Jones

Born 1888 in Benson, son of Mary Jones, lived with g'parents Jesse & Patience Jones, then with stepfather Samuel Winfield in Rokemarsh, nephew of George; worked as a farm carter on Hale Farm, enlisted August 1918 and reported as served in O&BLI; died Benson 1936

George William Jones

Born 1881 in Benson, son of Jesse & Elizabeth (nee Hawting); uncle of Austin; married Mary Gunn in West Ham in 1912; father of Stephen Frank b1914 & Cecil W b1920; in 1911 worked as a domestic gardener and lived in Rokemarsh; enlisted and served in MGC (6521); survived war and died in Ewelme in 1955, being buried in Benson.

William John Jones*

Born 1876 in Dorchester, son of William & Sarah Jones, husband of Emily and father of Phylis, Emily & Ernest; worked as a farm labourer, then later as the Preston Crowmarsh Ferryman, enlisted and served as a Pte (204280) in the 1/1st O&BLI; to France June 1917; missing, believed kia 16.8.1917 near St Julien, Ypres

John Keene

Born 1895 in Ewelme, later a farm labourer in Berrick, son of William & Emma Keene (later Parks) of Ewelme and later Berrick, enlisted Reading in 5th Berks (Pte, 15258), kia 3.7.1916 in the Battle of the Somme, commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial (Pier & Face 11D)

Ernest Anderson Lane

Born 1882 in Benson, son of Henry & Ellen Lane, younger brother of George, married Alice Jane Rudman in Dec 1913; lived in Nythe Cottage, Birmingham Yard and then Oxford Rd, Benson, worked as a blacksmith; enlisted in Wallingford Dec 1915, went to France March 1917 with RFA (177830) in 34 Bgd

George Joseph Lane

Born 1876 in Benson, son of Henry & Ellen Lane, eldest brother of Ernest, lived Birmingham Yard then Littleworth, worked as a farrier/blacksmith and enlisted April 1917, believed to have served with the QOOH

Edward Leach

Born 1888 in Abingdon, the son of Stephen & Sarah Leach; enlisted in Benson, served as Sgt (8684) in 4th Rifles; drowned 21.2.1917 when his ship "SS Princess Alberta" hit a mine off the Greek coast; commemorated on the Mikra Memorial.

John Theodore Legg

Born in 1893 in Sussex, son of Edwin & Ann Mary Legg, lived in Ivy House, Benson, was an apprentice chemist in Epsom in 1911, enlisted at Winchester, served as Pte with 15th Hants (204805), kia 4.9.1918 at Ypres; commemorated at Voormezele Enclosure 3, Belgium.

David Lewis

Born in Benson in 1887, the son of David Lewis & Louisa (nee Whichello); Father was a carpenter and publican at Beggarbush Hill in 1891, but the family moved to Warborough before 1901. His Mother died in 1898 and his Father died in 1904; Joined the RN (233367) in 1905, served on many ships during the war but mostly on submarine depot ships. Survived the war, leaving the Navy in 1927, died Oxford in October 1959.

Conrad Robert Long

Born 1888 in Agra, India; son of John W F Long & Katherine (nee Bianchi); John Long was an army surgeon, retiring as a Major in the RAMC and living in Willow Cottage, Oxford Rd, Benson; Conrad lived in Dover, then in Leicestershire, before joining his parents in Benson; he enlisted as a Pte (37365) in the RAMC in Nov 1914; he survived the war and died in Bromley in 1970

Walter Lockett

Born 1889 in Clapcot (Rush Court), Wallingford, the son of Maurice (or Morris) & Alice Lockett, married Agnes Wilkins in 1910; lived in Wallingford pre-war working as a brewery labourer; believed to have joined the 4th R Berks & served from June 1915; survived the war, later worked in the Didcot Army Depot, died in Reading in 1969 and buried in Benson

Alfred Luker*

Born 1887 in Crowmarsh, son of Charles & Sarah Luker, brother of James, worked as a farm labourer; served as Sgt (7714) in the 1st R Berks; kia 28.9.1915 in the Battle of Loos, commemorated on the Loos Memorial (Panel 93-95)

Edward Luker

Born 1889 in Crowmarsh, a cousin of Alf and James, farm labourer, served as a Gnr in the RGA, served in Italy, Egypt & Salonika, was medically discharged from the Army in February 1919 suffering from dysentery and deafness.

James Luker*

Born 1893 in Cowmarsh Gifford, son of Charles & Sarah Luker, a farm labourer in Ewelme where he lived with his two brothers in Clack's Lane, served as Pte (15179) in the 71st Bn MGC, kia 15.9.1916 during the Battle of the Somme, buried Guillemont Road Cemetery (Plot 7, Row F, Grave 8)

Frank MacQueen

Born 1899 in Henley, son of John & Eliza MacQueen, lived in Brook St, Benson; enlisted June 1917 in 10th Essex (42199); married Dorothy Goodey in 1935, lived in Porthill & worked as a butler.

William Frederick Main

Born 1882 in Leatherhead, Surrey; son of John & Mary Main, later lived in Henley and then Rokemarsh, where William was a general dealer; believed to have enlisted in August 1917 with the 1st Worcesters.

Harold Aubrey Marks

Born 1895 in Benson, son of William & Jane Marks, lived Rokemarsh and worked as a farm waggoner, enlisted as a Pte (202351) in the 2/4th O&B LI, went to France in April 1916, reported wounded by Oct 1916, tfr to R Berks as Pte (39869); believed to have survived the war.

William George Matthews

Born 1888 in Benson, was a regular soldier (Pte, 8105) in D Coy, 1st O&BLI, served India in 1911, Mesopotamia from Dec 1914, POW at Kut, died 1.10.1916, commemorated on the Basra Memorial

William Benjamin Mitchell

Born 1885 in Little Bridy, Dorset, the son of Henry & Eliza (nee Hanford) Mitchell; married Gertrude Frost in South Tidworth, Hants in 1907, father of Gertrude b1909, Winifred b 1910 and Wilhelmina b 1914; in 1911 William was a coachman living & working in Frimley, but the family moved to this area around 1914 with William a chauffeur; on 2nd Feb 1915 he enlisted as Pte (MT 047429) in the ASC, serving as a lorry driver; died in 1933.

Henry James Moffatt

Born 1880 in Poplar, Middx; married Alice Emma Underwood in 1906, lived in Clapcot working as the Benson Lock Keeper; previously a regular soldier (Cpl 2184) with the 7th Rifles in the Boer War, he re-enlisted (Pte 35836) in the 11th O&BLI; survived the war, died in 1926 and is buried in Benson churchyard.

Henry Silver Morris

Born 1877 in Reading, son of Edward & Kate Morris, lived in Reading where the family ran a draper's business, then a poultry farmer in Silchester, later in Churchfield House, Benson where he worked as an architect; served from Nov 1914 as a Lt in the 8th E Yorks, went to France Sept 1915, promoted Capt and then Major, survived the war and died in 1962

Arthur James Mumford*

Born 1894 in Coate, Wilts, the fourth child (of nine) of Henry & Sarah Anne (nee Bratchell) Mumford, initially a farm labourer, he enlisted at Faringdon as a Pte (9908) in the 1st R Berks, landing in France on 13th August 1914; he later transferred as a L/Cpl (25192) into the 1st Dorsets and was killed 27.2.1918 near Passchendaele, he was buried in Zonnebeke Cemetery and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial (Panel 92)

Ernest Frank Mumford

Born 1897 in Wootton Bassett, s/o Henry & Sarah Mumford, brother of Arthur & Henry; in 1911 the family lived in Gt Faringdon, but later moved to Benson; he served as Pte (32085) in the Somerset LI, and later as Pte (380957) in the Labour Corps; in 1939 he lived in Brook St & worked as a road mender; he died in Reading in 1980.

Henry William Mumford

Born 1887 in Cassington, s/o Henry & Sarah Mumford, brother of Arthur & Ernest; in 1911 worked as a groom in Gt Faringdon; served as Pte (3771) in RAVC & went to France in January 1915; married Alice Spicer in Benson in 1919; daughter Vera b 1920; in 1939 the family lived in Littleworth and Henry worked as a roadmender; he died in Benson in 1951

Henry William Munday

Born 1889 in Ipsden, son of Henry & Mary Ann Munday, later live in Stoke Row and worked as a farm carter; served as Cpl (2309) in the 10th R Fusiliers

Percival William Munday

Born 1888 in Ewelme, son of Alfred & Rebecca Munday, worked as a farm labourer, married Ada Taylor 1915 in Aston Rowant, served as a Pte (32679) in the Hampshires

Edward Victor Naish

Born in 1900 in Wallingford, son of Henry & Kathleen, younger brother of George, was the deputy organist at St Helens in Benson, volunteered under age in 1918; married Margaret Wells in 1926, dt Patricia b1929; in 1939 family in Wallingford; died 1978

George Howard Naish

Born 1899 in Wallingford, son of Henry & Kathleen Naish, brother of Edward; went to France in Oct 1917, served in 6th Warwicks (26895) and Hampshires 9070070); survived the war, married in 1926

Richard John Carey Oakes

Born 1864 in Central Province, India; married Elfrida St Lo Malet in 1898, father of Elrida & Margaruite; was a Captain in the Royal Garrison Regt of the British Army and lived in Benson after retirement; served as a Railway Traffic Officer; died in Benson in 1929, although his widow lived in Fifield in 1939.

Frederick Ovenell/Walton DCM

Born in Oxford in 1881, Frederick was the son of Henry & Lavinia Ovenell; Henry was the temporary lock keeper at Benson Lock during the war; Frederick served as a Gnr in the RGA and was awarded the DCM for gallantry, but under the name of Walton it is now believed.

John Randall Painter*

Born 1895 in Benson, 5th son of John Thomas Painter & Helen, family farmed Brook Farm and lived in The Cedars; emigrated to Canada in 1912 and farmed in Ontario; enlisted 1st Feb 1916 at Toronto and served as a Gnr (316962) in the 81st Battery, 4th Bgd Canadian FA; served in France from 20th March 1917, seriously wounded 30th Sept 1918 during Battle at Canal du Nord, died of wounds 6th Oct 1918, buried Etaples Military Cemetery (Grave: LXVI. H.25)

George Charlie Pengilley

Born 1891 in Henley, son of Albert & Annie who worked on Badgemore Dairy Farm, later lived in Rokemarsh; enlisted 1911, served as a Pte in the QOOH (1706) and later in the Hussars (285054); went to France 20th Sept 1914, wounded at Vermelles Feb 1916; survived the war, demobbed Feb 1919; post war at Hicks Farm in Roke as a dairy farmer, died 1969

John Peters*

A resident at Turners Court, served in the RNVR (Z/367) on HMS Indefatigable, kia 31.5.16 at Battle of Jutland

Arthur William Phillips

Born 1892 in Charlton on Otmoor, son of Joseph & Elizabeth Phillips; worked as a farm labourer at Battle Farm in Crowmarsh, enlisted as Pte (10725) in the 5th O&BLI, to France May 1915, wounded Oct 1917, later L/Cpl (50717) in the 1st R Berks; married Minnie Lovell in March 1915 in Benson; died in Benson in 1961

Ernest Albert Phillips*

Born 1893 Born 1894 in Fencott, Oxon, son of Joseph & Elizabeth Phillips, lived in Littleworth, Benson, a farm labourer, enlisted as a Pte (10941) in the 5th O&B LI, went to France in May 1915, survived the Battle of Arras, but was k/a 27.5.1917, buried in London Cemetery at Neuville Vitasse

Ben Pick MM

Born 1881 in Notts, worked as a builder before enlisting as a regular, Cpl (16045) in the RE, he went to France in Sept 1914; awarded the MM for gallantry at the Battle of Cambrai; he survived the war, served in the local Territorials as Sgt (747255) as the QOOH became the 399th Bty, RFA; ran the Horse & Harrow pub in Rokemarsh with his wife Lizzie, was a local builder, died in 1933

Arthur Pratt

Born 1898 in Wallingford, son of John & Sarah Pratt, later in Brook St, Benson, enlisted in Dec 1916 and served as a Pte (1908) in the RMLI

Thomas Gill Pratt

Born 1874 in Brightwell, son of James & Ann Pratt, worked as an odd job boy at Goulds Grove, then a cowman at Crowmarsh Battle Farm, later as a farm carter living in Crowmarsh Gifford; married Annie Griffin in 1902; enlisted in RAVC (SE/9892) and went to France in Sept 1915, discharged Feb 1919

Alfred Aaron Pudwell

Born 1894 in Nuneham Courtney, son of Alfred & Elizabeth Pudwell; married Evelyn Whorton in Benson 1916; started work as a farm labourer but joined the RN on 13th October 1909 aged 16, just 5ft 4 inches tall, with brown hair and blue eyes; served as Ldg Signaller J5755 on HMS Vivid; left Navy on 13th Oct 1919; later lived in Wantage, died there in 1952

George Henry Richens

Born 1876 in Benson, son of Henry & Eliza Richens; family moved to Ewelme for many years, George later worked in Sussex before returning to live with his widowed mother in Brook St, Benson; a farm labourer, enlisted in the RAVC as Pte (SE/9889) and served from Aug 1915, went to France in Sept 1915, survived the war and died in Henley in 1943

Frank Johnson Rogers

Born in 1889, s/o William & Susan Rogers; in 1891 the family lived in Gateshead where William was an iron moulder, but they moved to West Wycombe (1901) and then Benson in 1911 where Frank also worked as an iron moulder; married Fanny Elizabeth Harris in 1913 in Benson; went to France in March 1915 & served as Pte (2880) in R Berks, but later as Pte (027181) in RAOC; in 1939 lived in Wycombe with Fanny and died there in 1976.

F C Rowe

In 1904 a music teacher in Nottingham, in 1914 he was the church organist at St Helens, Benson, reported as going on service in Aug 1915, went to France Nov 1915, served as a Cpl (103167) despatch rider in the RE, discharged Jan 1919

George Henry Sandall

Born 1899 in Benson, son of Harry & Ada Sandall, lived in Brook St and later in Littleworth, Benson; believed to have enlisted in the 10th O&B LI in June 1917, later as Pte 456329 in an Agricultural Labour Coy; married Rose Luker in Benson in 1925

Reginald P Saunders

Born 1895 in Brightwell, in 1901 living with Aunty Alice in West Ham, in 1911 in Brook St, Benson, working as a house boy; served as a Pte (22476) with 2nd O&B LI, went to France in March 1916, kia 30.7.1916 in Battle of the Somme

Robert Seaton

Born 1885 in Hartlepool, Durham; son of Frank Seaton; married Mabel Collins in 1916 at St Helen's Berrick Salome; later lived in Oxford Rd, Benson; served as 2nd Officer in the Merchant Navy on several ships; in 1939, lived in Station Rd, Wallingford & worked as a haulage contractor, died in 1947.

William Albert Reginald Selwood

Born 1896 in Benson, son of Albert & Ellen Selwood, lived in Lion Yard, Benson; worked as a footman at Huntercombe Manor pre-war; enlisted as a Pte (11987) in the RAMC, went to France in Sept 1915 and survived the war, being discharged in June 1919; married in 1928 to Marjorie Harwood

Robert James Sheldrake*

Born 1896 in Poplar, s/o Robert & Elizabeth, later lived in East Ham; parents both dead by 1908; was a resident of Turners Court until December 1915, enlisted in Oxford, served as a Pte (20825) in the 6th O&B LI, kia 3.9.1916 at Guillemont in the Battle of the Somme, commemorated on Thiepval Memorial (Pier16, face B/C)

Gilbert Percy Short

Born 1884 in Bitton, Somerset, s/o Oliver & Mary Short, one of seven children; married Emily Pether in Benson in 1907 when he was working as a motor coach painter in Reading; father of Cecil, Marjorie & Kathleen; Gilbert had served in the Somerset LI as a territorial, but joined the RAOC in 1902 as a Pte (5143) for 3 years, and then the reserve in August 1905; he was mobilised in August 1914 and went to France in May 1915 as L/Cpl 020588 in the RAOC, discharged in August 1915 he then worked as a storeman; died in Surbiton in 1956.

Leslie Frank Simmonds

Born 1892 in Benson, son of Stephen & Lydia, married Agnes Telling in 1919; joined RN in 1910 as a stoker (K7833), served on HMS Minotaur through war, stayed in RN until 1938, later ran Post Office in West Hendred, died 1948.

William J Slaughter

Born 1872 in Benson, son of William & Mary Slaughter of Berrick, married in 1895 to Rose, father of William, George & Frederick; previously served in Middlesex Regt (242866) and re-enlisted in 1st East Surreys (Pte, 28546); kia 4.10.1917, commemorated Hooze Crater Cemetery (XIII.A.1)

William George Smith*

Born 1885 in Benson, son of William Brackley Smith & Martha, lived in Littleworth, Benson, a carpenter who enlisted as a regular soldier, served as Sgt (7784) in G Company of the 2nd R Berks ; kia 15.3.1915 and commemorated on the Le Toret Memorial (Panel 30)

Oscar John Snapp

Born 1888 in Somerset, the son of Maitland & Alice Snapp, who later lived in Lyneham; by 1911 Alice

was separated from her husband and was the manageress of the White Hart Hotel in Benson; Served as a Pte (7975) in the 2nd KOYLI and went to France in October 1914; taken POW in the early battles & held in Mecklenberg camp; survived the war and discharged March 1919

John Cecil Snuggs

Born 1881 in Wantage, son of Jabez & Elizabeth Snuggs, lived in Lewknor, then in London working as a groom, enlisted in June 1915 in the RASC as a driver; survived the war and died in 1939.

Leonard Snuggs

Born 1891 in Buckland, son of Jabez & Elizabeth Snuggs, lived in Brook St, worked as a grocer's assistant, enlisted June 1915, served in 8th & 9th R Fusiliers, went to France in October 1916 as Sgt (G/49568), married Lilian Sandall in 1917, lived Benson in 1939; died in Oxford in 1968

Sidney Soper*

Born Millwall in London 1889, he was a resident of Turners Court, leaving on 10th April 1915 to enlist in Reading. served as a Pte (17101) in the 1st R Berks, landed France on 10th August 1916, died of wounds 15.11.1916 near Thiepval, buried Warlincourt Cemetery (Plot 2, Row J, Grave 12)

John Henry Spyer

Born in Benson in 1872, son of William & Eliza (nee Wetherall) Spyer, brother of George & Emily & lived in Oxford Rd; in 1911 John was a farm labourer & lived in Littleworth, Benson with his widower father; enlisted in Oct 1915 as a Pnr (295908) in the RE, 710th Labour Coy; survived the war.

Faithful Charles Stacey

Born Stokenchurch in 1888, the son of Frederick & Agnes Stacey; the family also lived in Turville but Faithful was a footman in Benson when he joined the Royal Navy (365034) in 1906; married Gertrude Snow in 1910; after the war, he emigrated to Canada in 1921 & died in Newfoundland in 1955.

Francis Alexander Stanbury

Born in 1868 in St Helier, Jersey; son of Thomas & Ann (nee Phillips) Stanbury, one of at least 11 children; served Oct 1899/Dec 1900 as steward (357810) on HMS Hermes; in 1901 worked as house porter in Manchester; married Emma Collins in 1903, father of Florence b1905 & Muriel b1911; in 1914 lived Ivy Villa, Benson; served in RASC as Pte (187) in mobile canteen with BEF in France; later with RAVC as Pte (14194), then Labour Corps in 188 Lab coy (Pte 205894); discharged unfit in 1919; lived Benson in 1919 but later moved to Chalgrove; died June 1928

Alfred George Strudley*

Born 1890 in Worplesdon, Surrey, son of Owen & Ellen Strudley, widowed Ellen remarried Henry Thorn of Ewelme, in 1911 he worked on Down Farm as a carter, enlisted Oxford, to France Sept 1915 with 8th OBLI, served as Cpl (14396) in the 2nd O&B LI, kia 28.4.1917 in Battle of Arras, commemorated on the Arras Memorial (Bay 6/7)

Leslie Talbot

Born 1896 in Benson, son of William & Rubacelle (nee Tanner) Talbot, brother of Oliver & William; the family lived in Littleworth and later Beggarbush; worked as a domestic gardener; enlisted in Nov

1914 in the RFA as Gnr (616556), later transferred to RE (Spr, 495985); survived the war, married Lilian Brignell in 1927; in 1939 lived in Wallingford working as a hospital porter; died 1983 in Cholsey

Oliver Talbot

Born 1877 in Brightwell Sotwell, later lived in Benson; son of William & Rubacelle, brother of Leslie & William; served as Pte (16695) in 7th OBLI, served in France & later in Salonika, later as Pte (671104) in Labour Corps; in 1939 lived in Mill Lane, Benson with sister and brother Percy, worked as a labourer; died 1959.

William Talbot

Born 1884 in Sotwell, Berks, son of William & Rubacelle Talbot, brother of Oliver & Leslie, lived in Littleworth, Benson and later at Beggarbush, worked on Clacks Farm before enlisting as a regular soldier in 1906 as a Pte (8386) in the 1st Gloucesters, served in India, Malta & China before being discharged; re-enlisted 31st Aug 1914 as Pte (2613) in the 2nd Gloucesters and went to France in January 1915, then from Nov 1915 to June 1916 in Salonika; discharged as unfit (tuber on lung) in Aug 1916 and awarded a pension as totally disabled; died Jan 1920.

George Tallent

Born in 1879 in Duddesdon, son of John & Elizabeth Tallent (or Tallant); in 1901 a timber carter living in Stokenchurch, married a widow Caroline Wharton in 1902 in Thame; by 1911 the family lived in Culham; joined the 5th OBLI a Pte (22079) and went to France in Jan 1916; wounded in Sept 1917, later transferred to Labour Corps as Pte (634990); in 1918 the family lived in Littleworth

Frank Albert Taylor

Born 1889 in Benson, son of John & Sarah Taylor, lived in Brook St, Benson; worked as a domestic gardener, enlisted as Pte (19494) in 9th R Berks, service from Dec 1915, wounded Aug 1916, later served in MGC (7582), survived the war, died in Surrey in 1980

Thomas Frank Thetford

Born 1890 in Gt Yarmouth, son of Thomas & Elizabeth; lived Benson, served as Cpl (11772) in RFA, went to France July 1915, survived the war, died in 1965.

Alfred James Town

Born 1877 in Benson, son of James & Sophia (nee Latimer) Town; one of 10 children; brother of John & Richard; married Gertrude Green in Wallingford in 1920; enlisted in RA (9596) in 1897, in 1911 a gravedigger in Benson, living with family in Brook St; called up April 1916, served as Gnr (284596) in RGA; died in Benson in 1961.

John Henry Town

Born 1889 in Benson, son of James & Sophia Town, 9 siblings, lived in Brook St, Benson and worked as a farm labourer; enlisted as a pre-war regular Pte (5924) in the O&BLI, later in the 2nd O&BLI and 1st/4th O&BLI (202329), went to France in April 1916, captured and taken POW in Aug 1916, returned home Dec 1918, discharged to army reserve in Sept 1919; later lived in Littleworth, died 1949

John Towns

Born 1879 in Benson, s/o Frederick & Emma Towns, in 1911 a labourer in Bicester; served as Gnr 275188 in the RGA; sick with Malaria in Salonika in Dec 1917, hospital & convalescence in Salonika, discharged sick in April 1919.

Richard Thomas Town

Born in 1879 in Benson, son of James & Sophia Town, brother of Alfred & John; married Annie Meek in Meriden in 1922; in 1911 a labourer living in Brook St; went to France July 1915 & served as Pte (13049) in OBLI and later in the Defence Corps (94452); died Meriden 1943.

Richard Charles Townend

Born 1900 in Benson, son of Alfred & Eliza Townsend, lived in Brook St, Benson, believed to have enlisted in the O&BLI in July 1918, survived the war, married in 1927, died in Reading in 1965

Alexander Tubb

Born 1892 in South Stoke, son of Ezra & Charlotte Tubb, but raised in Benson after early death of mother; lived in Clifton Terrace, Benson and worked as a farm carter; enlisted as Pte (23173) in 7th O&BLI and went on service in Salonika Oct 1916; wounded May 1917, survived the war, re-enlisted Sept 1922, discharged 1926; died 1943 in Goring.

Herbert Frederick Lewen Tugwell MC

Born 1897, the son of Herbert Tugwell - the Bishop of Equatorial West Africa, served as Lt in the RGA, went to France in May 1917, awarded the MC for valour; he survived the war, lived in India for some time serving in the Indian Army on the NW Frontier

George Vanhout

Born 1881 in Belgium, son of Hamille & Marion Vanhout; in 1915 at Turners Court Farm Training School; enlisted Oct 1915 in Reading as Pte (13515) in the MGC, later transferred to Labour Corps as Pte (595556); served in France April 1917 to Jan 1918; discharged Feb 1919 with severe muscular rheumatism and assessed as 50% disabled, awarded pension for 1 year; in 1939 living in Poplar working as a porter; died 1958.

Ernest Walters

Born 1882 in Wallingford, son of William & Ellen Walters, who kept the Red Lion pub in Wallingford's High St, husband of Dora, trained initially as an architect's pupil, but later was an estate clerk living at Riverview, Preston Crowmarsh; enlisted & served from June 1917 as a Pte (320259) in the RASC mech transport services.

Sir Francis Weatherby MC

Born 1885 in Surrey, educated Winchester, served locally as Lt then Capt with the Yeomanry (the QOOH), went to France in Sept 1914 and served with the QOOH & Intelligence Corps; awarded the MC for conspicuous gallantry in July 1918; survived the war, lived mainly in London, was Secretary of the Jockey Club in 1930, knighted in January 1953, he died in 1968

Benjamin Webb

Born 1887 in Clare Pyston, Oxon, eldest son of Harry & Emily Webb, brother of Charles & Sidney, lived at Crowmarsh Battle and worked as a cowman, enlisted January 1915 & served briefly as a Pte (17355) in the 6th O&BLI; discharged in 1915. In 1921 in London Rd, died in 1944.

Charles William Webb*

Born 1893 in Cholsey, son of Harry & Emily Webb, lived Crowmarsh Battle and worked as a farm labourer, served as a Pte (17360) in the 6th O&BLI; went to France Sept 1915, killed 2.7.1916 near Ypres, buried in Vlamerting Military Cemetery, (Plot 3, Row E, 13)

Sidney Harry Webb

Born 1888 in Clare Pyston, son of Harry & Emily Webb, brother of Ben & Charles, lived Crowmarsh Battle working as a cowman; enlisted Nov 1914, to France Sept 1915, served as a Pte (16340) in the 2nd O&BLI in France & the 8th in Salonika; tfr to 13th Glosters, then back to 2nd O&BLI; discharged April 1919; in 1939 with wife Elizabeth in High Wycombe; died 1977 in Warwick.

Albert Henry Wells MM

Born 1899 in Benson, son of Thomas & Mary Wells, brother of John, lived in Littleworth, served as a bugler with C Squadron of the QOOH (2797 and 285717), went to France in December 1915, awarded the MM for gallantry on the Somme in June 1918, discharged April 1919; married Florence Bird in 1923

John Edward Wells

Born 1902 in Roke, Benson, son of Thomas & Mary Wells, brother of Albert, lived in Littleworth, Benson, believed to have enlisted voluntarily underage in 1918 in the RASC

Richard Daniel Wells

Born 1889 in Benson, son of Robert & Jane Wells. Lived in Brook St, worked as a carpenter & decorator, served in the RFC, then RAF as Cpl (26480), from April 1916; married Edith White in 1915, lived in Benson in 1939, died 1974.

William Thomas Wells

Born 1895 in Roke, son of Thomas & Margaret Wells, lived in Benson and worked as a haybinder; served as Pte (285742) in the QOOH, on service in July 1915, discharged April 1919

Charles West

Born 1884, son of Walter & Mary West, brother of Frederick & William; in 1911 lived in the High St and worked as a house painter; enlisted in 1916 in 8th Worcesters as Pte (203252); survived the war.

Frederick Walter West

Born 1878, son of Walter & Mary West; lived in High St; brother of Charles & William; married Mary Nash in 1904, father of Marena b1905, Frederick b 1906, Frank b1907, Ellen b1909, Lucy b1911; enlisted 1st April 1918 in RE (WR333316) Inland Waterways & Docks Company; discharged on 23rd Jan 1919 as unfit and awarded the Silver War Badge for his injuries.

Harry Maxwell West

Born 1889 in Roke, son of John & Mary West, brother of John & Herbert; in 1911 lived Castle Sq; attested as Pte (1827) in QOOH in 1913, went to France 20.9.1914; assigned to Corps of Hussars in 1917 as Pte 285133; discharged 12.3.1919; married Elsie Foster in 1922

John Percy West

Born 1893 in Benson, son of John & Mary West, brother of Herbert, lived in Castle Sq and worked as a dairyman/builder, enlisted July 1916 as a Pte (2761705) in the DLI, then as Pte (374850) in 755th Lab Coy.

Herbert Arthur West

Born 1883 in Benson, son of John Thomas & Ellen West, married Florence May Harris in 1913 and lived in Jericho, worked as a poultry shop assistant, enlisted Oxford in 5th O&BLI (Pte, 10264), to France May 1915, kia 25.9.1915 near Ypres, commemorated Menin Gate (Panel 37/39)

Herbert Stanley West

Born 1898 in Benson, son of John & Mary West of Castle Sq, Benson, worked as dairyman in family dairy, enlisted (J25765) in RN in 1913; served on HMS Dreadnought through war, discharged 1928

William West

Born 1886, son of Walter & Mary West of the High St; brother of Charles & Frederick; married Gertrude Baker in 1912; father of Dorothy b 1916, Maurice b1920; enlisted 27th Oct 1916 in 5th Bedfords as Pte (202516) , transferred to RE (263336) in April 1917, discharged as unfit in May 1919; awarded a 30% disabled pension.

John Edward Weston

Born 1867 in Wallingford, son of John & Emma Weston, ex regular soldier, enlisted as Pte (1181) in S Staffs in 1885, in the R Berks (496) in 1900, & in the RGA (1901) in 1901; married Sophia in Gibraltar in 1890, lived Benson but in 1911 living in Kidmore End working as a farm labourer, later in Rokemarsh; rejoined the S Staffs in 1914

John Edward Weston Jnr*

Born 1890 in Gibraltar, son of John & Sophia Weston, lived in Benson and Kidmore End then Rokemarsh, served as Cpl (12985) in the 4th Worcesters; on service in March 1915, kia 11/12/1915 at Gallipoli; buried Azmak Cemetery, Suvla (II. A. 23)

Thomas Wheeler

Born 1897 in Benson, son of Charles & Esther Wheeler, lived in Brook St, worked as a farm labourer, served in the London Regt (Pte 5654) and the 13th Tank Corps (Pte 308824)

William Wheeler*

Believed born in Oxford, a regular soldier for 12 years, Pte (10590) in 1st R Berks, POW in Mesopotamia in 1916, died in captivity Oct 1916

Edgar Whichello

Born 1896 in Aston Tirrold, son of Frederick & Agnes Whichello who ran the Chequers pub in Aston Tirrold; later lived in Benson, served as a Pte (11738) in the 2nd R Berks, kia 4.4.1917 and commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial (Pier & Face 11 D)

Frederick W G Whichello MM

Born 1892 in Benson, son of Walter & Bessie Whichello of Brook St, Benson, brother of Joseph & Richard, butcher living in Stoke Newington in 1911; enlisted & served as Sgt (42446) with 99 Bgd RFA in Salonika; awarded the MM for gallantry; had a butcher's shop in Hillingdon in 1928 and died in Bristol in 1977.

Joseph Walter Whichello

Born 1897 in Benson, son of Walter & Mary, lived in Brook St and served in RFA (895607); in 1939 a labourer living at 49 Brook St with mother; died 1980 in Benson.

Richard Whichello*

Born 1881 in Benson, son of Walter & Bessie Whichello who ran the Lamb & Flag Inn in Brook St, married Beatrice Emily Bartholomew in 1910, one son Richard Henry; enlisted in the RM in 1899 and served as a Gunnery Instructor, Sgt (7928) in the RMA, kia 21.9.1914 when his ship HMS Hogue was torpedoed, the first Benson man to die in WW1.

John White

Born Benson, enlisted Stow on the Wold in 10th Gloucester (Pte, 16088); kia 20.9.1916 in Battle of the Somme, commemorated Thiepval Memorial (Pier & Face 5a/5b)

Harry Wigmore*

Born 1890 in Bucklebury, Berks, son of Daniel & Sarah Wigmore, brother of James; the family later lived in Crowmarsh Gifford and then Ewelme; a farm worker, enlisted as a Pte (204225) in the 2/4th O&B LI, kia 21.8.1917 at St Julien, part of the Battle of Passchendaele; commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial (Panel 96 to 98)

James Wigmore

Born 1886 in Bucklebury, Berks; son of Daniel & Sarah Wigmore, brother of Harry; lived in Crowmarsh Gifford and then Ewelme, worked as a farm cart boy and then a labourer; enlisted and served in the RAVC (2153)

John Henry Wilde*

Born 1885 in Stockport, s/o Harry & Mary Wilde, was a resident at Turners Court for three years, enlisted as Pte (18168) in 5th Berks, wounded at Orvilliers in Battle of Somme on 3.7.1916, he died of his wounds on 13th July 1916, buried in Leeds Lawns Cemetery, (W440)

Arthur Anthony Wilkinson

Born 1883 in Wantage, raised by G'parents in Warborough, married Mary Sophie Kent in 1906; worked as a Railway Car Man on SV Railway near Treorchy in Wales, then later lived in Roke Marsh, Benson; enlisted August 1915 in Oxford as Pte (19581) in O&B LI; believed to have survived the war.

John Henry Winfield*

Born 1881 in Swyncombe, son of Samuel & Jane Winfield and husband of Anna Maria, worked as a carter for a coal merchant and lived in Brightwell Sotwell; enlisted Oct 1900, served as a Pte (6502) in the 2nd O&B LI; went to France Jan 1915; kia 13.11.1916 at Redan Ridge, Beaumont Hamel in the closing stages of the Battle of the Somme, buried at Waggon Road cemetery, Beaumont Hamel, (Row E, Grave 32)

Thomas Winfield

Born 1878 in Upperton, son of Samuel & Jane Winfield, one of 7 children; family lived Ewelme, later lived in Rokemarsh, worked on Hale Farm, enlisted in 1898 in Hampshire (Pte 5462), later reported as re-enlisted in April 1917; died Port Hill, Benson in 1948

Edward A Wise

Born 1893 in Shillingford, the son of Albert & Alice Wise, the family lived in Shillingford where Albert was the ferryman, whilst Edward worked as a farm labourer; enlisted as Pte (35144) in the R Berks, on service in June 1917, captured and held as a POW, returned in Jan 1919.

Frederick John Young

Born 1899 in Benson, son of Walter & Rose Young, brother of Gilbert, lived in Castle Sq, enlisted Feb 1917 and served in the RN (L10058) on HMS Umpire until March 1919

George William Young

Born in 1888 in Littlemore, son of Walter & Rose Young, brother of Frederick & Gilbert; the family lived in Warborough, then Benson at Castle Villa; in 1911 George was a printer in Hertford; enlisted Oct 1915 as Gnr (61708) in the RGA, discharged in 1918; died in Oxford in 1973.

Manoah Young

Born 1877 in Benson, son of Gabriel & Mary Young, lived in Brook St, Benson; married Mary Bridges in Drayton St Leonard in 1906, two sons, family lived in Brook St and later in Sidmouth, Devon; pre-war regular soldier in Grenadier Guards, served as Pte (118783) in RE, then in France in Sept 1915 with Labour Corps (293401), then with RE again as Cpl (612616); survived the war, died in Oxford in 1953.

Maurice Gilbert Young*

Born 1896 in Benson, son of Walter & Rose Young living in Castle Sq, worked as house boy in a gentlemen's club in Newbury, enlisted & served as a Pte (10335) in the 5th R Berks, kia 20.7.1917, buried at Monchy Le Preux (Plot 1, Row B, Grave 24)

Walter Young

Born 1894 in Aston Tirrold, son of George & Annie Young, worked as a biscuit packer in Reading, believed to have joined the new RAF in August 1918

William Young

Born 1890 in Ewelme, later lived in Reading, son of Philip & Rose Young, husband of Ethel; worked as a builder's labourer; enlisted Reading in 8th Berks (Pte, 21775), kia 18.8.1916 in Battle of the Somme, commemorated Thiepval Memorial (Pier & Face 11D)

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