**Harpenden in World War I**

**Names and addresses and details of servicemen in St Nicholas parish**

*There are three main sources for names of those who lived in the Central North Harpenden areas and joined up or were conscripted.*

*1) Harpenden War Memorial on Church Green, with notes by Mary Skinner, in an article on the Harpenden-History website:*

*Harpenden-History.org.uk/page/harpenden\_war\_memorial\_1914-18*

*These entries are copied from the website in small print.*

*2) National Roll of Honour, 1914-18, with brief accounts of the military careers of a selection of servicemen, including those who survived, but probably less than ten percent of those who actually served. These entries have details of their activity in the war.*

*3) A Roll of Honour published in 1915, of a number of local men who enlisted. No details are given apart from their names and addresses and where they enlisted.*

*There is little overlap between these three lists.*

*Note that Symington St is now Park Mount, and Newcombe St is now Park Hill. Approximate addresses from Kelly's Directory, 1913-14*

ABBOTT, O.E. High St 1st Herts

ABBOTT, P.H. High St Herts Imperial Yeomanry

AGARWALA, Clement Cowper Rd R.A.M.C.

ALLEN, Rev Roland Parkside *(not located)*  Royal Navy Chaplain

ALLEN, M.R. Arden Grove 28th Co of London (Artists) Killed 13.9.16

ALLEN Maurice Reginald, 2nd Lt.  Notts. & Derby Regiment

He was born in 1893, the son of John Allen of Arden Grove. He was training as a Chartered Accountant. He enlisted in the Artists’ Rifles, and was commissioned in the Notts & Derby Regiment. He was killed in action in France on 13 September 1916 aged 23 years.

ANDERSON, J Fitzroy, Symington St (2 Park Miunt) Pte, Labour Corps

*1916 Ypres, Dickenbusch, Arras*

ANDREWS, William Northaw Villas *(not located)*  Royal Garrison Artillery, Malta

ANSTEE, John (c 109) Luton Rd Royal Navy

ARNO, O High St National Reserve (Herts)

ATKINSON, Geoffrey B (c 10) Townsend Rd 5th Dragoon Guards Killed 19.6.15

ATKINSON Geoffrey J. Buddle, Lieutenant Royal Worcester Regiment  
He was the elder son of Hugh Buddle Atkinson, barrister, who lived at Mount Lodge, Townsend Road, Harpenden. He was killed in action at Gallipoli on the 19 June 1915

ATKINSON, Reginald G Leyton Green 28th Co of London (Artists)

BAILEY, Alan J c 35 Hollybush Lane Royal Field Artillery

BALFOUR, H.E. 8 Breadcroft Lane Pte, Royal Army Service Corps (Motor Transport)

*1915 Ypres, Somme, Arras*

BANGLE, A Wynne Stanley, Symington St Pte, 6th Royal Sussex Regt

*1916 India*

BARNES, Arthur Kinsbourne Green 3rd Beds

BARNES, Benjamin Kinsbourne Green 6th Beds

BARNES, Henry Kinsbourne Green Killed 3.7.16

BARNES Henry, Corporal 2nd Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment

He was born in Kinsbourne Green near Harpenden, the second son of Benjamin Barnes and Matilda. He worked for Steabbens , the butcher on Church Green. He enlisted in St Albans. He was killed in action in France on 3 July 1916, aged 24 years.

BARRETT, Sidney Kinsbourne Green Died 1.12.18

BARRETT Sidney, Corporal Royal Engineers  
He was born in 1895 at Fiddlers Hill Cottages on Kinsbourne Green near Harpenden to Dan Barrett, a farm labourer and Matilda, a straw plaiter. He was drowned near Cambrai on 1 December 1918 while on active service.

BATEMAN, A.E. Cowper Rd

BATES, Edmund C c 61 Milton Rd 1st Herts

BELL, William Leyton Green

BELL William George, Private 8th Battalion Suffolk Regiment Killed 4.5.17  
He lived in Leyton Green, the son of a builders labourer. He enlisted in St Albans and was killed in action on the Western Front on 4 May 1917, aged 19 years.

BENNETT, Thomas Kinsbourne Green Royal Navy

BENTLEY, F Thatch Cottage, High St Sapper, Royal Engineers Gassed

*1915 Ypres, Cambrai. Was gassed.*

BENTLEY, H.J. High St Rifleman, 8th London Regt (PO Rifles)

*1915 Egypt, Salonika, taking of Jerusalem.*

BISHOP, Rev A Stanley c 19 Station Rd Army Chaplain

BLACK, Henry E Milton Rd 24th Co of London Rifles

BLAKE, Marcus Bowers House Royal Navy

BLAKE, Christopher Bowers House Dued 4.9.16

BLAKE Christopher, Second Lieutenant 5th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was born on 18 August 1892, the fourth son of William Henry Blake M.B., surgeon, and Alice his wife, of Bowers House, Harpenden. He went to Emmanuel College, Cambridge where he obtained a B.A. degree. He started work at St John’s College of Agriculture in Bedfordshire. He joined up in 1915. He died of wounds received on his first day in the trenches, 4 September 1916. He was 22 years old.

BOAKES, John no address Died 19.11.15

BOAKES G.A. Private Royal Army Service Corps, Motor Transport Division  
This is probably John Boakes of the above unit who was born in Woolwich but resided in Harpenden. Confirmed, by his grandson John Foskett, that the memorial is incorrect - this should be John Boakes. He died in England 19 November 1915 while on active service. He is buried in Woolwich Cemetery, his grave being marked as a war grave.

BOATMAN, C Glencoe, c3 Shakespeare Rd Corp, Beds Regt Unfit

*1916 Transferred to Royal Army Pay Corps, unfit.*

BONNETT, Eric c 16 Milton Rd Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve

BOSWORTH, E Cowper Rd Royal Engineers (Railway Corps)

BOWLING, G.R. Moreton End, Luton Rd Royal Navy

BOWLING, E..R. Moreton End Sportsmans Battalion (Royal Fusiliers) d. 4.6.16

BOWLING Edwyn Randolph, Second Lieutenant 9th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, he was attached to the 8th Battalion Queens Own West Kent Regiment.  
He was born in Hove in 1893; he was a solicitor’s clerk working in London in 1911; possibly he was later with a solicitor in Harpenden. He was killed in Belgium on 4 June 1916

BOZIER, George C Kinsbourne Green Killed 27.9.18

BOZIER George Cyril Private 1st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was born on 25 April 1894, the son of George Cyril Bozier, a horseman on a farm, and his wife Alice Bozier. They lived on Kinsbourne Green. He enlisted in Bedford. He was killed in action on 27 September 1918, aged 20 years

BRAITHWAITE, Arthur Kirkwick, Townsend Lane Lancashire Fusiliers

BRETT, Charles, W c 40 Cowper Rd 18th Lancers

BRIGG, Brian D Clarence Rd 8th Berkshire

BROAD, Dennis Gurney Rothamsted Ave Australian Expednry Force d. 27.4.16

BROAD Dennis Gurney, Flight Sub Lieutenant & Assistant Paymaster Royal Naval Air Service

He served on HMS Killingholme. He was born in 1884 and lived at ‘Tregroves', Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden. He was killed while flying over the North Sea on 27 April 1916. He has no known grave, but is commemorated on the Naval Memorial at Chatham.

BROAD, James Eustace c 9 Rothamsted Ave H.A.C

BURFOOT, William Francis Roundwood Lane Killed 20.9.17

BURFOOT William Francis, Corporal 423 Company Royal Engineers  
He was born in Slough, the elder son of Joseph Burfoot, a painter and decorator. He was married and lived at 3 Roundwood Lane, Harpenden; he worked as a bricklayer. He enlisted in London. He was killed in action on the Western Front on 20 September 1917, aged 30 years.

BUTLIN, Frederick M c 4 Shakespeare Rd 1st Herts

CAIN, T 4 Newcombe St Pte, Duke of Wellington's (W Riding Regt) Killed 24.9.16

*1915 Killed in action near Albert.*

CAIN Thomas, Private Duke of Wellington’s (West Riding) Regiment  
He was born in 1888 (but recorded as aged 14 in 1911 census), one of the four sons of Arthur Cain of Newcombe Street (Park Hill), Harpenden old enough to serve in the war, two of whom survived the war. He worked as a bleacher at Boreham Wood. He volunteered in April 1915, only sixteen months after he married. He was a good shot and so was selected as a sniper. He was killed in action near Albert on 24 September 1916, aged 28 (aged 20 from census and newspaper report).

CAIN, W. 4 Newcombe St Pte, Norfolk Regt

*1916 Many actions. St Quentin, Albert.*

CAREY, Harold E Townsend Rd 3rd Beds

CARTER, G Stanley Aplins Close, Townsend Lane Royal Naval Reserve

CATTON, F.R. Roundwood, Roundwood Lane Royal Imperial Yeomanry

CHAPMAN, C. 4 Newcombe St Pte, 4th Northumberland Fusiliers Killed 16.8.16

*1916 Killed in action on Western Front, August 1916*

CHAPMAN Frederick George, Private 4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers  
He was born in Gaddesdon Row, near Hemel Hempstead, the eldest son of Walter Chapman, a gardener, and Eliza Chapman. He also worked as a gardener. He lived at 4 Newcombe Street (Park Hill), Harpenden (with his parents-in-law Mr & Mrs Cain). He enlisted in April 1916. He was killed in action on 16 August 1916

CHILD, H.W. Somersham, c 23 Harpenden Rise Pte, Royal Army Service Corps

*1914 Ypres, Somme, Arras. Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in the field.*

CLARKE, A Kinsbourne Green 3rd Beds Killed 20.4.16

CLARKE Albert John, Private 8th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was born in Clifton, Warwickshire and lived at Kinsbourne Green, Harpenden. He worked at the Kennels of the Hertfordshire Hunt. He enlisted in St Albans. He died of wounds on the Western Front on 20 April 1916.

CLARKE, Albert Edward Douglas Rd Royal Suusex Regt Killed 20.4.16

CLARKE Albert Edward, Lieutenant 2nd Battalion Yorks. & Lancs. Regiment  
He was born in Winchester in 1892, the second son Arthur Decimus Clarke. Like his father and brother he was a bank clerk. They lived at “Moreton” Douglas Road, Harpenden. He was educated at Kings College, Rochester and St Albans Grammar School. He enlisted in August 1914 and fought in the ranks. In August 1915 he was commissioned. He died of wounds on 20 April 1916, aged 22 years.

*(Possible confusion with the above)*

CLARKE, Francis William c 10 Douglas Rd

CLUTTERBUCK, C.H. c 9 Rosebery Ave 125th Napier's Rifles

CLUTTERBUCK, A.V. c 9 Rosebery Ave Exssex Regimental

COGGINS, W.J 1 Amenbury Lane 4th Beds

COOMBES, Alfred Leslie c 45 Milton Rd 1st Herts R.F.A.

CORNELL, A.E. c 12 Cornwall Rd 7th Beds`` Killed 1.7.16

CORNELL Arthur Ernest, Sergeant 7th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was born in 1893 in Bedford, the third son of William Cornell, a signalman on the Midland Railway. He lived in Myrtle Cottage, Cornwall Road, Harpenden. He was apprenticed to D.J.Jeffries, printer. He was a member of the choir of Harpenden Wesleyan Methodist Church where he is recorded on their Roll of Honour. He enlisted in St Albans. He was killed on the Western Front on 1 July 1916.

CORNELL, Harry Cornwall Rd Royal Field Artillery

CORNELL, Joseph P Cornwall Rd 9th Beds

CRAWLEY, E.G. 2 Leyton Rd Pte, Beds Regt. Severely wounded

*1914 Severely wounded at Neuve Chapelle. Discharged 1916.*

CREW, J Kinsbourne Green

CURTIS, F.W. c 9 Longcroft Ave Royal Fusiliers Killed 4.11.17

CURTIS Frank William, Lieutenant 6th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment, attached to the Shropshire Light Infantry  
He was born in 1891, the eldest son of the late James Curtis of Columbo and Bedford, and of Mrs Curtis of Longcroft Avenue, Harpenden. He was commissioned into the regular army in January 1917 and was sent to Salonika where he contracted malaria and was sent back to England. On recovery he returned to France and was killed along with three others when a shell landed in their trench on the early morning of 4 November 1917. He was 26 years old

DAISH, A.J. Tennyson Rd 1st Herts

DAY, E. Verona, Kinsbourne Green Air Mechanic RAF (late Royal Naval Air Service)

*1917 Not overseas.*

DAY, Frederick W Kinsbourne Green Died 2.11.17

DAY Frederick Willis, Private /6 Battalion Durham Light Infantry, formerly in the Royal Field Artillery  
He was born in Kinsbourne Green, the son of George and Sophia Day. He enlisted in St Albans. He died on active service in Mesopotamia on 2 November 1917

DAY, Wiiliam T address unknown Killed 14.10.14

DAY William Thomas, Private 1st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was born in Harpenden, and was living there when he enlisted in Hemel Hempstead. He was killed in action on the Western Front on 14 October 1914.

DEAMER, Percy address unknown (Harpenden Rise or Cornwall Rd?)

DEAMER Percy, Private Hertfordshire Regiment Killed 13.11.16  
He was born in Harpenden, son of William and Martha Deamer. He lived in Harpenden, and enlisted in St Albans. He was killed in action in France on 13 November 1916.

DE FALBE, W Bylands Herts Imperial Yeomanry

DINES, Edmund C Luton Rd Killed 1.10.18

DINES Edmund Charles, Private Lancashire Regiment  
He was born in Harpenden on 19 July 1899, the son of Albert Edward and Agnes Annie Dines, who lived in Luton Road. He had worked at Ayot Laundry and at a hat factory in Luton. He had been a chorister at St Nicholas Parish Church. On 1st October 1918, when he was out of the Front Line, he was told by his sergeant to take cover in a nearby pillbox, but he was shot dead (in fact [killed by a shell](http://www.harpenden-history.org.uk/page/newspaper_cutting_ww1)) before he could get there. He was 19 years old.

DINES, Francis W.C. c 60 Cowper Rd Killed 23.4.17

DINES Francis William Cyril, Sergeant 4th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was born in Harpenden on 7 October 1894, son of William and Ada Dines. He enlisted in Dovercourt. He lived in Burns Cottage, Cowper Road, Harpenden. He was reported missing on the Western Front, and was later reported to have been killed in action on 23 April 1917, aged 23 years

DOUGLAS, H.S. Hardenwick, Townsend Rd 3rd Beds

DOWLING, Robert c 80 Cowper Rd Killed 30.7.16

DOWLING Robert, Private 14th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment  
He was born in Harpenden on 9 August 1892, the son of John Dowling, grocer, of Leyton Green and his wife Sophia. They lived at Foxcroft, Cowper Road, Harpenden. He enlisted in Morley, Birmingham. He was killed in action on the Western Front on 30 July 1916, aged 24 years.

DOWN, C.M. c 41 Milton Rd 1st Herts

EAST, R.G. Carlton Rd 1st Herts Reserves Killed 12.10.18

EAST Robert George, Corporal Hertfordshire Regiment  
He was born in Nottingham; he enlisted in Hertford. He lived in Harpenden. He was killed in action on the Western Front on 12 October 1918, aged 20 years.

ELLIS, Frederick Address unknown Killed 20.10.17

ELLIS Frederick, Private  2nd Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was born in 1885 in Bricket Wood. He lived in Harpenden and enlisted in St Albans. He was the stepson of Joseph Parcell, confectioner of Station Road, Harpenden. He was employed as a gardener by Mrs Mathey of Mackerye End. He was killed in action on 20 October 1917, aged 32 years.

EUGSTER, Oscar Lewis Red Cottage H.A.C.

EVANS, Douglas Beechhurst, 60 Station Rd Killed 8.8.16

EVANS Douglas Osmond, Second Lieutenant Kings Own (Liverpool) Regiment  
He was the son of Osmond Evans a tea buyer, and Clara, his wife of Beechcroft, Station Road, Harpenden. He was killed in action in France on 8 August 1916

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FAIERS, J.W. Luton Rd Sgt, Royal Irish Fusiliers Twice wounded

*Pre 1914 Retreat from Mons, Arras, twice wounded, to Egypt, then Palestine, then Salonika.*

FELLS, H. Lichfield, c 40 Cowper Rd Pte, Machine Gun Corps Wounded

*1915 Arras, St Quentin. Wounded but returned to France.*

FINCH, James J.A. Moreton End Lane Royal Field Artillery Killed 28.9.17

FINCH James John Arthur, Sergeant 39th Brigade Royal Field Artillery  
He was born in Potters Bar in 1887, the eldest son of Robert Finch, who later lived in Cowper Road, Harpenden. He joined the regular army in 1909. He was awarded the Military Medal at Nieuport for holding a position all day under fire when his Battery Sergeant Major was wounded. He was killed in action on 28 September 1917.

FINCH, Thomas R Moreton End Lane Royal Field Artillery

FIRBANK, Edward J Address unknown (Cornwall Rd?) Died of wounds 11.1.19

FIRBANK Edward Jabez, Private Hertfordshire Regiment  
He was born in Hendon and enlisted in Bedford. He lived in Harpenden. He died of wounds on 11 January 1919. He is commemorated on his mother’s grave in St Nicholas Churchyard.

FISHER, C.H. c 24 Cowper Rd Herts Imperial Yeomanry

FISHER, G.E. Cowper Rd Herts Imperial Yeomanry

FISHER, G.P, Cowper Rd 1st Herts R.F.A.

FISHER, J.H. c 24 Cowper Rd 6th Seaforth Highlanders Died 4.8.15

FISHER J.H. Private Seaforth Highlanders

Born Hobart, Australia about 1887, son of John and Adeline Fisher who returned to England and lived in Harpenden.  He died 4th August 1915 and was finally buried in Peronne road Cemetery, Maricourt.

FITZJOHN, B.L. The Institute Herts Imperial Yeomanry Died 14.11.17

FITZJOHN Bernard Francis, Lance Corporal Hertfordshire Yeomanry, later in the Machine Gun Corps, Cavalry Division.  
He was born in Harpenden in 1883, the younger son of Mr & Mrs Fitzjohn of the Institute, Wheathampstead Road. He lived in Harpenden and worked as a clerk in London. He enlisted on 30 October 1914. He died of wounds in Egypt on 14 November 1917.

FITZJOHN, G The Institute 1st Gerts R.F.A.

FLEET, R Leyton Rd 1st Herts

FOLL, Arthur c 12 Wordsworth Rd 4th Beds

FORTUNATI, Thomas J St James Rd Died 3.2.17

FORTUNATI Thomas Victor, Lance Corporal   20th Signal Company Royal Engineers  
He was born in Hemel Hempstead in 1896, the son of Corillo Thomas Fortunati, a commercial traveller in printing machinery, and his wife Rosa; they lived in Harpenden. He enlisted in London. He died on 16 July 1917 of wounds received on 3 February 1917.

FOULDES, Thomas J Douglas Rd Royal Fusiliers Killed 25.6.18

FOULDES Thomas John, Captain Royal Field Artillery  
He was born in 1892, the son of John Fouldes, a diamond merchant, and his wife Mary Ann who lived in Douglas Road, Harpenden. He worked in his father’s business. He was Mentioned in Dispatches. He was killed in action in Greece on 25 June 1918. He is commemorated on the Roll of Honour in Harpenden Methodist Church.

FREEAR, Eric Charles address unknown Killed 13.4.17

FREEAR Eric Charles, Second Lieutenant 4th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was the son of the late H.C.Freear of Ampthill and Mrs Freear, who died just five weeks before her son was killed in action in France on 13 April 1917. Lieutenant Freear was the nephew of Mr A.E. Anscombe, the architect, with whom he lived. He had worked as an engineer at Vauxhall, Luton.

FREEMAN, Frederick John Arden Grove Died 3.7.16

FREEMAN Frederick John, Second Lieutenant  4th Battalion attached to the 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington’s (West Riding) Regiment  
He was born on East Finchley in 1893, the elder son of Frederick William Freeman, an analytical pharmaceutical chemist. They lived in Arden Grove Harpenden. He was studying to be a Chartered Accountant. He died of wounds in France on 3 July 1916. He lived in the same small road as Maurice Allen, see above, who was the same age and also studying to be an accountant. Maurice was killed two months later.

FRENCH, Bernard George Ambrose Lane Herts Imperial Yeomanry

FRENCH, C.S. Clinton, Ambrose Lane Pte, 14th London Regt (London Scottish) Gassed

*1917 Bullecourt, Passchendaele. Was gassed.*

FRENCH. Leslie Gordon Ambrose Lane London Scottish

GIBBS, Henry J Address unknown Killed 30.9.15

GIBBS Henry John, Private 2nd Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was born in Harpenden. He was killed in action on the Western Front on 30 September 1915.

GIBBS, Thomas Kinsbourne Green 3rd Beds

GIDDINGS Luton Rd 3rd Beds

GILDEN, F Kinsbourne Green

GIMMINGHAM, Charles Luton Rd Royal Engineers Killed 9.11.17

GIMMINGHAM Charles Henry, Captain Hertfordshire Regiment attached to the Royal Flying Corps.  
He was mentioned in Dispatches. He was killed in action in Greece on 9 November 1917.

GOODLIFFE, F.G. St James Rd R.A.M.C.

GOODWIN, Lewis Thomas address unknown Killed 30.10.17

GOODWIN Lewis Thomas,   Corporal 4th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was born in London and lived in Harpenden. He enlisted in Bedford. He was killed in action on 30 October 1917.

GOUGH, Geoi. E Aldwickbury 7th Beds

GRAY, Harry address unknown Died 7.1.16

GRAY Harry, Private Royal Army service Corps, Motor Transport Division  
He was born in Harpenden and enlisted in Bedford. He lived in Harpenden. He died on the Western Front on 7 January 1916.

GRIFFITH-JONES, M.P. High St Durham Light Infantry

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GUNNINGS, S.T. Cranham, Luton Rd L/Cpl, Leicester Regt

*1915 Not overseas for medical reasons.*

GUTTERIDGE, P.W.H. Shakespeare Rd 3rd Beds

HADFIELD, E. Luton Rd Gunner, Royal Field Artillery Gassed

*1915 Many actions. Served at home first, then Arras, Ypres, St Quentin.*

HALE, A 4 Amenbury Lane

HALE, Ernest Breadcroft Royal Navy

HALE, Luis Breadcroft Beds

HALL, G. Leyton Rd Sapper, Royal Engineers. Wounded

1*916 Albert, Vimy Ridge. In 1917 to Egypt, served under Gen. Allenby in Advance through Palestine, Gaza, Haifa. Wounded.*

HALSEY, G.T. 1 Holly Villas, Luton Rd Gunner, Royal Garrison Artillery.

*1915 Hill 60, Ypres, Vimy Ridge.*

HARRIS, Ernest S Kinsbourne Green Killed 1.8.17

HARRIS Ernest Sylvester, Private   2nd Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was born on 15 June 1892 in the parish of Hyde, the son of John & Annie Harris. He lived in Kinsbourne Green, and worked for Mr Catton of Roundwood Lane. He was killed in action by a shell on 1st August 1917.

HARRIS, J Kinsbourne Green

HILLS, Gilbert 1 Spenser Rd Royal Navy

HINE, Stanley 14 Kirkwick Ave 5th Wilts

HODGSON, Oswald Tylston Welcombe Royal Navy

HOWARD,Herbert A Kinsbourne Green Killed 28.6.17

HOWARD Herbert A. Private 1st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was born in Hinxworth in 1883, the eldest of four sons of Charley Howard a farm labourer; he worked as a cowman. He lived in Kinsbourne Green. He was killed in action on 28 June 1917.

HUNT, Charles Thrales End Died 10.2.17

HUNT Charles, Private 3rd Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment

He was born in 1891 in Harpenden, the son of Mrs Hunt of Thrales End where he lived. He was wounded at Thiepval in France in February 1916, and returned to England where he was in hospital in Sevenoaks. On recovery he returned to the Front where he was again wounded and died in the Casualty Clearing Station on 10 February 1917.

IRONS, Andrew Park Lodge, Leyton Rd Killed 13.4.17

IRONS Andrew Thomas, Private Machine Gun Corps formerly of the London Regiment  
He was born in 1879 in Harpenden. He worked as a postman, and lived in Park Lodge, Leyton Road, Harpenden. He was killed in action on the Western Front on13 April 1917. He left a wife and a daughter of eleven.

JEFFCOCK, R c 12 Rothamsted Ave 28th Co of London (Artists) Killed 1.7.16

JEFFCOCK Robert Salisbury, 2nd Lieutenant 1/6 Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment  
He was born in 1876 in Wolverhampton where his late father was Prebendary. He was an artist specialising in miniatures; he lived in Rothamsted Avenue, and later in Station Road, Harpenden. He enlisted in the Artists Rifles in October 1914, and was commissioned in the West Kent Regiment. After a few months service in Egypt he was sent to France where he was killed in action on 1 July 1916. He left a wife and a ten year old daughter.

JENNINGS, Fred Kinsbourne Green Killed 7.12.17

JENNINGS Frederick Lance Corporal Royal Sussex Regiment  
He was born in Harpenden. This is probably the Frederick Jennings who was born in 1869 and was a railway signalman. He died of wounds on 7 December 1917 while serving with the British Expeditionary Force.

JEWERS, J High St Canadian Expeditionary Force

JONES, Harold Hays Station House (Station Approach) Herts Imperial Yeomanry

JUNGIUS, Ernest Milton Rd 28th Co of London (Artists)

KATON, A.E. 4 Symington Street Pte, Seaforth Highlanders Presumed killed

*1916 On Western Front. Reported missing August 1917, presumed killed.*

KATON Archibald E. Private  8th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, formerly of East Surrey Regiment  
He was born in Bristol and enlisted at Grays in Essex. His family lived at 4 Symington Street (Park Mount) Harpenden. He was reported missing after a battle in August 1917, and was afterwards presumed to have been killed at that time.

KEEN, B.A. The Laboratory Suffolk Regt

LANG, Ian S 6 Maple Rd Royal Field Artillery

LAWRENCE, C National Childrens Home Royal Engineers

LEANING, Arthur E Breadcroft Royal Navy

LEANING, James C Breadcroft Killed 31.7.17

LEANING James, Private Hertfordshire Regiment  
He was born in 1897 in Grimsby and enlisted in St Albans. He was living in Breadcroft with his mother and two elder brothers (in the 1911 census - his mother predeceased him, dying in 1915). He worked as an errand boy. He was killed in action on 31 July 1917.

LEATHES, C. de M. 6 Hollybush Lane Royal Irish Rifles

LEGGATT, Eric G Vaughan Rd Killed 15.7.17

LEGGATT Eric Gerard, 2nd Lieutenant  4th Battalion, attached to the 10th Battalion Argyle & Sutherland Highlanders  
He was born in 1889, the only son of Dr & Mrs Gerald Leggatt who lived in Vaughan Road. At the age of 23 he was the manager of a rubber estate in Malaya. In 1915 he returned to England to join the army. On 1 April 1916 he married Miss Martelli of London; four days later, on their honeymoon, he was called up. She never saw him again. He was killed in action at Longueville in France on 15 July 1917, aged 27 years.

LEWIN, Archibald The Haven, Station Rd Died 2.4.17

LEWIN Archibald  Private 3rd Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He volunteered in November 1914, enlisting in Bedford. He was a single man who lived with his unmarried sister Gertrude at The Haven, Station Road, Harpenden. He was a labourer working at Peters Green. He fought at Ypres and at Arras. He died on 2 April 1917 of wounds received at the second battle of the Somme.

LEWIN, Horace The Haven, Station Rd Died 1.7.17

LEWIN Horace  Corporal 7th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was born in Harpenden; he was a brother of Archibald (see above); a third brother, Ralph, who lived in Luton, was also killed in the war, at Gallipoli. Horace enlisted in Luton. He was awarded the Military Medal. He lived in Watford. He was killed in action on the Western Front on 1 July 1917. His name is also recorded on Luton War Memorial.

LEWIN, K.R. The Laboratory Duke of Cornwall L.I. Killed 9.3.16

LEWIN Kenneth Robert, Lieutenant 7th Battalion Duke of Cornwall’s Light Infantry  
He was killed in action in Belgium on 9 March 1916. It is probable that he was not related to the other men, above mentioned, called Lewin.

(He is commemorated on a plaque at Rothamsted Research)

LEWIS, H. 12 Harpenden Lane (?) Pte, Beds Regt. Wounded *Pre 1914 Mons, Ypres, wounded Dec 1914. On recovery sent to Egypt: Gaza, Haifa, Aleppo*

LORD, Charles Henry 7 Moreton Ave Died 30.12.14

LORD Charles Henry  Major 10th Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers  
He was born in 1849. He lived in Moreton Avenue, Harpenden. He retired from the regular army in 1909. Though 65 years old, he succeeded in getting back into the service in 1914. He died of a heart attack after participating in training on Salisbury Plain on 30 December 1914.

LORD, Eustace Moreton Ave Killed 8.5.18

LORD Eustace Charles Gabriel, 2nd Lieutenant Irish Guards  
Son of the above. He was born in 1895. He was killed in action on 8 May 1918 aged 19 years.

LOWE, J Yew Tree Cott, Leyton Rde 10th Beds

LUCAS, W.W. Fonthill, c 21 Cowper Rd Special War Worker

*Engaged at YMCA Hut in Harpenden. Then Special Constable. Helped during air raids.*

LUKE, T.M. Ox Lane Royal Garrison Artillery

LUXON, Thomas Olney address unknown Died 29.4.17

LUXON Thomas Olney, Private Norfolk Regiment  
He was born in 1894 in St Albans, the only child of Mrs Luxon who kept a little grocery shop on West Common, Harpenden. He was a bell-ringer in St Nicholas Parish Church. He was wounded in the abdomen on 28 April 1917, and died the next day, in France.

LYDEKKER, Cyril Richard The Lodge 5th Beds Killed 15.8.15

LYDEKKER Cyril Richard  Lieutenant   5th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was born at The Lodge, Harpenden, the younger son of Richard Lydekker, Esq. and Lucy his wife. He was educated at Haileybury College. He was killed in action at Sulva, Gallipoli, on 15 August 1915, and is commemorated at the AZMAK Cemetery at Sulva.

LYDEKKER, Gerald Owen The Lodge 1st Herts R.F.A. Killed 14.6.17.

LYDEKKER Gerard Owen Lieutenant & Quartermaster 1/5 Bedfordshire Regiment  
He was born at The Lodge, Harpenden on 20 December 1887, the elder son of Richard and Lucy Lydekker. He died in Alexandria on 14 June 1917 of an illness contracted on active service.

LYDEKKER, Guy The Cottage Royal Navy

LYDEKKER, John The Cottage Artillery (Mombasa)

McHATTIE, Dr T.J. c 7 Ox Lane R.A.M.C.

McKILLOP, A National Childrens Home London Sacottish

MEIKLEJOHN, J 4 Clarence Rd 8th London Howitzer Brigade RFA

MESSENGER, A. 1 Pleasant Side (?) Sapper, Royal Engineers Ill and wounded

*1916 Posted overseas, fell ill, returned home. To Front 1918: Somme, Marne, Amiens districts, wounded again.*

MILLER, A.H.J. Church Green Capt, attached to Royal Army Medical Corps

*1915 Served as dental surgeon 4 years on Western Front, then with Army of Occupation.*

MINALL, George address unknown Died 20.3.18

MINALL George, Private 1st Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment  
He lived in Harpenden. He was the son of Harry Minall who worked for Mr J.B. Joel of Chidwickbury. He volunteered in 1914, enlisting in Hertford. He survived the first battle of Ypres, but was wounded on the Somme. When he recovered he rejoined his unit. He died on 20 March 1918 from wounds received at St Julien.

MOCKETT, Lewis Charles Luton Rd Died 3.10.18

MOCKETT Lewis Charles, Gunner Tank Corps, formerly Royal Army Service Corps  
He was born at Walmer in Kent in 1887, the son of C.M.Mockett who later lived in Luton Road, Harpenden. He was a draughtsman at the Ministry of Munitions. He enlisted in London. He died on 3 October 1918 in France of wounds caused by shrapnel.

MOCKRIDGE, J.T. Hampton Cotts, Leyton Rd Pte, 29th Middx Regt. Disabled

*1917 Unfit for active service due to disability, transferred to Labour Corps.*

MOLE, Stanley, P Townsend Lane Sportsman's Battalion (Royal Fusiliers)

MORGAN, Percy address unknown Killed 30.11.17

MORGAN Percy, Lance Corporal 11th Battalion Kings Own Royal Rifle Corps  
He was born in 1892 in Hinxworth, where he was a baker. His father, Jacob, having retired from bakery, worked as a gardener for the Lydekkers at Harpenden Lodge. He was a single man; he enlisted in Hitchin. He was killed in action on the Western Front on 30 November 1917

MORTON, William Chanberlain 3 Rosebery Ave 28th Co of London (Artists)

MYERS Harpenden Rise Royal Navy

NETHEY, R Cowper Rd City of London

NEWSON, G. 2 Symington St. Pte, 2nd Black Watch Severely wounded

*1915 Mesopotamia: Sunni-i-Yat, Kut. Severely wounded, discharged 1916.*

NEWSON, R. 2 Symington St. Sgt, 32nd Middx Regt.

*1916 Instructor of Musketry, not overseas.*

NEWTON, Arthur Douglas c 11 Moreton Ave Northants Battery RFA Killed 1917

NEWTON Arthur Major Royal Field Artillery  
He was born in 1890, the elder son of Mr Arthur Newton of Windsor & Newton, suppliers of artists’ materials. He was in the Territorial Army at the outbreak of war, and was known as an outstanding horseman. He was killed in action at Beersheba in Egypt in 1917.

NEWTON, Charles Ronald c 11 Moreton Ave Killed 20.9.18

NEWTON Charles Ronald,  2nd Lieutenant  Royal Field Artillery  
He was born in 1894, the younger of the two sons of Arthur Newton (see above). He was killed in action in France on 20 September 1918.

NOKES, G.B. Quexcroft, c 13 Milton Rd 10th Beds

NOTT, Stanley c 14 Milton Rd 88th Canadian Fusiliers

NOTT, Donald Wordsworth Rd 28th Co of London (Artists)

NOTT, Leslie Milton Rd 28th Co of London (Artists)

OLIVER, Thomas Kinsbourne Green Herts ImperialYeomanry

OLNEY, A.C. 2 Symington St. Pte, 12th Middx Regt. Severely wounded

*1916 Continuous action until severely wounded on the Somme, Sept 1916. One leg amputated.*

PARISH, W.J.A. Kinsbourne Green Army Service Corps

PARKIN, C. 1 Sunnyside, Cowper Rd Sgt, Machine Gun Corps Wounded

*1914 Ypres, Arras, Cambrai. Wounded at 1st Battle of the Somme.*

PATTISON, G Kinsbourne Green 1st Herts

PEARMAN, F 3 Cornwall Rd 3rd Beds

PEARSON, Noel J Longcroft Ave 7th Oxford and Bucks L.I.

PEPPER, Arthur Symington St? Killed 7.8.17

PEPPER Arthur Clive, Private 4th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, formerly of the Hertfordshire Regiment.  
He lived in Harpenden. He was killed in action on 7 August 1917.

PERRY, Edwin c 80 Luton Rd 1st Border Regt

PERRY, Stanley c 80 Luton Rd 1st Beds

PETCH, E Horse Cotts (?) Royal Field Artillery

PHILLIPS, Sydney Westfield Died 23.5.17

PHILLIPS Sydney, Private 10th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment  
He was born in Hadleigh, Hertfordshire, in 1882, the eldest son of Benjamin Phillips, who had a nursery at Norrisbury, Westfield, Harpenden, and his wife, Ruth. He was a single man and worked as a florist. He was a member of the Congregational Church in Harpenden. He died of wounds on the Western Front on 23 May 1917.

PIERSON, W National Childrens Home Herts Imperial Yeomanry

PLUMB, A.R. Frambesa, Symington St Driver, Royal Army Service Corps

*1914 Ypres transporting ammunition until 1917, then Italy, Taranto. Mentioned in Despatches.*

POPPLEWELL, Alfred R c 4 Spenser Rd 1st Herts

POPPLEWELL, Frank c 4 Spenser Rd 1st Herts

RANDALL, Alfred Henry Newcombe St Killed 5.2.17

RANDALL Alfred Henry, Sergeant 17th Battalion Royal Fusiliers  
He was born in Hornsey in 1894 the son of Alfred and Amy Randall, and was the grandson of Mrs Childs of 9 Newcombe Street (Park Hill), Harpenden. He was employed by Carringtons, the jewellers, in Regent Street, London. He enlisted in London in September 1914. He was killed in action on 5 February 1917.

REECE, A.H. Western Villas, c 45 Cowper Rd Gunner, Royal Garrison Artillery Wounded

*1916 Arras, wounded at Ypres, invalided to England, returned to Western Front*

REX, F.N. c 44 Luton Rd Army Service Corps

REX, Ernest A c 44 Luton Rd Reserve of Officers

REX, Christopher, H c 44 Luton Rd 2nd Herts Reserve

RISDON, Montague Tristram 2 Milton Rd 28th Co of London (Artists)

RISDON, Stanley Eustace 2 Milton Rd Army Service Corps

ROLT, Herbert Robert address unknown Died 10.2.19

ROLT Herbert Robert, Private 2nd Battalion Queens Royal West Surrey Regiment  
He was born in Harpenden in 1898, and was living there when he enlisted in Watford. He was wounded in Italy on 27 October 1918, and died of wounds on 10 February 1919.

ROSSIN, William Luton Rd 3rd Beds

ROWLEY, Dalbiac T.C. c 18 Milton Rd 2nd Middx Killed 2.7.16

RUSSELL, Guy H c 11 Douglas Rd Waziristan Force

RUSSELL, Wilfrid A c 11 Douglas Rd R.A.M.C.

SAMPSON, Arthur J.L. Leyton Rd Oxford Light Infantry

SCOTT, F.J. Annables, Kinsbourne Green 7th Dragoon Guards

SCOTT, Valentine Edward address unknown Killed 22.11.16

SCOTT Valentine Edward, Gunner Royal Field Artillery  
He was born in 1886. He enlisted in Harlesden, London. He was killed in action on 22 November 1916.

SHAFFORD, Maurice National Children's Home Royal Engineers Killed 28.3.15

SHAFFORD Maurice Phillip Private   ast Kent Regiment (the Buffs)  
He was born in Botley, Hampshire, his home was nearby at Hedge End. He enlisted in Woolwich. He died of wounds on 28 March 1915.

SHARMAN, R.C. c 15 Maple Rd 1st Herts Reserves

SIDEBOTTOM, R.B. Rothamsted RAMC 5th Cheshure

SIMONS, John Henry Turners Hall Beds Yeomanry Killed 10.7.17

SIMONS John Henry Stuart 2nd Lieutenant 3rd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, attached to the 1st Battalion  
He was born near Markyate, the second son of Henry Edgar and Agnes Simons of Turners Hall. He was killed in action at Nieuport, Belgium on 10 July 1917, aged 21.

SIMONS, Thomas Gerard Turners Hall Suffolk Yeomanry

SIMPSON, Frederick Percy c 9 Cowper Rd 6th Beds

SKINNER, F.W. 5 Holly Villas , Luton Rd Able Seaman, RN Wounded

*1914 Mobilised at start of hostilities. HMTBD “P23”. In North Sea, Heligoland, Jutland, then Dardanelles.*

SMITH, R Falconers End

SNOXELL, T Luton Rd

SNOXELL Arthur,                                  Private          13th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment  
He was born in Harpenden, the son of Edward and Annie Snoxell. He enlisted in Hertford. He was killed in action on 22 June 1817 while serving with the British Expeditionary Force.

SOLE, D.M. Wood End 10th Worcestershire

STEERS, Douglas Henry Redclyffe, Salisbury Ave Royal Engineers

STEVENS, Walter 3 Carlton Rd Killed 20.7.17

STEVENS Walter John, Private 5th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment  
He lived in Harpenden. He was killed in action in Palestine on 20 July1917.

STRACHEY, R c 25 Cowper Rd 1st Herts

STUDMAN, A.V. 9 Cornwall Rd Rifleman, 15th London Regt. Discharged unfit

*1915 Not overseas. Medically unfit, discharged 1916.*

TAYLOR, T.R. Harpendenbury Herts Imperial Yeomanry

TAYLOR, E.W. Harpendenbury Herts Imperial Yeomanry

THACKER, W.J. Lea Rd Worcester Yeomanry

THOMAS, Wilfred P.O. Longmynd, 12 Douglas Rd 9th Yorks and Lancs Killed 1.7.16

THOMAS Wilfred Patrick Otto 2nd Lieutenant 9th Battalion Yorks & Lancs Regiment  
He was born in 1897 in London, the eldest of three sons of Henry Otto Thomas, who was an advertising manager for a newspaper. They lived in Longcroft Ave, Harpenden. He was killed in action on 1st July 1916.

TRAUTMANN, H 1 Rosebery Ave 9th Beds

TRINDER, Frank Townsend Lane 16th Middx (Public School Battalion)

TRIVETT, A.E Kinsbourne Green Herts Imperial Yeomanry

TURNER, John B c 51 Cowper Rd Killed 6.6.18

TURNER John Bernard, Private 17th Battalion Royal Fusiliers  
He was born in Rickmansworth, the son of Felix Turner, School Attendance Officer, living at Wilton House, Cowper Road, Harpenden. He sang in the Catholic Church and had won a scholarship to Brompton Oratory. He worked as a clerk in the Railway Clearing Station in London. He tried to enlist in the Middlesex Regiment in August 1915, two weeks after his sixteenth birthday, but was discharged as under age. The same day he enlisted in Luton in the Royal Fusiliers. He was sent to France in August 1916. He had a spell back in England suffering from trench fever, but was returned to France as an Acting Lance Corporal. He was killed in action on 6 June 1918, aged 18.

TYNDALE-BISCOE Spenser Rd Royal Field Artillery

WALKER, T.S. 1 Church Green 1st Herts

WALTHEW, F.S. Arden Grove Royal Naval Division

WALTHEW, J.S. Arden Grove Royal Naval Division Killed 11.9.17

WALTHEW John Syers, 2nd Lieutenant Pilot 4th Squadron, Royal Naval Division, Royal Flying Corps.  
He was born in India, the elder son of Frederick Walthew. He was a bank clerk and lived with his mother in Arden Grove, Harpenden. He was killed on active service on 19 September 1917, aged 19. He has no known grave.

Sheila Halliwell (nee Walthew) writes: the entry for John Syers Walthew confuses my uncle, Jack and my father, Eric. Jack joined the Royal Flying Corps straight from school - having run away aged 15 to join up earlier, he was eventually sent back to school until he was 18.  It was my father Eric Walthew who was a bank clerk and enlisted as an able bodied seaman in the Royal Naval Brigade on the outbreak of war.  He was wounded at Gallipoli, and after a bout of enteric fever joined the Beds and Herts regiment and served as a 2nd lieutenant at Passchendale in 1917 when he was taken prisoner.  Jack was killed a few weeks later 3 weeks after his 19th birthday.  Harry the youngest brother served in WW2 in the Herts Regiment and Eric who had left the army in 1924 joined the Royal Army Pay Corps, in which he served until his death in 1952.  Their sister Florence was married to Maurice Down, and their eldest son John died when serving in the Fleet Air Arm in 1941 aged 19, the same age as his uncle. Eric married Lois Weeks and Harry married Bethea Sutherland Graeme both of whom lived in Harpenden.

WARD, H.E. High St Sportsman's Battn (Royal Fusiliers)

WASSELL, S.A. 1 Newcombe St Cpl, 1st Herts Regt (Territorial?)

*1914 Ypres, Somme. Hill 60, Retreat and Advance of 1918*

WATLER, H Luton Rd 1st Herts

WATSON, Cecil Geoffrey c 29 Hollybush Lane B Battery, H.A.C.

WATSON, Harold Burges c 29 Hollybush Lane 1st RN Volunteer Reserve

WEBSTER, F.A.M. Shakespeare Rd

WERNHER, Harold A Luton Hoo 12th Lancers

WESTON, H.C. White City Works

WHITE, A c 75 Luton Rd

WHITMARSH, William Breadcroft Killed 5.6.16

WHITMARSH William, Private Hertfordshire Regiment  
He was born in 1893. He lived in Breadcroft, Harpenden, the son of Henry and Isabella Whitmarsh. He was a motor-tyre worker. He enlisted at Hertford. He was killed in action on the Western Front on 5 June 1916.

WHITTINGTON, A National Childrens Home Royal Fusiliers Killed 3.12.17

WIGGEN, R.H. Tregantle, Luton Rd 2nd Lt, Foreign Legion, 15th and 23rd Royal Fusiliers

*1914 Retreat from Mons, wounded. Returned to action,*

*Mentioned in Despatches, awarded Military Cross for Conspicuous Gallantry and Devotion to Duty in the Field.*

WILLIAMS, Stanley 5 Milton Rd Army Service Corps

WILLIS, L. Elspeth, Cowper Rd Air Mechanic, RAF

*1915 Despatch Rider during Battles of Ypres, Vimy Ridge, Somme, Retreat and Advance of 1918*

WITHERS, Donald C address unknown Killed 23.8.18

WITHERS Donald Courtland, Private 13th Battalion Rifle Brigade  
He was born in Camberwell, and lived in Harpenden. He enlisted in Watford. He was killed in action on the Western Front on 23 August 1918.

WOOLSTON, Douglas Cowper Rd Herts Imperial Yeomanry

WOOLSTON, W.L. Cowper Rd Herts Imperial Yeomanry

WREN, Leslie R The Sycamores, Leyton Rd 28th Co of London (Artists)

WRIGHT, Benjamin Police Force Grenadier Guards

YOUNGER J Breadcroft

YOUNGER J Gunner Royal Artillery  
This is probably William James Younger, who was the elder son of James and Ellen Younger who lived in Breadcroft, Harpenden. He was discharged on 11 October 1917 due to sickness.

YOUNGHUSBAND, F National Childrens Home London Rifle Brigade