

**KING GEORGE V SCHOOL, SOUTHPORT.**

**ROLL OF HONOUR**

**WORLD WAR 1939 45**



# **ROBERT HUGH ABRAM**

AGE 19

Son of Robert and Elizabeth Ellen Abram of Hoscarr, Lathom, Lancashire.

Served in the Royal Navy as Ordinary Coder P/JX 404362 aboard the  
Cruiser H.M.S. Birmingham.

He died on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 1943, along with twenty-six other members of the crew when a torpedo from U 407 hit the Birmingham. Although badly holed, the ship managed to reach the port of Alexandria.

His grave is in  
Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt grave no 5 H 2.



# **HAROLD ERIC ACKROYD**

Age 25

Son of George Whiteley Ackroyd and Eliza Jane Ackroyd of Southport

Served in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve as a Flying Officer (Bomb Aimer)  
with 298 Squadron (Handley Page Halifax bombers)

He died on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1945 and is buried in  
Duke Street Cemetery, Southport, section 13, grave 22.

# **LESLIE HAROLD ASHTON**

Age 23

Next of kin details not available

Served as a Bombardier in the 111<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.

He died on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 1943.

His grave is in the Tripoli War Cemetery, Libya - grave no 6.E.9.



# **HERBERT LESLIE BALDWIN**

Age 21

Son of Reuben and Gertrude Baldwin

Served as a Corporal in the Royal Air Force

He died on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1942 and is buried in Kranji War Cemetery,  
Singapore grave 12 D.19.

# **NORMAN CASSON BANISTER**

Age 27

Son of Robert and Lillian Banister of Birkdale

Husband of Edna Phyllis Banister

Served as an Able Seaman in the Royal Navy on board H.M.S. Prince of Wales

He died on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 1941 when the H.M.S. Prince of Wales and H.M.S. Repulse were both sunk by Japanese aircraft.

His name is commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, panel 47, column 1.



# **THOMAS BATEMAN**

Details of age and next of kin not known.

He served in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve as a Sergeant with 252 Squadron.

This squadron was equipped with Bristol Beaufighters at Ede, Egypt.

He died on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 1942 and is commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt column 250.

# **HARRY BINNS**

Age 35

Son of Thomas and Sarah Ann Binns,  
husband of Annie Binns of Birkdale, Southport.

Served in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve as a Pilot Officer/Navigator with  
78 Squadron (Handley Page Halifax Bombers)

He died on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 1943, when Halifax Mark II JD 151 EY-M crashed  
short of the runway after completing a bombing raid on Nurnberg, Germany,  
it ran out of fuel.

He is buried  
in Southport Cemetery (Birkdale) section 6 grave 267.



# **EDWARD HUNTER BOND**

Age 22

Son of George Edward Metcalfe Bond and Eleanor Hunter Bond of Southport,  
husband of Margaret Lloyd Bond of Southport.

Served with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve as a  
Pilot Office, Wireless Operator/ Air Gunner with 460 Squadron,  
an Australian Squadron (Avro Lancasters.)

He died on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1943, when Lancaster Mark I W4329 AR-K was lost near  
Dortmund, Germany.

His grave is in Reichwald Forest War Cemetery, Germany grave 3.E.8.

# **HENRY BUCKLEY**

Age 26

Son of Walter and Bertha Buckley of Southport.

Served as an Ordinary Seaman on board the battleship, H.M.S. Barham.

He died on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 1941 when H.M.S. Barham was sunk when hit by torpedoes from the U.331. There were 848 casualties.

His name is on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Kent 44-2



# **ROBERT HENRY CARR.**

Age 22

Son of Henry J. and Elizabeth Carr of Southport.

He served as a Flying Officer with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve in the 44<sup>th</sup> Rhodesia Squadron, who were equipped with Avro Lancaster Bombers and based at Waddington, Lincolnshire.

He died on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 1943, when Lancaster Mark I W481 KM-W crashed at Sassnitz while gardening (mine laying) in the Baltic.

His name is on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey panel 123.

## **EDWARD ROY CLOUGH**

Age and next of kin not available.

Served as a Lieutenant in the Army Service Corps.

He died on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 1944  
and is buried in Nicosia War Cemetery, Cyprus grave 2.B.1.



## **LAWRENCE STEELE COLLINS**

Age 21

Son of Herbert Leo and Elsie May Collins of Southport.

He served as Flight Sergeant, Wireless Operator / Air Gunner in the Royal Air Force  
Volunteer Reserve with 612 Squadron.

This squadron flew out-dated Armstrong Whitworth Whitley Mk.V11s,  
bombers fitted with A.S.V.Radar. Their duties were to cover the Fleet and  
the Atlantic convoys.

He died on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 1942.

His grave is in Iceland and he is buried in  
Reykjavik (Fossvogur) Cemetery, Iceland grave C.XL.10.

## **DENNIS AUSTIN DENTON**

Age 22

Son of Hubert Austin Denton and Norah Elsie Denton of Southport,  
husband of Patricia Alexina Denton of Ainsdale, Southport.

He served in the Royal Air Force as a Warrant Officer, Wireless Operator / Air Gunner  
with 502 Squadron (Handley Page Halifax Bombers) The Squadrons duties were  
long range Atlantic patrols.

He died on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 1944  
and is buried in Escoublac la-Baule, Loire-Atlantique, France.



## **JOHN HOLT DICKINSON**

AGE 21

Son of Norman and Mary Dickinson of Southport.

Served in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve  
as a Sergeant Pilot with 253 Squadron ( Hawker Hurricane Mark 1 Fighters)

On 30<sup>th</sup> August, 253 Squadron recorded two enemy aircraft destroyed, five probables,  
one damaged. Sergeant Dickinson was one of three pilots lost on this day.

He died on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 1940, one of The Few  
and is buried in St Mary s Churchyard in Egton, North Yorkshire, grave N.1.



# **WILLIAM DOBSON**

AGE 28

Son of Edward and Alice Dobson

Served as a Private with the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Loyal North Lancs, Regiment

He died on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>.July 1941  
and is commemorated on the Brookwood Memorial, Surrey, panel 9, column 1

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# **JOSEPH HART DOWNS**

AGE 30

Son of Arthur Henry and Jessie Maude Mary Downs and husband of Alice Downs of  
Marshside, Southport.

Served in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve  
as a Flying Officer/Flying Instructor.

He died on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1943  
and is buried in St.Johns Churchyard, Crossens, Southport, grave section F, no 44.

# **CLIVE ENTWISTLE**

AGE 23

Son of Henry and Sarah Edith Entwistle of Southport.

Served in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve as a Flying Officer  
with 155 Squadron, based at Sapam, Burma.  
The Squadron was equipped with Spitfire Mark VIII s.

He died on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1944  
and is buried in Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar (formerly Burma)  
grave 16a G 19  
which is outside Yangon (formerly Rangoon)

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# **CHARLES ERIC EVANS**

AGE 33

Son of Charles and Mary Evans and husband of Annie Evans of Southport.

Served as an Able Seaman aboard the destroyer H.M.S. Limbourne

He died on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1943  
when the Limbourne, a Hunt Class destroyer, was sunk by T22, a German Torpedo Boat.

His name is on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire panel 74, column 2. This  
memorial is on Southsea Common.

# **JOHN RICHARD FENTON**

AGE 20

Son of Nancy Fenton of Churchtown,

Served as a Sailor aboard the Merchant Ship, S.S.Gazcon (Glasgow)

He died on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1942,  
when S.S.Gazcon was sunk in the Indian Ocean by the Japanese Submarine I.29.

His name is on the Tower Hill Memorial, Tower Hill, London panel 51

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# **KENNETH JACK FOSTER DFC AND BAR**

AGE 26

Son of Mr. and Mrs J E Foster, husband of Eileen Foster of Southport.

Served in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve,  
as a Squadron Leader Navigator, originally with 51 Squadron (Armstrong Whitworth  
Whitley bombers) and finally, at the time of his death, with 97 Squadron (Avro Lancaster  
Bombers)

He died Thursday 23 September 1943, when Lancaster Mark III JA708 OF-P was shot  
down from 16,000ft by nightfighters. The squadron operational target was  
Manheim, Germany.

He is buried in Rheinberg War Cemetery, Germany grave 18.B.25

# **WILLIAM GORDON**

AGE 27

Son of Thomas and Clara A. Gordon of Southport,  
husband of Thora Leonora Gordon.

Served as a Sergeant in the Royal Air Force.

He died on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 1944

His grave is in Accrington Cemetery, Lancashire  
section D, plot A, grave 105

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# **ARTHUR GREEN**

AGE 26

Son of James and Ella Green of Birkdale, Southport,  
husband of Eva Ruth Green of Haskayne

Served in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve as a Leading Aircraftman  
with 172 Squadron (Vickers Wellingtons)

He died on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1943

His grave is in Southport (Birkdale) Cemetery  
section C grave 2.

# **DONALD ADDIE HALSALL**

AGE 21

Son of Robert and Marie Macnee Addie Halsall of Southport

Served in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve as a Pilot Officer Observer  
with 254 Squadron (Bristol Blenheim Mark 1V)

He died on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December 1941

His grave is in the Trondheim (Stavne) Cemetery, Norway, grave G 5



# **DENNIS HARGREAVES**

AGE 22

Son of John and Emily Hargreaves of Southport

Served in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve  
as a Flying Officer/Navigator with 138 Squadron (Special Duties Squadron) - Westland  
Lysanders, Handley Page Halifax Bombers and later, Short Stirlings on Cloak and  
Dagger Operations.

He died on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1944, when Halifax Mark V LL289 NF-P, on route from  
Tempsford to France on Operation Percy, crashed on fire 33kms. south west of Angers.

His grave is in Longue Communal Cemetery, Maine-et-Loire, France - grave 4

# **FRANK HARRISON**

AGE 20

Son of James Yates Harrison and Annie Ellen Harrison of Birkdale, Southport

Served in the Royal Navy as an Ordinary Coder, aboard the destroyer H.M.S.Martin

He died on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 1942  
when the Martin was torpedoed by U 431. There were 63 survivors.

His name is on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Kent ref 60, 1.



# **FREDERICK BAILLIE HARTLEY**

Southport War Memorial lists the above ex-pupil  
as a Midshipman in the Merchant Navy.

The Red Rose Volume XX11 of December 1942 (page 12) states  
Lost at sea, November 1942 .

Commonwealth War Graves Commission does not confirm the above information.  
Further research will be undertaken.

# **ERIC WILLIAM HEATON**

AGE 21

Son of William and Annie E.Heaton of Orrell

Served in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve as a Sergeant.

He died on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1944

His grave is in St.Luke s Churchyard, Orrell, Lancashire. L.L.B. grave 182

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# **THOMAS HENRY**

Son of Joseph and Dorothy Henry of Carlisle.

Served as a Gunner in the Royal Horse Artillery 104th (Essex Yeomanry) Regiment.

He died on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1944

His grave is in Assisi War Cemetery, Italy X.B.5

# **MAURICE HEYES**

AGE 25

Son of William and Flora Heyes

Served as a Corporal in the Royal Air Force.

He died on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1943

His grave is in Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia 4.B.5.



# **JAMES ALFRED BENIS HIGH**

AGE 26

Son of James and Emily High of Hillside, Southport.

Served as a Sub-Lieutenant Flyer in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve  
at the Royal Naval Air Station H.M.S. Jackdaw at Crail, Fife.

He died on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 1943

His grave is in Birkdale Cemetery, Southport section C, grave 327



## **GEORGE NEIL HIGHAM**

Names of next of kin not available

Served as an Aircraftman 1<sup>st</sup> class  
in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

He died on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1941

His name is on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey panel 57.



## **FRANCIS PETER HILL**

AGE 36

Son of Peter and Lilian A.Hill,  
husband of Florence Jane Hill of Nottingham.

Served as a Flight Sergeant in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve  
with 47 Squadron (Torpedo-carrying Bristol Beaufighters)

He died on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1943.

His name is on the Malta Memorial panel 7, column 2

# **ALBERT THOMAS ROSS HOGG**

Commonwealth War Graves have no record of the above.

No entry on the Southport War Memorial

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# **LESLIE JENKINSON**

AGE 29

Son of Louis and Florence M Jenkinson,  
husband of Phyllis H.Jenkinson of Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire.

Served as a Flight Sergeant/Pilot in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

He died on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1943, when Lancaster Mark I R5843 C, after taking off from Swinderby for Berlin, crashed near Wittmund.

His grave is in Sage War Cemetery, Germany 3.E.5.

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# **FRANK SUMNER JENNINGS**

AGE 19

Son of Harold Bywater Jennings and Margaret Emma Jennings  
of Birkdale, Southport.

Served as an Ordinary Telegraphist  
at the Royal Naval Training Establishment H.M.S.Duke.

He died on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1944.

His grave is in Birkdale Cemetery, section K grave 199



# **PHILLIP LANCASTER**

AGE 24

Son of William Edward and Isobel Greenwood Lancaster of Southport.

Served as a Lieutenant  
with the 46<sup>th</sup> Regiment Reconnaissance Corps, Royal Armoured Corps.

He died on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 1943

His grave is in Minturno War Cemetery, Italy, grave V11, K 3

## **JOSEPH JACKSON LAPES**

AGE 19

Son of Joseph Ernest and Clara Lapes of Southport.

He served as a Sergeant Flight Engineer  
with 100 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Avro Lancasters)

He died on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1944, when Lancaster Mark III JB563 HW-G, after taking off for Frankfurt, Germany, was hit by enemy fire on its bombing run. There was one survivor.

His grave is in Durnbach War Cemetery, Bayern, Germany, grave 1.B.1.

See also the obituary of Gordon Russel who lost his life  
with the same squadron as Joseph Lapes.



## **ALBERT EDWARD LAW**

Age and next of kin not available.

Served as a Sergeant Wireless Operator/Air Gunner with 115 Squadron Royal Air Force  
Volunteer Reserve (Vickers Wellington Mark 1C)

He died on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 1941, when Wellington Mark 1C L7810 KO-R, after taking off from Marham, crashed near Calais.

His grave is in Pihen-Les Guines War Cemetery,  
Pas de Calais, France grave 1.F.9.

# **FREDERICK LIPTROT**

AGE 25

Son of Albert and Mary Liptrot,  
husband of Marjorie Kathleen Liptrot.

Served as a Leading Cook (S)  
in the Royal Navy aboard the battleship H.M.S. Royal Oak.

He died on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 1939 when the Royal Oak was torpedoed.

His name is on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire, panel 35, column 3.



# **REGINALD ERIC LORD**

AGE 26

Son of Walter and Sally Lord of Southport.

Served as a Sub-Lieutenant (Air) in the Royal Naval Reserve  
on board H.M.S. Nabob, a Ruler Class Escort Carrier.

He died on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 1944,  
when H.M.S. Nabob was torpedoed and damaged by U.354

His grave is in Duke Street Cemetery, Southport section 11, grave 254

## **GEORGE ARTHUR MAIDEN.**

AGE 24

Son of Albert E.Maiden and Emily Maiden of Southport.

Served as an Aircraftman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

He died on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1941

His grave is in the Ismailia War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt, grave 4.B.5.



## **ALISTER DAVID MALCOLM**

Age unknown.

Son of Mr and Mrs A.S.Malcolm of Southport.

Served as an Acting Sub Lieutenant Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

He died on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1943, one of the crew who died when the midget submarine X5 was lost whilst attempting an attack on the Tirpitz.

The account of this action can be found in *Above us the Waves* by C.E.T.Warren and James Benson, published by Harrap 1953.

He received a posthumous M.I.D.in the London Gazette August 1<sup>st</sup> 1944

His name is on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire - panel 80, column 1.

# **JOHN DEREK MARSHALL**

AGE 21

Son of John and Winifred Mary Marshall of Birkdale, Southport.

Served as a Sub Lieutenant (Air) based at  
the Royal Naval Air Station H.M.S. Nighthawk, East Lothian.

He died on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1945.

His grave is in Birkdale Cemetery section L, grave 85.



# **ROBERT MARSHALL**

AGE 27

Son of Robert Marshall and of Lillie Marshall (nee Godwin) of Southport.

Served as a Sergeant Wireless Operator/Air Gunner  
with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

He died on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1942.

His grave is in Southport (St. Cuthbert's) Churchyard N.E. portion, grave 78.

# **KENNETH REAVLEY MASON**

AGE 29

Son of Jackson and Ethel Maud Mason,  
husband of Winifred L.Mason of Willesborough, Kent L.R.A.M. (Elec.),  
Diploma Eng.Lit.(Lond.)

Served as a Flight Lieutenant Flying Instructor  
with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

He died on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1943.

His grave is in Elloughton (St.Mary) Churchyard Extension, Yorkshire  
row 6, grave 6.



# **ERIC KENDRICK MELLODY**

No details of age or next of kin.

Served as a Sergeant with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve  
217 Squadron (Coastal Command) Avro Anson Mark 1.

He died on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1940

His name is on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey panel 17.



## **ARTHUR DENNIS MUNSLOW**

No details of age or next of kin.

He served as an Aircraftman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

He died on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1941  
when the Auxilary Transport S.S.Anselm was torpedoed and sunk by U.96.

His name is on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey panel 58



## **LAWRENCE EDWARD OSBORNE**

AGE 27

Son of Frederick and Anne Osborne,  
husband of Irene Osborne of Withdean, Sussex.

He served as a Sergeant with the Corps of Military Police.

He died on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1944.

His grave is in the St.Louis (Jefferson Barracks) National Cemetery,  
Missouri, U.S.A. section 82, coll.grave 1B, 1C, 1D.

# **KENNETH CRAVEN OSWALD**

AGE 22

Son of David Oswald and of Sarah Jane Gertrude Oswald of Birkdale, Southport.

He served as a Sergeant Navigator  
with 76 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve  
(Handley Page Halifax Mark 111)

He died on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 1944, when Halifax Mark III LK789 MP-L, whilst returning from a raid on Karlsruhe, was shot down by an intruder seven miles south west of Downham Market.

His grave is in Southport (Birkdale) Cemetery section C, grave 319



# **FOLLETT MATTINSON PENNELL**

AGE 23

Son of Follett Montague Scott Pennell and Lilian Pennell of Southport.

He served as a Sergeant Pilot  
with 48 Squadron (Coastal Command) Royal Air Force (Avro Anson Mark 1)

He died on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 1940.

His grave is in West Thorney (St.Nicholas) Churchyard, Sussex  
plot 1, row c, grave 1.

# **VICTOR THOMAS PENNINGTON**

AGE 25

Son of Herbert and Minnie R. Pennington of Southport.

He served as a Telegraphist in the Royal Navy  
on board the cruiser H.M.S. Hermione.

He died on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1942, when the Hermione was sunk by U 205 with  
the loss of eighty seven of the crew. In this action, the destroyers Hasty,  
Airedale, Grove and the Australian destroyer Nesta were also lost.

His grave is in the Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt  
grave 1.G.16.



# **KENNETH POTTS DFC.**

AGE 23

No details are available of his next of kin

He served as a Flying Officer in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve  
with 35 Squadron (Avro Lancaster Bombers)

He died on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1945, when Lancaster Mark III PB343 TL-M was  
hit by flak during a raid on Hanover, Germany.

His name is on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey panel 267

## **ERIC PRICE**

Unable to identify, at the present time, the Eric Price who was at K.G.V.

War Graves Commission has over twenty six entries,  
but none with Southport address.



## **HOWARD WILLIAM RAMSEY**

AGE 23

Son of William Stuart Ramsay and Grace Edith Ramsay,  
husband of Rosmarie Ramsay of Redland, Bristol.

He served as a Flight Sergeant Pilot in the Royal Air Force (no squadron given)

He died on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 1944

His name is commemorated at Bristol (Arnos Vale) Crematorium,  
Gloucestershire panel 3.

# **ALLEN FAIRHURST RIDDLESWORTH DFC.**

AGE 23

Son of Albert and Martha Riddlesworth of Southport

He served as a Flight Lieutenant Navigator  
with the Royal Air Force.

He died on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 1941

His grave is in Duke Street Cemetery, Southport section 20, grave 52



# **KENNETH CRAIGLAW RIGBY**

No details of age or next of kin available

Served as a Pilot Officer  
with 405 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve  
(Handley Page Halifax Bombers)

He died on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1943, when Halifax Mark II HR917 LQ-G was  
lost without trace during a raid on Hamburg, Germany.

His name is on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey panel 133

# **GEORGE RIMMER**

AGE 20

Son of James and Gladys Frances Rimmer of Hesketh Bank, Lancashire

He served as a Sergeant Observer with 114 Squadron Royal Air Force (Bristol Blenheim Mark IVs)

He died on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1940, when Blenheim Mark IV R3804 RT was lost during a raid on Soest, Germany.

His grave is in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany grave 12C,16-18



# **JOHN FRANCIS ROBERTS**

AGE 21

Son of Francis Hugh and May Roberts of Ainsdale.

He served as a Sergeant Wireless Operator/Observer with the 46 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Bristol Beaufighters)

He died on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 1942

His grave is in the Port Said War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt - V.C.16

## **IVOR HAROLD MITCHELL ROE**

No information available on age or next of kin.

He served as a Leading Radio Mechanic in the Royal Navy on board the destroyer  
H.M.S.Achates

He died on Thursday 31st December 1942 when H.M. S.Achates was sunk  
by gunfire from the German heavy cruiser Admiral Hipper and salvos  
from the pocket battleship Lutzow and several destroyers.

His name is on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire panel 69 column 3



## **JOHN ARTHUR ROGERS**

No information available regarding age or next of kin

He served as a Flying Officer/Pilot in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve  
with 620 Squadron (Short Stirling Mark VIII)

He died on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1943, when Short Stirling Mark III BK690 QS-G was hit  
by flak and crashed at Nantes after a minelaying mission.

His grave is in Nantes (Pont-du-Cens) Communal Cemetery, Loire-Atlantique, France  
plot L, row C, grave 17.

# **RONALD EDWARD ROLISON**

AGE 21

No information available regarding next of kin

He served as a Pilot under training with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

He died on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 1940

His grave is in Duke Street Cemetery, Southport section 4, grave 550



# **GORDON RUSSEL**

AGE 22

Son of John Wood Russel and Florence Russel of Southport

He served as a Flying Officer/Air Bomber in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve with 100 Squadron (Avro Lancaster Bombers)

See also J.J.Lapes same squadron

He died on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1943, when Lancaster Mark III LM320 HW-C on operations to bomb Dusseldorf, Germany was hit by flak.

His grave is in Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Gelderland, Netherlands 18.E.5.



# **WILLIAM HENRY SEALE**

AGE 20

Son of Bert and Lilian Seale of Southport

He served as an Able Seaman in the Royal Navy on board the aircraft carrier  
H.M.S.Glorious

He died on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1940 when the H.M.S.Glorious and the destroyers  
Acasta and Ardent were surprised by a German force consisting of the  
battlecruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and other warships.

His name is commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial, Devon panel 38,  
column 2.



# **THOMAS SEDDON**

AGE 35

Son of Thomas Baker Seddon and Myra Seddon, husband of Annie Seddon of  
Southport.

He served as a Corporal in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

He died on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1944

His grave is in the Karachi War Cemetery, Pakistan grave 7.B.3.

# **HARRY SEED**

AGE 20

Son of Harry and Agnes H.Seed of Crossens, Southport

He served as an Ordinary Telegraphist in the Royal Navy on board  
H.M.S.Shrapnel

He died on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1943

His grave is in St.John s Churchyard, Crossens, Southport section F, grave 40



# **ALEXANDER JEREMIAH SHIRM**

AGE 25

Son of Charles William and Caro line Mary Emily Shirm of Birkdale

He served as a Flight Sergeant Pilot in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve  
with 3 Squadron (Hawker Hurricane Mark IIC)

The squadron was based at Hunsdon, Hertfordshire with detachments to  
Manston and Shoreham.

He died on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 1942

His grave is in Ouddorp General Cemetery, - Zuid-Holland, Netherlands - -  
row 2, grave 6.

## **JOHN HALL SIMPSON**

No information available regarding age or next of kin

He served as a Flight Sergeant Wireless Operator/Air Gunner in the Royal Air Force with 21 Squadron (Bristol Blenheim Mark IV)

He died on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1941, when Blenheim Mark IV V6396 YH-W, on an operation to bomb the Kiel Canal, was lost.

His grave is in Hamburg Cemetery, Germany joint grave 4a.C.11.



## **JOHN PICKSTONE SINGLETON**

AGE 21

No information is available regarding next of kin

He served as a Leading Aircraftman (a Pilot under training) with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

He died on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 1942

His grave is in Birkdale Cemetery, Southport section H, grave 10.

## **ROYSTON SPERLING**

AGE 19

Son of Leslie and Sybil Sperling of Thornton, Blackpool.

He served as a Sergeant in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve with 171 Squadron (Handley Page Halifax Mark III)

He died on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 1945, when Halifax Mark III LK874 6Y-C collided with a Lancaster of 156 Squadron over Germany.

His grave is in Rheinberg War Cemetery, Germany grave 9.K. 18-25.



## **GEOFFREY STEEPLES**

No details available regarding age or next of kin.

He served as a Marine with R.M.Group M.N.B.D.O. (2), Royal Marines.

He was serving at Hayling Camp, a Royal Marine establishment.

He died on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1941

His grave is in Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery, Hampshire - E.58.2.

## **ERIC JOHN STREET**

AGE 25

Son of Charles and Margerite Street, husband of Euphemia Street.

He served as a Sergeant Observer in the Royal Air Force with 45 Squadron  
(Bristol Blenheim Mark I and IV)

He died on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1941

His grave is in Halfaya Sollum War Cemetery, Egypt grave 6.C.5.



## **HAROLD SWEET**

Age not known

Son of Valentine Stanley Sweet and Olive Sweet of Ainsdale, Southport.

He served as a Sergeant in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve with 431  
Squadron (R.C.A.F.) (Vickers Wellington Mark X)

He died on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1943, when Wellington Mark X HE990 SE-Z  
was shot down by nightfighters during a raid on Dusseldorf, Germany.

His grave is in Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Gelderland, Netherlands 11.H.1.

## **RICHARD TAYLOR**

AGE 20

Son of Thomas and Ophelia Taylor of Southport.

He served as a Trooper with the 5<sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regiment R.A.C. (Royal Armoured Corps)

He died on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1944

His grave is in the Uden War Cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands 6.G.9.



## **DOUGLAS POLLOCK TOUGH**

No details of age or next of kin available

He served as a Flight Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve with 105 Squadron (de Havilland Mosquito)

He died on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1945, when De Havilland Mosquito Mark XVI MM170 GB-D on operation to Witten was lost without trace.

His name is on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey panel 266.

## **ALAN VICKERS**

No details of age or next of kin available.

He served as a Sub-Lieutenant (Air Crew) with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve on the Aircraft Carrier H.M.S. Illustrious

He died on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1944

His name is on the Lee-on-Solent Memorial, Hampshire bay 5, panel 6.



## **GERALD WHELAN**

AGE 20

Son of John and Elizabeth Whelan of Southport.

He served as a Pilot Officer/Pilot with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (no squadron given)

He died on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1945

His grave is in the Fayid War Cemetery, Egypt grave 5.E.12

# **HARRY WHITEHEAD**

AGE 26

Son of Edward and Clara Whitehead of Birkdale, Southport.

He served as a Lieutenant with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve on board the  
Flower class Corvette H.M.S. Polyanthus

He died on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 1943 when Polyanthus was sunk by U952  
whilst on convoy duty.

His name is in the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire panel 80, column 1.



# **RICHARD ALAN WHITTAKER**

AGE 18

Son of James and Jane Elizabeth Whittaker of Edenfield, Lancashire.

He served as a Private with the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

He died on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1944

His grave is in the Hottot-les-Bagues War Cemetery, Calvados, France - XII.G.7.



# **JOHN JAMES WRIGHT**

AGE 19

Son of John James Wright and Nancy Wright of Southport

He served as an Ordinary Seaman with the Royal Navy on board

H.M.S. Beverley, a Town class destroyer.

He died on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1943 when the Beverley was sunk by U188 with the loss of 148 lives.

His name is in the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire panel 76, column 3.

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# **JOHN RIPLEY WRIGHT**

AGE 21

Son of John and Agnes Margaret Wright of Southport

He served as a Sergeant Wireless Operator/Air Gunner in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve with 455 Squadron R.A.A.F. (Royal Australian Air Force) which was equipped with the outdated Handley Page Hampden Mark I. Later, in 1942, we gave these aircraft to the Russians and re-equipped with Bristol Beaufighters

He died on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1942

His grave is in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Germany grave 6.C.8.

The majority of information on this Roll of Honour was taken from  
the records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission  
Maidenhead.

Southport Naval Historian Mike Cooper kindly undertook the research  
on the Naval casualties.

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