

Tenterden

Second World War
1939 – 1945

TENTERDEN SECOND WORLD WAR

ROYAL NAVY CASUALTIES

BENNETT, ARTHUR KEITH. Leading Seaman, C/J 109679.
Royal Navy, H.M. Submarine Triton,
Died 18 December 1940. Aged 32.
Son of Arthur William and Ada Mary Bennett.
Husband of Irene Gladys Bennett of Biddenden, Ashford, Kent.
Also commemorated on the Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial,
and the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 34. Column 3.
The exact cause of the loss of the submarine (Pennant N15) is still unclear as
she was originally thought to have struck a mine, whilst later Italian claims of
her destruction add to the confusion as two Motor Torpedo Boats of the Italian
Regina Marina and an Italian aircraft claimed to have sunk her.

EGGLEDEN, HARRY. Able Seaman, C/J 62771.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Versatile. (D32).
Died 13 May 1940. Aged 38.
Son of Arthur and Bessie Eggleton.
Husband of Olive Eggleton of Dovercourt, Harwich, Essex.
Buried Woodlands Cemetery, Gillingham, Kent.
Grave Ref: Naval Reservation. Grave 1178.
Harry's ship was a 'V' class escort destroyer was built in 1917 she survived
both world wars and was finally scrapped in August 1948.

EVEREST, WILLIAM RICHARD. Marine, PO/X 2507.
Royal Marines.
Died 5 November 1941. Aged 21.
Son of William George and Helen Everest of Tenterden, Kent.
Buried Tenterden, Kent, (St. Mildred's) Cemetery. Grave Ref: 1654.
Although there is a slight difference in their mothers Christian name
(Ellen/Helen), it is possible that William was the brother of Albert Everest
R.A.F. who also died, and is commemorated in Tenterden, Kent, (St.
Mildred's) parish church, and below.

NEALE, RICHARD (Dick) HENRY. Petty Officer, C/JX 145790.

Royal Navy, H.M. Submarine Stonehenge

Died 20 March 1944. Aged 24.

Son of Arthur and Clara Beatrice Neale.

Husband of Jean Ann Neale of Bethersden, Ashford, Kent.

Also commemorated on Bethersden, Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial and

the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 74. Column 3.

Built by Cammell Lairds Ltd. of Liverpool, Lancashire, H.M. Submarine Stonehenge commissioned on 11 June 1943, under the command of Lieutenant David S.M. Verschoyle-Campbell, D.S.C. R.N., at which time he became the youngest officer in the Royal Navy to be given command of a submarine. Following one patrol in the North Sea in September 1943, Dick's submarine left the United Kingdom for service in the Far East and was stationed at Trincomalee, Ceylon with the Fourth Submarine Flotilla, arriving at Colombo, Ceylon on 16 January 1944. H.M. Submarine Stonehenge sailed from Trincomalee engaged on her first war patrol in the Far East theatre of war on 1 February 1944. On 5 February 1944, she sank a small Japanese transport by gunfire with about 80 Japanese troops on board, and after various other operations off the northern coast of the island of Sumatra, during which time she was unsuccessfully attacked by a number of Japanese Navy anti-submarine vessels, she torpedoed, and sank, the Japanese auxiliary warship 'Chocko Maru' of approximately 7,000 tons off the coast of Penang on 12 February 1944. Dick's submarine then returned to Trincomalee on 18 February and, after a week's rest, she sailed again on 25 February undertake more patrols in the area of the Malacca Straits. H.M. S/M Stonehenge failed to return from that patrol and in so doing, became the first Royal Navy submarine lost in the war against Japan. It is thought that the submarine was lost after she had struck a mine between Northern Sumatra and the Nicobar Islands. The commander of H.M. S/M Stonehenge, 23 year old Lieutenant, David S.M. Verschoyle-Campbell, D.S.O., D.S.C., and Bar, R.N. the son of Major-General William Henry McNeile Verschoyle-Campbell, C.I.E., O.B.E., and Ethel Mary Verschoyle-Campbell (né Pilkington), of Baily, Co. Dublin, Republic of Ireland, and the husband of Merle Davos Verschoyle-Campbell (né Bain), and the entire submarines compliment were all presumed lost in the sinking.

NORRIS, RALPH CADELL. Midshipman.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Liverpool.

Died 14 October 1940. Aged 17.

Son of Thomas Cadell Norris and May Ethel Morris of Ashenden, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 34. Column 1.

H.M.S. Liverpool was a 11,930 ton Town class light cruiser, she was commissioned on 2 November 1938. Enemy bombers torpedoed and seriously damaged H.M.S. Liverpool, south east of Crete on the day that Ralph lost his life. Later the crippled ship was towed to Alexandria, Egypt, where it remained under repair until April 1941 after which it made its own way safely to the Mare Island naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California, U.S.A. for major permanent repairs, following which she returned to Great Britain in Spring 1942. After serving with the Arctic Convoys for two months, she then returned to the Mediterranean, and took part in the Malta Convoys, but in June 1942, she

was again torpedoed by aircraft that inflicted serious damage. The light cruiser then had to be towed to Gibraltar where temporary repairs were carried out, prior to proceeding to the Rosyth naval base, Scotland for permanent repair. Effectively knocked out for the remainder of the Second World War, H.M.S. Liverpool spent three years at Rosyth before returning to service. Decommissioned in November 1952 she was eventually sold for scrap and broken up in July 1958.

WALSH, HERBERT. Lieutenant (A).

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve H.M.S. Daedalus, (Fleet Air Arm).

Died 12 September 1945. Aged 22.

Son of Mr and Mrs Bruno Oestreicher.

Buried Tenterden, Kent, Old Meeting House Burial Ground.

H.M.S. Daedalus at Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire was opened as an airfield by the Admiralty as a R.N.A.S. station. When the R.N.A.S. and the R.F.C. merged to form the R.A.F. on 1 April 1918, it became a R.A.F. station. On the 24 May 1939 it became the main base of the Fleet Air Arm.

ARMY CASUALTIES

AUSTEN, W. No clear trace. Purely conjecture on the transcribers part, but the casualty might be a soldier commemorated in Tenterden, Kent (St. Mildred's) parish church with an incorrect surname spelling, who it would seem is numbered amongst the thousands of Commonwealth casualties of both World Wars, who are still not commemorated by the CWGC. Clearly in need of a lot more research, but it seemed prudent to add the casualty concerned brief details here, in case the above applies:-

AUSTIN, WILLIAM. Bombadier, 850939.

Royal Artillery.

Died in the Far East, October 1942.

Born Kent.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

Death recorded in Volume 13, Page 32, 1942, of the British Army, Second World War Overseas books held at the General Registry Office.

BINGHAM, WALTER HOWARD. Lance Sergeant, 922202.

385 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.

Died 11 July 1942. Aged 22.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Walter Howard Bingham and Emily Ruth Bingham of Leigh Green, Tenterden, Kent.

Buried Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. Grave Ref: 10. B. 16.

Commemorated on Second World War memorial plaque located in Tenterden, Kent (St. Mildred's) parish church.

Pre war Territorial Army member of the Royal Artillery, Walter served with 385 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, based at the Drill Hall, Newtown Road, Ashford, Kent.

BREEDS, W. J. Not yet traced, although only five Second World War casualties with this surname are commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

BURGESS, LESLIE GEORGE (Jock). Sergeant, 861528.
385 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.
Died 16 June 1942. Aged 23.
Born Glamorgan. Resided Kent.
Son of Alfred Douglas and Gladys Burgess of Chatham, Kent.
Buried Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya. Grave Ref: 10. C. 2.
Commemorated on Second World War memorial plaque located in Tenterden, Kent (St. Mildred's) parish church.
Although Welsh by birth Leslie, who played football for Tenterden Town pre war, had the nickname "Jock." Pre war Territorial Army member of the Royal Artillery, Leslie served with 385 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, based at the Drill Hall, Newtown Road, Ashford, Kent.

CLARKE, ARTHUR. Gunner, 908547.
385 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.
Died 1 July 1942. Aged 42.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Frederick and Florence Kate Clarke.
Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: XXIV. B. 12.
Commemorated on Second World War memorial plaque located in Tenterden, Kent (St. Mildred's) parish church.
Pre war Territorial Army member of the Royal Artillery, Arthur served with 385 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, based at the Drill Hall, Newtown Road, Ashford, Kent.

COLLINS, LESLIE CHARLES. Private, 7381959.
216 Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Died 10 August 1940. Aged 29.
Son of Mr and Mrs C. G. Collins of St. Michaels, Tenterden, Kent.
Husband of Gladys May Collins.
Buried Tenterden, Kent, (St. Mildred's) Churchyard.
Commemorated on Second World War memorial plaque located in Tenterden, Kent (St. Mildred's) parish church.

Possibly the casualty commemorated in Tenterden parish church as G. COLLYER is:-

COLLIER, GEORGE. Private, 2029190.
1st Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).
Died 21 April 1942. Aged 26.
Born and resided Kent.
Buried Bari War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: II. D. 24.
Pre war member of The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) who had originally enlisted in the Royal Engineers.

DAY, HARRY JOSEPH. W.O. II (Company Sergeant Major), 6286391.
5th Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).
Died 8 December 1943. Aged 33.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Joseph John and Maude Alice Day of St Michael's, Tenterden, Kent.
Husband of Eunice Muriel Day of St Michael's, Tenterden, Kent.
Buried Ancona War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: III. D. 12.
Pre war member of The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).
Commemorated on Second World War memorial plaque located in Tenterden,
Kent (St. Mildred's) parish church.

DITTON, JACK GEORGE. Private, 5346695.
4th Battalion, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.
Died 29 May 1940.
Born and resided Kent.
Buried Marquise Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.
Grave Ref: Plot 2. Row A. Grave 8.
Originally enlisted in the Royal Berkshire Regiment.
Jack was a pre war footballer for Tenterden Town.

EVEREST, ALBERT ERNEST GEORGE. Sergeant (W. Op/Air Gunner)
643045.
77 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 13 November 1940. Aged 23.
Son of William George and Ellen Everest of Tenterden, Kent.
Buried Amsterdam New Eastern Cemetery, Netherlands.
Grave Ref: Plot 69. Row B. Grave 2.
Albert was a crew member of Whitley bomber T4232 ZA-W, which was flown
by Pilot Officer G. M. Wiltshier. The aircraft took off from R.A.F. Topcliffe,
near Thirsk, North Yorkshire to take part on a bombing raid to attack the
synthetic oil plant at Wesseling, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. A wireless
transmission received, indicated that the aircraft was returning prior to having
made the scheduled attack, nothing further was heard following the
transmission, and it is assumed that the aircraft crashed in the vicinity of
Amsterdam, Holland, probably near to where four of bombers the crew now
lie. The cause of the crash is still unknown, but probably was resultant of
some sort of mechanical malfunction in view of the decision taken to abort the
mission. Only Pilot Officer G. M. Wiltshier survived the crash, who was
captured by the Germans, and was later interned in Camps L1 and L3, with
the prisoner of war number 392. Albert is commemorated on the Second
World War memorial plaque in Tenterden, Kent (St. Mildred's) parish church,
but as a soldier.

MILTON, CHARLES WILLIAM. Private, 11404620.
Army Catering Corps.
Attached to the 252 Battery, 80 Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery.
Died at sea Thursday 7 January 1943. Aged 27.
Born Canada. Resided Kent.
Son of Herbert Frederick and Ethel Milton.
Husband of Gladys Irene Milton of Appledore, Kent.
Also commemorated on Appledore, Kent, civic war memorial, and the Brookwood Memorial, Surrey. Panel 21. Column 2.
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

NEWICK, THOMAS WILLIAM. Gunner, 994132.
3 Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery.
Died 13 June 1944. Aged 25.
Born United States of America. Resided Kent.
Son of William Newick and N. E. Newick of Tenterden, Kent.
Buried Cassino War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: Joint grave XIV. B. 1-2.

MERCER, MATTHEW. Trooper, 14954589.
Royal Horse Guards.
Died 29 November 1945. Aged 19.
Son of Jabez and Emily Sarah Mercer of Tenterden, Kent.
Buried St. Michael's, Tenterden, Kent, (Jireh) Baptist Chapelyard.
Grave Ref: Row A. Grave 6.
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

ROYAL AIR FORCE CASUALTIES

PHILLIPS, MARCEL ADRIAN. Pilot Officer, 44259.
42 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 21 June 1940. Aged 27.
Son of George Adrian and Evelyn Philips.
Husband of Hilda May Philips of Tenterden, Kent.
Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 9.
Having been engaged on anti-shipping and mine laying operations off the north European coasts flying Beauforts in R.A.F. Coastal Command, in addition to which in northern waters numerous reconnaissance patrols were flown along the Norwegian coast as far as the port of Trondheim. It was at Trondheim that the 31,100 ton Gneisenau class German battleship Scharnhorst was discovered towards the middle of June 1940. Bombing attacks failed to cause any damage to the battleship, but forced her to put to sea. On 21 June 1940 she was attacked by R.A.F. Coastal Command Beauforts of with greater success, three direct hits on the ship being reported. Marcel was amongst the crew of Beaufort L4501 AW-C which was flown by Pilot Officer, Alan G. Rigg, that took off from R.A.F. Wick at 1420 hours on Friday 21 June 1940 to take part in the maximum effort strike on the Scharnhorst, and was amongst the nine Beauforts which made the attack. The weather was clear when the Beauforts attacked, and they were greeted by an incredibly heavy barrage from the battleship, in addition to which several German fighter aircraft also appeared and took part in the battle,

during which three of Marcel's squadron's aircraft were shot down. It is fairly certain that Marcel and the other three crew members of Beaufort L4501 AW-C were shot down by a Luftwaffe aircraft, as opposed to the guns of the Scharnhorst. Their Beaufort was known to have bombed the battleship, and was last seen doing a climbing right hand turn just above the surface of the sea. A Messerschmitt Me 109 pilot of II/JG77, later submitted a claim that he had shot down Beaufort L4501 into the North Sea off the coast of Bergen, Norway. Following the attack and damage inflicted on her by the R.A.F. Coastal Command Beauforts, the Scharnhorst then returned to Kiel. All four crew of Marcel's aircraft are commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey.

GOODSALL, CHARLES ERIC. Corporal, 538862.
Royal Air Force.

Died 21 December 1941. Aged 29.

Son of George S. Goodsall and Kate Goodsall of Tenterden, Kent.

Buried Habbaniya War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: 5. G. 10.

HARWOOD, JOHN E. Sergeant (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner), 1231532
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.103 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Died 23 August 1943.

Buried Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Gelderland, Netherlands. Grave Ref: 16. B. 6.

John was a crew member of Lancaster bomber ED701 PM-B2, which was flown by 21 year old Warrant Officer (Pilot), Kenneth Breckon D.F.M. of Loftus, Yorkshire. The aircraft took off from R.A.F. Elsham Wolds, Lincolnshire at 2139 hours on 22 August 1943, to take part on a bombing mission to Leverkusen, Germany. 462 aircraft took part on the raid, and was comprised of 257 Lancasters, 192 Halifaxes, and 13 Mosquitos. Due to its importance the IG Farben factory was chosen as the central aiming point for the raid, and it was hoped that at least some of the bombs would hit that particular factory. When the bomber force reached the target area, there was thick cloud over it, and to make matters worse there was a partial failure of the Oboe signals. Bombs subsequently fell over a quiet wide area; resulting in at least twelve other towns in, and near the Ruhr recorded bomb damage. 3 Lancasters and 2 Halifaxes were lost on the raid. John's aircraft was intercepted and shot down by Luftwaffe night-fighter aircraft which was flown by Oberleutnant, Heinz Struning of I./NJG, the Lancaster crashed near the castle at Heusden, Noord Brabant, Holland. All seven crew were killed during the attack and resultant crash, and were initially interred at Venlo, but have since been moved to lie in Jonkerbos. John's aircraft was delivered to his squadron on 18 March 1943, and when lost the Lancaster had completed a total of 266 hours, and by that time had taken part in several key bombing operations on enemy targets.

HATCHER, LESLIE. D.F.C., A.F.M. Squadron Leader (Pilot), 129148.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 83 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Died 22 December 1944. Aged 26.

Son of Major Henry Hatcher (formerly Royal Field Artillery), and Margaret Mary Hatcher.

Buried Woolwich Cemetery. Grave Ref: Section F. Grave 702.

Leslie was the pilot of Lancaster bomber PB533 OL-? which took off at 1636 hours on 21 December 1944 from R.A.F. Coningsby, Lincolnshire, and was amongst 207 Lancasters and 1 Mosquito of No. 5 Group which attacked the synthetic-oil refinery at Politz, near Stettin. Post-raid reconnaissance showed that the power-station chimneys had collapsed and that other parts of the plant were damaged. During the raid 3 Lancasters were lost and 5 more crashed in England, one of which was Leslie's aircraft. On the aircraft's return from the mission Leslie was instructed to land at R.A.F. Metheringham, Lincolnshire due to inclement weather at his home station. Unfortunately R.A.F. Metheringham was also shrouded in fog, with restricted visibility due to the weather and time of day. An attempt to land the Lancaster was made but it crashed at 0246 hours on 22 December 1944, killing seven of the eight crew on board. Only Flight Lieutenant M. F. Ingmire, despite being injured survived the crash. Flight Lieutenant Alan J. Booker D.F.C. was laid to rest in Cambridge City Cemetery, and the other six airman were interred in their home towns. Leslie's Lancaster was delivered to his squadron in September 1944, and taken part in the Key Operation against Harburg, Germany on the night of 11/12 December 1944. For an active R.A.F. Bomber Command pilot, Leslie had a long and honourable career prior to his death. As a Sergeant (Pilot) he had survived the successful abandoning, with all his crew from Whitley bomber Z6483 EY-?, at 0630 hours on 4 May 1941. Due to wireless transmission failure combined with lack of fuel, the aircraft crashed near Leominster, Hertfordshire when returning from a raid on Köln (Cologne), Germany, the Whitley having taken off from R.A.F. Middleton St. George, County Durham at 2045 hours the previous night.

The CWGC commemorates two Royal Air Force casualties which match F.D. KING as commemorated at Tenterden, Kent, both of whom have been entered below as it has not been possible thus far to ascertain which the Tenterden airman, they being:-**KING, FREDERICK DAVID.** D.F.M. Sergeant, 755231. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 53 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Died 27 October 1941. Aged 25.

Son of David and Mabel King of West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire.

Husband of Hilda Madge King.

Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 46.

Frederick was amongst the four man crew of a 15 Group, R.A.F. Coastal Command, Hudson bomber AM651 PZ-V, which was flown by Flight Lieutenant J. Bunce, the aircraft took off at 0530 hours from St. Eval, Cornwall on an Anti-Submarine sweep. Off the French coast the Hudson was intercepted by a Luftwaffe night-fighter and was hit, and the bomber suffered an engine fire as the result of the attack, which later spread along the wing. At approximately 0750 hours the stricken aircraft crashed into the sea a quarter of a mile to the east of Porthkerris Beach, Falmouth Bay, Cornwall. Although the sea state was calm at the time of the crash with a light northerly wind

blowing, it was non the less a courageous act on the part of three men working in nearby St. Keverene Quarry who on seeing the Hudson come down, immediately put to sea in a rowing boat. On reaching the spot where the bomber had sunk and burst into flames, they had to row through burning petrol to try and effect a rescue. The quarry workers quick thinking and courage allowed them to save the aircrafts pilot and Sergeant W.C. Cleaver, but Frederick and Sergeant Esmond Leverington were both lost, and both are commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey.

KING, FRANK DESMOND. Sergeant (Air Gunner), 1892896.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 115 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 25 April 1944.

Buried Schoonselhof Cemetery, Antwerpen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: Collective grave IVa. D. 20.

Frank was a crew member of Lancaster bomber DS734 KO-Y. which was flown by 24 year old Pilot Officer (Pilot), Robert R. Cagienard, of Ilford, Essex. The aircraft took off at 2200 hours on 24 April 1944 from R.A.F. Witchford, Cambridgeshire on a bombing mission to the city of Karlsruhe, south west Germany, near the French border, and was amongst 637 aircraft that took part, which were comprised of 369 Lancasters, 259 Halifaxes, and 9 Mosquitos from all groups except No. 5 Group. Cloud over the target and a strong wind which pushed the Pathfinder Force to far north of Karlsruhe spoiled the attack. Only the northern part of the city was seriously damaged and most of the bombs fell outside Karlsruhe. Mannheim, thirty miles to the north, recorded a raid by approximately 100 aircraft on this night, and Darmstadt, Ludwigshafen and Heidelberg were also hit by bombs dropped by aircraft which failed to find the main target. A total of 19 aircraft were lost on the raid, they being 11 Lancasters, 8 Halifaxes, Frank's aircraft crashed about two miles north east of Mechelen (Antwerpen), Belgium on 25 April 1944 killing all seven crew. The following day they were buried at Antwerpen-Deurne, but have since been moved to the Schoonselhof Cemetery.

TUTT, BERNARD FRANCIS. Sergeant, 1384140.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 97 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 26 November 1943. Aged 29.

Son of George Earl Tutt and Agnes Tutt.
Husband of Hilda Joan Tutt of Tenterden, Kent.

Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 167.

Bernard was a crew member of Lancaster bomber JB221 OF-W which took off from R.A.F. Bourn, Cambridgeshire, at 0030 hours to take part on a bombing mission to Frankfurt, Germany. Of the 262 aircraft which took part in the raid, only 26 were Lancasters the remaining 236 being Halifaxes. All the bombers were despatched on a direct route to their target. Mannheim or Frankfurt? that was the question faced by the German interception controller, who suspected one of the two locations was the bombers destination. Unfortunately for the bomber force crews the controller had guessed correctly and chose Frankfurt, which in turn meant that the flak guns were already prepared as the bombers made their approach runs overhead. 12 bombers were lost on the raid, of which Bernard's was the sole Lancaster. It crashed at

Brandau near Reinheim, cause unknown. Although commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Panel 167, as are four others of the crew, it would appear that they and another man are in fact interred at Brandau, and the remainder at Durnbach. Of those interred at Brandau, is the Lancasters pilot, 28 year old American, Carlos Manuel Brown, R.C.A.F. who had been awarded the Croix de Guerre by France. Bernard's father was a native of the village of Aldington near Ashford, Kent where the Tutt family had resided for many generations.

COLEY, HAROLD JAMES. Aircraftman 1st Class, 1654942.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 2834 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 5 August 1943. Aged 21.
Son of Edgar Harold and Alice Coley.
Buried Ebony Churchyard, Isle of Ebony, Kent.

GOODHAND, MERVYN SIDNEY. Aircraftman 1st Class, 749664.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 30 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 20 May 1941. Aged 20.
Son of Sydney and Helen Goodhand.
Husband of Audrey Goodhand of Purley, Surrey.
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 244.
At the time of Mervyn's demise his squadron had been equipped with Hurricane's and had suffered several casualties whilst based on Crete prior to moving to Egypt.

MERCER, RUBEN FRANK. Aircraftman 2nd Class, 1085349.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died 8 March 1941. Aged 33.
Son of John and Ellen Mercer of Tenterden, Kent.
Husband of Emily May Mercer of Tenterden, Kent.
Buried Tenterden, Kent (St Mildred's) Cemetery. Grave Ref: 1524.

TIMMINS, TOM ERIC. Pilot Officer (Pilot), 79164.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
214 (Federated Malay States) Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 8 January 1941.
Husband of Sheila Margaret Timmins of Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Tenterden, Kent (St Mildred's) Cemetery. Grave Ref: 1365.
Tom was the pilot of Wellington bomber T2956 BU-? based at R.A.F. Stradishall, Suffolk, which was undergoing an Air Test with a full crew of six, when the aircraft crashed at 1240 hours on 8 January 1941, at Great Wratting near Haverhill, Suffolk. It is thought that the cause of the crash was as the result of the wings of the Wellington icing up whilst flying in cloud. All the crew perished in the crash and were interred in their home towns, apart from Sergeant (Air Gunner) Archibald S. Roberts from Glasgow who lies in Haverhill Cemetery, Suffolk.

CIVILIAN CASUALTIES

COLLINS, DORIS JOAN.

Died 28 August 1940. Aged 19.

Daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Collins of Honor Cottage, St. Michael's, Tenterden, Kent.

Doris was injured at her home, and died later the same day whilst a patient at the Kench Hill Emergency Hospital, Leigh Green, Tenterden, Kent.

DENNE, RACHEL JEAN. S.R.N.

Died 17 June 1944. Aged 25.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Martin of Cherry Farm, Stone, Kent.

Wife of Gunner Frank Robert Denne, Royal Artillery.

Died St. Mary Abbot's Hospital, Marloes Road, Kensington, London, W8.

It is likely that Rachel lost her life whilst at work, she is at rest within the Kensington, London Municipal Borough.

LOST MAN

BARNES, FREDERICK ERNEST. Driver, T/211616.

Royal Army Service Corps.

Died 28 October 1946. Aged 35.

Husband of Kathleen Fanny Barnes of Tenterden, Kent.

Buried Ashford, Kent, (Bybrook) Cemetery. Grave Ref: Section 2. Grave 231.

CIVILIAN CASUALTIES WITH TENTERDEN CONNECTIONS, BUT WHO ARE NOT COMMEMORATED IN THE TOWN

BASHFORD, GERTRUDE MAGGIE.

Died 9 January 1943. Aged 51.

Daughter of Esther Ann Bashford of 2 Burgess Row, Tenterden, Kent, and the late James John Bashford.

Gertrude died at Hill Cottage, Guestling, Hastings, Sussex

BUCKLAND, EMILY MARION.

Died 12 October 1940. Aged 46

Daughter of James Squire Parrott, and Elizabeth Parrott of 1 Nutbourne Street, Queen's Park, London.

Widow of William Buckland.

Emily died at St, Michael's Grange, Tenterden, Kent.