

The men who served and returned

The names on the two lists that follow have been taken from *Deddington Deanery Magazine*, extracts of which are on page 39 and from a contemporary Roll of Honour reproduced on page 44. The combination of these two sources provides a comprehensive, but probably incomplete, record of those who served, a list that is too often not available.

These men are known to have been wounded and/or discharged.

William Allen	discharged	A Hands	discharged
Alec Austin	Hempton	L Hands	
Cpl John Beesley	discharged	William J Harper Royal Berkshire Reg't	1916 Medical discharge
Frederick G Berry		John A Higham	
Geoffrey Bowler	foot amputated	E A Hicks	invalided from the Front
E Browning	discharged	H Hicks	
Allan Callow	discharged	G Hodges	discharged
Frank H Callow		Cpl Thomas P Holiday	discharged
A Cambray		Capt. D Hopcraft	
A Castle	discharged	A Hunt	
E Cherry	discharged	Henry J Malcher	
F Clarke		P Mayo	discharged
G Clarke		H Miller	
P Dunn		W Mitchell	
Christopher J Ell	leg amputated	B Paginton	disabled
H Freeman		S Payne	discharged
M French	invalided from the Front	L Rees	
William J Gardner	discharged	O Regan	
G Gilkes		E Shirley	
R Gilkes		J Smith	
Rev H Tyrell Green		G Smith	discharged

These men are known to have served but no additional details are held.

These men are known to have served but there is no record of their wartime service or whether they should be included in any of the other categories. Unfortunately there is no longer any comprehensive archive which enables us to add to this information. The surviving records of soldiers in WWI are very poor having largely been destroyed in a bombing raid in WWII.

G Adams	Jacob Cowley	Lieut D Jones
C Austin	John Cowley	C Large
Richard G Beesley	Fred W Davis (RHA)	John H Lewis
G Bennet, Clifton	B Dodwell	T Luker
M Bennett	W Dodwell	Frederick C Mayo
J Berridge	F Durran	G Meadon, Clifton
William G Berry	E Field	E Mobley
B Bletsoe	F Finch	L W Morton
D Bliss	W Fincher, Clifton	L Nicholls, Hempton
S Boffin, Clifton	S Fox, Clifton	F Page
E Bolton	H Gardiner	W Page
J Bolton, Clifton	Charles E Gibbs	J Quarterman, Clifton
R F Bolton, Clifton	Walter E Gibbs	T Quarterman, Clifton
W Brooks (or Brookes?)	C Gilkes	W Sanders
James H Callow	F Gregory	Alfred A Smith
P Callow	H Griffin	W G Smith
Robert Callow	S Hall	W O Smith
R Callow, Clifton	E Hancox	W Smith
R Cambray	Arthur Harper, Clifton	E Stimpson
P Carvill	H Harper	E Stockford
J Castle	A Harris, Clifton	Stone
W Checkley	F Hawkins	B Sykes
P Churchill	E Hickson, Clifton	F Sykes
W Churchill	B Hiorns	George Sykes
H Clark, Clifton	John Hiorns	G I Sykes
R Clarke	S Hiorns	Hubert Sykes
E Clutterbuck, Hempton	William Holiday	Joseph Sykes
F Clutterbuck, Hempton	F Hopcraft	John Sykes
H Collect	S Hopcraft	R Sykes
John Compton	E Hore	Ro. Sykes
W Course	W Jennings	S Sykes
F Cowley	C Jones	

The details of these men have been provided from other sources

These names are not recorded in either the Vicar's notes or the Roll of Honour (p.44) but have Deddington connections by birth or residence. They have been sourced either from a recently discovered 1953 membership list of the then named British Legion (see next page) or from information provided by their families.

Leonard George A BOFFIN (1900-73) Sergeant.

The Oxfordshire Yeomanry (The Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars). He enlisted underage and was discharged in 1915; subsequently he joined The Royal Welch Fusiliers and later served with The Hong Kong Police from 1926 to 1932.

Frank Colman BOWLER (1898-1989) 2nd Lieutenant Royal Flying Corps.

His story and that of his two brothers can be read on page 114.

Leslie William Harold BOWLER MC (1893-1981) Captain.

He joined the 16th (Public Schools) Battalion Middlesex Regiment as a Territorial soldier age 21. He was commissioned in June 1915 into 22nd County of London Regiment (The Queen's), 142nd Brigade, 47th Division. His story and that of his two brothers can be read on page 114.

James H BREEN Flight Lieutenant.

Royal Flying Corps.

Bartholomew (Bart) CALLOW (1881-1964).

Royal Army Service Corps. Driver. He was a well-known Deddington character whose considerable skills as a singer and musician have been researched and recorded in an article by Professor Michael Pickering of Loughborough University.

Lewis DARLINGTON (1891-1991) Guardsman.

The Grenadier Guards.

John Maurice FRENCH (1893-1985).

The Oxfordshire Yeomanry (The Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars).

Francis (Frank) Beesley GARRETT (1891-1955).

The Oxfordshire Yeomanry (The Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars) (see p.134).

Henry Thomas HARPER (1898-1966) Private.

Princess Charlotte of Wales (Royal Berkshire Regiment). Son of William Jesse Harper who also served.

Frank Seymour HIRONS (1885-1969).

5th Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Arthur John (Jack) MALCHER (1898-1997) Private.

The Gloucestershire Regiment. More about the Malcher men who served can be read on page 161.

Henry James MALCHER (1878-D) Private.

The East Yorkshire Regiment, part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF). He was discharged wounded and awarded the Silver War Badge on 13 July 1915. This badge absolved the wearer of any possible charge of 'shirking' military service (p.161).

James Henry Hone MALINGS (1885-1929) Private.

He served from 1914 to 1920 in The Royal Engineers and then The Northumberland Fusiliers.

John Frederick MALINGS (1872-1933).

He enlisted into the 20th Hussars in 1900 saying he was 19 whereas he was actually 29! He served abroad in South Africa (1901-02), Egypt (1903-04) then emigrated to Canada in 1907 where he enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1915 by, once again, subtracting years from his age (43) saying he was only 37 and born in 1878!

Ernest Cecil PEARSON (1890-1956) Corporal.

The Essex Regiment. He received a bullet wound to his ankle in France in 1916.

Reginald Geoffrey ROBERTS (1890-1946) Major.

4th/7th Battalion, Dragoon Guards, then 10th Battalion, (Prince of Wales' Own Royal) Hussars.

William Frederick (Fred) SANDERS (1876-1932).

The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and Princess Charlotte of Wales (Royal Berkshire Regiment).

Bernard WALLIN (1892-1960) Sergeant.

1st/4th Battalion, The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

The Royal British Legion

The British Legion was formed as a national organisation on 15 May 1921, bringing together four organisations of ex-Service men that had established themselves after WWI. Its main purpose was to care for those who had suffered as a result of service in the Armed Forces in the Great War, whether through their own service or through that of a relative. It was awarded the appellation 'Royal' in 1971.

The Deddington Branch was formed in 1925. The building it occupies on High Street was formerly an axle-tree factory belonging to the local firm of Mason & Hard. It subsequently passed into the hands of William Cox of South Newington. In 1920 the trustees of "The Red Triangle Club" and "The Deddington Institute" raised funds by means of a public collection and purchased the property from William Cox to be their club premises for the sum of £350.

In 1925, at a General Meeting of the two organisations, the Trustees handed over the Club premises to the newly formed Deddington Branch of the British Legion to use in perpetuity; although it was also stated in the deed that ..."the trustees shall in the event of the said Deddington Branch of the British Legion ceasing to exist hold the said heraditaments and premises in trust for the Parish Council of Deddington ..".

The Officers of the Deddington Branch in 2011 were:

President:	Major D Hood MC
Chairman:	Mr A Humphries MBE
Standard Bearer:	Mr DA Keats

**Extracts from *Deddington Deanery Magazine* (1914-19)
relating to the men who served**

These records are the work of the Reverend Thomas Boniface, Vicar of Deddington. At the time of writing them he had been Vicar since 1878 and if you read the original magazine, which is held in the Oxford Record Centre, you will detect the increasing level of despair in the records.

December 1914

Chas. Callow	Killed in Action
Wm Wilkins	Killed in Action
John Beesley	Wounded
Wm Tustain	Wounded

January 1915

Corporal J Beesley	Convalescent
A Spencer	Convalescent
M French	Invalided from Front
E A Hicks	Invalided from Front
George Castle	Killed

February 1915

We were delighted recently to welcome from the Front (on leave)

R Beesley	W Holiday	J M French
S R Hall	W Page	J C Warren

June 1915

The Curate, the Rev Tyrell Green has joined the Royal Army Medical Corps

July 1915

G Sykes jnr	Killed
Sergeant Major Warren	Wounded
Corporal T Holiday	Wounded
L/Cpl. D Hopcraft	Wounded
Private H Miller	Wounded
Private H Checkley	Wounded

Killed previously and not recorded were:

W Wilkins	C Callow	G Castle
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[In fact, the names of all these men had been recorded already]

Wounded previously but not recorded.

J Beesley	W Tustain	W Brooks
J H Warren	A Callow	

August 1915

A Spenser of Hempton Wounded

Clarence Gilkes Wounded

[Private Clarence Bert Gilkes, 5th Battalion, The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry died on 16 October 1917. He has no known grave but his name is recorded on panel 96-98 of The Tyne Cot Memorial yet he is not on the Deddington Memorial. For more details see page 31.]

October 1915

Private Spenser of Hempton. Killed
Lieut. Geoffrey Bowler Wounded in the Dardanelles Campaign

November 1915

William Allen Wounded and in Manchester

Albert Tustain Wounded and in Netley

Walter Gibbs Dangerously ill

Loder French Welcome home

February 1916

J F Hawkins of Field Barn. Killed

W F Bolton of Clifton. Killed

Walter Albert Gardner Died in Cornwall on home service

March 1916

Loder French Died age 24. Elder son of Mr and Mrs W J French

April 1916

Lieut. G Bowler Wounded and his foot was amputated whilst serving in the Dardanelles. He has been promoted to Captain

Sgt Major Warren DCM Now commissioned and has transferred from the Queens Own Oxfordshire Hussars

Sergeant H Grace DCM Died of fever in the Persian Gulf

F Hutt Killed in action 8 February 1916

August 1916

Walter D Hancox Royal Engineers, killed 1 July. A ringer at the Church and Captain of the Football and Cricket Clubs

Private J E Twissell Serving with 32 Battalion Canadian Infantry, he died in Calgary Holy Cross Hospital. A former chorister he was buried on 5 June

Lieut. Warren Wounded for the second time

Private G Clarke Wounded

H Checkley Wounded

J W Cowley Prisoner of War in Turkey

October 1916

Corporal W Rufus Hancox Killed age 20 serving in The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry
He was a bell ringer at the Church, a Scout and a Territorial

November 1916

Private J H Checkley
L/Cpl M J Tustain
F Tustain

Killed in action in July. Previously wounded
 Killed in action in July
 His brother. Coldstream Guards. Killed

December 1916

Bernard Wheeler

Died in Shorncliffe Military Hospital on 18 November and was buried on 23rd. He was the son of James Wheeler and he had become a Canadian Resident

February 1917

Percy Pinfold

[The Vicar comments that this is the 20th Death and that there were 209 Deddington men in the armed forces]

of Clifton. Killed in action 1 January 1917

March 1917

A Ell

Wounded a second time and in hospital in Chichester

April 1917

Wallace Carvill

Died on 3 March in hospital in France, he had been suffering from measles

Alfred Ell

Died on 3 March, in Chichester Hospital

June 1917

Joseph Austin

Alfred Yerbury junior

Alex Manchip

of Hempton. Killed

Killed

Killed

July 1917

John Ernest Mundy

Private H White

Killed on Sunday 3 June
 of Hempton is missing

October 1917

D Hopcraft

J Watts

N Chislett

A Hancox

R, W and T Wheeler

E Shirley

W Mitchell

F Callow

P Dunn

Promoted and commissioned

Promoted and commissioned

Killed in July

Wounded

All three wounded

Wounded

Wounded

Wounded

Wounded

The marriage of **Private R E Weaver** to Miss G M Miller

November 1917

Sapper E Hancox

Harold Freeman

Killed in action 24 July, a bell ringer

Killed in action

January 1918

E and B Paginton	Both badly wounded and disabled
J Higham	Badly wounded
Alec Austin	Badly wounded
A Hunt	Badly wounded
A Cambray	Badly wounded
R Gilkes	Badly wounded
M French	Indisposed
H Churchill	From New Zealand. Killed

February 1918

Private F Drinkwater	Awarded Military Medal for rescuing two comrades
Lieut D Jones	Has returned
Private F Hawkins	Died 18 January after an accident

March 1918

Private A Weaver	Killed. He was a resident and Chorister who had moved to Sutton. A nephew of the Wright family in Clifton
M French	on sick list
E and B Paginton	on sick list
W White	Missing
Lieut. L Bowler	Mentioned in Despatches

May 1918

A Hutt	Killed
W Dunn	Killed
Rev. Tyrell Green	Wounded
Lieut. Watts	Wounded
H Hicks	Wounded
Captain L Bowler	Awarded Military Cross
J Higham	RFC won a Belgian Award

June 1918

F Valentine	At first believed killed but this was corrected in July which states he is a Prisoner of War
A Adey	of Clifton. Killed

The total number of deaths has reached 34

Hubert Sykes

has fallen; he is the son of Joshua
 [Hubert Charles Sykes, Rifleman, London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles) died on 3 October 1917 age 37. His name is not on the War Memorial. For more details see page 33.]

August 1918

C J Ell	Wounded and his leg amputated
F Berry	Wounded
H Griffin	Killed
H Deeley	Missing

September 1918	
B Hawkins	of Field Barn Missing
F Berry	Wounded
D Hopcraft	Promoted Captain
CQMS H J Harmsworth	in the London Gazette for Gallantry
November 1918	
Captain L Bowler	Awarded bar to his Military Cross
B Cambray	From Canada. Awarded Military Medal
B Hawkins	Believed to be a Prisoner of War
O Dore	Who has recently enlisted died of pneumonia on 5 October
December 1918	
Joseph Hiorns	Killed 11 October 1918
R Page Bull	Killed 30 October 1918
Leonard A Long	Is a Prisoner of War
January 1919	
Harry Gardner	Killed 2 December 1918 in France. He was a Scout and a bell ringer
February 1919	
George Davis	Died in Salonica
Edwin Bliss	Died in India
Bernard Hawkins	Has died. He was not a prisoner as was earlier reported. Some others have returned home
Leonard Long	He was a prisoner in Germany
James Cowley	He was a prisoner in Mesopotamia
QMS H J Harmsworth	From Italy, awarded the Meritorious Service Medal

A Roll of Honour



This is a copy of a Roll of Honour provided by courtesy of Albert Harper whose family members are included on it. It is undated but probably was compiled sometime prior to the spring of 1917. It is not a complete record but nonetheless it has been a very valuable source document.

ROLL OF HONOUR *(revised)*.

REFERENCE—*a.* Killed in Action. *b.* Wounded. *c.* Discharged.

<p style="text-align: center;">DEDDINGTON.</p> Adams, G. Allen, W. <i>bc</i> Austin, C. Beesley, J. <i>bc</i> Beesley, R. Bennett, M. Berridge, J. Berry, F. Berry, W. Bletsoe, B. Bliss, D. Bolton, E. Bowler, G. <i>b</i> Bowler, L. Brookes, W. Browning, E. <i>c</i> Callow, A. <i>bc</i> Callow, A. Callow, C. <i>a</i> Callow, F. Callow, J. Callow, P. Callow, R. Cambray, A. Cambray, B. Carvill, P. Carvill, W. Castle, A. <i>c</i> Castle, G. <i>a</i> Castle, J. Checkley, H. <i>b</i> (dead) Checkley, W. Cherry, E. <i>c</i> Chislett, A. Chislett, N. Churchill, H. Churchill, P. Churchill, W. Clarke, F. <i>b</i> Clarke, G. <i>b</i> Clarke, R. Collect, H.	Compton, John Course, W. Cowley, F. Cowley, Jacob Cowley, John Cowley, Jas. Davis, F. Davis, G. Dodwell, B. Dodwell, W. Dunn, W. Durran, F. Ell, A. Ell, C. Field, E. Finch, F. Freeman, H. <i>b</i> French, L. (dead) French, M. Gardiner, H. Gardner, A. (dead) Gardner, H. Gardner, W. <i>c</i> Gibbs, C. Gibbs, W. Gilkes, C. <i>b</i> Gilkes, G. Gilkes, R. <i>b</i> Gregory, F. Griffin, H. Grace, H. (D.C.M.) dead. Green, H. T. Hall, S. Hancox, A. Hancox, E. Hancox, R. <i>a</i> Hancox, W. <i>a</i> Hands, A. <i>c</i> Hands, L. <i>b</i> Harmsworth, J. Harper, W. <i>c</i> Harper, H. Hawkins, F. <i>a</i>	Hicks, E. Hicks, H. Higham, J. Hiorns, B. Hiorns, John Hiorns, Jos. Hiorns, S. Hodges, G. <i>c</i> Holiday, T. <i>bc</i> Holiday, W. Hopcraft, D. <i>b</i> Hopcraft, F. Hopcraft, S. Hore, H. Hutt, A. Hutt, F. <i>a</i> Hunt, A. Jennings, W. Jones, G. Kelley, F. Large, C. Lewis, . Luker, T. Malcher, H. <i>b</i> Manchip, H. Mayo, F. Mayo, P. <i>bc</i> Miller, H. <i>b</i> Mitchell, W. <i>b</i> Mobley, E. Morton, L. W. Mundy, J. F. Page, F. Page, W. Paginton, E. Payne, S. <i>c</i> Rees, L. <i>b</i> Regan, D. <i>b</i> Sanders, F. Sanders, W. Shirley, E. Smith, A. Smith, G. <i>c</i>	Smith, J. <i>b</i> Smith, W. G. Smith, W. O. Smith, W. Stimpson, E. Stockford, E. Stone Sturch, H. <i>c</i> Sykes, B. Sykes, F. Sykes, G. <i>a</i> Sykes, G. D. Sykes, Jos. Sykes, John Sykes, R. <i>a</i> Sykes, Ro. Sykes, S. Sykes, T. <i>c</i> Sykes, W. Taylor, E. Taylor, V. <i>b</i> Taylor, P. Thornewill, A. Thornewill, L. Tomkinson, H. Tustain, A. <i>bc</i> Tustain, F. <i>a</i> Tustain, M. <i>a</i> Tustain, S. Tustain, T. Tustain, W. <i>bc</i> Twissell, B. Twissell, E. (dead) Vincent, R. Warren, J. <i>b</i> Watts, J. Weaver, H. Wheeler, B. (dead) Wheeler, Jas. <i>c</i> Wheeler, Jas. Wheeler, R. Wheeler, W. E. Whetton, H.	Whitton, D. Wilkins, W. <i>a</i> Wilkins, W. Williams, A. Williams, B. Williams, F. Williams, J. Yerbury, A., sen. Yerbury, A. <p style="text-align: center;">CLIFTON.</p> Adey, A. Bennett, G. Boffin, S. Bolton, J. Bolton, R. E. Bolton, W. F. <i>a</i> Callow, B. Castle, A. Clark, H. Fincher, W. Fox, S. Garrett, F. Godfrey, J. <i>a</i> Gomm, A. Harper, A. Harris, A. Hickson, E. Meadon, G. Pinfold, P. Quarterman, J. Quarterman, T. Warren, J. (D.C.M.) <p style="text-align: center;">HEMPTON.</p> Austin, A. Clutterbuck, E. Clutterbuck, F. Nichols, L. Spencer, A. (dead) White, H. White, J. <p style="text-align: right;">Total ... 209</p>
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