

WIGGINTON WAR MEMORIAL 1939-1945

WILLIAM JOHN BAKER. Private 5954490 4th Battalion, The Royal East Kent Regiment.(The Buffs).

Died : 23rd/24th October 1943. Aged 28. In the battle of Leros

Commemorated : Athens Memorial face 5.

ROY LINCOLN CHARLES BAYLIS Private 5955204 1st Battalion, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

Died : 13th November 1944 aged 29.

Son of George Charles and Mary Katherine Baylis and Husband of Mary Jane Baylis of Champneys. Wigginton.

Buried : Faenza War Cemetery, Faenza R A Italy. Grave ref: VIII. A. 9.

JOSEPH WATKIN CASS 2nd Officer Merchant Navy.

Died : 2nd December 1943. Taranto, Italy. A surprise air attack on Bari Harbour sunk 27 cargo and transport ships that were supporting the allied campaign.

Probate to : Violet Cass, Wife. 22 Cow Roast, Hertfordshire.

GEORGE HERBERT FRENCH Private 5385200 1st Battalion, Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Died : 28th May 1940 aged 20. At Dunkirk.

Son of Herbert and Ivy Florence French and Husband of Nellie French of Berkhamsted.

Commemorated : Dunkirk Memorial. Column 92.

GERALD VICTOR FREEMANTLE. Ordinary Seaman P/JX 273060

HMS Sultan. Singapore.

Died : 31st March 1942. At the fall of Singapore.

Commemorated : Portsmouth Navy Memorial. Panel 65. Column 3.

GEORGE RICHARD HUMPHREYS NEWTON. Pilot Officer 43100.

53 Squadron Royal Air Force.

Son of George and Winifred Newton.

Died : 14th March 1941 France. The mission was to photograph the "Admiral Hipper" a German cruiser off the coast of Brest, France. P/O Newton along with Sgt. C.

Whitehall and Sgt. J. R. Miller took off at 13.30 in a Blenheim V5399. They were shot down near St. Renen.

Buried: St. Renan Churchyard, Finistre, France. Grave ref: N.W. Plot. Row 1. Grave 6

ALBERT JAMES PENN. Sapper 1648677 Royal Engineers
Son of Frederick John and Kate Penn, Husband of Louisa Penn.
Died : 4th December 1942. Aged 31.
Buried : St. Bartholomew's Churchyard, Wigginton. N.W. Corner.

DOUGLAS REGINALD STRATFORD. Gunner 974603 139 Field Regiment,
Royal Artillery.
Son of William and Mary Ann Stratford and Husband of Olive May Stratford of
Wigginton.
Died: 7th March 1945.
Buried : Taukkhan War Cemetery, Mingaladon, Yangon. Myanmar. (Burma) Grave
ref: 25. H. 22

ALBERT CHARLES STRATFORD. Aircraftsman 1st Class 1193840 Royal Air
Force Volunteer Reserve.
Son of Albert and Emily Stratford of Lower Wigginton.
Captured in Java. Transported from Batavia (Java). The second leg of the voyage
departed Singapore 30th October 1942 and arrived 25th November 1942 at Mojo.
Taken to Mukaishima camp, Hiroshima.
Died : 15th December 1942. Aged 34.
Buried : Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan. Grave ref: British Section H.C.2

HARRY RAYMOND SHEPHARD DFC. Flight Luitenant 106979. 525 Squadron.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Son of Herbert and Gladys Ethel Shephard.
Died : 30th January 1946. Crashed in a storm 7 miles south of Le Mans, France while
returning from North Africa to base in Membury, Berkshire. Aged 23.
Buried : Le Grand-Luce War Cemetery. 27 Kilometres south east of Le Mans. France.
Grave ref: Row C. grave 3.
Awarded D.F.C. 21st August 1945.

RAYMOND WHITE. Warrant Officer 5989254 1st. Battalion Northamptonshire
Regiment.
Husband of Kathleen Marjorie White of Wigginton.
Died : 14th June 1944. The battle for Silchar Track, Imphal, India.
Buried : Imphal War Cemetery. Manipur State, India. Grave ref : 6. E. 8.

