

Great Alne & Kinwarton Memorial Hall

Obituaries

The Great War 1914 - 18

1915

Elvins, Elizabeth Millicent

Sister, Queen Alexandra Royal Navy Nursing Service Reserve.

Killed in an explosion on board HMS Natal lying at anchor in the Cromarty Firth, Scotland on 30th December 1915.

The third daughter of Thomas, a miller, and Mary Ann Elvins, The Flour House, Great Alne.

She did not serve overseas and has no medal entitlement.

She is commemorated on the Saint Mary Magdalene Church Memorial, Great Alne.

Purton, Godfrey Lawrence

3400 Lance Corporal 1st/10th (Scottish) Battalion, The King's (Liverpool) Regiment. (TF).
9th Brigade, 3rd Division.

Killed in action during the First Attack on Bellewarde on Wednesday 16th June 1915. Age 28.

The son of Reverend and Mrs H. B. Purton, of Kinwarton. He was born in Kinwarton but he resided and enlisted in Bootle, Liverpool. He arrived in France on Sunday 1st November 1914.

Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West - Vlaanderen, Belgium.
He is also commemorated on the Saint Mary Magdalene Church Memorial, Great Alne.

1914 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal.

1916

Cornwall, Henry

17500 Private, 9th (Service) Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment.
39th Brigade, 13th (Western) Division.

Killed in action on Tuesday 25th April 1916.

Born and resided in Alcester and enlisted in Birmingham. Arrived in the Balkans on Sunday 3rd October 1915.

Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Mesopotamia (Iraq). He is also commemorated on the Saint Mary Magdalene Church Memorial, Great Alne.

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Harris, William Walter

15495 Private, Gloucester Regiment

Killed in Action 23rd July 1916, aged 18.

Born in Studley and resided with his mother Mrs Ellen Bennett and stepfather Albert Bennett at Barfields Farm, Great Alne.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, Picardie, France.

1917

Cornwall, Albert

203085 Private, 2nd /5th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. (T.F.).
182nd (2nd Warwickshire) Brigade, 61st (2nd South Midland) Division.

Killed in Action during the Battle of Cambrai on Monday 3rd December 1917. Age 20.

The third son of Soloman, a local labourer and Corrina Cornwall of Great Alne. He was born and resided in Great Alne and was employed as a farm worker. He enlisted in Stratford upon Avon and served overseas at some time after Saturday 1st January 1916.

Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. He is also commemorated on the Saint Mary Magdalene Church Memorial, Great Alne.,

British War Medal, Victory Medal.

Edwards, Frederick James

19393 Lance Corporal, 15th (Service) Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. (2nd Birmingham). 13th Brigade) 5th Division.

Killed in Action in an assault on Fresnoy on Wednesday 9th May 1917. Age 31.

The son of Frederick and Charlotte Edwards of Great Alne. The husband of Florence Edwards of Bleachfield Street, Alcester. He was born in Great Alne and resided in Alcester. He enlisted in Stratford upon Avon and served overseas at some time after Saturday 1st January 1916.

Buried in the Douai Communal Cemetery, Nord, France. He is also commemorated on the Alcester War Memorial and on the Memorial Screen, Saint Nicholas Church, Alcester

British War Medal, Victory Medal.

Wright, Francis Barford

18070 Private, 2nd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment.

Killed in Action on 5th December 1917 aged 23.

Born in Redditch and resided at Astwood Bank with his father Allan and mother Bertha. He had 6 brothers and 2 sisters.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

1918

Jacques, Albert Cornelius

523465 Private, 650th Agricultural Company, Labour Corps

Died at home on Monday 15th April. 1918 aged 37.

He was born and resided in Great Alne and was employed as a farm worker. He was married to Agnes Jacques and had 3 sons. He enlisted in Leamington Spa. He arrived in France on Monday 7th June 1915. He formerly served as 5S/11183, Army Service Corps.

Buried in the Bodmin Cemetery, Cornwall, England

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

King, William Stephen

8656 Private, "B" Company, 10th (Service) Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
57th Brigade, 19th (Western) Division.

Died of wounds following the Battle of The Aisne on Thursday 30th May 1918. Age 29.

The eldest son of William, an agricultural labourer, and Jane King. He was born at Wootton Grange, Wootton Wawen and resided in Burford Lane, Great Alne with his parents and 5 younger brothers. He enlisted in Birmingham and arrived in France on Saturday 31st July 1915.

Commemorated on the Soissons Memorial, Aisne, France. He is also commemorated on the Saint Mary Magdalene Church Memorial, Great Alne

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal.

The Second World War 1939 – 45

1940

Lloyd, Herbert Henry

5253750 Private, 8th Battalion, Worcestershire- Regiment.
144th Infantry Brigade, 48th Infantry Division.

Killed in Action at Dunkirk on Wednesday 29th May 1940. Age 21.

The son of William Henry, a local farm worker and Florence Lloyd (nee Wright), of Great Alne. He was born in Great Alne and educated at Great Alne School.

Commemorated on the Dunkirk Memorial, Nord, France. He is also commemorated on the Saint Mary Magdalene Church Memorial, Great Alne.

1943

Tillsley, Jack

402600 Sergeant, Staffordshire Yeomanry.

Died on Friday 26th March 1943. Age 29.

The son of Harry and Alice Tillsley of Great Alne. His uncle Roland Oliver Tillsley also fell.

Buried in the Sfax War Cemetery, Tunisia. He is also commemorated on the Saint Mary Magdalene Church Memorial, Great Alne.

1944

Wakefield, Kenneth George John

40035 Squadron Leader (Pilot), 69 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Shot down over Le Cour de Breel, Normandy, on Tuesday 8th August 1944. Age 29.

The son of Alfred Thomas and Mary Gertrude Wakefield, the Vicarage, Great Alne. The husband of Margaret Joyce Yrene Wakefield of Brighton Sussex.

Buried in the Breel Churchyard, Orne, France. Collective Grave. He is also commemorated on the Runneymede Memorial, the Saint Mary Magdalene Church Memorial, Great Alne, and St Mary the Virgin Church Memorial, Kinwarton.

Graves

Tillsley, Roland Oliver

14300311 Private, Pioneer Corps.

Died in Keighley, Bradford, West Yorkshire, on Sunday 22nd November 1942. Age 37.

The son of Edward and Sarah Tillsley, of Great Alne. The husband of Frances Helen Tillsley of Great Alne. His nephew Jack Tillsley also fell.

Buried at Saint Mary Magdalene Church Memorial, Great Alne.

Edison, Thomas

AIC, United States Air Force.

Died on 1st July 1961.

He was born on 22nd September 1905.

Buried at Saint Mary Magdalene Church Memorial, Great Alne.