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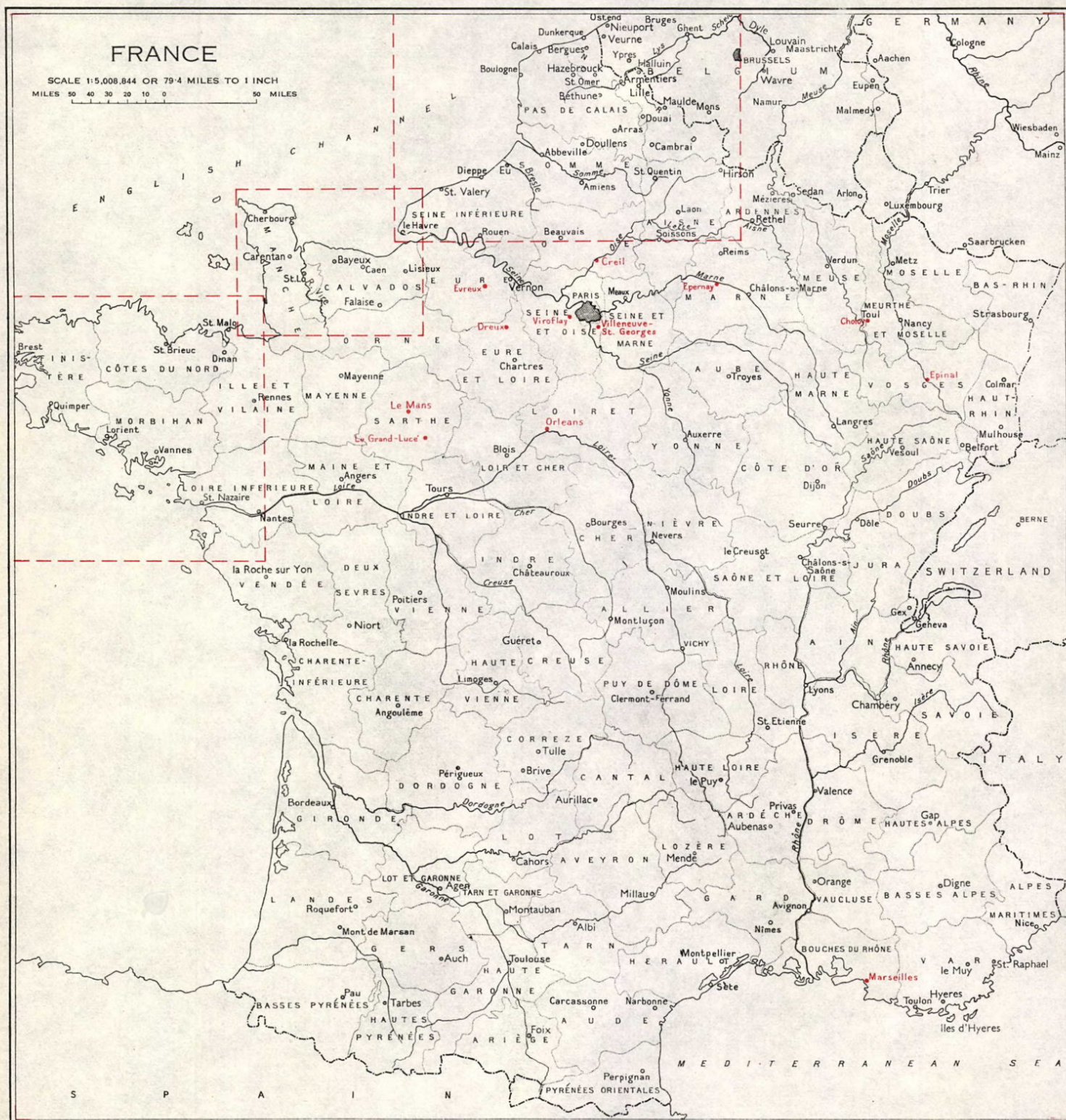
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In the areas enclosed by dotted lines in Brittany, Normandy and Northern France, cemeteries are too many and too close together to be shown on this map; a separate map of each region is included in the registers of cemeteries in that region.



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The Register of the names of those who fell  
in the 1939-1945 War and are buried  
in Cemeteries in France

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## THE WAR IN FRANCE

THERE is hardly a corner of France that does not contain the grave of a soldier or airman of the British Commonwealth and Empire who fell in the 1939-1945 War. Some among this host lie in small churchyards or communal cemeteries ; many are gathered together in large war cemeteries ; others lie beside those of the previous generation who gave their lives in the years 1914-1918. Widely scattered as their graves are, their numbers are far fewer than those of the years 1914-1918—approximately 45,000 as compared with 530,000 for the earlier war. Apart from that comparison, their deaths have meant that many a home has suffered bereavement for a second time within thirty years.

Most of the graves contained in war cemeteries and the larger communal cemetery plots lie within relatively small regions : close to the beaches in Normandy, along the Channel coast, and near the Franco-Belgian frontier. It is also to be remembered that the graves scattered in small groups in hundreds of cemeteries from the Mediterranean to the Straits of Dover are often those of airmen who failed to return from raids, of men drowned at sea whose bodies were recovered on the shores of France, or of men who worked with the forces striving within France for her liberation.

### *The First Eight Months*

Almost immediately on the declaration of war in September 1939, the nucleus of the British Expeditionary Force was sent to France. Cherbourg was used for the landing of troops, and Brest, Nantes and St. Nazaire for stores and vehicles. Within a week these ports were ready. Between 14th and 21st September the G.H.Q. was brought together at Le Mans, and on 22nd September the troops of the 1st Corps began to arrive. General Gamelin had been appointed supreme commander of the Allied forces ; the British Commander was Viscount Gort.

The sector of the front allotted to the British ran along the Franco-Belgian frontier, from Maulde northward to Halluin, then south-westward to Armentières : the salient thus formed protected the important industrial towns of Lille, Roubaix and Tourcoing. The British 1st Corps was in position here by 3rd October, forming a part of the command of General Georges, commander of the French north-eastern front. During the winter the British troops were occupied in constructing defensive works to fill in the gap between the northern end of the Maginot Line and the sea.



As the winter drew on, it was felt that the British forces must gain some experience of contact with the enemy, and arrangements were made for British brigades in turn to take over a part of that sector of the Saar front, not far from Metz, which was being held by the French. There they made their first acquaintance with the patrol and raiding activities of the battlefield. Men of the 4th Infantry Brigade on patrol were the first British troops to cross the German frontier in this war, in January 1940. In April it was decided to send not just one brigade but a whole division to this part of the front, and the 51st (Highland) Division completed its relief of the French 7th Division in the Maginot Line by 6th May. In this way it happened that when the German attack came the British Expeditionary Force, now comprising the greater proportion of three corps, was divided into two widely separated parts, the one on the Belgian frontier and the other in the Saar region.

The previous autumn, plans had been considered against the eventuality of a German attack through Belgium. The Allied line was in such a case to extend from Antwerp southward by Louvain, Wavre and Namur, covering Brussels: the British sector was to extend from Louvain to Wavre, and it was to have the French First Army on its right and the French Seventh Army on its left. The French Seventh Army was, if necessary, to advance into Holland (as in fact it did); the Belgian Army, if forced to withdraw from its frontier defences, was to come into line on the left of the British, between Louvain and Antwerp.

### *The German Attack, 1940*

The signal for the carrying out of this plan came on 10th May, 1940, when the end of the war of comparative inaction was heralded by German air-raids in the early morning on Lord Gort's headquarters at Arras and on Abbeville, Doullens, and numerous aerodromes. By 12th May the British troops were in the positions already assigned to them. The period from then until the end of May may be divided into three phases. The first, from 10th-15th May, saw the British 1st and 2nd Corps on the line of the River Dyle, with the 3rd Corps in reserve on the Escaut (the Scheldt). The second phase, from 16th-26th May, brought the German break-through farther south, on the French Ninth Army front, the withdrawal of the British first to the Escaut, then to the frontier defences, and finally the situation when it became impossible to launch a counter-attack southwards against the German wedge that had split the Allied armies in two. In the third phase, from 26th-28th May, came the withdrawal to the Dunkirk-Nieuport perimeter, followed by the evacuation

When the British troops had reached their positions on the Dyle River, the situation was already beginning to deteriorate. The Belgians had lost important positions



near Maastricht without demolishing them, and despite an attack by the R.A.F. on 12th May which partially wrecked the Albert Canal bridge at Maastricht, the Belgian forward line was doomed, and the Belgians were obliged to withdraw to the line on the left of the British Expeditionary Force from the Scheldt estuary to near Louvain. The Germans had already started their attack in the Ardennes region, between Sedan and Namur. This attack, directed against the weakest part of the French front, gave the German armour its chance to drive a passage through the centre of the Allied forces. By the evening of the 12th the Germans had reached the line of the Meuse from Namur to Sedan ; by the evening of the 13th the French defence line was penetrated, though not broken ; and by 15th May the Germans had the mastery of the entire front. On the 14th the Dutch had laid down their arms. They had kept a large German force fully engaged in Holland for some days, and had inflicted heavy losses on it, but had been overwhelmed by sheer weight. Rotterdam had been devastated by German bombing on the 14th.

Orders were issued on 16th May for the British to withdraw to the line of the Escaut, which meant the abandonment of Brussels and Antwerp. This move was dictated, not by any defeat of the British Expeditionary Force in fighting, for they had not yet been heavily involved, but by the situation elsewhere on the front. Already on the 16th the position on the French Ninth Army front was very serious, for there was now a gap of 70 kilometres in the defences between Rethel and Hirson, through which the German armoured forces were making rapid headway straight towards the Channel. By 18th May it was apparent that the British Expeditionary Force might have to withdraw toward the coast, and by the 19th the movement looked to those on the spot almost inevitable. On 20th May the Germans reached Amiens, a key-point in the British lines of communication ; on the evening of the same day they entered Abbeville, at the mouth of the Somme, completing the encirclement of the Allied armies in the north. These armies now had to look both ways ; they defended the Escaut line facing north-east, and were in danger from the German forces along the Somme to the south. The French First Army had suffered severely in the fighting in Belgium ; the Belgian Army too had been hard hit ; the main burden of establishing this new southern front could only fall on the British forces.

For a few days yet, however, the possibility was still being considered of launching against the German corridor co-ordinated attacks from north and south. At a meeting of the Supreme War Council at Vincennes on 22nd May it was agreed that the Belgians should withdraw to the line of the Yser (retaining only a small corner of their own country), that the British Expeditionary Force and the French First Army should attack south-westward towards Bapaume and Cambrai, and that the French forces to the south of the corridor should strike north to meet them. The British, however, were withdrawing from the Escaut to the French frontier, and could not disengage their forces from the northern front to make a strong thrust southwards ; their lines of



communication were cut and they had not the ammunition for a serious offensive. By midnight on 22nd May Boulogne was isolated and the Germans were within nine miles of Calais. Relief could only come to the beleaguered armies by a break-through from the south, and that break-through was not possible. Lord Gort had in fact attempted a counter-attack southwards from Arras on 21st May, with elements of two divisions and an armoured brigade. But resistance was even stronger than had been expected, the advance made was small, and by the 23rd the withdrawal of this force was imperative, for fear of encirclement, although it had delayed the Germans and inflicted considerable losses. Other heroic delaying actions were those fought by the garrisons of Boulogne and Calais, which held out till 25th and 26th May respectively, giving some respite for the withdrawal of the main body of the British Expeditionary Force within the Dunkirk perimeter.

### *The Withdrawal from Dunkirk*

By May 25th the British Expeditionary Force was disposed on a front of 97 miles. The Germans had broken through the Belgian Army front, and there was a gap on the left of the British Expeditionary Force, between them and the Belgians, near Menin. On the morning of 26th May it was decided that there was nothing for it but to withdraw behind the Lys, and to prepare for the defence of a perimeter protecting the ports of Dunkirk and Nieuport. Orders from England were received that afternoon for the British Expeditionary Force to fall back upon the coast. By then the Belgian Army was showing signs of collapse and in its withdrawal was being forced northwards instead of conforming to the Allied withdrawal to westward of the Yser. On 27th May King Leopold asked for an armistice for the Belgians as from midnight that night; this left the British to fill in an unprotected front of some 20 miles on their left flank between Ypres and the sea.

On 28th May the area occupied by the British Expeditionary Force was some 35 miles deep but less than 20 miles wide: its southern end was on the Lys, its eastern flank on the canals between Comines and the sea at Nieuport, and its western flank on the line Dunkirk-Cassel-Hazebrouck. After a series of desperate rearguard actions, by 30th May the whole of the British Expeditionary Force was within the perimeter Dunkirk-Bergues-Veurne-Nieuport, and along with it was a part of the French First Army.

The evacuation of British and Allied forces had already begun; between 20th and 26th May 21,410 fit men and 4,992 casualties of the British forces, with 1,534 Allied troops, were evacuated. During the evening of 26th May the organised evacuation from Dunkirk and neighbouring beaches commenced. It was controlled by the Flag



Officer Commanding, Dover, and was effected by destroyers and other naval vessels, and by hundreds of small craft of all kinds, which according to their capacity either brought men across the Channel or ferried them from the beaches to ships lying off-shore. Throughout the operations all of these craft underwent attacks from the air by bombing and machine-gun fire, as well as bombardment by German artillery. In spite of heavy losses, and although a great many of the boats were manned by civilians not accustomed to working under fire, Admiral Ramsay's despatch reports that no case occurred of boats ceasing to work as long as troops were in sight on shore. There was at first some uncertainty about arrangements to take off the French troops that had succeeded in withdrawing to the Dunkirk perimeter, but it was eventually established that French and British should be taken in equal proportions. In the early hours of Monday, 3rd June, Major-General the Hon. H. R. L. G. Alexander (who had been left in command on 31st May when Lord Gort was ordered to return to England) toured the beaches with the Senior Naval Officer and found them cleared of British troops. The evacuation was completed; in all 211,267 fit men and 13,053 casualties of the British Expeditionary Force had been embarked, as well as 141,841 Allied troops, mostly French.

### *British Forces South of the German Wedge, June 1940*

There were, of course, still British troops in France. The 51st (Highland) Division had never succeeded in rejoining the main body of the British forces, although it had left the Saar with that intention. The 1st Armoured Division had started to arrive in France on 19th May, and the 52nd (Lowland) Division even later, on 8th June. On 12th June Lieutenant-General Alan Brooke arrived at Cherbourg and took over command of the British forces in France from General Sir Henry Karslake. On 12th June, too, the first units of the 1st Canadian Division began to move to France, but only its 1st Brigade Group actually arrived.

The 51st (Highland) Division was withdrawn from its place in the line north of Metz on 20th-22nd May. By 28th May it had been moved in a wide sweep across France and was concentrating west of the River Bresle, with its headquarters at St. Léger. To the north, the Germans had already crossed the Somme and held a large bridgehead at Abbeville. The 1st Armoured Division made an attack, under French command, on that bridgehead on 27th May, but suffered much and gained nothing. A second attack was made by the French, with the 3rd Armoured Brigade in support, on 29th May. Two days later the 51st Division was ordered up to the line of the Somme, where it relieved French troops, but was imminently threatened by the German bridgehead at Abbeville. The 1st Armoured Division had withdrawn to



the vicinity of Rouen to refit. On 4th June the 51st Division had made an attack in conjunction with the French against the Germans at Abbeville, but was forced to withdraw with severe losses. The Germans, steadily reinforced, continued to press the British forces back. By the night of 6th June they were again behind the line of the Bresle. This line was held until the morning of 9th June, but before then the Germans had cut communications with the base at Rouen, thirty miles behind the Bresle line (Rouen itself was taken by the Germans on the 9th). The withdrawal continued, and on 9th June plans were discussed for evacuation from Le Havre, where transports were sent that night. An independent force (Arkforce) was formed to defend Le Havre and cover the retreat of the remainder of the 51st Division. But by the 10th even the escape route to Le Havre was cut, and the only hope of withdrawal was from St. Valéry-en-Caux. On the night of the 10th a few troops were taken from St. Valéry by the Navy, and on the 11th evacuation commenced from Le Havre of the troops that had reached it, but evacuation from St. Valéry proved impossible on the night of the 11th. At eight o'clock on the morning of the 12th the French capitulated, and the remnant of the 51st Division was ordered to cease fire and surrender later that morning. The Navy had succeeded in taking off 2,137 British and 1,184 French soldiers, with 34 seamen and civilians, from Veules-les-Roses, four miles east of St. Valéry, during the night.

Arkforce (formed by the 15th Brigade of the 51st Division with some divisional troops added) was successfully evacuated from Le Havre, 11-13th June. Some of its heavy vehicles and stores succeeded in crossing the Seine by ferry and reaching Le Mans, where they found forward elements of the 52nd (Lowland) Division. On June 12th the French Tenth Army had under its command the 157th Infantry Brigade from the 52nd Division, the 1st Armoured Division (less one Brigade), and an improvised force called Beauman Division, holding a line on the Seine. Two days later, General Weygand announced that the French Army was incapable of further resistance, and plans were made for the withdrawal of British troops. The British forces remaining in France were successfully evacuated, chiefly from St. Malo, Cherbourg, Brest, St. Nazaire, Nantes and La Pallice, the last of them from Cherbourg leaving in the afternoon of 18th June, when the Germans were only three miles from the harbour. The French had asked for an armistice on the previous day, the Germans having entered Paris on 14th June. Subsequently some British troops were taken off from Bayonne and St. Jean de Luz; the last troopship to leave a French Atlantic port sailed on 25th June. The total of British troops successfully brought back from France was 368,491.

Until the last six weeks, there were few casualties in this 1939-1940 campaign in France. The cemeteries of the campaign lie chiefly between Lille and the Straits of Dover, and along the Belgian frontier and the coast. Among the cemeteries with a large number of burials are those in the Channel ports—Dunkirk, Calais, Boulogne,



St. Valéry, Le Havre ; a group between Béthune and Hazebrouck and another between Hazebrouck and Dunkirk, some of them additions to 1914-1918 War cemeteries ; and three or four on the line of the Somme and the Bresle line, marking the retreat of the 51st Division.

### *The Raids : Bruneval, St. Nazaire, Dieppe*

The first campaign in France had ended in retreat, and it was to be all but four years before full-scale operations across the Channel could be resumed. But already before the end of June 1940 the formation of the Commandos had begun (they originated in the Independent Companies used in April in Norway), and the first of a series of pin-prick raids against the French coast had been made. These continued intermittently during the following years. But 1942 saw something more. First of all, on the night of 27th-28th February, 1942, parachutists of the 1st Airborne Division were dropped at Bruneval, on the Normandy coast 12 miles north of Le Havre, in order to obtain vital information and apparatus from a German radar installation. The raid was completely successful, the raiders, numbering 120, being taken off a neighbouring beach by a small naval force, with the equipment they captured. Next came the raid on St. Nazaire, on 28th March, 1942. The main object of this was to put out of action the great dry-dock constructed some ten years previously to hold the French liner *Normandie*, so that it could not be used for large German warships ; a secondary objective was the destruction by small landing-parties of port installations. The main objective was successfully attained ; the old destroyed *Campbeltown*, loaded with five tons of explosives, rammed the gates of the dry-dock, and the following day blew up there, putting the dock out of action for the rest of the war. In the secondary objective the raid was only partially successful, though considerable damage was done. Along with the *Campbeltown* went 16 motor-launches, one motor gun-boat, and one motor torpedo-boat ; of these craft, ten were sunk by enemy fire, four had to be scuttled, and the remainder succeeded in returning to England. Of 630 men of the Army and the Navy engaged in the raid, 403 failed to return, 144 of these being killed. Despite these losses, both the moral and material effects of the raid were considerable. In a group of cemeteries around the mouth of the Loire are the graves of men who fell in this raid.

The Dieppe raid on 18th-19th August, 1942, was on a larger scale, and was the first daylight assault on a strongly held objective on the Continent. The military force involved was very largely Canadian ; out of about 6,100 men almost 5,000 were Canadians, from the 4th and 6th Canadian Infantry Brigades, the 14th Canadian Army Tank Brigade, and engineer detachments from the 2nd Canadian Division.



With them were Nos. 3 and 4 Commandos, Royal Marine "A" Commando, and detachments from the inter-allied Commando and from the American Rangers. The naval force comprised over 250 ships and landing-craft, including eight destroyers and one gun-boat, but no larger vessels. For reconnaissance and various missions in support of the raid, sixty-nine R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. Squadrons were employed. The objectives of the raid were given as the destruction of the Dieppe defences and the capture of invasion barges reported to be in the harbour; the destruction of neighbouring radar and aerodrome installations; the raiding of a German divisional headquarters close by; and the capture of prisoners. Besides the main assault on Dieppe itself, flanking assaults east and west of the town by the Commandos and certain Canadian battalions were intended to neutralise batteries that commanded the direct approach, and to attain certain subsidiary objectives.

Only the assaulting parties on the extreme flanks came within reasonable reach of their difficult objectives. The total losses suffered were extremely heavy. Out of nearly 6,100 troops embarked, 3,648 were killed, wounded, missing, or captured, while naval losses were 550. Yet the lessons learned in this raid were invaluable when it came to planning the final assault on Europe, and undoubtedly helped to save much bloodshed on the Normandy beaches. The Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery, Hautot-sur-Mer, contains many of the graves of those who fell; others are at Rouen, where some of the wounded had been taken to hospital.

### *Secret Agents*

It was not only on such raids, however, that members of the British Commonwealth forces visited France during the years between 1940 and 1944. Long before the invasion of 1944, patriots in France and the Low Countries were being systematically organised and equipped. This work was carried out by a British organisation. The organisation concerned expanded from small beginnings, and eventually combined with a corresponding United States organisation. Of those who were sent to help the French patriot groups, more than 130 lost their lives, either in action or at the hands of German firing squads. Not only the United Kingdom, but Canada, South Africa, the Seychelles Islands, and Mauritius contributed men and women to this work. The results of their sabotage and work with the resistance groups, besides the obvious disruption of communications and damage to essential industries, included the lowering of German morale, with a corresponding rise in the morale of French patriots, and the obtaining of information of value. The organisation and arming of resistance groups meant that large numbers of German troops had to be diverted to internal security duties to deal with them. The extent and value of the



work of these agents became openly apparent after the landing of the Allies in France, when the resistance groups organised and guided by them were in fact estimated to be of as much value as ten extra divisions of regular troupes.

Besides the agents themselves, mention must be made of the men of the air forces who risked and sometimes lost their lives in transporting agents and supplies (including many tons of explosives for use in sabotage, and hundreds of thousands of weapons, with ammunition) to their destinations, and in the even more hazardous task of picking up agents from clandestine landing-grounds.

Those agents who died are buried, sometimes by the side of comrades of the French resistance movement, in churchyards and cemeteries in various parts of France.

### *Landings in Normandy, June 1944*

At the beginning of 1944 plans for the invasion of north-west Europe were well advanced, and the commanders were nominated: General Eisenhower as Supreme Commander, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder as Deputy Supreme Commander, General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery as Commander of the land forces in the assault, Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay of the naval forces, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory of the air forces. The plan as finally determined provided for landings early in June on the beaches of Normandy, from the eastern side of the Cotentin Peninsula up to the mouth of the River Orne, below Caen. American troops, which were to receive their supplies direct from ports in America, were for this reason assigned the right flank in the landings, so that they might seize Cherbourg and the ports of Brittany as supply bases. The 12th United States Corps was to land just north of the Vire, on the Cotentin Peninsula, while the 82nd and 101st U.S. Airborne Divisions were to be dropped in the area south-east and west of Ste. Mère-Eglise. On the left of the American front, the 5th United States Corps was to land on a 7,000-yard stretch of beach east of the Vire estuary. To their left, the British 30th Corps was to land with the 50th Division in the neighbourhood of Arromanches, and the British 1st Corps with the 3rd Canadian Division near Courseulles, and the 3rd British Division near Ouistreham. To the extreme left, the British 6th Airborne Division was to be landed by parachute and glider to the east of the River Orne, behind the beach defences, in the vicinity of Ranville, to secure the vital bridges across the Caen Canal and the Orne between Caen and the sea, to destroy an important coastal defence battery at Merville, and to seize certain other objectives including bridges over the River Dives.



For weeks before the assault both strategic and tactical air forces had been delivering intensified attacks on German essential industries, on communications, and on German air strength. Bridges over the Seine and the Loire below Paris and Orleans respectively were all destroyed, airfields within a radius of 130 miles from the battle area were attacked, coastal artillery positions and radar installations were bombed, and the French and Belgian railway services were disrupted. Thus German reinforcement of the battle area was rendered most difficult, and German intelligence regarding Allied plans had not indicated Normandy as the danger area. In order further to confuse German intelligence, Allied troops and shipping were concentrated as far as possible in the south-eastern part of England, so that even after the landings in Normandy the Germans still feared a full-scale attack on the Channel ports and the neighbouring coast and kept troops there until it was too late for them to send effective reinforcements to Normandy.

The weather at the time planned for the assault was the worst experienced in the English Channel in June for twenty years. The provisional "D-Day" was 5th June, 1944, but conditions were so bad that postponement for twenty-four hours was ordered. Even then, only a temporary improvement on 6th June was forecast, and General Eisenhower's decision on whether or not to attack on that day was an intensely difficult one to make. He ordered the invasion to begin, and, as it happened, the bad weather was largely responsible for the surprise achieved, since the Germans believed invasion under such conditions to be impossible, and were comparatively unprepared. The bad weather had driven German surface craft into port, radar installations were ineffective after Allied bombing, and the weather and the Allied bombing programme combined to prevent German air reconnaissance. So it was that, in the main, the landings were made with fewer casualties than had been thought possible, except on the United States 5th Corps front.

In the very early morning hours of 6th June the airborne troops made their landings on the extreme flanks. The British 6th Airborne Division on the left were a little more scattered on landing than had been planned, but were successful in seizing the bridges over the River Orne and the Caen Canal, and in attaining their other objectives and holding them until the support of the seaborne troops arrived. On the right, the U.S. Airborne Divisions were less fortunate, and became scattered in landing. Both divisions succeeded nevertheless in their missions, and the very dispersion of their landings probably increased the confusion of the Germans.

The landings from the sea were preceded by bombing by 1,300 heavy day bombers of the 8th United States Air Force and by eight medium divisions of the 9th United States Air Force, and by heavy fire from naval bombardment squadrons. This bombardment smothered enemy opposition during the vital period of the assault. Heavy seas added greatly to the difficulties of landing, as some landing-craft were



swamped, others were hurled onto underwater obstacles, and men were swept away by the waves or exhausted by sea-sickness. Nevertheless, the landings were successful, and on all but one section the beach-heads were secured as planned. That one sector was where troops of the U.S. 5th Corps landed. These troops found very heavy surf, and then encountered the strength of an additional Germany division which had recently reinforced the local defence troops. At first the Americans were pinned to the beaches, but finally, with heavy losses, they succeeded in consolidating a beach-head. The U.S. 4th Division, on the other hand, north of the Vire, met with less resistance than any of the landing troops. On the British Second Army front, the 50th Division, on the right, encountered less trouble than had been expected, and though it did not gain all its objectives, secured a firm footing and advanced inland some five miles. The 3rd Canadian Division, in the centre of the British front, met with stiff opposition on the beaches, but, once clear of the beaches, was able to push on steadily throughout the day towards Caen. The British 3rd Division, on the left, moved forward as had been planned, meeting only moderate opposition in the initial stages of the assault. On the Second Army front, one of the most awkward obstacles immediately encountered was the strongly held radar station at Douvres, which did not surrender until 17th June.

The results of D-Day were most satisfactory, and for the next five days the task of the Allies was to join up the beach-heads into one continuous lodgement and to bring in the supplies and reinforcements necessary for consolidation and further advance. The Americans were to capture Carentan and Isigny and isolate Cherbourg; the British were to continue to battle for Caen, and to link up with the Americans at Port-en-Bessin. Bayeux, the first major French town to be cleared of the enemy, was entered on 7th June. The Germans were concerned to keep Caen and to prevent the formation of a continuous bridgehead: but on 8th June the 5th U.S. corps linked up with the British 50th Division, on the 10th patrols of the two American corps made contact, and on the 12th Carentan fell, so that from that date the Allies held an unbroken stretch of the French coast. According to General Eisenhower, the Germans never succeeded fully in recovering from the disorder into which they were plunged by the surprise of the Allied attack and the effects of the naval and air bombardment. They had great difficulty in maintaining communications and bringing up supplies and reinforcements. Those reinforcements that did arrive were committed to battle piecemeal as they were brought up, with disastrous consequences. This was partly due to the German fear of a further invasion in the Pas-de-Calais, which compelled the maintenance of a strong force in that area until well on in July, and at that time it was too late for it to intervene successfully in Normandy. This was most fortunate for the Allies, since the rate of their reinforcement and supply was interfered with by exceptionally bad weather in the Channel. In mid-June a very severe storm seriously damaged both the two artificial harbours (known as "Mulberries") which had been towed across in sections and established to serve as



supply bases until a port could be captured ; sufficient spare equipment was available to repair only one of the "Mulberries".

The retention of Caen has been referred to as one of the main anxieties of the Germans. Allied strategy aimed at containing the main strength of the German forces there while the Americans consolidated the Allied position in the west, captured Cherbourg, and from there made a sweep southwards and eastwards. German strategy thus was forced to conform to that of the Allies.

In the British sector, operations developed in accordance with this general strategic plan. Having failed to capture Caen immediately after the landings, the forces on the British flank continued to hold the heavy concentration of German forces thrown in against them, while on the right a movement began which was intended to swing round to the south of Caen. This involved some heavy fighting in the neighbourhood of Tilly-sur-Seulles, by troops of the 30th and of the 8th Corps. On 13th June a thrust forward by the 7th Armoured Division reached Villers-Bocage, but withdrawal became necessary the following day. The 49th and 50th Divisions were next ordered to take Tilly-sur-Seulles and Hottot, but Tilly was not captured until 19th June. On 26th June an attack was launched to establish a bridgehead across the River Odon, near Evrecy ; by the end of the month this was firmly established, in the face of strong counter-attacks by fresh German armoured formations.

The Americans meanwhile had been making good progress in the west. On 26th June the military and naval commanders in Cherbourg surrendered, and all resistance in the northern part of the Cotentin Peninsula ceased by 1st July. Before long the American thrust southwards from the base of the peninsula became a serious threat to the Germans, and the British on the eastern end of the front renewed their efforts to attract there as large a proportion as possible of the German strength—the greater part of the German armoured formations available were in fact drawn to that sector. The Canadians had had some hard fighting just short of Caen, especially for the possession of Carpiquet airfield, a little to the south-west of the town. The final attack on Caen itself was made by the 1st Corps on 8th July, being preceded by a very heavy raid by Bomber Command, R.A.F. By 10th July Caen was in the hands of the British and Canadians, but the Germans still held the suburb across the River Orne, the Faubourg de Vaucelles. The bombing had either destroyed or blocked all the bridges across the Orne ; it had also actually hampered Allied operations in the town by the amount of debris it had caused. The following week saw some severe fighting in the region between Tilly-sur-Seulles and Hottot, where some progress south-westwards was made ; in the Odon bridgehead where the Germans still succeeded in hold Evrecy ; and north-east of Caen, at Colombelles. This fighting was preparatory to a large-scale attack made by the 2nd Canadian and the 8th and



1st British Corps, and led by three armoured divisions. This was intended to secure the remainder of Caen and the high grounds south of the city, and to rivet German attention on that region while the Americans on the west flank broke out from the Cotentin Peninsula. The attack was launched on 18th July. Progress, at first good, was slowed up as German reserves were brought in, and as the weather worsened. By the evening of 20th July the British advance was halted, a gain of some seven miles having been achieved. Meanwhile in the west the Americans had not taken St. Lô until 18th July, and then the break in the weather delayed their attack, which was not made until the 25th.

The positions of the war cemeteries in Normandy give an indication of the progress of the fighting. Near the British 50th Division landing beaches is the Ryes War Cemetery, Bazenville; near the Canadian beaches is Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery; between there and the left flank of the seaborne landings are cemeteries at Douvres and Hermanville; and in the area of the airborne landings across the Orne is Ranville War Cemetery. On the approaches to Caen are the war cemeteries at Secqueville-en-Bessin and Cambes-en-Plaine; and in those parts where the British forces encountered heavy resistance in their attempts to swing round to the south of Caen there is a group of cemeteries at Tilly-sur-Seulles, Jérusalem (Chouain), Brouay, Hottot, and Fontenay-le-Pesnel. Bayeaux War Cemetery, the largest in Normandy, is chiefly a concentration cemetery.

### *The Advance to the Seine*

The breakout from the bridgehead began on 25th July. The 2nd Canadian Corps on that day started southwards down the Falaise road from the neighbourhood of Caen, meeting with strong resistance but making steady progress and taking Verrières. The Americans on the same day began their drive southwards from the base of the Cotentin peninsula, from which their forces were to spread out westwards into Brittany and eastwards to flank the British forces in the drive toward the Seine. A few days later, after some re-grouping, a strong thrust was delivered on the right of the British sector, by the 8th and the 30th Corps. The former on the right, reached Le Bény-Bocage by 1st August, and the 11th Armoured Division gained the vicinity of Vire, while farther to the left the 30th Corps entered Villers-Bocage. In the first week of August the Americans made remarkably rapid progress, reaching the Loire between Nantes and Angers, and beginning to overrun Brittany, where they met with little opposition, the Germans withdrawing their available strength to defend the ports—Brest, St. Malo, Lorient, and St. Nazaire. In Brittany, the F.F.I. (the French patriot forces) greatly assisted the American advance.



The Germans at this juncture thought they saw an opportunity of severing the supply-line of these advanced American forces, by cutting the still narrow corridor between Mortain and Avranches through which it passed. A strong armoured force attempted this, on the Fuhrer's personal order, on 7th August, but the Americans were prepared, and speedily halted the German attack, although the Germans frantically persisted for some days in their efforts to break through. The tactical air forces played an important part in defeating this German move. Far from gaining its end, it placed the most important part of the German forces south of the Seine in a deadly trap. The Canadians pressed on toward Falaise, which they occupied on 17th August; the British were in the neighbourhood of Vire and Condé-sur-Noireau; and the U.S. Third Army by this time had swung round to Argentan, so that the Germans were caught in a pocket extending eastwards from Mortain to a narrow gap between Falaise and Argentan. Seeing the danger, they had begun to withdraw as early as 12th August, and they exerted all the strength of two armoured divisions to hold open the jaws of the trap between Falaise and Argentan while their forces escaped. But by 17th August the withdrawal became almost a rout, and the congestion on the escape routes offered a target that was swooped upon by the Allied air forces, which wrought appalling destruction. Seven German infantry divisions and part of an eighth were trapped, with parts of two armoured divisions; the Germans had concentrated on trying to save their armour, but although a good part of eight armoured divisions got away, they lost much of their equipment. By 20th August the gap was closed near Chambois by the 2nd Canadian Corps (including the 1st Polish Division); by 22nd August the trapped divisions were eliminated, what was left of the German forces was fleeing towards the Seine ferries, and any further stand before that river became impossible.

Germany losses in Normandy up to the 25th August were about 240,000 killed and wounded and 210,000 prisoners. The total Allied casualties up to the end of August were about 200,000 killed, wounded and missing. Only a few cemeteries mark these later stages of the campaign in Normandy: Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery on the Canadians' route from Caen to Falaise, St. Charles de Percy War Cemetery near Vire, and cemeteries at Banneville-la-Campagne—a little east of Caen—and at St. Désir, near Lisieux, both on the route taken by the British forces on the pursuit to the Seine.

Before the gap at Falaise had been closed, the U.S. Third Army had already reached the Seine. Orleans and Chartres had been liberated on 16th August, and Dreux the following day. By the 19th, a small bridgehead across the Seine had been formed below Paris, and patrols had come nearly to the suburbs of the city. The Americans moved down the left bank of the Seine, to cut off German escape routes; before long, the British and Canadian forces, having disposed of what remained of the German forces in Normandy, were able to advance to their sectors on the Seine.



The First Canadian Army moved on the left towards Rouen and the lower reaches of the river, with the British Second Army between them and the Americans. This advance was not by any means made without opposition. Stubborn fighting occurred at Pont l'Évêque and in the neighbourhood of Lisieux, and in the district just short of the mouth of the Seine, where the Germans were determined to hold the approaches to the Seine ferries as long as possible. In fact, they succeeded in withdrawing a surprisingly large proportion of their surviving manpower across the river, in spite of the destruction of all bridges by the Allies ; but a vast amount of equipment was abandoned.

### *From the Seine to the Belgian Frontier*

After the crossing of the Seine, the Canadian First Army was to destroy all German forces in the coastal belt up to Bruges and to capture the ports of Le Havre and Dieppe. Farther inland, the Second Army was to sieze Amiens, and from there to drive on to Brussels and Antwerp through the industrial districts of north-eastern France and southern Belgium. The U.S. First Army, to the right of the British forces was to establish itself in the area Maastricht-Liège-Namur.

The Second Army crossings of the Seine were effected by the 43rd Division of the 30th Corps near Vernon on 25th-27th August, against moderate opposition, and by the 15th Division of the 12th Corps near Louviers on 27th-29th August against light opposition. On the Canadian sector of the front, the 3rd Canadian Division and 4th Canadian Armoured Division crossed not far from Rouen on 27th-30th August. Rouen was entered by the 3rd Canadian Division on 31st August without opposition. The 2nd Canadian Division had some stiff fighting and sustained heavy losses in clearing up German rearguards, before also crossing the Seine on 30th August. The 49th and 51st Divisions of the 1st Corps were the last to force the Seine. They crossed in part below Rouen, against light opposition, and partly through Rouen. Except for one brigade, they were across the river by the 1st September. On that date General Eisenhower took over direct control of the fighting on land, and the United States 12th Army Group under General Bradley became directly responsible to him, General Montgomery retaining the 21st Army Group, but no longer being responsible for arranging for co-ordination between his own and General Bradley's forces.

Little remains to be said of the campaign in France. The Germans had grown so disorganised and so short of equipment as to be incapable of making any firm stand even beyond the Seine.



The 2nd Canadian Division, mindful of the Dieppe raid two years earlier, entered that port on 1st September, and the following day the 51st (Highland) Division retraced familiar ground when they entered St. Valéry-en-Caux. Both ports had been vacated by the Germans. Meanwhile the Canadians swept on up the coast and reached the Ghent-Bruges canal on 8th September. Of the Channel ports, Ostend was taken on 9th September, but the Germans held firm in Le Havre, Boulogne, Calais and Dunkirk. The first three of these fell to the attacks of the Allies on 12th September, and 1st October, but Dunkirk did not surrender until the end of the war in Europe.

The British Second Army's advance had reached Brussels by 3rd September, and on 4th September Antwerp, with its port installations all but intact, was occupied by the 11th Armoured Division. The American First Army's advance on the right, towards Namur, Liège and the German frontier was equally swift, reaching the Belgian frontier on 2nd September.

### *Operations in the South of France*

To complete the picture of the liberation of France, events in the south must be briefly recounted, although British Commonwealth land forces were not engaged there. A landing in the South of France had for some time been under consideration. At first it was planned that this should take place at the same time as the landings in Normandy, in order to draw off some German forces that might otherwise be used there. This plan had to be changed, however, for various reasons, among them being the necessity of waiting until some of the landing-craft used in Normandy could be transferred to the south of France, and until the campaign in Italy had reached a stage when certain French and American troops could safely be released from that theatre of operations. Eventually, convoys from Naples, Salerno, Taranto, Brindisi and Oran converged on the coast from Hyères and St. Raphael, east of Toulon ; among the supporting naval forces were seven British aircraft carriers and other British ships. The first landings were made by units of No. 1 Special Service Force on the easternmost of the Iles d'Hyères, and by French Commandos on the mainland near there, in the very early morning hours of 15th August. The U.S. 1st Airborne Division landed parachutists near Le Muy also early in the morning of 15th August, in order to cut the German reinforcement routes to the landing beaches. The main assault was delivered by the U.S. 36th, 45th and 3rd Divisions on beaches extending from St. Raphael on the right to the bays of Cavalaire and Pampelonne on the left.

On the day of the landings opposition was not heavy and losses were slight ; resistance soon increased, but the speed of the Allied build-up and advance was unanswerable. By the day after the landings the three U.S. Divisions were already completely ashore,



and two of the supporting divisions from the French 2nd Corps and the French 1st Armoured Division had started to unload. At the end of the first week, both Toulon and Marseilles had been cut off, although their garrisons continued to maintain a fierce defence, and Allied troops were in positions dominating the Rhone valley as far north as Valence. During the second week of the invasion both Toulon and Marseilles were taken (well before this had been expected), and "organised enemy resistance throughout Southern France, south of a line from Grenoble to Bordeaux, had ceased, with the exception only of the south-east corner of France". The harbours of Toulon and Marseilles would require some time to clear, but the useful smaller port at Port de Bouc, north-west of Marseilles, was captured unharmed by the F.F.I.

The speed of the advance up the Rhone Valley continued unchecked, outstripping even German attempts at demolitions ; Lyons was taken on 4th September, Besançon on the 8th and Dijon on the 11th. On the 11th too, patrols from the French 1st Armoured Division from General Patch's United States Seventh Army met patrols from the French 2nd Armoured Division, from General Patton's United States Third Army, west of Dijon. On 15th September the forces that had liberated southern France came under General Eisenhower's operational control for the final drive into Germany, and on 21st September the Seventh and Third Armies established contact in force west of Epinal. This junction established a line running north-south along the Moselle from Luxembourg (liberated on 10th September) to the Swiss frontier, past Metz (though that city held out almost to the end of November), Nancy, and Epinal.

So in less than four months France had been liberated, except for the narrow strip of territory between the Moselle and the German frontier, and this too was set free before Christmas 1944.

## *Epilogue*

From the record which has now been given in the briefest historical terms the vision of a manifold sacrifice in the second World War will unfold itself to the reader, with France once more and especially Northern France as the scene of many brave endings, not to be forgotten above all by men and women of the British Commonwealth and Empire. The region, already so familiar to the northern race in both peace and war, has once more become the resting-place of many a heart of hearts, not in the general view intent on anything but the peace of the world yet willing to confront all ghostly enemies in the march towards peace with honour. The memorials which are the



subject of this part of the Commission's Registers accord with the traditions of grief for the fallen, love that lives beyond the tomb, and belief in a supervening beauty which harmonizes with seeming discords and fragmentary actions of human condition. "At their doors chatter and clatter stops." The onlooker in these places must feel their profound influence, escaping the form and even the need of expression, and stand

*submitting*

*All that the God of Nature hath conferred,  
All that he holds in common with the stars,  
To the memorial majesty of Time . . . .*



CEMETERIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE LOIRE-ATLANTIQUE



## THE REGISTER OF THE GRAVES

### LA BERNERIE-EN-RETZ COMMUNAL CEMETERY

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La Bernerie-en-Retz is a village, commune and seaside resort in the Département of the Loire-Atlantique. It lies on the north-eastern side of Bourgneuf Bay, 30 miles (48 kilometres) by road west-south-west of Nantes, and 5 miles (8 kilometres) south-east of Pornic, a small town and fishing port. During the summer months there is a passenger train service from Nantes, and there is a bus service between the village and Nantes all the year round.

The communal cemetery, which is 300 yards from the main street, is on the eastern side of the village, south-west of the church. It contains the graves of 121 soldiers and 6 airmen belonging to the forces of the United Kingdom. Thirty of the soldiers and three airmen are not identified.

The graves are in a plot in the southern part, in the angle of two of the boundary walls. The Cross of Sacrifice, which is visible from the entrance gate, stands near the corner and the whole area is turfed. There are continuous flower borders along the rows of head-stones.

The majority of these Servicemen perished when the troopship *Lancastria* was sunk by enemy bombs off St. Nazaire on 17th June, 1940. Three soldiers known to be buried in this plot, whose graves could not be precisely located, are commemorated by special memorials type C, which bear the superscription "Buried near this spot".

- ALDERSON, L.Cpl. SIDNEY FLOWETT, 2189400. 116 Road Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 43. Son of Samuel and Margaret Alderson, of Leeds, Yorkshire; husband of Lily Alderson, of Leeds. Row A. Grave 5.
- ANDREWARTHA, L.Cpl. DOUGLAS JOHN, T/104001. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Row A. Grave 19.
- ARMSTRONG, Pte. WALTER HERBERT, 13003423. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 39. Son of George and Anne Armstrong, of Hull; husband of Dorothy Armstrong, of Hull. Row A. Grave 14.
- AYRE, Pte. ROBERT, 13007283. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 30. Son of Robert and Bertha Ayre, of Birkenhead; husband of Lilian Ayre, of Birkenhead. Row A. Grave 3.
- BAKER, Sgt. LESLIE GEORGE, 581492. R.A.F. 98 Sqdn.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 19. Son of Sidney George and Eliza Jane Baker, of Tavistock, Devon. Row C. Grave 12.
- BARNHOUSE, Pte. FREDERICK GEORGE, 4188009. The Cheshire Regt., att'd. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 34. Son of Thomas and Emily Jane Barnhouse, of Swansea; husband of Mary Ann Barnhouse, of Town Hill, Swansea. Row A. Grave 7.
- BARRETT, Gnr. HERBERT, 1519234. 5 Bty., 2 A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of Hannah Barrett and stepson of A. E. Priest, of Whitefield, Lancashire. Row D. Grave 20.
- BARRITT, Pte. WILLIAM ERNEST, 148581. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 27. Son of Frederick Alfred and Emily Rose Barritt; husband of Mary Ellen Barritt, of Lambeth, London. Row D. Grave 24.
- BARTON, Spr. FREDERICK WILLIAM GEORGE, 1903465. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 29. Row A. Grave 13.
- BARTY, Spr. LEWIS STEVENSON, 1887433. 159 Rly. Operating Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Son of Stewart and Mary Butchart Barty, of Glasgow. Row B. Grave 2.
- BOLTON, L.Cpl. FREDERICK CECIL, T/64906. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Son of Cecil Alan Stuart Bolton and Mary Frances Bolton, of North Finchley, Middlesex. Row D. Grave 19.
- BRAIN, Cpl. FRANCIS HENRY JOHN, 13000857. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 36. Son of Francis Edward and Mary Louise Brain, of Oxford; husband of Mary Elizabeth Brain, of Iffley, Oxford. Row D. Grave 21.
- BROTHERTON, Spr. JAMES, 1985633. 1 Movement Control Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Son of James and Elizabeth Brotherton, of Earby, Yorkshire. Row A. Grave 40.



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- ✓ BROWN, Pte. FRANCIS ERNEST RAYNOR, 4978391. The Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derby Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of Ernest Robert and Clara Brown, of Basford, Nottingham. Row C. Grave 10.
- ✓ BRYAN, Spr. JAMES PATON, 1899084. 159 Rly. Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Row A. Grave 44.
- ✓ X BURROWS, Gnr. JOHN, 1490673. 158 Bty., 53 A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Sp. Mem. "C". Row A. Grave 28.
- ✓ CALVERT, Spr. EDWIN OWRAN, 1899148. 159 Rly. Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 33. Son of George and Mary Calvert; husband of Florence Jennie Calvert, of Harrogate, Yorkshire. Row D. Grave 12.
- ✓ CALVERT, Cpl. ERNEST, 2189402. 116 Road Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 42. Son of George and Barbara Calvert; husband of Beatrice Maud Calvert, of Lofthouse, Yorkshire. Sp. Mem. "C". Row A. Grave 26.
- ✓ CAVANAGH, Cpl. JAMES, 6972252. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 48. Son of Alexander and Charlotte Cavanagh; husband of Jane Cavanagh, of Londonderry, Northern Ireland. Row A. Grave 46.
- ✓ X CHAPMAN, Gnr. ERNEST ARTHUR, 879727. 158 Bty., 53 A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Row B. Grave 9.
- ✓ CHEESEMAM, Pte. RONALD EDGAR, 6288856; 2nd Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt.). 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 21. Row A. Grave 21.
- ✓ COCKS, Sjt. EDGAR, S/94309. R.A.S.C. 16th July, 1940. Age 49. Son of John and Mary Anna Cocks; husband of Ellen Constance Cocks, of Cosham, Portsmouth. Row B. Grave 11.
- ✓ CUNNINGHAM, Pte. JAMES DENNIS, 13006008. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 41. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Cunningham. Row C. Grave 14.
- ✓ X DAVIDSON, Pte. JAMES, 7622849. R.A.O.C. 11th June/16th July, 1940. Age 24. Son of John and Jessie Davidson, Forres, Morayshire. Row B. Grave 29.
- ✓ DAVISON, Pte. JOHN WILLIAM, 1043424. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 47. Row D. Grave 14.
- ✓ DERRICK, L.Cpl. ALFRED, 3949440. Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 39. Son of Samuel and Ellen Derrick; husband of Lavinia Derrick, of Manton, Lancashire. Row C. Grave 8.
- ✓ DOWSE, Spr. ALBERT JAMES, 1854359. 159 Rly. Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 40. Row B. Grave 24.
- ✓ DUQUEMIN, Spr. CYRIL, 1903478. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 23. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Duquemin, of Guernsey, Channel Islands; husband of Phyllis Laura Duquemin, St. Peter's Port, Guernsey. Row D. Grave 2.
- ✓ ELSDON, Pte. JOHN JAMES, 4337743. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 37. Row D. Grave 6.
- ✓ EVERETT, Pte. SIDNEY HERBERT, 6200532. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt., attd. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 26. Son of William Savage Everett and Louise May Everett; husband of Kathleen Laura Everett, of Teddington, Middlesex. Row A. Grave 23.
- ✓ FARRAR, Pte. GEORGE, 13006680. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 37. Husband of Emma Farrar, of Wakefield, Yorkshire. Row A. Grave 18.
- ✓ GIBSON, Pte. ROBERT HENRY, 13004998. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 44. Row D. Grave 11.
- ✓ GILL, Pte. JAMES, 13006666. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 41. Row C. Grave 13.



- GODFREY, Pte. JAMES FRANK, 13004210. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 45. Son of William Lansley Godfrey and Lillian Louise Godfrey; husband of Margaret Godfrey, of Wimborne, Dorsetshire. Row A. Grave 51.
- GOLDIE, Pte. PETER, 3123462. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 42. Son of John and Catherine Goldie; husband of Susan Bain Goldie, of Parkhead, Glasgow. Row B. Grave 1.
- GOODWIN, Cpl. THOMAS, 4968706. 1/5th Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derby Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 33. Row A. Grave 17.
- GRAHAM, Pte. ALEXANDER THOMAS, S/109062. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Son of Alexander and Charlotte Graham; husband of Jane Scott Graham (née Hetherington), of Bayswater, London. Row A. Grave 31.
- GRASSBY, Cpl. GEORGE HAROLD, 4380370. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 38. Row A. Grave 36.
- HALL, Pte. EDWIN, 2188407. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 34. Son of Edwin and Blanch Hall; husband of Ethel Lily Doris Hall, of Brighton, Sussex. Row B. Grave 10.
- HAMPER, Spr. THOMAS GEORGE, 1914224. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 35. Son of Frederick and Annie Hamper; husband of Dora Ethel Hamper, of Berwick, Sussex. Row A. Grave 41.
- HARRIS, Pte. GERALD EGERTON, S/158344. R.A.S.C. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 23. Row A. Grave 38.
- HARRIS, Pte. JOHN THOMAS, 13005503. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 54. Son of John Thomas Harris and Cathrine Harris; husband of Bertha Harris, of Bradford, Yorkshire. Row B. Grave 23.
- HARROP, Pte. WILLIAM, 13005648. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 42. Son of William and Lavinia Harrop; husband of Rose Gladys Harrop, of Hull. Row C. Grave 17.
- HART, L.Cpl. SILVESTER BENJAMIN, 1911276. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 34. Row D. Grave 10.
- HATHERLY, A.C.2 FRANK HENRY, 904276. R.A.F.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Row B. Grave 21.
- HAYES, Pte. WILLIAM, 13002457. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 38. Row C. Grave 9.
- HEMINGWAY, Pte. ROBERT, 7662918. R.A.P.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of William Ewart Hemingway and Lilian Hemingway, of West Town, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. Sp. Mem. "C". Row A. Grave 1.
- HINKS, Pte. HORACE, 13002606. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps. 13th/23rd June, 1940. Age 41. Row C. Grave 4.
- HOPKINS, Cpl. GEORGE WILLIAM, S/5876. 2 Field Bakery, R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 40. Son of Russell John and Elizabeth Hopkins; husband of Gladys Maude Hopkins, of Northampton. Row A. Grave 47.
- HUGHES, Gnr. THOMAS HENRY, 786739. 204 Bty., 51 Anti-Tank Regt., Royal Artillery; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 32. Row C. Grave 5.
- HUNTER, Gnr. GEORGE, 1490859. 158 Bty., 53 A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of John E. W. Hunter and Mary A. Hunter, of Wapping, London. Row B. Grave 18.
- INGS, Pte. KENNETH SYDNEY, 13002886. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 23. Son of Sydney Stone Ings and Mary Jane Ings, of Aberdeen. Row D. Grave 5.
- JAMES, Pte. HORACE, 4189138. The Cheshire Regt., attd. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 34. Row C. Grave 16.
- JOHNSON, Sgt. THOMAS TAYLOR, 4970786. The Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derby Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Row D. Grave 25.

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- KELLY, Pte. JAMES, 13001552. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 47. Row A. Grave 48.
- KIRKHAM, Lt. WALTER MORRIS, 113813. R.A.S.C. 6th July, 1940. Age 41. Son of Rose Mary Kirkham; husband of Lily Gertrude Kirkham, of Brighton, Sussex. Row A. Grave 43.
- LEWIS, Spr. HORACE, 1913204. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 23. Row D. Grave 15.
- LOWTHER, L.Cpl. CHARLES, 13005051. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 42. Son of Thomas and Madeline Lowther; husband of Mary Jane Lowther, of Chathill, Northumberland. Row A. Grave 37.
- MCCONNELL, ROBERT (served as SINCLAIR, Pte. ROBERT, S/105947). R.A.S.C. 16th June/16th July, 1940. Age 25. Son of Robert and Margaret McConnell, of Blebocraigs, Fife. Row B. Grave 3.
- MCMURRAY, Pte. THOMAS ALEXANDER, 105151. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Row A. Grave 11.
- MORGAN, Pte. GEORGE JAMES, 7663824. R.A.P.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Son of Archibald and May McCombie Morgan, of West Hall, Aberdeenshire. Row D. Grave 9.
- MORRIS, Sjt. WILLIAM, 4342155. The East Yorkshire Regt., att'd. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Son of William and Mary Ann Morris, of Sheffield; husband of Edith Annie Morris, of Sheffield. Row B. Grave 14.
- NEIL, Pte. ROBERT HENRY, 2188754. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 38. Husband of Alice Ann Neil, of Bowden Close, Co. Durham. Row A. Grave 25.
- O'DOWD, Pte. MICHAEL, 13001505. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 37. Son of Thomas and Maria O'Dowd; husband of Sarah O'Dowd, of Skipton, Yorkshire. Row B. Grave 25.
- O'NEIL, Spr. JOHN, 1899072. 159 Rly. Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Son of Robert and Florence O'Neil, of Lancaster. Row D. Grave 8.
- PATERSON, Cpl. ANGUS MURDOCH, 2929190. 4th Bn. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 22. Son of Malcolm and Kate Paterson, of North Boisdale, South Ulst. Row B. Grave 20.
- PENNINGTON, Dvr. ARNOLD, T/114027. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of Levi and Ethel Pennington, of Bolton, Lancashire. Row D. Grave 13.
- PHILLIPS, Pte. DAVID, 4447299. 1st Bn. The Tyneside Scottish, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regt.). 9th/23rd June, 1940. Age 29. Son of John Leonard and Elizabeth Jane Phillips, of Gateshead, Co. Durham; husband of Rebecca Jane Phillips, of Gateshead. Row B. Grave 5.
- POWELL, Sjt. ROBERT WILLIAM, 13002346. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Son of William and Mary Powell; husband of Amelia Powell, of Liverpool. Row A. Grave 27.
- RANDALL, Tpr. CYRIL WILLIAM, 5184487. 44th Royal Tank Regt., R.A.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 23. Son of Cyril Randall, and of Alice Dorothy Freda Randall, of Charlton, London. Row D. Grave 17.
- REYNOLDS, Pte. ERNEST, 13004976. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 37. Son of Ernest and Louise Reynolds, of Middlesbrough, Yorkshire; husband of Hannah Jane Reynolds, of Middlesbrough. Row A. Grave 4.
- ROBERTSON, Flying Offr. (Air Gnr.) VIVIAN ALEXANDER, 157995. R.A.F.(V.R.). 502 Sqdn. 30th August, 1944. Row A. Grave 53.
- RODGER, Pte. WILLIAM JOHN, 121658. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of William John and Margaret Rodger, of Possilpark, Glasgow. Row A. Grave 10.



- RUSHTON, Pte. THOMAS, 101436. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 32. Son of J. W. Rushton and Violet Ann Rushton; husband of Cassey Rushton of Loughborough, Leicestershire. Row A. Grave 15.
- SANDS, Pte. ALBERT EDWARD, 13006381. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 38. Son of Albert and Agnes Sands; husband of Doris Betty Sands, of Polegate, Sussex. Row D. Grave 7.
- SAVIN, W.O.II. (S.S.M.) ERNEST JAMES, 389781. 12th Royal Lancers, R.A.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 45. Son of William and Agnes Savin; husband of Winifred H. Savin, of Tidworth, Hampshire. Row C. Grave 18.
- SHANNON, Spr. WILLIAM JOHN, 2207307. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 36. Son of Henry John and Nellie Shannon; husband of Miriam Shannon, of Gosport, Hampshire. Row B. Grave 19.
- SHAW, L.Cpl. FRANK, S/100772. R.A.S.C., attd. 40 Field Regt., Royal Artillery. 17th/23rd June, 1940. Row A. Grave 9.
- SHUKER, Fus. STANLEY FRANCIS, 4195662. The Royal Welch Fusiliers, attd. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Son of Robert and Ann Shuker, of Berriew, Montgomeryshire. Row A. Grave 6.
- SIBERRY, Dvr. THOMAS HENRY, 2183819. 116 Rly. Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 34. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Siberry; husband of Phyllis May Siberry, of Collingham, Yorkshire. Row B. Grave 26.
- SINCLAIR, Pte. ROBERT, S/105947. (See MCCONNELL, ROBERT.)
- SMITH, Pte. JOHN, 13001774. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 48. Son of Thomas and Sarah Beck Smith; husband of Margaret Hendry Smith. Row A. Grave 24.
- STEWART, Pte. WILLIAM, T/136019. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Row B. Grave 8.
- TAYLOR, Spr. HAROLD, 1899147. 159 Rly. Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Row A. Grave 34.
- THORLEY, Pte. JAMES WILLIAM, S/52590. 2 Field Bakery, R.A.S.C. 17th/23rd June, 1940. Age 32. Husband of Lily Thorley, of Longton, Stoke-on-Trent. Row B. Grave 13.
- THORNTON, Spr. JAMES, 1899075. 159 Rly. Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Thornton; husband of Annice Thornton, of Kirkham, Lancashire. Row B. Grave 4.
- THORPE, Cpl. HOWARD JOHN, S/147765. R.A.S.C. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 24. Row A. Grave 29.
- UNSWORTH, Sjt. WALTER, 1902520. Mentioned in Despatches. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 45. Son of James and Mary Elizabeth Unsworth, of Orrell, Wigan, Lancashire; husband of Alice Unsworth, of Orrell Post, Wigan. Row D. Grave 18.
- WALK, Pte. FREDERICK CELESTINE, S/105064. R.A.S.C. 16th June/13th July, 1940. Age 38. Row D. Grave 3.
- WARBOYS, Spr. HORACE, 1987197. 156 Transportation (Stores) Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 28. Son of George and Elizabeth Warboys, of Bromley, Kent; husband of Ivy Gladys Warboys, of Bromley. Row B. Grave 22.
- WARDLE, Pte. PHILIP SIDNEY, 6289230. 2nd Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancashire* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of John and Hannah Wardle, of Boney Hay, Staffordshire. Row C. Grave 6.
- WILLIAMS, Pte. HAROLD, S/135979. 5 Base Supply Depot, R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 22. Son of David and Margaret A. Williams, of Everton, Liverpool. His brother Stanley also died on service. Row A. Grave 50.

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- WILLIAMS, Sgt. HAROLD, 7594416. R.A.O.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 26. Son of George Edward and Emily Williams, of Bersham, Denbighshire. Row A. Grave 16.
- WOOD, Tpr. FREDERICK, 7902156. Royal Armoured Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of Frederick and Alice Wood, of Bolton, Lancashire. Row A. Grave 33.
- YOUNG, Pte. ARTHUR, S/6344381. 1 Base Supply Depot, R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 29. Row A. Grave 32.
- BUCHAN, Pte. JOHN STRACHAN RUSSELL, 7606917. Aux. Mil Pioneer Corps. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 37. Husband of Annabella Buchan. Grave 10.
- CARR, Pte. WILLIAM, 7606923. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 27. Son of Jack and Margaret Carr, of Liverpool; husband of Catherine Ann Carr, of Liverpool. Grave 4.
- CRANE, L.A.C. LIONEL JAMES, 408226. R.A.F. 73 Sqdn.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 43. Son of James and Clara Crane, of Merton, Norfolk; husband of Lucy Crane, of Merton. Grave 17.

### LA PLAINE-SUR-MER COMMUNAL CEMETERY

(Index No. Fr. 1586)

La Plaine-sur-Mer is a village and commune some 31 miles (50 kilometres) west of Nantes, and 5 miles (8 kilometres) north-west of the small town and fishing port of Pornic. Nantes is the nearest convenient centre. During the summer months, passenger trains run from Nantes to Pornic, and there is a bus service between these two places all the year round.

The communal cemetery is on the north-eastern side of the village, on the main road from Pornic. Most of the casualties buried here lost their lives when a troopship, the s.s. *Lancastria*, with about 5,000 men aboard was bombed and sunk by the enemy off St. Nazaire on 17th June, 1940. Originally two American airmen were also buried in this cemetery, but their remains were exhumed by the U.S. Army authorities in 1949 for re-burial in an American cemetery. There are now 29 servicemen resting here, and this total is made up by 1 sailor, 26 soldiers and 2 airmen belonging to the forces of the United Kingdom. The sailor and seven of the soldiers are not identified; while one soldier, whose grave could not be precisely located, is commemorated by a special memorial type C, which bears the superscription "Buried near this spot".

- BELL, Dvr. JOHN, 1882312. 116 Road Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 22. Son of John and Isabella Bell, of Motherwell, Lanarkshire. Grave 2.
- BIRCH, Cpl. FRANCIS JAMES, 4073087. The South Wales Borderers, attd. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 33. Son of James and Emily Birch; husband of Ivy Birch, of Tamworth, Staffordshire. Grave 21.
- BLAKELY, Spr. ALBERT, 1904631. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Grave 22.
- CUNNAH, Pte. GWYNFRYN, 4190085. The Cheshire Regt., attd. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps. 29th May/5th July, 1940. Age 29. Grave 8.
- EDGEWORTH, Tpr. THOMAS WILLIAM, 310772. 12th Royal Lancers, R.A.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 44. Son of Thomas and Alice Edgeworth, of Bristol; husband of Gladys May Edgeworth, of Bedminster, Bristol. Grave 15.
- FLETCHER, L.Cpl. FREDERICK EDWARD, 1892938. 159 Rly. Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Son of Frederick and Rose Fletcher; husband of Tessa Pamela Fletcher, of Epsom, Surrey. Grave 6.
- HAIGH, Spr. WILLIAM ALFRED, 1910375. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 24. Grave 13.
- HOLT, Pte. EDWARD HENRY, 4977724. 1st Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derby Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 22. Son of Lucilda Fearn, of Derby. Grave 7.
- JOHNSON, Pte. WILFRED EDMUND, S/98267. 1 Base Supply Depot, R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of Wilfred Edmund and May Elizabeth Johnson, of Penge, Kent. Grave 20.
- MEDDLE, Pte. JOHN THOMAS, S/98256. 2 Field Bakery, R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of Frederick George and Alice Sarah Meddle, of Sutton, Surrey. Grave 14.



MOORE, Pte. SYDNEY ERNEST, S/57306. 1 Base Supply Depot, R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Grave 12.

SMITH, Pte. ARTHUR, S/93011. 2 Field Bakery, R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 32. Grave 23.

SMITH, Spr. DOUGLAS, 1907459. 159 Rly. Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 23. Son of William Joseph and Elizabeth Smith, of Forest Town, Nottinghamshire. Grave 11.

SMITH, Pte. SYDNEY LEWIS, 4978954. The Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derby Regt.). 18th/19th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, of Swanwick, Derbyshire. Grave 5.

TAYLOR, Cpl. WALTER H. E., S/94115. R.A.S.C. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 28. Son of Marie R. Allum, of Tottenham, Middlesex. Sp. Mem. "C". Grave 1.

TEBBLE, Pte. FRANK STEPHEN, 6284494. 4th Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt.). 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 26. Grave 16.

VIALI, Cpl. JOHN ARTHUR, 13000932. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 46. Son of Arthur and Emily Viall. Grave 9.

WALKER, A.C.2 ROBERT IRVINE, 976642. R.A.F. (V.R.). 25th June, 1940. Grave 19.

#### LA TURBALLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY

(Index No. Fr. 1587)

La Turballe is a village and commune lying 7½ miles (12 kilometres) north-west of La Baule. The nearest railway station is at La Baule, which is on a branch line from Nantes, an important junction on the Paris-St. Nazaire-Croisic line.

The cemetery is on the eastern side of the village, behind the church. It contains the graves of four British soldiers, one of whom is not identified. They are rear, and left of, the entrance and near the boundary wall.

CLARK, Pte. HERBERT, 13005747. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 40. Son of George and Hannah Frances Clark; husband of Mary Jane Clark, of Beckwithshaw, Yorkshire.

HEWITT, Pte. WILLIAM, 13005340. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 48. Son of Samuel and Matilda Hewitt; husband of Lillian Hewitt (née Rippon).

HOPKINS, Tpr. GEORGE EDWARD, 7886476. Royal Armoured Corps. 28th May, 1940. Age 30. Son of Joseph Charles Hopkins, and of Emily Ann Hopkins, of Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

#### LE CLION-SUR-MER COMMUNAL CEMETERY

(Index No. Fr. 1588)

Le Clion-sur-Mer is a village and commune 27½ miles (44 kilometres) by road west-south-west of Nantes, and 2½ miles (4 kilometres) east of the small town and fishing port of Pornic. Nantes is the nearest convenient centre, and during the summer months there is a passenger train service to the village on the Nantes-Pornic line. There is an all the year round bus service from Nantes. The communal cemetery is on the western side of the village, on the main road to Pornic. The British graves are all in the northern part of the cemetery to the right of the Calvary. Most of those buried here lost their lives when the s.s. *Lancastria* was sunk by enemy action off St. Nazaire on 17th June, 1940. Here rest 2 sailors, 67 soldiers and 2 airmen belonging to the forces of the United Kingdom, making a total of 71 burials. Twenty-seven of the soldiers are not identified.

The long row of graves in level mown turf is backed by an evergreen hedge, against which the Cross of Sacrifice stands. There is a continuous flower border along the row of headstones and a stone kerb outlines the plot.

ALLISTON, Pte. EDWARD GEORGE, 5948188. 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regt. 30th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 26. Son of Edward and Maria Alliston, of Perry Green, Essex. Coll. grave 4.

BARCLAY, L.Cpl. STANLEY JOSEPH, 7686963. 1 Armd. Div. Provost Coy., Corps of Military Police; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 23. Son of Joseph Henry Barclay, and of Rose Lilian Barclay, of Monk Okehampton, Devon. Coll. grave 4.

BEAN, Spr. JOHN HARDY, 1903410. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 24. Son of John Henry and Mabel Bean, of Douglas, Isle of Man. Coll. grave 4.



- BELLENGER, Cpl. WILLIAM HUNT, 148582. R.A.S.C. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 27. Son of George and Agnes Bellenger; husband of Mary Sophia Bellenger, of Northolt, Middlesex. Coll. grave 4.
- BOURNE, Spr. WILFRED E., 1889970. 159 Rly. Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 22. Son of Frank and Clara Bourne, of Selly Oak, Birmingham. Coll. grave 4.
- CHICK, Ldg. Sto. EDWARD JOHN, P/K. 77967. R.N. H.M.M.L. 267. 28th March, 1942. Age 34. Son of George and Mary Chick; husband of Doris Bessie Eliza Chick, of Bridport, Dorsetshire. Grave 2.
- CROSS, Dvr. ALOYSIUS, T/99449. R.A.S.C. 10th May/5th July, 1940. Age 22. Son of Richard Alban Cross and Lydia Ann Cross, of Hurst Green, Lancashire. Coll. grave 4.
- DUNNINGTON, Pte. ALBERT, 13005355. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 39. Son of William and Elizabeth Dunnington; husband of Theophelia Dunnington, of Shildon, Co. Durham. Coll. grave 4.
- FOULDS, Pte. GEORGE HENRY, 13005214. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 40. Son of George and Alice Foulds, of South Anston, Yorkshire. Coll. grave 4.
- FRUDD, Pte. GILBERT, 13005898. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 45. Son of George Williamson Frudd and Mary Frudd; husband of Lottie Frudd, of Ossett, Yorkshire. Coll. grave 4.
- GRAVES, Pte. HAROLD ERNEST, 158018. 2 Field Bakery, R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 27. Coll. grave 4.
- GREGORY, Pte. GEOFFREY FRANK, 6466573. 2nd Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 22. Coll. grave 4.
- GRICE, Pte. JAMES, S/97531. 2 Field Bakery, R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Coll. grave 4.
- HARGREAVES, Gunner (T) HAROLD. R.N. H.M.S. *Campbeltown*. 28th March, 1942. Age 38. Grave 1.
- HIGGINS, A.C.1 JOHN, 638025. R.A.F.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Coll. grave 4.
- HOPEWELL, L.Cpl. HAROLD, 4976196. The Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derby Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 19. Son of George and Harriett Hopewell, of Arnold, Nottinghamshire. Coll. grave 4.
- HOSKINS, Sgt. ERNEST DANIEL CHARLES, 759330. R.A.F.(V.R.). 98 Sqn.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 19. Son of Alfred John and Elsie May Hoskins, of Basingstoke, Hampshire. Coll. grave 4.
- HOWARD, Spr. THOMAS, 1902521. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 29. Son of Thomas and Annie Howard; husband of Kathleen Howard, of Crossens, Southport, Lancashire. Coll. grave 4.
- HURLEY, Pte. REGINALD, 830657. 1 Base Supply Depot, R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 31. Son of Lewis John and Sarah Jane Hurley, of Senghenydd, Glamorgan. Coll. grave 4.
- HURST, Tpr. EDWARD CHARLES, 7903384. Royal Armoured Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 35. Son of Isaac and Louisa E. Hurst, of Woodford, Kettering, Northamptonshire. Coll. grave 4.
- JACKSON, Pte. STANLEY, 13005372. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 36. Coll. grave 4.
- JONES, Pte. LEWIS ERNEST HUGH, 98945. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Coll. grave 4.
- LARDANT, Pte. JOHN WILLIAM, 13002251. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 35. Coll. grave 4.
- LOMAX, Pte. ALEXANDER, 837812. 2nd Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt.). 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 21. Son of Albert Frederick and Ada Louise Lomax, of Worthing, Sussex. Coll. grave 4.



McLEAN, Pte. WILLIAM, 2976528. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 32. Coll. grave 4.

MARL, Pte. WILLIAM ROBERTS, 13002341. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 38. Coll. grave 4.

METCALFE, Pte. NINION, 13003767. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 40. Coll. grave 4.

MILLS, Pte. JAMES KENNETH CYRIL, S/152598. R.A.S.C. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 24. Son of Albert Henry and Winifred Eveline Mills, of St. Ouen, Jersey, Channel Islands. Coll. grave 4.

PARKER, Pte. HAROLD VINCENT, 7586402. R.A.O.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 26. Coll. grave 4.

RENNER, Pte. WILLIAM MAXWELL, 94242. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 23. Son of Isaac M. Renner, and of Catherine Renner, of Washington, Co. Durham. Coll. grave 4.

RICKERBY, W.O.II. (S.Q.M.S.) JAMES, S/94387. R.A.S.C. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 38. Son of Robert and Amelia Rickerby, of Monaseed, Co. Wexford, Irish Republic. Coll. grave 4.

ROLFE, Pte. PHILIP ERIC PENFOLD, 147101. R.A.S.C. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 26. Son of Henry William and Ellen Rolfe, of Whetstone, Middlesex. Coll. grave 4.

RUDD, Gnr. BERNARD GEORGE, 1491042. 158 Bty., 53 H.A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Coll. grave 4.

SAWYER, Pte. HENRY JOHN, 7586299. 2 Base Ordnance Depot, R.A.O.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 30. Coll. grave 4.

SCOTT, Pte. WALTER EDWARD, 4978244. 2/5th Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derby Regt.). 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 21. Son of Rose Scott, of Monk Okehampton, Devon. Coll. grave 4.

SHEPHERD, Spr. WILLIAM CHARLES, 1882257. 116 Road Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 22. Son of Charles and Edith Shepherd, of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. L.I.O.B. Coll. grave 4.

SILVEY, Spr. GEORGE ALBERT, 1917064. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Son of Thomas and Sarah Silvey, of Watford, Hertfordshire. Coll. grave 4.

SMITH, Pte. ERNEST WILLIAM, S/94010. R.A.S.C. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 25. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, of Sudbury, Suffolk. Coll. grave 4.

SMITH, Pte. JAMES, 13005236. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 38. Coll. grave 4.

TOWELL, Spr. HAROLD, 1007874. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 43. Coll. grave 4.

WILSON, Pte. HENRY, 2188847. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 47. Son of Thomas and Mary Wilson, of Scholes, Wigan, Lancashire. Coll. grave 4.

WINSTANLEY, Pte. WILLIAM V., 2188605. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 35. Husband of Elizabeth Winstanley, of Kearsley, Lancashire. Coll. grave 4.

WRIGHT, Rfn. ALEXANDER, 7009511. 2nd Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 33. Coll. grave 4.

WRIGHT, Spr. DOUGLAS, 2189406. 116 Road Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 24. Son of Horace and Nancy D. Wright, of Wakefield, Yorkshire; husband of May Wright, of Lupset, Wakefield. Coll. grave 4.

## LES MOUTIERS COMMUNAL CEMETERY

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Les Moutiers is a seaside village and commune 6½ miles (10 kilometres) south-east of Pornic, a small town and fishing port about 32 miles (51 kilometres) by road west-south-west of Nantes. There is an all the year



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round bus service between Nantes and the village and a passenger train service from Nantes during the summer months.

The cemetery lies on the eastern side of the village. Against the southern wall are buried 1 sailor and 61 soldiers belonging to the forces of the United Kingdom. All save the sailor lost their lives when the troopship *Lancastria* was bombed and sunk off St. Nazaire, 18 miles north of Les Moutiers, on 17th June, 1940. Sixteen of the soldiers are not identified. Lack of space prevented the erection of individual headstones, and all the men are commemorated by a memorial in the form of a screen wall, with a number of Portland stone panels upon which the names are carved. Between these panels are others bearing the badges of the various regiments, and across the memorial, above the names, runs the inscription "In honoured memory of these British soldiers who perished in the loss of the troopship *Lancastria* on June 17th, 1940, and who are buried here".

- ABBOTT, Pte. ARTHUR WILLIAM, S/106859. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 24. Son of Edward Abbott, and of Edith M. Abbott, of Great Glemham, Suffolk. Coll. grave 2. (Screen Wall Panel 1.)
- ADAMS, Spr. WILLIAM GEORGE, 1902499. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 23. Husband of Audrey May Adams, of Plymouth. Coll. grave 8. (Screen Wall Panel 3.)
- BARRY, Pte. REX EDMUND, 94912. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 35. Adopted son of Mrs. C. J. Varney, of South Norwood, Surrey. Coll. grave 6. (Screen Wall Panel 4.)
- BRAISBY, Pte. REUBEN, 4975922. 1/5th Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derby Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of Emma Price, of Ilkeston, Derbyshire. Coll. grave 8. (Screen Wall Panel 5.)
- BRAMPTON, Pte. VICTOR SIDNEY, 13005244. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 37. Coll. grave 5. (Screen Wall Panel 6.)
- BREEZE, Spr. JOHN, 1927307. 190 Rly. Operating Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 36. Son of Thomas and Barbara Breeze; husband of Margaret Ellen Breeze, of New Haw, Surrey. Coll. grave 6. (Screen Wall Panel 7.)
- COLLIER, Lieut. THOMAS ALEXANDER MACKAY. Mentioned in Despatches. R.N.V.R. H.M.M.L. 457. 28th March, 1942. Age 30. Son of Charles Edwin and Agnes Margretta Mackay Collier; husband of Ivy Maud Collier, of Holborn, London. Grave 1. (Screen Wall Panel 9.)
- CORBETT, Pte. FRANCIS, 7616539. 1 Base Ordnance Depot; R.A.O.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of Francis John and Lucy Corbett, of Worcester. Coll. grave 6. (Screen Wall Panel 10.)
- CRAWFORD, Pte. WILLIAM, 13003568. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 36. Son of David and Mary Crawford; husband of Margaret Crawford, of Partick, Glasgow. Coll. grave 5. (Screen Wall Panel 11.)
- DUCK, L.Cpl. LESLIE GEORGE, S/54234. 1 Base Supply Depot, R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Son of George and Sarah Duck, of Grange Park, Middlesex. Coll. grave 7. (Screen Wall Panel 12.)
- DUDMAN, Tpr. ERIC ARTHUR CLIFFORD, 318806. 12th Royal Lancers, R.A.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 27. Coll. grave 7. (Screen Wall Panel 14.)
- GREENFIELD, Pte. SILAS ANTHONY, S/128803. 1 Base Supply Depot, R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Son of Walter and Rhoda Winifred Greenfield, of Kingsley, Northampton. Coll. grave 6. (Screen Wall Panel 16.)
- GRIFFITHS, Pte. GEORGE, 13011221. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 41. Son of Edward and Martha Griffiths; husband of Sarah Griffiths, of Huyton, Liverpool. (Screen Wall Panel 17.)
- GRIMMETT, Cpl. ALFRED ARTHUR, 2306160. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Coll. grave 7. (Screen Wall Panel 18.)
- HALL, Gnr. KENNETH VICTOR, 1490818. 158 Bty., 53 H.A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 22. Son of Albin Clement and Charlotte Kollie Hall, of Stockwell, London. Coll. grave 6. (Screen Wall Panel 19.)



- HARKER, Sgt., HENRY AUSTIN, 7720882. Army Educational Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 27. Son of Henry and Violet Harker, of Brandon, Co. Durham. Coll. grave 7. (Screen Wall Panel 21.)
- HUNT, Spr. HENRY, 1917049. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 36. Son of Henry and Mary Hunt; husband of Winifred Edith Hunt, of Chesham, Buckinghamshire. Coll. grave 6. (Screen Wall Panel 23.)
- LANSLEY, Cpl. CYRIL, 94240. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 22. Son of Harry and Florence Lily Lansley, of Ludgershall, Hampshire. Coll. grave 7. (Screen Wall Panel 25.)
- LAZENBY, Spr. ALFRED, 4530328. 116 Road Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 34. Husband of Mary D. Lazenby, of Clifford, Yorkshire. Coll. grave 8. (Screen Wall Panel 26.)
- LEWIS, Cpl. CECIL SHERIDAN, 148780. R.A.S.C. 5th June/5th July, 1940. Age 27. Son of Silas and Annie Lewis, of Sheffield; nephew of Eva Pashley, of Woodhouse, Sheffield. Coll. grave 5. (Screen Wall Panel 27.)
- MCARDLE, Spr. PATRICK, 1901802. 159 Rly. Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Coll. grave 8. (Screen Wall Panel 28.)
- MCINTYRE, Spr. ARCHIBALD BURGESS, 1913130. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 23. Son of James McIntyre and of Mary Ann McIntyre (née Burgess). Coll. grave 6. (Screen Wall Panel 29.)
- MCVIE, Pte. GEORGE, T/70305. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 27. Coll. grave 8. (Screen Wall Panel 30.)
- MARTIN, Pte. CLARENCE ERIC, 4978633. 1/5th Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derby Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Coll. grave 7. (Screen Wall Panel 34.)
- MATTHEWS, Sgt. DAVID CHARLES JAMES, S/94330. R.A.S.C. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 29. Son of David and Elizabeth Matthews; husband of Sarah Matthews, of Hunton, Yorkshire. Coll. grave 8. (Screen Wall Panel 35.)
- MENDHAM, Pte. JOHN GRAHAM, 13005734. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 36. Coll. grave 7. (Screen Wall Panel 36.)
- NAYLOR, Dvr. DONALD ERNEST, T/67674. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 30. Husband of Elsie Naylor, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Coll. grave 8. (Screen Wall Panel 37.)
- NEWBITT, Pte. WALTER, 4978228. The Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derby Regt.). 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 21. (Screen Wall Panel 38.)
- ORAM, Pte. THOMAS HENRY, 4848875. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 45. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Oram; husband of Mable Oram, of Grimsby, Lincolnshire. Coll. grave 7. (Screen Wall Panel 39.)
- PATES, Pte. RONALD CHARLES, T/153057. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pates, of Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Coll. grave 3. (Screen Wall Panel 41.)
- READ, Dvr. HARRY WILLIAM, T/63985. 2 Res. M.T. Coy., R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 39. Husband of Alice May Read, of Salisbury. Coll. grave 6. (Screen Wall Panel 43.)
- REESE, Tpr. GEORGE EDWARD, 7905391. Royal Armoured Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of George Edward and Dorothy Reese, of West Derby, Liverpool. Coll. grave 5. (Screen Wall Panel 45.)
- ROBINSON, Pte. CHARLES WILLIAM, 13005235. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 43. Coll. grave 4. (Screen Wall Panel 46.)

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- ROWLANDS, Fus. JOSEPH IDRIS, 4195636. The Royal Welch Fusiliers, att'd. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps. 31st May/23rd June, 1940. Age 20. Son of Christmas and Ila Mary Rowlands, of Dolgelley, Merionethshire. Coll. grave 4. (Screen Wall Panel 47.)
- SMITH, Pte. CHARLES KENNETH, 6289225. 2nd Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of Harry William Smith, and of Sarah K. Smith, of Charing, Kent. Coll. grave 8. (Screen Wall Panel 48.)
- TURNER, 2/Lt. FRANK EARDLEY, 115439. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 40. Son of John Thomas Turner and Annis Matilda Turner; husband of Emily Kathleen Turner, of Wellington, Shropshire. A.M.I.C.E. Coll. grave 2. (Screen Wall Panel 50.)
- VIDLER, Sgt. CHARLES EDWARD, S/94220. R.A.S.C. 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 37. Son of Thomas Henry and Julia Vidler; husband of Irene Vidler, of Otley, Yorkshire. Coll. grave 7. (Screen Wall Panel 52.)
- WALKER, Pte. GEORGE T., 13001523. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 48. Coll. grave 5. (Screen Wall Panel 53.)
- WALLACE, Spr. JOHN HARRY, 1906567. 159 Rly. Operating Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Son of Samuel Wallace, and of Mary Elizabeth Wallace, of Long Eaton, Derbyshire. Coll. grave 8. (Screen Wall Panel 54.)
- WATSON, Pte. GEORGE, 13000409. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 47. Son of Isaac and Sarah Watson, of Leytonstone, Essex; husband of Helen Watson. Coll. grave 8. (Screen Wall Panel 55.)
- WILLIAMS, Pte. WILLIAM EDWARD, 2188686. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 38. Son of Richard and Mary Williams; husband of Hilda May Williams, of Birmingham. Coll. grave 6. (Screen Wall Panel 57.)
- WILSON, Pte. JAMES, 13002815. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 45. Son of John Alexander and Mary Wilson, of Sunderland, Co. Durham; husband of Rebecca Wilson, of Monkwearmouth, Sunderland. Coll. grave 7. (Screen Wall Panel 58.)
- WOOD, Cpl. ARTHUR REGINALD, 13003439. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 40. Coll. grave 6. (Screen Wall Panel 59.)
- WOODLAND, Pte. ISAAC FREDERICK, 4186887. The Cheshire Regt., att'd. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps. 10th June/12th July, 1940. Age 32. Son of Bert and Rebecca Woodland; husband of Edith Constance Woodland, of Isleworth, Middlesex. Coll. grave 8. (Screen Wall Panel 60.)
- WRIGHT, Pte. ROBERT, 6287876. 4th Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt.). 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 20. Son of Thomas and Annie Elizabeth Wright, of Ramsgate. Coll. grave 8. (Screen Wall Panel 61.)
- YATES, Spr. ALBERT HENRY, 1903296. 1 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Coll. grave 7. (Screen Wall Panel 63.)

## LUSANGER COMMUNAL CEMETERY

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Lusanger is a rather isolated village and commune 32½ miles (52 kilometres) north of Nantes and about 10½ miles (17 kilometres) south-west of Châteaubriant. It lies on a secondary road from Treffieux (which is on the main Nantes-Châteaubriant road) to Sion. The most convenient centre is Nantes, which has a good train service to Châteaubriant, whence the journey is completed by taxi.

The cemetery is 150 yards north of the church, on the road to Sion. West (left) of the entrance, towards the end of the main path and close to the boundary wall, is the joint grave of two airmen.

GREEN, Flying Offr. (Pilot) RALPH LESLIE, J/19483. R.C.A.F. 406 Sqdn. 25th July, 1944. Age 24. Son of Alfred Douglas and Nellie Victoria Green, of Vanguard, Saskatchewan, Canada. Joint grave.

HILLYER, Flying Offr. ARTHUR WOODLEY, 170751. R.A.F.(V.R.). 406 (R.C.A.F.) Sqdn. 25th July, 1944. Age 22. Son of Harry Richard and Dorothy Hillyer, of West Drayton, Middlesex. Joint grave.



## MONTOIR-DE-BRETAGNE COMMUNAL CEMETERY

(Index No. Fr. 1591)

Montoir-de-Bretagne is a village and commune 3½ miles (6 kilometres) north-east of St. Nazaire. It is on the main St. Nazaire-Châteaubriant road and is easily reached from St. Nazaire.

The cemetery is in the village, north of the main road to Savenay. The one war grave is south-east of the main entrance.

MURPHY, Flt. Sgt. (Air Bomber) DAVID MATTHEW, R/176578. R.C.A.F. 619 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 25th July, 1944. Son of James and Mary Murphy, of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada.

## NANTES (PONT-DU-CENS) COMMUNAL CEMETERY

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Nantes, the seat of the Prefecture of the Département of the Loire Atlantique, is a large town and port on the river Loire, about 30 miles (50 kilometres) east of St. Nazaire. It has good road and rail connections with all parts of Western France. During the 1939-1945 War it was the disembarkation port for stores and vehicles of the first British Expeditionary Force, and in June, 1940, a port of re-embarkation for Line of Communication troops and material.

The Pont-du-Cens Communal Cemetery is on the north-western outskirts of the town, on the western side of the road to Rennes. A Commission direction plate at the junction of this road and the Chemin de la Patouillerie indicates the route. It was started in 1939 to supplement the ten other burial grounds within the boundaries of the commune, and was used for the burial of 107 British and Commonwealth casualties of the 1939-1945 War. This total is made up by 15 soldiers and 78 airmen belonging to the forces of the United Kingdom; 6 airmen of the Royal Canadian Air Force; 4 airmen of the Royal Australian Air Force and 4 airmen belonging to the Royal New Zealand Air Force. One United Kingdom airman is unidentified. Some of these airmen were moved into the cemetery from isolated graves at Vivonne, Les Rochelles and near Vertou; and others from Tours (La Salle) Communal Cemetery, St. Brévin-les Pins Communal Cemetery, St. Père-en-Retz Communal Cemetery, Bougenais Communal Cemetery and a temporary burial ground at Cesson, where permanent maintenance for all time could not be assured.

All the graves are in a special plot about 100 yards east (right) of the main entrance. This plot, of closely-mown grass, is enclosed by a kerb on three sides, and at the rear is screened from the civilian graves by a tall hedge. The Cross of Sacrifice stands against the background of this hedge, its Crusader's sword facing graves, and there are continuous flower borders along the rows of headstones.

ADAMS, Sgt. (Flt. Engr.) ERNEST JAMES, 1851113. R.A.F.(V.R.). 15 Sqdn. 8th May, 1944. Age 19. Son of Harry Oswald and Rose Adams, of Efford, Plymouth. Plot L. Row C. Grave 22.

✓ ALLEN, Sgt. BENJAMIN, 814294. 210 Bty., 73 H.A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery. 15th December, 1939. Age 40. Plot L. Row A. Grave 5.

ASH, Flt. Lieut. (Pilot) CEDRIC JOHN KENNETH, 46630. R.A.F. 635 Sqdn. 12th June, 1944. Age 27. Son of John William and Olive Gertrude Ash, of Bridgwater, Somerset; husband of Phyllis Evelyn Ash, of Bridgwater. Plot L. Row C. Coll. grave 24-26.

ASHTON, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) HAROLD, 751288. R.A.F.(V.R.). 22 Sqdn. 2nd December, 1941. Age 20. Son of Harold and Annie Ashton, of Harpurhey, Manchester. Plot L. Row B. Coll. grave 1-3.

BAGLEY, Sgt. (Nav.) ARTHUR EDDIE, 1236213. R.A.F.(V.R.). 57 Sqdn. 2nd April, 1943. Age 21. Son of Philip Samuel and Clara Ellen Blanche Bagley, and stepson of Clara Bagley, of Brownhills, Staffordshire. Plot L. Row B. Coll. grave 16-18.

BAIRD, Sgt. (Air Bomber) ROBERT (RONNIE), 1562177. R.A.F.(V.R.). 620 Sqdn. 7th August, 1943. Age 21. Son of William and Catherine Baird, of Camelon, Falkirk, Stirlingshire. Plot L. Row C. Grave 16.

BAKER, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) EDWARD GORDON, 1177976. R.A.F.(V.R.). 115 Sqdn. 26th June, 1943. Age 26. Husband of Frances Mary Baker, of Crayford, Kent. Plot L. Row C. Coll. grave 2-6.

BARNES, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) WILLIAM GEOFFREY, 1379802. R.A.F.(V.R.). 57 Sqdn. 2nd April, 1943. Plot L. Row B. Grave 15.

BENJAMIN, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) THOMAS EVAN EDWARD, 1255181. R.A.F.(V.R.). 15 Sqdn. 8th May, 1944. Age 21. Son of Thomas and Gertrude Benjamin, of Harlesden, Middlesex. Plot L. Row C. Grave 23.

BIRTLES, Flt. Sgt. RONALD JOSEPH, 421154. R.A.A.F. 12th June, 1944. Age 28. Son of George Bernard and Ethel May Birtles, of Cremorne, New South Wales, Australia. Plot L. Row C. Coll. grave 24-26.



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BRYCE, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) WILLIAM, 646633. R.A.F. 640 Sqdn. 11th August, 1944. Age 22. Son of Jack Patterson Bryce and Annie Bryce; husband of Catherine Alice Bryce, of Galashiels, Selkirkshire. Plot L. Row D. Grave 1.

BUCK, Flying Offr. (Pilot) FREDERICK SINCLAIR, J/20349. R.C.A.F. 101 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 28th June, 1943. Age 25. Son of Frederick William and Beatrice Ann Buck, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Plot L. Row C. Grave 10.

CASE, Rfn. JOSEPH EDWARD, 6911306. 1st Bn. The Rifle Brigade. 15th October, 1939. Age 31. Plot L. Row A. Grave 4.

CASWELL, L.Cpl. ARTHUR W. G., T/44479. 4 Div. Supply Coy., R.A.S.C. 4th October, 1939. Age 31. Son of Arthur and Louise Caswell; husband of E. V. Caswell, of Willesden, Middlesex. Plot L. Row A. Grave 2.

CHAPMAN, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) WILLIAM STEVENSON, 1820359. R.A.F.(V.R.). 635 Sqdn. 12th June, 1944. Age 19. Son of Robert and Jane Chapman, of Polbeth, Midlothian. Plot L. Row C. Coll. grave 24-26.

CLARKE, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) HAROLD THOMAS, 1206892. R.A.F.(V.R.). 101 Sqdn. 28th June, 1943. Age 35. Son of Ernest and Agnes Mary Clarke; husband of Beryl Jane Clarke. Plot L. Row C. Grave 7.

CLOUSTON, Sqdn. Ldr. JOHN GREVILLE, 40218. R.N.Z.A.F. 165 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 21st June, 1944. Age 25. Son of Allan Wilson Clouston and Violet Clouston, of Wellington City, New Zealand. Plot L. Row D. Grave 20.

COLSON, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) FREDERICK ARNOLD, 553425. R.A.F. 106 Sqdn. 4th February, 1941. Age 18. Son of Frederick Thomas Colson and Ada Margaret Colson, of Norwich, Norfolk. Plot L. Row A. Joint grave 16.

COOK, Sgt. (Pilot) LESLIE FRANK, 1332552. R.A.F.(V.R.). 10th June, 1943. Age 21. Son of Frank William and Edith Emma Cook, of Chingford, Essex. Plot L. Row C. Grave 1.

COULTER, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) KENNETH BOYD, 1076266. R.A.F.(V.R.). 101 Sqdn. 28th June, 1943. Age 21. Son of Percy Britt Coulter and Lily Williamson Coulter, of Lisburn, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland. Plot L. Row C. Grave 12.

COX, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) WILLIAM HENRY, 1811872. R.A.F.(V.R.). 10th June, 1943. Age 19. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Cox, of Morden, Surrey. Plot L. Row B. Grave 25.

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X CRUMP, L. Sgt. JOHN HERBERT, 839649. 210 Bty., 73 H.A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery. 15th December, 1939. Age 24. Son of Alfred and Minnie Crump, of West Bromwich, Staffordshire. Plot L. Row A. Grave 6.

DAHL, Flt. Sgt. (Air Gnr.) CALVIN WARREN, R/102105. R.C.A.F. 57 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 2nd April, 1943. Age 20. Son of Charles Frederick and Clara Petra Landvold Dahl, of The Pas, Manitoba, Canada. Plot L. Row B. Coll. grave 16-18.

DIXON, Tpr. JAMES, 6026619. 11th Hussars, R.A.C. 8th August, 1944. Age 29. Son of James and Margaret Ethel Dixon, of Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Plot L. Row B. Grave 22.

DONKIN, Pilot Offr. (Nav.) DIXON DAVID, 138397. R.A.F.(V.R.). 620 Sqdn. 7th August, 1943. Plot L. Row C. Grave 15.

DRAKE, Pte. EDWARD WILLIAM, 5564503. R.A.M.C. 10 General Hospital. 28th May/22nd June, 1940. Age 35. Son of Philip and Clara Drake; husband of Mona Audrey May Drake, of Salisbury. Plot L. Row C. Grave 13.

DRINKWATER, Sqdn. Ldr. THOMAS HENRY DESMOND, 47841, D.F.C. R.A.F. 122 Sqd. 18th May, 1944. Plot L. Row B. Grave 21.

• DUNNING, L.Cpl. THOMAS NESBET, T/71154. 4 Heavy Repair Shop, R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Plot L. Row C. Grave 14.

DURRANT, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) JAMES WILLIAM, 633261. R.A.F. 206 Sqdn. 21st December, 1941. Age 20. Son of James William and Mary Durrant, of Tottenham, Middlesex. Plot L. Row B. Grave 7.

EDWARDS, Flt. Sgt. STUART LACEY, 424759. R.A.A.F. 12th June, 1944. Age 28. Son of Frederick William and Janet Wright Edwards, of Cammeray, New South Wales, Australia. Plot L. Row C. Coll. grave 24-26.



FOWLER, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) LEONARD HOWARD, 751669. R.A.F.(V.R.). 22 Sqdn. 2nd December, 1941. Age 23. Son of Frederick George and Emma Mary Fowler, of Ward End, Birmingham. Plot L. Row B. Coll. grave 1-3.

FRANCO, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) JACK LEWIS, 652586. R.A.F. 106 Sqdn. 4th February, 1941. Age 24. Plot L. Row A. Grave 14.

FULFORD, Sgt. (Pilot) JOHN MICHAEL, 969220. R.A.F.(V.R.). 150 Sqdn. 8th May, 1941. Age 22. Son of Horace Frederick and Edith Mary Fulford, of Dinnington, Yorkshire. Plot L. Row A. Coll. grave 20-22.

FULLER, Sgt. (Nav.) GEOFFREY WILLIAM, 1321959. R.A.F.(V.R.). 101 Sqdn. 28th June, 1943. Age 25. Son of William and Nellie Dorothy Fuller, of Addiscombe, Croydon, Surrey; husband of Mary Fuller, of Addiscombe, Croydon. Plot L. Row C. Grave 9.

FULLER, Spr. SIDNEY HERBERT, 6082493. 3 Stevedore Bn. Royal Engineers. 16th February, 1940. Age 33. Plot L. Row A. Grave 9.

GADSDON, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) KENNETH WILLIAM, 1803966. R.A.F.(V.R.). 101 Sqdn. 28th June, 1943. Age 19. Son of William George and Maud Elizabeth Gadsdon, of Stoke Newington, London. Plot L. Row C. Grave 11.

GILL, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) ALBERT JAMES (BERT) 1462241. R.A.F.(V.R.). 15 Sqdn. 8th May, 1944. Age 22. Son of Albert and Florence Gill; husband of Joan Alice Gill, of Dagenham, Essex. Plot L. Row C. Grave 20.

GLOVER, Sgt. (Nav.) PATRICK EDWARD (PADDY), 1321791. R.A.F.(V.R.). 115 Sqdn. 26th June, 1943. Age 20. Son of Eric Arthur and Sarah Frances Glover, of Purley, Surrey. Plot L. Row C. Coll. grave 2-6.

HALE, Sgt. CHARLES THIEPVAL, 1457196. R.A.F. (V.R.). 77 Sqdn. 22nd June, 1944. Plot L. Row D. Grave 19.

HARRIS, W.O. III. (T.S.M.) CHARLES ALBERT, 5099979. 82 Bty., 13 Anti-Tank Regt., Royal Artillery. 21st September, 1939. Age 34. Plot L. Row A. Grave 1.

HARRIS, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) LEONARD FRANK, 909974. R.A.F.(V.R.). 150 Sqdn. 8th May, 1941. Age 23. Son of Cecil Frank and Alice Harris, of Dagenham, Essex. Plot L. Row A. Grave 19.

HART, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) JOHN LEWIS, 818222. R.A.F. (Aux. A.F.). 150 Sqdn. 8th May, 1941. Age 22. Son of James and Frances Hart, of Cardiff; husband of Monica Hart, of Gabalfa, Cardiff. Plot L. Row A. Coll. grave 20-22.

HEATH, Flying Offr. (Nav.) FRANK, 152936. R.A.F.(V.R.). 151 Sqdn. 13th August, 1944. Age 20. Son of Linden and Alice Sarah Heath, of Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. Plot L. Row D. Grave 4.

HELLEGERS, Pilot Offr. (Pilot) PAUL CONSTANT MARIE, 177029. R.A.F.(V.R.). 640 Sqdn. 11th August, 1944. Age 21. Son of Clement and Jane Hellegers, of Lanaken, Belgium. Plot L. Row D. Grave 8.

HEWSON, Wt. Offr. (Nav./Bomber) JOHN FREDERICK, 747760. R.A.F.(V.R.). 627 Sqdn. 8th May, 1944. Age 25. Son of John James Hewson and Maude Hewson, of Quinton, Birmingham. Plot L. Row D. Grave 22.

HEYWOOD, Sgt. (Air Obs.) WRAY WILLIAM, R/52038. R.C.A.F. 150 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 8th May, 1941. Plot L. Row A. Grave 17.

HOGAN, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) JOHN, 1520414. R.A.F. (V.R.). 9 Sqdn. 11th April, 1944. Age 22. Son of Peter and Jane Hogan, of Liverpool. Plot L. Row D. Grave 24.

HOPE, Pilot Offr. (Flt. Engr.) THOMAS WILLIAM, 54711. R.A.F.(V.R.). 635 Sqdn. 12th June, 1944. Age 23. Son of Tom and Ethel Hope, of New Moston, Manchester. Plot L. Row C. Coll. grave 24-26.

HORTON, Flying Offr. (Nav.) GEORGE AUBREY JAMES, 142461. R.A.F.(V.R.). 15 Sqdn. 8th May, 1944. Age 29. Son of Garnet and Olive Mildred Greenwood Horton, of Marlborough, Wiltshire. Plot L. Row B. Grave 19.

HUNTER, Sgt. (Bomb Aimer) HENRY PHILIP, 1332920. R.A.F.(V.R.). 57 Sqdn. 2nd April, 1943. Age 21. Son of Henry Felix and Edith Jane Hunter, of Twickenham, Middlesex. Plot L. Row B. Coll. grave 16-18.

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INNISS, Pilot Offr. (Pilot) GEORGE HAROLD FREDERICK, 43036. R.A.F. 106 Sqdn. 4th February, 1941. Age 24. Son of Charles H. Inniss and Caroline Inniss, of Barbados. Arts Graduate of Durham University. Plot L. Row A. Grave 15.

JAMES, Spr. WILLIAM JOHN, 1984843. Royal Engineers. 17th March, 1940. Age 27. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. James, of St. Marylebone, London. Plot L. Row A. Grave 10.

JEFFERY, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) WILLIAM GEORGE, 1800571. R.A.F.(V.R.). 640 Sqdn. 11th August, 1944. Age 22. Son of Bertie and Olive Jeffery, of Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent. Plot L. Row D. Grave 9.

JONES, Flying Offr. (Air Bomber) PHILIP CHAMBERS, 151767. R.A.F.(V.R.). 15 Sqdn. 8th May, 1944. Age 23. Son of William Thomas Jones and Mabel Jones, of Garston, Liverpool; husband of L. Jones, of Liverpool. Plot L. Row C. Grave 19.

JONES, Pilot Offr. (Pilot) THOMAS GEORGE, 174018. R.A.F.(V.R.). 15 Sqdn. 8th May, 1944. Age 21. Son of Thomas and Mary Jones, of Hackney, London. Plot L. Row C. Grave 18.

KEEP, Sgt. (Air Bomber), ERIC MACDONALD, 1456997. R.A.F.(V.R.). 138 Sqdn. 1st April, 1944. Age 21. Son of Percy G. Keep and Mary Keep, of Fixby, Yorkshire. Plot L. Row B. Grave 23.

KINDRED, Sgt. (Flt. Engr.) ERIC WARNFORD, 1582218. R.A.F.(V.R.). 9 Sqdn. 11th April, 1944. Age 27. Son of Alfred and Effie Hesse Kindred, of Rainworth, Nottinghamshire. Plot L. Row D. Grave 26.

LEA, Sgt. (Flt. Engr.) ROLAND WILLIAM, 577749. R.A.F. 57 Sqdn. 2nd April, 1943. Age 20. Son of Edgar and Kathleen Mabel Lea, of Romford, Essex. Plot L. Row B. Coll. grave 16-18.

LEISHMAN, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) JOHN JAMES, 1800193. R.A.F.(V.R.). 635 Sqdn. 12th June, 1944. Age 33. Son of John S. Leishman and Robina C. Leishman. Plot L. Row C. Coll. grave 24-26.

LOVELL, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) ROBERT WILLIAM, 1337502. R.A.F.(V.R.). 15 Sqdn. 17th October, 1942. Age 23. Son of Frederick James Lovell and Florence Emily Lovell, of Tonteg, Glamorgan. Plot L. Row B. Grave 13.

✓ LYTH, Gnr. CHARLES, 779147. 1 Bty., 18 A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery. 29th September, 1939. Plot L. Row A. Grave 3.

✗ MCGOWAN, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) WILLIAM MCILWEE, 1551754. R.A.F.(V.R.). 115 Sqdn. 26th June, 1943. Age 21. Son of Charles and Jane McGowan, of Port Glasgow, Renfrewshire. Plot L. Row C. Coll. grave 2-6.

MAGUIRE, Pte. JAMES WILLIE, 3593573. The Border Regt. 6th April, 1940. Age 35. Son of John Maguire, and of Annie Maguire, of Derryadd, Co. Fermanagh, Northern Ireland. Plot L. Row A. Grave 11.

MAYHEW, Wing Cdr. (Pilot) JOHN COLLINS, 33271. Norwegian War Cross with Sword. R.A.F. 22 Sqdn. 2nd December, 1941. Age 26. Son of John Collins Mayhew and Harriet Rosina Mayhew; husband of Faith Mayhew, of Felixstowe, Suffolk. Plot L. Row B. Coll. grave 1-3.

MONTEITH, Sgt. (Air Bomber) JOHN, 1395645. R.A.F.(V.R.). 10th June, 1943. Age 20. Son of James and Julia Kate Monteith, of Catford, London. Plot L. Row B. Grave 27.

MORDECAI, Sgt. (Flt. Engr.) KENNETH DAVID SELWYN, 1411197. R.A.F.(V.R.). 101 Sqdn. 28th June, 1943. Plot L. Row C. Grave 8.

NELSON, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) JOHN WEIR, 971413. R.A.F.(V.R.). 9 Sqdn. 11th April, 1944. Age 23. Son of John W. Nelson and of Cecilia Nelson (née Wilson), of Lanark. Plot L. Row D. Grave 25.

PARRY, Flying Offr. (Air Bomber) FREDERICK, 131560. R.A.F.(V.R.). 115 Sqdn. 26th June, 1943. Plot L. Row C. Coll. grave 2-6.

PEAK, Pilot Offr. COLIN ALBERT, 417110. R.A.A.F. 11th April, 1944. Age 21. Son of William Albert Henry and Rose Blanche Peak, of Tasmore, South Australia. Plot L. Row D. Grave 23.



PICKUP, Pilot Offr. (Pilot) ROBERT LESLIE, 144185. R.A.F.(V.R.). 57 Sqdn. 2nd April, 1943. Age 20. Son of John and Hilda Pickup, of Mold, Flintshire. Plot L. Row B. Coll. grave 16-18.

PIPER, Pte. FRANK, 5335424. 1 Base Ordnance Depot, R.A.O.C. 16th January, 1940. Age 19. Son of John Henry and Martha Anne Piper, of Farnborough, Hampshire. Plot L. Row A. Grave 8.

PRICE, Sgt. (Flt. Engr.) LESLIE FREDERICK, 1454385. R.A.F.(V.R.). 115 Sqdn. 26th June, 1943. Plot L. Row C. Coll. grave 2-6.

PURKIS, Flying Offr. (Bomb Aimer) CHARLES SIDNEY, 152439. R.A.F.(V.R.). 635 Sqdn. 12th June, 1944. Age 20. Son of Charles Sydney and Grace Purkis; husband of Kathleen A. Purkis, of Freshwater, Isle of Wight. Plot L. Row C. Coll. grave 24-26.

RASHLEY, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) COLIN EDWARD, 1336152. R.A.F.(V.R.). 620 Sqdn. 7th August, 1943. Son of Edwin Colin and Winifred Lilian Rashley, of Cowes, Isle of Wight. Plot L. Row C. Grave 17.

RAWES, Pilot Offr. (Pilot) ERRINGTON DOUGLAS, 63801. R.A.F.(V.R.). 206 Sqdn. 21st December, 1941. Age 25. Son of Stanley and Amy Jane Rawes, of Lisbon, Portugal. Plot L. Row B. Grave 5.

READ, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) PETER VERRALL, 1152158. R.A.F.(V.R.). 150 Sqdn. 8th May, 1941. Age 20. Son of Charles and Alice Mary Read, of Shirley, Southampton. Plot L. Row A. Coll. grave 20-22.

RICHARDSON, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) ERIC RYDER, 1387194. R.A.F.(V.R.). 115 Sqdn. 26th June, 1943. Age 20. Son of William Dormer Richardson and Lizzie Richardson, of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. Plot L. Row C. grave 2-6.

RICHOLD, Sgt. (Nav.) GEORGE HENRY, 1399324. R.A.F.(V.R.). 640 Sqdn. 11th August, 1944. Plot L. Row D. Grave 7.

ROGERS, Flying Offr. (Pilot) JOHN ARTHUR, 120595. R.A.F.(V.R.). 620 Sqdn. 7th August, 1943. Plot L. Row C. Grave 17.

SAVAGE, Flt. Lieut. (Pilot) FREDERICK HENRY, 40263. R.A.F. 150 Sqdn. 8th May, 1941. Plot L. Row A. Grave 18.

SEAMAN, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) WILLIAM TOM, R/140842. R.C.A.F. 10th June, 1943. Age 21. Son of William James Seaman and Ellen Loretta Seaman, of Edrans, Manitoba, Canada. Plot L. Row B. Grave 28.

SLADE, Flt. Lieut. (Pilot) EDWARD NELSON, 127351. R.A.F.(V.R.). 151 Sqdn. 13th August, 1944. Age 26. Son of Edward Alfred and Elsie Eliza Slade, of Upton Park, Essex. Plot L. Row D. Grave 3.

SMITH, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) HAROLD ERNEST, 629543. R.A.F. 640 Sqdn. 11th August, 1944. Age 27. Son of Ernest James Smith and Evelyn May Smith, of Finchley, Middlesex; husband of Freda Jamie Smith. Plot L. Row D. Grave 6.

SMITH, Pte. WILLIAM, 7610863. R.A.O.C., att'd. 4th Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt.). 8th January, 1940. Age 20. Son of John T. Smith, and of Sarah Smith, of Morecambe, Lancashire. Plot L. Row A. Grave 7.

STEWART, Sgt. (Air Bomber) KENNETH JOHN, 1399585. R.A.F.(V.R.). 640 Sqdn. 11th August, 1944. Age 22. Son of Albert Edward and Alice Mary Stewart, of Ryarsh, Kent. Plot L. Row D. Grave 10.

STONE, Sgt. (Air Bomber) NOEL EDWARD, 413309. R.N.Z.A.F. 15 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 17th October, 1942. Age 32. Son of Charles Edward Stone and of Ella Mildred Stone (*née* Perham); nephew of Mrs. B. C. Stone, of Otaki Beach, Wellington, New Zealand. Plot L. Row B. Grave 10.

TANNER, Sgt. (Pilot) ARTHUR JAMES, 413148. R.N.Z.A.F. 15 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 17th October, 1942. Age 22. Son of Francis Arthur and Gladys May Tanner, of Mangere, Auckland, New Zealand. Plot L. Row B. Grave 9.

TAYLOR, Flt. Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) THOMAS RON, R/91300. R.C.A.F. 15 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 17th October, 1942. Plot L. Row B. Grave 11.

TERRY, Flt. Lieut. (Nav.) IAN WINGATE, 40666. R.N.Z.A.F. 206 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 21st December, 1941. Age 25. Son of John Edgar and Daisy Terry, of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Plot L. Row B. Grave 6.

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TESTER, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) KENNETH ARTHUR, 1397311. R.A.F.(V.R.). 57 Sqdn. 2nd April, 1943. Age 25. Son of Tom and Ethel Ellen Tester, of Rolvenden, Kent. Plot L. Row B. Coll. grave 16-18.

THOMAS, Flying Offr. (Pilot) WILLIAM KELMAN BURR, 72251. R.A.F. 106 Sqdn. 4th February, 1941. Plot L. Row A. Joint grave 16.

THOMPSON, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) RONALD GRANVILLE, 1515655. R.A.F.(V.R.). 138 Sqdn. 1st April, 1944. Age 22. Son of James and Hester Thompson; husband of Betty Thompson, of Cheadle Heath, Stockport, Cheshire. Plot L. Row B. Grave 24.

TORBETT, Sgt. (W.Op.) VERNON WILLIAM GEORGE, 1578567. R.A.F.(V.R.). 9 Sqdn. 11th April, 1944. Age 21. Son of William and Daisy Ethel Torbett, of Hadley, Shropshire. Plot L. Row D. Grave 28.

TROUP, Flying Offr. (Air Obs.) ALLAN WILLSON, J/4760. R.C.A.F. 22 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 12th December, 1941. Age 33. Son of Willson A. Troup and Isabella J. Troup, of Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada. Plot L. Row B. Grave 4.

TURNOR, Flying Offr. PERCY KEITH, 408924. R.A.A.F. 8th May, 1944. Age 31. Son of Percy Edwin and Margaret May Turnor, of Richmond, Victoria, Australia. Plot L. Row D. Grave 21.

TYLER, Flt. Sgt. (Air Gnr.) FRANK THOMAS, 1812260. R.A.F.(V.R.). 15 Sqdn. 8th May, 1944. Plot L. Row C. Grave 21.

VAREY, Sgt. (Nav.) THOMAS WILLIAM, 1116187. R.A.F.(V.R.). 9 Sqdn. 11th April, 1944. Age 33. Son of John and Lillian Varey; husband of Doris May Varey, of Hurst, Berkshire. Plot L. Row D. Grave 27.

VESSEY, Sgt. (W.Op.) WILLIAM CHAPMAN, 1509446. R.A.F.(V.R.). 635 Sqdn. 12th June, 1944. Age 29. Son of William Chapman Vessey and Ada Vessey, of Hull; husband of Clarice Maude Vessey, of Hull. Plot L. Row C. Coll. grave 24-26.

WALTERS, Flt. Sgt. (Obs.) EDWIN WHYSALL, 581544. R.A.F. 22 Sqdn. 2nd December, 1941. Age 25. Son of William Henry and Mary Elizabeth Walters, of Little Eaton, Derbyshire. Plot L. Row B. Coll. grave 1-3.

WATTS, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) RONALD LESLIE, 1210042. R.A.F.(V.R.). 206 Sqdn. 21st December, 1941. Age 19. Son of Ralph L. B. Watts and Lilian Mary Watts, of Northampton. Plot L. Row B. Grave 8.

WHITEHEAD, Sgt. (Pilot) FREDERICK ALAN, 1317727. R.A.F.(V.R.). 115 Sqdn. 26th June, 1943. Age 21. Son of Fred and Florence A. Whitehead, of Southsea, Hampshire. Plot L. Row C. Coll. grave 2-6.

WILLIAMS, Sgt. (Nav.) DENIS LESLIE, 1585028. R.A.F.(V.R.). 10th June, 1943. Age 23. Son of John Reuben Edgar and Annie Williams, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Member of the Pharmaceutical Society. Plot L. Row B. Grave 26.

WOOD, Sgt. (Flt. Engr.) BERNARD PETER, 1783228. R.A.F.(V.R.). 640 Sqdn. 11th August, 1944. Age 19. Son of Charles Bernard and Barbara Wood, of Middlesbrough, Yorkshire. Plot L. Row D. Grave 2.

WOOD, Sgt. (Obs.) THOMAS, 1127518. R.A.F. (V.R.). 15 Sqdn. 17th October, 1942. Age 22. Son of Thomas Frederick and Amy Wood, of Willaston, Cheshire. Plot L. Row B. Grave 12.

WRIGHT, Spr. EDWARD JOHN, 2182215. 3 Steve-dore Bn., Royal Engineers. 8th June, 1940. Age 38. Son of Edward William Wright, and of Emily Matilda Wright, of Queenborough, Kent; husband of Rosetta Jane Wright. Plot L. Row A. Grave 13.

WRIGHT, A.C.2 WILLIAM JOHN, 936671. R.A.F. (V.R.). 30th May, 1940. Plot L. Row A. Grave 12.

#### NOZAY COMMUNAL CEMETERY

(Index No. Fr. 1593)

Nozay is a village and commune 23½ miles (38 kilometres) north of Nantes and 16½ miles (26 kilometres) south-west of Châteaubriant. It lies at the junction of the main roads from St. Nazaire to Châteaubriant and from Nantes to Rennes. Nantes is the most convenient centre.

The cemetery is east of the church, on the road to Châteaubriant. The one British war grave is opposite the entrance, at the far end of the first plot on the right.

SCHOLES, Pte. JOHN, 7606054. R.A.O.C. 18th January, 1940. Age 37.



## PIRIAC-SUR-MER COMMUNAL CEMETERY

(Index No. Fr. 1594)

Piriac-sur-Mer is a village and commune about 23 miles (37 kilometres) north-west of the popular holiday resort of Escoubac-La-Baule, which lies west of St. Nazaire. La Baule is the most convenient centre, a secondary road leading from this town through Guérande to the village. The cemetery, which is best reached by taxi from La Baule, is on the eastern side of the village, on this road. It contains the graves of three British soldiers, one of whom is not identified. Two are in the south-eastern (far left) corner of the cemetery and the other is near the wall on the opposite side.

BULLOCK, Dvr. HARRY, T/136129. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 22. Son of George and Mary Ellen Bullock, of Great Wyrley, Staffordshire.

HERON, Spr. CHARLES, 1913129. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25.

## PONTCHÂTEAU COMMUNAL CEMETERY

(Index No. Fr. 1595)

Pontchâteau is a town and commune 28½ miles (46 kilometres) north-west of Nantes and about 12 miles (19 kilometres) north-east of St. Nazaire. It is situated at the junction of the main roads from Nantes to Vannes and St. Nazaire to Redon, and is on the Paris-Nantes-Quimper railway line.

The cemetery is behind the cathedral. In the far corner, right and north of the entrance is the collective grave of 2 airmen of the Royal Air Force and 5 airmen of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

CRAIG, Sgt. (Flt. Engr.) ROBERT, 1823190. R.A.F.(V.R.). 50 Sqn. 25th July, 1944. Coll. grave.

DOUGHTY, Sgt. (W.Op. [Air]) WALTER JAMES BERNARD, 1670363. R.A.F.(V.R.). 50 Sqn. 25th July, 1944. Coll. grave.

FINCH, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) GORDON FRANK, R/200704. R.C.A.F. 50 (R.A.F.) Sqn. 25th July, 1944. Age 21. Son of Frank and Bessie Finch, of Belmont, Ontario, Canada. Coll. grave.

GRONBECK, Sgt. (Air Gnr.) NORMAN, R/251698. R.C.A.F. 50 (R.A.F.) Sqn. 25th July, 1944. Son of Anders and Olive Gronbeck, of Hudson, Ontario, Canada. Coll. grave.

HAALAND, Pilot Offr. (Pilot) CLEMENT BURTON, J/87464. R.C.A.F. 50 (R.A.F.) Sqn. 25th July, 1944. Son of Boruf and Ingeborg Haaland, of South Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Coll. grave.

NELSON, Flt. Sgt. JOSEPH LYLE, R/170588. R.C.A.F. 50 (R.A.F.) Sqn. 25th July, 1944. Age 28. Son of Joseph and Alberta Nelson, of Sprucedale, Ontario, Canada; husband of Elmo Nelson, of Orangeville, Ontario. Coll. grave.

SULLIVAN, Flying Offr. STAFFORD JOHN, J/29382. R.C.A.F. 50 (R.A.F.) Sqn. 25th July, 1944. Age 27. Son of John and Laura Sullivan, of Peterboro, Ontario, Canada; husband of Josephine E. Sullivan, (née Cooper), of Peterboro. Coll. grave.

## PREFAILLES COMMUNAL CEMETERY

(Index No. Fr. 1596)

Préfailles is a small seaside resort and commune on the northern side of Bourgneuf Bay, 32½ miles (52 kilometres) west-south-west of Nantes and about 10½ miles (17 kilometres) south of St. Nazaire. The nearest town is Pornic, the terminus of a branch line railway line from Nantes, some 6 miles (10 kilometres) to the south-east. This is served by train in summer only, and by bus all the year round, from Nantes. A taxi from Pornic completes the journey.

The communal cemetery is about 600 yards north-east of the village on the road to the hamlet of La Préé. Near the north-eastern wall is a row of British war graves, in which lie 4 sailors, 64 soldiers and 5 airmen belonging to the forces of the United Kingdom. The sailors, 13 soldiers and 1 airman are not identified. One of the soldiers, whose grave could not be precisely located, is commemorated by a special memorial which bears the superscription "Known to be buried in this cemetery".

Most of the casualties who rest here perished when the troopship *Lancastria* was sunk by enemy bombs off St. Nazaire on the 17th June, 1940.

The graves are all together in one row, at the left end of which is a small kerbed lawn on which the Cross of Sacrifice stands facing the graves. A kerb encloses the row of graves, and there is a continuous flower border along the line of headstones.

ATTWOOD, Pte. ALBERT, 13005631. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 38. Son of Albert and Maud Attwood; husband of Eva Attwood, of Middlesbrough, Yorkshire. Grave 66.

AYNSLEY, Pte. GEORGE WILLIAM, 13005211. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 41. Son of George and Mary Aynsley, of Hebburn, Co. Durham. Grave 61.



- BAKER, Pte. JOSEPH, 1446738. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 34. Grave 46.
- BANKS, Dvr. ALFRED EDWARD, T/107695. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 36. Son of Charles and Susan Jane Banks, of Birmingham; husband of Lilian Maud Banks, of Northfield, Birmingham. Grave 2.
- BARRICK, Dvr. NORMAN ALFRED, 1884183. Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Grave 20.
- BAUM, Pte. ALFRED ISAAC, 6288801. 2nd Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Grave 25.
- BROOMHEAD, Pte. ROBERT, 13001398. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 36. Grave 13.
- CATLIN, Pte. HERBERT EDWARD, 13006840. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 34. Sp. Mem. "A".
- CHALMERS, Spr. CHARLES, 1913126. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 32. Son of Alex and Margaret Chalmers, of Macduff, Banffshire; husband of Mary S. Chalmers, of Macduff. Grave 64.
- CHILDS, A.C.2 THOMAS HARRY, 906929. R.A.F. (V.R.). 98 Sqdn.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Son of Harry and May Childs, of Chelmsford, Essex. Grave 41.
- CLARKE, Pte. HAROLD EDWIN, 7624737. R.A.O.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 24. Son of Thomas Edwin and Edith Annie Clarke, of Mickleover, Derbyshire. Grave 38.
- CLARKE, Pte. HERBERT HENRY, 6448515. 1st Bn. The East Surrey Regt.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 39. Son of Charles and Rosina Clarke, of South Norwood, Surrey; husband of Rose Clarke. Grave 35.
- COGGER, Pte. LOUIS, 13001140. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 37. Grave 17.
- DENISON, Dvr. FREDERICK CHARLES, T/158277. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 29. Son of Charles Denison, and of Mabel Annie Denison (née Dimond), of Leigh, Lancashire. Grave 42.
- DERHAM, Pte. LESLIE GORDON, S/165631. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Son of Charles Ernest and Alice A. Derham, of Enfield, Middlesex. Grave 39.
- EDWARDS, Pte. SIDNEY GEORGE, 147447. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Grave 7.
- EVANS, Spr. WILLIAM HENRY, 1903432. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 33. Son of Henry and Edith Evans, of Bloxwich, Staffordshire. Grave 62.
- FLEMING, Spr. GEORGE, 1918047. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 23. Son of John Thomas Fleming and Sarah Ann Fleming, of Drightlington, Yorkshire. Grave 9.
- GARRETT, Sjt. ALBERT HENRY, 94087. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Husband of Doris Lilian Garrett, of Wilcot, Wiltshire. Grave 59.
- GIBBS, Spr. LEONARD, 1904515. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 24. Grave 45.
- GREENFIELD, Pte. PHILLIP WILLIAM, 6289187. 2nd Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 22. Son of John Greenfield, and of Cecilia Caroline Greenfield, of Littlebourne, Kent. Grave 51.
- GRIGGS, Pte. ROY, 7667695. R.A.P.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 23. Son of Henry and Adelaide C. Griggs, of Oxford. Grave 69.
- HAINES, L.Cpl. WALTER FREDERICK, T/60452. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 37. Son of Albert James Haines and Emily Blanche Haines; husband of L. W. Haines. Grave 36.



- HANSON, Pte. CUTHBERT DENNIS, 7623949. R.A.O.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 23. Son of Thomas and Minnie Ellen Hanson, of Worcester. Grave 50.
- HARRISON, Pte. SIDNEY, 147815. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 41. Son of William and Ellen Harrison. Grave 10.
- HENNAH, Spr. JOHN CHARLES, 1904268. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 41. Grave 56.
- HOLMES, Pte. EDWARD JAMES, S/94990. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 43. Son of Edward James Holmes and Janet Holmes. Grave 31.
- HUNT, Pte. LEWIS VINCENT, S/114695. 17th Field Bakery, R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of Donald and Alice Taylor Hunt, of Belper, Derbyshire. Grave 23.
- IRETON, Spr. HENRY ARTHUR, 1902675. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 34. Son of Arthur S. Ireton and Naomi L. Ireton; husband of Ethel Ireton, of Carshalton, Surrey. Grave 27.
- JOHNSTONE, Dvr. GEORGE FRANK, T/58405. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 35. Son of George and Rachel Isabell Johnstone; husband of Eva Mary Johnstone, of Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed. Grave 28.
- KENNEDY, Pte. ROBERT BROWN, 13005264. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 41. Son of William and Hannah Elizabeth Kennedy, of Newcastle-on-Tyne; husband of Lily Kennedy, of Shieldfield, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Grave 54.
- LECKENBY, Pte. CHARLES, 13005233. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 37. Grave 37.
- LUSTY, A.C.1 WILFRED, 631821. R.A.F.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Son of Frank and Millicent Lusty, of Leonard Stanley, Gloucestershire. Grave 3.
- McKELVIE, Sgt. JOHN, 761198. R.A.F.(V.R.). 98 Sqdn.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 27. Son of John and Helen Agnes McKelvie, of Leatherhead, Surrey. Grave 65.
- MANNING, Cpl. ERNEST GEORGE, S/54140. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 31. Son of Joseph Benson Manning and Anne Manning; husband of Gladys Pearl Manning. Grave 67.
- MORRIS, Pte. ARTHUR LEONARD, 147519. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Son of Arthur and Henrietta Morris; husband of Winifred Morris, of Hammersmith, London. Grave 48.
- MUNNERLEY, Pte. CHARLES, T/127367. 1 Base Supply Depot., R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 26. Son of Herbert and Margaret Loosely Munnerley, of Lower Bebington, Cheshire. Grave 53.
- NEWBY, Sgt. GEORGE, 3440142. 1/6th Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 38. Son of Frank and Charlotte Newby; husband of Marion Newby, of Epsom, Surrey. Grave 29.
- NEWMAN, Gnr. KENNETH ARTHUR, 1490973. 158 Bty., 53 H.A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of George E. Newman and Bertha A. Newman, of Beckenham, Kent. Grave 70.
- NOVIS, Cpl. JOSEPH, S/148584. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 32. Son of Joseph and Louisa Jane Novis, of Smoulscombe, Sussex. Grave 15.
- PARRY, Pte. SAMUEL HENRY, 4975823. 1/5th Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derby Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 25. Grave 68.
- PROSSER, Pte. NORMAN JAMES, 6289212. 2nd Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Prosser. Grave 1.
- RAPER, Sgt. GEORGE CHESTERFIELD, 386297. Chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold II, Croix de Guerre. R.A.P.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 48. Son of John and Susan Raper; husband of Ethel Raper, of Coventry. Mentioned in Despatches in the 1914-1918 War. Grave 63.

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- ✓ • ROBERTS, Cpl. CHARLES HENRY, 13001510. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 40. Son of Henry King Roberts and Alice Ellen Roberts. Grave 11.
- ✓ • SCOTT, Cpl. CHARLES HERBERT, S/94027. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 28. Son of W. J. Scott and Jessie Scott; husband of Margaret Emily Scott, of Devizes, Wiltshire. Grave 19.
- ✓ • SILVER, Spr. RONALD ARTHUR, 1911263. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 24. Son of Pte. Charles Henry Silver, Royal Marine Light Infantry (killed in action in Belgium, 26th October, 1917), and of Elizabeth Silver, of Farnborough, Hampshire. Grave 16.
- ✓ • SPOONER, Gnr. JOHN FREDERICK, 1491085. 157 Bty., 53 A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 22. Son of Edward and Catherine Spooner, of Greenwich, London. Grave 40.
- ✓ • STURGESS, Cpl. THOMAS RALPH, 310811. 12th Royal Lancers, R.A.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 31. Son of Thomas and Louisa Elizabeth Sturgess; husband of Hilda Alice Sturgess, of Southampton. Grave 43.
- ✓ • SUTTON, Pte. CYRIL THOMAS, S/10516. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 30. Grave 47.
- ✓ • TATE, Pte. THOMAS THOMPSON ALLISON, 13002832. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Son of Ezekiel and Maria Tate; husband of Sarah Ann Tate, of Sunderland, Co. Durham. Grave 6.
- ✓ • THOMAS, Spr. BRINLEY CLIFFORD, 1927008. 154 Rly. Operating Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 42. Son of Matthew and Sinah Ann Thomas; husband of Doris May Thomas, of Oakwood, Glamorgan. Grave 57.
- ✓ • THOMAS, Pte. PERCY REGINALD, 7593462. 1 Base Ordnance Depot, R.A.O.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Grave 55.

- ✓ • TRAVISS, Pte. GEORGE, 13002817. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 45. Son of John and Martha Traviss; husband of Olive May Traviss, of Sunderland, Co Durham. Grave 14.
- ✓ • TUNSTALL, Pte. THOMAS, 7605537. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 29. Son of Thomas and Margaret Tunstall; husband of Esther Tunstall, of Liverpool. Grave 5.
- ✓ • WATKIN, L.A.C. FRANCIS WILLIAM, 625205. R.A.F. 98 Sqdn.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 19. Son of Francis Henry and Alice Louisa Watkin, of Derby. Grave 52.

### RIAILLÉ COMMUNAL CEMETERY

(Index No. Fr. 1597)

Riaillé is a village and commune about 24 miles (38 kilometres) north-east of Nantes, and some 14 miles (23 kilometres) south of Châteaubriant. It stands at the junction of the secondary roads from Joué-sur-Erdre to St. Mars-la-Jaille and Châteaubriant to Ancenis. Nantes is the most convenient centre, whence the village is best reached by taxi.

The communal cemetery is on the eastern side of the village, about 150 yards from the church south of the road to St. Mars-la-Jaille. In the south-eastern (far left) corner, against the rear wall, are the graves of two airmen belonging to the Royal Canadian Air Force.

BURGESS, Flt. Lieut. (Pilot) RAYMOND RICHARD, J/7612. R.C.A.F. 406 Sqdn. 25th July, 1944. Age 27. Son of Richard and Sadie Burgess, of Biggar, Saskatchewan, Canada.

MACPHERSON, Flt. Lieut. (Nav.) WILLIAM NEIL, J/9133. R.C.A.F. 406 Sqdn. 25th July, 1944.

### STE. MARIE COMMUNAL CEMETERY

(Index No. Fr. 1598)

Ste. Marie is a coastal village and commune 33½ miles (54 kilometres) west-south-west of Nantes, and about 2 miles (3 kilometres) west of Pornic, a small town and fishing port which is the terminus of a branch railway line from Nantes. Passenger trains run only in the summer, but there are bus services between Nantes and Pornic and Pornic and Ste. Marie.

The communal cemetery is on the northern side of the village, behind the church. There are two rows of British war graves; the main row is near and south-east of the entrance to the cemetery, and the smaller row at the eastern end of the burial ground. Here rest 37 British soldiers and an airman of the Royal Air Force. The majority of these servicemen perished when the troopship *Lancastria* was sunk off St. Nazaire by enemy bombs on 17th June, 1940. Fifteen of these soldiers are not identified.



- ANTHONY, Sgt. PATRICK, 7606674. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 34. Coll. grave 7.
- BIRD, Spr. CHARLES EDWARD, 1912389. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 40. Coll. grave 7.
- BONIFACE, Sgt. (W.Op./Air Gnr.) RONALD JOHN, 751838. R.A.F.(V.R.). 98 Sqdn.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Coll. grave 1.
- BROOKS, Pte. JOSEPH, 4971989. The Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derby Regt.). 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 27. Coll. grave 1.
- GRAHAM, Pte. WILLIAM, T/58085. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 41. Coll. grave 7.
- HOLROYD, Pte. GORDON, 4977771. 9th Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derby Regt.); lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Coll. grave 3.
- JACKSON, Cpl. ALBERT EDWARD, 13005617. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 49. Husband of Elizabeth Jackson, of Tamworth, Staffordshire. Coll. grave 5.
- KINGSMAN, Spr. GEORGE RICHARD, 1914308. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 20. Coll. grave 1.
- LEA, Spr. SYDNEY, 1912429. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 28. Coll. grave 6.
- LESLIE, Pte. LEONARD GEORGE, 6195176. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 39. Coll. grave 2.
- NUTTON, Dvr. ALLAN EDWARD, 71268. 2 Res. M.T. Coy., R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 26. Son of Edward and Lillian Nutton, of Bradford, Yorkshire; husband of Elsie Nutton, of Bradford. Coll. grave 7.
- ORME, Spr. THOMAS, 1913322. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 26. Son of Ellen Orme, of Liverpool. Coll. grave 6.
- PINCHON, EDWARD VICTOR (served as YOUNG, Pte. GEORGE, S/147042). R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 39. Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Pinchon; husband of Beatrice Pinchon, of Clapham, London. Coll. grave 2.
- PORTER, Pte. JOSEPH HENRY, 13005198. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 37. Coll. grave 3.
- POWELL, Spr. JAMES WILSON, 1892994. 159 Rly. Constr. Coy., Royal Engineers. 10th May/22nd July, 1940. Age 20. Son of Arthur and Annie Powell, of Whitchurch, Glamorgan. Coll. grave 6.
- PRIDDEY, Sgt. PETER BASIL, 7591313. R.A.O.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 21. Son of William Ernest and Frances Mary Priddey, of Ruislip, Middlesex. Coll. grave 5.
- SCOTT, Pte. CHARLES, 6288709. 2nd Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt.). 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Coll. grave 6.
- SCUGALL, Pte. JOSEPH, 13009067. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 39. Coll. grave 3.
- SMITH, Pte. GEORGE JOSEPH, 13002752. Aux. Mil. Pioneer Corps; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 36. Coll. grave 4.
- STAFFORD, Pte. JOHN HENRY, 50441. 1 Base Ordnance Depot, R.A.O.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 42. Son of John Stafford, M.B.E., and Henrietta Maud Stafford, of Putney, London; husband of Vera Stafford. Scholar of London University. Coll. grave 7.
- WATSON, Pte. THOMAS, 4978878. The Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derby Regt.). 28th May/23rd June, 1940. Age 20. Son of George Ernest and Clara Lily Watson, of Bulwell, Nottingham. Coll. grave 4.
- WILKIN, Spr. ERIC CECIL, 1912465. 663 Artisan Works Coy., Royal Engineers; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 28. Son of John and Beatrice Ellen Wilkin, of Beeston, Nottinghamshire; husband of Violet Jane Wilkin. Coll. grave 2.
- WOODS, Pte. CHARLES ALBERT, S/147603. R.A.S.C.; lost in s.s. *Lancastria* (Liverpool). 17th June, 1940. Age 39. Coll. grave 1.
- YOUNG, Pte. GEORGE, S/147042 (see PINCHON, EDWARD VICTOR).