



DISCOVERING THE MOBBS' OWN

A project to find the stories of the men and their families of
'D' Company, 7th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment



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In memory of Jon Cooksey

Jon Cooksey was a key member of the Mobbs' Own project team. He died during the time we were writing this brochure. Jon had a wealth of military history knowledge and in particular, the First World War including Edgar Mobbs and the Mobbs' Own. As one of our professional military historians, he generously shared his insight with our project volunteers. His last trip to the French and Belgian battlefields was with our team in March 2020 – for some it was their first trip. His energy and enthusiasm brought to life what happened to the Mobbs' Own. Rest in peace Jon.

This booklet describes the story of the Mobbs' Own project which is the first project delivered by the Heritage team and a group of volunteers at the Northampton Saints Foundation.

More importantly, it tells the stories of some of the men of the Mobbs' Own and their families.

March 2020



THE MOBBS' OWN PROJECT

What we are trying to achieve

The objective of this project is to find out the stories of the Mobbs' Own and their families.

The Northampton Saints Foundation was established in 2018, with three areas of focus – Education to support schools with a variety of programmes, Social Inclusion to support young people who have some of the most significant challenges in the town and county and Heritage, to gather and protect the history of Northampton Saints Rugby Club.

The Mobbs' Own project is funded by a grant from the National Lottery Heritage. We thank them for their support throughout the project. With their help, we evolved the project content so everyone involved could learn more and gain new skills. And we made the most of the challenging times that the COVID-19 crisis brought..

Over twenty volunteers have been involved in researching and sharing the stories of the Mobbs' Own. They continue to work hard exploring and researching – and still find some amazing stories about these remarkable men.

This project is the first of many which will research the history of the club and its place in the town.



THE MOBBS' OWN

Who were they?

The Mobbs' Own were a company of men, recruited by Edgar Mobbs in early September 1914. They were recruited into 'D' Company, 7th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment.

Initially, 450 men volunteered and of those, we now believe nearly 280 went to France. We are still finding new names. We have limited our scope to those that joined with Mobbs in those early days. Many more men joined throughout the war – we have focussed on those that heard the call to join in September 1914.

Traditionally, it's been thought this was a company mostly made up of sportsmen. We now know that there were many sportsmen but many other trades and professions were present too.

They also, came from all over the country – one man was from Oldham whilst a group of friends joined from Stroud. But mostly, they came from the towns and villages from Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

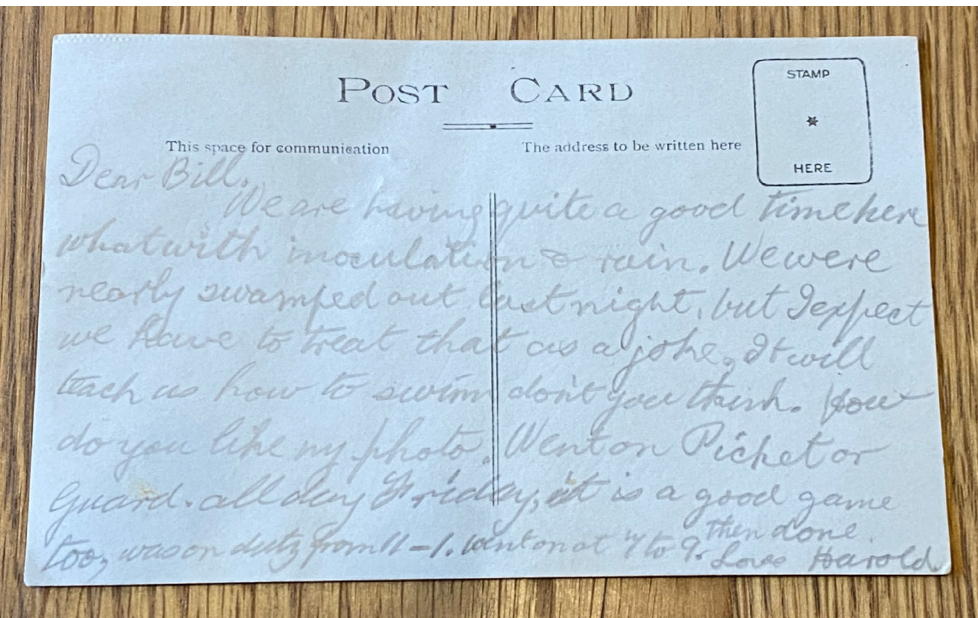
Many didn't spend long with the Mobbs' Own – some were promoted into other regiments; some were transferred because of their skills and some never made it to France because their health wasn't good enough.

We have learned that whilst 84 of the men died, many more came home. This brochure seeks to tell their stories.



Private Frank Harold Axford 15766

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal



Known in the family as Harold, his father was a Shoe Laster who moved the family from London to Northampton around the turn of the century. A tall, slender figure, the youngest of 5 children, Harold signed up at the age of 19, having previously worked at George Mence Smith in Mercer's Row.



Harold married Ethel Vaughan, a shoe machinist, in early 1916, apparently after her father demanded Harold be given leave to marry his daughter, as she was pregnant. Sadly, Harold never met his daughter Madge. Wounded in action, with a gunshot wound to the chest on 13th July 1916, Harold re-joined his battalion, only to be killed in action a month later at Guillemont. He is commemorated on the Thiepval memorial.

Ethel had to write repeatedly to have Harold's personal effects returned to her, and only received them on 25th February 1917 – sadly, there is no mention of the gold ring and silver chain she sought.

We have met two of Harold's relatives – his grand-daughter, Carol and his great-nephew, Simon. Carol showed us Harold's medals, his cigarette case and her mother's locket which has a photo of Harold and Madge in it. And a postcard which shows Harold had a wry sense of humour.

Lance Corporal Frank Ormrod 15617

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal, Silver War Badge

Frank Ormrod was not a local boy. His family home was Oldham, Lancashire. One of his older brothers, William, was a teacher at Northampton School (now NSB) and they enrolled together when he was visiting in 1914. William was quickly commissioned and served with the Lancashire Fusiliers, going on to be awarded the Military Cross, leaving his younger brother presumably among a group of complete strangers.

Frank was reported as missing after the first day of the battle of Loos (25th September, 1915). By November that had changed, with his death being reported. One can only imagine the turmoil his parents went through, when in January 1916 he was reported as a prisoner of war. Apparently, he had been wounded in Loos, hit in the head by a shell which left him paralysed in one leg.



The Red Cross brokered an arrangement to transfer prisoners who were unlikely to be fit enough to re-join any fighting, to a neutral location for the duration of the war. Frank was one such person and was transferred to Murren, Switzerland.

He returned to England in 1917 and attended the first reunion dinner of Mobbs' Own in September 1919, proposing a toast to the health of Major Farrer. Frank married in Saddleworth in 1924, had a son in 1928 and lived until 1978, when he died in Blackpool



Major Denis Herbert Farrer

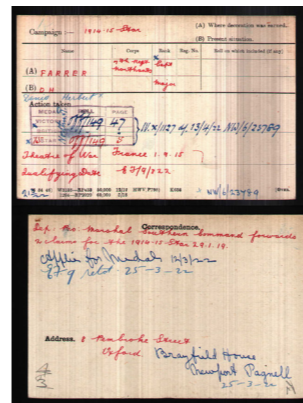
1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Born in Bigbury, Devon, Denis was the only son of Maria and Frederick, the rector of Bigbury. In 1907 he married Joan Freeman-Mitford, sister to David, the father of the infamous Mitford girls. Denis had previously spent some time with Joan's brother on a tea planting station in Ceylon where he served with the Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps.

Joining the Mobbs' Own as a Sergeant, he was soon promoted and became a leading figure in 'D' Company, hosting journalists in Mobbs' absence at Shoreham, during pre- deployment training. He was injured in 1915 with a gunshot wound to his left shoulder, which healed. His military career continued back home until 1919, due to medical issues which limited the movement of his right arm. He left from the position of Major and Assistant Provost Marshal.

Denis and his family lived in Brayfield House, near Newport Pagnell which he inherited along with the role of lord of the manor. Denis was active in community affairs all his life notably as a Magistrate, a County Councillor, British Legion Branch President, and Chairman of the Board of Managers, Bedford Modern School.

He also established the annual Mobbs reunion dinners. In 1919 over 100 men attended the first where Farrer raised a toast to Mobbs, and the fallen who made the ultimate sacrifice.



The connection with the Mitford family was a close one with Denis's three daughters being at school with their cousins and frequent visitors to each other's houses during the holidays.

Pamela Mitford was the same age as Barbara Farrer and was one of her bridesmaids when she married.

Anne and Joan Farrer were contemporaries of Jessica and Unity Mitford. They were even given names in Boudledidge, the

language the Mitford girls created. It was reputed that it was to Anne Farrer that Jessica first expressed her concerns about the 'have-nots' in society.

Jessica went on to be a communist eloping with her boyfriend to the Spanish Civil War. Unity was at the other extreme – satirised at the time as 'the Hitler lover'. She shot herself in the head days after Britain declared war on Germany in 1939 – she failed to kill herself but died later of pneumococcal meningitis.

Hon Captain Leonard Skempton 15577

Silver War Badge | Saint #342

Leonard was the second son born to Samuel, a Building Society clerk and Elizabeth, in Holly Road, Northampton. Both Leonard and his brother Alex played for Northampton Saints, #342 and #364 respectively. Alex made his debut in 1908 and won just 7 caps. Leonard moved from Moseley to make his debut in 1907 and went on to win 62 caps. A forward, he was also a contemporary of Edgar Mobbs in the East Midlands team of 1907.

Signing up with Mobbs' Own, Leonard was then commissioned in May 1915 as a second lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion of the South Staffordshire regiment, transferring quickly to the 8th. In June 1916 he was diagnosed with a heart problem. After several assessments by medical boards he was transferred to

the Oxford Volunteer regiment in 1917. He was confirmed unfit for service in November 1918, when he was awarded the rank of Honorary Captain.

His brother Alex died in 1926 as a result of his war service, though the authorities never recognised this. He never went on to see the success of his son, named after him. Sir Alec Westley Skempton became a renowned professor of soil mechanics and civil engineering at Imperial College, a leading figurehead in his field for over 50 years

Leonard worked for Royal Insurance as a resident manager, moving from Oxford to Nottingham, with his wife Gladys.



NORTHAMPTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB 1908-9

PAFFISSELL	A.E. KNIGHT	L. SKEMPTON	H. BURKE	T. BIRGH	EW. WHITE	A. STORRAR	R. WILLIAMSON
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	T. H. PRESTON					R. HARRISON	

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Captain George Edward Foster 15695

Monmouthshire Regiment | 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

George Foster, an ex Northampton School pupil (now NSB), was 20 and an articled clerk doing his law exams when he signed up with Mobbs' Own. Quickly promoted to Lance Corporal, he applied for a commission in December 1914. He was successful, and by the end of January 1915 had transferred to the Monmouthshire Regiment as a Second Lieutenant. He remained with them until demobilisation, reaching the rank of Captain in 1917.

George survived both injury and capture. In August 1916 he was hit in the elbow by a machine gun bullet. It chipped the bone but passed through, piercing and lodging in his thigh. He removed the bullet himself. He returned to the UK in September 1916 where he remained until declared fit for service in February 1917. In April 1918 he was captured and taken as a prisoner of war to Karlsruhe. Repatriated in December 1918, he had to file details of his capture, and by April had been cleared of any blame.



Transcript of Foster's capture

The battalion was in line holding a line of trenches which had been dug the night previously. I was in charge of B company on the battalion's left flank. We had no communication with HQ or other companies except over the top. The battalion was not supported by artillery, TMs, MGs (machine guns), infantry supports or aeroplanes. About 4pm on 12th April 1918 the right flank of the battalion was forced to retire (owing to a gap on the right), under a very heavy enemy attack, preceded by a day's bombardment. I was unable to keep my two Lewis guns and all rifles sufficiently supplied with SAA (ammunition?) owing to heavy casualties amongst carrying parties.

The battalion on the left was also forced to retire by enemy attack at the same time, the attack turning and coming into our rear. I held my position as long as I could bring effective fire to bear on the enemy to cover the retirement, but they soon passed in to a village on the right and dead ground on the left rear. I then ordered what remained of my company to occupy higher ground in the rear.

A subaltern with me was shot down at short range, and later an enemy soldier aimed at me at a range of about 15 yards, but his comrade knocked his rifle down and took me prisoner. I was unable to get back through the advancing German lines.

While this was happening, as an ex prisoner of war, his employers requested that he be demobilised in order to take his final exams. Once qualified he spent many years working for Dennis, Faulkner and Alsop (DFA Law) and was also Daventry Town Clerk 1920-1943, taking an active part in the preparation of the town for the Second World War.

George was also a key figure in the reunion of men from the Monmouthshire Regiment returning to Northampton in 1938 to be reunited with the families who provided billets for them. George was one of five Northampton men who took commissions in the Monmouthshire Regiment.

THE OSBORN BOYS

Lance Corporal Reginald Lewis Osborn 15613

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Lieutenant Frederick James Osborn 15614

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Reginald and Frederick, along with their sister Mabel (May) were the three children born to Frederick Lewis Osborn and his first wife Kate. Sadly, Kate died in 1901 when the children were only 12, 5, and 4, though they soon had a stepmother when their father married Annie Bird in 1903. Frederick was the oldest child, born in 1889. Having been a law student, he was 25 when he signed up. He appears to have been a competent hockey player, taking part in County trials in 1909.

Reginald was only 18. He had just completed a two-year apprenticeship on a farm in Emberton when he signed up. Both brothers survived the war, though Frederick suffered

dreadfully – he was hospitalised in 1916 with scabies, impetigo and then influenza. He was appointed to a commission and moved around several of the Northamptonshire battalions, rising to the rank of Lieutenant by November 1917. This was the same month as he was very severely gassed, rendering him blind for 6 days. As a result of this he spent several months in convalescence at Croxteth.

Reginald's service record seems less eventful. He transferred from the Mobbs' Own to the Military Foot Police where he became a Lance Corporal. He settled in Cheshire as a dairy farmer, with his wife and son, until he died in 1961.



THE CLEAVER BOYS

2nd Lieutenant Ernest Alfred Cleaver 15725

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

Private Richard George Cleaver 15724

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

The Cleaver brothers, Ernest and Richard were two of four children born to Alfred and Anne, who ran a successful business as Builders' Merchants. Ernest and Richard were just 17 and 18 when they signed up. In September 1915 they were sent as part of the same gun team to the Battle of Loos where they fought side by side. On 22nd October 1915, the Mercury reported that Richard was missing in the great advance, and Ernest was seriously wounded. Richard was never found and is commemorated on the Loos memorial. Ernest was treated in the field hospital and ultimately returned to England on a hospital ship to be treated for the wounds to his right arm and thigh.

On 10th February 1916 Ernest was transferred to the Royal Engineers as Pioneer 146224 joining the Chemists Company at Chatham. On 6th March, he joined No.4 Special Battalion. It appears he was involved in the handling and discharge of poisonous gas. By the end of March he was back in France joining up with the 3rd Army. The Mercury of 29th December, 1916 reports that Ernest had

been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field, digging out under fire an officer and two men who were partially buried.

By this time Ernest was back in England at the Royal Artillery cadet training school in Topsham, Devon. In February 1917 he was admitted to hospital with a hammer toe which was removed.

By June he was back in France, commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery.

Unlike his brother, Ernest survived the war and returned home to the family business and a quieter life. In September 1920 he is reported in the local press twice – on the first occasion, unveiling a memorial plaque at Mount Pleasant Baptist church for those who fell in the war, including of course the name of his brother, Richard; and on the second occasion a few days later for failing to have two independent working brakes on his motorcycle!

Ernest and Richard's father was a very active Baptist and supporter of the Bethany Homestead, as well as being a director of the Town Building Society. Ernest channelled his energies into playing an active role in the Rover Scouts.

Ernest married Evelyn Bartlett in 1922 and set up home in Abington Park Crescent, where they had two daughters, Helen in 1923 and Sylvia in 1926. Both Ernest's daughters went on to become professional musicians, Sylvia a violinist and Helen a pianist. They appeared regularly on the radio, had a successful tour of Australia, were both award winners at the Royal Academy of Music and were amongst many Northamptonians celebrated for success in the arts at the Town Hall in 1949. Sylvia in particular, continued to play and lead many chamber music groups before her untimely death aged only 49. A memorial concert was held for her in Birmingham and there is also a Chamber music award run by the Birmingham Conservatoire in her memory which is competed for annually.



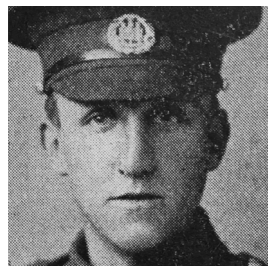
Richard George Cleaver 15724



Ernest Alfred Cleaver 15725

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 in which his courage and leadership
 proved most critical periods.

Private Frederick L Tarry 15557

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Son of a publican (his father ran the Florence Nightingale pub), Frederick was a general engineer, while his younger brother Thomas was a polisher who joined the Northamptonshire Yeomanry. Both survived the war, came home and married. Frederick started doing radio and cycle repairs in Lloyd Road, and went on to run his own cycle shop F L Tarry's on the Wellingborough Road.

Private Edwin Victor Mann 15640

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Youngest son of William Mann, a shoe manufacturer in Cogenhoe, Edwin won a scholarship from his junior school to the Northampton Modern & Technical School, (now NSB). He was a county council clerk when joining Mobbs and was taken prisoner from the Battle of Loos in 1915. He returned home and was quickly back representing the school old boys v Cobblers team at football and playing rugby for the Northamptonshire rugby union v Oundle school

Captain Reginald Pearson 15059

Military Cross, 1914-15 Star

Reginald was 24 when he signed up, born in Brighton he lived in Billing Road before signing up. He was a clerk for the county council in Northampton. He was wounded several times in 1916. He was commissioned to Lance Corporal, Lieutenant and eventually Captain. He was sadly killed so close to the end of hostilities after surviving being wounded several times earlier in his service.



THE CARTER BROTHERS

Private Alfred James Carter 15730

Alfred was born in Northampton, was baptised at St Mary's Church Far Cotton and lived with his parents Benjamin and Leah Carter at 175 Southampton Road Northampton. He was one of six boys in the Carter Family and we can imagine that at some point it must have been a lively household! Before he joined the 7th Northamptonshire Regiment, Alfred was a Brewery labourer, 3 of his brothers also enlisted shortly afterwards. Alfred was killed at Loos, aged 26.

Private Arthur Benjamin Carter 15728

One of Alfred's brothers he joined the 7th on 14th September 1914 along with his brother. Prior to joining up aged 18 Arthur was a "car conductor". He was killed on 14th July 1916 in action at the Battle of the Somme. At that time he had moved to the 6th Northants and is remembered at the Thiepval Memorial. All 4 brothers are mentioned on the Far Cotton Roll of Honour.

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Private Ezra Howard Carter 15729

Ezra joined up with the Carter brothers at the same time, same day. We think he may be a cousin. He was an apprentice motor engineer at the Peterborough Motor Company owned by the Mobbs family. Ezra's father was chauffer to Lord Lilford. Lilford played cricket for Northampton in 1911 and by report gave a first-class performance, in later years he was president of the Mobbs Memorial Fund. Ezra also died at Loos. He is remembered on the Achurch village War Memorial.

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Lance Corporal Arthur Holden 15033

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

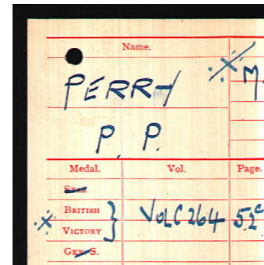
Arthur was a bookbinder from Kingsthorpe, he was 32 when he signed up. He died of wounds in hospital in London in June 1916, he had been wounded in February 1916 by an explosive bullet. His wife and mother were with him when he died. The Northampton Independent reported his death on 24th June 1916 saying "He will be remembered as the soldier who sent the first news to this district of the terrible casualties among the 7th in the Battle of Loos". The Northampton Mercury also reported his death on 23rd June, 1916 where it was noted that he had been the "evening attendant at the Ladies' open-air baths in Midsummer Meadow". He was buried in Billing Road cemetery.

THOMPSON, Fred	Harrold Hall Kendal
FERGUSON, Jane	Wendover Rd Northampton
CRICK, Walter	Wendover Rd Northampton
ORCHARD, Leopold	London
RUNGE, Mary	Wendover Rd Northampton
HUNTER, Annie	Wendover Rd Northampton
Wu, Chang Yush	Wendover Rd Northampton
RAY, John	Wendover Rd Northampton
SEARIDGE, George	Wendover Rd Northampton

Lieutenant Walter Crick 15718

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Walter lived in Abington Avenue, Northampton. The family owned a boot and shoe factory. He was injured at Loos and served as an officer in the RAF from February 1917. He married in 1918 and the marriage was annulled in 1922. After the war he continued to live in Abington Avenue and had a small science lab in his garden shed where he used to be helped in some of his explosive experiments by his nephew, Francis. Francis went on to become one of the Town's most noted sons following his identification of the double helix structure the DNA molecule. Walter died in California in 1970.



Acting Captain Pickering P Perry 15602

British War Medal, Victory medal

Pickering Phipps Perry was given the same name as his grandfather, a J.P. and former Mayor of Northampton, who died the year after his birth. It is a further generation back that the link between the Perry and Phipps (brewing) families was made, when Anne Phipps from Towcester married John Perry, Pickering's great grandfather, a master miller. Pickering however, followed his father John into the shoe industry.

The public-spirited nature of his ancestors continued with his father John being the Superintendent of the Northampton Ambulance service, and Pickering becoming heavily involved after the war with the YMCA and the Pomfret Lodge of the Freemasons.

Quickly commissioned, Pickering was transferred to the 2nd Kings Shropshire regiment as a Second Lieutenant. In 1916 there was further promotion to Lieutenant in the Machine Gun Corps, and finally to Acting Captain. It was while with them, that he was captured, and taken Prisoner of war in December 1917, and held for a year.



2nd Lieutenant William H Tuckey O.B.E. 15552

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

William was born in Towcester where his father ran the Talbot Hotel. He moved to Northampton as a young boy with his mother, formerly a boy's maid at Eton College, following the death of his father. Prior to joining up at the age of 25, William was a Fire, Life and Accident Insurance inspector and it was to this profession that he returned when he left the army, having gained a commission, and transferred to the Royal Army Service Corps. William went on to become a leading light in his field, gaining an OBE in 1938 when he was Chief Technical Officer of the Fire Offices' Committee. He became the first Director of the Fire Protection Association, renowned for the advancement of the science of fire protection and the provision of advice in this field.

THE FACER BOYS

Second Lieutenant Ralph George Facer 15704
1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal | Saint #499

Private Percy Walter Facer 15703
1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

The Facer brothers, Ralph George and Percy Walter, lived with their parents and their sister at Adnitt Road, Northampton . Percy was one year older than Ralph. They worked as clerks in Manfield & Sons, alongside their father. Walter.

They joined Mobbs' Own in September 1914 and were in action with the rest of the regiment in France a year later. Ralph became a sergeant and commissioned as 2nd lieutenant. He was wounded at least once during the war.

After the war the brothers returned to Northampton and continued working at Manfield.

Ralph played for Northampton Saints – Saint #499 – from 1919 until 1925 and scored one penalty! Percy lived in Bush Hill, Northampton and was Manfield's chief wages clerk . He played football for the Cobblers and cricket for local sides.

Ralph died in December 1949 aged 63. His sporting interests had never ceased and his funeral was attended by representatives from Kingsthorpe golf club, Abington tennis and bowls clubs and two whist leagues. Directors and staff from Manfield were also present and E.V. Mann, H. Featherstone and F. Bailey represented 'D' Company 7th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment 1914-1918 association. Former Saints player J.B. Merry also attended. Ralph was secretary of the White Rose Lodge of the Free Gardeners Friendly Society.



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W. Taylor J. Millward R. Jones

Northampton Football Club, Season 1928-29
Record : Played 38 Won 32 Lost 6 Points for 552. Points against 228.

Lance Corporal John Graham (Jack) Gillam 15685

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal | Saint #411

Lance Corporal John Graham (Jack) Gillam was born in 1891 at Cleeve Prior in Worcestershire. He was the son of John Alfred Gillam who was a coachman. He was a schoolmaster at Bletchley Road School in Buckinghamshire, living at Fenny Stratford. He married Dorothy Juffs in 1915.

He started playing rugby for Olney, like many Saints players before him, including Blair Swannell and his captain Mobbs. He was quickly picked up by Saints – making his first appearance in 1911. Like many rugby players of the time, Gillam's appearances on the field were restricted by other commitments – in his case teaching. In his three full seasons with the Saints, Gillam made 35 appearances, scoring an impressive 19 tries. Jack joined the Mobbs' Own very early on in September 1914. Graham McKechnie describes what happened to Gilliam:

'Gillam's is a particularly poignant story. He played together with Mobbs at Saints in the years before the First World War – both tall, blonde-haired three-quarters. He was one of the first to volunteer with his captain, leaving behind his job as a teacher. He'd also recently married and in the weeks after Loos letters appear from his wife, asking if anyone knew what had happened to him. She was being sent conflicting accounts – some said he was dead, others that he was a prisoner. Eventually a letter arrived from Mobbs himself, saying that she was to stop hoping, that Jack was dead. His body was never found – his name is now on the wall of the memorial at Loos, but like all of those thousands of names, there's a story and private grief behind it.'

Jack Gilliam is one of two of the Mobbs' Own named on the Saints' War Memorial at Franklin's Gardens (Edgar Mobbs is the other).



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Private Frank RS Adams 15774

Frank Rowland Stanley Adams was the youngest son of Alderman Frank Oliver Adams and his wife, Sarah.

Whilst Frank was a draper, his father was a Master Baker – their shop was at 22 Marefair which is now the Ibis Hotel. According to the 1911 Census, Frank lived in Northampton with his four siblings – Ada, Sarah, Elizabeth and Thomas. He went to school at what is now Northampton School for Boys.

His brother Thomas, followed in his father's footsteps and was a Master Confectioner. The business became what we knew until recently, as Oliver Adams, the Bakers. Frank never made it to France – he travelled with the rest of the Mobbs' Own to Shoreham in East Sussex for training prior to going to France.

Whilst at Shoreham, Frank contracted meningitis and died in a hospital in Brighton. His funeral was held in Northampton – he was buried with full military honours at Billing Road Cemetery.

In a tragic twist, Frank's grave was destroyed in 1941 in an air raid. He is now honoured on the First World War memorial at Billing Road.



Major General Sir Stuart Greeves 15681

Knight Commander of the British Empire, Companion of the Order of the Bath, Distinguished Service Order and Bar, Military Cross and Bar

Stuart Greeves joined the Mobbs' Own straight from Northampton Town and County School aged 17. His parents lived at 'Red Gables', Cogenhoe.

Stuart Greeves is our most decorated of the Mobbs' Own and the one who has provided us with the most insight into what life was like in the trenches. In the 1980's, he was asked some questions about the war by an American student. The answers he provided are held by the Liddell Hart Collection, King's College, London.

He seems to have been stoic about his experiences - an example, is his description of when he was wounded at the battle of the Somme. He had to walk 12 miles for medical help with a piece of shrapnel in his foot - he saw others as a bigger priority.

At the end of the war, he transferred to the Indian army. He had a number of roles including fighting in Burma in 1944. In 1948, he transferred to the Pakistan army where he was its Quartermaster.

He was promoted to Major General in the summer of 1947 and awarded a Companion Order of the Bath in 1948, in 1957 he came a Knight Commander of the British Empire. He retired in 1957 and lived in Cape Town until his death in 1989.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regtl. No.
GREEVES	North's R Lancs Fus. I.A.S.C.	Pte 2/Lieut. Capt	15681
Stuart.	Indian A. ^{att} S+T Cps	Lieut	"
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	Ind. Army Off 170	118 D	RIF Roll 11/1018 Sub comm. 11137 I.V.X. 474/21-25-25 EF/2/1965
BRITISH	19/19/46-26	68	Issued by S.O. EF/4/1965
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31st January 1981.

Dear Garside,

Reference your letter dated the 9th of December 1980. regarding military papers.

I regret that I have no military papers of any value at all. I recently received a request from an American student of the 1914-1918 war in France in which he forwarded to me a series of questions for answers.

Although I had not given this subject any thought for over sixty years I did my best to answer them. For this reason the answers may not be accurate in all respects. These notes contain no original matter at all and relate to experiences similar to those experienced by many thousands of officers and men who were in a similar situation as myself. I enclose a copy in case it is of interest to anyone. If not required please destroy.

Yours sincerely,
S Greeves

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Lieutenant William Rowlatt Ashwell 15764

1914-15 Star

Born in 1893 to a farming family, William had been a pupil at Oundle school, where he was a member of the cadets. He was living in Market Harborough when he signed up with the 7th Northants, but he was commissioned to the 5th Leicestershire in July 1915.

He transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and served with them from January 1917 till August 1919 before transferring back to the 5th Leicester prior to being demobilised in February 1920 as a result of a medical board where he was deemed to be unfit for further service. He had suffered from a fast pulse, daily headaches, was sleeping badly and had slight tremors. He looked tired and worn out and claimed he had been without leave for a period of 2 years 7 months.

In 1917 he married Beatrice Roberts and had three daughters between 1921-1927. In the 1939 register he is working as a dry-cleaning manager in Leicester.



Name	Corps	Rank	Regtl. No.
ASHWELL	5th Leics: Regt R.F.C.	2/Lieut Lt	
WILLIAM ROWLATT			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	088 / 159	16	1914-15 Star I.V. 2549/0 date 2-6-20 auth. NW/5/2361
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CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

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Number of Schedule 44
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (Last Birthday) and SEX.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.				PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.			BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.
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1 James Ashwell	Head	55	Married	22	2	2		Farmer	100			
2 Ann Ashwell	Wife	43								Employer		
3 Annie Maria Ashwell	Daughter	21	single									
4 William Rowlatt Ashwell	Son	17	single					Jarvison working on Farm	110			
5 Beatrice Annie Hart	Daughter	7						School	8			
6 Ada Evelyn Lotters	Servant	16	single					General servant	010	150		

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2nd Lieutenant Frederick Edward Adkin 15772

Military Medal, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Having become a sergeant in the Mobbs' Own, Frederick Adkin was then commissioned to the Royal Sussex Regiment as a 2nd lieutenant.

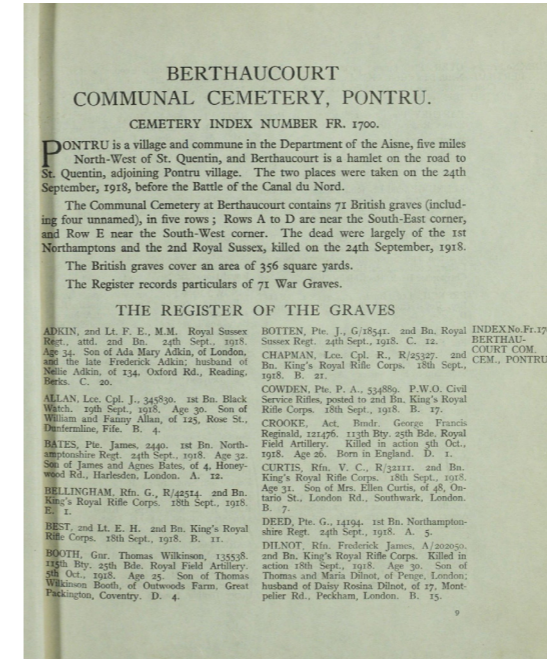
Born in 1883, Frederick was a bootmaker living in Adams Avenue. He was 30 when he signed up having previously been with the 33rd battalion Imperial Yeomanry, Calcutta Volunteers and Northamptonshire Volunteers.

He rose quickly through the ranks suffering only a sprained ankle, and then shrapnel wounds with the 7th, which kept him out of action for a couple of weeks in 1916.

He gained his commission to the Royal Sussex regiment in June 1916, around the same time as he married Nellie, Fanny Luisa Ruth Hallow of 13 Victoria Terrace, Hove.

Sadly, he was killed in action in September 1918 and is buried at Bertheaucourt.

His Military Medal was awarded for exceptional bravery.



Awarded "The Military Medal." **FRANCE.**

Surname Adkin

Christian Name F. F.

Rank Sgt

Corps 4th Bn, Northamptonshire

Regimental Number 15442

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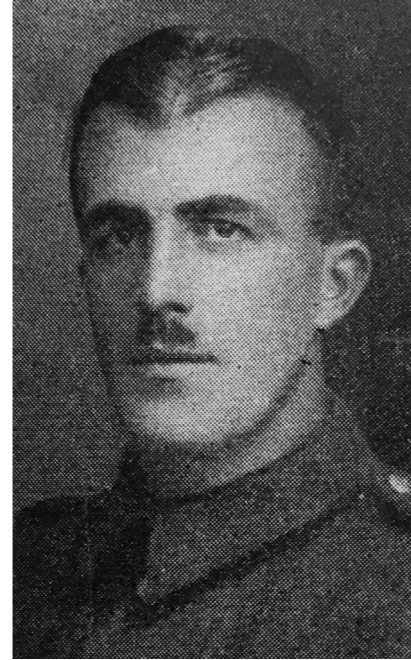
Serjeant John (Jack) Stock 15564

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

John Stock was born to Mary Ann Stock in January 1891 at St Paul's in Northampton. In the 1891 census John is living with his Grandparents, James (65) and Letitia (63), and his mother Mary Ann (27). There is no mention of John's father and his mother is listed on the census as single; not married or widowed. Looking onto the 1911 census, he lived with his mother and widowed grandfather (Letitia having died in 1892) at 45 Northcote Street. There is still no mention of John's father or any other siblings. At this time John was a Registration clerk at the Northampton Labour exchange.

John met his wife Mabel Mary Harris, born 1894, and they were married in July or August of 1915. At the time of the marriage, John would have already been a member of 'D' Company, having trained at Shoreham before heading off to France in September 1915. It was probably no surprise to the family that he joined up to fight in the war, as he had previously served with the Northamptonshire Yeomanry. However,

the next few months must have been a very harrowing time for John's wife and family as he was initially reported "as missing in action" before, like so many of the Mobb's Own, being confirmed as having been "shot through the heart" on 27th September, 1915 whilst at The Battle of Loos. He is commemorated at the Loos Memorial on stone 91. His total estate of £5, 2s and 6d was left to his wife Mabel on the 12 April 1916 but when his war gratuity came through in June 1919 he had a sum of £6 and 10s which was distributed to 'wife and sole'; a child of John's that he never knew or met; again like so many others.



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DUPLICATE

SHORT SERVICE.
 (Three years with the Colours.)

ATTESTATION OF

No. 15564 Name Stock John Corps Northamptonshire

Northamptonshire

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

1. What is your name? *John Stock*
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? *St Paul's Northampton*
3. Are you a British Subject? *Yes*
4. What is your Age? *24 years 12/11/15*
5. What is your Trade or Calling? *General Services Clerk*
6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, for what period? *No*
7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? if so, where, to whom? for what period? and, when did or will, the period of your Apprenticeship expire? *Yes. At the Mill, Northampton 1910. Finished 6/11/15*
8. Are you Married? *No*
9. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power? *No*
10. Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? if so to what unit and Corps? *No*
11. Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? if so, state which unit, and cause of discharge. *Yeomanry left Northampton 1910. Discharged 6/11/15. Return to father*
12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? *Yes*
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? if so, on what grounds? *No*
14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? *Yes*
15. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? *Yes*
16. Did I receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? *Yes. Name Sgt. M. G. Corp*
17. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services? *Yes*

For a term of three years, unless War lasts longer than three years, in which case you will be retained until the War is over. If employed with Hospitals, depots of Mounted Units, and as Clerks, etc., you may be retained after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall in no case exceed six months. If, however, the War is over in less than 3 years, you will be discharged with all convenient speed.

I, *John Stock*, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

John Stock SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
C. D. W. A. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, *John Stock*, swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and true to the Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me.

A. G. on this *14/11/15* day of *Nov* 191*4*.

A. G. Signature of the Justice

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration under Section 8 (6), Army Act.

If the Recruit should, as he requires, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 2065a.

Captain Harold Benjamin Simpson 15576

Harold Benjamin Simpson was born in Higham Ferrers in 1879- he was one of 7 children born to William Hirst Simpson and his wife Helen. His father William was a solicitor and bought a well established practice based in Higham Ferrers. Over time his practice became extensive and he became an active, well known and well respected figure in the county.

Harold's father was awarded a CBE and his sister Mary (always known as Pollie) an MBE. Mary gained recognition in various fields. She was Captain of the county hockey team, Secretary of Midlands Counties and a member of the All England Council. In war time she was appointed as a regional director of the Land Army and was instrumental in developing the Women's Institute and moving it forward to develop and value women in society. She was an inspirational woman and many accolades were written about her.

The censuses reveal how well the family was doing. 1881 census shows Harold,

his family and servants living in the town of Higham at 18 High Street, a large property known as Rudlan House. In 1891 the family are found in Chester House, a beautiful , now listed, manor house in Irchester.

Harold meanwhile, had headed off to London to continue his education at the Royal School of Mines (now part of Imperial College, London). In 1901, he lived in Chiswick, and was described in the census as the head of the household. There were two other boarders, one of whom was a Canadian Mountie! By 1911, Harold is back at the family home in Higham, he was a science master at Wellingborough School. After the death of his mother and three siblings getting married, the family moved to the Old Rectory in Chelveston.

He was well known for his cricketing prowess in the county and from 1905 till 1911 played County Cricket for Northants.

He was described as "first class" and scored 45 runs against a touring Australian side in 1905.

Harold joined the Mobbs' Own on 14th September 1914. He was swiftly promoted and moved to the 6th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment and whilst with them was promoted again to Captain. He was sent home from France in 1916 due to illness.

He moved to the Labours Corps and was based in Norfolk until the end of the war. We have discovered that his final command with the army was in Ireland. He was sent to Templemore with the 1st Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment. In late 1919, he left the army but did not resign his commission until 1921 after spending a brief time with the 4th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment.

He suffered badly from shell shock and never really recovered. He died suddenly at his home on 16th March 1924.



Private Charles “Charlie” Dunkley 15176

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Charlie was from Paulerspury in south Northamptonshire, and was a farm labourer. He joined up with his pals from the village. He was not a Saints fan but played football, his daughter is still in possession of one of his football shirts (See photo right).

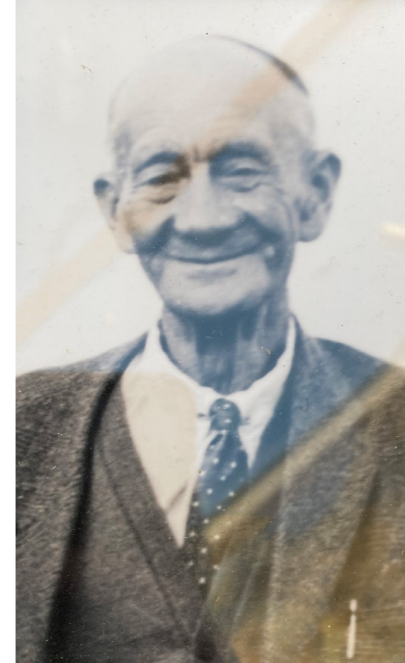
The project spoke to his daughter Mollie who said that her father did not talk about his war experiences, only at Christmas when he had a small drink.

He transferred from the Northamptonshire regiment into the North Staffs and then into the Hampshire regiment.

He fought at the Battle of Loos where he was injured in the head, he was taken to hospital in Dublin, he recovered and returned to the army. He was then wounded in the leg in September 1916 and was taken to hospital in Cardiff but

once again recovered to return to action. His daughter said that he had also been torpedoed during the war and had worked with Arabs.

When he was demobbed he returned to Paulerspury and worked for the county council. He was a keen gardener with a verdant allotment, the produce of which he was happy to share with others in the village. He died in 1970.



Private William Harold Munks 15627

William Munks joined the Mobbs' Own on 9th September 1914. William has one of the least interesting army careers as he barely lasted 6 weeks. He was discharged in October 1914, the army deemed him as "not likely to become an efficient soldier".

William was born in 1891 in Leamington Spa Warwickshire. His family moved to Northampton and the 1911 census shows his family living at 29 Abington Square Northampton. He was working as a business assistant. He lived with his father also William, a tailor and clothier manager and his mother Matilda. He had a brother Thomas and two sisters Florence and Elizabeth.

However, William and his family do have an interesting story. In 1922 William married Annie Charlotte. In 1925, they had

twin girls Molly and Nancy. The twins became known as "The Munks Twins" and were famous music hall singers and dancers. They even featured on the TV programme "The Good Old Days".

Meanwhile William's son, William became a rugby player. He played once for the Saints in 1947 (Saint #1092). But in a strange twist of fate, played in the Mobbs' Memorial game for the Barbarians against the East Midlands in 1962. He was a player for Richmond for many seasons and captained them between 1960 and 1963.

Barbarians		East Midlands
15 R. W. Hosen (Northampton)	Full Back	1 D. G. S. Baker (Old Merchant Taylors)
14 J. Roberts (Sale)	Three-quarters L Wing R	2 B. K. Williams (Bedford)
13 J. M. Dee (Hartlepool Rovers)	L Cen. R	3 A. M. Underwood (Northampton)
12 F. T. A. Hole (Richmond)	R Cen. L	4 R. Leslie (Northampton)
11 A. C. B. Hurst (Wasps)	R Wing L	5 J. P. Hyde (Northampton)
10 P. Watkins (Newport)	Fly Half	6 I. H. P. Laughland (London Scottish) Captain
9 A. O'Connor (Aberavon)	Scrum Half	7 R. C. Ashby (Wasps)
1 D. M. D. Rollo (Howe of Fife)	Forwards	8 R. Carter (Bedford)
2 N. S. Bruce (London Scottish)		9 A. G. Johnson (Northampton)
3 W. C. O. Munks (Richmond)		10 C. R. Jacobs (Northampton)
4 C. M. Payne (Harlequins)		11 C. P. Daniels (Northampton)
5 V. S. J. Harding (Sale)		12 R. Wilkins (Northampton)
6 E. N. Olsen (Blackheath)		13 A. R. Turnell (Northampton)
8 G. Culliton (Dublin Wanderers)		14 D. Coley (Northampton)
7 H. J. Morgan (Abertillery)		15 D. P. Rogers (Bedford)

REFEREE: AIR MARSHAL SIR AUGUSTUS WALKER



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LEICESTERSHIRE & EAST MIDLANDS v SOUTH AFRICA.
November 5th, 1960.

Result: Leicestershire & East Midlands 3 points — South Africa 3 points.

Back Row (left to right): D. L. Lishman (Hon. Match Secretary, Leics. R.U.), J. G. Cook, (President, E.M.R.U.), L. M. Boundy (London Society of Refs.), R. Leslie, A. G. Johnson, D. P. Rogers, C. P. Daniels, J. S. Thompson, R. Wilkins, D. J. Norman (President, Leics. R.U.), J. R. Simpson (Hon. Secretary, Leics. R.U.), R. Kemp (Leics. Refs. Society).

Middle row: B. K. Williams, M. N. Gavins, D. F. White, C. G. Martin (Captain), C. R. Jacobs, J. Butterfield, I. H. P. Laughland.

Front row: D. T. Stevens, K. Chilton.

The Corps of Drums of the Royal Pioneer Corps

WILL PLAY BEFORE THE MATCH

BY KIND PERMISSION OF THE COMMANDANT, LIEUT-COLONEL E. H. C. ARCHER

Lieutenant Francis Winteringham 15530

Member of the Order of the British Empire, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Francis Winteringham was born in 1897, the youngest of seven children for his father, George and his Prussian-born wife Eva. When he was born, his parents were in some financial difficulty, living on a boat in Sussex, supported by friends and running up debts. In 1889, whilst an engineer, living in Wimbledon, George had invested in T & G Hoskins, a company in Birmingham, which had attracted his attention. Sadly, he soon found it had been over-represented, and withdrew from the business having incurred, jointly with his wife, a loss of more than £3,000.

In 1908, Wenman Joseph Bassett-Lowke, the Northampton based model maker persuaded George to move to Northampton to support his business. Winteringham Ltd was set up in St Andrews Street, with George, as the Managing Director, in charge of design and special projects. Nearly all of the company's production was for Bassett-Lowke's model railways, and it was in this field that the company continued to excel. While George appears to be a talented designer and engineer, his financial management seems questionable, for in 1915 he appears before the

bankruptcy court. While the case is closed, largely due to George's company retaining him and continuing to work closely with Bassett-Lowke, the company seems to lack clarity of direction. In later years the facility even gave space to two German refugees, Ullman and Katz, who went on to found Mettoy - a direct competitor. Winteringham Ltd were effectively taken over during the 30's, with the new company becoming Precision Metals of Stimpson Avenue.

Francis was only 17, and an engineering student, when he signed up with Mobbs' Own. He was quickly transferred to 8th Battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment as a Second Lieutenant. Wounded in August of 1916, he then moved to the Machine Gun Corps as a temporary Lieutenant in November 1916.

In 1917 Francis married Edna Coombe in Grantham, and in 1918 his son, also named Francis was born in Grimbsy. Returning after the war to the engineering industry, he was clearly very successful and by 1925, he was the General Manager of an engineering firm in Louth - a position he



relinquished that same year to become the Chief Officer for Leeds Fire Brigade, aged only 28. Similar roles followed in Swansea, Leicester and Birmingham, before he finished his career in 1951 with the Ipswich and Suffolk combined brigade.

Whilst at Leicester 1938-40, Francis also took on the role of Air Raid Precautions (ARP) controller and was called to attend in 1939, when the IRA sent incendiary balloons in letters to Leicester Post office. Five of these exploded, some injuring staff while Francis was present.

He was a highly decorated fire officer receiving a Bronze Medal from the Society for Protection of Life from Fire which recognises individuals performing acts of bravery to protect others from fire. At the end of 1940 he was included in the New Year's Honours List, being invested with an MBE the following March, and in 1950 he received the King's Fire Service Medal for distinguished service. He was also a member of the Home Office committee on Fire Brigade Appliances.

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WINTERINGHAM	m. G.C.	X/LC	
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Appn. for medals d/ 11-9-23.
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Correspondence

(2) Address 31 Park St., Leeds.

(1) Lacey Gardens, Louth, Lincolnshire

3 Central Bowlers
 @ Francis

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Sergeant Albert E Allibone 15770

Distinguished Conduct Medal, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Albert Allibone was 22 years old and working as a Shoe Operative when he joined Mobbs' Own. His father, and the older three of his six siblings all worked in the shoe trade. Once Mobbs' company got to France, Albert clearly excelled as a soldier. Having embarked on 1st September 1915, he was made a Lance Corporal by December, acting Corporal by February 1916, promoted to Corporal in April, appointed Lance Sergeant at the start of May, and promoted to Sergeant by the end of the month.

On 24th June Albert is mentioned in the battalion diary for receipt of the Distinguished Conduct Medal – believed to be the first of Mobbs' Own to be awarded this honour. The citation reads "For conspicuous gallantry when, after part of the trench had been blown, he rescued a wounded man from over the parapet and tended all the other wounded. He then

fetches stretcher bearers under heavy machine gun fire in broad daylight. He has also proved himself a daring bomber on several occasions."

Less than two months later he was reported missing assumed dead.

He is commemorated on the Thiepval memorial, at Christ Church, Northampton, and on the Abington Square War memorial



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Effects—Form 118A.

MANDUM FOR

The Officer in charge of *Infantry* Records, *Warley*

WAR OFFICE,
PARK BUILDINGS,
ST. JAMES'S PARK,
LONDON, S.W.

WARLEY.

14 SEP 1917

14th September 1917
Dep on Recd 14/9/16
N.O.P. H.M.H.

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Will you please note that any articles of personal property now in your possession or subsequently received by you belonging to the late Ser. 15770 Sgt Albert Edward Allibone, 7th Bn Northamptonshire Regt should be despatched to:—

No Effects.
Ser Serge Allibone
85 Roe Road
Northampton

Any medals granted to the deceased that are now in your possession or that may hereafter reach you should be disposed of to:—

the same person

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THE MOBBS CROWD FROM STROUD



Lieutenant-Colonel Leonard Dudbridge 15711

Military Cross and Bar, 1914-15 Star, Victory Medal, British War Medal | Saint #462



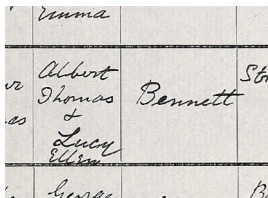
Lance-Corporal Joseph Frank Lawson 15650

1914-15 Star, Victory Medal, British War Medal



Private Ronald James Tratt 15553

1914-15 Star, Victory Medal, British War Medal



Lieutenant Arthur Bennett 15754

1914-15 Star, Victory Medal, British War Medal

THESE FOUR MEN ALL HAD CONNECTIONS WITH STROUD RUGBY CLUB.

Leonard Dudbridge was the treasurer from 1910 until the outbreak of war and club captain in 1912. He played for Northampton Saints three times when they were on tour in Gloucester. His father had an accountancy firm which Leonard worked in both before and after the first and second World War. Newspaper reports of the era have Leonard often named as dealing with local bankrupts and insolvency issues. The firm finally lost the name of Dudbridge when it merged with another one in 2008.

Although he started with the Mobbs Leonard was soon transferred in 1914 to the Gloucestershire Regiment where he finished the war as a Captain. In 1918 he won the Military Cross for the first time in January and for the second time in April. During the Battle of Loos when he was awarded the Bar to his MC, Leonard was wounded in the left arm and injured by a blow on the head and back. He was able to go home on sick leave and made a good recovery.

In 1915 he was reunited with Edgar Mobbs when he played for the Mobb's team against Scotland in the military match at Northampton. He represented the Barbarians in November of that year when they took to the field at Richmond Athletic Club against South African Services XV. The game was to raise

money for funds for the comforts of the Colonial Forces. The BaaBaas won 9-3.

After the war he continued to be involved in local rugby affairs, he returned to playing for Stroud in March 1920 and in November that year was elected as Stroud's representative to the County Union a position he held until he resigned in 1922. He was also chairman of Stroud Rugby Club with Arthur Bennett (#15754) as his vice-chairman.

In 1921, according to a local newspaper report, he helped avert a disaster to a local drapers' shop when he spotted their blinds and awnings on fire and not only alerted the fire brigade but also helped them extinguish the fire.

1933 saw him a chairman of Stroud British Legion with on-going discussions with the local council to erect a war memorial which was finally achieved!

During this time his wife appeared to be perpetually advertising for household staff in the local newspaper.

During the second World War he commanded the Stroud Battalion of the Home Guard, finishing the war as Lieutenant-Colonel. He died in 1955 and his wife died the following year, they were survived by three daughters.

Although the four men joined up together only Ronnie Tratt stayed with the Mobbs and he sadly, died from his wounds following the Battle of Loos. Tratt and Dudbridge

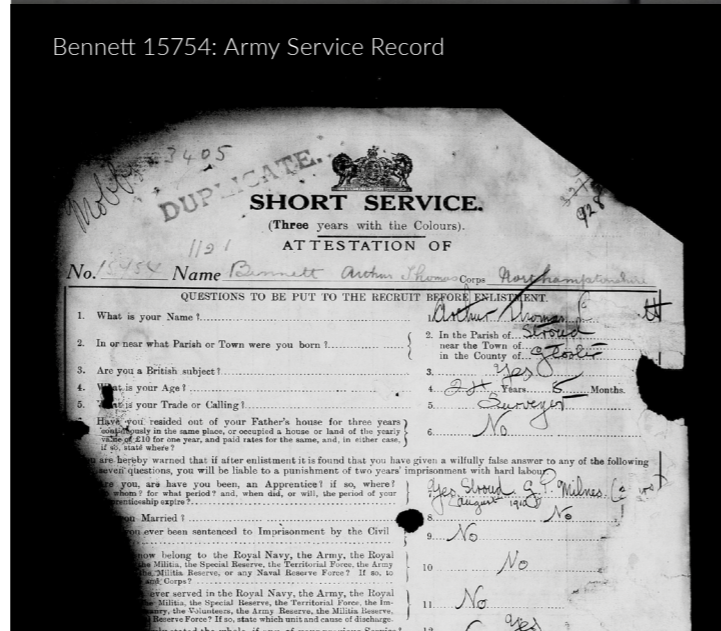
were both pupils at Wycliffe College at the same time and were both keen sportsmen. Tratt was also treasurer of Stroud rugby club and “passionately fond of football and all kinds of manly recreation” according to his obituary in the Gloucester Echo in November 1915. The report states that he gave up the prospect of a promising commercial career to fight for his country’s cause and joined the Mobb’s with Leonard Dudbridge and other well known footballers. In the 1911 census he is found at an address in Kensington, London where his status is a boarder and his occupation is “Boy Clerk”. His father was twice president of Gloucester Rugby Club.

Joseph “Joe” Lawson was an all round sportsman who played once for Gloucestershire cricket in 1914 against Northamptonshire at Wantage Road. He played for Gloucester Rugby Club in 1919-20 and in the county side v Cornwall in 1921. He was wounded at the Battle of Loos and was commissioned into the Gloucestershire Regiment in November 1915. In 1923 his address is listed as The Imperial Hotel, Stroud. He died in Wellington New Zealand in 1971.

Arthur Bennett was on the committee of Stroud Rugby Club after the war and was vice-chairman when Dudbridge was the Chairman. His home had been a dairy farm and both his father and brother were farmers although he was a draughtsman. His stay in the Mobbs was not long as he was transferred to the Royal Engineers in 1914.



Tratt 15553: Wycliffe School Memorial



Bennett 15754: Army Service Record

Captain Maurice Finnemore Turner

Military Cross, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Maurice Turner has a direct connection to Edgar Mobbs as their mothers, Marion and Elizabeth Hollis, were both daughters of a Northampton shoe manufacturer. Maurice’s father also owned a family shoe manufacturing business, so Maurice and his three siblings enjoyed a comfortable life, with family houses in Cliftonville and then Kingsthorpe. He didn’t however go into the family business, instead becoming an accountant.

He is not regularly reported in the press as a sportsman, but does appear to play cricket for Kingsthorpe and makes a rugby appearance in a Northampton XV alongside Mobbs, Russell Gurney and his own brother Douglas, scoring a try. Signing up at 24, Maurice was one of 5 Northampton men transferred to the Monmouthshire Regiment, which had been billeted in Northampton prior to going to France. Even when a 2nd Lieutenant, Maurice was entrusted with additional responsibility as a temporary Lieutenant, and then Acting Captain when in command of a company. Having transferred in 1916, he was reported injured on 2nd June 1917, and in the

1918 New Year’s Honours list, as a Captain, he was awarded a Military Cross.

Returning home in 1919, Maurice put his accountancy knowledge to good use to become the Company Secretary at Mannings brewery, as well as the Treasurer of the East Midlands Rugby Union. In 1929, Maurice married Eva Howard and in 1931 their only child Derek was born.

Derek was clearly bright, winning a scholarship to Harrow from Winchester House school, and from there to Oxford. He pursued an academic path and became a renowned curator of exhibitions for the British Museum and British Library, specialising in illuminated manuscripts.

Sadly Eva died suddenly in 1965. Maurice’s life ended in a residential home in Richmond on Thames, while Derek took over his parents’ flat in Henley on Thames. Sadly he died in 1985 when only 54.

Major General Russell Gurney

The Order of the Crown of Italy, The Order of Legion d'Honneur (France), Belgian Order of the Crown, Belgian Croix De Guerre, Military Cross, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal | Saint #413

Major-General Russell Gurney was born in 1890, the son of Thomas & Annie Gurney. Thomas was the Vicar of St Giles church in Northampton and the couple had two other children.

Prior to the war he was a trainee chartered accountant for Northampton firm A C Palmer and Co.

Russell would have known Edgar Mobbs before he joined the Mobbs' Own. He played for East Midlands and 9 times for Northampton Saints. According to the Northampton Mercury in 1916, reporting on an injury to his brother, it seems he was responsible for organising the occasional rugby match amongst the men during his time in France.

Russell initially joined the Public School Corps (known as the Pals Battalions) but was swiftly gazetted to the 7th as an officer. By 1915, he was promoted to Captain.

Russell survived the war and was awarded a range of medals for services rendered during the campaign, not only from the British Army. In 1918, the London Gazette reported that he

was awarded The Order of The Crown of Italy conferred by the King of Italy. The report explained that King George V gave "unrestricted permission to wear the decoration in question".

In 1919, a Temporary Major, he was awarded the Legion d'Honneur conferred by the President of France, for distinguished service rendered and was further honoured in 1919 by being awarded the Belgian Order of the Crown. This was one of Belgium's highest honours. Later, Gurney received the Belgian Croix de Guerre which is awarded for bravery and military virtue.

Russell stayed in military service and in 1922, he was still in the Northamptonshire Regiment working within education and training. After a brief spell as Brigade Major in Khartoum, he was became Deputy Assistant Adjutant General on the staff of the Director of Personnel Services. In 1937-8, he was appointed the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion Suffolk Regiment. Between 1938 and 1939, he is the Commandant of the Small Arms School in Netheravon. In 1941, he was in the oddly named Special Employment at



the War Office, moving on to become Director of Personnel Services. He was promoted to Major-General in 1943 and became Aide de Camp to King George VI from 1943-47. He was included in the honours list in 1944 and was awarded a Companion Order of the Bath (an order of chivalry, for service of the highest calibre).

He wrote several training manuals, a novel with his wife Margaret (nee Thorp) and The History of The Northamptonshire Regiment 1732-1934. He had two sons, Timothy Russell Gurney who was a Lieutenant in the 2nd Northants. Timothy also became a professor of Engineering at Cambridge and has published several books. He had another son Thomas Jeremy Russell Gurney who also became Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers.

Russell has two portraits recorded in the National Portrait gallery.

He died in 1947 aged 57.



Sergeant Ernest J Stringer 15563

Military Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Ernest was the youngest of four children, and just 19 when he joined Mobbs' Own. He was clearly a bright lad with the local papers reporting his success in Sunday School exams on the incidents in the life of Abraham in 1907, and his first-class results in the Junior Oxford exams when he was at the Town and County School in 1909. His father, Arthur, was the Works Manager at Manfield's shoe factory.

He remained with the 7th until July 1916, when he transferred to the Army Service Corps, having just been mentioned in despatches by General Haig, while serving as the Brigade Clerk. In December of 1916, when serving as a Corporal, he was awarded the Military Medal for gallant and distinguished conduct in the field. Further promotion took him to Sergeant and in December 1917, he was once again mentioned in despatches. The following June he received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of valuable services rendered with the Forces in France.

Returning at the end of the war, Ernest married Doris Draper in 1920 and they had a daughter Pamela, in 1922. Sadly, he was

never to see his daughter grow up, as in 1926, when living in Bostock Road, he died, possibly whilst on holiday, at Seine-et-Oise in France.

His brother Sydney was even less fortunate, losing his life in 1915, aged just 22. He is commemorated on the Abington Square memorial, Billing Road cemetery and at the church of St. Peter and St. Paul. His sister Bertha, who married Stuart Westley in 1918 and moved to Peterborough, died in her early 40s.

Fulcher, No. 3/11054 Regt. Serjt.-Maj. F.
Skinner, Lt.-Col. P. C. B., North'n B.
Mobbs, Temp. Maj. E. E.
Fowler, Temp. Capt. R. C.
Stringer, No. 15563 Serjt. E. J. (Bde. Clerk,
73rd Inf. Bde.).
Jackson, No. 13592 Loc.-Corpl. J. T.

ROYAL BERKSHIRE REGIMENT.
Hilliard, Lt. H. H. R.
Chace, Temp. 2nd Lt. G. P.
Cullen, No. 8935 Qrtr.-Serjt. (Orderly Room
Serjt.) W.
Garfield, No. 9213 Serjt. J. T.
Wallis, No. 8506 Serjt. E.
Lambert, No. 7905 Corpl. R.
Taylor, No. 9168 Corpl. A.
Fowsey, No. 6278 Pte. J.

Bowles, Lt. (temp. Capt.) A. J. (killed).
Forster, Lt. H. T.
Peacock, Temp. 2nd Lt. G. A.
Campbell, No. 5629 Co. Serjt.-Maj. J.
Johnson, No. 8724 Serjt. A.

ROYAL BERKSHIRE REGIMENT (TERRITORIAL
FORCE).
Pearce-Serocoid, Lt.-Col. and Bt. Col. O.,
V.D. (T.F. Res.).
Clarke, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) R. J.
Aldworth, Capt. J. N.

ROYAL BERKSHIRE REGIMENT (SERVICE
BATTALIONS).
Chadwyck-Healey, Temp. Capt. O. N. (2nd
Lt., London H.).
Avory, Temp. Lt. D. H.
Gold, Temp. 2nd Lt. C. A. (Adjt.).

Stewart, Temp. 2nd Lt. H.
Tuttle, Qrtr. and Hon. Lt. F.
Nichols, No. 14241 Serjt. (Acting Co. Serjt.-
Maj.) B. L.
Rixon, No. 9886 Co. Serjt.-Maj. W.
Reynolds, No. 15239 Loc.-Corpl. P. F.

Courage, Temp. 2nd Lt. G. M.
Hurn, No. 10365 Serjt. F.
White, No. 12417 Serjt. H. J.
Brown, No. 10001 Co. Serjt.-Maj. C.
Woodhouse, No. 13679 Co. Serjt.-Maj.
W. E. B.

Brown, No. 14349 Serjt. J.
Moth, No. 12720 Corpl. (Acting Serjt.-Maj.)
J. E.
Palmer, No. 16220 Serjt. B.
Dawe, No. 15638 Loc.-Corpl. W. G.
Pounds, No. 13221 Loc.-Corpl. A. A. (killed).
Charley, No. 14572 Pte. D. W.
Petch, No. 14682 Pte. J. A.

ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.
Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, Maj. (temp. Lt.-
Col.) J. T.
Norman, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) E. H.
Buchanan-Dunlop, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.)
H. D., D.S.O. (Adjt.).
Newton, Capt. W.
Bishop, No. 8234 Serjt. S. G.

ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT (SERVICE
BATTALIONS).
Alderman, Lt. (temp. Capt.) W. J., R.W.
Kent R.
Dawson, Lt. (temp. Capt.) W. R. A., D.S.O.,
R.W. Kent R.
Robinson, No. 6590 Corpl. (Acting Serjt.) W.
Fuller, No. G/537 Pte. W.
Phillips, Temp. Maj. A. E.

McKenzie, Temp. Lt. E.
Coomber, No. 1515 Serjt. W. D.
Harper, No. 1952 Corpl. G.

Vansittart, Col. E. (Ind. Army) (prisoner
of war).
Evans, Temp. Qrtr. and Hon. Lt. H.
Calow, No. 7076 Pte. J. W.
Watson, No. 3187 Pte. A. W.

KING'S OWN YORKSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY.
Heathcote, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) C. E.,
D.S.O.
de Houghton, Capt. G. (Brig. M.-G. Offr.).
Browie, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) F. B.
Rigg, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) E. H.
Martin, Capt. (temp. Maj.) E. C. De R.

KING'S OWN YORKSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY
(TERRITORIAL FORCE).
Haelegrave, Lt.-Col. H. J., T.D.
Critchley, Capt. J. P.
Grewson, 2nd Lt. (temp. Lt.) A. E.
Bates, 2nd Lt. J. H.
Crowden, 2nd Lt. G. P.
Grice, No. 52, Serjt.-Maj. (Acting Regt.
Serjt.-Maj.) J.

Bowker, No. 354 Serjt. J.
Pinniger, No. 287 Serjt. H. (killed).
Barlow, No. 2675 Loc.-Serjt. T.
Marshall, No. 1852 Loc.-Corpl. F.
Hollings, No. 2549 Pte. F. (dead).

Bradley, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) C. G., D.S.O.
Walker, Capt. J. W.
Creyke, Lt. (temp. Capt.) E. R.
Matthews, No. 3232 W.O., Cl. 2 (Acting
Regt. Serjt.-Maj.) H.
Suthers, No. 54 Co. Serjt.-Maj. R.
Neal, No. 43 Serjt. A.
Cahill, No. 2400 Corpl. J.
Caton, No. 1710 Corpl. G.

KING'S OWN YORKSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY
(SERVICE BATTALIONS).
Tennant, 2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) R. E., Yorks.
L.I.

Bartlett, Lt. E. G., Yorks. L.I.
Lamb, 2nd Lt. W. J., Yorks. L.I.
Skilton, No. 7893 Co. Serjt.-Maj. J.
Perkins, No. 3/3134 Loc.-Corpl. J. C.

Ottley, Capt. (temp. Lt.-Col.) G. G., R. Fus.
(Res. of Off.).
Poyser, Temp. Capt. K. E.
Waldron, No. 13680 Serjt. J. T.

Lynch, Capt. (temp. Lt.-Col.) C. W. D. (Res.
of Off.).
Griffin, Temp. Capt. G. E.
Spark, Temp. Lt. A. G. (Adjt.).
Wilson, No. 16962 Co. Serjt.-Maj. J. F. W.

Bethell, Temp. Capt. C. (killed).
King, Temp. Maj. H. J.
Franklin, Temp. Capt. E. A.
Harrison, Temp. Lt. I. L.
SHERBOROUGH LIGHT INFANTRY.
Smith, 2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) W. W.
Luird, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) E. B., D.S.O.
(died of wounds).
Collins, Capt. H. S.
James, 2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) E. G. (Adjt.).
Silver, No. 9618 Serjt. C. W.
Speake, No. 6258 Loc.-Corpl. G.
Meynell, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) G. (comdg.
Service Bn., Yorks. L.I.).

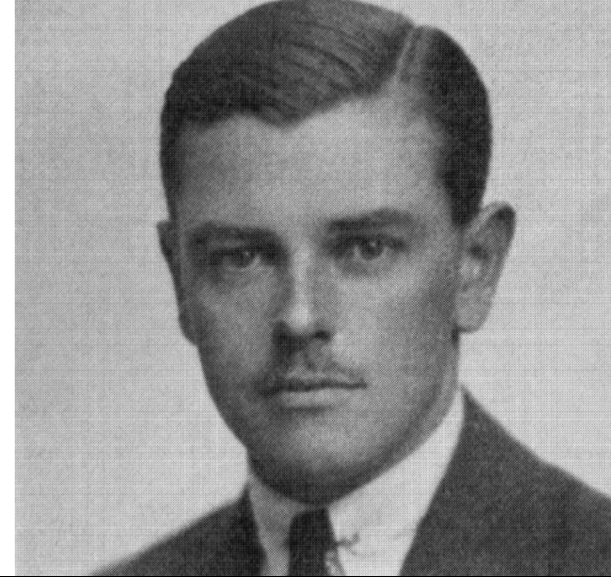
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Major Basil L Church 15726

British War Medal, Victory Medal

Basil was the second of 5 children born to Thomas and Rhoda Church, his father being Head of Church & Company, the shoe manufacturers. An old boy of Northampton Town and County school, he had barely started his career with the family firm when he joined Mobbs' Own. He was quickly gazetted and transferred to 4th Northamptonshire. By 1917 he was a Lieutenant, joining the action in France in March. On only 4th May he was injured in the back and right arm. The same newspaper report tells of one of his brothers Dudley, being wounded in Palestine on April 19th, and another, Ross, being a civilian prisoner in Ruhleben. Basil remained with the Territorial Army reaching the rank of Major in 1924.

In 1927 he married Kathleen, the daughter of A. W. Smith, a local home furnishing store and councillor, at St Clement Danes church in London. That same year he resigned his commission. Their daughter Mary was born in 1929, but sadly Basil died in 1938 from a heart attack, after years of heart trouble. At that time, he held the position of Sales Director of Church & Company. The list of mourners at his funeral, where there were over 150 wreaths, reads like a Who's Who of the Northampton shoe trade of that time.



1927. Marriage solemnized at *the Parish Church* in the *Parish*
of *St Clement Danes Strand* in the County of *Middlesex*

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195	Dec. 7 th	Basil Lance Church	32	Bachelor	Boat Manufacturer	15 Devereux Court Temple	Thomas Dudley Church.	Boat Manufacturer
	19 27	Kathleen Margaret Dawson	31	Single	—	15 Devereux Court Temple	Alfred Smith	House Furnisher.

Married in the *Parish Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Established Church* by — or after *Banns* by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Basil Lance Church* in the Presence of us, *R. P. Swannell.* *P. N. Church.* *W. Denington* *P. Dickson* *W. A. Neta.*

Major Sydney C Percival 15606

Military Cross, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

It seems clear from his school days that Sydney Percival knew where his talents lay. He received first class results in a Building Construction exam while at Northampton and County Technical School in 1904. Already working as a Civil Engineer in 1911, he was 29 when he signed up with Mobbs' Own. By December 1914 he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, before transferring, in 1917, to the Royal Engineers. Here he rose quickly to Captain in 1918 and then to Acting Major in 1919. He was awarded the Military Cross in 1918.

Back in civilian life, Sydney remained in Northamptonshire, and became the Major Architect Civil Engineer for the County Council. He married an English teacher Irene Coates and they had three children. He was a prominent Freemason within the Pomfret Lodge.



CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

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NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE (Last birthday and Sex)	MARRIAGE		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of every person	BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every person born in a Foreign Country	ENTIRETY
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1. Percival John	Head	56	married		Employer	Northampton	Widow	
2. do Irene	Wife	55				Northampton	do	
3. do Charles Douglas	Son	24			Civil Engineer	Northampton	do	
4. do Susan Elizabeth	Daughter	25			Teacher	Northampton	do	
5. do James Cecil	Son	20			Student	Northampton	do	
6. Charlotte Laura Shouler	Servant	49	do			Northampton	do	
7. Smith Dorothy	Servant	17	do			Northampton	do	

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Male	Female	Total
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Signature: *Sydney Percival*
Postal Address: 318 Wellington Road, Northampton

Captain Clive Harrison Martyn 15635

Military Cross, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal | Saint #478

Clive Harrison Martyn was born in 1896 in Blo Norton Suffolk. He was one of three children in the family of Charles and Olive Martyn. His father was described as a "Gentleman Farmer" in the 1901 census. He was at Temple Grove boarding school in Eastbourne in the 1911 Census but can be seen playing cricket for Bedford Modern in 1912.

Martyn played for Northampton Saints in 1913 and also, for East Midlands during that season. He joined the Mobbs' Own in September 1914 and by October 1914, he had been promoted to Sergeant in the 7th. In November 1914, Maurice received his first commission when he was made a Temporary 2nd Lieutenant. Martyn was one of the rugby team Mobbs recruited at Shoreham.

Earlier we wrote about Private Frank Adams - it was Clive Martyn who attended his funeral in Northampton in April 1915. The London Gazette reported his promotion to Temp Lieutenant in January 1916 referring to that significant battle for the Northamptonshire Regiment, the Battle of Loos. Hereon in we see him transfer between the Northants and the Royal

Engineers. He had experience of working with the engineers at the very end of 1915. He was mentioned in dispatches on the 25th of May 1917 and received the Military Cross in January 1918.

Martyn transferred to the Northants again as a Lieutenant in August 1918 and then back to the Royal Engineers where he is promoted to Captain in July 1920.

We are not sure when he was demobbed - by October 1920 he was on his way to Calcutta, the passenger list states that his purpose of travel is for business. He returned and married the Hon. Vera Pearl Jessel in Hanover Square in 1925. Vera was the daughter of Herbert Jessel 1st Baron Jessel. The couple travelled to India and in 1926 their daughter, Daphne Sonia was born. However, sadly she dies in September 1927. Clive and Vera returned to England in February 1928 and he suffered further loss as his wife dies in August that year.

Happily, Clive gets married again in 1933, this time to the Hon. Phyllis K Bethell. He died in 1959 in Hastings aged 63.

The undermentioned *Lts.*, *Ind. Army Res. of Off.*, to be actg. *Cpts.* whilst comdg. Works Cos.:

W. Kirkpatrick 8th May 1918. (Substituted for the notification regarding Lt. W. Kirkpatrick, *Yeo.*, T.F., in the Gazette of 28th Aug. 1918.)

L. E. Cooper, from 3rd Nov. 1919 to 15th Jan. 1920.

Lt. S. W. Bown, h.p. list, retires on ret. pay on account of ill-health caused by wounds. 27th May 1920.

The notification in the Gazette of 4th July 1919 regarding temp. Lt. J. F. Buller, K. Afr. Rif., is cancelled.

GENERAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

CAVALRY.

5th *Lrs.*—A. C. Cannon, M.B.E., late Lt., 5th *Lrs.*, to be Capt. 13th July 1920.

ROYAL HORSE AND ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY.

J. W. Taylor, late Lt., R.F.A., to be Lt., 13th July 1920, with seniority from 28th Mar. 1919.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Maj. R. A. F. Kingscote to be Lt.-Col. 1st Apr. 1920.

INFANTRY.

K. O. See, *Bord.*—E. B. Wilson, M.C., late Lt., K.O. See, *Bord.*, to be Lt., 18th July 1920, with seniority from 27th Apr. 1918.

North's *R.*—C. H. Martyn, M.C., late Lt., North's *R.*, to be Capt. 13th July 1920.

Wilts. *R.*—J. M. Martin, M.C., late Lt., Wilts. *R.*, to be Capt. 13th July 1920.

R. Dub. *Fus.*—F. R. H. Macaulay, late Lt., R. Dub. *Fus.*, to be Lt., 13th July 1920, with seniority from 21st June 1919.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

RESERVE UNITS.

INFANTRY.

The undermentioned *Lts.* resign their commns. 1st Apr. 1920, and retain the rank of Lt.:

3rd *R. War. R.*—J. H. L. Harrison.

5th *R. Fus.*—G. F. Watson.

3rd *Fork. R.*—F. Goodie.

5th *K.R. Rif. C.*—F. G. Schofield.

The undermentioned *Lts.* relinquish their commns. 1st Apr. 1920:—

3rd *R. Lanc. R.*—W. G. Bayly, M.C., and is granted the rank of Capt.

And retain the rank of Lt.:

G. C. Jackson.

J. H. Barrett.

H. Thickett.

R. Barklie, M.C.

C. V. Forslund, M.C.

J. H. Parfitt.

N. Trewheller.

S. A. Milner.

3rd *L'pool R.*—J. H. Edgar, M.C., and retains the rank of Lt.

3rd *York. R.*—A. Wacholder, and retains the rank of Lt.

3rd *Ches. R.*—And retain the rank of Lt.:

C. S. Freeman.

J. E. Arden.

E. B. Ackerley.

3rd *S. Wales Bord.*—R. O. Ackerley, M.C., and is granted the rank of Capt.

C. Davidson, and retains the rank of Lt.

4th *F. Surr. R.*—H. C. Mason, M.C., and is granted the rank of Capt.

And retain the rank of Lt.:

W. T. Webb.

S. Windebank.

L. H. Van der Pant.

E. L. Morley.

W. G. Piercy.

4th *Durk. L.I.*—J. Elliott, and retains the rank of Lt.

6th *Rif. Brig.*—G. H. Southall, M.C., and retains the rank of Lt.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO REGULAR UNITS OR CORPS.

CAVALRY.

15th *Hrs.*—Lt. (temp. Capt.) F. E. De Groot relinquishes his commn., 12th May 1920, and is granted the rank of Capt.

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY.

Lt. R. A. Sanderson resigns his commn., 1st Apr. 1920, and retains the rank of Lt.

The undermentioned 2nd *Lts.* relinquish their commns., 1st Apr. 1920, and retain the rank of 2nd Lt.:

H. S. French.

T. C. S. Webb.

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

The undermentioned *Lts.* resign their commns., 1st Apr. 1920, and retain the rank of Lt.:

I. K. Preston.

R. D. Milles.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Capt. Norman D. Ball relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service, 28th Apr. 1920, and retains the rank of Capt. (Substituted for the notification in the Gazette of 21st June 1920.)

ROYAL ARMY VETERINARY CORPS.

Capt. T. J. Faithfull resigns his commn., 13th July 1920, and is granted the rank of Maj.

War Office,
12th July, 1920.

REGULAR FORCES.

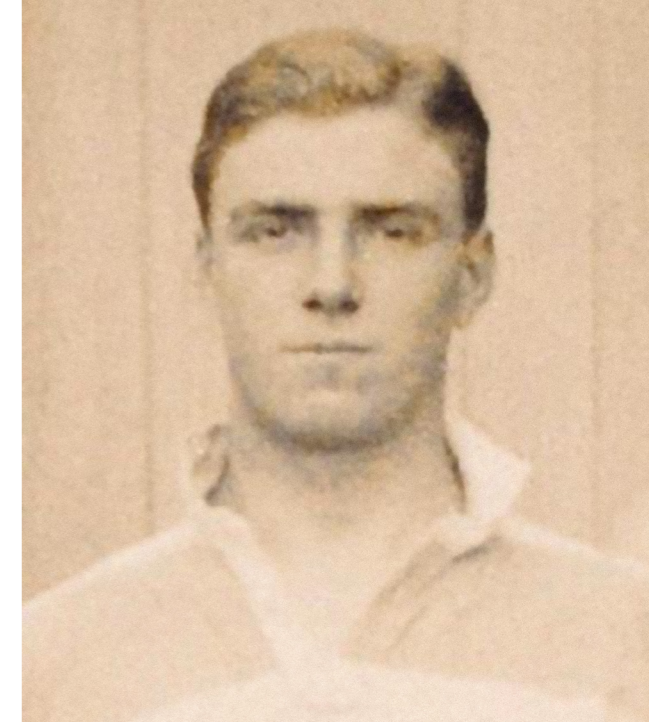
INFANTRY.

The notification regarding Edward Fitzgerald Gilmore in Gaz. 18 Dec. 1914, page 10823, is cancelled.

Service Battalions.

R. Scots.

Temp. Lt. M. Aird relinquishes his commission on completion of service, 1 June 1920, and retains the rank of Lt.



Captain Henry Grierson

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Henry Greirson was born in Surrey in 1892, but the family moved to Bedford and in the 1901 census young Henry is living with his mother and father and sister Selina in a house in Clapham Road along with two servants. He was a pupil at Bedford school and then attended Pembroke College Cambridge to study law.

He excelled at cricket and won not just a cricketing blue but also played regularly for Bedfordshire. He was also a keen rugby player, playing for his college but not the university. He also played for Olney along with Mobbs, and for Bedford whilst at University and was the last player to sign up for Rosslyn Park before the start of hostilities in 1914. In 1923 he joined Leicester Tigers.

In 1924 he wrote a book "The Ramblings of a Rabbit" in which he dedicates a whole chapter to Edgar Mobbs "one of the finest fellows this generation will see". Grierson goes on to say that when Mobbs was turned down for being over thirty but offered to raise a company he wrote to Grierson asking him to join with him. Grierson lists other men who

joined with him including the Gurney brothers, Albert Luck and Lawson and Dudbridge of the Stroud crowd.

During the War Grierson said he contributed to the Wipers Times under the nom-de-plume of P.B.I. He was injured at the same time as Mobbs on the Somme. Mobbs was injured in the shoulder whilst Grierson "took a bit of the same shell in the Headmaster's area" as he says in his book. His Army medical card records "GSW in the buttocks". He describes Mobbs as having "Died as he lived - a sportsman and a gentleman". The book also relates to his time at Cambridge, playing cricket for various sides and his time as a Leicester player. There are also chapter about sporting journalists of the day and stories about the law and lawyers.

As well as being a sportsman Grierson was something of a musician and entertainer. He appears, with his future wife Nancy Banister, in local newspaper reports in 1913 and 14 performing in concert with the Magpie Pierrot Troupe and playing the piano. In the 1930's he presented programmes reporting on cricket and rugby and was billed as the first of



BBC's rugby football commentators.

His retirement from top class cricket didn't lessen his enthusiasm for the game and in 1936 he founded the Forty Club. The qualifications to play for this cricket team were to be over forty, a good fellow and a useful cricketer. They played their first match in 1937 against Wellingborough School and it is still on the fixture list for the school as the Forty Club is still going. The focus of the club is now on promoting cricket in school and to young people.

He and his wife and daughter, Elizabeth, were living in Northampton by 1929. In the 1939 Register he is listed a leather salesman for the boot and shoe trade and his daughter is a Repertory actress. In 1942 he became Commandant of the Northampton Division of the Northamptonshire Special Constabulary.

He died in Sunbury on Thames in 1972, aged 80.

Campaign :- 1914-15 Star		(A) Where decoration was earned.	
		(B) Present situation.	
Name	7th Corps Northants Regt 1915 Bde	Rank Capt	Reg. No. Roll on which included (if any)
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(B) H.			1915 Star OFF/149/180.
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THE MOBBS' OWN PROJECT

The story so far...

The Mobbs' Own project kicked off last summer with a group of enthusiastic volunteers, eager to start researching the 264 men who joined 'D' Company, 7th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment in September 1914. Led by Foundation project manager, Claire Jones, the team has done a remarkable job uncovering the stories of the men and their families. The project has been funded by a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Nearly thirty people have worked as volunteers during the project. Many of them have learned new skills as researchers, archivists and oral history interviewers. We have visited various locations in the town connected to the Mobbs' Own. We have been welcomed wherever we have visited – for example, the trip to Clare Street which was for many years the home of the Northamptonshire Regiment. The commanding officer, Lt Col Emil Tessem-Cotton and his team spent the evening with the volunteers – he brought to life for the volunteers what it is like to be a soldier in today's army whilst comparing it to life on the front line in France and Belgium in the First World War.

The team have gathered regularly to share stories, insights on how to complete research and eat cake. We had a couple of specific events where the team worked on specific men's

stories together. The gatherings have continued online during the current crisis, with the team learning new skills to work online such as video-conferencing.

We have found more men – the number has now risen to 277. Of those on the list, we have uncovered information for 245 of them. There are only 32 who have eluded us so far. We have learned that they were a remarkable group who joined the Mobbs' Own from across the country. Many were drawn to the company because of their relationship with Edgar Mobbs, some because they knew of Mobbs but some simply because their friends and relatives were joining up and 'D' Company was where they ended up.

This brochure has become the main output of the project and as you will have read, it features some of the stories of the men. The plan to host the men's families and volunteers at the annual Mobbs' Own match has been put on hold, as well as our plans to meet and interview some of the men's relatives and take the men's stories out to the Northamptonshire community.

There is one event which has become more significant given what has happened to the project. In March 2020, just before Europe went into lockdown, we took some

of the volunteers and friends of the Northampton Saints Foundation, to the battlefields in France and Belgium where the Mobbs' Own fought. It wasn't part of the original project scope but working with the National Lottery Heritage Fund, we found a way to make it happen. We were led by two military historians who have helped the project throughout, Graham McKechnie and Jon Cooksey. The three days turned out to be more insightful and emotional than we ever could have imagined. As a result, we have decided to include the story of the trip and the volunteers' thoughts about it, in this brochure in an extended form.



DAY ONE

The visit to the Loos battlefield, Loos Memorial and Arras

The first battlefield the team visited was at Loos – this was the first battle that the 7th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment fought. It was a terrible encounter for inexperienced soldiers to be involved in and as a result over thirty of the Mobbs' Own were killed and many more injured. It also, included Jack Gilliam as we have described earlier, who played on the wing for Saints before the war.

The volunteers paid their respects to both Jack and his fellow Mobbs' Own that died at the Loos Memorial (also known as Dud Corner) – the names of those that died were read out and a wreath was laid.

The last part of the day was a trip to the memorial at Arras where the group paid its respects to another sportsman from the town, the Northampton Town footballer, Walter Tull. Tull fought with the Middlesex Regiment and was killed in the spring of 1918 during the German Army's Spring Offensive.



DAY TWO

The visit to the Somme battlefield and the Menin Gate

The second day of the visit was dominated by visit to various parts of the battle of the Somme and paying respects to the fallen at the Menin Gate in Ypres. The Mobbs' Own involvement in the battle of the Somme came at Guillemont in August 1916. The team visited the Guillemont Road Cemetery which overlooks the ground where the Mobbs' Own saw action. Mobbs' was injured whilst briefing his battalion officers. It was also the battle where many more of the Mobbs' Own died including Private Harold Axford. Claire Jones and one of the volunteers, Julia Wallace, have met relatives of Harold – his grand-daughter, Carol Steele and great-nephew, Simon Ward. Julia was very moved by the experience

'Seeing the battlefield where one of 'my' men had lost his life – just how flat the ground is and how exposed they were; and, seeing the remains of the trenches at Newfoundland, gave us all a bit more insight into how many days it took, how many lives were lost, just to gain a few metres.'

The team also paid an impromptu visit to the Menin Road South Military Cemetery – the volunteers had found that several of the Mobbs' Own were buried there. The volunteers placed a small wooden cross to pay their respects to each man.

In the evening, the volunteers visited the Menin Gate where they paid their respects to the Mobbs' Own who were killed on the Ypres Salient. This included Lt Col Edgar Mobbs. His great-nephew, Edgar surprised the volunteers when he showed them the actual Distinguished Service Order medal that Edgar was posthumously awarded in 1918. Later that evening, Simon Robinson, one of the project volunteers, Simon Hammerschmidt, one of the Trustees of Northampton Saints Foundation and Claire Jones, laid a wreath to the Mobbs' Own as part of the daily act of remembrance at the Menin Gate.



DAY THREE

The visit to Dranoutre Road and Shrewsbury Forest

The final day started with a visit to Dranoutre Road where Arthur 'Freddie' Blakiston won the Military Cross in September 1918. He was a Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery and rescued wounded men when an ammunition delivery to the front line was attacked by the Germans. After the war, Blakiston went on to play for the Saints in the back-row 87 times. He was also, an England and British & Irish Lions international. Every pre-season the whole of the Saints squad compete in the Blakiston Challenge, which this year was won by Reuben Bird-Tulloch.

The group also, visited Shrewsbury Forest where the Mobbs' Own fought as part of the battle of Passchendaele in the summer of 1917. It was also where Lt Col Edgar Mobbs was killed. An English Oak cross has been erected in the area where Mobbs died – it was the first time that Edgar Mobbs and his wife, Deidre had visited the cross, Edgar having been ill when the family erected it a few years ago. The team paid their respects to the fallen Saintsman by laying wreaths from the Mobbs family and Northampton Saints Foundation. As the team stood at the cross, thin rays of sunlight appeared through trees as the sun emerged from behind the clouds. It seemed to be a sign of acknowledgement of our act of playing our respects.

Not long after the team returned from France and Belgium, the lockdown began. We agreed as a team that we should write our thoughts about the trip – this has evolved into the team thinking about the trip, the war and the men in the context of the Covid-19 crisis. One of the team, Lis Saunders made the connection between the war and the crisis and subsequently, talked to some of the volunteers. We have captured their thoughts below:

Terry Whenham

Volunteer Researcher

The trip was special particularly having Edgar with us as a direct link to Edgar Mobbs. I felt it gave us a real camaraderie with the soldiers we had researched. I had researched Frederick Paine, I knew of him before the trip, but it really made me think of him.

I felt that the men were pulling us along, especially when the sun came out in Shrewsbury Forest and when young Edgar placed Mobb's medals at the Menin Gate.



Simon Robinson

Volunteer Archivist

The zoom meetings have been good because we have a five minute catch up meeting with work each morning other than that I wouldn't see people. It's good to see people you would choose to see, especially having lost the face to face contact at the rugby. It's nice to keep in touch and to be able to have a chat. And that feeling of "oh good Tuesday evening we've got a meeting".

With regards to the trip we were obviously aware that things were changing, we were lucky had it been the following week it would have been cancelled. We didn't know that the Worcester game was the last one Saints would play for a few months. Graham (McKechnie) and I had been talking about fixtures being played behind closed doors not realising the game we were watching would be the last one.

The work of people involved in the project made the trip so special, gave you much more perspective. Being able to stand where they had stood made it real.

Simon Hammerschmidt

Trustee of Northampton Saints Foundation

Every tombstone and name on the memorials was a son, husband, grandson. With my German heritage I also thought about the Germans, who were also sons and husbands.

I felt very privileged to be part of the ceremony at the Menin Gate, I felt very humble and proud as a soldier and privileged to have the freedom that they fought for. I came away better educated about Northampton soldiers and about the war itself. I think that what the Foundation is doing for local people is in the spirit of the men who belonged to the Mobbs' Own.

Marg Banfield

Volunteer Researcher

The trip was very emotional – at one point we were looking at the wood where my grandfather fought and that made me think about him. We were in the rain and cold but at least we had a warm bus to go back to and a hotel with warm showers and a comfy bed, it made me wonder how did they cope?

The other thing for me was the Menin Gate ceremony when Edgar got Edgar's medals out, it was very emotional and when the sun came out at Shrewsbury Forest as Graham and Jon were telling us about Edgar and at his cross.

I loved finding out about Walter Tull, I had heard of him but to hear Jon and Graham tell his story was really interesting and made you realise what an amazing person he must have been.

Julia Wallace and Sue Waller

Volunteer Communicators and Researchers

When we were on the trip we were aware of the Covid threat, in fact we were very vigilant and obsessed with handwashing. We were the handwashing police at the back of the bus!

It felt that things were different and that there were not many people at the Menin gate or around as we came home. There was a real sense of "when will we do something like this again" but we didn't realise it would be this long.

Sue added "The weather on the trip (which was mainly very wet and cold) really helped the camaraderie of those of us on the bus and gave an idea of the conditions that the men lived in for so much of the time."

Both also added that the input from Graham and Jon had been superb, the attention to detail about the information they had given and the generosity to share their knowledge with us all. They were like a knowledgeable double act!

Heather Parr

Volunteer Researcher

It was a very enjoyable trip even though it was a weird time. I don't think we realised how serious it was becoming until we were on our way back, my sister kept sending

me messages asking if we were home yet because she was worried about things. On our way back it felt as if all the doors were slamming behind us. I am glad we got it in before lockdown.

The Zoom meetings have helped, reassures you that there are still people out there, they keep the contact and keep pulling it together and emphasising the positive. I feel that I have been a little cog in a large wheel that has contributed something that will hopefully be there for a long time.

Geoff Read

Volunteer Researcher

I am glad we did the trip when we did, we were very lucky. I thoroughly enjoyed it. I had a feeling of being privileged both of being with the group of people who were superb and all with the same focus and desire to find out about the lives and deaths of these men and with being the Edgar Mobbs Jnr at the Menin Gate and in Shrewsbury Forest. It was very moving, emotional and memorable.

Two of the soldiers I had been researching, Harry Affleck and Cecil McCulloch, were remembered on our trip. Harry in the cemetery at Menin Road South and Cecil's name is on the Menin Gate. It was very poignant seeing their names because I felt I had a connection due to the research I had been doing.

Claire Jones

Project Manager

The people at the National Lottery Heritage Fund were brilliant in allowing us to move funds which meant the trip could happen.

And we were so very lucky to have Jon and Graham. They spent a huge amount of time making sure we got the most from the trip, making sure we were at the right place at the battlefields and we found the right graves and memorials – so much work to make it so memorable.

And being at Tom Collins gravestone at Tyne Cot explaining to a 19 year old why we were there and the work of the project. He was there because his friend was visiting the grave of a relative. He seemed to be blown away that a professional sports club should have a heritage department and when I saw him telling his friends and they headed off to where Tom Collins fell, well it made my day and made me feel my job was worthwhile!

Lis Saunders

Volunteer Communicator and Researcher

We had already brought so many of the men out of the shadows with the stories we had unearthed, to then walk in their footsteps at Loos and Shrewsbury Forest was particularly humbling and poignant. It made them even more real as did the stories from the various sites we stopped at, a combination of tears and laughter and respect; the story of Freddie Blakiston throwing all of those into sharp relief.

And within that unit there are closer friendships that may not have developed so well or so quickly without the project. Through this lockdown period the friends I have made through Mobbs' Own project have been a ray of sunshine via Zoom and Whatsapp.

Those 280 men who followed Mobbs over a hundred years ago little realised what a legacy they all left or what riches they would bestow on us some 100 years later – and I am not just talking about "my Albert".

So to the men of 'D' Company I give you my heartfelt thanks, not just for rallying to the nation's call but for leading me to discover a brilliant bunch of individuals in the 21st Century.



MOBBS' OWN - LIST OF MEN

Adams FRS	15774	Private	Beall PG	15757	Private	Brown WG	15738	2nd Lieutenant	Corbett R	15721	Corporal
Adams JS	15775	Private	Bedford SG	15756	2nd Lieutenant	Bruce HW	15740	2nd Lieutenant	Cotton WA	15720	Lieutenant
Addington A	15773	Private	Bellchambers CH	15755	Private	Bull A	15737	Private	Cracknell FW	15719	Private
Adkin FE	15772	2nd Lieutenant	Bennett AT	15754	Private	Burton FW	15736	2nd Lieutenant	Crick W	15718	Lieutenant
Affleck H	15771	Lance Sergeant	Bennett WB	15753	Corporal	Buswell EW	15735	Sergeant	Crisp EG		2nd Lieutenant
Allan KD	15768	Lieutenant	Berrisford EA	15752	2nd Lieutenant	Butcher EG	15734	2nd Lieutenant	Davies GC		Unknown
Allen FT	15769	Sergeant	Berry FRW		Lieutenant	Butcher F	15733	Corporal	Deason FC		Unknown
Allibone AE	15770	Sergeant	Betts AF	15750	Lance Corporal	Butcher W	15732	Lance Corporal	Deeley EW	15713	Lieutenant
Allinson VB	15029	Private	Binyon JC	15749	Corporal	Carr Edwin	15731	Private	Dickens R	15712	Lance Corporal
Amos EH	15767	Private	Bird FJ	15747	Private	Carter AB	15728	Private	Dimblebee CH	15710	Corporal
Ashton FJ	15765	2nd Lieutenant	Bland R	15440	2nd Lieutenant	Carter AJ	15730	Private	Douglas AS	15707	Sergeant
Ashwell WR	15764	Lieutenant	Blunt G	15748	Private	Carter EH	15729	Private	Dudbridge L	15711	Lt Colonel
Axford FH	15766	Private	Bolesworth PJ	15746	Private	Charles EF	15727	Private	Dunkley CW	15176	Private
Ayris H	15763	Sergeant	Booth F	15744	Company Sergeant Major	Church BL	15726	Major	Dunkley CF	15709	2nd Lieutenant
Bailey FW	15762	Sergeant	Bray AT	15743	Private	Cleaver EA	15725	2nd Lieutenant	Dunkley LJ	15708	Private
Bailey JG	15761	Private	Bridgman F	15742	Private	Cleaver RG	15724	Private	Edmunds J	15706	Private
Bament C	15760	Lieutenant	Broughton AE	15741	Private	Coker EC	15723	Private	Eldred JH	15705	Private
Bass FW	15759	Private	Brown HW	15739	Lieutenant	Colton VM	3/10812	Sergeant	Facer PW	15704	Private
Baxter S	15758	Lance Corporal	Brown WE	15084	Private	Copson R	15722	Private	Facer RG	15703	Lieutenant

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Falkner PJ	15700	Private	Gilbert T	15686	Private	Hill A	15672	Private	Justice AE	15655	Private
Fancourt JE	15702	Lance Corporal	Gillam JG	15685	Lance Corporal	Hilton R	15671	Private	Kilborn F	15654	Private
Farey G	15030	Private	Goosey EA	15345	Private	Hirons WF	15670	Lance Sergeant	King JW	15653	Corporal
Farr P	15701	Sergeant	Gordon E	15684	Private	Hobbs HE	15669	Private	King OC	15035	Lance Corporal
Farrer DH		Major	Granger EJ	15683	Lance Corporal	Hobson F	15568	Lieutenant	Kyle FG	15652	2nd Lieutenant
Featherstone HP	15699	Private	Green C	15682	Lance Sergeant	Hoddle FG	15667	Private	La Hive C	15651	Acting Sergeant
Fisher A	15698	Private	Green G		Unknown	Holden AC	15033	Corporal	Lawson JF	15650	Lance Corporal
Fitch CB	15697	Corporal	Greeves S	15681	Major General	Hollies SJ or Hollis GJ	15665	Unknown	Le Grand R	15648	Unknown
Fitzpatrick LE		Lance Corporal	Grierson H		Captain	Horn WT		Unknown	Lee WA	15649	Acting QMS
Foreman H		Unknown	Gurney RT		Major-General	Horton G	15664	Private	Letts JW	15647	Sergeant
Forscutt SC	15693	Private	Hamming JS		Unknown	House HG	15661	2nd Lieutenant	Lodge FDS	15646	CQMS
Forskitt A	15692	Private	Hammond WH	15673	Corporal	Howett RL		Captain	Looms J	15645	Gunner
Foster GE	15695	Captain	Harding JH	15679	Lance Sergeant	Howes WE	15662	Private	Luck A	15644	Sergeant
Foster P	15694	Private	Harris WH	15678	2nd Lieutenant	Hunt WT	15660	Acting Corporal	Macalister J	15642	Private
Gallantry TB	15690	Sergeant	Hayward PG	15677	Sergeant	Iliffe FA	15034	Private	Maddock TS	15643	2nd Lieutenant
Garrett SP	16036	Sergeant	Head LM	15676	Private	Jackson WA	15659	Sergeant	Main HA	15641	Private
Gayton C	15689	Private	Heap FA	15675	Private	Jeyes FW	15658	Private	Mann AE	15666	2nd Lieutenant
Gibbins T	15688	Private	Hebbert WJC		Unknown	Johnson ET	15657	Corporal	Mann EV	15640	Private
Gilbert RE	15687	Corporal	Hemmings HE	15674	Private	Jones TE	15656	Private	Manning TF or J	15639	Unknown

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Marriott C	15637	2nd Lieutenant	North RW	15620	Private	Pettit JTH	15601	Lt Colonel	Sedgwick H	15584	Private
Marriott W	15636	Private	Oates A	15036	Corporal	Phillips D	15599	Lance Corporal	Shaw T	15583	Private
Martyn CH	15635	Captain	O'Dell AJ	15619	Sergeant	Philpot CP	15598	2nd Lieutenant	Shepherd AR	15582	Unknown
Mason H		Unknown	O'Dell ER	15618	Private	Powell P		Unknown	Shepherd JNK	15581	Flight Lieutenant
McCullagh C	15633	Corporal	Ormrod F	15617	Lance Corporal	Randall H	17190	Private	Simmons G	15580	Private
Mead WE		Unknown	Osborn AW	15615	2nd Lieutenant	Rawson JG	15597	Private	Simons WJ	15579	Private
Merry PS	15631	Private	Osborn FJ	15614	Lieutenant	Redhead HW	15596	Lance Corporal	Simpson F	15578	Private
Moore D	18042	Sergeant	Osborn RL	15613	Lance Corporal	Rice S	15595	Private	Simpson HB	15576	Captain
Moore DG	15629	Sergeant	Oxley AW	15612	Lance Corporal	Richardson R	15594	Corporal	Skempton L	15577	2nd Lieutenant
Mundin WH		Unknown	Page ACD	15611	2nd Lieutenant	Robb WES		Sergeant	Smart W	15569	Private
Munks WH	15627	Private	Paine FEV	15610	Private	Roberts LJ	15592	Lance Corporal	Smith AG	15575	Sergeant
Munroe AE	15626	Lance Corporal	Payne F	15600	2nd Lieutenant	Robertson AT	15591	2nd Lieutenant	Smith CWB	15574	Corporal
Murdin AE	15628	Unknown	Pearson R	15609	Captain	Robins FS	15590	Private	Smith F	15573	Private
Mynard RC	15625	Private	Pebody H	15607	Sergeant	Robinson JR	15589	Private	Smith FJ		Unknown
Needham NS	15624	Private	Peggs JW	15608	Private	Rowe HK	15588	Private	Smith JH	15572	Private
Negrand R		Unknown	Percival S	15606	Major	Rowell F	15587	Private	Smith SJ	15571	Private
Newman A	15623	Private	Perkins GW	15605	Corporal	Rush JH		Unknown	Smith TJ	15570	Private
Nichols W	15622	Private	Perry ELC	15603	Private	Rushton RE	15586	Lance Corporal	Spanton PA	15568	Lance Corporal
North F	15621	Private	Perry PP	15602	Lieutenant	Ruston AM	15585	2nd Lieutenant	Squires E	15566	Sergeant

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Stevens JG	15565	Private
Stewart RE		Unknown
Stock J	15564	Sergeant
Stringer EJ	15563	Lance Corporal
Stuart RE	15562	Unknown
Sturges R	15561	2nd Lieutenant
Swallow WE	15560	Private
Swann W	15559	Private
Symonds S	16040	Private
Tarlton A	15558	Private
Tarry F	15557	Private
Taylor HW	17191	Private
Tervey NI		Unknown
Titley J	3/10736	Lance Sergeant
Tomlin THP	15604	2nd Lieutenant
Tobin F	15555	Private
Trasler C		Unknown
Tratt R	15553	Private
Tuckey WH	15552	2nd Lieutenant

Turner MF	15549	Captain
Turner MIF		Unknown
Turvey HL	15550	Private
Twist T	15548	Private
Vernon CT	15547	2nd Lieutenant
Walker W	15546	Private
Ward HW	15545	Private
Warwick J	15551	Private
Waters J	3/10845	Private
Watkins FE	15544	Private
Weesle G		Unknown
Westcombe WR	15542	Acting Group Captain
Westley SJ		Unknown
Wharmby CJ	15540	Private
Whelan WJ	15539	Private
Whitmee AG	15538	Private
Wilby SC	15537	Lieutenant
Wilkinson AJ	15534	Private
Wilkinson I	15535	Private

Willett H	15533	2nd Lieutenant
Willey JRA	15532	Private
Willford WE	15536	Private
Williams A	15037	2nd Lieutenant
Williamson HJ	15531	Sergeant
Wilson J	15430	Private
Winteringham F	15530	Lieutenant
Wood S	15528	Lieutenant
Wooding JW	15527	Private
Workman CH	15529	Lance Corporal
Wright G	15526	Private

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