

Parish of Friern Barnet

St John the Evangelist and St James the Great



**Graves and Memorials
of the
First World War**



St John's Church, c 1920

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Introduction

The church of St James the Great, probably dating from the 12th century, but rebuilt and enlarged in the 19th, was the original parish church of Friern Barnet. It stands in the parish churchyard in Friern Barnet Lane. As the population grew in the 19th and 20th centuries, new parishes were created: All Saints' from the northern portion of the parish, St Peter-le-Poer to the south. The church of St John the Evangelist in Friern Barnet Road, completed in 1910, was built as a chapel-of-ease to St James's, to serve what had become the main centre of population of the parish, near the Colney Hatch Asylum (later Friern Hospital) and the railway station. To make full use of the two church buildings, since 2009 St James's Church has become the place of worship for the Greek Orthodox Community of St Katherine, with Church of England services taking place in St John's. In 2011 St John's was re-designated as the parish church.

The Parish First World War memorial, situated in the churchyard, commemorates the eighty-five men and two women, who had lived in the parish or worshipped here, who died as a result of war service. Those of the Friern Barnet daughter parishes of All Saints and St Peter-le Poer are not (in general) included, as each has its own war memorial. There are also other memorials to individuals within the churches, two in St James's and one in St John's.

Within the churchyard there are a number of First World War graves: ten Commonwealth War Grave Commission graves and four other graves where a war casualty is buried. There are, too, family graves where a war casualty, although buried elsewhere, is commemorated in the inscription.

In 1917 a Roll of Honour board was erected outside St John's Church to contain the name of any Friern Barnet resident serving with the forces. By the end of 1917 it had on it two hundred and seventy-one names.

In the following pages, the names and inscriptions on the memorials and graves are given, and a list of the names included on the Roll of Honour. There is also a section giving brief biographies of those who died.

The sources for the information given include:

- The Commonwealth War Commission website;

- Ancestry website:

 - Census returns,

 - Birth, marriage and death indices,

 - Probate records,

 - Military records

 - (where available – most were destroyed in an air raid in the Second War),

 - Medal rolls,

 - London County Council records (staff of Colney Hatch Asylum);

- David Berguer, *All Over by Christmas*:

 - Names on the All Saints', St Peter-le-Poer and St Paul's, New Southgate memorials;

- London Metropolitan Archives:

 - Parish baptism, marriage and burial registers,

 - Parish magazines.

In a few cases of names on the War Memorial, I have not been able to identify the person named. Either, the name is not listed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and I cannot find it through any other source, or the same name occurs many times and I have not been able to determine which has a connection with Friern Barnet.

Each year, on November 11th, a service is held around the war memorial in the churchyard, with the two minute silence observed at 11am.

John Philpott

July 2014

This booklet was revised with some additional information October 1916.

The First World War Memorial

This is in the churchyard of St James the Great in Friern Barnet Lane. It has the form of a churchyard cross, the work of Martin Travers of Fulham. Names were invited of all soldiers, sailors, airmen or nurses who died on active service, and who were living at the time of their enlistment in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St James and St John, Friern Barnet, or who were habitual worshippers at either of these churches. It was not restricted to Church members. The memorial was dedicated in 1921 by the Rector of Friern Barnet, the Revd Edward Gage Hall.

It bears this inscription:

1914-1919

Brothers who died for our homes and country,
we salute you, and commend you to the
Redeemer's keeping.

Eighty-seven names follow, and, beneath them, the quotation:

"Whose glory was redressing human wrong"

The inscription is now almost completely illegible; the following list is reproduced from a report of the dedication in the *Barnet Press* of the 4th June 1921.

Henry E Baggs
George Baker
Thomas Beavis
Leo Bell
Frank Bigwood
W H P Bennett
Percy D Bennett
P Douglas Briggs
Herbert H Broadhouse
Frank W Buttifant
Travis P Bussell
Arthur Clark
Ronald E Collins
Arthur J H Cornell
James M Cottam
George O Cox
Thomas Cox
Wilfred H G Cox
Alfred W Coleman,
Edgar Curry
Arthur J Crumpler
Alfred Davies
Ivor T Davies
Reginald Dee
Charles A Dickens
Stanley J Fone
Thomas W Farrow
Harold M Foreman
Monica M Ferguson

Herbert T Field
Alexander G Green
William F Guy
Bernard Hardie
Ronald Harrison
E Frank Harding
William R Henderson
Charlotte E Henry
William Howitt
R T G Haselwood
Jack H Hunt
Harry W Hunt
Ernest E Hughes
Lawrence H Hewlett
Sidney Hucklesby
Henry J Hucklesby
M M Humphreys
Horace C Irwin
Neville E Keen
George H Kiteley
Ronald H List
John Lamont
James Mackie
William T Manns
Joseph Mildern
Atholl Mildern
James A Mecoy
Alexander B Kynoch
William Paul

Edward C Philpot
John Presser
Alfred L Price
Walter H Price
John Reynolds
Percy G Rawlings
Robert T Pitt
Alfred E Ridley
William P Rumbold,
Leonard A Sexton
Arthur E Sims
Frank T Sherrington
Ralph H Sherrington
Clifford H Sinclair
Ernest G Standley
George N Thorpe
John Tingley
Philip R Toms,
Cecil W Toms
Sydney R Turner
Harold E Turner
Ernest E Usher
Hector W Vears
Ernest E Vears
Cecil H Wright-Ingle
William E Wilkinson
Oliver C Wall
Albert M Wilmott
William Wright



Memorials in St James's Church

Ivor Theophilus Davies

In loving memory of Ivor Theophilus Davies, 2nd Lieutenant Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Lⁱ Inf^y who was killed leading a column in an attack on a German redoubt near Hooge in Flanders, June 22nd 1915, aged 20

(The plaque is below a window in memory of his mother, Kate Davies, who died 16th January 1914.)



James Melville Cottam

In loving memory of James Melville Cottam SQMS 1st Canadian Contingent, enlisted 12th Aug 1914 died on active service 18th March 1916 age 26. This memorial was placed here by officers NCOs and men of his unit as a lasting token of their sympathy and regret (The plaque is below a window in memory of his father, Henry Cottam, who died 18th February 1911, and of James.)



Memorial in St John's Church

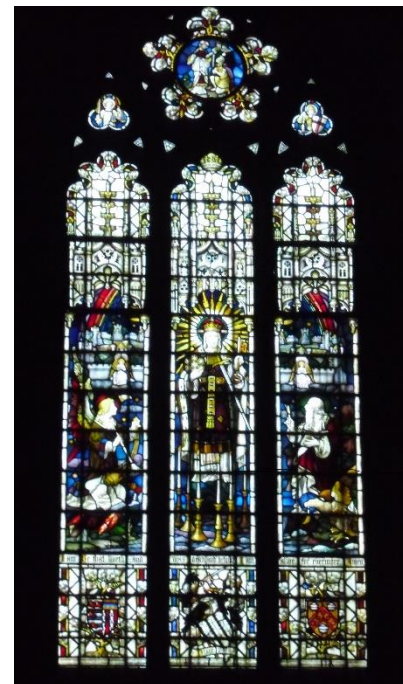
Cecil Hubert Wright-Ingle

The window in the south wall of the south west transept (above the crèche) is in memory of Cecil Wright-Ingle.

The window, by the firm of Clayton and Bell, depicts St John's vision on the isle of Patmos, and includes the arms of the family, his school (Malvern) and Pembroke College Cambridge.

A plaque below (within the crèche) reads:

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Cecil Hubert Wright-Ingle 2nd Lieut 19th Batt Royal Fusiliers (2nd Batt Public Schools) MA Barrister formerly of Woodhouse North Finchley Born 2nd Aug 1883 Killed in action in France 30th April 1916 and buried in La Plus Douce Farm Cemetery Wulverghem. this window is erected by his father and mother. Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends.



First World War Graves in Friern Barnet Churchyard

The references in brackets are to the locations of the graves as given in the survey *St James the Great, Friern Barnet: Monumental Inscriptions*, North Middlesex Family History Society, 1989.

With Commonwealth War Grave Commission gravestones

HARRY BROWN (H6/11)



2417 Pte H Brown,
P.W.O Civil Service Rifles,
24th February 1915 age 21

LIONEL BERTRAM CHAMP (H11/9)



WR/601839 Sapper L.B.Champ,
Royal Engineers,
8th March 1919 age 33,
Into Thy hands O Lord I come

ALFRED W COLEMAN (H7/3)



G/12016 Private
A.W.Coleman,
E. Kent Regt (The Buffs),
11th September 1916 age 29

G A COOPER (H10/8)



299050 Gunner G.A.Cooper, Royal
Field Artillery,
27th August 1919

P E HODGSON (H8/10)



78918 Gunner P.E.Hodgson,
Royal Field Artillery,
21st August 1918 age 40

WILLIAM T MANNS (H2/2)



9974 Private W.T.Manns,
Hertfordshire Regt, 24th November
1918 age 32

ALFRED LEONARD PRICE (F76)



2635 Sapper A.L.Price Royal
Engineers 21st March 1916
age 27.

ERNEST E USHER (H12/12)*



45329 Serjeant E.E.Usher MM,
Royal Horse Artillery, 28th May 1919
age 36

FRANK THEODORE SHERRINGTON (J3)



29776 Private F.T.Sherrington,
Bedfordshire Regt,
5th July 1918 age 34

RALPH HUGHES SHERRINGTON (J3)



06515 Private R.Sherrington,
Royal Army Ordnance Corps,
5th May 1916 age 26

With family gravestones

JAMES MELVILLE COTTAM (H4/18)



In loving memory of Henry Philip Cottam born July 13 1846 died Feb 14 1911.
Jesus said "He that heareth my word and believeth on him who sent me hath everlasting life."

also of Bertha Annie his wife born 24th February 1860 died 31st December 1921

"My peace I give you."

In ever loving memory of James Melville Cottam fourth son of Henry Philip Cottam born July 13th 1890 died March 18th 1916

REGINALD DEE (H4/22)



In ever tender memory of Reginald Dee

Whom God called away from the many who loved him 25th February 1918 aged 29

Also buried in the grave:

William Dee, died 21st June 1936, aged 76

Isabel Dee, died 6th December 1948, aged 86

PERCY LLEWELLYN EVANS (H7/6)



In loving memory of Percy Llewellyn Evans (Serjeant 14th Middlesex Regt) the beloved husband of Evelyn May Evans, late of the Crescent, Friern Barnet, who was called to higher rest Feb 12th 1917 age 30 years.

"Because I live, ye shall live also."

MONICA FERGUSON (H9/6)



In memory of Monica beloved eldest daughter of Bruce and Florence Ferguson, who died at the Military Hospital Colchester Nov 21 1918 aged 24 years, also of Robert Bruce Ferguson, father of the above, who died June 11th 1924 aged 61 years.

To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die.

Other graves with inscriptions in memory of war dead

RONALD BLAKE (H14/3)

In loving memory of Mabel, wife of Andrew Jamieson Blake, who died 9th August 1922,
also of their son Ronald, who was missing near Ypres 24th Oct 1917
also of Andrew Jamieson Blake who died 30th December 1946

WALTER COLTMAN (E10)

In loving memory of Annie Sylvia Coltman, who died April 2nd 1937 in her 70th year,
also her son Walter Joseph Coltman, who died of wounds received on the battlefield 2nd June 1917 in his 22nd year
and is interred at Achiet le Grand, France.

GEORGE COX (H11/6)

In loving memory of Francis A Cox born 24th June 1862 died 25th May 1920 founder of the National Equine
Defence League to which he ungrudgingly devoted his time and gifts
also of George Cox son of the above killed in action 13th November 1916 aged 25 years
also of Augusta Elizabeth wife of the above F A Cox born October 20th 1861 died August 5th 1927

STANLEY SEARLE CRISP (H1/18)

My dearly loved husband Fred Crisp JP DL who departed this life November 9th 1905 in his 57th year, "Peace
perfect peace",
also Stanley Searle, 3rd son of the above, Major Royal Field Artillery, killed in action December 6th 1917 aged 31
years, buried in British Military Cemetery Istrana Italy, "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori",
also Elizabeth, wife of the above Fred Crisp, passed on March 23rd 1939 in her 90th year, "God moves in a
mysterious way."

EDGAR CURRY (H1/14)

Sacred to the memory of William Curry who passed away August 7th 1905 in the 62nd year of his age, "Gone but
not forgotten",
also Edgar, son of the above, aged 22 years, killed in action in Flanders June 15th 1915 whilst endeavouring to save
the life of another,
also of Emma, the devoted wife of William Curry, who died 27th March 1936 aged 78 years, at peace.

IVOR THEOPHILUS DAVIES (H8/19)

In loving memory of Kate Gardner Davies, beloved wife of Thomas A Davies, who died January 16th 1914 aged
57, also in loving memory of Thomas Alexander Davies, who died Jan 22nd 1924 aged 70 years,
also in loving memory of Ivor T Davies, 2nd Lieut Oxon and Bucks Lⁱ Infantry, killed and buried near Hooge,
Ypres, June 22nd 1915 aged 20,
also in memory of Minnie Gardner Davies, youngest daughter of Thomas and Kate Davies who died in
Switzerland on Oct 22 1944.

HAROLD MASSEY FOREMAN (H1/2)

In loving memory of George Foreman who entered into rest Sept 3rd 1906 aged 49,
Harold Massey, died at Basra Mesopotamia, July 4th 1917 aged 28,
George, died at Brooklyn Dec 1918 aged 38.

OWEN GODDARD (H11/1)

Sacred to the memory of John Goddard who died March 24th 1913 aged 78,
also of Henrietta his wife who died November 8th 1924 aged 71
and of Owen Goddard RE son of above killed in France March 20th 1917 aged 34.

LESLIE KINGHAM (H1/4)

In ever loving memory of Emily beloved wife of Fred^k Kingham who fell asleep March 8th 1913 aged 50.
In ever loving memory of Leslie their son killed in action Sep^t 25th 1916 aged 20.

WILLIAM HENRY LIDDON PARRY (H13/7)

The grave is recorded in *Monumental Inscriptions*, North Middlesex Family History Society, 1989, but I could not find it (2014). *Monumental Inscriptions* gives this information on the inscription:

Parry, Gladys Elaine, 18/7/1897, 10 months

Parry, Arthur & Margaret

Parry, Enid Owenhyvar, 29/2/1944, 49

Parry, Launcelot, Chaplain, 7/8/1921, 58 [This should be Arthur Launcelot Parry]

Parry, William Hy. Liddon, 29/11/1916, 26, 1st W. War

ALFRED LEONARD PRICE (H3/13) (His grave is also in the churchyard.)

In loving memory of Alfred William Price died February 26th 1909 aged 57 years,

also Jane ... died March 8th 1926 aged 76,

also Alfred Leonard, son, sapper RE, died on active service March 21st 1916 aged 27.

WILLIAM HENRY ROWLATT (B20)

In memory of Henry William Napier Rowlatt, son of Rev John H Rowlatt MA, who died on 24th December 1882

... Susan Martha Rowlatt his wife, who died on 8th December 1923

William Henry Rowlatt, their elder son, who was missing at he Battle of Commeccourt 1st July 1916

Florence Rowlatt their second daughter who died on 16th December 1924.

LEONARD ALFRED SEXTON (G1)

... mother Mary Jane Sexton ... September 11th 1918 aged 55

and our dear father Alfred Sexton passed to rest November 28th 1943 aged 79,

also Leonard Alfred Sexton killed ... Oct 7th 1916 aged 21 years

and Hilda May Sexton called home June 1st 1894 aged 5 months. Reunited.

JOHN ERIC SIMPSON and WILLIAM LEONARD SIMPSON (H4/8)

In memoriam W^m Crispin Simpson died Feb 13 1912 aged 63, also of his son Arthur died July 25 1915 aged 34.

... sons of the above W^m Crispin Simpson who were killed in France

Leonard March 31st 1918 aged 37, Eric July 7th 1918 aged 20.

JAMES SPEEDY (C36)

In loving memory of Mary Speedy who passed away on Feb 28th 1925 aged 81 years

and of her husband Frederick Speedy who died Nov 11th 1920 aged 77 years.

Both passed away at their residence Tulse Hill, London.

Also of their children

Henry Frederick born April 26th 1875 died Dec^r 16th 1876 "Safe in the arms of Jesus"

Jean Daisy died Sep^r 30th 1880 aged 8 weeks

and James of Queen's Westminsters killed in action in France Oct^r 7th 1916 aged 38 years.

HAROLD FRANK TURNER and SIDNEY ROBERT TURNER (H4/21)

In loving memory of the dearly loved husband and sons of Florence Elizabeth Turner

William Henry Child who died April 1st 1903 aged 51 years

William Edward eldest son who died Dec 19th 1910 aged 25 years.

On active service in France, Sidney Robert second son who was killed in action April 22nd 1917 aged 25,

Harold Frank third son who died of wounds May 26th 1917 aged 23

JACK WATTS (H10/5)

In loving memory of William Watts died February 24th 1920 aged 75 years

also of Betsy wife of William Watts fell asleep January 11th 1932 in her 89th year.

In proud memory of Jack Watts killed in action, France, September 1916, aged 33 years.

HAROLD JUSTUS WILLIAMS (H8/12)

In ever loving memory of our much loved and most devoted youngest daughter Constance Evangeline Williams of Oakleigh Park who entered into life June 30th 1918, also the beloved father Justus Liebig Williams who died December 15th 1923 aged 72.

Annie, widow of J L Williams, died February 1st 1937, loved wife and mother,

also of our dear and only son Harold Justus, Lieut RFA July 9th 1916.

Brief biographies of those commemorated

(W=parish war memorial, M= memorial in church, G=grave in churchyard, I=inscription on family grave)

Henry Ernest Baggs (W)

2nd Lieutenant, 43rd Battalion, Machine Gun Corps, died of wounds as a prisoner of war, 29th June 1918, aged 36, at Cassel, Germany. Buried in Niederzwehren Cemetery, Germany, son of Charles, a solicitor's managing clerk, and Louisa Baggs, of Clovelly, 137 Friern Barnet Road. Henry was born in 1882 in Islington and baptised at St Anne's, Islington. He was the fourth of six children, four boys and two girls. Before the war, he worked as an insurance clerk.

George Baker (W)

Private, 4th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, missing, killed in action, 23rd August 1914. Commemorated on the La Ferte-sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et Marne.

Before the war he worked as an attendant at the Colney Hatch Asylum. An Army reservist, he was recalled on the outbreak of war and in France by 13th August. He died on the first day of the Battle of Mons, the first substantial engagement of the British Expeditionary Force.

Thomas Beavis (W)

Private, 6th Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, killed in action 18th August 1916, aged 20, buried Delville Wood Cemetery Longueval, France.

Thomas was the son of Thomas, a railway clerk, and Rose Beavis. He was born in 1896 in Southgate and baptised in St Michael-at-Bowes, Southgate. He had older stepbrother and sister from his mother's previous marriage, and a younger sister. His father died in 1910. In 1911, he was living at 7, Glenthorne Road, Friern Barnet, with his widowed mother and the other children, and was working as a boy railway clerk. His mother married again, to Henry Scott, in 1912.

He died on the Somme battlefield. The Friern Barnet parish magazine of October 1916 reports that "Tom Beavis was killed in action on August 18th while his company was advancing to the assault."

Leo Bell (W)

Not identified

William Henry Pope Bennett (W)

Captain, 13th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment, MC, killed in action at the Somme, France, 3rd March 1918, commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, the Somme.

William was born at St Colum, Cornwall, 16th July 1896, son of Samuel and Nannie, who were both Cornish. Samuel worked in the drapery trade. William had an older sister, also born in Cornwall. By the time he was 4 years old, the family had moved to Friern Barnet and were living at 32 Bethune Road, where his brother was born. William continued his education in the West Country as a boarder at Devon County School, West Buckland. Before the war, the family had moved to 6 Hemington Avenue. He was awarded the Military Cross in 1917 when a 2nd Lieutenant.

Percy Douglas Bennett (W)

Corporal, Border Regiment (formerly of Royal Field Artillery), killed in action 31st July 1917, buried in Duhalloo Advanced Dressing Station Cemetery, near Ypres, Belgium.

Percy was born in 1890 at Stoke Newington, son of Henry, a clerk, and Blanche Bennett, the third of their six children. His mother died in 1899. He was educated in Hertford, as a boarder at Bayley Hall Grammar School. Before the war, he worked as an estate agent's clerk. On the 21st February 1914 he was married in St James's Church, Friern Barnet, to Georgina Ethel Cleare, of 40 Beaconsfield Road. The couple made their home in Friern Barnet. They had two children. The younger, named after his father, was born 7th July 1917, just over three weeks before his father's death.

Frank Bigwood (W)

Private, 19th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers (formerly of the Royal Engineers), killed in action 13th October 1918, buried Haspres Coppice Cemetery, near Cambrai. (Haspres village was taken after severe fighting on the 20th October. Fifty of his battalion are buried there.)

Frank was born in 1882 in Bristol, youngest child of Joseph, a carpenter, and Elizabeth Bigwood. He had a sister and three brothers. He followed his father as a carpenter and, in 1911, was still living in Bristol.

I cannot find a connection with Friern Barnet.

Ronald Jamieson Blake (I)

Private, 17th Battalion, Royal Scots, missing near Ypres 24th October 1917 (3rd Battle of Ypres), his name is on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium, which commemorates the missing of the battles of the Ypres Salient.

Ronald was born 26th April 1895, the son of Andrew Jamieson and Mabel Blake of High Road, Whetstone. He was baptised at St John the Baptist, Finsbury Park in June. He had a younger sister and brother. Around 1900, the family moved to Yarrow Dene, Oakleigh Park North. Ronald's occupation in 1914 was given as "manufacturer", which was also that of his father.

In October 1914, Ronald enlisted in the Lothians and Border Horse, a Territorial regiment. In November 1916 he was posted to an Officer Cadet battalion, to a reserve regiment of Royal Dragoons in April 1917 and to the Royal Scots in September of that year.

William Bourne (G)

Corporal, Royal Army Pay Corps (formerly of Middlesex Regiment), died 16th August 1918, home theatre.

William was born in 1885 in Pimlico, son of William and Rebecca Clara Bourne. Soon after William's birth, the family moved to 36 Holly Park Road, Friern Barnet. He had a younger brother, Fred, who died in 1894, aged 8. His mother died in 1907. William senior worked for the Post Office, becoming head manager of the postal department. In December 1910, William junior was married at St Michael and All Angels, Brunswick Park, to Ada Fuller, of New Southgate. Their home was first at 6 Park View Crescent, New Southgate; by the time of William's death they had moved to 26 Bellevue Road. Before the war he was publisher of a weekly newspaper.

Percy Douglas Briggs (W)

Percy Douglas Briggs was born in Friern Barnet in 1901, youngest of the three children, two sons and a daughter, of Arthur and Mary Briggs. The family lived at 6 Beaconsfield Road. Arthur, a leather dealer, died in December 1914 at the age of 52, and is buried in Friern Barnet churchyard..

The Friern Barnet parish magazine of May 1918 reported the "death of Douglas Briggs at sea". I cannot find any further information concerning the circumstances of his death at an age of less than 17 years.

Herbert I Broadhouse (W)

Private, 7th Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment, killed in action on the Somme battlefield, 28th September 1916, aged 30, and commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Herbert was born in 1885 in Hadley, youngest child of John and Louisa Broadhouse. He had four sisters and three brothers. His father was editor of the "Organist" magazine. By 1891, the family had moved to Ballard's Lane, Finchley. Before the war Herbert worked as an insurance clerk.

He enlisted 24th November 1915. He married, 7th May 1916, Ethel Whittle, at the registry office in Milton, Kent. Their home was at 5 Glenthorne Road, Friern Barnet. He embarked for France 5th August 1916 and was killed the following month. His daughter Phyllis was born 14th November 1916. A pension of 18s 9d per week was awarded for widow and child.

Harry Brown (G)

Private, 15th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment, Prince of Wales Own Civil Service Rifles, died 24th February 1915, home theatre, aged 21.

Harry was born in 1894, youngest of the four children (two girls, two boys) of George and Alice Brown. All the children were born in Whetstone. In 1911, the family was living at Ivanhoe, 20 Totteridge Lane, Whetstone (together with the husband of the eldest daughter and their baby). George was an engineer, Harry a warehouse clerk.

Harry was buried in Friern Barnet churchyard, 27th February 1915. His name is on the All Saints, Friern Barnet, war memorial.

Frank W Buttifant (W)

Rifleman, 5th Battalion, London Regiment (Artists' Rifles), killed in action 24th March 1918, aged 19, commemorated on the Arras Memorial.

Frank was born in Tottenham 2nd December 1898, the second child of Frank, an insurance agent, and Minnie Buttifant. He had three sisters. In 1911, the family was living in Peckam Rye, but by the war had moved to St Denys, Hartland Rd, Friern Barnet

Travis Percival Bussell (W)

Rifleman, 16th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles), killed in action 14th April 1917, aged 19, commemorated on the Arras Memorial.

Travis was born in 1897, the son of Albert and Ellen Bussell. Both his parents were schoolteachers. At the time of his birth they were living in the School House of the village of Stonall, Staffordshire. He had an older and a younger sister. By 1913 the family had moved to Churchfield Avenue, North Finchley, and Travis was educated

at Christ College, Finchley. Ellen died in 1913. By the time of the war, the family had moved to Park View, Torrington Park, Friern Barnet.

Lionel Bertram Champ (G)

Sapper, Royal Engineers, died 8th March 1919, age 33, service in United Kingdom.

Lionel was born 1885 in Finsbury, sixth of the seven children of Charles and Sarah Champ. He had five sisters and one brother. He was baptised in St Clement's, City Road, Islington. His father was a compositor; Lionel followed him into the printing trade. In 1911 he was living in Mildmay Park, Islington, as a boarder with Mrs Frances Wilmot, whose youngest daughter was Lilian, a pupil teacher. Lionel and Lilian were married, 4th January 1919, in St Jude's, Mildmay Grove, Islington. They lived at Lyndhurst, Ashurst Road, Friern Barnet. He died two months after the wedding and was buried 14th March 1919 in Friern Barnet Churchyard.

Arthur Clark (W)

Lance corporal, 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards, died 2nd November 1918, aged 33, buried in Awoingt British Cemetery in France, near Cambrai. Awoingt village was captured 9th October 1918, and three casualty clearing stations were established in the neighbourhood.

Arthur was born in 1885 in Reading, fifth of the seven children (five boys, two girls) of Caleb and Charlotte Clark. Before the war he worked at Colney Hatch Asylum as a boiler stoker. He and his wife Sarah lived at 11 Bellevue Road, Friern Barnet. He had been serving in France for four years before his death in the last month of the war.

Alfred William Coleman (W,G)

Private, 3rd Battalion, East Kent Regiment (The Buffs), died 11th September 1916, aged 29.

Alfred was born in 1887, second child of Alfred and Rosaline Coleman. He had two sisters. The parents came from Norfolk, but, by the 1880's, were living at 9 Lee Road, New Southgate, where all the children were born. (Lee Road no longer exists; it was a turning off Station Road, near the gas works.) Alfred senior was a coachman and then became a house painter. Alfred junior worked as assistant in a butcher's shop. He was married to Violet in September 1911 in Barnet Register Office. They lived at 106 Holly Park Road, Friern Barnet. They had two children.

Alfred enlisted in October 1915. By September 1916 he was seriously ill with typhoid, from which he died in the Military Hospital, Edmonton. He was buried in Friern Barnet churchyard 15th September 1916. Violet received a pension of £1 2s 6d per week for herself and the children. In 1921 she remarried, to Charles Hunt.

Ronald Felix Collins (W)

Flight Sub-lieutenant, 10th Squadron, Royal Naval Air Service, died 28th April 1917, aged 21, buried Adinkerke Churchyard, Belgium.

Ronald was born in Crouch End, Hornsey, younger son of Arthur and Beatrice Collins. By 1911 the family had moved to Cheriton, Friern Barnet Lane. Ronald's father was a house builders' contractor, and, at the age of 15, Ronald was working as a motor engineer. By November 1914 he was already serving in France. 10th Squadron was formed in France in February 1917 in an expansion programme of the RNAS to assist the RFC.

Walter Joseph Coltman (I)

2nd Lieutenant, 6th (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment, died of wounds received on battlefield 2nd June 1917, aged 21.

Walter was born in Barnet in 1896, son of Arthur and Annie Coltman. He had an older brother and younger sister. At one time the family lived in Islington, moved to Barnet and then to Beaumont, 104 Holden Road, Woodside Park.

He embarked for France in March 1915 as a private and was later commissioned.

George Albert Cooper (G)

Gunner, Royal Field Artillery, 'A' Reserve Brigade.

George was born in High Barnet in 1901, son of Charles, a bricklayer, and Harriet Cooper. He had an older brother, Charley, also born in High Barnet, and four younger sisters, Daisy, May, Florrie and Edith, all born in Whetstone. By 1911, the family had moved to 2 Oakleigh Mews, Oakleigh Road, Whetstone. Before the war, George was working as a labourer.

He died of influenza 27th August 1919, aged 18, in Brook War Hospital, Kidbrooke, and was buried 1st September 1919 in Friern Barnet Churchyard.

Arthur John Henry Cornell (W)

Rifleman, 5th Battalion, London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade), killed in action 10th September 1916, buried in Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, on the Somme.

Arthur was born 21st March 1893 in Friern Barnet, second child of Thomas and Sarah Cornell. He had two sisters.

His father was an attendant at Colney Hatch Asylum. He was baptised by Rector Frederick Hall in St James's Church, 23rd April 1883. At the time the family was living at 112 Holly Park Road; they later moved to number 63. He was educated at St John's and Friern Lane (St James's) Schools. Before the war, he was working as an advertisement clerk.

Arthur enlisted 1st September 1914. He embarked 1st September 1915, serving first in Egypt and then in France. His Commanding Officer wrote of him: "He was a good man and a very useful soldier." The Friern Barnet parish magazine of October 1916 reported "Arthur Cornell [was] also among the fallen" and in November: "He and his friend were killed together while lying in a shell hole."

James Melville Cottam (W,M,G)

Quartermaster Sergeant, 11th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, died 18th March 1916, aged 26.

James was born 13th July 1890, Hadley Wood, Enfield, the fourth son of Henry and Bertha Cottam. His older brothers were born in Barnet; by 1901 the family had moved to Crouch End, Hornsey; by 1911 they were living at Hollington, Woodside Grange Road, North Finchley. His father, a civil servant at the Royal Courts of Justice, died in February 1911. Probably by 1911, James had emigrated to Canada. From the Friern Barnet parish magazine, April, 1916: "We deeply regret to record the death of James Melville Cottam, Staff Quartermaster Sergeant, 1st Canadians, fourth son of Mrs Cottam, of Hollington, Woodside Grange Road, North Finchley, who died in hospital after an operation. Mr Cottam, who was 26 years of age, came over to England with the Canadian contingent." He died in the Military Hospital, Hampstead. A memorial tablet on the wall of the south aisle of St James's Church was placed in his memory by "officers, NCO's and men of his unit as a lasting token of deep sympathy and regret"

The tablet is below a window in memory of James and his father.

James was buried in the churchyard in the family grave, March 25th 1916.

George Oswald Cox (W,I)

Lance-corporal 17th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), killed in action, 13th November 1916, aged 25, buried in Redan Ridge Cemetery, Beamont Hammel. (The cemetery is named after "The Redan", a group of British front line trenches of 1916. It contains over 250 casualties, 100 unidentified, of the period July-November 1916.)

George was born 5th July 1891 in Stoke Newington, third child of Francis and Augusta Cox. He had an older brother and two sisters. By 1901, the family had moved to Clifton Villa, 27 Beaconsfield Road, Friern Barnet. His father was a civil engineer, working for the Great Northern Railway, and was also founder of the National Equine Defence League. George was educated at Bowes Road School and then became a naval draughtsman, working for Vickers at Barrow in Furness.

George enlisted 5th September 1914 and embarked for France 17th November 1915. After his death, his Commanding Officer wrote of him: "I cannot commend too highly, as his officer, the conduct of a comrade who gave his all for his country."

His parents died in the 1920's and are buried in Friern Barnet churchyard. George is also commemorated by an inscription on the gravestone.

Thomas Cox (W)

Private, 1st/7th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own), killed in action 24th August 1918, aged 32, buried in Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, France (south of Arras).

Thomas was born in 1886 in Friern Barnet, fourth of the five children of William and Mary Cox. He was baptised in St James's Church 13th June 1886. He had an older and a younger sister and two older brothers. At the time of Thomas's birth, the family was living in Glenthorne Road, but soon moved to Holly Park Road, first number 30, then, by 1901, number 4. Thomas followed his father into the trade of plasterer. He was married 14th April 1914 in St James's to Nellie Randall. They lived at 84, Springfield Road, New Southgate.

Wilfred Herbert George Cox (W)

Private, King's Own (Royal Lancashire) Regiment, depot battalion, died 1st March 1919, home theatre, buried in St Pancras Cemetery (war graves plot).

Wilfred was born in 1896 in Harrow, the son of Herbert, a gardener, and Elizabeth Cox. At the age of 15, he was working as an assistant instructor at Harrow School workshops.

I am unable to establish a connection with Friern Barnet.

Stanley Searle Crisp (I)

Major, Royal Field Artillery, 63rd anti-aircraft section, died of wounds 8th December 1917, aged 31, buried in the Giavera British Cemetery, Italy. On the 4th Dec 1917, British forces had relieved the Italians on the Montello sector of the River Piave front.

Stanley was born in East Finchley in 1887, fourth of the five children of Fred and Elizabeth Crisp. He had two older sisters and an older and a younger brother. By 1891, the family had moved to Friern Barnet, and were living

in the White House, Friern Barnet Lane (near to the Orange Tree). From small beginnings, his father, Fred Crisp, built up a drapery business in Seven Sisters Road, which by 1894 had become one of the largest shops in London. The family had a second house in Cambridgeshire, where Fred had been born and where he was a landowner and farmer. He was made Deputy Lieutenant of the county and Justice of the Peace. He died, aged 1905 in his Friern Barnet home and is buried in Friern Barnet churchyard.

In 1916, Stanley married Muriel Clarke. They lived in Paddington.

He is commemorated with an inscription on his parents' grave.

Arthur Stephen Crumpler (W)

Leading Stoker HMS *Cornwallis*, killed in action 9th January 1917, aged 22, commemorated on the Chatham Memorial.

Arthur was born 17th January 1893 in Charminster, Dorset, fourth of the seven children of Richard, a stonemason, and Mary Crumpler. He was baptised in Charminster parish church. The family moved to London and in 1901 were living in Lambeth. His father Richard died in Lambeth in 1908. By 1911 the family had moved to Clapham. Arthur was working as a plumber's mate.

In September 1914 Arthur survived the sinking of HMS *Cressey*, one of a three cruiser patrol in the North Sea, all torpedoed and sunk by U-boat. He was serving on the battleship HMS *Cornwallis*, which had taken part in Dardanelles campaign, when in January 1917, after close of that campaign, she was torpedoed by a U-boat in the Mediterranean. His body was not recovered. The Friern Barnet parish magazine reported that Arthur "was one of the thirteen who went down with the *Cornwallis*."

Edgar Curry (W,I)

Private, 5th Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, killed in action 15th June 1915, aged 26, commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial (on the Bethune to Armentieres Road, to those lost in the Battle of Loos).

Edgar was born in Friern Barnet in 1889, fourth of the six children of William, an optician, and Emma Curry. He was baptised 29th June 1889 in St James's Church. He had four brothers, three older, and a younger sister. The family lived at Twyford Lodge, 160 Torrington Park. William died in 1905 and is buried in St James's churchyard. Edgar was educated at Christ's College, Finchley, and before the war was working as traveler to a China Agent. He was married 2nd July 1914 in St James's to Beatrice Simmonds. He embarked for France 1st May 1915 and was killed the following month. The inscription commemorating him on his parents' grave records that he died while endeavouring to save the life of another.

Beatrice was remarried in 1920 to John Hammond; they lived in East Finchley.

Alfred Davies (W)

Not identified.

Ivor Theophilus Davies (W,M,I)

2nd Lieutenant, 5th Battalion, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, killed in action 22nd June 1915, commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

Ivor was born in 1895. His parents, Thomas and Kate Davies, after their marriage in the church of St George-in-the-East, Stepney in 1878, lived first at the Kettle Drum in that parish, of which Thomas was licensee. They had three sons and three daughters. Ivor, born when the family was living in Hampstead, was the youngest child.

They moved to Friern Barnet towards the end of the century, by which time Thomas was in business as a wine and spirit merchant. Their home was in Friern Barnet Lane, Brook House, its grounds extending from the Orange Tree down the hill, to about where Buxted Road is now. By 1911 the family had moved again to Freshfield, Woodside Park Road, North Finchley; Ivor was then at Oundle School. His mother Kate died 16th January 1914.

Barely a month after the outbreak of the war, Ivor and his brother John, three years his elder, enlisted in the Public Schools Battalion. Less than a year later, Ivor was in Flanders with the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. In July 1915, the month following Ivor's death, John, too, was at the front, in the Balkans with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers; he survived the war.

The Friern Barnet parish magazine, February 1916: "A tablet in memory of Second Lieutenant Ivor Davies, who fell while leading his men into action at the Battle of Hooge, has been placed in the Parish Church, and was dedicated on January 16th, the anniversary of his mother's death." The window above the tablet is in her memory, as is a lectern in St John's.

Kate Davies is buried with her husband Thomas, who died in 1924, in the churchyard. On their gravestone (now in a sad state) are also inscriptions in memory of their youngest son, Ivor, and their youngest daughter, Minnie.

Reginald Dee (W,G)

Reginald was born 6th January 1889 in Hornsey, second of the three sons of William and Isabel Dee. William was a commercial clerk who became counting-house manager. By the time his younger brother was born a year later the family had moved to Avenue Road, New Southgate, and then, by 1911, to 16 Bellevue Road, Friern Barnet.

Reginald worked as County Surveyor's clerk. He died 25th February 1918 at his home in Bellevue Road and was buried in Friern Barnet churchyard; his parents were later buried in the same grave.

I cannot find any record of his war service, and his name is not on the parish Roll of Honour of those serving, although the names of both his brothers, William and Percy, appear there.

Charles A Dickens (W)

Lance-corporal, 4th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), killed in action 14th September 1914, commemorated on the Le Ferte-sous-Joarre Memorial, with the 4000 of the British Expeditionary Force killed August to October 1914 with no known grave.

Charles was born in 1881 in Walthamstow, eldest of the seven children (six boys and one girl) of Abraham, a machine minder, and Sarah Dickens. He joined the regular army and in 1901 was serving with the Royal Fusiliers. He was married 23rd June 1909 at All Hallows, London Wall to Alice Horswell. By 1911 they were living at 53 Brunswick Crescent, New Southgate, and Charles had left the army and was working as an attendant at the Colney Hatch Asylum. A son, Leslie, was born that year.

Immediately on the outbreak of war, Charles was recalled to the army and by 13th August 1914 was serving with the British Expeditionary Force in France, where, after just one month, he died.

In 1918 Alice was remarried in St Michael's Brunswick Park to Henry Battery.

Percy Llewellyn Evans (G)

Sergeant, 14th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, died 12th February 1917, home service, aged 30, buried in Friern Barnet Churchyard.

Percy was born 1888, Clay Hill, Enfield, son of John Llewellyn and Mary Evans. His mother was a teacher and he followed her into that profession. He taught first at Friern Lane [St James's] School and then at Holly Park School. He was married 11th August 1914 at the Independent Chapel, Newport, Shropshire, to Evelyn Evanson, who was also a teacher at Holly Park. They lived at 17, The Crescent, Friern Barnet.

Percy enlisted 1st June 1915, having previously served part-time with 20th Battalion, London Regiment, Territorial Force. He died in Clare Hall Sanatorium, South Mimms.

The Friern Barnet parish magazine of March 1917 reported "the death of Mr Percy Evans, Assistant Master at Holly Park School, who began his work at Friern Lane. He joined the Colours, but contracted the disease that caused his death. He was a great favourite among the boys and at his funeral on February 13th practically the whole school followed him to his grave."

Thomas William Farrow (W)

Private 32nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, killed in action 10th October 1916, aged 25, commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, the Somme.

Thomas born in 1891 in New South Wales, the eldest child of William, a solicitor's clerk, and Ada Farrow. William and Ada were born and married in England, but then emigrated to Australia. Tom's sister was also born in Australia, in 1896, but by 1900, when his brother was born, the family had moved back to England and was living in Hornsey. By 1911 they had moved to Friern Barnet and were living at Iona, 6 Ramsden Road. Tom was then apprenticed to a wholesale draper.

He enlisted immediately upon the outbreak of war, in August 1914 and embarked for France 1st June 1915.

Friern Barnet parish magazine, November 1915: "We regret to announce that Tom Farrow was wounded in the head by shrapnel on October 18th. He expects to be removed to a convalescent home in a few days." He returned to the front, then, in March 1917, his death is reported: "When last observed he was with a party on his way to the trenches. Shortly afterwards a shell came over and he was not seen again. He was at one time a server at the Parish Church, but of recent years attached to St Peter's [St Peter-le-Poer, Colney Hatch Lane, Friern Barnet]. He joined up at the outset of war, and was invalided home for several months owing to a wound in the head."

Monica Machin Ferguson (W,G)

Nurse at the Colchester Military Hospital, where she died 21st November 1918, aged 24.

Monica was born 31st December 1893 in New Southgate, eldest child of Robert and Florence Ferguson. She was baptised in Christ Church, Brondesbury, where her parents had been married. She had three sisters and a brother. The family lived at 26 Woodland Road, New Southgate. Dr Robert Ferguson, her father, was the local GP and a police surgeon, and for many years a churchwarden of St John's. Monica was educated at Uplands School, St Leonards, as were her sisters; before the war she was a music student. She is buried in the family grave in Friern Barnet churchyard.

Herbert Henry Field (W)

Private, 4th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, killed in action 19th August 1917, buried in Voormizeele Enclosure no. 3 (Belgium).

Herbert was born 13th November 1886, son of James and Catherine Field. He was baptised at St James's, Muswell

Hill. He was married in 1911 to Edith Beer; they lived at 34 The Avenue, New Southgate. Herbert was a bricklayer.

Stanley John Fone (W)

Sergeant, 219 Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, died of wounds, 2nd May 1917, buried Boulogne Eastern Cemetery (one of chief hospital areas for casualties from the front).

Stanley was born 26th January 1888 in Walworth, second child of Walter, a printer, and Emma Fone. He had an older brother and a younger brother and sister. By 1901, the family had moved to New Southgate, living first in Wentworth Road and then, by 1911, at Hazelbury, 146 Palmers Road.

Stanley enlisted in 1914. He was married 4th January 1915 at St James's Church to Frances Price of 18 Beaconsfield Road. They lived at Hungerford Villas, Oakleigh Road.

Stanley's younger brother Sydney had a distinguished war record. He enlisted in November 1914 in the Surrey Yeomanry and served in Macedonia from January 1917 to February 1919. In January 1918, he was awarded the Cross of Karageorge by the King of Serbia "for service rendered in the course of the campaign". The following month he was awarded the Military Medal "for bravery in the field". He was promoted to lance-corporal, but, at his own request, reverted to private the following day. After the war he emigrated to British Colombia.

Harold Massey Foreman (W,I)

Able Seaman, HMS *Dalhousie*, died from disease 4th July 1917, buried in Basra War Cemetery, Iraq.

HMS *Dalhousie* had been in the Persian Gulf since September 1914, as part of a naval force defending the Abadan oil refinery from possible attack by Turkey, and then in support of the Mesopotamian Campaign.

Harold was born in Friern Barnet 22nd December 1888, youngest child of George, a bookseller's assistant, and Elizabeth Foreman, of 3 Bella Villas, Bellevue Road. He had a brother and a sister. He was baptised in St James's, 27th January 1889. His father died aged 49 in 1906 and is buried in the churchyard. By 1911 the family had moved to 37 Goldsmith Road and Harold was then working as clerk to a firm of Cape produce importers.

The Friern Barnet parish magazine, August 1917: "Harold Foreman died on July 4th in Mesopotamia. He was a Grammar School boy and Sidesman at the Parish Church. Our sympathy to his mother, sister and Miss Elliott."

The magazine for September reports: "further particulars ...he was taken ill with a special form of malaria ... [and] laid to rest in the Christian cemetery at Tanooma."

Harold and his brother George, who died in December 1918 in America, are commemorated on their father's grave.

Owen Goddard (I)

Sapper, 89th Field Company Royal Engineers, died of wounds 20th March 1917, aged 35, buried Avesnes-le-Compte Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais. Most of the 333 burials in the extension came from the 37th Casualty Clearing Station, which was based in the village.

Owen was born in Friern Barnet, third of the seven children of John and Henrietta Goddard. He was baptised in St James's, 12th October 1884. He had four brothers, two of them older, and two sisters. The family lived at 31 Cromwell Road. Owen and two of his brothers followed their father to become bricklayers. Their father died 24th March 1913 and is buried in Friern Barnet churchyard. Owen served in England from March 1916 and embarked for France in August of that year. A telegram was sent 22nd March 1917 by the Colonel in Charge, Royal Engineers Records, Chatham: "Regret to inform you Officer Commanding 37th Casualty Clearing Station France reports 108690 O Goddard Royal Engineers died 12.55pm 20th March from gunshot wound abdomen and face and fractured left jaw." His effects, returned to mother 18th October 1917, are listed: "writing pad, 2 photos, muffler, razor, disc". The receipt is signed by his married sister Matilda Beaty. He is commemorated in the inscription on his parents' grave and on the war memorial of St Peter-le-Poer.

Alexander George Green (W)

Sapper, 153rd Field Company, Royal Engineers, killed in action 29th June 1916, buried in Berles-au-Bois Churchyard Extension, Pas de Calais.

Alexander was born in Hornsey in 1895, fourth of the seven children of John, a distiller's collector, and Louisa Green. He was baptised in Hornsey St Mary Church in November 1900. He had three sisters, two of them older, and three brothers. The family lived at 1 Glebe Road, Hornsey. In 1911 Alexander was an apprentice woodwork engineer. That year the family was still at the Hornsey address, but it seems that they had moved to Friern Barnet by the war, as Alexander and two of his brothers – Leslie (Machine Gun Corps) and Norman (Honourable Artillery Company) – are listed on the Friern Barnet roll of honour of those of the parish serving. Alexander embarked for France 31st July 1915.

William Frederick Guy (W)

Private, 1st Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, died of wounds 18th July 1917, aged 19, buried in Talana Farm Cemetery (near Ypres).

William was born in Tottenham in 1898, eldest of the nine children (five boys, four girls) of William, carpenter and joiner, and Beatrice Guy. By 1911, the family had moved to 54 Stanley Road, New Southgate.

Bernard Hardie (W)

Private, The Buffs, killed in action 3rd May 1917, aged 31, commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais. Bernard was born in 1886 in Finsbury Park, fifth of the seven children, three girls and four boys, of Thomas, a solicitor's clerk, and Mary Hardie. Thomas died in 1906. By 1909 the family had moved to Coniston Road, Muswell Hill. Bernard was married 4th September that year, at St Andrew's, Alexandra Park, to Elsie Lever. The couple lived in Friern Barnet at 12, St John's Villas, Friern Barnet Road. Bernard worked as an insurance clerk. A daughter, Ruth, was born in 1910.

Ronald Harrison (W)

2nd Lieutenant, 11th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Finsbury Rifles), killed in action 18th September 1916, aged 35, buried in Delville Wood Cemetery, the Somme. Ronald was born in 1880 in Dorset, the younger son of George and Clara Harrison. He was baptised 30th January 1880 in the parish church of Longfleet, Dorset. By 1891 the family had moved to London and were living in White Hart Lane. George died in 1899, by which year they had moved to 41 Park Avenue, Wood Green. Ronald, like his father and elder brother, worked as a bank clerk. In 1911 he and his mother were still living in Park Avenue, but subsequently moved to Camden Lodge, Limes Avenue, New Southgate. Ronald enlisted in the Inns of Court Officer Training Corps and was commissioned in the London Regiment 4th June 1916. His mother had died earlier in that year.

Ernest Frank Harding (W)

Private, 7th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, died 17th June 1915, aged 20. Ernest was born in Friern Barnet, 17th April 1885, son of George and Beatrice Harding. His father was a commercial clerk, his mother a piano teacher. He had an older sister, Beatrice, and older brother, George. In 1901, the family was living at 4 Ada Cottages, East Road, Friern Barnet. (East Road is now the portion of Beaconsfield Road which runs into Oakleigh Road North.) By 1911, they had moved to Tottenham. Ernest was educated at St James School, Friern Barnet, and Downhills Council School, Tottenham. Before the war, he was a piano maker. Early in 1912, he joined a Territorial battalion of the Middlesex Regiment. When war broke out in 1914 his battalion was recalled from its annual training camp and, in September, sent to Gibraltar. It returned to England in February 1915 and embarked for France the following month, where Ernest was killed in action at Fauquissart in June. His platoon sergeant wrote: "He was shot in the side while on a water carrying fatigue early in the morning and died less than half an hour after being struck. He was under me all through his career as a soldier and was one of the oldest men as regards service in my platoon. He will be missed by all as a hard worker and efficient soldier and a true comrade."

R T G Haselwood (W)

Not identified.

William Richard Henderson (W)

Trooper, 1st Royal Dragoons, killed in action, 30th October 1914. William was born 1896 in Lambeth, son of William, a bricklayer, and Matilda Henderson. His mother died in 1906. He worked as an attendant in Colney Hatch Asylum. William was reported missing, presumed killed, two months after his embarkation for France in August 1914.

Charlotte E Henry (W)

Staff Nurse, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, died at sea 26th February 1918, commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial Southampton. The memorial commemorates 1,900 with no known grave, many lost at sea, including those of HMHS *Glenart Castle*, torpedoed by a U-boat ten miles west of Lundy, 26th February 1918, with the loss of 162, including 8 nurses, 7 doctors, 47 medical orderlies and the ship's captain. Charlotte's address at the time of her death was 175 Clapham Road, Surrey. It has not been possible to establish a Friern Barnet link.

Lawrence Henry Hewlett (W)

Private, 61st Battalion, Machine Gun Corps, killed in action 24th March 1918 aged 19, commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial near Albert. The memorial bears the names of those lost in the period of crises March to April 1918, when the 5th Army was driven back across the Somme battlefields. Lawrence was born 1898 in Wood Green, eldest child of Henry, railway clerk, and Annie Hewlett. He had a sister and brother. In 1901 the family was living in Slough, but by 1903, when his sister was born, they were living in Friern Barnet at 26 Parkhurst Road. She was baptised in St James's. They were still there in 1907 when his

brother was born, but, by 1911 had moved to 159 Maidstone Road, New Southgate.

Paul Ernest Hodgson (G)

Gunner, 21st Reserve Battery, Royal Field Artillery, died August 1918 age 40

Paul was born in Walthamstow in 1878, son of Nathaniel, a solicitor's clerk, and Elizabeth Hodgson. Nathaniel had three daughters and three sons from his first marriage. He married Elizabeth in 1868 after his first wife's death, and they had four sons and a daughter, Paul being the youngest of all. Nathaniel died at the age of 56 two years after Paul's birth. The family had lived for many years in Islington, but by 1891 Elizabeth – now working as a dressmaker - had moved, with four of her children, including Paul, to 14 Connaught Terrace, Avenue Road, New Southgate, and in 1901, with just Paul, was living at 11 Garfield Road, New Southgate.

Paul worked at various trades: plumber's mate, labourer, house painter. He joined the 4th Battalion (Territorial Army) of the Middlesex Regiment. In February 1899 he enlisted in the Regular Army, in the Royal Field Artillery, but less than four months later was discharged as "not being likely to become an efficient soldier,"

In August 1911 he was married at Barnet Register Office to Clare Weatherly. They had four children: Elizabeth, born 21st April 1912; Ernest, 8th July 1913; twins Nancy and Harriet, 6th May 1915 – Nancy died a month later. The family lived at 1 Oswald Cottages, Oakleigh Road, Whetstone.

In January 1915, he again enlisted in the Army, in the Royal Field Artillery. He was discharged in March 1916 as being no longer fit for service.

He died 21st August 1918, aged 40, of heart disease and dropsy in Hampstead General Hospital, and was buried 24th August 1918 in Friern Barnet Churchyard.

Two of his nephews (sons of his half-brother Alma), both serving in the Middlesex Regiment, were killed in action in Flanders and are commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial.

William Howitt (W)

Not identified.

Henry James Hucklesby (W)

Gunner, Royal Field Artillery, killed in action 22nd September 1917, aged 31, buried Larch Wood Cemetery near Ypres.

Sidney Hucklesby (W)

Gunner, 13th Battery, 5th London Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, killed in action 27th September 1915, buried in North Maroc Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais. He enlisted 8th September 1914 and embarked for France 14th March 1915.

Henry was born in 1886, Sidney in 1888, in New Southgate, sons of Mark and Clara Hucklesby. They had an older half-brother, one brother came in between, and they had a younger brother and three younger sisters. The family lived in The Avenue, New Southgate, for many years, but, by the time if the war had moved to 9 Holly Park Road.

Sidney was married 7th December 1912 in Fulham Registry Office to Theophelia Longland. A son, Sidney James, was born 6th May 1913 in Mitcham. At some time they moved to 12 Carlisle Road, New Southgate.

Eric Ernest Hughes (W)

Private, Army Cyclist Corps, 47th London Division Cyclist Company (formerly of the London Regiment), killed in action 28th June 1916, aged 22, commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais.

Eric was born in 1893 in Wandsworth, only son of Charles, a warehouseman, and Anne Hughes. By 1911 the family had moved to 34 Caversham Avenue, Palmers Green.

Eric embarked for France 16th March 1915.

Harry Wilson Hunt (W)

Sergeant, 1st County of London Yeomanry (Duke of Cambridge's Hussars) and RAF, killed 5th June 1918, buried in Ismailia War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

Friern Barnet parish magazine, September 1918: "Mr Hunt's son Harry was killed while flying at Cairo."

Jack Herbert Hunt (W)

Private, 1st County of London Yeomanry (Duke of Cambridge's Hussars), died 18th October 1918, buried in Alexandria War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

Both brothers entered the Egyptian theatre 28th April 1915.

Jack was born in 1891, Harry in 1892, in Islington, sons of Thomas and Jessie Hunt. They had an older brother, three younger sisters and three younger brothers. By 1899 the family was living in East Barnet and by 1911 had moved to 13 Naylor Road, Whetstone. Their father was a tailor, and, together with most of their brothers and sisters, Jack and Harry worked in the drapery business.

Mark Maxwell Humphreys (W)

Corporal, 1st Battalion, South Wales Borderers, killed in action 31st October 1914, buried in Pert Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Mark was born 1886 in Brentwood, Essex. He worked as an attendant at Colney Hatch Asylum. He had been at the front two months before his death. His widowed mother, Mrs Catherine Humphreys, lived in Brentwood.

Horace Charles Irwin (W)

2nd Lieutenant, 10th Battalion, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, MM, killed in action 20th July 1918, aged 27, buried in Marfaux British Cemetery. Marfaux had been captured by the Germans in May 191 and was retaken after severe fighting 23rd July 1918 by the 51st Highland Division and the 62nd Division.

Horace embarked for France 1st August 1915. He was awarded the Military Medal in January 1917 when a lance-corporal, promoted to corporal and then commissioned. The Friern Barnet parish magazine of January 1917 congratulated him on the award of the MM, then, in February 1917, reported that he had been recommended for a commission, and in September 1918 that he had been “killed in action in the present offensive ... buried at dawn on August 21st in the Bois de Courtin”.

Horace was born 1891 in Barnet, fourth of the nine children (seven boys, two girls) of Alexander and Lilian Irwin. The three eldest children were born in Clapham, but by the time of Horace’s birth the family had moved to Friern Barnet. He was baptised in St James’s, 16th July 1893, together with his younger brother Sydney. His sister Irene was baptised there in 1895; and brothers Cyril and Arthur and sister Kathleen in 1901. In 1891 the family was living at 2 Bellevue Road, in 1901 at Woodstock Villa, Hartland Road and by 1911 had moved to 125 Friern Barnet Road, where Lilian continued to live until her death in 1945. Horace worked as a railway clerk, as did his father and three of his brothers. His father died in 1912.

Five of Horace’s brothers served in the war: Alexander, the eldest, who had emigrated to Canada, with the Canadian Scottish; Ernest, Leicestershire Regiment; Douglas, Royal Garrison Artillery; Sydney, County of London Yeomanry, Machine Gun Corps; Cyril, the destroyer HMS *Nerissa*, which took part in the Battle of Jutland. (The youngest, Arthur, was too young.)

Neville E Keen (W)

Corporal, 1/5th Battalion, London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade), killed in action 28th March 1918, aged 31, commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais. He had been serving in France for over three years, having first arrived there 1st September 1915.

Neville was born in 1887, the third of the six children – five boys, one girl (the youngest) – of Richard and Harriett Keen. All the children were born in Friern Barnet. Richard and Harriett had been married in St James’s and all the children were baptised there. When the first child was born they were living in Cromwell Road, later moved to 61 Glenthorne Road and in 1911 were living at 48 Holly Park Road. Richard was an attendant, then promoted to inspector, at Colney Hatch Asylum. Before the war Neville worked as a stockbroker’s clerk.

The Friern Barnet parish magazine reported in April 1915: “Mr and Mrs Keen of the Porter’s Lodge, Colney Hatch Asylum, have five sons serving ... Christopher and Lionel, 1st Herts Regt; Henry, 1st Dorset Regt, wounded; Neville, Middlesex Regt, stationed at Gibraltar; and Charles, HMS *Inconstant*.”

Leslie Kingham (I)

Rifleman, 9th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Queen Victoria’s Rifles), killed in action 25th September 1916, commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, the Somme.

Leslie was born in Friern Barnet in 1896, third child of Frederick, a policeman, and Emily Kingham. He had an older sister, an older and a younger brother. He was baptised in St James’s, 14th April 1896. The family lived at 2 Rose Cottages, Finchley Park. By 1911 they had moved to Squires Lane, Finchley. His younger brother Albert died in 1905, aged 5, and is buried in Friern Barnet churchyard. His mother Emily died 8th March 1913 aged 50 and is also buried in the churchyard; there in an inscription commemorating Leslie on her grave. Before the war Leslie was working as porter to a silversmith. His elder brother Edgar also served in the war in the Army Service Corps, at the front from 1914.

George Henry Kiteley (W)

Private, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, killed in action 27th August 1917, aged 36, buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium.

George was born in Whetstone 20th June 1881, third of the five children of William and Elizabeth Kiteley. He had two sisters and two brothers. The children were baptised in St John’s, Whetstone. The family lived at 1 Swan Place, High Road.

George was married 3rd June 1906 in St James’s, Friern Barnet, to Elizabeth Hardy of 38 Glenthorne Road. The couple lived at 46 Beaconsfield Road. George worked as a general labourer. They had four children: Amy (born 1907), George (1909), James (1911), Robert (1914).

George enlisted 5th June 1916 and embarked for France 14th June 1917. Elizabeth was awarded a pension of 28s 9d per week for herself and the four children.

Alexander Bruce Kynoch (W)

Captain, Royal Flying Corps, killed in England in a flying accident, 8th March 1918, aged 24, buried in Islington Cemetery, East Finchley (grave ref G.1.7422). He had previously served with the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment in Egypt, the Dardanelles, where he was wounded, and Macedonia.

Alexander was born 1894 in Bowes Park, son of John, a printer, and Violet Kynoch. He was baptised in St Michael-at-Bowes, Southgate. He had two younger sisters. By 1911 the family had moved to Welbeck, Lodge, Torrington Park, Friern Barnet. Alexander was a mechanical engineer.

John Lamont (W)

Private, 14th Battalion, County of London Regt (London Scottish), killed in France, 12th March 1918, aged 27, buried in Roelincourt Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais. He had been in France nine months at the time of his death.

John was born 1891 in Kilmuir, Inverness-shire, youngest of the four children (two boys and two girls) of John and Margret Lamont, crofters.

John, junior, moved to London and worked at Colney Hatch Asylum as house steward's clerk,

Charles Henry Lawrie

Corporal, Royal Field Artillery, D Battery, 162 Brigade, killed in action 30th September 1917, aged 23, buried in The Huts Cemetery, Ypres (named from huts along road, used by field ambulances in the 1917 Allied offensive. Most of burials are gunners; there were many artillery positions nearby.)

Charles was born 1894 in Hornsey, son of Andrew and Clara Lawrie. He had a younger sister.

Friern Barnet parish magazine, December 1917: "Corporal Lawrie, member of Parish Church choir was killed instantly by a shell while serving his gun. His father is also a member of the choir."

Ronald Henry List (W)

Lance-corporal, 5th (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade), killed in action 1st July 1916, aged 24, commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, the Somme. He had been in France since 14th March 1915.

Ronald was born in 1892, son of Robert and Lydia List. He was baptised 18th October 1891 in St Peter's, Holborn. He had an older and a younger sister. All three children were born in Holborn. By 1911 the family had moved to 8 Parkhurst Road, Friern Barnet. Ronald, like his father, worked as a draper's assistant.

Friern Barnet parish magazine, August 1916 reports "the death of Robert List. He had just come in after rescuing a wounded comrade when he was shot. As a Grammar School boy, as a member of the Catechism and as a server at the altar, he had always identified himself closely with the church."

James Mackie (W)

The Friern Barnet Roll of Honour has "James Mackie, Scots Rifles". Sources give two casualties of the regiment Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) of that name:

(1) Private, 6th Battalion, born Bothwell, Lanarkshire, killed in action 15th June 1915;

(2) Corporal, 10th Battalion, born Greenock, Renfrewshire, died of wounds 26th August 1916, aged 19

It has not been possible to find further information connecting either with Friern Barnet.

William Thomas Manns (W,G)

Private, Hertfordshire Regiment, transferred to 406th Agricultural Company, Labour Corps, died 24th November 1918, aged 32, buried in Friern Barnet Churchyard.

William was born in 1886, second of the four children (three sons and a daughter, all born in Friern Barnet) of Edward and Elizabeth Manns. He was baptised 25th April 1886 in St James's Church. They lived at 51 Glenthorne Road. Edward, who worked as a porter, died in 1908. In 1911 the family was living at 26 Stanford Road. William was then working as a carman and his widowed mother was a nurse-in-charge.

James Alfred Mecoy (W)

Bombardier Royal Field Artillery, died of wounds 13th September 1918, aged 33, buried in Aubigny Cemetery, Arras.

James was born in 1885 in Islington, son of Alfred, a butcher, and Emma and Emma Mecoy. He was baptised 5th July 1893 in St John's, Upper Holloway. He had four sisters (two older, two younger) and a younger brother. On his father's retirement around 1910, James took over the butcher's shop in Blackstock Road. His parents and two younger sisters moved to Pembroke Villa, Friern Park. On 11th December 1916, James was married in St John's, Highbury Vale, to Emma Gregory. They continued to live in Islington at 237 Blackstock Road. They had one

child.

James's brother Francis also served in France, from October 1914, with the Army Service Corps.

Athol Mildern (W)

Gunner, Royal Field Artillery, killed in action 13th August 1918, aged 28, buried in Thiennes British Cemetery, France, which contains burials arising from the German offensive in the area from May 1918.

Joseph Stratton Mildern (W)

Rifleman, 9th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps, died of wounds 9th August 1917, aged 31, buried in Longuenesse (St Omer) Cemetery- a hospital centre

Joseph and Athol were the third and fifth of the seven children (three girls, four boys) of Edward, a carpenter, and Alice Mildern. Both were born in St Marylebone, Joseph in 1885, Athol in 1891. By 1911, the family had moved to Willlesden Green. Athol was employed as a salesman. Joseph was an assistant at a draper's shop in Hackney, living there with the draper and his family and the other four assistants. By the time of the war the Mildern family had moved to Friern Barnet and were living at 4, Parkhurst Road. Athol was married 22nd August 1917 (by then in the army) in St Paul's, Haringay, to Lilian Wingfield.

William Henry Liddon Parry (I)

2nd Lieutenant, 24th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, died of wounds 29th November 1916, aged 26, buried in Le Treport Military Cemetery, Seine-Maritime, France. Le Treport was an important military hospital centre.

He served in France from 14th November 1915 and was commissioned 4th August 1916. He was commemorated in the inscription on the family grave in Friern Barnet churchyard. (The inscription was recorded in 1985 but the grave cannot now be located.)

William was born in 1890 in Nottingham, only son of the Revd Arthur and Margaret Parry. He had four younger sisters, one of whom died in 1897 at the age of ten months. By 1911, his father was chaplain of Colney Hatch Asylum and the family was living at 25 Woodland Road, New Southgate. William was then a solicitor's articled clerk.

William Paul (W)

Sergeant, 11th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, died of wounds 6th October 1916, buried in Dartmoor Cemetery Becordel-Brecourt (nr Albert).

Enlisted 28th August 1914, promoted Corporal 30th January 1915, appointed Acting Sergeant 14th December 1915, embarked for France 16th August 1916.

William was born in 1894 in Friern Barnet, sixth of the eight children (three girls, five boys) of Alfred and Kate Paul. He was baptised 15th August 1894 in St James's. The family lived at 41 Holly Park Road. William followed his father and older brother Charles as a carpenter and joiner.

Three of his brothers, Alfred, Horace and Frank, also served in the army during the war.

Edward C Philpot (W)

Not identified.

Robert T Pitt (W)

Not identified.

John Presser (W)

Gunner, 21st Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, killed in action 16th May 1918, buried in Morbecque British Cemetery, near Hazebrouk, made for the casualties of the 1918 German advance.

He had served in France from 20th August 1915.

John was born in 1886 in Brighton. In 1910 he married Mabel Geenland. They lived in Friern Barnet at 94 Holly Park Road. They had a daughter Lilian, born in 1910. John worked as a house painter.

Alfred Leonard Price (W,G,I)

Sapper, 1st/3rd Field Company, Royal Engineers, died 21st March 1916 aged 27, buried in Friern Barnet Churchyard.

Alfred was born in 1889 in Friern Barnet, sixth of the seven children (two boys and five girls) of Alfred and Jane Price. He was baptised, together with his younger sister Frances, 11th October 1891, in St James's. At the time of his birth the family was living at 1 Cleveland Villas, Parkhurst Road. They later moved to 66 Holly Park Road and then to 18 Beaconsfield Road. Alfred followed his father and older brother William into the building trade. His father died in 1909, aged 57.

The Friern Barnet parish magazine of May 1916 reports "the death of Sapper Alfred Price, of 13 Beaconsfield Road. He was on his way to the Front for the first time, but was taken ill of pneumonia at Portsmouth and

succumbed. His funeral took place on March 25th at Friern Barnet.”

Walter Hugh Price (W)

Lieutenant, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, HM Motor Launch 562, died 2nd July 1918, buried in Islington Cemetery (Grave ref L.1.7519).

Walter was born in 1890 in Hornsey, eldest of the four sons of Samuel, a solicitor, and Annie Price. By 1911 the family had moved to Gwynva, Holden Road, North Finchley. Walter was then a solicitor's articled clerk.

In the Friern Barnet parish magazine of September 1918 sympathy is expressed “to Mr & Mrs Samuel Price of North Finchley in the loss of their eldest son who was in charge of a motor boat at the attacks on Zeebrugge and Ostend. On returning to port he caught cold and succumbed on board a hospital ship at Dover. He was buried in St Pancras Cemetery after a service at the Parish Church where he had been a constant worshipper.”

(The Zeebrugge and Ostend Raids, in April and May 1918, were naval operations aimed at blocking ports to deny use to U-boats. They were costly failures, with 500 British casualties, including 200 deaths.)

Percy George Rawlings (W)

Private, 1st Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment, died of wounds 27th October 1918, aged 23, buried in Giavera British Cemetery, Arcade, Italy (casualties from the battle of passage of the River Piave, 23rd October to 4th November).

Percy was born in 1895 in Friern Barnet, eldest of three children of Henry, attendant at Colney Hatch Asylum, and Dorothy Rawlings. He had a younger brother and sister. He was baptised in St James's, 4th August 1895. At the time of his birth, the family was living at 7, Glenthorne Road. By 1911 they had moved to 81, Friern Barnet Road. By then Henry had been pensioned from the asylum and Percy was working for a tailor.

John Reynolds (W)

Sapper, 22nd Field Company, Royal Engineers, accidentally killed in France 15th July 1918.

He had been serving in France from 1915.

John was born in Finchley. He worked as a gas stoker at Colney Hatch Asylum.

Alfred Edwin Ridley (W)

2nd Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, died 25th July 1918, aged 48, buried in Les Baraques Military Cemetery, Sangatte, Calais (location of a number of military hospitals).

Alfred was born in 1871 in Hackney, son of Edwin, a shipbroker, and Mary Ridley. He had five older sisters and a younger brother. By 1881 the family had moved to 7 Thyra Grove, Finchley. His mother, Mary, died in 1894; his father, Edwin, in 1898. In 1914, Alfred was living at 18 Station Road, Church End, Finchley. He served in France from 1915, was promoted to sergeant and then commissioned 4th March 1918.

William Henry Rowlatt (I)

Rifleman, 1st/5th Battalion, London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade), killed in action 1st July 1916, age 37, commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, the Somme.

William was born in 1880 in Hornsey Rise, third of the five children (three girls and two boys) of Henry, a clerk working for the Bombay railway, and Susan Rowlatt. He was baptised 8th August 1880 in St Mark's, Finsbury Park. The following year, when his brother John was born, the family was living in Holly Park Road, Friern Barnet – John was baptised in St Paul's, New Southgate. Their father died 24th December 1882, aged 37, and is buried in Friern Barnet churchyard. The family then moved to Sussex, where the youngest child, Henrietta, was born after her father's death. In 1911 William and his brother John were living in Child's Hill, Hendon. William was working as a clerk for the Argentine railway. He is commemorated in the inscription on his parents' grave in the churchyard.

William P Rumbold (W)

Private, 2nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, killed in action 11th May 1917, aged 35, buried in Wancourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais. (The village of Wancourt was captured 12th April 1917 after heavy fighting and the advance continued over the following days.)

William was born in 1883 in Highbury, second of four children of Charles, a wine merchant, and Harriett Rumbold. He had an older brother and younger brother and sister. He was married 2nd September 1911 at St Michael-at-Bowes to Eleanor Styles. The couple lived in New Southgate. William worked as a clerk.

Leonard Alfred Sexton (W,I)

Private, 1st/7th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, killed in action 7th October 1916, aged 21, commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, the Somme. He had joined the Middlesex Territorials 6th March 1915.

Leonard was born 11th April 1895 in Friern Barnet, third of the eight children (four girls and four boys) of Alfred,

a telegraph clerk, and Mary Sexton. The second child, Hilda, had died at the age of 5 months the year before Leonard's birth. He was baptised 11th May 1895 in St James's. The family lived at 33 Holly Park Road. By 1911 they had moved to 12 Carlisle Place, New Southgate. Leonard was then working as a warehouseman's assistant. Less than two years after Leonard was killed, his mother died. He is commemorated in the inscription on the grave of his parents and infant sister in Friern Barnet churchyard.

The Friern Barnet parish magazine of November 1916 reports his death: "an old Friern Lane [St James School] schoolboy, a regular member of the Catechism, and a server and choirman of St James' Church".

Frank Theodore Sherrington (W,G)

Private, 3rd Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment, died 5th July 1918, aged 34, buried in Friern Barnet Churchyard. The 3rd Battalion, was based at Harwich for home defence and training. The Friern Barnet parish magazine of September 1918 reports the death of "Mr Sherrington's second son, for whom the hardships of training proved too great a strain."

Ralph Hughes Sherrington (W,G)

Private, 72nd Service Company, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, died 5th May 1916, aged 26, buried in Friern Barnet Churchyard. He died in the Alexandra Hospital, Cosham, near Portsmouth, of cerebro spinal meningitis. In the Friern Barnet parish magazine of June 1916 it was written of him: "during his brief term of military service, he had won the confidence and respect of his fellow soldiers and officers. He was of a quiet and unassuming disposition characterised by a cheerfulness and readiness to lend a hand to any who sought his help." Sympathy is expressed to his father and mother, "who feel his loss the more deeply in consequence of his unselfish devotion to them since boyhood."

Frank and Ralph were the second and fourth sons of Samuel and Emma Sherrington of Plantagenet Rd, New Barnet. Both were born in New Barnet, Frank in 1883, Ralph in 1889. Their father was a school attendance officer and was for more than twenty-five years verger and sexton of St James's Church, Friern Barnet. Frank was married 10th October 1908 at St Mark's Church, Barnet Vale to Mabel Osborne, clerk at New Barnet Post Office. They lived at Chard Villa, Hexham Rd, New Barnet. He worked as a shipping clerk. In 1911 Ralph was a shopkeeper of a general store, probably the family business in Plantagenet Road. A son was born 2nd July 1918 to the eldest of the four brothers, Roland, and his wife Florence; they named him Ralph Hughes after his dead uncle.

John Eric Simpson (I)

2nd Lieutenant, 4th Battalion (Territorial), Lincolnshire Regiment, attached to 9th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment, killed in action, 7th July 1918, aged 20, buried in Nine Elms British Cemetery, Vlaanderen, Belgium. The casualties of 1918 buried there died during the German offensive in Flanders of that year and the subsequent British counter attacks.

William Leonard Simpson (I)

Gunner, Royal Field Artillery, died 31st March 1918, aged 37, buried in Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais. Etaples was at the centre of a concentration of military hospitals.

(William) Leonard, born 1881, was the oldest, (John) Eric, born 1899, the youngest, of the six children of William, a bank official, and Louisa Simpson. (The children seem to have been known by their second names.) In between came two brothers and three sisters. Leonard was born in Hampstead, all the other children in New Southgate. The family lived at Southgate Villa, 23 Friern Barnet Lane.

Leonard was married in 1908 to Elizabeth Stenhouse. A son, Donald was born in 1910. They lived in Canonbury. Leonard's occupation was traveler in stationery.

Louisa lost her husband and three of her sons within six years. William (senior) died in February 1912, aged 63. Her second child, (Ernest) Arthur died in July 1915 at home, followed by the deaths of Leonard and Eric in 1918. Leonard and Eric are commemorated on the grave of their father and their brother in the churchyard, and also on the war memorial of St Paul's, New Southgate.

Arthur Ernest Sims (W)

Lance-Corporal, 2nd/7th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, killed in action 21st September 1917, aged 41, commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, to the missing of the 3rd Battle of Ypres, August-November 1917. Arthur was born in 1877 in Kent, third of the four children of Henry and Louisa Sims. He had an older brother and sister and a younger sister. His father Henry was a sergeant in the Royal Marines. By 1891, Henry had retired from the Royal Marines and was working as an attendant at Colney Hatch Asylum. The family had moved to New Southgate, living first at 20 Upper Park Road and later at 3 Station Road.

By 1904 Arthur was living in Norwich and working as a typewriter salesman. On the 30th July of that year, he married, in St James's Church, Friern Barnet, Clara Isabelle Elliott, whose home was in Friern Barnet. The couple lived in Norwich. A son Edward was born in 1906. Arthur was promoted to manager with the Remington

Typewriter Company. At the time of the war, Clara had returned to Friern Barnet and was living in Bramber Road

Clifford Howard Sinclair (W)

Rifleman 1st/5th (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Rifle Brigade), killed in action 1st July 1916, commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, the Somme.

Clifford was born in 1891 in Clapton, fifth of the seven children (five boys and two girls) of Robert and Laura Sinclair. In 1911 the family was living in Stoke Newington and Clifford was employed as a warehouseman. Clifford's residence at the time of his death was North Finchley.

James Speedy (I)

Rifleman, 1st/12th Battalion, London Regt (The Rangers), killed in action 7th October 1916 commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, the Somme.

James was born in 1878, the oldest child to survive infancy of Frederick and Mary Speedy. A brother died aged 20 months, a sister aged 6 weeks, both before James's birth; they are buried in Friern Barnet churchyard. James had two younger brothers and a younger sister; all the children were born in Clapham. Their father Frederick was a brewer and James followed the same occupation. Frederick died in 1920, his wife Mary in 1925, both in Tulse Hill, and both are buried with their infant children in the churchyard. James is commemorated with an inscription on the grave. The only link with the locality to be found is that Frederick attended a school in Church End Finchley as a boarder. No connection with Friern Barnet has been found to explain the burial in the churchyard.

Ernest George Standley (W)

Able Seaman, HMS *Good Hope*, killed in action 1st November 1914, aged 20, commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

HMS *Good Hope* was flagship of the 4th Cruiser Squadron. In an engagement with a German cruiser squadron off the Chilean coast, the Battle of Coronel, *Good Hope* and *Monmouth* were sunk with all hands, a loss of 1,600 lives.

Ernest was born 15th May 1894 in Old Ford, Hackney, fifth of the six children (four boys, two girls) of Thomas and Leonora Standley. His father died around 1901 and his mother remarried to William Clark. There were two further children a boy and a girl. In 1911 the family was living in Bethnal Green, but by 1914 had moved to Friern Barnet – two addresses are given: 21 Glenthorne Road and 100 Holly Park Road.

George Nicholas Thorpe (W)

George Nicholas Thorpe, Private, 9th Battalion, Sussex Regiment, killed in action 11th June 1917, aged 20, commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres.

George was born in 1897, the son of George, a well borer, and Pheobe Thorp. He had two older sisters. The children were all born in Norwich, where the family was still living at the time of the war.

(This is the only George N Thorpe listed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, but nothing has been found to link him with Friern Barnet.)

John Tingley (W)

Pioneer, "N" Special Company, Royal Engineers, died of wounds, 7th April 1918, aged 28, buried in Doullens Communal Cemetery, on the Arras front (casualties from the German advance of 1918).

John was born in 1890 in North Finchley, the third child of Alfred, a bricklayer, and Mary Tingley. He had a sister and a brother. The family lived at 25 Stanhope Road.

He was married 5th July 1909 in Islington to Caroline Hall. They lived in Friern Barnet at 35, Holly Park Road.

Philip Roy Toms (W)

Rifleman, 1st/12th Battalion, London Regiment (The Rangers), killed in action 9th September 1916, aged 20, commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, the Somme.

Cecil William Toms (W)

Apprentice, SS *Lodaner*, presumed drowned 14th April 1918, aged 19, commemorated on the Mercantile Marine Memorial, Tower Hill. The cargo ship SS *Lodaner* was sunk in the Irish Sea by UB-73 with the loss of all 32 crew.

Philip, born 1897 in Greenhithe, and Cecil, born 1899 in Earl's Court, were the first and second of the four children of William, an insurance agent, and Ada Toms. They had a sister and a brother. At the time of the war the family was living at 29 Hollyfield Avenue, Friern Barnet.

The Friern Barnet parish magazine of November 1916 reports the death of Philip: "His family have only comparatively recently come to live in this parish. He was a regular communicant and attendant at church"; and in July 1917: "Mr and Mrs Toms have presented a wine cruet in memory of their son Philip ... engraved with his name and date of death, a memorial to a devout and regular communicant."

Harold Frank Turner (W,I)

Rifleman, 20th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps, died of wounds, 26th May 1917, aged 23, buried in Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, centre of a concentration of military hospitals.

He had been serving in France since 18th May 1915.

Sidney Ronald Turner (W,I)

Private, 11th Battalion, Essex Regiment, killed in action, 22nd April 1917, commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais.

Sidney and Harold were the fourth and fifth of the six children (five boys and one girl) of William, a carpenter, and Florence Turner. Sidney was born in 1892 in Croydon, Harold in 1894 after the family had moved to Friern Barnet. Harold was baptised 1st July 1894 in St James's Church. The family was then living in Glenthorne Road; they later moved to 41 Bellevue Road. Their father, William, died in 1903 aged 51. The eldest child, also William, died in 1910, aged 25. By 1911, the family had moved again to 17 Parkhurst Road, and, by the time of the war, were living at 13 Macdonald Road. Before the war, Sidney was working as a railway clerk, Harold as a clerk.

The Friern Barnet parish magazine of July 1917 expresses "deepest sympathy for Mrs Turner in the loss of her son Harold, who died of wounds on May 26th, after lingering for months in great suffering. Mrs Turner's anxiety is further increased by the report that Sydney is wounded and missing. He was last seen in an advance in some wire entanglements. Frank, her [youngest] son has also been wounded and is now in hospital in England."

Harold and Sidney are commemorated in the inscription on the grave of their father and brother.

Ernest Edward Usher (W,G)

Sergeant, Royal Horse and Field Artillery, MM, died 28th May 1919, aged 36, buried in Friern Barnet Churchyard. Ernest was born in 1883, second child of Amos, attendant at Colney Hatch Asylum, and Ruth Usher. He had an older sister and three younger brothers. The family lived at 68 Holly Park Road. Their father, Amos, died in 1906 and was buried in Friern Barnet churchyard. Ernest and his youngest brother Albert were both in the army before the war. In 1911, the brothers were serving in India with 8th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, both with the rank of gunner. They were in France early in 1914, Albert from 26th August, Ernest from 6th October. Both were awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field.

The brothers survived the war and remained in the army until Ernest died in 1919 and Albert was discharged in 1920.

Ernest Frederick Bonner Vears, (W)

Rifleman, 10th Battalion, Rifle Brigade, died of wounds 12th January 1917, aged 25, buried Guillemont Road Cemetery, the Somme

He had served in France from 9th March 1915.

Hector William Vears (W)

Private, 1st Battalion, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, killed in action 23rd August 1916, commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, the Somme.

Hector was the eldest, Ernest the youngest, of the five children (three boys and two girls) of William, a plumber, and Ellen Vears. Hector was born 1881 in Shepherd's Bush and baptised in St Stephen's, Shepherd's Bush. Ernest was born 1892 in Friern Barnet and baptised in St James's. At the time the family was living at 5 The Parade, Friern Barnet Road. Their father, William, died in 1894. By 1911 the family had moved to 52 Holly Park Road and later, by the time of the war, to 15 Beaconsfield Road.

In 1906 Hector married Kitty Lee. They had two daughters, Phyllis, born 1907, and Dorothy, born 1909. They lived at 58 Stanhope Road, North Finchley. Hector worked as a railway clerk.

Friern Barnet parish magazine, October 1916: "Hector Vears is also among the fallen."

Oliver C Wall (W)

Lance-Corporal, 12th Battalion, Tank Corps, died 23rd October 1918, aged 22, buried Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, centre of a concentration of military hospitals,

Oliver was born in Friern Barnet in 1896, third of the nine children of Henry, gas and water engineer, and Minnie Wall. He had five sisters (two older) and three brothers. The family lived at 33 Parkhurst Road.

Jack Watts (I)

The inscription on the grave of his parents, William and Betsy Watts, commemorates "Jack Watts, killed in action, France, September 1916, aged 33.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists: "J H Watts Private 120932 Canadian Infantry 19th Battalion, died 29th September 1916, buried Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery (France, the Somme)"

No further information has been found to make the identification certain.

William Francis Wilkinson (W)

1st Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), killed in action 12th October 1917, aged 20, commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial (Ypres Salient).

William was born in 1896 in Wood Green, youngest of the four children of Alfred, a draughtsman, and Mary Wilkinson. He had three sisters, of whom the youngest, Marguerite, died aged three in 1897. By 1901 the family had moved to Friern Barnet and were living at Florence Villa, Stanford Road. They later moved to 60 Parkhurst Road.

Friern Barnet parish magazine for December 1917 reported that "Willie Wilkinson is missing. He was last seen going 'over the top', after which neither he nor any of his company have since been heard of." The magazine of February 1918 reports his death as confirmed.

His father Alfred died in 1918.

Harold Justus Williams (I)

2nd Lieutenant, Royal Field Artillery, attached Guards Trench Mortar Battery, killed in action, 9th July 1917, aged 31, buried Essex Farm Cemetery, Belgium.

Harold was born 11th November 1884 in Enfield, only son of Justus, a bank clerk, and Hannah Williams. He had three older sisters. He was baptised in St Andrew's, Enfield. The family later moved to Beecroft, Oakleigh Park North, Whetstone.

Harold was married, 28th February 1912 in Leamington Spa, to Jessy Katherine von Berg. They lived at 35 Belsize Road, Hampstead. A son, Miles, was born in 1914 and a daughter, Susanne, in 1916.

Harold is commemorated in the inscription on the grave in the churchyard of his parents and youngest sister, Constance, who died in 1918.

Albert W Wilmott (W)

Not identified.

William Wright (W)

Not identified.

Cecil Hubert Wright-Ingle (W,M)

2nd Lieutenant, 19th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, attached 2nd Battalion, Leinster Regiment, killed in action 30th April 1916, aged 32, buried La Plus Douve Farm Cemetery, near Ploegsteert Wood, Ypres Salient).

Cecil was born 2nd August 1883 in New Barnet, the second son of George and Flora Wright-Ingle. He had two younger sisters. By 1891, the family was living at The Woodhouse, North Finchley. George Wright-Ingle had reconstructed and enlarged the house in 1889 (giving it the form it still has essentially today as the core of Woodhouse College). They were still living there in 1905, but by 1911 had moved to Eastbourne. Cecil was educated at Malvern and Pembroke College, Oxford, and became a barrister.

Roll of Honour

Parish Magazine, July 1917:

“Mr Sydney Simmons has kindly offered to bear the expense of erecting a War Shrine outside S John’s Church, to contain the names of all who are fighting for King and Country. The shrine will be erected beneath the flagstaff on which the Union Jack will be hoisted.” The list was for all, irrespective of rank or creed, and was “intended to represent all who have joined the colours, whether serving at home or abroad or discharged as medically unfit for further service.”

The magazine for August listed eighty-three names on the Roll. More were added in subsequent months, bringing the final total to two hundred and seventy-one. An asterisk indicated those who had died.

A S Irwin, Can Scottish	F H Vears, Westminster	A Paul, D of Wellington’s R
D J Irwin, RGA	Dragoons	*W Paul, Middx R
H C Irwin, A and S Highrs	*E F B Vears, RB	H Paul, RE
S S Irwin, MGC	H L M West, Suffolk R	F Paul, TR
C S Irwin, HMS <i>Nerissa</i>	L C Warren, RGA	E Cordaroy, RAMC
*W Wright, QWR	W F Wilkinson, Middx R	H E B Wilkins, MGC
W E Dee, QWR	L H Hewlett, CSR	T B Revill, Scot Rifles
P Dee, ATCMY	*R H List, LRB	J Mackie, Scot Rifles
A E Gibbs, Hamps R	H T Pitt, HMS <i>Valiant</i>	R E Laphorn, Seaforth Highrs
F J Chew, R Fus	H C Martin, HMS <i>Iron Duke</i>	D V Ratcliffe, Bedford R
A C Froude, Middx R	A T Vower, LR	L G Edinborough, , Middx R
C Rayment, RFA	G Pentney, West Kent R	F Kidman, HMS <i>Blanche</i>
H Sellman, RE	W A Wilson, Middx Regt	D E J Truman, RGA
J Mullinger, RGA	W Hoare, Seaforth Highrs	G F Truman, R Fus
T Collins Suffolk R	T J Humphrey, RAMC	*G W Turner, LRB
F G Hunt, RFA	J Larking, ASC	F Higgins, RE
J W Hunt, Middx Yeomanry	A M Wilmott, MT ASC	A B Kynoch, D of W West Riding R
H W Hunt, Middx Yeomanry	C B M Platt, RE	G A Howard, RFA
C W Hunt, RFA	P D Bennett, Border R	H C Paul, RFC
A C Hunt, QRWS	G W Dunmall, ASC	A B Paul, RFA
G T Hunt, TRB,	E J Cox, ASC	S C Paul, Middx R
W J Stanley, RGA	D H Cox, Somerset LI	F R Beal, Middx R
*E G Stanley, HMS <i>Good Hope</i>	E J Johncock, HMS <i>Lord</i>	R C Hunter, Gordon Highrs
G W Deacon, HMS <i>Bacchante</i>	<i>Nelson</i>	G Broom, West Kent R
L Noble, RE	R Wells, R Fus	W Mackie, APC
H Noble, HMS <i>Hornet</i>	C H Stuart, Middx R	W Cox, RE
S Noble, Australian R	F Saunders, AVC	T Cox, Middx Pioneers
F L Jolley, RFA	A Hughes, MFP	A Clarkson, , Middx R
W Eaton, Middx R	A Brunwell, RMLI	O C Wall, MGC
F W Morris, Somerset LI	H Horseman, A & S Highrs	L W Wall, MGC
W B Morris, OCB	H G Rasmussen, MT ASC	J H Wall, Dorset Yeomanry
G B Morris, AOC	H W Jarvis, RFA	J M Bidgoog, HAC
C E Lines, Ox And Bucks LI	E J Cope, OTC	D S Davies, LR
E G Lines RFA	A W Ainsworth, HMS <i>Argonaut</i>	L Munday, OTC
B Hardie, Buffs	*P R Toms, R Fus	F I Baker, ASC
W Hardie, LR	C W Toms, Merc Marine	W T Giffard, E Surrey R
H C Bunn, RFC	G W Sydenham, MT ASC	T Stratton, RNAS
H W Heward, Hants CC	F J Wakefield, C of L R	S Stratton, RHA
R H Heward, RE	B A T Wakefield, C of L R	*A L Price, RE
W H Bliss, City of L Yeo	C Bond, RNAS	D Davies, Middx R
S F Bliss, Seaforth Highrs	F Bond, RE	E R Hazle, RNAS
E A Bliss BSSIRB	*L A Sexton, Middx R	*P L Evans, Middx Regt
F W Lincoln, RAMC	F G Sexton, TR	W Howitt, Manchester R
H C Lincoln, RFA	H P White, Cheshire R	A Clark, Grenadier G
J Razzell, R Fus	H F White, Middx R	C Radway, Essex R
H Pennery, R Fus	H N White, R Fus	J S Mildern, KRR

H Colburn, Northumberlnd R	C M Reid, Middx R	A Mildern, RFA
P J Green, Middx R	*G D Cox, R Fus	S T Blink, ASC
T F Warmesley, ASC	L Green, MGC	R Harrison, Queen's West Rifles
F W Bevans, RFA	N Green, HAC	L Hermitage, ASC
H S Diddams, Buffs	*A Green, RE	E B Manns, E Surrey R
P S Diddams, HMS <i>Leviathan</i>	G Sharp, Middx R	W T Manns, Herts R
A G Jarman, Durham LI	W J Scrivens, HAC	F W Aldred, Can Mounted R
D G Wallis, HMS <i>Valkyrie</i>	W T Turner, , Middx R	E C Stevens, TRB
S J Dommett, RFC	H B W Clarke, , Middx R	F Stevens, RE
W F McBride, East Kent R	R Hemmings, HAC	H C Stevens, RFC
A W McBride, RFA	H R Hemmings, HAC	A B Stevens, RFA
G J McBride, RFA	C G Collier, RGA	S C Stevens, Middx R
R A McBride, TRB	W C Caney, RNAS	J C Newman, RFC
J W Sibun, Buffs	H J Caney, OTC	J E Newman, RNAS
A H T Sander, HMS <i>Caradoc</i>	*R F Collins, RFC	T W Newman, E Surrey R
L W Sander, RGA	E J Alcock, , Middx R	W G Sargent, MT ASC
F J Crumpler, MT ASC	*H M Foreman, HMS	B H T Leighton, RND
*A S Crumpler, HMS <i>Cornwallis</i>	<i>Dalhousie</i>	G E Leighton, Can Corps
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J H Emerton, RFA	*S Fone, RGA	*A Hobbs, C of L R
H F Swain, D of Cornwall's LI	G H Gillett	G Cornell, R West Surrey R
J W Cooper, MMP	R B Hicks, HAC	F Hoare, Grenadier G
G H Webster, RNAS	J W Harries, RNVR	J Dolley, D of Cornwall's LI
*T B Beavis, D of Cornwall's LI	C R Keen, Bedford R	G Ryall, RE
*H S Broadhouse, West Surrey R	L D Keen, Berks R	L W Mingay, S Lanc R
A A Meaden, RAMC	H J Keen, Dorset R	H S Arnold, RFC
C A Meaden, RAMC	N E Keen, TMB	H J Stone, RAMC
H J Newman, TRB	C M Keen, Monitor 21	E C Painter, HMS Transport <i>Shuja</i>
S R Turner, Essex R	R Lord, ASC	G H Kiteley, R Warwicks
*H F Turner, KRR	C R Lowry, NZM	A P Mayo, Northampton R
F H Turner, RFA	H S Lowry, RE	W E Worsley, Lincoln R
G H James, RFA	W Lowry, RE	H W E Finch, RE
A Stephen, LRB	G F C Foskett, Wireless Signal	P T Cutts, Buffs
A Smith, Middx R	R	H W Horne, RE
W T Smith, R Fus	W H Foskett, RNAS	J H White, HAC
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H A Benwell, C of L R	W G Cottam, RA	G L Dolamore, Dragoon G
L A Tombleson, MAC	A E Cottam, East Surrey R	E C Dolomore, RFA
*E Curry, Seaforth Highrs	J H Shrubb, King's Hussars	H O Dolomore, C of L
R Curry, Seaforth Highrs	C Britten, RAMC	R G Scriven, Herts Yeo
G W Connon, POR	*W F Guy, Inniskilling F	G Harris, RFA
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P G Rawlings, HT ASC	*T P Bussell, Queen's West	W C J Cutts, ASC MT
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