

**Royal Engineers Bomb Disposal
Explosive Ordnance Disposal
Roll of Honour
Vol 3
L to S 1940 to VJ Day**



**Mundesley Mine Clearance Memorial
Mundesley, Norfolk.**

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Foreword

Volume 3 of the Roll of Honour spans L to S from 1940 to VJ day and reflects the breadth and continuity of service of personnel in Royal Engineers Bomb Disposal. It reminds us that this work was not just confined to a single conflict, theatre of operation, or even a generation. As threats evolved, so too did the methods and technologies that needed to be employed to defeat the Unexploded Ordnance both at home and abroad, yet the human element remained a constant. Behind every procedure, every piece of equipment, and every successful operation or not, there were individuals whose professionalism was forged through training, experience, an unwavering sense of duty, and occasionally a little piece of good luck.

Volume 3 of the Roll of Honour stands as a solemn continuation of the duty owed in service and now owed in remembrance. It not only records details and incidents, but also preserves lives of purpose whose skill, resolve, and quiet courage placed them between danger and others, often at the highest personal cost. It serves a purpose beyond record-keeping. It ensures that those who gave their lives are honoured and not reduced to statistics or footnotes. Each name represents a soldier or officer who stood firm in the face of danger, supported by teams, families, and a wider Corps whose strength lies in mutual trust and shared responsibility.

Bomb Disposal has never been an ordinary military task. It demands a technical skill matched by courage: the willingness to act calmly, precisely, and selflessly in situations where time, uncertainty, and risk converge. The people recorded in this volume accepted that responsibility, not for recognition, but out of commitment to their comrades, their mission, the Corps of Royal Engineers, and those who they sought to protect.

As you read this Roll of Honour, it may prompt both reflection and gratitude. Reflection on the realities of a role that operates largely out of sight, and gratitude for those who accepted its dangers so that others might be spared. This volume ensures that their service is remembered with dignity, accuracy, and respect and that their names endure within the history of the Corps they served.

Lt Col (Retd) K Grantham MBE QGM (President REA BD Branch)

Introduction

*“They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the
Sun and in the morning.
We will remember them”.*

Robert Laurence Binyon.

This document is the third of four to pay tribute to those who have passed whilst serving in the Royal Engineers Bomb Disposal/Explosive Ordnance Disposal Units from 1940 to the Present Day.

The entries will include those who died on active duty, those who passed away through accidents, natural causes and sadly took their own lives.

This really is best described as a joint venture, between the Royal Engineers Association (REA BD Branch) and the RE Bomb Disposal EOD History Group (History Group), the links to both which can be found in the Sources References page.

It started in 2006 with a project by the REA BDB and over nine years through various sources and people’s assistance, the Roll was put together, photos of graves/memorials taken and what details that could be referenced, as to incidents put together. This was put onto the REA BDB website.

Since then through the History Group the information has been greatly increased, as more sources have become available and Casualty Cards/Service Cards have been located. Not a small task, around 24,000 cards have been read to identify those serving from 1940 to 1949. Many other sources have been looked at to find details after 1949.

Its primary aim is to move the Roll of Honour from just a list of names, to a resource where families/researchers and others with an interest, can use.

These are live documents which will grow with more information through the years.

Pete Markham.

*“When You Go Home, Tell Them of Us and Say,
For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.”*

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH.

LAMBERT, Michael, (2094019) Sapper, Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Widow, Mrs Lambert, 27 Elgin Avenue, Maida Vale. W 9. Nok notified 21 August 1940.

Served with London Division, 25 August 1939; absent without leave deserter, 2 September 1939; 563 Field Park Company, 27 December 1939; 501 Field Company, 23 February 1940; 220 Field Company, 12 May 1940; 85 Bomb Disposal Section, 27 June 1940.

Died when a delayed action bomb detonated, near Alverston, Nantwich, Crewe.

Sappers A E Fearon, H Thompson, G Lucas, J Percival died in the incident, Sergeant E Greengrass died 2 days later.



Died 17 August 1940, age?

Buried at Saint Mary RC Cemetery, Kensal Green, London. Section RC Grave 935.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2428910/michael-lambert/>

Photo Credit js.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24652364/michael-m-lambert>

Lancaster, James, (2126351) Corporal, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 26 May 1915 in Bolton, Lancs. Enlisted 21 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs A Lancaster, 28 Lower Lune Street, Fleetwood, Lancs. NOK was notified on 9 September 1943. Delay in notifying NOK as they had moved.

Served with 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 October 1940.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Beach mine explosion, mine not indicated on any plan, not discovered by the mine detector. Trod on a B Type C Mine. Tenby, Western Command.



Died 1 April 1943, age?

Buried at New Hall Cemetery, Preston, Lancashire. Section C C RC Grave 833.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2699678/james-lancaster/>

Photo Credit Bob the Greenacre Cat.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59984162/james-lancaster>

LANGLEY, Joseph, (2055346) Corporal, 52 Bomb Disposal Section, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 1 June 1919 in St Helens. Enlisted 12 April 1938 in St Helens. Next of Kin Father, Mr E Langley, 22 Brace Street, Saint Helens. NOK notified 14 July 1942.

Served with 252 Company, 12 April 1938; 509 Company, 7 October 1939; 511 Field Park Company, 23 December 1939; 509 Field Company, 10 June 1940; 152 Bomb Disposal Section, 21 June 1940; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 January 1941; embark for the Middle East, 17 March 1941.

Died when a SD 2, Butterfly bomb detonated. North Africa.



Died 7 July 1942, age 21.
Son of Mr and Mrs Henry Langley of Saint Helens, Lancashire.

Buried at El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2117025/joseph-langley/>

Photo Credit Terry Smithies.

<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/langley-j/>

LAUCHLAN, John, (2010665) Driver, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1920 in Kilmarnock. Enlisted 18 April 1940. Next of Kin Father, Mr R Lauchlan, 52 Michelin House, Kilmarnock, Scotland. NOK was notified on 18 December 1940.

Served with 2 Motor Transport Depot, York; Excavator Training Wing, 1 Training Battalion, 17 May 1940; 2 Training Battalion, 18 June 1940; 64 Bomb Disposal Section, 20 June 1940; 5 Bomb Disposal Company.

An unexploded bomb fell in the premises immediately abutting the main London-Chelmsford Road (Romford Road Manor Park). On the 13th December 1940, in view of the serious dislocation of important traffic, Captain Blaney proceeded to attempt to remove the fuze (one time fuze). The alternative method of sterilizing the bomb was not at the time available and at great personal risk, and with full knowledge of the grave danger, he personally entered the crater to carry out the process. Unfortunately, the bomb exploded and Captain Blaney lost his life.

Captain M Blaney was awarded the George Cross.

Captain M F Blaney GC, Lieutenant R James, Staff Sergeant C Roberts, Lance Corporals D Mills, S White, Sappers J Maycock, T McLaren, Drivers F G Hawkins, J Pickering and Inspector H Lane Metropolitan Police also died in this incident, one female member of the public slightly injured.



Died on 13 December 1940, age 20.

Buried at Kilmarnock Cemetery. Section P Grave 68.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2455644/john-lauchlan/>

Photo Credit Stephen Farrell.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/93227384/john-lauchlan>

LAUD, Ernest, (14261723) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1924 in Hull. Enlisted 20 August 1942. Next of Kin Father, Mr W Laud, 3 Aberdeen Terrace, West Dock Avenue, Hessle Road, Hull, Yorks.

Served with 4 Training Battalion, 1 October 1942; Y list sick, hospital or convalescence, 1 January 1943 to 2 March 1943; 9 Boring Section, 20 March 1943; 547 Electrical or Mechanical Company, 17 May 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 September 1943.

Admitted to Whittingham Hospital near Preston Mustard Gas Burns Face and Legs 12 December 1942, transferred to Lytham Convalescence Hospital 22 January 1943, transferred to 123 Convalescence Hospital Witton Park Blackburn 12 February 1943, discharged to 4 Training Battalion 2 March 1943,

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Whilst sweeping and detecting mines there was an explosion causing his death. Court of Inquiry Opinion. Training had been given to all personnel taking part. The detector man was at fault in passing a suspected mine before it was uncovered or marked. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer. No fault can be attached to any one person, the accident that caused the deaths was as a result of an error of judgement on the part of one or more of those killed. Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Lieutenant K Perry and Sergeant J Richards also died in this incident.



Died 5 January 1944, age 20.
Son of Walter and Frances E Laud, of Hull.

Buried at Hull Northern Cemetery, Yorkshire. Compt 303 Grave 28.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2402404/ernest-laud/>

Photo Credit Gunner.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/103213580/ernest-laud>

LAW, John McKenzie, (1892268) Lance Corporal, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 16 October 1918 in Dunlop. Enlisted 20 October 1939 in Ayr. Next of Kin Father, Archibald Law, 2 Parker Stone Terrace, Dunlop, Ayrshire. Reported Missing 15 February 1942 NOK notified 11 March 1942, In Jap hands no camp stated NOK notified 6 January 1944, Died at Tanbaya, Burma of Beri Beri. NOK notified 26 November 1945.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Beri Beri, Myanmar.



Died 29 September 1943, age 24.
Son of Archibald and Alexandrina Law of Dunlop, Ayrshire.

Buried at Thambyuzayat War Cemetery, Myanmar. Grave B 6 M 5.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2090319/john-mckenzie-law/>

Photo Credit Middlesex Yeomanry.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56175305/john-mckenzie-law>

LAWRENCE, Lennard, (2155165) Lance Corporal, 1 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 6 July 1908 in Morden. Enlisted 19 March 1942. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E M Lawrence, 126 Rollesby Road, Chessington, Surrey.

Served with 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 July 1942; 1 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Newbiggin-on-Sea, Northumberland. Opinion of Commandant Durham Sub-District, on duty not to blame. Inquest Verdict Accidental death.



Died 1 May 1944, age

Buried at Saint Mary Churchyard, Chessington, Surrey. Grave B 56.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2434194/lennard-lawrence/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/lawrence-l/>

LEBBON, Cyril Bennett, (2198731) Lance Corporal, 32 Bomb Disposal Section, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 13 October 1897 at Winchester, Hants. Next of Kin Widow, Lilian Elizabeth Lebbon, 19 Crossways, Havant, Hampshire. NOK notified 18 December 1940.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, Newark, 18 July 1940; 31 Bomb Disposal Section, ? September 1940

On 10 December 1940 at Bushy Park Teddington or Osterley Park, Middlesex, a section was working on a UXB when it detonated. It was a cold day and the section had adopted the standard practice of lighting a fire and brewing a large Dixie of tea. Sapper Jimmy Hulme had gone to see to the tea when the bomb detonated. He was knocked over by the blast and a piece of shrapnel hit him in the back. He spent some time in hospital and then returned to his unit. After this incident he acquired a slight stammer but was otherwise okay.

Lieutenant K G Hope, Lance Corporal W Hatton, , Sapper J R Darsley, Driver F G Horton Royal Army Service Corps, A K Hartland also died in this incident.



Died 10 December 1940 age 43.

Son of William Lebbon and Mary Isabel Honour. Husband of Lilian Elizabeth Lebbon of Havant, Hampshire.

Buried at Teddington Cemetery, Greater London. Section C 3 Cons Grave 1868.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2433272/cyril-bennett-lebbon/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/155765104/cyril-bennett-lebbon>

LEESON, Eric Edward, (3596456) Sapper, 75 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Widow, Elizabeth Leeson, 93 Shrewsbury Street, Old Trafford, Manchester. NOK notified 19 November 1940. Inquest adjourned pending civil charges against L/Sgt Burland in connection with the accident.

Served with 135 Excavating Company, 27 October 1939; 5 Training Battalion, 12 April 1939; 75 Bomb Disposal Sections 23 June 1940.

Died of a Road Traffic Accident in Preston Infirmary, lacerations to face and eyes. Lance Sergeant Burland to blame, he did not exercise sufficient care in bad visibility.



Died 19 November 1940, age?
Son of Thomas and Edith Leeson; husband of Elizabeth Leeson of Old Trafford, Manchester.
Section P L Grave 274.

Buried at Stretford Cemetery, Lancashire. Section PL Grave 274.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2700668/eric-edward-leeson/>

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[Photograph of the final resting place of Leeson, Eric Edward - The War Graves Photographic Project](#)

LEIGH, Benjamin Lawrence, (2128118) Sapper, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 5 March 1915 in Manchester. Enlisted 30 October 1940 in Manchester. Next of Kin Wife, Hilda Leigh, 32 Smith Street, Higher Openshaw, Manchester. NOK notified 4 February 1942.

Served with 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 October 1940; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 31 December 1940; 22 Bomb Disposal Section, 24 March 1941; 96 Bomb Disposal Section, 24 June 1941.

Admitted Lymington Hospital abscess of the neck 15 September 1941. Transferred to Royal Victoria Hospital Netley Cellulitis 16 September 1941. Transferred to Emergency Hospital Whittingham 2 October 1941. Transferred to Lytham Hall Community Hospital Lytham 16 December 1941. Transferred to Reception Station Squires Gate St Annes-on-Sea 6 January 1942. Transferred to Lytham Hall Convalescence Hospital 19 January 1942. Place on Dangerously Ill List 1 February 1942 NOK notified. Died in Whittingham Hospital, near Preston, Lancashire, no details.



Died 4 February 1942, age 26.
Son of Charles and Ruth Leigh of Manchester: Husband of Hild Leigh of Higher Openshaw, Manchester.

Buried at Gorton Cemetery, Manchester. Section X Grave 222.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2402966/benjamin-lawrence-leigh/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/32677288/benjamin-lawrence-leigh>

LEIGH, Lawrence, (2066717) Sapper, 31/32 Bomb Disposal Sections, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1916 in Manchester. Next of Father, L F Leigh, 5 Ashton Avenue, Fallowfield, Manchester. NOK 23 September 1940.

Served with 42 (EL) Division, 6 December 1938; 66 Division, 20 September 1939; 258 Field Park Company, 6 January 1940; 2 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died when a UXB detonated that was being excavated at 14 Broadwalk, Heston.



Died 20 September 1940, age?
Mr and Mrs Lawrence John Leigh of Fallowfield, Manchester, England.

Buried Manchester Southern Cemetery, Lancashire. Section N Non-Conformist Grave 728.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2403428/lawrence-j-leigh/>

Photo Credit Bob the Greenacre Cat.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/156464393/lawrence-j-leigh>

LENTON, Edward, (3907048) Lance Corporal, 19 Bomb Disposal, Royal Engineers.

Born 3 March 1905 in Derby. Enlisted 21 March 1927 in Pontypridd. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs W Lenton, 87 Stowe Street, Litchfield, Staffs.

Served with The South Wales Borderers, 4 Training Battalion, 5 June 1943; 858 Quarrying Company, 7 September 1943; 1 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 September 1943; 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 19 March 1945.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Possibly the mine had missed detection when turning off the flat onto a slope at Coney Hill Suffolk. Opinion of the Chief Royal Engineer 3 Bomb Disposal Group. One of the two men involved trod on a mine that had been missed. No blame is attached to any person or persons. Coney Hill, Clacton, Suffolk.

Sapper R D Carpenter.



Died 29 March 1945, age 40.
Husband of Winifred Lenton, of Litchfield.

Buried at Saint Chad Churchyard Extension, Lichfield, Staffordshire. Grave 66.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2713052/edward-lenton/>

Photo Credit Len.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/177312000/edward-lenton>

LEVITT, Joseph, (3454983) Sapper, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 10 January 1916 in Bury, enlisted 2 April 1940 at Bury. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E Levitt, 39 Bank Top, Radcliffe, Manchester.

Injured in an explosion believed caused by an enemy incendiary bomb at 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Harlow, Essex on duty.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Shoeburyness, Essex. Explosion of a mine whilst engaged on military duties at home. Finding of Court of Inquiry.

- a. That Company Standing Orders for deliberate minefield clearance were being complied with. Evidence suggests the mine was outside the cleared area.
- b. The Polish mine detector was in order and had been tested.

Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer, 3 Bomb Disposal Group. Sappers J Levitt and G Gilchrist were on duty.

- a. In my opinion there is no evidence to show what caused this mine to explode.
- b. The drill as ordered was being carried out.
- c. . The position of the girder after the explosion would suggest the mine was on the other side of the girder outside the sweep.



Died 30 November 1940, age ?

Buried at Bury Cemetery, Redvales, Lancashire. Section KP 126 Grave 2109.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2698219/joseph-levitt/>

Photo Credit Carl S.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/32499830/joseph-levitt>

No blame can be attached to any person or persons. Sapper G Gilchrist also died in this incident.

LEWIS, George Raymond, (2157746) Sapper, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 31 December 1922 at Merthyr Tydfil. Enlisted 26 February 1942. Next of Kin Father Mr James Lewis, 20 Rose House Road, Cambourne, Cornwall.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 26 February 1942; 671 A W Company, 11 July 1943; 2 Bomb Disposal Group, 1 November 1943; 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 2 November 1943.

Mine Sweeping operations of beach mines laid as anti-invasion measures at Dungeness, near Lydd, Kent.

Chief Royal Engineer, 2 Bomb Disposal Group found no one was to blame.

Sappers A G Auger, M Pierce also died in this incident.

His brother Oscar Thomas Lewis also died in service.



Died 18 April 1945, age 22.

Son of James and Olwen Sarah Lewis, of Camborne.

Buried at Camborne- Redruth Cemetery, Cornwall. Block 7 Grave B 9.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2948229/george-raymond-lewis/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/147016354/george-raymond-lewis>

LEWIS, Glenfear Mansel Kenward, (2075620) Sapper, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineer.

Enlisted 26 April 1939. Next of Kin Father, Mr H J Lewis, New Pauling Lane, Frome, Somerset. NOK notified on the 4 October 1940.

Served with 207 Field Park Company, 26 April 1939; 57 Bomb Disposal Section, 23 September 1940; 24 Bomb Disposal Company.

Moving a UXB fitted with two anti-disturbance fuzes, when it detonated. 121 Connor Road, Dagenham, London.

Second Lieutenant W J Ash, L W E Foster, Sappers L H R Hitchcock, R J Lewis and Driver E W Websdale died in this incident. Seven others injured including Sapper B Woolhouse all taken to hospital, B Woolhouse and three others returned to Bomb Disposal Duties.



Died October 1940, age 20.

Son of Hugh James and Elizabeth Ann Lewis; husband of Gwendoline Gladys Lewis, of Frome.

Buried at Christ Church Churchyard, Frome. New Gound Section G Grave 45.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2692058/glenfear-mansel-kenward-lewis/>

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https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/54817051/glenfear-mansel_kenward-lewis

LEWIS, Henry, (2021322) Lance Sergeant, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 10 September 1926. Next of Kin Widow, Mrs Lucy Jane Lewis, 13 Robert Owen Gardens, Geffi Gratog, Swansea.

Served with 244 Company, 53 Division, 10 September 1926; 4 Training Battalion, Colchester, 7 October 1939; Headquarters 4 Training Battalion, 10 October 1939; Depot Company, 13 October 1939; 105 Bomb Disposal Unit.

Military Hospital Colchester dangerously ill spinal meningitis 16 November 1939, discharged hospital 26 February 1940.

Died working with mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Coroners' verdict: death by misadventure. Court of Inquiry, cause and place of death explosion of a mine (accident). According to the Commanding Officer there appears to be no evidence to show what caused the accident as the only survivor saw nothing, Fitzhamon Embankment Sully Beach Wales.

Corporal S G Hanford, Lance Corporal C A Hanford died in this incident.



Died 12 November 1940, age 33.

Son of Nathan and Kezia Lewis; husband of Lucy Jane Lewis of Port Tennant, Swansea, Wales.

Buried at Danygraig Cemetery, Swansea. Section X Grave 38.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2718228/henry-lewis/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/124456508/henry-lewis>

LEWIS, Robert John, (1991059) Sapper, 5 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Father, Robert Lewis, 4 Saint Davids Terrace, Saltney, Cheshire. NOK was notified on 9 October 1940.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 18 July 1940; 33 Bomb Disposal Section, 19 September 1940.

Moving a UXB fitted with two anti-disturbance fuzes, when it detonated. 121 Connor Road, Dagenham, London.

Second Lieutenant W F J Ash, L W E Foster, Sappers L H R Hitchcock, Driver E W Websdale, also died in this incident. Seven others injured including Sapper B Woolhouse all taken to hospital, B Woolhouse and three others returned to Bomb Disposal Duties.

His brother L A C Cyril Edward Lewis RAF accidentally killed in 1946.



Died 7 October 1940, age
Son of Robert and Mary Lewis.

Buried at Chester General Cemetery. Section C New Portion Joint Grave 159.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2928282/robert-john-lewis/>

Photo Credit Chris Kemp.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/157737425/robert-john-lewis>

LEWIS-WINN, Herbert Edmund, (165370) Lieutenant, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Died when a 250kg fitted with a type 15 and 50 fuze fitted detonated, in Coventry.

Lieutenant M F H Lloyd, Sapper H Fox, Driver G Jones also died in this incident.



Died 13 April 1941, age 21.

Son of George and Lilian Maud Lewis-Winn of East Dulwich, London. .

Buried at Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, Warwickshire.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2449568/herbert-edmund-lewis-winn/>

Photo Credit Mark Morgan.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59788347/harry-fox>

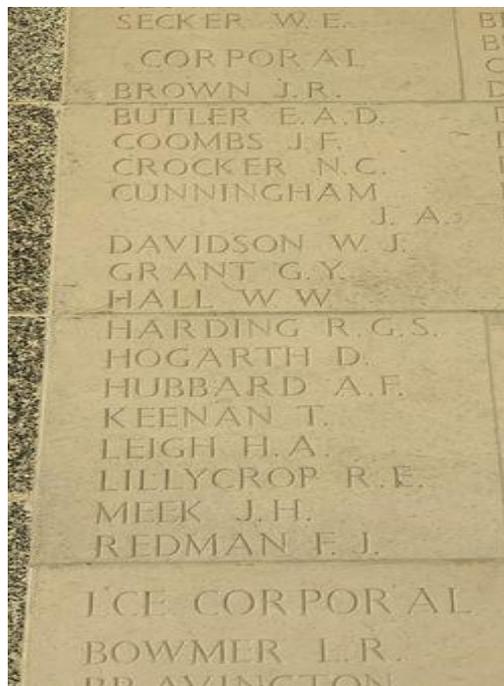
LILLYCROP, Rueben Edgar, (18629248) Corporal, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born on 9 August 1913 in South West London. Enlisted 10 September 1928. Next of Kin, Mother, Mrs A Lansdown, 11 Regnolruf Court, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. NOK was informed, 8 March 1945.

Reported Missing 15 February 1942; NOK notified 11 March 1942. In Japanese hands camp unknown NOK Notified 24 July 1943. Located Camp 4 Thailand NOK notified 23 March 1944.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. The ship he was on sank at sea while transporting POWs from Thailand to Japan.

His father R Lillycrop served with the Royal Artillery and died on 12 December 1915.



Died 12 September 1944, age 31.
Son of Sergeant Rueben Lillycrop, Royal Artillery and Alice M Lillycrop.

Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial. Column 39.

Photo Credit Royzee.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56223384/reuben-edgar-lillycrop>

LILLYMAN, Francis John, (1870478) Corporal, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 3 May 1919. Enlisted 9 May 1934 aged 14 years and 6 months. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Lillyman, Picardy, Moselle Road, Biggin Hill, Kent. NOK was notified on 9 November 1940.

Served with Boy Trumpeter, 9 April 1934; Sapper, 3 May 1937; Royal Engineers Motor Depot, 11 April 1934; D Company Training Battalion, 3 May 1937; 4 Fortress Company, 18 January 1938; 58 (CD) Company, 2 May 1938; Exp Sec, 6 January 1939; 98 Bomb Disposal Section, 25 June 1940. 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 31 September 1940.

Died whilst excavating a UXB which exploded.

Lieutenant D Adams, Lance Corporal C W E Andrews also died in this incident.



Died 6 November 1940, age 21.

Son of John Richard Lillyman of Eva Louisa (nee George) Lillyman of Biggin Hill, Kent.

Buried at Yeovil Cemetery, Somerset. Division A Grave 2596.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2692523/francis-john-lillyan/>

Photo Credit Janice Dennis.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/122731342/francis-john-lillyman>

LINCOLN, George, (1913749) Sapper, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 10 November 1916 in Manchester. Enlisted 13 January 1940, aged 23. Next of Kin Mother, Mary Lincoln, 51 Oak Lane, Winslow, Cheshire. NOK was notified on 12 February 1941.

Served with Construction Centre (Wimpey), Clacton, 15 January 1940; 680 Company, 11 February 1940; 680 Construction Company, 15 January 1940; Z Holdings Company, 3 April 1940; 2 Bomb Disposal Company.

Dead when an unexploded bomb was being worked on at Bynes Road School Purley Oaks, Croydon.

Lance Corporal W F O'Shea, Sapper J F Cook, F Hickford, T E Perkins, E J Rolls also died in this incident.



Died 11 February 1941, age 24.

Buried at Mitcham Road Cemetery, Croydon, Surrey. Plot P P Grave 40004.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2434302/george-lincoln/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/241432921/george-lincoln>

LINSLEY, John William, (936824) Corporal, 97 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in Yorkshire. Enlisted 15 September 1939. Next of Kin Mother, Frances L Linsley, 40 Milner Road, Bridlington, Yorks.

Served with 147 Technical Battalion, Longmoor, 20 May 1940; 97 Bomb Disposal Section, 1 July 1940.

Killed when a bomb he was working on detonated at the Caterham/Purley Branch, Warlingham, Surrey of Southern Rail.

Sergeant R A Smith, Sapper R C Brady, A R Bush also died in this incident.



Died 8 September 1940, age 22.
Son of Francis J Linsley of Bridlington.

Buried at Bridlington Cemetery, Yorkshire. Section G Grave 232B.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2407056/john-linsley/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59358345/john-linsley>

LITTLER, Thomas William, (2125958) Sapper, 15 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 11 October 1919 at Runcorn. Enlisted 21 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Alice Littler, 6 Wickstone Cottages, Runcorn, Cheshire.

Served with 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 October 1940; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 January 1941; 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 June 1942; embarked for North Africa, 22 November 1942.

Died whilst dumping unserviceable enemy ammunition at sea. A detonation occurred for no apparent reason.

Sergeant G H Sim, Lance Corporal G Ferguson, J Sinclair, R V Whitefield, Sappers S Gentry, J Keen also died in this incident, in Tunisia. Les Stokes survived; he had gone into the cabin to get a cap.



Died 10 June 1943, age 32.

Son of William and M F Littler: Husband of Alice Littler of Runcorn, Cheshire.

Buried at Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia.

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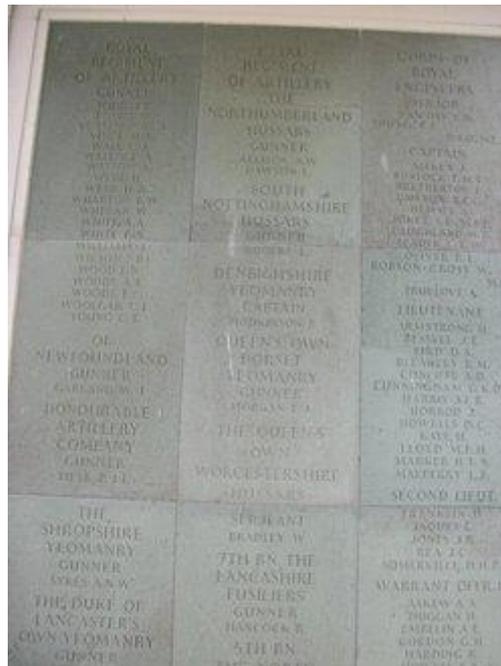
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LLOYD, Maurice, Frank Harvey, (165372) Lieutenant, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1915 in Montgomeryshire.

Died when a 250kg fitted with a type 15 and 50 fuze fitted detonated, in Coventry.

Lieutenant H E Lewis-Winn, Sapper H Fox, Driver G Jones also died in this incident.



Died 13 April 1941, Age 26.

Son of Frank Humphrey and Lilian May Lloyd; husband of Mary Joan Lloyd of Yarlet, Stafford.

Commemorated on the Brookwood Memorial, Surrey. Panel 4 Column 3.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2147017/maurice-frank-harvey-lloyd/>

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LOCKHEAD, Herbert, (1218640) Sergeant, 49 Bomb Disposal Section, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 13 August 1914 in Bury. Enlisted 30 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E Lockheed, 53 Alfred Street, Bury, Lancs. NOK was notified on 30 August 1944.

Served with 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 October 1940; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 June 1943; 49 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 June 1944; embarked UK, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 June 1944.

Died whilst clearing Tellermines. Bazoches-au-Moulme, France.



Died 23 August 1944, age 30.

Son of Mr and Mrs Herbert Lockheed of Bury, Lancashire; husband of Elizebeth Kockhead, of Brandlesholme, Bury.

Buried at Banneville-La-Campagne War Cemetery. Grave IV E 5.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56103476/herbert-lockhead>

LOMAS, James, (2126578) Corporal, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 15 July 1915 at Todmorden. Enlisted 23 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E Lomas, 4 Fountain Street, Castle Street, Todmorden, Lancs. NOK notified 18 September 1940.

Served with 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1940; 11 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Yaverland, Isle of Wight. Deputy Coroner R E A Webster Esq, conducted an inquiry, held at Military Hospital Totland, into the incident. Coroner's report. A Section of men were clearing mines from the beach when there was a sudden explosion and the bodies of the deceased were found badly mutilated. An officer stated that the work was being carried out in accordance with instructions. Coroners' verdict was they died of multiple injuries when a beach mine exploded, while the men were carrying out their duties. He added that the field was being cleared in a proper manner and according to instruction, and he expressed sympathy with their relatives. Isle of Wight County Press, Saturday September 23 1944.

Sapper L Pye also died in this incident.



Died 15 September 1944, age
Son of James and Maria Lomas of Todmorden: Husband of Eunice Lomas of Todmorden.

Commemorated at Rochdale Crematorium. Panel 5.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2699973/james-lomas/>

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LOTHIAN, Henry, (2128774) Sapper, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 29 March 1911 in Dunfermline. Enlisted 28 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Isobel Lothian, Wellshead, Limkilns, Dunfermline, Fifeshire.

Served with 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 October 1940; Headquarters Company, 19 Bomb Disposal Company, n1 January 1941; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1941.

Died through enemy action. Burlington.



Died 26 April 1942, age 32.
Husband of Isabella Lothian, of Dunfermline.

Buried at Douglas Bank Cemetery, Dunfermline, Scotland. Grave 236.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2456934/henry-lothian/>

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LOUGHLIN, James, (2128873) Sapper, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born on the 6 October 1899 in Newcastle-Under- Lyne. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E Loughlin, 19 Johns Street, Ashton-Under-Lyne. NOK was notified on 20 March 1941.

Served with 19 Bomb Disposal Company 31 December 1940; 23 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died due to enemy action. Commanding Officers Opinion, there was negligence on the part of 1904689 L/Sgt W F Holwill. Resulting in the death of Sapper Loughlin.

Commander South Midland area opinion, having carefully considered the evidence I am unable to agree that L/Sgt Holwill was guilty of negligence. In my opinion he acted to the best of his knowledge and what shortcoming there may have been was due to ignorance. Midlands.



Died 19 March 1941, age ?
Husband of Edith Loughlin of Ashton-under- Lyne, Lancashire.

Buried at Ashton-under-Lyne and Dunkfield Joint Cemetery, Cheshire. Section C 3 Grave 859.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/1525670/james-loughlin/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59085800/james-loughlin>

LOVELACE, Walter James, (2068612) Sergeant, 3 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 28 September 1912 in Chiswick. Next of Kin Widow, 39 Station Road, New Barnet, Herts. NOK was notified on 17 April 1941.

Served with London Division, 4 April 1939; 43 Bomb Disposal Section, 15 June 1940.

Died when a UXB detonated in Birmingham.



Died 16 April 1941, age 27.

Son of Edwin James and Eliza Theobald Lovelace; husband of Frances Helen Lovelace, of New Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Commemorated at Mortlake Crematorium. Panel 8.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2435156/walter-james-lovelace/>

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LOWE, Frank, (1991261) Lance Corporal, 256 Bomb Disposal Platoon, 19 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born on the 13 January 1910 in Birmingham. Enlisted 9 July 1940 in Birmingham. NOK was notified on 20 September 1944.

Served with 34 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 September 1940; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 April 1941; embarked from ??? 17 March 1941; P Bomb Disposal Company, Middle East, 21 March 1942; 256 Bomb Disposal Section, 29 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 October 1943; disembark in the UK, 12 December 1943 ; embark in the UK, 19 Bomb Disposal Company. 27 July 1944; disembark North West Europe, 30 July 1944.

Died clearing mines in France.

Corporal W T J Walkers also died in this incident.



Died 14 September 1944, age 34.

Son of John and Emma Marie Lowe of Birmingham.: Husband of May Lowe of Birmingham

Buried at Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Grave II L 7.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2328038/frank-lowe/>

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LUCAS, George, (7895135) Sapper, Bomb Disposal, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 6 May 1939. Next of Kin Katherine Manning, 47 Buckley Street, Newton Heath, Manchester. NOK was notified on 21 August 1940.

Served with 563 Field Company, 14 February 1940; 501 Field Company, 18 May 1940; Bomb Disposal.

Died when a delayed action bomb detonated, while being excavated, near Alverston, Nantwich, Crewe. Died of wounds, compound injuries, dislocation of both ankles, fractured skull.

Sappers A E Fearon, M Lambert, H Thompson, J Percival also died in the incident, Sergeant E Greengrass died 2 days later.



Died 17 August 1940, age

Buried at Phillips Park Manchester, Lancashire. Section O Church Grave 767.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2403104/george-lucas/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/142285645/george-lucas>

LUCK, William, (1026164) Sapper, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 6 November 1984 in East London, living in Essex. Enlisted 24 June 1940. Next of Kin Wife Sarah Luck, 31 Devon Road, Swindon.

Served with 5 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 September 1940.

Died Whilst excavating a UXB with a time delay fuze.

Sapper L C Kirkman, G McMahon and T Stringer also died in this incident.



Died 11 September 1940, age?

Buried at Edenbridge Cemetery Extension, Kent.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2361032/william-luck/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/46566459/william-luck>

LUNN, Henry John, (2196902) Corporal, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 30 November 1911 in London. Enlisted 22 June 1940 in Sutton. Next of Kin Wife, 112 Wandle Road, Morden, Surrey.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 18 July 1940; 75 Bomb Disposal Section, 11 September 1940; 10 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 September 1941.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. North Wales. Opinion of Officer Commanding, the deceased were killed while on duty detecting a beach mine prior to removal.

Inquest Verdict. Death was caused by severe multiple injuries sustained while the deceased was performing a hazardous undertaking. Pure accident, no blame.



Died 17 November 1943, age 31.

Son of Henry John and Florence Lunn; husband of Dorothy Margaret Lunn of Morden.

Buried at Morden Cemetery, Battersea, London. Section S B Grave 1724.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2433985/henry-john-lunn/>

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LYTH, Harold, (1864049) Sapper, 19 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 17 June 1940, Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Edith Mary Lyth, School House, Brompton-on -Swale, near Richmond, Yorks. NOK was notified on 25 April 1942.

Served with 19 Bomb Disposal Company.

Fatally Injured.



Died 23 April 1941 age 34.
Husband of Edith Mary Lyth of Brompton-on Swale.

Buried at Brompton-on- Swale Cemetery, Yorkshire. Grave 226.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2407123/harold-lyth/>

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MACDONALD, Donald Kenneth, (2969276) Sapper, 21 Bomb Disposal, Royal Engineers.

Born 24 August 1901 in Renfrewshire. Enlisted 21 June 1940 in Holloway. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Bettie Sarah MacDonald, 26 Oval Road, South, Dagenham, Essex.

Served with 2 Training Battalion Newark, 18 July 1940,

Admitted to County Emergency Hospital Newark, Notts bullet wound and fractured pelvis 30 August 1940. Discharged from Hospital 23 October 1940. Relative to accident forwarded to Wing D 29 November 1940.

Died of a gunshot wound. Inquest verdict. Suicide whilst the balance of his mind was disturbed. Hackney Hospital.



Born 25 November 1941, age 42.

Son of Jack and Mina MacDonald; husband of Bessie Sarah MacDonald, Bournemouth, Hampshire.

Buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery. Grave 517.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2667530/donald-kenneth-macdonald/>

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MACK, George Lewis, (2127245) Sergeant, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 26 September 1919 in Ayr. Enlisted 28 October 1940 in Ayr. Next of Kin Mother, 56 Main Street, Ayr Scotland.

Served with 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 October 1940.

Died when a UXB exploded whilst being rendered safe. Back Door Field, Billingham Farm, Sussex.

On September 20 1940, a German daylight raid against London was attacked by fighter command, Near Rye a Heinkel 111 was badly damaged by three RAF Fighters and two others crash landed. Just before crashing one of the planes unloaded its bombs on Back Door Field, Billingham Farm, in the village of Udimore, near Rye. In 1940 three of the bombs were made safe and removed.

Three other bombs fell upon muddy ground. As they were dug for, they sank lower into the ground. Due to the high demand for Bomb Disposal Units and the low threat presented by these bombs, they were abandoned, till a later date. By 1944 the Ministry of Agriculture wanted to return the field back to agricultural use. Two bombs were successfully defused. Lieutenant G C Cunningham and Sergeant G Mack were instructed to deal with this final bomb. They were stationed about 12 miles away near Catsfield, in a large house called Burntwood. Sergeant Mack and a squad of Sappers arrived, dug out a shaft and uncovered the bomb. Lieutenant Cunningham was on site; it was his job to defuse the bomb. It would seem that Lieutenant Cunningham was down the shaft and Sergeant Mack stood at the top looking down the shaft, when the explosion occurred both men died.

Lieutenant Cunningham was of Irish descent, born in Ohio, USA. Sergeant Mack was born in Ayr, Scotland. Both men were unmarried. On 6 May 1940, 60 years to the day of the incident, about 40 people and the press led by both Army and Air Force Standard Bearers, went to the dual headstone set in St Lawrence Churchyard. A ceremony in tribute to these brave men was conducted. Poppy Wreaths were laid and the Last Post sounded; it rang across a quiet countryside accompanied by the musical sound of a blackbird. The above account was taken from a small booklet in the church. This had been researched by John Hanniford, who served as a Captain with Bomb Disposal during the War,

Lieutenant G K O Cunningham also died in this incident.



Died 6 May 1944, age 25.

Commemorated at Brookwood Memorial, Surrey. Panel 5 Column 1.

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Specialist Memorial at Saint Laurence Churchyard, Catsfield, East Sussex.

Photo Credit Wertypop.

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MACMULLEN, John, (2034523) Sapper, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 6 March 1918 in Folkestone. Enlisted 20 October 1936 in Bath as a Pioneer (Fitter). Next of Kin Mother, Mrs G MacMullen, 36 Brondesbury Villas, Kilburn, London. NW6.

Served with B Company, Training Battalion, 20 October 1936; 54 Field Company, 25 April 1937; M Depot Company, 24 September 1937; B Company, 1 February 1938; 30 Fortress Company, 14 September 1938; 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, 31 May 1941.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Malaria, Thailand.



Died 21 May 1943, age 25.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery. Grave 8 J 70.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2823775/john-macmullen/>

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MAKIN, James Alfred, (2125959) Sapper, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 12 October 1910 in Oldham. Enlisted 21 October 1940 in Oldham. Next of Kin Wife, 5 Cardinal Street, Oldham, Lancs. NOK was notified on 21 April 1943.

Served with 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 October 1940; Depot Company, 4 Training Battalion, 7 March 1941; Y list ill, injurie convalescence, 13 April 1941; 4 Training Battalion, 15 May 1941; 295 Field Company, 3 October 1941; 45 West Country Division, 4 October 1941; 21 Field Company, 20 June 1942; embarked for North Africa, 9 December 1942; 18 Bomb Disposal, 12 February 1942.

Died of wounds in North Africa.



Died 10 May 1943, age 32.

Buried at Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia. Grave 11 D 13.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2621260/james-alfred-makin/>

Photo Credit Jeffrey Mish.

<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/makin-j-a/>

MANSELL, Leslie James, (2156949) Sapper, 1 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 28 December 1921 in Newcastle. Enlisted 26 February 1942. Next of Kin Father, Mr J Mansell, 20 Garden Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Durham Command Area. Inquest Verdict, Accidental death. Commander Durham Sub Districts Opinion, in my opinion neither they or anyone else can be held responsible for the accident which was a hazard of a necessarily dangerous operation. Hart Warren, Hartlepool, County Durham.

Corporal E R F Taylor also died in this incident.



Died 8 November 1944, age 22.
Son of James and Lillian Mansell OF Newcastle-under-Tyne.

Buried at Newcastle-under-Tyne Cemetery. Uncons Section Old Part Grave 10736.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2713105/leslie-james-mansell/>

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MANSER GM, Harold Alfred, (115582) Lieutenant, 97 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born in Eastbourne. Died when a UXB detonated. Hurtmore Road, Godalming.
Lance Corporal E L Wood also died in this incident.



Died 30 October 1940, age ?

Buried at Aldershot Military Cemetery. Grave A A 40.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2690602/harold-alfred-manser/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/11994489/harold-alfred-manser>

MARSH, Norman Percival, (1889765) Sapper, 19 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1918 in Essex. Enlisted 21 October 1939. Next of Kin Mother, Mary Alice Marsh, St John Post Office, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. NOK was notified on 14 April 1941.

Served with 45 (West Country) Division, 21 October 1939; 562 Field Company, 1 January 1940; 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 November 1940; 1 Depot Battalion, 29 March 1940; 3 Depot Battalion, 25 May 1940; 4 Field Branch, 2 Depot Battalion, 3 June 1940,

Died after being gassed while carrying out duties on a UXB.



Died 11 April 1941, age 23.
Son of Percival Henry and Alice Marsh of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Buried at Eastbrookend Cemetery, Dagenham, Essex. Square B G Grave 742.
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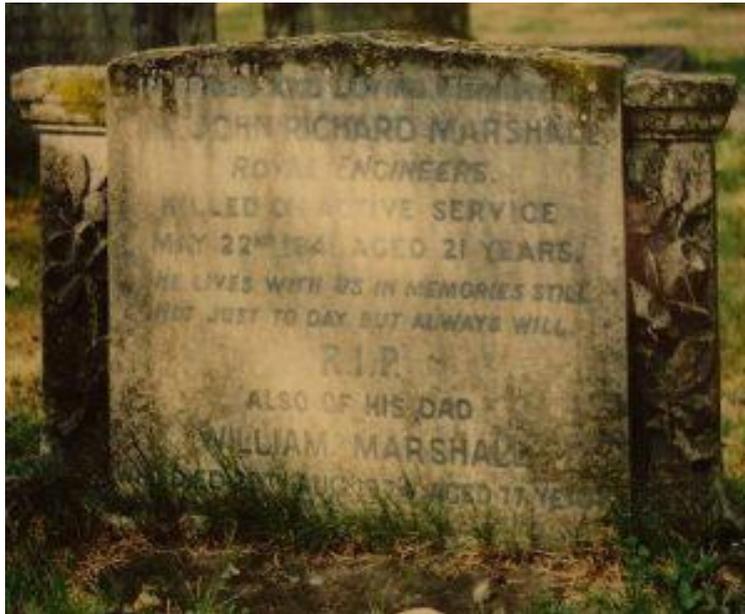
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MARSHALL, John Richard, (2196445) Corporal, 11 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineer.

Born 16 March 1920. Next of Kin Father, Mr Marshall, 2 Farm Cottage, Water Lane, Cobham, Surrey. NOK notified 24 May 1941.

Served with 3 Training Battalion, 13 June 1940; 91 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 September 1940.

Died when a UXB being sterilized detonated. John Browns Shipyard, Clydebank.



Died 22 May 1941, age 21.
Son of Willie and Louisa Annie Marshall of Cobham.

Buried at Cobham Cemetery, Esher, Surrey. Class A Grave 1485.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2434497/john-richard-marshall/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/marshall-j-r/>

MARSHALL, William Johnson, (1877067) 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 28 November 1920. Enlisted 13 April 1939. Next of Kin Father, Fred Marshall, 7 Beverley Grove, Skegness, Lincolnshire.

Served with Headquarters 11 Bomb Disposal Company 28 January 1941, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company.

Reported Missing 15 February 1942, NOK notified 11 March 1942. In Japanese hands Camp 4 Thailand, letter to NOK 27 August 1943. Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Malaria, Thailand.



Died 28 August 1943, age 22.

Son of Fred and Mary Ann Marshall, of Skegness, Lincolnshire.

Buried at Chunkgai War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave 4 G 2.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2353220/william-johnson-marshall/>

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MARSTON, Thomas Horace, (2198758) Lance Sergeant, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 2 August 1914 in Birmingham. Enlisted 14 June 1940 in Birmingham. Next of Kin Wife, Sarah, 4 Wright Avenue, Chadsmoor, Cannock, Staffs. NOK was notified on 18 November 1944.

Served with 2 Training Battalion 18 July 1940, 59 Bomb Disposal Section 7 September 1940.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the invasion measures around the UK. A tunnel collapsed which was being used to locate mines that were wired together, which set the mine off. Inquiry, it is not considered that the L/Sgt was to blame in any way.

Lieutenant R Stewart and A G Dobbie also died in this incident.



Died 17 November 1944, age 30.

Son of Thomas and Marion Marston: Husband of Elsie Elizabeth Marston of Chadsmoor, Cannock.

Buried at Cannock Cemetery, Staffordshire. Division A Section 2 Grave 892.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2712813/thomas-horace-marston/>

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MARTIN, Arthur Ellis, (14518389) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 1 January 1880. Enlisted 21 January 1943.

Served with 4 Training Battalion 3 March 1943, 547 Electrical and Mechanical Company 17 May 1943, 4 Bomb Disposal Company 24 September 1943.

One of a team rendering safe a parachute mine when it detonated at Emberton Road, Olney, Bedford. Next of Kin was notified on 23 September 1944.

Lance Sergeant A J Maskell, Corporal E F Brooks, Lance Corporal E W Barlow, Sappers J A Brady, T H Bradshaw, Sapper J W Bridges, N Jolley also died at this incident 5 Sappers also injured.



Died 20 September 1944, age 36.
Husband of Hilda Martin of Radcliffe.

Buried at Stand Lane, New Church Burial Ground, Radcliffe, Lancashire. Row 17 Grave 31.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2699820/arthur-ellis-martin/>

Photo Credit Elaine Cheesman.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/107171700/arthur-ellis-martin>

MARTIN GM, Frank Robert, (120736) Second Lieutenant, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1911 in Sussex.

Died when a UXB detonated at Staines Wood House, Seal, Kent. He and his team were called out to a large detached property called Flaneswood, situated just off the A25 ON Seal Chart, near Stone Street, Sevenoaks. The property was owned by Mrs Webb who via the local Air Raid Wardens had reported a large unexploded bomb in her garden. It was whilst trying to defuse this bomb that it detonated and he lost his life. Source of information Chris Ranstead.



Died 22 October 1940, age 29
Son of Francis and Hannah Stephenson Martin.: Husband of Kathleen Barbara Martin of Cophorne.

Buried at Cuckfield Cemetery, Sussex. Plot 2 SE Grave 76.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2723100/frank-robert-martin/>

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MASKELL, Alfred James, (1895834) Lance Sergeant, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Wife Mrs D F Maskell, Aldor, Midhurst Avenue, Southend -on-Sea.

One of a team rendering safe a parachute mine when it detonated at Emberton Road, Olney, Bedford. Next of Kin was notified on 23 September 1944.

Corporal E F Brooks, Lance Corporal E W Barlow, Sappers J A Brady, T H Bradshaw, Sapper J W Bridges, N Jolley, A E Martin also died at this incident 5 Sappers also injured.



Died 20 September 1944, age 34.

Son of Walter James and Lilly Ann Maskell: Husband of Doris Florence Maskell of Southend-on-Sea.

Buried at Saint Peter and Paul Churchyard, Olney.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2706645/alfred-james-maskell/>

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MASON, Ernest Stephen, (1879837) Sapper, 60 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 13 October 1905. Enlisted on the 13 January 1940. Next of Kin Widow Diana Mason, 65 Glenfall Road, 4W6. NOK notified 9 October 1940.

Served with 1 Training Battalion Shorncliffe 15 January 1940, 60 Bomb Disposal Section 26 June 1940,

The deceased were instructed to excavate a bomb at a site known as Navarino Mansions, Dalston Lane, Hackney, after the agreed safety period had expired. For some unknown reason the bomb exploded spontaneously and all members of the working party were killed. This was 50 feet from London to Midlands Service Railway, no survivors.

Lance Corporal Nowell, Wandsworth and Sappers Stock, Stubbings C R Taylor, Driver Horne also died in this incident.



Died 23 September 1940, age ?.

Died at Willesden Cemetery, Middlesex. Section B Grave 6.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2433616/ernest-stephen-mason/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/122937691/ernest-stephen-mason>

MAWDSLEY, John, (2125979) Lance Corporal, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 25 November 1910 in Liverpool. Enlisted 21 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs R A Mawdsley, 22 Sandy Lane, Aintree, Liverpool.

Served with 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 October 1940; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 20 May 1940; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 May 1943; embarked from the UK, 7 July 1944.

A mine exploded, causing a chain reaction of other explosives. Two others were killed and material destroyed. It occurred in a field where ammunition was stored near Overlangel, Netherlands.

Corporal H L Tempest, Driver D W Evans also died at this incident



Died 28 January 1945, age 34.

Son of John and Alice Mawdsley of Liverpool: Husband of Rose A Mawdsley, of Aintree, Liverpool.

Buried at Uden War Cemetery, Netherlands. Grave 3 H 11.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2765907/john-mawdsley/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18429665/john-mawdsley>

MAYCOCK, Joseph Thomas, (6078928) Sapper, 64 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 13 June 1900 in Manchester. Enlisted 17 June 1940. Next of Kin Mother, Charles Henry Maycock, 18 Smith Road, Hassell, near Woking, Surrey. NOK was notified on 18 December 1940.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 18 July 1940; 64 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 September 1940.

An unexploded bomb fell in the premises immediately abutting the main London-Chelmsford Road (Romford Road Manor Park). On the 13th December 1940, in view of the serious dislocation of important traffic, Captain Blaney proceeded to attempt to remove the fuze (one time fuze). The alternative method of sterilizing the bomb was not at the time available and at great personal risk, and with full knowledge of the grave danger, he personally entered the crater to carry out the process. Unfortunately, the bomb exploded and Captain Blaney lost his life.

Captain M Blaney was awarded the George Cross.

Captain M F Blaney GC, Lieutenant R James, Staff Sergeant C Roberts, Lance Corporals D Mills, S White, Sappers T McLaren, Drivers F G Hawkins, J Lauchlan, and J Pickering, Inspector H Lane Metropolitan Police also died at this incident, one female member of the public slightly injured.



Died 13 December 1940, age 40.

Buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. Grave 5 E 4.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2667763/joseph-thomas-maycock/>

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MAYCOCK, Stanley Bertram Joseph, (6528059) Sapper, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 28 December 1908 in London. Enlisted 8 July 1940 in Sutton. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs H A Maycock, 92 Garrett Lane, Tooting, London SW 17. NOK was notified on 6 December 1944.

Served with 5 Training Battalion 18 July 1940, 81 Bomb Disposal Section 10 Bomb Disposal Company 12 September 1940, 21 Bomb Disposal Company 3 March 1944, 12 Bomb Disposal Company 13 October 1944.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Camber, East Sussex. The section was working at minefield 830 AT Wall Field, Broomhill Farm, Sussex.

Work commenced at 0930 just a little later at 10.05 there was an explosion Sapper Maycock was killed. At the time of the explosion Corporal W Reynolds was working just three mines away, along with Lieutenant P Hennings Officer in Charge of the clearance team, they recovered Spr Maycocks body. The day previously Sappers E Pidgeon and A Woodward also died in the same area.



Died 5 December 1944, age 34.
Son of Bertram Laxon and Rose Ellen Maycock, of Tooting, Surrey.

Buried at Streatham Cemetery, Wandsworth. Block 17 Grave 836.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2429889/stanley-bertram-joseph-maycock/>

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MCCABE, John, (1871419) Lance Corporal, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 7 January 1915 in Glasgow. Enlisted 20 March 1935, aged 20 in Glasgow. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Janet Muir, 153 Millburn Street, Glasgow. NOK was notified of his death on 23 June 1945.

Served with C Company, Training Battalion, 20 March 1935; M Depot Company, 4 January 1936; School of Anti-Aircraft Defence, 15 April 1936; 4 Fortress Company, 3 June 1938; 36 Fortress Company, 14 September 1938; 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, 6 June 1941.

Reported Missing on the 15 February 1942 NOK notified on the 10 March 1942. Reported as a POW NOK notified 16 July 1943.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Avitaminosis, Thailand.



Died 19 July 1943, age 28.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave 4 A 30.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2823671/john-mccabe/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10835572/john-mccabe>

MCCLUSKEY, Patrick, (2126943) Sapper. 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 23 December 1911 in Liverpool. Enlisted 25 October 1940 in London. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs L B McCluskey, 13 Hereford Road, Acton, London. W3.

Served with 20 Bomb Disposal Company 11 January 1940.

Died while clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. All Hallows, Kent. No one to blame.



Died 1 November 1944, age 30.

Son of Thomas and Elizabeth McCluskey of Dublin: Husband of Elizabeth McCluskey of Acton, Middlesex.

Buried at Grangegorman Military Cemetery, County Dublin, Ireland. Grave 284.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2701519/patrick-mccluskey/>

Photo Credit John.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/57621550/patrick-mccluskey>

MCDADE, Edward Albert, (2027396) Corporal, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 10 April 1914. Enlisted 20 March 1935, age 20 years 11 months. . Next of Kin Father, Bernard McDade, 59 Grange Road, Luton, Beds. NOK was notified of his death on 24 October 1945.

Served with A Company, Training Battalion, 20 March 1935; HQ W Training Battalion, 41 January 1936; A Company, Training Battalion, 27 April 1936; G Company, Depot Company, 8 January 1937; Promoted Lance Corporal, 7 December 1937; 30 Fortress Company, 24 February 1939; Promoted Corporal, 1 July 1939; 30 Fortress Company, 24 February 1939; 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, 10 June 1941.

Reported Missing on the 15 February 1942 NOK notified on the 19 March 1942. In Japanese hands 4 POW Camp Thailand NOK was notified on 7 January 1944.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Acute Enteritis, Thailand.



Died 21 January 1944, age 30.
Son of Bernard Arthur and Alice Martha McDade of Luton, Bedfordshire.

Buried at Chunkgai War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave 2 E 4.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2353197/edward-albert-mcdade/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18897798/edward-albert-mcdade>

MCDONALD, David, (1889028) Sapper, 35 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 21 March 1919. Enlisted on the 16 October 1939 age 20. Next of Kin Widow Margaret McDonald, 132 Mintra Street, Govan, Glasgow. NOK notified on 7 October 1940. Wanstead, London.

Served with 278 Field Company, 16 October 1939; 281 Field Company, 10 June 1940; 35 Bomb Disposal Section, 29 June 1940.

Died of gunshot wound, abdominal injury. Accidental death.



Died 5 October 1940, age?

Buried at Cardonald Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland. Section D Grave 42.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2452689/david-mcdonald/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/68882193/david-mcdonald>

MCDONALD, Joseph, (2191706) Lance Sergeant, 4 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 3 June 1921 in Manchester. Next of Kin Mrs Sarah McDonald, 12 School Street, Harpurhey, Manchester. NOK notified 31 October 1940.

Served with 1 Depot Company, Chatham, Z Holding Company, 17 May 1940; 3 and 4 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 September 1940.

A lone German fighter plane attacked Eastbourne dropping several high explosive bombs around the area of the railway station. Several of the bombs had delayed action fuses, one settled under a train and another in Kilburn Terrace, close to the railway signal box. Sgt Owens and PC Keable attended along with Serjeant Charles William Hoare of 3 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers and Driver S Cornell. An explosion occurred and Sgt Owens was buried in the rubble .

Sergeant C W Hoare, D J Owens, Driver S Cornell also died at this incident Sergeant J McDonald injured, died 3 days later.



Died 26 October 1940, age 36.
Son of Hugh Samuael and Mary McDonald.

Buried at Manchester Southern Cemetery, Lancashire. Section L Nonconformist Grave 107.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2403439/joseph-mcdonald/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/156183614/joseph-mcdonald>

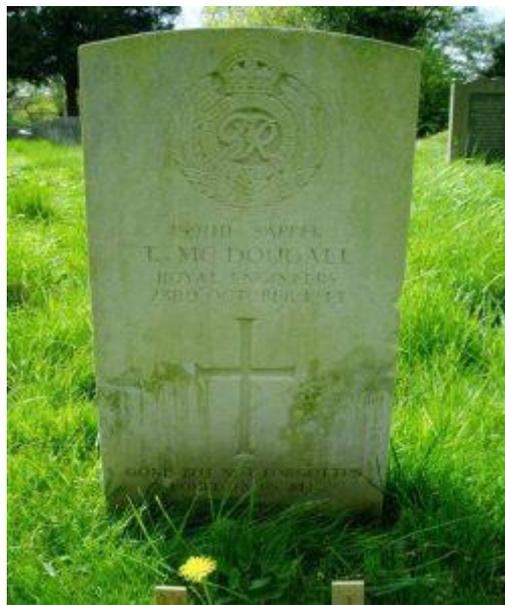
MCDUGALL, Thomas, (1991111) Sapper, 1 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 17 September 1911 in Hamilton. Enlisted 27 June 1940 in Birmingham. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E McDougall, 28 Denaby Grove, Yardley Wood, Birmingham. NOK notified 26 October 1944.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, Newark; 29 Bomb Disposal Section, 16 September 1940; Headquarters 1 Bomb Disposal Company, 22 September 1942; Y List Hospital, Convalescence, 9 September 1943; 1 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 November 1944.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Hart Warren, Hartlepool.

Corporal S Higgins also died in this incident.



Died 23 October 1944, age?

Son of Thomas and Jennie McDougall: Husband of Edith McDougall of Yardley Wood, Birmingham.

Buried at Christ Church Churchyard, Yardley Wood. Section K Grave 145.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2715116/thomas-mcdougall/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/mcdougall-t-2/>

MCDOWALL, James Paterson, (2128262) Sapper, 28 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 21 September 1915. Enlisted 28 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Isabella Naylor McDowall.

Served with 21 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 ?? ????; 28 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 July 1942; 113 Bomb Disposal Section, 26 August 1942; Overseas Middle East embarked from UK, 26 August 1942; disembarked South Africa, 29 September 1942; re-embarked South Africa, 13 November 1942; disembark Middle East, 6 December 1942.

Died clearing beach mines in the Benghazi area, Libya.

Lance Corporal H Greaves, Sapper G Clarke, H A Cox, J Rushton, F Wade also died in this incident.



Died 23 June 1944, age 29.

Buried at Benghazi War Cemetery, Libya. Grave 3 A 6.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2064184/james-paterson-mcdowall/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56508861/james-paterson-mcdowall>

MCGUINNESS, Daniel Victor, (3710671) Sapper, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 7 June 1917. Enlisted 27 October 1937. Next of Kin Father James William McGuinness, 11 John Street, Burn Naze, Thornton, near Blackpool, Lancs.

Reported Missing on the 15 February 1942 NOK informed on the 11 March 1942.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese.



Died 8 August 1943, age 26.

Son of James William and Mary McGuinness of Burn Naze, Lancashire.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave 4 A 63.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10835596/daniel-victor-mcguinness>

MCLAREN, Edward, (2198847) Sapper, 64 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1918 in Angus, living in Dundee. Enlisted 17 June 1940. Next of Kin Wife 13 Bromley Avenue, Dundee. NOK notified 18 December 1940.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, Newark, 18 January 1940; 64 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 September 1940.

An unexploded bomb fell in the premises immediately abutting the main London-Chelmsford Road (Romford Road Manor Park). On the 13th December 1940, in view of the serious dislocation of important traffic, Captain Blaney proceeded to attempt to remove the fuze (one time fuze). The alternative method of sterilizing the bomb was not at the time available and at great personal risk, and with full knowledge of the grave danger, he personally entered the crater to carry out the process. Unfortunately, the bomb exploded and Captain Blaney lost his life.

Captain M Blaney was awarded the George Cross.

Captain M F Blaney GC, Lieutenant R James, Staff Sergeant C Roberts, Lance Corporals D Mills, S White, Sappers J T Maycock, Drivers F G Hawkins, J Lauchlan, and J Pickering, Inspector H Lane Metropolitan Police also died at this incident, one female member of the public slightly injured.



Died 13 December 1940, age 22.

Son of Edward and Helen West McLaren of Beechwood.

Buried at Balgay Cemetery, Dundee. Section G G Grave 233.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/93228787/edward-mclaren>

MCLENNAN, James, (2003805) Sergeant, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 26 March 1917 in Aberdeen. Enlisted 5 March 1940. Next of Kin Mother, 102 Don Street, Woodside, Aberdeen. NOK was notified on 15 July 1941.

Served with 277 Field Company, 58 Bomb Disposal Section, 22 June 1940; 3 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 January 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 January 1941; embarked for the Middle East, 17 March 1941.

Died from enemy air action on Cyprus.



Died 7 July 1941, age 24.
Son of James and Helen McLennan of Woodside, Aberdeen.

Buried at Nicosia War Cemetery, Cyprus. Grave 5 B.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2937758/james-mclennan/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/mclennan-j/>

MCMAHON, George, (2191758) Sapper, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in Manchester in Salford living in Manchester. Next of Kin Wife Alice McMahon, 1 Crossley Street, Higher Crumpsall, Manchester. NOK notified 16 September 1940. Died Whilst excavating a UXB with a time delay fuze.

Served with 1 Depot Battalion, Chatham, 147th Field Company, 23 May 1940; 3 Depot Battalion, 25 May 1940; 5 Bomb Disposal Section, 17 August 1940.

Excavating a UXB at Cowden.

Sapper L C Kirkman, G Luck, and T Stringer also died in this incident.



Died 11 September 1940, age?

Buried at Edenbridge Cemetery Extension, Kent. Grave 4.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2361034/george-mcmahon/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/46566555/george-mcmahon>

MCMEECHAN, Francis McAlpine, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 31 July 1913 in Linlithgow. Enlisted 15 June 1943. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs P McMeechan, 3 Meadow Street, Kettlebrook, Tamworth, Staffs.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 29 July 1943; 875 Mechanical Equipment P? Company, 2 October 1943; 3 Bomb Disposal Group, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 April 1944.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures. Holkham, Norfolk. Not to blame.



Died 29 August 1944.

Son of Mr and Mrs George McMeechan: Husband of Phyllis McMeechan of Walworth, London.

Buried at Kings Lynn Cemetery, Norfolk. Section Q Grave 549.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2763956/francis-mcalpine-mcmeechan/>

Photo Credit Len.

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MCNALLY, John, (1886649) Corporal, 131 Bomb Disposal Section, 1 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 25 June 1906 at Workington. Enlisted 19 January 1940 aged 33. Next of Kin Wife, 9 Banks Court, Keswick, Cumberland. NOK was notified on 5 May 1941.

Served with 3 Training Battalion, Ripon, 15 February 1940; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 December 1940; 1 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941.

Court of Inquiry. No one can be held responsible apart from the deceased, who due to his apparent keenness to get the work finished, acted against instruction in attempting to detonate the bomb.



Died 3 May 1940, age 34.

Son of John and Jane McNally; husband of Isabella McNally, of Keswick.

Buried at Saint John Churchyard, Keswick, Cumbria. Plot B Grave 100.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2695792/john-mcnally/>

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MCSHANE, William, (2127226) Sapper, 19 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1919 in Coatbridge. Enlisted 28 October 1940. Next of Kin Father Joseph McShane, 3 Portland Street, Coatbridge, Scotland. NOK was notified on 26 April 1941.

Served with 19 Bomb Disposal Company 30 October 1940.

Died carrying out Bomb Disposal duties. Plymouth.



Died 24 April 1941, age 23.
Son of Joseph and Elizabeth McShane of Coatbridge.

Buried at Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Cemetery, New Stevenston, Lanarkshire. Section 1 Grave 3010.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2715863/william-mcshane/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/73127623/william-mcshane>

MCTAGGART, Daniel, (3306111) Sapper, Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 7 October 1905 in Glasgow. Enlisted 5 May 1938. Next of Kin Wife, Margaret, 52 Vesalines Street, Shettleston, Glasgow. NOK notified 17 March 1945.

Served with 4 Training Battalion, 31 March 1943; Y list in hospital, 27 June 1943; 4 Training Battalion, 7 December 1943; 14 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 September 1943.

Admitted to Cottingham Base Hospital, Castle Road, Cottingham East York's Jaundice, 10 March 1945. Died of natural causes, Jaundice in City Fever Hospital, Cottingham.



Died 15 March 1945, age 38.

Son of John and Mary Jane Reilley McTaggart of Glasgow. Husband of Margaret McTaggart.

Buried at Saint Peters RC Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland. Section 18 Grave 328.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2453673/daniel-mctaggart/>

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MCTAGGART Brown, Daniel, (2129006), 24 Bomb Disposal Company, attached to 20 Field Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 8 August 1911 in Kilmarnock. Enlisted 28 October 1940. Next of Kin Father, A Brown, 4 Ascog Avenue, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.

Died of wounds in France.



Died 2 September 1944, age 33.

Son of Alexander and Mary Brown of Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.

Buried at Saint Desir War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Grave 11 D 4.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2063048/daniel-mctaggart-brown/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56436915/daniel-mctaggart-brown>

MCTIGHE, Thomas, (2126809) Sapper, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 23 October 1911 in Prescot Lanes. Enlisted 23 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs McTighe, 106 Hawkesby Street, Hollinwood, Lancs. NOK was notified on 6 August 1941.

Served with 16 Bomb Disposal Company 23 October 1941.

Died whilst laying mines as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Ogmore Road, Cardiff.

Court of Inquiry.

A. Sapper McTighe was on duty.

B. He was to blame



Died 3 August 1941, age
Son of William and Annie McTighe: Husband of Hollinwood, Oldham.

Buried at Hollinwood Cemetery, Oldham, Lancashire. Section B 5 Grave 131.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2699414/thomas-mctighe/>

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MCWHINNIE, John Swarbrick, (2005749) Sapper, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 30 April 1919 in Hamilton. Enlisted 3 April 1940 in Perth. Next of Kin Father W McWhinnie, 8 Saint John's Lane, Hamilton, Lanark.

Served with 9 Division, 91 Bomb Disposal Section, 29 June 1940; 22 Training Company, 15 October 1940; 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 October 1940; Y List wounded/illness/convalescence, 23 November 1942; CRE I Bomb Disposal Group, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 December 1942; embark from UK, 7 July 1944.

Wounded on the 20 April 1945. Died at a separate incident when a V2 detonated in Holland.

Corporal J P Coyne, Sappers L Cotton, J S McWhinnie, G E Waring, Driver J E Harris also died at this incident



Died 30 April 1945, age 26.
Son of William and Jean McWhinnie of Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

Buried at Almelo General Cemetery, Netherlands. Grave 11.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2820359/john-swarbrick-mcwhinnie/>

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MEESON Arthur John, (13054377) Sergeant, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1918 in Staffordshire. Enlisted 18 July 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs N J Meeson, 63 Stafford Road, Huntington, Cannock, Staffs.

Served with 26 General Construction Company, 16 October 1940.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. He was carrying out instructions to locate and lift mines. During the process of uncovering a mine an explosion occurred causing his death. West Hythe, Kent.



Died 9 February 1944, age 26.

Son of Lilian Meeson: Husband of Nancy Joyce Meeson of Huntington, Cannock.

Buried at Cannock Cemetery, Staffordshire. Division B Section 1 Grave 1173.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2712815/arthur-john-meeson/>

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METCALFE, Ronald Arthur, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 28 October 1918 in Dumfries. Enlisted on the 21 June 1930 in Manchester. Next of Kin Father , Mr A Metcalfe, 2 Crown Terrace, South Cliffe, Scarborough. NOK was notified of his death on 13 July 1945.

Served with B Company, Training Battalion, 28 June 1939; posted to Malaya 11 December 1939; 34 Fortress Company, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, 31 May 1941.

Reported Missing 15 February 1942. NOK was notified on 11 March 1942. In Japanese hands NOK notified 12 November 1943. Location Camp 4 Thailand NOK notified on the 11 March 1944.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Avitaminosis. Thailand.



Died 9 August 1943, age24.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave 4 A 72.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2233232/ronald-arthur-metcalfe/>

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MILLS, Douglas, (2198703) Lance Corporal, 64 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Father Arthur John Mills, 48 Clive Street, West Bromwich, Staffs. NOK notified on the 18 December 1940.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 13 July 1940; 64 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 September 1940.

An unexploded bomb fell in the premises immediately abutting the main London-Chelmsford Road (Romford Road Manor Park). On the 13th December 1940, in view of the serious dislocation of important traffic, Captain Blaney proceeded to attempt to remove the fuze (one time fuze). The alternative method of sterilizing the bomb was not at the time available and at great personal risk, and with full knowledge of the grave danger, he personally entered the crater to carry out the process. Unfortunately, the bomb exploded and Captain Blaney lost his life.

Captain M Blaney was awarded the George Cross.

Captain M F Blaney GC, Lieutenant R James, Staff Sergeant C Roberts, Lance Corporals S White, Sappers E McLaren, J T Maycock, Drivers F G Hawkins, J Lauchlan, and J Pickering, Inspector H Lane Metropolitan Police also died at this incident, one female member of the public slightly injured.



Died 13 December 1940, age 20.

Buried at West Bromwich Cemetery. Section H Grave 6051.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2713918/douglas-mills/>

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MISSELBROOK, Bernard Henry, (14564920) Driver, 1 Bomb Disposal Platoon, Royal Engineers.

Born 6 August 1923 in West Byfleet. Enlisted 18 March 1943 in Chichester. Next of Kin Father, Mr H Misselbrook, 22 Station Road, West Byfleet, Surrey.

Served with 3 Training Battalion, 29 April 1943; 226 Field Company, 1 September 1943; A Company 2 (P) Depot Battalion, Field Branch Pool, 4 October 1943; S.08 Draft RGYYY, 11 November 1943; embark for North Africa, 12 December 1943; 4 Battalion, 1 GRTD, 27 November 1943; 1 Bomb Disposal Section, 24 December 1943.

Died through an accidental bomb explosion Guida, Greece. Balkans and Greece Campaign 1944/45.

Lance Sergeant G A Askey, Corporal C D Hoare, Sappers A Barnes, J J Hill, T Smith, Drivers R Robertson also died in this incident, three injured and two trucks destroyed.



Died 3 July 1945, age 21.

Buried at Phaleron War Cemetery. Grave 21 E 6.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2240403/bernard-henry-misselbrook/>

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MOLYNEUX, Herbert, (1895410) Sapper, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 6 February 1916. Enlisted 28 November 1939 aged 23. Next of Kin Widow, Ada Molyneux, 104 Gentwood Road, Huyton, Liverpool. NOK was notified on 14 May 1941.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 15 December 1939; 1 Depot Company, 28 April 1940; 4 Field Squadron, 28 April 1940; 2 (FB) Depot Battalion, 23 August 1940; 2 Bomb Disposal Section, 26 August 1940; 10 Bomb Disposal Company.

142 Hawthorne Road, Bootle, Liverpool. Commanding Officers Opinion. All necessary precautions taken. In the absence of any direct evidence as to cause it is impossible to arrive at a definitive decision. Accidental bomb explosion, possibly due to vibration of stakes being driven into the ground in close proximity, starting the fuze.

Sapper E Baker Driver J Armitage also died in this incident.



Died 13 May 1941, age 25.

Son of Herbert and Jane Molyneux: Husband of Ada Molyneux of Huyton.

Buried at Bootle Cemetery, Lancashire. War Graves Group C of E Grave 6

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2698000/herbert-molyneux/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/32502333/herbert-molyneux>

MONGER, Edwin Charles, (2069311) Sapper, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 19 April 1939.

Served with 226 Field Company, 19 April 1939; 226 Field Company, 61 Division, 11 October 1939; 8 Depot Battalion, 31 October 1940; 853 (Bomb Disposal) Quarrying Company, 11 November 1940; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1941.



Died 30 April 1942, age 21.
Son of Arthur Charles and Mabel May Monger of Ealing, Reading.

Buried at Saint Peter Churchyard, Ealing, Berkshire.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2436320/edwin-charles-monger/>

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MOORE, Martin, (2183248) Sapper, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 2 March 1909 in Manchester. Enlisted 10 September 1939 aged 30, in Birmingham. Next of Kin Wife, E E Moore, 8/122 Great Hampton Street, Birmingham. NOK notified 12 March 1945.

Served with 7 Railway Labour Company, 10 September 1939; 6 Training Battalion, 30 December 1942; 759 A W Company, 17 April 1943; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 Bomb Disposal Group, 1 November 1943; embark the UK, 56 Bomb Disposal Company, 14 June 1944; disembark North West Europe, 23 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died in action. Netherlands.



Died 7 March 1945, age 37.

Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Moore of Birmingham: Husband of Elsie Evelyn Moore of Hockley.

Buried at Mook War Cemetery, Limburg, Netherlands. Grave II C 18.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2436320/edwin-charles-monger/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18395150/martin-moore>

MOORE, Samuel, (14567461) Sapper, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 22 February 1910. Enlisted 18 March 1943. Next of Kin wife, 1 Hollybrook Cottages, West Lavington, Wilts. NOK was notified on 21 September 1944.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 29 April 1943; 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 19 September 1943.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Mine detonated at Frinton minefield Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. On duty not to blame.



Died 19 September 1944, age 34.

Son of James and Hannah Moore: Husband of Rebecca Moore of West Lavington.

Buried at All Saints Churchyard Extension, West Lavington, Wiltshire. Grave 109.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2710525/samuel-moore/>

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MOORE-TABB, Ernest, (1911115) Warrant Officer Class II, 17 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 28 August 1894 in Leon, Spain. Enlisted 1 January 1940 aged 45 in Southend-on-Sea. Next of Kin Wife, 3 Whitehouse Road, Eastwood, near Southend, Essex.

Served with Construction Centre, Clacton, 1 January 1940; 655 General Construction Company, British Expeditionary Force, 23 April 1940; Depot Company, 22 Line of Communications, Training Company, 2 October 1940; 17 Bomb Disposal Company, 17 November 1940; port of embarkation 14 May 1943.

Place on Dangerously ill list August 1944. Died of Coronary thrombosis due to Arteriosclerosis pneumonia.



Died 15 August 1944, age 49.

Son of Richard and Marian Tabb: Husband of Florence L Moore-Tabb of Eastwood, Essex.

Buried at Rome War Cemetery, Italy. Grave II F 5.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2216164/ernest-moore-tabb/>

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MORRIS, John Owen, (4209138) Sapper, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 9 October 1920 in Llanddenolin. Enlisted 8 January 1942. Next of Kin Father, Fachall, Llandeinolin, Caernarvon. NOK was notified on 12 July 1944.

Served with 8 Railway Battalion, 12 March 1942; 17 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 April 1942; granted agricultural leave attached to 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 July 1942; granted agricultural leave, 17 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 September 1942; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 April 1943; granted agricultural leave, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 7 July 1943,

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Brighton, East Sussex. On duty not to blame.



Died 10 July 1944, age 23.
Son of William Samuel and Ann Morris of Landdeiniolen.

Buried at Saint Deinolen Churchyard, Llanddeiniolen, Wales. West of Church.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2716251/john-owen-morris/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/morris-j-o/>

MORRISON, Thomas Nelson Lucas, (1874964) Sapper, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 9 February 1914 in Belfast. Enlisted 30 November 1937 in Belfast. Next of Kin Father Thomas Morrison, Sunnyside, Moville, Co Donegal. NOK was notified of his death on the 26 July 1945.

Served with A Company, 3 December 1937; B Company, 4 January 1938; 59 Field Company, 19 January 1938; B Company, Training Battalion, 7 May 1938; 11 Field Company, 27 September 1938; Militia Training Battalion, Ripon, 1 September 1939; 34 Fortress Company, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, 31 May 1941.

Reported Missing on 15 February 1942. NOK informed 28 February 1942. Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Avitaminosis, Thailand.



Died 17 June 1943, age 29.
Son of Mr and Mrs T J Morrison of Moville, County Donegal, Irish Republic.

Buried at Chunkgai War Cemetery.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2353275/thomas-nelson-lucas-morrison/>

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https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18897843/thomas-nelson_lucas-morrison

MOSS, Ernest, (4609774) Lance Sergeant, 3 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born in Cheshire, Enlisted 22 May 1940.

Served with Construction Company Chatham 23 May 1940, 2 Company 23 May 1940,

Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Mary Moss, 1 Market Street, Stalybridge, Cheshire. NOK notified on the 1 October 1940.

Delayed action Bomb detonated. Grand Avenue.



Died 26 September 1940, age 28.

Commemorated and buried at Saint Paul Churchyard, Stalybridge, Cheshire. Specialist Memorial Grave I M 7.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2736022/ernest-moss/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/154008280/ernest-moss>

MOXON, Ralph Ronald Edwin, (1892327) Sapper, 43 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 19 October 1939. Next of Kin, Mr Moxon, 51 Kimberley Road, Walthamstow, E17. NOK notified 21 August 1940.

Served with 45 (West County) Division, 19 October 1939; 562 Field Company, 1 January 1940; 48 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 19 June 1940.

Died when a UXB detonated while being excavated, by a signal box near Hook Railway Station.

Sappers A Hill, D A Vince, F D Warner, A White, Driver F C Gavid also died in this incident. Sergeant W J Button was thrown through the air and survived, he was able to check on the injuries to his Section, he was awarded the George Cross for his actions.

Peter Markham spoke to the daughter of the signal man, who was 11 years old at the time. Her mum had sent her and her sister up to the area to take tea and sandwiches to the team. They met her father who stopped them at a safe distance and he said the team were working and he would pass the food onto them. Talked to their dad, then turned to go home as they got a bit away there was an explosion. They returned to their dad and found that the team had been killed.



Died 18 August 1940, age 21.

Son of Frederick William Edwin and Margaret Moxon of Walthamstow, Essex.

Buried at Aldershot Military Cemetery, Hampshire. Grave A 26.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2690610/ralph-ronald-edwin-moxon/>

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https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/11994610/ralph-ronald_edwin-moxon

MULROONEY, Vincent Patrick, (1921123) Sapper, 32 Bomb Disposal Section, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in the United States of America, living in South East, London. Enlisted 18 June 1940. Next of Kin, Mother, Mrs Mary A Hickley, 53 Vermilyen Avenue, New York City.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 18 July 1940; 31 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 September 1940; 32 Bomb Disposal Section, 2 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died when a UXB being excavated detonated. Great Western Road, 14 Broadwalk, Heston, Hounslow, London. NOK notified on 23 September 1940.

There are no witnesses to what happened at this incident. However the following information is available. Whilst working on a UXB, Corporal Mundy phoned his Barracks to get some advice from his Commanding Officer, Lieutenant G Grover or Sergeant Buckley, both were out on another job at the time of the call. It would seem that Corporal Mundy then went to a garage and borrowed a rope and a crowbar and went back to the UXB. The events after this are unknown except for the fact that the bomb detonated.

Corporal G Mundy, Sappers L R Saunders, W Slater, E Walker, L Watts.



Died 20 September 1940, age

Buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. Grave A 26.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2667883/vincent-patrick-mulrooney/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/17665478/vincent-patrick-mulrooney>

MUNDY, George, (2077004) Corporal, 32 Bomb Disposal Section, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1919 in Manchester. Next of Kin Father, Mr David Mundy, 9 Ayres Road, Old Trafford, Manchester. NOK notified on 23 September 1940.

Died when a UXB being excavated detonated. Great Western Road, 14 Broadwalk, Heston, Hounslow, London. NOK notified on 23 September 1940.

There are no witnesses to what happened at this incident. However the following information is available. Whilst working on a UXB, Corporal Mundy phoned his Barracks to get some advice from his Commanding Officer, Lieutenant G Grover or Sergeant Buckley, both were out on another job at the time of the call. It would seem that Corporal Mundy then went to a garage and borrowed a rope and a crowbar and went back to the UXB. The events after this are unknown except for the fact that the bomb detonated.

Corporal G Mundy, Sappers L R Saunders, W Slater, E Walker, L Watts.



Died 20 September 1940, age 21.
Son of David and Hannah Mundy of Northenden, Cheshire.

Buried at Stretford Cemetery. Section P L Grave 4.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2700676/george-mundy/>

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MUNFORD, Thomas Alexander, (1861541) Staff Sergeant, 103 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born on the 5 October 1907 in Forfarshire. Enlisted 30 October 1922 age 15 years and 25 days. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Gladys Edith Munford, 40 Messines Lines, Bulford Barracks, Wilts. NOK was notified on 25 February 1941.

Served with Boy (Trade Boy), 30 October 1922; 22 Company, 30 October 1922; Sapper, 5 October 1925; 17 Field Company, 8 February 1927; Lance Corporal, 1 January 1935; Temporary Corporal, 27 February 1936; Corporal, 10 December 1936; Lance Sergeant, 22 March 1938; 58 Company, 25 March 1938; 12 Construction Battalion, 28 June 1940; 58 Chemical Warfare Training Battalion, 1 School of Military Engineering, Depot Battalion 5 September 1940; M Depot Company, 9 October 1940; 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 24 November 1940.

On 21 February 1940, were working on a bomb in Castle Street, Swansea. When partially uncovered it was found to be fitted with a Type 50 anti-disturbance fuze. A bomb could be made safe by either dealing with the fuze or removing the explosive filling. This was done by steam sterilisation. The filling plate was removed out a hole cut into the side, then a jet of steam was inserted that would melt the cast explosive inside. Here follows the report from Major J B James who was Officer in Charge of the Company. Sterilisation commenced at 1330, by Headquarters sterilisation staff, Staff Sergeant Munford in charge. At 1625 the steam was turned off, Munford informed Lieutenant W D Rees OC of 103 BD Section that the explosive filling had been steamed out to below fuze chambers level. He recommended bringing the bomb out of the hole and finishing the steaming in the back street. Lt Rees realised a second or lower fuze had still to be exposed. Which could be a 19 Clockwork delay fuze. S/Sgt Munford informed him that they had been checking using a stethoscope and there was no sound of ticking. Therefore it was decided to lift the bomb clear of the hole. A clamp was attached to the filling end of the bomb, and a rope attached between it and a lorry. Instructions were given for everybody to take cover. When this was done the order to pull was given. Sergeant Finney countered this order as he saw the rope was slipping, he secured the rope on the lorry. Maj James once again gave the order to commence pulling. He was watching the bomb when it exploded. He felt the blast and got under the lorry as debris was falling. When he came out, he saw a body on the ground on the far side of the lorry, when he checked he found five others. He believes they came out of cover when the rope slipped and due to where he was standing, he did not see them. Staff Sergeant Munford was due to go to London to receive his Commission, he was only on site as he had relieved a comrade.

Sapper Harry Vallance recalls that his section had meant to be on this task, however they had been busy and the other Section had volunteered. Sapper Vallance and the other Section were working on another bomb when the explosion happened; they rushed to the scene but could do nothing more than identify their comrades.

Lance Sergeant T R Hederson, Corporal J A Holder, JG Salisbury, Lance Corporal J F Johnstone, Sapper W Craig, Driver R W G Simpson also died in this incident. Lieutenant Rees and Sergeant Finney both suffered shock and punctured ear drums and were hospitalised for a considerable period.



Died 21 February 1941, age 32.

Son of Mrs and Mrs J A Munford: Husband of Gladys Edith Munford.

Buried at Efford Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon. RC Section C Grave 10351.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2442056/thomas-alexander-munford/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59983341/thomas-alexander-munford>

MUNRO, Donald, (1877113) Sapper, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 13 February 1920 in Glasgow. Enlisted 20 April 1939 aged 19 in Ayr. Next of Kin Father, Mr G Munro, 47 Dalmeny Street, Oatlands, Glasgow. NOK Notified on 20 August 1941.

Served with D Company, Training Battalion, 28 April 1939; 3 Training Battalion, Ripon, 3 September 1939; A Company, 6 September 1939; 290 Army Troops Company, 13 January 1940; British Expeditionary Force, 22 March 1940; 854 Quarrying Company, 14 April 1940; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941.

Died of multiple injuries in Hounslow Civil Hospital. Road Accident on duty.

Commanding Officers Opinion. I agree with the findings of the coroner, that this was a case of accidental death. Sapper D Munro was on duty at the time. I do not consider him to be to blame.



Died 26 August 1941, age 21.
Son of George and Elizabeth Munro of Glasgow.

Buried at Cathcart Cemetery, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Compt R Main City Grave 491.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2456352/donald-munro/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/199948840/donald-munro>

MURRAY, Thomas, (2034865) Sergeant, 8 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 5 August 1909 in Manchester. Enlisted 23 April 1940 in Crewe. Next of Kin Wife Mrs E L Murray, Yew Tree Cottage, Shraley-Brook, Audley, Stoke-on-Trent. NOK was notified on 14 March 1944.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, Chester, 16 May 1940; 10 Bomb Disposal Section, 16 July 1940; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 August 1940; 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 25 November 1942; embarked for North Africa, 26 November 1942.

Place on the Seriously ill list 19 February 1944, burns to legs, arms and head injury. Died of wounds in Italy.



Died 25 February 1945, age 35.

Buried at Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy. Grave XV A 18.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2375856/thomas-murray/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/murray-t/>

NELSON, John, (2126834) Corporal, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 20 December 1910 in Smithills. Enlisted 23 October 1910. Next of Kin Wife, Evelyn Wilson, 5 New Barn Street, Smithills, Bolton.

Served with 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1940.

Died clearing beaches laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Findings of the Court of Inquiry. Beach mine explosion, cause of explosion unknown. It can only be concluded that the mechanism of the mine had deteriorated, due to the length of time that the mine was buried. Penrhyn, Fishguard, South Wales.

Sergeant J Roberts BEM also died in this incident.



Died 28 February 1944, age 33.

Son of William Andrew and Elizabeth Alice Nelson of Bolton: Husband of Evelyn Nelson of Bolton.

Buried at Saint Peter Churchyard, Halliwell, Lancashire. Section N B Grave 207
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2698912/john-nelson/>

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NEWMAN, John William, (13012238) Lance Sergeant, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 26 July 1904 in Brighton. Next of Kin Wife Mrs Newman, 25 Appollo Terrace, Brighton, Sussex. NOK notified 1 May 1941.

Served with Depot Training Company 7 October 1940; 7 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died in an air raid in Plymouth, Devon.



Died 30 April 1941, age

Buried at Brighton and Preston Cemetery, Sussex. Section X D Grave 1868.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2722739/john-william-newman/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/82164890/john-william-newman>

NEWTON, John Hope, (2127227) Sapper, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1908 in Stirlingshire. Enlisted 28 October 1940. Next of Kin, Mrs A Russell, E28 Sunnyside Road, Camelon, Falkirk, Stirlingshire.

Served with 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1940; 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 March 1941; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 14 January 1942.

Died of cellulitis, burnt his hand on a cigarette, and it became septic. Died under anaesthetic following an operation for incision of a septic burn of the elbow. Inquest Verdict died from fatty degeneration of the heart whilst under anaesthetic. Prince of Wales Hospital, Plymouth.



Died 8 October 1943, age 34.

Grandson of Peter and Isabella McGregor: Nephew of Mrs F W Russell of Camelon, Falkirk.

Buried at Larbert Cemetery, Stirlingshire, Scotland. Section 1 Grave 514.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2843729/john-hope-newton/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/70407089/john-hope-newton>

NOCK, John, (1991037) Corporal, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 9 June 1912 in Birmingham. Enlisted 20 June 1940 in Birmingham. Next of Kin Mother Mrs Clarissa Nock, 1/105 Hope Street, Belshall Heath, Birmingham. NOK notified 26 January 1943.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 18 July 1940; 30 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 September 1940; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 January 1941; embarked for the Middle East, 17 March 1941.

Died in Libya by an accidental explosion.



Died 17 January 1943, age 30.
Son of John Baily William and Clarissa Nock of Birmingham.

Buried at El Alamein War Cemetery. Grave XXXIII H 6.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2210843/john-nock/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/nock-j/>

NORMAN, John Patrick, (2018734) Driver, 8 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 6 September 1915 in London. Enlisted 13 June 1940 Vincent Square E E. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs K Norman, 280 Shroffold Road, Downham Way, Grove Park, Kent. NOK was notified on 5 July 1944.

Served 1 Motor Transport Depot, Aldershot; 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 August 1940; embarked for North Africa, 26 November 1942, disembark 14 March 1944.

Died of Wounds Battle Casualty in Italy.



Died 25 June 1944, age 29.

Buried at Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy. Grave X D 39.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2375892/john-patrick-norman/>

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Norris, Richard, (14617464) Sapper, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 1 July 1902 in Liverpool. Enlisted 3 June 1942 in Liverpool. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs G Norris, 14 Spencer Lane, Melling, Liverpool.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 15 July 1943; 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 19 September 1943.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Cause of death: multiple injuries caused by a mine explosion, St Osyth, Essex. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer On duty at the time of the accident. No blame can be attached to any person or persons. Inquest Verdict death through shock from multiple injuries, caused by an explosion whilst on military duties. Misadventure
Lance Sergeant E E Gensous also died in this incident.



Died 20 February 1945, age 42.

Son of John and Ann Norris of Knowsley: Husband of Gertrude Norris of Melling.

Buried at Saint Mary Churchyard, Knowsley. North West of entrance.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2699125/richard-norris/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/169208289/richard-norris>

NOWELL, Samuel John, (2004375) Lance Corporal, 60 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 15 March 1940. Next of Kin Father, J Nowell, 12 Rocksollock Road, Airdrie, Stotlard. NOK notified 9 October 1940.

Served with ? Training Battalion Newark, 60 Bomb Disposal Section, 26 June 1940; 16/17 Bomb Disposal Section, 15 September 1940.

Deceased was instructed to excavate a bomb at a site known as Navarino Mansions, Dalston Lane, Hackney, after the agreed safety period had expired. For some unknown reason the bomb exploded spontaneously and all members of the working part were killed. This was 50 feet from London to Midlands Service Railway, no survivors.

Lance Corporal N Wandsworth, Sappers Mason, Stock, Stubbings C R Taylor, Driver J Horne also died in this incident.



Died 23 September 1940, age 23.
Son of James and Nina Nowell (nee Henry) of Airdrie.

Buried at New Monkland Cemetery, Lanarkshire. Section A Grave 65.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2715837/samuel-john-nowell/>

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O'DONNELL, Thomas, (1990984) Sapper, 11 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 4 May 1896. Enlisted 4 June 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Phoebe O'Donnell, 6 Norfolk Street, Moss Side, Manchester.

Served with General Construction Company, Chatham, 700 General Construction Company 29 June 1940.

Died in General Hospital of Carcinoma of the lungs. Death register in Dartford, Kent.



Died 12 December 1941, age 45.

Buried at Stonefall Cemetery, Harrogate, Yorkshire. Section 20 E Grave 7086.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2623982/thomas-o-donnell/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56462827/thomas-o'donnell>

O'DONOGHUE, Thomas, (2090444) Lance Sergeant, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 4 May 1912 in Liverpool. Enlisted 25 May 1945 in Liverpool. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs M O'Donoghue, 89 Saint Johns Road, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Details from the Military Court of Inquiry. That occurred at 1000 on the 17 January, at Dead Mans Gap, Weybourne, resulting in the death of Lance Sergeant T O'Donoghue. These were passed on by his son Thomas 'Donoghue of Liverpool. On 17 January 1945 two mine sweeping parties were at work, clearing two minefields in close proximity to each other, these were minefields 42A and 14 A. Lance Sgt T O'Donoghue was supervising work in the latter. Second Lieutenant D C T Venn, who was in charge of both parties, at 0959 stopped work on minefield 42A and went across to 14A.

It was his intention to move mines from the cliff face. On arriving at 14A he found that work had ceased as the mine detection equipment had broken down and the men had gone back to the stores area for a replacement. This was a good opportunity to clear the mines that had fallen down the cliff face.

Second Lieutenant Venn pointed out an enclosed gully, with a barricade consisting of eight four-foot steel target frames, wired together, the concertina barbed wire on the inside to form a fence. This according to plans was not mined, however should be swept. L/Sgt O'Donoghue agreed. Second Lieutenant Venn then proceeded down the cliff face and disarmed a mine that had slipped onto a ledge. He called Corporal Steen across to assist him in lifting the mine onto the cliff top. As they lifted the mine there was a muffled explosion, Corporal Steen was blown into the cliff face and Second Lieutenant Venn onto the beach, L/Sgt O'Donoghue was heard to call for Second Lt Venn by name.

He climbed the cliff and found L/Sgt O'Donoghue lying in the gully outside the barricade. He was suffering multiple injuries; a dispatch rider was sent for the Medical Officer and an ambulance. L/Sgt O'Donoghue died on 18 January 1945 from his wounds. The County Court Coroner, on the 20 January concluded that L/Sgt O'Donoghue died from injuries accidentally received by being blown up by a mine on a minefield whilst on duty. The findings of the Court place the blame for this accident upon the person or persons who laid the minefield. In Second Lt Venn's statement he records that L/Sgt O'Donoghue was a competent, reliable and experienced NCO with minefield work. Cromer, Norfolk.

From his Casualty Card he may have been standing on the steel frame to examine the area to be swept and slipped.



Died 18 January 1954, age 32.
Husband of Mary Josephine O'Donoghue of Kirkdale, Liverpool.

Buried at RC Cemetery, Liverpool, Lancashire. Section A H Grave 45.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2412195/thomas-o-donoghue/>

Photo Credit yithio.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/32675543/thomas-o-donoghue>

ORR, James, (2198668) Sapper, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1897 in Belfast. Next of Kin Widow, Margaret Rebecca Orr, 50 Empire Street, Belfast. NOK notified on the 4 October 1940.

Served with Stevedore Training Lympstone, 6 Bomb Disposal Section 5 September 1940.

Died when a UXB having its explosive fill steamed out detonated. Hazeldene Road, Welling, Kent.

Lieutenant F C Jinks, Sappers G M K Lewis, W Williams also died in this incident.

His son Robert Jon Orr also died in service.



Died 3 October 1940, age 43.

Son of Francis and Elizabeth Orr: Husband of Margaret Rebecca Orr of Belfast.

Buried at Belfast City Cemetery. Glenalina Extension Section II Grave 218.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2931027/james-orr/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/orr-j/>

OSBOURNE, Douglas, (7615856) Sapper, 9 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Osbourne, 89 Hughtone Road, Swallownest, Sheffield. NOK notified on the 4 October 1940.

Died when a UXB detonated.



Died 29 September 1940, age 21.
Son of Walter and Edith Ann Osbourn of Swallownest.

Buried at Ashon-Cum-Aughton Cemetery, Yorkshire. Grave 616.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2406319/douglas-osborne/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/146732398/douglas-osborne>

O'SHEA, William Francis, (1940871) Lance Corporal, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 15 June 1908 in Marylebone, London. Next of Kin Widow Ruth O'Shea, 58 Portsmouth Road, Surbiton, Surrey. NOK was notified on 12 February 1941.

Dead when an unexploded bomb was being worked on at Bynes Road School Purley Oaks, Croydon.

Sapper F Hickford, G Lincoln, T E Perkins, E J Rolls also died in this incident.



Died 11 February 1941, age 32.
Son of May O'Shea: Husband of Ruth O'Shea of Surbiton.

Buried at Mitcham Road Cemetery, Croydon, Surrey. Plot P P Grave 40004.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2434322/william-francis-o-shea/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/72929494/william-francis-o'shea>

OWEN, Iorwerth, (2126427) Sapper, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 4 August 1914 in Caernarvonshire. Enlisted 21 October 1940. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Owen, 2 Parkian Bach, Criccieth, North Wales. NOK was notified on 9 May 1941.

Served with 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 October 1940.

Died when a UXB detonated at Denbigh, Wales. No civil inquest due to the nature of the incident.

Sergeant F Batch, Corporal J W Hainey, Lance Corporal R Taylor, Driver R E Holt.



Died 7 May 1941, age 26.

Buried at Criccieth Burial Ground, Caernarvonshire, Wales. Grave 603.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2716231/iorwerth-owen/>

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PACEY, Ronald, (2126638) Corporal, 16 Bomb Disposal Section, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 13 June 1919 in Durham. Enlisted 23 October 1940. Next of Kin Father, William Pacey, Toft House, Church Lane, Pudsey, Yorkshire. Nok Notified on 29 April 1943.

Served in 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1940.

Died clearing mines laid a part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Beach mine explosion. Died on duty. Inquiry no evidence how it occurred, probably by forgetfulness, by the one who stepped on the mine. Location: Newgale, Pembrokeshire. Died as a result of an explosion in a minefield.

Sapper E Cant, F W F Tennison also died in this incident.



Died 26 April 1943, age

Buried at Pudsey Cemetery, Yorkshire. Section B Grave 129.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2412939/ronald-pacey/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59987531/ronald-pacey>

PALIN, William, (1941239) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 18 February 1920 in Northampton. Enlisted 19 June 1940 in Northampton.
Next of Kin Wife, Mrs L M Palin, 79 Hellygear Road, Lenf Higoep, Glamorgan.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, Chester, 18 July 1940; 79 Bomb Disposal Section, 20 September 1940; 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 October 1940; 48 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 June 1941; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 26 June 1943; 14 Bomb Disposal Company, 22 November 1943; 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 March 1944; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 13 October 1944.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Explosion of a British mine. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer 3 Bomb Disposal Group. A low flying aircraft may have distracted the attention of Sapper Palin and/or there may have been too much noise from the aircraft that he did not hear the reaction of the Polish Mine Detector or caused him to drop it onto a mine. No blame can be attached to any person or persons. Happisburgh, Norfolk.

Lance Corporal V R Goddard also died in this incident.



Died 11 December 1944, age 32.

Son of James and Elizabeth Palin: Husband of Lena May Palin of Cadishead.

Buried at Saint John the Baptist Churchyard Extension, Irlam, Lancashire. Section R Grave 62.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2699083/william-palin/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/138728789/william-palin>

PALMER, Douglas Alfred, (1894425) Sapper, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 27 January 1918 in Bethnal Green. Enlisted 27 January 1940. Next of Kin Father, Douglas Cecil Palmer, 16 Charles Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex. NOK was notified on 28 March 1941.

Served with G Company, Depot Battalion, 27 January 1940; 2 Company, 29 January 1940; 853(Bomb Disposal) Quarrying Company, 11 November 1940; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1941.

Died on Bomb Disposal Duties in Plymouth, Devon.

Lieutenant's L J Ball, D Ross, Sapper's D A Palmer, E Thompson, Driver A W Stevens, R Sullivan also died at this incident.



Died 27 March 1941, age
Son of Douglas Cecil and Harriet Maud Palmer of Chadwell Heath, Romford, Essex.

Buried at Weston Mill Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon. Section C Cons Grave 17886.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2811650/douglas-alfred-palmer/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59987167/douglas-alfred-palmer>

PALMER, Malvin Wardof, (1921-1919) Corporal, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 28 May 1910 in Plymouth. Enlisted 9 July 1940 in Redruth. Next of Kin Aunt, Mrs J Libby, Combeland Farm, Lantegles by Fowey, Cornwall.

Served with 853 (Bomb Disposal) Quarrying Company, Halifax, 17 July 1940; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1941.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. A beach mine exploded. Occurred due to the deceased treading on a mine in attempting to avoid water nearby.



Died 28 January 1944, age 23.

Buried at Saint Marnach Churchyard, Lanreath, Cornwall.

Photo Credit Ken Pullar.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/130648607/malvin-wardorf-palmer>

PARKIN, Harold, (2126640) Sapper, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 21 October 1910 in Sheffield. Enlisted 23 October 1940. Next of Kin Father, Mr G R Parkin, 42 The Dale, Sheffield 8.

Served with 19 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1940; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 April 1943.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. A beach mine exploded causing fatal injuries, due to the inability of the detector to locate deeply buried mines, the mine being more than 2 feet deep. All precautions were being taken. No one was guilty of negligence. Shoreham-on-Sea, West Sussex.

Lance Corporal J Godley also died in this incident.



Died 9 November 1943, age 24.
Son of George and Lily Parkin of Woodseaths, Sheffield.

Buried at Abbey Lane Cemetery, Sheffield. Section O Cons Grave 994.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/103308203/harold-parkin>

PARRY, John James, (2126836) Sapper, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 24 June 1910 at Chadwick, Manchester. Enlisted 23 October 1940 in Manchester. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs F H Parry, 193 Levenshulme Road, Gorton, Manchester. NOK Notified on 29 April 1942.

Accidental detonation of a mine, while attending a lecture and demonstration at Pembroke Dock, Wales.

Sergeant R E Gilmour, Corporals A J R Skeet and D Whittingham, Lance Corporal W Duckworth, Sappers A Baggaley, G Jackson, W Plant and J B Jones with other non-Bomb Disposal Personnel died at this incident, with others injured. Inquest verdict: accidental death, no blame.



Died 28 April 1942, age 32.

Son of Harry and Hannah Parry: Husband of Francis Hannah Parry of Gorton, Manchester.

Buried at Pembroke Dock Military Cemetery Pembrokeshire, Wales. Section E Collective Grave 16b-16r.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2965729/john-james-parry/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/98180584/john-james-parry>

PASS, William, (1920678) Sapper, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1895 in Manchester. Enlisted on the 8 March 1940, Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Minnie Pass, 4 Rosamund Place, Charlton-on-Medlock, Manchester. NOK notified on 12 October 1940.

Served with Construction Centre, Chatham, 18 March 1940; Z Company, 15 April 1940; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 19 April 1940; 61/62 Bomb Disposal Section, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 18 September 1940.

On 10 November 1940 a 250 kg bomb was recovered with a badly damaged fuze, which could not be removed; it had passed through a cast iron drainage cover. It was considered to be so damaged as being incapable of functioning. Therefore it was loaded onto a lorry and taken to the Duke of York's Barracks, Chelsea. Where the men went for their evening meal.

2nd Lieutenant L G W Carter saw it on the lorry and decided for safety to take it to the Bomb Cemetery at Regents Park. Captain Hunt was invited to go with him; however he declined the offer. Driver Brinton was excused from this duty as he had a date that evening. 2nd Lieutenant Carter decided to drive the lorry himself.

They drove up Marylebone Road near to Madam Tussauds, when the bomb exploded killing them all.

2nd Lieutenant L G W Carter, Corporals L J Sharp, Sappers W A Archer, W D Cubbitt, J W Cookson, and W Pass also died in this incident.



Died 10 October 1945, age 45.
Husband of Minnie Pass of Rusholme, Manchester.

Buried at Manchester Southern Cemetery, Lancashire. Section S C of E Grave 5613.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2403500/william-pass/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/138232300/william-pass>

PAVER, Leonard, (2126643) Lance Sergeant, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Wife Hilda Paver, 5 Ellenby Grove, Leeds 9, Yorks. NOK was notified on 29 May 1942. Born on the 16 December 1911 in Leeds. Enlisted 23 October 1940.

Served with 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 ? 1940.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti- invasion measures around the UK. Beach mine explosion. During mine-clearance. Accidental death in the performance of his duties. Newport, Pembrokeshire.



Died 27 May 1943, age 31.

Son of George and Mary Anne Paver of Leeds: Husband of Hilda Paver of Rodley.

Buried at Harehills Cemetery, Leeds, Yorkshire. Section W Grave 203.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2408514/leonard-paver/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/paver-l/>

PEARN, Willie, (1887143) Sapper, 43 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 3 July 1920 in Castletown, Sunderland. Enlisted 3 May 1939 aged 18, in Durham. Next of Kin Father William Pearn, 2 Oswald Terrace, Castletown, County Durham. NOK Notified on the 20 January 1944,

Served with D Company, Training Battalion, 4 May 1939; 3 Training Battalion, Ripon, 3 September 1939; A Company, 6 September 1939; G Company, Depot Battalion, 24 September 1939; 1 Engineer Store Base Depot, 25 September 1939; British Expeditionary Force, 16 October 1939; 43 Bomb Disposal Section, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 January 1941; embarked for the Middle East, 17 March 1941.

Died while a 500 lb British type 37 pistol was being worked on and it detonated. The night party had been keeping the shaft clear of water. In Italy.

Lieutenant B M M Sinclair, Sergeant H Evans BEM, Corporal J A Johnston, Sappers F G Biddle, P Carney, G W Rice were also killed, 4 civilians missing.



Died 8 January 1944, age 24.

Buried at Salerno War Cemetery, Italy. Grave III D 46.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2603758/willie-pearn/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56576465/willie-pearn>

PEDEL, Thomas Henry, (2196887) Sapper, 77 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in Surrey. Enlisted 24 June 1940.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 18 July 1940; 77 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 September 1940.

Court of Inquiry held on the 13 December 1940. At Tarporley. Place of death Eaton, Hill, Tarporley. The bomb he was working on exploded. Opinion of Office Commanding, that the accident was caused by the removal of the bomb before it had been defused. It also appears that there was insufficient length of rope used.

Sapper S V Jarrett, A G Towler also died in this incident.



Died 11 December 1940, age 20.

Buried at Chester General Cemetery. New Portion Grave 4072.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2928290/thomas-henry-pedel/>

Photo Credit Chris Kemp.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/146217085/thomas-henry-pedel>

PEDDIE, Thomas John, (2196887) Sapper, 107 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in Surry. Enlisted 21 June 1940. Next of Kin Widow Sarah Ann Pedel, 83 Tonsall Road, Epsom, Surrey.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, Chester, 18 July 1940; 75 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 September 1940.

Died in a motor accident, fractured skull and multiple injuries , caused by a lorry swerving, no blame to the War Department Driver.

Ashton Road, Ashton on Lyme.



Died at 1055, 9 January 1941, age 31.

Buried at Epsom Cemetery. Section M Grave 600.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2434461/thomas-john-peddie/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/100122628/thomas-john-peddie>

PERKINS, Thomas Edward, (2191786) Sapper, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Widow Amy Laura Perkins.

Dead when an unexploded bomb was being worked on at Bynes Road School Purley Oaks, Croydon.

Lance Corporal W F O'Shea, Sapper J F Cook, F Hickford, G Lincoln, E J Rolls also died in this incident.



Died 11 February 1941, age 26.

Son of Walter Thomas and Lillian Perkins of Leicester: Husband of Amy Laura Perkins of Leicester.

Buried at Gilroes Cemetery, Leicester. Section T T Grave 233.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2719070/thomas-edward-perkins/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56052158/thomas-edward-perkins>

PERRINS, John, (1895467) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 16 June 1916. Enlisted 27 December 1939. Next of Kin Widow, Beryl Perrins, 22 Clarendon Road, Whitefield, Manchester. NOK notified 21 August 1940.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 15 January 1940; 87 Bomb Disposal Section, 19 June 1940.

Admitted to Hospital 17 August 1940 with a compound fracture of the ankle and skull injuries, when a delayed action bomb detonated, near Alverston, Nantwich, Crewe.

Sappers A E Fearon, H Thompson, M Lambert G Lucas, J Percival died in the incident, Sergeant E Greengrass died 2 days later.



Died 18 August 1940, age

All Saints Churchyard, Stand, Lancashire. Lower Ground Grave 1748.

<https://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/find-cemeteries-memorials/cemetery-details/41169/stand-all-saints-churchyard/>

Photo Credit Peter Lucas.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/58193334/john-perrins>

PERRY, Kenneth, (248668) Lieutenant, 1 Bomb Disposal Troop, Royal Engineers. Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Whilst sweeping and detecting mines there was an explosion causing his death. Court of Inquiry Opinion. Training had been given to all personnel taking part. The detector man was at fault in passing a suspected mine before it was uncovered or marked. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer. No fault can be attached to any one person, the accident that caused the deaths was as a result of an error of judgement on the part of one or more of those killed. Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Lieutenant K Perry and Sergeant J Richards, Sapper E Laud also died in this incident.



Died 5 January 1944, age 35.

Buried at Saint Nicholas Churchyard, Withernsea. Grave 70.

Photo Credit Gunner.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/168850909/kenneth-perry>

PICKERING, John Charles, (T/179408) Driver, 64 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 9 December 1914 in London. Enlisted 2 April 1940. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Meadmore, 88 Barons Court Road, London, W 14.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 2 October 1940; 5 Bomb Disposal Company.

An unexploded bomb fell in the premises immediately abutting the main London-Chelmsford Road (Romford Road Manor Park). On the 13th December 1940, in view of the serious dislocation of important traffic, Captain Blaney proceeded to attempt to remove the fuze (one time fuze). The alternative method of sterilizing the bomb was not at the time available and at great personal risk, and with full knowledge of the grave danger, he personally entered the crater to carry out the process. Unfortunately, the bomb exploded and Captain Blaney lost his life.

Captain M Blaney was awarded the George Cross.

Captain M F Blaney GC, Lieutenant R James, Staff Sergeant C Roberts, Lance Corporals D Mills, S White, Sappers E McLaren, J T Maycock, Drivers F G Hawkins, J Lauchlan, Inspector H Lane Metropolitan Police also died at this incident, one female member of the public slightly injured.



Died 13 December 1940, age 26.
Son of Laura Jane Pickering of West Kensington, London.

Buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. Grave 5 E 5.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2928553/john-charles-pickering/>

Photo Credit Peter Markham.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/17665821/john-charles-pickering>

PIDGEON, William Thomas, (14368079) Sapper, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 10 November 1914 in London. Enlisted 3 December 1944. Next of Kin Father, Mr W Pidgeon, 76 Park Lane, Edmonton, London. N2.

Served with 4 Training Battalion, 13 January 1943; 659 A W Company, 29 March 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Group, 21 October 1943; 23 Bomb Disposal Company. 1 November 1943; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 2 Bomb Disposal Group, 15 November 1943.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Camber, East Sussex. Opinion of the Commanding Officer.

- a. The mine which exploded was beyond detectable depth for no good reason.
- b. B Woodward and Pidgeon were killed whilst engaged on minefield clearance by the explosion of a mine.
- c. No blame can be attached to any person/persons for the accident.



Died 4 December 1944, age 30.
Son of William and Lilian Violet Pidgeon of Edmonton.

Buried at Edmonton Cemetery. Section M Grave 403.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2430487/william-thomas-pidgeon/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/58497154/william-thomas-pidgeon>

PIERCE, Mark, (3974744) Sapper, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 26 October 1920 in Steyning. Enlisted 27 February 1941. Next of Kin Father Mr R Pierce, 3 Thoins Croft, Steyning, Sussex.

Served with 4 Training Battalion,

Mine Sweeping operations of beach mines laid as anti-invasion measures at Dungeness, near Lydd, Kent.

Chief Royal Engineer, 2 Bomb Disposal Group found no one was to blame.

Sappers A G Auger, G R Lewis also died in this incident.



Died 18 August 1945, age 25.

Son of Richard John and Elizebeth Jane Pierce of Steyning.

Buried at Saint Andrew Churchyard, Steyning, Sussex.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/213112394/mark-pierce>

PILBEAM, Charles Arthur, (1874091) Sapper, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 22 November 1916 in Hastings. Enlisted 10 February 1937 in Eastbourne. Next of Kin Mother, 8 North Street, Hailsham, Sussex.

Served with D Company, Training Battalion, 10 February 1937; B Company, Training Battalion, 14 March 1937; Anti-Aircraft Battalion, 14 December 1943; B Company, Anti-Aircraft Company, 14 March 1938; 30 Fortress Company, 14 September 1938; 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, 13 June 1941.

Reported missing 15 February 1942, NOK notified 11 March 1942. In Japanese hands 25 August 1943 NOK notified 30 August 1943. Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Malaria, Thailand.



Died 14 July 1943, age 26.
Son of Alfred James and Annie Louise Pilbeam of Bexhill, Sussex.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave 4 A 24.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2233683/charles-arthur-pilbeam/>

Photo Credit Gulfport Bob.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10835990/charles-arthur-pilbeam>

PLANT, William, (2127049) Sapper, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 11 December 1910 in Stockport. Enlisted 23 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Mavis Plant, 4 Arden Estate, New Mills, Stockport, Derbyshire. NOK was notified on the 29 April 1942.

Served with 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1940.

Accidental detonation of a mine, while attending a lecture and demonstration at Pembroke Dock, Wales. Court of Inquiry proceedings disclose that they were in no way to blame.

Sergeant R E Gilmour, Corporals A J R Skeet and D Whittingham, Sappers Baggaley, Duckworth, G Jackson, J J Perry, J B Jones with other non- Bomb Disposal Personnel also died at this incident, with others injured. Inquest verdict: accidental death, no one to blame.



Died 28 April 1942, age
Son of William and Sarah A Plant of New Mills, Derbyshire. Husband of Mavis Plant of New Mills.

Buried at Pembroke Dock Military Cemetery. Section E Collective Grave 16b to 16r.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2965730/william-plant/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/98180585/william-w-plant>

PLATT, Samuel Nowell, (1818088) Sapper, 29 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 24 December 1914, Enlisted 10 January 1940. Next of Kin Father Mr Samuel Latt, 149 Park Street, Haydock, Saint Helens, Lancs.

Served with Construction Centre, Chatham, 10 January 1940; disembark Middle East, 11 June 1941; possibly with 18 Bomb Disposal Company, P Bomb Disposal Company, 21 March 1942; left Egypt for Syria, 21 March 1942, P Company, now 29 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died on BD Operation on the Kos Island, Aegean, Greece.



Died 4 October 1943, age 28.
Son of Samuel and Jane Platt of Haydock, Lancashire.

Buried at Rhodes WarCemetery. Grave 7 2 C.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/937418/samuel-noel-platt/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21414596/samuel-noel-platt>

PLAYER, James, (2020108) Corporal, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 6 December 1914 in Stratford E 15. Enlisted 13 June 1940 in Vincent Square, London. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs A M E Player, 9 Arthingwood Street, London E 15.

Served with 1 R T C R E, London; 8 M Training Battalion, 13 June 1940; D Company, 16 October 1940; embarked for Gibraltar, 13 November 1940; disembarked Gibraltar, 26 November 1940; 732 General Construction Company, 26 November 1940; Bomb Disposal Company, 17 February 1942.

Died when a UXB detonated in London. No negligence or carelessness.



Died 5 March 1943, age 22.

Buried at West Ham Cemetery. Plot P A Grave 11.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2427694/james-player/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/47469390/james-player>

PLOWRIGHT, Leonard William, (1874091) Sapper, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 27 August 1917 at Knottingly. Enlisted 5 March 1940 in Leeds. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Cawthorn, 145 Leicester Road, Shepshed, Loughborough. NOK was notified on the 7 July 1943.

Served with 566 Field Company, 2 Depot Battalion, 29 September 1940; 857 (Bomb Disposal) Quarrying Company, 15 November 1940; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941; Headquarters 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 13 January 1941; 230 Bomb Disposal Section, 22 June 1941; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 26 June 1943.

Died whilst sterilizing bombs in course of duty at bomb cemetery when an explosion occurred, when it detonated, at Plymouth Devon. Died on admittance to Hospital. Chief Royal Engineers opinion, on duty, not to blame.

Lance Corporal R W Cawthorn also died in this incident.



Died 5 July 1943, age 25.

Son of Robert William and Ivy Louisa Plowright of Parsons Drove; Husband of Winifred Maud Plowright.

Buried at Emmanuel Churchyard, Southsea, Cambridgeshire.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2651896/leonard-william-plowright/>

Photo Credit Sue and Brian Simm.

<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/plowright-l-w/>

PLUMB, Jack, (1942443) Sapper, 67/68 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Father, Frank Plumb, Bridge Inn, Bury Road, Rochdale, Lancs. NOK notified on the 22 October 1940.

Served with General Construction Company, Chatham, 3 August 1940; 67/68 Bomb Disposal Section, 1 September 1940

Killed when a 250 kg bomb detonated, as was being unloaded, it had been moved from where it landed to Whitely Common, Coventry.

Lieutenant A F Campbell GC, Sergeant M Gibson MM, Sapper R Gilchrest, M Gibson, Sapper W Gibson, R W Skelton, Driver E F G Taylor also died in this incident.



Died 18 October 1940, age 25.

Buried at London Road Cemetery, Coventry. Square 348 Collective Grave 46.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2714324/jack-plumb/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59788435/jack-plumb>

PORTSMOUTH, Leonard Cecil, (1917950) Lance Corporal, 690 (Bomb Disposal) General Construction Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 22 April 1910. Enlisted 5 February 1940. Next of Kin Widow, Ivy Portsmouth, 84 Junction Road, Andover, Hants. NOK notified 18 September 1940.

Served with Construction Centre, Clacton, 690 (Bomb Disposal) General Construction Company, 3 September 1940

Died whilst dealing with a delayed action UXB, that detonated.

Sergeant P A Twait also died in this incident.



Died at 1100, 16 September 1940, age 30.

Buried at Andover Cemetery, Hampshire. Plot G Grave 9.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2690715/leonard-cecil-portsmouth/>

Photo Credit Sarah Grace.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/225319725/leonard-cecil-portsmouth>

POTTER, Austin Charles Edward, (1874307) Sapper, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 1 June 1908 in Edmonton. Enlisted 7 June 1937 in London. Next of Kin Father, Samuel Potter, 152 Sunnyside Gardens, Upminster, Essex. NOK notified he had died on 3 November 1945.

Reported missing on the 15 February 1942 NOK informed on the 11 March 1942. In Japanese hands in Malaya Camps NOK notified 25 May 1943. Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Avitaminosis, Thailand.



Died 21 September 1943, age 35.
Son of Samuel Richard and Hannah Playfoot Potter.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave 2 E 25.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2233725/austin-charles-edward-potter/>

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https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10836023/austin-charles_edward-potter

POTTER, Archie Reginald, (2074365) Lance Corporal, 8 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 20 November 1922 in Bedford. Enlisted 2 September 1939 in Bury Saint Edmunds. Next of Kin Father, Mr R Potter, 494 Goldington Road, Bedford.

Served with 248 Field Company, 28 April 1939; 286 Field Company, 8 September 1939; Suffolk Fortress, 1 November 1939; Felixstowe Norwich Fortress Detachment, 31 August 1940; 12 Bomb Disposal Section, 17 September 1940; 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 25 November 1942; embark for North Africa, 26 November 1942,

Died of wounds sustained when a booby trapped Tellermines which was tied to a tree exploded. Camerano Road, Poggio, Italy.

Corporal T H Wilson also died in this incident.



Died 27 July 1944, age 22.
Son of Reginald Maud Potter of Bedford.

Buried at Ancona War Cemetery, Italy. Grave II J 16. Commemorated at Goldington Roll of Honour.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2068496/archie-reginald-potter/>

Photo Credit above Military Historian.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21405446/archie-reginald-potter>



Memorial stone in his home town.

POTTER, Joseph William, (1879217) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 4 August 1918 in Islington. Enlisted 16 October 1939 aged 21 in London. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Potter, 1 Shirley Street, Islington, London. N1. NOK was notified on 18 December 1944.

Served with 1 Training Battalion, Shorncliffe, 16 October 1939; 53 Divisional Engineers, 8 March 1940; 555 Field Company, 8 March 1940; 285 Field Company, 15 March 1940; 109 Bomb Disposal Section, 19 September 1940; 27 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 June 1941; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 February 1944.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. The opinion of Chief Royal Engineer 3 Bomb Disposal Group Minefield clearance drill was being carried out correctly. Holkham, Norfolk, died in Cromer District Hospital, Norfolk.

Corporal A Henshall died in the incident, Sapper J W died of his wounds 5 days later.



Died 17 December 1944, age 26.
Son of A W Potter and Lavinia Potter of Islington, London.

Buried at Islington Cemetery and Crematorium. Section O Block 10 Grave 21803 P.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2735272/josiah-william-potter/>

Photo Credit Nicholas.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24658325/josiah-william-potter>

PROCTOR, Rex, (2090121) Sapper, 47 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1923 in Hastings. Enlisted 21 April 1939. Next of Kin Father, 57 Saint Helens Road, Hastings.

Served with 208 Field Company, 21 April 1939; 262 Field Company, Kent Fortress, 516 Coastal Regiment Royal Artillery, 14 January 1941; 1 Training Battalion, 3 December 1941; 20 Field Squadron, 6 April 1942; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 June 1942; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 12 June 1943.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Mundeford, Dorset.



Died 13 September 1944, age
Son of Alfred Henry and Freda Clare Proctor of Hastings.

Buried at Hastings Cemetery, Sussex. Division O Section A Grave 91.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2723358/rex-proctor/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59419621/rex-r-proctor>

PURDY, George William, (1869653) Sergeant, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 9 May 1912. Enlisted 1 February 1932 aged 19 years 8 months. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Elizabeth Purdy, 40 Fourth Street, Newton Grange, Mid Lothian, Edinburgh. NOK was notified on 17 March 1941.

Served with C Training Battalion, 2 February 1932; 55 Field Company, 17 January 1933; Transferred to Army Reserve, 31 January 1936; 21 Field Park Company, 6 September 1939; 1 Chemical Training Battalion, 20 September 1939; another unit unreadable 30 September 1939; 61 Chemical Warfare Company, 1 May 1940; 98 Bomb Disposal Section, 25 June 1940; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 14 November 1940; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 31 September 1940; 23 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died whilst a 250 g with a type 17 fuze was being removed, Zus 40 not functioned as it was investigated it exploded, Southsea, Devon. Based at Fort Widely, Portsmouth.

Corporal W J Wicken, Sappers G Chapman, J Glynn, A G Hollingsworth also died in this incident.



Died 14 March 1941, age 29.
Son of John and Mary Purdy of South Moor, County Durham.

Buried at Christ Church Military Cemetery, Portsdown. Row O Grave 148.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2349573/george-william-purdy/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/purdy-g-w/>

PYE, Leslie, (5344004) Sapper, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 20 June 1920 in Birmingham. Enlisted 26 June 1940. Next of Kin Father, 94 Kings Road, Erdington, Birmingham. NOK was notified on 29 September 1944.

Served with 6 Training Battalion, 30 December 1942; 759 A W Company, 1 April 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Group, 1 November 1943; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 November 1943; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 November 1943.

Died while clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Yaverland, Isle of Wight.

Corporal J Lomas also died in this incident.



Died 15 September 1944, age
Son of Frederick William and Ann Pye of Erdington, Birmingham.

Buried at Saint Barnabas Churchyard, Erdington. Grave C 16.

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RABINOWITZ (Served as KNIGHT), Arthur, (1891040) Sapper, 67/69 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 18 October 1939.

Served with 38 (South Wales) Division, 18 October 1939; 283 Welsh Field Company, 25 November 1939; 67/68 Bomb Disposal Sections.

Detonation of a delayed action fuze, in Birmingham.

Corporal A Haines, Sapper W W Davies, W H Thorne and W B Wisely, Driver M T Andrews, W H Fergusson also died in this incident.



Died 25 August 1940, age 21.

Buried at Toxteth Cemetery, Lancashire, Section B General Grave 32.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2412393/arthur-rabinowitz/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/32676408/arthur-rabinowitz>

RAMSEY, John, (2197248) Corporal, 7 Bomb Disposal Section, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 15 February 1895 in Camberwell, London. Enlisted 6 November 1939 age 44. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs M Ramsay, 37 Burdett Chambers, Westminster Bridge Road, London.

Served with 9? A Company, 6 November 1939; D Company, 2 Stevedore Battalion, British Expeditionary Forces, 2 January 1940; 1 Stevedore Battalion, 22 February 1940; 12 Bomb Disposal Company.

Injured when the lorry he was in, slipped into a ditch and he was thrown out and apparently struck his chest on a tree, on the 4 February 1940, while returning from a job, travelling from Sandhurst to Battle. Crushed chest, collapsed lung. Pembury County Hospital, Kent.



Died 15 December 1940, age ?

Buried at Tunbridge Wells Cemetery, Kent. Row A Grave 8.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2655472/john-ramsey/>

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RANDALL, George Edward, (2018738) Driver, 8 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 16 March 1915 in Kingston. Enlisted 13 June 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E E Randal, 185 Mundon Road, Maldon, Essex.

Served with 1 Motor Transport Depot, Aldershot, 1 Training Battalion, 2 May 1942; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 August 1941; 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 November 1942; embarked for North Africa, 26 November 1942.

Killed in Action lorry he was travelling which possibly ran over a mine. Vaasto, Italy.

Corporal G Halliday, Lance Corporal R J Hamilton, Sappers R H Bristow, F Downing also died in this incident.



Died 19 February 1944, age 28.

Son of Frederick and Mary Randal of Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey: Husband of Elsie Edith Randall of Inworth, Essex.

Buried at Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy. Grave XV A 19.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2376062/george-edward-randall/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/randall-g-e/>

RANSON, George Victor, (2031849) Lance Corporal, 1 Malaya. Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born October 1916 in Ipswich. Enlisted on the 27 August 1935 aged 18 years and 10 months in Ipswich. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Alberta Parker, 257 Landseer Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Served with A Company, Training Battalion, 27 August 1935; 11 Field Company, 8 April 1936; M Depot Company, 23 August 1936; 33 Fortress Company, 18 November 1936; B Company, Anti-Aircraft Battalion, 4 January 1937; 34 Fortress Company, 4 December 1937; 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, 31 May 1941.

Died in action through a mortar bomb during the Japanese advance. Singapore.



Died 10 February 1942, age 25.
Son of Ernest John and Alberta Cecilia Ranson of Ipswich, Suffolk.

Buried at Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore. Grave 18 C
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2821233/george-victor-ranson/>

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RAYNOR, Albert, (2126366) Lance Corporal, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 8 February 1920. enlisted 21 October 1940. Next of Kin, Wife, Mrs M E Raynor, Brokton, Church Road, Robey, near Liverpool. NOK was notified on 2 October 1943.

Served with 17 Bomb Disposal Company, 21 October 1940; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 April 1943.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Angmering-on-Sea, East Preston, Sussex.

Opinion of Commander Sussex District. Insufficient evidence to show how the explosion occurred.

Lieutenant W E K Kenway, Lance Sergeant F S Galloway, Sapper A Buchanan, H R Jones, Lance Corporal A Raynor also died in this incident, Sapper Gresser was injured and died the next day.



Died 30 September 1943, age 23.

Son of Thomas Herbert and Mary Elizabeth Raynor of Wallasey: Husband of Muriel Edith Raynor of Roby, Lancashire.

Buried at Rake Lane Cemetery, Wallasey. Section 20 C Grave 70.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2736335/albert-raynor/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/123982454/albert-raynor>

REDSHAW, Eric, (2127040) Corporal, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 3 December 1910 in Cheadle Cheshire. Enlisted 23 October 1940 in Stockport. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Alice Eleanor Jane Redshaw, 51 Francis Street, Cheadle, Cheshire.

Served with 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 October 1940; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941; 14 Bomb Disposal Company, 18 February 1941.

Died from multiple injuries following an explosion. Barnard Castle, County Durham.



Died 26 March 1943, age 32.

Buried at Cheadle and Gatley Cemetery. Section 18 Grave 98.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/1526073/eric-redshaw/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/redshaw-e-r/>

REED, Henry, (1914137) Sapper, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 13 February 1907 in Carlisle. Enlisted 5 January 1940 in Carlisle age 32. Next of Kin Father, 55 Thomlinson Avenue, Carlisle. NOK was notified on 27 November 1944.

Served with 66 Construction Company, British Expeditionary Forces, Construction Centre Clacton, 5 January 1940; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 February 1942; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 June 1943; embarked from the UK, 141 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 June 1944.

Incident. The 2 i/c visited the casualties on 23 November 1944. They reported that Driver J Melvin had arrived at the site, which was a SS Barracks at S Hertogenbosh, Netherlands, in his lorry loaded with various missiles, collected from the market square of S Hertogenbosh. He and Sapper Wallis were having tea in an adjacent room to the one containing explosives. Corporal Humphrey had lowered the lorry tow board and was unloading it. Driver Melvin had just ***** his tea when there was an explosion closely followed by a second. It wasn't until 2230 when the working party had failed to return that Lt Conlon went to the site and the accident was discovered. After investigation later there was no evidence to show what caused the explosion. The Chief Royal Engineer Second Army Group decided that the incident should be treated as a Battle Accident.

Corporals R Verling, J Humphrey, Sappers J Dugmore, C Wood, G Styles A A Jones, also died in this incident. Lance Corporal E Nunn, Sapper Wallis Driver J Melvin, J Staniland were all wounded at this incident .



Died 22 November 1944, age 34.
Son of William and Margaret Reed of Raffles, Cheshire.

Buried at Bergan-op-Zoom War Cemetery, Netherlands. Grave 9 B 11.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/1526073/eric-redshaw/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12727536/henry-reed>

REEVE, George William, (1917079) Lance Sergeant, 25 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 9 January 1915 in Lowestoft. Enlisted 9 January 1940 in Ipswich. Next of Kin, Wife, H A Reeve, 82 Chapelfield Road, Norwich, Norfolk. NOK was notified on 30 September 1944.

Served with Construction Centre, Clacton, 9 January 1940; 678 Field Company, 30 January 1940; British Expeditionary Force, 2 February 1940; 109 Bomb Disposal Section, 3 May 1941; 109 Bomb Disposal Section, 27 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 May 1941; 21 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 May 1942; 1 Bomb Disposal Group, 13 August 1943; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 14 September 1943; embarked UK, 9 August 1944; disembarked North West Europe, 13 August 1944.

Explosive accident, Falaise Battlefield, France.

Lance Sergeant G W Reeve and Sapper W N Evans, Driver R G Coleman also died in this incident.



Died 22 September 1944, age 29.

Buried at Hottot-Les-Bagues War Cemetery, Calvados, France.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2339207/george-william-reeve/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56500841/george-william-reeve>

REHBEIN, John, (1875168) Sapper, 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 30 August 1918 in Stepney. Enlisted 10 January 1938 in Taunton. Next of Kin Brother Wallis Rehbein, 18 Betty Street, Stepney, London E1. NOK was notified of his death on 20 June 1945.

Reported missing 15 February 1942; NOK notified 11 March 1942. In Japanese hands NOK informed 13 September 1943.

Served with 34 Fortress Company, 1 Malayan Bomb Disposal Company.

Died whilst a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. Cholera, Thailand.



Died 12 June 1943, Age 24.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave 6 A 76.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2233845/john-rehbein/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10836110/john-rehbein>

RENZ, Thomas, (1925411) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born in Edinburgh. Enlisted 6 April 1940. Next of Kin Father, Frederick Renz, 16 West Junction Street, Leith. NOK notified on the 12 October 1940.

Served with 8 Bomb Disposal Section 24 September 1940.

The bomb detonated while being excavated at Fingal Street, Worlingworth, Suffolk.

Sapper T P Carter, H J Edwards, G W Simpson, F B Wooldridge and Police Constable E Whiting also died in this incident.



Died 10 October 1940, age 34.
Son of Frederick and Eupemia L Renz of Leith, Edinburgh.

Buried at Rosebank Cemetery, Edinburgh. Section B E Grave 89.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2452176/thomas-renz/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59791237/thomas-renz>

REYNOLDS, James Walter, (14388241) Driver, 25 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 18 July 1924 in London. Enlisted 17 December 1942. Next of Kin Father, Mr John Reynolds, 81 Wisnaeli Road, Forest Gate, London. E 7.

Served with 1 Motor Transport Training Depot, 27 January 1943; 672 A W Company, 20 April 1943; 1 Bomb Disposal Group, 4 October 1943; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 October 1943; embarked 9 August 1944; disembarked North West Europe, 13 August 1944.

Died whilst clearing mines in Caen, France.

Corporal F Stringer also died in this incident.



Died 13 September 1944, age 20.

Buried at Hermanville War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Grave 2 M 3.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2337461/james-walter-reynolds/>

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RHODES, John, (1895334) Driver, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 14 June 1906 in Salford. Enlisted 2 November 1939 in Oldham. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs L Rhodes, 8 Stirling Road, Chadderton, Lancs. NOK was notified on 9 July 1943.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 2 November 1939; 2 Motor Transport Depot, 18 December 1939; 144 Field Park Troop, 18 November 1940; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 April 1942.

Accident occurred on the 7 July 1943 and he was taken to Emergency Hospital Swansea. Internal injuries due to ruptured liver, accidental injuries whilst on military duty.

Extract from letter sent to the NOK, by the registrar.

Accidental death verdict was involved in a collision caused by a lorry attempting to avoid a woman who ran across the road, a heavy gun transport lorry swerved into the light van he was driving. He died from shock following severe abdominal injuries.

Opinion of Officer Commanding. I consider both drivers exonerated from blame the large army lorry swerved to avoid a woman. The collision occurred before he was able to right himself.



Died 8 July 1943, age ?

Son of Albert and Leah Rhodes: Husband of Lucy Rhodes of Chadderton, Oldham.

Buried at Chadderton Cemetery, Oldham. Section I E Grave 23.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2699324/john-rhodes/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59985303/john-rhodes>

RICE, George William, (2011891) Sapper, 43 Bomb Disposal Section, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 29 June 1915 in Partridge Green, Sussex. Enlisted 18 April 1940. Next of Kin Father, G W R Rice, 34 Ifield Road, Crawley, Sussex.

Served with 1 Training Battalion, Shorncliffe; 504 Field Park Company, 3 May 1940; 43 Bomb Disposal Section, 15 June 1940; embark for Middle East, 17 March 1941; disembark Middle East, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 May 1941.

Died while a 500 lb British type 37 pistol was being worked on and it detonated. The night party had been keeping the shaft clear of water. In Italy.

Lieutenant B M M Sinclair, Sergeant H Evans BEM, Corporal J A Johnston, Sappers F G Biddle, P Carney, W Pearn, G W Rice were also killed, 4 civilians missing.



Died 8 January 1944, age 28.

Buried at Salerno War Cemetery, Ital. Grave III D 47.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2603871/george-william-rice/>

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https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56576579/george-william_r-rice

RICHARDS, John, (1879024) Lance Sergeant, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 31 July 1911 in Liverton. Enlisted 8 September 1939 aged 28, in Wolverhampton. Next of Kin Wife, 3 Beach Road, Fleetwood, Lancs. NOK was notified on the 7 July 1944.

Served with C Company, 1 Training Battalion, 8 September 1939; 203 Field Company, 2 February 1940; 4 Training Battalion, 9 April 1940; 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 1 June 1940; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 December 1941; 15 Railway Battalion, 6 December 1941; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 27 November 1941.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Whilst sweeping and detecting mines there was an explosion causing his death. Court of Inquiry Opinion. Training had been given to all personnel taking part. The detector man was at fault in passing a suspected mine before it was uncovered or marked. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer. No fault can be attached to any one person, the accident that caused the deaths was as a result of an error of judgement on the part of one or more of those killed. Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Lieutenant K Perry, Sapper E Laud also died in this incident.



Died 5 January 1944, age 33.

Son of John and Ann Richards of Halberton: Husband of Dorothy Richards of Fleetwood, Lancashire.

Buried at Saint Andrew Churchyard, Halberton, Devon. North West Part Grave E 274.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2441640/john-richards/>

Photo Credit Janice Dennis.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/141227862/john-richards>

RICHARDSON, Fred Clarke, (2000379) Driver, 7 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1917 in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

Served with 508 Field Park Company, 16 February 1940; 233 Field Company, 21 March 1940; 100/101/102 Bomb Disposal Sections, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 5 October 1940; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 17 October 1940; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 13 March 1943.

Died in the Prince of Wales Hospital Plymouth. No further details.



Died 15 August 1943, age 26.

Buried at Saint Anthony Churchyard, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, Northumberland. Specialist Memorial.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2810253/fred-clarke-richardson/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59536422/fred-clarke-richardson>

ROBERTS, Charles, (2971038) Staff Sergeant, 1 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 25 May 1904 in Kilsyth. Next of Kin Widow Janet Bernie Roberts, 33 Saint Andrews Place, Kilsyth, by Glasgow. NOK notified on 16 December 1940.

Served with RESR Category B, 103 A T Company, British Expeditionary Force, 16 March 1939; Lance Corporal, 1 July 1939; Corporal, 1 September 1939; School of Military Engineering, 6 September 194; 1 Bomb Disposal Group, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 November 1940.

An unexploded bomb fell in the premises immediately abutting the main London-Chelmsford Road (Romford Road Manor Park). On the 13th December 1940, in view of the serious dislocation of important traffic, Captain Blaney proceeded to attempt to remove the fuze (one time fuze). The alternative method of sterilizing the bomb was not at the time available and at great personal risk, and with full knowledge of the grave danger, he personally entered the crater to carry out the process. Unfortunately, the bomb exploded and Captain Blaney lost his life.

Captain M Blaney was awarded the George Cross.

Captain M F Blaney GC, Lieutenant R James, Lance Corporals D Mills, S White, Sappers E McLaren, J T Maycock, Drivers F G Hawkins, J Lauchlan, and J Pickering, Inspector H Lane Metropolitan Police also died at this incident, one female member of the public slightly injured.

On the casualty card body not recovered at time of writing 14 December 1940.



Died 13 December 1940, age 36.

Son of George T and Mary Roberts of Kilsyth: Husband of Janet Provan of Kilsyth.
Buried at Kilsyth Cemetery, Stirlingshire. Extension 4 Grave 879.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2843715/charles-roberts/>

Photo Credit Martin.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/74307016/charles-roberts>

ROBERTS BEM, Jack, (1900409) Sergeant, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 1 September 1899 in Manchester. Enlisted 16 February 1940 in Brighton. Next of Kin Father, R Buston, 77 The Hydneys, Hampden Park, Eastbourne.

Served with Construction Company, 6 March 1940; 710 General Construction Company, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 October 1940.

Died clearing beaches laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Findings of the Court of Inquiry. Beach mine explosion, cause of explosion unknown. It can only be concluded that the mechanism of the mine had deteriorated, due to the length of time that the mine was buried. Penrhyn, Fishguard, South Wales.

Awarded the British Empire Medal, request the Awards document for more details.

Corporal J Nelson also died in this incident.



Died 28 February 1944, age 44.

Buried at Saint Mary Churchyard, Willingdon, Sussex.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2959354/jack-roberts/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/48219809/jack-roberts>

ROBERTSON, Robert, (1927107) Driver, 1 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 21 September 1909 in Glasgow. Enlisted 23 April 1936 in Glasgow. Next of in Mother Mrs M Roberts, 71 Port Street, Glasgow, C3.

Served with 109 W & P Company, 23 April 1936; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 7 December 1940; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 22 July 1941; 1 Bomb Disposal Section to Platoon, 12 November 1942; embarked for North Africa, 12 November 1942; embarked for unknown destination, 7 July 1943.

Died through an accidental bomb explosion Guida, Greece. Balkans and Greece Campaign 1944/45.

Lance Sergeant G A Askey, Corporal C D Hoare, Sappers A Barnes, J J Hill, T Smith, Drivers B H Misselbrook, also died in this incident, three injured and two trucks destroyed.



Died 3 July 1945, age 35.
Son of Margaret Robertson of Anderston, Glasgow.

Buried at Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. Collective Grave 20 D 15 - 20.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2240603/robert-robertson/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56553381/robert-robertson>

ROBIN, Alexander Arthur, (185926) Lieutenant, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

No further information reference Lieutenant A A Robins service.

Died whilst clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Preparing old type beach mines, individually for demolition when there was an explosion, laid in 1941. Western Command.



Died 18 January 1943, age 36.

Saint Kentigern Churchyard, Aspatria, Cumberland. Grave 428.

<https://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/find-cemeteries-memorials/cemetery-details/2068307/aspatria-st-kentigern-churchyard/>

Photo Credit Melanie Harries.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/241752383/alexander-arthur-robin>

ROBINSON, Frank, (2022477) Sapper, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 29 December 1905 in Haliwick, Leeds. Next of Kin Widow May Robinson, 56 Napier Street, Saint Helens, Lancs. NOK was notified on 6 January 1941.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 23 April 1940; 55 Division, 24 April 1939; 253 Field Company, 5 September 1939; 16 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 September 1940

UXB exploded while being excavated, Carriage Wharf, Dorchester Street, Shoreditch, London.

Lance Corporal G Webster, Sappers J H Ash, Fletcher also died in this incident.



Died 3 January 1941, age 35.

Buried at Saint Helens Cemetery, Lancashire. Section 58 Grave 356.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2700214/frank-robinson/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/125059280/frank-robinson>

ROBINSON, Samuel John James, (2070869) Sapper, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Next of Kin Father, Mr Robinson, 4 Saltash Street, Bethnal Green. NOK notified on the 12 October 1940.

Served with London Corps Troop, 2 May 1939; 17 Company, 216 Army Field Company, 11 October 1939; 2 Training Battalion, 18 February 1940; 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 67/68 Bomb Disposal Section, 26 June 1940.

Died when a UXB detonated.



Died 10 October 1940, age 20.

Buried at Manor Park Cemetery, Essex, Collective Grave 5.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2722501/samuel-john-james-robinson/>

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[Photograph of the final resting place of Robinson, Samuel John James - The War Graves Photographic Project](#)

ROLLS, Edward John, (2193732) Sapper, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Transferred to the Corps 8 September 1939, Born 25 January 1918. Next of Kin Father was notified on 12 February 1944.

Served with 1 Training Battalion, 12 July 1939; 224 Field Company, 9 September 1939; 3 Depot Battalion, 24 October 1940; 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 November 1940.

Dead when an unexploded bomb was being worked on at Bynes Road School Purley Oaks, Croydon.

Lance Corporal W F O'Shea, Sapper F Hickford, G Lincoln, T E Perkins, also died in this incident.



Died 2 February 1941, age 22.

Son of Edward Dudley and Elizabeth Rolls of Maida Vale, London.

Buried at Mitcham Road Cemetery, Croydon. Plot P P Grave 40004.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2434332/edward-john-rolls/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/72929655/edward-john-rolls>

ROSIER, Charles Frederick, (2193732) Corporal, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 14 May 1911 in Croydon. Enlisted 13 November 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Dorothy B Rosier, 107 Gypsy Road, West Norwood, London SE 27. NOK Notified 27 April 1945.

Served with 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Multiple injuries from a mine explosion accident. Southwold, Suffolk.



Died 25 April 1945, age 34.
Husband of Dorothy Bertha Rosier of West Norwood.

Buried at Norwood Cemetery, London. Section 99 Grave 39846.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2429400/charles-frederick-rosier/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24728348/charles-frederick-rosier>

ROSS, David, (154324) Lieutenant, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1907 in Glasgow, residing in Sutherland.

Unexploded bomb detonated in Plymouth, Devon.

Lieutenant L J Ball, Sergeant D Thompson, Sapper T R Fishwick, D A Palmer Ross, E Thompson, Driver A R Stevens, R Sullivan, also died in this incident.



Died 27 March 1941, age
Son of Captain Daniels and Jeanie Gibson Ross (nee Stirling): Husband of Thomsonnina (Nina) Ross
(nee Macleod od Scourie, Sutherlandshire.

Buried at Weston Mill Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon. Section C Cons Grave 17891.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2811706/david-ross/>

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ROWNEY, Sidney George, (1991016) Lance Corporal, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1912 in Worcestershire. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E E Rowney, Hollydene, White Pitts Lane, near Alvechurch, Worcestershire.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 18 July 1940; 6/17/60 Bomb Disposal Sections, 9 September 1940; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, 17 December 1940; 21 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 September 1944; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 31 October 1944; 10 Bomb Disposal Company, 8 November 1944.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Mine explosions may have been extra sensitive as a flying bomb had exploded nearby. Minsmere, Suffolk.



Died 2 April 1945, age 33.

Son of Frederick and Elizabeth Rowney of Alvechurch: Husband of Ethel Elizabeth Rowney of Alvechurch.

Buried at Saint Mary Churchyard, Wythall, Worcestershire. Grave South West 574.

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RUINET, Francis Alfred Charles, (2181542) Sapper, 81/82 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 23 March 1910. Enlisted 19 September 1939 age 29. Next of Kin Widow, Mary Agnes Ruinet, 31 Denyloe Avenue, Hillingdon, Middlesex.

Served with 1 Well Boring Section, 19 September 1939; 1 Training Battalion Depot Company, 27 April 1940; 81 Bomb Disposal Section, 24 June 1940.

Died whilst handling a German bomb fuze. Oakfield House, Church Road, Formby, Merseyside. Court of Inquiry 9 November 1940, no one but the deceased was to blame.



Died 11 November 1940, age 30.

Buried at Hillingdon and Uxbridge Cemetery, Middlesex. Row B F Grave 23.

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RUSHTON, James, (2012764) Sapper, 113 Bomb Disposal Section, 28 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 30 April 1916 in Haslingden. Enlisted 2 June 1940 Manchester. Next of Kin Father, Mr C W Rushton, 21 Station Road, Haslingden, Lancs.

Served with 2 Training Company, Derby, 10 Training Battalion, 2 May 1940; 19 T Training Battalion, 1 June 1940; 37/38 Bomb Disposal Section, 15 June 1940; 60 Bomb Disposal Section, 3 September 1941; 11 Bomb Disposal Section, 28 Bomb Disposal Company, 27 July 1942; Overseas Middle East, 26 August 1940; disembark South Africa, 29 September 1942; re-embark South Africa, 13 November 1942; disembark Middle East, 6 December 1942.

Died clearing beach mines in the Benghazi area, Libya.

Lance Corporal H Greaves, Sapper G Clarke, H A Cox, J P McDowall, J Rushton, F Wade also died in this incident.



Died 23 June 1944, age 28.
Son of Charles William and Mary Alice Rushton of Haslingden, Lancashire.

Buried at Benghazi War Cemetery. Grave 3A 1.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2064430/james-rushton/>

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RUSSELL, William Joseph Allan, (2213854) Sergeant, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 1 August 1894 in Beswick-on-Tweed. Enlisted 26 January 1926 aged 31 years 179 days, in Newport. Next of Kin Wife, Mr A Russell, 3 Rodney Road, Newport, Mons.

Served with 100 AT Company, 26 January 1926; Promoted Lance Corporal, 26 June 1930; Promoted Corporal, 19 May 1933; Supp Reserve Category B, Chemical Warfare School, Winterbourne Gunner, 13 September 1939; 12 Construction, 15 June 1940; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 17 October 1940; 101 Bomb Disposal Section, 31 September 1940.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. He stepped on a mine. Sully Beach, Wales.



Died 10 September 1943, age 49.

Son of William and Mary Russell: Husband of Amelia Russel of Newport.

Buried at Christ Church Cemetery, Newport. Block 1 extension Grave 113.

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RUTTER, Sydney Norman Ezekiel, (2196747) Lance Sergeant, 3 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 25 March 1912 in Bury Saint Edmunds. Enlisted 20 May 1940 in Cambridge.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, ?? May 1940; 17 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 December 1940; 3 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Easington, County Durham.



Died 1 September 1944, age
Son of Ezekiel and Ellen Rutter of Icklingham; Husband of Ethel May Rutter of Hengrave.

Buried at Saint James Churchyard, Icklingham, Suffolk.

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SALISBURY, John George, (1880543) Corporal, 103 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 2 June 1913. Enlisted 13 September 1939 aged 26. Next of Kin, Widow, Mrs Hilda Salisbury, 30 Lancaster Avenue, Besses'o'th' Barn, Lancs. NOK notified 25 February 1942.

Served with 3 Training Battalion, 13 September 1939; 3 Training Battalion, 27 January 1940; 1 General Base Depot, 30 January 1940; 5 Training Battalion, 3 July 1940; Headquarters Bomb Disposal, 20 January 1941; Headquarters 105 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 September 1940

On 21 February 1940, were working on a bomb in Castle Street, Swansea. When partially uncovered it was found to be fitted with a Type 50 anti-disturbance fuze. A bomb could be made safe by either dealing with the fuze or removing the explosive filling. This was done by steam sterilisation. The filling plate was removed out a hole cut into the side, then a jet of steam was inserted that would melt the cast explosive inside.

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Therefore it was decided to lift the bomb clear of the hole. A clamp was attached to the filling end of the bomb, and a rope attached between it and a lorry. Instructions were given for everybody to take cover. When this was done the order to pull was given. Sergeant Finney countered this order as he saw the rope was slipping, he secured the rope on the lorry. Maj James once again gave the order to commence pulling. He was watching the bomb when it exploded. He felt the blast and got under the lorry as debris was falling.

When he came out, he saw a body on the ground on the far side of the lorry, when he checked he found five others. He believes they came out of cover when the rope slipped and due to where he was standing, he did not see them. Staff Sergeant Munford was due to go to London to receive his Commission, he was only on site as he had relieved a comrade. Sapper Harry Vallance recalls that his section had meant to be on this task, however they had been busy and the other Section had volunteered. Sapper Vallance and the other Section were working on another bomb when the explosion happened; they rushed to the scene but could do nothing more than identify their comrades.

Staff Sergeant T A Munford, Lance Sergeant T R Hederson, Corporal J A Holder, Lance Corporal J F Johnstone, Sapper W Craig, Driver R W G Simpson also died in this incident.



Died 21 February 1941, age
Son of John William and Margaret Salisbury: Husband of Hilda Salisbury of Bessesoth' Barn.

Buried at Agecroft Cemetery, Salford, Lancashire. Grave Section 18 Grave 22.
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SAMMONS, Frank Edward, (6212233) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 21 October 1919 in Plumstead. Enlisted 15 February 1940. Next of Kin Father Mr Sammons, 8 Villas Road, Plumstead. SE 18.

Served with Depot 2 Training Battalion, 11 February 1942; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 April 1942; proceeding overseas, 23 November 1942; embark for North Africa 24 November 1942

Died in an action vehicle he was travelling in, ran over a mine. Italy.



Died 12 July 1944, age 24.
Son of Albert E and Emily F Sammons of Plumstead, London.

Buried at Rome War Cemetery. Grave I E 20.
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SANDERCOCK, Richard Thomas, (5433982) Lance Sergeant, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in Cornwall, living in Devonshire. Enlisted 6 September 1939. Next of Kin Wife, 8 D Prospect Row, Devonport. OK notified 1 May 1941.

Served with Depot Company, 22 Line of Communication, Training Centre, 7 October 1940; 853 Quarrying Company, 7 October 1940; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1941.

Died in an air raid. Plymouth, Devon.



Died 30 April, 1940, age 32.

Son of Charles and Elsie Sandercock of Launceston: Husband of Winnifred Sandercock of Launceston.

Buried at Launceston Cemetery, Cornwall. Plot B B Grave 153

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/243565718/r-t-sandercock>

SARGENT, Rex, (2077779) Sapper, 29 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 23 October 1921 in Barry Dock. Enlisted 3 May 1939 in Barry. Next of Kin Father, Mr William E Sargent, 47 Broad Street, Barry, Glam.

Served with 26 Field Company, 3 May 1939; 1 Devon and Cornwall Fortress, 19 November 1939; 572 Army Field Company, 9 May 1940; 2 Depot Battalion, 8 January 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 17 January 1941; embarked for Middle East, 17 March 1941; disembark 11 May 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, embark Egypt, 10 October 1941; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 July 1941; P Bomb Disposal Company, 13 February 1942; P Bomb Disposal Company renamed 29 Bomb Disposal Company, 23 November 1942.

Gunshot wound to right arm and leg enemy action Royal Devon Exeter Hospital 21 August 1940 discharged on 19 December 1940. Admitted into hospital Seriously Ill 13 March 1943. Died in the 92 General Hospital, Egypt Liver abscess and Hemiplegia.



Died 16 March 1943, age 21.
Son of William Edwin and Minnie Mary Louise Sargent of Barry, Glamorgan.

Buried at Kantara War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave C 133 A.
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SAUNDERS, Leonard Ralph, (1991157) Sapper, 32 Bomb Disposal Section, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 24 June 1940. Next of Kin Widow, Evelyn Mary Saunders, c/o Mrs Mudridge, 78 Barrington Street, Tiverton, Devon. NOK notified 23 September 1940.

Served with 31 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 September 1940.

Died when a UXB being excavated detonated. Great Western Road, 14 Broadwalk, Heston, Hounslow, London. NOK notified on 23 September 1940.

There are no witnesses to what happened at this incident. However the following information is available. Whilst working on a UXB, Corporal Mundy phoned his Barracks to get some advice from his Commanding Officer, Lieutenant G Grover or Sergeant Buckley, both were out on another job at the time of the call. It would seem that Corporal Mundy then went to a garage and borrowed a rope and a crowbar and went back to the UXB. The events after this are unknown except for the fact that the bomb detonated.

Corporal G Mundy, Sappers W Slater, E Walker, L Watts.



Died 20 September, 1940, age 31.

Son of John and Emily Saunders of Tiverton: Husband of Evelyn May Saunders of Tiverton.

Buried at Tiverton Cemetery, Devon. Square X Plot D Row 16 Grave 35.

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SAWFORD, Henry Thomas, (2002319) Lance Sergeant, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 21 November 1919 in Kettering. Enlisted 15 February 1940 in Nottingham. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs N Sawford, 9 Bank Buildings, Luddendenfoot, Halifax, Yorkshire. NOK Notified 3 March 1945.

Served with 5 Training Battalion Chester, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 December 1940; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941; embark UK, 7 July 1944.

Killed in action unloading mines from a lorry in the Netherlands.

Lance Corporal K F Hawkes, Sapper J J Collin also died in this incident.



Died 25 February 1945, age 25.

Son of Frederick Joseph and Doris Annie Sawford: Husband of Nellie Sawford of Luddendenfoot, Yorkshire.

Buried at Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Gelderland, Netherlands. Grave 19 C I.

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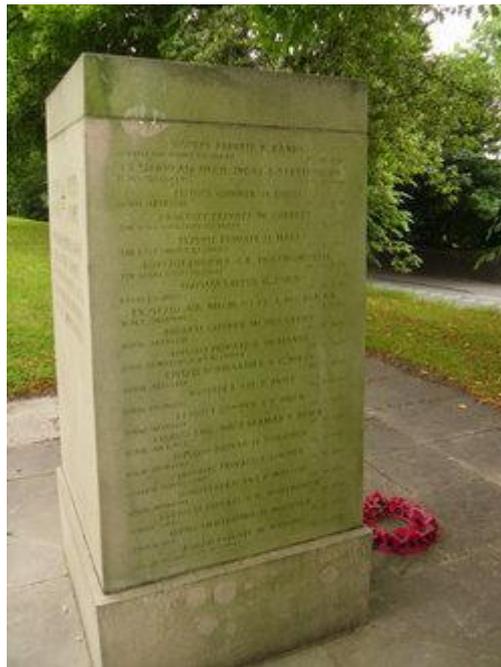
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SCHOFIELD, Horace, (1945300) Driver, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 11 March 1913 in Stalybridge. Enlisted 2 October 1940 in Manchester. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs A Schofield. 73 Walmesley Street, Stalybridge, Cheshire.

Served with 125 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 November 1940; 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 January 1941.

Died at the Military Hospital, Colchester, of paralytic alleles, due to a motor accident.



Died 22 January 1941, age 35.

Son of William and Sarah Jane Schofield of Stalybridge; Husband of Annie Schofield of Staybridge.

Commemorated and buried at Saint Paul Churchyard, Stalybridge, Cheshire. New Yard Range 15 Grave 29.

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SCOTT, Leonard, (1888655) Sergeant, 161 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 22 January 1915 in Durham. Enlisted on 30 March 1940 in Durham. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs E Scott, 26 Edward Street, Hetton-Le-Hope, County Durham.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 18 April 1940; 35 Bomb Disposal Section, 17 July 1941; 161 Bomb Disposal Section, 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 28 June 1943; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 June 1943; embarked on the 6 September 1944; disembark North West Europe, 7 September 1944.

Schu mine clearance in France. The lorry the section was with exploded killing all, bar two who were working in the minefield

Sapper R A Cook, Weyman, Driver P R Collier also died in this incident.



Died 7 October 1944, age 29.

Son of Samuel and Sarah Scott: Husband of Evelyn Scott of Hetton-Le-Hole, County Durham.

Buried at Bayeux War Cemetery, France. Grave II F L.

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SHARP, Laurence James, (1916149) Corporal, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

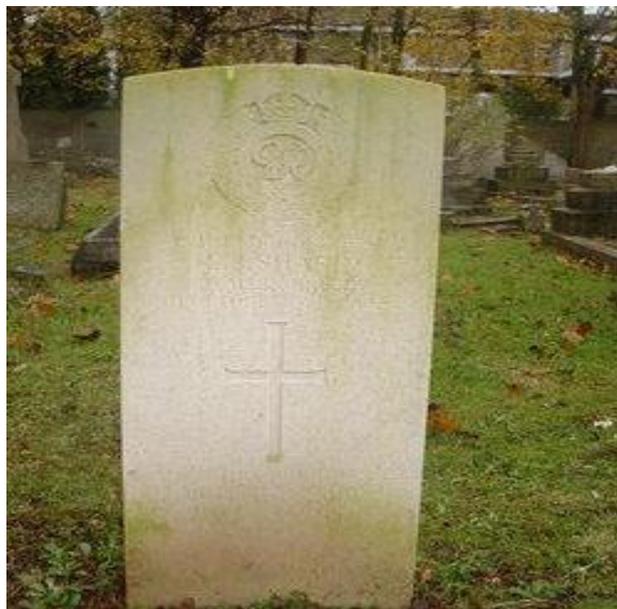
Born 21 May 1911. Enlisted 13 January 1940 aged 28. Next of Kin Widow, Mrs F M Sharp, 79 Grey Towers Avenue, Hornchurch, Essex. NOK Notified 12 October 1940.

Served with 673 General Construction Company, Chatham, 13 January 1940; 62 Bomb Disposal Section, 26 June 1940,

On 10 November 1940 a 250 kg bomb was recovered with a badly damaged fuze, which could not be removed; it had passed through a cast iron drainage cover. It was considered to be so damaged as being incapable of functioning. Therefore it was loaded onto a lorry and taken to the Duke of York's Barracks, Chelsea. Where the men went for their evening meal. 2nd Lieutenant L G W Carter saw it on the lorry and decided for safety to take it to the Bomb Cemetery at Regents Park. Captain Hunt was invited to go with him; however he declined the offer. Driver Brinton was excused from this duty as he had a date that evening. 2 Lieutenant Carter decided to drive the lorry himself.

They drove up Marylebone Road near to Madam Tussauds, when the bomb exploded killing them all.

2nd Lieutenant L G W Carter, Corporals L G W Carter, Sappers W A Archer, J W Cookson, W D Cubitt and W Pass also died in this incident.



Died 10 October 1940, age 27.

Son of William and Lily Elizabeth Gertrude Sharp: Husband of Florence Sharp of Hornchurch.

Buried at Ilford Cemetery, Essex. Grave 3749.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2722132/laurence-james-sharp/>

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SHARRATT, David, (1946011) Driver, 25 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 6 January 1914 in Leeds. Next of Kin Father, Mr Albert Sharratt, 6 Surtess Street, York. NOK was notified on 14 June 1941.

Served with 2 Motor Transport, 857 Bomb Disposal Company, 7 December 1940; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1940.

Fuzes being removed from a 250kg bomb, by the Earl of Suffolk Charles Howard GC, who was an experimental officer for the Ministry of Scientific Research, when it exploded, Bomb Cemetery, Erith Marshes, Kent.

Staff Sergeant J Atkins, Sappers R S Dutson, B J Gillett, J W Hardy the Earl of Suffolk, his Secretary Ms E Morden and his Driver Mr F Hands also died in this incident. Unconfirmed that others were injured.



Died 12 May 1941, age 27.
Son of Albert and Elizabeth Sharratt of York.

Buried at York Cemetery, Yorkshire. Grave 165,21584.

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SHOEBOTTOM, George William, (1072908) Sergeant, 22 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 21 October 1908. Enlisted 11 January 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Kathleen Shoebottom, 24 Spring Grove, Thwaite Gate, Hunslett, Leeds.

Served with 668 Construction Company, Chatham, 12 January 1940; British Expeditionary Force, 16 February 1940; Depot Company, 10 October 1940; 22 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 October 1940.

Died whilst dealing with anti-personnel bombs SD2. Saxsted, Suffolk. Court of Inquiry Commanding Officers Opinion. Caused as a result of Sgt Shoebottom, failing to carry out orders of the Section Officer to whom no blame is attached. L/Sgt Robinson advised Sgt Shoebottom not to deviate from these orders, observations made difficult by the presence of a Junior NCE and Police Inspector, and no blame can be attached to him.



Died 24 August 1941, age 30.

Son of G William and Rose Hannah Shoebottom: Husband of Kathleen Shoebottom of Thwaite Gate, Leeds.

Buried at Hunslet New Cemetery, Leeds. Section 3 A Cons Grave 928.

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SHORT, Harry, (1921111) Lance Corporal, 113 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 16 June 1905 in Sheffield. Enlisted 18 June 1940 in Derby. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Lillian Jane Short, 11 Macclesfield Street, Westminster. NOK notified 30 June 1944. London. S 11.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 18 July 1940; 60 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 September 1940; 5 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 September 1941.

Dead clearing beach mines, severe lacerations to the liver. Benghazi area, Libya.



Died on 24 June 1944, age 39.

Son of Harr and Annie Short: Husband of Lillian Jane Short of Westminster.

Buried at Benghazi War Cemetery. Grave 3 A 7.

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SIM, George Hector, (1895107) Sergeant, 15 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born on the 11 May 1915 in Dublin. Enlisted on 28 October 1939, aged 24, in Carlisle. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs M Sim, The Darlus, Haltwistle, Northumberland. NOK notified on 23 June 1943.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 28 October 1939; 39 Bomb Disposal Section, 22 June 1940; embarked for North Africa, 22 November 1942; 156 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 April 1943.

Died whilst dumping unserviceable enemy ammunition at sea. A detonation occurred for no apparent reason.

Lance Corporals G Ferguson, J Sinclair, R V Whitefield, Sappers S Gentry, J Keen, T W Littler also died in this incident, in Tunisia. Les Stokes survived; he had gone into the cabin to get a cap.



Died 10 June 1943, age 28.

Son of James Alexander and Sadie Anne Sim: Husband of Margaret Berkley Sim of Haltwistle, Northumberland.

Buried at Medjez-El-Bab Cemetery. Joint Grave 7 C 5.

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SIMKISS, William Alfred, (13005476) Sapper, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 17 March 1917 in Walsall, Staffs. Enlisted 30 December 1939 in Wolverhampton. Next of Kin Wife, Elizabeth Simkiss, 160 Valley Road, Walsall, Staffs.

Served with 563 General Construction Company, 1 May 1940; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 6 January 1941.

Died in the Royal Sussex Hospital of abscess on the lung. Hastings, Surrey.



Died 27 January 1943, age 45.

Son of John and Louisa Ada Simkiss of Walsall: Husband of Elizabeth Simkiss of Bloxwich, Walsall.

Buried at Bloxwich Cemetery, Walsall, Staffordshire. Division O Section 2 Grave 447.

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SIMPSON, Donald Neville, (200036) Lance Sergeant, 110 Bomb Disposal Section, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 16 March 1899 in Ayr. Enlisted 15 February 1940 in Edinburgh. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs A S Simpson, 8 Hawthorne Buildings, Bedford Road, Edinburgh. NOK was notified on 19 April 1943.

Served with 56 Bomb Disposal Section, 12 September 1940.

Died enemy action, bomb disposal at Norwich.



Died 17 April 1943, age 26.

Son of William Albert and Isabella McLean Simpson: Husband of Jane Stewart Garden Simpson of Perth.

Buried at Wellshill Cemetery, Perth. Section G Jeanfield Division Grave 470.

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SIMPSON, George William, (1925292) Sapper, 8 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1907 in Norwich. Next of Kin Widow, Eleanor Edith Maria Simpson, 36 Tyrolean Square, Cobholm, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. NOK notified on the 12 October 1940.

Served with Stevedore Training Centre, 1 September 1940; 8 Bomb Disposal Section, 24 September 1940,

The bomb detonated while being excavated at Fingal Street, Worlingworth, Suffolk.

Sapper T P Carter, H J Edwards, R Renz, F B Wooldridge and Police Constable E Whiting also died in this incident.



Died 10 October 1940, age 33.

Son of George and Bessie Simpson: Husband of Eleanor Simpson of Great Yarmouth.

Buried at Gorleston Cemetery, Great Yarmouth. Section V Grave 1.

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SIMPSON, Roland William Guy, (2076080) 103 Bomb Disposal Section, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1907 in Norwich. Enlisted 2 May 1939.

Served with 213 Field Company, 2 May 1939; Regimental Headquarters Motor Transport Depot, 7 September 1939; E Company, 2 Motor Transport Depot, 3 October 1939; 200 Field Park Company, 3 February 1940; 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 27 November 1940.

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Staff Sergeant T A Munford, Lance Sergeant T R Hederson, Corporal J A Holder, JG Salisbury, Lance Corporal J F Johnstone, Sapper W Craig, also died in this incident.



Died 21 February 1941, age 20.
Son of Charles William and Sarah Elizabeth Simpson of Cannock.

Buried at Cannock Cemetery, Staffordshire. Division A Section 1 Grave 1162.
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SIMS, Richard James, (1870808) Sergeant, 1 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 13 September 1914 in Stoke-on-Trent. Enlisted 5 June 1934, aged 19 years 8 months, in Stoke-on-Trent. Next of Kine Wife, Mrs Norah Beulah Simms, 6 Longford Place, Cliffe at Hoo, Rochester, Kent. NOK was notified on 10 June 1943.

Served with C Company, Training Battalion, 6 June 1934; 5 Field Company, 11 June 1935; HQW Training Battalion, 13 March 1936; 9 Company, 10 July 1936; Promoted Lance Corporal, 10 December 1936; Promoted Corporal, 5 July 1939; Promoted Lance Sergeant, 28 March 1939; 49 Division, British Expeditionary Force, 11 April 1940; G ISME, 41 July 1941; 4 Training Battalion, 24 April 1942, HQ Combined Training Centre, 30 July 1942; 229 Field Company, 23 September 1942; 4 Battalion 1GBD, 26 November 1942; embarked for North Africa, 26 November 1942; 586 Field Company, 7 December 1942.

Injured previously and died of injuries while training, as an instructor he was demonstrating with a live 68 grenade, mark 3, when it fired prematurely. North Africa.



Died 3 June 1943, age 27.

Buried at El Alia War Cemetery. Grave 12 G 17.

Commemorated on the Cliffe War Memorial in Saint Helens, Churchyard, Cliffe Kent.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2151657/richard-james-sims/>

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SINCLAIR, John, (13015149) Lance Corporal, 156 Bomb Disposal Section, 15 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 31 May 1909 in Tynemouth. Enlisted 19 March 1940 in Newcastle. Next of Kin Father, Mr G R Sinclair, 3 Bailey Road, Southsea, Hants. NOK Notified on the 23 June 1943

Died whilst dumping unserviceable enemy ammunition at sea. A detonation occurred for no apparent reason.

Served with 854 Quarrying Company, 4 October 1940; 24 Bomb Disposal Company, 11 January 1940; 156 Bomb Disposal Section, 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 June 1942; embarked for North Africa, 22 November 1942.

Sergeant G H Sim, Lance Corporals G Ferguson, J Sinclair, R V Whitefield, Sappers S Gentry, J Keen, T W Littler also died in this incident, in Tunisia. Les Stokes survived; he had gone into the cabin to get a cap.



Died 10 June 1943, age 34.

Buried at Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia. Joint Grave 7 C 6.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2813281/john-sinclair/>

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SINCLAIR, Brian Malcom Macdonald, (204995) Lieutenant, Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Died while a 500 lb British type 37 pistol was being worked on and it detonated. The night party had been keeping the shaft clear of water. In Italy.

Sergeant H Evans BEM, Corporal J A Johnston, Sappers F G Biddle, P Carney, W Pearn, G W Rice were also killed, 4 civilians missing.



Died 8 January 1944, age

Buried at Salerno War Cemetery, Italy. Grave III D 39.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2603992/brian-malcolm-macdonald-sinclair/>

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https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56576704/brian-malcolm_macdonald-sinclair

SKEET, Arthur John Robert, (2074790) Corporal. 16 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 8 August 1919 in Gosport, Hants. Enlisted 28 April 1939 in Bath. Next of Kin Father, Mr John Skeet, 5 Gentry Hill Gardens, Wells Road, Bath.

Served with 204 Field Company, 28 April 1939; 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 22 September 1940; 95/96/97 Bomb Disposal Sections, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, 22 September 1940; 16 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 January 1941.

Accidental detonation of a mine, while attending a lecture and demonstration at Pembroke Dock, Wales.

Sergeant R E Gilmour, Corporal D Whittingham, Lance Corporal W Duckworth, Sappers A Baggaley, G Jackson, J J Parry, W Plant and J B Jones with other non-Bomb Disposal Personnel died at this incident, with others injured. Inquest verdict: accidental death, no blame.



Died 28 April 1942, age 23.

Buried at Pembroke Dock Military Cemetery, Wales. Section E Collective Grave 1b to 16r.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2965734/arthur-john-robert-skeet/>

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SKELTON, Ronald William, (2073635) Sapper, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1920 in Cardiff. Enlisted 2 May 1939. Next of Kin Father, James Skelton, 32 Stockland Street, Cardiff. NOK notified on the 22 October 1940.

Served with 246 W Field Company, 2 May 1939; 67 Bomb Disposal Section, 30 June 1940; 68 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, 18 October 1940.

Killed when a 250 kg bomb detonated, as was being unloaded, it had been moved from where it landed to Whitely Common, Coventry.

Lieutenant A F Campbell GC, Sergeant M Gibson MM, Sapper R Gilchrest, M Gibson, Sapper W Gibson, J Plumb, Driver E F G Taylor also died in this incident.



Died at 1645, 18 October 1940, age 20.

Son of James and Edith Emma Skelton of Grange Town, Cardiff.

Buried at London Road Cemetery, Coventry. Square 348 Collective Grave 46.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2714328/ronald-william-skelton/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59788457/ronald-william-skelton>

SLATER, William, (2077030) 32 Bomb Disposal Section, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1911 in Blackburn. Enlisted 9 May 1939. Next of Kin Widow, Margaret Ellen Slater, 47 Grimshaw Park, Lancs. NOK notified 23 September 1940.

Served with 42 (EL) Division, 9 May 1939; 255 Field Company, 14 October 1939; 32 Bomb Disposal Section, 15 July 1940;

Died when a UXB being excavated detonated. Great Western Road, 14 Broadwalk, Heston, Hounslow, London. NOK notified on 23 September 1940.

There are no witnesses to what happened at this incident. However the following information is available. Whilst working on a UXB, Corporal Mundy phoned his Barracks to get some advice from his Commanding Officer, Lieutenant G Grover or Sergeant Buckley, both were out on another job at the time of the call. It would seem that Corporal Mundy then went to a garage and borrowed a rope and a crowbar and went back to the UXB. The events after this are unknown except for the fact that the bomb detonated.

Corporal G Mundy, Sappers V P Mulrooney, L R Saunders, W Slater, E Walker, L Watts.



Died 20 September 1940, age 29.
Husband of Ellen Slater of Blackburn.

Buried at Saint Lukes Church, Cheetham Hill, Manchester, demolished in the 1980s, no grave found. Commemorated on the Screen Wall, Manchester Southern Cemetery.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2698331/william-slater/>

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SMITH BEM, Arthur Whiting, (5173065) Sergeant, 44 Bomb Disposal Section, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 6 May 1900 in Minchinhampton. Enlisted 24 May 1940 in Edgware. Next of Kin Father, Mr H F Smith, Bitt Street, Minchinhampton, Glos. NOK was notified on 10 March 1944.

Served with 5 Training Battalion, 13 June 1940; 44 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 September 1940; 4 Bomb Disposal Company.

Admitted to Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, Chelmsford. Scalp wound and shock mine explosion while being dismantled, enemy action 29 September 1940.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. The Court of Inquiry found that the instructions laid down for the clearance of beach mines were being properly carried out. Lowestoft Beach, Suffolk.



Died 7 March 1944, age 44.

Son of Harry Francis and Mabel Smith of Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire.

Buried at Norwich Cemetery. Section 54 Grave 485

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2764263/arthur-whiting-smith/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59972432/arthur-whiting-smith>

SMITH, Edward, (1888724) Lance Corporal, 158 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born 7 July 1916 in Bognor. Enlisted 5 April 1940 in Brighton. Next of Kin Mother, MRS Ada Smith, 29 Newton Avenue, North Bensted, Bognor Regis, Sussex. NOK was notified on 26 April 1945.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, Newark, 18 April 1940; 15 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 November 1940; embarked for North Africa, 22 November 1942.

Killed in Action. Italy.



Died 13 April 1945, age 31.
Son of John A Smith of Bognor Regis, Sussex.

Buried at Florli War Cemetery, Italy. Grave V111 A 23.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2207305/edward-smith/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21615143/edward-smith>

SMITH, Eric, (211484) Lance Sergeant, 1 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 8 October 1910 in Cottesmore. Enlisted 8 August 1940. Next of Kin Father, Mr E Smith, 2 Council Houses, Exton, Rutland. NOK was notified on 28 October 1943.

Served with 1 Bomb Disposal Company 3 October 1940,

Probably died when carrying out a minefield survey, prior to work commencing on lifting mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK.

Sapper W Hardy also died in this incident.

Lance Sergeant E Smith's grave lies separate from the other war graves, which are all RAF or Commonwealth Air Forces.



Died 21 October 1943, age 33.

Son of Jeremiah and Matilda Smith of Cottesmore.

Buried at Saint Nicholas Churchyard, Cottesmore, Rutland. Compt Grave 23.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2922186/eric-smith/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/smith-eric/>

SMITH, George Alfred William, (154300) Lieutenant, 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Died When a UXB detonated in Birmingham.

Sergeant T Watson Driver T Howard also died in this incident.



Died 12 December 1940, age 35.

Son of George James and Rose Amelia Smith: Husband of Ethel Maude Smith of Greenford.

Buried at Alperton Burial Ground, Wembley, London. Plot D D Grave 103.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2433412/george-alfred-william-smith/>

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https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/62497056/george-alfred_william-smith

SMITH, Joseph, (2129069) Sapper, 19 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 16 February 1920 in Glasgow. Enlisted 30 October 1940. Next of Kin Father David Smith, 89 Golspie Street, Govan, Glasgow. NOK was notified on 26 April 1941.

Served with 19 Bomb Disposal Company 30 October 1940.

Died on Bomb Disposal Duties. Death registered at Renfrew.



Died 24 April 1941, age?

Buried at Arklestone Cemetery, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Section L Row B Grave 8.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2842549/joseph-smith/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/125980173/joseph-smith>

SMITH, Reginald Arthur, (2323486) Sergeant, 97 Bomb Disposal Section, 6 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 26 March 1940. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Nellie Smith, 73 Frankley Beeches Road, Northfield, Birmingham. NOK notified 11 September 1940.

Served with 1 Battalion Longmoor, M Company, 15 Trade Training Battalion , 8 Motor Transport Battalion, 20 May 1940; 95 Bomb Disposal Section, 1 July 1940.

Killed when a bomb he was working on detonated at the Caterham/Purley Branch, Warlingham, Surrey of Southern Rail.

Corporal J Linsey, Sapper R C Brady, A R Bush also died in this incident.



Died 8 September 1940, age 24.
Son of Reginald John and Nellie Smith.

Buried at Saint Nicolas Churchyard, Kings Norton, Warwickshire. South West of Church.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2714521/reginald-arthur-smith/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/91919072/reginald-arthur-smith>

SMITH, Thomas, (1918723) Sapper, 1 Bomb Disposal Platoon, Royal Engineers.

Born 23 May 1913 in Stalybridge. Enlisted 15 February 1940 in Manchester. Next of Kin Mrs Lilly Smith, 11 Spring Bank, Herrod, Stalybridge, Cheshire. NOK was notified on 14 July 1945.

Served with Construction Centre, Chatham, 18 February 1940; 206 Field Company, 715 Field Company, British Expeditionary Forces, 17 March 1940; 12 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 January 1941; proceeded overseas, 1 Bomb Disposal Section, 12 Bomb Disposal Company, embark for North Africa, 12 November 1943; Headquarters Section, 8 Bomb Disposal Company, 24 January 1943; 1 Bomb Disposal Section, 4 May 1943.

Died through an accidental bomb explosion Guida, Greece. Balkans and Greece Campaign 1944/45.

Lance Sergeant G A Askey, Corporal C D Hoare, Sappers A Barnes, J J Hill, Drivers B H Misselbrook, R Robertson also died in this incident, three injured and two trucks destroyed.



Died 3 July 1945, age 32.

Son of Michael and Sarah Smith of Stalybridge, Cheshire: Husband of Lily Smith of Ashton-under-Lyne.

Buried at Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. Grave 21 E 11.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2240703/thomas-smith/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56553483/thomas-smith>

SMITH, Thomas, (2191759) Sapper, 4 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 22 May 1940. Next of Kin Mother, Ellen Smith, 4 Sarah Ann Street, Beswick, Manchester. NOK Notified 16 August 1940.

Served with 1 Depot Battalion, Chatham, Z Holdings Company, 21 May 1940; 4 Bomb Disposal Section.

Died when a delayed action bomb detonated after 56 hours, whilst being excavated. Kingston-on-Sea, Shoreham, West Sussex.

Sapper F R Holman also died in this incident.



Died at 1230, 15 August 1940, age 20.
Son of Charles and Ellen Smith of Beswick, Manchester.

Buried at Phillips Park Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire. Section B RC Grave 275.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2403153/thomas-smith/>

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SOPER, Frank Wilfred, (1917532) Sergeant, 709 (Bomb Disposal) General Construction Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 21 May 1908. Enlisted 29 January 1940 aged 31. Next of Kin Father, Walter Soper, 503 Chessington Road, West Ewell, Surrey. NOK notified on 11 October 1940.

Served with RE Construction Company, Chatham (Surrey Builders) 1 February 1940.

The bomb detonated whilst being excavated at a depth of 23 feet down.

Sergeant F W Soper, Sapper E Dillon, C F Gravett, G A Harbroe died in the same incident.



Died 9 October 1944, age?

Buried at Saint Clement Churchyard, Leysdown, Kent. Grave 133.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2361898/frank-wilfred-soper/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/148542413/frank-wilfred-soper>

STANLEY, George Edward, (2133359) Lance Corporal, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 9 October 1910 in London. Enlisted 12 December 1940 in Barton Stacey. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs R E Stanley, 5 Saint Marks Square, Regent Park, London NW1. NOK notified 28 September 1940.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, 2 February 1942; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 July 1942; 21 Bomb Disposal Company, 29 May 1943; 4 Training Battalion, 30 June 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Group, 30 September 1943; 7 Bomb Disposal Company.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Penzance Cornwall.

Sapper G Jones.



Died 26 September 1944, age 33.
Son of Annie Stanley: Husband of Ruby Stanley.

Buried at Penzance Cemetery, Cornwall. Section F Row B Grave 8.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2948649/george-edward-stanley/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59983837/george-edward-stanley>

STEEN, Svend Olaf Poek, (142568) Captain, Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

No information died in Belgium.



Died 27 November 1944, age 52.

Son of Christian and Agnes Steen: Husband of Doris Lillian Steen of Higher Crumpsall, Manchester.

Buried at Schoonselhof Cemetery, Antwerp, Belgium. Grave I B 9.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2256013/svend-olaf-poek-steen/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/steen-s-o-p/>

STEVENS, Alfred Charles, (1910348) Corporal, 20 Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1904 in North London. Next of Kin Wife Mrs Mary Eliza Stevens, 159 Queensbridge Road, Haggerstone, London. NOK was notified on 4 June 1943.

Served with RE Construction Centre, Clacton, 4 January 1940; 20 Bomb Disposal Company, 24 January 1940; 658 Company, 5 January 1940; British Expeditionary Force, 30 January 1940.

Died suddenly of Myocardial degeneration, coronary sclerosis. Barley, Aldershot.



Died 2 June 1943, age 39.

Son of Charles and Ada Stevens: Husband of Mary Eliza Stevens of Bethnal Green.

Buried at Abney Park Cemetery, London. Section N 7 Collective Grave RN 59085.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2427890/alfred-charles-stevens/>

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STEVENS, Albert William, (1945630) Driver, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 20 January 1921 in Bridgewater. Enlisted 14 October 1940. Next of Kin Father, Fred Stevens, Lower Aishold, Spaxton, Bridgewater, Somerset. NOK was notified on 28 March 1941.

Served with 2 Motor Transport Depot, 853 Quarrying Company, 9 November 1940; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1941.

Died on Bomb Disposal Duties in Plymouth, Devon.

Lieutenant's L J Ball, D Ross, Sapper's D A Palmer, E Thompson, Driver R Sullivan also died in this incident.



Died 27 March 1941, age 20.

Son of Fred and Agnes Stevens of Enmore, Somerset.

Buried at Weston Mill Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon. Section C Cons Grave 178884.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2811747/albert-william-stevens/>

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STEWART, Richard, (245965) Lieutenant, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

The Section were working in a sandy area, in a minefield South of Redcar. It had always been a saving grace that in areas where mines were likely to move, they were wired together, so having located one it was possible to locate others by following the connecting wires. Sapper Knowles and Lance Sergeant Marston were doing this even though it meant tunnelling for the mine. This they had done and were going to disarm the mine when the tunnel collapsed and set it off. Lieutenant Dobbie had just arrived and was walking towards them when it detonated. He was decapitated by a piece of the mine casing.

Lieutenant A G Dobbie, Lance Sergeant T H Marston and Sapper W Knowles also died in this incident.



Died 3 August 1944, age 28.

Son of Ralph and Ellen Stewart: Husband of Vera A Stewart of Blackburn, Lancashire.

Buried at Redcar Cemetery, Yorkshire. Plot R Row 1 Grave 4.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2412997/richard-stewart/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/60117249/richard-stewart>

STOCK, Thomas, (1991094) Sapper, 60 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born in 1915 in Birmingham. Enlisted 26 June 1940. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Catherine Stock, 107 Percy Road, Greel, Birmingham. NOK notified on 9 October 1940.

Served with 2 Training Battalion, Newark, 18 September 1940; 60 Bomb Disposal Section 19 September 1940,

Deceased was instructed to excavate a bomb at a site known as Navarino Mansions, Dalston Lane, Hackney, after the agreed safety period had expired. For some unknown reason the bomb exploded spontaneously and all members of the working party were killed. This was 50 feet from London to Midlands Service Railway, no survivors.

Lance Corporal S J Nowell, N Wandsworth, Sappers Mason, Stock, Stubbings C R Taylor, Driver J Horne also died in this incident.

Further Information.

Sapper T Stock is buried in what would have been called a pauper's grave. In this cemetery there were at least 4 shafts, which could take 100 bodies. With one marker stone on each.



Died 23 September 1940, age 25.
Son of George Arthur and Catherine Stock of Birmingham.

Buried at Birmingham General Cemetery, Warwickshire. Section T Grave 4.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2449405/thomas-stock/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/210208835/thomas-stock>

STONE, George Henry, (1860831) Sergeant, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 8 September 1906 in Gillingham, Kent. Enlisted in Chatham 29 June 1921. Next of Kin Wife, Doris Irene Stone, 199 Moor Down, Shooters Hill. SE 18. NOK was informed on 9 March 1943.

Served with Boy Soldier, 29 June 1921; F Company, 30 June 1921; 23 Company, 17 November 1922; Sapper, 8 September 1924; B Company, 13 November 1924; 10 Railway Company, 23 October 1925; 41 Fortress Company, 10 January 1930; 3 Fortress Company, 5 May 1933; C Company, A A SL Battalion, 1 May 1933; 22 AA SL Company, 19 January 1935; HQW AASL Battalion, 7 May 1938; A Company, 30 September 1938; HQW AA Battalion, 7 September 1938; 2 Anti-Aircraft Company, 2 Bomb Disposal Company, 30 August 1941; 12 CW Training Battalion, 14 January 1941; 87 CW Company, 8 March 1941; 5 Company, 12 Chemical Warfare Training Battalion, 15 April 1940.

Died in a bomb explosion in London.



Died 5 March 1943, age 36.

Son of Robert Wollage Lowman Stone and Eliza Stone: Husband of Doris Irene Stone of Woolwich.

Buried at Plumstead Cemetery, London. Section J Grave 1167.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2430161/george-henry-stone/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24666268/george-henry-stone>

STRANGE, Harold Leonard, (2069783) Sergeant, 17 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 10 January 1922 in London. Enlisted 26 April 1939 in London. Next of Kin Stepmother, Mrs Strange, 20 Cornwall Road, Ruislip Manor, Middlesex.

Served with 226 Field Company, 26 April 1939; Depot Battalion, Chatham, 2 Depot Battalion, 6 July 1940; School of Military Engineering, 10 August 1940; 1 School of Military Engineering, 1 October 1940, 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 17 January 1941; embarked for Middle East, 17 March 1941; disembarked Middle East, 11 May 1941; 28 Bomb Disposal Company, 25 January 1943; School of Military Engineering Staff, 15 December 1942; 34 Bomb Disposal Section, 10 February 1944; left for AAI, 23 March 1944; 17 Bomb Disposal Company, 10 July 1944.

Died in action, booby trap. Florence, Italy.



Died 8 August 1944, age 22.

Son of Harold Frederick and Olive Mary Strange: Stepson of Ethel Strange of Ruislip Manor, Middlesex.

Buried at Florence War Cemetery, Italy. Grave V III J 3.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2379484/harold-leonard-strange/>

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STRINGER, Frank, (2002743) Corporal, 25 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 10 October 1919 in Huddersfield. Enlisted 16 February 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Margaret Stringer, 20 Colebrook Street, Cambuslang, Glasgow.

Served with 91 Bomb Disposal Section, 29 June 1940; 28 Bomb Disposal Company, 9 September 1942; 25 Bomb Disposal Company, 19 October 1942; embarked 9 August 1944; disembarked in North West Europe, 13 August 1944.

Died clearing mines in Caen, France.

Driver J W Reynolds also died in this incident.



Died 13 September 1944, age 24.

Son of John Stringer and of Florence Stringer (nee Turner): Husband of Margaret, Stinger of Cambuslang, Glasgow.

Buried at Hermanville War Cemetery, France. Grave 2 M 2.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2337555/frank-stringer/>

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STRINGER, Thomas, (3519991) Sapper, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 20 December 1906. Enlisted 23 May 1940. Next of Kin Unmarried Dependent, Alice Gill, 94 Newcastle Street, Hulme, Manchester. NOK notified on 16 September 1940.

Served with 1 Motor Transport Depot, Chatham, 2 Company, 24 May 1940; 5 Bomb Disposal Section, 17 August 1940.

Excavating a UXB at Cowden.

Sapper L C Kirkman, G Luck, G McMahon also died in this incident.



Died 11 September 1940. Age

Buried at Edenbridge Cemetery, Kent Extension Grave 1.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2361038/thomas-stringer/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/46566748/thomas-stringer>

STUBBINGS, James Leslie, (2072971) Sapper, 60 Bomb Disposal Section, 5 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Enlisted 26 April 1939. Next of Kin relationship not stated, James George Stubbings, 49 Horton Lees Lane, Sheffield 18.

Served with 49 W R Division, 26 April 1939; 46 (N M), 14 November 1939; 278 Field Park Company, 15 November 1939; Depot Company, Training Battalion, 2 May 1940; 60 Bomb Disposal Section, 26 June 1940,

The deceased were instructed to excavate a bomb at a site known as Navarino Mansions, Dalston Lane, Hackney, after the agreed safety period had expired. For some unknown reason the bomb exploded spontaneously and all members of the working party were killed. This was 50 feet from London to Midlands Service Railway, no survivors.

Lance Corporal Nowell, Wandsworth, Sappers E S Mason, T Stock, C R Taylor, Driver Horne also died in this incident.



Died 23 September 1940, age 19.

Buried at All Saints Churchyard, Eccelshall, Staffordshire. Grave 1126.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2407771/james-leslie-stubbings/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/190296580/james-leslie-stubbings>

STYLES, Gilbert Edward, (14378758) Sapper, 23 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 11 June 1909 in Ashington. Enlisted 3 December 1942 in Matlock Bath. Next of Kin Mother, Mrs Ann Styles, Rectory Lane, Ashington, Sussex.

Served with 4 Training Battalion, 13 January 1943; 545 Electrical and Mechanical Company, 27 March 1943; 3 (Holding) Depot Battalion, 30 March 1943; 759 AW Company, 6 September 1943; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 November 1943; 23 Bomb Disposal Company, 1 November 1943; embarked UK.45 RHU 22 June 1944; 141 Bomb Disposal Section, 9 July 1940,

Incident. The 2 i/c visited the casualties on 23 November 1944. They reported that Driver J Melvin had arrived at the site, which was a SS Barracks at S Hertogenbosh, Netherlands, in his lorry loaded with various missiles, collected from the market square of S Hertogenbosh. He and Sapper Wallis were having tea in an adjacent room to the one containing explosives. Corporal Humphrey had lowered the lorry tow board and was unloading it. Driver Melvin had just ***** his tea when there was an explosion closely followed by a second. It wasn't until 2230 when the working party had failed to return that Lt Conlon went to the site and the accident was discovered. After investigation later there was no evidence to show what caused the explosion. The Chief Royal Engineer Second Army Group decided that the incident should be treated as a Battle Accident.

Corporals R Verling, J Humphrey, Sappers J Dugmore, H Reed, A A Jones, C Wood also died in this incident. Lance Corporal E Nunn, Sapper Wallis Driver J Melvin, J Staniland were all wounded in this incident .



Died 22 November 1944, age 35.

Son of Edward and Ann Styles of Ashington, Sussex.

Buried at Bergan-op-Zoom War Cemetery, Noor-Brabant Netherlands. Grave 9 B 12.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2034362/gilbert-edward-styles/>

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SULLIVAN, Reginald, (1945480) Driver, 7 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 24 June 1907 in London. Enlisted 7 October 1940. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Sullivan, 10 Elm Close, Buckhurst Hill, Essex. NOK was notified on 28 March 1941.

Served with 853 (Bomb Disposal) Quarrying Company, 9 November 1940; 7 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1941.

Died on Bomb Disposal Duties in Plymouth, Devon.

Lieutenant's L J Ball, D Ross, Sapper's D A Palmer, E Thompson, Driver R W Stevens also died in this incident.



Died 27 March 1941, age 33.
Husband of Ivy Grace Sullivan of Buckhurst Hill, Essex.

Buried at Weston Mill Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon. Section C Cons Grave 17880.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2811756/reginald-sullivan/>

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SUTHERLAND, Alexander Noble Cox, (2129036) Corporal, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 7 March 1911 in Lochore, Fifeshire. Enlisted 28 October 1940 in Edinburgh. Next of Kin Wife, Mrs Mary Sutherland, 21 Saint Leonards Hill, Edinburgh. 8. NOK was notified on 30 April 1942.

Died at Huntswood Park Emergency Hospital, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. Fell off a Nissen Hut roof, fractured skull. Result of Court of Inquiry, accident no one to blame.



Died 29 April, 1942, age 31.

Son of William Cox and Marion Noble Sutherland: Husband of Mary Sutherland.

Buried at Liberton Cemetery, Edinburgh, Scotland. Section N Grave 108.

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SUTTON, Thomas Herbert, (2093524) Lance Sergeant, 14 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 11 May 1916 in Norwich. Enlisted 30 June 1939 in Norwich. NOK was notified on 23 September 1941.

Served with 251 Field Park Company, 30 June 1939; 283 Field Company, 8 September 1939; 141 Officer Cadet Training Unit; 288 Field Company, 12 February 1940; 251 Field Park Company, 9 June 1942; 34 Bomb Disposal Section, 15 July 1940; 18 Bomb Disposal Company, 4 January 1941; embarked for the Middle East, 27 March 1941.

Court of Inquiry 11 October 1941. Died due to the explosion of an enemy parachute mine in Palestine. Court of Inquiry Verdict. Killed by the explosion of a booby trap in the tail of the bomb. Death resulted from the over zealousness of Lieutenant Farnworth in doing unnecessary work on the tail and this resulted in the bomb exploding.

Lieutenant R A Farnworth, Sapper D Berry also died in this incident.



Died 14 September 1941, age 25.
Son of Herbert James and Kate Sutton of Lewade, Norfolk.

Buried at Khayat Beach Cemetery, Israel. Grave B B 10.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/1155900/thomas-herbert-sutton/>

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/25266826/thomas-herbert-sutton>

SWEETMAN, George William, (1895867) Lance Corporal, 4 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Born 6 September 1913 in Hammersmith. Enlisted 19 April 1940 in Acton. Next of Kin Father Mr Sweetman, 18 Lamington Street, London, N 6. NOK was notified on 6 February 1945.

Served with C Company Training Battalion, 5 Training Battalion, Chester, 15 May 1940; 103 A T Company, 25 October 1940; 110 Bomb Disposal Section, 11 Bomb Disposal Company, 13 August 1942; 4 Bomb Disposal Company, 15 January 1943.

Died clearing mines laid as part of the anti-invasion measures around the UK. Waxham, Norfolk. Opinion of Chief Royal Engineer 3 Bomb Disposal Group, Sgt Holbrook walked over an un-swept portion of the minefield, trod on a mine and was responsible for the accident.

Lance Sergeant L G Holbrook and Corporal W Vaughan BEM also died in this incident.



Died 5 February 1945, age 31.
Son of Albert Charles and Emily Sweetman of Hammersmith.

Buried at Mortlake Cemetery, Greater London. Plot 14 Section C Grave 287.

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Annex A

Non - Bomb Disposal.

LEGGETT, Leonard Bertie, (2011214) Sapper, 110 Army Troops, Royal Engineers.

Born 12 January 1920 in Bury Saint Edmunds. Enlisted 18 April 1940. Next of Kin Father Mr B Leggett, Plough Road, Woolpit, Bury Saint Edmunds. NOK was notified on 17 September 1945.

Died through an accidental bomb explosion Guida, Greece. Balkans and Greece Campaign 1944/45.

Lance Sergeant G A Askey, Corporal C D Hoare, Sappers A Barnes, J J Hill, T Smith, Drivers B H Misselbrook, R Robertson also died in this incident, three injured and two trucks destroyed.



Died 3 July 1945, age 25.
Son of Bertie Freeman and Ellen Leggett of Woolpit, Suffolk.

Buried at Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. Collective Grave 20 D 15 - 20.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2932454/leonard-bertgett/>

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Remembered on the grave of his baby sister Audrey.
At Woolpit Churchyard, Suffolk.

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ROBINSON, Edward John, (857) Sapper, 3 Bomb Disposal Fortress Company, (Bomb Disposal Company?), Royal Engineers.

There are no further details, however he has been linked on a couple of sources to Bomb Disposal and it is evidence there was a Bomb Disposal School at Kirkee, where he is buried.



Died 22 December 1942, age 34.
Son of Mr and Mrs George Brenvil of Mahim, Bombay, India.

Buried at Kirkee War Cemetery, India.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2190963/edward-john-robinson/>

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<https://www.royalengineersbombdisposal-eod.org.uk/individual/robinson-e-j/>

TAYLOR, Ernest Frederick George, (T/216142) Driver, Royal Army Service Corps attached to 9 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.

Killed when a 250 kg bomb detonated, as was being unloaded, it had been moved from where it landed to Whitely Common, Coventry.

Lieutenant A F Campbell GC, Sergeant M Gibson MM, Sapper R Gilcrest, M Gibson, Sapper W Gibson, J Plumb R W Skelton also died in this incident.



Died 18 October 1940, age 32.

Buried at London Road Cemetery, Coventry, Warwickshire. Square 348 Collective Grave 46.
<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2714336/ernest-frederick-george-taylor/>

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Therefore, there is only two words I can use to end this acknowledgement, that seem so inadequate, but come from the heart, THANK YOU.

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Abbreviations

General

BD	Bomb Disposal
BDO	Bomb Disposal Officer
GP	Group
NOK	Next of Kin
POW	Prisoner of War
RV	Rendezvous Point
UXB	Unexploded Bomb
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance

Medals

BEM	British Empire Medal
GC	George Cross

GM	George Medal
MM	Military Medal
OBE	Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

Ranks

Capt	Captain
Corp	Corporal
CO	Commanding Officer
CQMS	Company Quarter Master Sergeant
CSM	Company Sergeant Major
Dvr	Driver
L/Cpl	Lance Corporal
Lt	Lieutenant
Lt Col	Lieutenant Colonel
L/Sgt	Lance Sergeant
Maj	Major
NCO or N.C.O or NCO's	Non-Commissioned Officer
OC	Officer Commanding
Pte	Private
QMSI	Quarter Master Senior Instructor
Spr	Sapper
Sgt	Sergeant
S/Sgt	Staff Sergeant
SMI	Senior Military Instructor
SSM	Squadron Sergeant Major
RSM	Regimental Sergeant Major
WO	Warrant Officer Class 1 or 2

Units

Coy	Company
Gp	Group
Plt	Platoon
Regt	Regiment
Sec	Section
Sqn	Squadron

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