

## ARBORFIELD- WAR MEMORIAL



To the glory of God and in proud and grateful remembrance of  
the men of Arborfield and Newland who gave their lives in the  
Great War 1914-1919 “Faithful until death”  
“Their names shall live forever”

## 1914-1918

**BARNES**



The late Bombdr. BARNES, of "The Poplars," Arborfield.—Died of wounds.

Edward  
Arthur



Lance Bombardier 616518 2<sup>nd</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> Berks Battery, Royal Horse Artillery. Died 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1918 aged 21 Son of Edward Maud Barnes of "The Poplars" Arborfield, Reading and the late Emily Ann Barnes. Buried Lapugnoy Military Cemetery in France grave VII.E.12.


**BARNFIELD**






Alfred  
John



Private 4508 4<sup>th</sup> Bn Northamptonshire Regiment. Died 21<sup>st</sup> December 1915 aged 21 Son of Alfred John and Margaret Barnfield of Greenhurst Park Gardens, Capel, Surrey Buried Arborfield (St Bartholomew) Churchyard North of Chancel.

<p>BASTON</p>	<p>Frank Caverby</p>	<p>Private 23929 6<sup>th</sup> Bn Royal Berkshire Regiment. Killed in Action 5<sup>th</sup> May 1917 Remembered on the Arras Memorial in France Bay 7. Diary entry for the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1917 Frontline opposite Cherisy, France 2.10AM - Relief complete. Patrols sent out unable to find any of our wounded.3PM - Quiet day - 2Lt AV PEEL killed by shell fire in support trench.</p>
<p>BRANT</p> 	<p>Frederick John</p>	<p>Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class K/20820 Royal Navy HMS "Greenwich" Died 12<sup>th</sup> August 1918 aged 28 Son of John and Caroline Brant of Wilson's Cottage, Farley Hill, Reading. Born at Arborfield Berkshire Remembered Edinburgh (Seafield) Cemetery screen wall M.95A. HMS Greenwich was Converted from Merchant ship before its launch, on the 5th July 1915. Displacement: 8,100 tons, Speed: 11 Knots, Compliment: 224 Armament: Four 4 -inch Guns and one 3 - inch AA Gun. Served throughout WW1 and saw service in WW2.</p>
<p>BREEN</p>  <p>The late Pte. CHRISTOPHER BREAN, Arborfield Cross.—Killed in action. Aged 19.</p>	<p>Christopher George</p>	<p>Private 10025 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Royal Berkshire Regiment. Killed in Action 10th March 1915 aged 20 Son of John Smith Brean and Elizabeth Jane Brean of Arborfield Cross, Reading Remembered on the Le Touret in France Memorial panel 30.</p>

CLARKE	Charles Henry	Corporal 35107 5 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Heavy Trench Mortar Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery Died 9 <sup>th</sup> July 1918 aged 24 Son of William and Betsy Clark of the Swan Inn, Arborfield Cross Buried at Aix-Noulette Communal Cemetery Extension in France grave II.G.12.
EDWARDS	Arthur H	No further information currently
EMBLEM   <p>Pte. F. W. EMBLEN, 6th Wilts Regt., of Arborfield Cross.—Missing.</p>	Frederic k William	Private 36853 6 <sup>th</sup> (Wiltshire Yeomanry) Bn Wiltshire Regiment Died 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 1918 Remembered on the Arras Memorial Bay 7.
GOWER	Horace	No further information currently
HAINES	Harold Wilfred Herbert	Private 201757 1 <sup>st</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Bn Royal Berkshire Regiment Killed in Action on the 16 <sup>th</sup> August 1917 aged 23 Son of Agnes Annie Haines of Lower Arborfield Buried New Irish Farm Cemetery in Belgium grave XII.C.2.

<p>HAWKES</p>	<p>Albert</p>	<p>No further information currently</p>
<p>HUZZEY</p>  <p>The late Pte. S. J. HUZZEY, Royal Fusiliers, Arborfield Cross.—Killed in action.</p>	<p>Stephen J</p>	<p>Private 37837 11<sup>th</sup> Bn Royal Fusiliers Killed in Action on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 1918 aged 32 Husband of Emmeline Mary Huzzey of 1 Myrtle Terrace, Sussex Buried Beacon Cemetery, Saily-Laurette in France grave II.H.4.</p>
<p>KEARSE</p>  <p>Photo by Donna Roma. Sglt. Lce.-Cpl. C. A. L. KEARSE, Bartlett's Farm, Arborfield.—Missing since Sept. 25th, 1915.</p>	<p>Carter Augustus Lionel</p>	<p>Lance Corporal 13605 8<sup>th</sup> Bn Royal Berkshire Regiment Killed in Action on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915, from Bartlett's Farm, Arborfield Remembered on the Loos Memorial in France panel 93 to 95. Diary entry for the 8<sup>th</sup> Bn on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915. 5:50AM. The intensive Bombardment, preparatory to the attack on the German position SOUTH of the HULLOCH ROAD, began, the enemy's artillery at once replying, though they inflicted little damage and few casualties in our trenches. The gas company began to operate the gas cylinders, which were in the front-line trench. 6:28AM. The gas now ceased, and smoke bombs were thrown from the front-line trenches, proving successful in screening our Advance. 6:30AM. Our artillery lifted, and Battalion advanced in quick time to assault the first line Enemy Trenches, The advance was opposed by heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, while the wire in front of the German trenches was found to be scarcely damaged, and it was in cutting a way through this obstacle that most of the regiment's heavy</p>

		<p>casualties occurred. Shrapnel and machine-gun combined to play havoc in our ranks, and an additional disaster was the blowing back of our gas, by the wind, into our own ranks. However the German first line was penetrated, and the trench found to be practically deserted, the enemy having deserted it earlier in the day, merely leaving behind sufficient men to work the machine-guns. 3:30PM Germans counter-attacked, driving in our flanks and as the support had not yet arrived we were compelled to retire, holding a position about 100 yds WEST of the road. The Berks numbers were reduced to about half. On receiving news that support was coming up we advanced to the road which we proceeded to place in a state of defence." 11:30PM the Germans again attacked in large numbers driving in our right flank. We retired to the position we had before held in the afternoon. The Germans continued to attack. Our support line then opened fire and we were caught between the two fires. We then made our way as well as possible to our supporting line. Only 6 of the Berkshire men returned safely. The Germans continued to push the counter-attack, but suffered heavily and were driven back.</p>
<p>MIDDLETON</p> 	<p>William Crofts</p>	<p>Private PO/15728 Royal Marine Light Infantry HMS Bulwark. Died 26<sup>th</sup> November 1914 aged 22 Son of Mercy M Norris of 14 Alma St, Gosport, Hants. Remembered Portsmouth Navel Memorial panel 6. HMS Bulwark, a battleship of 15,000 tons, was moored to No.17 buoy in Kethole Reach on the River Medway, almost opposite the town of Sheerness, Isle of Sheppy, Kent. There was a full complement was onboard. A disaster struck. A roaring sound was heard and a huge sheet of flame and debris shot upwards. The ship lifted out of the water and fell back. When the smoke eventually cleared, the Bulwark had sunk without trace. It was impossible to discover exactly how the ignition was caused and a verdict of accidental death was returned and the inquiry on the crew of HMS Bulwark was closed. During January 1915 many bodies of the Bulwark's crew were washed up on the Kent shoreline.</p>

MILLARD	George	No further information currently
PAYNE	William	No further information currently
<p data-bbox="60 277 217 309">POWELL</p>  <p data-bbox="97 1072 568 1122">Pte. F. POWELL, 1st Batt., Mill Cottage, Arborfield.—Wounded.</p>	Frederic k J	Private 12031 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn Royal Fusiliers Died on the 30 <sup>th</sup> October 1915 Buried Azmek Cemetery, Suvla in Turkey grave II.F.2
<p data-bbox="60 1263 233 1294">SIMONDS</p>  <p data-bbox="89 1973 560 2033">The late Major CHARLES F. SIMONDS, The Crofts, Spencers Wood, Reading.—Killed in action.</p>	Charles Francis	Major 13 <sup>th</sup> Bn Kings Royal Rifle Corps Died 29 <sup>th</sup> June 1916 aged 38 from The Crofts, Spencer's Wood Son of Mr & Mrs James Simonds of Redlands, Reading, husband of Evelyn Fuller of Stratton end, Glos. Mentioned in Despatches, also served in the Boer War. Buried Berles-Au-Bois Churchyard Extension in France grave G.5.

STACEY	Stanley George	Private 201288 A Coy 2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Bn Royal Berkshire Regiment Son of Walter and Susan Stacey of Coombs Cottage, Arborfield. Awarded a Military Medal (MM) for bravery in the field. Killed in Action 27 <sup>th</sup> May 1915 Aged 24 Buried St.Venant-Robecq Road British Cemetery, Robecq grave I.B.8. 2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Bn diary entry FRONT LINE LEFT SUB SECTION. Our Artillery was normal during the day, and carried out the usual harassing fire at night. Enemy artillery was very active day and night, and back areas received considerable attention from 11.45pm to 12.15am. Our Snipers were busy during the day and claimed three hits. 2 OR's were killed, and 6 OR's wounded by shellfire.
STOKES	Victor	Private 45981 8 <sup>th</sup> Bn Royal Berkshire Regiment Died 5 <sup>th</sup> September 1918 Aged 18 Son of Harry and Augusta Stokes of Lodden Bridge. Formerly in the Devon Regiment. Buried Mericourt-L'Abbe Communal Cemetery Extension in France grave III.H.15.
STURGES	Edward Eric	Private 37772 10 <sup>th</sup> Bn Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Died 25 <sup>th</sup> September 1916 Aged 28 from Barkham, Son of Edward Murray Sturges and Eliza Rhoda Sturges of Barkham Square, Wokingham Remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, in France pier & face 11C & 12A.
WARD	Finlay John Edward	Private 355682 25 <sup>th</sup> (Montgomeryshire and Welsh Horse Yeomanry) Bn Royal Welsh Fusiliers Died 18 <sup>th</sup> September 1918 Aged 34 Son of Joseph and Rebecca Ann Ward of Henley on Thames, Husband of Ellen Doran Glamorgan. Buried Ste.Emilie Valley Cemetery, Villers-Faucon in France grave II.D.9.
WARD	Frederic k G H	No further information currently


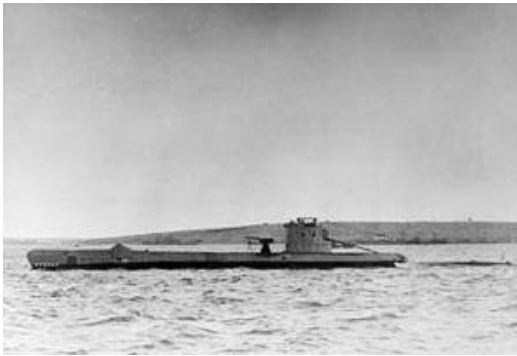


**Also in honoured memory of the men of Arborfield, Newland and Barkham  
who died for us in the World War 1939-1945**

**We will remember them**

ABBOTT	Bernard Thomas	Sergeant 903090 Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Died 4 <sup>th</sup> February 1941 Aged 20 Son of Thomas F Abbott and Edith May Abbott of Barkham. Buried Sonning (St Andrews) Churchyard South East corner.
BAYLISS	F W	No further information currently
GOFF	George William	Gunner 1771420 Royal Artillery Died 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 1941 Aged 36 Son of George and Charlotte Jane Goff of West Clandon, Surrey. Buried Whitchurch Hill (St John the Baptist) Churchyard.
HATCHER	Robert James	Lance Corporal T/222085 Royal Army Service Corp attached to Royal Army Medical Corp. Died 12 <sup>th</sup> March 1943 Aged 35 Son of Arthur Robert and Emily Teresa Hatcher of College Town, Berkshire. Buried Kanchanaburi War Cemetery in Thailand grave 2.F.40.
MEARING	William Albert	Private 5245897 4 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment. Died 10 <sup>th</sup> June 1940 Son of David and Elizabeth Ann Mearing, Husband of Ellen Mearing Buried Arborfield (St Bartholomew) Churchyard South of Church. The 4 <sup>th</sup> Bn Royal Berkshire Regiment had been part of the British Expeditionary Force and had been evacuated off the beaches of Dunkirk on the 1 <sup>st</sup> June 1940.



<p>WALLACE</p> 	<p>Stanley Arthur Stevens</p>	<p>Chief Stoker P/K 59981 HMS Greyhound Royal Navy. Died 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1941 Son of Thomas and Rosina Wallace, Husband of Elizabeth Alexina Wallace of Arborfield, Berkshire. Remembered on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial panel 53 column 3. This was the 16<sup>th</sup> ship to carry the name HMS Greyhound it was a destroyer, launched on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1935. At the start of WW2 it was with the 1st Destroyer Flotilla in home waters. It took part in the Norwegian campaign and then in May 1940 the evacuations from Dunkirk. During this she was hit by shore gunfire in the engine room, but was able to reach Dover unaided. After repairs it went to the Mediterranean, she sank the Italian submarines Lafole in 1940, Neghelli in 1941 and the Anfitrite in 1941. It took part in the battle of Cape Matapan in March 1941, it was bombed and sunk in the Kithera Channel, Crete on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May-1941.</p>
<p>WATTS</p> 	<p>Henry Ronald Joseph</p>	<p>Petty Officer P/JX 129967 HM Submarine Urge Royal Navy. Died 6<sup>th</sup> May 1942 Aged 31 Son of Joseph Evans Watts and Edith Clara Watts of Arborfield, Berkshire brother of Stanley below. Remembered on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial panel 62 column 3. Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and was Mentioned in Dispatches. HMS Urge was a British U class submarine built in Barrow-in-Furness. She attacked the Italian ship San Giusto but as the submarine was engaged in the attack she was dive-bombed and sunk by a enemy plane.</p>
<p>WATTS</p>	<p>Stanley Horace</p>	<p>Guardsman 2658493 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Coldstream Guards Died 13<sup>th</sup> June 1942 Aged 28 Son of Joseph Evans Watts and Edith Clara Watts of Arborfield, brother of Henry above. Buried at Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma in Libya grave 4.B.16.</p>

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