

# Westgate-on-Sea War Memorial

## 1939-1945 Roll of Honour (in alphabetical order)

### APPLEBY T.

930962 Sgt Observer Tom Appleby, 40 Sqdn RAFVR

Lost his life in a bombing raid on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1941. He was aged 27. He joined the Merchant Service on leaving school and was a survivor of the SS *Watford* which was wrecked off the coast of Nova Scotia in 1932. Afterwards, he went to the Antarctic on a number of whaling expeditions and it was on the return from one of these that he took part in the evacuation of Dunkirk before joining the RAF.

*Interred at Rheinberg War Cemetery, Germany*

### BALDWIN E. C.

7674166 Pte Eric Charles Baldwin, 5<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs

Killed in action in Italy on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1945. He was aged 26.

*Interred at Faenza War Cemetery, Italy*

### BAX S. G.

C/SSX 15409 Leading Airman Sidney George Bax, HMS *Hermes*, Fleet Air Arm

Died 16<sup>th</sup> May 1940. He was aged 24.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Lee-on-the-Solent Memorial*

### BUSHELL D.

C/JX 201597 OS Douglas Bushell, HM Submarine *Undaunted*, RN

Died when his submarine was sunk by a depth-charge off Tripoli, Libya on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1941. He was aged 23. He was on the staff of Messrs W. H. Smith & Son at Westgate for seven years before joining the Navy in 1940.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### CLARK F. C.

Believed to be 1754481 Lance Bombardier Frederick Charles Clark, 49 Coast Observer Det, RA

Died 1<sup>st</sup> December 1943. He was aged 35.

*Interred at Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand*

### COOK S. C. W. B.

P/JX 428951 OS Sidney Charles William Cook, HMS *Penelope*, RN

Died when an enemy torpedo in the Anzio area off Italy sank his ship on 18<sup>th</sup> February 1944. He was aged 18.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial*

### DOWLING R.

C/LD/X 5094 OS Reginald Victor ("Rex") Dowling, HMS *Whirlwind*, RN

Died when his ship – a destroyer – was sunk off the south-west coast of Ireland by a torpedo fired from a U-boat on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1940. He was aged 28.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### DUFF R.

1806617 Ldg Aircraftman Robert Alfred Duff, RAFVR

Died on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1944. He was aged 21.

*Interred at Ostend New Communal Cemetery, Belgium*

### HAMBIDGE H. W. C.

1268360 Aircraftman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Henry William Collingwood Hambidge, RAFVR

Died 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1944. He was aged 22.

*Interred at Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia*

### JARMAN A. P.

98796 Major Arthur Percy Jarman, 452 Bty, 86 LAA Regt, RA

Died on active service in Italy on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1944. He was the principal of a firm of builders at Westgate and had served in the Army throughout the Great War. He had joined up again within a few days of the declaration of war in September 1939 and assisted in the formation of a light anti-aircraft battery at Margate and in May 1942 was drafted to the Middle East. In 1943 he was taken ill with malaria. He was later transferred to the legal unit of the Army going to Italy in January 1944.

*Interred at Bari War Cemetery, Italy*



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### **JEFCOATE      B.**

*4080112 Pte Benjamin Jellicoe Jefcoate, East Surrey Regt*

Died of wounds on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1943, aged 25. He was wounded in the Battle of El Alamein in November 1942 having joined the Army soon after the outbreak of war and spending two years in Northern Ireland before being sent to Egypt. He left behind a widow living at their home in Wales.

*Interred at La Reunion War Cemetery, Algeria*

### **JOHNSTONE      J. F.**

*6466263 Fusilier John Frederick Johnstone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Royal Fusiliers*

Killed in action at Cassino, Italy on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1944. He was aged 30. His brother, Patrick, also lost his life in the war (see below).

*Interred at Cassino War Cemetery, Italy*

### **JOHNSTONE      P.**

*6467477 L/Sgt Patrick Johnstone, 2/5<sup>th</sup> Bn The Queen's Royal Regt (West Surrey)*

Killed in action on 11<sup>th</sup> April 1945 at Menate, Italy. His brother, John, also lost his life in the war (see above).

*Interred at Argenta Gap War Cemetery, Italy*

### **LANCHBERY      P. F.**

*14641536 Pte Percy Frank Lanchbery, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Killed in action at Italy on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1944. He was aged 32. After leaving school, he worked for the local gas company. He was married in December 1939 and was a member of the Home Guard before joining up in July 1943. He left behind a widow, Doris.

*Interred at Cassino War Cemetery, Italy*

### **LYNAS      G.**

*1887601 Sgt George Lynas. Royal Engineers*

Died 13<sup>th</sup> November 1944 at Garland Emergency Hospital, Carlisle after a short illness. He was aged 49. In his teens he had gone to Canada and served with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps during the Great War. On demobilisation in 1919, he moved to Westgate with his Birchington-born wife. He worked as a painter & decorator and as a temporary porter at Westgate railway-station during the summer months. He joined up in November 1939 and saw service in France. He left behind a widow, Florence, and two daughters.

*Interred at Margate Cemetery*

### **PELL      D. B.**

*955979 Sgt Dennis Britton Pell, Pilot U/T, RAFVR*

Killed on active service at RAF Cranwell on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1943, aged 26. He had joined the RAF in 1940 as a physical-training instructor but, feeling that he could do more for his country, he volunteered for flying duties and was training as a pilot when he lost his life. Before joining the RAF, he had been employed as a civil servant at New Scotland Yard. He was one of the country's outstanding athletes in pre-war years and was second only to Sidney Wooderson, the world champion, as a mile runner. But for the war, he would have represented Great Britain in the Olympic Games in 1940. He left behind a widow, "Tommy", and a young son. His father had a butcher's shop in Westbury Road.

*Interred at Margate Cemetery*

### **PRICE      P. D.**

*C/KX 90532 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class Percy Douglas Price, HMS Dasher, RN*

Died when his ship – an aircraft carrier – sunk off the west coast of Scotland on 27<sup>th</sup> March 1943. He was aged 23. It is believed that the ship sank due to a petrol explosion.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### **SAVAGE      M.**

*33370 Squadron Leader Michael Savage, 175 Sqdn, RAF*

Killed on active service on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1945 when his aircraft, a Typhoon, was shot down by German flak over a raid near Hamm, Germany. His mother had lived on Linksfield Road. He was educated at Hillside School, Reigate and at The King's School, Canterbury, where he was a King's Scholar. He also attended RAF College at Cranwell and was awarded the Croix de Guerre avec Palme. While he was serving in Burma, he met Sheila Doreen Harvey, the daughter of a local tea planter; they married in India in 1942 and had a daughter, Carolyn, who was born after his death.

*Interred at Rheinberg War Cemetery, Germany*



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### SETTERFIELD B. L.

*Lt Bernard Lewis Setterfield, HMS President III, RN*

Died at sea on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1944 from coronary thrombosis. He was aged 30. He had joined the Navy shortly after the outbreak of war as an ordinary seaman, having previously served as an officer in the Merchant Service. He received his commission in December 1941. He saw all his service aboard merchant ships including serving as the gunnery officer on a Russian convoy. In his younger days, he had been an enthusiastic member of the Margate Operatic Society.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Chatham Naval Memorial*

### SHRIMPTON F. O.

*Believed to be 7890 Cpl Francis Shrimpton, Federated Malay States Volunteer Force*

Died 13<sup>th</sup> February 1942 aged 29.

*Interred at Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore*

### SINCLAIR A. H.

*7871075 Regimental Sergeant Major Albert Harry Sinclair, 4<sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regt, RAC*

Died at Dover from bullet wounds on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1940. He was aged 38. He had served nearly 21 years in the Royal Tank Regt.

*Interred at Dover (St James's) Cemetery, Dover*

### SMITH S. J.

*183693 Flying Officer Stuart Jack Smith RAFVR, 180 Sqdn RAF*

Killed on air operations over Germany on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1945. He was aged 19. He had volunteered for the RAF in 1942 and entered as a cadet, soon gaining his sergeant's stripes and signaller's wing. In December 1944, he was granted a commission and posted to the RAF's Film Production Unit. He was serving as an aerial photographer in a Mitchell bomber when he was killed along with his four other crew members.

*Interred at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany*

### SMITH W. E.

*CH/16655 Cpl Wilfred Evelyln Smith, HMS President III, Royal Marines*

Died in hospital at Gibraltar on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1942. He left behind a widow.

*Interred at Gibraltar (North Front) Cemetery, Gibraltar*

### STEERS N. E.

*14454211 Spr Norman Edward Steers, Royal Engineers*

Died of meningitis on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1945 at Winwick Emergency Hospital, near Warrington, Lancashire. He was aged 21.

*Interred at Margate Cemetery*

### STEWART D. C. C.

*P/M X 58102 Writer Donald Cecil Clive Stewart, HMS Royal Oak, RN*

Died when the *Royal Oak* – a battleship – sunk when torpedoed by a U-boat at Scapa Flow on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1939. He was aged 19. Before he joined the Navy, he was for three years junior assistant to Frank Burgess, clerk to the Thanet and District Assessment Committee. He joined the Navy in 1938 and he qualified by examination as ship's writer. The *Royal Oak* was his first ship. He had played cricket for St Saviour's School and was a member of Westgate-on-Sea Cricket Club. He was the first Westgate boy killed in the war.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial*

### STRINGER R. J.

*6286955 Pte Royston James Stringer, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn The Buffs*

Died on 8<sup>th</sup> June 1940. He was aged 21.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Dunkirk Memorial*

### TERRY R. H.

*1807246 Flt Sgt Robert Hall Terry, 624 Sqdn RAFVR*

Lost his life in North Africa on 13<sup>th</sup> September 1944 as a result of an air accident. He was aged 21. Before the war, he had worked as a window-dresser for Messrs Bobby & Co. He had joined the Margate Squadron of the ATC on the day that it was formed in March 1941 and proved one of their keenest cadets. He came to Thanet from Pangbourne, Berkshire, and lived with his grandmother at Roxburgh Road.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Malta Memorial*

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### TURNER E. V.

1433854 Trooper Ernest Victor Turner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn King's Own Hussars (Dragoon Guards), Royal Armoured Corps

Killed in action on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1941. He was aged 27. He had joined the Regular Army on the outbreak of war, after serving in the Territorials, and went overseas in December 1940. Before the war, he had worked as a plasterer.

*Interred at Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya*

### TYRIE E. C.

LT/JX 223282 Seaman Edwin Cyril Tyrie, HM Yacht Rosabelle, RN

Died when the yacht *Rosabelle* was sunk by an explosion, probably torpedoed by U-boat, in the Straits of Gibraltar on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1941. He was aged 20.

*Commemorated by the CWGC on the Lowestoft Naval Memorial*

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(Michael Savage's details updated – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025)