

Roll of Honour

Lest We Forget

Winterton War Memorial Lincolnshire

The Winterton memorial stands in the grounds of All Saints Church and takes the form of a three stepped octagonal base surmounted by an octagonal plinth with a tapered shaft and Celtic cross.

The inscription is to be found on three bronze plaques placed on three sides of the plinth.

These died in war that we in peace might live.

The information in this booklet was collected by
Shirley White and Margaret Holtby
to whom we are most grateful.

We are also very grateful to those families who were willing to provide
personal information from their records and to those researchers who have
contributed updated data.

Our church is keen to update this memorial booklet with further detail about
any of those whose names are listed here. If you have such information
please contact the Vicar or churchwardens.

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WINTERTON WAR MEMORIAL

1914-1918

BOON John Benjamin

Private 13830, 7th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment killed in action 9th July 1917, aged 22 years. Son of William Thomas and Mary Boon of 28 King Street, Winterton, Lincolnshire. (28 King Street was a cottage which is now the site of the "Corkscrew Wine Stores"). Born Roxby, enlisted Scunthorpe and resident Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated SUNKEN ROAD CEMETERY, FAMPOUX, I.B.4.

BOOTH Henry James

Private 25052, 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action 7th June 1918, aged 22 years (parents' headstone states son was "killed south-west of Cormicy"). Son of William James and Annie Maria Booth of 21 Low Street, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Born Winterton, enlisted Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire and resident Doncaster, Yorkshire. Commemorated SOISSONS MEMORIAL.

BROWN Archibald

Private 69254, 16th Company, F Battalion, Tank Corps. Killed in action 31st July 1917, aged 23 years. Son of Tom and Annie M Brown of 19 Low Street, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Born Doncaster, Yorkshire and enlisted Lincoln. Commemorated YPRES (Menin Gate) MEMORIAL, Panel 56.

BURTON Harold

Private 14489, 7th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action 15th February 1916, aged 22 years. Enlisted 14th December 1914, aged 20. Address on enlistment documents given as "Rat Abbey", Winterton. Parents were living at Carr Farm, Roxby, Lincolnshire. Son of George and Annie Burton of 50 Park Street, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Born Winterton, enlisted Scunthorpe and resident Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated YPRES (Menin Gate) MEMORIAL, Panel 21.

CAMPBELL Albert

Private 10/1375, 8th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment. Died of wounds 30th September 1917, aged 23 years. Son of George and Mary Elizabeth Campbell of 4 Chapel Lane, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Born Thealby, Lincolnshire, enlisted Hull, Yorkshire and resident Doncaster, Yorkshire. Commemorated MENDINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY, VI.F.35.

COLLINGWOOD Arthur

Private 10989, 7th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Died of wounds 23rd April 1917, aged 23 years. Son of George and Annie Maria Collingwood of Highfield House, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Born Winterton, enlisted Scunthorpe and resident Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY, Etrun, IV.C.21.

FISH William

Private 2050, 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Died of wounds 31st May 1918, aged 23 years. Son of Charles and Lucy Fish of Northlands Road, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Born Winterton, enlisted Lincoln and resident Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated MARFAUX BRITISH CEMETERY, Sapicourt French Military Cemetery 2.

FROW Stanley

See below Stanley Lonsdale: is same person born Frow but changed name to Lonsdale.

GIBSON George

Private 9166, 15th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), formerly 10391 Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action 21st October 1916. Born Roxby, enlisted Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire. Commemorated LOOS MEMORIAL, Panel 136.

GREEN Carey

L/Corporal 11/651, 11th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment. Died of wounds 27th August 1916, aged 26 years. Son of George and (the late) Sarah Green of 24 Earlsgate, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Born Winterton, enlisted Hull, Yorkshire and resident Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated VIEILLE-CHAPELLE NEW MILITARY CEMETERY, Lacouture, I.B.10.

GREEN Harold

Private 27080, 1st Battalion, Kings Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), formerly 18728 Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action 23rd October 1916, aged 24 years. Son of George and (the late) Sarah Green of 24 Earlsgate, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Born Winterton, enlisted Grimsby, Lincolnshire. Commemorated THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Pier and Face 50 and 12B.

HICKS Harold

Private 42491, 5th Battalion, Manchester Regiment. Died of wounds 29th August 1918, aged 21 years. Son of William and Fanny Hicks of 36 Earlsgate, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Born Winterton, enlisted Market Rasen and resident Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated TERLINGTHUN BRITISH CEMETERY, Wimille, II.F.13.

HORSLEY George

Private 1571, 5th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action 15th July 1915. Born Winterton, enlisted Frodingham and resident Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated RAILWAY DUGOUTS BURIAL GROUND, V.B.9.

LING Fred

Private 40851, 7th Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, formerly 25366 North Staffordshire Regiment. Killed in action 18th September 1918. Born Appleby, enlisted Lincoln and resident Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated EPEHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, Epehy, V.I.II.

LONSDALE David

Possibly Petty Officer Stoker 284049, HMS Hawke, Royal Navy. Died 15th October 1915, torpedoed North Sea. Commemorated CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL, 4.

LONSDALE Stanley

Private 25108, 8th Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment. Killed in action 23rd April 1917. Born Winterton, enlisted Lincoln, resident Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL, Bay 6.

MOSS Arthur

Private 13616, 6th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action 9th August 1915, Gallipoli Campaign. Born Winterton, enlisted Scunthorpe and resident North Ormsby, Lincolnshire. Commemorated HELLES MEMORIAL, Panel 44 to 46.

OSLER George

Possibly Private 142044, 6th Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). Killed in action 21st March 1918. Born Gainsborough, enlisted Chesterfield, Derbyshire and resident Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL, Bay 10.

PARKER Harry

Private 43579, 15th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment). Killed in action 17th July 1918 (as SDGW/CWGC has 16th). Born Miselham (Messingham?) Hall, enlisted Scunthorpe and resident Bottesford Moor, Lincolnshire. Commemorated TYNE COT MEMORIAL, Panel 99 to 102 and 162 to 162A.

REED Harry

Private 241665, 5th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action 2nd May 1918, aged 32 years. Son of John and Catherine Reed of Earlsgate, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Born Winterton, enlisted Scunthorpe and resident Brigg, Lincolnshire. Commemorated FOUQUIERES CHURCHYARD EXTENSION, III.A.1.

RICHARDSON Ernest Cyril

Private 1645, 8th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Died of wounds 14th April 1917, aged 21 years. Son of Fred and Rose Richardson of 20 West Street, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Born Doncaster, Yorkshire, enlisted Scunthorpe and resident Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY, Etrun, III.J.14.

ROBERTS Joseph Richard

Acting Sergeant Private 4997, Foot Branch, Corps of Military Police, formerly 4573 Coldstream Guards. Died 27th November 1918, aged 33 years. Son of John Roberts of Misterton, Nottinghamshire. Husband of Sarah Agnes Roberts of 14 Sowers Lane, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Born Misterton, Nottinghamshire, enlisted Gainsborough, and resident Winterton, Lincolnshire. His grand-daughter, Mrs Janet Healey, lives in Winterton. Commemorated ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY, LI.C.2.

SAWYER Walter Percival

Gunner 66299, 124th Battery, 28th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Killed in action 25th May 1915. Born Winterton, enlisted Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire. Commemorated WHITE HOUSE CEMETERY, III.S.9.

SCOTT John Charles

Private 203622, 2/5th Battalion, Lincs Regiment. Enlisted Scunthorpe. Born Winterton. Resided in Doncaster. Died 21 March 1918, killed in action, aged 20, France & Flanders. Son of Albert and Emily Scott of 41 Park Street, Winterton, Lincs. Commemorated ARRAS MEMORIAL, Bay 3 and 4

STAMFORD Frank

Lance Corporal 241640, 2/5th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). Killed in action 19th July 1917, aged 22 years. Son of (the late) George and Mary Stamford of 32 High Street, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Enlisted Brigg, Lincolnshire. Commemorated VAULX AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE CEMETERY, A.21.

STUBBINS Herbert

Private 127257, Canadian, 2nd Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles (British Columbia Regiment). Died 7th May 1917, aged 29 years. Son of George Thomas and (the late) Fanny Stubbins. Native of Winterton, Lincolnshire, England. Commemorated BOIS-CARRE BRITISH CEMETERY, Thelus. III.C.16.

1939-1945

BARNES Frederick James

Leading Aircraftman 1080435, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Died 3rd September 1943, aged 27 years. Son of Frederick Alfred and Gertrude Ann Barnes, husband of Irene Maud Barnes of Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated TRIPOLI WAR CEMETERY, 7.C.23.

BELL J

No current information.

BOOTH Harold

Gunner 1604658, 7th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery. Died 18th November 1940, aged 28 years. Son of William and Sarah Booth, husband of Lily Victoria Booth of Barton-upon-Humber, Lincolnshire. Commemorated WINTERTON CEMETERY, Section 10, Grave 312.

BUTTON Margery

Private W/129400, Auxiliary Territorial Service. Died 10th May 1944, aged 26 years. Daughter of Thomas and Lewenna Button of Winterton, Lincolnshire. Following an Inquest on Saturday 20th May 1944, a verdict of accidental death was recorded on Margery Button. Margery had been in the ATS for 2 years and had ridden a motorcycle for 6 months. Riding from Brigg to Scunthorpe she overtook a lorry on Raventhorpe Hill and crashed head-on into a second lorry, dying instantly. The driver of the second lorry was unaware of the accident until stopped by another vehicle. The Coroner said, "It was an unfortunate accident and neither of the lorry drivers was to blame." Commemorated WINTERTON CEMETERY Section 9 Grave 49.

COLLINGWOOD Albert Edward

Sergeant 1816943, 62 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Died 25th June 1945, aged 23 years. Son of George and Ethel Collingwood, husband of Dorothy Collingwood of Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated SINGAPORE MEMORIAL, Col. 451.

COWLING Sidney

Driver T/139801, Royal Army Service Corps. Died 26th October 1943, aged 25 years. Son of Fred and Ruth Cowling, husband of Mary Elizabeth Cowling, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated THANBYUZAYAT WAR CEMETERY, B3.T.5.

CROWSTON S

Possibly Arthur Stanley Crowston. P/MX54553, Engine Room, Artificer 3rd Class, HM Submarine Turbulent. Died 23rd March 1943, aged 26 years. Son of Ernest and Mahala Crowston of Ashby, Lincolnshire. Turbulent launched 1941, Triton Class. Built Vickers-Armstrong, Barrow. In Mediterranean 1942 and sank approximately 66,000 tons in one year. 13th patrol sunk with all hands, Sardinia. Commemorated PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL, Panel 77, Column 2.

ELLIS M

Possibly Marjorie Ellis, died 13 July 1943, aged 16, daughter of Coupland and Annie Ellis. Died 52 Bath Street, Grimsby. This raid is well documented. Her mother Annie died in the same raid. Coupland Ellis was from Roxby, and his wife Annie (née Campbell) was from Winterton.

FANTHORPE Bernard

Sergeant 1621519, 295 Squadron, RAF Volunteer Reserve. Died 19th September 1944, aged 20 years. Son of T W and Doris Fanthorpe, Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated RUNNYMEDE MEMORIAL, Panel 229.

GAUNT William Alfred

Private 4972286, 6th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry. Died 26th June 1944, aged 32 years. Son of Herbert and Sarah Gaunt, husband of Vera Gaunt, Barton on Humber. Reservist, went through Dunkirk, Egypt and Sicily. Killed in Normandy. (Parents possibly from Alkborough, Lincolnshire). Commemorated TILLY-SUR-SEULLES, VI.B.8.

HALL S

No current information.

JOHNSON R

No current information.

PILSWORTH E

Possibly Ernest. Lance Corporal 4807426, 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Died 10th May 1943, aged 22 years. Son of Thomas and Mabel Pilsworth. Commemorated RANGOON MEMORIAL, Face 6.

ROBINSON H

No current information.

SANDERS Wilfred

Sapper 2047457, 394th Battery, 5th Anti-Aircraft Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment, Royal Engineers. Died 7th October 1939. Commemorated WINTERTON CEMETERY, Section 29, Grave 1149. (Headstone states "46th Lincolnshire AA Bn RE")

SMALL Cyril

Sergeant (Air Gunner) 997506, 103 Squadron, RAF Volunteer Reserve. Died 10th September 1944, aged 30 years. Son of Thomas and Alice Elizabeth Small of Winterton, Lincolnshire. Commemorated ABBEVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, Plot 7, Row B, Grave 4.

Winterton War Memorial

In January 1920 discussions commenced by a collection of people in Winterton regarding the possibility of a War Memorial to honour the fallen of the 1914-18 War. By a majority vote (primarily Church members) it was decided there should be one, and in the form of a cross rather than an obelisk. It was duly erected and unveiled on Roxby Road Winterton on 12 December 1920. In 1967 it was moved to its present position in the church grounds and now honours the fallen of both World Wars, 1914-18 and 1939-45.



Order of Service

FOR THE

UNVEILING OF THE Winterton War Memorial

DECEMBER 12th, 1920.

Hymn.

Let saints on earth in concert sing
With those whose work is done;
For all the servants of our King
In Heav'n and earth are one.

One family we dwell in Him,
One Church, above, beneath;
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death,

One army of the living God
To His command we bow;
Part of the host have crossed the flood,
And part are crossing now.

Jesus, be Thou our constant guide;
Then, when the word is given,
Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
And bring us safe to Heav'n. Amen.

Lesson.

S. John xi., 21-25.

Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if Thou hadst been here my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever Thou wilt ask of God, God will give it Thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto Him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus saith unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

Unveiling of the Memorial

In Memory of

David Lonsdale
George Horsley
Harold Burton
George Gibson
Ernest Cyril Richardson
Arthur Collingwood
John Benjamin Boon
Archibald Brown
John Charles Scott
Harry Reed
William Fish
Harold Hicks
Joseph Richard Roberts

Walter Percival Sawyer
Arthur Moss
Carey Green
Harold Green
Stanley Lonsdale
Herbert Stubbins
Frank Stamford
Albert Campbell
George Osler
Henry James Booth
Harry Parker
Fred Ling

Prayers.

Hymn.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home. Amen.

Benediction.

The Last Post.

In Memoriam.

GEORGE HAROLD HORSLEY,

Fallen with honour on the Battle Field near Ypres,

THURSDAY, JULY 15TH.

Laid to rest in the Regimental Cemetery,
close to Zillikeke, S. E. Ypres.

We have to record the loss of the first lad, who went direct from Winterton to the War, George Harold Horsley. We think with pride of the life laid down in the cause of his King and Country; but we extend to his parents and his relations our deepest sympathy in this their hour of trial and bereavement. We earnestly hope that they will be comforted and strengthened now, and we are quite sure they will be proud to remember, in the future, that a noble and brave lad laid down his life on the battle field. There could not be a nobler death. It is a sacrifice for his Country's safety and freedom.

They have this comfort in their sorrow that they know exactly the manner of his death and where his body is laid to rest "in the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection Day."

Moreover they have the greatest comfort of all to know that he was a brave soldier and a good fellow.

His Captain, R. S. Fieldsend, says of him, "He was an excellent soldier, and a good fellow."

His Sergeant, F. J. Templeman, says of him and of the manner of his death, "We all feel the loss very much as he was such a cheerful and willing soldier, and from many a talk I have had with him, I know he must have been one of the best of sons, I felt the blow very much and was with him at the time he got killed, and but for a mere stop that I made it would have been me instead of your son. At the time we were taking rations to one of our gun teams which were in another part of the trench. I asked for someone to go with me (as it is not safe to move by one's self, as one never knows what might happen) and your son picked up the rations and set off at once. As we were walking along the trench, I made a stop to look to see if

there were any German snipers about. Your son passed me, and so got in front, and as I was following behind I heard a shot, and on turning the corner of the trench I saw George stagger and fall down. I immediately picked him up and saw at a glance that the poor boy was dead, as a bullet had gone right through his head, death being instantaneous. On looking round I saw that the Germans had shot a part of the parapet away, and George not seeing the hole had walked unconsciously past, and the sniper who must have been waiting for a shot saw his opportunity, with such fatal results. The poor boy never knew he was hit, and so sudden was his death that he still had a cheerful expression on his face to take him safely to the shore of the Unknown World where all soldiers who fall in this cruel War will be safely received by Him who governs the whole sphere, and will be sure of a hearty welcome. You will have the satisfaction to know that he gave his life to his King and Country in the bravest way possible, sacrificing all worldly things in his endeavour to do his best for the weak and oppressed, so that Right must triumph over Might, and anyone who has been out here and seen the country of Belgium laid in destitution by the Germans must know that our only hope of Peace lies in our Forces beating the Germans, who respect not nor keep any of their promises, and bring all sorts of hellish weapons of War (which they agreed not to use) to try and bring victory on their side."

Both the Captain and Sergeant express their deepest sympathy with his mother and relations. A Cross has been erected to his memory over his grave in the Cemetery at Zillikeke. He laid down his life within a week of his 17th birthday, July 8th. We can only leave him body and soul in the safe keeping of His loving Father, and pray that eternal rest and peace may be his.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, August 1st, at 6-30 pm, when it is hoped that we shall all commemorate his brave sacrifice for his King and Country, and that of all who have fallen with honour in Battle.

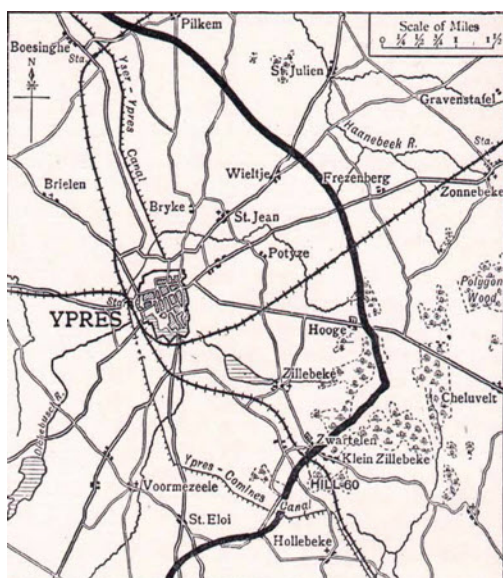
Requiescat in Peace.

Harold Burton's story must be typical in its poignancy and in the insight it provides into the life of soldiers during the First World War. Harold is registered as having enlisted with the 7th battalion, the Lincolnshire Regiment on the 14th of December 1914, when he was 20 and his family have kept his medals and some correspondence relating to his war service, including two highly evocative letters which he wrote home.

The first is dated 1 March 1914 and was sent from Bovington Camp, Dorset but the year must be a mistake and should read 1915. It is just possible that he had joined the army before war broke out and was at a training camp in March 1914 but he refers to beautiful weather, whereas March 1914 was one of the wettest on record, and he also expresses hopes for the success of the Dardanelles campaign (February/March 1915). He was obviously enjoying his time in Dorset and the company of his army friends. He

describes the area vividly, referring to the pretty villages with their thatched cottages, the spring flowers, including violets and primroses, and the fact that the animals were out to grass maybe conveying the difference in climate between Winterton and Dorset. He was grateful for parcels sent from home but was also enjoying the hospitality of local people, whom he describes as very kind to soldiers. However, this was clearly no country holiday. They had enjoyed their first Sunday off for a long time and most of the time seems to have been spent in 'trenching', route marches, including a 7 mile route march completed in an hour, and firing practice. No passes were being granted so he has no hope of getting home but his mind is clearly on what his parents will be doing in Winterton as he wishes them a successful lambing season and assumes oats will be sown, but not spring wheat.

The second letter is dated 10 January 1916, when he described himself as being 'in the pink', no doubt because they had been granted a rest from the trenches and were 25 miles from the firing line, staying in a loft in 'a little village about the size of Roxby'. Again the weather is glorious and the place 'seems like a little heaven', in contrast to the wrecked houses, trees and fields to which he had grown accustomed. He writes about running and walking ("we shall soon be as fit as fiddles again") and football matches against the machine gunners and the signallers are clearly a highlight. He reports with pride that he scored the sixth goal in a 6-0 victory and, hardly surprisingly, they all have appetites like horses. Unfortunately the page ends mid-sentence and the rest of the letter is missing.



There is no further correspondence from Harold but three months later, in response to an enquiry from his mother, the Red Cross wrote to say that he had been reported missing on the 15th of February. In July they reported that he had been seen at the charge at St Eloi (part of an attempt to create tunnels in order to break through the German lines), carrying bombs under heavy fire from the Germans. A further letter in September confirmed (albeit from a second hand report) that there were men in the battalion who had seen him killed. Finally there are the official papers: the regimental commemorative scroll and the communication from Buckingham Palace, signed by George V,

"I join with my grateful people in sending you this memorial of a brave life given for others in the Great War"

Two letters from Harold Burton

	
Wesleyan Church Homes ~ ~ & Institutes	
HEADQUARTERS: Wesleyan Army & Navy Board, Central Buildings, Westminster, S.W.	
SECRETARY: Rev. J. H. BATESON.	
March 1 1914	
No. Coy. Batt. Reg't.	
Bovington Camp	
Dear Mother and Father and all I received the parcel all right yesterday and also one from Walter's at Whintring both by the same post. I am very well, as I hope you all are. It has been beautiful weather here lately, as I hope it has been at home. We went on a Route march on Saturday, and were trenching till 8 at night. We had Sunday off, for the first time lately. We went on Parade to Chapel in the morning, and 3 pals and I went to a village called Whinfrith in the aft. We had an amusing experience going, we took a short cut, and there are a lot of streams right across the Valley, and when we got to them they were flooded, so we had to take our boots and stockings off, and wade through for about a mile, we landed about tea time, it is about 4 mile from here, we had tea, and then went to the New Wesleyan Chapel, it was opened last week. About fifty people wanted us to go to supper, we managed to get three good suppers, so we didn't do amiss, But we were hungry when we got	

back, and we take a bit of keeping, we all have big appetites. It was a beautiful night, and we did 4 miles in an hour. The villages are very pretty here in Dorset, so peaceful and pretty. We got some violet's primroses and there were lots of flowers. The houses are all thatched, and beautiful and houses out at grass. We could see some sheep away on the hills.

They are very kind to soldier's in this district, we were in one room to supper with an officer, and a parson. We went sprinting first thing, and trenching after breakfast till dinner, we were supposed to be holding the attacking force back while some made trenches, we were laid down firing without cartridge for about 1 and 1/2 hours, then the other party relieved us, and we had to finish the trenches, about 5 1/2 ft deep and two wide, and we have been occupied again this aft, so we have forty eight hours off. They are not granting any passes, only sick passes. I don't know when we shall get home. Pleased to hear you had a good sale at Farmer's club, and that our sheep are doing well, but I expect Gig's will be better, hope you will have a successful lambing time. It will soon be time to sow oats now. suppose you won't be sowing any spring wheat. I should think there will be some big supplies coming from Russia when the Navies smash through the Dardanelles. Remember me to Hetty and Will, and Collingwood's Brownston's, and Glover's.

Well I think that is all

With Best Love

from Harold.

Jan 10 - 16

I can mother Father and all
just a few lines, hoping to
find you well as it leaves me
in the pink. We are out of the
trenches for a rest, 25 miles
from the firing line, we came
away by train, and had a
march of 8 miles, when we got
off, and landed here at 8
on Sunday morning. We and
the machine gunners, are in
a big loft above some building
quite comfortable, and pleased
to be out of it for a time, it
seems funny after seeing
nothing but wrecked houses
and trees and fields all torn
up by shell fire, and the roar
of gun's, well it seems like
a little heaven. It is a

a little village about the
size of Popby, and it has
been glorious weather time
we have been here. We are all
balmy over football after
not having a game of so long.
We had a match with the
machine gunner's day before
yesterday, and we played
ing's round then we beat them
6-0. I scored the sixth goal.
We play the Signaller's to-
day, expect we shall have
a tougher go. We are out
every morning at 6-30
for a run and walk and we
shall soon be as fit as
fiddle's again. We went
for an 8 mile walk before
dinner. We have appetites
like horses, we should just

Unfortunately this second letter is incomplete.

Letters received by Harold Burton's family after he went missing

Telephone No. -REGENT 6151

BRITISH RED CROSS
—AND—
ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

ENQUIRY DEPARTMENT
FOR
WOUNDED AND MISSING
18, Carlton House Terrace.

27th April 1916.

DEAR Madam,

With reference to your enquiry for 14489, Pte Harold Burton, 7th

Lincolns

the War Office inform us that he is reported missing on the 15th Feb. 1916.

We have put his name on our Searcher's List, and will communicate with you directly we get news,

Yours faithfully,

LOUIS MALLET.

Lf Mf

Mrs. Burton,
Carr Farm
Winterton.

Telephone No.: REGENT 6151.
Telegrams: "NATIONALLY. CHARLES."

BRITISH RED CROSS
—AND—
ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

ENQUIRY DEPARTMENT
FOR
WOUNDED AND MISSING.

July 31st, 1916.

If replying please quote G.G.B.

18, Carlton House Terrace, S.W.

Pte. Harold Burton, 14489,
7th Lincolns. D. Co. Bomber.

Dear Madam,

Since I last wrote we have received a very vague statement about your son from Bomber E.A. Melville, 11930, 7th Lincs. present whereabouts unknown, and with whom you can only communicate c/o Record Office at Lichfield. Bomber Melville says:

"The last time I saw Pte. Burton was in the charge at St. Eloi. He was then carrying bombs under heavy shell fire by the Germans at night. L/Cpl. Green. D. Co. 13th Platoon, 7th Lincolns, B.E.F. may be able to give further details."

I fully realise that this does nothing to relieve your anxiety, and we are continuing our enquiries as before. I advise you to write to L/Cpl. Green yourself.

I am,

Yours truly,

G.G.Buckler

for SIR LOUIS MALLETT.

(Mrs)

Mrs. Burton,
Carr Farm,
Winterton.

Telephone No.: REGENT 6151.
Telegrams: "NATIONALLY, CHARLES."

BRITISH RED CROSS
—AND—
ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

ENQUIRY DEPARTMENT

FOR

WOUNDED AND MISSING. AND PRISONERS OF WAR

18, Carlton House Terrace, S.W.

September 11th, 1916.

If replying please quote G.G.B.

Pte. Harold Burton, 14489,
7th Lincolns. D. Co. Bomber.

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Dear Madam,

I am sorry to say that the distressing reports previously sent you are carried even further by our latest informant and I have reason to believe are already known to you.

L/Cpl. F. Coupland, 14548, 7th Lincolns, now in hospital abroad, with whom you can only communicate c/o Record Office at Lichfield, makes the following statement:-

"Pte. Burton joined the Battalion at Boverton, Dorset, and we came out together. He came from Scunthorpe and worked in some kind of a foundry. I think his father was a farmer. The Germans had taken out trench and we were trying to regain it when he was killed by a bomb. His sister wrote recently to Cpl. Wood of 16 Platoon, with the Battalion now, who enquired and who found men who had seen him killed."

As our informant was evidently not an eye-witness, ~~and~~ I do not think you will gain much by writing to him, unless indeed he can give you some of the names of the men whom Cpl. Wood questioned. If you have heard from Cpl. Wood and have arrived at any conclusion yourself, it would be kind of you to let us know. We are continuing our enquiries.

With renewed sympathy,

I am, Yours truly,

Mrs. Burton.
Winterton.

G.G.Buckler
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

I join with my grateful people
in sending you this memorial
of a brave life given for others
in the Great War.

George R.I.



HE whom this scroll commemorates
was numbered among those who,
at the call of King and Country, left all
that was dear to them, endured hardness,
faced danger, and finally passed out of
the sight of men by the path of duty
and self-sacrifice, giving up their own
lives that others might live in freedom.
Let those who come after see to it
that his name be not forgotten.

*Pte. Harold Burton
Lincolnshire Regt.*



Presented by
The Winterton Sailors and Soldiers
Comforts Association.

In grateful remembrance of
Harold Burton
who made the Supreme Sacrifice
in the Great War 1914-1919.

Harold Burton's Medals



Herbert Stubbins was the son of George Thomas and Fanny Stubbins who lived in Earlsgate, Winterton, and the grandson of Thomas Mellors Stubbins whose gravestone is on the west wall of Winterton churchyard. He was born in 1888 in Brocklesby, Lincolnshire and emigrated to Canada in 1913, traveling via Liverpool and arriving in Quebec. His Canadian Expeditionary Force file states that he was working as a farmer in Central Ontario. There he enlisted in the 71st Battalion on 12 October 1915 in London, Ontario. He crossed the Atlantic aboard the *Olympia* and joined the 2nd Mounted Rifles in the field on 12th June 1916, remaining with them until Vimy Ridge. The Battle of Vimy Ridge in April 1917 became a symbol of national achievement and sacrifice for the Canadians because it was the first occasion on which all four divisions of their Expeditionary Force engaged together and their success against the German 6th Army was largely attributed to Canadian training, planning and artillery support. The battle was part of the opening phase of the Battle of Arras, ahead of the French Nivelle Offensive.



Herbert was wounded during the assault on 9th April and died of his wounds on 7th May. His two medals, memorial cross, memorial plaque and scroll were issued to his mother in 1920-21.



Correspondence about Herbert Stubbins medals

From: <mstubbins@.....> **Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2010 9:03 AM

To: <punjab@.....>

Subject: Stubbins medal

Hi Terry - thanks for replying to my EBay message.

As I said in the message, Herbert Stubbins, to whom the Canadian Memorial Cross was awarded, is my blood relative. His grandfather was my great-great-grandfather (Thomas Mellors Stubbins 1816-1905).

My brother and I bid for the medal on EBay but when I saw that you had won it and it was "to go with his other medals" we were very happy. I have been tracing our family history for many years, and I was very surprised when the medal came up on EBay.

Herbert emigrated to Canada in 1913 (Liverpool to Quebec) at the age of 25, and obviously soon signed up to fight in the First World War. I have not been able to find out why, or where, Herbert went in Canada and as he was only there for a short time I assume there wasn't much to find out.

Do you have ANY details of Herbert's short life in Canada?

Are you related to Herbert?

I would be interested to know about his "other" medals etc.etc.

I've attached a photo of the memorial (in Winterton All Saints church, Lincolnshire, England) which contains Herbert's name. I hope it of interest to you. The church is currently running a project on the local people who died in both World Wars

Hope I'm not asking too much.

Thanks again - Malcolm Stubbins (London)

-----Original Message-----

From: punjab@..... **Date:** 24/05/2010 17:31

To: <mstubbins@.....>

Subj: Re: Stubbinsmedal

Hi Malcolm,

Back in 2006 I purchased the War and Victory Medals to 127257 Pte. Herbert Stubbins, 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles. From the various internet sites I found that he had died on 7 May, 1917; and from the regimental history I discovered that in fact he had been wounded during the great assault on Vimy Ridge (9 April). He had lingered for nearly a month before succumbing to his wounds. I also obtained his CEF service file from Ottawa.

His attestation documents indicated that he was working as a farmer in central Ontario when he enlisted in the 71st Battalion at London, Ontario on 12 Oct., 1915. The 71st was actually from the nearby town of Woodstock. He listed his birthplace as Brocklesby, Lincolnshire, and his next of kin as his mother, Mrs. Fannie Stubbins, Earls Gate, Winterton, Doncaster. By the way he was a little fellow, even for the time - 5 feet, 2 1/2 inches and 120 pounds!

Herbert crossed the Atlantic on the "Olympia", and his unit, like most CEF outfits was broken up to feed the frontline battalions. In his case he ended up in 2 CMR, which was a battalion of the 8th Brigade, 3rd Canadian Division.

He joined 2 CMR in the field on 12 June, 1916 and except for a brief two-week attachment to the 8th Brigade Machine Gun Company, remained with them until Vimy Ridge.

The two medals, memorial cross, memorial plaque, and scroll were all issued to his mother in 1920-21. When the cross showed up on ebay I felt that it should be re-united with the medals. Somewhere out there a plaque named to Herbert Stubbins must exist.

If I can be of further assistance please contact me. By any chance does a photo of Herbert survive anywhere?

Cheers,
Terry M.....