

COMMEMORATING ROYAL SIGNALS WAR DEAD

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IN PROUD AND HAPPY MEMORY OF TIM, MY HUSBAND

The epitaph of Lieutenant Colonel F. T. Pope, who commanded Singapore Fortress Signals and who died as a prisoner of war on the Thai-Burma Railway.

2364828 Signalman COLIN **PAGDIN**, Prisoner of War (formerly 18th Divisional Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. **Died as a prisoner of war** of dysentery 11 August 1942 in the hospital in Robert Barracks at Changi, Singapore.
- Originally buried in the camp cemetery at Changi, his remains were reinterred on 27 April 1946 at Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore. *IN GOD'S OWN GARDEN NOW AT REST, PEACEFULLY SLEEPING, ONE OF THE BEST*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

25107706 Corporal ANDREW EDWARD **PAGE**, 39th Infantry Brigade Headquarters and Signal Squadron (213).

- Died on 13 April 2006 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident during the Northern Ireland Campaign.
- St John The Baptist Church, Niton, Isle of Wight. *A PRECIOUS SON AND BROTHER HUSBAND, FATHER AND DEDICATED SOLDIER LOVE YOU ALWAYS LOVE YOU FOREVER*
- Armed Forces Memorial: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Other Campaigns): No

6334183 Signalman ARTHUR THOMAS **PAGE**, Meritorious Service Medal for Valuable Services, Mention in Despatches, Air Defence Experimental Establishment.¹

- Having reenlisted, he died of disease/natural causes on 20 December 1944 (cause not known) while serving as a telephone exchange operator.
- Christchurch Cemetery. *"I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY COME UNTO ME AND REST"*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2316934 Serjeant CHARLES ALBERT **PAGE** M.M., Prisoner of war (formerly Hong Kong Signal Company).²

- Captured during the Battle of Hong Kong in December 1941. **Killed in action as a prisoner of war** at sea on 1 or 2 October 1942 en route from Hong Kong to Japan when S.S. *Lisbon Maru* was sunk by U.S.S. *Grouper* in the East China Sea. Fifty Royal Signals all ranks from the Hong Kong Signal Company were lost.
- Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Sai Wan Memorial, Hong Kong.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2314544 Lance Corporal EDWARD WILLIAM **PAGE**, Malta Command Signals.³

- Soon after arriving in Malta he was seriously wounded in a negligent shooting and admitted to Mtarfa General Hospital and placed on the dangerously ill list. He died of his injuries on 5 April 1941.
- Imtarfa Military Cemetery, Malta. *A CHERISHED MEMORY*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2596590 Corporal GERALD EARDLEY **PAGE**, 1st Airborne Divisional Signals.

- Died on 25 July 1943 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident near Sousse in Tunisia.
- Originally buried at Sousse Military Hospital Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 15 February 1945 at Enfidaville War Cemetery, Tunisia.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

4925689 Driver PERCY EDWARD **PAGETT**, 11th Field Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section (4th Indian Divisional Signals).

- Killed in action** on 2 August 1944 with Lieutenant P. R. A. Farr and Signalman R. V. Hill in the fighting east of Arezzo in the advance to the Gothic Line during the Italian Campaign when their Jeep suffered a direct hit by an artillery shell.
- Originally buried together in the 4th Indian Division cemetery at Arezzo, their remains were reinterred on 2 April 1945 at Arezzo War Cemetery, Italy.

- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14547139 Driver RONALD FRANK **PAINE**, Discharged (Former Unit Not Known).

- Died of disease/natural causes on 30 August 1947 at the Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings after the war while on leave having been discharged.
- Hastings Cemetery, Sussex. *THOU ART WITH CHRIST AND CHRIST WITH ME, IN CHRIST UNITED STILL ARE WE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2585047 Signaller JOHN DENNIS **PAINTER**, 106th (Lancashire Hussars) Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Signal Section (7th Armoured Divisional Signals).

- Killed in action** at sea on 27 April 1941 when the Dutch troopship D.S.S. *Slamat* and the destroyers H.M.S. *Diamond* and H.M.S. *Wryneck* were sunk in air attacks east of the Peloponnese in the evacuation during the Battle of Greece. Thirty-three Royal Signals all ranks from several units were lost, including 17 men from this section.
- Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Athens Memorial, Greece.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2583591 Lance Corporal VICTOR GEORGE **PAKEMAN**, 34th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Signal Section, 25th Anti-Aircraft Brigade.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 30 November 1944 at No. 98 (British) General Hospital during the Italian Campaign.
- Bari War Cemetery, Italy. *HE SERVED GOD, HIS KING, HIS COUNTRY*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2600122 Driver JACK **PALIN**, 49th (West Riding) Divisional Signals.

- Killed in action** on 16 August 1944 in the advance to the Falaise Pocket in the Battle of Normandy during the North-West Europe Campaign.
- Originally buried in a temporary cemetery at Cuverville, his remains were reinterred on 14 August 1945 at Ranville War Cemetery, France. *ABSENT FROM US YOU ARE ALWAYS NEAR STILL MISSED, LOVED AND FOR EVER DEAR*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2380533 Signaller ARTHUR **PALLET**, 6th Airborne Divisional Signals.

- Killed in an aircraft crash during a training flight on the morning of 7 December 1943 when General Aircraft Hotspur glider, serial BT822, of 2nd Battalion, Glider Pilot Regiment and flying from R.A.F. Netheravon, crashed into a field near Collingbourne Ducis, Wiltshire just after being released from the tug aircraft. Also killed were Lance Sergeant M. King and Signalmen C. Campbell, C. Dawson, S. Jackson and H. Simpson, and the Glider Pilot Regiment crew, Staff Sergeant E. A. Jeffs and Sergeant P. D. Taylor.⁴
- Tottenham Cemetery.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2325502 Signaller ARTHUR WILLIAM **PALMER**, No. 8 Line of Communication Signals.

- Having had a leg amputated, he died at sea on 12 October 1941 on board H.M.H.S *Atlantis* en route between the Middle East and Durban, South Africa.
- Buried at sea, he is commemorated on the Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

3717290 Signaller DOUGLAS GEORGE **PALMER**, 43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals.

- Killed in action** on 11 July 1944 in Operation *Jupiter* in the Battle of Normandy during the North-West Europe Campaign.
- Originally buried in a battlefield grave on the outskirts of the village of Maltot, his remains were reinterred on 12 November 1945 at Banneville-La-Campagne War Cemetery, France. *AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING WE WILL REMEMBER HIM*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2372287 Signaller HAROLD HEARD **PALMER**, No. 26 Wing Section, 2nd Air Formation Signals.
 -Died of disease/natural causes at sea on 5 August 1942 on board H.M.T. *Queen Emma* in home waters en route to Dartmouth.
 -Buried at sea, he is commemorated on the Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial.
 -Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
 -Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2323603 Lance Corporal HERBERT SLADER **PALMER**, Hong Kong Signal Company.
 -Wounded at Coombe Road, Wanchai Gap on 19 December 1941 during the Battle of Hong Kong, he **died of wounds** on 25 December 1941 in Bowen Road Hospital.
 -Originally buried at No. 1 Crater, Borrett Road, his remains were reinterred on 10 January 1947 at Stanley Military Cemetery.
 -Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
 -Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2327689 Signaller JOHN ARTHUR **PALMER**, Singapore Fortress Signals.
 -**Killed in action** on or shortly after 13 February 1942 during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore.
 -Singapore Memorial, Singapore.
 -Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
 -Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2336911 Signaller WILLIAM EVANS **PALMER**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 52 Operating Section, 3rd Indian Corps Signals).
 -Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 4 November 1942 in 'N' Party'. Worked in 'No. 2 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of indigestion on 8 January 1944 at Chungkai base camp hospital.
 -Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand. *DEAR ARE THE MEMORIES, SILENTLY KEPT, OF ONE WE LOVED AND CANNOT FORGET*
 -Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
 -Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2587584 Corporal WILLIAM WARDLOW **PALMER**, No. 2 Company, 1st Air Formation Signals.
 -Died of disease/natural causes on 22 February 1943 during the Tunisian Campaign.
 -Originally buried at Souk-el-Arba Military Cemetery, Tunisia (Jendouba, Tunisia), his remains were reinterred on 18 July 1944 at Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia. *OF GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE. PROUD & TREASURED MEMORIES OF A DEAR HUSBAND & SON, FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS*
 -Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
 -Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2591175 Signaller NORMAN THOMAS **PANCOUST**, Guards Armoured Divisional Signals.
 -**Killed in action** on 21 July 1944 with Signaller G. N. Bankes in Operation *Goodwood* during the North-West Europe Campaign when an armoured half-track in the headquarters of 5th Battalion, Coldstream Guards was hit by a shell.
 -Originally buried in a battlefield cemetery near Cagny, south-east of Caen, the remains of both men were reinterred on 21 August 1944 at Banneville-La-Campagne War Cemetery, France.
 -Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
 -Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2580288 Sergeant HAROLD JOHN **PANNIERS**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 52 Operating Section, 3rd Indian Corps Signals).
 -Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 4 November 1942 in 'N' Party'. Worked in 'No. 2 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of malaria on 19 May 1943 at Chungkai base camp hospital.
 -Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand.
 -Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
 -Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2336793 Signaller FREDERICK OWEN **PAPWORTH**, Prisoner of War (formerly 11th Indian Divisional Signals).
 -Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 6 November 1942 in 'L' Party'. Worked in 'No. 2 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of acute enteritis on 5 August 1943 at Nam Chon Yai (Namuchonyai).
 -Originally buried in the camp cemetery at Nam Chon Yai, his remains were reinterred on 9 March 1946 at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. *THOUGHTS GO BACK TO BYGONE DAYS, LIFE GOES ON, BUT MEMORIES STAY*

- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2341403 Serjeant DOUGLAS HUBERT **PARFITT**, Headquarters Squadron, 6th Armoured Divisional Signals.

- Died on 9 August 1942 in an accident at Dunscore near Dumfries in Scotland during a training exercise when he succumbed to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- All Saints Churchyard, Farmborough. *IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DEAR HUSBAND "DOUG." THE YEARS CAN NEVER CHANGE MY THOUGHTS FOR HIM SO DEAR*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2365685 Driver WALTER FREDERICK **PARFITT**, Prisoner of War (formerly Malaya Command Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 15 October 1942 in the 'River Valley Road Party' (Train 5). Worked in 'No. 4 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of avitaminosis on 21 December 1943 at Chungkai base camp hospital.
- Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand. 3. K. 10.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14387636 Signalman WILLIAM JOHN CUZNER **PARFITT**, Special Operator Training Battalion.

- Having fallen ill during his training, he died of disease/natural causes on 16 August 1943.
- St. Sannan Churchyard, Bedwellty.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2318864 Signalman CHARLES ROY STEPHEN **PARIS**, Returned Prisoner of War, Discharged (formerly Hong Kong Signal Company).

- Captured during the Battle of Hong Kong in December 1941. Survived when S.S. *Lisbon Maru* was sunk by U.S.S. *Grouper* in October 1942 in the East China Sea en route from Hong Kong to Japan. The survivors were transported to Shanghai, China then to Japan, where he was held at Osaka. Having been repatriated in September 1945, he arrived home two months later on 19 November and took his own life on 28 November.
- Bear Road Cemetery, Brighton. *IN LOVING MEMORY FOR EVER OF OUR DEAR SON. MUM, DAD AND FAMILY R.I.P.*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

190516 Captain GEORGE JAMES **PARISH**, Unit Not Known; West Africa Command.

- Killed in an aircraft crash on 8 June 1946 when Douglas Dakota DC-3, serial KG747, of the Accra Station Flight, Royal Air Force crashed in bad weather near Oni, Nigeria, 60 miles east of Lagos, en route from Kono to Lagos. All six crew members, 12 military passengers (including Captain Parish and Major W. P. G. Morley) and four civilian passengers were killed, as was a civilian at the crash site. (For more information see Major W. P. G. Morley).
- Yaba Cemetery, Nigeria. *GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No
- Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Roll of Honour: No

2360539 Signalman ARTHUR HILL **PARK**, 5th Divisional Signals.

- Killed in action** on 27 or 28 May 1940 during the Battle of France.
- Dunkirk Memorial, France.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14644369 Corporal GEORGE **PARK**, Signal Training Centre.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 23 December 1946 at Catterick Military Hospital after the war.
- Dalnottar Cemetery.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2583189 Signalman KENNETH MCGREGOR **PARK**, 73rd Anti-Tank Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section, Eighth Army Signals.

- Wounded and reported as missing in the Second Battle of El Alamein during the Western Desert Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 30 October 1942.

- Originally buried in a battlefiled cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 18 November 1942 at El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14361609 Driver WILLIAM **PARK**, Orkney and Shetland Signals.⁵

- While on duty as a firewatcher at a garage in Manchester, he died suddenly of disease/natural causes on 2 August 1943.
- St. Mary's Cemetery, Windermere. *YEARS SHALL NOT DARKEN NOR SHADOWS DIM THE BEAUTIFUL MEMORY WE KEEP OF HIM*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

103601 Captain ARTHUR CAMPBELL **PARKER**, Unit Not Known.

- A retired civil servant, he was commissioned into Royal signals in October 1939 and died on 9 July 1940 (cause not known) at the Cavalry Barracks, Hounslow. His stepson, Alexander Frederick William Crome, was killed in an air raid on 17 October 1940.
- Gap Road Cemetery, Wimbledon. *IN LOVING MEMORY OF ARTHUR, AND "SHEILA" HIS WIFE WHO DIED JULY 1941. AT REST*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes
- Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Roll of Honour: Yes

2327997 Serjeant ERIC ALEXANDER **PARKER**, Prisoner of War (formerly 15th Infantry Brigade Signal Section).

- Captured in July 1943 during Operation *Husky*, the Allied invasion of Sicily. Transported north and held at *Prigione di Guerra 78 (Campo 78)* at Sulmona. Having escaped after the Italian Armistice in September 1943, he was recaptured and held at *Prigione di Guerra 102 (Campo 102)* at Aquila. Loaded onto a train for transport to Germany, he was **killed in action as a prisoner of war** on 8 December 1943 when the train was bombed at Aquila station by aircraft from 321st Bombardment Group (Medium), United States Army Air Forces. Over 80 Commonwealth prisoners of war were killed in the attack or died later, including three other Royal Signals prisoners of war: Signelman T. Jones and Drivers P. S. Allcoat and E. M. Sinclair.
- Originally buried at Aquila, his remains were reinterred on 23 February 1945 at Ancona War Cemetery, Italy. *HE FELL ASLEEP WITHOUT FAREWELL BUT IN OUR HEARTS HE WILL EVER DWELL*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2587178 Driver ERNEST **PARKER**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 27 Line Section, Malaya Command Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 22 June 1942 in the 'First Mainland Party' (Train 3). Worked in 'No. 2 Group' and returned to Singapore in June 1944. Transported on S.S. *Hofuku Maru* in 'Japan Party No. 2' in July 1944 from Singapore via Borneo to the Philippines, where the ship put into Manila for repairs in mid-July; the majority of prisoners remained on board—97 men died, and 50 very sick men were transferred ashore on 24 August—and the ship finally sailed for Japan on 20 September. Driver Parker survived when S.S. *Hofuku Maru* was sunk on 21 September 1944, by aircraft flying off United States Navy carriers, off the western coast of Luzon while en route from the Philippines to Japan; 55 Royal Signals soldiers were lost. Driver Parker was initially returned to Manila and then with a little over 200 other survivors was transported to Takao, Formosa (Kaohsiung, Taiwan) where he **died as a prisoner of war** of malaria on 26 September 1944 at Heito (Camp No. 3).
- Originally buried at Heito (Rinrakutomon), his remains were reinterred on 21 July 1947 at Sai Wan War Cemetery, Hong Kong. *REST IN PEACE. ON YOUR SOUL, SWEET JESUS HAVE MERCY*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

1869122 Corporal FRANCIS GEORGE **PARKER**, 'L' Company (Unit Not Known—a unit of the Indian Signal Corps).⁶

- Died of disease/natural causes on 22 August 1945 at the British Military Hospital, Mhow just after the end of the war.
- Originally buried at Mhow, his remains were later reinterred at Kirkee War Cemetery, India. *MEMORIES ARE ALL WE HAVE LEFT OF A DEAR HUSBAND & FATHER, ONE OF THE BEST*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2357592 Signalmán FREDERICK WILLIAM **PARKER**, Transport Draft ROAWO.

- Having recently arrived in India and fallen ill with dysentery, he died on 14 September 1942 at the British Military Hospital, Meerut.
- Originally buried at Meerut, his remains were reinterred in the early 1950s at Delhi War Cemetery, India. *DEEPLY MOURNED BY HIS SORROWFUL WIFE AND FAMILY. GOD GRANT HIM ETERNAL REST*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2583697 Signalmán JACK **PARKER**, 7th Armoured Divisional Signals.

- Killed in action** on 17 June 1941 in Operation *Battleaxe* during the Western Desert Campaign.
- Alamein Memorial, Egypt.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2379483 Signalmán JAMES ERNEST **PARKER**, No. 2 Line of Communication Signals.

- Killed in action** on 16 December 1944 (the first day of the Ardennes offensive) when a V2 rocket destroyed the Cinema Rex in Antwerp during the North-West Europe Campaign. A little under 600 civilians and military personnel were killed or died as a result of their injuries including eight Royal Signals soldiers from various units; a significant number of Royal Signals soldiers were wounded. (For more information see Corporal R. Barnes.)
- Schoonselhof Cemetery, Belgium. *A SMILING FACE, A HEART OF GOLD. NO BETTER SON THIS WORLD COULD HOLD*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2342505 Driver JOHN **PARKER**, No. 4 Line of Communication Signals.

- Died of malaria on 11 January 1943 at No. 63 (British) General Hospital at Helieh, Cairo during the Western Desert Campaign.
- Heliopolis War Cemetery, Egypt. *HE GAVE ALL FOR HIS COUNTRY AND HIS LOVED ONES*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2353128 Serjeant LEONARD ARTHUR **PARKER**, 9th Armoured Divisional Signals.

- Took his own life on 9 September 1944 while on duty at the drill hall at Hitchin in Hertfordshire.
- Cadder Cemetery. *SWEET MEMORIES ARE NEVER FORGOTTEN*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2337580 Driver LEONARD THEODORE **PARKER**, 'B' Indian Line of Communication Signals.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 19 March 1942 at No. 27 (Indian) General Hospital (Combined), Basra while serving with Persia and Iraq Force.
- Basra War Cemetery, Iraq. *ETERNAL REST GIVE UNTO HIM, O LORD; AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14230363 Signalmán NORMAN **PARKER**, No. 18 Line of Communication Signals.

- Having recently arrived in Greece, he died on 25 May 1945 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident when he was involved in a motorcycle crash near Athens.
- Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. *WE PLANNED SUCH A WONDERFUL FUTURE ONLY TO HAVE IT END IN A DREAM, MY DARLING*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2574415 Signalmán PHILIP GEORGE **PARKER**, Prisoner of War (formerly Malaya Command Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 28 April 1943 in 'F' Force' (Train 11). **Died as a prisoner of war** on 27 November 1943 of beriberi at Nieke (where the Thai and Burmese sections of the railway would meet).
- Cremated, his ashes were originally buried in the camp cemetery at Nieke and later reinterred in a collective grave at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand, where he is commemorated on the Special Memorial.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2571921 Corporal REGINALD JAMES **PARKER**, 13th Air Formation Signals.

- Died on 21 May 1944 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident at Bedhampton in Hampshire when the Jeep in which he was a passenger collided with a tank while overtaking a cyclist and overturned; the driver was injured but survived.
- Sale Cemetery. *TREASURED MEMORIES*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2353129 Signalman THOMAS **PARKER**, 13th Corps Signals.

- Killed in action** on 1 September 1942 in the Battle of Alam el Halfa during the Western Desert Campaign when the headquarters leaguer was shelled. Signalman A. Kirk died of wounds later in the day.
- Originally buried at El Gharbaniyat Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 9 December 1943 at El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

1111420 Corporal VICTOR FAIRBAIRN **PARKER**, Cypher Section, 1st (West African) Brigade Signal Section, 82nd (West African) Divisional Signals.

- Wounded on 15 April 1945 when a grenade exploded in the brigade headquarters cypher section in the fighting in southern Arakan during the Burma Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 17 April 1945 at No. 28 (West African) Field Dressing Station.
- Originally buried at Akyab War Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 17 May 1952 at Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2320660 Serjeant WALTER **PARKER**, No. 15 Despatch Rider Section, No. 1 Headquarters Signals (General Headquarters Signals).

- Killed in action** sometime between 27 May and 2 June 1940 during the Battle of France.
- Dunkirk Memorial, France.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2588985 Signalman WILLIAM HENRY **PARKER**, London Area Signal Company.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 25 January 1940 in hospital in Streatham. At 63 years of age he is one of seven Royal Signals' wartime casualties aged over 60.
- Streatham Park Cemetery.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2313331 Lance Serjeant WILLIAM JOSEPH **PARKER**, 1st Corps Signals.

- Killed in action** on 29 May 1940 in Operation *Dynamo*, the evacuation from Dunkirk during the Battle of France.
- Ramsgate Cemetery.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2345838 Signalman RALPH MARSON **PARKES**, Discharged (Former Unit Not Known).

- Having fallen seriously ill, he was on leave at home in Kimberley in Nottinghamshire having been discharged when he died of disease/natural causes 15 August 1941.
- Nottingham Crematorium.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14092824 Signalman RICHARD HENRY **PARKES**, 1st Infantry Divisional Signal Regiment.

- Killed in action** when a vehicle was ambushed on the outskirts of Tel Aviv on the evening of 20 April 1948 during the Palestine Campaign. For more information about the attack and the casualties see Driver D. J. Furseman.
- Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel. *SAFE AT REST GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN. MOM, DAD AND FAMILY*
- Armed Forces Memorial: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Other Campaigns): Yes

2590983 Signaller ERNEST **PARKIN**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 20 Line Maintenance, Section, 3rd Indian Corps Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 30 April 1943 in 'F' Force' (Train 13). **Died as a prisoner of war** of cholera on 17 June 1943 at Nieke (where the Thai and Burmese sections of the railway would meet).
- Cremated, his ashes were originally buried in the camp cemetery at Nieke and later reinterred in a collective grave at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand, where he is commemorated on the Special Memorial.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2343548 Driver GEORGE **PARKIN**, 1st Air Formation Signals.

- Killed in action** at sea on 7 January 1943 when the troopship S.S. *Benalbanach* was sunk in the Mediterranean by torpedoes launched by a German aircraft while en route to Algiers from the United Kingdom. Fourteen Royal Signals all ranks from 1st Air Formation Signals were lost.
- Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial Addenda Panel.⁷
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2364830 Signaller GEORGE **PARKINSON**, Prisoner of War (formerly Malaya Command Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway in October 1942 in the 'River Valley Road Party'. Worked in 'No. 4 Group' and returned to Singapore in June 1944. **Killed in action as a prisoner of war** at sea on 12 September 1944 en route from Singapore to Formosa (Taiwan) in 'Japan Party No. 3' when S.S. *Kachidoki Maru* was sunk by U.S.S. *Pampanito*. Twenty-two Royal Signals soldiers were lost.
- Singapore Memorial, Singapore.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2321355 Lance Sergeant WILLIAM LISTER **PARKINSON**, Discharged (Former Unit Not Known).

- Died of disease/natural causes on 25 October 1945 at Edenhall Hospital, Inveresk after the war.
- Piershill Cemetery, Edinburgh. *A TOKEN OF LOVE TO BILLY, MY DEAR HUSBAND. HIS LOVING WIFE AND BABY ANN*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2595276 Signaller JACK WALTER **PARKS**, 2nd Anti-Aircraft Divisional Signals.

- Died on 2 September 1940 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident when the lorry in which he was travelling overturned on a bend on Mapperley Hall Drive, Nottingham. Of the 18 men on board, four others were killed—Signalmen E. Clarke, R. Lyon, W. B. Tolhurst and E. C. Woolls.
- London Road Cemetery, Mitcham. *A DAILY THOUGHT AN EVERLASTING MEMORY UNTIL WE MEET*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2346249 Driver PERCY WILLIAM **PARKS**, Prisoner of War (formerly 13th Corps Signals).

- Wounded and captured in April 1941 at Mechili in Operation *Sonnenblume*, the German advance through Libya. Transported to Italy, he **died of wounds as a prisoner of war** on 20 July 1941 in *L'Ospedale Militare*, Caserta.
- Originally buried in Caserta Civil Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 7 November 1944 at Caserta War Cemetery, Italy. *NEVER A DAY DO WE FORGET HIM IN OUR HEARTS HE IS ALWAYS NEAR. MUM, DAD, SISTERS, BROTHERS*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

5837027 Signaller HAROLD WILLIAM RUPERT **PARKYN**, No. 13 Line of Communication Signals.

- Died on 11 March 1944 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident in London.
- Brookwood Military Cemetery. *UNTIL THE DAY BREAK AND THE SHADOWS FLEE AWAY THEN WE SHALL ALL MEET AGAIN*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2583280 Lance Corporal GEORGE CHARLES RICHARD **PARNILL**, No. 6 Line of Communication Signals.

- Died on 23 February 1944 with Corporal J. F. Baxter and Signaller W. Ryan as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident in Egypt.

-Suez War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. *THOUGH GOD HAS TAKEN YOU FAR AWAY, YOU WILL BE WITH US ALWAYS*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2582966 Signalmán JOHN **PARRIS**, 5th (London) Corps Signals.

-**Killed in action** on 16 September 1940 with Signalmén D. M. A. Connelly and F. C. Sutton while on duty at Pagham Harbour, Sussex when a landmine exploded.

-Islington Cemetery and Crematorium.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

3714099 Signalmán JAMES JOSEPH **PARRY**, 14th (West Lothian Royal Scots) Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section.

-Wounded in Operation *Avalanche*, the Allied landings at Salerno during the Italian Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 17 September 1943.

-Originally buried in a battlefield cemetery in the beachhead, his remains were reinterred on 20 April 1944 at Salerno War Cemetery, Italy. *ETERNAL REST GIVE UNTO HIM, O LORD; AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM. AMEN*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2333929 Signalmán WILLIAM **PARRY**, 56th (London) Divisional Signals.

-Died of disease/natural causes on 3 April 1943 at 17th Casualty Clearing Station at Kirkuk while serving with Persia and Iraq Command.

-Originally buried at Kirkuk, his remains were reinterred on 15 August 1944 at Mosul War Cemetery, Iraq. *HIS THE JOY, AND OURS THE PAIN, BUT ERE LONG WE'LL MEET AGAIN*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2339260 Lance Corporal EDWARD FRANCIS DONALD **PARSLOW**, No 5 Railway Telegraph Company.

-Died on 11 April 1945 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident involving his motorcycle.

-Originally buried at Marienbosch Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 16 April 1947 at Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Netherlands *FATHER, IN THY GRACIOUS KEEPING LEAVE WE NOW THY SERVANT SLEEPING*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2324923 Driver ALBERT EDWARD WILLIAM **PARSONS**, 7th Armoured Divisional Signals.

-Severely wounded by bomb splinters Operation *Crusader* during the Western Desert Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 14 December 1941 in 13th Light Field Ambulance.

-Originally buried in a battlefield grave, his remains were reinterred on 29 June 1944 at Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Libya. *HE GAVE HIS BEST, HIS ALL, HIS LIFE; WE SHALL HOLD THAT SACRIFICE IN GOD'S TRUST ALWAYS*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2323514 Corporal ARTHUR JOHN **PARSONS**, Prisoner of war (formerly Hong Kong Signal Company).

-Captured during the Battle of Hong Kong in December 1941. **Killed in action as a prisoner of war** at sea on 1 or 2 October 1942 en route from Hong Kong to Japan when S.S. *Lisbon Maru* was sunk by U.S.S. *Grouper* in the East China Sea. Fifty Royal Signals all ranks from the Hong Kong Signal Company were lost.

-Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Sai Wan Memorial, Hong Kong.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2592998 Driver HAROLD NORMAN **PARSONS**, 67th (York and Lancaster) Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section.

-Died of disease/natural causes on 21 November 1942 at the military hospital at Panitola.

-Originally buried Panitola Military Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 12 October 1946 at Digboi War Cemetery, India. *HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY WELL*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2340656 Driver HUBERT WILLIAM **PARSONS**, 56th (London) Divisional Signals.

-Died of malaria on 10 October 1943 at 14th Mobile Casualty Clearing Station during the Italian Campaign.

-Originally buried in a temporary cemetery at Aversa, his remains were reinterred on 2 September 1944 at Naples War Cemetery, Italy. *HIS LOVING SMILE HIS HAPPY FACE A BROKEN LINK WE CAN NEVER REPLACE*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

3904043 Corporal JAMES **PARSONS**, 48th (South Midland) Divisional Signals.

-Died on 25 May 1940 as a result of the negligent discharge of a weapon.

-Aldershot Military Cemetery.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2598188 Corporal STEPHEN JOHN **PARSONS**, 21st Army Tank Brigade Signals.

-**Killed in action** on 9 September 1944 in the Battle of Gemmano during the Italian Campaign.

-Originally buried in a temporary cemetery at San Giovanni in Marignano, his remains were reinterred on 17 July 1945 in a row of 11 graves of Royal Signals all ranks from several units, at Gradara War Cemetery, Italy. *PEACE, PERFECT PEACE*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2575669 Signalman TERENCE LEWIS **PARSONS**,

-Died of disease/natural causes on 14 January 1942 at Whitchurch Emergency Hospital, Cardiff.

-Cathays Cemetery, Cardiff.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2325326 Signalman WILLIAM JOHN **PARSONS**, 106th (Lancashire Hussars) Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Signal Section (7th Armoured Divisional Signals).

-**Killed in action** at sea on 27 April 1941 when the Dutch troopship D.S.S. *Slamat* and the destroyers H.M.S. *Diamond* and H.M.S. *Wryneck* were sunk in air attacks east of the Peloponnese in the evacuation during the Battle of Greece. Thirty-three Royal Signals all ranks from several units were lost, including 17 men from this section.

-Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Athens Memorial, Greece.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

151747 Captain GEORGE HAROLD **PARTRIDGE**, Ninth Army Signals.

-Died on 4 July 1943 (cause not known) in Syria.

-Aleppo War Cemetery, Syria (the only Royal Signals casualty in this cemetery). *BELOVED ONLY SON OF T.G. AND M.H. PARTRIDGE. DEAR LORD, RECEIVE OUR SON*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

-Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Roll of Honour: Yes

2351095 Signalman KENNETH ARTHUR **PARTRIDGE**, Reinforcement Draft ROAFW.

-Died on 27 November 1941 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident at El Daba (El Daaba), Egypt having recently arrived in the Middle East.

-Originally buried at El Daba Military Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 17 May 1943 at El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. *I THANK MY GOD UPON EVERY REMEMBRANCE OF YOU*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2319697 Serjeant EDWIN **PASHLEY**, No. 12 Line of Communication Signals.

-Wounded in France in the Battle of Normandy during the North-West Europe Campaign, he was evacuated to Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford where he **died of wounds** on 29 July 1944.

-Whitburn Cemetery, West Lothian.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14588593 Driver ERNEST **PASKIN**, 18th Air Formation Signals

-Drowned on 24 August 1944 while swimming near Chapelle Sainte-Barbe, Villepail during the North-West Europe Campaign.

-Originally buried at the United States Army Cemetery at Gorrion, his remains were reinterred on 9 November 1944 at Bayeux War Cemetery, France. *MAY THE WINDS OF HEAVEN BLOW GENTLY ON THIS SWEET AND HALLOWED SPOT*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2593340 Signaller KENNETH WILLIAM **PATCHETT**, 1st Corps Signals.

-Died on 5 January 1946 in No. 6 (British) General Hospital at Iserlohn as a result of injuries sustained in an accident while serving with the British Army of the Rhine after the war.

-Originally buried at Hagen Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 21 November 1947 at Munster Heath War Cemetery, Germany. *IN THE MIDST OF LIFE WE ARE IN DEATH*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2587316 Lance Corporal ANDREW GRAY **PATERSON**, Special Service Brigade Signal Troop.

-Died on 15 September 1942 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident when a lorry carrying 20 men failed to negotiate a corner at Law Street, Dundee, crashed through railings into Dudhope Park and overturned. Also killed were Lance Sergeant J. A. Beckett and Signaller A. B. Burns.

-Balgay Cemetery, Dundee. *WHEN THE LOOMS ARE SILENT AND SHUTTLES CEASE TO FLY GOD WILL UNROLL THE CANVAS AND EXPLAIN THE REASON WHY*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

3190574 Sergeant EDWARD **PATERSON**, 7th Indian Divisional Signals.

-Died on 18 May 1944 as a result of injuries sustained in a **battle accident** in the Battle of Kohima during the Burma Campaign.

-Originally buried at Big Tree Hill, his remains were not identified subsequently, and he is commemorated on the Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2582066 Sergeant RONALD **PATERSON**, Prisoner of War (formerly 68th (North Midland) Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section).

-Captured in June 1942 at Tobruk during the Western Desert Campaign. **Killed in action as a prisoner of war** at sea on 14 November 1942 when the Italian cargo ship S.S. *Scillin* was sunk by H.M.S. *Sahib* en route from Tripoli to Sicily. Thirty-two Royal Signals soldiers were lost, 11 of whom were from this signal section.

-Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

24625274 Lance Corporal WILLIAM JOHN **PATERSON**, 8th Infantry Brigade Headquarters and Signal Squadron (218).

-**Killed by terrorist action** on 15 June 1988 during the Northern Ireland campaign. (For more information about the incident and about those killed see Lance Corporal M. R. Clavey.)

-Daldowie Crematorium, Uddingston.

-Armed Forces Memorial: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Other Campaigns): Yes

2330232 Driver DOUGLAS ARCHIBALD **PATMORE**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 6 Army Air Support Control Signal Section, 3rd Indian Corps Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway in June 1942 in the 'First Mainland Party'. Worked in 'No. 2 Group' and returned to Singapore in June 1944. Transported on S.S. *Hofuku Maru* in 'Japan Party No. 2' in July 1944 from Singapore via Borneo to the Philippines, where the ship put into Manila for repairs in mid-July; the majority of prisoners remained on board—97 men died, and 50 very sick men were transferred ashore on 24 August—and the ship finally sailed for Japan on 20 September. **Killed in action as a prisoner of war** at sea on 21 September 1944 en route from the Philippines to Japan when S.S. *Hofuku Maru* and the other 10 ships in the convoy were sunk off the western coast of Luzon by aircraft flying off United States Navy carriers. Fifty-five Royal Signals soldiers were lost.

-Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Singapore.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

160285 Major EDGAR STEPHEN ROY **PATMORE**, Unit Not Known.

-Died on 30 March 1945 as a result of injuries sustained in an accident.

-Madras War Cemetery, Chennai, India. *IN PROUD AND TREASURED MEMORY OF MY DEAR HUSBAND. HIS DEVOTED WIFE MARY*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

-Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Roll of Honour: Yes

2322402 Serjeant FREDERICK ROBERT **PATON**, 45th Indian infantry Brigade Signal Section.

-**Killed in action** on 19 January 1942 at Bakri in the Battle of Muar during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore when the brigade headquarters was hit during an air attack; in addition to most of the headquarters' staff, Captain R. G. Barlow and Lieutenant N. S. Peers were also killed, as were 17 Indian other ranks of the section.

-Originally buried in a battlefield grave his remains were reinterred at Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore (although the exact place of burial in the cemetery is unknown and he is commemorated on a Special Memorial).

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2370948 Signaller STANLEY **PATON**, 2nd Holding Battalion, Signal Training Centre.

-Died of disease/natural causes on 13 March 1944 at Catterick Military Hospital.

-Manchester Southern Cemetery. *A LOSS NO VICTORY CAN REPLACE*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2334779 Lance Corporal ARTHUR GERALD **PATRICK**, 5th (London) Corps Signals.

-Wounded in the Moro River battles on the Gustav Line during the Italian Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 16 December 1943.

-Originally buried in a battlefield grave at San Vito Chietino, his remains were reinterred on 12 July 1944 at Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy. *HIS SMILING FACE WILL LIVE WITH US FOR EVER, HIS MEMORY WILL NEVER GROW OLD*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2353465 Signaller CYRIL **PATRICK**, Prisoner of War (formerly Malaya Command Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. **Died as a prisoner of war** of dysentery on 13 October 1942 at Changi, Singapore.

-Originally buried in the camp cemetery at Changi, his remains were reinterred on 26 April 1946 at Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore. *"IN SOME BRIGHTER CLIME, BID ME GOOD-MORNING"*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2345840 Lance Corporal NORMAN FREDERICK **PATRICK**, Ninth Army Signals.

-Died of smallpox on 22 November 1942 in Beirut at No. 3 (New Zealand) General Hospital.

-Beirut War Cemetery, Lebanese Republic. *SAVIOUR, IN THY GRACIOUS KEEPING LEAVE WE HERE OUR LOVED ONE SLEEPING*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2581952 Lance Corporal CECIL **PATTERSON**, 107th (South Nottinghamshire Hussars Yeomanry) Regiment Royal Horse Artillery Signal Troop

-**Killed in action** at Knightsbridge in the Battle of Gazala on 6 June 1942 during the Western Desert Campaign.

-Alamein Memorial, Egypt.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2310518 Warrant Officer Class II (Acting Warrant Officer Class I (Regimental Serjeant Major)) HENRY LAWRENCE **PATTERSON**, Prisoner of War (formerly 9th Indian Divisional Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported on 25 October 1942 on S.S. *England Maru* to Formosa (Taiwan) in 'Overseas Party Z'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of encephalitis on 30 March 1943 at Taihoku (Camp No. 6), Daichoku (Dahzi, Taipei).

-Originally buried in the camp cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 21 July 1947 at Sai Wan War Cemetery, Hong Kong. *THOUGHTS DRIFT BACK TO BYGONE DAYS, LIFE MOVES ON BUT MEMORIES STAY*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2359936 Signalmán NORMAN MILLER **PATTISON**, 2nd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery Signal Troop.

-**Killed in action** on 3 July 1942 with Signalmán H. A. Shropshire in the First Battle of El Alamein during the Western Desert Campaign.

-Originally buried at El Gharbaniyat Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 9 December 1943 at El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2363850 Signalmán DOUGLAS STEPHEN **PAUL**, No. 4 Line of Communication Signals.

-Having got lost in the desert on 3 June 1942 during the Western Desert Campaign, he inadvertently dug a slit trench on a track and died when he was run over by a lorry.

-Found the next morning, he was buried nearby but his remains were lost and he is commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2572036 Signalmán OSBERT WILSON LAWRENCE **PAUL**, Returned Prisoner of War, Discharged (formerly 51st (Highland) Divisional Signals).

-Captured on 12 June 1940 at St. Valéry-en-Caux during the Battle of France. Held at *Stalag XX-A* at Thorn (Toruń) in Poland and worked on a detached *Arbeitskommando* on a farm. Escaped on 22 January 1945 with several others and hid at Bromberg (Bydgoszcz) awaiting the arrival of Soviet troops. Repatriated later in 1945. Died of disease/natural causes on 8 October 1947 at Aberdeen City Hospital after the war.

-Broadhill Extension, Trinity Cemetery, Aberdeen. *IT WAS GOD'S WILL IT SHOULD BE SO. AT HIS COMMAND WE ALL MUST GO*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2579117 Driver PERCY **PAUL**, 51st (Highland) Divisional Signals.

-Died on 14 April 1946 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident when he was serving with the British Army of the Rhine after the war.

-Celle War Cemetery, Germany. *RESTING TILL WE MEET AGAIN*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2357536 Driver THOMAS **PAUL**, Prisoner of War (formerly Malaya Command Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 22 June 1942 in the 'First Mainland Party' (Train 3). Worked in 'No. 2 Group'. Transported in early 1945 to Kachu Mountain (Patchaburi) camp at Tha Yang in Phetchaburi Province to build an airfield, where he **died as a prisoner of war** of malaria on 18 March 1945.

-Originally buried in the cemetery at Kachu Mountain (Patchaburi) camp, his remains were reinterred on 17 January or 12 February 1946 at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. *"THY WILL BE DONE"*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

10610 Lieutenant Colonel GILBERT PHILIP **PAVEY** M.B.E., Mention in Despatches, Officer-in-Charge of Reconnaissance Corps and Army Catering Corps Records.⁸

-Lieutenant Colonel G. P. Pavey M.B.E. briefly commanded 4th Indian Divisional Signals but fell ill and returned to the United Kingdom in August 1939. He was serving as the officer-in-charge of Reconnaissance Corps and Army Catering Corps Records when he fell ill and died of disease/natural causes on 24 September 1943 in the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

-Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

-Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Roll of Honour: Yes

3386738 Signalmán ARTHUR VINCENT **PAXTON**, No. 1 Line of Communication Signals.

-While off duty on 16 February 1945, he died at No. 35 Reception Station as a result injuries sustained in an accident when he fell into a quarry.

-Bone War Cemetery, Annaba, Algeria. *OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR PRAY FOR HIM*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

4269840 Corporal THOMAS **PAXTON**, 6th Indian Divisional Signals.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 31 August 1942 at Hamadan, Iran while serving with Persia and Iraq Force.
- Originally buried at the British Military Cemetery, Hamadan, his remains were later reinterred at Tehran War Cemetery, Iran.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2365688 Corporal ALBERT THOMAS **PAYNE**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 81 Wireless Telegraphy Section, Malaya Command Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 4 November 1942 in 'N' Party'. Worked in 'No. 2 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of beriberi on 10 August 1943 at Kroeng Krai.
- Originally buried in the camp cemetery at Kroeng Krai, his remains were reinterred on 9 February 1946 at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. *"THERE IS NO DEATH!..." "TO LIVE IN HEARTS WE LEAVE BEHIND IS NOT TO DIE"*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14032545 Signaller ROY HENRY **PAYNE**, 1st (East African) Line of Communication Signal Squadron, East African Corps of Signals.

- Died on 13 October 1946 after the war as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident.
- Nairobi War Cemetery, Kenya. *GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN. REST IN PEACE. MOTHER AND FATHER*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2571017 Driver WALTER **PAYNE**, Prisoner of War (formerly 51st (Highland) Divisional Signals).

- Captured at Saint-Valery-en-Caux, France on 12 June 1940 during the Battle of France and held at *Stalag XX-A* in Thorn (Toruń) in Poland. At some time he was moved westward to Stalag IV-A and he **died as a prisoner of war** of disease/natural causes on 20 February 1944 at Königswartha prisoner of war hospital.
- Originally buried at Königswartha hospital cemetery, his remains were reinterred on at Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany. *TILL MEMORY FADES AND LIFE DEPARTS HE WILL LIVE FOR EVER IN OUR HEARTS*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

5682061 Signaller FREDERICK CHARLES **PAYTON**, No. 5 Special Wireless Group.

- Wounded with Corporal T. C. Long just prior to Operation *Bluecoat* in the Battle of Normandy during the North-West Europe Campaign, both men **died of wounds** on 29 July 1944 at 149th (Northumbrian) Field Ambulance at La Belle Épine.
- Both men were originally buried in a temporary cemetery at La Belle Épine; their remains were reinterred on 27 and 28 February 1945 at Hottot-Les-Bagues War Cemetery, France.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

23548169 Corporal PHILIP RAYMOND **PEACH**, 230 Signal Squadron.

- Drowned on 5 February 1960 while swimming in the sea when on leave at Kota Bahru during the Malayan Emergency. His body was recovered the next day.
- Cheras Road Civil Cemetery, Kuala Lumpur. *PHILIP RAYMOND PEACH LOVED AND REMEMBERED BY ALL HIS FAMILY*
- Armed Forces Memorial: No
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Other Campaigns): Yes

2338736 Lance Corporal WILLIAM JOHN **PEACH**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 28 Wing Section, 2nd Air Formation Signals).

- Captured on Java in March 1942 during the Japanese invasion of the Netherlands East Indies. Transported on 5 November 1943 on S.S. *France Maru* from Tanjung Priok, Batavia (Jakarta) to Palembang, Sumatra in 'Java Party No. 19' (one of 21 Royal Signals other ranks in the party) to work on the airfield at Pangkalan Balai. Transferred in May 1945 to Sungei Geron, Palembang where he **died as a prisoner of war** of beriberi on 4 July 1945. Of the 21 Royal Signals other ranks in the party, three died at Pangkalan Balai and three later at Sungei Geron. (For more information see Driver A. Barker. See also Lance Sergeant J. Arnott.)
- Originally buried at Sungei Geron camp cemetery, Palembang, his remains were reinterred in 1961 at Jakarta War Cemetery, Indonesia. *NOT GONE FROM MEMORY, NOT GONE FROM LOVE BUT GONE TO OUR FATHER'S HOME ABOVE*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

832097 Signalman ERIC **PEACOCK**, Unit Not Known.
-Died on 9 February 1941 (cause not known).
-Leek Cemetery. *HE GAVE HIS LIFE THAT WE MIGHT LIVE. REST IN PEACE*
-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

14533507 Driver ERNEST **PEACOCK**, 14th Air Formation Signals.
-**Killed in action** on 5 November 1944 in southern Belgium during the North-West Europe Campaign.
-Originally buried at Fosses-La-Ville American Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 28 November 1946 at Leopoldsbury War Cemetery, Belgium. *NOT JUST TO-DAY BUT EVERY DAY IN SILENCE WE REMEMBER HIM. DAD, MOTHER AND FAMILY*
-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2586692 Signalman GEORGE WILLIAM **PEARCE**, 4th (East Anglian) Divisional Signals.
-Wounded in near Courtrai (Kortrijk) in the withdrawal to Dunkirk during the Battle of France, he **died of wounds** on 20 May 1940 at 12th Field Ambulance.
-Zwevegem Communal Cemetery, Belgium. *TO THE MEMORY OF OUR DEARLY LOVED ONLY SON TONY*
-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

3952645 Corporal WILLIAM JOHN **PEARCE**, Unit Not Known.
-Died on 21 August 1944 (cause not known).
-Brynmawr Cemetery. *"LIFE'S RACE WELL RUN LIFE'S WORK WELL DONE LIFE'S VICTORY WON NOW COMETH REST"*
-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2384093 Signalman RICHARD **PEARMAN**, Ninth Army Signals.
-Died on 24 May 1943 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident in Beirut.
-Beirut War Cemetery, Lebanese Republic. *SLEEP ON, DEAR SON, GOD KNEW BEST*
-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2379484 Driver RONALD HORACE **PEARMAN**, 4th (East Anglian) Divisional Signals.
-Died on 17 December 1942 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident at Douglas, Lanarkshire.
-Wealdstone Cemetery.
-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2314252 Warrant Officer Class II (Company Serjeant Major) FRANK PARKES **PEARSALL**, 6th Anti-Aircraft Brigade Signal Section.
-While on leave in Orpington, he was wounded on 29 September 1940 in an air raid during the London Blitz and **died of wounds** on 5 October 1940.
-St. Mary Cray Cemetery.
-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2587069 Signalman ARTHUR BALKWILL **PEARSE**, 5th Anti-Aircraft Divisional Signals.
-Died of disease/natural causes on 2 April 1940 at Portway Hospital, Weymouth.
-Christ Church Churchyard, Downend.
-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

165429 Captain DOUGLAS HERBERT **PEARSON**, 33rd Corps Signals.
-Drowned on 19 November 1944 at Tamu while bathing off duty.
-Originally buried at Moreh Temporary Military Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 1 June 1945 at Imphal War Cemetery, India. *"GOOD NIGHT AND GOD BLESS YOU" ALL AT HOME*
-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes
-Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Roll of Honour: Yes

2595713 Signalman GEOFFREY DAINTREE **PEARSON**, Special Communications Unit No. 1, Secret Intelligence Service, Section VIII (Communications).

-Died of disease/natural causes on 26 September 1943 at Wolverton, Buckinghamshire.

-St. Mary's Churchyard, Whaddon (one of two Royal Signals casualties buried here; see also Captain R. G. M. Kirby).

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2317200 Serjeant HARRY **PEARSON**, Prisoner of war (formerly Hong Kong Signal Company).

-Captured during the Battle of Hong Kong in December 1941. **Killed in action as a prisoner of war** at sea on 1 or 2 October 1942 en route from Hong Kong to Japan when S.S. *Lisbon Maru* was sunk by U.S.S. *Grouper* in the East China Sea. Fifty Royal Signals all ranks from the Hong Kong Signal Company were lost.

-Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Sai Wan Memorial, Hong Kong.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2593185 Signalman JOHN CUMMINGS **PEARSON**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 48 (Driver) Section, Malaya Command Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 15 October 1942 in the 'River Valley Road Party' (Train 5). Worked in 'No. 4 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of dysentery on 7 June 1943 at Tarsao Base Hospital.

-Originally buried at Tarsao No. 1 (St. George's) Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. *SADLY MISSED*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2327369 Signalman NEVILL CORRIE **PEARSON**, No. 29 Construction Section, Malaya Command Signals.

-Part of a large party of Royal Air Force personnel and several attached Royal Signals soldiers split into two groups before embarkation in the evacuation from Singapore on 13 February 1942 during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore, he was **killed in action** at sea on or shortly after 13 February 1942 aboard an unknown ship. Also killed were Lance Corporal L. W. Spalding and Signalman A. H. J. Blackwell. (See also Signalman A. H. Barker.)

-Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Singapore.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14565556 Driver PERCY **PEARSON**, 59th (Staffordshire) Divisional Signals.

-**Killed in action** on 16 August 1944 in the fighting at the Falaise Pocket in the Battle of Normandy during the North-West Europe Campaign.

-Originally buried at Grand Aunay British Cemetery (north of the village of Le Grand Aunay, Calvados), his remains were reinterred on 30 December 1946 at Bayeux War Cemetery, France.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2331535 Corporal ROBERT LEWIS **PEARSON**, 22nd Armoured Brigade Signals.

-22nd Armoured Brigade (less its motor battalion) sailed from Liverpool on 16 August 1941 in Convoy WS-10 bound for Cape Town and Suez. Corporal Pearson, on board H.M.T. *Strathmore*, died of disease/natural causes on 11 September 1941 just as the convoy reached Cape Town.

-Buried at sea at Cape Town, he is commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14226401 Signalman WILLIAM **PEARSON**, 18th Field Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section.

-Severely wounded on 29 October 1945 after the war in Malaya as a result of a negligent shooting when his revolver discharged while he was cleaning it, he died later that day at No. 72 (Indian) General Hospital.

-Cheras Road Civil Cemetery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2595202 Signalman SYDNEY **PEAT**, Discharged (formerly Signal Training Centre).

-A journalist with the Nottingham Journal, he enlisted but was medically discharged after a period of training suffering from tuberculosis and returned to work as a journalist. In the autumn of 1941 he

was admitted to Ransom Sanatorium at Mansfield where he died of disease/natural causes on 15 August 1942.

- Nottingham Crematorium.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2383984 Lance Corporal ERNEST **PECK**, No. 3 General Headquarters Signals.

- Fell ill with diphtheria soon after arriving in the Middle East and died on 30 April 1943 in hospital in Cairo.
- Heliopolis War Cemetery, Egypt. *GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2347838 Corporal STANLEY **PECKETT**, 17th Indian Divisional Signals.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 23 September 1944 at No. 69 (Indian) General Hospital (Combined) at Namkum, near Ranchi.
- Ranchi War Cemetery, India. *TO MEMORY EVER DEAR*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

1692499 Signaller STANLEY WALTER **PECKETT**, 16th Air Formation Signals.

- Killed in action** on 6 June 1944 with Signalmen J. J. Baldry, P. H. Ellis and L. C. Grotier in the Normandy landings during the North-West Europe Campaign.
- Originally buried in the United States battlefield cemetery at St. Laurent (now Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial), his remains were reinterred on 7 November 1944 at Bayeux War Cemetery, France. *OH THE JOY TO SEE THEE WAITING ON THAT ETERNAL SHORE WHERE WE'LL MEET ONCE MORE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2600771 Signaller JAMES ALFRED GEORGE **PEDDER**, 9th Corps Signals.

- Died on 20 March 1943 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident in Algeria during the Tunisian Campaign.
- El Alia Cemetery, Algeria. *A NAME FOR EVER DEAR. MEMORY IS A GOLDEN CHAIN WHICH BINDS US TILL WE MEET AGAIN*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2338583 Driver THOMAS WILLIAM **PEDLEY**, 3rd Divisional Signals.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 10 September 1940 at Claverton Down Isolation Hospital, Bath.
- Bury St. Edmunds Cemetery.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2341562 Signaller GORDON **PEEL**, 22nd Armoured Brigade Signals

- Killed in action** on 14 July 1942 in the First Battle of El Alamein during the Western Desert Campaign.
- Alamein Memorial, Egypt.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

79754 Major ROBERT **PEEL**, 11th Indian Divisional Signals.

- Evacuated from Singapore to Sumatra during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore, he was **killed in action** on or about 28 February 1942 (on Sumatra or at sea) during the Japanese invasion of the Netherlands East Indies.
- Singapore Memorial, Singapore.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes
- Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Roll of Honour: Yes

200032 Lieutenant NEVILLE SQUIRE **PEERS**, 45th Indian Infantry Brigade Signal Section.

- Killed in action** on 19 January 1942 at Bakri in the Battle of Muar during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore when the brigade headquarters was hit during an air attack; in addition to most of the headquarters staff, Captain R. G. Barlow and Serjeant F. R. Paton were also killed, as were 17 Indian other ranks of the section.⁹

- Originally buried in a battlefield grave his remains were reinterred at Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore (although the exact place of burial in the cemetery is unknown and he is commemorated on a Special Memorial). *AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING WE WILL REMEMBER HIM*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes
- Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Roll of Honour: Yes

2345841 Signalman ALFRED PHILIP **PEGG**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 74 Line Section, Malaya Command Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 4 November 1942 in 'N' Party'. Worked in 'No. 2 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of avitaminosis on 6 January 1944 at Chungkai base camp hospital.
- Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand. *HEARTS THAT LOVED YOU NEVER FORGET IN MEMORY YOU ARE WITH US YET*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2373618 Signalman GEORGE ERIC **PEMBERTON**, 2nd Depot Battalion, Signal Training Centre.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 27 October 1941.
- Nottingham Road Cemetery, Derby.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2355531 Driver HAROLD LESLIE **PENGELLY**, Discharged (Former Unit Not Known).

- Having returned from service in the Middle East, he was medically discharged and died of disease/natural causes aggravated by his war service on 8 December 1945.
- St. Gabriel's Churchyard, Middleton Junction. *LEAVE WE NOW OUR LOVED ONE SLEEPING 'NEATH THY CARE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

4689729 Signalman HARRY OVERION **PENMAN**, 13th Corps Signals.

- Died on 3 July 1944 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident (a **battle accident**) in the advance to the Gothic Line during the Italian Campaign.
- Originally buried in a temporary cemetery near the village of Poderaccio Basso in Perugia, his remains were reinterred on 21 May 1945 at Assisi War Cemetery, Italy. *DIED FOR THE FREEDOM OF EUROPE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2310174 Serjeant GEORGE **PENN**, Egypt Command Signals.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 1 July 1940 at No. 2/10 (British) General Hospital at Helieh, Cairo.
- Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2374752 Driver HENRY ROBERT **PENN**, Reinforcement Draft ROAXZ.

- Soon after his arrival in the Middle East, he died of disease/natural causes on 14 November 1942 in Palestine.
- Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel. *TO LIVE IN THE HEARTS WE LEFT BEHIND IS NOT TO DIE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14405108 Signalman ALAN DOUGLAS **PENNELL**, No. 2 Line of Communication Signals.

- Killed in action** on 16 December 1944 (the first day of the Ardennes offensive) when a V2 rocket destroyed the Cinema Rex in Antwerp during the North-West Europe Campaign. A little under 600 civilians and military personnel were killed or died as a result of their injuries including eight Royal Signals soldiers from various units; a significant number of Royal Signals soldiers were wounded. (For more information see Corporal R. Barnes.)
- Schoonselhof Cemetery, Belgium.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2590828 Signalmán LESLIE JOHN **PENNEY**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 48 (Driver) Section, Malaya Command Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 22 June 1942 in the 'First Mainland Party' (Train 3). Worked in 'No. 2 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of avitaminosis on 14 November 1943 at Chungkai base camp hospital.

-Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand. *GOD GAVE HIM TO ME AND GOD TOOK HIM FROM ME TO BE WITH HIM*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2346251 Signalmán GEORGE HENRY **PENTREATH**, 11th Indian Divisional Signals.

-**Killed in action** on 8 February 1942 by shellfire during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore.

-Originally buried at Changi Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 17 April 1946 at Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

4858979 Signalmán ALFRED **PEPPER**, 100th Anti-Aircraft Brigade Signal Section.

-Died on 27 July 1945 in No. 74 (British) General Hospital at Luneberg as a result of injuries sustained in an accident just after the end of the war in Europe.

-Originally buried at Luneberg British Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 29 April 1947 at Hamburg Cemetery, Germany. *HE DIED THAT WE MIGHT LIVE "GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS" DEARLY LOVED*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2595377 Signalmán DONALD OLDHAM **PERCIVAL**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 27 Operating Section, 3rd Indian Corps Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 9 May 1943 in 'H' Force' (Train 4). **Died as a prisoner of war** of beriberi on 12 July 1943 at Tampi camp.

-His grave was not found subsequently and he is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Singapore.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2342429 Corporal GEORGE ALBERT **PERCIVAL**, No. 103 Special Wireless Section.

-Died of disease/natural causes on 31 January 1944 at No. 82 (British) General Hospital at Barce.

-Originally buried at Barce Military Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 12 August 1944 at Benghazi War Cemetery, Libya. *ALWAYS REMEMBERED BY DAD, SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF BIRKENHEAD, ENGLAND*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2363656 Corporal SYDNEY EDWARD **PERCY**, 79th Armoured Divisional Signals.

-Died of disease/natural causes on 22 November 1942 at Davyhulme Military Hospital.

-Hurst Cemetery, Ashton-Under-Lyne. *HOLD HIM IN THINE EVERLASTING ARMS, O LORD*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2357060 Signalmán ARTHUR FREDERICK **PERKINS**, Prisoner of War (formerly NO. 6 Army Air Support Control Signal Section, 3rd Indian Corps Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 4 November 1942 in 'N' Party'. Worked in 'No. 2 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** on 15 October 1943 of malaria at Chungkai base camp hospital.

-Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand. *LIKE AUTUMN LEAVES, TIME ROLLS AWAY, BUT LOVE AND REMEMBRANCE ALWAYS STAY*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2375429 Signalmán FREDERICK **PERRETT**, No. 3 Survey Training Centre.

-Died of disease/natural causes on 10 November 1941 at home while on leave pending medical discharge.

-Avonview Cemetery, Bristol.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

13099663 Signaller JOSEPH ELIJAH **PERRIS**, 49th (West Riding) Divisional Signals.¹⁰

-**Killed in action** on 3 December 1944 at Haalderen north of the River Waal during the North-West Europe Campaign.

-Originally buried in Jonkerbos Old Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 2 April 1947 at Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Netherlands. *HE GAVE THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL, THE GIFT OF HIS YOUNG UNFINISHED LIFE*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes¹¹

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2331711 Lance Corporal DOUGLAS **PERRY**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 4 Line of Communications Signals).

-Captured in June 1942 in the Battle of Gazala during the Western Desert Campaign, he **died as a prisoner of war** of dysentery on 31 October 1942 in Benghazi.

-Originally buried in Benghazi Civil Cemetery Military Extension, his remains were reinterred on 22 August 1944 at Benghazi War Cemetery, Libya.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2379539 Driver ERNEST TRISTRAM **PERRY**, 6th Armoured Divisional Signals.

-Wounded on 24 June 1944 in the advance to the Gothic Line during the Italian Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 30 June 1944 at No. 65 (British) General Hospital in Naples.

-Naples War Cemetery, Italy. *ALWAYS REMEMBERED BY HIS LOVING MOTHER AND FATHER*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2361980 Signaller GORDON ERIC **PERRY**, Prisoner of War (formerly Malaya Command Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 28 April 1943 in 'F' Force' (Train 11). **Died as a prisoner of war** of dysentery and beriberi on 4 December 1943 at Thanbaya hospital camp.

-Cremated, his ashes were originally buried in the camp cemetery at Thanbaya and reinterred in January 1946 at Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery, Myanmar. *IN MEMORY OF A GOOD SON*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2338385 Signaller RAYMOND CLIFFORD **PERRY**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 20 Line Maintenance Section, 3rd Indian Corps Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 9 May 1943 in 'H' Force' (Train 4). **Died as a prisoner of war** of cholera on 17 August 1943 at Malay Hamlet (Kanyu No. 2 Camp).

-Cremated, his ashes were originally buried in the camp cemetery at Malay Hamlet and reinterred later in a collective grave at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. *IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DARLING HUSBAND RAYMOND CLIFFORD. JOAN*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14306294 Driver HEBER DAVID **PETERS**, 79th Armoured Divisional Signals.

-**Killed in action** on 3 March 1945 with Corporal M. W. Bowring and Signaller B. Close in the advance to the Rhine during the North-West Europe Campaign.

-Originally buried in a battlefield cemetery south of Kervenheim, his remains were reinterred on 30 October 1946 at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14216801 Signaller JAMES ARTHUR LEONARD **PETERS**, 1st Parachute Brigade Signal Section ('J' Section, 1st Airborne Divisional Signals).

-**Killed in action** on 21 September 1944 in the final actions near Arnhem Bridge in Operation *Market Garden* during the North-West Europe Campaign.

-Originally buried in a group of five battlefield graves in a ruined building on the road south-east of Arnhem bridge, his remains were reinterred on 29 October 1945 at Oosterbeek War Cemetery, Arnhem, Netherlands. *GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2325166 Signalmán STANLEY **PETERS**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 1 Company, Singapore Fortress Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway in November 1942 and Worked in 'No. 2 Group'. Having escaped twice, he was sentenced to imprisonment at Outram Road Jail in Singapore and returned from Kanchanaburi. Held in solitary confinement, he fell severely ill and was sent to Changi camp hospital where he **died as a prisoner of war** of dysentery on 15 November 1943. The hospital chaplain described him as a '*brave, courageous lad*'.
- Originally buried in the camp cemetery at Changi, his remains were reinterred on 1 May 1946 at Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore. *UNTIL THE DAWN BREAKS*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14301421 Lance Corporal WALTER BLACKLAWS **PETERS**, 5th Divisional Signals.

- Killed in action** on 3 April 1944 in the Battle of Anzio during the Italian Campaign.
- Beach Head War Cemetery, Anzio, Italy. *TREASURED MEMORIES THAT WILL NEVER FADE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14397788 Signalmán HUBERT LEONARD **PETFORD**, Unit Not Known.

- Died on 1 January 1945 (cause not known.)
- St. Mary's Churchyard, Hanbury. *DEATH DIVIDES BUT MEMORIES CLING*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2346516 Signalmán HARRY WILKINSON **PETRIE**, Prisoner of War (formerly 6th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section).

- Captured on Java in March 1942 during the Japanese invasion of the Netherlands East Indies. Transported from Batavia (Jakarta) on 22 October 1942 on board S.S. *Yoshida Maru* to Singapore. Transported from Singapore on 29 October 1942 on board S.S. *Singapore Maru*, which sailed with S.S. *Dai Nichi Maru* via Cap St. Jacques, Vichy French Indochina (Vung Tau, Vietnam), Takao, Formosa (Kaohsiung, Taiwan), Mako, Pescadores Islands (Magong, Penghu, Taiwan) to Moji (Moji-ku, Kitakyūshū), Japan, arriving on 25 November. Transported to Ube prisoner of war camp (known then as Fukuoka No. 2-D Camp) in Yamaguchi Prefecture, he **died as a prisoner of war** of malnutrition on 9 December 1942. His sister Nurse E. Petrie, Voluntary Aid Detachment died on active service on 4 July 1941.¹²
- Cremated, his ashes were originally stored at Ube and at the end of the war transported to Tokyo and then interred in the British mausoleum at Yokohama on 6 March 1946. His ashes were finally reinterred on 13 September 1946 at Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan. *THE MEMORY OF THE JUST IS BLESSED PROVERBS X.7*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2583861 Signalmán JAMES CLARK ROBERTSON **PETRIE**, 51st (Highland) Divisional Signals.

- Died on 30 September 1940 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident at Bilsington in Kent while on duty as a motorcycle despatch rider.
- Allenvale Cemetery, Aberdeen.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2348295 Signalmán ANDREW **PETTICREW**, No. 4 Line of Communication Signals.

- Took his own life on 15 May 1943 as part of a murder pact with another signalmán, who was charged with murder.
- Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya. *ALWAYS IN THE THOUGHTS OF HIS LOVING WIFE, EILEEN & HIS TWO LITTLE DAUGHTERS MARGO AND ANNE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2355692 Signalmán JACK **PETTS**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 1 Company, Singapore Fortress Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 9 October 1942 in the 'River Valley Road Party' (Train 5). Worked in 'No. 1 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of acute enteritis on 29 July 1943 in the small maintenance camp of mostly Dutch prisoners at Kui Yae.
- Originally buried at Kui Yae, his remains were not identified subsequently, and he is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Singapore.

- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2569458 Serjeant EDWARD ARTHUR **PEXTON**, Mention in Despatches, 10th Infantry Brigade Signal Section, 4th (East Anglian) Divisional Signals.¹³

- Wounded on 31 March 1944 at the end of the Third Battle of Monte Cassino (Operation *Dickens*) during the Italian Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 1 April 1944.
- Originally buried in a temporary military cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 13 July 1945 at Cassino War Cemetery, Italy. *IN EVER LOVING MEMORY*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2339636 Signalman THOMAS **PHELAN**, Eastern Command Signals, India (No. 225 Indian Headquarters Signals).

- The circumstances of his return home from India and discharge are not known but he died of disease/natural causes on 15 March 1947 at Dover County Hospital, aged 66, the second oldest Royal Signals wartime casualty.
- St. James's Cemetery, Dover. *MIZPAH HIS LOVING WIFE AND SONS. HIS DUTY WELL DONE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2573778 Signalman ARTHUR AUGUSTUS **PHILLIPS**, Unit Not Known.

- Died on 5 April 1947 (cause not known) after the war.
- Cardiff Western Cemetery. *BELOVED HUSBAND OF JO'. DADDY OF ROGER AND CHRISTINE. "THE GREAT PHYSICIAN CALLED"*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2593926 Signalman CECIL GEORGE **PHILLIPS**, Third Army Signals.

- Died on 10 November 1940 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident near Windsor while on duty as a motorcycle despatch rider.
- St. Peter's Methodist Churchyard, Cross Hills.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2059077 Signalman CHARLES ERNEST **PHILLIPS**, No. 19 Coast Artillery Signal Section, East Africa Command.

- Murdered on 17 May 1944 by person or persons unknown at Tanga, Tanganyika Territory (Tanzania) while serving in East Africa Command; his body was found two days later.
- Tanga European Cemetery, Tanzania. *GOD BLESS THEE, WHERE SO'ER IN GOD'S GREAT UNIVERSE THOU ART TO-DAY!*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2598180 Signalman GEORGE EDWARD **PHILLIPS**, Unit Not Known.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 22 December 1947 after the war at Birmingham City Sanatorium.
- Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2325548 Serjeant ISAAC DOUGLAS **PHILLIPS**, Mention in Despatches, Special Operations Executive.¹⁴

- Killed in action** serving with Special Operations Executive at Dhoxará in Thessaly on 24 May 1944 by a mine buried by the Greek People's Liberation Army (E.L.A.S.).
- Originally buried at Dhoxará, his remains were reinterred on 5 May 1946 at Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. *FONDLY REMEMBERED BY MUM, DAD, SISTER AND BROTHERS. "THY WILL BE DONE"*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2358708 Signalman PATRICK ROBERT LAMBERT **PHILLIPS**, No. 7 Command Signals (South Eastern Command).

- Took his own life on 1 July 1943 at New Romney.
- Hove New Cemetery.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2590990 Corporal ROY **PHILLIPS**, 51st (Highland) Divisional Signals.

- Wounded south of Caen in the fighting after Operation *Totalise* during the North-West Europe Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 13 August 1944.
- Bayeux Memorial, France.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2322387 Serjeant RUSSELL GEORGE **PHILLIPS**, 'L' Company (Unit Not Known—a unit of the Indian Signal Corps).

- Died of disease/natural causes on 29 July 1941 at the British Military Hospital, Murree.
- Originally buried at Murree, his remains were later reinterred at Karachi War Cemetery, Pakistan. *TREASURED MEMORIES OF A GOOD SON AND BROTHER, ALWAYS IN OUR THOUGHTS*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

4180312 Lance Serjeant WILLIAM CHARLES **PHILLIPS**, 1st General Trades Training Battalion, Signal Training Centre.

- Died on 28 October 1942 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident at Catterick when he crashed on his motorcycle while on duty.
- St. Maelog Churchyard, Llandefaelog-Fach.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14204461 Lance Corporal WILLIAM GEORGE **PHILLIPS**, 78th Divisional Signals.

- Killed in action** on 30 May 1944 in the Liri Valley at the end of the Fourth Battle of Monte Cassino (Operation *Diadem*) during the Italian Campaign.
- Originally buried in a temporary battlefield cemetery, his remains were later reinterred at Cassino War Cemetery, Italy. *LOVE'S LAST GIFT, REMEMBRANCE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2390793 Signalman ARTHUR THOMAS **PHILP**, 2nd Depot Battalion, Signal Training Centre.

- Died on 19 March 1946 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident on Penny Pot Lane, Harrogate after the war.
- West Norwood Cemetery and Crematorium.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2328032 Corporal FREDERICK GEORGE **PHILPOT**, 1st Medium Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 1 September 1945 at British Military Hospital, Bombay after the war.
- Originally buried at Sewri Christian Cemetery, Bombay (Mumbai), his remains were reinterred on 5 December 1956 at Kirkee War Cemetery, India. *IN PROUD, LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR SON AND BROTHER. MUM, DAD, HARRY AND WILL*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2582706 Signalman PATRICK GERVASE **PHILPOTTS**, 18th Divisional Signals.

- Killed in action** on or shortly after 25 January 1942 with Signalmen H. Natborny and T. Nugent during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore.
- Singapore Memorial, Singapore.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2341462 Driver FREDERICK JOHN **PHIPPS**, 53rd (Welsh) Divisional Signals.

- Killed in action** on 21 December 1944 with Captain R. K. Dunbar at Tervuren on the outskirts of Brussels during the North-West Europe Campaign.
- They are the only British casualties interred at Tervuren Communal Cemetery, Belgium.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2323912 Signalman JOHN **PHIPPS**, Prisoner of war (formerly Hong Kong Signal Company).

- Captured during the Battle of Hong Kong in December 1941. **Killed in action as a prisoner of war** at sea on 1 or 2 October 1942 en route from Hong Kong to Japan when S.S. *Lisbon Maru* was sunk by

U.S.S. *Grouper* in the East China Sea. Fifty Royal Signals all ranks from the Hong Kong Signal Company were lost.

-Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Sai Wan Memorial, Hong Kong.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2375394 Signalmán ARTHUR JAMES **PICK**, No. 17 Line of Communication Signals (Cheshire Yeomanry).

-**Killed in action** on 23 February 1945 in a V1 rocket attack on Antwerp during the North-West Europe Campaign. One officer and 12 soldiers from the unit were killed; no fewer than 14 soldiers were wounded.

-Schoonselhof Cemetery, Belgium. *IN EVERLOVING MEMORY OF A TRUE AND FAITHFUL HUSBAND. SOME DAY WE'LL MEET AGAIN*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2344640 Signalmán HENRY RYCROFT **PICKARD**, Prisoner of War (formerly 38th (Irish) Infantry Brigade Signal Section).

-Captured in June 1942 in the Battle of Gazala during the Western Desert Campaign. He was transported to Italy and held at *Prigione di Guerra 53 (Campo 53)* at Casette Verdini near Macerata, where he **died as a prisoner of war** of pneumonia on 3 April 1943.

-Originally buried in the prisoner of war section at Macerata Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 19 January 1945 at Ancona War Cemetery, Italy. *AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING WE WILL REMEMBER HIM*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14040827 Driver HERBERT ISAAC **PICKERING**, Tripolitania Signal Company.

-Died on 18 February 1946 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident in Libya after the war.

-Tripoli War Cemetery, Libya. *AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING WE WILL REMEMBER HIM*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2335902 Signalmán ROY **PICKERING**, No. 20 Squad, No. 3 Company, 1st Operator Training Battalion, Signal Training Centre.

-Died of disease/natural causes on 3 September 1940 at Catterick Military Hospital.

-Willow Grove Cemetery, Stockport.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14838056 Signalmán WILLIAM WEBSTER **PICKSLEY**, 'Z' Indian Line of Communication Signals.

-Died on 16 April 1946 at No. 47 (British) General Hospital in Singapore following an operation on the injuries he sustained when he was hit by a reversing vehicle.

-Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore. *"THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE"*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2353661 Signalmán LESLIE **PICKSTON**, Prisoner of war (formerly Hong Kong Signal Company).

-Captured during the Battle of Hong Kong in December 1941. **Killed in action as a prisoner of war** at sea on 1 or 2 October 1942 en route from Hong Kong to Japan when S.S. *Lisbon Maru* was sunk by U.S.S. *Grouper* in the East China Sea. Fifty Royal Signals all ranks from the Hong Kong Signal Company were lost.

-Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Sai Wan Memorial, Hong Kong.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2352211 Lance Corporal HAROLD BYERS **PICKTHALL**, Prisoner of War (formerly 'A' Section, 18th Divisional Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 3 November 1942 in "O' Party". Worked in 'No. 4 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of avitaminosis 11 January 1944 at Chungkai base camp hospital.

-Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand. *AND GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS FROM THEIR EYES*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2573611 Signalman ERNEST GEORGE **PIERCE**, 144th (Surrey & Sussex Yeomanry, Queen Mary's) Field Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section.

- Died of malaria on 30 July 1941 during the East African Campaign.
- Khartoum War Cemetery, Sudan.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2323342 Signalman JOHN HENRY **PIERCE**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 2 Company, Singapore Fortress Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 28 April 1943 in 'F' Force' (Train 11). **Died as a prisoner of war** of colitis on 2 August 1943 at Songkurai (Camp No. 2), Thailand, the site of the wooden, trestle bridge across Songkalia River.
- Originally buried in the camp cemetery at Songkurai, his remains were reinterred in December 1945 at Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery, Myanmar.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14570922 Serjeant ALFRED WILLIAM **PIERCY**, Signal Training Centre (British), Mhow.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 13 June 1946 at Mhow Cantonment Hospital after the war.
- Originally buried at Mhow, his remains were later reinterred at Kirkee War Cemetery, India.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2381195 Driver LEMUEL **PILBROW**, 3rd Depot Battalion, Signal Training Centre.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 2 December 1942 at the Royal Hospital, Richmond.
- Wakefield Cemetery.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2586452 Signalman THOMAS MILTON **PILE**, Discharged (Former Unit Not Known).

- Died of disease/natural causes on 13 May 1947 in Cardiff after the war.
- Llandaff Cemetery, Cardiff. *HE HAS LEFT THIS WORLD OF CARE AND PAIN AND GONE TO HEAVEN WHERE PEACE DOTH REIGN*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

14214980 Signalman ELLIS ARTHUR **PILLINGER**, 7th Air Formation Signals.

- Died on 10 June 1943 as a result of injuries sustained in an accident near Rivet (Meftah) in Algeria just after the end of the Tunisian Campaign.
- El Alia Cemetery, Algeria.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2584032 Signalman PERCY **PINK**, No. 115 Line Section, 1st Anti-Aircraft Group Signals.

- Died on 4 October 1943 at Union Road Hospital, Dover as a result of injuries sustained the previous day when a landmine exploded at Dover Harbour that killed Signalman B. Rodker.
- North Sheen Cemetery.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2366146 Signalman WALTER JAMES **PINNICK**, Prisoner of War (formerly Singapore Fortress Signals).

- Assigned as a switchboard operator at Alexandra Hospital, Singapore during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore, he was amongst those taken from the hospital on 14 February 1942 and who died that night or who were murdered the next day. He is recorded, therefore, as being **killed in action** on 14 or 15 February 1942. (See also Signalman F. A. Chantler.)
- Singapore Memorial, Singapore.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14405269 Signalman BASIL **PIPER**, No. 15 Line of Communication Signals.

- Died on 31 March 1945 at No. 133 (British) General Hospital at Brindisi as a result of injuries sustained in an accident while on duty during the Italian Campaign.
- Bari War Cemetery, Italy. *O VALIANT HEART MAY WE BE WORTHY OF THY SACRIFICE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2326452 Signalmán JOHN ALFRED **PIPER**, 3rd Corps Signals.

- Died on 21 May 1940 as a result of a negligent shooting when another soldier discharged a weapon behind him.
- Anzegem Communal Cemetery, Belgium. *ETERNAL REST GIVE UNTO HIM, O LORD; AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2581551 Signalmán WILLIAM **PIRIE**, 9th (Highland) Divisional Signals.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 25 November 1939 at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.
- Dyce West Church Churchyard.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2338408 Signalmán ALFRED JOHN **PITHAM**, No. 32 Wireless Telegraphy Section, No. 1 Headquarters Signals (General Headquarters Signals).

- Wounded by bomb splinters in an air raid at La Panne (De Panne) during the Battle of France, he was moved to the hospital in a former hotel in La Panne but **died of wounds** on 31 May 1940.
- Dunkirk Memorial, France.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

5111378 Corporal HENRY WILLIAM **PITT**, 6th Airborne Divisional Signals.

- Killed in action** on 19 August 1944 with Signalmán F. C. Bond and Driver R. E. Leatherbarrow between Troarn and Dozulé in the advance to the River Senne during the North-West Europe Campaign; five other ranks were wounded.
- Ranville War Cemetery, France.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2569014 Serjeant TERENCE ALAN LAUNCELOT **PITT**, 49th (West Riding) Divisional Signals.

- Wounded in Operation *Pheasant*, the liberation of North Brabant, during the North-West Europe Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 29 October 1944.
- Schoonselhof Cemetery, Belgium. *HIS LIFE A BEAUTIFUL MEMORY, HIS ABSENCE MY UNENDING, SILENT GRIEF*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2309772 Signalmán ERNEST **PITTS**, 'G' Company, 2nd Training Battalion, Signal Training Centre.

- Died on 28 August 1921 at Tunbridge Wells General Hospital as a result of perforated intestines suffered during a football match at the Signal Training Centre, Crowborough. Commemorated as a casualty of the First World War.
- Crowborough Burial Ground.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

2318855 Corporal FREDERICK SMITH **PLANT**, M.M., 70th Divisional Signals.¹⁵

- 70th Divisional Signals had concentrated at Ranchi in India in June 1942 as part of Eastern Army reserve. Admitted to 173rd Field Ambulance on 22 August 1942 suffering from malaria, he died on 27 August 1942.
- Ranchi War Cemetery, India. *LOVING MEMORIES EVER LINGER*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

4126109 Driver THOMAS **PLANT**, 2nd Air Formation Signals.

- Having served during the Western Desert Campaign with 10th Armoured Divisional Signals, after the unit was disbanded he was posted to 2nd Air Formation Signals in Italy, where he took his own life on 5 November 1945 after the war.
- Milan War Cemetery, Italy.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2340800 Signalmán FRED **PLATT**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 40 Wireless Telegraphy Section, Malaya Command Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 28 April 1943 in 'F' Force' (Train 11). **Died as a prisoner of war** of colitis on 3 July 1943 at Songkurai (Camp No. 2), Thailand, the site of the wooden, trestle bridge across Songkalia River.

-Originally buried in the camp cemetery at Songkurai, his remains were reinterred in December 1945 at Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery, Myanmar. *IN REMEMBRANCE OF A DEAR LOVED SON & BROTHER. "IN HEAVENLY LOVE ABIDING"*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

556910 Signalman WILLIAM EDGAR **PLATT**, 306th Infantry Brigade Signal Section.

-Died of disease/natural causes on 15 June 1946 at City General Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent after the war.

-Fenton Cemetery, Stoke-On-Trent.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2323209 Signalman ARTHUR HOWARD **PLAYER**, Prisoner of War (formerly Hong Kong Signal Company).

-Captured during the Battle of Hong Kong in December 1941. **Died as a prisoner of war** of malnutrition on 26 August 1942 at Sham Shui Po, Hong Kong.

-Originally buried at Argyle Street Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 30 May 1947 at Stanley Military Cemetery, Hong Kong.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

4624437 Lance Corporal ERIC **PLAYLE**, 17th Indian Divisional Signals.

-Died of disease/natural causes on 15 May 1942 in the withdrawal from Burma to India during the Burma Campaign.

-Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2316733 Serjeant ARTHUR EDWARD **PLEASANCE**, 15th Army Group Signals

-Died on 26 February 1944 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident (a **battle accident**) just after the Second Battle of Monte Cassino (Operation *Avenger*) during the Italian Campaign.

-Originally buried in Caserta Civil Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 15 November 1944 at Caserta War Cemetery, Italy. *IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DEAR HUSBAND ARTHUR*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2381916 Signalman ALFRED **PLEASANT**, 18th Medium Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section.

-Died on 17 August 1944 as a result of injuries sustained in a **battle accident** in the advance to the Gothic Line during the Italian Campaign.

-Originally buried in a temporary hospital cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 20 June 1945 at Florence War Cemetery, Italy.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

801557 Corporal ROBERT ARTHUR **PLEAVIN**, Prisoner of War (formerly 2nd Malaya Infantry Brigade Signal Section, Singapore Fortress Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 9 October 1942 in the 'River Valley Road Party' (Train 5). Worked in 'No. 1 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of dysentery on 20 April 1943 at Kinsaiyok Main Camp.

-Originally buried in a mass grave Kinsaiyok Main Camp cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 14 March 1946 in a collective grave at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2346005 Driver WILFRID HENRY **PLEAVIN**, 1st Air Formation Signals.

-**Killed in action** at sea on 7 January 1943 when the troopship S.S. *Benalbanach* was sunk en route to Algiers from the United Kingdom by torpedoes launched by a German aircraft. Fourteen Royal Signals all ranks from 1st Air Formation Signals were lost.

-Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2327421 Company Quartermaster Serjeant VERDUN **FLOWMAN**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 38 Signal Park, Malaya Command Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported from Singapore to Kuching, Sarawak on the S.S. *Imabari Maru* (S.S. *DeKlerk*) on 28 March 1943 (with the Australian 'E' Force' that was destined for Sandakan) and held at Batu Lintang, where he **died as a prisoner of war** of malaria on 9 August 1945 just before the end of the war.
- Originally buried in the camp cemetery at Batu Lintang, his remains were reinterred after the war at Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2587774 Corporal VICTOR ROY **FLOWMAN**, 82nd (West African) Divisional Signals.

- While travelling in the rear of a military vehicle, he died on 9 January 1944 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident when the truck crashed.
- Ibadan Military Cemetery, Nigeria. *TILL WE MEET AGAIN*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14254067 Signalman GEOFFREY **PLUMMER**, Somaliland Signals.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 18 July 1945 in the Colonial Hospital in Djibouti in French Somaliland (Djibouti).
- Djibouti New European Cemetery, Djibouti.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes¹⁶

22155178 Signalman DEREK JOHN **PLUMPTON**, Malaya District Signal Regiment.

- Died on 25 May 1950 at British Military Hospital, Kinrara during the Malayan Emergency as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident in Kuala Lumpur the previous day.
- Cheras Road Civil Cemetery, Kuala Lumpur.
- Armed Forces Memorial: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Other Campaigns): Yes

4806008 Signalman BERNARD SIMPSON **PLUMTREE**, No. 101 Beach Sub-Area Signal Section.

- Killed in action** on 6 June 1944 with Signalman S. Taylor in Queen Sector of Sword Beach in the Normandy landings during the North-West Europe Campaign. (See also Signalman J. Wynd.)
- Hermanville War Cemetery, France (buried alongside Signalman Taylor). *HIS FIGHT IS O'ER*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2576070 Lance Corporal ARTHUR BRIAN **POINTER**, 56th (London) Divisional Signals.

- Killed in action** on 20 January 1944 in the First Battle of Monte Cassino during the Italian Campaign. Signalman J. Teale was also killed that day.
- Originally buried in a battlefield grave at Sessa Aurunca, his remains were reinterred on 22 January 1945 at Minturno War Cemetery, Italy. *I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2392001 Signalman JOSEPH BERNARD **POLETTI**, Land Forces Greece Signals.

- Died on 30 September 1945 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident in Greece after the war.
- Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. *SACRED HEART OF JESUS HAVE MERCY ON HIM. SAINT JOSEPH PRAY FOR HIM*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2585886 Lance Serjeant CLIFFORD BENJAMIN **POLLARD**, Mention in Despatches, 76th (Shropshire Yeomanry) Medium Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section.¹⁷

- Killed in action** on 3 August 1944 near Florence in the advance to the Gothic Line during the Italian Campaign.
- Originally buried in a battlefield cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Florence War Cemetery on 26 April 1945. *AND WE WHO WAIT AND MARK EACH SORROWING YEAR WILL HOLD YOUR YOUTH AND COURAGE VERY DEAR*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2588744 Corporal WILLSON (KEN) **POLLOCK**, No. 165 Medium Wireless Telegraphy Section, No. 12 Line of Communication Signals.

- Died on 5 January 1945 in No. 39 (British) General Hospital at Hasselt as a result of injuries sustained in a **battle accident** during the North-West Europe Campaign.
- Kruisveld Communal Cemetery, Hasselt, Belgium. *MY BELOVED. HIS SPIRIT LIVES ON, IN EVERY FLOWER & SONG HE LIVES & WILL IMMORTAL BE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2366567 Driver ERNEST WILLIAM **PONSFORD**, Prisoner of War (formerly Administration Section, 3rd Indian Corps Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway in October 1942 in the 'River Valley Road Party'. Worked in 'No. 1 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of tropical ulcers on 28 October 1943 at Kanchanaburi.
- Originally buried in Kanchanaburi Paper Mill Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 5 February 1946 at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. *"BE THOU MY SHEPHERD, SEEK AND FIND ME, GATHER ME BACK IN TO THY FOLD"*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2308502 Serjeant WILLIAM **PONSFORD**, Released Prisoner of War (formerly 11th Indian Divisional Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Held throughout the war at Changi camp, Singapore until the camp was liberated on 5 September 1945. Evacuated sick to No. 114 (British) General Hospital at Jalahalli, Bangalore (Bengaluru) where he died of disease/natural causes on 30 September 1945 as a result of the deprivations suffered as a prisoner of war.
- Originally buried at Jalahalli, his remains were later reinterred at Madras War Cemetery, Chennai, India. *IN MEMORY OF MY DEAR HUSBAND WILLIAM. 1900-1945*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

6350616 Driver HARRY FREDERICK **POOLE**, 4th (East Anglian) Divisional Signals.

- Wounded in the fighting on the Gothic Line during the Italian Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 16 November 1944 at No. 58 Field Dressing Station.
- Originally buried at Cesena Temporary Military Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 9 April 1945 at Cesena War Cemetery, Italy. *YOUR VACANT PLACE NO ONE CAN FILL. LOVED AND LONGED FOR ALWAYS. MUM AND DAD*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2316051 Signalmán LESLIE EDWIN **POOLE**, Unit Not Known.

- Died on 20 October 1943 (cause not known).
- Luton Church Burial Ground.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2347286 Signalmán JACK PETER **POOLEY**, Ninth Army Signals.

- Died on 18 August 1943 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident while on duty in Lebanon.
- Victoria Naval Cemetery, Tripoli, Lebanese Republic. *IN MEMORY OF JACK. MUM, DAD AND MAURICE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

11997 Lieutenant Colonel FRANCIS THEW **POPE**, Mention in Despatches, Prisoner of War (formerly Commanding Officer, Singapore Fortress Signals).¹⁸

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway in April 1943 in 'F' Force' as the commanding officer of Train 11. **Died as a prisoner of war** of diarrhoea on 31 October 1943 at Thanbaya hospital camp.
- Originally buried in the camp cemetery at Thanbaya, his remains were reinterred in Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery in January 1946. *IN PROUD AND HAPPY MEMORY OF TIM, MY HUSBAND*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes
- Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Roll of Honour: Yes

2329391 Signaller THOMAS ALFRED **POPE**, 77th Indian Infantry Brigade Signal Section (Chindits).
-**Killed in action** on or shortly after 1 May 1943 on the return journey to India during Operation *Longcloth*, the first Chindit penetration operation of the Burma Campaign.

- Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

22695653 Driver LESLIE **POPLE**, No. 1 Line of Communication Signal Regiment.

- Died on 28 January 1953 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident during the campaign in the Canal Zone.
- Moascar War Cemetery.
- Armed Forces Memorial: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Other Campaigns): Yes (Incorrectly¹⁹)

2349354 Signaller THOMAS WILLIAM SHIELDS **PORTEOUS**, No. 27 Operating Section, 3rd Indian Corps Signals.

- Evacuated from Singapore to Sumatra on 13 February 1942 during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore, he was **killed in action** (on Sumatra or at sea) on or soon after 26 February 1942 during the Japanese invasion of the Netherlands East Indies.
- Singapore Memorial, Singapore.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14285697 Lance Serjeant JOHN ALEXANDER **PORTER**, Mention in Despatches, Burma Command Signals.²⁰

- Died on 10 February 1946 as a result of multiple injuries sustained in a road traffic accident after the war.
- Rangoon War Cemetery, Myanmar. *SILENT THOUGHTS AND BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES KEEP YOU EVER NEAR US. MAM AND DAD*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2349717 Signaller LANCELOT SALKELD **PORTER**, 6th Air Formation Signals.

- Took his own life on 29 January 1943 while serving with Persia and Iraq Command.
- Mosul War Cemetery, Iraq. *GRIEVE NOT - DEATH IS BUT A GATE TO TRUTH. L.S.P. JUNE 1941 ESKDALE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2329185 Signaller LAWRENCE REGINALD **PORTER**, London District Signals.

- Killed in action** on 7 November 1940 on Chiswick High Street in an air raid during the London Blitz.
- Hounslow Cemetery.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2360547 Driver HARRY **POSKITT**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 105 Special Wireless Section).

- On 29 June 1942 in the Battle of Mersa Matruh during the Western Desert Campaign, Lance Corporal H. Entwistle was killed in action and a party from the section was captured, including Driver Poskitt. He was transported to Italy and held at *Prigione di Guerra 122 (Campo 122)* at Cinecittà near Rome and then at *Prigione di Guerra 54 (Campo 54)* at Passo Corese, Fara in Sabina. **Killed in action as a prisoner of war** on 28 January 1944 when aircraft from 321st Bombardment Group (Medium), United States Army Air Forces bombed a bridge over the River Paglia near Alleron Scalo, Italy, destroying part of a train carrying Allied prisoners of war from Fara to Germany. Over 300 prisoners were killed, including Driver Poskitt and Signalmen J. W. Forrest and J. P. Hall.
- The dead that were recovered were buried in mass graves at the bridge, but these were destroyed in later bombing. The three Royal Signals casualties are commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14414990 Signaller DONALD **POTTAS**, 1st Special Service Brigade Signal Troop attached to No. 6 Commando.

- Wounded on the morning of 6 June 1944 at Queen Red sector of Sword Beach in the Normandy landings during the North-West Europe Campaign, he **died of wounds** later that day.
- Hermanville War Cemetery, France. *HE LEAVES A WHITE UNBROKEN GLORY, A GATHERED RADIANCE, A SHINING PEACE*

- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

5620008 Signaller JOHN **POTTER**, 8th Army Group Royal Artillery Signal Section.

- Killed in action** on 15 July 1944 in Operation *Greenline* in the Battle of Normandy during the North-West Europe Campaign when the regimental signal office was hit by artillery fire. Seven other men of the section were killed: Corporal L. S. Beard, Lance Corporals B. W. Herlihy and B. E. Toothill, Signallers D. W. Apps and D. Milligen and Drivers C. Green and A. McLachlan.
- Originally buried together in a temporary grave north-east of Le Mesnil-Patry, their remains were reinterred on 18 May 1945 at Ryes War Cemetery, Bazenville, France. *SAY NOT GOOD-NIGHT BUT IN SOME BRIGHTER CLIME BID ME GOOD-MORNING*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2325012 Signaller JOHN HENRY **POTTER**, Prisoner of war (formerly Hong Kong Signal Company).

- Captured during the Battle of Hong Kong in December 1941. **Killed in action as a prisoner of war** at sea on 1 or 2 October 1942 en route from Hong Kong to Japan when S.S. *Lisbon Maru* was sunk by U.S.S. *Grouper* in the East China Sea. Fifty Royal Signals all ranks from the Hong Kong Signal Company were lost.
- Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Sai Wan Memorial, Hong Kong.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2362834 Lance Corporal KENNETH RICHARD **POTTER**, No. 3 Line of Communication Signals.

- Killed in action** on 26 April 1941 at Corinth during the Battle of Greece.
- Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. *IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED ONLY CHILD. "YOURS THE GLORY, OURS THE GRIEF"*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2325135 Signaller JAMES WILLIAM **POTTON**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 38 Signal Park, Malaya Command Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 4 November 1942 in 'N' Party'. Worked in 'No. 2 Group' and returned to Singapore in June 1944. Transported on S.S. *Hofuku Maru* in 'Japan Party No. 2' in July 1944 from Singapore via Borneo to the Philippines, where the ship put into Manila for repairs in mid-July; the majority of prisoners remained on board—97 men died, and 50 very sick men were transferred ashore on 24 August—and the ship finally sailed for Japan on 20 September. **Killed in action as a prisoner of war** at sea on 21 September 1944 en route from the Philippines to Japan when S.S. *Hofuku Maru* and the other 10 ships in the convoy were sunk off the western coast of Luzon by aircraft flying off United States Navy carriers. Fifty-five Royal Signals soldiers were lost.
- Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Singapore.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2330720 Driver GORDON CHARLES **POTTS**, Prisoner of War (formerly 88th (2nd West Lancashire) Field Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 3 November 1942 in 'O' Party'. Worked in 'No. 4 Group' and returned to Singapore in June 1944. **Killed in action as a prisoner of war** at sea on 12 September 1944 en route from Singapore to Formosa (Taiwan) in 'Japan Party No. 3' when S.S. *Rakuyo Maru* was sunk by U.S.S. *Sealion*. Twenty-one Royal Signals soldiers were lost.
- Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Singapore.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

14052964 Signaller VERNON **POTTS**, 1st Operator Training Battalion, Signal Training Centre.

- While on leave he was seriously injured on the night of 19 November 1945 when his motorcycle hit the kerb at the junction of Station Road and Stanneylands Road Styal near Wilmslow. He died the following morning, 20 November 1945, in Royal Air Force Hospital, Wilmslow.
- Wilmslow Cemetery.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2341385 Signaller BERNARD ERNEST **POUPARD**, Discharged (Former Unit Not Known).

- While on release leave after the war, he was cycling to work on the Poole Road from Branksome towards Poole on the morning of 13 April 1946 when he was hit by a car that had just swerved to avoid another cyclist. He died of his injuries on 15 April 1946 in Cornelia and East Dorset Hospital, Poole.
- St. Mary Churchyard Extension, Eling, Hampshire. *AT REST FROM EARTH'S TOILINGS FOR EVER*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

5881821 Signaller JOHN JAMES **POVEY**, Prisoner of War (formerly 77th Indian Infantry Brigade Signal Section (Chindits)).

- Captured on the return journey to India during Operation *Longcloth*, the first Chindit penetration operation of the Burma Campaign, he is presumed to have **died as a prisoner of war** on or shortly after 1 June 1943 at the Maymyo concentration camp prior to the move of prisoners to Rangoon Central Jail.
- Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2334768 Corporal ALFRED FREDERICK **POWELL**, 5th Corps Signals.

- Killed in action** on 29 April 1943 in Operation *Vulcan* during the latter stages of the Tunisian Campaign.
- Originally buried at a cemetery at a main dressing station at Hanshir al Baharine farm, his remains were reinterred on 10 July 1944 at Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia. *MY GREATEST WISH TO YOU, MY LOVE REST IN PEACE UP ABOVE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2327112 Corporal BERTRAM HENRY **POWELL**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 28 Wing Section, 2nd Air Formation Signals).

- Captured on Java in March 1942 during the Japanese invasion of the Netherlands East Indies. Transported on 5 November 1943 on S.S. *France Maru* from Tanjung Priok, Batavia (Jakarta) to Palembang, Sumatra in 'Java Party No. 19' (one of 21 Royal Signals other ranks in the party) to work on the airfield at Pangkalan Balai. Transferred in May 1945 to Sungei Geron, Palembang where he **died as a prisoner of war** on 31 July 1945. Of the 21 Royal Signals other ranks in the party, three died at Pangkalan Balai and three later at Sungei Geron. (For more information see Driver A. Barker. See also Lance Sergeant J. Arnott.)
- Originally buried at Sungei Geron camp cemetery, Palembang, his remains were reinterred in 1961 at Jakarta War Cemetery, Indonesia.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14302574 Signaller EDWARD **POWELL**, No. 99 Telegraph Operating Section.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 31 December 1943 at No. 92 (Indian) General Hospital (Combined) at Maynamati, Bengal (Mainamati, Comilla, Bangladesh).
- Maynamati War Cemetery, Bangladesh. *UNTIL THE DAY BREAK, AND THE SHADOWS FLEE AWAY*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

1045282 (Acting) Company Quartermaster Sergeant EDWARD CECIL **POWELL** (an alias). See 1045282 (Acting) Company Quartermaster Sergeant EDWARD CECIL **BYE**.

2319656 Company Quartermaster Sergeant EDWARD MAURICE **POWELL**, 2nd Operator Training Battalion, Signal Training Centre.

- Mortally injured in an attempt to take his own life on 1 January 1943 while on duty at 2nd Operator Training Battalion at Prestatyn, he died later that day at the Royal Alexander Hospital, Rhyl.
- Buried in Camberwell New Cemetery, London in the war graves plot, which is unmarked, he is commemorated on the C.W.G.C. screen wall.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2338938 Lance Sergeant GEORGE **POWELL**, 3rd Anti-Aircraft Brigade Signal Section.

- Killed in action** on 27 May 1940 with Lance Corporal F. Cully and Signaller R. B. E. Hoey while manning a Bren gun position in the defence of Hazebrouck during the Battle of France.
- Hazebrouck Communal Cemetery, France.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2324065 Corporal HENRY **POWELL**, 8th Corps Signals.

- Reported missing in Operation *Bluecoat* in the Battle of Normandy during the North-West Europe Campaign with Signalman R. J. Newell, it was later recorded that he had **died of wounds** on 4 August 1944.
- Originally buried in a temporary cemetery at a junction of roads on Route La Chapelle aux Huants north of La Bistière, his remains were reinterred on 4 April 1946 at St. Charles De Percy War Cemetery, France.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2335451 Signalman IVOR LLEWELYN WILLIAM **POWELL**, 5th Indian Divisional Signals.

- Died of typhus on 3 September 1944 at 24th (Indian) Casualty Clearing Station during the Burma Campaign.
- Originally buried at No 2 Military Cemetery, Imphal, his remains were later reinterred at Imphal War Cemetery, India. *"TILL THE LAST AND BRIGHTEST EASTER DAY BE BORN"*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2577252 Lance Serjeant JOHN **POWELL**, Unit Not Known.

- Died on 26 January 1946 (cause not known) after the war.
- Bootle Cemetery. *PEACE, PERFECT PEACE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2351257 Signalman JOHN (JOHNNIE) **POWELL**, Prisoner of War (formerly 6th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section).

- Captured on Java in March 1942 during the Japanese invasion of the Netherlands East Indies. Transported from Batavia (Jakarta) on 22 October 1942 on board S.S. *Yoshida Maru* to Singapore. Transported from Singapore on 29 October 1942 on board S.S. *Singapore Maru*, which sailed with S.S. *Dai Nichi Maru* via Cap St. Jacques, Vichy French Indochina (Vung Tau, Vietnam), Takao, Formosa (Kaohsiung, Taiwan), Mako, Pescadores Islands (Magong, Penghu, Taiwan) to Moji (Moji-ku, Kitakyūshū), Japan, arriving on 25 November, and where he **died as a prisoner of war** of dysentery on 1 December 1942. Over 100 all ranks, including no fewer than 16 Royal Signals soldiers, died en route or soon after arriving in Japan due to the conditions on board.
- He is amongst the 335 men who died at Moji—nine of whom were Royal Signals—who were cremated and whose ashes were interred in a communal urn (284 of these men are known by name and 51 others are unidentified). After the war these ashes were transported to Tokyo and then interred in the British mausoleum at Yokohama on 11 October 1946. They were finally reinterred on 22 October 1946 in the communal urn at the Yokohama Cremation Memorial, Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2320640 Signalman SIDNEY GEORGE THOMAS **POWELL**, Prisoner of War (formerly 21st Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section).

- Captured on Java in March 1942 during the Japanese invasion of the Netherlands East Indies. Transported on S.S. *Nagara Maru* on 22 September 1942 from Batavia (Jakarta) to Singapore in 'Java Party No. 2', then on S.S. *Hiteru Maru* ('Java Party No. 1' and 'Java Party No. 2') on 9 October 1942 to Kuching, Sarawak, and onward to Jesselton, North Borneo (Kota Kinabalu, Sabah) (the 'Jesselton Party') and held at Batu Tiga camp (Jesselton Gaol). Transported from Kuching to Labuan Island, Borneo in August 1944 (the 'Labuan Party') to construct an airfield, where he **died as a prisoner of war** of malaria on 23 September 1944.²¹
- Cremated and buried amongst unmarked graves near the prisoner of war compound north of the Port of Labuan. All of these unidentifiable remains were recovered and reinterred in Labuan War Cemetery. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Singapore.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

4202233 Signalman THOMAS FREDERICK **POWELL**, Unit Not Known.

- Died on 10 March 1947 (cause not known) at Highcroft Hall Psychiatric Hospital, Erdington after the war.
- Perry Barr Crematorium, Birmingham.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2334100 Signaller VERNON **POWELL**, No. 42 Despatch Rider Section, No. 3 Line of Communication Signals.

-Wounded on 21 February 1941 near Benghazi during the Western Desert Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 27 February 1941.

-Originally buried in Benghazi Civil Cemetery Military Extension, his remains were reinterred on 22 August 1944 at Benghazi War Cemetery, Libya. *IN HONOUR—CHIVALROUS. IN COURAGE—VALOROUS. CLEAN TO THE HEART'S CORE R.I.P.*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2359355 Signaller VICTOR MATTHEW **POWELL**, 4th (East Anglian) Divisional Signals.

-Wounded in the fighting on the Gothic Line in the advance to Forlì, he **died of wounds** on 30 October 1944 at No. 58 Field Dressing Station.

-Originally buried in the 4th Division Cemetery at Calisese, his remains were reinterred on 30 March 1945 at Cesena War Cemetery, Italy.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2597307 Corporal WILLIAM DAVID **POWELL**, 7th Indian Divisional Signals.

-Evacuated sick during the Burma campaign, he died of malaria on 7 December 1944 at No. 127 (Indian) Base General Hospital at Trimulgherry in Secunderabad.

-Originally buried in Trimulgherry, his remains were later reinterred at Madras War Cemetery, Chennai, India.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14942360 Signaller BRIAN RITCHIE **POWER**, Alexandria Signals.

-Died on 16 June 1946 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident in Alexandria after the war.

-Hadra War Memorial Cemetery, Alexandria, Egypt. *R.I.P. "IN THY MORNING WE SHALL BE FILLED WITH THY MERCY"*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

14593066 Lance Corporal GORDON REGINALD **POWLING**, Special Operations Executive and Repatriation of Prisoners of War and Internees (R.A.P.W.I.).

-While serving with the S.O.E. / R.A.P.W.I. team at the former prisoner of war camp at Ubon Ratchathani in eastern Thailand, he fell ill and was evacuated by air to Bangkok where he died of smallpox on 19 February 1946 in No. 54 (Indian) Field Ambulance.

-Originally buried in Bangkok Protestant Cemetery, his remains were later reinterred at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. *GORDON, NOT JUST TODAY, BUT EVERY DAY WE ARE WITH YOU IN MEMORY'S GARDEN - MUM & DAD*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2349791 Driver DAVID **POWRIE**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 76 Line Section, 3rd Indian Corps Signals).²²

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 4 November 1942 in 'N' Party'. Worked in 'No. 2 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of acute enteritis on 23 June 1943 at Nam Chon Yai (Namuchonyai).

-Originally buried in the camp cemetery at Nam Chon Yai, his remains were reinterred on 9 March 1946 at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. *AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2373697 Signaller JOHN WADE **POXON**, No. 94 Line Section, First Army Signals.

-Died on 25 December 1942 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident during the Tunisian Campaign.

-Originally buried at Souk-el-Arba Military Cemetery, Tunisia (Jendouba, Tunisia), his remains were reinterred on 19 July 1944 at Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia. *WE LOVED HIM WELL GOD LOVED HIM BEST AND TOOK HIM HOME WITH HIM TO REST*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2364153 Signalmán RONALD HOWELL **POYNTZ**, 1st Armoured Divisional Signals.

-On 22 February 1940, Signalmén Poyntz and Signalmén A. F. Cox and W. J. White²³ were on motorcycles on the Sherborne Road leaving Blandford. White was in front when behind him one of the others overtook the third signalmán and crashed into an oncoming lorry, which swerved and hit the third motorcyclist; Signalmén Cox and Poyntz were killed instantaneously. White was unhurt.

-St. Budeaux Churchyard and Extension, Plymouth.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

7961252 Driver DONALD **POYSER**, 56th (London) Divisional Signals.

-**Killed in action** on 9 September 1943 in Operation *Avalanche*, the Allied landings at Salerno during the Italian Campaign.

-Originally buried in No. 21 Beach Group Military Cemetery at Pontecagnano, his remains were reinterred on 24 April 1944 at Salerno War Cemetery, Italy. *HE DIED AS HE LIVED. 'TIS ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE LOST CAN TELL THE PAIN OF PARTING WITHOUT FAREWELL*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

6918960 Signalmán JACK BATTRAM **POYSER**, Prisoner of War (formerly 17th Indian Divisional Signals attached to 16th Indian Infantry Brigade Signal Section).

-The sole instrument mechanic of a detachment from divisional signals attached to 16th Indian Infantry Brigade, he was captured on or about 24 February 1942 in the Battle of Sittang Bridge during the Japanese invasion of Burma. **Died as a prisoner of war** in Rangoon on 13 December 1942.

-Originally buried in Rangoon Cantonment Cemetery, his remains were later reinterred at Rangoon War Cemetery, Myanmar. *DEARLY BELOVED HUSBAND OF FRIEDA. FOR EVER IN OUR THOUGHTS*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2580550 Signalmán ARCHIBALD CHIRNSIDE **PRATT**, Prisoner of War (formerly 10th Corps Signals

-Captured in June 1942 in the Battle of Gazala during the Western Desert Campaign. He was transported to Italy and held at *Prigione di Guerra 65 (Campo 65)* near Altamura in Puglia, where he **died as a prisoner of war** of diphtheria on 16 October 1942.

-Originally buried in the prisoner of war section of Altamura Civil Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 12 September 1944 at Bari War Cemetery, Italy. *NO MOTHER'S CARE DID HIM ATTEND NOR O'ER HIM DID A FATHER BEND*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2369301 Driver LESLIE THOMAS **PRATT**, 8th Corps Signals.

-Wounded on 14 March 1945 by shellfire in the operations west of the Rhine during the North-West Europe Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 19 March 1945 at 23rd Casualty Clearing Station.

-Originally buried at Wissen Castle near Weeze, Germany, his remains were reinterred on 23 October 1946 at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2326195 Signalmán WILFRED ALFRED HAROLD **PRATT**, 1st Air Formation Signals.

-**Killed in action** at sea on 7 January 1943 when the troopship S.S. *Benalbanach* was sunk en route to Algiers from the United Kingdom by torpedoes launched by a German aircraft. Fourteen Royal Signals all ranks from 1st Air Formation Signals were lost.

-Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2324242 Signalmán BERNARD VICTOR **PREECE**, Prisoner of War (formerly Hong Kong Signal Company).

-Captured during the Battle of Hong Kong in December 1941. Survived when S.S. *Lisbon Maru* was sunk by U.S.S. *Grouper* in October 1942 in the East China Sea en route from Hong Kong to Japan. The survivors were transported to Shanghai, China then to Japan, where he **died as a prisoner of war** on 12 December 1942 of pneumonia at Ichioka (Stadium) hospital camp, Minato-ku, Osaka.

-Cremated, his ashes were originally buried at Osaka and at the end of the war transported to Tokyo and then interred in the British mausoleum at Yokohama on 19 February 1946. His ashes were finally reinterred on 13 September 1946 at Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan. Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2649506 Signaller JOHN JOSEPH **PREECE**, 2nd Air Formation Signals.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 5 March 1941.
- Yardley Cemetery, Birmingham.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2580012 Signaller THOMAS GEOFFREY **PREECE**, 1st Airborne Divisional Signals

- Died of disease/natural causes on 11 July 1944 at Lincoln Military Hospital.
- Lawnswood Cemetery, Leeds.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2345017 Signaller WILLIAM ARTHUR **PREECE**, No. 34 Operating Section, No. 3 General Headquarters Signals.

- Drowned on 5 September 1941 while swimming in the sea off the Egyptian coast.
- His body was never recovered, and he is commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2373704 Driver ARTHUR THOMAS **PRESTON**, 7th Armoured Divisional Signals.

- Evacuated sick from Tobruk bound for Alexandria, he was **killed in action** at sea on 10 May 1942 when the hospital ship *Ramb IV* was attacked by German aircraft approaching Alexandria. Of the wounded and sick on board, 155 all ranks were killed, including Driver Preston and Signaller C. Healey. The ship was abandoned but the dead were left on board, and the ship was then sunk by gunfire.
- Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2386113 Lance Corporal JAMES THOMAS **PRESTON**, No. 92 Despatch Rider Section, Eighth Army Signals.

- Died on 4 January 1944 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident (a **battle accident**).
- Originally buried at Foggia Civil Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 10 October 1944 at Bari War Cemetery, Italy. *YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS NO MATTER WHAT WE DO WHEREVER WE MAY GO WE ALWAYS THINK OF YOU*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2343955 Signaller JOHN FRASER **PRESTON**, No. 3 General Headquarters Signals.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 15 February 1944 at the Government Hospital, Bahrain.
- Originally buried at Manama Mission Cemetery, Bahrain, his remains were reinterred on 17 July 1948 at Basra War Cemetery, Iraq. *IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR SON & BROTHER. HE DIED, AS HE LIVED, LOVED BY ALL*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

3456546 Signaller WILLIAM **PRESTON**, 6th Airborne Divisional Signals.

- Killed in action** on 2 May 1945 in the final actions of the division near Wismar during the North-West Europe Campaign.
- Originally buried at Wismar, his remains were reinterred on 27 June 1947 at Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany. *A BEAUTIFUL SMILE, A HEART OF GOLD, THE DEAREST SON THIS WORLD COULD HOLD*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14285722 Signaller ALBERT LEWIS **PRICE**, No. 17 Line of Communication Signals (Cheshire Yeomanry).

- Wounded in a V1 rocket attack on Antwerp on 1 February 1945 during the North-West Europe Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 3 February 1945. Sixteen soldiers from the unit were killed or died of wounds, including two whose remains were never found.
- Schoonselhof Cemetery, Belgium. *"THY WILL BE DONE"*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2580738 Corporal ARTHUR LESLIE **PRICE**, 30th Corps Signals.

-**Killed in action** on 2 January 1943 by an anti-personnel mine in the Sirte area during the Western Desert Campaign. 2370281 Signalman A. Baker and 2353778 Signalman J. B. Fergusson were wounded.

-Originally buried in a battlefield grave, his remains were reinterred on 13 December 1944 at Tripoli War Cemetery, Libya.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2324244 Lance Corporal CHARLES HENRY **PRICE**, Prisoner of War (formerly Hong Kong Signal Company).

-Captured during the Battle of Hong Kong. Survived when S.S. *Lisbon Maru* was sunk by U.S.S. *Grouper* in October 1942 in the East China Sea en route from Hong Kong to Japan. The survivors were transported to Shanghai, China then to Japan, where he was held at Osaka. In September 1945 he was repatriated firstly to Okinawa. On the morning of 10 September 1945, a fleet of aircraft carrying Allied prisoners of war departed Yontan Field, Okinawa destined for Nielson Field, Luzon. The flights coincided with the arrival in the region of Typhoon *Ursula*, which tracked north-west out of the Philippine Sea towards Formosa (Taiwan), and the aircraft were diverted onto a route down the western side of the island. Unfortunately, the harsh weather conditions claimed three aircraft. One was a United States Army Air Forces B-24J Liberator, Serial 44-40491, nicknamed *Ginny*, of 98th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy); no trace of it was ever found. In addition to the five crew members, 20 former prisoners of war perished including Lance Corporal Price and Signalman D. M. Harrington.

-Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Sai Wan Memorial, Hong Kong.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2360754 Corporal FREDERICK **PRICE**, 8th Corps Signals.

-Died of disease/natural causes on 3 October 1945 in Hamburg after the war while serving with the British Army of the Rhine.

-Hamburg Cemetery, Germany.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

6198181 Lance Corporal GEORGE ALBERT **PRICE**, 1st Divisional Signals attached to No. 238 Field Company, Corps of Royal Engineers.

-On 18 June 1943, five officers and 176 other ranks, including attached personnel, of No. 238 Field Company, Corps of Royal Engineers were on board Landing Craft Tank No. 395 returning from operations on the island of Pantelleria in the precursor operations for the Italian Campaign when the L.C.T. initiated a magnetic mine in the approaches to Sousse. The L.C.T. was beached but destroyed. Lance Corporal Price was severely wounded in the explosion; he **died of wounds** on 20 June 1943 in No. 71 (British) General Hospital at Sousse. The unit's war diary records 33 men killed, two died of wounds and 32 wounded in the incident.

-Originally buried in a temporary cemetery at Sousse, his remains were reinterred on 16 February 1944 at Enfidaville War Cemetery, Tunisia. *GOD'S GREATEST GIFT, MEMORIES*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

14512841 Signalman HENRY **PRICE**, 76th (Highland) Field Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section (3rd Divisional Signals).

-**Killed in action** on 12 June 1944 in the Battle of Normandy during the North-West Europe Campaign.

-Originally buried in a temporary cemetery south of Colleville-sur-Orne (Colleville-Montgomery), his remains were reinterred on 17 May 1945 at La Delivrande War Cemetery, Douvres, France. *IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DEAR HUSBAND HARRY, DADDY OF MAUREEN AND BETTY*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

156401 Driver JONATHAN **PRICE**, Second Army Signals.

-**Killed in action** on 30 May 1940 with Signalman H. Bates near Bulskamp, Belgium in the defence of the Dunkirk perimeter during the Battle of France.

-Their remains were found by local people in the late summer of 1940 and interred at Bulskamp Churchyard, Belgium. *TOO DEARLY LOVED TO BE FORGOTTEN*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2354285 Signalman ROBERT WILLIAM **PRIDHAM**, No. 2 Special Wireless Group.

-Died on 12 April 1944 as a result of injuries sustained in an accident when a train hit a military lorry.

-Heliopolis War Cemetery, Egypt. *RESTING WHERE NO SHADOWS FALL IN PERFECT PEACE HE AWAITS US ALL*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2329806 Signaller STANLEY **PRIESTLEY**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 29 Construction Section, Malaya Command Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 28 October 1942 in 'U' Party'. Worked in 'No. 4 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of avitaminosis on 1 December 1943 at Chungkai base camp hospital.

-Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2330721 Signaller CLAUDE JOHN **PRIME**, Second Army Signals.

-Died on 27 January 1940 as a result of injuries sustained in an accident.

-St. John The Baptist Churchyard, Malden. *THY WILL BE DONE*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2337701 Signaller FREDERICK JAMES **PRIMETT**, Prisoner of War (formerly 70th Divisional Signals).

-Captured in November 1941 at Tobruk in the incident in which Lance Serjeant W. Jones was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (Operation *Crusader*) during the Western Desert Campaign.²⁴ Also captured was 2577316 Driver J. J. 'Jacky' Brown.²⁵ He was transported to Italy and held at *Prigione di Guerra 65 (Campo 65)* near Altamura in Puglia, where he **died as a prisoner of war** of pneumonia on 10 September 1942.

-Originally buried in the prisoner of war section of Altamura Civil Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 11 September 1944 at Bari War Cemetery.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2374557 Signaller ALBERT EDWARD **PRINCE**, 1st Parachute Brigade Signal Section ('J' Section, 1st Airborne Divisional Signals).

-**Killed in action** on 13 July 1943 in Operation *Fustian*—a parachute and air-landing assault to capture the Primosole Bridge in the early part of Operation *Husky*, the Allied invasion of Sicily.

-Catania War Cemetery, Sicily, Italy. *ALWAYS IN OUR THOUGHTS. MUM, DAD, MOLLY AND CHILDREN*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2340664 Signaller HUBERT **PRINCE**, Prisoner of War (formerly Singapore Fortress Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 25 October 1942 in 'X' Party'. Worked in 'No. 2 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of avitaminosis on 7 June 1943 at Chungkai base camp hospital.

-Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand. *A BELOVED SON AND BROTHER, NEVER SHALL HIS MEMORY FADE*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2326330 Corporal JOHN FEE **PRIOR**, No. 3 General Headquarters Signals.

-Died of disease/natural causes on 7 April 1944 at No. 63 (British) General Hospital at Helieh, Cairo.

-Heliopolis War Cemetery, Egypt. *MY DEAR HUSBAND ALWAYS REMEMBERED WITH LOVE AND REGRET BY WIFE AND BABY BETH*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2588512 Signaller ROBERT FREDERICK GUEST **PRIOR**, Unit Not Known.

-Died on 5 December 1941 (cause not known).

-Branksome Cemetery, Poole. *OUR THOUGHTS ARE ALWAYS WITH YOU UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2570174 Serjeant SIDNEY JAMES **PRITCHARD**, M.M. 10th Corps Signals.²⁶

-Recorded as missing in action on 21 September 1943 near Salerno after Operation *Avalanche*, the Allied landings at Salerno during the Italian Campaign; his grave was later found by British troops, and it was confirmed that he had been **killed in action** on that date.

- Buried by the enemy in Scuola Femminile German Cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Salerno War Cemetery on 7 October 1944.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

132941 Major GURNEY OLIVER **PROBERT**, 49th (West Riding) Divisional Signals.

- Killed in action** on 21 October 1944 with Signalman H. Norminton in Operation *Pheasant*, the liberation of North Brabant, during the North-West Europe Campaign.
- Originally buried at Braacken Temporary Burial Ground, his remains were reinterred on 18 July 196 at Geel War Cemetery, Belgium. *FREELY HE GAVE THAT WE MIGHT FREEDOM GAIN*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes
- Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Roll of Honour: Yes

2363760 Driver SIDNEY **PROCTER**, 3rd Divisional Signals.

- Killed in action** on 18 March 1945 near Calcar (Kalkar) 1945 in the aftermath of Operation *Veritable*, the Battle of the Reichswald, during the North-West Europe Campaign.
- Originally buried at Calcar, his remains were reinterred on 17 September 1946 at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2349731 Signalman JOHN EDWARD **PROCTOR**, No. 26 Operating Section.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 8 April 1944 at No. 68 (Indian) General Hospital, Chittagong during the Burma Campaign.
- Originally buried at Chittagong Civil Cemetery Military Extension, his remains were reinterred on 27 February 1946 at Chittagong War Cemetery, Bangladesh. *IN MEMORY OF MY DEAR HUSBAND. EVER REMEMBERED BY HIS LOVING WIFE & SON JOHN*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2327864 Signalman WILFRED GRANVILLE **PROCTOR**, Second Army Troops Signal Section, Second Army Signals.

- Died of disease/natural causes on 28 November 1945 at died in Seacroft Emergency Hospital, Leeds while on leave from Germany where he was serving with the British Army of the Rhine. (Encephalitis.)
- Harehills Cemetery, Leeds. *LOVED AND REMEMBERED BY ALL*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2346257 Driver ALBERT VICTOR **PRODGER**, Prisoner of War (formerly No. 52 Operating Section, 3rd Indian Corps Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 4 November 1942 in 'N' Party'. Worked in 'No. 2 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of dysentery and beriberi on 30 November 1943 at Takanun (Tha Khanun).
- Originally buried in the camp cemetery at Takanun, his remains were reinterred on 8 February 1946 at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. *NEVER SHALL HIS MEMORY FADE. HIS LOVING MUM, SISTERS AND BROTHER*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2585885 Signalman VICTOR GWYN **PROTHEROE**, 1st Armoured Divisional Signals.

- Died on 9 December 1941 in a negligent shooting when another soldier inadvertently fired a machine-gun during the Western Desert Campaign.
- Hadra War Memorial Cemetery, Alexandria, Egypt. *IN LOVING MEMORY OF DEAR VIC. ALWAYS REMEMBERED BY MUM AND DAD, MARJORIE, AUB. AND JOHN*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2338802 Company Quartermaster Serjeant ROBERT DAVIDSON **PROUD**, Transport Draft ROFWG (St. Helena Signal Section).

- Part of a six-strong signal section destined for St. Helena, he was **killed in action** at sea on the night of 6/7 December 1942 when the troopship S.S. *Ceramic* was sunk by U-515 in the Atlantic Ocean en route to Australia via St. Helena and South Africa. All but one of the 655 passengers and crew were lost. For more information see Serjeant S. Blackshaw.
- Lost at sea, he is commemorated on the Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2624730 Signaller BERNARD **PRUIM**, T' Indian Line of Communication Signals.

-Died of disease/natural causes on 18 July 1946 at British Military Hospital, Delhi after the war.

-New Delhi Jewish Cemetery, India.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2599795 Signaller FREDERICK JOSEPH THOMAS **PUGH**, 42nd Armoured Divisional Signals.²⁷

-Died on 4 May 1942 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident when he and his motorcycle were involved in a crash at Knayton, near Thirsk.

-Uplands Cemetery, Smethwick. *AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING WE WILL REMEMBER HIM R.I.P.*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2578428 Driver IAN CHARLES **PUGH**, No. 6 Wireless Telegraphy Section, 2nd (London) Corps Signals.

-Wounded and missing in Operation *Dynamo*, the evacuation from Dunkirk during the Battle of France, he **died of wounds** on or soon after 31 May 1940.

-Dunkirk Memorial, France.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2331989 Signaller JOHN TUDOR **PUGH**, 12th (African) Divisional Signals.

-Died of disease/natural causes on 1 May 1941 while on duty at the Fascist Building in Mogadishu, in the former Italian Somaliland.

-Originally buried in Mogadishu Military Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on at Nairobi War Cemetery, Kenya. *IN THE MORNING AND IN THE EVENING WE WILL REMEMBER*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

445426 Second Lieutenant RODNEY CRAGG **PULFORD**, Unit Not Known.

-Died on 6 December 1956 as a result of a negligent shooting incident during the Cyprus Emergency.

-Wayne's Keep Military Cemetery, Nicosia.

-Armed Forces Memorial: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Other Campaigns): Yes

5187466 Signaller NORMAN ARTHUR **PULLIN**, 23rd Field Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section.

-Died on 28 August 1944 as a result of injuries sustained in a **battle accident** during the Italian Campaign.

-Ancona War Cemetery, Italy. *TRUE OF HEART AND FRIENDSHIP SOUND LOVED AND RESPECTED BY ALL AROUND*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2323084 Serjeant CYRIL ALFRED **PULLINGER**, Prisoner of War (formerly 9th Indian Divisional Signals).

-Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported on 25 October 1942 on S.S. *England Maru* to Formosa (Taiwan) in 'Overseas Party "Z"'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of crushing injuries to his chest, skull and face in an accident at the copper mine at which he was working near Kinkaseki (Camp No. 1).

-Originally buried in Kinkaseki Camp Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on at Sai Wan War Cemetery, Hong Kong.

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2352127 Signaller CHARLES WILFRED **PUMMERY**, Unit not Known.

-Died of disease/natural causes on 28 December 1941 at King George Hospital, Ilford.

-City Of London Cemetery and Crematorium, Manor Park. *IN THE GARDEN OF HAPPY MEMORIES WE MEET EVERY DAY*

-Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes

-Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2589375 Signaller JOHN WILLIAM **PURCELL**, Prisoner of War (formerly 'C' Despatch Rider Section, 3rd Indian Corps Signals).

- Captured during the Malayan Campaign/Battle of Singapore. Transported to work on the Thai-Burma Railway on 8 November 1942 in the 'Great World Party' (Train 1). Worked in 'No. 4 Group'. **Died as a prisoner of war** of cholera on 7 August 1943 at Kinsaiyok Station.
- Cremated, his ashes were originally buried in the camp cemetery at Kinsaiyok Station, his remains were reinterred on 16 March 1946 at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. *REMEMBRANCE, GOD'S GREATEST GIFT. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2312101 Warrant Officer Class II (Company Serjeant Major) SIDNEY **PURCELL**, Unit Not Known.

- Died on 17 October 1947 (cause not known) after the war.
- Ipswich Crematorium.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2575889 Lance Corporal VICTOR CHARLES JOHN **PURCHASE**, Discharged (Former Unit Not Known).

- Died of disease/natural causes on 30 July 1946 at home in Lisburn after the war.
- Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Cemetery, Lisburn.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): No

2337946 Driver IRVING **PURSEGLOVE**, 78th Divisional Signals.

- Wounded in the Battle of Argenta Gap during the Italian Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 20 April 1945 at No. 57 Field Dressing Station.
- Argenta Gap War Cemetery, Italy. *WE HAVE LOST, HEAVEN GAINED ONE OF THE BEST THE WORLD CONTAINED. LOVE, MAM AND DAD*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2327188 Signaller STANLEY HOBKIRK **PURSELL**, No. 5 Line of Communication Signals (Cheshire Yeomanry).

- Wounded in the First Battle of El Alamein during the Western Desert Campaign, he **died of wounds** on 23 July 1942.
- Originally buried at El Gharbaniyat Cemetery, his remains were reinterred on 14 December 1943 at El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. *IN DEAREST MEMORY. "A LOVE UNDYING THIS YOU HAVE BEQUEATHED TO ME." EVE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

1805380 Gunner EDWARD **PURVIS**, 155th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, died on 23 February 1943 as a result of injuries sustained in an accident during the Tunisian Campaign and was interred ultimately at Tabarka Ras Rajel War Cemetery. Commemorated or recorded in all official records as Royal Regiment of Artillery, inexplicably, he is recorded in the Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War).

14212579 Driver JOHN MITCHELL **PURVIS**, 43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals.

- Died on 6 June 1945 as a result of injuries sustained in a road traffic accident in Germany just after the end of the war in Europe.
- Celle War Cemetery, Germany.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2576011 Signaller LESLIE **PURVIS**, 44th (Home Counties) Divisional Signals.

- While absent without leave, he took his own life using his service revolver on 31 March 1941 at Camberwell in London while he was being questioned by a police constable.
- Jarrow Cemetery.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

2573297 Corporal CLIFFORD RUSSELL **PYER**, 6th Corps Signals.

- Took his own life on 18 December 1940 while serving in Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- Southgate Cemetery. *TO LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WE LOVE IS NOT TO DIE*
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Yes
- Royal Signals Roll of Honour (Second World War): Yes

- ¹ Meritorious Service Medal for Valuable Services. L/8174 Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) and Indian Unattached List 25 Serjeant Arthur Thomas Page, 31st Divisional Signal Company, Indian Signal Service. Mesopotamia. LG 3 March 1919; 31210, p 3000.
- Despatches. L/8174 Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) and Indian Unattached List 25 Serjeant Arthur Thomas Page, 31st Divisional Signal Company, Indian Signal Service. Mesopotamia. LG 12 March 1918; 30570, p. 3120.
- Later Indian Unattached List 1187. After the First World War he served in Iraq and Waziristan with the 33rd Divisional Signal Company (renamed 'B' Divisional Signals) and was discharged on 3 January 1924.
- ² Military Medal. 2316934 Sergeant Charles Albert Page, No. 2 Section, Hong Kong Signal Company. Battle of Hong Kong. *For indefatigable devotion to duty on the mainland during the period 8th to 12th December 1941. His energy, willingness and encouraging example under adverse circumstances not only enabled the communications to be maintained but also enabled stores and equipment which would otherwise have fallen into enemy hands to be successfully evacuated to the Island.* LG 4 April 1946; 37521, p. 1672. MBE (Military): Lieutenant H. C. Spong. Also awarded the Military Medal: Corporal J. B. Stott.
- ³ Most records show his unit as 140th (5th London) Field Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section, which he served with previously.
- ⁴ 5891355 Staff Serjeant Eric Andrew Jeffs, 2nd Battalion, Glider Pilot Regiment and 1878298 Serjeant Phillip Douglas Taylor, 2nd Battalion, Glider Pilot Regiment.
- ⁵ It is not known why Signalman Park was in Manchester, he may have been on leave or between postings.
- ⁶ Probably undergoing training at the Signal Training Centre (British), Mhow having transferred from the Corps of Royal Engineers.
- ⁷ Inexplicably after the war he was commemorated on the Singapore Memorial. The C.W.G.C. has acknowledged this error and he will be commemorated on the Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial.
- ⁸ M.B.E. (1917-1922) (Military Division). (Acting) Captain, Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's) attached to the Indian Signal Corps. 38th Divisional Signal Company. Advance to Datta Khel and Derajat Column, Waziristan Campaign, North-West Frontier of India. LG 10 June 1921 (to be dated 1 August 1920); 32353, p. 4695.
- Despatches. (Acting) Captain, Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's) attached to the Indian Signal Corps. 'F' Divisional Signals. Officer Commanding Signals. Wana Column, Waziristan Campaign, North-West Frontier of India. LG 1 June 1923; 32829, p. 3863.
- ⁹ The Indian other ranks are recorded as having died on 15 February 1942, the surrender of Singapore, with several also being recorded as having died on 15 November 1945.
- ¹⁰ Unit corrected in second casualty report.
- ¹¹ Incorrectly commemorated as 50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Signals.
- ¹² W/716159 Nurse Elizabeth Petrie, Voluntary Aid Detachment died of disease/natural causes on 4 July 1941; her remains were interred at Buchanan Churchyard Extension.
- ¹³ Despatches. 2569458 Sergeant Edward Arthur Pexton, 10th Infantry Brigade Signal Section. Italian Campaign. LG 11 January 1945; 36886, p. 324.
- ¹⁴ Despatches. 2325548 Corporal Isaac Douglas Phillips, Special Operations Executive. Operation *Harling*—the destruction of a railway viaduct over the Gorgopotamos River near Thermopylae, Greece on the night of 25/26 November 1942. LG 6 April 1944; 36456, p. 1592.
- ¹⁵ Military Medal. 2318855 Lance Sergeant Frederick Smith Plant, 14th Infantry Brigade Signal Section, 70th Division. Operation *Crusader*—Breakout from Tobruk, Western Desert Campaign. *On the night of 20th/21st November 1941, Lance Sergeant Plant was in charge of a cable party that worked all night in getting a cable through to 2 B.W. The corridor up which he was working was being shelled, the area was heavily mined and the direction of the B.W. headquarters was obscure. He achieved his object. The work of this N.C.O. on this night, and during subsequent phases of the operation was beyond praise. He had a very extended area to cover, his many lines were constantly being cut by enemy shell fire but communications were rarely interrupted for a prolonged period.* LG 24 February 1942; 35465, p. 897. Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal: Lance Sergeant W. Jones B.E.M. Also awarded the Military Medal: Lance Corporal S. H. Lobb and Sergeant R. J. White.
- ¹⁶ His name appears twice in the Roll.
- ¹⁷ Despatches. 2585886 Lance Sergeant Clifford Benjamin Pollard, 76th (Shropshire Yeomanry) Medium Regiment Royal Artillery Signal Section. Italian Campaign. LG 11 January 1945; 36886.
- ¹⁸ Despatches., (Temporary) Lieutenant Colonel Francis Thew Pope, Commanding Officer, Singapore Fortress Signals. Malayan Campaign. LG 1 August 1946; 37671.
- ¹⁹ Recorded on the Roll of Honour as 'Popole'.
- ²⁰ Formerly 33rd Corps Signals, which became Twelfth Army Signals and then Burma Command Signals.
- Despatches. 14285697 Lance Sergeant John Alexander Porter, 33rd Indian Corps Signals. Burma Campaign. LG 19 September 1946; 37730.
- ²¹ Of the 25 Royal Signals all ranks transported with 'E' Force' (two officers, a warrant officer and 22 other ranks), 16 died, 10 of whom died on Labuan or later having been taken off the island. None of the 100 prisoners from Sandakan or 200 men from Kuching (the 'Labuan Party') that were transferred to Labuan Island survived—more than half died on the island and the remainder died (some being murdered) between March and June 1945 in Brunei and at locations in and around Miri, Sarawak.
- ²² His number is recorded in several documents as 2319791 and 2347091.

²³ 222744 Signelman (later Serjeant) Wilfred John White.

²⁴ Distinguished Conduct Medal. 2323922 Lance Serjeant Wallace Jones, 70th Divisional Signals. Operation Crusader—Breakout from Tobruk, Western Desert Campaign. *For conspicuous gallantry and great devotion to duty at Tobruk on the night of 21st November 1941, and on the following days. Lance Sergeant Jones was in charge of a line party detailed to lay a line to a forward position reported to have been captured by our own troops. In complete darkness Lance Sergeant Jones laid the line to the position, which he found to be still occupied by the enemy. His cable truck was immediately put out of action by enemy fire, he and his party were surrounded and captured, and he was disarmed and searched. The officer conducting the search turned aside to examine a jack-knife and taking advantage of this momentary diversion, Lance Sergeant Jones pushed aside the sentry's rifle and made good his escape despite heavy machine-gun fire which was opened. Before finding his way back Lance Sergeant Jones took steps to ensure that the line he had laid was made useless as a possible source of information to the enemy. On the following days, Lance Sergeant Jones displayed great courage and initiative in laying lines under heavy enemy machine-gun and shell fire, and on 27th November 1941, he volunteered to lay and laid with a party of young soldiers the line through the corridor, which enabled communication to be maintained with Ed Duda from the time of its capture. Throughout the operation Lance Sergeant Jones' unfailing cheerfulness and devotion to duty were an outstanding example to all with whom he came into contact.* LG 24 February 1942; 35465, p. 895.

Serjeant Jones was also awarded the British Empire Medal for his conduct during the Battle of Crete. LG 30 December 1941; 35396, p. 7332.

²⁵ 2577316 Driver John Jacob 'Jacky' Brown. Transported to Italy he is known to have been held at *Prigione di Guerra 53 (Campo 53)* at Casette Verdini near Macerata and then transported to Austria after the Italian Armistice, where he was held at *Stalag 398* at Puppung.

²⁶ Military medal. 2570174 Lance Serjeant Sidney James Pritchard, 10th Corps Signals. Tunisian Campaign. *Sergeant Pritchard is the N.C.O. specially selected from all the corps signals to be in charge of the signal arrangements with my reconnaissance headquarters. The importance of the task is obvious. Over a long period of time his work has been quite outstanding and during the past six weeks he has often been called upon to work for 24 hours at a stretch. His conduct under shell fire or hostile bombing is always exemplary and never once has he failed to produce first class communications. He is a tireless and cheerful worker at all times. An award has been well deserved.* LG 14 October 1943; 36209, p. 4547. (The recommendation for this award was handwritten by Lieutenant General B. G. Horrocks DSO, MC, General Officer Commanding 10th Corps just prior to his serious wounding in June 1943 by a strafing German aircraft.)

²⁷ Served as 2599795 Signelman Frederick Joseph Thomas Taylor.