

There is no  
photograph of  
William Banks

## William Ernest Banks

William was born in 1895 to parents William and Harriet, siblings Alfred, Lizzie , Albert, and Mary.

Born 1895

In the 1901 census the family was living at 9 Quakers Yard, Market Harborough, by 1911 they had moved to 14 Leicester Road.

Place enlisted    Market Harborough

Initial regiment    Leicestershire

transferred to Sth Staffs 1st Btn

Date of death    31/08/1916

Cause of death    Killed in action

Died at age    21

France



Commemorated at

**THIEPVAL MEMORIAL**

Location: Somme, France

Number of casualties: 72336



## Cyril E Borrow

Born in Petworth West Sussex

Lived at 101 Northampton Road MH

Dob 1898

Parents William (postmaster) and Harriet,  
brother Guy who died August 1917

*During the past week Mr and Mrs F Borrow have received an intimation through the British Legation at Berne that their son, Second Lieutenant Cyril E Borrow , Northants Regiment , who had been posted as missing, since the Battle of the Dunes is a prisoner of war at Karlsruhe in Germany MH Advertiser 28.8.1917*

Initial regiment Royal Fusiliers 19 Btn

Transferred Northamptonshire

Theatre of war entered France

Date entered 14/11/1915

Promoted to Lieutenant 25/9/1916

Date of death 24/03/1919

Died at age 22

Cemetery Northampton Rd Mkt Har-  
borough

*The sincere sympathy of all residents of Market Harbrough and District is felt for Mr Borrow the respected postmaster in the town, and Mrs Borrow, in the very sad bereavement that they have sustained in the death from pneumonin, after a few days illness, of their second son Lieut Cyril Ernest Borrow, which took place at the Cottage hospital on Monday last. Deceased was only 21 years of age. He joined the 19th Fusiliers as a private in 1915, and went to France , subsequently he took a commission , and was gazetted to the Northamptons, with whom again he was involved in much severe fighting. He was taken prisoner at the Battle of Dunes and was in Germany about 18 months, he returned home about three months ago. Well over six feet in height, he was a fine specimen of a British soldier, he was moreover an efficient officer and very popular with his comrades. His only brother, the late Lieut Guy Borrow died in Egypt after having been wounded. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon amid general manifestations of sympathy. MH ADVERTISER 24.03 1919*





## F Guy Borrow

Born in Emsworth, Hampshire, in 1894 to Ethel Lomer and Frederick Borrow

Lived at 101 Northampton Road MH

Parents William (postmaster) and Harriet, brother Cyril who died March 1919

*Mr & Mrs F Borrow of Northampton Road Market Harborough have received a telegram stating that their son Lieut F G Borrow has been wounded in action. The degree is not stated. Sec Lieut Borrow was in Syria with the Northants. Earlier in the war he joined the Queen's Westminster's as a Private and had one winter on active service in France being subsequently given a commission and sent to Egypt. His younger brother Second Lieut Cyril Borrow is at the front in France Newspaper 1/5/1917*

Date entered 01/11/1914

Initial service no. 2349

Initial regiment London 1st/16th Btn then transferred to Northants Regiment 4th Btn

Date of death 22/08/1917

Died as a result of wounds

Died at age 22 years

Alexandria (Hadra) Cemetery Egypt

*Their son 'died of wounds in a hospital at Alexandria on August 22nd. The deceased officer who was 23 years of age was a fine specimen of English manhood. He was educated at Wyggeston School Leicester, he subsequently went into Messrs. Barclay & Co's Head Bank in Lombard Street. On April 19th he took part in the Battle of Gaza, where he was badly wounded in the head. At one time he seemed to be making good progress towards recovery but later he suffered from cerebral abscesses for the past month he lay dangerously ill and despite all the best medical skills he passed away on August 22nd. Hi commanding officer spoke of deceased 's bravery and dash. 31/08/1917 MH Advertiser*





## **Frank H Burdett** (recorded as Burditt)

Born in 1895 and when he was enlisted he was recorded as 5ft 8ins, weighing 126lbs with light brown hair, grey eyes and a fresh build.

In 1901 his parents Emma and John and siblings Horace, Annie, Hilda and Leslie lived at 74 Nelson Street, but his parents were at 17 Northampton Rd MH by the time of his death.

He was engaged to Mabel Plowright, who is named by the War Commission along with his mother as dealing with his affairs

He was a butcher employed by the London Central meat Co in MH.

STRUCK BY A SHELL

—————  
Harborough Man  
Killed in a Dug-out

Date enlisted	26/08/1914
Place enlisted	Market Harborough
Initial service no.	10395
Initial regiment	Leicestershire
Date of death	16/05/1916
Died at age	21
Cause of death	Killed in action
Bienvillers Military cemetery , Pas de Calais France	

*'He was a very good worker and always did his best and rapidly becoming a very good NCO. His loss will be very much felt in the platoon.'* Letter from 2nd Lieutenant Gillet

*"I hope it will be a comfort to you to know your poor boy suffered no pain whatsoever. A large shell fell directly on his dugout killing him and three of his comrades.. We laid him to rest in a Military Cemetery nearby, and a large number of men attended the service. Some men are now making a memorial cross, which I will have placed in position in a few days.* Letter from the chaplain.





## Harvey Burrows

Born in 1897 the son of James and Rose Ellen Burrows lived with his siblings James, Alice and Violet in Bonsor's Yard, Medbourne.

There is no Commonwealth War Graves Commission record for him, but Michael Doyle\* has traced his grave in Welford Road Cemetery



Enlisted - 25/08/1915 in Market Harborough,

102<sup>nd</sup> Field Ambulance Unit of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Died July 1918

Age at death 21

Harvey was discharged as a result of suffering from gastralgia

Burial Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, England

A summary of his service records:  
Home Service, 25/8/15 – 7/1/16, 136 days.

British Expeditionary Force, France, 8/1/16 – 28/3/17, 1 year 80 days.

Home Service, 19/3/17 – 7/3/18, 344 days.

Total service 2 years 195 days.

Harvey was discharged as a result of suffering from gastralgia and was assessed by the medical inquiry to be suffering a 30% disability.

He was awarded a medical pension of four weeks at 27 shillings and 6 pence, and 48 weeks at 8 shillings and 3 pence, to be reviewed on the 11th March 1919, sadly Harvey died in July 1918.

Source: \*Michael Doyle Their Name Liveth For Evermore: The Great War Roll of Honour for Leicestershire and Rutland.





## Harold Buswell

Harold was born on the 24th July 1890 in Market Harborough, the son of Charles Buswell a gardener, born 1862 in Clipston, Northants., and his wife Emma, born 1861 in Kings Cliffe, Northants. Leics.,

in April 1891 the family home was at Highfield Street, Great Bowden, Leics. In March 1901 Harold was residing in the family home at 72, Nelson Street, Great Bowden, Leics., together with his

parents and siblings, Elsie, born 1892, William Ewart, born 1895, Joseph Arthur, born 1896, Sydney Charles, born 1897 and Edwin George, born 1901, all his siblings were born in Market Harborough, Leics.

In April 1911 Harold was employed as a grocer's warehouseman and was residing in the family home at 72, Nelson Street, Market Harborough, Leics.

At the time of his enlistment he gave his next of kin as his wife Ethel Elizabeth Buswell, Bull Ring, Stoke Golding, Leics. later changed to c/o Mrs E. Andrews, Great Easton, Near Uppingham, Rutland.

His younger brother Sydney also died.

Served 4 years in 5th Leicester's.  
Army Reserve

Date enlisted 08/11/1915

Initial regiment Leicestershire 5th  
Btn

Transferred to RNVR Nelson Btn

Changed service number R/3939

Date entered Theatre of war  
18/10/1917

Shrapnel wound to head  
26/12/17

returned home 10/1/18,

Embarked again 1/6/18

Date of death 22/08/1918

Cause of death Killed in action

Died at age 28

Buried at Gommecourt Wood

*Mr & Mrs Charles Buswell of 72 Nelson St have received official news that their eldest son Harold was killed in action on the 22nd August. He belonged to the Royal Naval Division. No details have yet been received. the deceased who resided at Shenton before joining up leaves a widow and one child to mourn thier loss. Two of his brothers are at the front. Paper Sep 1918*





## Sidney C Buswell

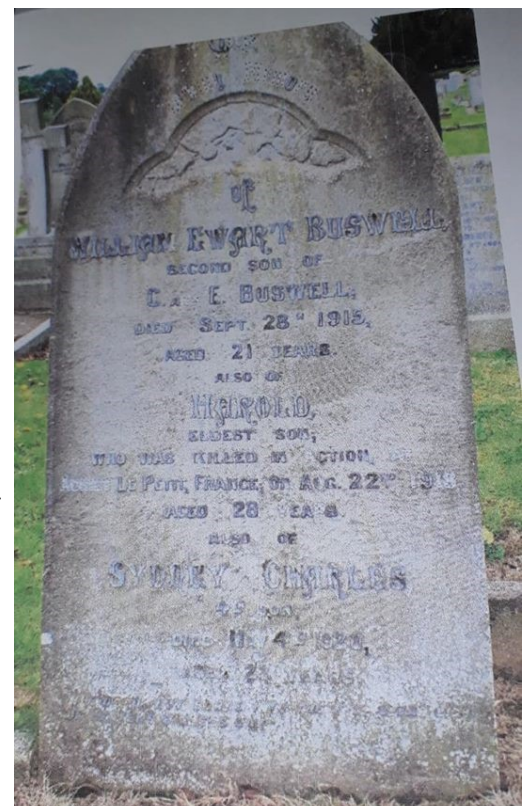
He was the son of Charles Buswell a gardener, born 1862 in Clipston, Northants., and his wife Emma, born 1861 in Kings Cliffe, Northants.

Sydney Charles was born in 1897 in Market Harborough, Leics., the fifth of six siblings, all of whom were born in Market Harborough, Leics.

In the 1901 and 1911 censuses the family home was at 72, Nelson Street, Great Bowden, Leics.

In April 1911 Sydney was employed as a grocer's errand boy and was residing in the family home together with his parents and siblings, Harold, a grocer's warehouseman, Elsie, a corset factory machinist, Joseph, a gardener's assistant, Sydney, a grocer's errand boy, William, a furniture salesman and Edwin, a schoolboy.

His elder brother Harold fell in action.



Sidney is buried in the family grave, and is not listed in the War Graves Commission records.

Initial service no. 60399

Initial regiment Royal Army Medical Corps

Theatre of war entered Egypt on 22/12/1915

He was awarded the 1915 Star and British and Victory Medals.

Died 04/05/1920

Age at death 22

Buried in Northampton Road Market Harborough



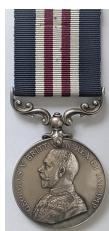


## Frederick T Clapham

Born 1893 in Islington, by 1911 he was living with his grandparents Edwin & Sarah Ellen Clapham in MH with four siblings. Ellen, Martha and Frederick all worked at the Stay Factory. He then lodged in Logan St with Mrs Pickering

Frederick married Charlotte Mabel Wells in late 1915. She was living at the Shoulder of Mutton G Bowden when he died. Charlotte remarried after the War and became Mrs Church

In December 1916 he was awarded the Military Medal for action in June that year.



Place enlisted    Market Harborough

Initial service no. 2181 then 240432

Initial regiment Leicestershire 1st/5th Btn

Date entered France 28/02/1915

Final rank    L Cpl

Date of death    01/08/1917

Cause of death    Killed in action

Died at age    24

Cemetery    "Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais" France

**September 15** Private Fred Clapham, of Harborough Territorials, was wounded in the shoulder and the mouth at the Battle of Loos. He was taken to North Evington Hospital and returned to France 11 months before he died.

*"I cannot tell you how sorry I am to have to write to tell you of your husband's death. He was out on patrol with me at the time, and while crawling near the Germans' wire we were seen, they immediately fired on us. Your husband was hit and died at once. We did our best to get his body back but the Germans bombed us and we were forced to leave him. Your husband was certainly one of the finest men I have ever met— he never shirked his duty and was always cheerful. I have seen as much of him as anybody and I know how much we have all lost."*  
Lieutenant in Leics Regiment.







## John Deacon

He was born in Heather in 1895, the family lived in Fleckney in 1901, By 1911 his mother Mary was a widow and he had five siblings living at 24 Kings Road in Market Harborough, although John was still in Fleckney.

His brother William who is not listed on our memorial died in May 1916.

John worked as a hosiery hand.

Hair colour Lt Brown, eye colour Grey

Date enlisted 30/06/1913  
Place enlisted Market Harborough  
Initial service no. 9721  
Initial regiment Leicestershire 1st Btn  
Entered war 09/09/1914  
Date of death 23/10/1914  
Cause of death Killed in action  
Died at age 19  
Cemetery Ploegsteert Memorial  
Comines-Warneton, Belgium



There is no grave but he is remembered at Hainaut, Belgium

Number of casualties listed: 11399





## Frank R Dunkley

Son of Henry and Eliza Dunkley, siblings John, Herbert, Edward, Edith, Frederick, Emily and Arthur.

At the time of Frank's death his parents would also be worried about two other sons who are serving, a son who is a prisoner-of-war, and a son-in-law fighting in France. They all survived.

*"Many Harborians will remember Gunner Dunkley's prowess on the football field and also on the running track. He frequently played for Harborough Town FC"* MHAAdvertiser

Date enlisted 25/10/1915  
Place enlisted Dover  
Initial service no. 60586  
Initial regiment Royal Garrison Artillery  
Date entered France 31/03/1916  
Final Rank Gunner  
Date of death 01/04/1917  
Cause of death Died as a result of wounds  
Died at age 25  
Cemetery: Barlin Communal cemetery  
Ext Pas de Calais France

In his diary of 1917 Frank writes that food is scarce, sardines on toast were a treat rarely enjoyed. The best food comes in occasional parcels from home. Letters from friends and relations at home eagerly awaited.

In between battles time was spent de-lousing clothes, writing letters and playing cards.

*"The last entry was written in Frank's diary on 30th March, that was the day my Father Arthur Dunkley met him. Frank was on sentry duty and he asked his brother to fetch some cigarettes from the NAAFI. When Dad returned to the spot a lone shell had blasted a crater and Frank had been taken to a field hospital"* Joyce Dunkley a member of this church and Frank's niece has shared family memories.

Frank died the following day.





## Walter Elliott

He was born 13th April 1887

His mother Annie was from Market Harborough but he was born and educated at Brailes Banbury.

His first job was in Harborough town retailers Shindler and Douglass., he then became a warehouseman with Messrs Cook. Son and Company in St Paul's Churchyard London.

He is not listed on the town memorial.

Enlisted August 1914, but seems to have gone to Oxford University and then joined the British Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders in November 1916

Died 13/11/1916

Killed in action

Age at death 29

Final rank Second lieutenant

Knightsbridge Cemetery, Mesnil, France

The Shindler & Douglas drapers was based at London House on the east side of The Square, in buildings no longer there which have now been replaced by the parade of shops which includes Johnsons dry cleaners and the Age Concern bookshop.

Shindler was the rising star among a number of Harborough drapers at the time.

Advertising himself as “draper, milliner and ladies outfitter” his store had 11 display windows and was the leading drapers in town,

Mr Schindler maintained the list of active servicemen which was later used for the memorial





## Walter Hancock

Walter was the son of Thomas and Martha Hancock who lived at 5 Auriga Street Market Harborough in the 1911 census. Walter had two brothers William and John.

Walter is one of the older men on the memorial as he was born in 1886

In 1901 Walter is listed as a Corset Stay Hand and in 1911 as railway shunter.

Place enlisted Derby

Initial service no. 88493

Initial regiment Notts & Derby  
(Sherwood Forest

Initial unit 5th Btn

Transferred to regiment

and battalion 11th Btn

Changed service number 204618

Date entered France 26/10/1917

Date of death 05/10/1918

Cause of death Killed in action

Died at age 32

Grave ref. I. E. 2 Cemetery Prospect  
Hill, Gouy

Sometimes the search for records can be difficult, our memorial shows T Walter Hancock, but the census and War Commission both have Walter H The reference to his parents suggests there may be a mistake on our memorial as this is the correct Walter Hancock

Private HANCOCK,  
WALTER HENRY

Service Number 204618

Died 05/10/1918

Aged 32

11th Bn.

Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)

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Son of Thomas and Martha Hancock, of Market Harborough, Leics.



Effects returned disc, purse with 2 coins, watch chain

Military Medal - London Gazette 29/8/1918.  
Bronze Medal for Military Valour - LG



## William R Harmer

He was born in 1891 and by 1911 he was a farm labourer living at 51 Nelson Street with his widowed step mother, and siblings Harry, Sidney and Reginald. He was 5'4" with good build and 34" chest. William was the first Harboro"Territorial to be killed. The letter from his commanding officer says: *"He was in the act of firing when he was himself shot in the head. He was killed instantly and suffered no pain. He was buried by the chaplain in a little cemetery about a mile from the trenches at 10 o'clock that night and there was a proper service."*

Date enlisted 18/11/1910  
Place enlisted Market Harborough  
Initial service no. 1090  
Initial regiment Leicestershire 5th Btn  
Entered France 27/02/1915  
Date of death 07/04/1915  
Cause of death Killed in action  
Died at age 24  
Grave ref. II. H. 8 Cemetery Linden-  
hoek Chalet, Kemmel, Belgium

*Bert West, husband of Mrs H West, confectioners of High St, wrote .. Germans shelled our place - one of our lads has been killed - Harmer was his name. Was a nice fellow, cheery and bright. He was the son of Ellen Harmer 51 Nelson St and worked at the Co-Op, aged 24.*

Possessions returned 23.9.1915

ID disc,  
pocket knife,  
pocket Gospel,  
3 handkerchiefs,  
watch & key,  
ring,  
purse containing 3d and 5c,  
towel.





## Thomas Wilfred Holyoak

Born Jan– Mar 1898

Address 126 Logan Street

Market Harborough

His parents were George and Sarah Emily, he had an older sister Kate (+4 years) and brother James (+3 years)

At 13 he was a helper in a hosiery factory

Photo of 126 Logan St



### Military history

Place enlisted Market Harborough

Royal Field Artillery

Transferred to Lancashire Fusilliers  
18th Battalion

Final rank Private

Date of death 15/04/1917

Cause of death Killed in action

Died at age 19

Grave ref. Pier & Face 3C & 3D

Thiepval Memorial Somme France

Commemorated at  
[THIEPVAL MEMORI-](#)  
[AL](#), Location: Somme,  
France

Number of casualties  
remembered on this  
memorial: 72,337





## Joseph Brown Knight

He was born Jul-Sep 1897, in 1911 he lived with his parents William and Emily and older sisters Susan and Jane.

By the time he enlisted he lived in Norwood on Victoria Avenue with his parents and was working as a printer.

Enlisted Edinburgh 29/05/1916

Initial service no. 10829

Initial regiment Royal Fusiliers 28th Btn

Transferred to regiment Queens Own  
(Royal West Kent) 11th Btn

Changed service number G/18240

Date entered war 31/08/1916

Date of death 07/10/1916

Cause of death Killed in action

Died at age 19

Grave ref. II. F. 11 Cemetery Warlencourt  
British Cemetery, Pas de Calais  
France

Joseph was killed at the Battle of the Somme.

The Chaplain writes to his family *"I cannot tell you if or where he was buried."*

The Chaplain adds:

*"Death I believe was instantaneous, so that he did not suffer prolonged pain. It may comfort you to remember in the coming days that he now belongs to that noble order who have laid down their lives for others."*

His body was in fact buried and then moved to Warlencourt cemetery by the War Graves Commission.





## John Looms

He was born Jul - Aug 1894 and in 1911 lived with his parents George and Hannah and seven siblings at 12 Gladstone Street, they moved to Glenholm, 96 Northampton Road Market Harborough. He was employed as a mechanic at Messrs Hearth & Co.

At the time that he was killed Mr & Mrs Looms had two other sons serving in the Army, 2nd Lt A Looms, Gloucester Rgt who was home on leave after being in France for 10 months and Pte George Looms, RAMC who had been wounded.

Place enlisted Northampton  
Initial service no. 15645  
Initial regiment Northampton  
Transferred to Royal Garrison  
Artillery 405th Sge Bty  
Changed service number 136719  
Theatre of war entered France  
Date entered 01/09/1915  
Date of death 28/07/1917  
Cause of death Died as a result of wounds  
Died at age 23  
Grave ref. III. D. 285 Bailleul Communal Cemetery Ext , Nord, France

Lieut A F Collingwood RGA *'I expect before this letter reaches you will have heard from the War office that your son was unfortunately wounded this morning. He had just come back from the battery for a few hours rest in camp when the enemy commenced to shell our neighbourhood with a small calibre gun. I regret to say one shell fell near his bivouac and he was wounded in the arms and legs. He was immediately taken to the dressing station which is along side us where the RAMC took him over, gave him every attention and later sent him on to a casualty clearing station. I understand he was hit by several pieces but that no wound is dangerous. He did so well in the recent operations that he was recommended for the Military Medal. No one could have performed work so well, so humbly and unostentatiously as your son did'*  
He died from his wounds







## Sidney Lord

Son of Louis and Ada Lord, born Oct—Dec 1895 one of eleven siblings in 1901 and 1911 they lived at 6 Heygate Street. By 1911 Sidney was a Type Foundry Caster

Place enlisted Market Harborough

Initial service no. 1474

Initial regiment Leicestershire

Transferred to Leicestershire 1st/5th  
Btn

Changed service number 240738

Theatre of war entered France

Date entered 28/02/1915

Date of death 17/08/1917

Cause of death Killed in action

Died at age 21

Grave ref. Panel 42 to 44

Cemetery Loos Memorial

Pas de Calais France

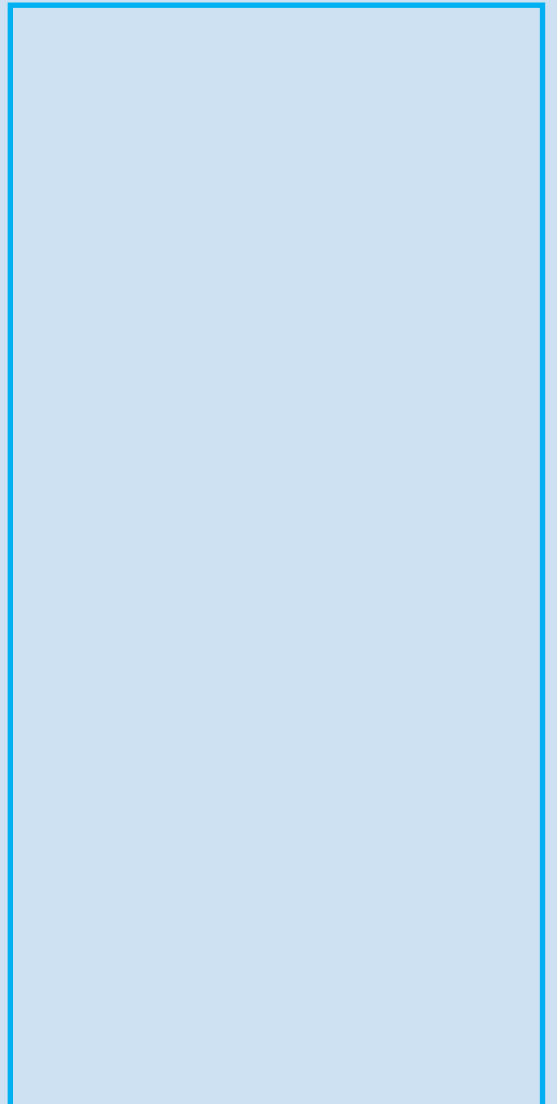
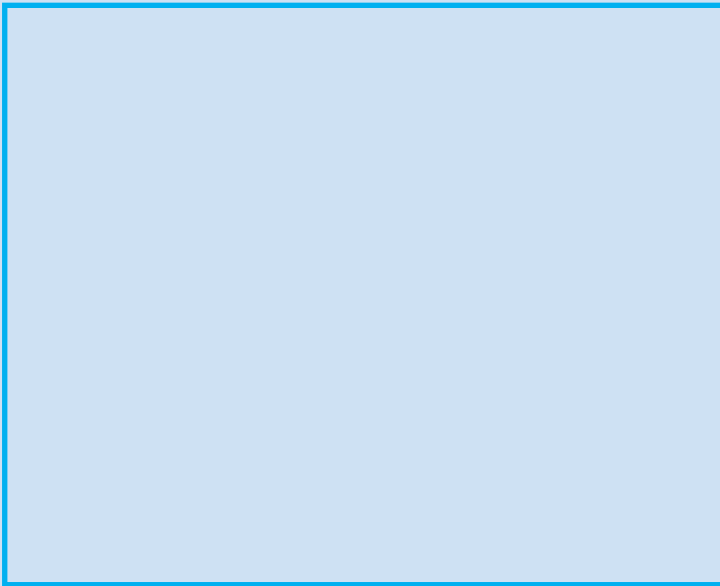
Pas de Calais, France

Number of casualties: 20648

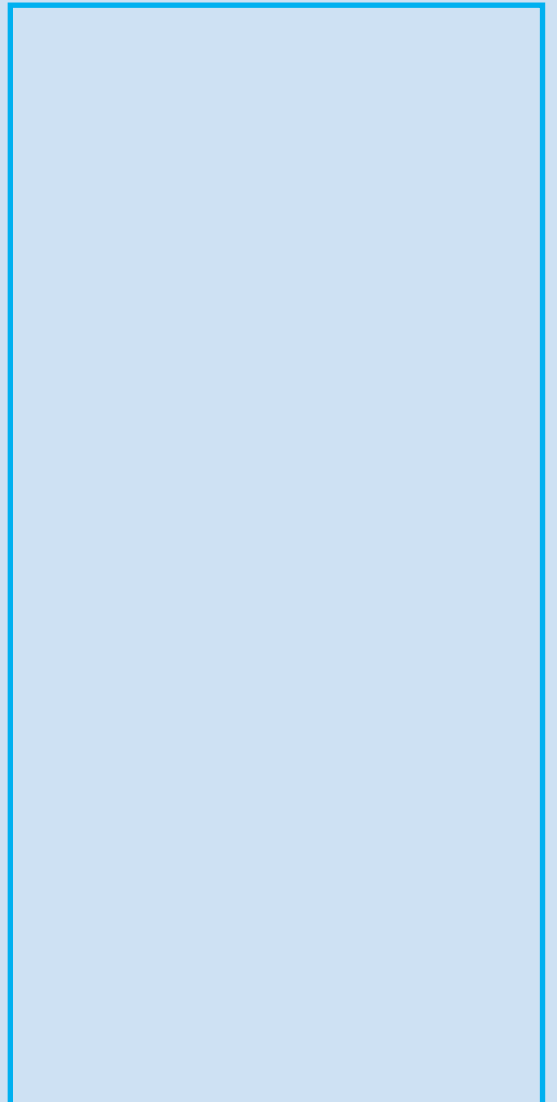
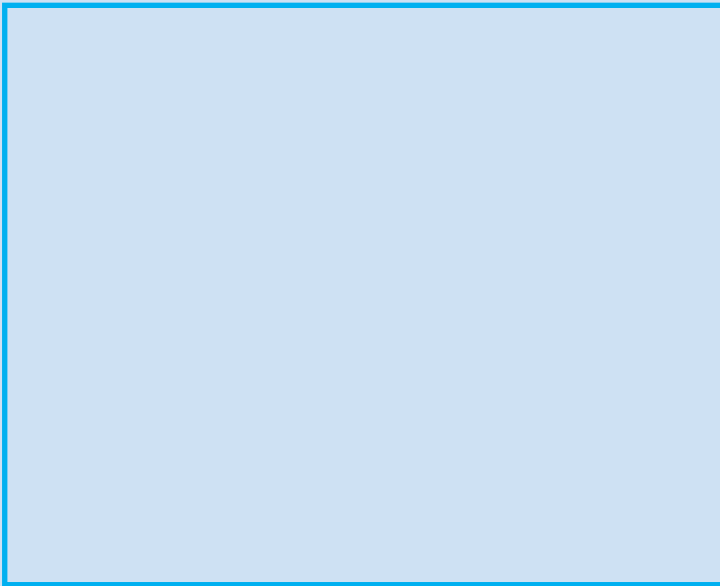


**Michael Doyle Their Name Liveth For Evermore: The Great War Roll of Honour for Leicestershire and Rutland**

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