

## Saltash Civilian WW2 Blitz Casualties

On the night of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1941, a taxi left Saltash for Devonport towing a pump with a six-man crew of Saltash Auxiliary Firemen onboard. On the way it hit an unexploded bomb at King Street, Devonport and all six men lost their lives; two of their bodies were later recovered from nearby roof tops. All six are buried in St. Stephens-by-Saltash Churchyard.

The six were:

BROOKING Francis Joseph	Leading Fireman Saltash AFS	age 44
CRABB Stanley Richard	Fireman Saltash AFS	age 26
CRAPP Alfred John	Fireman Saltash AFS	age 33
JASPER Bernard	Fireman Saltash AFS	age 27
STANLAKE John Robert Hoskins	Fireman Saltash AFS	age 28
TIBBS Leslie George	Fireman Saltash AFS	age 32

On the night of 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> April 1941 a Bombing Raid caused another nine Saltash Civilian casualties:

ALLEN Charles Henry	71 Fore Street, Saltash.	Age 60
ALLEN Emma Amelia	71 Fore Street. Saltash.	Age 60
BROOKING Aaron	4 Commercial Place, Saltash.	Age 64
CUMMINS Donald Noel.	Saltash GWR Railway Goods-yard,	Age 18
EALES Walter	5 Glebe Terrace, Saltash.	Age 60
GOAD Dorothy	105 Fore Street, Saltash.	Age 36
GOAD Joan	105 Fore Street, Saltash.	Age 16
OLVER Alfred William	79 Fore Street, Saltash.	Age 79
ROGERS William	4 Belle View Road, Saltash.	Age 67

All fifteen are Commemorated in Perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as Civilian War Casualties.

*Air Raid Precaution Warden OLVER Alfred William died of his wounds at St Barnabas Hospital, Saltash during the next day the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1941.*

*The 18-year-old Boy Scout / Fireman Saltash AFS CUMMINS Donald Noel Boy Scout Bronze Cross is buried in Botus Flemming, St. Mary Churchyard.*

*EALES Walter funeral was held at Callington Cemetery, but I cannot find any record of or find his grave there.*

*ALLEN Charles Henry and his wife ALLEN Emma Amelia, BROOKING Aaron, GOAD Dorothy, GOAD Joan, OLVER Alfred William, ROGERS William were initially buried in a communal grave at Landrake St. Michael Churchyard because of unexploded bombs at St. Stephens-by-Saltash.*

*Later ALLEN Charles Henry his wife ALLEN Emma Amelia and OLVER Alfred William were exhumed and reburied in St. Stephens-by-Saltash Churchyard.*

*Mr and Mrs ALLEN are buried together in one marked grave, ARP Warden OLVER grave is unmarked.*

*BROOKING Aaron, GOAD Dorothy and her 16-year-old daughter GOAD Joan, and ROGERS William remain in the unmarked communal grave, that contains at least one other burial, in Landrake, St. Michael Churchyard.*

If anyone knows of anyone, I have missed please let me know.

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