

A summary of research into those named on
Saltash County Grammar School 1939 - 1945 War Memorial.
with the addition 2009 Afghanistan Conflict casualty.



This War Memorial is in Saltash Community School.

These are the names of pupils of Saltash County Grammar and Saltash Community School killed in action during the Second World War and subsequent conflict. Not all were Saltash born and bred but lived in other local towns and villages in the surrounding area and attended the County Grammar School at Saltash. This could explain why not all are named on other Saltash War Memorials. The WW2 casualties are commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Leading Airman **Gerald John ASHTON** was the son of John and Clare Ashton of Saltash. His grave is in St. Stephens by Saltash Churchyard. Killed during training to be an Observer at HMS Condor, Royal Navy Air Station Arbroath.

Flying Officer Pilot **Ronald John BORDISS** RAFVR. Son of Joseph William and Eva May Bordiss, of Torquay. Pilot of a Lancaster Bomber detailed to attack the marshalling yards at Lille. "This aircraft is missing; nothing being heard from it after take-off". Remembered with Honour Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension.

Private **W. John COWLING** 1st Bn., Cambridgeshire Regiment. Baptised at St James Church, Torpoint. W. J. COWLING on the Torpoint WW2 Memorial. He was a Japanese Prisoner of War: Remembered with Honour on the Kranji Memorial Singapore.

Air Artificer 4th Class **Lionel Edmund GREET**. HMS Glebe. Son of James and Florence Greet of St. Austell. Remembered with Honour Khayat Beach War Cemetery, Israel. HMS Grebe was the Royal Navy designation for the pre-war Alexandria airport during its use in World War II as a shore base for aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm.

Engineer Officer **Frederick Marrack MITCHELL**. SS Ceramic. Merchant Navy. Lived with his Grandparents at 12 Maristow Terrace Saltash. German Submarine *U-515* torpedoed SS Ceramic during cold weather and rough seas in mid-Atlantic. Remembered with Honour Tower Hill Merchant Navy Memorial.

Sergeant Nav. **Christopher Arthur RICHARDSON**. RAFVR. Son of Ernest Albert and Marie Ernestine Richardson, of Saltash, Cornwall. Navigator of a Halifax Bomber shot down at Malden, Germany. Remembered with Honour Uden War Cemetery, Netherlands.

Electrical Artificer 3rd Class **Frederick William STACEY**, H.M.S. Hurworth. Son of William John and Frances Mary Stacey, of Torpoint. HMS Hurworth struck a mine in the Mediterranean and sank. Remembered with Honour Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Serjeant **Heber Ernest TRAYS** Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Trays, of Torpoint, Cornwall. Remembered with Honour Alamein Memorial. H. E. TRAYS on the Torpoint WW2 Memorial.

Lieutenant, **Arthur BOND** Duke of Cornwall Light Infantry: attached to the 1st Battalion Devonshire Regiment when he died in Burma. Son of Percival and Beatrice Emma Bond of Callington. Remembered with honour in the Imphal War Cemetery. India.

Civilian **Raymond Robert CREWS**. Home Guard. Clerical Officer of H.M. Dockyard, Malta. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Crews, of 5 Beatrice Terrace, Torpoint. Died at H.M. Dockyard. Remembered with Honour Malta, G.C.

Civilian **Joan GOAD**. 16-year-old Daughter of Frederick and of Dorothy Goad of Fore Street, Saltash. Killed in Saltash during a German Bombing Raid. Buried in an unmarked communal grave in St. Michael Churchyard, Landrake.

Lieutenant (E). **Lionel Frederick GUPPY**. H.M.S. Hermione. Son of Headmaster Comdr. Frederick and Rose Guppy of 9 Beatrice Avenue Saltash. HMS Hermione was torpedoed by the German submarine U-205 in the Mediterranean. Remembered with Honour Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Electrical Artificer 4th Class **John James NETHERCOTT**. H.M.S. Courageous. Son of George and Edith and husband of Nancy Nethercott, of Torpoint. HMS Courageous was torpedoed by a German Submarine off the southwest coast of Ireland. Remembered with Honour Plymouth Naval Memorial. **J. J. NETHERCROFT** on the [Torpoint WW2 Memorial](#).

Sapper. **Austin John SUMMERFIELD**. Royal Engineers. Son of Samuel and Susanna Summerfield, Castle View Farm, Forder, Saltash. Remembered with Honour Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery. Tunisia.

Leading Aircraftman. **Edward Claude Frederick VOSPER**. RAFVR. Son of Claude and Dorothy Vosper, of Saltash. He died while flying training in South Florida. Remembered with Honour Arcadia Oak Ridge Cemetery. USA.

Flying Officer. **Ronald James WIDDECOMBE**. RAFVR. Son of Alfred and Eva Widdecombe, of Saltash. His aircraft was shot down over Germany. Remembered with Honour Runnymede Memorial.

Sergeant Air Gunner **RAYMOND FOOT OLIVER JAMES** RAFVR. Son of Susie James, stepson of George Aire, of Landrake. Aircraft went missing on supply drop to Yugoslavian Partisans. Remembered with Honour Belgrade War Cemetery. **RAYMOND JAMES** on the Landrake WW2 Memorial.

Afghanistan Conflict

Acting Corporal **Richard 'Robbo' ROBINSON** 1st Battalion, The Rifles. Killed during an ambush in Helmand province, Afghanistan, on Saturday 17 January 2009. Remembered with honour in St. Stephens-by-Saltash Churchyard. **RICHARD ROBINSON** on the Armed Forces Memorial 'Roll of Honour'.

We will remember them.
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Saltash Heritage has much more information about these War Casualties.