

“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”

In remembrance of all those who died in War

The War Memorial was originally constructed around 1923 by the old Grammarians foundation however it was updated with a plaque commemorating the Second World War victims in approximately 1949. The names below are from the war memorial and the information is from available records, the ones that are blank are due to their records being unavailable.

Those who are present on the WW1 memorial

Allcock, G.W.M., DCM, R.N

Barlow, Tom., LIVPL.SCO

Death Date: 31 Jul 1917

Death Place: France and Flanders.

Bell, G.B., R,N

Bebbington, Tom., R,G,A

Death Date: 16 Oct 1918

Death Place: France and Flanders

Cope,W., Rifle, BGDE

Death Date: 5 Oct 1916

Death Place: France and Flanders

Cope,E.M., N.staffs,R

Clarke, D., R.N.R,

Dale,A., Ches.Yeo

Dale,Percy .William ., Royal Fus

Death Date: 18 Sep 1916

Death Place: France and Flanders

Foster,charles., R.W.Fus

Death Date: 13 Jan 1917

Death Place: Mesopotamia

Forster,L.H., R.G.A.

Death Date: 14 Jul 1918

Death Place: France and Flanders

Griffiths., Ches.Yeo

Harvey.George.winfred.,M.C. R.F.A

Death Date: 12 Apr 1918

Johnson,A., Suffolk.R.

Latham,H,S., Ches.Yeo.

Mathews,Arnold.,M.C.Ches.R.

Death Date: 14 Apr 1916

Nixson, Frederick king., Ches.Yeo

Pedley frederick, F.C., Ches.r.

Death Date: 27 Oct 1917

Death Place: France and Flanders

Rigg,H., R.F.A

Death Date: 5 Aug 1917

Death Place: France and Flanders

Riley,Walter., K.R.R.

Death Date: 29 Jan 1916

Death Place: France and Flanders

Smith,E.J.,D of Wellington's regiment

Richardson,B., L.R.B,

Still,F.A.W., 8th Canadian

Willis, J., R,F,A

Wright,J F. S.Lancs.Fus

Wright.W., Ches.Yeo

Death Date: 2 Sep 1918

Death Place: France and Flanders

Forsdick,C,S., East Sussex

Death Date: 17 Sep 1917

Those who are present on the WW2 memorial

Bleasdale, G.J. RAF

Briggs, P. S. RAF

Coates, K. Canada

Edwards, W. H. RAF

Green, D. F. RC Sigs

Name: David Green

Death Date: 22 Jul 1944

Death Place: Italy

Gresty, D. A. MN

Grundy, E. C. RAF

Halsall, E. RN

Name: Eric Halsall

Death Date: 27 Aug 1943

Death Place: At sea

Hamilton, J. A. MC Loyals

Name: John Hamilton

Death Date: 2 Nov 1945

Death Place: Balkans and Greece Campaign, 1944/45

Hardern, E. T. RAR

Henshall, J. RASC

Name: Joseph Henshall

Death Date: Apr 1941

Death Place: At sea

Henshall, N. H. REME

Name: Norman Henshall

Death Date: 6 Mar 1945

Death Place: Netherlands East Indies

Hulse, R. A. RA

Name: Bruce Hulse

Casualty Date: 12 Aug 1942

Johnson, C. RAF

Nixon, F. RAF

Ollier, L. AFM DFC RAF

Parsonage, P. M. MN

Pelper, P. Notts(SR) Yeo

Price, A. P. RAF

Richardson, C. W. G. RN

Sadler, P. R. RC Sigs

Name: Philip Sadler

Death Date: 25 Sep 1944

Death Place: Far East

Tomkinson, F. J. RN



A group of students paying respect at the War Memorial in 1949



A photo of the War Memorial taken in 1923-24



For the second time in a generation, the Towns youth marched off to fight in another war. Led at the front by what is believed to be Mr Hodge a teacher at **Malbank** who joined the army upon the outbreak of war leaving his teaching post.

Some gave all, all gave some

J. A. Hamilton

J. A. Hamilton attended the School approximately between 1931-1936, during his time with the School he was on the School Football team and won the School colours as a goalkeeper and in his final year he served as vice-House Captain for Wilbraham House coming tied second in the Boys 100 yard race in 1936, during his time at the School his nickname was "Big Ham" and during his time at School was described as an outstanding boy who in his 1936 examinations got a Distinction in English. His brother also attended the school between approximately 1934-1939. It is unclear when he joined the army but even in his days at School had made up his mind to be a soldier and he joined the army before the beginning of the war and was in the Scots Guards before being commissioned to the Royal N. Lancs at the beginning of the War. After service in France and Belgium, he was in the evacuation at Dunkirk. He was later in the thick of the fighting in N. Africa with his brother however they were separated when he was injured and returned to Britain and visited the School and Italy and for conspicuous gallantry in the landing at Anzio Beach, he received the M.C. He was reportedly held in the very highest esteem by his comrades, both British and Greek and was in all things a fine soldier who "played the game" to the end.

Peter Pelper

Peter Pelper attended the school from approximately 1931-1936 and served in the army for almost five years until he was killed at the age of 24. Little is known of his time at School although he did win the boys hurdles, the 440-yard run and came twelfth on the cross-country race at sports day in 1936 and was likely on the School Football team as well as being a member of the School Stamp Club and was awarded first prize in relation to it. At the time of his death, he was a lieutenant of the Notts. S. R. Yeomanry and was killed in action on June 9th three days after D Day. Previously, he had seen service in Greece and Cyrenaica reportedly fighting hard all the time, and latterly in Normandy, where he laid down his life. It was reported in the Port Sunlight News "In his life and in his death may he be an inspiration to us who live on." A few months before his death he visited the school during leave likely before the beginning of Operation Overlord and was described as hardly recognisable and a very gallant soldier. He was survived by his parents who also were very engaged in the school's activities and awards days.

Mr. Hughes

Before the war Mr Hughes was a teacher at the school, founding the Literary and Debating Society. However, upon the outbreak of war he joined the 4th regiment of the Royal Horse Artillery and was deployed in Cairo as he mentioned in his letter to the school from the 9th, November 1939. He regularly corresponded with the school through letters which give us a good level of knowledge of what he did and his lucky escape from an encounter with a German attack in which the vehicle he was in was lucky to not get hit, he later visited the school in 1944 after returning from Italy, he later served in Europe. He fortunately survived the war and returned to his teaching post after the new year of 1946. After being mentioned twice in dispatches and receiving an MBE.

Mr Powell

Mr Alfred T Powell was the Headmaster at the School until the outbreak of war when he left his position to Mr Partridge who took over in his absence. He joined the Crewe Battery and became a major while in the position he continued to visit the school until he was moved to the east coast to protect against air raids in 1915 while the Battery was being equipped as the troops in France had priority. Unfortunately, due to secrecy at the time where they were next being sent was not disclosed and the information has not been found. We do know however, that Mr Powell did return to the school and left the position of Headmaster in 1932. He remained in close contact with the School and on 7th of January 1948 at the age of 78 at Powell River in British Columbia where he had been living since he stepped down as headmaster in 1932, a tribute in the Powell River Free Press said "Col. Powell served this district as only a good citizen can. . . . The loss is great indeed."



Tom Barlow

It is not known exactly when Tom Barlow went to the school or when he joined the army however, it is mentioned that his residence was at the Barony and that he enlisted in Liverpool and was first in the Cheshire Regiment before being transferred to the 10th battalion of the Kings (Liverpool) Regiment. The regiment was mobilised for war and went over to the port of Le Havre on the 2nd of November 1914 they took part in the Winter Operations of 1914-1915. On the 16th of February 1916 the Division relieved the French 88th Division south of Arras and in late July moved to the Somme taking over the front line near the village of Guillemont, they saw action in the battle of Guillemont, Battle of Ginchy, The Battle of Flers-Courcelette and the Battle of Morval. The Division moved to Fladners in October 1916 and took over the front line between Wieltje and Railway Wood. In 1917 they were in action at Pilkem Ridge during the Third Battle of Ypres. It was at the start of this battle on the 31st of July 1917 that he sadly was killed at the rank of Lieutenant Corporal

Wilfred Cope

It is not known exactly when Wilfred Cope went to the school although its likely between 1901-1906. In WW1 he joined the 9th Battalion of the Rifle Brigade at the age of 24 he enlisted at St. Paul's Churchyard, Middx. On the 21st of August 1914, the Brigade was raised at Winchester on the 21st of August 1914. They trained at

Aldershot, moving to Petworth in November, returning to Aldershot in February 1915 for final training. On the 19th of May 1915 they landed at Boulogne fighting at the Action of Hooge, being the first division to be attacked by flamethrowers. They further were in action in the Second Attack on Bellewaarde and in 1916 they fought on the Somme seeing action in The Battle of Delville Wood and the Battle of Flers-Courcelette. Unfortunately, on the 5th of October 1916 he was killed in action in Flanders field at the age of 26.

These stories are not special because they are unique but because they are not this happened up and down the country and many left and didn't return, to put the sacrifice into perspective at **Malbank** 28 Old Grammarians lost their lives and in 1901 the whole School put together amounted to 32 boys almost the equivalent of an entire year lost in a single war and most often in Flanders Fields.