

Those who are present on the WW1 memorial

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

Barlow, Tom., LIVPL.SCO

Name: Tom Barlow

Birth Place: Nantwich, Cheshire

Residence: Barony, Nantwich

Death Date: 31 Jul 1917

Death Place: France and Flanders

Enlistment Place: Liverpool

Rank: L Corporal

: The King's (Liverpool) Regiment

Battalion: 10th Battalion

Regimental Number: 357159

Type of Casualty: Killed in action

Comments: Formerly 18399, Cheshire Regiment.

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 Flanders 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.

Bell, G.B., R,N

Bebbington, Tom., R,G,A

Name: Thomas Bebbington

Birth Place: Nantwich, Ches.

Residence: Hulme, Lancs

Death Date: 16 Oct 1918

Death Place: France and Flanders

Enlistment Place: Manchester

Rank: Gunner

: Royal Garrison Artillery

Regimental Number: 98255

Type of Casualty: Died of wounds

Cope,W., Rifle, BGDE Wilfred Cope

Name: Wilfred Cope

Enlistment Age: 24

Military Date: 1914

Regimental Number: 2087

Regiment Name: Rifle Brigade

Form Title: Short Service Attestation

Birth Place: Nantwich, Cheshire, England

Residence: Nantwich, Cheshire

Death Date: 5 Oct 1916

Death Place: France and Flanders

Enlistment Place: St. Paul's Churchyard, Middx.

Rank: Rifleman

: Rifle Brigade

Battalion: 9th Battalion

Regimental Number: B/2087

Type of Casualty: Killed in action

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. 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 Bellewarde 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.

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

Clarke, D., R.N.R,

Dale,A., Ches.Yeo

Dale,Percy .William ., Royal Fus

Name: Percy William Dale
Birth Place: Nantwich
Residence: Crewe
Death Date: 18 Sep 1916
Death Place: France and Flanders
Enlistment Place: Birmingham
Rank: Private
: London Regiment
Battalion: 26th Battalion
Regimental Number: 20091
Type of Casualty: Killed in action

Foster,charles., R.W.Fus

Name: Charles Foster
Birth Place: Rochdale, Lancs
Death Date: 13 Jan 1917
Death Place: Mesopotamia
Enlistment Place: Rochdale
Rank: Private
: The Royal Welsh (Welch) Fusiliers
Battalion: 8th Battalion
Regimental Number: 23775
Type of Casualty: Killed in action

Theatre of War: Asiatic Theatres

Charles Foster enlisted in the 8th Battalion of The Royal Welsh Fusiliers at Rochdale and in September 1914 his Brigade moved to Chiseldon and Cirencester. Near the end of February the Division concentrated at Blackdown in Hampshire. They moved to the Mediterranean from the 13th of June 1915 landing at Alexandria then moving to Mudros, by the 4th of July to prepare for a landing at Gallipoli. The infantry landed on Cape Helles between the 6th and 16th of July to relieve 29th Division. They returned to Mudros at the end of the month, and the entire Division landed at ANZAC Cove between the 3rd and 5th of August. They were in action in The Battle of Sari Bair, The Battle of Russell's Top and The Battle of Hill 60, at ANZAC. Soon afterwards they transferred from ANZAC to Suvla Bay. They were evacuated from Suvla on the 19th and 20th of December 1915, and after a weeks rest they moved to the Helles bridgehead. They were in action during the last Turkish attacks at Helles on the 7th of January 1916 and were evacuated from Helles on the 8th and 9th. The Division concentrated at Port Said, holding forward posts in the Suez Canal defences. On the 12th of

February 1916 they moved to Mesopotamia, to join the force being assembled near Sheikh Sa'ad for the relief of the besieged garrison at Kut al Amara. They joined the Tigris Corps on the 27th of March and were in action in the unsuccessful attempts to relieve Kut including the actions fought at Hanna, Fallahiya, and Sanniyat. After taking the first two, the 13th Division was stopped by the Turkish forces under the overall command of Khalil Pasha at the Battle of the Sanniyat on 9 April 1916. They were in action in The Battle of Kut al Amara, the capture of the Hai Salient and at the first assault of Khadairi Bend is the likely the battle in which he lost his life.

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

Name: Louis Henry Forster

Birth Place: Nantwich, Chester

Residence: Nantwich

Death Date: 14 Jul 1918

Death Place: France and Flanders

Enlistment Place: Crewe

Rank: Gunner

: Royal Garrison Artillery

Regimental Number: 79940

Type of Casualty: Died of wounds

Gunner Louis Henry Forster who joined the Royal Garrison Artillery in Crewe, died of his wounds on July 14, 1918 aged 33, at home. He was buried at Nantwich General Cemetery, Cheshire, England (A. 633 Son of Henry and Esther Forster of Station View, Nantwich and husband of Lillie Forster (nee Ratcliffe) of 7, Victoria Buildings, Pall Mall, Nantwich, whom he married on December 9, 1911. A former pupil at Nantwich and Acton Grammar School from around 1896-1901 and before the war was a general painter, having served an apprenticeship under Mr Cooper. He enlisted December 8, 1915 and embarked from Folkestone for France (Boulogne) on September 9, 1916. According to casualty reports, when coming out of a dugout, he heard a wounded comrade calling out his name and asking for water. About to oblige the man, a shell fell nearby. This happened at Arras on May 25, 1917 and he was invalided home on June 9, with multiple wounds and fractures. Admitted to the Duchess of Connaught Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Taplow, Buckinghamshire two days later. He died at 6.00pm on July 14, 1918 from an embolism.

Griffiths., Ches.Yeo

Name: Charles Edward Griffiths

Birth Place: Acton, Nantwich, Ches.

Residence: Cholmondeston

Death Date: 10 Mar 1918

Death Place: Palestine

Enlistment Place: Nantwich

Rank: Private

: Shropshire Light Infantry

Battalion: 10th Battalion

Regimental Number: 230572

Type of Casualty: Killed in action

Theatre of War: Egyptian Theatre

Comments: Formerly 661, Ches. Yeo

Charles Griffiths enlisted in the 1/1st Cheshire Yeomanry (Earl of Chester's) who were a Territorial unit, part of the Welsh Border Mounted Brigade at Nantwich. In March 1916 they travelled to Egypt. In 1917 his unit was merged with the 1/1st Shropshire Yeomanry and redesignated the 10th Battalion Shropshire Light Infantry. On the 10th of March his unit which had been assigned to the 74th (Yeomanry) Division's attack was assigned to astride the Jerusalem to Nablus road; the 231st Brigade on the right moving towards Mezra ash Sherqiye 1.5 miles (2.4 km) north west of Tell 'Asur. But the difficult night advance was further complicated by the terrain and Ottoman machine guns and despite reinforcements being brought forward, the infantry were held up later in the day by the cavernous gorge of the Wadi el Jib. At some point during this day he was killed in action in a land 2,300 miles away from home.

Goldstraw,G.P., R.F

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

Name: George Winfred Harvey

Death Date: 12 Apr 1918

Rank: Lieutenant A Captain

: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery

Decoration: MC

Type of Casualty: Killed in action

Comments: [Territorial]

Johnson,A., Suffolk.R.

Latham,H.S., Ches.Yeo.

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

Name: Arnold Mathews

Death Date: 14 Apr 1916

Rank: Lieutenant (T)

: Cheshire Regiment

Battalion: 14th Battalion

Type of Casualty: Died of wounds

Nixson, Frederick king., Ches.Yeo

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

Name: Frederick Cookson Pedley

Residence Place: East Side Cottage, Barony Near Nantwich

Military Date: 1915

Relationship to Soldier: Self (Head)

Regimental Number: 950

Regiment Name: Cheshire Regiment

Form Name: Frederick Cookson Pedley

Birth Place: St. Mary's, Nantwich, Ches.

Residence: Barony, Nr. Nantwich

Death Date: 27 Oct 1917

Death Place: France and Flanders

Enlistment Place: Macclesfield, Ches.

Rank: Private

: Cheshire Regiment

Battalion: 15th Battalion

Regimental Number: 49636

Type of Casualty: Died of wounds

Theatre of War:Western European Theatre Title: Territorial Force Attestation

Precisely when Frederick Pedley enlisted at Macclesfield is unknown but at the time of his death he was a member of the 15th (1st Birkenhead) Battalion, Cheshire Regiment which was raised at Birkenhead as a Bantam Battalion on the 18th of November 1914 by Alfred Bigland MP. Bantam Battalions were those which admitted troops who were under the normal regulation minimum height of 5 feet 3 inches.

After initial training close to home, they moved to Hoylake. In June 1915 they joined 105th Brigade, 35th Division at Masham, North Yorkshire. The Battalion was adopted by the War Office on the 15th of August 1915 and they moved to Salisbury Plain for final training. They were ordered to Egypt in late 1915, but the order was soon cancelled and they proceeded to France in the last week of January 1916, landing at Le Havre and the division concentrated east of St Omer. They were in action during the Battles of the Somme at Bazentin Ridge, Arrow Head Copse, Maltz Horn Farm and Falfemont Farm. The division received new drafts of men to replace losses suffered on the Somme. In 1917 they were in action during the pursuit to the Hindenburg Line, at Houthulst Forest and The Second Battle of Passchendaele where he unfortunately lost his life on the second day of the assault.

Rigg,H., R.F.A

Name: Henry Rigg

Birth Place: Burnley

Death Date: 5 Aug 1917

Death Place: France and Flanders

Enlistment Place: Bradford

Rank: Sergeant

: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery

Battalion: Territorial Force

Regimental Number: 781413

Type of Casualty: Killed in action

Riley,Walter., K.R.R.

Name: Walter Riley

Birth Place: Nantwich, Ches.

Residence: Nantwich

Death Date: 29 Jan 1916

Death Place: France and Flanders

Enlistment Place: Liverpool

Rank: Rifleman

: King's Royal Rifle Corps

Battalion: 16th Battalion

Regimental Number: C/1240

Type of Casualty: Died of wounds

Walter Riley potentially joined the 16th (Church Lads Brigade) Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps which was raised at Denham, Buckinghamshire on the 19th of September 1914 by Field-Marshal Lord Grenfell, Commandant of the Church Lads Brigade. After initial training close to home they moved to Rayleigh in March then returned to Denham in May. They joined 100th Brigade, 33rd Division at Clipstone Camp in June 1915 and moved to Perham Down for final training in August. They proceeded to France on the 17th of November landing at Le Havre. 33rd Division concentrated near Morbecque, being strengthened by the exchange of 98th Brigade for the experienced 19th Brigade from 2nd Division. It is not known how or where exactly he lost his life although it can be presumed that he was injured in a previous engagement and potentially was transferred to the unit while he was injured.

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

Name: Walter Wright

Birth Place: Pecton Gorse, Cheshire

Death Date: 2 Sep 1918

Death Place: France and Flanders

Enlistment Place: Chester

Rank: Private

: Cheshire Regiment

Battalion: 1st Battalion

Regimental Number: 35152

Type of Casualty: Killed in action

It is unknown when Walter Wright went to the School or what they did during their time there. Nor when he joined the army but his division the 1st Battalion, Cheshire Regiment at the outbreak of war was a regular unit of the British Army and was in Londonderry when war broke out in August 1914 with 15th Brigade in 5th Division. They sailed from Belfast to France to join the British Expeditionary Force, landing at Le Havre on the 16th of August 1914. They saw action at The Battle of Mons, The Battle of the Marne, The Battle of the Aisne, The Battles of La Bassee, at Messines and in The First Battle of Ypres. Between the 3rd of March and 7th of April 1915 they were attached with 15th Brigade to 28th Division in exchange for 83rd Brigade in order to familiarise the newly arrived troops with the Western Front. In 1915 they were in action in The Second Battle of Ypres and the Capture of Hill 60. In March 1916 they took over a sector in the front line in the southern edge of Vimy Ridge, in front of Arras. The 5th Division arrived on the Somme to relieve the British units who had suffered badly in the attack on the first of July and went into action at High Wood, being withdrawn in October. The Division spent late Autumn and winter near Festubert and in 1917 were in action in the Battles of Arras and the Third Battle of Ypres. In 1918 they took part in the Battle of Hazebrouck, with the 1st Cheshires fighting in the Defence of Nieppe Forest. In August after a short period of rest they returned to the Somme and was in more or less continuous action until the end of October 1918 where they potentially lost their life during a successful assault of the Hindenburg line in cooperation with a Canadian assault.

Forsdick,C,S., East Sussex

Name: Charles Sandford Forsdick

Rank: Lance Corporal

Regimental Number: 265209
Regiment or Ship: Royal Sussex Regiment
Birth Date: 15 Sep 1891
Birth Place: Nantwich, Chester
Enlistment Date: 7 Aug 1914
Death Date: 17 Sep 1917
Death Place: Kuldana, Muree Hills
Father: Charles Ernest Forsdick
Mother: Ada Sandford

It is unknown when Charles Forsdick went to The School however it was likely between 1902-1907 and their activities during it were also unknown. They joined the army on the 7th of August and were assigned to the 2nd Royal Sussex Battalion who proceeded to France in August 1914, and fought on the Western Front throughout the war, taking part in most of the major actions. In 1914 they were involved in The Battle of Mons and the subsequent retreat, The Battle of the Marne, The Battle of the Aisne, the First Battle of Ypres and the Winter Operations of 1914-15. In 1915 they were in action during The Battle of Aubers and The Battle of Loos. In 1916 they were in action in the Battles of the Somme. In 1917 they saw action in The German retreat to the Hindenburg Line and the Third Battle of Ypres where he unfortunately lost his life.

Williamson.J., Ches.Yeo

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

Rank: Lance Corporal

Birth Place: Cheshire

Residence Date: 1941

Residence: Cheshire

Casualty Date: 22 Jul 1944

Regimental Number: 2335115

Enlistment Unit: Royal Corps of Signals

Theatre of War: Italy

Casualty Regiment: Royal Corps of Signals

Casualty Unit: Royal Corps of Signals

Little is known about David Green's service however he potentially was a member of the Old Grammarians Association from at least 1934 with him attending a February 9th 1934 meeting.

Gresty, D. A. MN

Grundy, E. C. RAF

Very little is unfortunately known about E. Grundy's service although he potentially attended in 1936 and wrote a poem entitled Tripe De Luxe and may have been a member of Form VU.a.

Halsall, E. RN

Name: Eric Halsall

Gender: Male

Death Date: 27 Aug 1943

Cemetery: Naval Memorials In The United Kingdom Portsmouth Part IV

Burial Country: England

Regimental Number: P/JX 252814

Region or Memorial: Memorial Register, Panel 74, Column 3

Ship: H.M.S. Egret

Little is known of Eric Halsall time at the School although it appears that he came third in the Juniors Cross Country running in the 1936 Sports Day. During his service however, he was assigned to the HMS Egret which was sank on the 27th of August 1943 while taking part in an anti-U-boat patrol in the Bay of Biscay when it came under attack from a Luftwaffe squadron of 18 Dornier Do 217 with Henschel glide bombs which sank the Egret with the loss of 194 crew and 4 specialist RAF Y-Service electronics experts.

Hamilton, J. A. MC Loyals

Name: John Hamilton

Rank: Major

Birth Place: Cheshire

Residence Date: 1941

Residence: Cheshire

Casualty Date: 2 Nov 1945

Regimental Number: 117959

Enlistment Regiment: Scots Guards

Enlistment Unit: Infantry

Theatre of War: Balkans and Greece Campaign, 1944/45

Casualty Regiment: Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)

Casualty Unit: Infantry

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. Lincs 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.

Hardern, E. T. RAR

Henshall, J. RASC

Name: Joseph Henshall

Rank: Private

Birth Place: Cheshire

Residence Date: 1941

Residence: Cheshire

Casualty Date: Apr 1941

Regimental Number: 177343

Enlistment Unit: Other Corps

Theatre of War: At sea

Casualty Regiment: Royal Army Service Corps

Casualty Unit: Other Corps

Little is known about Joseph Henshall's service although at School he may have been a member of the School junior football team and placed second in the Junior section of the Cross Country Running competition of 1936. Although these may have been his brother who also attended the School at a similar time and also died in the second world war it is unlikely as he likely had left the School by this time. It appears he progressed well in his career on the School Football team as in 1939 he is

mentioned to be in the senior football team and is described in this extract from the June 1939 magazine as "The whole eleven combined well to achieve its success, but outstanding were Henshall and Appleton among the forwards". He is also indicated as receiving a School colour and scored 20 goals in the 1939 season he is further indicated as receiving an invitation to take part in a Cheshire County Schoolboys' Trial Match at Altrincham. He also took part in a School trip to play a match against Chorlton Municipal High School which was played in very unpleasant conditions however Nantwich won by six goals to two and when it was time to leave due to an ankle injury he and three others missed the train and were left in the centre of Manchester however eventually they did all return to Crewe.

Henshall, N. H. REME

Name: Norman Henshall

Rank: Staff Corporal

Birth Place: Cheshire

Residence Date: 1941

Residence: Cheshire

Casualty Date: 6 Mar 1945

Regimental Number: 7630609

Enlistment Unit: Other Corps

Theatre of War: Netherlands East Indies

Casualty Regiment: Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

Casualty Unit: Other Corps

Little is known about Norman Henshall's service although at School he was a member of the Football team and was a Left back and was described in 1934 as "A good tackler and positions himself well. If Henshall possessed a stronger kick he would be outstanding."

Hulse, R. A. RA

Name: Bruce Hulse

Rank: Gunner

Birth Place: Cheshire

Residence Date: 1941

Residence: Cheshire

Casualty Date: 12 Aug 1943

Regimental Number: 1591136

Enlistment Unit: Royal Artillery

Theatre of War: Middle East

Casualty Regiment: Royal Artillery

Casualty Unit: Royal Artillery

Johnson, C. RAF

Very little is known about C. Johnson's service however when he was at School he may have been a member of the School football team being on the Left Half and described as "A little slow, but a firm tackler and with experience will do well." He also potentially also came seventh in the Senior Cross Country Competition of the Sports day of 1936.

Nixon, F. RAF

Little is known of F. Nixon's service however it appears that he is mentioned as leaving the School as a member of Wilbraham House in 1936.

Ollier, L. AFM DFC RAF

Parsonage, P. M. MN

Pelper, P. Notts(SR) Yeo

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.

Price, A. P. RAF

Little is known about A. Price's service although he may have come seventh in the Junior Cross Country at Sports Day 1936 and also potentially read poetry described as "spoken unusually well" at a School concert.

Richardson, C. W. G. RN

Sadler, P. R. RC Sigs

Name: Philip Sadler

Rank: Driver

Birth Place: Cheshire

Residence Date: 1941

Residence: Wiltshire

Casualty Date: 25 Sep 1944

Regimental Number: 2588082

Enlistment Regiment: Royal Corps of Signals

Enlistment Unit: Royal Corps of Signals

Theatre of War: Far East (other than places specified)

Casualty Regiment: Royal Corps of Signals

Casualty Unit: Royal Corps of Signals

Tomkinson, F. J. RN

Little is known of F. Tomkinson's service although he potentially attended Malbank and represented the School on the junior football team. It seems that he progressed in his career with the School football team and was similarly recommended as Henshall with "The whole eleven combined well to achieve its success, but outstanding were Henshall and Appleton among the forwards, and Tomkinson and Myers in the defence." In an article from the June 1939 magazine. He is further indicated as having the School colour.



The towns youths marching off to war led by what is believed to be Mr Hodge with many to never return.



The First World War memorial put up approximately 1923



A group of pupils paying respects at the War memorial approximately 1949