

# Aldington

## Second World War 1939 – 1945

**BROOKS**, ROBERT JOHN. Private, 5385721.

1st Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Died Sunday 13 August 1944. Aged 29.

Son of Charles and Priscilla Barnes Brooks (née Oliver) of Shepherds House, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Banneville-la-Campagne, Calvados, France. Grave Ref: III. C. 22.

Attended Aldington Church of England, Primary School.

**DAVIS**, DERRICK NORMAN. Marine, CH/X 103960.

23 Light Anti Aircraft Regiment.

Died Tuesday 7 April 1943.

Son of Ernest Davis, and Gladys Davis of 6 Goldwell Houses, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Alexandria, (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: 4. J. 4.

Attended Aldington Church of England, Primary School.

**GARDNER**, JOHN HASSALL. Major, 1A/388.

21st King George V's Own Horse (Central India Horse), Indian Armoured Corps.

Died Thursday 25 June 1942. Aged 35.

Son of Herbert Cecil Gardner, and Jannette Katherine Gardner of 'Callywell,' Goldwell Lane, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Alexandria, (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: 1. H. 19.

**PEARSON**, DENIS CRAVEN. Second Lieutenant, 95577.

2nd Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

Died Tuesday 21 May 1940. Aged 20.

Son of Major Algernon George Pearson, D.S.O., and Edith Sylvia Pearson (née Craven) of 'Knoll Farm,' Aldington, Ashford, Kent., and of Clogheen, County Tipperary, Irish Republic.

Buried Esquelmes War Cemetery, Pecq, Hainaut, Belgium. Grave Ref: V. B. 62.

**SLOMAN**, BERNARD. Lance Corporal, T/110961.

Royal Army Service Corps.

Died Tuesday 19 September 1944. Aged 26.

Son of Millicent Sloman of Mersham, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Valkenswaard War Cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Belgium. Grave Ref: I.A.20.

**WARD, ALEC.** Signaller, 6296933.  
1st Division, Signals, Royal Corps of Signals.  
Died Sunday 9 April 1944. Aged 30.  
Son of William G. C. and Caroline A. Ward (née Amos) of Rock Cottages,  
Aldington, Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Syracuse War Cemetery, Sicily. Grave Ref: I. C. 14.  
Attended Aldington Church of England, Primary School.

## LOST MEN

**BUTCHER, LESLIE CHARLES.** Sergeant, 581496.  
103 Squadron, Royal Air Force.  
Died Tuesday 25 February 1941. Aged 20.  
Son of Douglas and Edith Butcher of Sevenoaks, Kent.  
Resided 'The Lindens,' Clap Hill, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 40.

**DRAIN, JOHN ARTHUR.** Sergeant (Air Gunner), 1394720.  
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 57 Squadron, Royal Air Force.  
Died Monday 21 December 1941. Aged 20.  
Son of Arthur Edward and Kathleen Drain (née West) of Bonnington, Ashford,  
Kent.  
Buried Geraardsbergen Communal Cemetery, Oost Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: Collective grave 6-9.

**HEATH, GERARD GWYNNE CUNNINGHAM.** Lance Serjeant, 6967332.  
61 Battery, 14 Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery.  
Died Tuesday 21 May 1940. Aged 21.  
Resided at 'Kit Kat,' Knoll Hill, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Heverlee War Cemetery, Leuven, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium. Grave  
Ref: 6. F. 26.  
Attended Aldington Church of England, Primary School.

