

4th BATTALION
SOMERSET LIGHT INFANTRY
43rd (WESSEX) DIVISION

DYMCHURCH
MONDAY 29 MAY 1944

This Roll of Honour has been compiled following requests for information appertaining to a Second World War tragedy which occurred on the above date. Probably due to the war time restrictions which were of obvious necessity in place at the time of the unfortunate accident, and those which remained until recently, has resulted in several attempts by interested parties in times past being foiled in their attempts to glean more relevant details. It was particularly heartening to learn when being approached for information, that the reason for same was with a view to having a permanent and suitable memorial erected at Dymchurch, Kent, as a fitting tribute to the officer and other ranks of the 4th Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry. They died as the result of a demonstration by Lieutenant Guy Wilson in the use of the Hawkins Anti-Tank mine, which went tragically wrong with the loss of several of his platoon members on the beach at Dymchurch, Kent.

BISHOP, CECIL. Private, 5670915. Aged 24.

Born and resided Somerset.

Son of Arthur and Florence Mary Bishop.

Husband of Dorothy Bishop of Castleford, Yorkshire.

Buried Castleford, Yorkshire, New Cemetery. Grave Ref: Section V. Grave 200.

Pre war member of the Somerset Light Infantry.

BLACKMORE, WILFRED ARTHUR. Private, 5682988. Aged 21.

Born and resided Somerset.

Son of William James Blackmore and Alice Maud Blackmore of Bridgwater, Somerset.

Buried Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: Sec. Q. Grave 1137.

BOATFIELD, SIDNEY WILLIAM. Private, 2214156. Aged 37.

Born and resided Plymouth, Devon.

Son of Sidney and Kate Boatfield of Plymouth, Devon.

Husband of Ruby Brereton Boatfield of Mannamead, Plymouth, Devon.

Buried Ford Park Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon.

Grave Ref: Church Section S. Row 31. Grave 15.

Pre war member of the Somerset Light Infantry.

CHIDGEY, FRANCIS WILLIAM. Private, 5676232. Aged 27.

Born and resided Bristol, Gloucestershire.

Son of Henry Thomas Chidgey and Rose Chidgey of Fishponds, Bristol, Gloucestershire.

Buried Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: Sec. Q. Grave 1138.

DEAN, BERNARD. Private, 14203398.
Born and resided Lancashire.
Buried Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: Sec. Q. Grave 1135.

DEVERILL, PERCY. Private, 5680979. Aged 37.
Born and resided Wiltshire.
Son of William and Edith Deverill.
Husband of Dorothy Deverill of Broad Chalke, Wiltshire.
Buried Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: Sec. Q. Grave 1133.

DICKER, LEONARD PERCY. Private. 14650320. Aged 19.
Born and resided Hastings, Sussex.
Son of Minnie Laura Dicker and stepson of John George Barnes of Hastings, Sussex.
Buried Hastings, Sussex, Cemetery. Grave Ref: Division O. Section A. Grave 92.

FOSTER, ARTHUR GEORGE. Private, 5673927. Aged 25.
Born and resided Born and resided Bristol, Gloucestershire.
Son of Thomas and Alice Mary Foster of Southmead, Bristol, Gloucestershire.
Buried Bristol (Canford) Cemetery, Gloucestershire. Grave Ref: Section SS. Grave 306.

GIBBS, WILLIAM. Private, 14622334. Aged 19.
Born and resided Born and resided Bristol, Gloucestershire.
Son of James Samuel and Edith Maud Gibbs of Bristol, Gloucestershire.
Buried Bristol (Greenbank) Cemetery, Gloucestershire.
Grave Ref: (Screen Wall). Plot Green. SS. Grave 370.

HARWOOD, STANLEY WILLIAM. Lance Corporal. 5670449. Aged 30.
Born and resided Bath, Somerset.
Son of William George and Gertrude Harwood.
Husband of Anne Harwood of Leicester, Leicestershire.
Buried Trowbridge Cemetery, Bath, Somerset. Grave Ref: Section A.A. Grave 4232.
Pre war member of the Pre war member of the Somerset Light Infantry.

HILL, HERBERT. Sergeant, 5672328. Aged 24.
Born and resided Somerset.
Son of George Francis and Elizabeth L. Hill.
Husband of Muriel Helena Hill of Elvington, Dover, Kent.
Buried Eythorne, Dover, Kent (St. Peter and St. Paul) churchyard.
Grave Ref: Row 6. Grave 3.
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HUNT, ALBERT. Private, 5675821. Aged 26.
Born Birmingham, Warwickshire. Resided Derby, Derbyshire.
Son of David and Annie Hunt.
Husband of Gwendoline Hunt of Derby, Derbyshire.
Buried Derby (Nottingham Road) Cemetery, Derbyshire.
Grave Ref: Sec. F. Grave 74970.

KETTERINGHAM, ROBERT. Lance Sergeant, 5675521. Aged 26.
Born Norfolk. Resided Dorsetshire.
Son of Robert Wilson Ketteringham and Emma Jane Ketteringham.
Husband of Hilda Mary Ketteringham of Poole, Dorsetshire.
Buried Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: Sec. Q. Grave 1140.

LANSDOWN, LEONARD ABEDNEGO. Lance Corporal, 5669448. Aged 30.
Born and resided Bath, Somerset.
Son of William Joseph and Mary Lansdown of Bath, Somerset.
Husband of Phyllis May Lansdown of Bath, Somerset.
Buried Bath (Locksbrook) Cemetery, Somerset.
Grave Ref: Section P. Row R. Grave 2436.

LEWIS, RONALD DAVID CHARLES. Private, 14206532. Aged 21.
Born and resided Pembrokeshire.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lewis, of Tenby, Pembrokeshire, Wales.
Buried Tenby (St. Mary) Churchyard, Pembrokeshire. Grave Ref: Row L. Grave 68.

PHYLOKYPROS, JOHN. Lance Corporal, 5672630. Aged 24.
Born France. Resided London.
Son of Phylokypros Constantinides and Helene Constantinides.
Nephew of Mary Clarke of Holborn, London.
Buried Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: Sec. Q. Grave 1136.
Pre war member of the Somerset Light Infantry.

ROBERTS, GEORGE. Private, 5682500. Aged 21.
Born and resided Cheshire.
Son of William and Florence Roberts of Tattenhall, Cheshire.
Buried Tattenhall, (St. Alban) Churchyard, Cheshire. Grave Ref: Grave 1407.

ROBINSON, JAMES. Private, 14206730. Aged 21.
Born and resided Lancashire.
Son of Frederick and Daisy Robinson of Mossley, Lancashire.
Buried Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: Sec. Q. Grave 1134.

SYDENHAM, DENNIS HENRY. Private, 5683313. Aged 21.
Born and resided Somerset.
Son of Hubert and Grace Mary Sydenham of Taunton, Somerset.
Buried Taunton, (St. Mary's) Cemetery, Somerset. Grave Ref: Grave 2/470.

TUCKER, NORMAN WORTH. Private, 5682598. Aged 21.
Born and resided Devon.
Son of Albert and Elizabeth Tucker of Kingsbridge, Devon.
Buried Dodbrooke (St. Thomas-A-Becket) Churchyard, Devon.
Grave Ref: Sec. L. Grave 5.

WATSON, ROBERT ALBERT HENRY. Private, 6106093. Aged 29.
Born Hertfordshire. Resided Middlesex.
Son of James and Maud Sarah Watson.
Husband of Rose Elizabeth Watson of Enfield Highway, Middlesex.
Buried Hoddesden Cemetery Hertfordshire. Grave Ref: Plot L.L. Grave 32.

WILSON, GUY BRACEY STEPHEN, Lieutenant, 109204.
Born America (probably South). Resided South London.
Son of Charles Bracey George and Eglartina Maria Wilson.
Husband of Edna Maud Wilson of Largs, Ayrshire, Scotland.
Buried Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: Sec. Q. Grave 1139.
Pre war member of the Honourable Artillery Company, (Infantry).

