

DOUAI SOCIETY

1914-1918 ROLL OF HONOUR

2nd Lt. Herbert Baines

d. 14 January 1917 (age 27)

Royal Engineers

Herbert Baines was born in Bolton in 1889.

Cemetery: Bolton Astley Bridge (1B.K.RC.12)

2nd Lt. Bernard Thomas Barrett

d. 12 April 1918 (age 26)

Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Bernard Barrett was born in 1892 and was at Douai (England) 1904-1911.

Memorial: Ploegsteert

Rifleman Herman John Bradley

d. 8 September 1918 (age 31)

King's Regiment (Liverpool)

Service No: 49273

Herman Bradley was born in Ormskirk and was at Douai (France) 1899-1901.

Cemetery: Houchin (Spec. Mem. NW Plot IV)

Rifleman Charles Lawrence Breary

d. 11 May 1917 (age 23)

London Regiment (Prince of Wales' Own Civil Service Rifles)

Charles Breary was born in London and was at Douai (England) 1906-1912.

Cemetery: Lijssenthoek (XII.B.10)

2nd Lt. William Sidney Brewitt

d. 29 June 1916

Royal Field Artillery

Sidney (or Sydney) Brewitt was at Douai (England) 1906-1907.

Cemetery: Citadel New Mil. Cem. (III.F.4)

Pte. John Walter Cassidy

d. 6 August 1918 (age 22)

Devonshire Regiment

Service No: 33841

John Cassidy was born in Worcester in 1896.

Cemetery: Tourgeville (IV.B.11)

2nd Lt. James Henry Cremonini

d. 18 October 1917 (age 18)

Royal Flying Corps (66 Sqn.)

James Cremonini was born in 1898, the only son of Anthony & Fanny Cremonini of Solihull. His early education was at Ratcliffe College, before going on to Douai (England). He was studying for the Bar and trained at the Inns of Court OTC. He joined the RFC in February 1917 and flew Sopwith Camels.

Cemetery: Aire (I.H.14)

2nd Lt. Frederick Herbert Devereux

d. 31 July 1917 (age 40)

Middlesex Regiment

Frederick Devereux was born to William & Elizabeth Devereux of St James' Square, London. He married Louise Roquebert from Toulon, France and enlisted as a private soldier in Queen Victoria's Rifles in August 1914.

Memorial: Menin Gate

Pte. Thomas Dixon

Hertfordshire Yeomanry



Pte. Arthur Bertrand Eschle, MM

d. 1 July 1916 (age 34)

West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales' Own)

Arthur Eschle was born in Aberdare, Wales, in 1881, the son of Felix, a German clockmaker, and Hannah, a local jeweller. He was at Douai (France) 1896-1901. He served in the Boer War and was promoted to the rank of WOII. He returned to civilian life in England and by 1911 he was a tutor at Clarks College in Croydon. On the outbreak of the Great War, he joined the "Leeds Pals" battalion but his Germanic ancestry reputedly prevented him from taking his previous rank. In August 1915, while stationed at Ripon, he married Bertha Faller. He was awarded the Military Medal posthumously in June 1917.

Cemetery: Serre (I.A.4)

Pte. Basil Horace Foard

d. 31 October 1917
London Regiment (Artists' Rifles)
Service No: 760613
Horace Foard fell at Passchendaele.
Memorial: Tyne Cot

2nd Lt. George W.D. Foggin

d. 14 July 1918 (age 19)
Royal Air Force (48 Sqn.)
George Foggin was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and educated at the Royal Grammar School before going to Douai. He trained with the Durham University OTC, and served with the Northern Cyclists' Battalion, before obtaining a commission in the Royal Flying Corps in September 1917 (RAF from April 1918).
Cemetery: Vignacourt (IV.B.20)

Lt. Wilfred Thompson Fothergill

d. 20 August 1918 (age 19)
Royal Air Force (5 Sqn.)
Wilfred Fothergill was born in Blyth, Northumberland to Dr & Mrs Leopold Fothergill and trained with the Durham University OTC. He was shot down while on patrol.
Cemetery: Villiers Brettoneux (VIII.BB.5)

Capt. Robert Eustace Gudgeon, MC

d. 2 April 1918 (age 30)
Royal Field Artillery
Eustace Gudgeon was born in Hampshire in 1888. He enlisted in the 2nd Wessex (Howitzer) Brigade of the RFA in 1915, and was awarded the Military Cross in January 1918. He died of wounds in April. The citation reads: "*For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in bringing a heavy trench mortar into action. The position was continually under heavy shell fire for several days. He worked untiringly, and succeeded in engaging and wrecking the enemy's works on the day before the attack. He contributed largely to the success of the operations by putting enemy strong points and machine gun emplacements out of action.*"
His elder brother Athole (St Edmund's College, Ware 1894-99) was a lieutenant in the Royal Navy and went down with HMS Ettrick.
Cemetery: St Souplet

Chaplain Very Rev. Basil Gwydir, OSB

d. 30 November 1914 (age 47)
Royal Navy
Robert Gwydir was born to a Welsh family in Longford, Ireland in 1867 and was at Douai (France) 1878-1884. He was ordained in 1891, taking the name Father Basil. He taught at Douai School before being transferred to the mission at St David's, Wales, where he was admitted to the circle of Welsh Bards, sat on the Board of Swansea Hospital and played a prominent part in local education. He went down with the hospital ship *HMHS Rohilla* which sank off Whitby. Having been on deck, he went below to care for a patient called Nicholson, a Royal Marine. He became the first chaplain to die in the War.
Cemetery: Belmont Abbey

Pte. Ralph Richmond de Normanville Guy

d. 8 May 1915 (age 19)
Auckland Infantry (NZ)
Service No: 13/747
Ralph de Normanville Guy was born in London and was at Douai (England) before schooling at Sacred Heart College in Auckland in 1913.
Cemetery: Alexandria (Chatby) (H.76)

2nd Lt. Francis William Hambley-Acheson

d. 31 July 1917
East Lancashire Regiment
Memorial: Menin Gate

Pte. Oswin Hansom

d. 19 September 1918 (age 19)
Welsh Regiment
Service No: 77556
Oswin Hansom had a brilliant scholastic career. At just 13, he entered the Oxford Local Examination and came 14th in the whole of England. A native of Liverpool, he joined the Pembroke Yeomanry and was attached to the Welsh Regiment. He died after just a month at the front.
Cemetery: Grevillers (XIII.D.12)

2nd Lt. Robert Francis Hickey

d. 16 August 1917 (age 20)
Royal Dublin Fusiliers
Service No: 26686
Robert Hickey was born in 1897. He was in business in Manchester and enlisted as a private soldier, before receiving a commission in December 1916. He was Mentioned in Despatches.
Memorial: Tyne Cot

Pte. Arthur Hickman

Royal Fusiliers
Arthur Hickman was at Douai (France & England) 1902-1905.

Rifleman Charles James Hitchcock

d. 28 October 1917 (age 26)

London Yeomanry; Machine Gun Corps

Service No: 110639

Charles Hitchcock was born in London. He was at St Mary's Woolhampton in 1903 when the School merged with Douai; he left in 1908, having won the Douai Society Prize (1905) and the Gaudeamus (1907). He passed the Oxford Local Examinations in 1907. A cousin of the film director Alfred Hitchcock, he was an actor, and starred in several early silent films. He joined up at the outbreak of the War and saw action in Gallipoli, Palestine, and Egypt.

Cemetery: Beersheba (Q.8)

Lt. Maurice Louis Huddlestone

d. 1 July 1916

Durham Light Infantry

Maurice Huddlestone was commissioned in February 1915 and Mentioned in Dispatches in June of that year.

Lt. Cyril Rodyk Hughes

d. 4 July 1916 (age 21)

The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)

Cyril Hughes was the son of Maj & Mrs Hughes (later Law).

Memorial: Thiepval

Pte. Douglas John

East Surrey Regiment?

Douglas John was born in Walmer, Kent and was at Douai (France) 1899-1901, the same years as his brother Edward.

Lt. Philip Kay

d. 21 October 1918 (age 19)

London Regiment

Lt. Francis John Kean

d. 25 November 1918 (age 36)

Royal Army Service Corps

Francis Kean was born in Forest Gate, Essex. After schooling at Douai (France), he took a Bachelor of Science degree at London University, before going on to McGill University in Montreal, and then Leeds University. Before the war, he married Mary. He died of pneumonia following influenza. His elder brother Thomas also fell.

Cemetery: St Mary's RC, Kensal Green (1.2627)

Rifleman Thomas Kean

d. 24 July 1916 (age 36)

London Regiment (Irish Rifles)

Service No: 4932

Thomas Kean was born in Essex in 1880. His younger brother Francis also fell.

Cemetery: St Patrick's RC, Leytonstone (A.14.1012)

L/Cpl Hubert Kelly

d. 16 August 1917 (age 24)

East Surrey Regiment

Hubert Kelly was born in 1893 and educated briefly at Stonyhurst before going to Douai (England). He was training to be an engineer before joining the Army. He fell at Verstraate near Ypres.

**Pte. Peter Kennedy**

d. 29 August 1917 (age 24)

Northumberland Fusiliers

Service No: 271047

Peter Kennedy was born in Cleaton Moor, Cumberland. In December 1914 or January 1915 he joined the "Tyneside Irish Pals" Battalion, whose recruitment had spread to the north-west. He fought at the Somme in 1916 and fell the following year.

Cemetery: Hargicourt (B.22)

Pte. Denis P.N. Kirwan

d. 23 August 1918

London Regiment (London Scottish)

Service No: 517251

Cemetery: Railway Cutting, Courcelles-le-Comte (Spec. Mem.)

Pte. William Lee

d. 19 May 1915

King's Regiment (Liverpool)

Service No: 10448

Memorial: Le Touret

Pte. Albert Francis Leteux

d. 2 September 1918 (age 40)

78th Btn. Canadian Infantry

Service No: 2476307

Francis Leteux was born in France in 1878. He moved to Canada and married an American from Missouri, Hala.

Cemetery: Dury Mill (I.B.6)

Lt. Hubert Richard William Meagher

d. 6 August 1915

3rd Australian Infantry

Hubert Meagher worked for many years as an accountant for Edmonson & Co in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, and in 1912 he married into the McDonogh family. On the outbreak of war he enlisted as a private and was commissioned shortly afterwards. He fell at Gallipoli. On the day of his death, he wrote to his mother: *If God wills, I shall see it through. I shall enter action with a clean heart, and if I emerge safely, I hope I will have proved myself a man and justified my commander's confidence.*"

Cpl. Edward McBride

d. 3 October 1915

Royal Engineers

Service No: 91625

Memorial: Loos

Pte. Josiah Augustine Mortyn

d. 30 December 1917 (age 20)

London Regiment

Augustine Mortyn was born in St Helier, Jersey, in 1897, the son of a mohair merchant and (on his mother's side) the grandson of a German watchmaker. He was staying with his aunt in Ilford when he enlisted in the London Regiment (15th Btn.) in 1916. He died at sea when the auxiliary transport *HMT Aragon* was torpedoed in the Eastern Mediterranean. A total of 610 people lost their lives.

2nd Lt. Lucius James Frances O'Brien

d. 7 April 1917 (age 40)

Honourable Artillery Company; Wiltshire Regiment
Lucius O'Brien was born in London in 1877, and was at Douai (France) 1887-1890, and later at Stonyhurst. He was a gifted sportsman, playing cricket for the Stonyhurst XI and Paddington CC, and football for London and Middlesex. He married Marie Alice and they lived in Morehead Mansions, Maida Vale. He was reported wounded in April 1916, Mentioned in Despatches, and died a year later.

Cemetery: Baghdad (XIII.B.4)

Cpl. Charles O'Neill

d. 22 December 1917

Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Service No: 235810

Cemetery: Grevillers (X.A.1)

L/Sgt. Francis Page, DCM

d. 5 November 1914 (age 30)

16th (Queen's) Lancers

Service No: 2538

Francis Jerome Page was born in Wimbledon in 1884 and enlisted at Hounslow. He was twice Mentioned in Despatches. In November 1914, he was mortally wounded leading a body of 40 unattached men in a successful charge against the enemy at Wilverghen, and posthumously awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Cemetery: Bailleul (B.18)

2nd Lt. Reginald Sebastian Page-Green, MC

d. 22 June 1917 (age 22)

Royal Fusiliers

Reggie Page-Green was born in 1896 and emigrated to Canada at an early age. He returned to England after the outbreak of war though, and was commissioned in September 1915. He was awarded the Military Cross for his part in leading a company attack against the enemy, but died soon afterwards, so the award for gallantry was made posthumously.

Cemetery: Bus House (D.8)

2nd Lt. John Edward Grimston Peet

d. 27 February 1915 (age 19)

The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment)

John Peet was born in Woking, the son of a doctor. He was educated at both Douai (England) and St George's Weybridge. He joined the Royal Berkshire Yeomanry as a private soldier on the outbreak of war, and was commissioned into the Royal West Surrey Regiment. He was killed in a motorcycle crash.

Cemetery: St Mary's Church, Worplesdon, Surrey

Pte. Herbert Joseph Primavesi

d. 19 February 1917 (age 36)

Dorsetshire Regiment

Service No: 4430

Herbert Primavesi was born in 1881. He was at St Mary's Woolhampton in 1895, where he excelled at mathematics. Before the War, he married Ivy Dinah (later Scott-Smith), and lived in Bournemouth.

Memorial: Kirkee 1914-1918

2nd Lt. Charles Quinlan

d. 31 July 1917 (age approx. 36)

Leinster Regiment

Charles Quinlan was the son of Judge Quinlan of Victoria, Australia. He was educated first at St Francis Xavier's in Bruges, then at Douai (France) 1893-1896, where he won the Grammar Prize. Enlisting at the outbreak of the war in the Natal Light Horse, he fought throughout the German South West Africa campaign. Gazetted to the Leinster Regiment in March 1917, he fell leading his men in Flanders in July of that year.

Memorial: Menin Gate

Lt. William Marshall Rimer

d. 1 October 1918 (age 20)
York & Lancaster Regiment
Bill Rimer was born in 1898 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and commissioned in July 1917.
Cemetery: Sucrerieh (A.9)

S/Sgt. Henry Sherlock

d. 10 November 1917 (age 28)
Army Ordnance Corps; Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry
Service No: A/2773
Henry Sherlock was born in 1889 at Hambledon St Mary, Buckinghamshire, where his parents owned the Stag & Huntsman Inn. He was at St Mary's Woolhampton when it merged with Douai in 1903. He stayed until 1905, excelling at athletics and winning the 440 yards.
Cemetery: Baghdad (IX.D.9)

Pte. Robert Douglas Shrimpton

d. 21 October 1916 (age 26)
King's Royal Rifles
Service No: A/2000188
Douglas Shrimpton was born in Exeter.
Memorial: Thiepval.

**Pte. Arthur Smith**

d. 30 July 1916 (age 20)
King's Regiment (Liverpool)
Service No: 24899
Arthur Smith was the second son of Joseph and Mary Smith from Liverpool. He died at the Somme. His elder brother Joe survived the war.
Cemetery: Guillemont (IV.F.5)

S/Sgt. William F. Sullivan

d. 22 June 1916
Royal Army Service Corps
Service No: T1/SR/1013
Cemetery: Portsmouth (Highland Road) (J.25.34)

L/Cpl. Joseph B. Thomas

d. 30 July 1916 (age approx. 26)
King's Regiment (Liverpool)
Service No: 17513
Joseph Thomas was at Douai (France & England) 1900-1907. He died at the Somme.
Memorial: Thiepval

Pte. Philip Thompson

East Surrey Regiment

Rifleman Bertrand Benoit Tigar

d. 26 September 1915 (age 33)
Rifle Brigade
Service No: S/7001
Benoit Tigar was the son of Edward Tigar, ISO, and his wife Clara. He came from Santos, Brazil, to enlist in the Rifle Brigade (2nd Btn).
Memorial: Ploegsteert

2nd Lt. Geoffrey Herbert Tigar

d. 13 October 1917 (age 21)
Royal Berkshire Regiment
Geoffrey Tigar was born in Belgium in 1896. His brother Harold was an Old Dowegian who also fell.
Memorial: Tyne Cot

Lt. Harold Walter Tigar

d. 9 May 1915 (age 22)
Middlesex Regiment
Harold Tigar was born in Belgium in 1893. His brother Geoffrey, an Old Dowegian, also fell.
Memorial: Menin Gate

Pte. Joseph Albert John Tisseman

d. 22 April 1915 (age 30)
16th Btn. (Canadian Scottish), Canadian Infantry
Service No: 28682
Joseph Tisseman was born in Bath, Somerset, in 1885, to William a retired watchmaker and Mary. In 1901, he was listed as a pupil at St Mary's Woolhampton and in the same year moved with his family to Warminster, Wiltshire. In 1903, he emigrated to Victoria, British Columbia and became a broker. He enlisted in Quebec in September 1914. His regiment became part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.
Memorial: Menin Gate

Lt. A Clement Watkin

d. 1 July 1916 (age 27)
North Staffordshire Regiment
Clement Watkin was at Douai (England) 1903-1907.
Cemetery: Foncquevillers (I.L.51)

Pte. Wilfred Henry Weetman

d. 6 April 1916 (age 19)
16th Btn. (Canadian Scottish), Canadian Infantry
Service No: 442227
Wilfred Weetman was born in the Cariboo region of British Columbia in 1897, the son of Francis & Frances Weetman. After Douai (England), he returned to Canada and was a rancher in or around the town of Vernon. He enlisted in July 1915.
Cemetery: Railway Dugouts, West Vlandereen (Sp.Mem. H.11)



2nd Lt. Raymond Charles Wildsmith

d. 7 June 1917 (age 19)

London Regiment (Cyclists)

Raymond Wildsmith was born the third son of Mr & Mrs Wildsmith of Folkestone. While at Douai (England), he was a keen footballer, scoring seven goals for the 1st XI in the 1914-15 season.

Memorial: Menin Gate



Lt. J Tobin Willis

d. 17 August 1917 (age 21)

Royal Flying Corps

Jack Tobin Willis was educated at St Cuthbert's in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and later at Douai. He was a law student and an undergraduate at London University at the outbreak of war. In 1915, he obtained a commission in the Army Service Corps (Cavalry), and later transferred to the RFC. A few days before his death, it was reported that he and his co-pilot Lt Sayers brought down two German aircraft.