

Our Lady and All Saints Otley

War Memorial



Introduction

The Our Lady and All Saints War Memorial to commemorate men who died in what then called the 'Great War' was unveiled on Saturday 25th November 1922. It was erected on the outside of the East wall of the Church facing Bridge Street.

The memorial consisted of a crucifix and tablet in Portland stone. The figure on the crucifix was in cast metal. The tablet in the centre shaped as a laurel wreath contained the names of 18 members of Our Lady and All Saints Church who lost their lives. The parish priest at the time Father Ignatius Saxton (later Canon) used money he had received to celebrated his silver jubilee as a priest in 1921, to pay for the memorial for those he described as "his boys.

The Hon. William Marmaduke Stourton M.C. of the Grenadier Guards at Windsor Castle performed the unveiling ceremony. He was the son of the then owner of the church, Mary, Lady Mowbray and Stourton and grandson of the founder of the church Mr Thomas Constable. The Bishop of Leeds (the Right Rev. Joseph Robert Cowgill) gave the blessing. Others present as reported in the Wharfedale Observer of Friday 1st December 1922 included Mary, Lady Mowbray and Stourton, her other son, the Hon. John Stourton, her daughter, the Hon Charlotte Stourton as well the Rev. Father I.J. Saxton (Otley), the Rev. Father A. J. Saxton (Harrogate), Mr F.H. Fawkes, M.P., Lieut-Col. K. Duncan, Major Hugh S. Duncan, Mr. F. G. Duncan (Chairman, Otley Urban Council) and Mrs Corry and family (Otley).

At the time of centenary celebrations in 1951 a new war memorial tablet was added to the 1914-1918 memorial at the front of the Church to commemorate the nine men from the parish who lost their lives in WW2. The dedication by the Parish Priest Father Donovan, assisted by Father Speight and Father Horkin.

Our Lady and All Saints War Memorial Names

World War 1

Barrett Edgar

Edgar was born in Otley. He was the son of John Samuel Barrett and Annie Eliza Barrett (nee Brownbridge) 56 Cross Green, Otley and a brother of John Samuel. Edgar and John Samuel were the only two surviving siblings of seven children. Before enlisting in Otley he worked as an assistant at W.B. Moss and Sons Otley.

He was a private in the 2nd/5th Battalion Sherwood Foresters. This was part of the 59th Division (2nd Midland Brigade). He was killed in action aged 20 years on 21st March 1918. His memorial is the Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France.

Barrett John Samuel

John Samuel was born in Otley, the son of John Samuel and Annie Eliza Barrett (nee Brownbridge) and a brother of Edgar. Before enlisting in Halifax in January 1918 he was employed at the Charlestown Mills.

He was a private in 5th Battalion Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (K.O.Y.L.I.). He had been in France for only 7 weeks when he was killed in action on 2nd September 1918. A friend wrote to his parents 'While *helping to get a wounded Tommy away he was shot through the head by a machine gun bullet*'. At the time his Battalion was involved in the Battle of Dracourt – Queant. Before the attack German shellfire caused casualties. In spite of this they captured Vauxwood but then lost it in a German counter attack. John Samuel was 18 years old when he died. His memorial is at Vis-en- Artois (Panel 8), Pas-de-Calais, France.

Bona Joseph

Joseph was born in Otley, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Bona (nee Devine) 13 Cambridge Terrace. In 1911 he was a cowman at Boundary Farm, Moor Town, Leeds but before enlisting in Otley in 1914 he was employed at Dawsons. He was in the 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment and was Company Sergeant Major. His two brothers Frank and James were a driver and gunner respectively in the Royal Field Artillery (RFA).

He was killed in action on 18th October 1917 aged 25 years. Another NCO wrote in a letter to his parents ' *Your son was in a front line trench dug-out having a sleep after coming off duty when a heavy shell blew in the dug-out killing your son instantly along with another man. A second shell burst burying your son completely so that none of his personal property could be secured. Several attempts were made to get him out although we all knew he was killed but owing to heavy shellfire nothing could be done. His last resting place has been conspicuously marked so that a cross can be placed to mark the spot where he fell* '.

Joseph's memorial is at the Tyne Cot Memorial (Panel 82 to 85 and 162A), Ypres, Belgium.

Brogan Thomas

Thomas was born in Otley in 1896. He was the son of Patrick and Maria Brogan 5 Leeds Road, Otley. Before the war he worked on a farm. He enlisted in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in Otley 1916 and was in the 1st/6th Battalion.

On 4th September 1916 the Battalion withdrew from Schwaben Redoubt and north Bluff and from there to Hedauville. On 15th September they took forward positions at Leipzig Salient and remained there till 23rd September. Thomas was killed in action at Thiepval on 22nd September 1916. His name is on the Thiepval Memorial (Pier and Face 6 A and 6 B), Somme, France.

Corry Egbert

Egbert Corry was born in Bradford. Sometime after 1911 the family moved to live at Weetwood, Menston. Egbert was the eldest of five sons to Thomas and Frances Corry and brother to two sisters Madelaine and Gwendolen. Egbert attended St Bede's Grammar School and then worked in the family business as a traveller and salesman for Messrs A and S Henry and Co Stuff Merchants in Bradford. His father was managing director.

He enlisted as a private in the Bradford 'Pals' Battalion in 1914

The Wharfedale newspaper gave the following report on 14th March 1920:

'On receiving his commission he transferred to 2/5th Battalion Prince of Wales Own West Yorkshire Regiment and went to France in 1916 with the 9th Battalion. A fortnight later he was seriously wounded in the head at Mocquet Farm near the Somme, a piece of shrapnel smashing his steel helmet and damaging the whole of the left side of his head and face. He managed to crawl back to the nearest Casualty Clearing Station before losing consciousness and later found himself in Boulogne. After partial recovery he was put on light duty at Catterick Bridge Camp, near Richmond, but his health broke down completely and he had to go into hospital again. Paralysis of the brain rendered his recovery hopeless and for a long period he had received institutional treatment in York'. Lieutenant Corry was 36 years old when he died.

Lieutenant Egbert Corry was buried in Otley cemetery. The newspaper report continued *'The interment on 13th May was preceded by Requiem Mass at the Otley RC Church conducted by Fr J.J. Saxton. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and a party of men from the West Yorkshire Regiment at York acted as bearers and provided the graveside firing party. After the firing of three rounds the party presented arms whilst the trumpeter sounded the last post'.*

Egbert's brother Norbert also died and another Gilbert was seriously wounded in the second battle of Ypres, Belgium. Francis the youngest, a private in the 6th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, broke down in health and was discharged from the army.

Corry Norbert

Norbert was Egbert's brother. He too attended St Bede's Grammar School and worked before the war in the family business. He was a private in the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. He was reported missing at the battle of

Bullecourt in 1917. He was eventually posted as '*missing presumed killed*'. His name is on the Arras Memorial (Bay 6).

Currie John

John Currie was the son of Patrick and Ellen Currie 10 Walkergate, Otley. He was the brother of William. He was employed as a moulder at Payne and Sons before enlisting in Otley in 1914. He joined the 49th Division Ammunition Column RFA.

He had been in France twelve months and his column was near Hedaeuville when he was wounded. Lieutenant H.R. Trippett wrote.... '*he was seriously wounded owing to an explosion in a gun pit. Three others with him were also seriously wounded*'. Following receipt of this letter someone from the War Office wrote to say he had died of wounds on 27th June 1916.

John was buried in Puchevillers British Cemetery (A.1.2.) near Albert, Somme. He was 30 years old when he died.

Currie William

William was born in Otley, the son of Patrick and Ellen Currie 10 Walkergate, Otley. In 1911 he was working as a turner in a printing company and before enlisting in Otley in 1914 he was employed in a telephone company. He was an Acting Bombardier in D Battery 246 Brigade RFA. He was wounded in June 1915 by sniper fire and was treated in a Canadian hospital. He then returned to the Front.

On 22nd July, in the Nieuport area, the Battery was bombarded by Germans including many gas shells. William died of wounds from the gas on 29th July 1917 and another Gunner died. As no Roman Catholic Chaplain was available the Church of England Chaplain buried him with the other men.

He was buried at Coxyde Cemetery (11.B.6), Koksijde, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He was 22 years old.

Currie Joseph

Joseph was the son of James and Ada Currie of Rose Cottage, West Chevin, Otley. He was born in Menston. Before enlisting in Leeds he worked as an attendant at the Menston Asylum. He enlisted in the 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment and served as a private.

He was declared missing on 3rd May 1917 at Plouvain near Arras, He was officially rated as killed in action on 28th March 1918. He was 23 years old. He is recorded on the Arras Memorial, France.

Duffissey William

William was born in Otley, the son of Thomas and Annie Duffissey of 20 Albion St, Otley. He lived in Orchard St and was employed by Mr Lambert, a Whitesmith, of Otley. He enlisted in Sheffield and was serving as a sapper in the 458 Field Company Royal Engineers. He had two brothers Tom in the RFA in Salonica and James in the RFA in France.

William was killed in action on 9th July 1917. Lt Baines wrote ‘*he was killed in action by shell fire and died without pain*’. His memorial is at the Nieuport Memorial, Nieuwpoort, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He was 36 years old when he died.

Finnegan (Finnigan) John

James John Finnegan was born in Liverpool. He was sent to St Ann’s RC Industrial School, 62 St Ann’s Street, Liverpool with his brother. He then worked before the war as a miner in the Dewsbury area. He served in the K.O.Y.L.I. The 12th Battalion, the miners’ battalion, was based at the Farnley Camp at Otley from November 1914 –July 1915. He died on the first day of the battle of the Somme on 1st July 1916 and is buried at Queens Cemetery (B.29), Puisieux, France. He was 25 years old.

McSorley (McSoley) James

James was the son of Arthur McSoley in Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham and was born there. He was the husband of Margaret McSoley 149 Nelson St, Otley and father of two children. He was described as a sterling forward in the Old Otley Northern Union team. He had joined the Durham Light Infantry in 1896 and served eight years in India. He was a reserve for four years. He re-enlisted at the outbreak of the war in South Shields where he was working. He joined the 11th Battalion Durham Light Infantry as a private.

He died on 30th September 1915 of accidental injuries and is buried at the Rue-du-Bacquerot No 1 Military Cemetery (11.B.20), Laventie, Pas-de-Calais, France. He was 36 years old when he died.

Mann Thomas E

Thomas was the only son of Mrs M.E. Mann of Menston. He enlisted in Otley in 1914 when he was only 16 years old. He was a private in the 1st/6th Battalion Duke of Wellingtons. It was formerly the RFA 246th Brigade Reserve Unit.

Thomas was killed in action on 17th August 1916 at the Somme. The war diary records that the Battalion was in action between Union St and Thiepval. Originally he was buried at Paisley Ave Cemetery, 4.5 miles NE of Thiepval but his remains were transferred to Lonsdale Cemetery (1X.H.10), Authuille, Somme, France. He was 18 years old when he died.

Nangle Michael

Michael was born in Boyle, Co Roscommon, the son of an Irish schoolteacher. He worked as an attendant at the Menston Asylum from 1906. He enlisted at Guiseley in October 1914 in the 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s Regiment.

Michael’s Battalion was in action at Gallipoli in August 1915. On 21st August in an attack on Ismail Oglu Tepe it suffered heavy casualties. Michael was injured and a comrade was carrying him to a place of safety when he was struck in the back a second time, which injured his spine. The enemy forced the Battalion back towards the southern slopes of Green Hill. Here the Battalion held this position under heavy shellfire until relieved on 23rd August. Michael died of wounds on 14th September 1915. He was buried at Addolorata Cemetery (E.E.A.A. 669), Malta.

Pawson Norman

Norman was born at Gargrave near Skipton. His parents James and Mary Pawson moved to Albion St in Otley in 1914, where his father was employed at the Bremner Machine Company's Works. Previously they had resided at Askwith where James had been employed by Leeds Corporation on their afforestation works in Washburndale.

According to Wharfedale Observer of 8th January 1915 "*Norman had enlisted as a private with the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers in Bradford in 1905 when he was 17 years old. He served for six years in the Colours with three years in the reserves. In 1913 he went to Canada and before the war was employed as an engine stoker on the Canadian Northern Railway. He came over with other Reserve men in early September 1914 arriving at the regimental Depot at Newcastle and proceeded to the front almost immediately afterwards. He was not even allowed a furlough to visit his family. In October 1914 he wrote home stating that he was writing the letter in the trenches, with shot and shell falling all round him and adding that he would have some good stories to tell when he came home. Eleven days later he was killed on 1st November 1914.*" He is buried at Sanctuary Wood Cemetery (1V.D.11), Ypres, Belgium. He was 26 years old.

Pearson Thomas

Thomas was born in Knaresborough. Before enlistment in Otley in February 1917 he was living at 31 Albion St, Otley and working at Bennet Dykes and Bell, painters. He was a private in 4th/5th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

The second battle of Passchendaele began on 26th October 1917 and the 170th Brigade with the 2nd/5th, 2nd/4th and 4th/5th Loyal North Lancashires attacked at 5.40am. The attack came to a stop only a short distance in front of the original line. Two posts were however established at Rubens and Memling Farms about 350 yards and 200 yards respectively in advance of the original line. Thomas was killed in action on 26th October in the attack. Conditions were deplorable as the Battalions were confronted by an impassable morass. Consequently, along with many others, his body was never recovered. His memorial is at the Tyne Cot Memorial (Panel102-104), Belgium. He was 35 years old when he died.

Shaw Charles

Charles was the son of Charles and Catherine Shaw of 2 Thornbury Place, Derry Hill, Menston. He was born in Menston. Prior to the outbreak of war he had for five years been in the Volunteers and Territorials. He enlisted in April 1915 in Ilkley and was a bombardier in D Battery 245th Brigade Royal Field Artillery (RFA).

He was hard at work on his gun in Passchendaele Village on 23rd November 1917 when he was wounded in the face following heavy German shellfire. Along with several others he went to rest in a pillbox that had been taken from the Germans on the Passchendaele Ridge. It was intended that he should go down the line for treatment but a German shell made a direct hit on the Pill Box and fragments of iron and concrete were driven in all directions. Charles was struck on the temple and was killed instantly. He was buried at the Divisional Cemetery (J.12), Ypres, Belgium. He had two brothers in the Army, the youngest of whom, Driver Andrew Shaw, was actually behind the lines at the time and heard what happened to his brother. Charles was 21 years old when he died.

Walsh John

John was the son of Mrs Ellen M Walsh 43 Courthouse St, Otley. Before enlistment in Otley in 1914 he worked at Garnetts Paper Mills. He was a driver in the 173rd Brigade RFA.

He had been in France for two years when he died of pneumonia following influenza at Clipstone Camp Farm near Mansfield on 18th February 1919. He was buried in Otley Cemetery (G 26). He was 23 years old when he died.

Duffissey Thomas Emmett

Thomas Duffissey is not included on the Our Lady and All Saints War Memorial but is on the Roll of Honour and Parish Church Memorial Plaque.

Thomas Duffissey's parents, Malachi Duffissey and Maria Ann Duffissey (nee Plunkett), had emigrated to Australia from Otley in the late 1870s. They arrived in Sydney, New South Wales on 7th April 1879. Thomas had been born in Otley. He along with his brother Joseph joined the Australian Imperial Forces (A.I.F.).

Thomas enlisted at Liverpool, New South Wales into 1st Battalion 1st Division of the A.I.F on 26th May 1915. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT Orsova on 14th July 1915 and joined the 1st Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 1st January 1916 but early in February 1916 was transferred into 53rd Battalion of the 5th Australian Division. On 19th June 1916 he embarked on HT Royal George from Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force (B.E.F) and on 28th June 1916 disembarked at Marseilles.

On 19th July 1916 the 53rd Battalion took part in a diversionary attack to stop the Germans reinforcing their troops at the Somme. The Battalion was involved in an attack on Sugarloaf salient in front of Fromelles on the flat Flanders plain in Northern France, some 6 miles south west of Armentieres. The water table was high and because of this very deep trenches could not be dug so both the Germans and the British main defences consisted of sandbags and Flanders mud built to a sufficient height to provide reasonable protection from rifle and machine gun fire but quite vulnerable to artillery fire. On the day of the assault each man carried besides a rifle and ammunition two bombs and two empty sandbags for use in constructing new defences. Only the first two waves were issued with steel helmets, the rest wore felt hats.

The 53rd Battalion as part of the 14th Brigade were in position by 3.45pm. Heavy shelling by the Germans fell on part of the Brigade. The first wave left the front line trench at 5.43 pm, crossed no man's land and lay down in front of the enemy wire. Its right flank however was not only exposed to live fire from the front but also to enfiladed, fire from a German machine gun, which was firing down a road, which led obliquely across no man's land. This caused havoc and many dead were found later by the roadside. The rest of the Battalion advanced 300 yards beyond the German front line and dug in. The ground was waterlogged and therefore they were unable to dig either trenches or parapets - knee deep in water.

No man's land became very dangerous indeed owing to the heavy German artillery fire. There was no cover and heavy watery conditions. The old German trenches had

flooded and virtually became deep streams. The German counter attacked with continuous artillery fire resulting in stalemate and loss of most of the ground gained.

Thomas was killed along with 54 officers and 600 other ranks. He is buried at Rue-du-Bois cemetery (1.B.2), Fleurbaik, Pas de Calais. He was 40 years old.

Thomas and Joseph were cousins of William Duffissey who was killed in action in July 1917. Joseph serving with the A.I.F. was wounded in July 1916 but returned to France in June 1917.

World War 2

Bona Herbert

Herbert was the younger son of Frank Bona and Annie Bona of 40 Caxton Road, Otley. Before being called up in January 1940 he served his apprenticeship as a plasterer with Messrs Andrew Firth and Sons at Yeadon. He attended St Joseph's Catholic School and was a member of the Altar Society.

Herbert went overseas as a signaller with the Royal Horse Artillery. Two letters were received by his family but no details of whereabouts were given. A letter posted on 27th February arrived the day after the telegram announcing his death. He was killed in action in the Middle East on 29th April 1941. He is buried at Tobruk War Cemetery (3.O.3), Libya. He was 21 years old when he died.

Herbert's brother Joseph served in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. The brothers were called up within a fortnight of each other. One of their uncles, C.S.M. Joseph Bona was killed in World War 1. Their father Frank and their Uncle James also served in that war.

Brayshaw Bernard

Bernard was the son of Mr and Mrs N Brayshaw 9 The Crossways, Otley. He was married to Mrs B Brayshaw of Hollycroft Cottage, Chevin End, Menston. Prior to joining the forces he was employed as a gardener by Mr W Pollard Chevin Avenue, Menston. He was a member of the Otley Charity Players and played cricket with Otley Wesley Club.

He joined the Royal Armoured Corps (RAC) in February 1941 and in May 1942 went to the Middle East where he died 6 months later on 2nd November 1942, aged 30 years, while serving with 3rd Kings Own Hussars RAC. He is buried at the El Alamein War Cemetery (Coll. grave XV11. D.9-13), Egypt.

Brogan Bernard

Ordinary Seaman Bernard Brogan was the son of Rose Ann and William Brogan of Otley and brother of Kathleen, Dorothy, Jackie, Sheila, Mona and Rose. Often nicknamed 'jester' at school, he was full of fun. He was courageous despite his lack of height. When boys at school attacked his brother, Jackie, Bernard came to his brother's rescue and got a broken nose for his trouble.

Bernard loved animals and at about aged 14 used to help milk cows at the auction mart in Otley. He also used to exercise horses with his friend Paddy McLoughlin and would have loved to have trained as a jockey. Instead, on leaving school he went to work at Greenholme Mills, Burley where he trained as an overlooker. At the age of 18 he joined the navy and was still training on the Atlantic convoys when he was killed.

He was serving on HMS Polyanthus. His ship was one of twenty-nine escorts for the forty ships on the Liverpool to New York convoy ON-202. A German wolf pack of U boats attacked the convoy just before 0500 am on 20th September 1943. The HMS Polyanthus K-47, while looking for survivors from another ship, was hit by a German torpedo fired by U boat - 952.

Bernard had been in regular contact with his family and wrote a particularly poignant letter to his cousin's wife only some six weeks before he was killed. This is still in existence, along with a doll he brought back from America for one of his nieces. Only 19 years old when he died, his name is on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial (Panel 76, Column 1), Portsmouth.

Brennan John

Private John Brennan was the son of Joseph and Ann Brennan (nee Devine) South View Terrace, Otley. Before joining the Army in 1941 John was employed at the printing works Wm. Walker and Sons (Otley) Ltd, where he had worked since a boy. He was a cricketer of some ability, being a left -arm bowler with the Menston Club, with whom he played up to joining the Army. He won the club bowling average on two occasions. Prior to playing for Menston he was for a period with Otley Wesley.

John was home on leave from an R.O.A.C. unit when he was taken ill. He complained of headaches, which he thought might have been caused by an accident involving an Army lorry some nine months before. Despite seeing a civilian doctor, his condition became worse and he was then seen by a military doctor who gave him pills and left with the intention of visiting him again. Unfortunately John's condition deteriorated and he died in the early morning of 14th June 1943. An inquest was held. The inquest ruled out the possibility that the earlier accident and his death were connected. The verdict given as to cause of John's death was '*epileptiform convulsions due to congestion and softening of the brain due to high blood pressure*'. He was 33 years old when he died and was buried in Otley Cemetery.

Duffissey James

James Duffissey was the son of Thomas and Annie Duffissey. He had fought in World War 1 in the Royal Field Artillery. He was married to Ethel and had a family when he re-joined the army in World War 2. He was a sapper in the Royal Engineers. He died at the Middleton Sanatorium, Ilkley on 23 September 1946 aged 48 years. He is buried in Otley Cemetery. His two sons William and Alban also served in the army and survived the war.

Hutton Anthony

Pilot Officer Anthony Woods Hutton was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs F.B. Hutton of Cartref Lodge, Pool. He was an old boy of St Bede's Grammar School, Bradford and Ratcliffe College, Leicester. Before joining the services he was a solicitor based with

a London firm. He played rugby football with Bingley while serving his articles and later with a London club. He was a keen yachtsman and took part in winter sports as a skier. Walking and potholing were also favourite pastimes.

Anthony volunteered for service in the RAF at the outbreak of war and was called up in March 1940. He was promoted to Pilot Officer eight months later and went overseas in June 1941. He was killed in the Middle East on 4th December 1941 at the age of 33 years. He is buried at Halfaya Sollum War Cemetery (7.C.10.), Egypt.

Kaye Bertram

Sgt Pilot Francis Bertram Kaye was the only son of Arthur and Ellen Kaye of Ivy Bank Road, Pool. Mr Kaye was principal of the firm Stephen Kaye and Sons, Joiners and Builders, Pool. Educated at St Michael's College, Leeds he joined his father's business. He became an Associate of the Royal Institute of Architects and was on the point of taking over his father's business when he was called up. He was a good all round cricketer and played in the Pool village team. Walking was another favourite pastime. As an old boy of St Michaels he attended their annual camp each year near Leeds and was on the old Boys Association Committee. He was an altar server in his younger days at Our Lady and All Saints.

He joined the RAF in June 1940 and after initial training in England was drafted for 6 months to Canada to complete his flying training. He got his 'wings' in June 1941 and had been on home leave ten days before his death. He was killed on 1st November 1941 in a flying accident and was aged 24 years old when he died. He is buried in Otley Cemetery.

McNeice Hugh

Hugh Mc Neice was the son of Mr and Mrs H McNeece The Green, Otley. Hugh was active in the Air Training Corps Otley Squadron and held the rank of Sergeant. He was serving with the RAF in South Wales when he was killed in a motor accident on 20th September 1944. He is buried in Otley Cemetery. He was 20 years old when he died.

His brother, George, served in the First Armoured Division and saw fighting in France in the early stages of the war. He was taken prisoner at Rouen on 9th June 1940 and was repatriated in November 1943.

Their father served in the First World War and was a member of the Pioneer Corps in the Second World War.

Welsh James

James Welsh was married to Nora Shackleton, only daughter of Mr and Mrs CA Shackleton of Croft Ave, Otley. He served in the army for 24 years, eleven of them in India, where he was awarded the North West Frontier medal. He was permanent staff instructor for the Otley Territorials for three years before the outbreak of war when he was promoted to Battery Sergeant Major. In February 1940 he was commissioned as Lieutenant and was promoted to Captain the same year and served with the Royal Artillery.

He saw active service in North Africa and Italy. He was awarded the Military Cross in 1943 and promoted to Major. He was undertaking a hazardous assignment with the Eighth Army when he came under heavy mortar fire and was severely wounded in the head. He died of his wounds in Italy on 11th September 1944 and is buried at Ancona War Cemetery (II.D.12.), Ancona, Italy.

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