HOLY TRINITY REMEMBERS

OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR ONE

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE EXHIBITION 2014

Their name liveth for evermore

This catalogue is intended to accompany the Exhibition and contains additional information about the men who gave their lives during The Great War and who are mentioned in the Church and on the Memorial.

Foreword

Each year on Remembrance Sunday, we gather for the Act of Remembrance round a War Memorial recording the names of those who fell in service during WW1. The stories of the people behind those names have fallen into obscurity and there is no one in the present congregation who has any connection with, or knowledge of, those men. The national marking of the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War seemed an opportune moment to rediscover and make connections with the history, both of this church, and of the local area.
We are enormously grateful to Sue Brady whose idea this was and who researched the project and produced the exhibition and the booklet. The information has been found by Internet searching and, due to financial restraints, has been limited to such details as are freely available in the public domain and require no copyright acknowledgement

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Commonwealth War Graves Commission. www.cwgc.org
www.churchmousewebsite.co.uk/Ellison.htm
www.roll-of-honour.com/Lincolnshire/Billingborough.html
Robert Whitton
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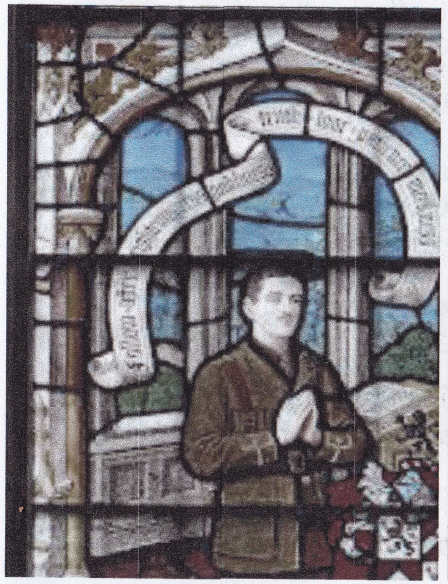
WHITTON, R.C

In addition to the main memorial, there is a small brass plaque in the Baptistery which records the accidental death on 27th December 1916 of Reuben Chester Whitton, aged 32. Aircraftsman 1st Class: Army Regiment: Royal Naval Air Service, RN Air Station (Wormwood Scrubs). While walking to his home at 40 Princes Gate Mews, he mistook his way in the fog and fell into the Thames near Chelsea Bridge and drowned. He is buried in Kensall Green Cemetery.

GIRADOT, P.C

(not listed on the Memorial but depicted in the stained glass window in the Baptistery)



2nd Lieutenant Paul Chancourt Giradot died 16th September 1914 aged 18, serving with the 43rd Oxf. and Bucks Light Infantry. He was born at Southampton on 17 November 1895, the son of Lt. Col. I. F. Girardot and Mary R. Girardot (nee Evans).

He was educated at Cheltenham College and attended Sandhurst, from where he was commissioned into his father's regiment, the 2nd Battalion, Oxf. and Bucks Light Infantry, on 24 February 1914. On 17 September 1914, Paul was forming his company up outside a cave near Soupir, on the Chemin des Dames, when a German shell crashed into the group, killing eleven men and injuring ten others. Paul was among the dead. He was 18 years old, and is buried at Soupir Churchyard, France.

BATES, W.G

Captain William Ghill Bates died on the 25th of May 1917 aged 28. He was a Gunner with 'D Battery, 107th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery who died of wounds.

He was the son of Charles Frederick and Kathleen Bates, and the husband of Gertrude Louisa Bates of 65 Crumpsall Street, Bolton.

He is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium, and his name is listed on Bolton Artillery War Memorial.

BOVEY, W.B

2nd Lt. William Bernard Bovey died 15th November 1916 aged 23, serving with the 1st/19th Battalion, London Regiment, 141st Brigade, 47th Division.

He was the son of Alfred and Jennie Bovey, of 165, St. John's Hill, Battersea, London.

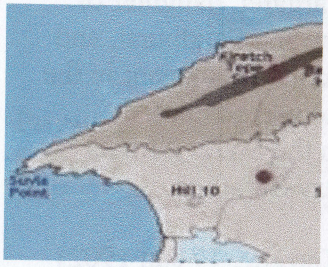
He was a member of the British Expeditionary Force and he died of wounds received at Ypres, and is is buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, IX - B - 14.

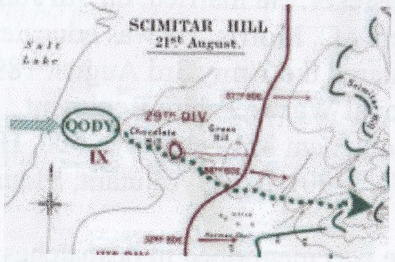
BRAY, G.T

2nd Lieutenant Gerard Theodore Bray died on the 9th of August 1915 aged 30, serving with D Company, 2nd/4th Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), 160 Brigade, 53rd Division; he was formerly with 5th Battalion.
He was the son of His Honour Judge Sir Edward Bray and Lady Edith L. Bray and the husband of Evelyn J. Bray, Lyne, Capel, Surrey.
His probate record gives two addresses: 26 Queens Gate Gardens and Burquitlam, New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada.

He was killed in action on 9 August 1915 during the landings in Gallipoli. Though wounded himself, he was seen to fall whilst carrying a wounded man on Scimitar Hill, Gallipoli.

He is remembered on panel 30 and 31 of the Helles Memorial





BROWN, E.E

Rifleman Ernest Edward Brown died 14th April 1917, serving with the London Queen's Voluntary Rifles, and is mentioned on Bay 10 of the Arras Memorial.

BROWN, H.W

Private H.W.Brown died on 1st March 1918, serving with the Royal Fusiliers. Sadly, due to Brown being such a common surname, it has not been possible to verify more details.

CARLILE, H

We are unable to trace any information about Harold Carlile

COSTEKER, J.H.D

Major John Henry Dives Costeker died 25th March 1915 aged 36. He was born 28th March 1879 in Wandsworth, the son of William Costeker. He married, on 9th June 1914, Margaret, daughter of Percy C. Morris. He was educated at Harrow and Sandhurst, and entered the Army 3rd August 1898, as a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment., in which he was promoted Lieutenant 3rd February 1900. He served in the South African War, 1901-02, as Adjutant, Mounted Infantry Battalion.

He was mentioned in despatches (London Gazette, 17 Jan 1902) and received the Queen's medal with five clasps.
He was created a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, (London Gazette 28th January 1902) "John Henry Dives Costeker, Lieut., The Royal Warwickshire Regiment. For the capture of Commandant Kolde 11th November, 1901" and was invested by the King 12th November 1902. He was promoted Captain 3rd June 1903; was Adjutant of the Royal Warwickshire Regt. 27th June 1904 to 11th April 1907; became Garrison Adjutant Eastern Command, 1 June 1907; Staff Captain, Irish command,

1914. He was killed in action at the Dardanelles (Gallipoli, Canakkale, Turkey) on 25th April 1915, whilst serving as Brigade Major, 88th Infantry Brigade. His grave at V Beach Cemetery, Plot F 10, was visited by the Prince of Wales on the 24th April 2005 during the Prince's visit to Gallipoli to mark the 90th Anniversary.

DAINTY, S.G

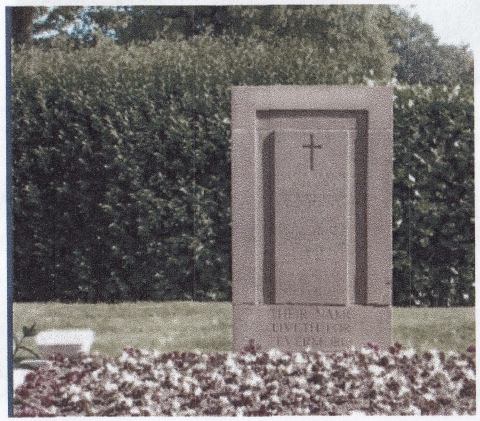
(Died on the same day as the inscription in the Soldiers Bible which is kept beneath the Memorial Plaque in the church)

Private S.G.Dainty died 4th October 1917. He served with The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment and is buried in Hooge Crater Cemetery VI A 18.

DAVIES, A.P

2nd Lieutenant Arthur P.Davies died on 22nd March 1918, serving with the Royal Flying Corps.

He was born on 7th April 1899 and was the son of the late Peter Davies of New Brighton. In 1915 he left school and took up motor engineering. In 1917 he joined the Inns of Court O.T.C., but later transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. He was accidentally killed while on his second solo flight when he met with his fatal accident. It was thought that he flew too high, and fainted at the height of about 12,000 feet. He is buried in Wallasey (Rake Lane) Cemetery.



EURIDGE, J

Rifleman James Euridge died 29th July 1915, serving with 9th Battalion Rifle Brigade, and is mentioned on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.

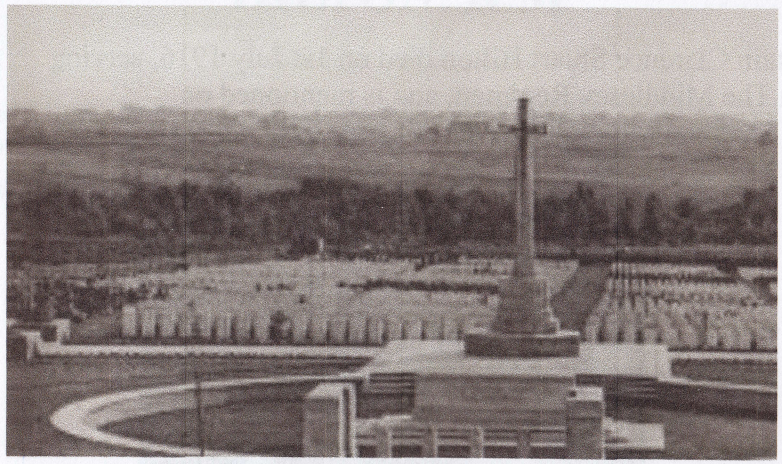
FITTON, H.G

Brigadier General Hugh Gregory Fitton, GOC 101st Brigade, 34th Division, died 20th January 1916 and has the unique distinction of being the only general officer to become his division's first battle casualty.

On 18 January 1916, three days after the division completed its deployment to France, he was wounded by a German sniper while on an instructional visit to 16th Brigade and died two days later.

He was the seventeenth British general to be killed in action or to die of wounds on the Western Front.

He is buried in Lijssenthoek Cemetery, II A 27.



GARDINER, F

Sadly it has not been possible to verify any information concerning Frank Gardiner.

GARDINER, J

Sadly it has not been possible to verify any information concerning James Gardiner.

HILTON, C.S

Captain Clarence Stuart Hilton died on 1st July 1916, serving with The Middlesex Regiment and is mentioned on The Thiepval Monument, Pier and Face 12D and 13B.

HILTON, H.P

Captain Herbert Philip Hilton died 16th February 1915 aged 42, Serving with The Middlesex Regiment and is mentioned on the Ypres (Menin Gate), Memorial Panel 49 and 51.

HILTON, R.M

2nd Lieutenant Reginald Musgrave Hilton died on 23rd April 1917 aged 34, serving with The Middlesex Regiment and is mentioned on the Arras Monument, Bay 7.

LUCAS-TOOTH, A.L.L

Major Sir Archibald Leonard Lucas Lucas-Tooth died on12th July 1918 aged 34, serving with the Honourable Artillery Company, his two elder brothers, both mentioned on the Memorial, having already died on the battlefield.
He was born in Sydney, Australia, the youngest son of Sir Robert and Lady Helen Lucas Lucas-Tooth, When the War was declared, having previously held a commission in the HAC, he was almost immediately called up for active service and, after lengthy training, he went to France on 29th June 1916 where he remained until his death from pneumonia.

He is buried at Aubigny Command Cemetery Extension, V B 4.

LUCAS-TOOTH, D.K.L

Captain Douglas Keith Lucas Lucas-Tooth died 14th September 1914 aged 33, serving with the 9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers.
He was the brother of Archibald and Selwyn Lucas-Tooth.
He fought in the Boer War and in the First World War and was twice mentioned in despatches. He was decorated with the Award of the Companion, Distinguished Service Order, posthumously.

He died from wounds received whilst fighting in the Battle of the Aisnes. The news of his death, following so closely by the death of his brother Selwyn caused their father to die from a heart attack shortly after.

He is buried at Moulins New Cemetery, 9.

LUCAS-TOOTH, S.L

Captain Selwyn Lucas Lucas-Tooth died on 20th October 1914 aged 35, serving with The Lancashire Fusiliers and was the brother of Archibald and Douglas Lucas-Tooth.

Selwyn was born in Sydney, Australia, the eldest of the three sons.
At the outbreak of war, Selwyn was sent to France and was shot by a sniper on 20th October 1914.
His Colonel wrote "Captain Lucas-Tooth was commanding one of the companies in the front line and, after gallantly leading his company in a successful attack was, on the following day, killed instantaneously in the front trenches. He had only been a short time with the battalion, but from the first he proved himself a capable officer in every way and had won the respect and affection of both officers and men of the regiment. His loss is deplored by all of us."

Corporal W. Piper wrote " Captain S. Lucas-Tooth was my company officer during the time he was in France and I was with him in the trenches at the time of his death – the news of his death was received by the men of his company as a great shock - he died like a soldier and a gentleman."

He is buried at Le Touquet Railway Crossing Cemetery, A 10.

MACPHERSON, R N

Major Robert Naismyth Macpherson died on 18th April 1917 aged 38, serving with the 40th Pathans, Indian.

The son of Lt. Col. R. N. Macpherson and E. B. Macpherson, of 37 Queen's Gate Gardens, South Kensington, London, England; and the husband of Mary Shand (formerly Macpherson).

He was the only British officer with the Pathan companies fighting the Germans in Rumbo, East Africa, and he was shot dead with a bullet through the heart whilst trying to rally his men.

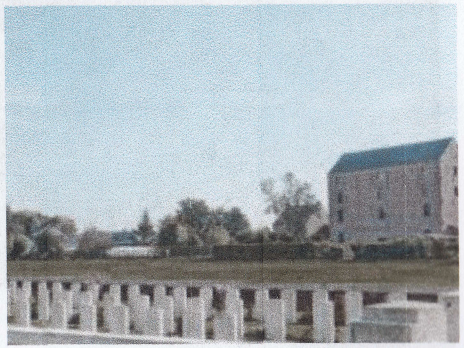
He is buried in Tanzania, Dar es Salam War Cemetery. I AA 5.

MAKINS, G

Captain Geoffrey Makins died on 23rd August 1915 aged 37, serving with the King's Royal Rifle Corps. He is buried at Merville Communal Cemetery, V A 24. Merville was the scene of fighting between the Germans and French and British cavalry early in October 1914 but from the 9th of that month to 11th April 1918, it remained in Allied hands.

MAKINS, H

Captain Hugh Makins died 14th November 1915 aged 34, serving with 16th Battalion London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles). He died of wounds received near Wielie 4th November 1915 and was the younger brother of Captain Geoffrey Makins (see previous entry) who predeceased him by some 2 months. He was educated at Eton and Oriel College, Oxford and was a Barrister-at-law, Inner Temple. The family lived at 180 Queen's Gate.
He is buried Hop Store Cemetery, Ypres, Plot I. Row B.Grave 32



MCDONNELL, S.K

Major The Hon. Sir Schomberg Kerr McDonnell died 23rd November 1915 aged 54, serving with the 5th Battalion Cameron Highlanders. He was the son of the 5th Earl of Antrim, and married Ethel Henry Davis on 26th February 1913. He also fought in the Boer War gaining the rank of Captain in the 1st London R.V., during which time, between 1888 and 1902, he was Principal Private Secretary to Lord Salisbury.

He was invested as a Fellow, Society of Antiquaries (F.S.A.). He held the office of Secretary to the Commissioner of Works between 1902 and 1912. He was invested as a Knight Commander, Order of the Bath (K.C.B.)., and as a Knight Grand Cross, Royal Victorian Order (G.C.V.O.). He was Chief Intelligence Officer of the London District between 1914 and 1915.

He is buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemeter, II A 7.

MILLS, A.G

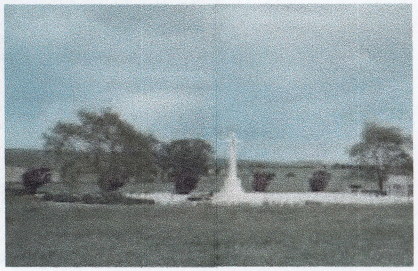
Sadly, due to insufficient information, it has not been possible to verify any details of A.G.Mills.

MONDAY, J.C

2nd Lieutenant Joseph Cyril Monday died on 3rd May 1917 aged 37. He served with the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) and is buried at Sunken Road Cemetery, Fampoux, I B 19.

MOUNCEY, F.H

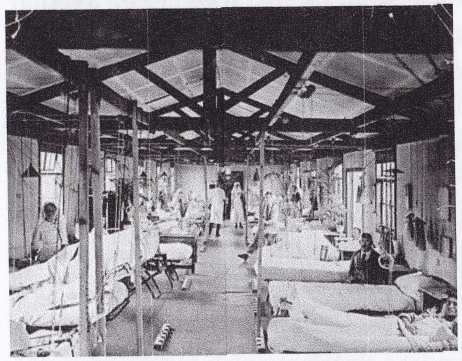
Private F.H.Mouncey died 11th October 1918 aged 19. He served with The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment, and is buried at St. Aubert British Cemetery, III B 7.



OTTLEY, G.C.L

Lieutenant Geoffrey Claude Langdale Ottley died on 21st December 1914 aged 18. He served with the Scots Guards and was shot in the head on 18th December 1918.

He was the son of Rear-Admiral Sir Charles Langdale Ottley, KCMG, CB, MVO, and he died in the Australian Hospital at Wimereux, Boulogne, only a few hours before his parents arrived to see him.



He was mentioned in Dispatches 14th January 1915 and was the youngest person to be awarded a DSO, on18th February 1915.

One of the very few of the fallen to be repatriated, he was buried on Christmas Day 1914 at St. Andrew Episcopalian Church, Fort William.

PALK, L.C.W

Lt. Col. The Hon. Lawrence Charles W. Palk died on 1st July 1916 aged 45, serving with the Hampshire Regiment. He was the son of L. H. Palk, 2nd Baron Haldon. He fought in the Boer War between 1901 and 1902 and in the First World War, where he was mentioned in despatches and was decorated with the award of the Legion of Honour. He was decorated with the award of the Companion, Distinguished Service Order (D.S.O.). He was killed in action serving as commanding officer of the 1st Hampshires. He dressed himself in his finest uniform and donned white gloves before leading his battalion into action across No Man's Land.

"Lying mortally wounded in a shell hole, he turned to another man lying near him and said "If you know of a better 'ole, go to it."

He is buried at Sucrerie Military Cemetery, Colincamps I H 14. There is also a separate memorial to him at the entry to the Side Chapel.

PARSONS, D.C

Captain Desmond Clere Parsons died on 15th September 1916 aged 26. He served with the Irish Guards and is buried at the Guards' Cemetery, Lesboeufs, XII R 7.

PEARCE, R.J

Private Reginald John Pearce died on 16th June 1917 aged 30, serving with The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment and is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, XIV F 18A.

PRETOR-PINNEY, C.F

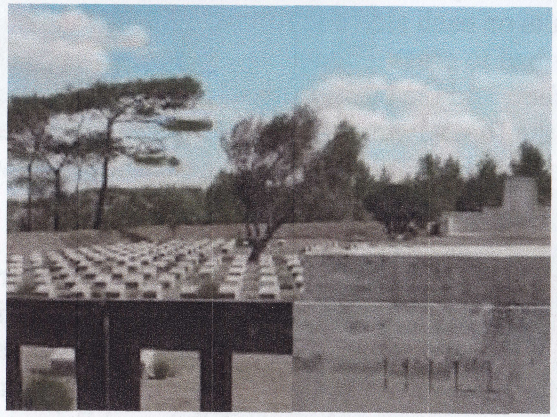
Lt. Col. Charles Frederick Pretor-Pinney DSO died on 28th April 1917 aged 53. He was a professional soldier before the outbreak of war in 1914 and served as Commanding Officer of the Battalion, Rifle Brigade. Charles was the husband of Phyllis Julia Pretor-Pinney, of 36, Sloane Court, Chelsea, London.

In July 1916, the new 13th Battalion of the Rifle Brigade were ready for their first action. They were to help in the taking of Contalmaison, on the Western Front in north-west France. Lt. Col. Pretor-Pinney had orders to go 'over the top', with supporting units on each side and following, and an artillery barrage. They had to cross an open area before reaching the German trenches, and the enemy's machine-guns knocked out many men in the first advance. The Battalion fought on and eventually reached their objective. The casualties were very heavy.

As Lt.Col Pretor-Pinney crouched in a shell-hole wondering what had happened to all the support he had been expecting, a message reached him to say the whole attack had been cancelled. The message had reached all the other units before 8.0pm, so there had been no support for the 13th Rifles, and Brigade HQ did not know that they had attacked. It was impossible to signal or to send a runner, because of the deadly machine-gun fire, so the leading platoons of the battalion fought on into the night. The fighting continued fiercely for days afterwards, so some of the wounded lay out in shell-holes for as long as a week. Gradually the wounded were taken back down the line, Lt-Col Pretor-Pinney being the last to leave. Weeks later, a friend visited him in hospital and found him in tears over the destruction of his Battalion. He had been too ill to be sent home to England and died of his wounds nine months later, and he is buried at Aubigny Communal Cemetery

RAW, R

2nd Lieutenant Roland Raw died on 7th August 1915 aged 31, serving with the 9th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers.
He was born in South Africa, the youngest son of George H. and Edith S. Raw and was educated at Clifton College. He was killed in action at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, along with his brother, Captain Rupert George Raw, DSO (see following entry) and is buried at Sulva Bay, Hill 10 Cemetery, grave ref: I. C 19.



RAW, R.G

Captain Rupert George Raw died on 7th August 1915 aged 35, (together with his younger brother Roland—see above). He served with the Northumberland Fusilliers and was also educated at Clifton College and Brasenose College, Oxford.
He served in South Africa, 1901-2, and was mentioned in despatches, awarded the Queen's Medal with five clasps, and was created a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

ROSE, A.H.P

Captain Arthur Hugh Percy Rose died on 23rd November 1914, serving in the 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment. His father, Major General James Rose was A.D.C. to Queen Victoria.
He is buried in Calvaire (Essex) Military Cemetery, I C 1

RITCHIE, H

Lt. Col. The Hon. Harold Ritchie died on 28th October 1918 aged 41 serving with the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). He was the third son of Charles Thomson, 1st Baron Ritchie of Dundee.

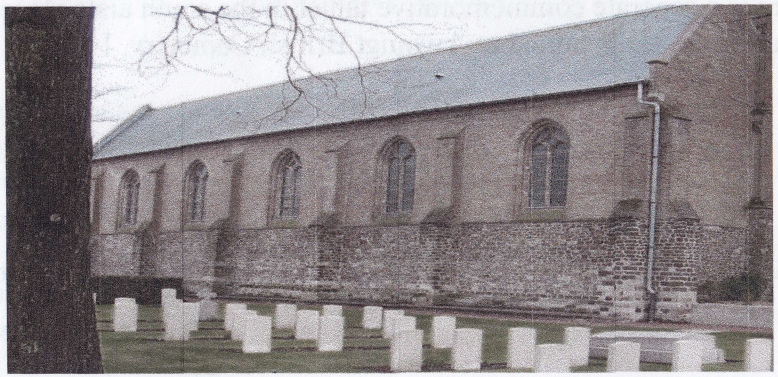
There is a separate commemorative tablet in the south aisle close to the organ. He is buried at Awoingt British Cemetery, I F 23.

SCOTT, B

It has not been possible to trace any information about Basil Scot

STOCKS, M.G

Lieutenant Michael George Stocks died on 10th November 1914 aged 21, serving with the Grenadier Guards.
He was the cousin of Francis Ellison Levita whose name also appears on the Memorial—both their mothers were members of the Ellison family of Boultham, Lincoln. He is buried at Zillebeke Churchyard Cemetery, E 1.
During the early days of the war, whilst the front line was still mobile, specific cemeteries for soldiers were comparatively rare and the dead were often buried in local churchyards or municipal burial grounds near where they were killed. Zillebeke was on the front line for much of the war and its churchyard was used for the war dead. These 1914 burials reflect the mobility of the front line as they are largely of officers, and reflect the officer class of that point in the war as they were nobility or the sons of the wealthy and the well-connected. As such, the cemetery deviates from almost every other Commission burial ground by having two private memorials, breaking the "equality in death" principle the Commission was founded under, and is still otherwise followed to this day, that Commission cemeteries "were designed to avoid class distinctions that would conflict with the feeling of 'brotherhood' which had developed between all ranks serving at the Front".
Lt. M.G.Stocks is mentioned on the Latheron War Memorial,



WINCKLEY, C.R

2nd Lieutenant Charles Reginald Winckley died on 20th July 1916 aged 22, serving with the 15th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment). He was the second son of the Rev.Charles Richard Thorold and Amy Winckley, Vicar of Billingborough, Lincs., and was killed whilst leading an attack in France.

There is a stained glass window dedicated to him in Billingborough Parish Church.

He has no known grave, and is commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 10C, 10D, 11A.

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