

MULBARTON MEN WHO SERVED IN WW1 & RETURNED

The Roll of Honour in the Church porch lists the Mulbarton men who served in the 1914-18 war. The 16 who died are high-lighted in gold. A total of 90 men went to war, almost exactly a third of the total number of males recorded in the national census of 1911 (260 males, including babies, children and the elderly) or 19% of the total population (481 in 1911).

Those who died are listed below in black, and information on each is on a separate sheet or summaries can be seen at <https://www.mulbartonhistory.org.uk/ww1-men-at-war/>

RECORDED ON THE ROLL OF HONOUR (in Church porch)

C E ALBOROUGH - Charles Edward 1898 - 1966

Private in MGC = Machine Gun Corps, 230th Company service no.119650

Son of William Alborough & Emma nee Cooper, baptised Mulbarton Nov 1898. Brother (or step-brother) of 1911 at 5 Norwich Road (= B1113 N of Worlds End), age 12, at school and living with his uncle, Charles Alborough, age 35, a 'milking man on a farm' (probably Paddock Farm). [Charles = son of Charles Alborough & Mary Ann nee Stackyard, baptised Mulbarton June 1880]

1918 gives address as Norwich Road

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

W F ALBOROUGH – William Frederick 1894 – 1956

Private in Norfolk Regiment; service no. 40679; transferred to Labour Corps (no. 531570)

Son of William & Ellen Marion [Emma?] Alborough, Stockman on farm. Baptised Mulbarton April 1894. Brother (or step-brother) of Charles Edward (also on Roll of Honour).

1911 at 11 Norwich Road, age 17, farm labourer

1918 gives address as Norwich Road with no details of service.

William Fredk. in Medal & Award Roll (which notes both service nos.) Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

1939 Reg 48 St Omer Close, b. 23 Jan 1894, farm labourer. Married to Agnes A Alborough. Continued to live in St Omer Close until his death.

Buried Mulbarton 26 April 1956 age 62

F W ANDREWS – Frank W 1898 - 1963

Private, 8th Irish Regiment; service no.4143 (on 1918 register of absent voters)

Son of Charles J & Anna Maria Andrews, baptised Mulbarton October 1898. Brother of Arthur Charles Andrews, also on Roll of Honour. Family loved at 'The Wood' – part of Mulbarton parish situated at the far end of Wood Lane so sometimes counted as Swardeston.

1918 gave address as 'The Wood'

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

1939 Reg b.27 Aug 1898, still single, a Bricklayer

A C ANDREWS – Arthur Charles

1896 - 1976

6+PP Service records; 1911 census; 1918 voter; bap

Private in 4th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment from 1914; 114th Cheshire Regiment; service no.202752; then Acting Lieutenant-Corporal with Military Police. Address: The Wood

Son of Charles Jonathan & Anna Maria Andrews, born 24 March 1896; baptised Aug 1896. Brother of Frank W Andrews on Roll of Honour.

1911 – at home with parents and younger brother Frank at The Wood, Swardeston (part of Mulbarton parish). A bricklayer's labourer.

Signed on in Norwich 9 Nov 1914, address, The Wood, Swardeston, age 18 yrs 9 mths. Assigned to 4th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment, originally no.3691; later changed to ?00805 and then to 302951 'At home' until 2 June 1916, then sent to Europe. May have moved to 114th Cheshire Regiment (service no.202752) – details he gave for voting in 1918. Acting Lance-Corporal with Military Police by 1919 Discharged 6 Aug 1919 from Military Police (service no. now 15248) 40% disabled (as a result of Pleurisy and Hernia)

1918 Register – only evidence that he served with 114th Cheshire Regiment. Gave address as 'The Wood'.

1939 register – living at 78 Blenheim Crescent, St Faiths & Aylsham RD, a bricklayer, with wife Lilian B Andrews (b. 1898) and 5 children.

J J ANDREWS – James Jonathan

1892 – 1930

Able Seaman, Royal Navy, service no. K10695

Son of James Andrews & Maria nee Wharton of The Wood; born 9 November 1892; baptised Mulbarton February 1893 (where second names written Youngman)

1901 – schoolboy at home with parents, 2 sisters and 2 Wharton brothers who may have been uncles, at The Wood (far end of Wood Lane, in Mulbarton Parish but reached via Swardeston)

1911 – at Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth – Ordinary Seaman, Stoker

Joined the Navy 28 March 1911, signed on for 12 years. Between stints at Victory II (naval base at Portsmouth) he served on HMS Renown (April – July 1911); Hecla (Sept. – March 1911-12); Spartiate (April – May 1912); Minotaur (May 1912 – Feb.1914); and saw war service on HMS Leviathan* (Aug 1914 - Nov.1917). Returned to Victory II until 27 Dec.1917 when he was invalided out of the service.

* HMS Leviathan one of four Drake-class armoured cruisers built by Browns of Clydebank for the Royal Navy, launched 1901. Full complement of crew was 900. Recommissioned in 1914 and tasked to hunt down U-boats. Sent

to Azores (on false report of submarines); to St Helena (to rendezvous with troop convoy) but had to put in at Gibraltar for propeller repairs; escorted another convoy to Milford Haven. Unsuccessfully attacked by U-boat in March 1916. Served in W Indies and E Canada for a time. 1918 escorted convoys between N America and Britain. Placed in reserve 1919, sold for scrap 1920.

Died in Norwich in 1930, age 38.

S BALLS – Samuel

1881 - 1957

Moved through ranks from Private to Sergeant; Royal Army Service Corps, 10th Field Bakery; service no. S4/044575

Married Ethel Kate Turner in Old Buckenham 12 Oct. 1907; 3 children listed at enrolment, 2 boys born in Watton and a girl born (and baptised) in Mulbarton in 1912.

Signed on in Norwich for the Army Service Corps on 18 Jan 1915, address Norwich Road, Mulbarton, age 32 years 11 mths, a baker.

July 1915 assigned to 10th Field Bakery with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, sailed in HMT Ascania, initially for Gallipoli and then seems to have been sent on to Egypt. Disembarked Alexandria 18 July 1915. Served in Egypt; then moved to Basra, leaving Alexandria on 10 Feb on the 'Caledonia' for Port Said, then on the 'Japanese Prince' from Port Said to Basra. Here, he was appointed Acting Corporal 1 March 1916. He had a month's leave in India in 1917 and on return was appointed Acting Sergeant. Promoted to Sergeant with effect from 1 Jan 1918; returned to Britain 11 April 1919; transferred to Army Reserve 5 July 1919.

1918 – gave home address as Norwich Road.

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal; 1915 Star

Samuel Ball died in Norwich in 1957

F BARKER – NO information yet.

[Frederick A BAKER (of Horsham, Surrey, chauffeur) married Ellen HUGGINS 20 Dec 1919

NO Barker on 1918 or 1919 Registers]

F C BARRETT (d.1920) – Frank Cecil:

transferred to Casualty folder (bur. Mulbarton, grave listed with CWGC)

[bap 1897 – son of Mary Ann?]

H BARRETT – Herbert

1888 – 1970

Son of Mary Ann Barrett; born 6 June 1888; bap. Nov 1888

Lived in Rosary, Mulbarton

No service details given on 1918 Absent Voters list, where his address is 'Rosary'.

A BANHAM – Alfred

1884 – 1961

Driver, Army Service Corps; Base Horse Transport; service no.T4/059178

Son of William & Emma Banham; baptised July 1884

1911 living near Tradesman's Arms with wife Maud and 3 young children and 2 single butcher's assistants

1918 – gave address as Lower Common Road

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

1939 reg – 20 Council Houses (Cuckoofield Lane), b. 5 May 1884, m. to Ellen M Banham

Buried Mulbarton 13 Feb 1961 age 74

S BAXTER

No information – yet. Possible family links:

1901 census - John & Margaret Baxter 'Nr Bracon Lodge' (Long Lane)

1911 – Bracon Lodge, Bracon Ash - Coachman

But only son seems to be David (1891, 1901); came to Mulbarton after 1891

1918 Register – John & Margaret Baxter 'Nr Bracon Lodge' – not listed 1919

G BORRETT

PROBABLY: Born c.1879 in Hardwick, Norfolk [or 1884/5 in Wortwell, son of James & Harriett Borrett, living in Harleston [which has a Hardwick Road]

1911, living with the Kemp family in Swardeston as a lodger; George was a farm labourer

H BAYFIELD – Harry

Harry Bayfield – 1919 Register Div II (= parl but not local electors), Rectory Lane – still absent

A J BUSSEY – Arthur James

1894 – 1981

Organist in Mulbarton church for 71 years from 1910 to shortly before his death in 1981.

Born in Norwich 28 Feb 1894, son of Arthur Bussey (a baker) and Bessie D, parental home 40 Distillery Street, Norwich. Born in the parish of St Philip's, Heigham, where he learned to play the organ.

1911 with parents, 2 sisters and a brother at 40 Distillery Street, Arthur J an Auctioneer's Clerk

Red Cross Volunteer 1915-16: part-time stretcher-bearer and Hospital Orderly. Red Cross cert (below) suggests he finished in June 1916 when he 'enlisted' but no record of service yet found.

Surname *Bussey* N° *365* NORFOLK 35
 Christian Names *Arthur James* Recd 3 1 MAY 1919 (Mr., Mrs. or Miss)
 Permanent Address: *40 Distillery St
 Norwich*
 Date of Engagement *July 1915* Rank *Pte* Pay —
 Date of Termination *June 1916* Rank — Pay —
 Particulars of Duties *Stretcher bearing etc Norwich
 Hospital orderly in 2 mil. Hosp: Transport Co.*
 Whether whole or part time, and if latter No. of hours served *part time*
 Previous Engagements under Joint War Committee, if any, and where
Enlisted
 Honours awarded

(via FindMyPast, at <http://www.redcross.org.uk/About-us/Who-we-are/History-and-origin/First-World-War/Card?&id=33670>)

In 1918 he married Gertrude Elizabeth Sent (Gent?) (1895-1989). In 1939 the family was living at 1 Helena Road, Norwich, and Arthur worked in the N&N Hospital Finance Department.

Several possibilities (from Medal records) – the Private who served in the RAMC then served with Lancashire Regiments; others of his name in Royal Sussex; Northumberland Fusiliers; Labour Corps – but no service records to verify these unlikely possibilities.

B CARVER – Bertie Sydney
1890 – 1967

Private, Army Service Corps, 729th Company; service no.DM2/171054. Home address: Scott's Terrace

Grandson of John Carver & Harriet nee Tolver of 5 Scott's Terrace, and nephew of their son James Carver who was killed in 1915 and is commemorated on the Loos memorial. Probably the brother or half-brother of Robert George Carver who was killed in 1916 and is buried in St Sever Cemetery, Rouen. NOT related to the Frank L, Samuel G or Henry P Carver also on Roll of Honour (see below).

1911, with grandparents parents, brother and 2 uncles

1918 - gave address as Scott's Terrace – still absent in 1919.

1939 Reg at 47 St Omer Close, b. 9 Feb 1889, farm labourer (the families living in Scotts Terrace were moved to new houses in St Omer Close c.1936)

Bertie Sydney buried Mulbarton 8 Jun 1967 age 77

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

F CARVER – Frank Lawford

1887 – 1971

Gunner in Royal Garrison Artillery, service no. 153840

Born 11 Nov 1887 Great Yarmouth, son of Henry Hewitt Carver & Harriett. Younger brother of Henry Peter & Samuel Gordon Carver (who are also on the Roll of Honour).

1911 listed with family at World's End, where their father was landlord

1913 Married Eleanor Elizabeth MITCHELL (1888-1960) whose brothers are also on the Roll of Honour.

Enlisted with the Royal Garrison Artillery in Norwich 10 December 1915, a market gardener, married with 1 daughter. Not mobilised until 4 April 1917; on 18 April sent to the Signalling Depot, Chatham and assigned to 416 Siege Battery, Service no. 153840. Sent to France on 20 August 1917. Treated for Laryngitis in field (November 1917), then suffered a gas attack 28 November 1917. Invalided back to England 7 January 1918 and sent to Orpington Hospital, Kent and on 12 March 1918 transferred to the Norfolk War Hospital. Discharged as permanently unfit 16 May 1918.

Returned to market garden business in Mulbarton.

Awarded British War medal and Victory medal.

1939 Register - at Orchard House, Mulbarton, Market gardener (d.o.b. illegible)

Died 1971, age 83, ashes interred in Mulbarton.

S G CARVER – Samuel Gordon

1885 - 1980

Born Yarmouth 4 May 1885 (from 1939 Register but given as 1884 in service records and 1886 on death register); baptised Yarmouth 27 June 1886. Son of Henry Hewitt & Harriet Carver; younger brother of Henry Peter and older brother of Frank Lawford Carver (also on Roll of Honour)

1901 Carver family at Bramerton Woods End

1911 Carver family at World's End, Mulbarton, where his father is the landlord.

Married Ethel Alice Hemnell* (1887-1966, sometimes Alice Ethel) in Mulbarton on 24 March 1913. Samuel gave occupation as gardener. Son Harold b. 24 Oct 1912; daughter Eileen b. 8 March 1915.

Signed up with 3rd Battalion Norfolk Regiment in May 1916 giving occupation as Horseman and home address Flordon Lane, crossed out and amended to Scotts Terrace. Private, service no. 491644. Transferred to 2nd Garrison, Suffolk Regiment, then 6th Battalion Royal Defence Corps; and finally (in August 1919) to 431st Agricultural Labour Corps. Confined to Barracks for a minor misdemeanour ('inattention') in January 1916. Service papers stamped 'served in India & S Africa' – presumably a standard rubber stamp but no evidence that he served in either area (though his brother-in-law did – see R F MITCHELL).

1918: Private, 428th Agricultural Company; service no.491644. Home address Flordon Lane
1918 also in Bracon Ash register, address 'The Folly' (at or opposite 'Woodlands', Long Lane)

1939 Reg – Lower Common; b. 4 May 1885, gardener, m. to Ethel A and 1 son at Lower Common.

Death register has birth 14 May 1886; died 1980, Norwich Outer

[*Ethel Alice Carver nee Hemnell daughter of Brough Hemnell & Mary nee Beaumont, sister of Percy Brough Hemnell & Cecil Lee Hemnell (both on Roll of Honour).]

H P CARVER - Henry Peter

1881 - 1969

Merchant seaman, rising to rank of Captain

Born 16 Oct 1881 in Great Yarmouth. Son of Henry Hewitt & Harriet Carver, older brother of Samuel Gordon and Frank Lawford Carver (also on Roll of Honour).

Joined Merchant Navy and gained certificates as 2nd Mate (1901); Mate (1904); and Master (1907). In 1906 in arrived back in Liverpool from Punta Arena as a passenger on the Empress of Ireland. In crew of ship 'Student' as 3rd officer (1910).

1911 listed with family at The World's End, where his father was landlord.

Details of service during WW1 not known, but in 1918 he was a Chief Officer with the Chinese Navigation Company*. In 1919 arrived London from Colombo on the ship 'Mentor' (which had sailed from Japan), occupation: Master Mariner (but sailing as a passenger).

1918 Register, absent in forces; in 1919 Register Div II (parl but NOT local elector), still absent – address Norwich Road, Millhouse

1920 voter. Lived at the Mill House (on Mulbarton/Swardeston boundary) when home. Said to have lines the old brick mill with his maps and charts.

1928 married Jessie Doris Rix (1903-1983), daughter of George Rix and sister of Albermarle Rix, both of whom are on Roll of Honour. 'Retired Master Mariner' on marriage entry.

Bought field south of Common and built Birchfield House in 1932.

1933 listed in Kelly's directory as Mulbarton resident

1939 Reg – Birchfield House, b.19 Nov 1881, Master Mariner retd. (known as Captain Carver), m. to Jessie

Buried Mulbarton 15 April 1969 age 87

* Chinese Navigation Company – founded by John Samuel Swire and registered in London in 1872 with paddle steamers on the Yangtse River. By 1894 it had 29 ships calling at ports along the Yangtze, down the South China coast, in the Philippines, South East Asia, Australia, Japan, Russia and the North China coast. Today it is the deep-sea shipping arm of the Swire Group serving over 130 ports world-wide with its headquarters in Singapore.

[R G CARVER (d)]

[J CARVER / CALVER (d)]

F C CHAMBERLAIN – Frederick (Fred)

1883 – (1963)

Lance Corporal & Sergeant, 2nd Coldstream Guards; service no.4690

Born 21 June 1883 in Downham Market, son of Robert Chamberlain. a Police Constable. Married Clara Henrietta Watson in Yarmouth in 1906. Joined the Norfolk Police; in Gorleston when elder son born in 1911; in Mulbarton by 1914 when younger of their two sons, Robert, born here 8 April.

Served in the Coldstream Guards in May 1902 as a Private, was a Lance Corporal for a few months 1902-3; Swimming Instructor 1903; finished his period of Army service 1905, stood down 1906 but still on Army list until May 1914. Signed up 23 Sep 1914 in Norwich; posted again with Coldstream Guards.

Posted abroad 22 Oct 1914 as part of BEF; home 17 July 1915 to 9 Oct 1916. Returned to France until December 1918. Transferred to army reserve Feb 1919

1918 gave address as Mulbarton

Awarded 1914 Star 'with Clasp & Roses'; British War medal and Victory medal.

Probably died 1963 in or near Acle

A CUNNELL – Albert James

1878 - 1970

Private, 329th Works Company (Labour Corps); service no.155308. Home address: Common Road

Son of Walter & Sophia Cunnell, he was born in Wymondham and became a butcher. Married Emma Rebecca HOWES in 1902.

1911 he and Emma were living in Silfield Street, Wymondham with 2 sons and 2 daughters. From 1918 onwards their children were baptised in Mulbarton.

1918 gave his address as Common Road, Mulbarton

1939 reg – The Common, b. 14 Mar 1878, butcher, unemployed

Buried Mulbarton 23 May 1970 age 92

E J CHAPLIN

Edward John CHAPLIN listed on 1918 & 1919 Register, with Annie Irons Chaplin, School Road (not absent)

W J DAPLYN

NO information yet – probably linked to:

[Percy Robert Daplyn, farmer, married to Kate Elizabeth; had children baptised in Mulbarton in 1914 & 1917]

[Robert William DAPLYN bur. 26 Nov 1915 age 61]

C DENT – Christopher (Christie) John (or John Christie)

1890 – 1979

3-A.M. (Mechanic) RAF, 32nd Squadron; service no.4531. Home address: Norwich Road

Born 20 March 1890 in Dunston, son of Thomas Edward Dent and Frances (Fanny) nee Randall/Randle (one of the Bracon Ash Randalls).

1911 at home at 14 Norwich Road, Mulbarton with parents, two sisters and a brother. Named as Christie, he was a farm labourer like his father. When he signed up he gave his occupation as Butcher.

Joined the 10th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment, 9 February 1916 and transferred to the Essex Regiment in April 1916 but did not go overseas with either Regiment. Transferred to the (Army) Royal Flying Corps, 32 Squadron, on 24 January 1917 as a Batman. Served in France from February 1917 to January 1919 as a Mechanic. The RFC became part of the RAF on 1 April 1918. He was transferred to the RAF Reserve on 23 February 1919 and finally discharged in 1929.

1918 gave address as Mulbarton

Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal

In 1965 he married Mabel A Randell. Died in Wreningham in 1979 – also as Christie John – but is not buried there.

[H P DOUBLEDAY (d)]

T A DOUBLEDAY – Thomas Alfred

Suffolk Regiment, service no.2409. Then moved to the Wiltshire Regiment; then back to Suffolk Regiment, service no.200598. Rose to be a Corporal.

1911 living with brother, Henry Percy, in School Road, a gardener. His brother signed the census form 'for William Doubleday' who was not present – presumably their father.

PROBABLY Son of William Nelson Doubleday buried in Mulbarton 28 Sep 1911 age 57

Signed on 28 Feb 1915; disembarked 21 Apr 1915; served in France. Discharged 21 April 1919

1918 gave his address as Common Road, Mulbarton

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal; 1915 Star

[PROBABLY Thomas Arthur Doubleday b.1889, death 1975 registered E Dereham]

[A DAWSON (d)]

[G F DAWSON (d)]

**H DAWSON – Harry
(1886 – [1954?])**

Served Royal Garrison Artillery as a 'Bomber' (Bombadier?), service no.41396

1918 voters – Harry Dawson, Nr School, East Carleton, RGA service no.41396

1939 reg – Harry DAWSON b. 12 Feb 1886, at Meadow Cottages, Kenningham, Horseman on farm (probably Kenningham Hall).

PROBABLY the Harry Dawson who died in 1954 (Norwich Outer District).

C J FROST – Charles James

1887 - 1967

1-A.M. (Mechanic), Royal Naval Air Service; service no. 19587. Home address: Norwich Road

Born 13 July 1887 in Ashwellthorpe, son of William S T Frost and Ann nee Barber.

1911, living with widowed mother in Norwich Road, Cycle Agent

Married Edith Maud Breeze at East Carleton on 3 December 1914

Signed on with the Royal Naval Air Service on 14 August 1916 and trained as an Air Mechanic with 238 Squadron. Served in Plymouth from April 1918 to January 1919, during which time the RNAS became part of the RAF on 1 April 1918. He was transferred to the RAF Reserve in January 1919 and discharged in April 1920.

After WW1, Charlie Frost built up a thriving garage business which later passed to his sons Claude and Desmond. [Many photos of him at the Garage]

1939 reg – Norwich Road, b. 13 July 1887, Motor Engineering (Air Raid Warden). Married to Edith M

His wife died in 1946 and 3 years later he married Kathleen Nora Bell in Mulbarton

Died 17 January 1967, age 79, in Norwich

S FRANCIS – Stanley

Private, 24th Royal Fusiliers; service no. GS-58008. Home address; King's Green

Married Minnie MERRY in 1912 in Henstead district; their son Edward Stanley Francis was baptised in 1914. Father's occupation: gamekeeper.

1918 gave home address as King's Green, Mulbarton – uncertain where that is but might be at or near The Wood (at far end of Wood Lane, Swardeston).

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal. Retired 1923(?)

J FULCHER – John Edward

1895 - 1937

Gunner, Royal Field Artillery; service nos. 3271 and 901558

Born 1895, son of Robert James & Anna Elizabeth Fulcher.

1911, at 7 The Wood with parents and 5 younger siblings (several of whom were baptised in Mulbarton in 1903). He worked as an Under-gardener.

Signed on 1 July 1915 as a Driver; from 9 May 1916 he was a Gunner. Served with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, 215th Brigade, RFA, and disembarked in Mesopotamia 16 December 1916. He was in

Baghdad in May 1917 and whilst there was 'Confined to Barracks' for 7 days for breaking certain rules. In June 1918 he was transferred to the Fighting Force in France, but in July 1918 he contracted malaria and was admitted to hospital in Taranto, Italy whilst *en route* back to Europe.

'Disembodied' 28 August 1919 – going to Deopham Green, near Wymondham.

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

W GOWARD – William ('Billy')

1892 – 1969

Stoker I; HMS Chatham; service no K29998

Son of George Goward, blacksmith, and his wife Maria. Baptised Weasenham St Peter's (on Swaffham – Fakenham road), 24 Jan 1892 but date of birth not recorded [19 Sept 1891 on 1939 Register; but Navy records state: 'born in Swaffham 19 Sep 1892 (should be 1891?), a blacksmith & fitter'].

1911 census – living in East Carleton with his parents and younger sister. Father a Blacksmith; William a 'Blacksmith Striker'.

Joined Navy 7 Dec 1915; trained first at HMS Pembroke (shore barracks, Chatham) to become Stoker II, then at HMS Wallington* from Feb 1916, back to the Pembroke II in May (Royal naval Air Station, Eastchurch); and finally on HMS Chatham** from July 1916, becoming Stoker I in November. Discharged March 1919

* HMS Wallington an Auxillary Patrol Base at Barton-on-Humber which sent small patrol vessels into the N Sea

** HMS Chatham a Town class light cruiser built for Royal Navy in 1910-11. Part of Mediterranean fleet 1913-16 including off E Africa and Gallipoli; in home waters 1916-18; leased to New Zealand 1920-24. Scrapped 1926.

1918 absent voter for Bracon Ash – no service details but gives address as The Blacksmith's Shop

[The Blacksmith's Shop opposite the East Carleton Road was in Mulbarton – just – but the blacksmith's home, Forge Cottage, is in Bracon Ash parish. This sometimes causes confusion!]

1939 – at Blacksmith's Shop, Bracon Ash, with his father, George G (retired), single, Master Blacksmith & Agricultural Engineer

[E A HUGGINS (d)]

S HUGGINS – Sidney John

1885 - 1926

Corporal, 1st Regiment, A.M., RAF, service no.198906. Home address: School Lane

Son of John Huggins & Maria nee Tyrrell, baptised Mulbarton Aug 1885. Brother of Herbert and Arthur Edward who are also on the Roll of Honour

1911 – living at 11 School Road with his parents and a younger brother and sister.

Joined the Army on 2 March 1916 and transferred to the Royal Flying Corps on 4 August 1917 as Air Mechanic level 3. In January 1918 appointed Air Mechanic level 2. The RFC became part of the RAF on 1 April 1918. On 4 April 1918 he was reclassified as a Clerk and in January 1919 as a Storeman. Transferred to the RAF Reserve 12 April 1919 and discharged 30 April 1920.

918 gave his address as Mulbarton, but....

He married on 31 August 1918 in Old Charlton 'with permission' and subsequently gave his address as in Charlton, London SE7.

Sidney J Huggins, b.1885, d. 1926, Greenwich District

H HUGGINS – Herbert **1880 -1947**

Private, 1st/4th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment, service no.4421

Son of John Huggins & Maria nee Tyrrell, baptised September 1880. Older brother of Arthur Edward and Sidney John who are also on the Roll of Honour.

Married Evangeline ('Eva') Sarah BUSH in 1906

1911 living in Tivetshall St Mary, farm labourer.

Joined the 1st/4th Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment. Went to Gallipoli 6 August 1915 and survived the attacks made by the Battalion that summer.

Re-enlisted into Norfolk Regiment 1919 as Acting Sergeant, service no.73943

Listed as Sergeant in Norfolk Regiment (on children's baptism entries, 12 May 1922) – all baptised late with 'Abode Barracks': Hilda Grace, 9 years abode barracks; Herbert Ronald 7 years; Lily Marion 5 years; Joyce Eva 5 weeks. [Because he was in active service after 1922 his service records are not publicly available.]

Awarded 1915 Star, British War medal and Victory medal.

Buried in Mulbarton 26 Nov 1947 when of 'Lloyds Road, Norwich' - buried with Evangeline Sarah who had been buried 12 Oct 1935 age 52 'of Norwich'

A E HUGGINS – Arthur Edward **1883 -**

Private, 1st/4th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment, service no. 5630 (crossed out) 3/5910

Son of John Huggins (1857-1941) & Maria nee Tyrrell (b.1853), baptised Mulbarton February 1883 (gives 1884 when signing on and states Saxlingham as birthplace). Brother of Herbert and Sidney John who are also on the Roll of Honour.

Married Rhoda Cox 14 May 1906, in Gissing; then a coachman. Had 4 children: Ena Violet (1906-1920); Doris Rhoda (b.10 Sep 1908); Bernard Arthur Richard John (b.2 Aug 1911) and Edward George (b.2 Apr 1915) at Hill House Cottages, Saxlingham Nethergate.

1911 living in Framlingham Pigot.

Had served in Norfolk Artillery Militia. Enlisted August 1914 in Norwich. Sent next day to Woolwich to join Regiment Lancers of the Line. Transferred to Royal Munster Fusiliers 16 June 1915. Posted with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force 4 Sep 1915. Received gunshot wound in left leg at Gallipoli 21 Aug

1915, posted to reserves then discharged as unfit for war service. Discharged 11 May 1917, Cork, Ireland, 'a sober, honest and well-behaved man.' His army records marked as 'deceased' before medals, etc had been sent out.*

Due the 1915 Star, British War medal and Victory medal.

*any information to verify this would be invaluable – because it may be that he is a war casualty from his wounds.

J HEWITT – James William
1878 – 1942

Private, Army Service Corps, 7th Division Company; service no.M2/138906. Home address: Rectory Lane

A groom; married Emma Elizabeth Buxton on 26 Dec 1901

1911, married to Emma, living at 1 Rectory Lane with 2 children

1918 gave his address as Rectory Lane

1939 living at Ivy Cottages Lodden with Emma E, a 'general labourer'. His d.o.b. is given as 13 July 1878

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

P HEMNELL – Percy Brough
1890 – 1940

Sapper, Royal Engineers; service no.166644

Son of Brough & Mary Hemnell, who lived in the thatched cottages belonging to the church, by church gate. Baptised in Mulbarton Sept 1890. Brother of Cecil Lee Hemnell on the Roll of Honour.

1911, living with his widowed grandmother, Julia Beaumont + his brother Cecil and a cousin at 1 Scott's Terrace

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

C L HEMNELL – Cecil Lee
1891 – 1971

Served with 4th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment, and then 3-A.M. (Mechanic); 21st TDS, RAF; service no.89250. Home address: Nr. Pit

Son of Brough & Mary Hemnell, baptised Mulbarton May 1891

1911, living with widowed grandmother, Julia Beaumont + his brother Percy (also on Roll of Honour) and a cousin at 1 Scott's Terrace, a bricklayer's labourer.

Married Ida E Dent 27 June 1915 – a bricklayer

Already serving with 4th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment when war started. Originally signed on at Wymondham in April 1909 for 4 years with the Territorial Force and sent to Aldershot for training. Then

signed on for 6 years on 26 November 1909. Qualified in Musketry and attended numerous trainings with 4th, 3rd and 2nd Battalions. No further record of service with Army.

On 23 July 1917 he enrolled with (probably) the Royal Flying Corps as a Batman, Air Mechanic Level 3, and is listed in the RAF Muster Rolls of 1918.

1939 reg. b.19 Feb 1891, bricklayer

Buried in Mulbarton 14 Oct 1971 age 80 'of Hellesdon'

**W KEDGE – William,
1876 – 1943**

No record of service yet found

Son of William Kedge & Charlotte nee Tyrrell, baptised Mulbarton Dec 1876; brother of Richard Kedge, also on Roll of Honour.

Married Mary Ann ANDREWS on 14 June 1899, lived in Bracon Ash – 2 children baptised Mulbarton 1900 & 1901 and another born 1903. Mary Ann died 1903, married Rachel Ann CARVER in 1905 – 2 sons. Rachel died 1915. Married Sarah Ann ALLARD in 1923.

1939 Reg – 2 Council Houses [Long Lane], b. 29 Sep 1876, farm labourer, m. to Sarah A (daughters included Florence Sparke & Brenda Swingler)

Buried in Mulbarton 14 Oct 1943 age 67, lived 2 Council Houses (= Long Lane)

**R KEDGE – Richard
1883 – 1964**

Served with 7 different Regiments/Battalions (see below)

Son of William Kedge & Charlotte nee TYRRELL; born 29 Oct 1883, baptised Mulbarton Jan 1884

1911 living with parents and older brother Albert at 3 Norwich Road, a farm labourer.

Married Eliza Jane COLEMAN (1884-1967) on 8th Nov 1911 in Pulham St Mary. Lived in Mulbarton ('near Pit') where children born. Their son Clifford Arthur Kedge (1919-1943) was captured by the Japanese in WW2 and died in Thailand – on Mulbarton war memorial.

Joined Army 10 December 1915 in Attleborough and served as a Private in numerous Battalions, each with a different service number: Served in "Queen's" Royal West Surrey Regiment Depot Company/Corps from 5 August 1916, then in 12th Battalion from 19 August. Soon afterwards he was transferred to 29th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment on 25th August 1916 and a couple of weeks later to the 13th Devonshire Regiment on 9th September. The following year he moved to the 3rd Labour Battalion on 28 April 1917, then to another Labour Company and finally to the 430th Agricultural Company; service no.137923.

1918 Home address: Nr. Pit

1939 Reg – near Church, b. 29 Oct 1883, Horse man on farm, married to Eliza

Buried Mulbarton 13 Feb 1964 age 80

W H LAKE – William Henry

1892 – 1963

Private, 2nd Battalion, Norfolk Regiment; service no.30255. Home address: Nr. Common

Son of Henry Lake, carpenter & builder, and Sarah nee Roper; b. 6th July 1892, bap. July 1892. Older brother of Herbert George Lake who is also on Roll of Honour.

1911 – with parents and younger brother Herbert at 8 Nr Common Road (i.e. where ‘Carpenters’ now is, west of Common), a carpenter like his father.

Signed on August 1915 and declared fit ‘for Home Service only’, probably on account of ‘v. bad vision’. Assigned to 4th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment, service no.4944, later moved to 3rd Battalion 25 November 1916 and then to 2nd Battalion on 8 February 1917. Sent to Mesopotamia 23 May 1917 (no record of location, but the 2nd Battalion had recently crossed the Tigris into Iraq). He returned home in April 1919.

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

1939 Reg – Common View, The Common, b. 2 July 1892, carpenter, decorator, ARP Head Warden

Buried Mulbarton 20 July 1963 age 71

H G LAKE – Herbert George

1895 – 1947

Private, 4th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment; service no.202968. Home address: Nr Common

Son of Henry Lake, carpenter, & Sarah nee Roper; bap Nov.1895, younger brother of William Henry Lake on Roll of Honour.

1911 with parents and older brother William, a Market Gardener.

1918 gave address as ‘Nr. Common’ [‘The Nook’ is behind ‘Carpenters’ off the B1113]

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

1939 Reg – ‘The Nook’, The Common, b.29 Sep 1895, Carpenter & Decorator, Special Constable

Buried in Mulbarton 29 Nov 1947 age 52, address still ‘The Nook’ and note that he was Rector’s Warden

W LAKE – William

1879 – 1948

Private, Middlesex Regiment; service no.6590; then in the Labour Corps, 847th Area Emp Company; service no.473993. Home address: The Rosery

Son of Joshua Lake & Hannah nee Barrett; baptised Mulbarton Oct 1879.

1911 at home with parents and a sister, at 1 The Rosery

1918 gave address as ‘Rosary’

1939 Reg. – Lived in The Rosery b. 12 Aug 1879, farm labourer, married to Blanche

Buried in Mulbarton 10 Aug 1948 age 68

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

H LARTER – Henry (Harry) Harber

1876 – [1942]

No service information so far...

Son of Henry Larter (1839-1920) & Mary nee Harber (1846-1915), baptised Mulbarton November 1876; brother of George Larter (butcher, 1877-1956) and Alfred (1869-1936, d.Sakatchewan, Canada) and 4 other siblings.

1901 with parents and brother George living in Flordon Lane (now Long Lane), Harry a Farm Labourer

Married Louisa Norman in Yarmouth area in 1909

1911 married to Louisa and living at 88 Trafalgar Road, Gorleston, General Labourer; no children.

Henry Larter, Rosery Lane on 1918 & 19 Register, but no service information and this entry could be for his father.

[POSSIBLE: Henry Larter b.1876 d. 1942, Ware, Herts]

[J LARTER (d)]

C LARTER – Charles

1881 - 1956

Gunner, Royal Field Artillery, 77th Brigade; service no.237520. Home address; Nr. Pit

Son of John & Ann Larter; baptised Mulbarton July 1881

1911, at home with widowed mother, Ann Larter at '11 Nr. Pit' [more usually 'The Pond' today]

1918 gave address as 'Nr. Pit'

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

1939 reg – Holly Cottage nr Pond; b. 30 May 1881, horticultural gardener, married to Jessie

Buried in Mulbarton 3 Oct 1956 age 75

[A E LINCOLN (d)]

R LOFTY - Russell

1895 - 1961

Private in 4th Battalion, Royal Norfolk Regiment, service no. 5978

Son of William Lofty, Butcher (b. Hethersett) & Emma nee Smith; older brother of Horace. Baptised in Hethersett 6 Nov 1892

1901 – living in Mulbarton with parents, brother Horace (also on Roll of Honour) and 3 sisters.

1911 Living with uncle & aunt, Richard & Mary Ann Hill, in Little Melton – a gardener. (Gave Richard Hill as his next-of-kin on army records)

Signed up in Attleborough on 1st March 1916, a market gardener from Little Melton. Private in 4th battalion, Royal Norfolk Regiment, service no. 5978. Posted 11 April 1916; 27 May 1916 diagnosed with tubercular deposit in left knee joint; discharged 14 August 1916 because “not likely to become an efficient soldier”.

Married Florence Smith in 1918

Died in the N&N Hospital 7 November 1961, home address ‘Sunnyside’, Little Melton

H W LOFTY – Horace William

1897 - 1969

Private, 7th Battalion, Queens Royal West Surrey Regiment; service no. G/39276. Home address: School Road

Born in Hethersett 14 March 1898 (1939 Register gives 1897) and baptised there 1 May 1898. Son of William Lofty & Emma Rebecca nee Smith: William a Butcher and Horace followed the same trade. The family had moved to Mulbarton by 1901.

1911 living at home with parents and 3 sisters and a 1-year-old brother at 3 School Road (cottages facing the Common near Hall Corner which belonged to the butcher).

Limited service records survive but indicate he signed up 6 June 1916 and joined the Queen’s Royal West Surrey Regiment 28 December 1916. Had already done war work as a shell maker (milling machinist) with Lawrence Scott (LSE) Norwich. Embarked with the British Expeditionary Force April 1917; wounded 17 May 1917 but returned to active service. Received bullet wound through right elbow 2 April 1918 and treated at Portsmouth and St Mary’s VAD, Petersfield. No incapacity so did not receive extra payment. Discharged 11 March 1919.

1918 gave address as School Road

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

Married Norah Alice Oakley in 1927 who died in 1943; then married Phyllis Hilda Burrell in Norwich in 1946

1939 Reg – School Road, b. 14 Mar 1897, butcher, married to Norah

Buried Mulbarton 30 Oct 1969 age 71

R MITCHELL – Richard Frederick

1886 - 1958

Gunner, Royal Field Artillery, A/69th Brigade; Divisional Ammunition Column; service no.124781. Home address: Nr. Pit

Son of Frederick John Mitchell (1857-1892) & Elizabeth nee Land who married in 1885; father a farm bailiff. Born 13 Oct 1886; bap. April 1892. Older brother of Frederick John Mitchell; brother-in-law to Frank Lawford Carver who married his sister Eleanor Elizabeth (b. 1888) – these men also on Roll of Honour.

Address 'Nr Pit' 1918 & 19 – still absent 1919 (in Afghan war)

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal + Afghanistan N W Frontier 1919 medal & clasp awarded 25 July 1922

1911 living 13 Nr. Pit (now known as the pond) with brother Frederick and widowed mother. Both sons are farm labourers.

Served in Royal Field Artillery, 69th Brigade as a Gunner. Service No. 124781. Seems to have served in Europe to 1918 and was probably looking forward to coming home when he completed the 1918 Absent Voter form, but the unit was posted to India as the 3rd Afghan War broke out in 1919.

Demobbed 31 March 1920.

Returned to work as an agricultural labourer; probably remained single.

Awarded MEDALS inscribed 124781 GNR R MITCHELL R. A.: 1914-1918 War Medal; Victory Medal and Afghanistan* N W Frontier Medal 1919 (= General India Service Medal (1908-1935) with a clasp attached).

1939 – resident in 'The Institution', Swainsthorpe (the former Workhouse, by 1939 used as a local hospital and nursing home, mainly for elderly men)

Buried in Mulbarton 14 May 1958 age 71

*3rd Afghan War – The British were worried that Russia might try to invade India via Afghanistan so tried to ensure the Afghan government sided with them, and tried to control its foreign policy. This led to 2 wars (1839-1842 and 1878-1880) each followed by a treaty. Afghanistan remained neutral in WW1, despite attempts by the Ottoman Empire to persuade it to join them. Thus Britain felt it safe to move a large part of its army from India to fight the Turks and Germans. After the Armistice in 1918, the Afghan Emir wanted to be free of British interference and demanded a seat at the Versailles Peace Conference – but he was assassinated in February 1919, a power struggle followed, and his 3rd son gained power on the promise of a free Afghanistan. Despite having a small and poorly trained army, he decided to invade India. Indian and British troops had to be recalled from Europe and the Middle East and reinforced by other units – especially the Royal Artillery and the RAF – and fight again in the summer heat on the North-West Frontier. There were a series of battles and skirmishes in May and June ending with the Treaty of Rawalpindi signed on 8 August 1919. It was a tactical victory for Britain but a diplomatic victory for Afghanistan. The British lost 1,751 men, killed in action or died of wounds or disease (especially cholera). The Afghans lost about 1000 men. The British re-established the border; stopped subsidising the Afghan government; agreed to take no part in Afghan affairs; and stopped arms sales across the border – BUT the frontier tribesmen ended up better armed than ever as they took everything worthwhile from whichever side was retreating! The RAF proved their worth during the campaign, which helped boost morale and prevent it being disbanded when war ended.

F J MITCHELL – Frederick John 1892 – 1970

Gunner, Royal Field Artillery; service no.876119; then Private, 660th Agricultural Company; service no.551401. Home address: Nr. Pit

Born Mulbarton 28 March 1892; bap. 8 April 1892. Youngest child of Frederick John Mitchell (1857-1892) & Elizabeth nee Land, younger brother of Richard Mitchell; brother-in-law to Frank Lawford Carver, both on Roll of Honour. His father died in the same quarter of the year as Frederick John jnr was born, so he probably had a tough upbringing....

1911 – living 13 Nr Pit (now known as 'the pond') with brother Richard and widowed mother Elizabeth Mitchell. Both sons farm labourers.

Signed on for the 1st East Anglian Brigade, Royal Field Artillery 6 November 1915; qualified as a 'Cold Shoer' 13 June 1916 transferred to 533rd Howitzer Battery 1 September 1916; sent to France 5 October, joined D Battery 16 January 1917. Wounded in knee 20 September 1917, treated in field hospitals then sent home on 'Princess Elizabeth' hospital ship, arrived 1 Oct 1917 and sent to hospital in Bristol with cracked knee-cap. Transferred to Labour Corps 10 April 1918; demobilised from Norwich 9 February 1919.

1918 & 1919 – address Nr. Pit

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

In 1920 married Rose E Cushion (b.10 Aug 1887) at Horsham St. Faith's

1939 Register: Frederick J and Rose E living at Caius Heath, Horstead, Stockman on Farm [Caius Heath Lane in south of parish bends round to Haggett Hall and 'Recruiting Sergeant' = pub in Horstead]

Died 1970, Norwich outer [probably Horstead area]

F K MANNING

Not located on local census date (1901; 1911) nor voters' lists (1918, 1919). No military information

[C F MUSKETT (d)]

A NICHOLS – Arthur NICHOLLS

1879 – 1947

Driver, Army Service Corps, 105th Field Ambulance division; service no.T4/092745; Home address: Common Road

Son of Henry Nicholls/Nichols & Lucy nee Bennett; baptised Mulbarton Aug 1879; older brother of Herbert Nicholls on Roll of Honour.

1911 – living at home with Herbert and widowed mother 'Nr. Common Road', Arthur was a farm labourer.

1918 & 19 - Address Common Road; still absent 1919

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

1939 Reg – Garden House nr Pond, b. 26 June 1879, market gardener, own account

Buried Mulbarton 11 Feb 1947 age 67

H NICHOLS – Herbert

1884 – 1956

Private, 1st Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment; service no.24928. Home address; Common Road

Son of Henry Nichols & Lucy nee Bennett; bap. April 1884; younger brother of Arthur Nichols on Roll of Honour.

1911 – living at home with brother Arthur and widowed mother 'Nr. Common Road'; a gardener.

1918 - Address Common Road. Still absent 1919

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

1939 reg – 1 Council Houses [Long Lane], b. 9 Jan 1884, gardener, married to Anne, teacher at the local school who is remembered by many former pupils. The other teacher, Miss Lerner, lodged with them.

Buried Mulbarton 4 July 1956 age 72, No. 1 Council Houses (= Long Lane)

J W PARKER – William James

Private, Norfolk Regiment; service no.2011; then 2/7th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers; service no.293226. Home address: Rectory Lane (1918 & 19)

Currently nothing is known about his family,

1918 gave address as Rectory Lane; back in village by 1919.

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

[R PRIEST (d)]

G RIX- George 1876 – 1957

No information about war service

George RIX (age 19), well sinker, married Maria Elizabeth Rushbrook (age 17) servant on 29 Jan 1896, son of John Rix, well sinker. Born c.1876. Older brother of Harry D Rix; father of Albermarle Victor Rix (b.1897) and of Jessie Doris Rix who married Henry Peter Carver, all of whom are also on the Roll of Honour.

1911 living 'Nr Common' with wife Maria, a 15-year-old daughter and two much younger children. George (born Poringland) is a Market gardener's labourer.

1918 - Common Road; George absent on military service 1918 & 19 but no details of service given

1939 reg – The Common (W side), b.24 Feb 1876, builders labourer, m. to Maria E

Buried Mulbarton 6 Feb 1957 age 80

A V RIX – Albermarle Victor 1897 – 1985

Son of George Rix & Maria Elizabeth nee Rushbrook (George a bricklayer); baptised Mulbarton Aug 1897

1911 living with his uncle and aunt, Leonard & Lucy Rix at 7 Norwich Road; he was a newspaper boy.

1918 gave address as Common Road & 1919

After the war, he married Elsie Maud Cooper on 9 March 1922 – he was a gardener

1939 reg – 52 St Omer Close, b. 2 Sep 1897, jobbing carpenter

Died 1985 - death reg d.o.b. 22 July 1897

H D RIX – Harry Donald

1886 – 1929

Norfolk Regiment, 3rd Battalion then 8th Battalion, service no. 20867

Born 13 July 1886 in Poringland, son of John Rix, well sinker; younger brother of George Rix on Roll of Honour.

1901 living near Post Office on Norwich Road, only child at home with his father, John

Harry D Rix, postman, age 22, married Isadora Sutton, 22, of Norwich, on 23 Dec 1907. Son of John Rix, well sinker.

1911 at 13 Norwich Road with Isadora, a young son and his father, John. 'Rural Auxiliary Postman'.

Signed on 13 May 1916, Attleborough (gave address as Bracon Ash). 3rd Battalion, Norfolk Regiment; kept in Reserves because of his occupation. Transferred to 8th Battalion, service no 20867. In France from October 1916; at the Somme in January 1917; sent to hospital 20 January where diagnosed with Nephritis 'aggravated by active service'. Returned to England 1 February. Discharged 16 August 1917 as 'no longer physically fit'

Awarded King's Certificate

W R REEVE – William Robert

c.1881 -

Horse Keeper in Army Veterinary Corps); service no.4046. Home address: Common Road

Born c.1881 in Hockering; baptised 6 March 1881 in Hockering. Son of Charles Reeve, woodman, & Sarah Elizabeth. Living in Bracon Ash 1891. In 1901 he was boarding in Lowestoft, 'Trawl Fisherman'

William was 28 when he married Lilian May Smith (age 23) on 12 April 1909 in Bracon Ash; occupation fishmonger. Their children were baptised in Mulbarton 1910-14 (daughter, twin boys and a son)

1911 living at 9 Nr. Common Road with wife Lilian and young daughter, fish merchant

Signed on 18 January 1915, having already served 6 years in 4th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. Next day enlisted at Woolwich as a Horse Keeper with Army Veterinary Corps (service no 4046); served as part of the British Expeditionary Force from Jan 1915 to Jan 1919. Spent almost 4 years in France and 1 month in Belgium. Embarked from Southampton to Le Havre 26 Jan 1915. In hospital for a couple of weeks Jan-Feb 1915 in Dieppe with Bronchitis; again in March-April 1915 with Bronchitis and from August 1918 with 'flu until he was invalided to England January 1919 and sent to Aberdeen hospital. He had to forfeit some pay for late return to camp in Dec 1915.

1918-19 address Common Road, Mulbarton

Awarded 1915 Star; British War medal and Victory medal

RANDELL family

The RANDLE, RANDALL, RANDELL boys in order of birth – all sons of William Ethridge Randell (1853-1931) and Mary Ann nee Beckwith – they married in Mulbarton 14 September 1876. After the boys came 3 girls. Various spellings of surname, even on different entries by same family!

John William T RANDLE – born 1878 in Mulbarton; married Bertha Venus in Hull 1901

Reginald Louis RANDLE – born 1880 in Mulbarton; d.1965 Norwich

Gilbert George RANDLE – born 1883 in Mulbarton; d.1968

Bernard Beckwith RANDLE – born 1884 in Mulbarton; d. 1965, Norwich Outer

Cecil Jesse RANDLE – born 1887 in Mulbarton – d. WW1 1917 Ypres

Bertie Stafford RANDLE – born 1889 in Mulbarton; m. Pollie Storey 1913 Scunthorpe; d.1966 Lincs

Christie Herbert RANDLE – born 1892 in Mulbarton; d.1964

G G RANDELL – George Gilbert

1885 - 1968

Private, 3rd Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment; service no.30003; then to Labour Corps; service no.597398.
Home address: Norwich Road

Son of William Randell (carpenter of Bracon Ash) & Mary Ann nee Beckwith; baptised March 1893 in Mulbarton.

Married Dorcas S Postle on 25 Nov 1909, occupation: bricklayer.

1911 – at 16 Norwich Road with wife Dorcas and baby son; bricklayer

1918 gave address as ‘Norwich Road’; still absent 1919.

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

1939 Reg in Norwich Road (nr Paddock Farm) b.12 Jan 1885, bricklayer [1883 from descendant, David Randle]

B B RANDELL – Bernard Beckwith

1884 – 1965

Private, 594th Emp Co; service no.158247. Home address: Lower Common Road

Son of William Randell (carpenter of Bracon Ash) & Mary Ann nee Beckwith; baptised Mulbarton Feb 1885

Towards the end of 1909 married Mabel Ann LAKE

1911 – 2 Nr. Tradesman’s Arms with wife Mabel and baby son; occupation – Groom

No record of service or medal awards found.

1918 gave address as ‘Lower Common Road’; still absent 1919

1939 Reg – Lower Common (nr Tradesman’s) b. 12 Dec 1884, builder’s labourer

C H RANDELL - Christie Herbert

1892 – 1964

Private, Royal Army Service Corps; service no.S4/145266

Son of William Randell (carpenter of Bracon Ash) & Mary Ann nee Beckwith; b.1892 Mulbarton; bap. Herbert Christie May 1892.

1911 boarding with the Blake family in Hethersett, a Baker – bread & confectionary.

Married Olive Annie Lofty 7 Aug 1916 whilst home on leave – and signed himself Christie Herbert. He was a baker; she was the daughter of the local butcher.

Enlisted in Norwich on 25th October 1915 and joined the Royal Army Service Corps in Aldershot on 2nd November 1915 where he was tested and proved to be a '3 Hand Baker'! Sent to Salonica (N Greece) 24 December 1916 with the 22nd Field Brigade. At some point during his service he contracted Malaria *en route* home between 8th and 20th July 1919. Discharged 18 August 1919

Awarded British War medal & Victory medal

1939 Reg – Master Baker (as was son Norman) living at 'Beulah', Mill Road, Hethersett with Olive, son Norman (a Baker's roundsman), and 2 others, and William Lofty, his father-in-law, a retired Butcher and his wife, either sharing the house or next-door.

Died in Hethersett 21 November 1964, home address 54 Norwich Road, Wymondham

[C J RANDELL (d)]

B S RANDELL – Bertie Stafford 1889 - 1966

No record of service yet found [NOT the Bertie Randall, son of William & Anne, born Newark 1889 whose records are on-line, giving 'unmarried' and next-of-kin William, Father, in Newark]

Son of William Randell (carpenter of Bracon Ash) & Mary Ann nee Beckwith. Born 1889, Mulbarton

1911 – no record yet found

Married Pollie Storey 1 Jan 1913 in Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire. Probably living in Lincolnshire when war broke out in 1914.

Died in hospital 17 April 1966, living at Broughton, Lincolnshire

R L RANDELL – Reginald Louis 1880 - 1965

Private, 661st Agricultural Company; service no.434400

Son of William Randell (carpenter of Bracon Ash) & Mary Ann nee Beckwith; b.28 August 1880; bap. Oct 1880 in Mulbarton

Married Agnes Elizabeth Groom in Aylsham in 1905

1911 living in The Rosery, Mulbarton with Agnes and a nurse/midwife living/lodging with them. A gardener.

1916 living in Framlingham Pigot, a groom & gardener.

Appointed to 3rd Battalion, Norfolk Regiment on 8 July 1916. Transferred to 16th Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment 16 August 1916. Encountered some medical problems – supplied with a truss in 1917 (date torn). 31 January 1918 transferred to the Labour Corps. Discharged 17 April 1919

1918 gave address as The Rosery

Awarded Victory medal and British War medal.

1939 living at 2 Bixley Place, Bixley with Agnes and a lodger. His occupation hard to read, but an Estate worker.

Died 9 March 1965 in Gressenhall (no widow named)

G REYNOLDS – George Edward

Driver, Labour Corps, service no 483208

[1911 George Reynolds, grocery assistant, age 22, visiting Elizabeth Cooper in Bracon Ash Waxy's widow]

George Edward REYNOLDS, gardener, married to Dora Marshall Reynolds had their daughter Dorothy Ellen Walton REYNOLDS baptised in Mulbarton Aug 1914; born 16 May (?) [Marriage of Dora M Patterson & George Reynolds 1920, Norwich]

No record of war service or medals

Living School Road 1918 & 19 (voter list) – George an absent voter in military both years

J G ROBINSON – Joseph George Huntley

1879 – 1927

Sapper, Royal Engineers, 31st Light Railway Company; service no.246144.

He served for 4½ years, enlisting on 28 September 1914 and discharged on 4 April 1919.

Married Margaret; child baptised July 1916 when father entered as 'soldier'

1918 gave home address: Norwich Road

Awarded 1915 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal

Buried Mulbarton 26 Nov 1927 age 48

I W SMITH – Isaac William

1900 – 1921

Gunner in Royal Field Artillery (service no.115666), then Royal Garrison Artillery (service no.225577)

Baptised Jan 1900, Mulbarton, son of Alice Sarah (or Sarah Alice) Smith (14 in 1901; bap Sep.1886); grandson of Isaac & Sarah Smith; Isaac snr a horseman on farm; family lived nr. Pit (1901; 1911)

1901 dau Sarah A at home + grandson Isaac W age 1.

1911 Isaac William SMITH, grandson of Isaac (55, b. Swardeston) & Sarah Smith (54) (horseman on farm) – age 11 at no.2 Nr Pit. + Arthur Cattermoul (visitor)

1919 Electoral Register lists Richard Ernest landlord (1916-22) at World's End, and Isaac Smith – was this the same Isaac now living/working at the pub?

Buried Mulbarton 9 Jan 1921 aged 21

Awarded British War medal and Victory medal

W STACKYARD – Walter
1890 - 1968

Private, 4th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment; service no.202948. Home Address; The Rosery

Eldest of 10 children Walter Stackyard & Alice Jane nee Nicholls who married in 1889. Young Walter born in Mulbarton at the end of 1890, baptised Jan 1891. Born and brought up in Holly Cottage, The Rosery, where Walter snr. became a market gardener and Walter junr. a cowman at Lodge Farm. Brother of William Stackyard who died at Gallipoli in 1915.

Served as a Private in the East Yorkshire Regiment, but no records of his service. Returned to Mulbarton and worked at Lodge Farm.

Awarded Victory medal & British War medal

Married Edith H Thrower in 1920 and they lived in a farm cottage in Rectory Lane.

1939 reg – in Rectory Road (sic), b. 31 Oct 1890, cowman (at Lodge Farm), married to Edith

Died 1968

[Wm STACKYARD (d)]

[W F STUBBINGS (d 1915) b 1897]

G STUBBINGS - George Ross
1895 - 1966

Private, 9th Battalion Norfolk Regiment; Essex Regiment; service no.45112. Home address: Scott's Terrace

Son of George William Stubbings (born Bracon Ash 1872) and Rebecca Elnora nee Ross (born Dublin 1872). George Ross born in Norwich 10 August 1895, older brother of William Frederick who was killed in action in France 1915, and Albert Edward (also on Roll of Honour)

1911 at 2 Scotts Terrace with parents and 6 siblings.

Joined up 5 September 1914 and appointed to 9th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. Did not go to France until 30 August 1915. Transferred to Essex Regiment 10 October 1917; granted two furloughs. In hospital in Shrewsbury with gas poisoning May – June 1918, then ill with 'flu towards end of 1918, in Queen Mary Military hospital, Whalley. Went AWOL from hospital 17th-18th Jan 1919. Discharged from Army 14 March 1919.

1918-19 gave address as parental home, Scott's Terrace, but uncertain if he returned to Norfolk.

Awarded 1914-15 Star, British War medal and Victory medal.

Married Alice Mary Jones (1897-1981) at St Peter's, Burnley, Lancs, on 9 August 1919 when he gave his address as Scotts Terrace, Mulbarton and occupation, Painter (as his father).

Died 1966, St Helens, Lancs

A E STUBBINGS – Albert Edward

1899 - 1979

No record of war service yet found.

Son of George William Stubbings and Rebecca Elnora nee Ross, born in Norwich 12 Feb 1899, younger brother of William Frederick, killed in action in France 1915, and George Ross (also on Roll of Honour)

1911 at 2 Scott's Terrace with parents and 6 siblings

No service records and several possible medal cards

Married Emily Louisa Cater (1895-1929) in Mulbarton 24 September 1921. She was buried in Mulbarton in 1929. Then married Ellen R Carter (previously Todd) in 1947.

1939 Register, entered as married to Ellen R and living at 14 Bury Street, Norwich with a son from his first marriage and 2 other young children. Albert a Painter.

Died 1979 (Norwich outer)

A C TEESDALE – Arthur Charles

1891 – 1966

Flight-Commander, HMS Riviera, RAF. Home address: The Lodge (Rectory Lane)

Born in Eltham on 30 Jan 1891, son of Charles Teesdale (1858-1918) and Fanny Marion nee Trower (1856-1946). Had two brothers, Christopher Hugh (1886-1976) and Philip Herbert (1894-1976 who is also listed on the Mulbarton Roll of Honour) and a sister, Evelyn (1888-1960). Charles Teesdale rented The Lodge, Mulbarton where he died on 14 March 1918. His sons who were serving in the forces regarded it as their home base, though neither were there in 1911.

Arthur Charles married Nora Helena, possibly abroad.

Listed as a Flight Sub-Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Air Service in 1914; promoted to Flight Lieutenant 1st Jan 1916. Obtained his flying certificate on a Short biplane at the Royal Naval Flying School, Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey on 12th April 1915. Served in the Aegean Group. Discharged 1919 – still registered as an absent voter 1919

Died 13 Feb 1966 in Shooters Hill Hospital, Probate to his widow Norah Helena.

P H TEESDALE – Philip Herbert, D.S.O.,M.C.

1894 – 1976

Royal Garrison Artillery – continued to serve after 1922 so records not publicly available

Born in Eltham on 13 Jan 1894, son of Charles Teesdale (1858-1918) and Fanny Marion nee Trower (1856-1946). Had two brothers, Christopher Hugh (1886-1976) and Arthur Charles (1891-1966 who is also listed on the Mulbarton Roll of Honour) and a sister, Evelyn (1888-1960). Charles Teesdale rented The Lodge, Mulbarton where he died on 14 March 1918. His sons who were serving in the forces regarded it as their home base, though neither were there in 1911.

Lieutenant, rising to Acting Major with the Royal Garrison Artillery, first in the 32nd Siege Battery (2nd Lieutenant); then 31st Siege Battery (Acting Captain); then 2nd Brigade (Captain) and finally finished his wartime service as Acting Major, back with the 31st Siege Battery. Served in France from 1st October 1915 and awarded Emblems (Mentioned in Dispatches).

Awarded Military Cross in January 1918. Citation: 'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his battery and observing fire from an exposed position in a front trench, his observation post having been blown in. During the two days communications were repeatedly cut, and was exposed to incessant shell fire and machine-gun fire from hostile air-craft flying low.' (*London Gazette Supplement 25 April 1918*)

Awarded British War medal; Victory medal and 1915 star.

1918 gave his home address as The Lodge (Rectory Lane) and still an absent voter of Mulbarton in 1919. In 1920 it was c/o Messrs Cox & Co – by then his widowed mother had probably left Mulbarton and he may have been serving elsewhere.

Remained in the Army after WW1 And became Lieutenant-Colonel (1939) and a Colonel (1941). Awarded the DSO for service in Libya in 1942. After retiring from the army he was placed on the Territorial list by 1952.

Died 13 May 1976 at 'Cornerstones', Babcary, Somerton, Somerset

A TOOKE – Arthur **1895 - 1938**

Private, first in Norfolk Regiment (service no.1680) and then in Machine Gun Corps, 163rd Corps; service no.50497. Home address: Rectory Lane

Son of Samuel & Betsy Tooke, born 15 September 1895 and baptised 17 November in Forncett St Peter

1911 living at 5 Rectory Lane with his parents and 7 siblings. Two brothers are listed as serving, Henry/Harry returned but Bertie was killed in action. Home address: Rectory Lane

Served in the Balkans from 9 August 1915, so may well have been in the 1st/4th Battalion with several other Mulbarton men as he survived Gallipoli. The Battalion was decimated and men were redeployed to other regiments, so Arthur moved to the Machine Gun Corps.

Awarded British War medal; Victory medal and 1915 star.

Married Philomena Anderson in Birmingham 19 Feb 1921, Arthur a Plasterer.

Died 1938 in Birmingham

[B TOOKE (d)]

H TOOKE – Henry or Harry **1898 - 1983**

Private, 5th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment; service no.238229. Home address: Rectory Lane
Son of Samuel & Betsy Tooke, bap. Aug 1900

Son of Samuel & Betsy Tooke, born 8 January 1898 in Forncett St Peter, baptised August 1900 in
Mulbarton, younger brother of Bertie Tooke (died in Italy July 1918) and Arthur Tooke who are also on the
Roll of honour.

1911 living in Rectory Lane with parents and 7 siblings.

Joined 4th Battalion Norfolk Regiment 5th February 1914, left England end of August 1916 from Folkestone
to Boulogne. Transferred to 4th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment, then to 10th. Appointed Acting Corporal April
1917, service no. 33180. Wounded in action 9 May 1917; injury in right foot. Returned to Richmond, Yorks
and posted to 3rd Reserve Battalion. Returned to France December 1917; transferred to West Yorkshire
Regiment April 1918. Gassed near Liege, returned to England. Overstayed his hospital pass in August!
Demobilised February 1919.

1918 absent, gave address as Rectory Lane

Henry Tooke b.8 Jan 1898; died 1983, Norwich Outer]

P THOMAS

No records – appears on British Legion photo 1932.

J WASEY – John 1871 – 1953

Private, 10th Veterinary Hospital, AVC; service. No.6162 [6163]. Home address: Norwich

Son of John & Lidia Wasey, he worked as a gardener. Married Mary Partridge in Booton, Norfolk, 19 Feb
1896

1911 living in Norwich Road, Mulbarton with 2 sons. Daughter Louisa bap. 1911. John was a 'jobbing
gardener'.

Joined the Army Veterinary Corps 14 April 1915. Embarked from Southampton to Le Havre 25/26 October
1915. Served in France/Belgium until 29 March 1919 with short leaves in November 1916 and January
1918. Suffered pneumonia May/June 1915

1918-19 gave address as Norwich (perhaps should be Norwich Road)

Awarded British War medal; Victory medal and 1915 star.

1939 reg – Norwich Road, b.26 Dec 1871

Buried Mulbarton 12 Feb 1953 age 81

B WISEMAN

No information – not located in local census data (1901; 1911) nor voters' lists (1918, 1919). No service
information.

[Charles B Wiseman, 1888-1946 died in Mulbarton; several Bertie Wisemans in Norwich]

W WHARTON – William Henry [Warton]

1892 - 1987

Private, 9th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment; service no.14864. Home address: The Wood

Son of George Henry Wharton (b.1860) & Harriett nee Andrews (1872-1917) of The Wood, Mulbarton (= far end of Wood Lane, Swardeston)

1911 at home at The Wood, Mulbarton, with parents and 5 siblings, including George Bertie Wharton who was killed in action 1 July 1916. William a farm labourer.

Enlisted in Norwich 7 Sept 1914, 'Agricultural Farm Servant'. Posted to 9th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment; sent to France 30 Aug 1915; July 1916 grounded for disobeying orders; August 1916 wounded but remained on duty; October 1916 received gas wounds to face and sent to Etaples hospital, and again in Nov 1916. Sent back to England on 20th July 1917: sent to hospital in Newcastle-under-Lyme. Married in Sussex in August 1917. Received 3 more gas shell wounds in 1918, treated in Rouen War Hospital. Returned to England 19 October 1918, posted to Catterick. Demobilised 26 Jan 1919.

1918 gave address as the Wood. Registered in Scott's Terrace in 1919

Awarded British War medal; Victory medal and 1915 star (later cancelled, presumably in an attempt to get surname correctly spelt as note on medal card).

Married Florence Measure at St Andrews Portslade, Sussex, 18 August 1917. Returned to Mulbarton, then lived in Hapton, but twins born 1919 were baptised at Mulbarton in 1920. November 1920 notified the Army of their move to Penge.

Florence died in 1923 and William married her sister Sophia Measure in Croydon area in 1925.

1939 Register – living at 109 Oakfield Road, Penge, Kent with wife Sophie (b.1887) and 2 children; lengthman on Southern Railway

Died 1987 – death registered in Bromley, Kent.

[G B WHARTON (d)]

R J WHARTON – Robert James

1897 – 1961

Private, Norfolk Regiment, serving in 1st, 8th & 9th Battalions, service no. 9337

Son of James Wharton & Elizabeth nee Andrews, a labourer. Born 29 March 1897, baptised in Swardeston 6 June by Rev F Cavell. In 1901 he is with his parents, half-brother Charles Andrews and sister Violet in Wood Lane.

1911 he was living with his grandparents, Isaac & Elizabeth Thurston, also at The Wood, age 14, a farm labourer (born c.1897)

(NOTE: There is another Robert Wharton at the same address, age 39, single and listed as 'son' of Isaac & Elizabeth Thurston, born c. 1872)

Enlisted in 1914; sent to France 21 April 1915; demobilised 5 June 1919. At various times moved between 1st, 8th and 9th Battalions of the Norfolk Regiment.

Awarded 1915 star, British War medal and Victory medal.

Married Ada M Fulcher in 1919

1939 register: b. 23 Mar 1897, at 4 The Wood, smallholder, married to Ada

Died in Wimbledon but home address The Wood, Mulbarton, 8 March 1961. Buried in Mulbarton 14 March 1961 age 63

[P WOOLVERTON (d)]

OTHER MULBARTON MEN not on Roll of Honour

Thomas Sparrow BEAUMONT

1896 – 1967

5/6PP Service records; bap.

Son of Alice Beaumont (b. August 1866), daughter of William (1849-1902) & Julia (c.1825-1922) Beaumont of Scott's Terrace, Mulbarton. [William – 77 in 1901 – unkindly described as 'Imbecile, feeble-minded' possibly died 1902] In 1891, Alice was a 'domestic servant, Cook'. Her son Thomas Sparrow Beaumont was born November 1895 and baptised in Mulbarton 19 April 1896. [Was his unusual 2nd name a clue to his parenthood? There was a Sparrow family in a neighbouring village....]

In 1899 his mother married Herbert William Harris at St John's, Old Lakenham (both gave address as 30 Lindley Street)

1901 – Thomas with mother & stepfather at 44 Ninham St, Lakenham – entered as 'Tommy' Harris

1911 – Thomas with mother & stepfather at 39 Sunny Hills, Lakenham – 'Thomas Harris' with 8 step-brothers & sisters.

His grandmother still lived in Mulbarton until 1922.

When he enrolled in Norwich as a Gunner with the Royal Field Artillery on 15 June 1915 he gave his name as Thomas Sparrow Beaumont, address Mulbarton. Service no. 2274 &/or 875896.

Went to Le Havre, France, October 1915; embarked from Marseilles for Alexandria February 1916. In April 1916 he was punished for being asleep on duty. With 272nd Brigade, which became the 264th in July 1917.

Then as a Driver in 273th Brigade from July 1918. Left Alexandria March 1919; discharged 31 March 1920

1923 married Ethel M Catchpole (registered Norwich)

Death registered in Norwich 1967

1939 Register – Thomas Beaumont, b. 26 Nov 1895, Groundsman, married to Ethel M; with them is Maria Catchpole, age 73, widow, at 29 Beaumont Place, Norwich

* widow of William Catchpole who had been a Groundsman in 1911 when they lived at 28 Beaumont Place, Norwich

Charles William BUTLER

Served with the Red Cross on transport duties with Norwich Transport Company who received the injured and ferried them to local hospitals. Served from 1 July 1915 and still serving when records closed (1919 or 1920). Norfolk VAD 29.

Address given as Mulbarton, but not on 1918 or 1919 electoral register.

1911 census - ?? the Charles Butler (age 32), married to Florence (age 31), a 'Carman' at the 'Tin and Japan Works', living at Finkegate, Ber Street, Norwich? (Chn: Jessie (6); Walter (2); William (6 mths) ??

1911 – 2 other Charles Butlers, both is Hellesden Hospital

Men who gave Mulbarton as an address in 1918 but appear to have no connection:

William CRACKNELL

Medal card; 1918 voter

Private in Norfolk Regiment (service no.2320); later in Royal Army Medical Corps (service no.533221) and later in the Rifle Brigade (service no.211877)

Sent to the Balkans and arrived Gallipoli 12 Aug 1915 – so may have served with 1st/4th Battalion along with men from Mulbarton. After the Battalion was decimated at Gallipoli, survivors were dispersed to other regiments.

Awarded British War medal; Victory medal and 1915 star

Probably a brother of Arthur Cracknell who ran the shop opposite the World's End, Mulbarton – gave his address for voting purposes?

Still listed 1919 – still absent

Samuel William LAMB

Medal card; 1918 voter

Private in Norfolk Regiment, service no.43014

Awarded British War medal; Victory medal.

SIDNEY WILLIAM LARTER (not listed on roll)

1889 - 1939

Medal card; 1911 census; photo

b.14 Oct 1889 bap Swardeston 1 Dec 1889 by F Cavell

m. 2 Aug 1915, Horstead to Florence Mable Clarke – children born Shotesham

d. 12 July 1939 Shotesham