

Mrs Sarah Wearne of Bampton has very kindly agreed that her account of the history of the Bampton War Memorial published in Vol 3. No 1 of the Bampton Beam in April 1988 may be reproduced here.

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Our War Memorial; a brief history.  
That we may live in freedom.

Seventy years ago this november at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the First World War came to an end. During the 4 years of the war over 266 men from Bampton served in the army and 50 men were killed.. From William Wheeler, the first man in Bampton to die, who was killed on September 14th 1914, within 6 weeks of the outbreak of war to Arthur George Martin who died of pneumonia whilst on active service within 8 days of the end of the war.

The first men killed-William Wheeler, Thomas Wells and Sidney Clark- were professional soldiers. They were all members of the British Expeditionary Force, who left for France immediately after the declaration of war on 4th August 1914. Sidney Clark was wounded in France and brought back to a military hospital in Birmingham, where he died on 28th May 1915. His body was returned to his parent's cottage at Fisher's Bridge, and he was buried with full military honours in Bampton on 2nd June. The funeral cortege headed by 12 soldiers with reversed rifles followed the flag draped coffin to the church. Every house on the route had its blinds drawn, all the flags in the town were flown at half mast. The church itself was crowded with people from all walks of life, from his wounded comrades at the Clanfield Red Cross Hospital to F.D.Hunt, the owner of Bampton Manor. Sidney Clark's grave, with it's military headstone, can be seen in the burial ground.

#### Volunteers.

But the war did not only involve the regular army. From the outbreak of war until conscription was introduced in January 1916, there was a constant demand for volunteers. The recruiting sergeant made frequent trips to the town and by January 1915, Bampton had produced 100 recruits. Men like Daniel Skinner, a journeyman baker living in Bridge Street who was killed in September 1917.

Isaac Widdows, a dealer living in Sandfords with his wife and baby daughter, was killed on Saint George's Day in 1917. Isaac's brother-in-law, Thomas Gillett, was killed the following year on 1st August.

The war produced many double tragedies for Bampton families. George and Hugo Jackson were both sons of the Rev. J.Jackson, Vicar of Lew who lived at what is now Churchgate House. They were both killed on the same day, 28th April 1917, in the same place, at Arleux, near Vimy, in France. Hugo Jackson had been married by special licence in Bampton Church only a year earlier on March 20th, 1916, to a Canadian girl, Emma Pawlett. George and William Poole, another set of brothers were also killed on the same day, September 25th 1915. Thomas and John Wells, James and Charles Cripps whose father, George, was a blacksmith, and Walter and Alfred Lay were more brothers killed in the war. By a strange coincidence 3 boys had been baptised in the Church one sunday in 1889, 25th August- George Poole, Sidney Clark and William Smith, and all 3 of them lost their lives in the war.

Whilst most of the men from Bampton were killed in France, some fought and died in other theatres of War. William Morton served in the Royal Navy and went down with Lord Kitchener on HMS Hampshire on 5th June 1916, during the Battle of Jutland. Half a world away Robert Nesbit whose parents lived at Lower Haddon Farm, was killed

at Basra in Mesopotamia. His body was never found and his name is recorded on the Memorial to the Missing at Port Tewfik on the Suez Canal. J.H.Early died of wounds in German East Africa in February 1916.

These young men all had their lives before them but were killed in the performance of their duty. In the words of the Scroll of Commemoration presented to the next of kin of all those who died whilst on active service, they "left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten."

We are "those who come after" and it was in order that we should not forget the human cost of war, as well as the honour of those who died, that the war memorial in the Market Square was built. It cost £350, which would be over £8,000- today and the money was raised by the people of Bampton. After the second World War 7 more names were added to the memorial. Once again local men had been called upon to give their lives for their country. Many of these men from both wars have families and friends still in Bampton to whom their memory is still very precious.



## DETAILS OF WAR GRAVES IN BAMPTON CEMETERY.

The War Graves Commission's records show that there are six war graves in Bampton. 4 of these are with standard head stones and two are in family plots.

G.10624. Pte. S. Clark Royal Fusiliers, 28.5.1915 age 25 years.  
Ord Seaman. A.G.Martin H.M.S. ' Pembroke ' 3.11.1918

M. 205395. George Frederick Bayliss. R.A.S.C. 25.3.1918. age 38 years  
Not a Bampton man but married a girl from Bampton.

The above three graves are together on the far side of the cemetery.  
149 Gnr, R.Lay, Royal Garrison Artillery. 13.9.1918. age 34 years.  
This grave with standard head stone is by a dead tree in the middle of the cemetery.

There are two more graves of men killed and buried in their family plots.

Lt. John Sholto Douglas, 50th Canadians wounded Amiens and died 30.11.1918 aged 23.

He lies in his grandfather's double grave, Charles Irvine Douglas. Douglas' parents lived in Brandon, Manitoba. Two dissimilar crosses on the same plot about 5½ ft high, in the S.E. corner besides a tall cupressus tree.

Harold Edward Busby. P/O. R.A.F.V.R. died 7.11.1942 34 years.  
He lies in the family plot, a double grave with two similar head stones about 3 ft high in N.E. corner.

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Dated 12<sup>th</sup> April 1920

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W. G. Lundup Esq:

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The Bampton Parish  
Council \_\_\_\_\_

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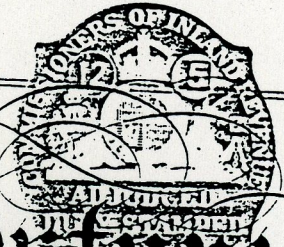
of a piece or parcel of land  
or ground situate in the Market  
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purpose of a War Memorial

8th of June 1941

Edward Keithbert  
Bampton



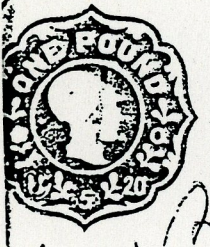
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# This Indenture

made the twelfth  
day of April



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10/5/20

One thousand nine hundred and twenty ~~between~~  
Walter Greenfield Lindup of Bampton in  
the County of Oxford Gentleman of the one part  
and The Parish Council of Bampton  
in the County of Oxford aforesaid of the other  
part ~~Whereas~~ the said Walter Greenfield Lindup  
is seised for an estate of inheritance in fee  
simple in possession free from incumbrances  
of the hereditaments comprised in the Schedule  
hereto ~~And~~ whereas the said Walter Greenfield  
Lindup is desirous of transferring the said  
land and hereditaments to the said Parish  
Council for the purpose of providing a site for  
the War Memorial of the said Parish of  
Bampton Now this Indenture witnesseth  
that in pursuance of such desire the said  
Walter Greenfield Lindup as Beneficial  
Owner hereby conveys unto the said Parish  
Council ~~And~~ singular the said land  
and hereditaments comprised in the Schedule  
hereto To hold the same unto and to the  
use of the said Parish Council and their  
successors in fee simple To the intent that  
the said Parish Council shall for ever  
hereafter hold the said land and hereditaments



for the purpose of upholding and maintaining  
the War Memorial to be erected thereon and they  
the said Parish Council shall also cause the  
said piece or parcel of land or ground intended  
to be hereby conveyed to be well and sufficiently  
fenced off from the adjoining Street. ~~It~~  
~~Witness~~ whereof the said Walter Greenfield  
Lindley has hereunto set his hand and seal  
and Richard Thomas Rose of Bampton aforesaid  
the Chairman presiding at a meeting of the  
said Parish Council and Theophilus Cartt  
of Bampton aforesaid and ~~The Hon. Eric Alfred Cecil Wells~~  
of Bampton aforesaid two other Members of the  
said Parish Council have at the said meeting  
for and on behalf of the said Parish Council  
set their hands and seals the day and year  
first before written

Eric Seddottle before referred to

All that piece or parcel of land or ground  
situate lying and being in the Market Place  
Bampton aforesaid which said piece or parcel  
of land or ground is bounded on the North by  
Lawender Square on the South and East by the  
Market Place aforesaid and on the West by  
property belonging to Eleanor Catherine Rose and  
was formerly in the occupation of Thomas Augustus



Constable and which said piece or parcel of land  
or ground intended to be hereby conveyed is  
delimited in the Plan drawn on these presents  
and thereon coloured Pink

read Sealed and Delivered  
the said Walter Greenfield }  
done in the presence of

Henry William Carless Davis  
Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford

John J. Rose  
Clerk to Messrs. Ransom & Houghton  
Solicitors  
Bampton Oxon

read Sealed and Delivered  
Meeting of the said Parish  
Council held on the twelfth  
of April One thousand  
hundred and twenty by the  
named Richard Thomas  
the Chairman presiding  
the said Messrs. and the  
named Theophilus  
and The Hon. Edw. Alfred Cecil.  
Members of the said  
Council in the presence of

Lawrence Willcock

Clerk to the said Parish Council

John J. Rose 41

Enrolled in the Central Office of the Supreme  
Court of Judicature the thirteenth day of May  
in the year of our Lord 1920 (being first duly  
stamped) according to the tenor of the Statute  
made for that purpose

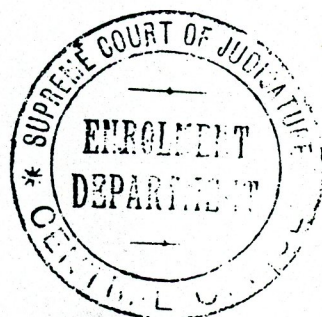
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Wm. Lindup

Richard J. Rose

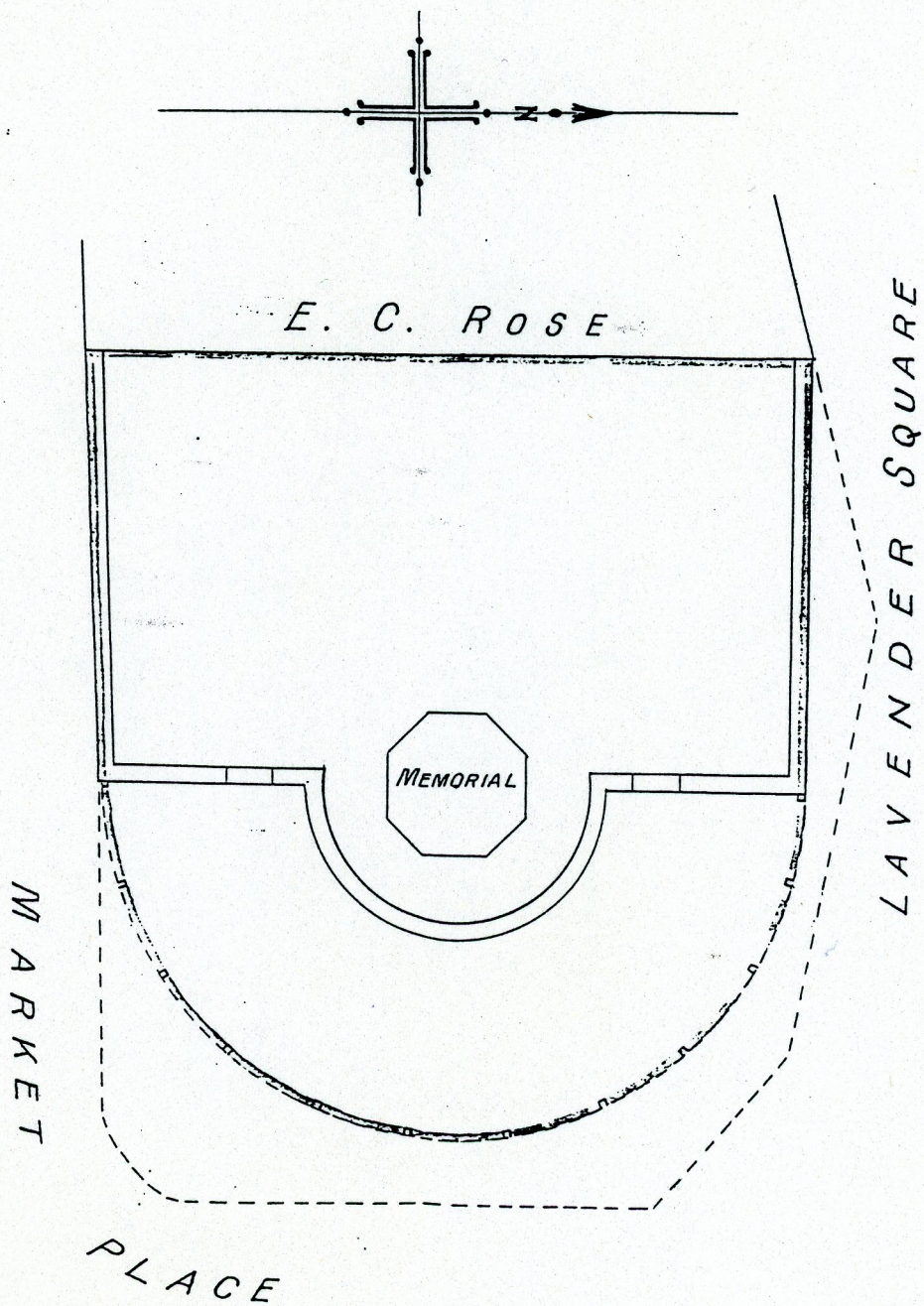
Theophilus Carter

Edw. Alfred Cecil <sup>his father</sup>  
<sub>Major</sub>





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# NATIONAL INVENTORY OF WAR MEMORIALS

TITLE OF MEMORIAL.....BAMPTON WAR MEMORIAL.....

## 1. LOCATION

Country.....ENGLAND.....County.....OXFORDSHIRE.....  
District/Borough.....WEST OXFORDSHIRE.....Parish.....BAMPTON.....  
City/Town/Village.....  
Street.....  
Number.....Postcode.....  
Ordnance Survey Map Reference(1:50,000).....OXFORD SHEET 164 315032.....

## 2. WHERE IS THE MEMORIAL SITUATED?

At a crossroads of.....and.....  
Village green/market square.....IN MARKET SQUARE.....PHOTOS No 1 and 2  
Private/Public building.....  
Inside ☐ Outside ☐  
Church/Cathedral.....  
Specify denomination.....  
Inside ☐ Outside ☐  
In a park/gardens.....  
Elsewhere.....

## 3. INSCRIPTIONS

Which war/s are commemorated:  
Crimea ☐ Boer ☐ First World War ☒ Second World War ☒ Korea ☐ Falklands ☐  
Other.....  
Names of individuals commemorated should be recorded on a separate sheet or in the form of photographs. Please tick here [ ].  
Earliest War.....1914 - 1918.....49 names. Initials and Surnames.....  
.....1939 - 1945.....7 names. Initials and surnames.....  
.....APPENDIX " A ".....  
Style of lettering. Roman ☒ Gothic ☐ Other.....  
How many names are listed?.....49 and 7 names.....  
Does the memorial list all who served as well as the dead? YES/NO  
Are the names listed: alphabetically ☐ by year of death ☐ officers and other ranks separated ☐  
Does the list of names mention: Decorations ☐ Regiment ☐ Place died ☐ Rank ☐ None of these ☒  
Subsequent wars.....N. / A.....

Style of lettering. Roman ☐ Gothic ☐ Other.....  
How many are names are listed?.....  
Does the memorial list all who served as well as the dead? YES/NO  
Are the names listed: alphabetically ☐ by year of death ☐ officers and other ranks separated ☐  
Does the list of names mention: Decorations ☐ Regiment ☐ Place died ☐ Rank ☐ None of these ☐  
If more than two wars are commemorated on the memorial please continue procedure on a separate sheet.



4.TYPE OF MEMORIAL

- a. Cross/Crucifix ☐ (Please specify e.g. celtic)
- b. Cenotaph ☐
- c. Pillar/Column ☐
- d. Obelisk (square/round)☐ OCTAGONAL BASE - 3 STEPS & OCTAGONAL COLUMN WITH CAP
- e. Board or plaque ☐
- f. Stone of Remembrance ☐
- g. Mosaic/mural ☐
- h. Gate ☐
- i. Wall ☐
- j. Building i. Chapel ☐
  - iii. Hospital or extension thereto ☐
  - v. Clock Tower ☐ii. Hall ☐
  - iv. Sports pavilion ☐
  - vi. Other ☐
- k. Window Stained glass/plain ☐
- l. Sports Field ☐
- m. Garden ☐
- n. Street ☐
- o. Cairn ☐
- p. Sculptured/Cast figure (specify position, expression, dress, equipment) i.Serviceman/woman

ii. Allegory (e.g. Victory, St George) iii. Civilian (e.g. Man, Woman, Child)  
THE CAP DEPICTS ST: GEORGE AND THE DRAGON WITH ST GEORGE STANDING  
WITH ARM RAISED HOLDING A SWORD. ON BACK OF CAP DATED 1914  
1918  
Photo No 3

- q. Sculptured/Cast group (specify number and type of figures as in p.)
- r. Composite, e.g. a square obelisk with a figure of a soldier and Humanity would be...d (square)+ p.i.+ p.ii.
- s. Other

What materials have been used? e.g. Bronze soldier on a marble plinth...ALL COTSWOLD STONE.  
Give the memorial's dimensions EXCEPT buildings. Specify if this is exact or an estimate.  
Metric measurements please.  
Height 633 cms Width SEE APP. B & PHOTO 4Depth

5.ORNAMENTATION Please describe any other ornamentation e.g. wreaths, flags, weapons, lions. State the face on which each type of ornamentation appears.



## 6. HISTORY OF THE MEMORIAL

Has the memorial, or part of it, been moved from its original location? ~~YES~~/NO

When was it moved?.....

Where was it before?.....

Why was it moved?.....

When was the memorial unveiled? SEPT. 1920

Who by? MAJOR THE HON: E. FORESTER

Was the memorial dedicated? YES/~~NO~~. When? SEPT. 1920

Who by? THE VICAR. REV: G.L.C. RODWEL

Who sponsored the memorial? Private donation ☐ Corporate donation ☐ Public subscription ☒ Other ☐

Did this include a trust or scholarship fund? ~~YES~~/NO

For what purpose?.....

Did this include a Roll of Honour in book/scroll form? YES/NO

Where is it?.....

What was the cost of the memorial? £ BUILDER'S BILL £356-7-3- APPENDIX "D"

Was the site given free of charge? ~~YES~~/NO If purchased state cost £100- LAND. APPENDIX. E & F

Who designed the memorial?

Architect. Not Known.

Sculptor. ALEC MILLER OF CHIPPING CAMPDEN.

Who built the memorial? M/S KNOWLES & SONS, OSNEY MEAD, OXFORD.

Were either the designers or builders ex-servicemen/women? not known

Did they belong to the group being commemorated or other personal association? not known.

## 7. CONDITION OF MEMORIAL

Good ☒ At Risk ☐ Poor ☐ GOOD.

Are the letters difficult to read? ~~YES~~/NO NO

Who is responsible for the memorial? BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL.

Give details of any recent repairs or planned work. MEMORIAL CLEANED IN 1982 AND COST SHARED BY R.B.L. AND PARISH COUNCIL

## 8. REFERENCES

Please give details of any published or unpublished material you know of about this memorial, include author, title, date and place of publication. List sources consulted; local libraries, newspapers etc.

Mrs SARAH WEARNE, OF BAMPTON FOR NAME OF BUILDER AND NEWSPAPER.

MR. A.J. ACKERMAN, CLERK TO BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL FOR COPIES OF TWO CONVEYANCES AND MR J.A. BRUCE'S LETTER ABOUT ARCHITECT AND SCULPTOR.

M/S KNOWLES BUILDERS OF OXFORD FOR PHOTOCOPY OF THEIR LEDGER ACCOUNT.

MR. M. GRAHAM, PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN, CENTRAL LIBRARY WESTGATE OXFORD. FOR PHOTOCOPY OF MICROFILM OF DEDICATION SERVICE PUBLISHED IN WITNEY GAZETTE 25.9.1929. page 3

Mrs SARAH WEARNE FOR PERMISSION TO COPY IN FULL HER ACCOUNT OF BAMPTON

WAR MEMORIAL PUBLISHED IN BAMPTON BEAM APRIL 1988 Vol 3 No 1. APPEN: "H"

Only information Kelly's Directory could offer was that the cap of white stone depicted St George and the Dragon.



## 9. PHOTOGRAPHS

Please enclose prints and negatives of photographs you have taken of this memorial.

Please enclose copies of any other photographs and indicate date, photographer, location and reference number if applicable.

If photographs are to be reproduced do you wish to be acknowledged? YES/NO

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## 10. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Please include any further information you feel would be of interest.

No records have been found in West Oxfordshire District Council Offices in Witney, nor County Archives in County Hall, Oxford, nor Central Library West Gate Oxford concerning Architect (thought to be Thomas Royson) nor the amount subscribed and expenditure (other than builders account and cost of land.

Gloucester C.C. Archives have one mention of Alec Millar as a carver and sculptor and being a member of Guild of Handicraft in Christopher Whitfield's History of Chipping Campden (Shakespeare Head Press Eton Windsor 1958

There is a wooden triptych high up on wall in lower room in Bampton Town Hall in chronological order of those killed 1914-1918.

A Roll of Honour in St Mary's Church Bampton in chronological order and with Officers ranks, on south wall above the font. PHOTO "5" APPEN "I"

Another Roll of Honour of all men from Bampton who served in the Forces 1914-1918 gives 266 names of whom 14 were officers and 252 O.Rs of whom 7 were awarded Military Medal and 2 D.C.M. Those killed marked with GOLD

Cross and those wounded with RED cross. Roll is framed below R.B.L. laid up Standard in S. Transept of St Mary's church. APPEN. "J"

List of 7 names of those killed with the year only in the church on the south wall above the door. (1939-1945) APPENDIX "I"

On Remembrance Sunday a short service is held at the War Memorial with a contingent of R.A.F. Signal Unit from Weald, Bampton - R.B.L.

(men and women) Fire Brigade, Scouts, Guides, Parish Council W.I.

Parade marches to church with Standards. Chairman R.B.L. reads Roll of Honour and O.C. R.A.F. reads the Commitment.

Who filled in this form?

Name Mr G.W.A. Edwards,  
Address Yew Tree Cottage,  
Buckland Rd.  
Bampton.

Chairman, Bampton Branch R.B.L.

Post Code OX8 2AA Telephone 0993- 850323

Date 12-11-1990.

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This information will be stored on a computer

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THE NATIONAL INVENTORY OF WAR MEMORIALS

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# BAMPTON WAR MEMORIAL.

## DEDICATION SERVICE.

Simplicity was the keynote of this ceremony, but it's very simplicity had the effect of emphasizing it's impressiveness. Nothing had been rehearsed, yet everything passed off as evenly as though much careful preparation had been bestowed. Glorious sunshine, fine monument in it's splendid position, the hearty service and the earnest words of the speakers, all these together will long remain in the memory of those present, who must have numbered considerably over 1000. At about 2 o'clock the ringers commenced a muffled peal, which was rung at intervals before the service and continued for some time afterwards. Some 20 minutes previous to the ceremony people began to assemble, then came the school children, who were soon followed by the children from the Training School at Aston, and these were formed up together on the raised ground behind the Monument. Punctually at 3 o'clock the Vicar, the members of the Committee, and the two speakers took up their positions at the base of the Memorial. The service was impressively read by the Vicar. Just before the end the stone containing the names of the fallen was unveiled by Major the Hon. E. Forester. who in a few well chosen words expressed the great honour he felt in being asked to perform the act. Then followed the Last Post, splendidly rendered by two buglers of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, who, through the courtesy of the Officer in charge of the Depot, Cowley Barracks, were detailed to sound this beautiful of all the bugle calls of the British Army. After the service short addresses were given by Col; Hamersley and Col. Rhys Williams. M.P., the gist of whose remarks was a testimony to the splendid devotion to duty shown by those to whom the memorial is dedicated, and a conviction that their example would be followed should the Country ever again stand in need of sacrifice. Many wreaths were placed at the foot of the monument by relatives and friends of the fallen. The flag on the Town Hall was at half-mast during the day. The memorial is octagonal, cut from durable white stone, and is 17½ ft in height. It was erected by M/s Knolleys of Oxford. On the cap, facing east, is the figure of St George, in the front of the memorial bears the following inscription- " To the Glory of God and in Memory of Bampton Men who died for their Country in the Great War 1914 - 1918. On the other seven faces are 48 names-

C.H.Applegate, H.C.Applegate, A.J.Baston, J.Brooks, A.J.Cato, S.Clark, C.Collis, F.J.Cox, C.E.Cripps, J.T.Cripps,, A.H.Dawe, J.Dewe. A.W. Edginton, T.C.W.Gillett, H.A.Green, H.Hampton, G.F.Harvey, J.E.J. Hunt, S.StJ.A.Hunt, G.O.D.Jackson, H.A.L.Jackson, E.J.Jameson, H.V.Jameson, A.C.Lay, W.T.Lay, H.Lock, G.H.G.Lushington, C. Margetts, A.G.Martin, W.A.Morton, R.C.M.Nisbet, W.Norman, G.Poole, W.J.Poole, W.Saunders, D.Skinner, W.J.Smith, R.G.Spurrett, B.Stroud, F.T.Townsend, H.J.Wells, T.Wells, W.Wheeler, F.White, H.Whiting, W.B.Whiting, I. Widdows, J.R.Woodley.

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F.Daniels' name omitted from the above account but on all Bampton memorials.



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My reference SW/ILR

Your reference

Date 31st May 1990

This matter is being dealt with by Sheila Weatherhead

Direct line: (0865) 815749

Dear Mr Edwards

Thank you for your letter of 19th May.

We have discovered an account of the Dedication Service for the Bampton War Memorial in the Witney Gazette for 25th September 1920. I enclose a print-out of the account, together with our invoice for £1.

I trust this information will be useful.

Yours sincerely

*M Graham*

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Malcolm Graham  
PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN  
LOCAL STUDIES

*3 copies typed out  
F. Dacicks name  
missing from account but  
included on all Bampton  
memorials  
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sent 2/6/90  
hand written*





BAMPTON

A. Edwards,  
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19th May 1990.

Dear Mr Graham,

Bampton War Memorial.

The Imperial War Museum are making an inventory of all War Memorials. This Branch of the Legion is collecting the data for the very detailed proforma.

I have been told that the Witney Gazette may have an account of the dedication of the memorial but they say they think past copies of the paper are on microfilm in the Central Library.

The only guide I have is from the photocopy of the Builders ( M/s Knowles) ledger entries. They built the memorial and the last entry reads -

26th August 1920- Finish fixing memorial. -

Do you have a microfilm going back to the account of the dedication please ? If so may I arrange a visit and copy out the account.?

Yours sincerely

Chairman.

M. Graham Esq.  
Local History,  
Central Library

Oxford.



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A. Edwards,  
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Buckland Rd,

Bampton.

11th June 1990

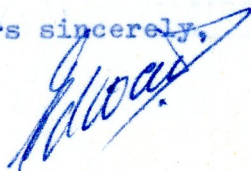
A.A. Knowles Esq.  
Managing Director,  
M/s Knowles and Son,  
Hailywell House,  
Osney Mead,  
Oxford. OX2 0EA.

Dear Mr Knowles,

Bampton War Memorial.

I have obtained an account of the dedication of the Bampton War Memorial from the Witney Gazette. I was hoping that the names of the sculptor of the Cap and that of the architect who designed the monument would have been mentioned. Alas, no such luck. Would you have any record of either of these people please. ?

Yours sincerely,



Chairman.

Replied on 5 July  
that they are unable to  
give any further details  
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2nd May, 1990.

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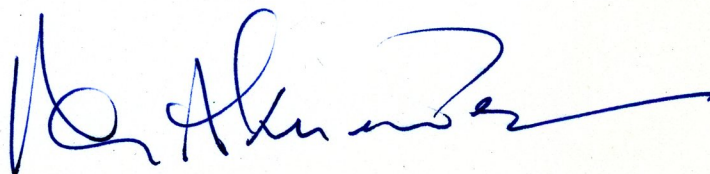
Dear Mr. Edwards,

Thank you for your letter of 29th April.

I enclose a photocopy of the Ledger Entry for the Bampton War Memorial in 1920. We have the original in our offices if it would be of interest. In the same Ledger, we have the entries for the War Memorials at Botley, for the Oxford Corporation, Brize Norton, Carterton, Islip, Hailey, Kennington and Kidlington should these be required.

If we can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

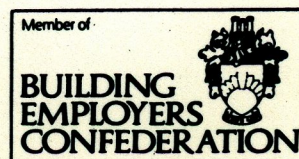


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Did you know that there are five World War I and one World War II graves in the old part of Bampton Cemetery which was opened in 1891, and cost nearly £500 ? The Imperial War Graves Commission pay the Parish Council for their upkeep. The graves were inspected in July 1990.

149. Gnr. R.Lay, Royal Garrison Artillery. killed 13th Sept.1918. aged 34. His grave is in the centre of the cemetery near a dead tree.

G.10624. Pte. S. Clark, Royal Fusiliers, killed 28th May 1915 ,(a cousin of Mrs Quick. ) aged 25 years.

S.S. Ord. Seaman. A.G.Martin. H.M.S. Pembroke, killed 3rd Nov; 1948 aged            years.

M. 205395. George Frederick Bayliss, R.A.S.C. 25th March 1918 aged 38 years. His name is not included in any Bampton Roll of Honour as he was Brize Norton man, married to Elsie Sheppard, Mrs Quick's Father's sister.

The above three graves are all close together near the circular path by the north wall. These four graves all have the Imperial War Graves standard white head stone.

Lt; John Sholto Douglas, 50th Canadians, wounded Amiens and died 30th November 1918 aged 23 years. His parents lived in Brandan, Manitoba, Canada. He lies in his grandfather's grave, Charles Irvine Douglass. Two dis-similar stones about 5½ ft in S.E. corner besides a tall cupressus.

P/O. Harold Edward Busby. R.A.F.V.R. killed 7th November 1942 aged 34 years. He lies in his family double grave with two similar head stones about 3 ft high in N.E. corner.

Oct 1990.

*Submitted to Elder Bampton Bearer for inclusion  
 if so desired in next issue*



## **BAMPTON WAR MEMORIAL**

Mrs. Rosa Brabbin,  
10 Calais Dene,  
Bampton

Mrs. Brabbin is the daughter of Mr. Sidney Morris the stonemason, who carved the St George and Dragon on the Bampton War Memorial.

Her mother often spoke to her about him carving the stone in their back garden when they lived at 114 Howard Street, Oxford.  
He died 8<sup>th</sup> February 1933 aged 68 years.

He also carved the ivy leaf design on the Post Office in St Aldates, Oxford, as well as working on many carvings of the colleges in Oxford.

Isn't it interesting that Mrs. Brabbin has come to Bampton to live?

Hope this is useful to you

Fenella





Imperial War Museum  
Lambeth Road  
London SE1 6HZ

Telephone 0171-416 5281  
Fax 0171-416 5379  
Email lknight@iwm.org.uk

G W A Edwards Esq.  
Lyntom Mead  
Buckland Road  
Bampton  
OX18 2AA

REF: EDWA/201/NIWM/RIB

25 June, 1999

Dear Mr Edwards,

Thank you for your recent letter, enclosing details of the stonemason who carved the decoration on Bampton war memorial.

You obviously recall that we have an excellent and comprehensive record of this memorial and the name of Sidney Morris completes one of the few gaps in the file.

As you said, the original record was sent to us in 1990.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Bardell  
The National Inventory of War Memorials



# APPLICATION FOR ORDINARY OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Bearing in mind the Legion's principles and policy,

I wish to know more about the Legion and its work  
for the ex-Service community.

☐ please  
tick

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal  
British Legion.

☒ please  
tick

Name MR STANLEY SMITH

Address 22 BOWLING

GREEN CLOSE

BAMPTON OXON

Date of Birth 14. 1. 21

Unit OXFORDSHIRE & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Rank and No. PRIVATE 14592726

Date of Enlistment 15. 4. 42

Date of Discharge 22. 12. 45

or ☐ please  
tick

Neither ex-Service nor  
serving in HM Forces ☐ please  
tick

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

BAMPTON OXON (name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion,  
if so, of what Branch?

Signed S Smith Date 18. 11. 88

FOR LEGION USE ONLY

Proposed by MR. F. J. O'BRIEN (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

Date accepted 21. 11. 88

Branch Secretary [Signature]

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tick

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British Legion.

☒ please  
tick

Name MR. PHILIP A.T. SHAW

Address 2, AMPNEY ORCHARD

BAMPTON, OXFORD

OX8 2AD

Date of Birth 8 DECEMBER 1935

Unit 4624 SON

Rank and No. 586591V (Fw Lt)

Date of Enlistment 24 APR 51 30 JUN 83

Date of Discharge 31 JUL 75 STILL SERVING.

or ☐ please  
tick

Neither ex-Service nor  
serving in HM Forces ☐ please  
tick

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

BAMPTON (name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion,  
if so, of what Branch?

Signed PSL <sup>NO</sup> Date 10 Dec 86

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Proposed by F. J. O'BRIEN (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

Date accepted 12. 12. 86

Branch Secretary [Signature]

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# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(Incorporated by Royal Charter)

## APPLICATION FOR ORDINARY OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal British Legion and agree to abide by the Royal Charter and Schedule of Rules.

Name SHUTE GORDON J M.

Address SOUTHVIEW

BAMPTON RD. CLANFIELD

Date of Birth 8/11/18

Unit RASC, NIGERIA REGT.

Rank and No. MAJOR 265675

Date of Enlistment OCTOBER 1939

Date of Discharge JULY 1946

or  
Still serving in H.M. Forces \* ☐

Auxiliary Forces \* ☐

Neither Ex-Service nor  
serving in H.M. Forces \* ☐

I wish to join the Branch nearest to  
BAMPTON (name of Town or District)

Have you previously been a member of The Royal British Legion?

If so, what Branch ABERYSTWYTH

Signed [Signature]

Date 14/11/85

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Ordinary or Life Member)

\* please tick where applicable.

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Date accepted 14.11.85

Branch Secretary [Signature]

## APPLICATION FOR ORDINARY OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

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I wish to know more about the Legion and its work ☐ please tick  
for the ex-Service community.

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal British Legion. ☒ please tick

Name PETER ANDREW SMITH

Address CHURCHGATE HOUSE

BAMPTON

OXFORD OX8 2CZ

Date of Birth 28.3.36

Unit 15196 Kings Royal Hussars

Rank and No. 2/Lt

Date of Enlistment JUNE 1954

Date of Discharge JUNE 1956

or  
Still Serving in HM Forces ☐ please tick

or  
Neither ex-Service nor  
serving in HM Forces ☐ please tick

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

BAMPTON (name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion,  
if so, of what Branch?

Signed [Signature] Date 17.2.90

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Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Ordinary or Life Member)

Date accepted \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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for the ex-Service community.

☐ please  
tick

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal  
British Legion.

☒ please  
tick

Name Dr. Bernard Rose

Address Bampton House.  
Bampton. Exon: OX8 2JX

Date of Birth 9.V.16.

Unit 4th County of London Yeomanry

Rank and No. Captain & Adjutant. 169939

Date of Enlistment 1940

Date of Discharge 1945

or  
Still Serving in HM Forces ☐ please  
tick

or  
Neither ex-Service nor  
serving in HM Forces ☐ please  
tick

I wish to join the Branch nearest to  
Bampton (name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion,  
if so, of what Branch?

No  
Signed Bernard Rose Date 5.XI.87

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Proposed by Mr. A. EDWARDS (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

Date accepted 7.11.87

Branch Secretary [Signature]

# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (Incorporated by Royal Charter)

## APPLICATION FOR ORDINARY OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal British Legion and  
agree to abide by the Royal Charter and Schedule of Rules.

Name JOHN PARRISH

Address HAVEN COTTAGE,  
BUCKLAND RD, BAMPTON OXON  
OX8 2BT

Date of Birth 27.6.26

Unit ROTOR NAVY

Rank and No. ACTING SUB-LEUT. ~~169939~~  
2ND VR

Date of Enlistment OCTOBER 1943

Date of Discharge JULY 1946

or  
Still serving in H.M. Forces \* ☐

Auxiliary Forces \* ☐

Neither Ex-Service nor  
serving in H.M. Forces \* ☐

I wish to join the Branch nearest to  
BAMPTON (name of Town or District)

Have you previously been a member of The Royal British Legion?

If so, what Branch NO

Signed [Signature]

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

\* please tick where applicable.

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Date accepted NOV-85

Branch Secretary [Signature]

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I wish to apply for membership of The Royal British Legion. ☒ please tick

Name ALISTAIR G. HEWING

Address SHERBOURNE HOUSE

BRIDGEST

BAMPTON

OXON, OX82HA

Date of Birth 23 APRIL 1933

Unit R.A.F

Rank and No. FLT LT 4080.85

Date of Enlistment SEPT 1951

Date of Discharge APRIL 1971

or ☐ please tick  
Still Serving in HM Forces

or ☐ please tick  
Neither ex-Service nor  
serving in HM Forces

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

BAMPTON (name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion,  
if so, of what Branch?

NO

Signed A. Hewing Date 12/2/90

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Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

Date accepted \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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I wish to apply for membership of The Royal British Legion. ☒ please tick

Name MAJOR JOHN ALVEY

Address 19 THE LANES

BAMPTON

OXON

Date of Birth 19.12.1920

Unit ROYAL MARINES

Rank and No. MAJOR RM

Commission  
Date of Enlistment 1.1.41

Retirement  
Date of Discharge 31.12.65

or ☐ please tick  
Still Serving in HM Forces

or ☐ please tick  
Neither ex-Service nor  
serving in HM Forces

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

BAMPTON OXON (name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion,  
if so, of what Branch?

NO

Signed J. Alvey Date 16.4.88

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Proposed by MR. A. EDWARDS (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

Date accepted 21 APRIL - 88

Branch Secretary [Signature]

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tick

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal  
British Legion.

☒ please  
tick

Name William Henry Phallinor Mayhead

Address 'AFTON' 3. Castlefield

Bampton

Oxon OX8 2HA

Date of Birth 17<sup>th</sup> February 1913.

Unit Royal Air Force (Marine Craft Section)

Rank and No. Flight Lieutenant 137027

Date of Enlistment May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1940.

Date of Discharge March 6<sup>th</sup> 1946

or  
Still Serving in HM Forces ☐ please  
tick

or  
Neither ex-Service nor  
serving in HM Forces ☐ please  
tick

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

Bampton. (name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion,  
if so, of what Branch?

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed N/A. Date 21/8/1987

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Proposed by Mr. A. EDWARDS (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

Date accepted 23.8.87

Branch Secretary [Signature]

# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (Incorporated by Royal Charter)

## APPLICATION FOR ORDINARY OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal British Legion and  
agree to abide by the Royal Charter and Schedule of Rules.

Name A. F. MUNFORD

Address 1 CASTLE FIELD

BAMPTON OXFORD OX8 2HA

Date of Birth 23.4.1911

Unit DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY

Rank and No. 138537 MAJOR

Date of Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Discharge OCT 1946

or  
Still serving in H.M. Forces \* ☒ NO

Auxiliary Forces \* ☒ NO

Neither Ex-Service nor  
serving in H.M. Forces \* ☐

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

BAMPTON (name of Town or District)

Have you previously been a member of The Royal British Legion?

If so, what Branch LITTLEBURY ESSEX

Signed A.F. Munford

Date 25.2.86

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

\* please tick where applicable.

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Date accepted 25.2.86

Branch Secretary [Signature]

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**APPLICATION FOR  
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☐ please  
tick

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal  
British Legion.

☒ please  
tick

Name WJ HASTIE

Address 11 FOX CLOSE

BAMPTON

OXON OX8 2NH

Date of Birth 15 JUNE 1956

Unit THE LIFE GUARDS / THE KINGS TROOP RM

Rank and No. 24239233 SGT

Date of Enlistment 14 DEC 1971

Date of Discharge 16 OCT 1988

or ☐ please  
Still Serving in HM Forces tick

or ☐ please  
Neither ex-Service nor serving in HM Forces tick

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

BAMPTON OXON (name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion,  
if so, of what Branch?

NO

Signed [Signature] Date 25 JAN 1989

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Proposed by [Signature] (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

Date accepted 22 FEB - 89

Branch Secretary [Signature]

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**  
(Incorporated by Royal Charter)

**APPLICATION FOR  
ORDINARY OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal British Legion and  
agree to abide by the Royal Charter and Schedule of Rules.

Name FREDERICK JAMES LOXTON

Address 10 MERCURY CLOSE

BAMPTON, OXON,

Date of Birth 2 SEPT 1937.

Unit ~~ARMED~~ ROYAL AIR FORCE

Rank and No. CHEF TECHNICIAN DOG80024

Date of Enlistment OCT 1954.

Date of Discharge JULY 23RD 1985

or ☐  
Still serving in H.M. Forces \*

Auxiliary Forces \* ☐

Neither Ex-Service nor  
serving in H.M. Forces \* ☐

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

BAMPTON (name of Town or District)

Have you previously been a member of The Royal British Legion?

If so, what Branch NO

Signed [Signature]

Date 13-NOV 85.

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

\* please tick where applicable.

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Date accepted 18.11.85

Branch Secretary [Signature]

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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
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APPLICATION FOR  
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I wish to apply for membership of The Royal British Legion and agree to abide by the Royal Charter and Schedule of Rules.

Name J.C.A. EDGEZL  
Address PEREGRINE COTTAGE  
2 MILL GREEN CLOSE BAMPTON

Date of Birth 22/5/1912 OXON OX8 2HF

Unit Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Rank and No. Pilot Officer 79882

Date of Enlistment 4/6/1940

Date of Discharge 1941/42

or  
Still serving in H.M. Forces \* ☐

Auxiliary Forces \* ☐

Neither Ex-Service nor  
serving in H.M. Forces \* ☐

I wish to join the Branch nearest to  
Bampton (name of Town or District)

Have you previously been a member of The Royal British Legion?

If so, what Branch No

Signed John Edgez

Date 25/2/86

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Ordinary or Life Member)

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Date accepted 25.2.86

Branch Secretary [Signature]

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☒ please tick

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal British Legion.

☒ please tick

Name M. I. HALL

Address 7 AMNEY ORCHARD  
BAMPTON, OX FORD, OX8.

Date of Birth 27-5-37

Unit RAF RUDELOE MANOR

Rank and No. F/SGT 55060660

Date of Enlistment 28 MARCH 62. PUS SERVING SPS

Date of Discharge 27 JULY 1988

or  
Still Serving in HM Forces ☐ please tick

or  
Neither ex-Service nor  
serving in HM Forces ☐ please tick

I wish to join the Branch nearest to  
BAMPTON (NE RAF BRIZE NORTON) (name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion, if so, of what Branch?

Signed M. I. Hall Date 25/2/86

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Proposed by M. A. EDWARDS (Ordinary or Life Member)

Date accepted 5 AUG. 88

Branch Secretary [Signature]

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☐ please  
tick

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal  
British Legion.

☒ please  
tick

Name MR J. CURLEY

Address 8 TALBOT FIELDS

BAMPTON

OXFORD OX8 2AB

Date of Birth 26.12.1930

Unit ROYAL AIR FORCE

Rank and No. L.A.C. 3120649

Date of Enlistment 5-5-49

Date of Discharge 5-5-51

or ☐ please  
Still Serving in HM Forces tick

or ☐ please  
Neither ex-Service nor serving in HM Forces tick

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

BAMPTON

(name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion,  
if so, of what Branch?

FARINGDON & DISTRICT

Signed James Curley Date 3-11-86

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Proposed by A. EDWARDS - (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

Date accepted 7 NOV 86

Branch Secretary [Signature]

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☒ please  
tick

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal  
British Legion.

☒ please  
tick

Name JAMES PATRICK DUNSTAN

Address 26 GOTE ROAD ASTON

NR BAMPTON

OXON OX8 2DU

Date of Birth 7/3/1959

Unit 3<sup>RD</sup> ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

Rank and No. 4<sup>PL</sup> DUNSTAN 24384455

Date of Enlistment 10/9/1975

Date of Discharge 18/4/1986

or ☐ please  
Still Serving in HM Forces tick

or ☐ please  
Neither ex-Service nor serving in HM Forces tick

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

WATNEY

(name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion,  
if so, of what Branch?

Signed [Signature] Date 24/3/86

FOR LEGION USE ONLY

Proposed by AREA (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

Date accepted 19.4.86

Branch Secretary [Signature]



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
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**APPLICATION FOR  
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I wish to apply for membership of The Royal British Legion and agree to abide by the Royal Charter and Schedule of Rules.

Name J F G COLES  
Address 1, ETON VILLAS, BROAD STREET  
BAMPTON, OXFORDSHIRE

Date of Birth 25. 1. 1916

Unit COLONIAL FORCES

Rank and No. Major (local)

Date of Enlistment 12. 6. 36

Date of Discharge 17. 3. 57

or  
Still serving in H.M. Forces \* ☐

Auxiliary Forces \* ☐

Neither Ex-Service nor  
serving in H.M. Forces \* ☐

I wish to join the Branch nearest to  
Bampton (name of Town or District)

Have you previously been a member of The Royal British Legion?

If so, what Branch CAPE COAST (BESL)

Signed Phil Tei

Date 1st July 1985

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Ordinary or Life Member)

\* please tick where applicable.

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Date accepted 1-7-85

Branch Secretary [Signature]

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for the ex-Service community.

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal ☒ please tick  
British Legion.

Name RESINALD JANE CHAMBERS

Address KARIBU COTTAGE

HIGH ST

BAMPTON OXON OX8 2JR

Date of Birth 11 OCT 1921

Unit RAME

Rank and No. PRIVATE 097

Date of Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

or  
Still Serving in HM Forces ☐ please tick

or  
Neither ex-Service nor  
serving in HM Forces ☐ please tick

I wish to join the Branch nearest to  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion,  
if so, of what Branch?

Signed R J Chambers Date 27-1-88

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Proposed by MR. A. EDWARDS (Ordinary or Life Member)

Date accepted 27 JULY 88

Branch Secretary [Signature]



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☐ please  
tick

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal  
British Legion.

☒ please  
tick

Name MR. G. A. BISHOP

Address 7. BOWLING GREEN CLOSE  
BAMPTON OXON

Date of Birth 25-5-23

Unit SOMERSET LIGHT INF. R.A. R.A.M.C.

Rank and No. 145/11008

Date of Enlistment 1-1-1942

Date of Discharge 4-48

or  
Still Serving in HM Forces ☐ please  
tick

or  
Neither ex-Service nor  
serving in HM Forces ☐ please  
tick

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

BAMPTON (name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion,  
if so, of what Branch?

BAMPTON

Signed G. A. Bishop Date 21-3-87

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Proposed by ✓ (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

Date accepted 21-3-87

Branch Secretary [Signature]

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agree to abide by the Royal Charter and Schedule of Rules.

Name BURROUGH, John Paul (Rt Reverend)

Address 6 Mill Green Close  
Bampton, Oxon, OX8 2HF

Date of Birth 5 May 1916

Unit Royal Signals, 11th Ind Div

Rank and No. 2558191 as Signaller then

Date of Enlistment Dec '39 became Captain.

Date of Discharge Nov '45

or  
Still serving in H.M. Forces \* ☐

Auxiliary Forces \* ☐

Neither Ex-Service nor  
serving in H.M. Forces \* ☐

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

Bampton (name of Town or District)

Have you previously been a member of The Royal British Legion?

If so, what Branch Empingham, Nr Oakham LE15

Signed [Signature]

Date 6 Nov 85

Proposed by A. EDWARDS (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

\* please tick where applicable.

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Date accepted 7 NOV 86

Branch Secretary [Signature]

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I wish to apply for membership of The Royal  
British Legion.

☒ please  
tick

Name MR A C NEWPORT

Address 9 ST MARYS COURT

NEALD BAMPTON

OXFORDSHIRE OX8 2HX

Date of Birth 1 FEB 1919

Unit DORSETSHIRE REGT

Rank and No. C/SGT (CQMS) 5727362

Date of Enlistment JULY 16<sup>th</sup> 1939

Date of Discharge 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 1946 To A Class Reserve

or  
Still Serving in HM Forces ☐ please  
tick

or  
Neither ex-Service nor  
serving in HM Forces ☐ please  
tick

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

BAMPTON (name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion, OXFORD CITY

if so, of what Branch? TILL IT FOLDED TRANSFERRED TO

ST GILES BRANCH THEN I MOVED AND JOINED  
HEADINGTON BRANCH TILL I RETIRED 1983 + MOVED TO BAMPTON

Signed AC Newport

Date 19-3-87

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Proposed by 19.3.87 (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

Date accepted 19.3.87

Branch Secretary J J L

Contd MR A C NEWPORT.

Was recalled on Reserve  
for the Korean War but  
as my Employment kept  
me at Home I was  
Drafted to TA + Aux  
Services, I then served  
with the 6<sup>th</sup> Bn Oxford  
and Bucks where I took  
a Commission and went  
through the Ranks to  
Captain I completed my  
service at the end of 1964.  
My Officers Military I.D Card  
No A03583



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☒ please  
tick

I wish to apply for membership of The Royal  
British Legion.

☒ please  
tick

Name RITCHIE; THOMAS ALEXANDER

Address 38 LOWELL PLACE

WITNEY, OXON, OX8 7DX

Date of Birth 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 1935

Unit 10<sup>th</sup> FIELD WORKSHOPS. R.EME

Rank and No. SGT. 22967424

Date of Enlistment 1953

Date of Discharge 1982

or  
Still Serving in HM Forces ☐ please  
tick

or  
Neither ex-Service nor  
serving in HM Forces ☐ please  
tick

I wish to join the Branch nearest to

BAMPTON, OXON. (name of town)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion,  
if so, of what Branch?

YES - CARTERTON.

Signed Tom Ritchie Date 14 Feb. 87

FOR LEGION USE ONLY

Proposed by [Signature] (Ordinary or  
Life Member)

Date accepted 9-FEB-87

Branch Secretary [Signature]

Tom Ritchie RBL  
P 2-~~20~~

JOINED 1953. 25<sup>th</sup> CONST REGT  
Dec 1986 R/A.

1962

1982

22967424 SGT.

10<sup>th</sup> FIELD WORKSHOPS RAME.





# The Royal British Legion

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership No. ....

(Note: Individuals may send the whole form without the fee to CMU who will allocate a Branch)

**A**

I C. G. E. TUNN S  
wish to become an \*ORDINARY/ASSOCIATE member of The Royal British Legion and accept the ideals and conditions of the Royal Charter.

of 11 NEW ROAD, BAMPTON, OXFORD OX8 2NQ

Date of joining HM Forces 12-12-43

Rank and No. A/B PIX 632468

Date of Discharge from HM Forces 6-6-47

Unit R/N

Have you previously been a member of the Legion, and if so, of what Branch? BAMPTON

Signed C. G. E. Tunn S

Date 23-10-89

\* Delete as necessary

Branch ..... Proposed by .....

Subscription paid ..... Date ..... Accepted ..... (Branch Secretary)

RETAINED BY BRANCH



FORM B  
No. 7

# BRITISH LEGION

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER)

BRANCH APPLICATION No. ....



ROBERT ASGILL COLVILLE  
(IN BLOCK LETTERS)

of WEALD MANOR, BAMPTON, OXFORD

wish to become a member of the British Legion and agree to abide by the Royal Charter and to maintain all those conditions during the period of my membership and, further, will subscribe to the principles as set out on the back of this form.

Unit Oxf. Branch 1st Tufly

Date of joining H.M. Forces Sep 1939

Date of Discharge }  
from H.M. Forces } Dec 1954

Rank and No. 87210. Major

Trade or }  
Occupation } Army officer, ret.

Registration Fee, ONE SHILLING, enclosed.

Branch Subscription

BAMPTON

Branch

Proposed by E. Graham

Date 6 May 55.

Accepted P. Sheppard  
Branch Secretary

(a) Have you previously been a member of the Legion, and if so, of what

Branch? No

Badge No.\*

(b) Have you been nominated by any other Branch? No

\*Issued on loan on receipt of 1/- and returnable to Branch on cessation of membership.

(c) Where resident last 5 (five) years?

Alone, but in army. R. A. Colville

Signed

Documentary evidence of service particulars should be produced with this application.



# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER)

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

Branch Application No. ....

I LIEUTENANT M.W.T. ROBERTS OBE DFC

(IN BLOCK LETTERS)

of BOX HOUSE MARKET SQUARE BATHURST, OXFORD

wish to become a member of The Royal British Legion and agree to abide by the Royal Charter and to maintain all those conditions during my period of membership and, further, will subscribe to the following principles:—

"The Legion shall exist to perpetuate in the civil life of the Commonwealth and the World the principles for which the Nation stands to inculcate a sense of loyalty to the Crown Community and Nation to promote unity amongst all classes to make right the master of might to secure peace and goodwill on earth to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice freedom and democracy and to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual service and helpfulness."

Unit The Green Howards

Date of joining H.M. Forces 1 February 1935

Rank and No. Lieut

Date of discharge Aug 1961  
from H.M. Forces

Entrance Fee, 5p, enclosed.

Have you previously been a member of the Legion, and if so, of what Branch? Yes, Kempford

Signed M.W.T. Roberts

Date 10 Jan 75

BATHURST Branch

Proposed by MAJ. W.W.D. SCOTT Accepted

Subscription paid 20.1.75 Date 20.1.75 J. Smith  
(Branch Secretary)

Documentary evidence of service particulars should be produced with this application. Badge is issued on loan on receipt of 15p and returnable to Branch on cessation of membership.





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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership No. ....

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**A**

I, ARTHUR H. BECKLEY  
wish to become an \*ORDINARY/~~ASSOCIATE~~ member of The Royal British Legion and accept the ideals and conditions of the Royal Charter.

of SOUTHSIDE CHURCH STREET BAMPTON  
OXFORD Post Code OX8 2NA

Date of joining HM Forces 1942 Rank and No. AB/6L

Date of Discharge from HM Forces 1946 Unit ROYAL NAVY

Have you previously been a member of the Legion, and if so, of what Branch? BAMPTON

Signed Arthur H. Beckley Date 29-4-1990 Date of Birth: 4-6-1923  
\* Delete as necessary

..... Branch ..... Proposed by .....

Subscription paid ..... Date ..... Accepted ..... (Branch Secretary)

RETAINED BY BRANCH



# BRITISH LEGION

(Incorporated by Royal Charter).

BRANCH APPLICATION No. 151

I ROYSTON RONALD ERNEST SHERGOLD  
of 14 NEW ROAD - BAMPTON OXFORD

wish to become a member of the above and agree to abide by the Constitution as set out in the Royal Charter.

Regiment or Ship H.M.S. VICTORY. PORTSMOUTH.

Date of joining H.M. Forces 1-11-43

Date of Discharge } 13-6-47.  
from H.M. Forces }

Registration Fee, ONE SHILLING, enclosed.

BAMPTON Branch.

Date 15-12-47

Rank and Regtl. No. A/B. PJX 636572

Trade or } MACHINIST.  
Occupation }

Branch Subscription

Proposed by F.G. Shergold.

Accepted C. + H. + H.

Branch Secretary.

(a) Have you previously been a member of the Legion, and if so, of what

Branch? No

(b) Have you been nominated by any other Branch? No

(c) Where resident last 5 (five) years? H.M. FORCES.

Badge No.\* A 340288

\* Issued on loan on receipt of 1/- and returnable to Branch on cessation of Membership.

RRE Shergold.

Signature

C

This is a Temporary Membership Receipt

The Royal British Legion

accepted Mr/Mrs

RRE Shergold

Bampton Branch has

I certify that the sum of £3 has been received for period ending 30 September 1990

Signed

[Signature]

Date

28.3.90

"The Legion shall exist to perpetuate in the civil life of the Commonwealth and the World the principles for which the Nation stands to inculcate a sense of loyalty to the Crown Community and Nation to promote unity amongst all classes to make right the master of might to secure peace and goodwill on earth to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice freedom and democracy and to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual service and helpfulness".

KEPT BY MEMBER



**TO ALL WHO HAVE SERVED  
IN THE  
NAVY—ARMY—AIR FORCE  
AND MERCANTILE MARINE  
HAVE YOU JOINED THE  
BRITISH LEGION ?**

THE LEGION wants the assistance of every ex-service man and woman and of all who are interested in the ex-service cause.

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If you are not a member you are asked to join the nearest Branch without delay. If no Branch exists in your district, kindly communicate with the General Secretary at Headquarters: CARDIGAN HOUSE, RICHMOND, SURREY, who will put you in touch with the people in your own district who will advise you what to do.

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**If this appeal does not apply to YOU kindly pass the Leaflet to an ex-service friend who has not yet joined.**





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**A**

I YVETTE HÉLÈNE BROWN  
wish to become an \*ORDINARY/ASSOCIATE member of The Royal British Legion and accept the ideals and conditions of the Royal Charter.

of 1 DAVIS CLOSE - CARTERTON  
OXFORD

Post Code OX18 3SX

Date of joining HM Forces                     

Rank and No. ....

Date of Discharge from HM Forces                     

Unit ....

Have you previously been a member of the Legion, and if so, of what Branch? BAMPTON - WOMEN SECTION

Signed Y.H. Brown Date 3 June 1991 Date of Birth: 07-05-39  
\* Delete as necessary

BAMPTON

Branch

Proposed by A. G. NEWING

Subscription paid £3.00 Date 3/6/91

Accepted AS NEWING (Branch Secretary)

RETAINED BY BRANCH





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**A**

I BRYAN DEANE.

wish to become an \*ORDINARY/ASSOCIATE member of The Royal British Legion and accept the ideals and conditions of the Royal Charter.

of 29. THE PIECES

BAMPTON, OXON

Post Code OX18 2JZ

Date of joining HM Forces July 1949.

Rank and No. 22160876

Date of Discharge from HM Forces 1951.

Unit Royal Artillery + 10yrs Sgt.  
Queen's Own's Oxfordshire  
Hussars (TA)

Have you previously been a member of the Legion, and if so, of what Branch? NO

Signed B Deane

Date 10 June 91.

Date of Birth: 5-4-31

\* Delete as necessary

BAMPTON

Branch

Proposed by Aswong

Subscription paid £3

Date 11/6/91

Accepted Aswong (Branch Secretary)

RETAINED BY BRANCH



# THE INVASION OF MADAGASCAR

MAY 1942

On 7th December 1941 the Japanese fleet struck at Pearl Harbour inflicting massive damage on the American Pacific fleet.

On the same day, HMS Ramillies left the Clyde, part of a large escort for a convoy carrying thousands of troops to the Cape. Their destination was thought to be Malaya. In the event, they never got there.

Ramillies' orders were to proceed to Singapore along with Warspite and the other 3R class battleships, Revenge, Resolution and Royal Sovereign plus a ragbag of C and D class cruisers and old destroyers.

As you know, the battleship Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser Repulse were sunk off the coast of Malaya, and Singapore fell.

Ramillies got as far as Trincomalee on the North East coast of Ceylon and then hastily retired to Port X, a large atoll in the Maldive Islands. The Japanese struck at Colombo with massive air power but got a bloody nose because 24 Hurricanes had been landed by a modern carrier, HMS Indomitable, only two days before.

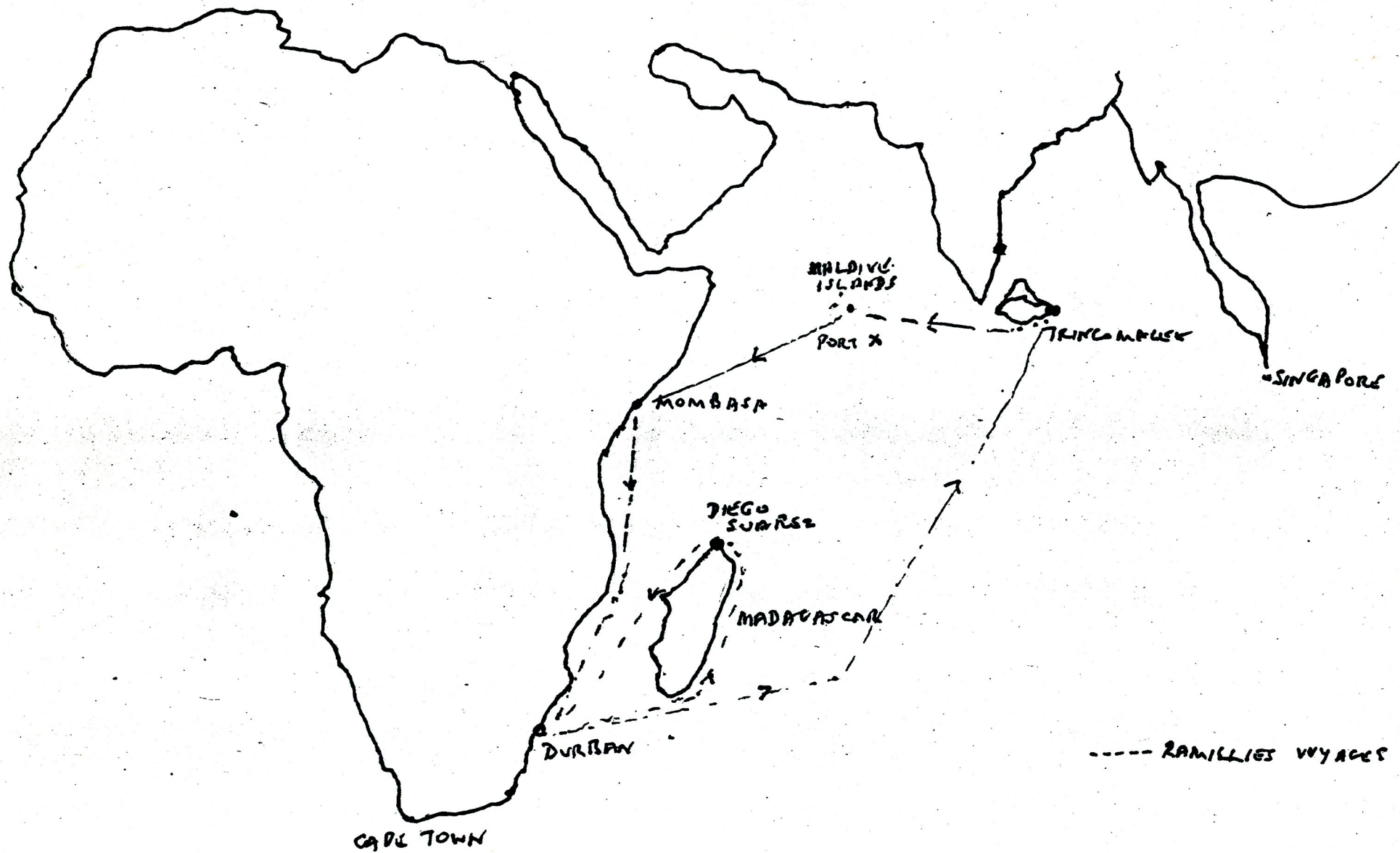
Nevertheless, we lost an old carrier, HMS Hermes and two 8" cruisers, Cornwall and Devonshire.

It was a very critical moment for the British Empire and the Royal Navy. Convoys were unable to go through the Mediterranean. The battleship Barham had been sunk and the Queen Elizabeth lay beached in Alexandria struck by limpeteers of the Italian Navy. To compound matters, the battle cruiser Malaya was torpedoed and put out of commission off the Cape.

The decision was taken to capture Diego Suarez at the northern tip of the large island of Madagascar to prevent a possible invasion by the Japanese which would have threatened the Mozambique Channel through which convoys of men and material had to pass to reinforce the Eighth Army.

HMS Ramillies was destined to be the flagship of Admiral Sir Neville Syfret who led the naval squadron for the invasion of Madagascar.









# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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Oban House  
Bampton  
Oxon OX18 2HA

13th December 1991

The Rt. Hon. Douglas Hurd MP  
Secretary of State for Foreign  
and Commonwealth Affairs  
House of Commons  
Westminster  
LONDON SW1

We much enjoyed seeing you and the family at Nicola's wedding, and Jessica together with Tom performed superbly, as you will see on the video when we meet shortly.

On a different note I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Tom King regarding war pensioners (disabled) review of pension, and I feel sure you can work the oracle for many of these very brave, but forgotten members of our community.

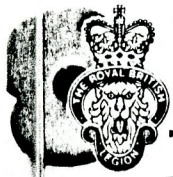
On a happier note, many congratulations on your achievement at Maastricht, although the Sunday trading debacle reflects rather poorly on the Home Office - to this end I am enclosing a copy of your friend Peter Lewis's letter in the current John Lewis Gazette, which no doubt you have seen.

My love to Judy and Jessica and I hope Philip has had a successful first term at Summer Fields.

With every good wish

PETER A SMITH





# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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Oban House  
Bampton  
Oxon OX18 2HA

13th December 1991

The Rt. Hon. Tom King MP  
The Secretary for Defence  
House of Commons  
Westminster  
LONDON SW1

*Dear Mr King*

## War Pensioners (Disabled)

I am writing to you as Chairman of our local British Legion (Bampton Branch), where the case has arisen from one of our members regarding the review of war disablement pensions, where I am given to understand that a lobby of MPs and the British Legion are campaigning for such a review.

The member concerned had a visit this week from Mrs Walton who represents the War Pensions Welfare Service, which is a section of the DHSS at High Wycombe, and who was most helpful. Apparently should our member pre-decease his wife, she would receive no widow's pension unless it could be proved his death could be attributed to the war time disablement.

This is clearly totally unjust and I trust the matter will be raised in Parliament as soon as possible, as quite rightly war widows' pensions were reviewed in 1990, but despite canvassing at the time there was no review of war disablement pensions.

Finally, I will be interested to know what sort of pension is paid to the German and Japanese war disabled in comparison to their British counterparts, remembering of course who won the war.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Douglas Hurd and I look forward to receiving a positive response from you.

*Yours sincerely*  
*P A Smith*

PETER A SMITH



From: THE RT. HON. DOUGLAS HURD, CBE, MP.



HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
LONDON, SW1A 0AA

19th December 1991

Dear Peter,

Thank you very much for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your letter to Tom King regarding War Pensioners (Disabled) review. Let me look into this and I will write to you again.

As regards Sunday trading, as you know, this is an old unhappy story. The present law was never sensible, because it contains so many absurdities. The Auld Committee was set up in the last Parliament and, after looking at all the alternatives, recommended simple deregulation - i.e. a law allowing shops to open and people to shop on Sundays with protection for shopworkers who did not want to take part. This was the Bill which I introduced into the House of Commons in 1986 when I was Home Secretary and which was rejected.

Since then, the Government has held endless discussions with the different interest groups and lobbies in the hope of finding a compromise which would be generally acceptable. No such compromise has so far emerged. Now the House of Lords has asked the European Court of Justice whether the existing law is compatible with the Community's laws on competition and we await the reply on this legal point.

Two facts seem to me to stand out pretty clearly. Most people in England and Wales, according to all the evidence, would prefer to be able to shop freely on Sundays as they can in Scotland. On the other hand, there are a large number of people who are anxious, partly about the position of those who work in shops, and partly because of their desire to have one day of the week which is different from the others.

The 1950 Act puts the responsibility for enforcement on local authorities, not on Government or the Police. But in any case it is increasingly impracticable to try to enforce the present law when its status is uncertain. Once this uncertainty is removed, then we shall have to try once again to find an answer which makes sense.



For myself I feel strongly that Sunday should be a different day, but I do not see a way in which the law can sensibly achieve this by preventing people from shopping. There needs to be protection for shopworkers, but keeping Sunday special should essentially be a matter for education, upbringing and tradition rather than seeking to enforce a law which has proved unworkable.

What you can't do is draft a law in which distinguishes between one kind of shop and another. Modern retailing, as you know, is not like that. But most of the suggested compromises ~~best~~ are based on this idea.

A Happy Christmas to you all.

Peter A. Smith, Esq.,  
Oban House,  
Bampton,  
Oxon.  
OX18 2HA

Yours,

D. Smith.



From: THE RT. HON. DOUGLAS HURD, CBE, MP.



HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
LONDON, SW1A 0AA

28th January 1992

Dear Peter,

Further to my letter of the 19th December, I have now received this reply from Nicholas Scott, MP, Minister for Social Security and Disabled People, explaining the position about the War Pensioners (Disabled) review.

I hope this makes sense.

Yours,

Douglas

Peter A. Smith, Esq.,  
Oban House,  
Bampton,  
Oxon.  
OX18 2HA





DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, London SW1A 2NS

Telephone 071-210 3000

Fax 071-210 5415

*From the Minister for Social Security and Disabled People*

POS(2)2632/152

The Rt Hon Douglas Hurd CBE MP

23 JAN 1992

*Dear Douglas,*

Thank you for your letter of 19 December 1991 to Tom King at the Ministry of Defence enclosing a letter from Mr Peter A Smith, Chairman of the Bampton Branch of the Royal British Legion about War Pensions. I am sorry for the delay in replying.

I believe the review of War Disablement Pensions which Mr Smith mentions is a scrutiny report carried out to identify ways in which to improve the efficiency of the War Pensions scheme thereby providing a better service to war pensioners. A large part of the report dealt with procedural matters; many of its recommendations have already been implemented and it is expected that these will improve the clearance times of War Pensions claims.

The report also recommends that the abolition of certain additional, archaic, and in the main, low value allowances would have a marked effect on efficiency. However, I have advised the ex-service organisations that it is not the Government's intention to pursue those recommendations in a way which would reduce the cash entitlement being received by individual war pensioners, or which would lead to a reduction in resources for the War Pensions scheme as a whole.

Copies of the report were given to members of the Central Advisory Committee on War Pensions and various other ex-service organisations for them to comment. The Government are committed to discussing War Pensions matters with the Central Advisory Committee and this report is no exception. It was discussed at both the June and December meetings of the Committee. Comments are still being received and in general they are supportive. The ex-service organisations, including the Royal British Legion, are well aware that all comments will be considered fully before decisions are taken.



**E.R.**

One of the recommendations contained in the report was to absorb the Dependency Allowance into the basic War Disablement Pension. The responses to this particular proposal were unanimously favourable, and I am sure that you will welcome our decision to add this allowance into the basic War Pension for all war disablement pensioners. We will do this from April this year; this is a helpful simplification which will give small, immediate gains to some 50,000 people and then there will be future gain for all war disablement pensioners as the previously frozen "dependency" element is uprated as part of the basic pension.

Moving on to Mr Smith's point about War Widows Pensions, I should explain that they are awarded for the maintenance of a widow whose husband's death was due to or substantially hastened by service, not necessarily war service, in the Armed Forces. There must be this causal connection otherwise the very preferential rates of War Widows Pensions could not be justified. Where the death was not due to service, the State provides for the widow's maintenance through the Social Security system, usually by way of a National Insurance Widows Pension topped up, if necessary by Income Support.

There is however an exception which recognises the position of those widows who have nursed severely disabled war pensioner husbands. Where Unemployability Supplement or Constant Attendance Allowance had been in payment, the widow will receive a temporary allowance for the first six months of widowhood. This allowance roughly equals the amount which was being paid to the late husband. Where Constant Attendance Allowance had been in payment, this temporary allowance is followed by the automatic award of War Widows Pension regardless of the cause of death.

Where Mr Smith mentions a review of War Widows Pensions in 1990, I can only assume he is referring to the introduction of the Ministry of Defence special payments for pre-1973 war widows. I must emphasise that this was not a review of War Widows Pensions nor are the payments part of the War Pensions scheme. They are paid to widows whose husbands' service in the Armed Forces ended before 31 March 1973 and who, therefore, do not receive an Attributable Forces Family pension from the Ministry of Defence. As such, the special payments are the responsibility of the Ministry of Defence with this Department making the payments, on their behalf, as an administrative convenience.

Mr Smith also asks about the pensions paid to the German or Japanese war disabled. International comparisons are extremely difficult to make as the schemes vary so widely. One also has to take account of the health and social services of each country, conditions of entitlement and whether or not the pensions are taxable. It is, therefore, not just a simple matter of converting pension rates from one currency to another.

I am grateful for the opportunity to explain the position.

*Yours sincerely,*  
*Nick.*

NICHOLAS SCOTT





# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Oban House  
Bampton  
Oxon OX18 2HA

PAS/hoh

7th February 1992

The Rt. Hon. Douglas Hurd, CBE, MP  
House of Commons  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

*Dear Douglas*

Thank you so much for your two letters dated 19th December and 28th January together with the comprehensive explanation from Nicholas Scott, which I have passed on to my Committee.

On the matter of Sunday trading, I was pleased to read that the popularity for this form of shopping has waned considerably since Christmas.

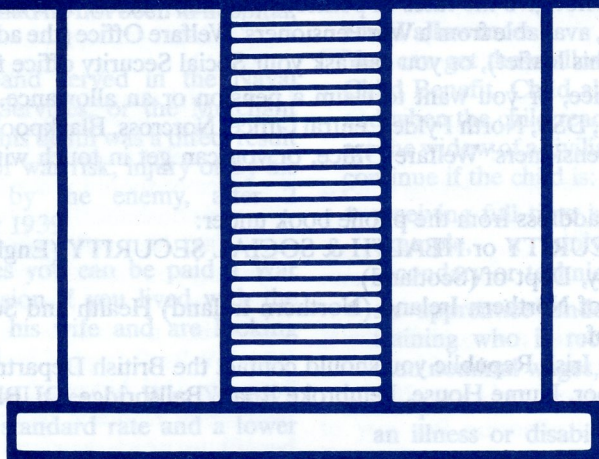
*Yours ever*  
*PAS*

PETER A SMITH



# War pensions, allowances and welfare services

# War widows and other dependants



See also MPL 154



**This leaflet is only a guide: it has no status in law. It should not be treated as a complete or authoritative statement of the law.**

This leaflet tells you about pensions, allowances and welfare services which you can get if you are a war widow or other dependant of someone who died as a result of:

- service in the Armed Forces between 1914 and 1921 or after 2 September 1939, or
- a war injury as a member of the Merchant Navy, or
- a 1939 war injury as a civilian, or
- a 1939 war injury as a Civil Defence Volunteer.

But if you are a dependant of someone who died as a result of service in the Armed Forces between 1 October 1921 and 2 September 1939 you should contact the Ministry of Defence for information about pensions and allowances. You should write to the branch of the Armed Forces that represents the person who died. The address is on page 9.

**Although Army ranks are used in this leaflet, please read them as the equivalent for the other services. For example, Major may be read as Squadron Leader or Lieutenant Commander.**

This leaflet does not give the rates of pensions and allowances. You can find these in leaflet MPL 154, available from a War Pensioners' Welfare Office (the addresses are on pages 10-11 of this leaflet), or you can ask your Social Security office for a copy.

If you need advice, or you want to claim a pension or an allowance, write to War Pensions Branch, DSS, North Fylde Central Office, Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3TA, or contact a War Pensioners' Welfare Office, or you can get in touch with your Social Security office.

You can get the address from the phone book under:

- SOCIAL SECURITY or HEALTH & SOCIAL SECURITY (England & Wales)
- Social Security, Dept of (Scotland)
- Government of Northern Ireland (Northern Ireland) Health and Social Security, Department of.

If you live in the Irish Republic you should contact the British Department of Social Security, 3rd Floor, Hume House, Pembroke Road, Ballsbridge, DUBLIN 4.

## **If you live outside the United Kingdom**

Most of the advice given in this leaflet still applies even if you live abroad. If you do, however, you should ignore references to:

- Your local Social Security office.
- The National Health Service.
- National Insurance contributions and benefits.
- Social Security benefits.
- Income Tax.
- Estate Duty.
- Capital Transfer Tax.
- Help with funeral costs (available in the Republic of Ireland).
- War Pensioners' Welfare Service (available in the Republic of Ireland).
- War Pensions Committees (available in the Republic of Ireland).

Further help and advice about the United Kingdom War Pensions Scheme can be obtained from:

War Pensions Branch, DSS, Norcross, Blackpool, England FY5 3TA; or by contacting your local pension agent.

## **War Widow's Pension**

You may be able to get a War Widow's Pension from the DSS if:

- your husband's death was the result of service in the Armed Forces between 1914 and 1921, or after 2 September 1939, or
- your husband was a Civil Defence Volunteer or other civilian, whose death was the direct result of a 1939 war injury, or
- your husband was getting a war pension constant attendance allowance at the time of his death – or would have been had he not been in hospital, or
- your husband served in the Naval Auxiliary Services, or the Merchant Navy, and his death was a direct result of a war, or war risk, injury or by his detention by the enemy, after 2 September 1939.

In some cases you can be paid a War Widow's Pension if you lived with the pensioner as his wife and are looking after his child.

There are two rates of War Widow's Pension – a standard rate and a lower rate.

You will get a standard rate if you are the widow of an officer above the rank of Major.

If you are the widow of an officer of the rank of Major or below, another rank or a civilian, you can get a standard rate if you are:

- 40 or over, or
- under 40 – but eligible for an allowance for a child, or
- under 40 – but unable to support yourself because of prolonged ill-health, or
- under 40 – but expecting a baby by your late husband.

If you do not qualify for the standard rate you will get a lower rate, until you reach 40, then you will get the standard rate.

All rates are according to your late husband's rank. For details see leaflet MPL 154 *Rates of war pensions and allowances*.

If you are under 40 and get the standard rate because you get an allowance for a child, you will still get the standard rate even if you are under 40 when the child's allowance ends – provided that the allowance was paid up to the child's normal age limit.

## **Allowances**

### **Child allowances**

You can get these allowances as well as Child Benefit. Child allowances usually end when the child reaches 16 (15 if you are the widow of a civilian). But they may continue if the child is:

- receiving full-time instruction at, for example, a university, college, secondary or technical school, or
- an apprentice undergoing full-time training who is receiving not more than nominal wages, or
- incapable of self-support because of an illness or disability which started before age 16 (15 for the child of a civilian).

### **Education allowance**

You may get this allowance for any child for whom child allowance is paid. It is to help towards education costs and is paid from the beginning of the term in which the child reaches age five.

The DSS must be satisfied that the education is suitable and that family circumstances require an allowance.

### **Rent allowance**

You may be able to get rent allowance if you are getting a War Widow's Pension and you maintain a home for a child eligible for an allowance.



If you own, or are buying, your own home, you can get an allowance paid towards your rates or Community Charge. If you rent your home, you can get an allowance towards rent and rates or Community Charge.

You may also get an allowance if you pay an inclusive amount for board and lodging for yourself and your child.

If a child leaves the household or dies, rent allowance can normally be paid for a further 26 weeks.

A claim form for rent allowance will be sent to any widow who is known to have a child in her care. You should fill in and return this form as soon as you can. Any delay may mean you lose money, as the first date of payment depends on the date the claim is made.

If you are getting a rent allowance you should notify any changes in your rent or rates to: **War Pensions Branch, DSS, North Fylde Central Office, Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3TA.**

#### **Age allowance for older widows**

You will automatically get an additional allowance when you reach 65. This allowance will be increased at age 70 and age 80.

#### **Temporary allowance for widows of severely disabled war pensioners**

If your husband was a war pensioner getting either constant attendance allowance or unemployability supplement when he died, you will get a special temporary allowance for the first 26 weeks after he dies – even if you do not qualify for a War Widow's Pension. The allowance will usually be at the same rate as the pension and allowances (or the weekly equivalent of the yearly disability retired pay and allowances, in the case of an officer) paid to your husband before his death.

If your husband was getting any of the following allowances, they will be

counted when the temporary allowance is worked out:

- War Disablement Pension or treatment allowance
- comforts allowance
- severe disablement occupational allowance
- allowance for lowered standard of occupation
- age allowance
- unemployability supplement (man's rate)
- exceptionally severe disablement allowance
- invalidity allowance
- additional or dependency allowances payable with any of the above.

Usually the allowance will be more than War Widow's Pension or National Insurance Widow's Pension and will take the place of these for the first 26 weeks after your husband dies. If you qualify for the £1000 National Insurance Widow's Payment, your temporary allowance will be reduced by this amount over the 26 weeks, but not below the rate of War Widow's Pension plus the £1000. After 26 weeks you will get the War Widow's Pension or National Insurance widow's benefit to which you are entitled. The temporary allowance is paid by an order book which can be cashed each week at the post office.

#### **Effect of Servicemen's Occupational Pensions Scheme**

If your husband served on or after 31 March 1973, and his death is accepted by DSS as being due to service, you may be paid an improved occupational pension. The pension is paid by the Ministry of Defence and includes provision for rank. DSS will pay your War Widow's Pension and child allowances at the rate for a Private's widow, but will not usually pay education allowances.

### **Why you should claim early**

You should fill in and return any claim form as soon as possible. If your War Widow's Pension is to be paid from the date of your husband's death, it must be submitted within three months of that date. If it is submitted later than three months after your husband's death, your War Widow's Pension will be paid from the date on which your claim is received. If your claim is likely to be delayed you should tell: **War Pensions Branch, DSS, North Fylde Central Office, Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3TA.**

You should also tell the War Pensions Branch immediately if you think you are entitled to any allowance.

### **How your pension is paid**

**If you are the widow of an officer:** you will be paid in arrears, either quarterly or monthly, as you wish. Children's allowances are normally paid quarterly in advance, together with any rent allowance. If you have any queries about payment write to: **Paymaster General's Office, Sutherland House, Russell Way, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 1UH.** Please quote their reference number shown on the letter that said you would be getting a pension.

**If you are the widow of another rank or civilian:** you will be paid weekly in advance by a pension book which can be cashed each Monday at a post office. The book will be sent to you when your declaration (which accompanies the notification of award of pension) is returned. **The book contains detailed instructions which you should read carefully.**

If you wish, arrangements can be made for your pension to be paid either 4 or 13 weeks in arrears to your bank or building society account, or direct to you.

If you have any queries about payment please write to: **War Pensions Branch,**

**Payments Section, DSS, North Fylde Central Office, Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3TA.** Please quote your war pension payment number.

### **Your reference number**

If you are awarded a pension you will be told by letter. This letter will also tell you the reference number which you should use when you contact your Social Security office, War Pensioners' Welfare Office, or War Pensions Branch, North Fylde Central Office.

### **Earnings**

War Widows' Pensions are not affected by earnings or other income.

### **Tax**

War Widows' Pensions, allowances and any special payment from the Ministry of Defence to widows whose husbands' service ended before 31 March 1973 are not liable for income tax. So that the Inspector of Taxes can disregard them, remember to show clearly that you are a war widow on your income tax returns.

If your husband's death occurred on or after 13 November 1974 any benefits under his Will or intestacy which passed to you will normally be exempt from Estate Duty or Capital Transfer Tax. This applies to all widows, whatever the cause of death.

### **Remarriage**

**If you are the widow of an officer or Warrant Officer Class 1 or equivalent, and you remarry,** your widow's pension, together with any rent allowance, stops. You may have all or part of your pension restored to you if you are widowed a second time, depending on your financial circumstances.

**If you are the widow of another rank or a civilian and you remarry,** your widow's pension, together with any rent allowance, stops. You will receive a gratuity equal to one year's pension, but you will not get



your pension restored if you are widowed a second time.

If you remarry, child allowances can still be paid unless your husband adopts the children, in which case the allowances will have to be withdrawn.

## **Widow living with a man as his wife**

If you live with a man as his wife, your widow's pension, together with any rent allowance, stops, but any child allowances continue. If the relationship ends write to **War Pensions Branch, DSS, North Fylde Central Office, Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3TA** to see if your pension can be restored.

## **If a widow dies**

If you die before your child reaches 16, the child allowance will be converted into Orphan's Pension at an increased rate. If your child is over 16 an orphan's pension may still be paid if the conditions for child allowances on page 3 are satisfied.

The War Pensioners' Welfare Officers will do all that can be done to see that the children get proper care and friendly advice through childhood and adolescence.

## **National Insurance benefits**

You may be able to get the following benefits as well as War Widow's Pension:

- National Insurance £1000 Widow's Payment
- National Insurance Widow's Pension, but only the amount that exceeds the rate of your War Widow's Pension or special temporary allowance
- graduated Retirement Pension or Additional Pension which you inherit from your husband
- National Insurance contributory benefits or pensions which are based on your own contributions, such as Retirement Pension

- National Insurance age addition if you do not get any other National Insurance benefit
- Mobility Allowance and Attendance Allowance.

## **Liability to pay National Insurance contributions**

See leaflet NI 51 *National Insurance for widows*.

If you were widowed after 6 April 1978 you cannot pay National Insurance contributions at a reduced rate (reduced liability) unless you had National Insurance reduced liability immediately before you were widowed.

Your right to pay reduced liability National Insurance contributions will be lost if, for example, you are not liable to pay a contribution for 2 tax years, or you remarry and then divorce, or you decide to pay full National Insurance contributions.

**If you stop being entitled to reduced liability you must tell your employer immediately.**

If you get Child Benefit or allowance, or look after someone getting Attendance Allowance or Constant Attendance Allowance you may be able to get Home Responsibilities Protection. This protects your pension if you do not pay National Insurance contributions because you cannot go out to work. Further information is in leaflet NP 46 *A guide to state Retirement Pensions* and leaflet NI 51 *National Insurance for widows*, or you can contact your local Social Security office.

## **Widower's Pension**

You may get a War Widower's Pension and children's allowance if:

- you are the dependent widower of a servicewoman whose death is due to service, or who was a war pensioner getting constant attendance allowance

at the time of her death, or would have been if she had not been in hospital, and

- you are in need and you cannot support yourself.

The couple must have been married before the onset of the condition on which the claim is based.

## **Orphan's Pension**

A child who has lost both parents may be paid a pension. The Welfare Officers of the DSS will do all they can to see that the orphan gets proper care and friendly advice.

## **Parent's Pension**

You may get a pension if you have lost a son or daughter as a result of war injuries or service in the Armed Forces. It is paid if you are now in need because of old age, infirmity or any other long term problems. You should contact: **War Pensions Branch, DSS, North Fylde Central Office, Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3TA.**

## **Other dependants**

In some cases a pension can be paid to you if you are another relative of the deceased ex-serviceman, as long as you are in need and unable to support yourself. You may get a pension, for example, if you were his or her grand-parent, step-parent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, step-brother, step-sister, or grandchild.

## **Appeals**

If your pension claim is refused you can appeal to the independent Pensions Appeal Tribunal. When you are told the decision on your claim you will be told how to appeal and the time limit. Appeal as soon as you can. If you delay doing so any award may be paid only from the date that you subsequently appeal.

Pensions Appeal Tribunal decisions are binding on both parties and can only be changed by an appeal on a point of law to the High Court (England and Wales), the

Court of Sessions (Scotland) or the Supreme Court (in Northern Ireland), or if, after the Tribunal decision, the DSS accept additional evidence as likely to affect the issue.

You have a statutory right of appeal only if your pension claim is refused. If you claim for extra allowances and you are refused you cannot appeal to the Pensions Appeal Tribunal. Instead you can seek help from your nearest War Pensions Committee, ex-service organisation, or write direct to **War Pensions Branch, DSS, North Fylde Central Office, Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3TA**, saying why you wish your award to be reconsidered.

## **Christmas Bonus**

A War Widow's Pension will qualify you for the Christmas Bonus paid to most widows and pensioners. You will receive only one bonus per year, and you must be normally living in the United Kingdom, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Gibraltar or any European Community country in the week the bonus is payable.

## **Other benefits which may be payable**

### **Income Support**

If you are living in the United Kingdom and not working, or working less than 24 hours a week, you may be entitled to Income Support in addition to your War Widow's Pension. £10 of your War Widow's Pension will be ignored in calculating your weekly entitlement. Details are given in leaflet SB 1 which is available from any post office or Social Security office.

### **Family Credit**

If you are living in the United Kingdom and working for at least 24 hours a week and you have one or more dependent children, you may be entitled to Family Credit. £10 of your War Widow's Pension will be ignored in calculating your weekly entitlement. Details are given in the combined leaflet and claim form FC 1



available from any post office or Social Security office.

### **Housing Benefit**

If you pay rent, rates or Community Charge you may be able to get help from your local council. This is called Housing Benefit.

£10 of your War Widow's Pension will be ignored in calculating your weekly entitlement. Some councils also run special schemes for war widows. If you want more details or if you want to make a claim get in touch with your local council. Their address is in the phone book.

### **Effect of Ministry of Defence special payments to pre-1973 war widows on income-related benefits**

The special payment from the Ministry of Defence for widows of men whose service ended before 31 March 1973 is ignored in calculating entitlement to Income Support, Family Credit, Housing Benefit and Community Charge Benefit.

### **NHS charges**

You may be able to get help with prescription charges (see leaflet P 11), wigs and fabric supports (see leaflet WF 11), the cost of dental treatment (see leaflet D 11), glasses (see leaflet G 11) and travelling to and from NHS hospitals (see leaflet H 11). You can get these leaflets from your local Social Security office or you can write to the address on the back of this leaflet.

### **Funeral expenses**

If the relatives request it the DSS will pay for the basic funeral of a war pensioner in the UK, providing:

- the pensioner died as a result of his or her pensioned disablement, or while having accepted treatment in hospital for that disablement, or
- the pensioner was getting constant attendance allowance or would have been, had he or she not been in hospital.

The relatives can claim for the cost of:

- bringing the body home, if the person died away from home but in the United Kingdom
- travel to arrange the funeral or to attend the funeral (one return journey only)
- the death certificate
- an ordinary coffin
- a car for the coffin and bearers, and one other car
- flowers from the person who is arranging the funeral
- fees for the undertaker, chaplain and organist for a simple funeral
- cemetery or crematorium fees for a simple funeral,
- up to £75 extra costs because of the religion of the person who has died.

If you wish to claim (you must claim within three months of the death), write to **War Pensions Branch, DSS, Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3TA.**

Claims will be accepted up to three months after the date of the funeral.

## **Where to get help and advice**

### **War Pensioners' Welfare Service**

This service exists to help war pensioners and widows with their problems relating to pensions or personal matters. Welfare officers will arrange to see you in your own home or elsewhere if required. Their advice can be sought on a variety of matters, including children, accommodation and money difficulties. Welfare officers work closely with local authority social services and other departments. They are in touch with voluntary organisations who help the dependants of ex-servicemen.

If you need help or advice get in touch with the War Pensioners' Welfare Service. You can get the address from the 'Useful addresses' section at the back of this leaflet.

### **War Pensions Committees**

War Pensions Committees are independent of the DSS. They have members who are disabled ex-servicemen and some who work for voluntary associations. The Committees can make recommendations to the DSS on matters of policy, and on your individual case if you wish. The DSS considers such recommendations very carefully. If you are not happy with a DSS decision on a claim, you can ask for your complaint to be considered by the War Pensions Committee for your district. You will be invited to a meeting of the Committee to talk about your case. If you want to do this write to: **The Clerk to the War Pensions Committee, War Pensioners' Welfare Service, War Pensioners' Welfare Office.** You can find the address of your local office under 'Useful addresses' at the back of this leaflet.

### **Ex-service organisations**

The following organisations can advise you on all matters connected with War Widows' Pensions and allowances. If you want to appeal against a DSS decision these associations can help you with your case and represent you at the Tribunal, whether you are a member of the association or not (there is no cost to you):

- The Officers' Association – for officers of all three armed services and their widows,
- The Royal British Legion and The Royal British Legion, Scotland – for

officers, other ranks and widows of all three armed services.

- The Royal Air Forces Association – for officers, other ranks and widows of the RAF.

## **Pensioners living abroad**

If you live outside the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic there may be arrangements for the payment of pensions by DSS Overseas Pensions Agents. The pensions and allowances mentioned in this leaflet are paid overseas at sterling rates but the method and frequency of payment is arranged by the DSS Agent in accordance with the practice in the particular country.

If you are living overseas and are not sure about any point in this leaflet or want to apply for any of the allowances you should get in touch with the DSS Overseas Pensions Agent whose address will have been sent to you. Give the reference number on the letter that said you would be getting a pension, when writing. You should inform the DSS Overseas Pensions Agent at once of any change of address.

It will usually save time to write first to the Agent, but any letter written to the DSS about a War Disablement Pension or War Widow's Pension should be addressed to: **War Pensions Branch, DSS, North Fylde Central Office, Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3TA, England.**

# **Useful addresses**

## **Ministry of Defence**

### **Royal Navy and Royal Marines**

Ministry of Defence  
NPP (Acs)3A  
HMS CENTURION  
Grange Road  
Gosport PO13 9XA

### **Army**

Ministry of Defence  
Army Pensions Office  
103-109 Waterloo Street  
Glasgow G2 7BN

### **RAF**

Ministry of Defence  
F2 (Air)  
Building 56  
RAF Innsworth  
Gloucester GL3 1HW



## War Pensioners' Welfare Service

If you wish to consult a Welfare Officer of the DSS War Pensioners' Welfare Service, you may contact your nearest War Pensioners' Welfare Office direct. The postal addresses and telephone numbers are as follows:

<b>Aberdeen</b> 14 Dee Street Aberdeen AB1 2AJ Tel: 0224-589988	<b>Basingstoke</b> Grosvenor House Basing View, Basingstoke Hants RG21 2AP Tel: 0265-29171	<b>Belfast</b> Marlborough House 30 Victoria Street Belfast BT1 3GE Tel: 0232-227881
<b>Birmingham</b> Five Ways Tower Frederick Road, Edgbaston Birmingham B15 1ST Tel: 021-631 4141	<b>Bootle</b> St Martin's House Stanley Precinct, Bootle Merseyside L69 9BS Tel: 051-922 4010	<b>Brighton</b> 185 Dyke Road Hove Sussex BN3 1UD Tel: 0273-27418
<b>Bristol</b> Government Buildings Flowers Hill, Brislington Bristol BS4 5LE Tel: 0272-718311	<b>Cardiff</b> 5th floor, Southgate House Wood Street Cardiff CF1 1JJ Tel: 0222-399766	<b>Cork</b> Irish Life Building 2 South Mall Cork Tel: 010353 21 272080
<b>Dublin</b> 3rd Floor, Hume House Pembroke Road Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 Tel: 0001-601122	<b>Dundee</b> Lindsay House 49 North Lindsay Street Dundee DD1 1QB Tel: 0382-23211	<b>Edinburgh</b> Argyle House 3 Lady Lawson Street Edinburgh EH3 9SH Tel: 031-229 9191
<b>Glasgow</b> 119 West Regent Street Glasgow G2 4DA Tel: 041-248 2755	<b>High Wycombe</b> Newman House Oxford Road High Wycombe Bucks HP11 2DW Tel: 0494-27489/27480	<b>Isle of Man</b> Markwell House Market Street Douglas Isle of Man Tel: 0624-76911
<b>Leeds</b> Mezzanine Floor City House Leeds LS1 4JE Tel: 0532-438232	<b>London</b> <b>Balham</b> 218 Balham High Road London SW12 9BX Tel: 01-673 7722	<b>London</b> <b>Euston</b> 194 Euston Road London NW1 2DG Tel: 01-387 4366
<b>Manchester</b> Albert Bridge House West Bridge Street Manchester M60 9DF Tel: 061-835 2021	<b>Middlesbrough</b> Royal House 2 Albert House Middlesbrough TS2 1AS Tel: 0642-245470	<b>Newcastle</b> Arden House Regent Centre Regent Farm Road, Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3JN Tel: 091-285 0111
<b>Newton Abbot</b> Ilford Park Polish Home Stover Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 6QH Tel: 0626-63315	<b>Norwich</b> St Mary's House Duke Street, Norwich Norfolk NR3 1QA Tel: 0603-622822 or 0603-633733	<b>Nottingham</b> Block 1, Government Buildings Chalfont Drive Nottingham NG8 3RD Tel: 0602-291111

## Portsmouth

Roebuck House  
Portsmouth Road  
Cosham  
Portsmouth PO6 2TA  
Tel: 0705-370921

## Preston

Barry House  
67-69 London Road  
Preston PR1 4DE  
Tel: 0772-59303

## Sheffield

Chesham House  
15 Charter Row  
Sheffield S1 3EE  
Tel: 0742-761133

## Swansea

Oldway House  
Rutland Place  
Swansea SA1 1JA  
Tel: 0792-468500

## Tunbridge Wells

Vale House  
Clarence Road  
Tunbridge Wells  
Kent TN1 1HH  
Tel: 0892-26211

## Wrexham

Block 28  
Government Buildings  
King's Mill Road  
Hightown  
Wrexham  
Clwyd LL13 8RD  
Tel: 0978-291111

## Ex-service organisations

There are many ex-service organisations who help the war disabled and their families and these include:

**British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association, Frankland Moore House, 185-187 High Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex RM6 6NA**

Assists men and women, who have lost limbs through service in the Armed Forces, with pensions, assessments including Tribunals, homes at Blackpool and Crieff (Scotland) and welfare grants to members and their wives.

**Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society, Broadway House, The Broadway, Wimbledon, London SW19 1RL**

Cares for ex-members of the Armed Forces and the Merchant Navy suffering from psychiatric disabilities. The Society runs a Treatment Centre, a single men's hostel, cottages for married men and their families, and a Veterans' Home, and advises and represents clients at Pensions Appeal Tribunals.

**The Far East (Prisoners of War and Internees) Fund, 30 Copsewood Way, Bearsted, Maidstone, Kent ME15 8PL**  
Helps Far East prisoners of war and civil-

ian internees of the Japanese 1941-45, and their dependants, who are in need.

**The Joint Committee of the Order of St John and the British Red Cross Society, (EWDH and H Department), 6 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EH**

Seeks to help war disablement pensioners and their widows with visits, advice, goods and financial aid. There are also three residential homes for reasonably mobile pensioners and widows.

**The Royal Air Forces Association, 43 Grove Park Road, London W4 3RU**  
Assists and represents ex-RAF and Commonwealth Air Forces personnel.

**The Royal British Legion and the Officers' Association, 48 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5JY**

Assists with the welfare and war pensions of serving and ex-service people, as well as those who have served in the Mercantile Marine, Allied Civil Police Force, Home Guard and Voluntary Aid Societies, their widows and dependants. Provides residential and convalescent accommodation.



**The Royal British Legion Scotland, The Earl Haig Fund (Scotland) and the Officers' Association (Scottish Branch), New Haig House, Logie Green Road, Edinburgh EH7 4HR**

Helps all ex-service people, their widows and dependants living in Scotland with pensions, welfare advice, and friendship, at their 275 branches in Scotland with 70,000 members.

**The Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, Golden Cross House, Duncannon Street, London WC2 4JR**

Provides financial help to the widows, orphans and dependants of service-men and women including education grants. **St Dunstan's, PO Box 4B, 12-14 Harcourt Street, London W1A 4XB**  
Cares for men and women blinded in wartime or peacetime, by restoring them

to as full, normal and active a life as possible. St Dunstan's also admits people who lose their sight as a delayed result of wartime service.

**Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, 16-18 Old Queen Street, London SW1H 9HP**

Helps the families of all men and women who serve, or who have served, in the Armed Forces and Reserves. SSAFA gives practical and financial help, advice and friendship to those in need and distress. There are 6,000 voluntary representatives located throughout Britain.

**War Widows Association of Great Britain, 17 The Earl's Croft, Coventry CV3 5ES**

Works on behalf of all war widows and keeps members informed, by newsletters, of negotiations undertaken on their behalf.

## **Information leaflets**

The following information leaflets are available on application to either War Pensions Branch, DSS, North Fylde Central Office, Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3TA, or from any War Pensioners' Welfare Office:

MPL 120 *War pensioners and war widows going abroad.*

MPL 153 *Guide for the war disabled.*

MPL 154 *Rates of war pensions and allowances.*

You can get these leaflets from any Social Security office:

P 11 *NHS prescriptions.*

D 11 *NHS dental treatment.*

G 11 *NHS vouchers for glasses.*

H 11 *NHS hospital travel costs.*

WF 11 *NHS wigs and fabric supports.*

FB 2 *Which benefit?*

FB 16 *Sick or injured through service in the Armed Forces?*

FC 1 *Family Credit (claim form)*

NP 27 *Looking after someone at home? How to protect your pension.*

NI 51 *National Insurance for widows.*

NI 196 *Social Security benefit rates.*

NI 208 *National Insurance, Statutory Sick Pay and Statutory Maternity Pay – rates.*

SB 1 *Income Support – cash help.*

or write to Leaflets Unit, PO Box 21, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 1AY.





# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

## BAMPTON BRANCH.

### 1. REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE - 8TH NOVEMBER 1992.

Your committee very much hope that you will attend the Remembrance Day parade and service. We assemble at the Bampton War Memorial at 10.45am. A short service is followed by two minutes silence and the laying of wreaths. The parade then marches off to St Mary's Church for the Remembrance Service.

At 6.00pm a similar service will be held at the Methodist Church in Bridge St.

Those attending the morning service are invited, with an accompanying guest to a small reception by the committee at the Jubilee Inn immediately after the Church Service. The first drink will be paid for from branch funds.

### 2. THE BRANCH CHAIRMAN.

Peter Smith regrets that through pressure of work he is no longer able to carry on as Branch Chairman. Bill Carr, the Treasurer has stepped into the breach for the time being and has said that he is willing to stand for election as president at the Annual General Meeting.

### 3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Horseshoe Inn lounge bar on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm, any items for the agenda to the secretary please by the 15th October. A nomination list for the committee is included.

### 4. OUTING.

The boat trip outing that had been arranged for the 28th August had to be cancelled due to lack of support. Out of a membership of 68 just 11 had said they were interested and it was felt by the committee that due to the high level of subsidy from branch funds (about £10 per head) and that the costs of the coach and boat hire were fixed, they could not justify the expenditure.



5. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The annual subscription has been raised by R.B.L. Headquarters to £4 and is due on 30th September. Because of this increase the purely voluntary contribution to branch funds is fixed at £1. Opting out of this additional contribution in no way affects a members rights. Collection of subscriptions and issuing of cards will be carried out by the RGLMs.

6. MEMBERSHIP LIST.

No membership list has been issued this year, there being only one change since the last issue. If you have lost your copy and feel that life will not be the same without one please contact the secretary.

7. POPPY APPEAL 1992.

Yvette Brown, our Poppy Appeal Organiser has asked me to thank those members who helped last year in collecting in the market square. Help is again required on the 6th and 7th November, if you are willing to help please contact Yvette on 841 434.

Tickets for the R.B.L. Poppy Day prize draw are available from the secretary. The first prize is £200, tickets are 10p each (in books of 5) and 6p of each ticket sold is added to the local Poppy Day appeal total.

8. ROYAL BRITISH LEGION PRODUCTS.

If you would like to order R.B.L. Christmas Cards and/or Diaries please contact the Secretary.

Crossed Flag Cards	£5.50 for 10.
Legion Badge Cards	£4.50 for 10.
Pocket Diary	£2.00.
Planner Diary	£3.00.

I also have a price list of other R.B.L. products (badges, sweaters etc). Please telephone to find out what is available

7. OBITUARY.

It is with great regret that the death is announced of J.Ellis of 20 New Road, Bampton on 1st April 1992.





# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

1. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRANCH WILL BE HELD IN THE HORSESHOE INN ON TUESDAY, 20th OCTOBER, AT 7.30 pm, PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND.

2. Below is a nomination form for Officers for the coming year.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PRESENT HOLDER</u>	<u>NOMINATION</u>
Branch President	Brig. R.C.Crowdy.	_____
Branch V. President	Col. M.W.T.Roberts	_____
Chairman	Mr P.A.Smith (Resigned).	_____
	Mr W.B.Carr. (Willing to stand).	_____
Treasurer	Mr W.B.Carr.	_____
Service Member	Rt.Rev. J.P.Burrough.	_____
Secretary	Mr A.G.Newing	_____
Committee Members :-		
	Mr G.M.Fowler	_____
	Mr F.J.Loxton	_____
	Mr E.J.Kingman	_____

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM TO THE SECRETARY  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OR BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE A.G.M.

Branch Secretary      A.G.Newing  
                                 Sherbourne House  
                                 Bridge St  
                                 Bampton.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

BAMPTON BRANCH - MEMBERSHIP 23.01.92.

1. Weald and Mill Green.

Burrough Rt. Rev. J.P. Colville Maj. R.A. Hartley K.R. Hirons K.W.M. Mayhead W.H.C. RGLM Munford A.F. Newport A.C. Shergold R.R.E.	6 Mill Green Close. Weald Manor. Mill Green Cottage, Weald. 2 Spring Cottages, Weald. Afton, 3 Castle Field, Bridge St. 1 Castle Field, Bridge St. 9 St Mary's Court, Weald. 2 Weald Cottages, Weald.
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2. Bridge St, High St, Market Square.

Carr W.B. Chambers R.J. Crowdy Brig. R.C. OBE. Gooddy Maj. J.W. Lay J.E. Lee E.J. Martin J.M. Martin Mrs P.M. RGLM Newing A.G. Roberts Col. M.W.T. Smith P.A. Stevens B.N. Taylor G.J. Vigar S.R.	Fernlea Barn, Bridge St. Karibu Cottage, Oathurst. The Malt Shovel, Lavender Square. Lesta House, High St. 4 Albion Place, Bridge St. Copsewood, 2 Oathurst Estate. Talbot Hotel. Talbot Hotel. Sherbourne House, Bridge St. Box House, Market Square. Oban, Bridge St. Lime Tree House, High St. 1 Oathurst Estate. Talbot Hotel.
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3. Aston Rd, Buckland Rd.

Curley J.A. RGLM Edwards G.W.A. Elliott P.C. Gray F.A.C. Hall M.I. Hawkins J.G. Loxton F.J. Parrish J.G. Pettifer C. Ritchie C.M. Shaw P.A.T. Richardson P.J.	8 Talbot Fields. Yew Tree Cottage, Buckland Rd. 11 Beam Paddock. Shillbrook Cottage, Buckland Rd. 7 Ampney Orchard. 3 Aston Rd. 10 Mercury Close. Haven Cottage, Buckland Rd. Moss Rose Cottage, Buckland Rd. 8 Beam Paddock. 2 Ampney Orchard. 14 Mercury Close.
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4. St Mary's Church, Broad St, The Lanes.

Alvey Maj. J. Barratt E.E. Beaumont H.C. RGLM Beckley A.H. Cole Dr. A.D. Coles J.F.G. MBE, QPM. Crabbe R.N. Deane B. Foresheew D.H. Gaydon Dr. F.A. Rose Dr. B.W.G. OBE. Walker Rt.Rev. P.K.	19 The Lanes. 12 Glebelands. Mayville, Church Close. Southside, Church St. 5 Glebelands. 1 Eton Villas, Broad St. 3 The Lanes. 29 The Pieces. Wisteria, Church View. 3 Broad St. Bampton House, Bushey Row. Anchorage House, The Lanes.
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5. New Road and The Closes.  
 Brooks I.B.  
 Evans R.C.  
 Hampton H.W.  
 Hastie W.J.  
 RGLM Kingman E.J.  
 Preston W.E.  
 Sarahs J.B.  
 Seacole R.N.  
 Smith S.  
 Timms C.G.E.  
 10 New Rd.  
 30 Chandler Close.  
 7 New Rd.  
 11 Fox Close.  
 17 Chandler Close.  
 35 Bowling Green Close.  
 10 Chandler Close.  
 4 Colville Close.  
 22 Bowling Green Close.  
 11 New Rd.
6. Aston.  
 Dunstan J.P.  
 26 Cote Rd.
7. Black Bourton.  
 Sheppard D.G.  
 Hungerford Close.
8. Carterton.  
 Brown Mrs Y.H.  
 Whitlock L.K.  
 1 Davis Close.  
 23 Rock Close.
9. Clanfield.  
 Fowler G.M.  
 Horne P.E.  
 Shute Maj. G.J.M.  
 The Golden Ball.  
 The Turnpike, Bampton Rd.  
 Southview, Bampton Rd.
10. Lew.  
 Radclyffe Capt. C.R.  
 Lew House.
11. Witney.  
 Bradford Sqn.Ldr. M.W.B.  
 Horne G.D.  
 Ritchie T.A.  
 26 New Yatt Rd.  
 144 Burwell Dr.  
 38 Lowell Place.
12. Tangmere.  
 Deverson M.  
 By The Way, Tangmere Rd.

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