

Margate War Memorial

1914-1918 Roll of Honour

Civilians/ Servicemen killed in enemy air raids on Margate (in alphabetical order)

ARMSTRONG Spr T.

Spr Thomas Armstrong 329850, Inland Waterways and Docks, Royal Engineers

Killed by enemy bomb at Cliff Terrace on 30th September 1917 during a recreational visit to Margate with two friends. All three were young men serving as sappers at Port Richborough. They had enlisted together at New York in the British Army; they were killed together; and they were buried together. Spr Armstrong was born in Belfast. (See also Spr J. McGratty and Spr F. Williams)

Interred at Margate Cemetery

BONNY Miss K. C.

Miss Kate C. Bonny

Fatally injured by a bomb dropped in the first daylight raid on Thanet on 13th September 1915 when a German sea-plane dropped ten bombs. She was standing at the garden gate of her home at Brooklyn Lodge, Albion Road, Cliftonville in expectation of the arrival of her parents from London when the raid took place. She was aged 32 and died at Margate Cottage Hospital on 17th September 1915. (See also Miss A. E. Robbins [*sic*])

Interred at the Jewish Cemetery, Dumpton Park Road, Ramsgate (Her headstone bears the inscription: "Killed by a German bomb on the eve of the Day of Atonement")

COLEMAN Mrs A.

Mrs Alice Maud Mary Coleman

Killed by enemy action when on a visit with her husband from Sarre to a house in Buckingham Road, Margate on 30th September 1917. A bomb fell on the roof of 36 Buckingham Road (the adjoining house) causing the death of Mrs Coleman and fractures to both of Mr Coleman's legs. (See also Mr W. L. Walker was a victim of the same bomb) Mr Coleman subsequently re-married and during the Second World War his home at Sarre was destroyed in an air-raid on 12th August 1940.

Interred at Margate Cemetery

COOPER Miss A. M.

Miss Agnes Mary Cooper

Killed by enemy action at 11 Arundel Road, Cliftonville on 7th July 1917. She was a 'lady companion'. (See also Mr and Mrs J. A. Marks)

DODMAN BABY J. W.

Baby Jack Wepstour Dodman

Killed when a bomb dropped from a German seaplane crashed through the roof of 5 Norfolk Road, Cliftonville and exploded in the nursery. He was nine months old.

Interred at Margate Cemetery

EMPTAGE Mrs A.

Mrs Annie Emptage

Fatally injured in a room at the back of 82 Trinity Square, Margate on 30th September 1917. She died from her injuries on 31st October 1917 at Margate Cottage Hospital, aged 77. Mr and Mrs Parker, neighbours, were visiting Mrs Emptage when the front of 82 Trinity Square was partially demolished by a bomb dropped by a German Gotha. Mrs Annie Emptage had operated a greengrocer's shop at 82 Trinity Square. (See also Mrs E. Emptage, Mr T. H. Parker and Pte B. Hollins)

Interred at Margate Cemetery

EMPTAGE Mrs E.

Mrs Eliza Emptage

Fatally injured at 82 Trinity Square, Margate on 30th September 1917. She had just gone to the front door of 82 Trinity Square at the moment the bomb fell. She died later that day at Margate Cottage Hospital, aged 43. She was the daughter-in-law of Mrs Annie Emptage. (See also Mrs A. Emptage, Mr T. H. Parker and Pte B. Hollins)

Interred at Margate Cemetery

FARNHILL Pte B.

Pte Benjamin Farnhill 265632, 18th Bn Yorkshire Regt

Died of wounds from shell fragments whilst sheltering in a doorway in St Paul's Road, Cliftonville during the air raid on 30th September 1917. He was aged 41 and was serving on Home Defence duties at Margate. He was born at Dewsbury where he made his home with his wife, Harriet.

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HOLLINS **Pte [sic] W. L.**

Driver William Leonard Hollins T/278901 Army Service Corps

Killed whilst sheltering in the front doorway of 82 Trinity Square during the air raid on 30th September 1917 whilst on home leave. He was born at Manchester where he made his home with his wife, Hannah.

Interred at Manchester Cemetery

LEE **Mrs J.**

Mrs Ellen Marie ("Jane") Lee

Killed by enemy action when sitting in the first-floor flat of 10 Cliff Terrace, Cliftonville on 30th September 1917. She was aged 43. It is believed that the bomb that caused her death was the same bomb as that which killed the three young sappers at Cliff Terrace.

Interred at Margate Cemetery (Her headstone bears the inscription: "Killed by an enemy bomb at Cliff Terrace, Margate")

MARKS **Mr J. A.**

Mr James Alexander Marks

Killed by enemy action when a bomb from a German Gotha fell upon the roof of 11 Arundel Road, Cliftonville on 7th July 1917 practically demolishing the building. He was aged 69. (See also Mrs J. A. Marks and Miss A. M. Cooper)

Interred at Margate Cemetery

MARKS **Mrs J. A.**

Mrs Jane Anne Marks

Killed by enemy action when a bomb from a German Gotha fell upon the roof of 11 Arundel Road, Cliftonville on 7th July 1917 practically demolishing the building. She was aged 69. (See also Mr J. A. Marks and Miss A. M. Cooper)

Interred at Margate Cemetery

McGRATTY **Spr J.**

Spr John McGratty 329861 Inland Waterways and Docks, Royal Engineers

Killed by enemy bomb at Cliff Terrace (practically opposite No. 10) on 30th September 1917 during a recreational visit to Margate with his two friends. All three were young men serving as sappers at Port Richborough. They had enlisted together at New York in the British Army; they were killed together; and they were buried together. Spr McGratty was born in Liverpool and gave his place of residence as Seattle, Washington when he enlisted at New York. (See also Spr T. Armstrong and Spr F. Williams)

Interred at Margate Cemetery

PARKER **Mr T. H.**

Mr Thomas Henry Parker

Fatally injured in a room at the back of 82 Trinity Square, Margate on 30th September 1917. He was aged 62. He and his wife were visiting their neighbours when the front of 82 Trinity Square was partially demolished by a bomb. (See also Mrs A. Emptage, Mrs E. Emptage and Pte B. Hollins)

Interred at Margate Cemetery

ROBBINS [sic] **Miss A. E.**

Miss Agnes Elizabeth Robins

Fatally injured by shell-splinters from a bomb dropped in the first daylight raid on Thanet on 13th September 1915 when a German sea-plane dropped ten bombs. She was standing near her front door at 26 Gordon Road, Cliftonville when the raid took place. She was aged 40 and died on 15th September 1915. She was a lodging-house keeper. (See also Miss K. C. Bonny)

Interred at Margate Cemetery

ROBERTS **Mrs A.**

Mrs Amelia Roberts (née Brazier)

Died at 2 Oxford Road, Margate when a fire broke out at her home following enemy action on 6th December 1917. She was 68 and was lodging at the property.

Interred at Margate Cemetery

WALKER **Mr W. L.**

Mr William Lewis Walker

Killed by enemy action in Buckingham Road, Margate on 30th September 1917. He was aged 47 and lived in Milton Road (now Milton Avenue). (See also Mrs A. Coleman who was a victim of the same bomb)

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WILLIAMS Spr F.

Spr Frank Williams 329860 Inland Waterways and Docks, Royal Engineers

Killed by enemy bomb at Cliff Terrace (practically opposite No. 10) on 30th September 1917 during a recreational visit to Margate with his two friends. All three were young men serving as sappers at Port Richborough. They had enlisted together at New York in the British Army; they were killed together; and they were buried together. Spr Williams was born in Hull and gave his residence as Sacramento, California when he enlisted at New York. (See also Spr T. Armstrong and Spr J. McGratty)

Interred at Margate Cemetery

KILLED IN ENEMY AIR RAIDS

SPR T. ARMSTRONG

MISS K. C. BONNY

MRS A. COLEMAN

MISS A. M. COOPER

BABY J. W. DODMAN

MRS A. EMPTAGE

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PTE B. FARNHILL

PTE W. L. HOLLINS

MRS J. LEE

MR J. A. MARKS

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SPR J. MCGRATTY

MR T. H. PARKER

MISS A. E. ROBBINS

MRS A. ROBERTS

MR W. L. WALKER

SPR F. WILLIAMS