

# **COLWALL WAR MEMORIAL.**



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THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM  
AND  
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## DESCRIPTION

The War Memorial is in the centre of a memorial garden to one side of the churchyard. It consists of a roofed Portland stone calvary on an octagonal three-tier stepped base, each step being 6" high, on top of a rendered concrete foundation 8' x 8' square. The length of the steps being 24", 19" and 14½" long respectively. The top step is surmounted by eight octagonal stone panels, each approximately 9" x 9" in size, on which the names of those members of the Parish of Colwall who lost their lives in the Great War are engraved as follows:

Panel 1	HONOUR THE BRAVE WHO FROM THIS PARISH IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918 MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE FOR THEIR COUNTRY AND FOR HUMANITY	RAYMOND BARNETT PERCY BARNETT FORREST BEAUCHAMP PENRITH BEAUCHAMP WALTER BOOTON JOHN BRATT HARRY CAINES
Panel 3	RONALD CARTWRIGHT EUSTACE CHANCE ARCHIBALD CLARKE GUSTAVUS CUSTANCE REGINALD FARLEY JOHN FREEMAN THOMAS GARDINER	HENRY GREENING WILLIE GOODWIN FREDERICK HANDY NOEL HARRIS CHRIS HITCHINGS EDWARD HOLLAND A. V. HOLMAN
Panel 5	"ALL THEY HAD HOPED FOR ALL THEY HAD THEY GAVE TO SAVE MANKIND, THEMSELVES THEY SCORNE TO SAVE." ----- GRANT THEM, O LORD ETERNAL REST, AND LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM.	FREDERICK JAMES ALBERT LOCK HUBERT MADDOX ERNEST MARTIN DONALD MOSS JOHN ORR-EWING ALBERT OLIVER
Panel 7	UNIACKE PERY-POWELL WILFRED PHILLIPS FREDERICK POWELL SAMUEL PUGH FRANK RAWLINS ALBERT ROBBINS WILLIAM SELLY AMOS SMITH ARTHUR SMITH.	RAYMOND SMITH ERNEST SUTER REGINALD TUDGE CHARLES WHARTON ROBERT WASHINGTON ERNEST WHATMORE VICTOR WILLIAMS

Surmounting each of the eight panels described above, are a later addition of a further eight panels, each approximately 9" x 4½" in size, on which the names of those who fell in World War 2, 1939 - 1945 are inscribed.

Panel 1	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">1939 - 1945</div>	Panel 5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE  ECCLESIASTICUS XLIV.14</div>
Panel 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">C.G. ARROWSMITH WILLIAM H. BINNS GEORGE H. DALLEY</div>	Panel 6	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">EVELYN I. RYDLER JAMES S.G. PRICE</div>
Panel 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">JAMES R. MOODY MICHAEL J. H. COOKE</div>	Panel 7	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">WILLIAM MORRIS ALFRED H. MAURER</div>
Panel 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">REGINALD F. SMITH HORACE D. R. CLEE.</div>	Panel 8	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">JOHN MACLEOD CLARKE WILLIAM F. EDWARDS</div>

LOCATION: The Colwall War Memorial is located at grid reference: SO 739422.

REFERENCE: The Imperial War Museum reference: NIWM 627.

The photographic section of this documentation shows these panels in detail as well and the memorial in its setting beside the parish church of St. James The Great. There are also some individual memorial tablets on the North wall inside the church which are also recorded.

In 1920 a meeting of Colwall Parochial Church council was held in The Parish Room. It was decided that the Ale House garden was to become the Memorial Garden in memory of those who died during the 1914-1918 War. Dr C Harris, (whose son, Noel Charles Harris, had died in Mesopotamia in that War) composed the music for the hymn "O Valiant Hearts", written by his friend John Arkwright of Hampton Castle. The cost of the Memorial in the first place was largely defrayed by the profits from the sale of Dr Harris's music, also from public subscription.

On Sunday 12 December 1920 the memorial was unveiled. The local paper reported the unveiling ceremony as follows.

COLWALL'S MEMORIAL TO THE FALLEN.  
Unveiled by Mr J S Arkwright.

A very impressive ceremony took place on Sunday afternoon at Old Colwall Church, when a crucifix of Portland stone was unveiled to the memory of parishioner who fell during the War. A muffled peal of Grandsire Triples (516 changes) was rung. The Rector of Colwall, Dr. C Harris DD. opened the service with the "Dead March of Saul" and Mr J S Arkwright, a former M.P. for Hereford City, read the lesson. After Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd", special prayers were offered.

Dr. Harris then gave a stirring address, in which he touched upon the magnificent courage of the men who volunteered for service without thought of anything but their country. He regretted that all was not well in England to-day. Religion was the only thing that could promote brotherhood and check selfishness or any tendency towards Bolshevism.

At the conclusion of the address, "The Supreme Sacrifice", written by Mr John S Arkwright, and set to music by the Rector of Colwall was sung. Many women sobbed bitterly.

Headed by the Cross, the clergy (Dr. Harris and the Revd. D F Scotcher), Choir, Churchwardens Relatives of the departed Ex-Servicemen, Parish Council, Oddfellows and others proceeded to a plot of ground adjoining the Churchyard, in which the Memorial is placed.

Uttering the words "*In memory of those of this Parish who laid down their lives for their country, I unveil this memorial*" Mr. Arkwright released the strings and the covering drapery slowly fluttered to the ground. The names of the fallen were read out by the Rector and the Revd. D F Scotcher said the concluding prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Before the congregation dispersed, Mr. Arkwright alluded to the great struggle from which Britain had emerged with great credit but at great loss.

Mr F Ballard spoke of the sympathy all felt for relatives of the fallen, and said they should remember what the great sacrifice was meant for - a better world and greater understanding.

Thirteen of the fifteen members of the Parish Council (one seat being vacant and Miss Holland away from home) were present. They were Messrs. F Ballard (Chairman), T A Pedlingham (Chairman of the Parochial Committee), H W Allen, R O Allen (Vice Chairman), H W Allen, J Armstrong, D A G Birchley, T D Boxon, W H Grundy, J Pedlingham, S H Robertson, C Thomas and W Webb, and A J Kitson (District Councillor).

The hymn "O Valiant Hearts", By Sir John. S. Arkwright, music by The Rev. C. Harris DD, tune: "The Supreme Sacrifice".

O valiant hearts, who to your glory came  
through dust of conflict and through battle flame;  
tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,  
your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war  
as who had heard God's message from afar;  
all you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,  
to save mankind- yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;  
into the light that never more shall fade;  
deep your contentment in that blest abode,  
who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,  
rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,  
while in the frailty of our human clay,  
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

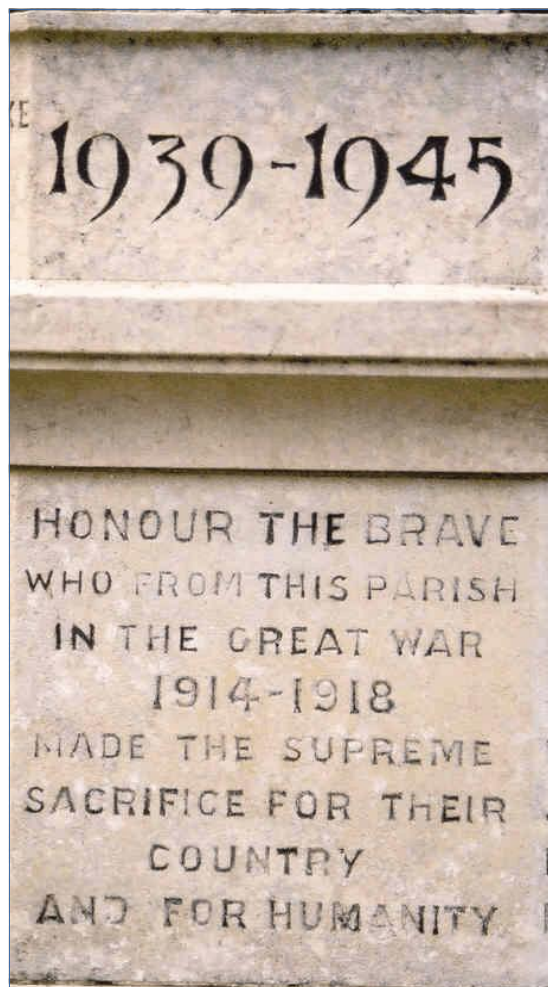
Still stands his Cross from that dread hour to this,  
like some bright star above the dark abyss;  
still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes  
look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

These were his servants, in his steps they trod,  
following through death the martyred Son of God:  
Victor, he rose; victorious too shall rise  
they who have drunk his cup of sacrifice.

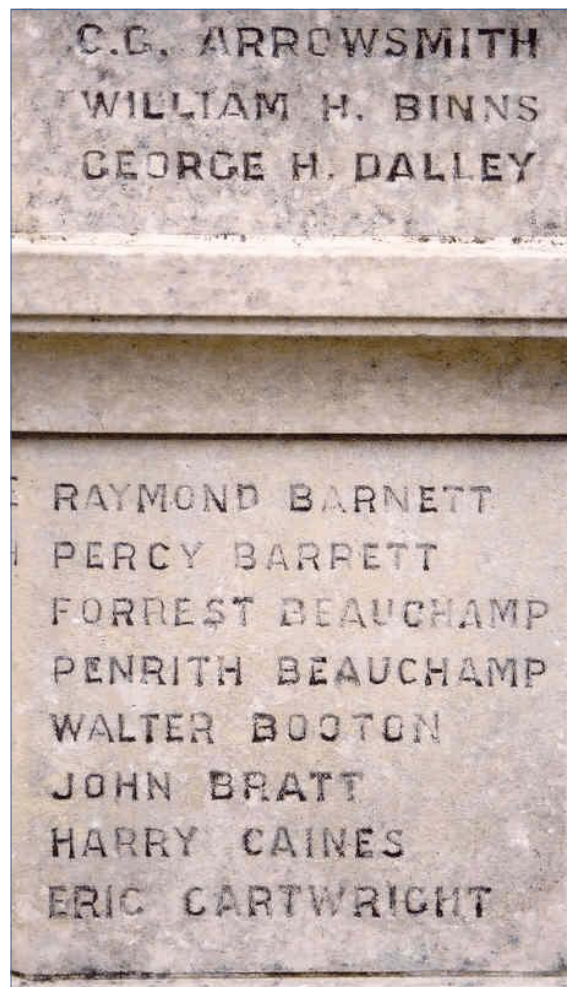
O risen Lord, O shepherd of our dead,  
whose cross has bought them and whose staff has led,  
in glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land  
commits her children to thy gracious hand.

The remainder of this document contains photographs of the memorial itself and gives the results of more detailed research into some of the service and biographical records pertaining to the fallen of Colwall Village in both wars. Sources examined include the 1901 census, local newspapers, the Colwall baptismal register to 1899, Mrs Winifred Stringer's History of Colwall, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission database (<http://www.cwgc.org>) and a list of names on a board found in the vestry of St. James The Great , Colwall.

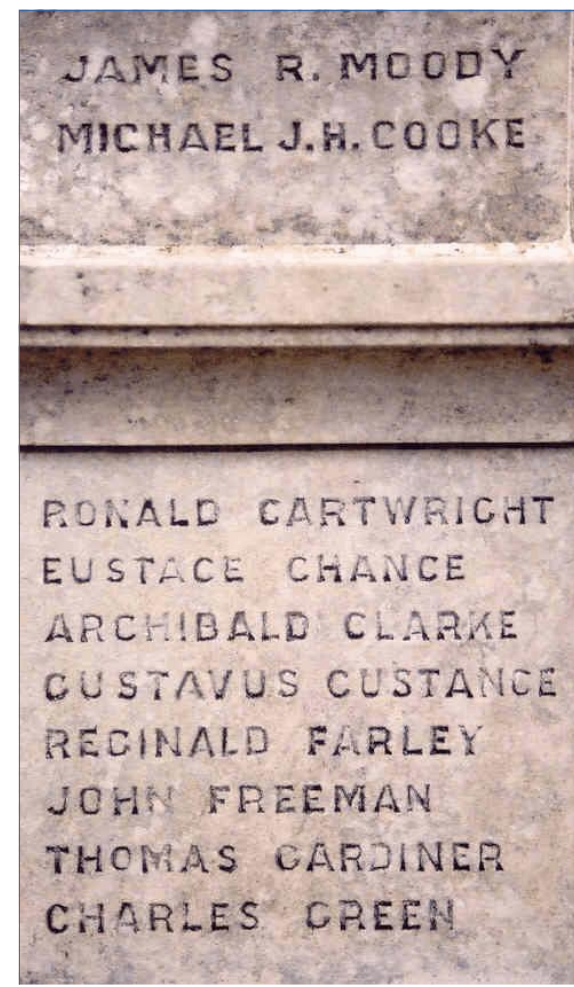
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Panel 2



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Panel 4

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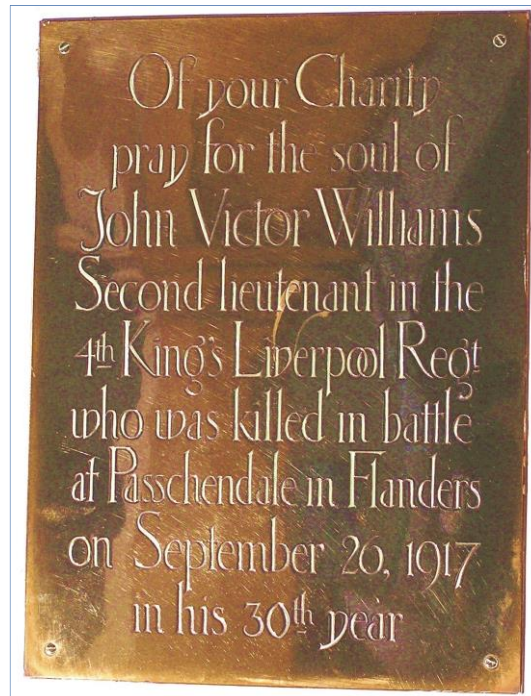
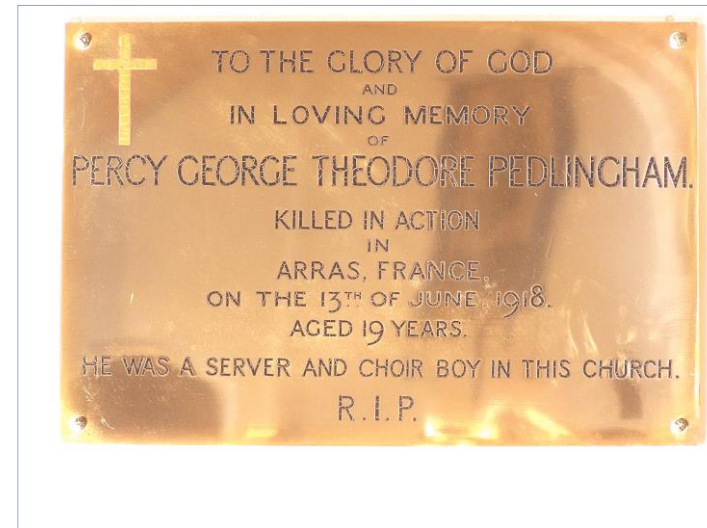
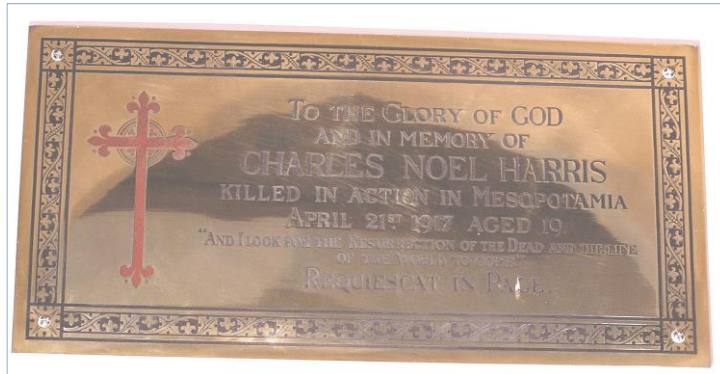
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ERNEST WHATMORE  
VICTOR WILLIAMS  
E. A. TOM WILLIS

Panel 8



Group of Individual Memorials inside the Church on the North wall.



The wording on the four brass plaques is as follows:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN MEMORY OF  
CHARLES NOEL HARRIS  
KILLED IN ACTION IN MESOPOTAMIA  
APRIL 21ST 1917 AGED 19

*“AND I LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE  
DEAD AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME.”*

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND  
IN LOVING MEMORY 1  
OF  
PERCY GEORGE THEODORE  
PEDLINGHAM  
KILLED IN ACTION  
IN  
ARRAS, FRANCE  
ON THE 13TH OF JUNE 1918  
AGED 19 YEARS  
HE WAS A SERVER AND CHOIR BOY  
IN THIS CHURCH  
R.I.P.

Of your Charity  
pray for the soul of  
John Victor Williams  
Second Lieutenant in the  
4th King's Liverpool Regt.  
who was killed in battle  
at Passchendale in Flanders  
on September 26, 1917  
in his 30th year

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
CPL. WILLIAM INNES R.A.S.C.  
WHO DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED AT  
LOCRE  
OCTOBER 1 ST 1917, AGED 29 YEARS  
R.I.P.



COLWALL WAR MEMORIAL AND THE CHURCH OF ST JAMES THE GREAT

## INFORMATION CONCERNING NAMES ENGRAVED ON COLWALL WAR MEMORIAL

Glossary: CWGC = Commonwealth War Graves Commission, whose database URL is <http://www.cwgc.org>  
kia = killed in action;

Notes:

The CWGC reference number relates to the record of the casualty in the CWGC database. To avoid searching multiple records of casualties having similar names, this reference number should be entered thus:

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/<CWGC REF>> omitting the angle brackets.

Where no reference is given it signifies there is insufficient information held in the database to positively identify the person from others with the same name. This may be because there are many records having the same name and initials and no additional information is recorded to link a particular entry with Colwall.

In the course of this research some additional names have been found in other documents that do not appear for whatever reason on the war Memorial. There are also three official CWGC maintained graves in the churchyard and a fourth serviceman's ashes were scattered there. Only one of these has his name recorded on the memorial. Some further details of these are to be found later in this document.

1914 - 1918			
	NAME AS ENGRAVED	CWGC REF	NOTES
1	RAYMOND BARNETT	1644324	RAYMOND WHITMORE BARNETT son of JAMES and ANN BARNETT
2	PERCY BARRETT	823795	PERCIVAL SYDNEY BARRETT son-in-law of MRS M.A.WINTERS.
3	FORREST BEAUCHAMP	254037	FORREST MILES BEAUCHAMP son of FREDERICK WILLIAM and MINNIE BLANCHE BEAUCHAMP
4	PENRITH BEAUCHAMP	627426	PENRITH SUTTON BEAUCHAMP son of FREDERICK WILLIAM and MINNIE BLANCHE BEAUCHAMP. 2.Lt.

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	<b>NAME AS ENGRAVED</b>	<b>CWGC REF</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
5	WALTER BOOTON	699117	He is the only person of that name found on the CWGC database. In the 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment number 21556. kia Gallipoli Friday 6th August 1915. The Battalion formed part of the 88th Brigade, part of the 29th Division. Walter Booton was living in Rock, Worcestershire when he enlisted; he is listed on the Rock War memorial.
6	JOHN BRATT	842791	ALMOND JOHN BRATT son of THOMAS WILLIAM and MARGARET BRATT.
7	HARRY CAINES	474384	HARRY BERTRAM CAINES son of ALBERT and ELIZABETH CAINS of Hill View Terrace, Upper Wyche, Malvern. Educated at the Wyche School . He was in the 1/1st Bn, The Herefordshire Regiment, 158th Brigade, 53rd Division, M.E.F. Service Number 2038, Rank Private. Killed in action at the Battle of Rumanı 5/8/16 aged 23. Harry Caines enlisted in the Herefordshire Regiment at the beginning of the war and served in the Dardanelles. The Malvern News reported on the 27th November 1915: "He à was wounded at Gallipoli on 5/9/15 whilst attached to the Machine Gun Corps. A bullet passed through his helmet into his shoulder. He was brought to hospital in Malta, where he went on military police duty. His father and two uncles were in the army and a cousin, Bdr. J Freeman, RFA, had already served at the front for 14 months by November 1915."
8	ERIC CARTWRIGHT	293612	ERIC PERCIVAL ST. GEORGE CARTWRIGHT. He was a 2.Lt. in the 4th (Extra Reserve) Bn, The Leinster Regiment attached 45th Infantry Company, Machine Gun Corps, 15th Division, B.E.F. He was killed in action near Albert, France on 13/8/16, aged 19. Eric Cartwright was the youngest son of MR ARTHUR CARTWRIGHT, late HM Inspector of Schools for the Worcester District and of MRS ELLEN MABEL CARTWRIGHT of Rothbury, Hay, Hereford, previously of The Knoll, Colwall. He was also the grandson of the late Colonel Heywood of Malvern. He was educated at Bilton Grange, Rugby and Charterhouse (senior scholar) where he was in the Officer Training Corps. Soon after the outbreak of the war he was commissioned into the 4th Leinster Regiment based at Cork. He was seconded to the Machine Gun Corps and went to the front in January 1915. A brother officer wrote: "He directed the fire of the gun in the most splendid manner in the attack on the night of the 12th and did great work. No-one in the particular part of the line worked harder that night through the attack and many a man had his wounds bandaged by Eric. He was hit by a sniper as it was beginning to get light and died instantaneously. He was buried the following day and the ceremony was attended by the whole Company." - Malvern News 2/9/16.
9	RONALD CARTWRIGHT	51569	RONALD WILLIAM ST. GEORGE CARTWRIGHT son of ARTHUR and ELLEN MABEL CARTWRIGHT. Lt. RFC.

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10	EUSTACE CHANCE	338320	EUSTACE GEORGE ST. CLAIR CHANCE 2.Lt. in the 2nd Bn, The Coldstream Guards, 1st (Guards) Brigade, Guards Division, B.E.F. killed in action near Cambrai, France 27/9/18 Age 19. He was third and youngest son of MR AND MRS GEORGE FERGUSSON CHANCE of The Lindens, near Malvern (the former High Sherriff of Worcestershire). He was born on March 11 1899 and was educated at Summerfields, St Leonards and Eton and had passed the Cambridge entrance exams, and was planning to go to Trinity College in October 1918. However on leaving Eton in the summer half of 1917 he joined the Guards Cadet Battalion at Bushey. In December 1917 he received his commission in the Coldstream Guards. After training in Windsor, he joined his battalion in France in May 1918 and except a one week course served continuously until his death. His Colonel wrote: "He was killed by a shell in the attack on the 27th September. By the death of your son the Battalion has lost a brave and capable officer. He was loved and respected by his brother officers and men of the battalion." See: Chance, H A Subalterns Saga Unpublished: Worcestershire CRO.
11	ARCHIBALD CLARKE	?	Possibly CWGC #682574 L/Cpl in KOSB? There is an Archibald Clarke aged 19 in the 1901 census of Malvern Wells, born in Colwall.
12	GUSTAVUS CUSTANCE	3048812	GUSTAVUS WILLIAM MUSGRAVE CUSTANCE son of THE REV'D GEORGE MUSGRAVE and ELIZABETH CUSTANCE. Listed as a Dr and RN in vestry list. Was a surgeon aboard HMS Hawk, HMS Hawke, a cruiser of the 'Edgar' class, was sunk by a German U Boat, U9, sixty miles off the coast of Aberdeen, Scotland. 348 crew were lost. A torpedo struck amidships near a magazine. The ship sank in five minutes and only 49 men in a long boat survived.
13	REGINALD FARLEY	3039712	Private, Royal Marine on board HMS Andes,
14	JOHN FREEMAN		<b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database. He may have been the Bdr J Freeman, a cousin of HARRY CAINES - see #7 above.
15	THOMAS GARDINER	152662	TOMAS JOHN GARDINER son of JOHN and FANNY GARDINER. Listed as "GARDENER" on the CWGC database.
16	CHARLES GREEN	1647852	RAMC, d. 15/04/1917. CHARLES REGINALD GREEN son of JAMES and MARY GREEN
17	HENRY GREENING	693855	THOMAS HENRY GREENING son of ELLEN DEE

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18	WILLIE GOODWIN	458107	Lt. FRANCIS WILLIE GOODWIN MC and bar, MID. 8th Bn. Australian Imperial Forces, son of EDWARD and CAROLINE GOODWIN of the "Oaks, Colwall. He is Colwall's most decorated soldier, having been awarded the Military Cross and bar. He emigrated to Australia on the death of his father in 1912 and enlisted as a private on 29/08/1914 at Broadmeadows, Vic aged 27. He sailed to the Dardanelles on the SS Benalla on 21/10/1914. He gained rapid promotion to the rank of RSM, winning his first MC at Pozieres on 14/11/1916. He was promoted to 2 Lt. on 21/02/1917 and was kia on 04/10/1917.
19	FREDERICK HANDY	785145	(WALTER) FREDERICK HANDY is also remembered on the St James, West Malvern memorial.
20	NOEL HARRIS	1659984	2 Lt. CHARLES NOEL HARRIS, Indian Army, son of The Rev'd Doctor CHARLES HARRIS DD, Rector of Colwall 1909 - 1930, the author of music for the hymn "O Valiant Hearts". Commemorated by a brass memorial on N. Wall of St. James. Killed in action in Mesopotamia on 21/4/1917 aged 19.
21	CHRIS HITCHINGS	518354	Son of GEORGE AND ELVINA HITCHINGS. d 26/9/1918.
22	EDWARD HOLLAND	729767	2 Lt. MC. Scots Guards. The 1901 census indicates he was "living on own means" in Colwall, but was born in Evesham. The CWGC citation states he was born in Evesham. Thus it is assumed that this is the correct one of three possible casualties with the same name.
23	A.V.HOLMAN	358435	Captain. Buried Prestbury St. Mary. d. 9/4/1917.
24	WILLIAM INNES	42278	WILLIAM INNES RASC, son of JOSEPH and MARY INNES; died of wounds at Lochre on 01/10/1917, aged 29. Commemorated by a brass memorial on N. Wall of St. James.
25	FREDERICK JAMES	1574226	Pte. KSLI. D. 21/03/1918. Son of Mrs Julia James of 2 Evendine Cottages Colwall.
26	ALBERT LOCK		<b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database
27	HUBERT MADDOX	624367	HUBERT K. MADDOX, the only entry of this name found in the CWGC database. In the 1/1st Worcestershire Yeomanry, 5th Mounted Brigade, M.E.F. Service Number 3172 Rank Private . Died as a prisoner of war at Angora, Turkey 21/7/16. Hubert Maddox embarked with the Second Draft of the Yeomanry at Devonport on the 15th November 1915, and disembarked at Alexandria on the 6th December. He was probably taken prisoner at Qatia on the 23rd April 1916.

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28	ERNEST MARTIN		<b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database. Family may have lived at the Wyche. The 1901 census records a Ernest Martin aged 3 in 1901 born in Colwall.
29	DONALD MOSS	1755356	d. 28/11/1917. Only assumed by elimination of others of similar name. A Henry Moss, tailor, was living at St. James Cottage.
30	JOHN ORR-EWING	3037833	LT. JOHN ANGUS ORR-EWING, RN. of HMS Turbulent, the second son of Mr MALCOLM H ORR-EWING of Glen Kin, West Malvern. Lt Orr-Ewing entered Osborne in 1907 and served first of the Agamemnon, he transferred to the Nottingham in 1912. At the outbreak of war he was appointed to the Zulu (a torpedo boat destroyer) and in October the following year transferred to the Alarm (another TBD). In April he was promoted Lieutenant, gaining his second stripe, and was appointed second-in-command of one of the newest 'Talisman' class destroyers, the Turbulent which was sunk with the loss of all hands fighting at Jutland. His name is recorded in Malvern Library and on the memorial at St. James, West Malvern.
31	ALBERT OLIVER		<b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database. ALBERT EDWARD OLIVER son of THOMAS and MARY ANN OLIVER was baptised in Colwall on 18/9/1891. Recorded in the 1901 census aged 9 born in Colwall. In 1917 a Thomas Oliver was a shopkeeper in Upper Colwall.
32	PERCY PEDLINGHAM	80030	PERCY GEORGE THEODORE PEDLINGHAM, kia at Arras, 13/06/1918, aged 19. Commemorated by a brass memorial on N. Wall of St. James. He was the youngest of four brothers who served in the Great War, and had met his eldest brother, Bert, for a mug of tea in Arras the day before he was killed.
33	UNIACKE PERY-POWELL	363721	WILLIAM UNIACKE PERY POWELL. 2.LT. E. Yorkshire Regt. Buried in Colwall churchyard. See further biographical details later in this document in the section dealing with CWGC graves in St James Colwall.
34	WILFRED PHILLIPS		<b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database.
35	FREDERICK POWELL	301642	A FREDERICK GEORGE POWELL of the 7th Bn. KSLI was kia 27/9/1918, son of R W POWELL of Jubilee Cottage, Upper Colwall.
36	SAMUEL PUGH	1549688	SAMUEL WELLSTEAD PUGH, No 9385 2nd Bn Worcestershire Regiment. Kia 21 August 1916 aged 41.

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			Son of George Samuel and Elizabeth Pugh (formerly Wellstead) of By Lower Farm, Birtsmorton.
37	FRANK RAWLINGS	2871910	FRANK HENRY RAWLINGS. AB serving on HMS Good Hope, 14,150 tons, sunk at the battle of Coronel by gunfire from the Sharnhorst, off the coast of Chile, on 1/11/1914. Memorial at Church of the Good Shepherd, Upper Colwall.
38	ALBERT ROBBINS	609724	ALBERT WILLIAM ROBBINS, 2nd Bn. KRRC, kia 20/8/1916 aged 23. The son of HENRY & MARY ANN ROBBINS of Chances Pitch, Colwall (found in the 1901 census of Colwall, then aged 7).
39	WILLIAM SELLY	525251	Only person of that name in the CWGC database
40	AMOS SMITH	2911946-?	<b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database. There is a Amos Smith in the 1901 census recorded as being in the depot of the Shropshire Light Infantry and having been born in Colwall in 1882
41	ARTHUR SMITH		<b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database. ARTHUR GEORGE. SMITH
42	RAYMOND SMITH		<b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database
43	ERNEST SUTER		<b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database Born 1898 at Redmarley, Glos. Son of ANNIE SUTER of COLWALL. (Found in the 1901 CENSUS)
44	REGINALD TUDGE	43730	REGINALD CHARLES TUDGE son of CHARLES and MYRA ELLEN TUDGE of 7 Daisy Cottage, Upper Colwall.
45	ROBERT WASHINGTON	465061	ROBERT TUMMEY WASHINGTON, was the son of L and R WASHINGTON and husband of Winifred Washington of 5 College Grounds, Great Malvern. He was a Lance Corporal in the 2/8th Bn, The Worcestershire Regiment, 183rd Brigade, 61st Division, T.F., B.E.F. Service Number 2899/240705. Robert Washington enlisted Malvern in the first months of the war. He served with the second line of this battalion and was killed in the heavy fighting on the Steenbeek at the beginning of the Passchendale Offensive on 27/8/17, aged 31.
46	CHARLES WHARTON	2872334	CHARLES HENRY WHARTON son of CHARLES and ELEANOR WHARTON. Shown as RN on vestry list, actually a Royal Marine on HMS Bulwark, one of five pre-Dreadnought battleships. She was rent asunder whilst at anchor off Sheerness at 07:53 on 26/11/1914 by a massive internal explosion

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			caused by the poor storage of cordite charges, some of which were twelve years old. She sank with all 781 ranks and ratings.
47	ERNEST WHATMORE	521845	ERNEST A WHATMORE, son of JAMES AND EMMA WHATMORE
48	VICTOR WILLIAMS	877323	<p>JOHN VICTOR WILLIAMS son of JOHN and MARY ANNE WILLIAMS; 2Lt. 4TH King's Liverpool Regiment, Killed in action at Passchendale on 26/09/1917 aged 30. Commemorated by a brass memorial on N. Wall of St. James. The death was reported thus: "Mr and Mrs Williams of Fair View, Wells Road have been officially informed that their son Lieut John Victor Williams, Liverpool Regiment has been killed in action. He was at onetime employed at Messrs Schweppes at Colwall, and later moved to Leamington and Coventry and joined the RAMC at Birmingham soon after the outbreak of war. He saw service at Gallipoli and was invalided home and was subsequently commissioned in the Liverpools. The deceased was a Past Grand Master of the Loyal Wells Lodge of Oddfellows and took a keen interest in the old Colwall Football Club.</p> <p>The Colonel of the 4th Kings wrote to his father: "Your son died while leading his men to attack during severe fighting last week. His death is a very great loss to the Battalion. He was instantly killed by a bullet through the heart. His leadership and bravery were splendid, and he died like a very brave soldier. I hope you will accept my heartiest sympathy in your great loss."</p> <p>A fellow officer wrote to his sister: "Allow me to express my deepest sympathy for you in your death, in action, of your brother. Williams was always a quiet chap, but he was one of those few whose minds one feels are strong and good without the assurance of the spoken word. What I thought of him was fully borne out in the brave way in which he met his end. He led the attack on a Boche stronghold which he successfully carried and it was whilst occupying the position that he was sniped. No man could have done more. He died bravely in his own great way."</p> <p>Three brothers of Williams' served with the Colours, and a sister was working at a Casualty Clearing Station in France at the time of his death. There was a Requiem for him at Little Malvern Church, the Revd C R Fowke officiated on the 8th October 1917; and on Thursday, 12th a memorial was held at St John's Coventry, where he was well known. Malvern News 6/10/17, 13/10/17</p>
49	E.A.TOM WILLIS		<b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database. EDGAR ALEXANDER THOMAS son of THOMAS and ELIZA WILLIS. The 1901 census records an Edgar Willis, born in Colwall aged 8.

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<b>1939 - 1945</b>			
	<b>NAME AS ENGRAVED</b>	<b>CWGC REF</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
1	CHARLES. G. ARROWSMITH	2474867	CHARLES GILBERT ARROWSMITH son of LEONARD and MARY ANN ARROWSMITH, d. 20/3/45. He was a Chief Stoker on board HMS Lapwing, an "I" class destroyer torpedoed and sunk off Northern Russia, there were 61 survivors, 158 men died. In the afternoon on 20 Mar, 1945, U-968 attacked the convoy JW-65 and reported a destroyer sunk. In fact, the sloop HMS Lapwing (U 62) of the 7th Escort Group was hit amidships at 13:25 and sank 20 minutes later.
2	WILLIAM. H. BINNS	2475589	WILLIAM HAROLD BINNS RN, son of HAROLD and GLADYS MABEL BINNS of Colwall. He was a Leading Seaman serving aboard HMS Exeter when she was sunk by the Japanese at the battle of the Java Sea on 1/3/1942. He was reported missing presumed kia. His body was not recovered. His age is incorrectly recorder by the CWGC, he was born in 1920 and 21 when he was killed.
3	JOHN MACLEOD CLARKE	2766212	The only casualty found in the CWGC database with a similar name, recorded as JOHN SEYMOUR McLEO CLARKE. The connection with Colwall has not been established.
4	HORACE. D. R. CLEE	2847788	Cpl. 2nd Bn. Lincolnshire Regt, d. 30/1/1944. The CLEE family farmed Glebe farm and Luggs Mill.
5	MICHAEL. J. H. COOKE	2436764	MICHAEL JOHN HEDLEY COOKE husband of PHYLLIS EVA COOKE. Flying Officer RAFVR
6	GEORGE. H. DALLEY	2477868	GEORGE HECTOR DALLEY son of EDITH ROSE DALLEY of WEST MALVERN. RN. He was a leading Stoker serving aboard HMS Gloucester when she was sunk on 22 May, 1941 in the Eastern Mediterranean in the Antikythera Channel, north west of Crete by German Ju-88 and Ju-87 bombers during the German invasion of Crete. 649 men of the crew were lost.
7	WILLIAM. F. EDWARDS	2618891	WILLIAM FREDERICK EDWARDS husband of ENID FELICITY BREWSLER EDWARDS. Pte 8 Bn. Mx Regt., d. 17/12/1944.
8	ALFRED. H. MAURER	2147244	ALFRED HERMAN MAURER, Driver RASC.
9	JAMES. R. MOODY	2718607	JAMES REVILL MOODY son of CHARLES REVILL and EDITH ANN MOODY of Colwall. Sergeant 1576882, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Died on Wednesday 19th July 1944. Age 20. On the night of 18/19 July 1944 he was a member of the crew of Halifax bomber LL364-NF-B of 138 Squadron RAF which collided over the drop zone with a B-24 of 801st Bomber Group, USAF whilst on operation DICK 89 whose aim was to drop supplies to the French Resistance. The seven crew members were buried at Marigny-l'Eglise (Nièvre) near to the crash site.

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	<b>NAME AS ENGRAVED</b>	<b>CWGC REF</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
10	WILLIAM MORRIS	2790770	WILLIAM SAMUEL MORRIS, Mess Room Boy, S.S. Embassy (Newcastle-on-Tyne). Merchant Navy. 28th August 1941. Age 16. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Morris, of Colwall. On August 27, 1941, SS Embassy (with a cargo of 8540 tons of general cargo, including motor transport and aircraft ) was travelling in convoy OS.4 routing from Hull to Bathurst and Pepel. At 0426 hours, in position 54N, 13W (about 100 miles west of Achill Island) the Embassy was torpedoed and sunk by U-557. The master (Edward Kiddie), 32 crew members and six gunners were lost. Three crew members were picked up after four days by the Canadian destroyer HMCS Assiniboine and landed at Greenock. The Captain, thirty-one crew and one gunner are commemorated on Tower Hill Panel 37 and one crewmember is buried on the Isle of Lewis.
11	JAMES. S. G. PRICE	2636137	JAMES SAMUEL GEORGE PRICE. Pte. KOYLI, although originally in the RA in N.Africa. Born in Coddington, His brother-in-law was the nephew of Willie Goodwin.
12	EVELYN. I. RYDLER	2219119	Referred to as EVELYN IVOR RIDLER on the CWGC database, son of RICHARD HARRY and PETRONELLA RIDLER. Cpl. R.Hants.
13	REGINALD. F. SMITH	2087841	REGINALD FREDERICK SMITH son of MAY SMITH.

## INFORMATION CONCERNING ADDITIONAL NAMES, NOT ON WAR MEMORIAL, RECORDED ON A "TABLET" IN St JAMES CHURCH

The following additional names, not on the war memorial, are also included on the oak-framed list found in the vestry. It is believed that this framed list is one and the same as the "tablet" referred to by Mrs W Stringer, and one eye witness has stated that it once hung on the East wall of the North aisle.

<b>1914 - 1918</b>			
	<b>NAME AS FOUND</b>	<b>CWGC REF</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
1	ALFRED BOWKETT	607009	This is the only A. Bowkett listed in the CWGC database
2	RONALD BLACK	3040683	RONALD GEORGE BLACK son of CHARLES and EMILY GERTRUDE BLACK b. 8/12/1896
3	LEONARD BENDALL	646240	This is the only L. G. Bendall listed in the CWGC database.
4	E CROUCH	2876359	ERNEST JOHN CROUCH, RN. He was a Stoker 1st Class aboard HMS "Queen Mary" which blew up at the Battle of Jutland, 31 May 1916 with a loss of 1266 crew having suffered a direct hit.
5	E CHAMBERLAIN		<b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database. EDWARD son of EDWARD and ANN CHAMBERLAIN
6	EDGAR GITTENS	636444	EDGAR ARTHUR GEORGE GITTENS
7	HENRY LAING	2866500	HENRY GEORGE STOBART LAING RN
8	JOHN LETT	782880	of Colwall in 1901 census, born in Coddington. Captain Worcestershire Regt. KIA 22/03/1918.
9	E F OLIVER		<b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database.

**INFORMATION CONCERNING REGISTERED COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES IN  
THE CHURCHYARD OF St JAMES CHURCH, COLWALL**

	NAME AS ENGRAVED	CWGC REF	NOTES
1	H. E. CLARKE	363719	CWGC stone inscribed 74414 Pte. H.E.CLARKE, Worcestershire Regiment, died 1st December 1919.
2	W. HEATH	363720	<p>CWGC stone inscribed 2255 Pte. W.HEATH, Herefordshire Regiment, died 13th February 1919. The following obituary was published in the local newspaper. PRIVATE Wm. George J. HEATH. The death took place on Thursday in last week from influenza. followed by pneumonia, of Private William George John Heath, son of Mr. George Heath, 1. Valley House, Great Malvern, aged 22 years. He joined the Herefordshire Regiment at the outbreak of War and went through the Dardanelles campaign, afterwards proceeding to Egypt where he spent nineteen months. There he was attacked with malarial fever, and was afterwards for a time in hospital at Southampton. On his recovery, Private Heath went to France where he was wounded and came back to England. He returned to the Western Front last Good Friday, and was again wounded. After another sojourn in hospital he had a third term of service in France with a Labour Battalion, and was once more invalided home on the 4th inst. The funeral took place on Monday in Colwall Churchyard, the Rector (the Rev. Chas. Harris. D.D.) officiating. The mourners were: Mr. George Heath (father), Mrs. Heath (step-mother), Mrs. F. James (sister), Mrs. Hickling, West Malvern (aunt). Mrs. A. Jones. West Malvern (aunt), Mr Fank Pettit (friend). Soldiers from Norton Barracks acted as bearers. and a bugler from that Depot sounded the "Last Post" after the committal sentences had been said. The wreaths were inscribed thus: In ever loving memory of my dear son, from his broken-hearted father. With deepest regret and heartfelt sympathy, from his step-mother. In ever loving memory of our darling brother from his sorrowing sisters, Mary and Gertrude. In loving memory of dear Willie, from his aunties Sarah and Fanny. To dear Willie, from his uncle Arthur, aunt Nora. and Honour Bright. From his sorrowing sweetheart, Hilda. In ever loving memory of my dear old chum "Billie" and as a last token of sincere friendship, from his sorrowing comrade Frank Pettit. With deepest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. Pettit, 13, Hornsey Rise, London. A token of respect from the members of the Loyal Perseverance Lodge, Colwall. With Mrs. Henry and Captain J. H. Clive's deep regret (Holm Wykeham. West Malvern. With much sympathy, from Miss Ethel Ellis (Trafalgar House, Malvern). With deepest sympathy. from Mrs. Dawes and family. Messrs. Gwynn and Sons carried out the funeral arrangements.</p>
3	W. U. P. POWELL	363721	WILLIAM UNIACKE PERY POWELL. Headstone with Celtic Cross inscribed "Glory to God in loving memory of Wm. Uniacke Pery Powell, Lt. E.Yorks and RFC, who served in the Great War. Youngest

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	NAME AS ENGRAVED	CWGC REF	NOTES
			son of the Revd. F.P.H.Powell and of Mrs Powell, Bawnlahan, Co Cork. Born 1 June 1891, died 20 October 1916. "I am the Resurrection and the Peace". The date of death in the CWGC database is 20 November 1916.
4	J. N. ROBERTS	2447721	JAMES NORMAN ROBERTS, Flying Officer (Pilot) 124419 RAF(VR), died 15 January 1943 aged 21. Ashes interred in Colwall churchyard on 2 September 1946.

Note that only #3 above is recorded on the Colwall war memorial. #4 is recorded as having parents in Saxmundham, Norfolk so possibly had no link with Colwall.

## NOTES CONCERNING NAMES RECORDED ON AN OAK FRAMED LIST IN THE VESTRY

A handwritten list on a pre-printed form found in the vestry of the Church of St. James The Great, Colwall has 42 names on it written as follows:

A Y indicates that the name is inscribed on the Colwall War memorial.

NAME		NOTES
1	Dr G W M CUSTANCE RN	Y
2	LT JOHN ORR EWING RN	Y
3	LT HENRY LAING RN	Not on War memorial, but found on the CWGC database
4	E CROUCH RN	Not on War memorial, but found on the CWGC database
5	CHARLES WHARTON RN	Y
6	R F RAWLINGS RN	Y Listed as FRANK HENRY RAWLINGS.
7	CHARLES BOOTON	<b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database. There is a WALTER BOOTON on the war memorial
8	THOMAS WILLIS	<b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database. E A TOM WILLIS
9	ALFRED BOWKET	Not on War memorial, but found on the CWGC database
10	E CHAMBERLAIN RN	Not on War memorial. <b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database.
11	ALBERT ROBBINS	Y
12	SAMUEL W. PUGH	Y
13	HARRY CAINES	Y
14	LT ERIC CARTWRIGHT	Y

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NAME		NOTES
15	LT EDWARD HOLLAND	Y
16	2LT W <sup>m</sup> . UNIACKE PERY POWELL	Y
17	F OLIVER	Not on War memorial. <b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database. Could this be the A OLIVER on the war memorial?
18	HUBERT K. MADDOX	Y
19	WALTER BOOTON	Y
20	2LT PENRITH S. BEAUCHAMP	Y
21	2LT CHARLES NOEL HARRIS	Y
22	CHARLES GREEN	Y
23	ERNEST A. WHATMORE	Y
24	RAYMOND W. BARNETT	Y
25	CAPT A. V. HOLMAN	Y
26	THOMAS GARDE(I?)NER	Y
27	A. JOHN BRATT	Y
28	DONALD MOSS	Y
29	LT. WILLIAM GOODWIN	Y FRANCIS WILLIAM GOODWIN.
30	LT. RONALD CARTWRIGHT	Y
31	ARTHUR GEORGE SMITH	Y <b>Not positively identified</b> on the CWGC database

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NAME	NOTES	
32	FRED JAMES	Y
33	JOHN LETT	Not on War memorial, but found on the CWGC database
34	W. SELLY	Y
35	LEONARD BENDALL	Not on War memorial
36	RONALD BLACK	Not on War memorial
37	WILLIAM INNES	Y
38	EDGAR GITTENS	Not on War memorial
39	REGINALD TUDGE	Y
40	PERCY PEDLINGHAM	Y
41	JOHN VICTOR WILLIAMS	Y
42	CHRIS HITCHINGS	Y

There is also a memorial to a **Albert Thomas James** engraved on his parents headstone in the churchyard thus:

Mary Ann, the beloved wife of George James, who died 14th April 1924 aged 68 years. Also of George James her beloved husband, who died 9th November 1924 aged 76 years also of *Albert Thomas James, their eldest son, killed in action in France 1st July 1916 aged 34 years.*

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Detail of the handwritten text of the list found in the vestry.

Dr G. W. M. Custance, R.N.	Charles Green.
Lieut John Orr Ewing, R.N.	Ernest A. Whatmore.
Lieut Henry Laing, R.N.	Raymond W. Barnett.
E. Crouch, R.N.	Capt. A. V. Holman
Charles Wharton, R.N.	Thomas J. Gardiner.
R. J. Rawlings, R.N.	<del>John</del> Brett
Charles - Booton	Donald Moss
Thomas Willis.	Lieut William Goodwin
Alfred Bowkett.	Ronald Cartwright, (Lt)
E. Chamberlain, R.N.	Arthur George Smith
Albert Robbins.	Fred. James
Samuel W. Pugh.	John Lett
Harry Caines.	Wm. Selby
Lieut Eric Cartwright.	Leonard Bendall.
Lieut Edward Holland	Ronald Black
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut Wm. Uniacke Perry Powell.	William Innes
J. Oliver.	Edgar Pitters
Hubert K. Maddox.	Reginald Judge
Walter Booton	Percy Pedlingham
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut Penrith S. Beauchamp.	John Victor Williams
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut Charles Noel Harris.	Chris Hitchings

R. I. P.

## NAMES EXTRACTED FROM MRS. WINIFRED STRINGER'S HISTORY OF COLWALL

There is a tablet on the east wall of the north aisle of the church, and four brass tablets in the same aisle recording the names of the Gallant Dead of 1914-18, and at the entrance to the churchyard is a very beautiful Memorial Garden and Stone also giving the names of those who lost their lives, they are:

Raymond Barnett,  
Percy Barratt,  
Horace Beauchamp,<sup>1</sup>  
Penrith Beauchamp,  
Charles Bootin,<sup>2</sup>  
Walter Bootin,  
A John Bratt,  
Harry Cains,  
Eric Cartwright,  
Ronald Cartwright,  
Eustance Chance,  
Archibald Clarke,  
G W Custance,  
John Orr-Ewing,  
Reginald Farley,  
John Freeman,  
James Gardener,  
Charles Green,  
Henry Green,<sup>3</sup>  
William Goodwin,  
Frederick Handy,  
C Noel Harris,  
Chris Hitchings,  
Edward Holland,  
A V Holman,  
William Innes,

F James,  
Albert Locke,  
Hubert K Maddox,  
Ernest Martin,  
Donald Moss,  
Albert Oliver,  
Percy G T Pedlingham,  
William Uniacke Pery Powell,  
Wilfred Phillips,  
F Powell,  
S Pugh,  
Frank Rawlings,  
Albert Robbins,  
William Selby,<sup>4</sup>  
Amos Smith,  
Arthur G Smith,  
Raymond Smith,  
Ernest Suter,  
Reginald Tudge,  
Robert Washington,

Charles Wharton,  
Charles Wharton,  
John Victor Williams,  
A E Tom Willis,

... and on the tablets also,

Alfred Bowkett,  
Ronald Black,  
Leonard Bendall,  
E Crouch,  
E Chamberlain,  
Edgar Gittens,  
Henry Laing,  
John Lett,  
F Oliver.

And in addition to the 1914-18 War, Colwall sacrificed more men in the second World War of 1939-45, the names are:

Charles Arrowsmith,

William Binns,  
William Binns,  
John McLeod Clarke.  
Horace Clee,  
George Hector Dalley,  
William Fred Edwards,  
Fred Maurer,  
James Moody,  
William Morris,  
James Price,  
Evelyn Ridler,  
Reginald Smith,

Note: Flying Officer M. J. H. Cooke, RAFVR, whose name is on the war memorial is omitted from the above list.

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1      ? Probably Forrest Beauchamp

2      ? Probably Booton, but name not on War memorial

3      ? Probably Henry Greening.

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4      ? Probably William Selly