

An aerial photograph of a trench, showing the earthen walls and floor. The trench is filled with numerous red poppies, which are a symbol of remembrance for World War I. The poppies are scattered throughout the trench, with some in the foreground and others further back. The overall scene is somber and evocative.

WAR

GRAVES

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CARRINGTON

A prayer to be said at the grave

Lord Jesus, we believe that you stood beside *N* and his fellow soldiers as they fought to bring peace to your world. We believe that you have stood among us as we have tried to imagine the fear and pain and loneliness of the wounded and the dying on the battlefield.

We believe that you stand beside us now,
as we remember and honour *N*.

In your great mercy, bless our good memories,
comfort us when we grieve for the life that might have been, and strengthen us in all we do to seek the peace and freedom which are your desire for the world.

Stoker Clifford Henry Dutton

Date of birth: 11 Apr 1896

Place of birth: Pontypridd Glamorgan

Family History: Clifford Henry was the eldest surviving son of Thomas Dutton and Thermuthis Lucy Dutton nee Perry. Thomas was born in Litchfield, Staffordshire and his wife in Paulton, Staffordshire. They had seven children of whom only four were still living in 1911; the surviving children were all born in Ystrad, Glamorgan, Wales. In 1911 Thomas, a mechanical engineer working at a colliery, and his wife (44) were living at Bruncloidach, Ynysybwll, Glamorgan, Wales, with their four children, Violet Elsie (16), Clifford Henry (14) who was a storekeeper, George Stanley (8) who like his younger brother Edgar Harold (5) were still at school. Also in the household was Thermuthis Perry (67), Thomas's widowed mother-in-law. Thomas was living at 18 Elwyn Street, Llanbussant, Glamorgan, when he was notified of his son's death. The CWGC record gives his parents' address as 7 Natmelyn Terrace, Tonyrefail, Glamorgan.

Employment/Hobbies: In 1911 he was a storeman. When he joined the Royal Navy in 1915 he gave his occupation as a fitter and turner.

Date of death: 08 Oct 1917 (21 years).

CWGC Commonwealth Grave No: 2750196

Service number: K/29892 (Po)

Rank: Stoker 1st Class

Military Unit: HMS Dartmouth Royal Navy

Military History: Clifford joined the Royal Navy at the age of 19 on 16 December 1915 on a 'hostilities only' engagement. He served in the following ships and shore establishments: Victory II, 16 December 1915-5 May 1916 (Stoker 2nd Class, Stoker 1st Class 26 February 1916); HMS Dartmouth, 6 May 1916-18 June 1917; Egmont II, 19 June 1917-30 August 1917; Victory II, 31 August 1917-8 October 1917. His service record was annotated 'NP 8352/17. DD 8 October 1917 from Lymphosarcoma RN Hospital Haslar [Portsmouth].' He was buried in Carrington (St John) Churchyard (grave ref. 4923.5.2)

Extra Information: lymphosarcoma: 'a malignant tumour in lymphatic tissue, caused by the growth of abnormal lymphocytes'

Personal inscription on gravestone: 'God called him unto his eternal glory'. Clifford was born in Glamorgan and was living there with his family in 1911; his parents were still living in Glamorgan when he died in 1917. No information has yet been found as to why Clifford, whose service record shows he died in Portsmouth, was buried in Nottingham.

Remembered on Carrington - St John The Evangelist War Memorial as CH Dutton

Private William Henry Barker

Family History: He was the son of John Barker (Sergeant 11th Hussars) and Harriet Barker.

Date of death: 17 Nov 1916 (60 years)

CWGC Commonwealth Grave No: 2750194

Service number: 6166

Address given on enlistment: Nottingham

Rank: Private

Military Unit: Royal Defence Corps

Military History: He served with the 18th Provisional Company Royal Defence Corps The Grave is near the Loscoe Road entrance.

Not remembered on St John's War Memorial but on Nottingham North (Arnold, Carrington & Sherwood) Virtual War Memorial as William Henry Barker.

Lance Bombardier Ernest Lambert Cookson

Date of death: 22 Apr 1918

CWGC Commonwealth Grave No: 2750195

Service number: 72210

Rank: Lance Bombardier

Military Unit: D Bty 82nd Bde Royal Field Artillery

He is buried in the Old Churchyard, to the South side of the Church.

Remembered on St. John's War Memorial.

Private William Fisher

Family History: William was born in 1883 in Nottingham and was the son of Jonathan a policeman and Emma Jane Fisher née Smith they lived at 29a North Gate, Nottingham. His father was born in 1859 in Uley, Gloucestershire, his mother was born in 1857 also in Uley, Gloucestershire. They were married in 1879 in Dursley, Gloucestershire. They moved to Nottingham and had 11 children 1 of whom died in infancy.

William married his wife Florence Mary Raynor in Nottingham in 1907 and they went on to have a daughter Dorothy Mary Fisher. In 1911 they lived at 25 North Gate New Basford along with his sisters Emma 24 yrs a book keeper and Mary Ellen Fisher 19 yrs a carriage straightener. In the same 1911 census his parents are living at 29a Northgate, New Basford and are shown as Jonathan 52 yrs a police pensioner living with his wife Emma Jane 54 yrs and their children Jane 23 yrs a lace hand, Alice 21 yrs a lace hand, Annie Maria 15yrs a cripple, Florence Eliza 9 yrs a school girl, Frederick Johnathan 17 yrs a piano repairer, and George Arthur 13 yrs a school boy. His probate was proven on 17th June 1919 at Nottingham and shows him as William Fisher 24 Northgate, Nottingham, Private H M Army died 28th April 1919. His effects of £30 went to Florence Mary Fisher, widow.

Employment/Hobbies: He was a postman in 1911.

Date of death: 28 Apr 1919 (36 years).

CWGC Commonwealth Grave No: 2750197

Service number: 40359

Rank: Private

Military Unit: 15th Bn The Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)

Military History: Private William Fisher, "C" Company, 15th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, was wounded and taken prisoner on 3rd May 1917. He died after his repatriation in Carrington Military Hospital on 28th April 1919. He is buried in Carrington (St. John) Churchyard.

Extra Information: His brother Private George Arthur Fisher, 6th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment, was killed in action on 28th April 1918. The 20 year-old is buried in White House Cemetery, St. Jean-les-Ypres.

In memoriam published 29th April 1919 in the Nottingham Evening Post :- "FISHER. – On April 28th, at Carrington Military Hospital, Pte. W. Fisher, the beloved husband of Flo Fisher (née Raynor), after much suffering caused while a prisoner (repatriated). Shattered hopes. – From his loving wife and children. "FISHER. – On the 28th inst., at Carrington Military Hospital, Pte. W. Fisher, the beloved husband of Florence Fisher (née Raynor) after much suffering caused while a prisoner (repatriated). Also in loving memory of his brother George, killed in action April 28th, 1918. Never will their memory fade. – From their sorrowing mother, father, sister, and brothers. Buried in St John's Churchyard. Remembered on Carrington - St John The Evangelist War Memorial as WC Fisher and Nottingham and District Post Office Staff War Memorial as W Fisher.

Private Guy Clement Edgar Granger

Place of birth: Hucknall Torkard Nottinghamshire

Family History: Guy Clement Edgar Granger was born in 1878 in Hucknall Torkard and was the son of the late William Charles and Sabina Granger. He married his wife Ethel May Heathcote in 1905 in Nottingham. She had been born in Crich, Derbyshire in 1879. They went on to have two children Edwin Roy Granger born in 1908 at Kegworth Leicestershire and Francis b1912 birth recorded in the Shardlow Registration district. In the 1911 census the family are living at 2 Station Road Draycott Derbyshire and are shown as Guy Clement Edgar Granger 34 yrs a draper and hosier, he is living with his wife and their son Edwin Roy (3). Also living with them is his mother-in-law Ann Louise Heathcote (60). Following his death the ministry of pension wrote to his widow informing her she would be receiving a pension of 25 shillings and 5 pence a week in respect of her and her two children with effect from 2nd November 1918. Ethel later moved to 39 Hall Street Sherwood Nottingham.

Employment/Hobbies: He was a fancy draper and hosier.

Date of death: 23 May 1918 (41 years).

CWGC Commonwealth Grave No: 2750198

Service number: 25398

Rank: Private

Military Unit: Labour Corps

Military History: Private Guy Clement Edgar Granger, enlisted on 7th June 1916: he was 39 yrs and 87 days old while working as a grocers porter. He was posted to the reserves the following day. He was mobilised for war on 6th March 1917 and initially served with the service number 37840 in the Lincolnshire Regiment. He landed in France on 24th March 1917 and was transferred to the 43rd Northern Command Labour Centre, Labour Corps, on 14th May 1917. He was admitted to hospital with dementia on 7th March 1918, the No 8 stationary hospital in France and later transferred to England where he was treated at Napsbury War Hospital, Colney, Hertfordshire. He died on 23rd May 1918 at the hospital, the cause of death was given as 'psycho nephritis'. His body was returned to his family in Nottingham and is buried in Carrington (St. John) Churchyard.

Buried in St John's Churchyard but not remembered on the War Memorial.

Lance Corporal Alfred Hallam

Family History: Alfred Hallam was born in 1884 at Sneinton and was the son of Alfred a hosiery trimmer and the late Eliza Hallam née Collington of 2 Albion Road, Nottingham. His father Alfred was born in 1863 at Sneinton and his mother Eliza Collington was born in 1864 in Nottingham. They were married in 1882 in Nottingham and went on to have four children. His mother Eliza died in 1896 at Nottingham aged 32 yrs. In the 1901 census the family are living at 2 Albion Road, Nottingham and are shown as Alfred 38 yrs a widower a hosiery trimmer, who is living with his children, Alfred 17 yrs a labourer, Millicent 16 yrs a lace clipper, William 11 yrs and John 7 yrs. His father died in 1902 at Nottingham: he was 39 yrs of age. In the 1911 census Alfred is living at 10 Thurman Cottages - he is shown as being 27, single and a builder's labourer. He is boarding at the address with John Brazil (46) a builder's labourer and his family. Alfred married his wife Nellie Dawson at the Nottingham Register office on 17th May 1913; they go on to have children: John Alfred born 18th June 1913 and William born 4th August 1914. William died on 26th September 1916. The family lived at 10 Sherbrooke Terrace, Sherbrooke Road, Carrington. His widow received a pension of 15 shillings a week from 21st February 1916 in respect of her and her surviving child.

Date of death: 17 Aug 1915 (31 years).

CWGC Commonwealth Grave No: 2750199

Service number: 5876

Address given on enlistment: Carrington. He enlisted in Nottingham **Rank:** Lance Corporal

Military Unit: 1st Bn King's Royal Rifle Corps

Military History: Lance Corporal 5876 Alfred Hallam enlisted at Nottingham on 21st January 1904. He was 20 yrs and 5 months of age. He was posted to the 1st battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps. He served from 18th November 1904 in Malta, leaving there on 26th February 1915 and landed in Egypt the same day. He returned to England on 29th June 1914 leaving to join the British Expeditionary Force on 13th August 1914. He was wounded (a gunshot wound to the right foot) on 14th September 1914. He was admitted to the no 3 General Hospital and transferred to England on 17th September 1914. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 19th September 1914. He died at his home address on 17th August 1915 and is buried in Carrington St John's Church Cemetery. He had served in the army for 11 yrs and 209 days.

Extra Information: Notice of Alfred's death published 20th August 1915 in the Nottingham Evening Post :- HALLAM. - On August 17th, at 10, Sherbrooke Terrace, Sherbrooke Road, from the effects of wounds received last September, [1914] Private Alfred Hallam, the dearly-beloved husband of Nellie Hallam. Military funeral, Carrington Church, Saturday, [21st August 1915] 3.30."

In memoriam published 17th August 1916 in the Nottingham Evening Post:

"HALLAM. - In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Rifleman A. Hallam, who died August 17th, 1915. - From mother, dad, Pollie, and John (in France). "HALLAM. - In loving memory of my dear husband, Rifleman Alfred Hallam, who died through the effects of wounds, August 17th, 1915. Though death divides, fond memory clings. - From his loving wife and child. "HALLAM. - In loving memory of our dear brother, Rifleman A. Hallam, who died August 17th, 1915. - From his loving sister and husband and brother Bill."

Second Lieutenant Frank Howett

Date of birth: 11 Aug 1899

Family History: He was the only son of William Stokes Howett of 8 Mabel Grove, West Bridgford. William Stokes Howett predeceased his son. His mother, Elizabeth, was living at Zulla Road, Nottingham, at the time of her son's death. Elizabeth emigrated to Rhodesia where she died of cancer and was buried in the Bulawayo cemetery. William's sister, Marjorie Mary Howett, also emigrated to Rhodesia in the late 1930's and tragically drowned in Cape Town.

Employment/Hobbies: Member Nottingham Boat Club.

Date of death: 17 Dec 1918 (19 years).

CWGC Commonwealth Grave No: 2750200

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Military Unit: Royal Air Force

Military History: No.4 Fighting School. He was killed in an aeroplane accident and buried in Carrington (St John) Churchyard (grave ref Old.I.13). Flying a Sopwith Camel, the R.A.F. investigation concluded that the cause of the accident was a "loss of speed whilst turning near the ground thereby causing [the] machine to fall into a spin with insufficient height to recover."

Extra Information: Nottingham Post obituary (abridged) 18 December 1918: 'HOWETT, killed in aeroplane accident, December 17th, at Freish Bush, Second Lieutenant William Frank Howett RAF, son of the late William Stokes Howett and Mrs Howett, 25 Zulla Road, Nottingham, age 19.'

In memoriam published 17th December 1919 in the Nottingham Evening Post:

"HOWETT. - In loving memory of my dear son, Second-Lieut. W. F. Howett, R.A.F., killed whilst flying December 17th, 1918. - Mother and sister Marjorie.

"HOWETT. - In fondest memory of my dear chum, Second-Lieut. Howett, R.A.F. (Snowy), killed at Frieston whilst flying, December 17th, 1918, 3.20 p.m. - Not forgotten by his pal F. J. Walton.

"HOWETT. - In loving memory of Second-Lieut. W. F. Howett, R.A.F., killed whilst flying at Frieston December 17th, 1918. - Nance." Family headstone, St John Carrington: 'To the dear memory of Sec. Lieut. William Frank Howett RAF, only son of Elizabeth and the late WS Howett, killed whilst flying December 17th 1918 aged 19 years. Through Ardour to Heavens'

His name is spelt Howitt on the War Memorial.