

**John Bonnell Dodds:** Born in 1918 in Warrington, his father was Captain Harry Dodds. In 1939 his mother Edith and brother Peter were living at 9 Westover Road, Davyhulme. John died aged 25 on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 1944. At that time he was a Flight Sergeant with the Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserves and is remembered on the Singapore memorial at Kranji North West Singapore.

**Lennox Durham DFC:** Born in Salford on 1920, he had two siblings, Eric and Lena. In 1939 his parents, Lennox and Lizzie, were living at 1 Salisbury Road, Davyhulme with their son Eric. Lennox had married Isobel Jones in 1943 and was a Flying Officer with Bomber Command when he died, aged 24, on April 25<sup>th</sup> 1944. He was shot down over Germany flying a Lancaster which had taken off from Skellingthorpe, Lincolnshire.



**Ernest Cross:** Born in Barton in 1919, his mother was Jean Cross. In 1939 his father Ernest and stepmother Emmie were living at 28 Westover Road, Davyhulme. Ernest was a Warrant Officer in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve when he died, aged 25, on October 10<sup>th</sup> 1944. He is remembered on the Singapore Memorial.

**Fred Fairhurst:** Born in 1919 in Barton, his father was Frederick William. In 1939 his mother, Ethel, was living at 15 Bent Lanes. He was a Flight Sergeant in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and he died aged 23, on December 18<sup>th</sup> 1942. He is remembered on the Singapore Memorial.

**George E Morris Glassman:** Born in Leeds in 1914, he married Emily in 1942. In 1939 she was living at 193 Davyhulme Road. He was a Leading Aircraftsman U/T Observer, Royal Air Force, he died aged 27, on March 14<sup>th</sup> 1942. His Commonwealth grave is in Urmston Cemetery with the inscription:

*He gave all and more than all  
He died that we might live.*

**George Frederick Haslam:** Born in 1909 in Monton, he was the son of George Edward and Maria and the husband of Phyllis. In 1939 his father George Edward was living at 82 Flixton Road. George died aged 35, on December 27<sup>th</sup> 1944 whilst he was a Sergeant in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. His grave inscription in the Rheinberg War Cemetery reads:

*He loved sunshine, home and life  
All this he gave in sacrifice.*

**Raymond Sherwood Jarratt:** Born in 1921 in Barton he was the son of William E and Clara. At the time of his death, aged 22, on February 25<sup>th</sup> 1943 his address is given as 10 Patterdale Avenue. He was an Engineer Officer on the SS Manchester Merchant and was presumed drowned. He is remembered on the Tower Hill Memorial.

**Robert Maben:** Born in 1910 in Barton-upon-Irwell. In 1939 his parents Robert and Edith Florence lived at 56 Crofts Bank Road. He was the husband of Rita Madeline, who lived in New South Wales. He was a Private in the Australian Infantry when he died aged 34, on May 31<sup>st</sup> 1945, and is remembered on the Labuan Memorial.

**Edward Duerden Neal:** Born in 1916 in Bolton. In 1939 he was living with his parents the Reverend William John James and Nancy E and his brother Arthur in Belgrave Road, Blackburn where he was a Theological Student. He died aged 26, on October 8<sup>th</sup> 1942. He was a Flying Officer, Pilot, in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and his resting place is in Blackburn Cemetery in the C of E section.

**Frederick Almond:** Born in 1916 in Altrincham and in 1939 he was living with his parents Henry and Ada Eveline in Altrincham. He married Anne Violet in 1940. He died at sea, aged 24 on May 24<sup>th</sup> 1941. He was an Able Seaman on HMS Hood and is commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

HMS Hood and the battleship Prince of Wales were ordered to intercept the German battleship Bismark but early in the battle HMS Hood was hit by German shells and sank within three minutes with only three survivors. HMS Hood was perceived as invincible and at the time of her loss greatly affected British morale.

**Samuel Norcross:** Born in 1912 he was the son of John and Annie In 1939 he was living with his wife Josephine at 63 Welwyn Close. He was a Sergeant Air Gunner in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and died aged 26, on October 8<sup>th</sup> 1942. He is buried at Haverlese War Cemetery and his grave inscription reads:

*May the sweet winds of Heaven blow*

*Softly over this hallowed spot.*

**Eric John Strickland Brookes:** Born in 1899 in Swinton, he was the son of Peter and Henrietta and the husband of Kathleen Elizabeth. They were married at St Clements Church in 1925. He had a brother, Lawrence, and a daughter Kathleen Pamela born in 1929. He died aged 43, on April 20<sup>th</sup> 1942. He was a Major in the Royal Corps of Signals attached to the Burma Army. He had also served in WWI. He is commemorated on the Rangoon Memorial Myanmar.

**George Sydney Baker:** Born in Barton in 1924 he was the son of John William and Clara. In 1939 his parents were living with George and his brother John in Urmston. He died aged 19, on April 14<sup>th</sup> 1944. He was a Private in the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment and is commemorated on the Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar.

**Thomas Horrocks:** Born in 1923 in Manchester, he was the son of Thomas and Margaret. He died aged 21, on August 13<sup>th</sup> 1944. He was a Flight Sergeant Navigator, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. His grave inscription reads:

*Greater love hath no man.*

**Harry Boardman:** Born in Salford in 1913, he was the son of Fred and Olive Edith and husband of Marian. He married Marian Horner in 1940. He died aged 30, on April 14<sup>th</sup> 1944. He was a Flight Sergeant in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 353 Squadron. He is remembered in the Delhi War Cemetery and his grave inscription reads:

*Sadly missed*

*No goodbye kiss*

*Just beautiful memories.*

**George Wade:** Born in Barton in 1919. In 1939 his parents George and Juliet lived in Davyhulme Road. He married Adelaide Graham in 1940. He was a Sergeant in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and died aged 23, on May 8<sup>th</sup> 1941. He is remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

**Philip Wallwork:** Born in Barton in 1921. In 1939 his parents Arthur and Martha Emma were living at 18 Parsonage Road. He married Ada Dorothy Bates in 1944. He was a Leading Aircraftsman Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve when he died aged 23, on November 7<sup>th</sup> 1944. He is buried in Croxyde Military Cemetery and his grave inscription reads:

*Be thee faithful unto death*

*And I will give thee*

*A crown for life*

**Frank Bethell:** Born in Barton in 1920. In 1939 his parents James and Hannah Maria were living in Oldham although his death records reports them as living in Davyhulme. He was an Able Seaman on HMS Exeter and died at sea aged 19 on December 13<sup>th</sup> 1939. He is remembered at the Plymouth Naval Memorial. HMS Exeter was one of three British Cruisers that fought the German Pocket Battle Ship Admiral Graf Spee in the Battle of the River Plate. HMS Exeter was hit by several shells from the Graf Spee killing several of the crew although the ship survived the battle.

**George William Howell:** Born in Salford in 1918, he was the son of L/Cpl George Howell, Gordon Highlanders who was killed in action in France in November 1917. In 1939 his mother Mary and Stepfather Alexander Gibbs were living at 17 Salisbury Road. George William was an Able Seaman, Royal Navy on the HMS President and he died at sea on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1941. He is remembered in St Edmund Churchyard, Southwold. His grave inscription reads:

*Your day was short*

*Your destiny duty*

*Given for freedom*

*A noble sacrifice.*

**John James Parker:** Born in Ireland in 1911. His parents were James and Rachel Graham and he married Jessie Collie in 1933. He was a Staff Sergeant in the Lanarkshire Yeomanry Royal Artillery and was aged 33 when he died on December 29<sup>th</sup> 1944. He is remembered at the Singapore Memorial, Kranji North West, Singapore.



**John Edward Sunter:** Born in 1915 in Salford, he was the son of Williams James and Susan Maria. He married Grace Emma Bradbury in 1939. John was a Corporal in the Royal Marines on HMS Dunedin. He died aged 26, on November 26<sup>th</sup> 1941 but his final resting place is unknown although he is listed as Missing, Killed in Action. He is recorded on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. HMS Dunedin left England on April 8<sup>th</sup> 1941 never to return. She was hit by torpedoes from a German U-boat in the South Atlantic. Up to 250 crew men jumped into the water to reach Carley floats but only seven got away. For the next 72 hours they drifted in the equatorial heat, many dying either of their injuries, dehydration and others bitten by vicious fish as sharks were prevalent in that area. Only 72 crew members survived, being picked up by a USA Merchant ship.