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commemorating our Fallen on a new plaque for
Dover Town War Memorial



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A new plaque commemorating the 21 Dovorians Fallen remembered here is to be added to Dover Town War Memorial. The Memorial will also be rededicated to honour the Dovorians Fallen of other conflicts.



“It is presumed your husband has lost his life”

Ernest Turmaine, left, was killed on 21 May 1940 when the hospital ship “Maid of Kent” was bombed in Dieppe Harbour. He was 56, and lived at Paul’s Place.

Barrington Bradish, another Greaser, also died that day. Aged 57, he lived at Clarendon Street.

Percy Ellis, right, was 38 when the Cable Ship “Alert” was sunk off Ramsgate on 24 February 1945.

All the crew of 59 were lost, including many Dovorians. Amongst them were **Richard Wakefield**, aged 43, a keen musician from Victoria Street, and **Frank Drury**, 40, an old boy of St Mary’s School.



“Don’t raise any hopes. There were no survivors”



Robert Bean, above, from Colebran Street, was 23 when HMS Eclipse struck a mine off the Greek island Leros on 23 October 1943. 135 Buffs died, including **Percy Macdonnell**.

Harry Cork, who died in 1918, also served in The Buffs.

“We have lost a friend”

John Hulse, right, died on 25 March 1945 when his plane crashed in Bangladesh.

Aged 21, and known as “Boy” from his parents’ cry of “Oh, that *Boy*!” whenever he was mischievous, he was a former pupil of Barton Road.

Below is **Raymond Brett**, 20, whose plane crashed in Belgium on 21 June 1944.



Raymond also went to Barton Road, and later the County (now Grammar) School. He worked at the Westminster Bank, Market Square.

Dennis Hopper was another Bomber Boy.

On 15 February 1944 his plane crashed into the Baltic Sea while on a mission to Berlin. 43 aircraft and 250 crew were lost that night.



“His life a beautiful memory, his death a silent grief”

HMS “Lightning” was torpedoed on 12 March 1943 off Algeria. **Albert Silk**, left, was one of 45 who died. He was 23.

William Pearce served throughout the Great War. He was fatally injured in Dover Harbour on 7 February 1941, aged 59

Edmund Winsor, 42, died on 30 August 1917 serving in the Mediterranean. He grew up at East Cliff.

Raymond Philpott, right, became a Prisoner of War. On 4 June 1944, five months after sending a postcard to his mother, saying he was safe, he was drowned when the transport ship Tamahoko was sunk off Nagasaki. He was 23.



“Recovery was impossible”



On 15 December 1941, **Lewis Kennedy**, above, and 468 others died when HMS “Galatea” was torpedoed off Alexandria, Egypt. He was 25, and an old County (now Grammar) School boy like **Henry Morris**, 21, of the Naval Air Squadron, whose plane crashed at Spithead, the Solent, on 11 June 1941.

**“Greater love hath
no man”**

Alan Paddock, right, was an old boy of the County, (now Grammar) School and worked in the Borough Accountants’ Department. He died in Burma on 27 January 1944, aged 21.

Frederick Dummer was 31 when he died in Belgium on 9 July 1917.



William Pay died in Tunisia on 2 March 1943, aged 26. Before the war he worked for the East Kent Road Car Company.

Leslie Rogers, left, grew up in Tower Hamlets, and worked at a butcher’s and a greengrocer’s before becoming a Marine.

He was 19 when he was killed at Tobruk on 14 September 1942



Images



Captions

**Merchant Navy Cap Badge belonging to Alfred Webb.
He served in the Atlantic convoys and after the war
became Chief Engineer on the cross-channel ferries.**

E. Crabb

Second World War Medals including Atlantic Star

“Let There Be Light”

**Dover Grammar School for Boys shield donated by
David Borrett, great nephew of John Collon Fox, killed
1918**

“Its Ancient Honour is Ever Green”

**The Buffs shield donated by David Borrett, great nephew
of John Collon Fox, killed 1918**

**Bomber Boy petals donated by
Dean Sumner, great-nephew of Frank Sumner,
killed 1941**

**“(There’ll Be Bluebirds Over)
The White Cliffs of Dover”
commemorative plate**

“Dover Remembers”

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