

Private Edward BARNETT was born and raised in Saltford before he moved to Frome to work as a general labourer. The son of Sarah who lived at Saltford Brass Mills and husband to Florence, he died aged 24 on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1916 and is listed on the Thiepval memorial.

Gunner Lionel KING was 20 when he died alongside all but two of the 845 crew of HMS VANGUARD when her armament magazines detonated in Scapa Flow just before midnight on 9 Jul 1917 in one of the most catastrophic accidental explosions in Royal Navy history.

Private A SKINNER and Private Oliver DUKES served with the Somerset Light Infantry: Pte Skinner was killed in action on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1915 and is buried in the Chappelle d'Armienteres military cemetery. Oliver was also killed in action, aged 24 during the battle of the Somme on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1916 and is buried at Guillemont cemetery.

*A further six names were added to the Memorial after the Second World War.*

Aircraftman 1<sup>st</sup> Class John Canning LEWIS, 240 Squadron RAF, was the first Saltford casualty of the War. Son of George and Marie Lewis of Saltford, John was 23 when he died on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1939.

Able Seaman Jack KELLY served in the Royal Naval Special Reserve. He was 22 when he perished with 1,414 of his shipmates when HMS HOOD was lost during combat with the German battleship BISMARCK in the Denmark Strait on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1941. The son of Mr and Mrs Ernest John Kelly, Jack is listed alongside the rest of his crewmates on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

Flying Officer STEER died on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1943 serving as part of the RAF Volunteer Reserve with 415 RCAF Sqdn. Son of Claude & Blanche and husband of Marjorie, of Redland, Gloucestershire, he is commemorated on Panel 129 of the Runnymede memorial.

Captain ROGERS served with 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Gloucestershire Regiment. He was killed on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1944 aged 30. Son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Willes Rogers and husband of Olga, of Bournemouth, Hampshire, he is buried in the Hottot Les Bagues Cemetery.

Lieutenant John Hugh HETHEY was the son of Mary Gray Michils of Saltford. He served with the Royal Armoured Corps and 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards before his death on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1944 and is commemorated on Panel 1 of the Cassino Memorial.

Sergeant HAMILTON, son of Herbert & Nellie and husband to Rosemary, was the last Saltford WW2 casualty. He died on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1945 aged 32 whilst serving as part of the Royal Artillery 3 Survey Regt and is buried in St Marys Church, Saltford.

*These plaques were commissioned by Saltford Parish Council to mark the anniversaries of the start of both World Wars and in order to recognise those Saltford men who made the ultimate sacrifice, together with all those men & women that served at home or abroad.*