



THE
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Book of Remembrance.

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PREFACE.

THIS long and melancholy yet glorious record of the achievements of Old Mancunians in the Great War has been compiled from information in the Press, supplemented by letters from bereaved relatives and from School registers. It does not profess to be complete; many letters to such addresses as were available have remained unanswered, and the full total must for ever remain unknown. There are 480 names in the list, and for the sake of brevity and uniformity only the barest details are given of the bravery, suffering and self-sacrifice displayed in individual cases. Every reasonable care has been taken to avoid errors, though it can hardly be hoped that they are altogether absent. For such omissions as may have escaped observation, the Editor offers his sincere apologies.

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In Memory of the Fallen.

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(Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford).

Delivered in Manchester Cathedral on Wednesday, July 16th, 1919.

“ These all died in faith . . . that they without us should not be made perfect.”

Heb. xi. 13, 40.

We are met here to-day for a solemn act of remembrance and thanksgiving on behalf of those—our sons, our brothers, and our schoolfellows—who have given up their lives for us in the great war. This ancient and splendid school, of which we are proud, has played its part well in the life of this city, of England, and of the Empire. It has sent out for many generations a due succession of men who have served God and their time in commerce and in professions, in Church and State. And when the war broke out, the sons of this school joined in that mighty company of young men of England who gave themselves, without stay or stint, to the great enterprise, and who went forth ready to lay down their lives, to fight for the things in which they believed, and which they had counted precious, and many of whom will never return to the homes that sent them forth. They “ died in faith ”; they died—that is the pity of it. So young, many of them, full of such splendid promise, leaving strange, sad gaps, which mean so much in anguish and sorrow, and raise at a time like this an almost intolerable longing

*“ for the touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is still.”*

One’s heart goes out in sympathy to those who have lost more than they can ever say, and we would pray God to help and comfort them, and to make up to them as He alone can.

Here, in this sacred place, something more must be said. We are on Christian ground, and we cannot but remember that those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ have a sure and certain hope in regard to the life that is to be.

We need not, and cannot, now seek to argue in regard to the Future State. Sad it is that men and women in these days, and in this country, should have to turn to such strange sources for consolation at the present time as to spirits and "wizards that peep and mutter," when they have all the time the promise of their Lord—of their Father's house of many mansions, and of that sure and certain hope that is in Him. You who have loved these boys with the love of father and mother know that not even death can separate them from your love; and shall it then separate them from the love of God, that passeth the love of woman? And surely our belief in their future is rooted and grounded not in any theory or speculation, but in the very nature and character of God Himself. If God is Love, then it is certain man is not made to die, and we may leave those we have loved to a Love greater than ours, that will persist even to the end and have them ever in its keeping.

"These died in faith." They died because they believed in the things that are right, and pure, and honourable, and of good report; because they had a vision of the unseen; because they were not simply "cribbed, cabined, and confined" within the material world. They knew that England stood for something more than trade, commerce, arms, and wealth—for righteousness, honour, pity; and they went forth to help and save those who were under the heel of the oppressor—to fight a great, evil thing that they believed had to be smitten to the dust. They went forth in high hope and with splendid courage fighting for an ideal. If every man was not perhaps always quite conscious of what he was doing, deep down in their hearts they realised that here was a duty that had to be accomplished, and that it was up to them to accomplish it. And well they did their work!

And now, in these days when Peace has dawned again, and the whole thing is a black and awful memory, we may indeed thank God for those who stood in the breach for us, and by dint of whose courage and faithfulness we live to-day unscathed.

"That they without us should not be made perfect." They have left a work unfinished that is for us to complete. They died for their country, and we have to live for our country. They gave themselves freely and willingly for great ideals and noble ends, and we remain to live for those ideals and to seek those ends anew. They died, we have often been told, to put an end to war; and that is our first task—to see to it that our modern civilisation shall be

re-founded on some better foundations; that there shall be set up a new international relationship that shall make it possible sometimes to appease quarrels without having recourse to war. We owe it to them to work hard and to fight hard that peace may be established for ever.

Yes, and we owe it to them, too, to consolidate the work of the past and to build up a new and better England. How these boys idealised their homes! You remember the kind of affection that used to breathe in their letters, for "Old Blighty"—this country of their dreams. How they used to write—sometimes in the ghastly stink of the trenches—of the countryside that they knew! They loved this land, and they wanted it to be great, and they died to make it great, and you and I have to live to carry out their work, to carry the torch that has dropped from their hands, and to carry it everywhere in God's name and to God's issues.

Let us, then, to-day, in the memory of those we have loved and lost re-dedicate ourselves to high and holy ends, and to the service of God and man. Let us remember that no work of Re-construction can ever be fully accomplished that is not founded upon the sure foundation of the will and purpose of God; that only by the power of religion will it be possible for us to do the work these young hands have given us to do. Let us re-dedicate ourselves to God and man in the names of those who challenge us from the dust to-day. And to you boys of Manchester Grammar School I say: You have now a greater inheritance than ever, something noble and splendid, a memory of heroism that should be a challenge and a constant urge to duty and sacrifice and service; to clean, straight, strong and holy living. And to those of us who are older is there not in the memory of those who have left us a call to live more straightly and to build up again the land they loved and the land they died for, so that there may be, even in this loved England of ours, a new City of God, pure and holy and blessed, whose builder and whose maker is God Himself?

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CHARLES WINSTANLEY ACKROYD.

Ackroyd, Charles Winstanley, Private, 44th Australian Contingent. Killed in action, October 14th, 1917, at Menin Road, near Ypres.

Age 23. At School 1908-11. Elder son of Mr. T. R. Ackroyd, of Higher Crumpsall. Came from North Manchester School. Left to take up farming; afterwards went out to the Malay States.

GEORGE ALCOCK.

Alcock, George, Private, 20th (S.) Bn. R.F. Wounded and taken prisoner at High Wood, July 20th, 1916. Died July 31st, 1916, at Vélou.

At School 1904-07. Younger son of Mr. Preston Alcock, of St. Annes-on-Sea.

FRANK ERNEST ALLEN.

Allen, Frank Ernest, Private, 1/6th Bn. Manchester Regiment. Killed in action in the Dardanelles, May 27th, 1915.

Age 20. At School 1908-10. Son of Mr. W. H. Allen, of Pendleton. Left School to be articled to a firm of accountants. Had passed the Intermediate examination of the Incorporated Accountants.

For Allen-Maltby see page 48.

WILL ALLURED.

Allured, Will, Second-Lieutenant, 6th Border Regiment. Killed in action, September 14th, 1916.

Age 22. At School 1905-08. Was on the Modern side; then went to the County School, Llandudno, and won a scholarship at Worcester Cathedral School. Enlisted in the 20th Bn. R.F., September, 1914, after passing the Chartered Accountants' examination. He obtained the "A" certificate in the O.T.C. and a commission in January, 1915. He was transferred from the Manchester Regiment to the 6th

Border Regiment, after being on active service on the Suez Canal and the adjoining desert. In July, 1916, he was sent to France.

WILLIAM EDMONDSON ALMOND.

Almond, William Edmondson, Corporal, R.G.A. Killed in action.

Born 1889. At School 1904-06. Only son of Mr. Almond, of Farnworth. He was a director of Almonds, Ltd., of Manchester and Farnworth. Leaves a widow and two children.

WILLIAM KINGO ARMSTRONG, M.I.M.E.

Armstrong, William Kingo, M.I.M.E., Captain, 1/4th Bn. South Lancs. Regiment. Killed in action, April 11th, 1918.



Age 26. Youngest son of Mr. J. C. Armstrong, of Heald Green. At School, 1905-07, then went to the College of Technology and the Victoria University; was a student-pupil at the Westinghouse works. Having been in the O.T.C. for four years, he was given a commission at once, and had been at the front continuously till the time of his death, except for one week's leave of absence, through shell-shock, in 1917.

WILLIAM LESLIE ARMSTRONG.

Armstrong, William Leslie, Lance-Corporal, 2nd Bn. Essex Regiment. Reported missing near Arras, March 28th, 1918.



Age 19. At School 1911-14. The only son of Mr. W. Armstrong, of Rusholme. Was in the King Street branch of the London City and Midland Bank.

CHARLES SAVILLE ASHLEY.

Ashley, Charles Saville, Private, 6th Manchester Regiment. Killed September 6th, 1917.

Age 23. At School 1908-10; previously at South Manchester School 1905-08. Son of Mr. Ashley, of Dollis Hill, Heaton Mersey. Had seen service in Gallipoli.

SIDNEY ELLISON ATKIN.

Atkin, Sidney Ellison, Corporal, 22nd (S.) Bn. Manchester Regiment. Died of pneumonia.

Age 31. At School 1903-05. Was on the Modern side, and on leaving went into the service of Sir Jacob Behrens & Co., where he became an assistant buyer.

NORMAN ERNEST BADDELEY.

Baddeley, Norman Ernest, Private, 2/20th London Regiment. Killed at Gaza, November 6th, 1917.



Age 20. At School 1912-14. Son of Mr. H. S. Baddeley, of Crumpsall. He won a medal at the School, and two certificates at the College of Technology, in Textile-weaving.

LEONARD BARRON BAIRD.

Baird, Leonard Barron, Captain, R.A.M.C., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., M.C., 10th Bn. Manchester Regiment; twice mentioned in despatches. Killed in the early spring of 1917 while following up a German retirement.

Age 29. At School 1900-06. Son of Dr. Baird, of Bury.

ARTHUR BALL.

Ball, Arthur, Lieutenant, K.O.L.R., attached 15th Royal Squadron, R.A.F. Killed while flying at Ismailia, February 19th, 1917.

Age 20. At School 1911-13. Son of Mr. Ball, of Cheadle. Enlisted as a private, and after gaining a commission, volunteered for the R.A.F. Was sent to Salonica, September, 1916, transferred to Alexandria two months later, and appointed Flight Instructor, first at Cairo, then at Ismailia.

CHARLES HERBERT BALL.

Ball, Charles Herbert, Lieutenant, R. Wilts Yeomanry, attached 5th Cavalry Machine Gun Section. Died of wounds in hospital at Rouen, April 3rd, 1918.



Age 25. At School 1903-11. Son of the editor of the *Manchester Evening News*. He was a Foundation scholar, and ended a very successful school career by winning an open Exhibition for Classics at Balliol. In the previous year (1910) he was offered, but declined, a Junior Exhibition at the same College. He was captain of the School and of the lacrosse team in 1911. Within a short period after being Second-Lieutenant in the 3/8th Manchesters he became Adjutant and Lieutenant, and was on active service in 1916 with the 6th Liverpool Regiment, as Captain and Intelligence Officer, being one of forty appointed to meet a shortage. He died while leading a company against the German lines.

WILLIAM BALMFORTH.

Balmforth, William, Private, 20th Bn. Royal Fusiliers. Missing, presumed killed, July 20th, 1916 (his birthday), at the battle of the Somme.

Age 26. At School 1904-07. Only son of Mr. J. Ball, of Parbold. Joined up in August, 1914, as trooper in the 4th Dragoon Guards; awarded a commission in 1915, and saw much active service.



ALFRED BALMFORTH.



Age 20. Brother to the preceding. He enlisted in 1914 and went on active service the following year. He was with Messrs. Tattersall, cotton spinners, of Bamford, Rochdale.

Balmforth, Alfred, Captain and Adjutant, 6th King's Liverpool Regiment. Killed July 31st, 1917, at St. Julien, Ypres.

WILLIAM ROBERT BARKER.

Barker, William Robert, Private, 6th Bn. Manchester Regiment. Died of wounds in the Dardanelles, June 12th, 1915.

Age 20. At School 1908-11.

GEOFFREY BARBER.

Barber, Geoffrey, Private, 20th Bn. R.F. Missing July, 1916, at High Wood; reported killed in action.



Born 1894. At School, 1909-11.

NORMAN BARBER.

Barber, Norman, Private, 2/6th (attached 18th) Bn. Manchester Regiment. Killed or died of wounds at Ypres, October 16th, 1917; buried at Zonnebeke.



Age 22. At School 1908-10. Younger son of the late Mr. Harry Barber, solicitor, of Ashton-under-Lyne. Wounded April 23rd,

1917; was in hospital at Aberdeen for thirteen weeks, and went out again a month before his death.

JOHN HAWKSWORTH JACKSON BARKER.

Barker, John Hawksworth Jackson, Lieutenant, 5th Bn. E. Lancs. Regiment. Killed August 7th, 1915, in Gallipoli.



Age 22. At School 1906-11. Son of Mr. J. Barker, of Todmorden. He won numerous form prizes, was in the 2nd XI., got his colours in 1910, and left to enter the service of W. Barker & Co., cotton spinners, Todmorden. He won a Draper scholarship at the Todmorden Technical School, and played in the local cricket, hockey, and football teams, besides winning several trophies at golf.

RALPH THURLBY BARNETT.

Barnett, Ralph Thurlby, Second-Lieutenant, 3rd Bn. L.F. Killed in action, October 12th, 1916.

Age 23. At School 1906-12. Son of Mr. W. T. Barnett, of Southport. He was a Foundation Scholar. Joined the R.F. at the outbreak of war, and got his commission in the Special Reserve of Officers; later attached L.F. Won a second division clerkship in the Civil Service, and was in the Audit Department of the National Health Insurance Commission; was the best bowler in the School first team.