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### Cirencester Commemorates 1914-18

A century on, the First World War is being commemorated in communities all across the UK and not least here in Cirencester. This is an opportunity not only to remember the victims of war, and especially those whose supreme sacrifice is recorded on the town's war memorials, but to research and investigate their stories in more depth, and to add to that record in our own time via the power of the internet as well as by using more traditional techniques of local history enquiry.

The Cirencester Commemorates 1914-18 initiative was sponsored by the Heritage Lottery Fund and brought various partners together, via a project team. It was widely regarded as a great success, and thanks are due not only to HLF but especially to the Corinium Museum, the Friends of Cirencester Parish Church and to Brewery Arts, as well as our own Society.

Through our own project team of Dale Hjort, Linda Viner and Florence Beetlestone, well supported by a number of Society members as researchers, stewards etc, we assembled and presented an exhibition in the Corinium Museum. It ran from 16 August until 14 September 2014 and attracted a good response. The work put into that forms only part of the Society's wider and longer-term project researching the stories behind the names on the town's war memorials. A substantial archive has been created, and our website at [www.cirenhistory.org.uk](http://www.cirenhistory.org.uk) is beginning to present them in what is intended to be a long-term record. See the running blog and also a fascinating contribution about Percy Gayton (d.1919). The story of Frank Webb of Cirencester (d.1915) was featured in *Newsletter* 60 last autumn as an exemplar of what can be achieved.

This issue of the *Newsletter* is devoted to more such stories, and we thank all contributors. If you can add any more to these or support the project in any other way, do please be in touch via the editor.

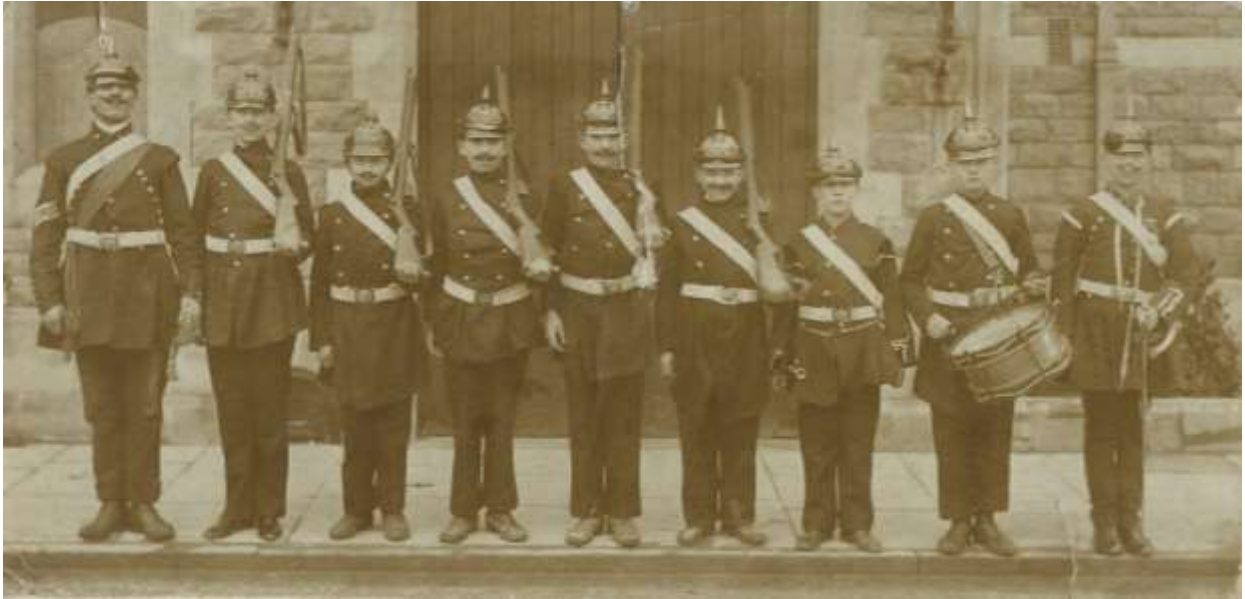
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The *Newsletter* (and Annual Report) first appeared for the year 1958/59. An archive set of all these publications, plus the four editions of Cirencester Miscellany containing longer articles on local history, is held in Gloucestershire Archives under the reference number D10989, where members and other enquirers are welcome to consult them ([www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives)).

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## Is this Counter Espionage, or Cocking the Snoop?



'EJH at School': from a family album courtesy of Peter James Hood.

'EJH' was Eric James Hood, father of Peter James Hood who has very generously contributed this photograph. Eric stands with his brother Charlie (centre), we think outside the Bingham Hall in King Street. Can any of the other faces be recognised?

Eric emigrated to Canada c.1912, and joined up as a Canadian soldier in August 1914. He fought and survived, but was gassed and lost a leg. Two of his school friends died and are commemorated in Cirencester: John Trinder ('Jack', Killed in Action 27 August 1916), and J.H.C. White ('Bert', Killed in Action 16 August 1917).

Dale Hjort describes the 'EJH at School' photograph as remarkable. 'All nine 'soldiers' are wearing what appear to be genuine German ceremonial helmets as worn by their infantry in the early months of the war. We know of one such helmet sent home to Cirencester in late 1914 [see below], but they were rare souvenirs and much sought after - today they would be worth a fortune!

Some of the boys have painted moustaches in the style of the German Kaiser, and I guess this photograph was made as a patriotic display of amused contempt - one of the lads seems to be about to burst into laughter!

### **A War Relic**

*Wilts & Glos Standard* 14 November 1914

On Thursday morning Mr J.T. Brockman, of the King's Head Hotel, Cirencester, received from France a memento of the war in the shape of a German helmet. This helmet, which is surprisingly light in weight, is black and polished, with spike and binding of brass, and bears inside the following marks: J.R. 79/1903, 3B/1903, 10C/1,54. The trophy came from Messrs J.B. Hanks and W.A. Griffiths, who are serving with the British Red Cross Society in France,

in fulfilment of a promise jocularly given on their departure. In the accompanying letter, which has been censored, the writers say they have carried despatches and done work among Indian troops. "We have heaps of work to do, including real Red Cross work. The others who came are working like slaves in hospitals."

## Webb and Riddler

Our previous *Newsletter* (60, Autumn 2014, pp.1-2) included a tribute to Rifleman Frank Webb who was killed on 4 June 1915. Robert Webb has also provided details relating to Wilfred ('Billy') Riddler, a friend of his father Sidney Webb, the younger son of Superintendent Webb, and brother to Frank.



3995 Corporal **Wilfred Henry Riddler**

1<sup>st</sup> Life Guards, Household Cavalry.

Killed in Action 19 May 1918, aged 20.

Wilfred ('Billy') Riddler in Life Guards Ceremonial Uniform at the Knightsbridge Barracks in 1915.

Photograph courtesy of Robert Webb.

Sidney Webb [father of Robert Webb] was educated at the Council School in Lewis Lane and the Grammar School, and was later apprenticed to John Jefferies, the seedsman and nurseryman of Cirencester.

On 30 October 1915, aged 19, Sidney and a friend, Wilfred ('Billy') Riddler whose family were living at 37 Thomas Street at the time of the 1911 Census, volunteered at Cirencester Recruiting Office to join the army and chose to join the Life Guards. They were almost immediately sent to the Knightsbridge Barracks in London where they underwent training in riding and military duties. Later they were stationed at Windsor for cavalry training and took part in ceremonial parades such as the opening of Parliament.

However, with the continuing trench warfare in France an infantry battalion known as the Household Battalion was formed in September 1916 and both Sidney Webb and Wilfred Riddler were transferred to it. After training, this unit was sent to France and was on the Somme by December. Over the next fifteen months the unit saw front line service and was

involved in most of the major attacks including Arras and Passchendaele suffering very heavy casualties, although Sidney Webb and Billy Riddler survived.

In February 1918 it was disbanded and the men were transferred back to their original regiments. However, a number were selected for commissions and this included Wilfred Riddler. On 19 May 1918 he was in transit back to the UK for training and was at a transit camp at Etaples overnight when it was heavily bombed with many casualties. Wilfred Riddler was killed, and he is buried at Etaples War Cemetery. The War Graves Commission records his next of kin as being his mother who was living at 10 Thomas Street.

### The War Diary of Private Wilfred Larner



**Wilfred Sidney Larner**, son of William and Sarah Larner of 3 Chesterton Lane, Cirencester.

The 1911 Census records Wilfred as 15-years of age, employed as a carpet warehouse apprentice.

37037 Private W.S. Larner, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Enlisted at the British Red Cross Camp, held in Cirencester Park in August 1914.

Killed in Action 18 July 1916.

Grave II.H.11. Peronne Road Cemetery, Maricourt.

Photo: *Wilts & Glos Standard* 29 Jul 1916.

The first day of July 1916 was the worst single day in British military history with over 19,000 men killed on the Somme. A number of Cirencester casualties mark the beginning of a series of slogging battles of attrition lasting until winter made movement impossible. The hoped-for break-through had failed.

Private Wilfred Sidney Larner, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps, was one of those who died on Tuesday 18 July 1916. As his diary records he had been treating 'heaps of wounded' and was killed by shellfire at a Casualty Clearing Station. In October the local newspaper printed an extract from his diary recording the last days of his life. It is reproduced here complete with obvious slips in some of the dating.

## **Dead Cirencester Soldier's Diary**

Interesting and Pathetic Record

*Wilts & Glos Standard* 21 October 1916

We are now able to give our readers the young soldier's diary from May 30<sup>th</sup> up to two days before his death, which was caused by a shell which burst in a dug-out. The entries in the diary are typical of the spirit which animates our incomparable Army – unreservedly frank and splendidly cheerful under all circumstances.

*May 30, 1916* – We leave Bailleul for Douleau, a journey of 12 miles. Douleau is a small village. We stay here for five days. I start cooking. Everything very quiet.

*June 5* – We leave Douleau for Morbiegue (?), a distance of 13 miles. We stay the night in bivouacs, and on the 6<sup>th</sup> we move to La Blesse, a journey of 14 miles. Wyatt and I walk to a village four miles away to buy cigs. When we reached the village the K.O.S.B. had cleared all cigs up.

*Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup>* – We rest at La Blesse. I am on guard at night. In the morning we discover a farm-house where we bought coffee and brandy. At three o'clock we leave for Nouville, a journey of 12 miles. A small village, with two estaminets. Here we could buy spirits.

Divisional manoeuvres were carried out on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, *Friday*, I was in trouble with the Colonel for cards. On Saturday we celebrated S--- birthday not wisely but too well. On Sunday I have a bad head. Everything quiet. I find more trouble at night for pinching the farmer's wood.

*Whit-Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June* – We leave for Marthes, a journey of 10 miles. We stop the night and start at six Thursday morning for Rancourt, a journey of 70 miles. I enjoyed the journey, but was disappointed to find Rancourt such a small place – one estaminet, only one girl, and she was boss-eyed. We have no rations, so we look round for grub at a farm. While waiting for eggs to be cooked we amuse ourselves with a hay cutter. I broke it, then the boss-eyed girl used bad language about it.

*Wednesday* – We cannot get news of the Ambulance or get any rations. At mid-day we find we are in the wrong place. We are the wrong side of Amiens, so Thursday morning we start for Corbie, a journey of 22 miles. We pass through Amiens, a very big town, and at 12 o'clock we reach Corbie. Here we find the Ambulance and have a meal. Corbie is a big town, with a cinema. On Saturday we are moved into a brewery for our billets. I was a T.T. all the time. Sunday was a flag day. The girls of Corbie were very busy around us.

*Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>* – We leave Corbie for Celestin Wood, where there is a detachment of bearers. Here we see the preparations for the big drive.

*Tuesday* – I go to Bray. Here are no civilians, therefore no beer, girls, etc. Not much grub but plenty of shells.

*Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup>* [sic] – I go to Bringfry [Bronfay] Farm dressing station. We take officers to look around the trenches.

On *Thursday* we leave to meet officers at four o'clock at the farm. Owing to tyre trouble we didn't arrive till 5.30. The officers had walked back by that time. More trouble!

*Friday* – At 11 p.m. we start for Trigger Valley after a great sing-song with the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade. Bombardment very heavy. The 7<sup>th</sup> Division started the charge on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 4 a.m. I saw the French artillery shell the German lines. 1,200 prisoners were brought down.

*Sunday* – The British take Mametz and ..... The 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade are in reserve.

*Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup>* – 11 R.S., 12 R.S., and K.O.S.B. take Bornagay [Bernafay] Wood. Very heavy shelling on both sides. We make a dressing station in the second German line. In the German first line dead lie in heaps. We work all day and night.

*Tuesday* - We have three hours off. In the afternoon the Ambulance has two casualties, one killed, one wounded, in Bornagay [Bernafay] Wood. The 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade lose heavily. German artillery very active. We have one wounded and four men suffer from shell shock through being buried. I get six hours' sleep.

*Wednesday* – I get a parcel from R. At nine o'clock I am sent with seven others to the 12<sup>th</sup> R.S. for duty at Bornagay [Bernafay] Wood. A German dressing-station is found 60 feet under the ground. Continued shelling. The 15<sup>th</sup> Division join up on our left. We learn that the 12<sup>th</sup> R.S. have captured 12 guns.

*Thursday evening* – I am in the fire trench dressing the wounded as they fall. For four hours after we carry wounded to the dressing station. In the evening we were under very heavy shell fire for four hours. We have two wounded.

*Friday* – I pick up a wounded officer and take him to La Nouvelle. On our return journey we are had for exceeding the speed limit. So we bought a jar of beer to console us.

*Saturday* was very quiet. We had a very heavy thunderstorm at night. We have a broken spring. We return to Corbie – the brewery.

*Monday* – The bombardment started.

*Tuesday* – The bombardment continues heavily.

*Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup>* – I am attached to Bearers' section and am sent to Grove Town Camp, where the rest of the Bearers are.

*Thursday* – The bombardment is a little quieter. We are waiting news of the charge.

*Friday* – I get relieved from the 12<sup>th</sup> R.S. We were jolly thankful.

*Saturday* – Morning quiet. At 5 a.m. the dressing station was shelled very heavily. Two of our men wounded. We have plenty of work again. At 8 p.m. the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade is relieved. 200 prisoners come down. We march to West Peronne dressing station. That closes the hottest week I have had in my life.

*Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>* – We are able to get a decent wash and change. While bathing we were shelled badly. We were shelled all night.

*Monday* – We are forced to dig ourselves in as the place is d----- hot. We have another man wounded. At 9 a.m. six of us Bearers were sent to Maricourt dressing station to assist 2 and 2A, as they had a rush. We had a good rum issue.

*Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup>* – Return from Maricourt, one killed, one wounded, 7 a.m. We are shelled continually. My number was almost up, as a high explosive burst alongside my dugout. Another has just this minute dropped covering me with dirt.

*Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup>* – Shelling still continues, one wounded. We have more digging to do as our cook-house was knocked in. Very hard work. I confess my thoughts were at Ciren. to-day. At 6.30 attached to the 12<sup>th</sup> R.S.; 8.30 start for trenches; reach and stay in No-man's Land at 11.30. The moon very bright. A shell kills twelve R.S.

*Friday, three o'clock* – Charge started. We have heaps of wounded. I got a hit in the leg from shrapnel. Hundreds of Germans captured. They have to carry wounded. At 12 o'clock we sat down for a sleep. They shell us very heavily. We get busy again. We have one officer, three men wounded.

*Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup>* – We go to L----- for dead officers. Very hot time, so very glad to get nice letter from R., especially with story.

*Sunday, 16* – We take a dressing station in L-----. Very heavy shelling and rain. The 12<sup>th</sup> R.S. get an easier position. We return to valley for night.

*Monday, 17 –*  
[the diary ends] .

Dale Hjort adds the following note:

Wilfred was evidently sent as a reinforcement to 9th Division in preparation for the Somme 1916 offensive. He mentions Bronfay Farm, Bernafay Wood, Grove Town and Maricourt - all of which coincide with known movements of this Division. There are Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemeteries at Bronfay Farm and Grove Town, associated with the Dressing Stations where he was working. Wilfrid also mentions 7 Division attacking Mametz on 1 July 1916 - Siegfried Sassoon was also watching and left a detailed and often-quoted account.

### **Percy Geyton**

A heartening story which has emerged from all the interest generated by the commemoration of the outbreak of World War 1 has been the contact made with the niece of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Percy Geyton. Mrs Wiltsher, travelling from Devon, was able to attend the November Service of Remembrance in 2014 and brought with her a photograph of Percy and the George V half-penny which had stopped a bullet. The bullet saved his life but sadly Percy died on 29 July 1919 as a result of gas poisoning. His father arranged for his name to be inserted into the Church Memorial and he is buried in a family plot in Chesterton Cemetery. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has a responsibility to ensure graves are properly marked and maintained in perpetuity and discussions are in hand to ensure Percy's grave is officially designated as the grave of a Casualty of the Great War. See the story on the website for more details.

### **Julia Herbert**

We are indebted to Rex George and Nye Lewis for information relating to Julia Herbert, the only woman commemorated on the town's war memorials.

Her death certificate records her death on 28 December 1918, living at 57 Chester Street with her brother Arthur. She is buried in an unmarked grave in Chesterton Cemetery. Records held by the Red Cross show she was aged 43 at the Date of Engagement on 22 December 1917, working as an assistant cook at the Golden Farm. She served as a VAD Cook in No. 10 Stationary Hospital, France, but was invalided home in June 1918, and sadly died of cancer. The 1911 Census lists Julia Ellen Herbert as a domestic cook, working at Kingham Grange, near Chipping Norton – evidence that her cooking skills were appreciated on all fronts.

### **Commemoration**

The Fallen of the First World War are commemorated on a number of memorials in the town, principally on the wall of the south porch of St John Baptist and the facade of the former Memorial Hospital in Sheep Street. Smaller memorials elsewhere record the former members of the Church Lads' Brigade, the bell ringers of Holy Trinity, Watermoor, the pupils of Cirencester Grammar School, the pupils of Oakley Hall, and the students and lecturers of the Royal Agricultural College.

This table sets out in chronological sequence the names of those recorded on the town's two principal memorials, with the date of their death and the regiment in which they served. The date sequence and the cemetery/memorial location give an indication of the various theatres of war in which local men served and lost their lives.

Name	Death	Regiment	Cemetery/Memorial
LANDER, James	1914 Aug 27	1 Glosters	Landrecies Comm Cem
SWANWICK, R Kenneth	1914 Sep 14	1 Glosters	Vendresse British Cem
CHRISTIE, W G (W Charles)	1914 Oct 13	1 R Warwicks	Meteren Mil Cem
RANDELL, George H	1914 Oct 13	1 Wilts	
HOPE, Thomas	1914 Oct 19	1 Wilts	Le Touret Mem
WATERS, Harry	1914 Oct 25	1 Somerset LI	Ciren Cem
HOPKINS, Augustus	1914 Oct 29	1 Gren Guards	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
BRUNSDON, Walter T	1914 Oct 30	1 Wilts	Wimereux Communal Cem
GILLMAN, Frank	1914 Nov 1	1 Glosters	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
BISHOP, H W	1914 Nov 2	1 Somerset	Ploegstreet Mem
CROOK, Arthur	1914 Nov 7	1 Glosters	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
KERSHAW, M	1914 Nov 7	2 Glosters	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
THOMAS, Willoughby V	1914 Nov 7	1 Glosters	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
BURDEN, Jack H	1914 Dec 17	2 RB	Fauquissart Mil Cem
KENT, Albert	1914 Dec 21	1 Glosters	Le Touret Mem
KEENE, Ralph	1915 Feb 8	3 Glosters	Woolwich Cem
JAMES, Albert	1915 Feb 18	2 Glosters	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
AGG, Alfred	1915 Mar 7	2 Glosters	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
RICHARDS, Evan T	1915 Mar 10	2 FC RE	Le Touret Mem
CURTIS, Robert C	1915 Mar 12	3 Worcesters	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
FLETCHER, Reginald A	1915 Mar 12	1 Glosters	Brown's Rd Mil Cem
WEEKS, Percival	1915 Apr 18	1 Glosters	Cabaret Rouge British Cem
HARRIS, George	1915 Apr 20	2 Glosters	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
COLLETT, Robert H	1915 May 9	1 Glosters	Le Touret Mem
TROTTER, Reginald B	1915 May 9	2 Cameron H	Le Touret Mem
BARRETT, Richard E	1915 May 13	Royal Navy	Chatham Naval Mem
KILBY, Christopher	1915 May 17	1 Glosters	Menin Gate
WEBB, Frank	1915 Jun 4	1/16 London	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
FOWLER, Theodore H	1915 Aug 17	HAC	Ciren Cem
GETHING, Hugh B	1915 Aug 21	RGH	Green Hill Cem
NIVEN, William E G	1915 Aug 21	Berks Yeo	Green Hill Cem
HARMER, Walter J	1915 Aug 28	4 NZEF	Hill 60 NZ Mem
HERBERT, Fred	1915 Sep 26	6 Royal Scots F	Loos Mem
BRIDGEMAN, Harry	1915 Sep 27	2 Wilts	Loos Mem
GARDINER, Walter [GARDNER]	1915 Sep 29	2 East Surrey	Loos Mem
FLETCHER, Edward	1915 Oct 3	2 Wilts	Etaples Mil Cem
PEART, Edward J	1915 Oct 8	1 Glosters	Loos Mem
HAYWARD, Maurice F B	1915 Nov 26	1 Canadian FA	Wulverghem-lindenhoek Cem
CRIPPS, Sidney	1915 Dec 3	3 Canadian Eng	Dranoutre Mil Cem
LEWIS, Arthur A	1916 Jan 7	S Wales	
GARDENER, Herbert	1916 Apr 9	5 Wilts	Basra Mem
WITTS, Jesse	1916 Apr 19	7 Glosters	Basra Mem
QUENINGTON, Michael Hugh,	1916 Apr 23	RGH	Cairo New British Prot Cem
STOCKWELL, Walter	1916 Apr 25	7 Glosters	Amara War Cem
LYONS, Arthur	1916 May 14	ASC	Nunhead, London, Cem



KILBY, George	1916 May 22	RGH	Basra Mem
PANTOLL, Alfred	1916 May 22	16 Div HQ ASC	Bethune Town Cem
HUTCHINGS, A George	1916 May 28	10 RFA	Basra Mem
PEACHEY, William	1916 May 31	RNR	Plymouth Naval Mem
TIMBRELL, Ernest	1916 May 31	Royal Navy	Plymouth Naval Mem
RATCLIFF, Sidney	1916 Jun 4	1 R Warwicks	Egypt
COLE, Clifford S	1916 Jun 19	2/5 Glosters	Etaples Mil Cem
GUEST, Arthur J	1916 Jun 27	5 Wilts	Amara War Cem
BRADLEY, Wilfred J	1916 Jun 30	12 Royal Sussex	Loos Mem
BISHOP, Horace E	1916 Jul 1	1/5 London	
SMITH, George W	1916 Jul 1	491 FC RE	Wailly Orchard Cem
BOWLEY, Adolphus	1916 Jul 3	10 Worcester	Thiepval Mem
JONES, Sidney	1916 Jul 3	8 Glosters	Thiepval Mem
WOOD, Richard F W	1916 Jul 3	8 Glosters	Thiepval Mem
TROTTER, Edward: DSO	1916 Jul 8	Grenadier Gua	Peronne Road Cem
AGG, John	1916 Jul 14	MGC	Thiepval Mem
REINGER, Edward J	1916 Jul 14	D/32RFA	Sucrerie Mil Cem Colincamps
LARNER, Wilfred	1916 Jul 18	27 FA RAMC	Peronne Road Cem
FLETCHER, Harry	1916 Jul 23	1/5 Glosters	Thiepval Mem
PENSON, Arthur R	1916 Jul 23	1/4 OBLI	Pozieres British Cem
JOHNSON, J	1918 Jul 25	2 Leics	
ELDRIDGE, Walter J	1916 Aug 8	10 SF	Thiepval Mem
DRUETT, W Thomas	1916 Aug 16	10 Glosters	Pozieres British Cem
GILES, Reginald S	1916 Aug 20	1 Glosters	Thiepval Mem
GIBBONS, Charles	1916 Aug 21	1/5 Glosters	Ciren Cem
COX, Thomas	1916 Aug 22	1 Glosters	Thiepval Mem
TIMBRELL, Edward	1916 Aug 25	1/6 Glosters	Boulogne Eastern Cem
SHILL, Howard P	1916 Aug 26	13 Glosters	Thiepval Mem
TRINDER, A John: MM	1916 Aug 27	1/5 Glosters	Thiepval Mem
MAY, Evan	1916 Aug 31 ?	10 Glosters	Thiepval Mem
BUTLER, John F P: VC, DSO	1916 Sep 5	2 KRRC	Morogoro Cem
BISHOP, Charles A	1916 Sep 6	Canadian Inf	Vimy Mem
GIBBONS, Alfred	1916 Sep 9	1 Glosters	Caterpillar Valley Cem
TOWNSEND, Gilbert J	1916 Sep 9	4 Royal Irish Regt	Cork
ALLAWAY, William J	1916 Sep 10	1 Glosters	Heilly Station Cem
KEENE, Frederick A	1916 Sep 17	5 CMR	Vimy Mem
MASSEY, Walter W	1916 Sep 17	4 Yorks	Thiepval Mem
STRATFORD, Frederick G	1916 Sep 30	Gren Grds	Etaples Mil Cem
BROWN, Macdonald W	1916 Oct 12	17 Manchester	Thiepval Mem
HEYWOOD, Jac T	1916 Oct s0	2 Lancs Fus	Thiepval Mem
PEARCE, Frederick	1916 Nov 1	23 R Fusiliers	Euston Road Cem Colincamps
BAXTER, Arthur	1916 Nov 13	7 RF	Ancre British Cem
BARRETT, James	1916 Nov 14	Essex	Ciren Cem
MABBERLEY, William E	1916 Nov 14	11 RWarwicks	Serre Road Cem No 1
BOOTH, Frank	1916 Nov 18	8 Glosters	Grandcourt Road Cem
COOPER, Corin H B	1916 Nov 20	CRE	Etaples Mil Cem
STONE, John V	1916 Nov 25	8 Glosters	Ciren Cem
KENT, Alfred A	1916 Dec 7	10 Glosters	Dernancourt Comm Cem Ext
WILKINS, Thomas A	1916 Dec 7	2 Glosters	Doiran Mem
EDWARDS, Albert	1917 Jan 25	9 Worcs	
HEAFORD, George	1917 Jan 27	2 Glosters	Lahana Mil Cem

WATERS, George W	1917 Feb 3	7 Glosters	Basra Mem
COOK, Harold	1917 Feb 9	9 Worcs	Amara War Cem
COLLETT, George	1917 Feb 10	7 Glosters	Amara War Cem
BLACKWELL, Martin W	1917 Feb 25	7 Glosters	Basra Mem
WILLIAMS, Cyril B	1917 Mar 5	2 R Sussex	
BILES, Ernest F	1917 Apr 5	1/5 Glosters	Villers-Faucon Com Cem
TAYLOR, Thomas H	1917 Apr 5	1/4 Glosters	Bray Mil Cem
BLACKWELL, Reginald	1917 Apr 7	2/5 Glosters	Vadencourt Brit Cem
FOX, Herbert: DCM	1917 Apr 9	2 Wilts	Bucquoy Road Cem
CHERRY, Sidney H	1917 Apr 19	1 Australian	Jerusalem Mem
SUFFOLK & BERKSHIRE, Henry	1917 Apr 21	RFA	Basra War Cem
BRUTON, Cyril	1917 Apr 24	11 Worcs	Doiran Mem
PEACHEY, William J	1917 Apr 27	9 RB	Arras Mem
FEAR, Walter	1917 May 2	43 Canadian Inf	Lapugnoy Mil Cem
COLE, Maxwell G	1917 May 18	1 RFC	Oostaverne Wood Cem
BUDDEN, E	1917 Jun 6	ASC	Essex Farm Cem
BURROWS, Charles	1917 Jun 6	RFA	
HALLAM, Ernest G	1917 Jun 8	2 Leinster	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
STEVENS, John	1917 Jun 17		
TIMBRELL, E Richard	1917 Jun 19	RFA	Irish House Cem
BOOTH, Walter E	1917 Jun 23	Glosters	Ciren Cem
WAIT, Robert	1917 Jul 9	Royal Navy	Chatham Naval Mem
PEARSON, Sidney F	1917 Jul 13	1 RB	Roclincourt Mil Cem
CURRAN, Ernest H	1917 Jul 24	475 Field Co	Abbeville Comm Cem Ext
FERRIMAN, William E	1917 Jul 28	8 Glosters	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
BLACKWELL, Ernest G	1917 Jul 31	13 Glosters	Duhallow ADS Cem
GATLEY, Frank	1917 Jul 31	13 Glosters	New Irish Farm Cem
SIMPSON, Frank	1917 Aug 3	8 Border	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
BROWN, Benjamin H	1917 Aug 6	1/5 Glosters	New Irish Farm Cem
POOLE, Albert E	1917 Aug 10	11 Lancs Fus	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
LEATT, Harry	1917 Aug 16	1/5 Glosters	Tyne Cot Mem
TARRANT, Percy	1917 Aug 16	8 RDF	Tyne Cot Mem
WHITE, J Herbert C: MM	1917 Aug 16	1/5 Glosters	Tyne Cot Mem / Ciren Cem
CUTTER, James S	1917 Aug 27	1/7 Worcesters	Tyne Cot Cem
PARSONS, Algernon	1917 Aug 28	2/6 Glosters	Tyne Cot Mem
PERRY, Chester	1917 Aug 28	2/6 Glosters	Tyne Cot Mem
CHESTER-MASTER, Richard C:	1917 Aug 30	13 KRRC	Locre Hospice Cem
THOMPSON, George	1917 Sep 8	3/4 QO/RWKR	Sunken Road Cem
LAMBERT, Edgar W	1917 Sep 24	7 KRRC	West Bromwich, Staffs, Cem
WITTS, C	1917 Sep 24	1/8 Kings	Mendinghem Mil Cem
BENNETT, Wilfred J	1917 Sep 20	20 AIF	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
TAYLOR, Wilfred W	1917 Oct 9	Glosters	Poelcapelle Brit Cem
MILLS, Frank	1917 Oct 12	FA RAMC	Tyne Cot Mem
CURTIS, Thomas B	1917 Oct 25	11 Cheshire	Bethune Town Cem
TIMMS, M	1917 Oct 26	8 Devons	Tyne Cot Mem
MADDOCK, William H	1917 Oct 27 ?	1/5 Glosters	Etaples Mil Cem
CREESE, Harold R	1917 Oct 29	50 Canadian Inf	Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem
HALE, Charles W	1917 Oct 30	8 London ROF	Cement House Cem
LAFFORD, Wilfred	1917 Oct 30	London Reg	Tyne Cot Mem
ROSE, Frank	1917 Oct 30	4 Bedfords	Tyne Cot Mem
BISHOP, James	1917 Nov 3	1 OBLI	Baghdad War Mem


HUGHES, Lewis	1917 Nov 6	31 Canadian Inf	Passchendaele New Brit Cem
ANDERSON, R Graham	1917 Nov 12	RGH	Gaza War Cem
WAINWRIGHT, Joseph H	1917 Nov 12	1 Glosters	Vlamertinghe Mil Cem
WINTER, Percy	1917 Nov 15	1 Bedfords	Lijssenthoek Mil Cem
HOPKINS, Tom	1917 Nov 26	RHA	Tyne Cot Mem
LANE, William	1917 Dec 20	KSLI	
WAGER, Ernest C	1918 Feb 17	2/6 S Staffs	Achiet Le Grand Comm Cem
COOK, Alfred D	1918 Mar 21	2/5 Glosters	Pozieres Mem
JAQUES, Wilfred	1918 Mar 21	Tank Corps	Pozieres Mem
PAGET, Desmond O	1918 Mar 21	7 KRRC	Grand Seraucourt Brit Cem
WATERS, John	1918 Mar 23	8 London Rifles	Pozieres Mem
CURTIS, George	1918 Mar 26	2/5 Glosters	Mont Huon Mil Cem
GIBBS, Bertram	1918 Mar 28	3 Grenadier Gds	Arras Mem
SELMAN, W G H (William G H)	1918 Mar 28	8 Glosters	Arras Mem
GILLMAN, Ernest	1918 Apr 4	10 Glosters	Pozieres Mem
TANNER, C (Cecil)	1918 Apr 4	D Co 9RB	Pozieres Mem
CURRAN, Francis J	1918 Apr 12	MB Res RNVR	Dunkirk Town Cem
HALL, Albert E	1918 Apr 14	2 Worcesters	Boulogne Eastern Cem
SMITH, Leslie	1918 Apr 14	1/5 Glosters	Mazargues War Cem
TALBOT-RICE, J A: MC, C de G	1918 Apr 14	5 RI Lancers	Grand Seraucourt Brit Cem
NEWMAN, Harold W	1918 Apr 15	9 Norfolk	Tyne Cot Mem
MOURBY, Tom	1918 Apr 17	1/5 DCLI	Loos Mem
JAMES, Walter	1918 Apr 18	2/5 Glosters	Loos Mem
BERRY, Edward	1918 Apr 26	1 Wilts	Tyne Cot Mem
HIBBERT, Bertram	1918 Apr 26	London Scot	Aubigny Comm Cem
LUKER, Sam	1918 May 2	Glosters	Ciren Cem
WILKINSON, F J (Joe)	1918 May 4	13 Welsh	Harponville Comm Cem
BERRY, Albert	1918 May 15	1 Glosters	Ciren Cem
RIDDLER, Wilfred H	1918 May 19	1 Life Guards	Etaples Mil Cem
BROTHERIDGE, William	1918 May 27	Yeo	Chatby Mem Alexandria
CHAMBERLAIN, A John (Jack)	1918 May 27	1 Wilts	Soissons Mem
DICKS, Neville	1918 May 27	2/8 Worcesters	Aire Comm Cem
PACE, Harold R	1918 May 27	RASC	Vailly British Cem
PAISH, William P	1918 May 27	5 Northumb Fus	Soissons Mem
PAISH, Harry	1918 Jun 3	8 Glosters	Bouilly Cross Roads Mil Cem
ANGELL, William	1918 Jun 7	7 KSLI	Wimereux Communal Cem
GUEST, Albert E	1918 Jun 20	11 Welsh	Doiran Mil Cem
BROCKLEHURST, Frederick H	1918 Jun 21	RAMC	Ciren Cem
POLLARD, William F	1918 Jun 28	15 R Warwicks	Merville Comm Cem Ext
FLETCHER, Thomas C	1918 Jun 29	1 DCLI	Aval Wood Mil Cem
DORLING, George J	1918 Jul 17	1 KRRC	St Amand British Cem
MEDD, Alfred	1918 Sep 5	10 Queens	Grootebeek British Cem
CALLOW, William J	1918 Sep 14	9 Worcester	Baku Mem
WAITE, Arthur J	1918 Sep 18	1 Northants	Vermand Comm Cem
LOCK, Thomas C	1918 Oct 7	3 Worcesters	Malbork Mem
GRIFFIN, William R	1918 Oct 12	85 AA RGA	Ramleh War Cem
DOBBS, Cecil	1918 Oct 20	1 Devonshire	Bethencourt Comm Cem
HOWLEY, Charles W	1918 Oct 22	124SB/RGA	St Souplet British Cem
MUSTOE, Edward: DCM	1918 Oct 24	1 Glosters	Vadencourt Brit Cem
JAMES, Frank	1918 Nov 5	1 HSB RWK	Ciren Cem
OLLIFFE, Roland	1918 Nov 5	US Artillery	

WRIGLEY, Ralph M	1918 Nov 6	3 RE	Abbeville Comm Cem Ext
SHILL, William	1918 Nov 22	11 OBLI	Tourcoing Pont Neuville Cem
ALLAN, Frederick G	1918 Dec	Somerset LI	
HERBERT, Julia H	1918 Dec 28	Red Cross	Ciren Cem
RICHINGS, Frederick W	1919 Feb 17	Glosters	Ciren Cem
COLE, C L (Cyril L)	1919 Mar 14	2/5 Glosters	RIF Cem Laventie
WRIGHT, M A (Mark A)	1919 Mar 15	15 RE	Etaples Mil Cem
GEYTON, Percy	1919 Jul 29	MGC	Ciren Cem
KENT, J	1919 Oct 26	19 Hussars	Ciren Cem
NEWELL, Charles H	1920 Sep 1	KSLI	Ciren Cem
HAINES, A C (Arthur C)	1920 Feb 20	RMLI	Ciren Cem

For summary biographies of all those commemorated please visit our website, [www.cirenhistory.org.uk](http://www.cirenhistory.org.uk). Work continues and we would welcome help in clarifying the service and deaths of the following – do you know of their family links to the town? Walter ANGELL, Frederick G. BURGE, Henry COLLETT, Arthur C. HARDING, William LUDLOW, Joe MATHEWS, Frank MOSS, William MUSTOE, Fred ROSE, and F. James SPARKS.

The Friends of Cirencester Parish Church will continue to maintain the timeline in the Parish Church until 2018, please make a point of visiting regularly.

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	<p>Consequent on these events in World War One is the whole story, still to be written up in detail, of how Cirencester comes to have not one but two principal war memorials, in itself an interesting episode of town history.</p> <p>The Market Place group is well recorded in this view on a J. Valentine postcard of the 1920s. Unveiled as early as 31 October 1918, the free-standing memorial cross also has its own tale to tell, not least its repair after storm damage broke off its Calvary in January 1921.</p> <p>For decades it stood protected behind railings until the more modern concept of a public open space led to its being opened up, still as a central feature in its own piazza.</p> <p>The listing and presentation of the memorial names on the wall of the South Porch or Town Hall, completed in February 1920, is probably as well conserved now as it has ever been, a significant outcome in the recent South Porch restoration.</p> <p>The current dynamics of 'restoring' a more open, pedestrian-friendly market place as a whole can be seen foreshadowed in period photographs such as this one.</p>
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