ALLITT, HAROLD FREDERICK.
Sergeant 9th. Royal Sussex Regiment.
6404518.
Date of Death 22/12/1944 Age 28.
Commemoration Gauhati War Cemetery,
India.

Fred, as his family and friends knew him was born in 1916. He was the youngest son of Alfred and Louisa Allitt of Mill Farm, Cackle Street.
In his early years he was a choirboy at Fairwarp Church.
On leaving Fairwarp school he was employed as a gardener by Mrs. Key of Duddleswell. He had a keen interest in motorcycles.
At the outbreak of the war he joined the Royal Sussex Regiment. He was sent to India in 1943 and transferred to an Indian Unit as a sergeant instructor. His death occurred whilst on active service in India and he is buried there.
Gauhati is the capital city of the state of Assam in northeast India. The cemetery was started during the Second World War for burials from the several military hospitals posted in the area. Later the Army Graves Service brought in other graves from several cemeteries so that permanent maintenance could be assured. There are now 488 Commonwealth servicemen buried or commemorated there.

CLEWLOW, WILLIAM HENRY.
Corporal Royal Corps. Of Signals.
2310598.
Date of Death 01/08/1944 Age 41.
Commemoration Nutley (St. James the Less)
Churchyard, United Kingdom.

William was born on 11th. October 1902 in Clony, Staffordshire and was a motor fitter before enlisting into the regular army. In February 1920 he enlisted into the Royal Engineers but in November 1920 the Royal Corps of Signals was formed at Maresfield Camp and he was transferred into it.
He served in India from 1920 until 1929 when he returned to Maresfield
Camp. Whilst there he met a local girl, Amy Amelia Carly, of 3 Summerhill Cottages, Cackle Street, Nutley. They married on 12th. October 1929 at Uckfield.

They had three daughters, Valerie and Betty were born in Gibraltar where he served for 6 years, and Jean was born in Cackle Street on their return to this country.

At the outbreak of the war he was sent to Egypt and after a year there he returned to Maresfield Camp. After his discharge in February 1943 he continued to work at the camp as a civilian. He died whilst working there of the effects of malaria fever contracted in India.

He was awarded four medals, The General Service Medal with Indian Clasp Waziristan, The 1939 - 1945 Africa Star, The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and Defence War Medal. These medals are on display in the Royal Signals Museum at Blandford Camp, Dorset. His daughter Mrs. Betty Foreman donated them.

**CONSTABLE, REGINALD ALBERT.**
Leading Stoker H.M.S. Dragonfly
Royal Navy  P/SS 117724.

**Date of Death 14/02/1942.**
**Commemoration  Portsmouth Naval Memorial, United Kingdom.**

Reginald and his wife Rosetta lived at Dunromyn, now (Ridgefield), Nether Lane, Nutley. His grandparents, John and Barbara lived there until their deaths in 1935 and 1936. They are both buried in Nutley churchyard.

It is believed that Reginald and his wife came to Nutley after their deaths.

No more information has been discovered, and his widow left Nutley after his death.

**DALLAWAY, DOUGLAS DEMUS RUSSELL.**
Sergeant 49 Sq. Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve. 1390391

**Date of Death 03/01/1944 Age 20.**
**Commemoration Runnymead Memorial, United Kingdom.**

Douglas, son of Douglas and Flora Dallaway of Brickyard Farm, School Lane, Nutley was born on 21st. March 1923.

He was educated at Nutley village school and was a keen cyclist. On leaving school he worked in Mrs. Sutton’s bakery in the High Street, which later was run by Nurse Midgley and Miss Lockly. Later he worked as a gardener at one of the houses on the Birch Grove Estate.

Early in the war he volunteered for the Royal Airforce and served in the RAF. Regiment.

He was transferred to aircrew and trained as a rear gunner at Detling Airfield, Kent.

After training he was posted to Fiskerton in Lincolnshire to number 49 squadron of Lancaster bombers.
DOBBIE, FERGUS LYLE EDWARD.
Able Seaman H.M.M.I. 232 Royal Navy.
Date of Death 24/04/1943.
Commemoration Nutley (St James the Less) Churchyard, United Kingdom.

“Ferg” was born in 1922, the second child of Thomas and Minnie Dobbie of Forest Side, Clockhouse Lane, Nutley.
He had two brothers, Thomas and Sidney, and three sisters, Nancy, Ivy and Betty.
He attended Nutley village school and was an all round sportsman.
On leaving school he worked as a gardener at Chapelwood Manor. He then went into the building trade and during the Blitz travelled to London, clearing bomb damage. In 1941 he joined the Royal Navy and served in Scapa Flow and later in Pembrokeshire, where he drowned as a result of an accident.

GROVER, CECIL.
Private The Queen’s Royal Regiment.
(West Surrey) 6407062.
Date of Death 21/06/1945 Age 27.
Commemoration Nutley (St. James the Less) Churchyard, United Kingdom.

Cecil was the son of Bernard and Emily Grover of the High Street, Nutley. He had two sisters, Enid and Renee and a brother Bernard.
He attended Nutley village school and was an outstanding football player. He was offered a place by Sussex County but decided not to take it.
After leaving school he worked in the family butcher business. For some of his army life he was based in Chichester.
He contracted tuberculosis and was sent to Robertsbridge Sanatorium, where he died.
HUDSON, DUDLEY PARKER.
Gunner 118 Field Regiment Royal Artillery.
964418.
Date of Death 25/06/1943 Age 23.
Commemoration Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand.

Dudley was the son of Hamilton and Rachael Hudson of The Stores, High Street, Nutley. The family moved into the village in the early thirties and it is believed that Dudley worked in the family shop.

He was captured by the Japanese and forced to work on the notorious Burma - Siam Railway. His parents left Nutley after the war.

Chungkai was one of the base camps on the railway and contained a hospital and church built by the Allied prisoners of war. The war cemetery is the original burial ground started by the prisoners themselves, and are mostly of men who died in the hospital.

MONTGOMERY, NORMAN ALBERT.
Civilian War Dead.
Date of Death 16/10/1940 Age 19.
Commemoration Nutley, (St. James the Less) Churchyard.

Norman was the son of Mr. A. Montgomery and Mrs. E. Montgomery of Chapelwood Cottage, Nutley.

He had decided to go to the cinema in Uckfield that fateful evening. Motoring along the A22 at the bend in the road at Horney Common, a German aircraft dropped its bombs. He was killed instantly.
MORRISS, RICHARD.
Sgt. Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve.
1395754.
Date of Death 10/09/1943 Age 21.
Commemoration Nutley (St. James the Less) Churchyard, United Kingdom.

Richard, born in 1922 was the son of Mr. Hayley Morriss and lived at Pippingford Park. He was educated at Stowe School and then at Chelsea College studying Aeronautical Engineering. With the country at war he volunteered to join the Royal Airforce.
He qualified as a sergeant pilot in the U.S.A.
On the 10th. October 1943 he was killed when his two seater Percival Proctor aircraft crashed into the stone tower of Pippingford Manor House.

PORTER, HENRY.
Rank, Date of Death and Commemoration, Unknown.

Henry was the son of Sarah (Porter) Turk. Sarah was widowed and remarried Albert Turk in 1920.
Henry had a sister Caroline, and the family lived at South View Brickyard Cottage, Crowborough Road, Nutley.
He attended Nutley village school, and it is believed that he was in the building trade.
Henry was in the army, but the War Graves Commission can find no details of his death.
RALPH, THOMAS JAMES.
6403536.
Date of Death 22/11/1941 Age 24.
Commemoration Halfaya Sollum War Cemetery,
Egypt.

Thomas was the son of Thomas and Edith Ralph of Forest Bank, Clockhouse Lane, Nutley. He attended Nutley village school and was popular in the village. Called up at the start of the war he was posted to Egypt. He was killed during the campaign in the Western Desert, which raged from 1940 until 1942. Halfaya Sollum War Cemetery is approximately 12 kilometres from the Libyan border, adjacent to Halfaya Pass, the scene of heavy fighting in 1941 and 1942. The cemetery contains 2,046 burials, of which 238 are unidentified.

RIDLEY, SPENCER.
Gunner 78 Bty. 35 Lt. A.A. Regiment.
Royal Artillery. 1777656.
Date of Death 20/01/1944 Age 40.
Commemoration Labuan War Cemetery,
Malaysia.

Born on the 6th. December 1905, Spencer was one of five children of Harry and Martha Ridley of Chestnut Cottages, Nutley. He was married to Sophie Hanscombe - Vinton and they had three children, Rosemary, William and Patricia. The family home was The Barracks, High Street, Nutley. For a time he was employed as a footman at Old Lodge. He was called up when he was about 35 years of age. A Sussex Express Newspaper report on July 23rd. 1943 stated that Gunner Spencer Ridley, husband of Mrs. S. Ridley received news that her husband was a prisoner of war of the Japanese. He had been posted missing in February 1943. In November 1941 he had been posted overseas. Mrs. Ridley received a letter in December 1941 to say that he had safely arrived in Singapore. That was the only communication. It is believed that he saw action in Sumatra and Java before being captured by the Japanese. It is understood that he worked on the Burma Railway. He died of tuberculosis and is buried on Labuan Island, north west of Bourneo.
ROBINSON, JACK SENIOR CLARKE.
Flight Lieutenant Royal Air Force (RAFO).
70583.

Date of Death 26/09/1940 Age 44.
Commemoration Nutley St. James The Less Churchyard.

Jack and his wife, Bertha came to Nutley just before the war. They lived at Forest Edge, Clockhouse Lane.
Jack was stationed at Northolt Airfield in August 1939, a frontline Fighter base with Hurricanes. It was at the heart of the Battle of Britain action. He was killed during that time, and there is a plaque in the church from his fellow officers.
The couple were regular church members, and his wife took part in village activities. She was the Red Cross Commandant and a committee member of the Women's Institute.
After the war she left the area.
SMITH, DUNCAN EDWARD.
Sub - Lieutenant (A) H.M.S. Condor Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.
Date of Death 02/10/1941 Age 21.
Commemoration Lee - On Solent Memorial, United Kingdom.

Duncan was the son of William and Elizabeth Smith of The Gardens, Chelwood Vachery. It would appear that the family only moved into the area just prior to the war. His father was employed as a gardener at the Vachery. His parents left the area after the war.

STUART, DAVID ANDREW NOEL Viscount.
Date of Death 10/11/1942 Age 21.
Commemoration Alamein Memorial, Egypt.

David was born at Rowfant on 7th. October 1921. He was the eldest son of Arthur, Earl Castle Stewart and Eleanor the Countess Castle Stewart, of Old Lodge, Nutley. He had brothers, Robert, Patrick and Simon. David and brother Robert played cricket for the Old Lodge side against the Nutley village side. After boarding school he went to Eton and then to Cambridge University and at the end of his first year volunteered for armed service and joined the 11th. Hussars. He served in North Africa with the 7th. Armoured Division and was killed in action just one month before his twenty first birthday.

The campaign in the Western Desert was fought between the Commonwealth forces (with later additions of Free French, Polish and Greek troops), and the Axis forces (German and Italian) based in Libya. The battlefield was 1,000 kilometres of desert between Alexandria in Egypt and Benghazi in Libya. The objective was the control of the Mediterraneum, the link with the east through the Suez Canal, the Middle East oil supplies and the supply route to Russia through Persia. The Alamein Memorial commemorates 8,500 soldiers who died in the campaigns in Egypt and Libya.
STUART, ROBERT JOHN OCHILTRIE Viscount.
Date of Death 17/09/1944 Age 20.
Commemoration Ancona War Cemetery, Italy.

Robert the second son of Arthur, Earl Castle Stewart and Eleanor the Countess Castle Stewart of Old Lodge, Nutley was born on 12th December 1923. Following his education at Eton he served for a time in the Nutley Home Guard. His father, a major in the Home Guard provided a hut in the grounds of Old Lodge for their use.
Robert then joined the 9th. Lancers and served in Italy. He was severely wounded by a piece of shrapnel and died of his wounds at Loreto.

On 3rd. September 1943 the Allies invaded the Italian mainland, coinciding with the armistice made with the Italians who then entered the war on the Allied side. Following the fall of Rome to the Allies in June 1944, the German retreat became ordered, and successive stands were made on a series of defensive positions.
The cemetery at Ancona reflects the Allied progress up the Adriatic coast in August and September 1944.
Ancona Cemetery contains 1,019 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War.

WALTERS, HENRY.
Date of Death 16/06/1940 Age 29.
Commemoration Dunkirk Memorial, France.

Henry was the son of Edward and Alice Walters of Chestnut Cottage, Dodds Bottom, Nutley. He had a brother, Jim, and sisters, Lois, Violet, Harriett and Alice.
He attended Nutley village school and took part in village activities. After leaving school he worked for the Council on road maintenance.

Dunkirk was the scene of the historic evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force in May 1940.
The Dunkirk Memorial commemorates more than 4,500 casualties of the British Expeditionary Force who died in the campaign of 1939 - 1940.
WHEATLEY, GORDON CYRIL.
Date of Death 27/04/1941 Age 21.
Commemoration Portsmouth Naval Memorial, United Kingdom.

Gordon was the second son of four born to William and Kate Wheatley of 1 Glenside, Nursery Lane, Nutley. He was born on 14th. March 1920. Called up at the start of the war he served on H.M.S. Diamond, a destroyer.
The ship was engaged in evacuating the troops from Crete and having taken one consignment to safety, they returned for another, and it was then that the ship was dive-bombed.
Gordon and the majority of the crew were killed in action.
His three brothers were called to serve their country and survived the war.

Portsmouth Naval Memorial commemorates 9,667 sailors of the First World War and 14,918 of the Second World War.

CONCLUSION

With the country bankrupt as a result of the war rationing continued, and life was still hard.

A Nutley War Memorial Committee was set up to discuss the best way to honour the dead.
It was eventually decided to erect a sports pavilion on Fords Green.
It was officially opened on Saturday, July 19th. 1958 by the Rev. David Sheppard.
The plaque bearing the names of those who died in the war was unveiled by Earl Castle Stewart.

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