

UKNIWM Ref 38770 St Michael Parishioners WW2 tablet (Linby, Notts)
UKNIWM Ref 38773 St James Parishioners WW2 tablet (Papplewick, Notts)

Nine names - men commemorated on both memorials

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TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF/THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR 1939-1945.

(first line) AI BUTLER, AW CHADBURN, J CLARK, SM COWARD

(second line) M HADLEY, WBN LYNES, JC MAYES, RF NUNN, H WRIGHT

AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED SINCE IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY/They shall not grow old as we grow old:/Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn./At the going down of the sun, and in the morning/We will remember them./

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TO THE/GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL MEMORY/OF THE MEN FROM LYNBY AND PAPPLEWICK/WHO FELL IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR/1939-1945/

A I BUTLER	CAPT	ROYAL ENGINEERS
A W CHADBURN	CAPT	SOUTH NOTTS HUSSARS RHA
J CLARK	L SEAMAN	ROYAL NAVY
S M COWARD	CPL	ROYAL AIR FORCE
M HADLEY	L/CPL	ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS
W B N LYNES	P/O TEL	ROYAL NAVY
J C MAYES	SERGT	SOUTH NOTTS HUSSARS RHA
R F NUNN	LIEUT	ROYAL ARTILLERY
H WRIGHT	PTE	8 TH SHERWOOD FORESTERS

Butler AI, Captain, Royal Engineers

CWGC debt of honour: only entry AI Butler, Army, 1939-45

Name: BUTLER, ADRIAN ILLINGWORTH

Initials: A I

Nationality: United Kingdom

Rank: Captain

Regiment/Service: General List

Age: 48

Date of Death: 20/03/1945

Service No: 263799

Awards: M C

Additional information: Son of Samuel Illingworth and Sarah Butler; husband of Vera Beatrice Butler, of Newhall, Burton-upon-Trent, Staffordshire, England.

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: 1. D. 12.

Cemetery: TEHRAN WAR CEMETERY

Chadburn AW, Captain, South Notts Hussars RHA
UKNIWM Ref 27034 (St James Church, Papplewick) Captain AW Chadburn: IN GRATEFUL/AND LOVING
MEMORY OF/CAPT ALAN WILLIAM CHADBURN/SOUTH NOTTS HUSSARS/RHA/KILLED IN ACTION
AT/"KNIGHTSBRIDGE" LIBYA/ON JUNE 6TH 1942/THE/ELDER SON OF CLAUDE WILLIAM/AND ETHEL
CHADBURN/ALAN WAS TWENTY-FIVE/GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS,/THAT A MAN LAY
DOWN HIS LIFE FOR/HIS FRIENDS/JOHN XV 13

Captain A W Chadburn is mentioned in the SNH Regimental History: "Captain Chadburn: returning to the battery position Major Barber saw two enemy tanks about 500 yards away. He alerted the guns and F Troop quickly swung round and scored a direct hit on one of the tanks but the tanks were not disabled and they retreated over a ridge. Their heavy machine guns, however, had taken toll of F Troop, killing among others Captain Chadburn, the Troop Commander."

Name: CHADBURN, ALAN WILLIAM
Initials: A W
Nationality: United Kingdom
Rank: Captain
Regiment/Service: Royal Horse Artillery
Unit Text: 426 Bty., 107 (The South Notts. Hussars) Regt.
Age: 25
Date of Death: 06/06/1942
Service No: 85442
Additional information: Son of Claude William and Ethel Chadburn of Papplewick, Nottinghamshire.
Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead
Grave/Memorial Reference: 11. B. 18.
Cemetery: KNIGHTSBRIDGE WAR CEMETERY, ACROMA

Clark J, Leading Seaman, Royal Navy
CWGC debt of honour: 3x L/Seaman J Clark

Coward SM, Corporal, Royal Air Force
Name: COWARD, STEPHEN MASSINGBERD
Initials: S M
Nationality: United Kingdom
Rank: Corporal (Pilot U/T)
Regiment/Service: Royal Air Force
Date of Death: 05/04/1943
Service No: 552998
Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead
Grave/Memorial Reference: Panel 2.
Cemetery: NOTTINGHAM CREMATORIUM

Hadley M, Corporal, Royal Army Service Corps
Name: HADLEY, MAJOR
Initials: M
Nationality: United Kingdom
Rank: Lance Corporal
Regiment/Service: Royal Army Service Corps
Unit Text: 55 Inf. Bde. G.P. Coy.
Age: 34
Date of Death: 05/02/1942

Service No: T/1063932

Additional information: Husband of Eleanor Hadley, of Papplewick, Nottinghamshire.

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: Column 98.

Memorial: SINGAPORE MEMORIAL

Lynes WBN, Petty Officer Telegraphist, Royal Navy

Name: LYNES, WILLIAM BERNARD NOEL

Initials: W B N

Nationality: United Kingdom

Rank: Petty Officer Telegraphist

Regiment/Service: Royal Navy

Unit Text: H.M.S. Neptune.

Age: 29

Date of Death: 19/12/1941

Service No: P/JX 132324

Awards: D S M

Additional information: Son of Harry Frank and Florence Ada Lynes, of Linby, Nottinghamshire.

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: Panel 52, Column 2.

Memorial: PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL

See also George Dickens, Royal Marines, DOD 19 December 1941, HMS Neptune. Christ Church, Cinderhill, WW2 Book of Remembrance

HMS Neptune (Leander Class Cruiser)

<http://www.hmsneptune.com/history1.htm> (16 July 2011) HMS Neptune, commanded by Captain Rory O'Connor, was leading 'Force K', a Cruiser raiding squadron. Their task was to destroy German and Italian convoys carrying troops and supplies to Libya, in support of Rommel's army in North Africa. On the afternoon of December 18th the squadron was despatched from Malta to intercept an important enemy convoy bound for Tripoli. The three cruisers of 'Force K', the *Neptune*, *Aurora* and *Penelope*, supported by the destroyers *Kandahar*, *Lance*, *Lively* and *Havock*, were steaming south, in single line ahead on a dark, stormy night when at 0106 am, the *Neptune* struck a mine. The *Aurora* her next astern, hauled out to starboard but only a minute later she too exploded a mine; two minutes later an explosion buffeted *Penelope's* port side abreast the bridge. The *Neptune* going full astern hit another mine, which wrecked her steering gear and propellers and brought her to a standstill. The cruiser force had run into a minefield in a depth of water and at a distance from land which made it utterly unexpected. The *Aurora* contrived to turn and steam out of the field without further catastrophe, followed by the *Penelope*; Captain Agnew, in command of *Aurora* considered the situation in all its dire gravity. They were 15 miles from Tripoli and it was nearly dawn. The damage to *Aurora* had reduced her maximum speed to 10 knots, and his duty was to get her as far from the enemy coast as he could before daylight. The risk of sending another ship into the minefield to tow the *Neptune* out was hardly justified but the need to save life made it imperative. The destroyers *Kandahar* and *Lively* then entered the minefield in an attempt to reach the *Neptune* and tow her out. Captain Nicholl was also cautiously edging the *Penelope* towards her when at 0318 the *Kandahar* struck a mine. Captain O'Connor of the *Neptune* flashed a warning: "Keep away". At 0403 she struck a fourth mine which exploded amidships. This was more than her hull could take; she slowly turned over and sank with the loss of 764 officers and men. [Thirty survivors, but just one man was rescued by an Italian torpedo boat after 5 days in the water. The website includes the story of the one survivor]

Reference *The Silver Phantom* [HMS Aurora], by Her Company, pp39-43. Frederick Muller Ltd, 1945.

Middleton Cheney War Memorial (South Northamptonshire)

<http://middletoncheney.org/lest-we-forget-ww2/Petty Officer Telegraphist - William Bernard Noel Lynes D.S.M.,>
[Photograph on website]

Son of Harry and Florence Lynes), was known as Bernard or Bill to his mates and was born in a house near the Church in Middleton Cheney. His mother sold sweets in the little shop next door. Later, the family moved to the Tanyard, at the bottom of Glovers Lane – now known as Springfield House. He had been born on Christmas Eve 1911, hence his third Christian name – Noel. Bernard was a bright student at school and won a scholarship to Banbury School where he showed an aptitude for languages. His older brother was in the Navy and it was Bernard's ambition to follow him into the services. His language skills provided an ideal background for communications and Bernard became a telegraphist. In October 1937 Bernard and a friend visited Banbury Fair on one of his shore leaves and there he met a local girl who was just seventeen. Their romance blossomed and after a fairly long courtship, and a lot of ship to shore letters the couple were engaged when the girl reached the

age of twenty one. During the war we believe he was involved in the Norwegian campaign. We think that Bernard was awarded his Distinguished Service Medal during this operation. Further investigation will confirm this. He is known to have served on also served on HMS AUKLAND, which together with HM Australian Ship PARRAMATTA, was escorting a small steamer - the PASS Of BALMAHA on 22nd June 1941. The Aukland was hit by sixteen dive bombers just off Tobruk and sunk and the crew who had abandoned ship were machine-gunned as they drifted in boats and skiffs, on rafts and some still in life belts. 164 survivors, including Bernard were rescued He was sent to a rest camp to recover from his ordeal and in August 1941 he was drafted to HMS Neptune. Bernard told his fiancée that they would visit Buckingham Palace on their honeymoon when he would receive his medal. On the night of 19 December 1941, there occurred one of the most extensive but least known naval disasters of the Second World War. The Cruiser HMS Neptune ran into an uncharted minefield in the Mediterranean off Tripoli, and sank with the loss of 764 officers and men. The three cruisers of 'Force K', the Neptune, Aurora and Penelope, supported by the destroyers Kandahar, Lance, Lively and Havock, were steaming south, in single line ahead on a dark, stormy night when at 0106am, the Neptune struck a mine. The Aurora was the next ship astern and hauled out to starboard but only a minute later she too exploded a mine; two minutes later an explosion buffeted Penelope's port side abreast the bridge. The Neptune going full astern hit another mine, which wrecked her steering gear and propellers, and brought her to a standstill. The cruiser force had run into a minefield in a depth of water and at a distance from land which made it utterly unexpected. As her company fought to save NEPTUNE during those perilous hours, there would have been many acts of gallantry and heroism that went unrecorded. Bernard went down with his ship - just one man was rescued by an Italian torpedo boat, after 5 days in the water. Bernard's DSM was awarded posthumously, at Buckingham Palace. He is listed on the war memorial in Middleton Cheney and commemorated on Panel 52 of Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Southsea.

Mayes JC, Sergeant, South Notts Hussars RHA

Sergeant Mayes is mentioned in the SNH Regimental history: "Sergeant Mayes: On 1st December a tremendous concentration from a number of enemy guns fell full on the Battery position. Several casualties were inflicted at once, among them Sergeant Mayes who was killed outright; Sergeant Mayes, one of "the three old clods" had 18 years service with the South Notts; he was extremely popular throughout the Regiment, was a first class No1 (gun sergeant),and always set a fine example. His death was a sad loss."

Name: MAYES, JOHN CHARLES
Initials: J C
Nationality: United Kingdom
Rank: Serjeant
Regiment/Service: Royal Horse Artillery
Unit Text: 426 Bty., 107 (The South Notts. Hussars) Regt.
Age: 39
Date of Death: 01/12/1941
Service No: 1415250
Additional information: Son of Charles and Sarah Elizabeth Mayes; husband of Annie Elizabeth Mayes, of Linby, Nottinghamshire.
Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead
Grave/Memorial Reference: 12. H. 18.
Cemetery: KNIGHTSBRIDGE WAR CEMETERY, ACROMA

Nunn RF, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery

Name: NUNN, ROBERT FRANCIS
Initials: R F
Nationality: United Kingdom
Rank: Captain
Regiment/Service: Royal Artillery
Unit Text: 84 Medium Regt.
Date of Death: 02/03/1945
Service No: 219339
Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead
Grave/Memorial Reference: 54. C. 6.
Cemetery: REICHSWALD FOREST WAR CEMETERY

Wright H, Private, 8th Sherwood Foresters

Name: WRIGHT, HERBERT
Initials: H

Transcribed/researched by Rachel Farrand, 16 July 2011

Nationality: United Kingdom

Rank: Private

Regiment/Service: Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)

Age: 26

Date of Death: 20/04/1945

Service No: 4978490

Additional information: Son of Charles and Ada Wright; husband of Emily (Bette) Wright, of Papplewick, Nottinghamshire.

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: 3. J. 3.

Cemetery: DURNBACH WAR CEMETERY