

## COTTERSTOCK'S FALLEN

Name	Albert Berridge
Date of birth	17 October 1895
Place of birth	Cotterstock, Northants
Date of death	17 August 1916
Place of death/where registered	Somme, France
Occupation	Carpenter/joiner

## SERVICE INFORMATION

Service No	22590
Rank	Private
Regiment	7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, Northants Regt

## BIOGRAPHY

Albert was born in Cotterstock on 17 October 1895 and baptised at St Andrew's Church on 18 December 1895; the son of Edwin Garner and Catherine (nee Goodwin) Berridge. Albert was one of ten children. He was admitted to Cotterstock School on 29 May 1899. In 1901 and 1911 he lived with his family in Cotterstock.

Albert enlisted in the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. He was killed in action 'on or since' 17th August 1916, aged 20, during the Somme offensive.

Albert has no known grave but is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. The headstock on one of the bells at St Andrew's Church, Cotterstock is inscribed with his name and the hymn board in the north aisle includes his name. He is also mentioned on the cross at his parents' grave in St Andrew's churchyard, Cotterstock, although the inscription is difficult to read. Photo below taken on 5 July 2025.



In Memory Of

Private

# ALBERT BERRIDGE

Service Number: 22590

7th Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment who died on 17 August 1916 Age 20

Son of Edwin Gamer Berridge, of Cotterstock, Peterborough.

Remembered with Honour

THIEPVAL MEMORIAL

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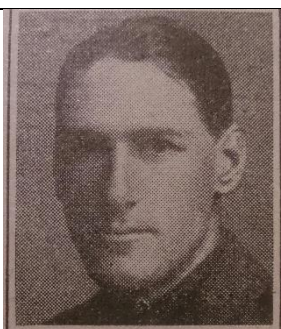
## COTTERSTOCK'S FALLEN

Name	Kenneth Robert Dundas
Date of birth	10 May 1882
Place of birth	Tenerife, Canary Islands
Date of death	7 August 1915
Place of death/where registered	Suvla Bay, Gallipoli
Occupation	District Commissioner, Colonial Civil Service, British East Africa

## SERVICE INFORMATION

Service No	
Rank	Lieutenant
Regiment	Anson Battalion, Royal Naval Division

## BIOGRAPHY



Lt. the Hon. K. R. DUNDAS  
R.N.V.R. (Anson Battalion).

The Hon Kenneth Robert Dundas was the son of Charles Saunders and Grace Selina Marion (nee Scully) Dundas. His father became the 6<sup>th</sup> Viscount Melville in 1904, of Melville Castle, Lasswade, Edinburgh, and Cotterstock Hall. When Kenneth married Anne Claudia Whalley Foot on 8 December 1909 at St Paul's Church, Brighton, his address was Cotterstock Hall and he was in the Colonial Civil Service. They had a son, Claud Kenneth Melville Dundas, born 1911 in Kenya.



A memorial in the south aisle of St Andrew's Church, Cotterstock records: *To the glory of God and in loving memory of Kenneth R Dundas Lieut RNVR Anson Batt RND. District Commissioner British East Africa. Son of Charles 6<sup>th</sup> Viscount Melville. Who gave his life for his King and country and fell at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli on Aug 7 1915 aged 33. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. This tablet is placed here in remembrance of all Kenneth's love and glorious fearlessness by his devoted wife Claudia 1919.* Kenneth is buried at Lala Baba Cemetery.

The headstock on one of the bells at St Andrew's Church is engraved with his name. He is also commemorated with a plaque at St Mary the Virgin Church, South Baddesley, Hampshire and on the war memorial in St Mary's Church, Dalkeith, Scotland.

In Memory Of

Lieutenant

## THE HON. KENNETH ROBERT DUNDAS

Anson Bn. R.N. Div., Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve who died on 07 August 1915 Age 33

Son of Charles Saunders Dundas, 6th Viscount Melville, of Melville Castle, Lasswade, Edinburgh; husband of Anne Claudia Dundas (nee Foot), now Mrs. Kennard, of 59, Sloane Gardens, London.

ALWAYS SO BRAVE AND NEVER FORGOTTEN BY CLAUD AND CLAUDIA

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LALA BABA CEMETERY

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## COTTERSTOCK'S FALLEN

Name	Christopher Frank King
Date of birth	1916
Place of birth	Oundle, Northamptonshire
Date of death	17 April 1942
Place of death/where registered	Brighstone, Isle of Wight
Occupation	

## SERVICE INFORMATION

Service No	92247
Rank	Captain
Regiment	Royal Army Ordnance Corps

## BIOGRAPHY



Christopher Frank King was the son of Henry Medwin and Olive Mary (nee Hattersley) King. His father was a schoolmaster at Oundle School and the family lived there until 1938 when Mr King retired and they went to live at Mill House, Cotterstock.

Christopher entered Grafton House, Oundle School in 1930 and was School Captain of Rowing and Swimming and Head of the House, leaving in 1935 to go up to Emmanuel College, Cambridge to read Mechanical Science. He joined the Royal Artillery, TA shortly before the outbreak of war and transferred to the RAOC in 1942. He was sent to the Isle of Wight for training in March 1942 at Brighstone Holiday Camp. The Officers' mess was a former hotel nearby called Sea Breeze. A German bomb scored a direct hit over Sea Breeze at 2.12 am on 17 April 1942.

Christopher's remains were cremated at Kettering Crematorium and his ashes scattered on Lawn A. He is commemorated on the Kettering Cemetery war memorial, Oundle war memorial, Oundle School Chapel and in the Book of Remembrance in St Peter's Church, Oundle.





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In Memory Of  
Captain  
**CHRISTOPHER FRANK KING**

Service Number: 92247

Royal Army Ordnance Corps who died on 17 April 1942 Age 24

Son of Henry Medwin King and Olive Mary King, of Cotterstock. B.A.(Cantab.).

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**KETTERING CREMATORIUM**

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## COTTERSTOCK'S FALLEN

Name	John Martin Henry King
Date of birth	13 February 1914
Place of birth	Oundle, Northamptonshire
Date of death	5 December 1943
Place of death/where registered	Kohima, Assam, India
Occupation	

## SERVICE INFORMATION

Service No	140718
Rank	Lieutenant
Regiment	6 Field Regt, Royal Artillery

## BIOGRAPHY

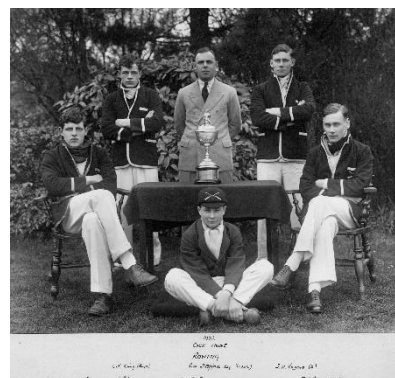


John Martin Henry King was the eldest son of Henry Medwin and Olive Mary (nee Hattersley) King. His father was a schoolmaster at Oundle School and the family lived there until 1938 when Mr King retired and they went to live at Mill House, Cotterstock.

John entered Grafton House, Oundle School in 1927 and was School Captain of Rowing and Head of the House, leaving in 1932 to go up to Emmanuel College, Cambridge. He joined the Royal Artillery in 1939, took part in the Madagascar landing and later served in India. He died as the result of a truck in which he was travelling fell over a precipice.



John is buried at the Kohima War Cemetery. He is commemorated on the Oundle war memorial, in the Oundle School Chapel, and in a Book of Remembrance in St Peter's Church, Oundle.



In Memory Of  
Lieutenant

## JOHN MARTIN HENRY KING

Service Number: 140718

6 Field Regt., Royal Artillery who died on 05 December 1943 Age 29

Son of Henry Medwin King and Olive Mary King, of Catterstock, Northamptonshire. B.A. (Cantab.).

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KOHIMA WAR CEMETERY

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## COTTERSTOCK'S FALLEN

Name	Frederick Leslie Sharp
Date of birth	21 March 1914
Place of birth	Oundle, Northamptonshire
Date of death	29 August 1942
Place of death/where registered	Military Hospital, Tripoli, Libya
Occupation	

## SERVICE INFORMATION

Service No	5882270
Rank	Gunner
Regiment	Royal Artillery, 28 Field Regt

## BIOGRAPHY

Frederick Leslie Sharp was born in Oundle on 21 March 1914 to Herbert Loomes and Alice Miriam (nee Smith) Sharp. The family lived at Bakers Yard, Oundle in 1921. By 1922 they had moved to Cotterstock. He had two brothers and two sisters.

Frederick served in the Royal Artillery. He was reported missing in the western desert on 6 June 1942 and was believed to be a prisoner of war on 12 June. He died at the Military Hospital, Tripoli, Libya of enterocolitis, on 29 August 1942 while he was a prisoner of war in Italian hands. In his will, he left everything to his mother, Mrs A M Sharp, Cotterstock.



of the church.

His final resting place is Tripoli War Cemetery. The inscription on his headstone is IN MEMORY'S GARDEN WE MEET EVERY DAY. MOTHER, BROTHERS AND SISTERS. The headstock on one of the bells at St Andrew's Church, Cotterstock is inscribed with his name and his name is carved on the hymn board in the north aisle

In Memory Of  
Lance Bombardier

## FREDRICK LESLIE SHARP

Service Number: 5882270

28 Field Regt., Royal Artillery who died on 29 August 1942 Age 28

Son of Herbert Loomes Sharp and Alice Miriam Sharp, of Peterborough, Northamptonshire.

IN MEMORY'S GARDEN WE MEET EVERY DAY. MOTHER, BROTHERS AND SISTERS

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TRIPOLI WAR CEMETERY

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## COTTERSTOCK'S FALLEN

Name	Charles William Stapleton
Date of birth	26 August 1891
Place of birth	Kempston, Bedfordshire
Date of death	Between 23 March and 16 April 1918
Place of death/where registered	Friederichsfield POW Camp
Occupation	Farm labourer

## SERVICE INFORMATION

Service No	50705
Rank	Lance Corporal
Regiment	11 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, Cheshire Regiment

## BIOGRAPHY

Charles William Stapleton was born in Kempston, Bedfordshire on 26 August 1891 to Isaac and Mary (nee Page) Stapleton, and was one of 13 children (11 boys and 2 girls). He was baptised at Cotterstock on 21 April 1895. He started at Cotterstock School on 19 October 1894 and left to work on a farm on 16 September 1904. In 1901 and 1911 he lived with parents and siblings in Cotterstock. Charles married Florence Wright on 18 June 1916 at All Saints Church, Peterborough and they lived at 86 Dogsthorpe Road, Peterborough.

Charles served initially with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bedfordshire Regiment but transferred to the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Cheshire Regiment. He was reported missing in March 1918 and recorded as being a prisoner of war at Friederichsfield, West Germany on 24 March 1918. The records show he died of wounds while a prisoner of war in Germany between 23 March 1918 and 16 April 1918. A letter to Charles' widow, in his military records, written by Cpl C F Payne, records the circumstances of his wounding and being captured. The letter ends: *He was one of the best living lads I have ever met.*

Charles is commemorated at Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France. The headstock on one of the bells at St Andrew' Church, Cotterstock is inscribed with his name and his name is carved on the hymn board in the north aisle of the church.

In Memory Of  
Lance Corporal

# CHARLES WILLIAM STAPLETON

Service Number: 50705

11th Bn., Cheshire Regiment who died on 16 April 1918 Age 26

Son of J. Stapleton, of Cotterstock, Cundle, Northants; husband of Florence Stapleton, of 86, Dogsthorpe Rd., Peterborough.

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POZIERES MEMORIAL

Panel 35 and 36.



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