

**Details of individual casualties, where known,  
not on Hoole & Newton World War II Memorial**

**BASTOW, Alan**



Regiment: Royal Artillery  
Rank: Captain  
Died: 16 October 1944  
Aged: 30  
Buried/ Memorial: Calais Canadian War Cemetery, France  
Address: 60 Panton Road, Hoole

**Cheshire Observer 04/11/44**

**CAPT. ALAN BASTOW KILLED IN ACTION**

*"The death in action is reported of Capt. Alan Bastow, husband of Mrs. Beryl Bastow, of 60 Panton Road, Hoole. Aged 30, he was a native of Bradford, where he received his education at Carlton Secondary School, later proceeding to Leeds university, where he took the degrees of B.A. and M.A. in German. While at the University Capt. Bastow studied arts and modern languages, and was keenly interested in sport. He obtained his blue for gymnastics, being captain of the University team. Capt. Bastow spent several years at Bonn and Berlin Universities.*

*A keen musician, he became a member of the Berlin Philharmonic Choir, and broadcast with them on several occasions. Prior to the war he was appointed senior German master at Ashford Grammar School and while there he joined the local territorial unit. Capt. Bastow was called up immediately on the outbreak of war and posted to an anti-aircraft battalion. He went overseas shortly after D-Day and was eventually posted to the War Office with the rank of Captain, being later transferred to Field Marshal Montgomery's staff. Capt. Bastow was the youngest son of Mrs. R. M. Bastow and the late Mr. J. H. Bastow of Bradford. He married Miss Beryl (Pat) Hughes of Chester."*

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**CALVERT, Leslie Douglas (J)**

Regiment: 30th Bn. Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment  
Rank: Company Quartermaster Sergeant  
Died: 19 September 1944  
Aged: 52  
Buried/ Memorial: Dely Ibrahim War Cemetery, Algeria  
Address: Hoole Village

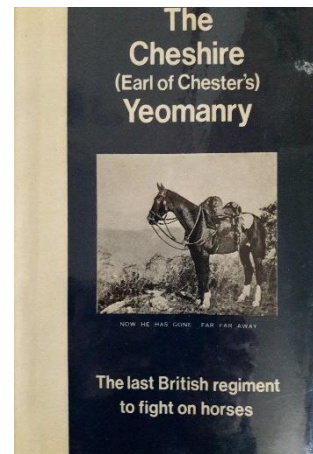
**Cheshire Observer 07/10/44**

**ON ACTIVE SERVICE**

*"Calvert On — September 1944 overseas Leslie Douglas Calvert, formerly Cheshire Yeomanry."*

**The Chester Chronicle 28/10/44** contains a report on a meeting of Chester CHA and HF Rambling Club which contains – *"The President spoke of the loss sustained by the death of Mr Les Calvert, a member of the Club. One Minute's silence was observed."*

He is mentioned four times in the book on *"The Cheshire (Earl of Chester's) Yeomanry"* book, where he served alongside the GANDER brothers, though his second initial is given as J. See particularly page 228 relating to Nov/Dec 1939:



*"In Captain Barbour's absence Lieut Phillips-Brocklehurst temporarily assumed command of Headquarters Squadron, which was also without SQMS L J Calvert\* whose knee was broken when he was kicked by a horse.*

*\*SQMS Calvert was later to serve with the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. He died in North Africa in September 1944."*

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## **DEMPSEY, Ernest Anthony**



Regiment: Royal Air Force  
Rank: Sergeant – Wireless Operator/ Air Gunner  
Died: 6 April 1944  
Aged: 21  
Buried/ Memorial: Silloth Holme Low, UK  
Address: 65 Halkyn Road, Newton

### **Cheshire Observer 15/04/44**

**SERGT. A.E. DEMPSEY KILLED IN ACTION**

*"Mrs. Sheila Dempsey, of 65 Halkyn Road, Newton, Chester, has received notification that her husband, Sgt. Ernest Anthony Dempsey, R.A.F., has been killed in action. A native of Whitley Bay, where he was educated, Sgt. Dempsey worked for three years for the L.M.S. Railway Co. and enlisted in the R.A.F. two years ago. Aged 21, he was the son of Mr and Mrs John Dempsey of Whitley Bay and London, and had been married only three months."*

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## **GILLEN, Sheila**

Regiment: Civilian  
Rank: Nurse  
Died: 29 November 1940  
Aged: 25  
Buried/ Memorial: Overleigh Chester  
Address: 87 Hoole Road, Hoole

### **Chester Chronicle 07/1/40**

#### **NURSE'S FUNERAL**

*"The funeral of Miss Sheila Gillen, whose death occurred as a result of enemy action in the North West last week, took place at St Werburgh's Church, Chester, on Wednesday, when Requiem Mass was celebrated by Father Irish. Miss Gillen was a native of County Sligo, Ireland and her home was in Southport. The mourners were Miss Gillen (aunt) and Miss Gillen (sister). Other present included Dr Seymour and the matron of the hospital (representing the medical and nursing staff) and Mr Clarke, secretary (representing the chairman and committee). The arrangements were carried out by Messrs W H Hallmark and Son, Chester.*

*The enemy action referred to was an air raid which took place on the night of 28/29 November 1940. During the raid bombs were dropped on Barrowmore Hall. This had been operating as a tuberculosis hospital since the Great War.*

*The bombs caused extensive damage and injury – 19 killed and 30 injured.*

*Another part of the estate was involved in the assembly of aircraft parts."*

For further information on the air raid see *"What Did You Do In The War Deva?"* edited by Emma Stuart.

Her father, Mr J Gillen, is listed by Commonwealth War Graves Commission as next-of-kin at 87 Hoole Road.

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### **LOCKLEY, Eric Geoffrey**

Regiment: 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards Royal Armoured Corps  
Rank: Lance Sergeant  
Died: 24 May 1940  
Aged: 29  
Buried/ Memorial: Dunkirk Memorial  
Address: Piper's Ash and Plough Lane, Christleton

#### **Cheshire Observer 15/06/40**

CHESTER SOLDIER MISSING

*"Mrs Lockley of Plough Lane Christleton, received news late on Thursday night that her husband Sergt Eric G Lockley is reported missing since May 24.*

*Sergt Lockley is the eldest son of Mrs Jackson, Piper's Ash and the late Mr William Lockley who was killed in action in France in 1917."*

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### **PRATLEY, Arthur James**

Regiment: 77 Sqn. Royal Air Force  
Rank: Sergeant - Pilot  
Died: 12 March 1942  
Aged:  
Buried/ Memorial: Edmonton Cemetery, Middx  
Address: 62 Hoole Lane, Hoole

#### **Cheshire Observer 25/07/42**

SERGT-PILOT A J PRATLEY KILLED IN ACTION

*"The wife of Sergt-pilot Arthur James Pratley, of 62 Hoole Lane, Chester, has been notified by the Air Ministry that her husband has been killed in action. Sergt-Pilot Pratley had been missing since March. Prior to joining the RAF he was a local representative for Lissen Ltd, and was well known to tradesmen in the city."*

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### **RIMMER, James**



Regiment: Cheshire Regiment  
Rank: Lieutenant  
Died: 16 October 1944  
Aged: 25  
Buried/ Memorial: Faenza, Italy  
Address: 55 Woodlands Drive, Hoole

← Photograph from "The History of The Cheshire Regiment in the Second World War" by Crookenden

## Cheshire Observer 04/11/44

### LIEUT J RIMMER CHESHIRE REGIMENT KILLED

*"Mrs James Rimmer, of 55 Woodlands Drive, Hoole, has received official notification that her husband, Lieut James Rimmer, The Cheshire Regiment, has been killed in action. Aged 25, he was a native of Southport, and before joining the Army, shortly before the outbreak of war, was employed in the building trade. He married Miss Dorothy Shepley, of 55 Woodlands Drive, Hoole, 18 months ago.*

*Lieut Rimmer was in France up to the evacuation from Dunkirk and afterwards served in the Orkneys and Shetlands. He was well known in Southport, his native town, where he was a member of the swimming and rowing clubs, his team winning the inter-shield competition and cup in 1939, promoted by the Southport Sunday School Rowing Association. He was a member of the Mornington road Methodist Church, Southport and was secretary of the Sunday School primary Department."*

## SCOTT, Peter



Regiment: Cheshire Yeomanry Royal Armoured Corps

Rank: Major

Died: 12 January 1945

Aged: 58

Buried/ Memorial: Blacon Cemetery Chester

Address: 14 Beech Grove, Hoole

## Cheshire Observer 20/01/45

### OBITUARY MAJOR PETER SCOTT

*"His many friends in the Cheshire Yeomanry will regret to learn of the death, last Friday, of Major Peter Scott of 14 Beech Grove, Hoole. Major Scott, who was 58, had lived in Hoole since 1928. He enlisted in the 5th Royal Irish Lancers in December 1905, and served in France throughout the last war.*

*After the Armistice he went with his unit to India, and for two years served on the North West Frontier. At that time he was the rough-riding Sergeant-major of his Regiment. An excellent horseman, he took part in many racing and jumping competitions while serving in India, and won the jumping trophy at the great North India Horse Show, and first prize for jumping in the open competition at Peshawar. In addition he took several prizes in regimental competitions.*

*Returning to this country, he joined the permanent staff of the Cheshire Yeomanry as Instructor to "C" Squadron, Birkenhead. While there, he completed his 21 years Army service and retired on pension. After being out of the Army for two years, he was granted a commission and rejoined the Cheshire yeomanry as Lieut-Quartermaster at the headquarters in Chester. He served from 1928 until the outbreak of the present war, when he went with his regiment to Palestine. On the outward journey he had a serious illness and this resulted in his being returned to this country and retired on pension with the rank of Major.*

*Since then Major Scott had been employed on the supervision and maintenance of rest centres in Chester.*

*He is survived by his wife and two sons. His eldest son joined the Army at the age of 15, and is now serving with the British Commission to the Egyptian Army as Armourer-Instructor with the rank of Sergt-Major. His younger son is on war work."*

[There follows a description of the funeral service.]

Major Scott is mentioned frequently in "The Cheshire (Earl of Chester's) Yeomanry" and is included in a 1939 group photograph.



## **SELZER, Bernard**

Regiment: General List attached 12 Bn. Nigeria Regiment RWAFF

Rank: Lieutenant

Died: 25 March 1943

Aged: 26

Buried/ Memorial: Ibadan Military Cemetery, Nigeria

Address: Hoole

### **Cheshire Observer 10/04/43**

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

*"SELZER – In March 1943 Lieutenant Bernard Selzer, West African Force, beloved husband of Adeline (nee James) and father of David and only son of Mr and Mrs Selzer 51 Heathway Court Finchley Road NW 3."*

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## **VICKERS, Ronald**

Regiment: 7th Bn. South Staffordshire Regiment

Rank: Private

Died: 8 July 1944

Aged: 19

Buried/ Memorial: Cambes-en-Plaine War Cemetery, France

Address: 91 Pine Grove, Hoole

### **Cheshire Observer 29/07/44**

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

*"VICKERS – Killed in action, July 1944, Pte Ron Vickers (Charlie) aged 19 years overseas.*

*We cannot Lord thy purpose see  
But all is well that's done by Thee  
Aunt Dollie and Beryl."*

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