

## Details of individual casualties, where known, N-W on Hoole & Newton World War II Memorial

### NEWSNS, Paul



Regiment: 48 Sqn. Royal Air Force  
Rank: Flight Sergeant  
Died: 23 October 1943  
Aged: 22  
Buried/ Memorial: Malta Memorial  
Address: 71 Clare Avenue, Hoole

#### **Chester Chronicle 06/11/43**

HOOLE AIRMAN "MISSING, PRESUMED LOST"

*"Mr and Mrs Newsns, 71 Clare Avenue, Hoole, have been notified that their son, Flight-Sergt Paul Newsns, is "missing, presumed killed". Flight Sergt Newsns, who was 22, was educated at All*

*Saints School, Hoole and later went to Love Street Central School. On leaving school he became an apprentice at Brookhirst Switchgear Ltd, where after serving a few years in the Works, he was transferred to the drawing office. He attended the Chester and Liverpool Technical Schools and obtained his National Certificate in Engineering*

*In December 1940 he joined the RAF and was trained in Canada receiving his Observer-Navigator wings after eight months. He was then transferred to Ferry Command, with whom he served for 13 months. Returning to English (?) in April, he went to Gibraltar three weeks ago.*

*Before joining the Forces he was a keen member of the 2nd Chester Company of the Boys Brigade and attained the rank of Warrant Officer. While in Canada he visited many BB Companies and was for a time an officer in the Montreal Company."*

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### PARRY, Frederick



Regiment: 115 Sqn. Royal Air Force  
Rank: Flying Officer  
Died: 26 June 1943  
Aged: 21  
Buried/ Memorial: Nantes Ponts du Cens Cemetery France  
Address: 44 Park Drive, Hoole

← Photo Chester Chronicle 5 February 1944

#### **Cheshire Observer 05/02/44**

PRESUMED KILLED

FLYING OFFICER FREDERICK PARRY RAF

*"Flying Officer Frederick Parry RAF, former cadet Clerk at the Cheshire Constabulary headquarters, who was reported missing in June last is now officially presumed killed. He was the son of Mr W A Parry hairdresser of Westminster Road Hoole, and of Mrs Parry of 44 Park Drive, Hoole.*

*He was 21 and an Old Boy of All Saints School, Hoole. Leaving there for the junior department of the Chester Technical Institute, Love Street, he took a course in accountancy*

and gained several prizes. At the age of 16, in 1938, he entered the County Police Force as a cadet Clerk, and volunteered for the RAF in April 1941, joining up in the following July. While training he visited the USA and Canada. He received his commission and wings as a pilot officer air bomber in October 1942 and was promoted Flying Officer in March 1943.

For some time before joining the RAF he was a member of the Grosvenor Rowing Club. At a meeting of the Cheshire Standing Joint Committee on Saturday, the Chairman (Sir Alan Sykes) referred to the regret which the committee felt at the passing of such a gallant young man.

Despite the official intimation his parents still hope for news of his safety.”

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## **PAUL, William Edward David**

Regiment: 4th Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

Died: 19 October 1940

Aged: 24

Buried/ Memorial: Brookwood Memorial

Address: 'Hoole House', Hoole

### **Liverpool Daily Post 28/10/41**

#### **CHESTER OFFICER'S DEATH**

*“Mr and Mrs W Paul of Hoole House, Chester, have been informed of the death of their only son, Second Lieutenant William Edward David Paul, RWF aged 24. He was steering in a boat when it capsized during a squall and neither he nor his companion has been seen since. He was a grandson of Mr Alfred Tyrer, the Liverpool solicitor, who lives at Chester, and after being educated at Winchester and Trinity College, Cambridge, was articled two years ago to the firm of Messrs Tyrer, Kenyon and Tyrer, of Liverpool.”*

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## **PAYNE, Albert William**



Regiment: 7th Coast Regiment Royal Artillery

Rank: Gunner

Died: 5 March 1943

Aged: 26

Buried/ Memorial: Singapore Memorial

Address: 2 Law Street, Hoole

### **Cheshire Observer 14/03/42**

#### **CHESTER SOLDIER BROTHERS**

#### **ONE MISSING: THE OTHER A WAR PRISONER**

*“Mr and Mrs A Payne of 2 Law Street, Hoole, have received notification from the authorities that one of their sons is a prisoner of war in Italy, and another is reported missing in Malaya.*

*Gnr Albert Wm Payne RA, who is reported missing, was educated at George Street School and the College School, and for some time he was employed by John Mayers, Son and Co, Ltd, builders, Canal Side Chester, and he joined the Regular Army six years ago. He has served overseas for four years. He was 24 years of age.*

*His brother, Dvr Chas Payne, RASC, aged 22 is prisoner of war in Italy. Educated at George Street School prior to the war, he was employed by Edward Dean and Sons (Millers) Ltd, Upton Mills and joined the Army in November 1939.”*

**The Cheshire Observer 01/01/44** informs that Charles Payne was transferred from Italy to another prison camp in Germany. It was thought that Albert was still a prisoner of the Japanese.

**Cheshire Observer 08/12/45**

GNR A W PAYNE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST AT SEA

*“Mr and Mrs Payne, of 2 Law Street, Hoole, have been notified by the War Office that a number of prisoners of war, including their son, Gunner A W Payne, Royal Artillery, left Malaya on 18th October 1942 for an unknown destination (understood to be New Guinea) and are believed to have been lost at sea. The letter states that unfortunately no news has been received of Gunner Payne’s recovery from any known prisoner of war camp in the Far East, but enquiries are being pursued.*

*Gunner Payne was reported missing after the fall of Singapore. He joined the Services in 1935, and has been abroad for about eight years. He is 28 years of age and was educated at George Street and the College Schools. Before joining the Army he was employed by Messrs Mayers and Sons, builders.*

*His brother Driver Charles Payne, who was a prisoner of war in Italy, returned home in June last year.”*

Driver Charles Payne →



**REDDINGTON, Trevor**



Regiment: 5th Bn. Grenadier Guards

Rank: Guardsman

Died: 28 April 1943

Aged: 23

Buried/ Memorial: Medjez Al Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia

Address: 12 Lime Grove, Hoole

**Cheshire Observer**

HOOLE SOLDIER'S DEATH IN NORTH AFRICA

*“We regret to announce the death, while on active service in North Africa, of Gdsm Trevor Reddington, of the Grenadier Guards, aged 23, only son of Mr and Mrs Reddington, of 12 Lime Grove, Hoole. Before joining the Army Gdsm Reddington worked at the Northgate Brewery, where he made many friends. He was evacuated from Dunkirk. His brother-in-law, Fus Hardwick, RNF, lost his life in a driving accident in this country about 12 months ago. Gdsm Reddington was well-known in Hoole, and was a member of All Saints Church, and a pupil of All Saints School. He has five sisters.”*

**SHONE, George Ernest**

Regiment: 75 Sqn. Royal Air Force

Rank: Warrant Officer

Died: 29 July 1942

Aged: 29

Buried/ Memorial: Becklingen War Cemetery, Germany

Address: 50 Westminster Road, Hoole

### **Cheshire Observer 26/09/42**

#### **RAF WARRANT OFFICER KILLED IN ACTION**

*"Warrant Officer G E Shone RAF, navigator, who was reported as missing in July, is now reported as killed in action. Navigator Shone, whose home was at 50 Westminster Road, Hoole, was a native of Buckley, being the eldest son of Mrs G Shone and the late Mr G Shone of Lane End, Buckley and nephew of Mr Carey Davies.*

*He was educated at St Matthew's School and Hawarden County School. Joining the RAF when he was 16 years old, he had had 13 years service. His mother resides in Queensferry. Warrant officer Shone was 29 years old, and is survived by his wife and two children."*

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### **SPRUCE, Thomas**



Regiment: 7th Bn. Yorkshire Regiment (Green Howards)

Rank: Lance Corporal

Died: 2 August 1944

Aged: 24

Buried/ Memorial: Bayeux War Cemetery, France

Address: 211 Hoole Lane, Hoole

#### **Chester Chronicle 19/08/44**

##### **KILLED IN ACTION**

*"Mr and Mrs G H Spruce, 211 Hoole Lane, Hoole, have received official notification that their youngest son, L/Corpl Thomas Spruce, The Green Howards, has been killed in action. He was 24. After joining up in April 1940, he served three years in the Middle East, and returned to England last February. Before joining the Army he was employed by Messrs John Smith and Son, tailors, Eastgate Row. He will be remembered for his work at the Methodist Church, Piper's Ash, where he was a member of the Sunday School and Christian Endeavour. Thomas Spruce had played in many inter-Service football teams representing countries where he had served in the Middle East. He will be greatly missed at the Piper's Ash Church where he was greatly esteemed."*

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### **THOMPSON, John Ernest**



Regiment: 57 Sqn. Royal Air Force

Rank: Flight Sergeant

Died: 8 March 1945

Aged: 22

Buried/ Memorial: Runnymede Memorial

Address: 33 Lime Grove, Hoole

#### **Cheshire Observer 24 November 1945**

##### **HOOLE AIRMAN PRESUMED KILLED**

*"Official notification has been received that Ft/Sgt John Thompson, son of Mr and Mrs Thompson, of 33 Lime Grove, Hoole, who was reported missing on March 8th 1945, must now be presumed killed on that date. Ft/Sgt Thompson, who was aged 22, enlisted in the R.A.F. in September 1941, and received his training in America and Canada. As a bomb-aimer he made 25 operational flights. He was educated at Victoria Street School and Chester College*

School being apprenticed to Messrs. Wm Vernon and Sons, Upper Northgate Street as a joiner. Ft/Sgt Thompson was engaged to Miss Helen Clark, youngest daughter Mr and Mrs Clark, Upton Heath and was the grandson of the late Mr and Mrs McKay of Upper Northgate Street, where he was born."

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### **VEATER, Clarence William**

Regiment: 61st Training Regiment Royal Armoured Corps  
Rank: Corporal  
Died: 22 February 1945  
Aged: 27  
Buried/ Memorial: Overleigh Cemetery Chester  
Address: 27 Prescott Street, Hoole

#### **Cheshire Observer 03/03/45**

CPL C W VEATER

*"The death occurred in a military hospital last week of Cpl Clarence Wm Veater of 27 Prescott Street Hoole, aged 27. Cpl Veater joined the Army about three years ago, and before enlisting was a constable in Cheshire Constabulary. Before joining the Police Force he was a grocer's assistant, working for the Maypole and Messrs Liptons. His wife, Mrs Mary Veater, is Danish, and came to England before the War. Cpl Veater was a keen darts player. The funeral took place on Monday. A service at All Saints Church, Hoole, was conducted by Rev R A P Gell. Members of the County Police and men of Cpl Veater's regiment formed a guard of honour, and the coffin was draped with the Union Jack. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside.*

*Chief mourners were: The widow, Mr and Mrs S Veater and Mr and Mrs L Veater (brothers and sisters-in-law), Miss Lilian Veater (niece), Miss C Veater (sister), master B Veater (nephew), Mrs Morris, Mrs Craig, Mrs C Jones, Mr and Mrs Sewell – Messrs W H Hallmark and Son were undertakers."*

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### **WATERS, Thomas William**



Regiment: 255 Sqn. Royal Air Force  
Rank: Sergeant - Navigator  
Died: 7 January 1944  
Aged: 27  
Buried/ Memorial: Bari War Cemetery, Italy  
Address: 20 Sandileigh, Hoole

#### **Cheshire Observer 22/01/44**

SGT-NAVIGATOR T W WATERS KILLED IN ACTION

*"Notification has been received that Sgt-Navigator Thomas Wm Waters RAF, has been killed in action. Sergt Nav Waters, who was 27, was the only son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Waters of 20 Sandileigh, Hoole. In civilian life he was an inspector in the Post Office Engineering Dept. in Swansea. He was educated at the City Grammar School, matriculating at 15. He was a keen supporter of Chester Football Club and took a keen interest in all kinds of sport. Sergt Nav Waters joined the RAF in 1940. He was married, and his wife Mrs Barbara Waters, and his parents appreciate the many kind expressions of sympathy they have received."*

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## **WILCOXON, Frederick William**

Regiment: HMS Gloucester Royal Marines

Rank: Marine

Died: 22 May 1941

Aged: 21

Buried/ Memorial: Plymouth Naval Memorial

Address: 28 Lightfoot Street, Hoole

### **Cheshire Observer 14/08/43**

MR J T WILCOXON

A report on the death of John Thomas Wilcoxon contained the following:

*“One of his brothers was reported missing at the time of the battle of Crete, when he was serving as a marine in HMS Gloucester, which was sunk at that time.”*

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