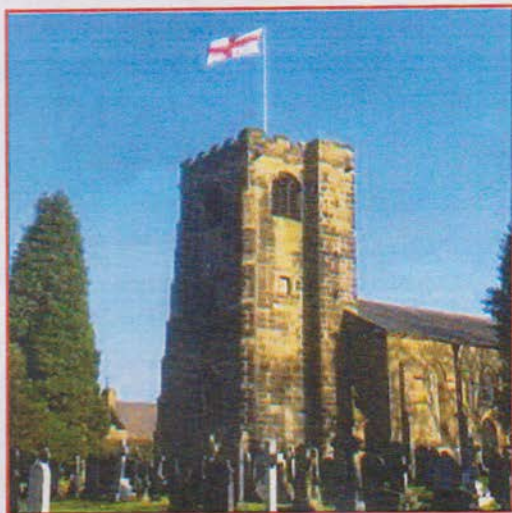




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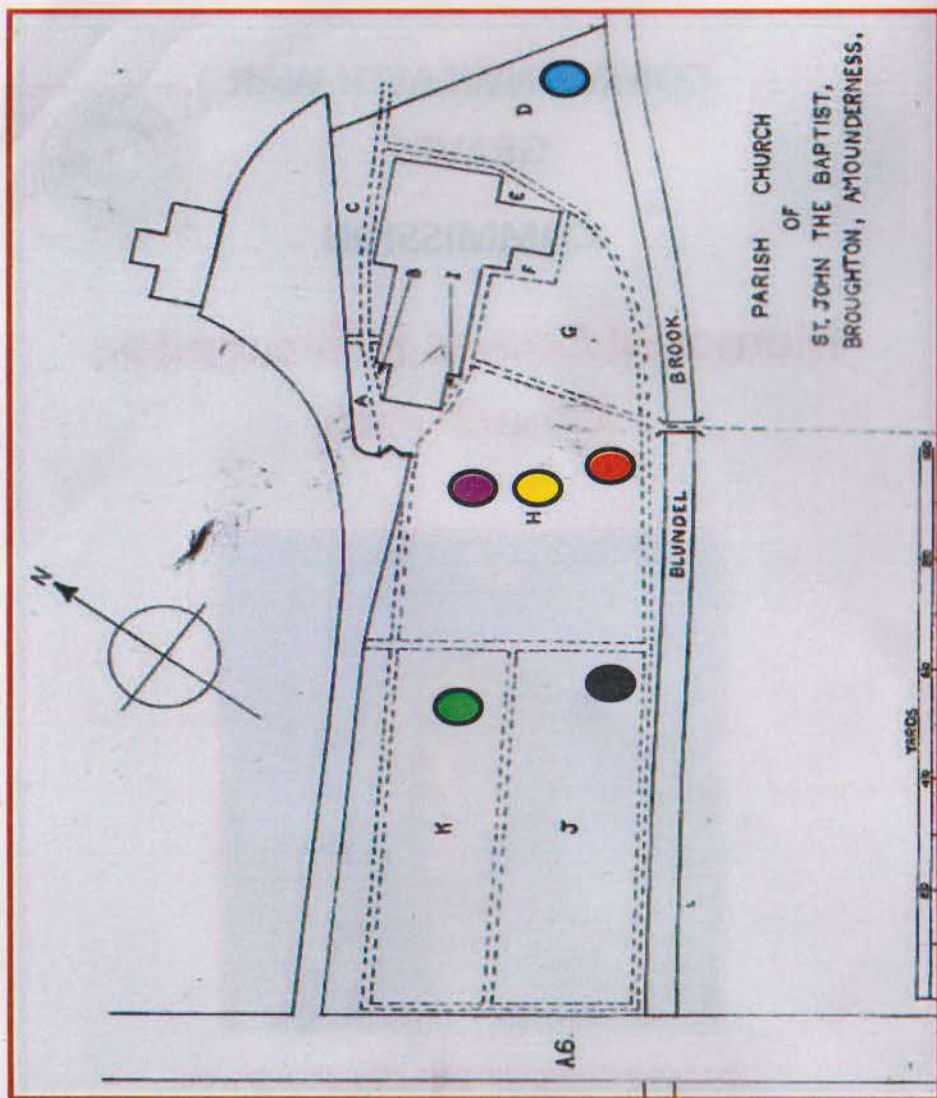
Memorial Graves in Broughton
Churchyard









*...long-faced telegram boys prop their bicycles
on lampposts and front gates and for the last time
press forward to deliver their dreadful condolences.*

Sir Andrew Motion: Armistice Poem (2018)

We will remember them



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|  | Private John Stuart Walker |  | Sergeant Joseph Hudson |
|  | Capt. Anthony Chambre Dickson |  | Major Norman Nuttall |
|  | 2nd Lt. George Boorne |  | 2nd Lt. William Stainbank |
| | | | 2nd Lt. Arthur Stainbank |

2nd Lieutenant George Howard BOORNE

Born: 28th November 1893 in Ottawa, Canada

Died: 28th March 1917, aged 24.

Melton Mowbray in flying accident

Buried: Broughton churchyard

Regiment: 37th Reserve Squadron—Royal Flying Corps

George, a Presbyterian, was the eldest son of Mary Ellen and Charles Harwood Boorne (born Norwich) of 375 Bronson Avenue, Ottawa. Employed as a plumber, he enlisted in Ottawa on 27th May 1915, joining the Canadian Expeditionary Force. His mother's address at that time was 667 Gilmore St, Ottawa - she was named as his next-of-kin. His brother Samuel Thomas also enlisted, on June 7th 1915.

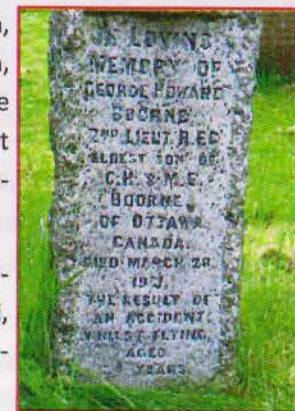


On the 8th March 1917 the aeroplane, in which George was flying over the Midlands, suffered engine trouble and he had to make a forced landing. He was severely injured and died almost three weeks later from those injuries.

The inquest into his death, held on the 29th March, 1917 and reported in the Nottingham Evening Post the following day, unsurprisingly

returned a verdict of accidental death.

George Boorne's grave is the only one of the Commonwealth Graves marked with a private family memorial, which takes the form of a Cornish granite cross. The inscription on it can be seen opposite.



Captain Anthony Chambre DICKSON (70153),

Adjutant

Born: 10th August 1916, Lytham, Lancashire

Died: 16th December 1941, aged 25, Malaya

Buried: Plot 3, Row A, Grave No. 10,
Taiping Military Cemetery, Malaya

Regiment: 88th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery



Tony Dickson was the eldest of the five children of Alfred Eric Dickson and his wife Kathleen (nee Yates). The family moved from "Woodville", Lytham to "Broughton Park" (now The Marriott Hotel) in 1928. He was educated at Marlborough College and the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, qualifying as a Land Agent. He joined Yates Brothers Wine Lodges, the family firm, in 1937 with a view to making this his lifetime career, but as a member of the Territorial Army he was called up in

September 1939. He married Olga Mary Worthington, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Worthington, on 2nd September 1941. There were no children of the marriage.

He and his brother Teddy, Edward Chambre Dickson, were amongst the first to go with the British Expeditionary Force to France in September 1939.



Tony is pictured below far right in the foreground of this photograph, possibly taken by his brother Teddy, while awaiting evacuation on Dunkirk beach in 1940.



The brothers spent the next twelve months on coastal defence duties in Devon, Sussex and Essex before embarking "The Empress of Canada", pictured below, bound for an undisclosed destination.



Two months were spent at sea in this cramped troop ship calling in at Freetown, Cape Town, and Colombo, arriving in Singapore twelve days before the Japanese invaded Malaya in December 1941.

Tony was sent to the northernmost part of Malaya to help to establish the Regimental Headquarters near Alor Star (now Alor Setar). However by mid-December

1941 British troops on the north western frontline were in full retreat south of Jitra. By the 13th and 14th Japanese forces entered from the north and took the Alor Star airfield. Tony Dickson was part of a desperate rearguard action attempting to slow the enemy advance.

He died, in the aftermath of the Battle of Jitra, defending this Headquarters when it was surrounded by the Japanese.



Sergeant JOSEPH HUDSON

(7645785) (Grave 728)

Born: 1913 in Blackburn

Died: 21st August 1943, aged 29

Buried: Broughton churchyard

Regiment: Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Joseph, born in Blackburn in 1913, was the eldest child of Joseph and Betsy Hudson (nee Wakes) of Blackburn, who had married the previous year.

In 1940 he married Hannah Pomfrett, the marriage being registered in the Amounderness district of Preston, where the couple took up residence.

He enlisted in the R.A.O.C., dealing with the supply and maintenance of weaponry, munitions and other military equipment.



In the *UK Army Roll of Honour 1939-1945*, Sergeant Hudson is listed as living in Preston. His Casualty List number is given as 1226; his duty location as *home*, and his *Fate* described as *accidentally killed*.



Coat of Arms of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps (in reign of George VI), as inscribed on the grave of late Warrant Officer I F.H.W. Haynes (died 1943), at Stanley Military Cemetery, Hong Kong



Sergeant Hudson's death notice was published in the *Lancashire Daily Post* on the 22nd August. Following his funeral the following Monday, August 30th, at Fulwood Parish Church (pictured opposite), he was interred in Broughton churchyard, Christ Church having no graveyard.

His death notice states simply: *For you peace For us memories*

Major Norman NUTTALL

(146577) (Grave 759)

Born: 1893 Accrington

Died: 18th September 1944, aged 51

Buried: Broughton churchyard

Regiment: Pioneer Corps

Norman Nuttall was born in 1893 in Accrington, the son of Christopher and Agnes Ann Nuttall. After leaving school, he was employed by a local cloth printer and dyer, probably F. Steiner & Co Calico Printers, at Church near Accrington.

In the 1911 Census, he was living with his parents and two sisters, Alice and Maggie, both cotton weavers, at 79 Catlow Hill Street in Oswaldtwistle.

A couple of years later, aged 19 and just before the start of World War 1, he was seconded to his firm's Karachi office and at the outbreak of war enlisted in the local Baluchistan regiment.



He was commissioned into the Indian Army Reserve of Officers on 20th June 1917. Three months later, on the 10th October, he was attached to the 1st Battalion 124th Duchess of Connaught's Own Baluchistan Infantry. On 20th June 1918 he was promoted to lieutenant.

In 1921, aged 28, he married Clara Brierley in Blackburn. Following the outbreak of war in 1940 he re-enlisted, into the Pioneer Corps, which had begun to recruit earlier that

year from Reservists, primarily from Africa and India.

Two years later, in 1942, he was discharged from the army due to ill health and began a new phase in his life by becoming the sub-postmaster at Broughton Post Office, where he died after a short illness only a couple of years later, leaving a widow and three children.

His funeral was held at Broughton Church on Thursday 21st September after which he was interred in the graveyard,

Second Lieutenant William Dering STAINBANK (124108/2)

Born: 1892 Natal, South Africa

Died: 8th April 1916, aged 24, Preston

Buried: Broughton churchyard

Regiment: Royal Field Artillery

Of all the memorial and gravestones in Broughton churchyard, which honour those young men who died in both World Wars, this one designed by the Imperial War Graves Commission and pictured below, is certainly one of the most enigmatic and poignant.



William Stainbank and his brother Arthur were born in South Africa, and lived there prior to the outbreak of war. After service in German West Africa, the brothers arrived in London aboard the *Llandovery Castle* on 19th December 1915.

Almost sixty years earlier in 1857, their father Dering Lee Warner Stainbank, aged 16, had made the reverse journey from Surrey to Natal. In Durban Bay he met up with his brother who had been in the colony for a couple of years.

After his marriage, Mr Stainbank took over the isolated farm at Coedmore. The couple had five children, two of whom perished in the Great War.

William's death, a mere four months after his arrival in England, was recorded in Preston, where he died of pneumonia only 36 hours after contracting cerebrospinal meningitis.

It seems highly likely that both brothers, as members of the Royal Field Artillery,



John Stuart Walker, having been seriously wounded, was repatriated and died of pneumonia in the temporary military hospital set up in 1915 at the north east end of Moor Park and pictured below — one more young soldier who almost survived to see the Armistice, losing his life only a couple of weeks before hostilities ended.

mounted cavalry. The infantry experience of private Walker and his comrades must therefore have been invaluable as the days of fighting men on horseback were, by 1918, long gone, abandoned in the quagmires of Passchendaele, the Somme and Ypres.

Subscribed

SHORT SERVICE.
(For the Duration of the War, with the Colours and in the Army Reserve.)

ATTESTATION OF

No. *207857* Name *John Stuart Walker* Corps *L. I. C.*

Questions to be put to the Hospital before Enlistment

1. What is your Name?	<i>John Stuart Walker</i>
2. What is your full Address?	<i>Victoria Park, Fulwood</i>
3. Are you a British Subject?	<i>Yes</i>
4. What is your Age?	<i>31</i>
5. What is your Trade or Calling?	<i>Labourer</i>
6. Are you Married?	<i>No</i>
7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, which?	<i>No</i>
8. Are you willing to be reinstated or re-commissioned?	<i>Yes</i>
9. Are you willing to be inducted for General Service?	<i>Yes</i>
10. Did you receive a Medal, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?	<i>No</i>
11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services?	<i>Yes</i>

John Stuart Walker I solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

J. S. Walker SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

