

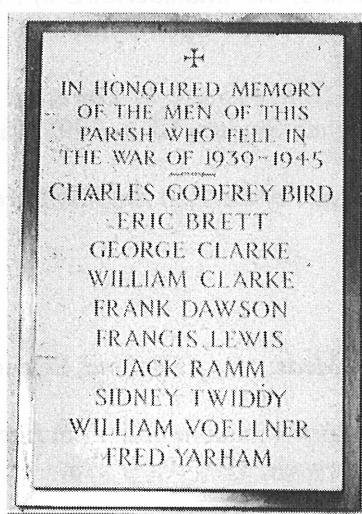
# NORFOLK WAR MEMORIALS PROJECT

## PART III: 1939 – 1945

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*The two previous issues of this Journal have contained articles on the local memorials from the First World War. This note summarises what is known about the local men who served and died in the Second World War.*

Although the Second World War is still within living memory it is rarely the case now that local knowledge can supply details of the war service and death of those named on village war memorials. Some families move away and others do not have the information, so local knowledge still has to be supplemented by documentary research. The table shows the information that has been found for three villages: Blakeney, Letheringsett and Wiveton. As yet very little is known about the nine names from Cley so these have been excluded from the table, but they are shown below in case any reader can help:



The award of the DFC to Nicholas Gresham Cooke is a clear recognition of his bravery in action. Yet many acts of courage and self-sacrifice went unrewarded, perhaps known only to those few present at the time. Raymond Harcourt's death is a reminder of this. After the war a friend of his contacted the Harcourt family to say that they had both found themselves in the sea after their ship had been sunk on the way to Japan. The two shared the support of a haversack until it became water-logged at which point Raymond let go and was drowned – his friend survived.

## WAR MEMORIALS OF WORLD WAR II

FIRST NAME(S)	SURNAME	RANK	NUMBER	DIED	AGE	NOTES
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### Blakeney

John Thomas	Balding	A/C 1st class	961889	30.10.1940	27	RAFVR Norwich Cem. 54 Grave 557
John Albert (Jock) Jack	Balding	PLY/X	1845	09.06.1940	21	HMS <i>Glorious</i> off Narvik. Plymouth Mem. Panel 43 Col. 1
Nicholas Gresham C.	Cobon	Corp	5778737	06.06.1944	27	1st Batt Royal Nfk Regt Douvres Cem. France
Frederick William	Cooke	DFC	RAF 37652	31.05.1940	26	Enlisted 264 Sqdn. Runnymede Mem. Panel 4
Raymond Hugh	Challinor	Private	14213794	10.12.1942		W. Yorks Regt CWGC Blakeney
Maurice Douglas	Grimes	Private	5775179	21.09.1944		5th Batt. Royal Nfk Regt POW Singapore Kranji Mem. Col. 5
	Harcourt	L/Ac	906720	08.11.1944		RAFVR POW Singapore Kranji Mem. Col. 438
	Jackson	Corp	6474738	10.09.1943		Salerno War Cem. 9th Batt. Royal Fusiliers (& London Regt) Cem. 1.D.46
G.W. Harold	Johnson	Sgt	4854797	05.03.1945	34	Leics Regt & Royal Welsh Fusiliers CWGC Blakeney
	Milner	Private	4861490	21.10.1944	29	1st Batt Leicestershire Regt Geel Cem. Belgium III.D.20

### Letheringsett

Graham Sydney	Cozens Hardy	F. Officer	155075	09.11.1944	21	625 Sqdn RAFVR Reichswald Forest War Cem. Germany 4.A.15
George Cecil	Hamilton	F. Officer	115244	18.07.1943	33	RAFVR Runnymede Mem. Panel 124
Robert Henry	Howell	Private	6345043	09.07.1944	25	1st Batt Q.O.R. West Kent Regt Foiano della Chiana Cem. Italy
Arthur John	Simmons	Staff Sgt	6013131	24.03.1945	24	Instructor Army Physical Training Corps 1st Airborne Div HQ Reichswald Forest War Cem. Germany 37.B.11

### Wiveton

Charles Richard	High	Private		1940		2nd Batt. Royal Nfk Regt
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