



Effingham Servicemen who died in the Second World War

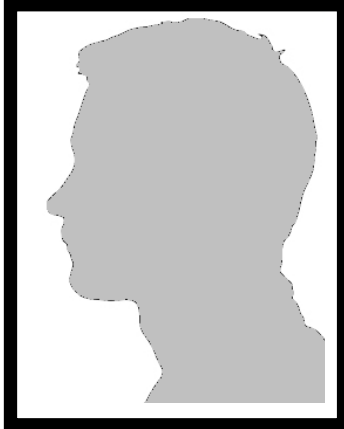
At least fifteen servicemen from Effingham died in the Second World War
and are commemorated on a plaque in St Lawrence Church.



Francis Biles
Able Seaman, Royal Navy

Born in Effingham; parents lived at
2 Victory Cottages, Effingham
Died aged 23, presumed drowned
when the R.N. H.M. Tug *Wo Kwang*,
part of the Sunda Straits Auxiliary
Patrol to hinder Japanese invasion of
Sumatra, was sunk by enemy action
in the Java area on 9th March 1942

Also commemorated on
Portsmouth Naval Memorial



Wilfred James Blaber
Private, West Yorkshire Regiment
(Prince of Wales's Own), 1st
Battalion

Born in Croydon, parents lived at 1
Red Gables, Dunley Hill,
Ranmore Common
Killed aged 22, in action in Burma
on 3rd June 1944
No known grave

Also commemorated on
Rangoon Memorial



Fedor George Bunge
Captain, 52nd Anti-Tank Regiment,
Royal Artillery

Born in New York, parents lived at
Fore Down (now Laureldene),
Beech Avenue, Effingham
Killed aged 32, in action on
28th May 1940
Grave: Voormezele, Arrondissement
Ieper, West Flanders (West-
Vlaanderen), Belgium



Donald Ernest Chatfield
Yeoman of Signals, Royal Navy

Born in Great Bookham; parents
lived at 2 Old Post Office Cottages,
The Street, Effingham
Died on R.N. *H.M.S. Fidelity*, aged
24, as a result of a German
U-boat attack on 1st January 1943.
Died at sea.

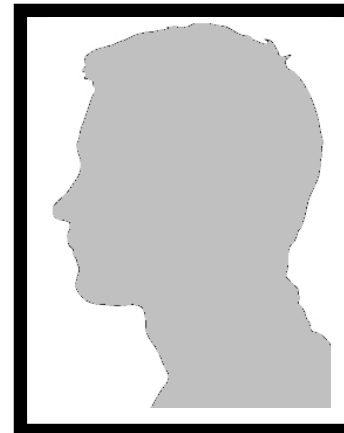
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Portsmouth Naval Memorial



Allan Eddowes Curry
Lieutenant, Royal Naval Volunteer
Reserve

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina;
mother seems to have briefly lived in
Effingham possibly with son Peter at
Pilgrims, Guildford Road, Effingham
Died aged 22, at sea on 8th July 1944
on *R.N.V.R. H.M.S. Pylades* during
Normandy landings at Juno Beach

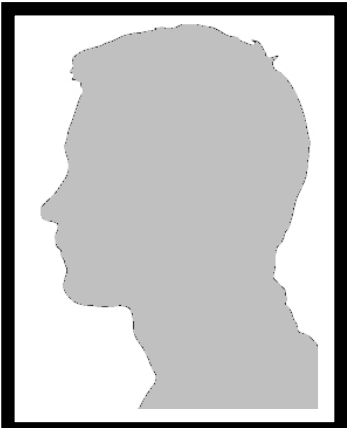
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Charles Thomas Dench
Serjeant, Royal Artillery

Born in Effingham; parents lived at
8 Victory Cottages, Guildford Road,
Effingham
Died aged 33, on
10th December 1941
on the North Africa campaign
No known grave

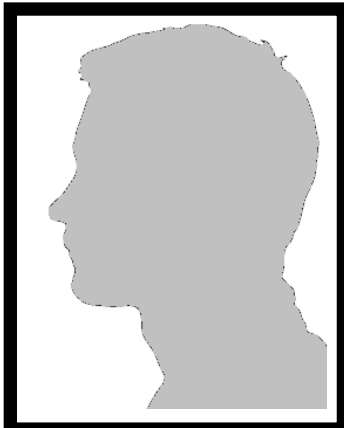
Also commemorated on
Alamein Memorial, Egypt



John Albert Charles Hunns
Marine, Royal Marines

Born in Paddington, London; parents
lived at Newcombe, Strathcona
Avenue, Effingham
Died aged 20, on 24th May 1941
when *H.M.S. Hood* was sunk by the
German ships *The Bismark* and
Prinz Eugen with the loss of
1,415 lives.
Died at sea.

Also commemorated on
Portsmouth Naval Memorial



John d'Estreville Lenfestey
Sergeant (Observer), Royal Air Force
Volunteer Reserve, 20 Squadron

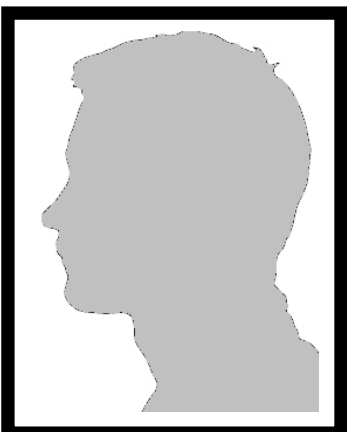
Born in England; parents lived at
Brynhir, Beech Avenue, Effingham
(now called Ranmore)
Died aged 25, on 2nd July 1941
at Ghizri, near Karachi
in air training accident
Grave: Karachi War Cemetery,
Pakistan



Jack Longhurst
Stoker 1st Class, Royal Navy

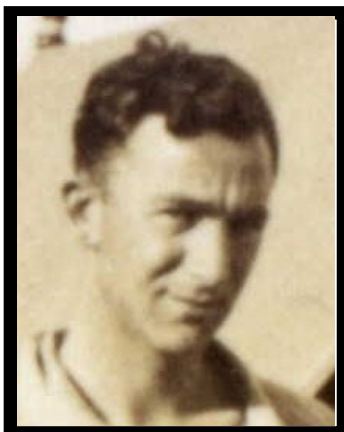
Born in Great Bookham; parents lived
at Old Westmore Cottage,
Orestan Lane, Effingham
Died aged 22, on 10th November 1942
off Algiers in air attack that sank
H.M.S. Ibis which was escorting the
North Africa Landings
Died at sea

Also commemorated on
Chatham Naval Memorial



Andrew Whitworth McGowan
Captain, Royal India Army
Service Corps

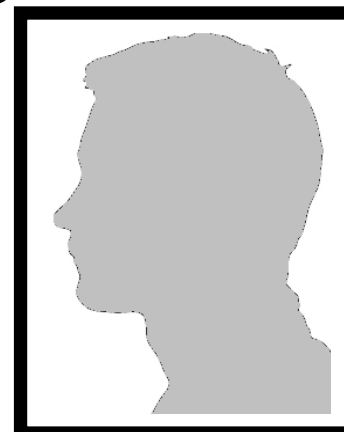
Born in Weybridge; parents lived at
Beconridge, Beech Avenue,
Effingham
Died aged 30, on 18th April 1943
in a hospital in Bombay.
Grave: Kirkee War Cemetery,
India



Peter James Patrick Nicholls
Private, The Queen's Royal
Regiment (West Surrey) 2nd Battalion

Born in Effingham; parents lived at
Westmoor Cottage, Effingham
Died aged 22, on 5th December 1941
whilst being stretchered to
Alexandria having lost a leg and an
arm in a machine-gun attack, when
steamer *Chakdina* sank after attack
by Italian torpedo bombers

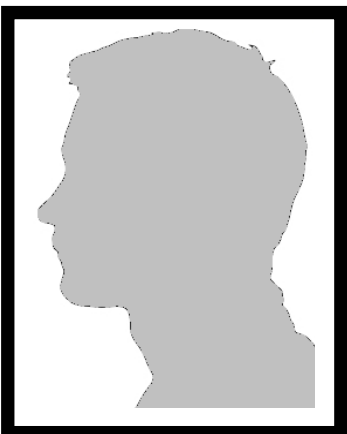
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Alamein Memorial, Egypt



Leslie Charles Payne
Trooper, Royal Armoured Corps,
Royal Tank Regiment

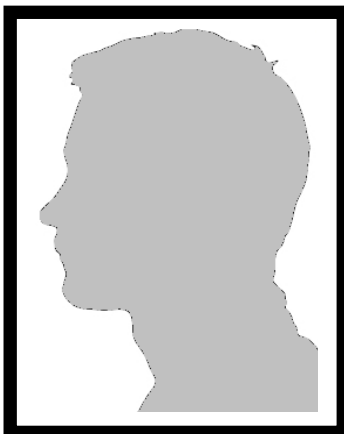
Born in Tooting, London;
parents lived at Effingham Lodge,
Dirtham Lane, East Horsley
Died aged 22, on 6th September 1944
in Italy
No known grave

Also commemorated on Cassino
Memorial, Italy



Kenneth Leslie Poland
Sapper, Royal Engineers 857
Quarrying Company

Born in Effingham; parents lived at
2 Church Street, Effingham
Died aged 24, on
30th December 1944 in Italy,
three months after younger brother
Ronald James died of war wounds
Grave: Cesena War Cemetery, Italy



Ronald James Poland
Trooper, Royal Armoured Corps
Nottingham Yeomanry

Born in Effingham; parents lived at
2 Church Street, Effingham.
Attended Effingham Village School
where his "conduct was exemplary".
Reading at his funeral by his
headmaster, Mr J Stewart Adams.
Died aged 21, on 18th September 1944
in Middlesex Hospital after being
invalided home from Normandy landings
Grave: St Lawrence Churchyard



Bernard John Worsfold
Sergeant, Royal Air Force Volunteer
Reserve 148 Squadron

Born in Croydon; parents lived at
Maryland, Orestan Lane, Effingham
Died aged 26, on 8th July 1942 near
Shallufa, Egypt when acting as rear
gunner following mission attacking
Tobruk Harbour in North Africa
Campaign. Grave: Fayid War
Cemetery, Egypt