St Leonard's, Bretforton, WYCHAVON

War Memorial

Ordnance Survey reference: **SP 093438**

This is a white stone tablet on an interior wall of the church:

32227

In memory of the
men of this village who gave their
lives in the two World Wars
1914-1918
James Robert Blake
Edward Sylvester Blake
Wilson D. Allchurch
Albert Clarke
Richard Cleaver
Albert Darke
Walter Halford
Charles H. Hall
Fred Harris
George H. Herbert
Percy Hoult
Raymond V.J. Jelfs
Morris Perkins
Albert J. Staley
James Tomkins
Hubert Gaukroger
Alfred Carter
Albert Cleaver
William Coldicott
Charles Dowdeswell
Alfred Hall
S. Stanley Hall
George E. Hayes
Harry Hitchman
Lewis J. Jelfs
Charles Peats
Charles H. Robins
Horace Tomkins
Edgar Towse
1939-1945
Malcolm Carter
Ronald Hall

There is a small brass plaque mounted below the tablet:

32225

This stone was erected by
the Bretforton branch
to commemorate the
50th anniversary of
The Royal British Legion
1921-1971

32225 - 32232

St Leonards Church, Bretforton, Worcestershire.

Interior. Stained glass window. SP 09 43

In memory of James Collins Ashwin Lieutenant in her 32226
Majesty's 57th Regiment, killed in storming the Redan
June 18th 1855.

War Memorial. 32227

In memory of the men of this village who gave their lives in the two world wars 1914-1918.
James Robert Blake, Edward Sylvester Blake, Wilson D. Allchurch, Albert Clarke, Richard Cleaver, Albert Darke, Walter Halford, Charles H. Hall, Fred. Harris, George H. Herbert, Percy Hoult, Raymond V.J. Jelfs, Morris Parkins, Albert J. Stanley, James Tomkins, Hubert Gawkroger, Alfred Carter, Albert Cleaver, William Coldicutt, Charles Dowdeswell, Alfred Hall, S. Stanley Hall, George E. Hayes, Harry Hitchman, Lewis J. Jelfs, Charles Peats, Charles H. Robbins, Horace Tomkins, Edgar Towse.
1939-1945.
Malcolm Carter, Ronald Hall.

Brass plague on pew end. 32228

In memory of Malcolm William Carter and Ronald Hall.

Churchyard. Tombstone.

113791, Gunner W. Coldicutt Royal Field Artillery 19th September 1919 Age 22. Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Part of Cross. 32229

Alfred Carter Fell in Action March 23rd 1918 Age 34 years.

Part of Tombstone. 32230

Richard and Albert Cleaver Killed in France.

Plague on church wall. 32231

Sacred to the memory of Lieutenant James Collins Ashwin of the 57th Regt. He was killed before Sebastopol in the assault on the Great Redan June 18 A.D. 1855 Aetat 21

Part of Tombstone. 32232

Corpl. Frederick George Harris who was killed in France in the Great-War 1914-1918. Died 9th April 1918 Aged 24 years.

A stone in the churchyard:

113791 GUNNER
W COLDICOTT
ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY
19TH SEPTEMBER 1919 AGE 22
GREATER LOVE
HATH NO MAN THAN THIS
THAT HE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE
FOR HIS FRIENDS


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In Memory of

R A CLEAVER

Private
4548
2nd/8th Bn. attd. Trench Mortar Bty., Worcestershire Regiment
who died on
Wednesday, 19th July 1916. Age 22.

Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick William Cleaver, of 12, New Cottages, Bretforton, Worcs.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: LAVENTIE MILITARY CEMETERY, LA GORGUE, Nord, France

Grave Reference/ Panel Number: II. C. 22.

Location: Laventie and La Gorgue are adjoining towns. Laventie Military Cemetery is on the north-east outskirts of Laventie. From Laventie, head north out of the town on the D166. Approximately 1 kilometre along this road turn right at the first junction and follow the small road for 400 metres. The Cemetery is on the left hand side.

Historical Information: The towns of Laventie and La Gorgue fell into German hands in the Battles of the Lys in April, 1918, and they were retaken by British troops early in the following September. Laventie Military Cemetery was begun (in Plot II) in the latter half of June, 1916, by the 61st (South Midland) Division (whose graves are associated particularly with the Attack at Fromelles, 19th July, 1916), and carried on by other Divisions holding this front; in June, 1917-April, 1918, the Portuguese Corps buried in it. It was used again in September, 1918; and after the Armistice British, Indian and Chinese graves were brought in from other cemeteries and from the neighbouring battlefields, as well as a number of Portuguese. All the 176 Portuguese graves have, however, been removed to Richebourg-l'Avoue Portuguese National Cemetery. There are now nearly 550, 1914-18 war casualties commemorate in this site. Of these, a small number are unidentified and special memorials are erected to four British officers of the Indian Army, killed at Neuve Chapelle, whose graves were believed to be in Lestrem Communal Cemetery but were not found on concentration. The cemetery covers an area of 3,120 square metres. Of the burial grounds from which graves were removed to Laventie Military Cemetery:- ENGLOS CHURCHYARD contained a United Kingdom grave of October, 1918. HAUBOURDIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY contained 11 United Kingdom graves of 1914. LAVENTIE (RUE DU PATRONNAGE) GERMAN CEMETERY contained the graves of a number of Portuguese soldiers buried by the enemy in 1918. LESTREM COMMUNAL CEMETERY contained the graves of four British officers of the Indian Army and two United Kingdom soldiers. ROUBAIX COMMUNAL CEMETERY (Place Chaptal) contained 13 United Kingdom graves and one Australian, nine of which were originally in ROUBAIX (RUE JOFFROY) GERMAN CEMETERY, between Roubaix and Lannoy. TRESSIN CHURCHYARD contained one Australian Flying Corps grave of October, 1918, and one United Kingdom grave of November, 1918.

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In Memory of

FREDERICK HARRIS

Corporal
54237
61st Div. Signal Coy., Royal Engineers
who died on
Tuesday, 9th April 1918. Age 24.

Additional Information: Son of Henry and Ann Harris, of Bretforton, Honeybourne, Worcs.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ST. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, ROUEN, Seine-Maritime, France

Grave Reference/ Panel Number: P. IX. J. 6A.

Location: St. Sever Cemetery and Extension is situated about 3 kilometres south of Rouen Cathedral and a short distance west of the road from Rouen to Elbeuf. Coming from Elbeuf/Caen on the N.138 follow Avenue Des Canadiens right down to the roundabout. Take the fourth exit into Rue Stanislas De Jardin, and the cemetery lies 150 metres on the left. If coming from station Rive Gauche, Gare St Sever, follow Quai D'Elbeuf, Quai Jean Moulin, Quai Cavelier De La Salle into Avenue Jean Rondeaux, Av. De La Liberation, Bd. Du 11 Novembre to the roundabout. Take first exit into Rue Stanislas De Jardin, the cemetery lies 150 metres on the left. St Sever is part of Le Petit Quevilly. The first CWGC signpost is just when you get to the entrance of the cemetery.

Historical Information: During the 1914-1918 War, British camps and hospitals were placed on the Southern outskirts of the city, a Base Supply Depot and the 3rd Echelon of General Headquarters were established at Rouen. The Hospitals at Rouen remained there in almost all cases for practically the whole of the 1914-1918 War. They included eight General, five Stationary, one British Red Cross and one Native Labour Hospitals, and No. 2 Convalescent Depot. A number of the dead from these Hospitals were buried in other cemeteries, but the great majority were taken to St. Sever; and in September, 1916, it was found necessary to begin using the Extension. The last burial in the Extension took place in April, 1920. There are now over 8,500, 1914-18 and 300, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. The cemetery covers an area of 49,885 square metres. The War Stone is on the boundary of the original Cemetery and the Extension, facing the City of Rouen War Memorial. The Cross is raised on a terrace on the further side of the Extension. The Chapel, cruciform and surmounted by a dome, is in the middle of the Extension. The bodies of 316 United States Soldiers and Airmen, buried in Block R, Plot I, and Block T, Plot I, were removed by the American Graves Registration Services.

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