



We mark the passing of those who have served this country. Contributions from comrades and families welcome. Write to robin.ashby@ukdf.org.uk

ANDERSON Col Dr Robert Moir Lechmore Anderson died 1 September 2021 aged 80 ARM STRONG Brig Robin Armstrong PhD died 20 October 2021 Royal Highland Fusiliers

ARGLES Captain (Christopher) Simon Argles RN 31 January 1934 – 31 August 2021 Gunnery Officer HMS Chichester, HMS Eagle CO HMS Dido NATO HMS Sheffield Naval Attache Paris during Falklands liaison French Intelligence and military

BANBURY Capt Michale Charles Banbury RD, RNR die 11 Nov 2021 aged 86

BARCLAY Col Neil Barclay died 4 DEc 2021 aged 83

BARFF Edward Barff AFM QCVSdied 2021 aged 97 141 Sqn Mosquitos Later BOAC

BARNES Major Jan Walter Barnes died 12 DEc 2021 Life Guards

BAXTER Brig Anthony Baxter died 24 December 2021 aged 91

BEAVEN Anthiy James Patrick Beaven RAF died 30 December 2021 aged 79 Vulcan pilot

BLACKNEY Gp Captain Bruce Blackney died 6 October 2021 aged 82?

BOSWELL Lt Gen Sir Alexander (Sandy) Boswell KCB, K StJ CBE 3 August 1928 - 13 Nov 2021 Argyll & Sherrinlands Hong Kong, Korea, Suez, Borneo (MiD) Berlin, Belfast, CoS 1st Corps, CO 2nd Armoured Div, Director Territorials GOC Scotland

CHATER ROBINSON Geoffrey Chater Robinson died 16 October 2021 aged 100. Army, later actor

CLEMENTS Air Cdre JohnBaskett Clements 2 December 1921 - 23 October 2021 Radar researcher Wartime 300 test flights, 22 radars, 29 plane types Berlin southern Italy (Op Buckland, airlift Defence Communication Network Air Officer Signals Support Command
COLEMAN Bernard Coleman OBE 13 January 1924 - 13 Nov 2021 RN coder HMS Tay Atlantic convpys, Far East troop transport escort Later publican and cricket

COVILL Major Douglas Covill DCM, MBE, 14 November 1920 - 15 November 2021 10th Royal

Hussars Dunkirk, El Alamein (7th Armoured Bgde) Southern Italy (Op Buckland) DCM MiD, Germany Occupation. Aden

COWIN Cdr Anthony Cowin died 19 Nov 2021 aged 88

DAVIS Maj Gen Brian William David CB CBE OBE RA died 24 October 2021 aged 91

DAWNAY Iris Irene Adele Dawnay LVO (nee Peake) wartime secretary MI6 23 July 1923 - 18 November 2021

DENHAM Lord Denham (Lt Sir Bertram 'Berte' Stanley Mitford Bowyer Bt KBE 3 October 1927 - 1 December 2021 Grenadiers, Ox and Bucks LI Later Sgt HAC, Cons Chief Whip in Lords

FARQUHARSON Captain Alwynne Arthur Compton Farquharson of Invercauld MC 1 May 1919 -6 October 2021 Royal Scots Greys light tanks Ruwiesat Ridge (Grants) Alamein (Shermans), Italy Normandy- 4th Armoured D+1 (Firefly) Op Jupiter "wounded MC

FORBES Vice Admiral Sir John Forbes died 24 October 2021 aged 96

FORSTER John Frederick (Jacky) Forster died Nov 2021 aged 101. last known survivor (Bn DLI. France, Libya, Cyprus, Palestine

FRASER Air Cdre Anthony Fraser died 23 October 2021

FREEMAN-ATWOOD Marigold (nee Philips) WRNS Bletrchley Park - Colossus . Poet

GIBLETT WO1 (conductor) Frank (Francis) George Giblett GM 11 Jul 1928 " 12 September 2021 Nat Service then regular RAOC bomb disposal Germany ATO Cyprus (GM)

GOODACRE Lt Cdr Peter Elliott Goodacre RNR VRD died 7 Nov 2021 aged 76

GREGG Victor James Gregg 15 October 1919 " 12 October 2021 Rifle Brigade North Africa Long Range Desert Group 2nd Rifles Alamein 10 Para Op Mkt Garden Captured. PoW Dresden bombings. Escaped to Red Army

HAMES Captain Peter Hames RN died 5 Dec 2021

HEWETSON Col Sir Christopher Hewetson TD died 12 Dec 2021 aged 91

HIGHAM Cdr Anthony Higham BEM 12 October 1948 - 24 November 2021 HMS Norfolk (with Prince Charles) NATO HMS Victory Yachtsman

HOGG (later Sir) Christopher Anthony Hogg 2 August 1936 - 7 December 2021 Parachute Regt Cyprus, Suez National Service

HOLMES Maj General Matthew 'Matt' John Holmes CBE, DSO 29 June 1967 - 2 October 2021
42 Cdo Afghanistan Commandant General Royal Marines

A comrade writes : I am saddened to my core at the news of the passing of my former chief of staff, Major General Matt Holmes CBE, DSO. As his legal adviser, I saw first hand how he went out of his way, not just to serve our nation but to serve every man and woman who he encountered. I was no exception. He was the first chief of staff of the UK Standing Joint Force Headquarters. The staff loved him, as did his commander. Sometimes the perfect teams forms in the Armed Forces. That was one of them. He was a leader, for he brought out the best in all those he met. He could find light in darkness and hope in despair. He hated injustice. He would have been the finest of lawyers. He used to share with me his pride in his wife's legal career. People genuinely liked him and few could match his intellect. None could match his work ethic. He could switch effortlessly from being the senior military leader to the cheeky schoolboy in the one sentence (often with just a glance). That was his personality; not some learned trick. Any 'cheek' was actually pure, unrefined charm and never, ever at anyone's expense. I was liaising with him, hoping that he would join me in a sleep out event to raise money for SSAFA in Glasgow. The pandemic delayed that, but it speaks volumes that a major general was willing to sleep out in a wood in Glasgow with me and other veterans to raise funds for the vulnerable. To him it would have been no hardship; just fun. He could make anything fun. Matt Holmes was a Christian and spoke to me about our shared faith; he lived it through every selfless act. God bless you, Sir, and your family who I know you love so dearly.

HOLMES Flt Lt Ernest 'Ernie' Holmes DFC 29 January 1921 - 14 October 2021 35 Sqn 22
Pathfinder missions inc. Battle of Berlin. Lancasters shot down over Hollnad, betrayed to Gestapo, Stalag Luft III Forced march liberated VE Day. Post war transports Far East, Berlin airlift. Flying instructor UAS in Scotland

HAYNES Col Douglas Sim Haynes died 26 December 2021 aged 100

HOLTOM Brig Christopher Gibbs Holtom CBE died 24 September 2021 aged 74 Intelligence Corps

HUTCHINGS Corporal Dennis Hutchings 8 May 1941 - 18 October 2021 Life Guards N Ireland

KENNARD Robert Kennard MC 1912 - 1979 TA Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders escaped from Singapore, Malaya, Burma, Imphal

LAMB (Later Sir) Sqn Ldr Archie (Albert) Lamb DFC 23 October 1921 – 19 October 2021 Pilot Training Southern Rhodesia (supported by editor's father?) Sunk on SS Oronsay 184 Sqn Hurricane ground attack Northern France, V1 sites, Arnhem later Ambassador to Kuwait and Norway

LEWENDON Gp Captain John Massey Lewendon died 5 November 2021 aged 91

LITTLEJOHNS Lt Col Bryan Littlejohns RA died 12 October 2021

LONGWILL Dr Col John Longwill died 16 September 2021

MAUNSELL Major Christopher Ernest (Kit) Maunsell MC 6 October 1939 - 6 October 2021 aged 82 10th Gurkhas Borneo (battle of Serikin - MC)

MCLEAN Vice Adm Rory McLean CBE, OBE 4 April 1950 - 5 September 2021 CO HMS Lewiston, Upton, Jupiter, Charybdis, Fearles, Invincible) Sea King pilot and Helicopter instructor, Bosnia, Rwanda, (Op Barrass) Director, Navy Plans (1997 SDR) ACDS (resources and plans) RUSI trustee

MILBURN Brig Joseph Hubbard Milburn CBE died 17 October 2021 aged 88

MORROGH Major James McCarthy Morrogh 1947 – 2021 Royal Irish Rangers Bahrain, Oman, Gibraltar, Cyprus, Berlin

NORRELL WO "Norrie" Norrell RVM RVO 7 December 1933 – 9 October 2021 HMS

Vanguard HMS Lioness joined RY Britannia 1953 – 1987 then Windsor Castle

O'CONNELL Margaret (Betty) Elizabeth Oliver 25 July 1925 – 24 July 2021 WRNS Bletchley Park Newmanry section (Colossus C Watch – Lorenz code)

OLDHAM Sgt Wilfred Edward Oldham MBE 28 August 1920 - 26 November 2021 1st Border Regt/ 1st Airborne (air landing) Op Ladbroke, Sicily- ditched Op Market - escaped after 70% losses. Garden. Norway to disarm occupation troops

PARKINSON Brigadier Charles David Parkinson died 7 September 2021 RADC

PARSONS Edmund (Eddie) Geoffrey Parsons died 13 December 2021 aged 92 RAOC

PASQUANI Flt Lt Joe Pasquani 30 January 1933 - 6 August 2021 Navigator, bombing instructor
76 Sqn Canberra sampling nuclear tests - campaigner for nuclear justice

POLAND Lt Cdr (Trevor) Peter Gordon Poland 24 July 1923 - 30 August 2021 HMS Nelson
(chasing Scharnhorst and Gneisenau) HMS King George V (Bismark engagement west of
Brest) Arctic convoys CO landing craft N Africa (Bougie landings) HMS Matchless HMS Haydon
post war Med, Palestine, E Indies

PRIESTLEY Cdr Michael Priestley died 2 December 2021 aged 74

QUILTER Harold Keith Quilter RN DSC 5 March 1922 - 23 Nov 2021 1842 NAS HMS
Formidable 3 attacks Tirpitz Far East (Kamikaze attack) Ditched off Honshu, picked up by US
submarine 1832 NAS RNVRA, A, A, A, A

RICHARDS Major Robert Alan Upton Richards died 9 October 2021 aged 90 Worcester Rifles,
Intelligence Corps

ROBERTSON Rear Adm John Robertson died 23 December 2021

ROSE (Susan) Pamela Rose (Gibson) 29 November 1917 (during Zeppelin raid) - 17
October 2021 Bletchley Park Hut 4 head of index . Later helped found Runnymede Trust Vice
chair NSPCC

SAMPSON Lt Col Reg Sampson died 30 December 2021 aged 86

SHIPTON Anthony Ashley Shipton MBE TD died 19 Dec 2021 aged 92

SHORT Captain Anthony Short RN died 11 October 2021 aged 92

SHORT Donald Hrry Short RNR died 28 December 2021 aged 91

SQUIRE Dr Clifford William (Bill) Squire CMG, LVO 7 October 1928 - 14 October 2021 Nat service jnr officer I Bn Suffolk Regt Palestine, Greece Later Ambassador to Israel

STOKES Keith Stokes RN died 16 October 2021 aged 91

STEVENSON Major Henry Stevenson MBE 14 July 1927 - 18 August 2021 Ulster Defence Regt Intelligence Officer

STRUDWICK Maj General Mark Jeremy Strudwick CBE MiD 19 April 1945 - 26 September 2021 Royal Scots Cyprus BAOR Exercise Lionheart N Ireland (I/c 3 Bde) GOC Scotland

SYRAD Major Stuart Syrad RM OBE MC 7 August 1933 - 23 August 2021 National Service then volunteered. SBS. Op Musketeer (Suez helicopter assault - MC) Malta, Singapore, North Borneo, Northern Ireland First qualified RM hovercraft pilot 3 Cdo

TAYLOR Col Charles Eyre Taylor MC died 4 October 2021 aged 92. 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards

THORPE Col Philip James Thorpe died 3 October 2021 aged 64

THRES Anthony Thres 1928 - 2021 1st Bn Sherwood Foresters 1Para Cyprus Suez amphibious landing (clasp to GSM) Malaya 19th Infantry, 6 Armoured Bgde BAOR

ULOTH Col Anthony Conrad Uloth 30 May 1929 - 23 September 2021 Korean War (Royal Tank Regt MiD) Army Air Corps test pilot Defence Attache Khartoum Overseas Defence Relations

WALKER Patrick Jeremy Walter KGB 25 February 1932 - 13 October 2021 Colonial Service Uganda Later CT and CE then DG MI5 (the Security Service)

WALTERS (later Sir) Dennis Murray Walters 28 November 1928 - 1 October 2021 Interned in Italy 1940 1943-44 resistance courier in Italy Later MP

WEST Mayor Aidan Neil 'Danny' West BEM 1 December 1943 - 11 December 2021 10th Royal Hussars Aden SAS Buenos Aires, Oman, South Georgia, Falklands left the Army in 1995

WICKES Lt CI Donald James Charles Wickes LVO died 10 Nov 2021 aged 93 RASC, RAOC

WOOD Captain Anthony Wood RN died 3 Nov 2021 aged 90

YOUNG David Stephen Young MC died 30 Nov 2021 aged 100