

THE HAVANT MEMORIAL CROSS



The Unveiling and Dedication
of the
Havant Memorial Cross
Saturday, September 30th, 1922

Rolls of Honour

First World War 1914 to 1918
Second World War 1939 to 1945

Ralph Cousins



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Remembrance Service before the Memorial Cross was built.

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Unveiling and Dedication
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Memorial Cross

To the Men of Havant

who gave their lives for their
Country in the Great War,
. . . 1914—1918. . .



Saturday, September 30th, 1922,

At 3 p.m.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR JOHN DAVIDSON, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P.,

WILL UNVEIL

The Memorial Cross

and commit it to the care of the Local Authorities.

Mr. F. LENG (*Chairman of the Urban District Council*),
will accept, on behalf of that body, the Guardianship
of the Memorial.

THE LAST POST WILL BE SOUNDED.

*The Rector of Hatant (Rev. H. N. Rodgers, M.A.,
Hon. C.F.),*

will offer the

Prayer of Dedication.

To the glory of God and in grateful memory of the men of this Town who gave their lives for King and Country in the Great War we dedicate this Memorial. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Roll of Honour for the Men of Havant who gave their Lives in the First World War, 1914 to 1918.

Stewart Clifford Baker . 21.	Private, Hampshire Regiment.
John Charles Battel . 29.	Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Frank George Beaton .	Private, 9th Warwickshire Regiment.
William Thomas Beagley . 36.	Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Henry Wynter Blathwayt .	Major, Royal Field Artillery.
Arthur E. Bointon .	Private, Hampshire Regiment.
John Charles Bright .	Plumber, Royal Fleet Auxiliary <i>Reliance</i> .
William Brooman . 45.	Leading Seaman, HMS <i>India</i> .
Charles King Valentine Brown .	Major, Indian Army.
Edward Frederick Burgess .	Officers Steward, HMS <i>Invincible</i> .
Edward James Campkin . 34.	Private, Royal Sussex Regiment.
Frederick George Carpenter .	Private, Dorsetshire Regiment.
Alfred Edward Carter . 32.	Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Samuel Frank Clarke .	2nd Lieutenant, Hampshire Regiment.
James Herbert Conway .	Private, Worcestershire Regiment.
Samuel Arthur Cooke .	Lieutenant Colonel, Indian Army.
Frederick Charles Coote .	Private, Inniskillen Fusiliers.
Alfred John Crassweller .	Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Albert Edward Crassweller . 18.	Private, Hampshire Regiment.
William John Crockford .	Gunner, Royal Field Artillery.
Ernest Dedman .**	Gunner, Royal Field Artillery.
Richard Dollin . 23.	Private, Northumberland Fusiliers.
William George Edney .	Sergeant, 10th (Prince of Wales's Own Royal) Hussars.
Charles Thomas Evans . 27.	Rifleman, London Regiment.
George Bertram Fisher . 29.*	Sapper, Royal Engineers.
Sir Frederick Loftus FitzWygram .	Major, Scots Guards.
Baronet. M.C.	
Ernest Edward Freeston . 26.	Sergeant, Hampshire Regiment.
William Henry Fry . 22.	Lieutenant, Machine Gun Corps.
Leslie Gardener .	Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Frederick Green .	Lance Corporal, Hampshire Regiment.
Charles Hagell .	Private, Royal Fusiliers.
Percival Jack Roberts Harden . 18.	Ordinary Seaman, HMS <i>Glatton</i> .
William Harris .	Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Henry George Harvey .	Private, Hampshire Regiment.
William Haynes . 37.*	Gunner, Royal Marine Artillery, HMS <i>Malaya</i> .
Frederick Hazlewood .	Leading Seaman, HMS <i>Queen Mary</i> .
Herbert Heath .	Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Frederick Hedgecock .	Private, Hampshire Regiment.

Edward Frederick **Hensler**.
Albert Frederick **Hedger**. 22.
Harry Wright **Hooker**. 26.

Alfred Francis **Hopkins**. 24.
Henry George **Hounsome**. 32.

Arthur **Humphreys**. 23.
George **Hutchinson**.

Henry Claude **Keogh**. 20.
Charles Henry **Knight**. 30.

John Richard **Langford**.
Harold **Leng**.
Thomas Roy **Longcroft**.
Percy William **Longland**.

George **Martin**.
James **Martin**.
Lawrence Adam **Mitchell**. M.C.
Melton James **Mitchell**.
Archibald **McNeill**.*

Frederick C. **Neal**. 32.

Ernest **Outen**.
George **Outen**. 32.

George Gordon **Paine**. 25. M.C.
James Horace **Paine**.
Frank Crasweller **Palmer**.
Victor Emmanuel **Palmer**. 24.
Winter **Parham**.*

George Edwin Harold **Parks**. 24.
William George Ernest **Parvin**. 27.
Archibald Francis Campbell **Paxton**. 19.
Herbert Charles **Phillips**.
Norman **Phillips**. 20.
John William Cress **Pullen**.

William James Kennington **Robbins**.
Frederick William **Roberts**.
Leonard **Roberts**.
Bertram Jessie **Roberts**.
Edwin Owen **Roberts**.
Leonard **Robinson**. 33.
Robert **Roper**.

Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Private, Devonshire Regiment.
Sergeant, Queen's Royal West Surrey
Regiment.
Signaller, Royal Fusiliers.
Private, Royal Marine Light Infantry,
HMS *Viknor*.
Sergeant, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Private, Hampshire Regiment.

2nd Lieutenant, Royal Sussex Regiment.
Chief Electrical Artificer, HMS *Invincible*.

Sergeant, Worcestershire Regiment.
Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Lieutenant, Leicestershire Regiment.
Private, Royal Army Service Corps.

Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Captain, Royal Field Artillery.
Private, Royal Fusiliers.
Private, Cheshire Regiment.

Corporal, Hampshire Regiment.

Sergeant, Scots Guards.
Corporal, Grenadier Guards.

Captain, Royal Berkshire Regiment.
Private, Artists Rifles.
Private, Machine Gun Corps.
Lance Corporal, Grenadier Guards.
Lance Corporal, Royal Berkshire
Regiment.
Lieutenant, Manchester Regiment.
Private, Royal Marine Light Infantry.
2nd Lieutenant, Middlesex Regiment.
Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Private, Royal Marine Light Infantry.
1st class Petty Officer, HMS *Malaya*.

Corporal, King's Liverpool Regiment.
Lance Corporal, Hampshire Regiment.
Able Seaman, Steam Ship *Highland Corrie*.
Chief Petty Officer, HMS *Invincible*.
Gunner, Royal Garrison Artillery.
Private, Northumberland Fusiliers.
Corporal, Royal Engineers.

William **Sadler**.
Arthur James **Skinner**.
Cecil James **Skinner**.
Harold Victor **Smith**.
Albert Donald **Stallard**. 20.
James Alan **Stallard**. 19.*
Joshua Allen **Stillwell**. 38.
Reginald Theodore **Stokes**.
Edgar James **Stow**. 36. D.S.M.**
Charles **Stubbington**.
Ernest **Sturgess**.

John **Teague**. 26.
George Edwin **Teague**.
Sidney Edgar **Thompson**.
Edward Charles **Toop**.
Arthur George **Treagust**. 22.
Robert **Trickett**.
William George **Trodd**. 18.

William Henry **Ware**. 41.

Gilbert **Wareham**. 39.
Frank Thomas **Weeks**.
Lynton Woolmer **White**. 28.
Frederick Arthur **Whittington**.
Robert Percy **Windibank**. 34.
Joseph Henry **Wright**. 31.

Gunner, HMS *Victory*.
Seaman, Ketch *Elizabeth Jane*.
Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Private, 8th Devonshire Regiment.
Assistant Paymaster, HMS *Princess Irene*.
Private, Gloucestershire Regiment.
Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Sergeant, Army Service Corps.
1st Class Petty Officer, HMS *Viking*.
Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Stoker, HMS *Black Prince*.

Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Private, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Sergeant, Royal Engineers.
Able Seaman, HMS *Good Hope*.
Gunner, Royal Garrison Artillery.
Stoker, HMS *Lynx*.
Private, Royal Sussex Regiment.

Lance Corporal. Royal Marine Light
Infantry.
Private, Royal Army Veterinary Corps.
Private, Gloucestershire Regiment.
Lieutenant, King's Dragoon Guards.
Private, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Able Seaman, HMS *Good Hope*.
Corporal, Hampshire Regiment.

When You Go Home,
Tell Them of Us and,
Say For Your Tomorrow,
We Gave Our Today.

c WWI John Maxwell Edmonds.

Roll of Honour for the Men and Women of Havant and Bedhampton who gave Their Lives in the Second World War, 1939 to 1945.

Lawrence Sidney John Atkin . 21.	Sergeant (Navigator), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Arthur George Allen . 48.	Chief Engine Room Artificer, HMS <i>Peterel</i> .
Maurice Cecil Asher . 23.	Leading Writer, HMS <i>Jersey</i> .
John William Ashley . 18.	Ordinary Seaman, HMS <i>Barham</i> .
Henry Richard Beach .	Leading Seaman, HM Submarine <i>Thames</i> .
John Philip Blake . 26.	Captain, Royal Marine Commandos.
William David Gordon Bond . 19.	Sergeant (Pilot), Royal Air Force.
Ronald Thomas Bradshaw . 34.	Flight Lieutenant, Royal Air Force.
Stanley Ronald Brailey . 27.	Private, Hampshire Regiment.
Marguerite Beatrice Burge . 22.*	Aircraftwoman, Women's Auxiliary Air Force.
John Antony Carey . 22.	2nd Lieutenant, Royal Artillery.
Derek John Chase . 31.	Pilot Officer (Navigator), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Charles Henry Cook .	Ordinary Seaman, HM Trawler <i>Thuringia</i> .
Hubert John Cousins . 20.	Supply Assistant, HMS <i>Royal Oak</i> .
Albert Daughtrey . 31.	Able Seaman, HMS <i>Royal Oak</i> .
Percy William George Dowding . 19.	Able Seaman, HMS <i>Royal Oak</i> .
Dennis Ford . 27.	Flying Officer, Royal Air Force.
George Edwin Alfred Freeland . 37.	Lieutenant, HMS <i>Neptune</i> .
Reginald Arthur Edward Gamblen . 34.	Chief Stoker, HMS <i>Esk</i> .
Thomas Ian Gay . 23.	Lieutenant, HMS <i>Ark Royal</i> .
Rex George . 20.	Marine. Royal Marine Commandos.
Edward James Giddings .*	Aircraftman, Royal Air Force.
Herbert William John Gillard . 20.	Driver. Royal Army Service Corps.
Mary Anne Guy . 65.*	Civilian Air Raid Casualty.
William Terry Winter Guy . 36.	Able Seaman, HMS <i>Acasta</i> .
Robert Hart . 26.	Lieutenant, Hampshire Regiment.
Leonard Rowland George Harris . 24.	Able Seaman, HM Submarine <i>Thames</i> .
Leonard Hill . 42.**	Leading Steward, HMS <i>Victory II</i> .
Harry Frank Huggett . 22.	Private, Essex Regiment.
Kenneth Walter Ierston . 18.	Ordinary Seaman, HMS <i>Hood</i> .
William Ernest Irwin . 22.	Electrical Artificer, HMS <i>Janus</i> .
Franciszek Jankowski . 32.*	Sergeant, Polish Resettlement Corps.
Claude Albert Jones . 33.	Gunner, Royal Artillery.
Frederick Lawrance Kidd . 24.	Pilot Officer, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Charles Ivor John Knight . 23. Linda Perry Koggell . 72.*	Gunner, Royal Artillery. Civilian Air Raid Casualty.
Cyril Bennett Lebbon . 43. Florence May Luff .*	Lance Corporal, Royal Engineers. Civilian Air Raid Casualty.
William Henry George Marchment . 56.* John Edward Cook Merrifield . 40.**	Chief Joiner, HMS <i>Victory</i> . Sergeant, Royal Artillery.
Charles Henry Offer . 20.	Able Seaman, HMS <i>Royal Oak</i> .
Karl Poldmaa . Leslie Pearce . 22. Horace William George Rennison . 31.	European Volunteer Worker. Gunner, Royal Artillery. Sergeant (Navigator), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Ethel Ripley . 53.* John Robinson . 33.*** Eric Robson .* Herbert John Rogers . 50.*	Civilian Air Raid Casualty. Ordnance Artificer, HMS <i>Express</i> . Leading Motor Mechanic, HMS <i>Bridge</i> . Petty Officer, HMS <i>Iron Duke</i> .
Colin Rowland Shepherd . 20. Sidney Henry Arthur Smith . 30. Arthur Robert Stagg .	Trooper, 1st Lothian and Border Horse. Lance Corporal, Hampshire Regiment. Sub. Lieutenant, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.
John Edward Stephen . 24.**	Warrant Officer (Pilot), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Herbert George Stillwell . 26.	Gunner, Royal Artillery.
Ernest Harry Tanner . Violet Todd . 52.* Norman Travis . 24. Harold George Turner . 24.	Leading Stoker, HMS <i>Fiji</i> . Civilian Air Raid Casualty. Gunner, Royal Artillery. Seaman, HMS <i>Kingston Ceylonite</i> .
Charles William Webber . 29. Norman Peter Wiggins . 19. Elizabeth Ann Wills . 44.* Herbert John Wills . 47.* John Philip Wilkins . 21.	Driver, Royal Army Service Corps. Private, Hampshire Regiment. Civilian Air Raid Casualty. Civilian Air Raid Casualty. Flight Sergeant, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Gilbert McCartney Wilkins . 43.	Lieutenant Colonel, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Henry George Crease Wishart . 23. William Edward Wood .	Leading Seaman, HMS <i>Exmouth</i> . Leading Steward, HMS <i>Javelin</i> .

* Havant Cemetery. ** Warblington Cemetery. ***St. Thomas' Churchyard.

Remember All of Those who have Laid Down their Lives in the Cause of
Justice, Freedom and Peace in the World.

For the Fallen

By Laurence Binyon

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up to immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables at home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

Why the Poppy?

Poppy seeds can lay dormant for many years and they will only germinate and grow when the ground is disturbed. Therefore for them, at least, the conditions in 1914 were ideal with the ground constantly being turned over as the result of all the shelling, bombing and trench digging and when the warm weather came they grew and flowered in abundance.

On May 3, 1915, an exhausted Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, was doing all he could for the wounded and dying on the battlefields of Flanders. The unimaginable carnage he witnessed at the front is captured in the moving words of a poem he wrote that day.



John McCrae



Poppies on the Somme

In Flanders Fields (We Shall not Sleep)

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

On November 9, 1918 two days before the Armistice was declared an American lady, Miss Moina Belle Michael, while working at a conference in New York, read John McCrae's poem and was inspired to write her poem, 'We Shall Keep the Faith' as a reply.



Moina Michael

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Artificial poppies

We Shall Keep the Faith

Oh! You who sleep in Flanders Fields
Sleep sweet – to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.

We cherish too, the poppy red
That grows in fields where valour led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear with honour of our dead
Fear not that you have died for naught
We'll teach the lesson that ye have wrought
In Flanders Fields.

After writing this she went out and bought 24 silk poppies, put one on her lapel, and gave the rest to delegates at the conference. At the same time she made a personal pledge to 'Keep the Faith' and vowed always to wear a red poppy of Flanders fields as a sign of remembrance. This started her long campaign to get the red poppy recognised nationally and eventually on September 29, 1920 the National American Legion agreed to accept it as the United States national emblem of remembrance.

France also adopted the poppy and in 1921 Madame Anna Guérin visited and persuaded Field Marshal Earl Douglas Haig, the founder and president of the British Legion, to adopt the red poppy also as the emblem of remembrance for the legion.

The red poppy was launched during the run up to November 11, 1921 and since that time it has been sold by the Royal British Legion to raise funds in support of their charitable works. All poppies are made by disabled ex-service personnel at the Poppy Factories in Richmond and Edinburgh.

The Story of the Unknown Warrior

The Reverend David Railton, a chaplain at The Front, is believed to have had the idea of honouring the unidentified dead of the Great War. In 1916 he noticed a grave in the garden in Armentieres which had a rough cross bearing the words "An Unknown British Soldier." After the war, in 1920, he suggested that Britain honour its unknown war dead officially.

Between four and six bodies were exhumed from the main British battle area in France. The remains were covered with a Union Jack and left overnight in a chapel at St. Pol. Brigadier-General L J Wyatt, who was the commander of British troops in France and Flanders, then selected one. Placed in a coffin made of oak from Hampton Court, the body was transported to Dover on the destroyer HMS Verdun.

On the morning of November 11, 1920, the second anniversary of Armistice Day, the Unknown Warrior was drawn on a gun carriage in procession to the Cenotaph where King George V placed a wreath on the coffin. At 11am the nation observed the Two Minute Silence and then the body was taken to Westminster Abbey and buried at the west end of the nave.

The tomb contains soil from France and is covered by a slab of Belgian marble on which is inscribed these words from 2 Chronicles 24:16:

'They buried him among the kings because he had done good toward God and toward His house'.

Within the first week 1,250,000 people filed past the 'Unknown Warrior' to pay their respects to all of the unidentified war dead. It is now one of the most visited war graves in the world and is the only part of the Abbey floor that is not walked on.

The Royal British Legion

The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior



Beneath this stone rests the body of a British Warrior unknown by name or rank brought from France to lie among the most illustrious of the land and buried here on Armistice Day 11 Nov: 1920, in the presence of His Majesty King George V his Ministers of State and Chiefs of his Forces and a vast concourse of the nation.

Thus are commemorated the many multitudes who during the Great War of 1914 - 1918 gave the most that man can give life itself for God for King and Country for loved ones at home and Empire for the sacred cause of Justice and the Freedom of the World.

They buried him among the Kings because he had done good toward God and toward His house.

Around the main inscription are four texts:

The Lord knoweth them that are His.

Greater love hath no man than this.

Unknown a known, dying and behold we live.

In Christ shall all be made alive.

The Cenotaph in Whitehall, London



The Cenotaph, which literally means Empty Tomb in Greek, was initially a wood and plaster construction intended as a small part of the Peace Day events of July 1919. At its unveiling the base of the monument was spontaneously covered in wreaths to the dead and missing from the Great War.

Such was the extent of public enthusiasm for the construction it was decided that the Cenotaph should become a permanent and lasting memorial. At the request of the then Prime Minister, Lloyd George, the present day Cenotaph was designed by Edwin Lutyens and built in Portland stone.

It carries the simple inscription 'The Glorious Dead' and was unveiled by King George V on November 11, 1920.



Wreaths Laid at the Unveiling and Dedication of the Memorial Cross,
Saturday September 30th, 1922.

One of a series of booklets considering aspects of local history in the
Borough of Havant

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