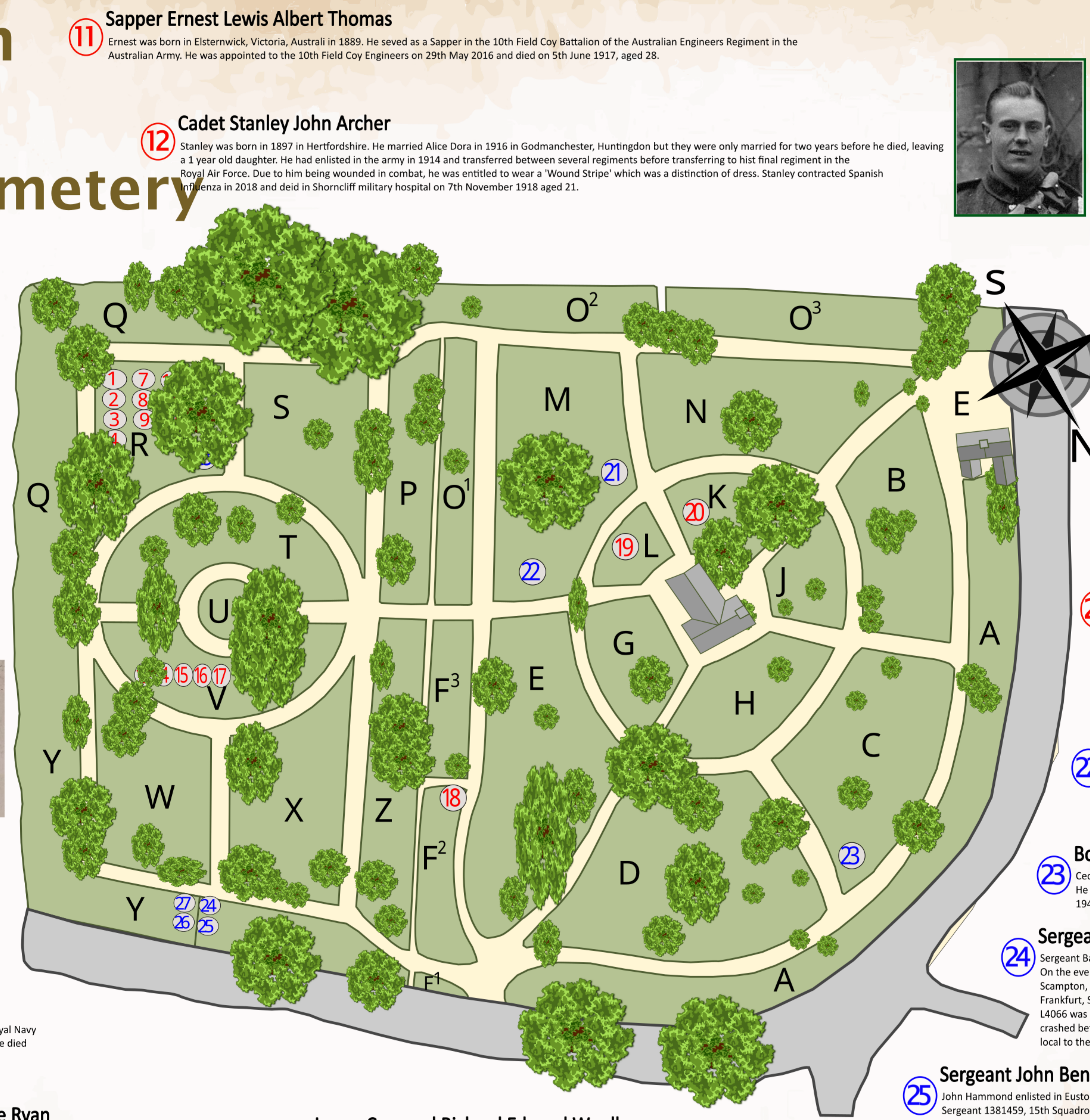


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Take a walk around the Victorian Priory Road Cemetery to discover the stories of the World War 1 and World War 2 Soldiers that have their final resting place in the cemetery.



11 Sapper Ernest Lewis Albert Thomas
Ernest was born in Elsterwick, Victoria, Australia in 1889. He served as a Sapper in the 10th Field Coy Battalion of the Australian Engineers Regiment in the Australian Army. He was appointed to the 10th Field Coy Engineers on 29th May 1916 and died on 5th June 1917, aged 28.

12 Cadet Stanley John Archer
Stanley was born in 1897 in Hertfordshire. He married Alice Dora in 1916 in Godmanchester, Huntingdon but they were only married for two years before he died, leaving a 1 year old daughter. He had enlisted in the army in 1914 and transferred between several regiments before transferring to his final regiment in the Royal Air Force. Due to him being wounded in combat, he was entitled to wear a 'Wound Stripe' which was a distinction of dress. Stanley contracted Spanish influenza in 1918 and died in Shorncliffe military hospital on 7th November 1918 aged 21.



17 Gunner (Signaller) P.T. Ray
Gunner P.T. Ray was born in 1898 to John and Charlotte Ray of Huntingdon. He served in the "C" Battery Division of the 270th Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery. He died on 23rd September 1919. Aged 21.

18 Trooper Eric Dilley
Eric was a Trooper in the 10th Australian Light Horse regiment, recruited in Western Australia during the First World War. The regiment was raised in October 1914, when it was apparent that Western Australia could provide more than a single squadron of mounted soldiers. The regiment joined the 3rd Light Horse brigade in Egypt and served dismounted at Gallipoli and it's most famous actions were the charge at the Nek on 7 August 1915 and Hill 60 on 29-30 August.

Eric was discharged from the Light Horse regiment after 4 years and 362 days service on 17th October 1919 due to being medically unfit. He died on the 6th April 1921, aged 30, as a result of illness contracted whilst on active service in the Great War.

19 Lieutenant Harold Agnew Reaney
Harold Reaney was born in Huntingdon in 1881. He followed his father into banking and became known as a singer as well as an athlete, playing for the local hockey team.

When war broke out he initially served as a Private in the 19th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers. He was in France from November 1915 until March 1916. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the 7th Bedfordshire Regiment and on the 17th September 1916 (Sunday) Second Lieutenant H.A.Reaney joined the battalion for duty in the Battle of the Somme. The Colonel of the battalion in describing their actions during the Somme wrote "During the period mentioned in this diary the Battalion went into action on two occasions. The morale of the Battalion was extremely high. The men fought with determination and skill, gained all their allotted objectives and received the highest praise from their Brigadier, Divisional Commander, Corps Commander, Army Commander and were especially congratulated by the General Officer Commanding, Sir Douglas Haig". Harold was recommended for the Distinguished Service Order. In time he was instead awarded the Military Cross, the citation for which reads: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. Although wounded successively three separate times he continued to lead his platoon until he fell from sheer exhaustion".

Harold married Hilda Eileen Inglis on the 30th January 1918 at the Parish Church of St Thomas in Portman Square, London, setting up home in Edith Road, Kington. Unfortunately, on the 27th July 1918 whilst waiting for a train at the Elephant and Castle tube station, London, Harold fell from the platform and was killed by an approaching train at the age of 37.

20 Private Arthur Leslie Skinner
Arthur Skinner was born in Huntingdon in 1885 to Frank and Florence Skinner, of Dalmeny House, Anson Road, Holloway, London. He was a Private in the Honourable Artillery Company. He died on 31st August 1916, aged 21.

21 Gunner Robert John Dawson
Robert Dawson was born in Kent in 1921 to Algernon Gery Dawson and Celia Dawson, of Huntingdon. He was a Gunner in the Royal Artillery during the Second World War. He died on 8 August 1942, aged 21.

22 Staff Sergeant William Charles Bavage
William Bavage in 1879 was born to William and Florence Bavage of Huntingdon. He was married to Beryl Bavage of Huntingdon and they had a daughter, Greta. William served in the British Army in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He died on 20th November 1945, aged 33.

23 Bombardier Cecil Herbert Ashley
Cecil Ashley was born to Bert and Mabel Ashley in Huntingdon. He married Marjorie Mary Alice Ashley, of Godmanchester in 1937. He served with the 372nd Battery, 119th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery Division of the British Army and died on 21st May 1943.

24 Sergeant Basil Kinton
Sergeant Basil Kinton enlisted as a civilian into the Royal Air Force and subsequently became a Sergeant and served with the 83 Squadron. On the evening of July 7th 1940, Basil was a member of crew on board aircraft L4066 a Handley Page Hampden Mk1. Airborne from RAF Scampton, Lincolnshire, a force of 18 Hampdens, 12 Whitleys and 12 Wellingtons were tasked with raids over Germany. The targets were Frankfurt, Soest, Duisberg and Dortmund-Ems. L4066 was assigned to bomb Frankfurt, with Dortmund as the secondary target. On the outbound leg from RAF Scampton, Hampden L4066 crashed between Great Holland and Frinton-on-Sea. All four crew on board were killed. Their bodies were recovered and buried in cemeteries local to their families.

25 Sergeant John Bentley Hammond
John Hammond enlisted in Euston, joining after August 1940 and was appointed as a Class F Reservist Militia Sergeant 1381459, 15th Squadron of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve based at RAF Wyton in Cambridgeshire. He was killed in action on 12th August 1942 when his Stirling I plane crashed in Brettenham when Attempting to Land At RAF Wattisham following combat damage from Ju88s during a raid on Mainz. Only 1 of the Crew Survived.

26 Sergeant Franklin Thomas Sabourin
Franklin Sabourin was born to Mr and Mrs James Sabourin. He was an air gunner who went back into action after being wounded in May. Franklin went overseas in March after graduating from Jarvis Bombing Gunnery School and served as a Sergeant in the 83rd Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force. He died on 7th November 1942.



27 Driver Joseph Alfred Snairs
Joseph Snairs was born in 1923 to Herman Frederick and Rose Agnes Snairs of Huntingdon. He was a Driver in the Royal Army Service Corps and died at the age of 20 on 17th December 1943.

28 Pilot Officer Trevor Anthony Peeler
Trevor Peeler was born to Philip Herbert and Ruby Peeler of West Wimbledon, Surrey in 1914. He was a member of the 90th Squadron of the Royal Air Force and he had only served as a Pilot Officer for a period of 10 days, when on the 16th October 1939, he took off in aircraft L4876, Bristol Blenheim Mk IV on a training exercise from RAF Upwood, Huntingdonshire. The aircraft crashed on take off killing Pilot Officer Peeler and injuring his crew member Sargeant Douglas.

1 Lance Corporal Ernest Mallett
Born in Huntingdon in 1883. The youngest of 12 children, Ernest married Hilda and worked as a Railway Drayman before becoming a Lance Corporal in the 5th Dragoon Guards (Princess Charlotte of Wales's). He died of the wounds sustained in the First World War on 16th June 1915.



2 Farrier Quartermaster Sergeant William Fraser
Born in Creich, Sutherland in 1870, William served in the British Army in the Lovat Scouts Yeomanry. He died in active service on 24th August 1914, aged 44.

3 Private Ernest Edward Howes
Ernest was born in 1883 in Huntingdon and was a Private in the British Army, Huntingdon Cyclist 3rd/1st Battalion and served in World War 1. He died in active service on 11th April 1915.

4 Lieutenant John Harry Caudell
Born in St Pancras, London in 1897, John served as a pilot in the military unit of the 211 Training Depot Station of the RAF in WW1. His aircraft spun whilst turning into the aerodrome on 1st July 1918 and he died of his injuries.

5 Able Seaman Frederick Charles Rowe
Frederick was born in 1883 and served on many ships during his time in the Royal Navy including HMS Northampton, Cleopatra, Victory, Vernon Glory and Excellent. He died whilst serving on HMS Excellent on 17th July 1918.

6 Flight Cadet Henry Herbert Wade Ryan
Born in 1894, Leytonstone, London, Henry enlisted in the Air Force in 1917. He graduated flying school to become a pilot on 23rd August 1918 but died 5 days later at the age of 25 when his aircraft entered a flat turn at 500ft, nose-dived into the ground and caught fire near Huntingdon.

7 Private Reginald George Atkins
Reginald was born in Coventry on 2nd July 1893. By 1911, Reginald was living in Huntingdon. He was a Private in the 5th Battalion of the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment of the British Army). He was accidentally killed on 23rd July 1916 at the age of 23.

8 Driver John Harrow
John Harrow was the youngest WW1 soldier to be buried in the cemetery. He was only 18 years old when he was accidentally killed in Huntingdon. He was born in Naim in the Scottish Highlands and served in the Royal Field Artillery Regiment of the British Army in the Highland Mountain Battalion. He died on 24th May in Huntingdon.



9 Private William Woodbine
Born on 14th September 1884, William Woodbine served in the 10th Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment. He was married to Emily and they had 4 children. He died on 24th April 1916 of his wounds, aged 29.

10 Private George Richard Angell
George Angell was born in 1877 in Cowes on the Isle of Wight. He enlisted in the Army on the Isle of Wight and was a Private in the Clothing Salvage Depot of the Army Ordnance Corps. He died on 21st October, aged 39.

13 Lance Corporal Richard Edward Woolley
Richard was born in 1896 to Elizabeth and Richard Woolley of Angsey. He served as a Lance Corporal in the Depot Battalion of the Princess Charlotte of Wales', Royal Berkshire Regiment of the British Army. He died on 1st April 1917 aged 21.

14 Second Lieutenant Peter Henry Oldridge
Born on 26th January 1898 in Liverpool, Peter served in the Royal Flying Corps during WW1. He was killed at the age of 19 in an aircraft crash on 26th January 1918. The crash occurred when the Sopwith F1 Camel he was flying experienced a side slip during a steep turn just after take-off.

15 Second Lieutenant James Athol Gordon Duncan
James was born to Rev. James and Isabella Uncan of Angus, Forfarshire. He was a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps. He was killed whilst flying when his aircraft got into a spin and failed to recover on 15th February whilst flying a Royal Aircraft Factory B.E.2. He was 19..

16 Second Lieutenant Kenneth Wastell
Kenneth Wastell was a member of the Royal Flying Corps, 5th Training Squadron. He crashed into the steeple of the St Ives All Saints Parish Church after getting lost in the fog. He was killed instantly.