

Harpley Men who died in the Second World War

Harold Frederick Arter d March 11, 1940 age 36
Sergeant, 259 Battery, 65 (The Norfolk Yeomanry) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery
Son of George William and Martha Arter; husband of Ethel Marjorie Arter, of King's Lynn.
Younger brother of Herbert who died in WWI (25 Aug 1916) age 22 when Harold was 12
Buried: Blargies Communal Cemetery Extension, Picardie, France

Arthur Charles Dolman, d June 18, 1944 age 25
Lance Sergeant, 220 Battery, 55 (The Suffolk Yeomanry) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery.
Son of John William and Mary Jane Dolman, of Harpley, Norfolk.
Buried: Hottot-les-Bagues War Cemetery, Basse-Normandie, France



Arthur Hammond, Royal Artillery

Ivor Eugene Lauchlin, Royal Air Force

Charles Edward Rasberry, 2nd Bn., Royal Norfolk Regiment

Reginald Charles Stringer, d May 4, 1944,
Private, 2nd Battalion, Royal Norfolk Regiment

Buried: Kohima War Cemetery, India

Information has been found on the internet and added to that given on the war memorial to give the details above; it is hoped that it is correct. If you have any corrections or further details that we can add to this record please let us know (Tel: 01485 521 866)

Harpley Men who died in the 2nd World War

Harold Frederick Arter,

Royal Artillery

Born:

Family: Son of George William & Martha Arter of Harpley;
Husband of Ethel Marjorie Arter of King's Lynn.

Younger brother of Herbert who died in WWI (25 Aug 1916) age 22 when Harold was 12

Service No:

Rank: Serjeant, 259 Bty, 65 (The Norfolk Yeomanry) Anti-Tank Regt., RA

Died: March 11th, 1940 Age 36

Buried: Blargies Communal Cemetery Extension, Picardie, France
Plot 6, Row A, Grave 2

Blargies is a village and commune in the Department of the Oise.

Blargies became in 1916 an important centre of British and native labour attached to the dumps and depots at Abancourt; and in the same year it was found necessary to open an Extension of the Communal Cemetery for the burial of men who died in the hospitals of the Camp. The Extension was used until 1920.

There are now nearly 250 World War I and a small number of World War II casualties (I found 3 RJM) commemorated in this site.

The Extension covers an area of 1,998 square metres and is enclosed by a rubble wall on three sides.

Arthur Charles Dolman 220 Battery, Royal Artillery

Born:

Family: Son of John William & Mary Jane Dolman of Harpley

Service No: 1679410

Rank: Lance Serjeant, 220 Bty, 55 (the Suffolk Yeomanry), Anti-Tank Regt.,
RA

Died: June 18th, 1944 Age 25

Buried: Hottot-les-Bagues War Cemetery,
Hottot-les-Bagues, Dept du Calvados, Basse- Normandie, France

Plot IV E 9







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Arthur Albert Hammond,

Royal Artillery

Born:

Family: Son of Arthur & Sarah Hammond of Harpley

Service No: 1679410

Rank: Gunner 49 Bty, 48 Light Anti-Aircraft Regt., RA

Died: Saturday, 21st April, 1945 Age 42

Buried: Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia

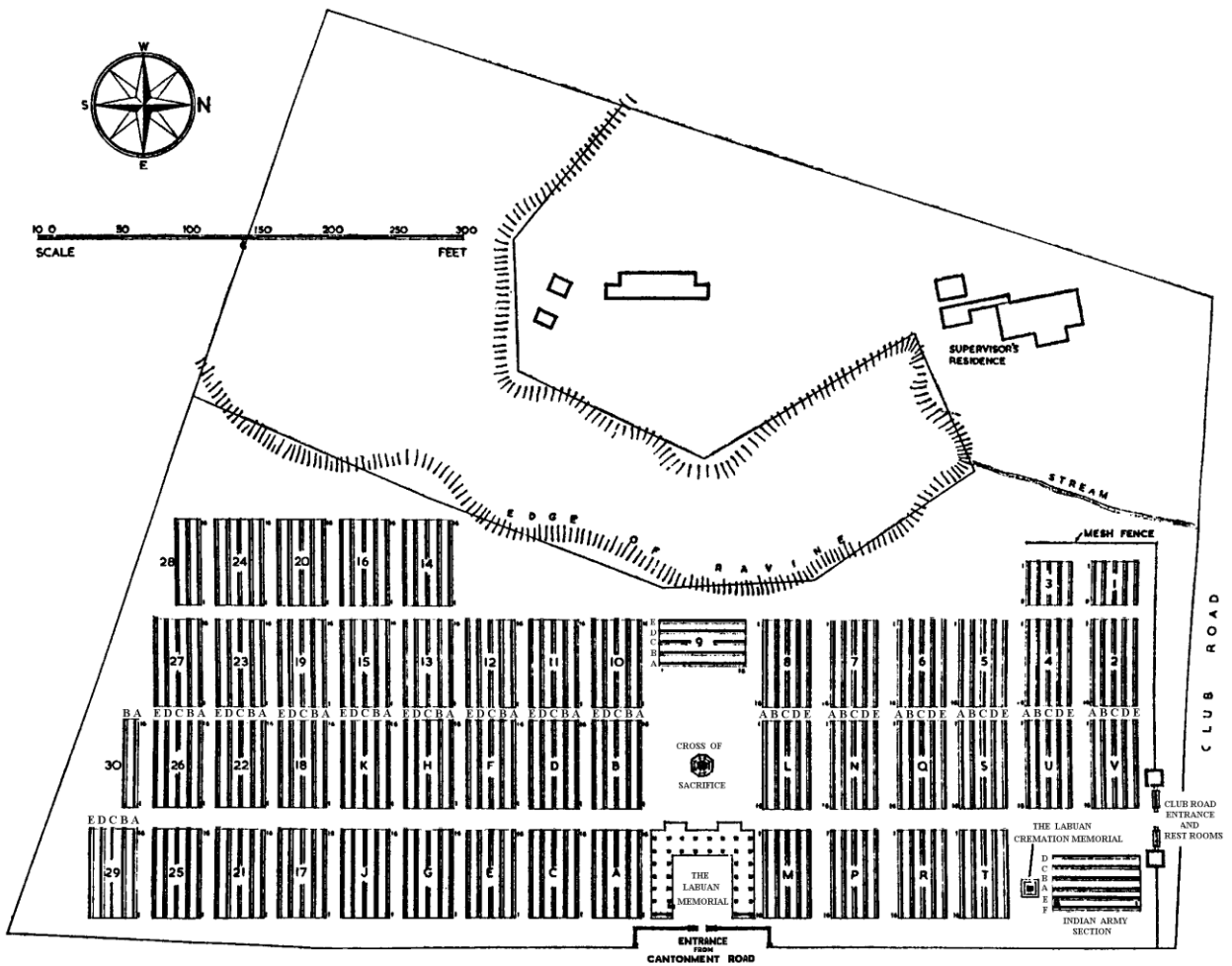
Labuan (part of Sabah, Malaysia) is a small island in Brunei Bay, off the coast of north-west Borneo. The island is best reached by air from Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian capital, from where there are daily flights. Within the Cemetery are the Labuan Memorial and the Labuan Cremation Memorial.

The cemetery was constructed after the war; casualties from Battlefield Burial Grounds and from scattered graves throughout Borneo were transferred there. North Borneo was the first of the British possessions in the Pacific to fall to the Japanese in 1942

After the fall of Singapore several thousand British and Australian Prisoners of War were sent to camps in Borneo

As Gunner Hammond died in 1945 it seems likely that he was a prisoner of war ???

In 1945 Borneo was freed from the Japanese by Australian forces. The Commander of the 9th Division, Australian Imperial Force, received the unconditional surrender of the 32nd Japanese Southern Army in North Borneo and Sarawak on a spot in the north of Labuan island, which is now marked by a plaque recording the fact. The recovery of Borneo virtually completed the tactical control of the South Pacific.



LABUAN WAR CEMETERY - LABUAN ISLAND

Ivor Eugene Lauchlin,

Royal Air Force

Reginald Charles Stringer

Born:

Family: Son of Charles Edward & Sarah Ann Stringer of East Rudham, Norfolk

Service No: 5773997

Rank: Private 2nd Battalion, The Royal Norfolk Regt..

Died: May 4th, 1944 Age 26

Buried: Kohima War Cemetery, India

Plot 2, C 14

Inscription Royal Norfolk Regiment

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR SON REGINALD.
PEACE, PERFECT PEACE

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History Information KOHIMA

The Japanese advance into India was halted at Kohima in April 1944 and Garrison Hill, a long wooded spur on a high ridge west of the village, was the scene of perhaps the most bitter fighting of the whole Burma campaign when a small Commonwealth force held out against repeated attacks by a Japanese Division. The fiercest hand to hand fighting took place in the garden of the Deputy Commissioner's bungalow, around the tennis court, but the heaviest casualties on both sides occurred after relieving forces reached the Garrison and the Japanese were driven off the ridge, so re-opening the road to Imphal. KOHIMA WAR CEMETERY lies on the battle ground of Garrison Hill. No trace remains of the bungalow, which was destroyed in the fighting, but white concrete lines mark and preserve permanently the historic tennis court. The cemetery now contains 1,420 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War and 1 non-war burial. At the highest point in the cemetery stands the KOHIMA CREMATION MEMORIAL commemorating 917 Hindu and Sikh soldiers whose remains were cremated in accordance with their faith. At the lower end of the cemetery, near the entrance, is a memorial to the 2nd Division. It bears the inscription;- "When you go home Tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, We gave our today." The cemetery also contains a memorial to the 2nd Battalion, the Dorsetshire Regiment and a number of other regimental memorials have been erected on and near Garrison Hill. The cemetery was designed by Colin St. Claire Oakes.

Arthur James Duncombe

Rank: 'Serjeant' Service No: 3854592
Died: 18th January 1942 Age: 34
Regiment/Service: The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire) 1st Bn.

Additional Information:
Son of Arthur and Lily Duncombe;
Husband of Beatrice Duncombe, of Great Barr, Birmingham.



Circumstances of death unknown;
Buried in Saint Lawrence's churchyard

