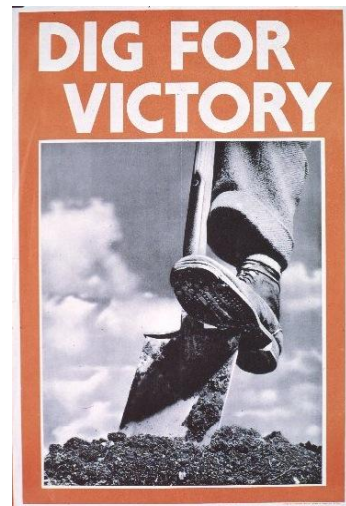


St. John's Second World War Dead

~ Names in the same order as on the plaque~



MALVERN URRAY DISTRICT COUNCIL

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

Gas Masks, when available, will be promptly distributed. In the meantime arrangements have been made for the residents of Malvern to be measured for their Gas Masks in the following places, viz.:

- Priory Gymnasium, Great Malvern
- Women's Institute, Bank Street, Malvern
- Church School, Hampden Road, Malvern Link
- Christ Church Memorial Hall, Barnards Green
- Wyche Institute, Lower Wyche
- Wells Institute, Malvern Wells
- West Malvern Institute, West Malvern

Persons are requested to attend at the Depot nearest their own homes, and it would be of great assistance if whole families would attend together.

The Depots will be open on the following days, viz.:

- FRIDAY, 30th September, from 6 to 9 p.m.
- SATURDAY, 1st October, from 2 to 8 p.m.
- SUNDAY, 2nd October, from 2 to 8 p.m.

GAS MASKS, when available, will be distributed from the same Depot at which persons are measured.

J. BULMAN,
Clerk of the Council

Council House,
Malvern,
23rd September, 1938

CAN R.A.F. SMASH GERMAN THRUST IN BALKANS ?

No. 72
THE WAR 3D WEEKLY
Incorporating WAR PICTORIAL

The cover of 'THE WAR' magazine features a dramatic black and white illustration of a submarine on the surface of the sea, firing a large shell towards a group of enemy ships. The scene is set at night or in low light, with smoke and fire visible. The magazine title 'THE WAR' is in large, bold, white letters, with '3D WEEKLY' and 'Incorporating WAR PICTORIAL' in smaller text below it. The top headline asks 'CAN R.A.F. SMASH GERMAN THRUST IN BALKANS ?' and the bottom headline reads 'EIGHT ENEMY CONVOY SHIPS SUNK BY OUR SUBMARINES'. A small paragraph of text is at the very bottom.

St. John's Second World War Dead

Ernest Walter Chidlow

Birth Place: Whitchurch - 1920

Date of Death: 9th June 1940 – Norwegian Sea

Type of Casualty: Missing presumed killed

Rank: Able Seaman – Royal Navy

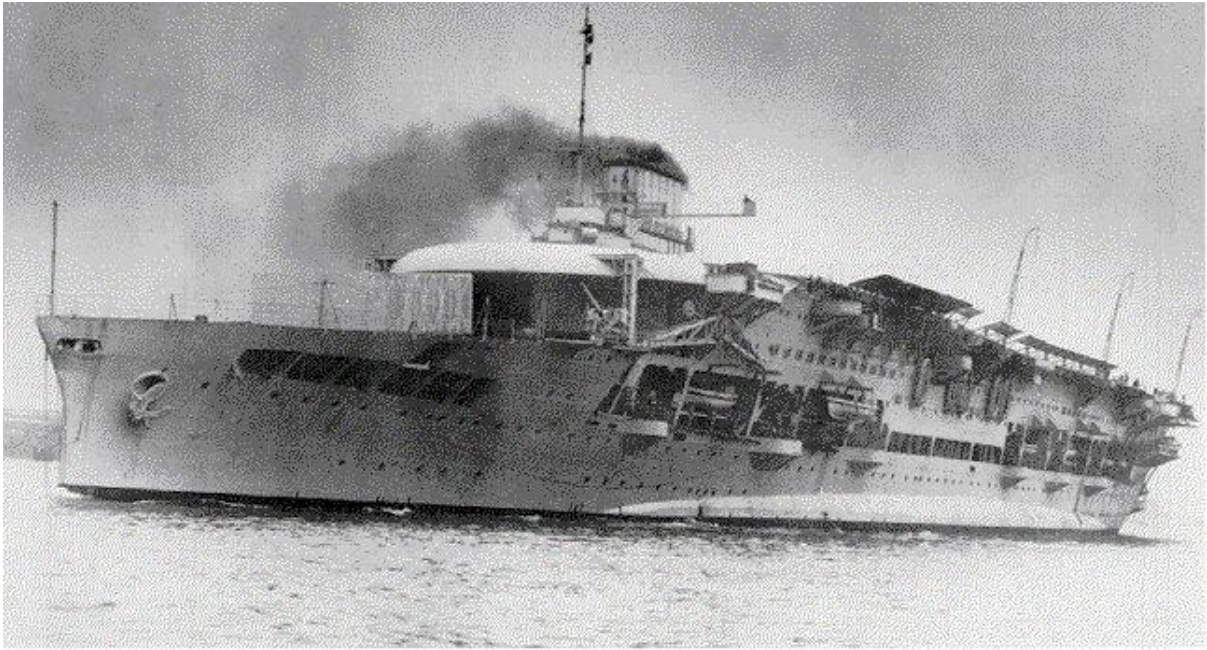
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Walter was the son of John Chidlow (1895-1963) and Lillie Jane Wilkinson (1888-1961) of Whitchurch. John was a Methodist Local Preacher.

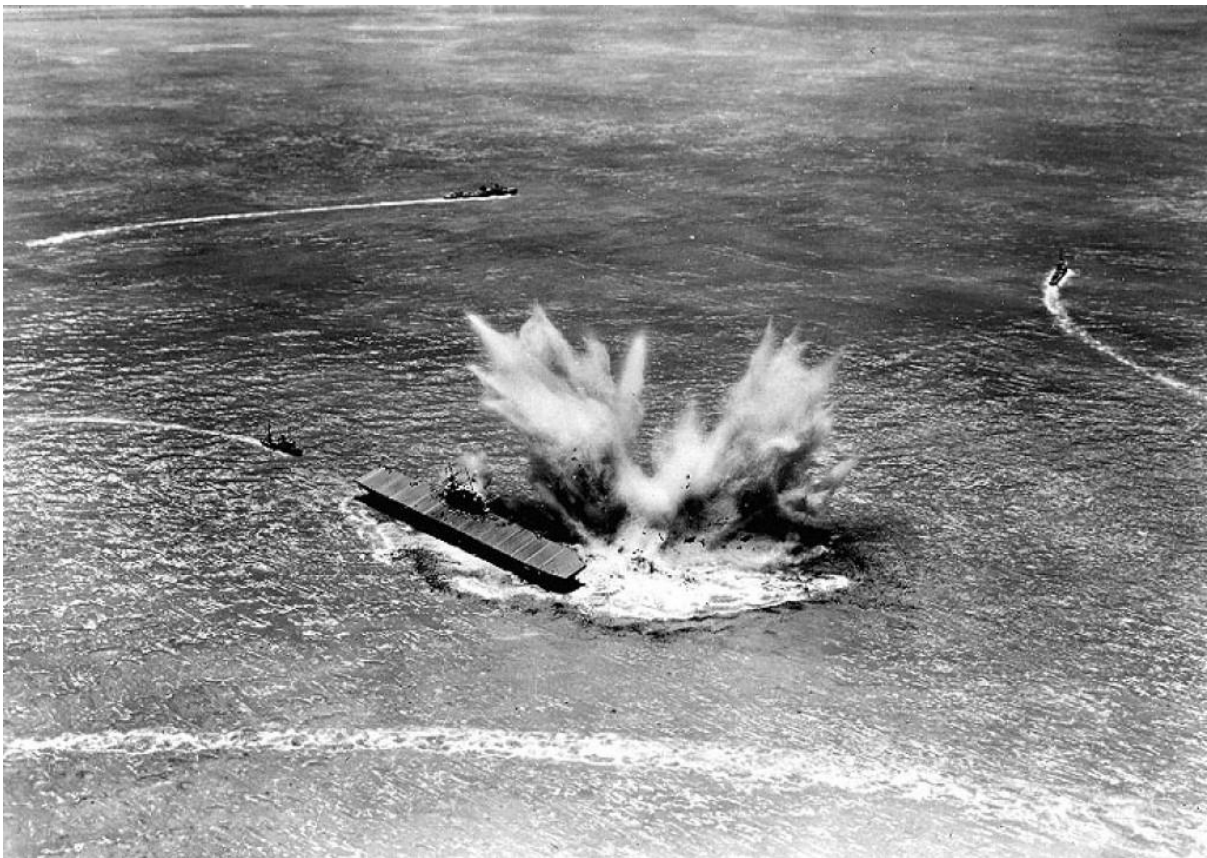
While evacuating British aircraft from Norway in June, Walter's ship, the aircraft carrier HMS Glorious, was sunk by the German battlecruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisau in the North Sea with the loss of over 1,200 lives and only 43 survivors. The Bletchley Park codebreakers' warning was ignored as it was so early in their operation and not felt to be proven. HMS Glorious was lost along with HMS Ardent and HMS Acasta.

Ernest Walter was brother to Millie, Muriel, Olive J, Thomas E, John Peter and Beatrice. John (Jack) Peter Chidlow (1919-97) and his wife Kate (*née* Wilkins 1919-89) were members of St. John's for many years, and his grand-daughter (Walter's great niece) Lucy Chidlow is a member of the church (2014). Ernest was not a direct relative of Robert William Alfred Chidlow, who is also remembered on the Whitchurch War Memorial.

Resting Place: Remembered on Panel 37 - Column 2 of the Plymouth Naval Memorial and on the Whitchurch War Memorial.



HMS Glorious



HMS Glorious under attack 9th June 1940 (taken from a Luftwaffe aircraft)



HMS Glorious sinking 9th June 1940



Plymouth Naval Memorial

St. John's Second World War Dead

Harry Davies

It has not been possible so far to be sure of the identity of Harry/Henry/Harold Davies and his connection with St. John's. Harry's name does not appear on the Whitchurch Town War Memorial, and none of the recorded war dead of that name have had a link with Whitchurch found. If anyone has information about Harry Davies, please contact Vic Trigg on 01948664210 or vic@triggfamily.org.uk.

St. John's Second World War Dead

John William George Foreshaw

Birth Place: Whitchurch - 1908

Date of Death: 25th March 1942 – El Alamein, Egypt

Type of Casualty: Killed in action

Rank: Sergeant – Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve – 221 Squadron

Service Number: 940031

John lived at 1 Station Road, Whitchurch, and in 1935 married Gwendolyn Lettice Kitchener Udale (1914-1995) in Whitchurch. No children from this marriage have been identified, and Gwendoline re-married - to Walter E. Johnson in 1944 in Whitchurch. It seems fairly certain that John's parents were painter and decorator William and his wife Jane (*née* Capper), of 26 Park Road (in 1917) and later of 5 Dodington, Whitchurch. It is also reasonably sure that John had a sister Margaret (b. 1909), but the family seem to have been omitted from the 1911 Census, so no firm family tree can be created without a copy of John's birth certificate. The General Register Office's Birth Index did not record the mother's maiden name until about 1913, so not even that is available in the absence of a certificate.

Resting Place: Remembered on Column 261 of the Alamein Memorial (no grave).



Alamein Memorial

St. John's Second World War Dead

Ernest Thomas Mason

Birth Place: Whitchurch - 1922

Date of Death: 17th August 1944

Type of Casualty: Killed in action

Rank: Private – 4th Battalion of King's Shropshire Light Infantry

Service Number: 4041990

Ernest was the Son of James & Sarah Amelia Mason (*née Cape*) of Whitchurch.

Resting Place: Plot IV. D.5 - Tilly-Sur-Seulles War Cemetery, Normandie.



Tilly-Sur-Seulles War Cemetery

St. John's Second World War Dead

Joseph William Leonard Parbutt

Birth Place: Shropshire (From War Record) - 1913

Date of Death: 14th November 1942 – El Alamein, Egypt

Type of Casualty: Killed in action

Rank: Gunner - Royal Artillery

Service Number: 993505

Joseph (Billy) was the brother of Kathleen Parbutt (1911-2008), who was a member of St. John's, and sang for many years in the choir. Their parents were Ernest and Lily Parbutt. Lily inherited the estate of her son Joseph William (Billy) Leonard Parbutt when he was killed. As Billy does not appear in the 1911 Census for the Parbutt family, and his army record gave his age at death as 29, it must be assumed that he was Kath's younger brother – probably born in 1913, but it has not proved possible so far to find an online birth record for Billy – this may be due to a transcription error.

Resting Place: Remembered on Column 36 El Alamein Memorial Cemetery, Egypt, aged 29 (no grave).



El Alamein Memorial Cemetery

**Go through
your wardrobe**

