

**SHEFFIELD LOCAL ASSOCIATION  
OF BOY SCOUTS**

**ROLL OF HONOUR  
OF SHEFFIELD SCOUTS  
WHO DIED IN THE  
SECOND WORLD WAR**

**Ralph Allison - Rover Scout - 167th (King Edward VII)**



Rank: Captain

Service No: 160680

Died: 6th February 1944

Age: 26

Military Unit: Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

Memorial: Taukkyan War Cemetery, Burma

Further Details: Killed in Action in the Middle East

Son of Archibald and Charlotte Helen Allison, of Sheffield

**George Henry Ambler - Rover Scout -  
228th (Langsett Road Methodist)**



Rank: Sub Lieutenant (A)

Service No: 1433457

Died: 29th July 1945

Age: 21

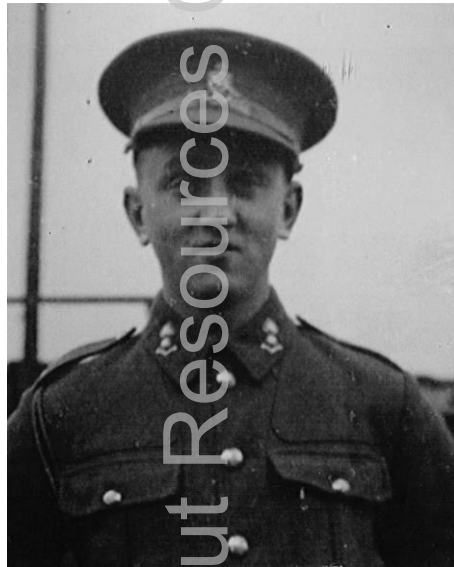
Military Unit: Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Wisewood Cemetery, Sheffield

Further Details: Son of George Henry and Olive Maxwell

Ambler, of Sheffield

**Edgar Norman Armstead - Rover Scout –  
20th (Ecclesall Church)**



Rank: Gunner

Service No: 1433457

Died: 29th April 1941

Age: 21

Military Unit: 37 Battery, 13 Light AA Regiment,  
Royal Artillery

Memorial: Halfaya Sollum War Cemetery, Egypt

Further Details: Son of John and Gertrude Ellen Armstead,  
of Ecclesall, Sheffield

**Peter Armstrong - Rover Scout - 191st (Beauchief)**



Rank: Sub Lieutenant

Died: 25th December 1941

Age: 23

Military Unit: Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, HM MTB 48

Memorial: Fernhurst Burial Ground, Sussex

Further Details: Killed in an accident on board ship

Son of Charles Alan and Gladys Noelle Armstrong, of Fernhurst

**Douglas Alexander Arthur - Rover Scout -  
79th (St Timothy's)**



Rank: Flight Sergeant

Service No: 142552

Died: 20th January 1944

Age: 21

Military Unit: 10 Squadron - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Runnymede Memorial, England

Further Details: Son of John A Arthur, and Edith Arthur,  
of Liversedge, Yorkshire

**Henry (Harry) Biggin - Rover Scout -  
180th (Holy Trinity Millhouses)**



Rank: Sergeant Navigator

Service No: 1430145

Died: 15th June 1943

Age: 20

Military Unit: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Renkum (Oosterbeek) General Cemetery,  
Netherlands

Further Details: Killed in Action over Holland

Son of Harry and Jean Biggin, of Sheffield

**Robert Carter Booth - Rover Scout - 20th (Ecclesall)**



Rank: Flying Officer (Navigator /Bomber)

Service No: 144583

Died: 23rd September 1944

Age: 22

Military Unit: 570 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Arnhem (Oosterbeek) War Cemetery, Netherlands

Further Details: Killed in Air Operations over Holland

Son of Wilfred and Mary L Booth of Sheffield



**Henry Alexander Bowmer - Rover Scout -  
167th (King Edward VII)**



Rank: Sergeant

Service No: 580692

Died: 2nd August 1940

Age: 21

Military Unit: 83 Squadron Royal Air Force

Memorial: Scampton (St John the Baptist Church)

Further Details: Killed in a Flying Accident, Scampton,  
Lincolnshire

Son of Matthew Noel Bowmer and of Winifred Ethel Bowmer  
(nee Lunn), of Liverpool

**Philip Willoughby Browne - Rover Scout -  
167th (King Edward VII)**



Rank: Corporal

Service No: 7598743

Died: 28 October 1943

Age: 23

Military Unit: 4 Ordnance Store Company,

Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Memorial: Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand

Additional information: Son of William Alfred  
and Frances Mary Browne, of Beauchief, Sheffield

**Eric Kenneth Cartledge - Rover Scout - 191st (Beauchief)**



Rank: Sergeant (Wireless Operator)

Service No: 942764

Died: 7th/8th September 1941

Age: 25

Military Unit: 58 Squadron, Royal Air Force

Memorial: Kiel War Cemetery, Germany

**Vernon Chittenden - Rover Scout - 47th (St Mary's Walkley)**



Died: 23rd January 1945

Age: 19

Military Unit: Intelligence Corps

Memorial: Crookes Cemetery, Sheffield

Further Details: Contracted pneumonia and died

**David Colquhoun - Rover Scout - 150th (Wadsley Church)**



Rank: Signaller

Service No: 3248522

Died: 6th June 1944

Age: 25

Military Unit: 6th Airborne Division Signals

Royal Corps of Signals

Memorial: Ranville Churchyard, Normandy, France

Further Details: Son of Thomas and Isabella Gardiner

Colquhoun, of Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire

**Stanley Brian Critchison - Rover Scout - 143rd (St Aidan's)**



Rank: Flying Officer

Service No: 100549

Died: 10th July 1942

Age: 21

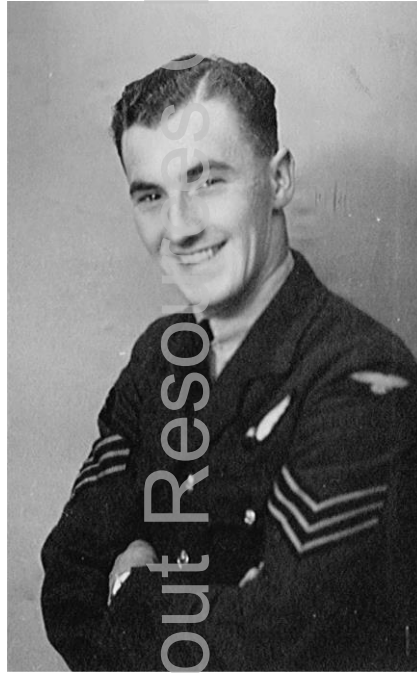
Military Unit: 142 Squadron

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Runnymede Memorial, England

Further Details: Son of Stanley Lascelles Critchison  
and Mary Elizabeth Critchison, of Sheffield

**Reginald Crofts - Rover Scout - 74th (Oak Street)**



Rank: Sergeant (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner)

Service No: 1231276

Died: 9th October 1943

Age: 23

Military Unit: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Rheinberg War Cemetery

Further Details: Killed in Action over Germany

Son of James and Mary Jane Crofts; husband of Mildred  
Millicent Crofts, of Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire

**Vincent Crookes - Rover Scout -  
46th (St Paul's Norton Lees)**



Rank: Sergeant

Service No: 1677821

Died: 18th October 1943

Age: 19

Military Unit: 619 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Runnymede Memorial, England

Further Details: Son of William H and Mable Maud Crookes,  
of Sheffield



**Allan Dawson - Rover Scout - 16th (Westbourne)**



Rank: Leading Aircraftman

Service No: 1765065

Died: 6th September 1944

Age: 21

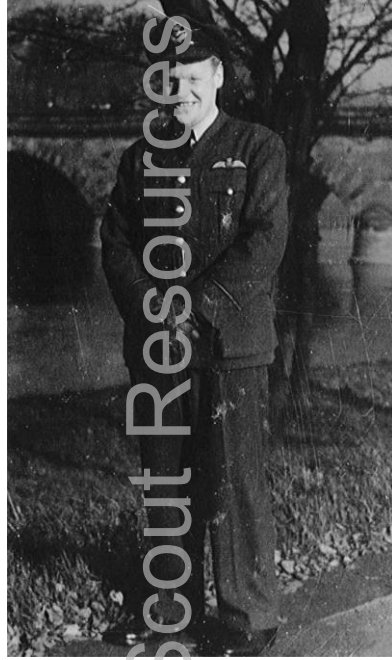
Military Unit: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Madras War Cemetery, Chennai, India

Further Details: Died of Illness in Cochin, India

Son of Frank and Lilian Dawson, of Sheffield

**Harry Oxley Dransfield - Rover Scout -  
218th (Millhouses Methodist)**



Rank: Flying Officer

Service No: 132785

Died: 2nd December 1943

Age: 21

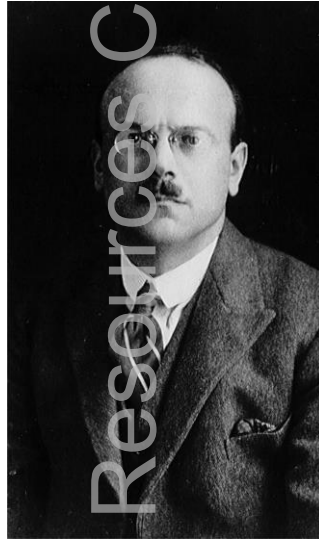
Military Unit: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Sheffield (Abbey Lane) Cemetery

Further Details: Killed on Active Service

Son of Fred and Hilda Mary Dransfield, of Sheffield

**Arnold Edeson - Rover Scout Leader - 16th (Westbourne)**



Rank: Captain

Service No: 102450

Died: 17th November 1939

Age: 53

Military Unit: Intelligence Corps

Memorial: Sheffield (Crookes) Cemetery

Further Details: Died on Active Service

Son of Dawson and Emma Edeson, of Sheffield;

husband of Isabel Edeson, of Sheffield

Also served in the 1914-18 War

**James Ronald Elwis - Rover Scout -  
162nd (Burngreave Methodist)**



Rank: Corporal

Service No: 987209

Died: 27th November 1945

Age: 25

Military Unit: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand

Son of James Rupert Leslie and Lily Elwis, of Sheffield;  
husband of Dorothy Elwis (nee Kershaw), of Sheffield

**Donald Wilkinson Evans - Rover Scout - 143rd (St Aidan's)**



Rank: Sub Lieutenant (A)

Died: 5th May 1943

Age: 20

Military Unit: HMS *Kilele*, Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Tanga European Cemetery, Tanzania

Further Details: Killed in Action off East Africa

Son of Albert and Florence Evans, of Sheffield

**John Michael Fulford - Rover Scout -  
167th (King Edward VII)**



Rank: Sergeant (Pilot)

Service No: 969220

Died: 8th May 1941

Age: 22

Military Unit: 150 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Nantes (Pont-du-Cens) Communal Cemetery, France

Further Details: Son of Horace Frederick and Edith Mary

Fulford, of Dinnington, Yorkshire.

**Austen Malcolm Gascoigne - Rover Scout - 36th (Ranmoor)**

Rank: Leading Seaman

Service No: C/JX 138270

Died: 25th November 1942

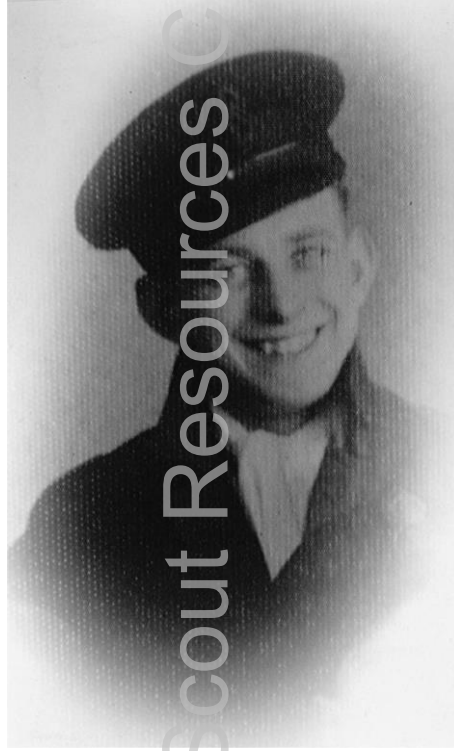
Age: 26

Military Unit: Royal Navy - HM Submarine *Utmost*

Memorial: Chatham Naval Memorial

Additional information: Son of Holland Gascoigne  
and Florence M Gascoigne, of Sheffield

**Ronald Griffin - Rover Scout - 6th (St Luke's)**



Rank: Petty Officer

Service No: 78171

Died: 1941

Military Unit: *HMS Drake*

Memorial: Weston Mill Cemetery, Plymouth

Further Details: Killed by Enemy Action (Plymouth)



**Frank Gordon Hart - Rover - 20th (Ecclesall)**



Rank: Pilot Officer (Pilot)

Service Number: 102970

Died: 8 September 1941

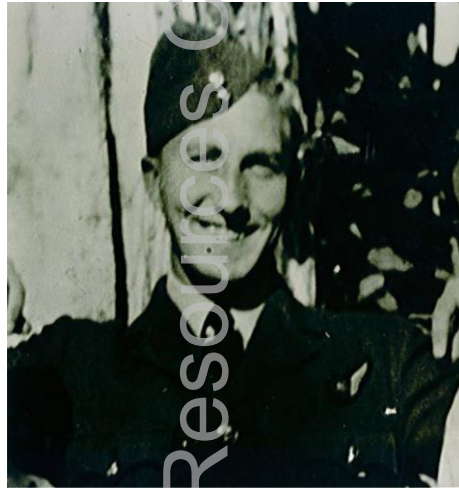
Age: 21

Military Unit: 90 Squadron, Royal Air Force

Memorial: Bygland Churchyard, Norway

Further Details: Son of Frank and Mildred Eleanor Hart  
of Sheffield

**George Walter Hewitt - Rover Scout - 20th (Ecclesall)**



Rank: Sergeant Wireless Operator

Service No: 955034

Died: 4th December 1943

Age: 23

Military Unit: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Gramsbergen General Cemetery, Netherlands

Further Details: Son of Willie and May Hewitt, of Nether Green,  
Sheffield

**Geoffrey Hood - Rover Scout - 20th (Ecclesall)**



Rank: Sergeant

Service No: 1431222

Died: 23rd October 1943

Age: 22

Military Unit: 12 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Rheinberg War Cemetery, Germany

Further Details: Son of Sam and Beatrice E Hood,  
of Sheffield

**Walter Chadwick Jackson - Rover Scout -  
183rd (Hillsborough Congregational)**

Rank: Leading Seaman

Service No: P/JX 278283

Died: 22 October 1943

Age: 37

Military Unit: HMS *Hurworth*, Royal Navy

Memorial: Portsmouth Naval Memorial

Further Details: Son of Smith and Rose Jackson;  
husband of Edna Jackson, of Sheffield

**Arthur Whiteley Jones - Rover Scout - 74th (Oak Street)**



Rank: Sergeant Air Gunner

Service No: 1218575

Died: 24th September 1942

Age: 20

Military Unit: 78 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Runnymede Memorial

Further Details: Son of Whiteley and Kate Emily Jones,  
of Sheffield

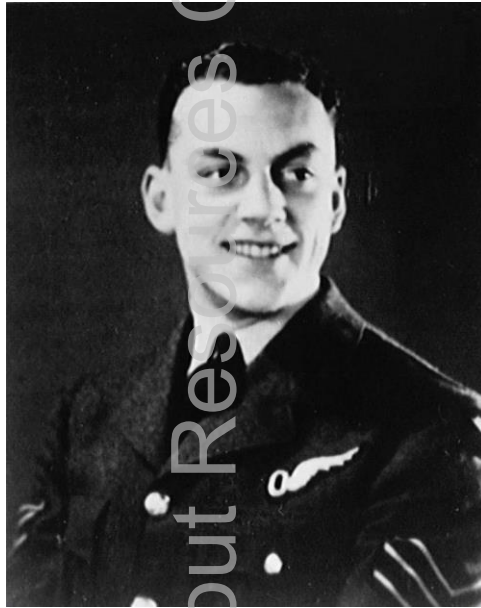
**Jack Lacey - Rover Scout - 79th (St Timothy's)**



Died: 19th May 1944

Further Details: Killed whilst working on Air Ministry Work of  
a Dangerous Character

**Geoffrey Goddard Lee - Rover Scout -  
167th (King Edward VII)**



Rank: Sergeant Observer

Service No: 952170

Died: 30th July 1941

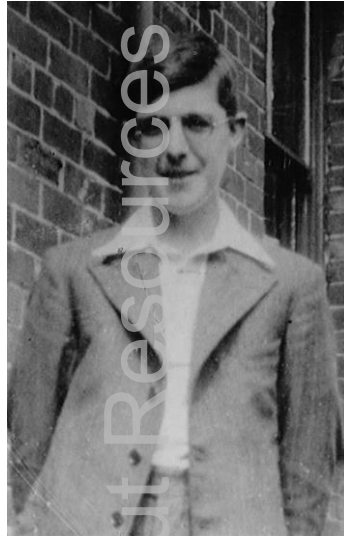
Age: 22

Military Unit: 82 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Esbjerg (Fourfelt) Cemetery, Denmark

Further Details: Son of William Goddard Lee and Lily Lee,  
of Southport, Lancashire

**George William Lee - Rover Scout -  
113th (Burngreave Congregational)**



Rank: Private

Service No: 14677099

Died: 17th June 1944

Age: 18

Military Unit: 6th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry

Memorial: Tilly-sur-Seulles War Cemetery, France

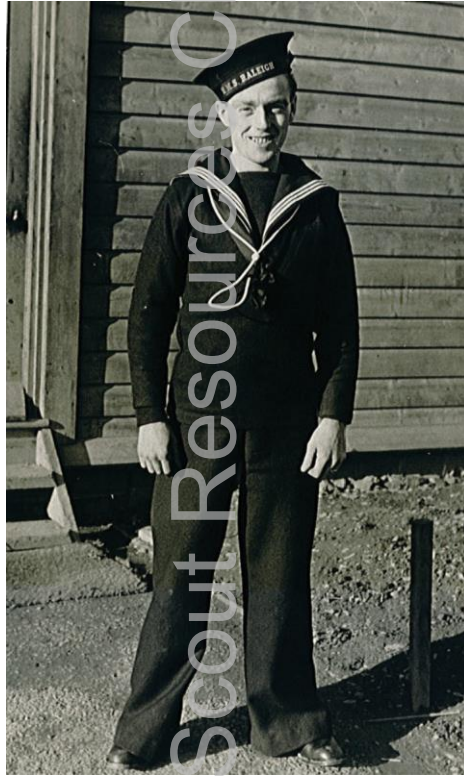
Further Details: Killed in Action in NW Europe

Son of Annie Lee, of Sheffield;

grandson of Alice Lee, of Sheffield



**Joseph Ligden - Rover Scout - 6th (St Luke's)**



Died: 1941

Military Unit: Royal Navy

Further Details: Killed by Enemy Action

(air raid over Liverpool)

**Joseph Nowill Lister - Rover Scout -  
183rd (Hillsborough Congregational)**



Rank: Flight Sergeant

Service No: 628033

Died: 29th/30th June 1941

Age: 21

Military Unit: 40 Squadron Royal Air Force

Memorial: Runnymede Memorial, England

Further Details: Son of Joseph Nowill Lister and Alice Lister,  
of Sheffield

**Robert Anthony Marshall - Rover Scout -  
167th (King Edward VII)**



Rank: Cadet

Died: 30th June 1943

Age: 19

Military Unit: Royal Navy

Memorial: King Edward VII School Roll of Honour

Further Details: Killed in an Accident at Sea

**Neville Craig Middlemass - Rover Scout -  
59th (St Augustine's)**



Rank: Sergeant

Service No: 580461

Died: 12th May 1940

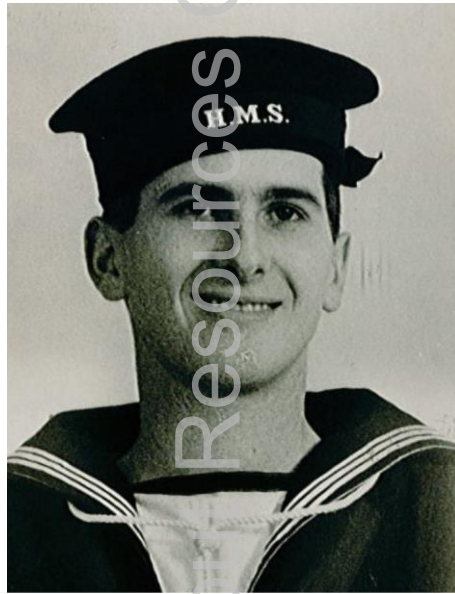
Age: 26

Military Unit: 15 Squadron Royal Air Force

Memorial: Maastricht General Cemetery, Netherlands

Further Details: Son of John and Doris Middlemass, of Sheffield

**Charles Ramon Mirfin - Rover Scout –  
85th (St John's Abbeydale)**



Rank: Able Seaman

Service No: C/JX 300527

Died: 10th November 1942

Age: 20

Military Unit: HMS *Martin* Royal Navy

Memorial: Chatham Naval Memorial, England

Further Details: Killed by Enemy Action off North Africa

Son of Charles Herbert and Eva Mirfin, of Sheffield

**Roy Vivian Nelson - Troop Leader - 146th (Old Norton)**



Rank: Leading Aircraftman

Service No: 1109155

Died: 25th April 1941

Age: 18

Military Unit: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Sheffield (Abbey Lane) Cemetery, England

Further Details: Son of Mr and Mrs William Vivian Nelson and stepson of Mary S C Nelson, of Norton, Sheffield.

**Percy Dryden Nixon - Rover Scout -  
167th (King Edward VII)**



Rank: Sergeant (Observer)

Service No: 580671

Died: 20th July 1940

Military Unit: 44 Squadron Royal Air Force

Memorial: Skagen Cemetery, Denmark

**Alec Webster Oates - Rover Scout -  
36th (St John's Ranmoor)**



Rank: Sergeant Pilot

Service No: 1059616

Died: 13th June 1941

Age: 20

Military Unit: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Harare (Pioneer) Cemetery, Zimbabwe

Further Details: Son of Edgar L and Nellie Oates, of Sheffield



**David Alan Pettigrew - Rover Scout - 146th (Old Norton)**



Rank: Leading Aircraftman

Service No: 1621351

Died: 2nd February 1943

Age: 21

Military Unit: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Swift Current (Mount Pleasant) Cemetery, Canada

Further Details: Killed in Flying Accident in Canada

Son of Robert Watson Pettigrew and Julia Pettigrew,  
of Warminster Road, Sheffield

**Colin Stanley Read - Rover -  
183rd (Hillsborough Congregational)**



Rank: Convoy Signalman

Service No: C/JX 185151

Died: 19 August 1941

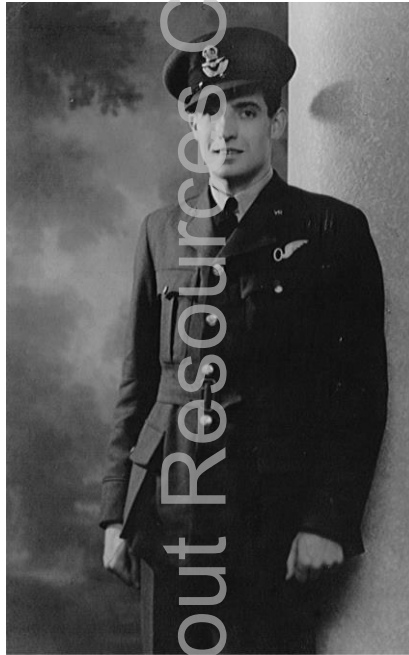
Age: 21

Military Unit: Royal Navy

Memorial: Chatham Naval Memorial, England

Further Details: Son of Albert and Beatrice Ellen Read,  
of Hillsborough, Sheffield

**Jack (Jason) Hartley Rodgers - Rover Scout –  
16th (Westbourne)**



Rank: Pilot Officer

Service No: 67593

Died: 16th September 1941

Age: 25

Military Unit: 18 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Runnymede Memorial, England

Further Details: Killed in Air Operations over Germany

Son of John W and Ada E Rodgers, of Sheffield

**Thomas (Tom) George Rutter - Rover Scout -  
140th (St Cuthbert's)**



Rank: Sergeant (Wireless Operator)

Service No: 1439922

Died: 6th April 1944

Age: 21

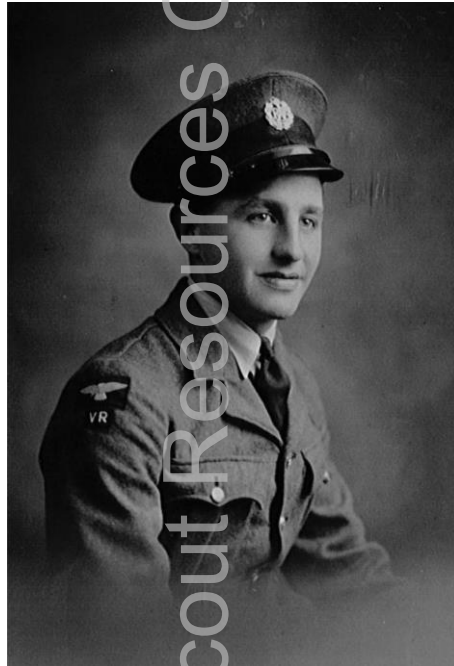
Military Unit: 357 Squadron Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Sai Wan War Cemetery, Hong Kong

Further Details: Killed in Air Operations in the Far East

Son of Mr and Mrs J E Rutter of Gunnerside, Richmond,  
North Yorkshire

**Maurice Allen Scott - Rover Scout - 16th (Westbourne)**



Rank: Aircraftman Second Class

Service No: 1112023

Died: 23rd December 1940

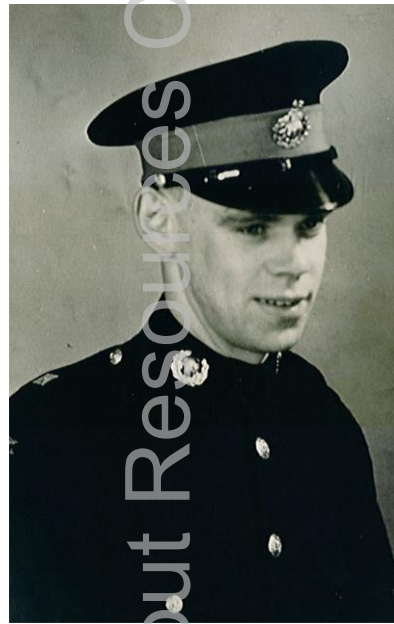
Age: 19

Military Unit: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Sheffield (Crookes) Cemetery, England

Further Details: Son of John Edgar and Emily Scott, of Sheffield

**Martin James Shaw - Rover Scout - 1st (Croft House)**



Rank: Marine

Service No: 113111

Died: 7th June 1944

Age: 23

Military Unit: H.M.L.C.A. 556 Rota

Memorial: Bayeux War Cemetery, France

Further Details: Died from Wounds Sustained in Action

on D-Day

Son of George Frederick and Edith Mabel Shaw,  
of Hollis Croft, Sheffield

**Stanley Walker Shepherd - Rover Scout - 20th (Ecclesall)**



Rank: Pilot Officer

Service No: 130259

Died: 3rd March 1943

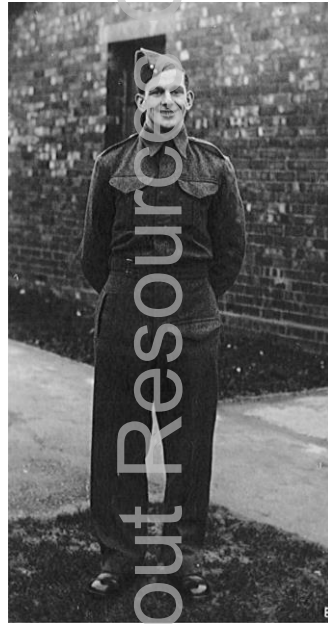
Age: 22

Military Unit: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Ecclesall (All Saints') Churchyard, England

Son of Beatrice Alice Shepherd; grandson of  
Mr and Mrs Stephen Walker Shepherd, of Eastbourne, Sussex

**George Sherwin - Rover Scout -  
199th (Meersbrook Congregational)**



Rank: Trooper

Service No: 7901706

Died: 7th January 1941

Age: 21

Military Unit: 3rd County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters)

Royal Armoured Corps

Memorial: Sheffield (Abbey Lane) Cemetery, England

Further Details: Killed on Duty

Husband of Joyce O Sherwin, of Woodseats, Sheffield



**Howard Frederick Siddall - Rover Scout -  
79th (St Timothy's)**



Rank: Battery Quartermaster Serjeant

Service No: 1433960

Died: 9th June

Age: 29

Military Unit: 37 Anti Aircraft Battery, Royal Artillery

Memorial: Sheffield (Crookes) Cemetery, England

Further Details: Returned to Civilian Life after suffering from  
wounds received on Active Service in Italy and within a short  
time died of double pneumonia

Son of Frederick and Mabel Siddall, of Crookes, Sheffield;  
husband of Doreen Siddall

**Stephen Rivington Skerritt - Rover Scout - 36th (Ranmoor)**



Rank: Sergeant Pilot

Service No: 1106001

Died: 12th May 1941

Age: 22

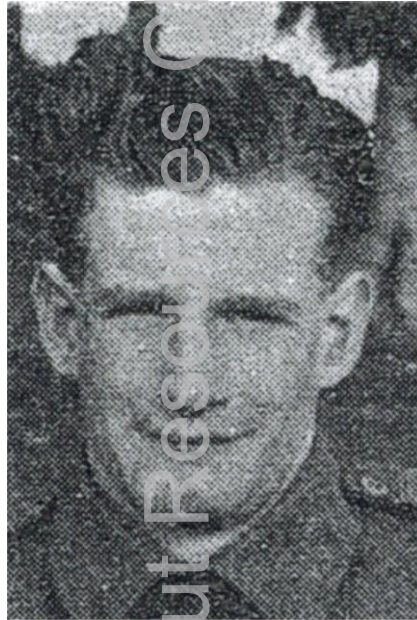
Military Unit: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Bradfield (St Nicholas) Churchyard, Sheffield,  
England

Further Details: Killed in a Flying Accident

Son of Stephen H Skerritt and Sallie Skerritt, of Sheffield

**William Neal Statham - Rover - 191st (Beauchief)**



Rank: Fusilier

Service No: 14844325

Died: 19th September 1945

Age: 21

Military Unit: 1st Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

Memorial: Delhi War Cemetery, India

Further Details: Died in India as a result of wounds accidentally  
received during a training course

Son of Walter and Edith Statham, of Sheffield

**Gordon Strange - Patrol Leader - 167th (King Edward VII)**

Died: 15th November 1940

Age: 14

Unit: Scout Service Bureau

Memorial: Shiregreen Cemetery, Sheffield, England

Further Details: Son of Ernest and Doris Strange  
of Hartley Brook Road, Sheffield

**James Leslie Stubbings - Rover Scout -  
46th (St Paul's Norton Lees)**



Rank: Sapper

Service No: 2072971

Died: 23rd September 1940

Age: 19

Military Unit: 5 Bomb Disposal Section Royal Engineers

Memorial: Ecclesall (All Saints') Churchyard, Sheffield,  
England

Further Details: Killed Moving Delayed Action Bomb - London

**Paul Derrick Sykes - Rover Scout - 36th (Ranmoor)**



Rank: Flight Sergeant (Pilot)

Service No: 1216818

Died: 24th April 1944

Military Unit: 77 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Svino Churchyard, Denmark

**Norman Taylor - Rover Scout - 145th (St Silas)**



Rank: Lance Corporal

Service No: 10601055

Died: 1st December 1944

Age: 27

Military Unit: 43rd (2/5th Battalion) Gloucestershire Regiment

Reconnaissance Corps, RAC

Memorial: Venray War Cemetery, Netherlands

Further Details: Died of Wounds sustained in Action

Son of Mr and Mrs F Taylor of Sheffield;  
husband of Olive Margaret Taylor, of Sheffield

**Alan Edwin Trower - Rover Scout –  
183rd (Hillsborough Congregational)**



Rank: Private

Service No: 4346546

Died: 21st March 1942

Age: 25

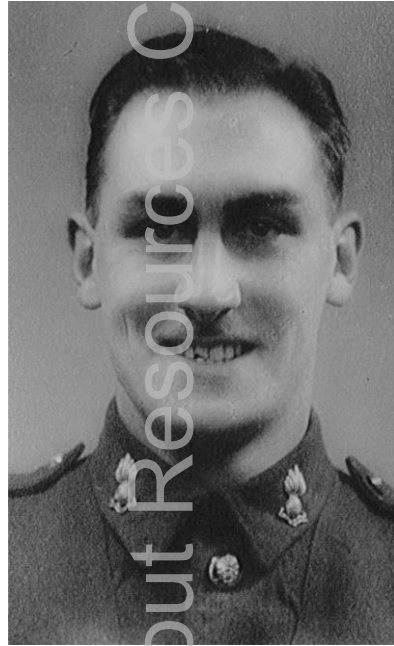
Military Unit: 4th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment

Memorial: Alamein Memorial, Egypt

Further Details: Died of Wounds received in Action  
in the Middle East



**John Philip Wilde - Rover Scout - 29th (Montgomery)**



Rank: Lance Serjeant

Service No: 1433215

Died: 29th April 1941

Age: 27

Military Unit: 37 Battery, 13 Light AA Regiment,  
Royal Artillery

Memorial: Halfaya Sollum War Cemetery, Syria

Further Details: Killed in Action in the Middle East  
Son of William Henry Edward and Ethel May Wilde,  
of Sheffield; husband of Joan Mary Wilde, of Sheffield

**Leslie James Williams - Rover Scout - 16th (Westbourne)**



Rank: Private

Service No: 14127119

Died: 7th March 1946

Age: 19

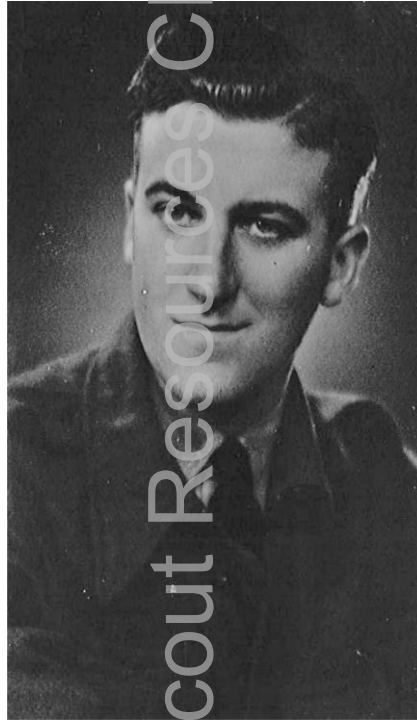
Military Unit: General Service Corps

Memorial: Sheffield (Crookes) Cemetery, England

Further Details: Died of Meningitis

Son of James G Williams and Elsie Williams, of Sheffield

**Tom Wilson - Rover Scout - 20th (Ecclesall)**



Rank: Leading Aircraftman

Service No: 1672471

Died: 1st January 1945

Age: 22

Military Unit: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Ghent City Cemetery, Belgium

Further Details: Son of Thomas Edward and Gertrude Wilson,  
of Sheffield

**John Philip Winfield - Rover Scout Leader –  
29th (Montgomery)**



Rank: Squadron Leader

Service No: 114161

Died: 25th October 1942

Age: 27

Military Unit: 151 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve  
transferred to No. 1 RAF Depot, Uxbridge

Memorial: Sheffield Crematorium Screen Wall Panel 4, England

Further Details: Son of Edmund and Mabel Winfield,  
of Sheffield

**Maurice Ernest Langton Wood - Rover Scout -  
193rd (Woodseats Methodists)**



Rank: Sergeant Pilot

Service No: 754548

Died: 18th September 1940

Age: 23

Military Unit: 99 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Memorial: Rheinberg Military Cemetery, Germany

Further Details: Killed in Action over Germany

Son of Ernest Richard and Dorothy Mabel Wood, of Sheffield

## **Additional Information**

### **Ralph Allison - Rover Scout - 167th (King Edward VII)**

Other Memorials: Burngreave Cemetery

King Edward VII School War Memorial

### **George Henry Ambler - Rover Scout - 228th (Langsett Road Methodist)**

George Ambler was killed whilst flying a Fairey Barracuda (MD963) over Close Moss, Marsden, West Yorkshire. It appears that coming out of the clouds, he saw the ground and to avoid a crash pulled away in a tight turn. The plane stalled and fell to the ground exploding on impact

### **Edgar Norman Armstead - Rover Scout - 20th (Ecclesall)**

Scouting Record: Edgar Armstead joined the Scout Movement in 1933. He was invested as a Rover Scout in December 1939 whilst on leave from France

Other Memorials: High Storrs School War Memorial

Ecclesall War Memorial

Scout Roll of Honour - All Saints Church, Ringinglow Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield

Roll of Honour - Road Transport & General Insurance Company Ltd

### **Douglas Alexander Arthur - Rover Scout - 79th (St Timothy's)**

Douglas Arthur was killed when the Halifax bomber he was piloting crashed whilst on a bombing raid to Berlin

### **Henry (Harry) Biggin - Rover Scout - 180th (Holy Trinity Millhouses)**

Harry Biggin was killed, whilst on a bombing raid to Oberhausen, Germany, when the Lancaster bomber, on which he was the navigator, was caught by a night fighter and the aeroplane fell at Castle Doorwerth, west of Arnhem in Holland

### **Robert Carter Booth - Rover Scout - 20th (Ecclesall)**

Robert Booth was killed when the Stirling bomber which he was on crashed whilst on a re-supply mission to Arnhem in Holland

Other Memorials: Ecclesall War Memorial

High Storrs School War Memorial

Scout Roll of Honour - All Saints Church, Ringinglow Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield

**Henry Alexander Bowmer - Rover Scout - 167th (King Edward VII)**

Other Memorials: King Edward VII School War Memorial

**Philip Willoughby Browne - Rover Scout - 167th (King Edward VII)**

The name of Philip Willoughby Browne does not appear in the Rover Memorial Book.

*SLABS*, the Rover Newsletter, edited by W Jenkins Gibson, records him as "Reported

Missing". Presumably "Reported Missing" was never followed up

Other Memorials: King Edward VII School War Memorial

**Eric Kenneth Cartledge - Rover Scout - 191st (Beauchief)**

Scouting Record: Eric Cartledge joined 191st (Beauchief) Rover Crew in August 1934 and became Cubmaster the following month. He remained an active member of the Group until he left the UK for South Africa in July 1948

Shortly after the outbreak of war, he returned from South Africa to the UK to join up, working his passage on a boat as a gunner. After his training in the RAF, he took part in over sixty flights over enemy territory. He was killed flying with 58 Squadron on 7 September 1941 when the Whitley bomber, on which he was wireless operator/gunner, crashed in Germany

**Vernon Chittenden - Rover Scout - 147th (St Mary's Walkley)**

Scouting Record: Joined 144th (Crookes Congregational) as a Wolf Cub in 1944 and went up to the Troop in 1938. In 1940 he became a Patrol Second, being appointed Patrol Leader the following year. By 1942 he was Senior Patrol Leader and by 1943 Troop Leader. Early in August 1944 he transferred to 147th (St Mary's, Walkley) and became an Assistant Scout Master and member of the Rover Crew

Other Memorials: High Storrs School War Memorial

St Mary's Church, Walkley, Sheffield

**David Colquhoun - Rover Scout - 150th (Wadsley Church)**

David Colquhoun served with the 6th Airborne Divisional Signals and was killed whilst taking part in the D-Day landings in June 1944

**Stanley Brian Critchison - Rover Scout - 143rd (St Aidan's)**

Stanley Critchison was killed when the Wellington bomber which he was piloting was shot down whilst on a "gardening sortie" (minelaying) off the Friesian Islands, crashing north-east of Terschelling

Other Memorial: High Storrs School War Memorial

**Reginald Crofts - Rover Scout - 74th (Oak Street)**

Reginald Crofts was killed when the Halifax bomber on which he was flying crashed between Kieselhorst and Beckeln in Germany

Following his death, his mother answered an appeal for clothing from the Dutch people and sent his old Scout uniform. When this arrived in Holland, a new Scout Group was being formed in Biltoven, south of Utrecht. It was decided that the Group would be named "The Rover Croft" Group

The Dutch Group visited the 74th (Oak Street) in 1957 - the Oak Street Group visited Biltoven the following year

**Vincent Crookes - Rover Scout - 46th (St Paul's Norton Lees)**

Vincent Crookes was killed when the Lancaster bomber which he was on crashed on a mission to Hannover

**Harry Oxley Dransfield - Rover Scout - 218th (Millhouses Methodist)**

Other Memorials: High Storrs School War Memorial

**Arnold Edeson - Rover Scout Leader - 16th (Westbourne)**

Other Memorials: King Edward VII School Roll of Honour

**James Ronald Elwis - Rover Scout - 162nd (Burngreave Methodist)**

James Elwis was a prisoner of war of the Japanese. He was held at Kanchanaburi on the Death Railway having probably been captured in Java (Thailand)  
He died from peritonitis

**Donald Wilkinson Evans - Rover Scout - 143rd (St Aidan's)**

Other Memorials: High Storrs School War Memorial

Roll of Honour - Road Transport & General Insurance Company Ltd



### **John Michael Fulford - Rover Scout - 167th (King Edward VII)**

Scouting Record: John Fulford was invested as a Scout in 1930, becoming a Patrol Leader in 1935

In 1937, he was champion of the King Edward VII School Sports. The same year, he went to Sheffield University where he studied medicine. He played for the University at both cricket and football and was chosen on several occasions to play for Sheffield United. In 1940, he played for the English Universities against the Army

He was killed in action whilst co-piloting a Wellington bomber on a bombing raid on the U-boat pens at St Nazaire

His brother, David, was killed whilst flying a Spitfire over the Channel whilst on a mission to Le Touquet, France

Other Memorials: King Edward VII School Roll of Honour

### **Austen Malcolm Gascoigne - Rover Scout - 36th (Ranmoor)**

The name of Austen Malcolm Gibson does not appear in the Rover Memorial Book. *SLABS*, the Rover Newsletter, edited by W Jenkins Gibson, records him as "Reported Missing".

Presumably "Reported Missing" was never followed up

Austen Gascoigne was a member of the crew of HM Submarine *Utmost* which left Malta for a patrol in the Mediterranean in November 1942. On the 23rd, she sank an enemy ship, but two days later, during her return journey to Malta, she was located, attacked and sunk off Sicily by depth charges from the Italian torpedo boat *Groppa*

### **Frank Gordon Hart - Rover Scout - 20th (Ecclesall)**

Despite being a Rover, Frank Gordon Hart's name does not appear in the Rover Memorial Book. *SLABS*, the Rover Newsletter, edited by W Jenkins Gibson, records him as "On Active Service", then as "Reported Missing"

Presumably, "Reported Missing" was never followed up

Frank Hart was killed whilst a member of the crew of a B-17 Flying Fortress, shot down whilst on a bombing raid on the *Admiral Scheer*

Other Memorials: Roll of Honour of 20th (Ecclesall) Scout Group  
Ecclesall War Memorial

**George Walter Hewitt - Rover Scout - (20th Ecclesall)**

George Hewitt was killed in action whilst acting as Wireless Operator/Air Gunner on a Lancaster bomber shot down over the Dutch-German border whilst taking part in a bombing raid on Leipzig in Germany

Other Memorials: Scout Roll of Honour - All Saints Church, Ringinglow Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield

**Geoffrey Hood - Rover Scout - 20th (Ecclesall)**

Geoffrey Hood was killed when the Lancaster bomber on which he was second pilot crashed near Bielefeld in Germany whilst on a mission to Kassel

Other Memorials: Scout Roll of Honour - All Saints Church, Ringinglow Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield

**Walter Chadwick Jackson - Rover Scout - 183rd (Hillsborough Congregational)**

Despite being a Rover, Walter Chadwick Jackson's name does not appear in the Rover Memorial Book. However, his name does appear on the Roll of Honour of the 183rd (Hillsborough Congregational) Scout Group

He was killed whilst a member of the crew of HMS *Hurworth*, which sank after striking a mine in the Aegean Sea

Other Memorials: 183rd (Hillsborough Congregational) Scout Roll of Honour - formerly in Hillsborough Congregational Church (now in storage)

**Arthur Whiteley Jones - Rover Scout - 74th (Oak Street)**

Arthur Jones died when the Halifax bomber that he was crewing was lost on a mission to Flensburg in Germany

**Geoffrey Goddard Lee - Rover Scout - 167th (King Edward VII)**

Geoffrey Lee was killed whilst part of the crew of a Blenheim bomber which crashed into the North Sea whilst on a bombing raid to attack ships in the Kiel Canal

Before the war, he had earned a Bachelor of Law Degree from the University of Sheffield

Other Memorials: King Edward VII School Roll of Honour

**Joseph Nowill Lister - Rover Scout - 183rd (Hillsborough Congregational)**

Joseph Lister was killed when the Wellington bomber he was crewing was lost on a mission to attack Hamburg

**Robert Anthony Marshall - Rover Scout - 167th (King Edward VII)**

Scouting Record: Robert Marshall joined 167th (King Edward VII School) Troop in 1938 and became a Patrol Leader. He helped in the formation of the Air Scout Section and formed two Patrols of War Service Scouts. He became a Rover Scout in 1943, leaving in 1944 to become a cadet in the Merchant Navy

Other Memorials: War Memorial - Christ Church, Fulwood

**Neville Craig Middlemass - Rover Scout - 59th (St Augustine's)**

Scouting Record: Neville Middlemass joined the 59th (St Augustine's) in 1922 as a Cub. He subsequently transferred to the Scouts and later became a King's Scout. He went on to join the Rover Crew and remained an active member of the Crew until he enlisted in the RAF in early 1938

He was killed whilst acting as Observer on a Blenheim bomber on a mission to attack the bridges at Maastricht in the Netherlands

Other Memorials: Roll of Honour - St Augustine's Church, Brocco Bank

**Roy Vivian Nelson - Troop Leader - 146th (Old Norton)**

Roy Nelson was killed whilst flying a Master trainer. The plane spun into the ground off a turn and caught fire. He died at Kennell, Montrose where his body was buried on 30 April 1941. His body was subsequently disinterred and reburied at Abbey Lane Cemetery in Sheffield

**Percy Dryden Nixon - Rover Scout - 167th (King Edward VII)**

Percy Nixon was killed whilst acting as Observer on a Hamden bomber which crashed into the North Sea whilst on a "gardening" operation to lay mines at Freidrichshaven, North Germany

Other Memorials: King Edward VII School Roll of Honour

**Alec Webster Oates - Rover Scout - 36th (St John's Ranmoor)**

Scouting History: Alec Oates was a Rover in the 167th (King Edward VII School) until August 1938 when he joined 36th (Ranmoor), later becoming an Assistant Scout Master. He died in a flying accident during his final operational training in South Africa, within a week of receiving his wings.

He was "... an inseparable friend of Sergeant Pilot Steve Skerritt (qv)...". They were at school together, joined the RAF at about the same time and each was killed in a flying accident within a month of each other.

His foster brother, Harry Armison, was also killed in the Second World War.

Other Memorials: King Edward VII School Roll of Honour

**David Alan Pettigrew - Rover Scout - 146th (Old Norton)**

Alan Pettigrew was killed in a flying accident in Canada on 20 July 1943 when the plane piloted by him with LAC Charles McNaughton Miller as pilot under instruction crashed fifteen miles south-west of the main aerodrome at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Both men were killed and the aircraft completely destroyed.

**Colin Stanley Read – Rover Scout - 183rd (Hillsborough Congregational)**

Colin Read was a Convoy Signalman on board the SS *Aguila*. En route from Liverpool to Malta, it was part of the first convoy to be attacked by a U-boat wolfpack and was torpedoed and sunk by U-201.

**Jack (Jason) Hartley Rodgers - Rover Scout - 16th (Westbourne)**

Scouting Record: Jason Rodgers was a Cub, Scout and Rover, Cub Master, Assistant Scout Master and Rover Mate, all in 16th (Westbourne).

He was killed when the Blenheim bomber which he was crewing, crashed into the sea whilst on a "Squealer" beat (acting against German trawlers which were equipped with intelligence-gathering equipment) over the North Sea.

**Thomas (Tom) George Rutter - Rover Scout - 140th (St Cuthbert's)**

Tom Rutter was killed when the Liberator bomber on which he was a crew member was lost whilst on a mission to supply fuel to the stores at Kunming, China.

**Maurice Allen Scott - Rover Scout - 16th (Westbourne)**

Maurice Scott died from septicaemia at Kirkham Hospital, Lancashire, and was buried on 27 December 1940. His body was subsequently disinterred from Blackpool and reburied at Sheffield (Crookes) Cemetery

**Stanley Walker Shepherd - Rover Scout - 20th (Ecclesall)**

Scouting Record: Stanley Shepherd joined the 20th (Ecclesall) Cubs in 1930 and became a Scout in 1934. When St Gabriel's Church was opened, he helped to form a Troop there and became Troop Leader. Later, he formed a Troop whilst working in Manchester  
Stanley Shepherd was the navigator on a Wellington bomber which crashed whilst on a cross-country training exercise near Chipping Norton in Oxfordshire

Other Memorials: Scout Roll of Honour - All Saints Church, Ringinglow Road, Sheffield

**George Sherwin - Rover Scout - 199th (Meersbrook Congregational)**

George Sherwin was killed when he was knocked down by a car travelling in the same direction and died in hospital two days later - *West Sussex Gazette*, Thursday 16 January 1941

Other Memorials: Meersbrook Park War Memorial

**Stephen Rivington Skerritt - Rover Scout- 36th (Ranmoor)**

See also Alec Webster Oates (above)

Other Memorials: King Edward VII School Roll of Honour

**William Neal Statham - Rover Scout - 191st (Beauchief)**

Scouting Record: William Statham joined the 191st (Beauchief) Group as one of the first Cubs in September 1934. He was a member of the Pack and Troop and became a Rover Scout in November 1941. He took over the position of Rover Mate in January 1943 and retained this position until joining the Army

Appeared as "ME" in "Shorts" in 1943.

**Gordon Strange - Patrol Leader - 167th (King Edward VII)**

Gordon Strange was on duty with the "Scout Service Bureau" during the Sheffield War Weapons Week Exhibition in the foyer of Sheffield City Hall  
A live round had been left in a gun and it was fired during a demonstration of the weapon - killing Gordon and an 18-year-old civilian Alan Tucker

Other Memorials: King Edward VII School Roll of Honour

**Paul Derrick Sykes - Rover Scout - 36th (Ranmoor)**

Scouting Record: Paul Sykes joined the 36th (Ranmoor) in 1932 as a Wolf Cub and became a Scout in November 1933. He remained a member until 1936. In 1939, he returned to become a Rover Squire

Paul Sykes joined the RAF in 1940. Having gained his wings, he was sent to the Middle East. After a forced landing in North Africa, he was interned but was later liberated by British and American troops. Having restarted on operations, on the night of 23/24 April 1944, whilst on a flight, his plane was attacked by fighters and was hit. Fire broke out and he gave orders for the crew to bale out. He was last seen at the controls. His body was recovered near Hjelm, an island off Denmark

**Norman Taylor - Cubmaster and Rover Scout - 145th (St Silas)**

Scouting Record: Norman Taylor joined the 160th (Hartshead) Group in 1925 as a Wolf Cub, becoming a Scout three years later. Later he became a Patrol Leader. He subsequently transferred to 145th (St Silas').

Four years later, he began training and assisting with the Cub Pack. In September 1938, he received a Cub Master warrant. On joining the Forces, Paul became a member of 141st (Headquarters) Rover Crew. Whilst stationed at Dover, he joined a Rover Crew there and assisted with a local Scout Troop.

**Alan Edwin Trower - Assistant Cub Master and Rover Scout - 183rd (Hillsborough Congregational)**

Scouting Record: Norman Trower joined the 183rd (Hillsborough Congregational) Group in 1930 at the age of 13. He passed his Tenderfoot in September 1930, his Second Class in 1932 and became a Patrol Leader

In 1930, obtained the Cyclist and Swimmer Badges

He joined the Rover Crew in 1935, as one of its earliest members and was invested as a Rover on 1 July 1935. In December 1935, he took out a warrant as Assistant Cubmaster

He played in all three productions of "Shorts"

**John Philip Wilde - Rover Scout - 29th (Montgomery)**

Other Memorials: High Storrs School War Memorial

**Tom Wilson - Rover Scout - 20th (Ecclesall)**

Scouting Record: Tom Wilson joined the 20th (Ecclesall) Group as a Wolf Cub, later transferring to the Troop. Subsequently, he became Troop Leader of the St Gabriel's (Greystones) section of the 20th (Ecclesall). Shortly after the outbreak of war, he was invested as a Rover Scout and took out a warrant as Assistant Scout Master

Tom Wilson joined the RAF in early 1942 and proceeded from being a Wireless Operator to an intensive training course as a Wireless Mechanic and went to Normandy in July 1944

He was killed serving with the British Liberation Forces in Ghent, Belgium

Other Memorials: Scout Roll of Honour - All Saints Church, Ringinglow Road, Ecclesall,  
Sheffield High Storrs School War Memorial

**John Philip Winfield - Rover Scout Leader - 29th (Montgomery)**

Philip Winfield was injured on Malta and was killed whilst a patient in the RAF Hospital in Torquay when it was bombed by German aircraft

Before the war, he had a career as HM Inspector of Weights and Measures

Other Memorials: High Storrs School War Memorial

**Maurice Ernest Langton Wood - Rover Scout - 193rd (Woodseats Methodists)**

Maurice Wood was killed when the Wellington bomber he was crewing, was brought down by flak near Osnabruk whilst on a mission to bomb rail targets in Germany

Other Memorials: High Storrs School War Memorial

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