



Private Peter Joseph Keast

3<sup>rd</sup> Bat. Devonshire Reg. [“3” Commando]

Died 27<sup>th</sup> December 1941 Aged 25 – buried in Trondheim, Norway

Son of Walter and Mary of Upper Tooting Park Rd., Balham

Clapham College 1927 to 1933

Peter was [as was his father] a qualified Vet, MRCVS

Peter died of his wounds, whilst trying to save the life of his injured sergeant on a Commando Raid.

**“He gave up his career. He volunteered to fight for a Christian way of life.”**



Warrant Officer Richard Pedrazzini

Bomber Command 635 Squadron R.A.F. Downham Market, Norfolk

Died on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1944 – Aged 30 - buried in Hotton War Cemetery, Belgium.

Eldest son of Italian-born Battista (Baptiste) and Harriet Emma Victoria Pedrazzini who ran a restaurant in London - Richard spoke French, Italian and German [Interned in 1940 – before returning to active service].

The family lived in South Lambeth Rd Vauxhall

Clapham College 1927 to 1929

Richard died when his Avro Lancaster crashed in Belgium, whilst on an operation in Russelsheim, where V2 bombs were being manufactured.

**“Sweet Sacrament of Peace, Dear Home of Every Heart, Where Sorrows all Depart”**



### Sergeant-Pilot Richard Clare

R.A.F 139 Squadron

Died 27<sup>th</sup> January 1943 Aged 29 – buried in Marham, Norfolk

Son of Frank and Margaret Clare, lived in Grandison Road, West Side Clapham Common, born in 1914

Clapham College 1924 to 1929

Richard's mosquito squadron carried out a raid on the Burmeister Wain Diesel plant in Germany – his engine was hit by Ack-Ack fire, he was limping back to his base, his plane hit a barrage balloon, then clipped a tree, before the mosquito crashed and caught fire

**“Greater love than no Man hath, Than to Lay down his Life for his Friends”**



### **Sergeant Observer [Air Gunner] Gerald O'Leary**

10<sup>th</sup> Squadron Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve

Died 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1944 shot down – buried in St Desir, Calvados, Normandy.

Son of Patrick & Mary O'Leary; husband-Mary O'Leary; born in 1911 - Drakesfield Rd, Upper Tooting, Gerald's father Patrick was an Inspector in the Met. Police; Gerald himself, was a sergeant in the Met. Police, but really frustrated that he wasn't allowed to join the RAF; as he was in a protected profession.

Gerald was at Clapham College for two years 1917 and 1918

Gerald's Halifax [with seven crew was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire on 3rd June 1944 to the west of Paris where they were bombing railway marshalling yards. There is some confusing that Gerald parachuted from his craft and yet was found dead a couple of days later.

**There is no inscription on Gerald's gravestone**



Private Thomas Russell  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Brig. Highland and Light Infantry  
 Died 28<sup>th</sup> October 1914 Buried in Boulogne  
 Aged 19  
 Son of Andrew & Eliza Russell,  
 Newtownards, County Down, N.I.  
 Clapham College 1907 to 1909

**“Gone, But Not Forgotten. From his Many Friends and Relatives”**



Henry Bulbeck

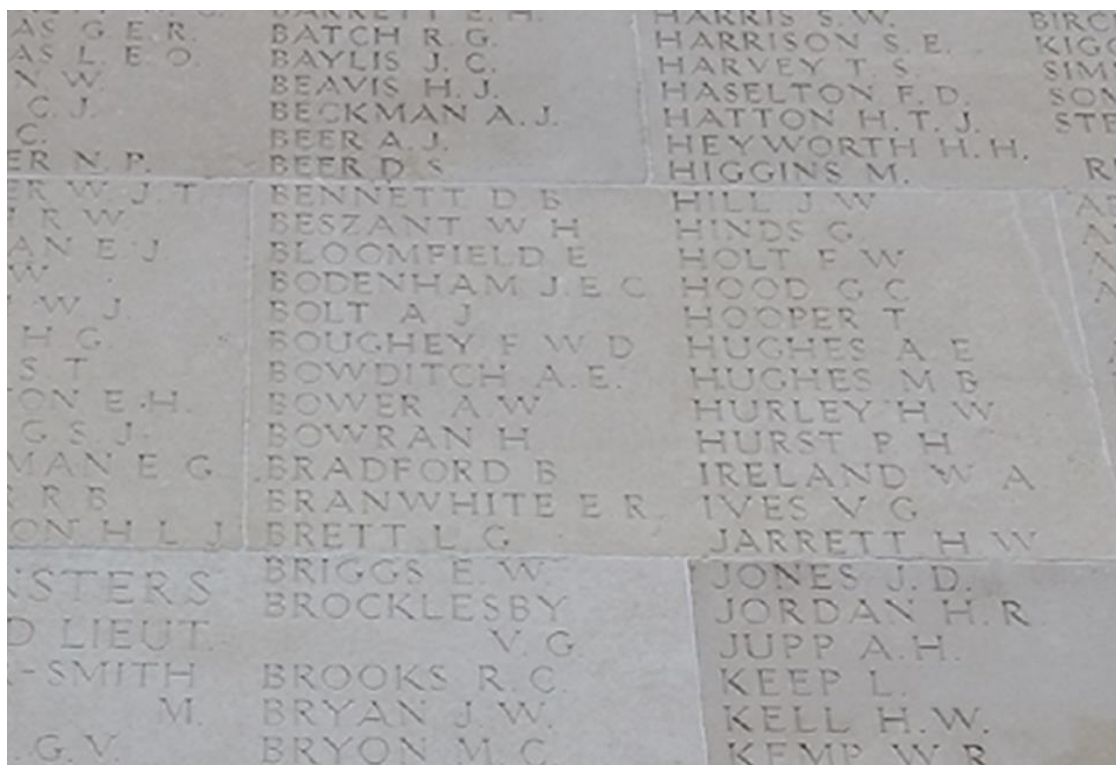
Lieutenant Henry Edmund Bulbeck AKA “Teddy” –

Born St Georges Hanover Square – lived in Clapham

Had gained a BSc in Battersea Polytechnic before joining the Army, his father owned a Dairy.

He was shot through the head while conducting a bombing raid on the Somme and was buried where **he fell**. He is remembered at The Thiepval Memorial in France for those soldiers missing in WW1.

A plaque was unveiled in Battersea Polytechnic Wandsworth on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 1921 commemorating Lieu Henry Edmund Bulbeck and others; was moved to Wates House in the University of Surrey in Guildford.



### Leonard Brett Thiepval Memorial

Rifleman Leonard Gloyn BRETT - Died 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916 - Age 26 on the Somme in France

At Clapham College 1905 and 1906 - became an insurance clerk in the City.

Leonard Brett born Stockwell on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 1889 parents William and Elizabeth Brett the family home was in Guildford Road, Vauxhall.

In 1914, Leonard he joined the London Regiment (Queen's Westminster's)

In early 1916 Leonard was in Calais, ready for the 'big push' against the Germans...in the Battle of the Somme. On 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916 the whistles blew, and the London Regiment left their trenches to cross "No Man's Land". Under cover of a smoke screen they dashed forward but were not successful and despite a valiant attempt great numbers were killed. There were nearly 7,000 casualties and Leonard were never seen again. He was reported "killed in action", his name is on the Thiepval Memorial [to the Missing] in France.