

Obituaries of the heroes of the past who served this country well, as recorded in the Times of London and elsewhere. Military memories from relatives and colleagues are welcome additions

ALEXANDER-SINCLAIR OF FRESWICK Maj General David Boyd Alexander-Sinclair of Freswick died 7th February 2014 aged 86

ARTHUR His Honour John Rhys Arthur DFC died 17 Jan 14 aged 90

BECK Major Roger Beck MC dies 21 Jan 14 aged 98

BLAKE Sir Alfred Blake KCVO, MC born 6 Oct 1915 died 17 Nov 13

2nd Special Service Bgde E Mediterranean (MC ops in Dodecanese islands and Albania), led 45 Commando, wounded crossing Rhine

BROOKING Maj Gen Patrick Guy Brooking CB, CMG 4 April 1937 - 22 Jan 14

Germany, Cyprus, N Ireland, GOC Berlin

COCKETT Frank Cockett RAF doctor 22 April 1916 - 17 January 2014

Blitz ; medical officer in Malta during siege; with the 8th Army in Italy

CODDRINGTON Capt Christopher Thomas Coddington CBE RN died 25 Jan 13 aged 86

ELDERKIN Brigadier John Norton Elderkin died 24th January 2014 aged 88

FINCH Clement George Finch MC died 19 Jan 14 aged 89

GEHARTY Col Peter Geharty born 1 Sept 1921 died 15 November 13

Led battalion suffering 50% casualties in Op Varsity crossing Rhine March 45 (largest airborne operation in history)

GLASSPOOL Sqn Ldr Ian Douglas Glasspool died 16 Jan 2014 aged 72

HOLMES Air Cdre Jack Holmes DFC and Bar 30 June 1917 - 31 December 2013

Aircraft Apprentice. Coastal Command. (DFC Bar) Superb airmanship to rescue crew of Flying Fortress by landing on stormy Atlantic. First DFC Atlantic patrols

LEEPER Captain Brian Thomas William Leeper died 11 Jan 14 aged 86

MACKENZIE Lt Cdr Steven Mackenzie Tresco flotilla

MARTIN Victor Martin RAF died 7th February 2014 aged 93

MONTAGU-SMITH Gp Capt Arthur Montagu-Smith died 18 Jan 14 aged 98

SCOTT-BOWDEN Maj General Logan Scott-Bowden CBE, DSO, MC and Bar 21 February 1920 - 9 February 2014

Norway campaign 1940 (wounded). Detailed reconnaissance of D-Day beaches, piloted craft ashore, then took command of 17 Field Co RA. Burma 46-47, Korea , UDR 1970

SMITH Wing Cdr Edward Brian Bretherton Smith DFC AE 12 January 1915 - 15 September 2013

Four and a half combat victories at Dunkirk and Battle of Britain before being shot down in flames. Later Algeria and Italy

TYE Major Jack Ernest Tye MBE Royal Artillery died 11 Jan 14 aged 92