

We mark the passing of those who have served this country. Contributions from comrades and families welcome.

BAIRSTO Air Marshal Sir Peter Bairsto KBE CB AFC died 24th October 2017 aged 91

BARNE Major Nicholas Michael Lancelot Barne LVO died 21st October 2017 aged 71

BROWELL Col Jasper Miles Browell MBE died 9th October 2017 aged 89

BASIDON (later Bailey then Burney) Yvonne Jeanne Therese de Vibraye Basedon MBE Croix de Guere Legion d'honneur 20 January 1922 - 28 October 2017

SOE and WAAF Radio operator "Scholar" circuit occupied France. Arrested by Gestapo. Evacuated from Ravensbruck to Sweden 1945

CARTER Col Jeremy Carter RA died 1st October 2017

COCUP Lt Cdr Brian Cocup died 30th September 2017

COLBORNE WO Michael Colborne LVO 20 January 1934 - 21 September 2017 later Private Secretary to Prince of Wales

DODD Pauline Beryl Harris (nee Dodd) died 21st September 2017 aged 93. Women's Volunteer Force during War

DOWNES Lt Cdr (Arthur) Michael Downes RN/RAN 23 July 1921 - 24 September 2017

HMS Botlea (Q ship) HMS Walpole (Scharnhorst etc Channel dash 1942) HMS Tay convoys inc ONS 5 (turning point Battle of the Atlantic)

EBSWORTH Major Raymond Frederick Ebsworth Royal Engineers died 15th October 2017 aged 91. 17 year old air raid warden

EVANS Flt Sgt John Evans RAF 30 June 1919 - 4 August 2017

Halifax bomber pilot, shot down over Belgium on 12th mission against marshalling yards May 1944. On the run for over 100 days (Comet evasion line, many killed or sent to concentration camps). Later Transport Command

GARNIER Major Derick Alan Garnier died 30th October 2017 aged 101

HAWKINS AVM D E (Ted) Hawkins CB, CBE, DFC and bar died 23rd October 2017 aged 97

LOWETH Flt Lt Philip Anthony (Tony) Loweth 1 October 1920 - 7 September 2017

249 Sqn Hurricane officer pilot Battle of Britain from RAF Church Fenton. 30 missions with Bomber Command, Western Desert. Later Coastal Command inc air-sea rescue. One of the last of "The Few"

PATON Maj Gen Dr Douglas Stuart Paton CBE RAMC died 14th October 2017 aged 91

RISELEY-PRICHARD AVM Richard A Riseley-Prichard died 1st October 2017

ROBERT Jeanne Robert Croix de Guerre, Legion d'honneur 11 August 1914 - 7 September 2017 grande resistente Victoire network

SWINBURN Lt General Sir Richard Hull Swinburn 30 October 1937 - 11 October 2017

17th/21st Lancers. Cyprus. N Ireland. Staff Col, Falklands. Germany - i/c 1st Armoured. ACGS. C in C Land Forces. Cdr UK Field Army

THOMAS Maj Gen Walter Babington "Sandy" Thomas CB, DSO, MC and bar 29 June 1919 - 22 October 2017

New Zealander. Captured in Crete 1941 (MC), leg saved by German surgeon. 4th successful escape attempt from Greece. 2nd MC at Battle of the Tebaga Gap 1943. DSO Takrouna, Tunisia c/o 23rd Infantry southern Italy. US Silver Star battle for Sant'Agata. Post war Royal Hampshires Malaya, Kenya, Aden. Skipped Colonel rank i/c 12th Armoured Infantry Germany. Cdr Far East Land Forces (inc Australians serving in Vietnam)

WALL Cdr Michael E St Q Wall died 5th October 2017

YOUNG Archibald Armstrong Young DFC 5 May 1923 - 9 September 2017 3 years with Bomber Command over Germany, resupplying French resistance