



**Issue 3** (On 'common' or sets available from DDR)

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*The names that appear on Elliott's War Memorial are a record of young people who once were students at our school and who lost their lives in war. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Remembrances Ceremonies will be held in the hall during KS3 and KS4/5 assemblies. Wreaths will be laid by students and Old Elliottonians.*

## WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

### 1914 - 1918

#### OLD ELLIOTTONIANS WHO FELL IN THE GREAT WAR.

J. ALBOROUGH	A. AMES	G. ASHBY	W. AYLES
J. BAZLEY	H. BINT	F. BUTCHER	R. CHANEY
S. CHANEY	J. CRAWSHAW	T. COOPER	R. DILLOWAY
W. DRAKE	W. FLEET	H. GAMBLE	C. HEDGELAND
H. HILL	A.G. JACKSON	H. JACKSON	G. KELLER
A. KILN	C. KIRBY	W. LATHEY	L. MARLOW
W. MUNRO	A. PAUL	J.H.E. McCOLL	A. PINE
E. POLLEY	W. PREECE	H. RANSOME	R. REA
H. RENDALL	A. RHODES	W. ROBERTS	F. ROLLINSON
J. ROPER	H. ROSSER	W. SHARMAN	H. SIMPSON
W. SMEATON	C. SMITH	E. SMITH	H. SPEARMAN
C. SPOONER	C. STEVENS	H. TIMSON	A. WALKER
F. WANMER	G. WELLER	F. WILLIAMS	R. WOOD
G. YOUNG			

### 1939 - 1945

#### THE FLAME THEY LIT DEATH SHALL NOT QUENCH IF WE BUT TEND IT

H.C ADKINS	L.W.A BARNARD	J. BIDWELL	T.F.P BOYNTON
A.L ALLNUT	R.C BARRETT	L.N BOWLES	T.D BROWN
L.T BALL	C.H CANNON	B.F COLLIN	R.H COX
L.E BYRNE	J.H CHANDLER	G.R COX	A. DANSON
B.A DOESER	P.T DRISCOLL	R.A EASTMAN	J.C EDWELL
W.F FREEMAN	S. FULLER	G.B GANE	A.C.G GIBBONS
I.B GRIFFITHS	F.H HABGOOD	H.F HALSEY	M.A. HAMMOND
F.H HARDIMAN	W.E HARWOOD	G.N HAYNES	A.E HAYLETT
C.V HEADLAND	G.E HEIN	G.A.D HENDRY	S.F HOLLOWAY
A.F HOPKINS	R.E IVES	R.W.J JIGGENS	R. JUDGE
G. KEELER	F.G KEPPEL	R.W KIRBY	A. LEE
F.G LEE	A. MARSHALL	J.C. MacQUEEN	K. McMILLAN
E.B MOON	E.G NETTLEFOLD	B NUTLEY	A.S OMAN
V.G PRIOR	S.F RASHBROOK	W.G REED	J.H READING
J.E ROUSE	D St L RUMPLER	B.E SAUNDERS	D.R SCOTT
A.W SOUTHALL	E.J SWEETING	D.G TURNER	R.F.A YOUNG

# Fred Tucker

Fred Tucker left school at 14 and went to work as a baker in a small town in the country. He started as an apprentice. After two or three years making bread, pies and doughnuts Hannafords the bakers closed down and he became unemployed. As a young man with a sense of adventure he decided to leave his home town and join the Royal Navy and see the world. He went to the great dockyard city of Plymouth and signed on. He carried on with his trade becoming a ship's cook. He visited various ports around the world with the Fleet. He was in the Falklands, in America, in Argentina, in India and Australia. In 1914 he was Chief Ship's cook on a battle cruiser called HMS Monmouth, a ship as big as our school crewed by 1,500 men and boys, as many crew as there are students in our school.. The HMS Monmouth had been in the Atlantic Ocean and had sailed through the Straits of Magellan into the Pacific to Valparaiso in Chile.

However as you will know 1914 was the year of the outbreak of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War when Britain and Germany became enemies. The First World War has the reputation for being a war in which millions of ordinary soldiers and sailors were seen to be expendable by their commanders. **What happened next in Fred's life was an example of this.**

A large fleet of enemy ships converged on Valparaiso harbour where the British Fleet including HMS Monmouth with Fred Tucker aboard was moored. Even though the German fleet was more modern than the British and its guns having a greater range than the British, Admiral Sir Christopher Craddock decided to come out of harbour and engage the enemy in a sea battle.

As night fell on November 1<sup>st</sup> 1914 the British fleet were silhouetted against the setting sun and when the enemy opened fire the HMS Monmouth was shelled amidships and its ammunition stores exploded. The ship was ripped apart by explosions and all hands were lost. The Monmouth sank within an hour of the first hit.

The sailors who lost their lives were either blown to bits, burnt alive as fires swept through the ship or were frozen in the icy cold seas of the Pacific. As the sun rose on the scene the following day giant albatross swooped and scavenged the hundreds of dead bodies floating on the sea. Fred Tucker's name and all of the crew of the Monmouth appear on war memorials in Plymouth and at Cap Coronel the nearest place on land to where the ship went down.

It is in the name of Fred Tucker and millions of dead from all wars particularly those of the twentieth century from 1914 until the war in Iraq and Afghanistan now, that we remember 'the Fallen' of all wars and commit ourselves by our silence to do all we can as individuals to ensure there is peace in the World.

We will do this at our own remembrance ceremonies on Monday and Tuesday in the week after half term.

## Remembrance Ceremony

The ceremony you will attend will be conducted with great seriousness and solemnity. We will lay wreaths of red poppies at our memorial. By doing this we remember 'The Fallen'. We respect their sacrifice, we hope and pray for peace from all wars.

**At this time we always speak these words.**

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*At the going of the sun and in the morning.*

*We will remember them.*

*from 'For The Fallen' by Laurence Binyon*

## Then we observe a one minute silence

During this silence we think what we can do in our own lives to avoid conflict with other people, we imagine a future without war and we pray for peace for ourselves and our children.

## The Last Post

Then a trumpeter will play a very short piece of music which traditionally signifies our respect for the dead.

As you leave the hall you will hear another piece of music which is always heard at the National Ceremony of Remembrance which will take place next Sunday at the Cenotaph in Whitehall.

It is **'Nimrod'** from *'Variations'* by Edward Elgar

***Please maintain a very quiet manner whilst you are leaving the hall.***