

Lt James Herbert Mesham

&

Lt George Wilson Graham

James Mesham was een Engelse vlieger van het 204^e squadron van de 61^{ste} Wing van de Royal Air Force.

Hij kwam op 13 juli 1918 om het leven toen hij in de lucht botste met een collega van hetzelfde squadron. Dit gebeurde boven het kanaal dichtbij Zeebrugge. Hij vloog een Sopwith Camel met vliegtuigcode D3386 en het andere vliegtuig, ook een Camel, had B6389 als code. Ook deze vlieger George Wilson Graham kwam om het leven. James werd slechts 18 jaar, George slechts 19 jaar.

02 september 1917 was James Mesham gestart met de opleiding als vlieger. Hij slaagde voor zijn examen in april 1918. Totaal gevlogen uren 53:18. Hij werd een betrouwbare piloot genoemd na het examen. Op 3 april werd hij bevorderd tot 2Lt, zoals de London Gazette dit vermeld op 11 juni 1918.

Helaas kwam hij al heel snel op genoemde tragische wijze om het leven.

Lt Mesham afkomstig uit Wavertree, Liverpool en Lt Graham afkomstig uit Dowanhill, Glasgow zijn in de buurt van Zeeland aangespoeld en begraven in Vlissingen. Daar liggen zij sindsdien begraven.



FLUSHING (VLISSINGEN) NORTHERN CEMETERY

(Zeeland), the "Vredehof", on the road to Koudekerke, belongs to the Town Council. A special Allied section was given, during the War, to the Belgian society "Herdenken om te Strijden", and the society erected a monument; this section, at the fork of the roads near the main entrance, contains 1 Non War grave, 34 British, 4 Belgian and 2 French graves. All the 1914-1918 burials in this cemetery were concentrated from Flushing New General Cemetery, Netherlands. There are 204 War Dead from the 1939-1945 War also buried here.

ACTON, Ldg. Smn. Charles Edward, J/4297. R.N. H.M.S. "Surprise." Killed by mine explosion off Dutch coast 23rd Dec., 1917. Age 25. Son of Herbert and Elizabeth Ann Acton, of Derby House, Grosvenor Square, Sale, Manchester. Born at Liverpool. I. 20. *RN*

ATKINSON, A/C. I ^{Walter James} W. J., 238558. 211th Sqdn. Royal Air Force. 13th July, 1918. II. *Row 3 Grave 7*

BATT, Pte. E. A., PO/9317. R.M.L.I. H.M.S. "Hindustan." Killed in action in raid on Zeebrugge 23rd April, 1918. Age 38. Son of Mrs. Mary Ann Batt, of 25, Sidney St., Tidal Basin, London. II. *Row 1 Grave 2*

BAXTER, Deck Hand Joseph Edward, 13667/DA. R.N.R. H.M. Motor Launch "424." 23rd April, 1918. Age 31. Son of William and Mary Jane Baxter; husband of Jessie Baxter, of 15, King St., Maryport, Cumberland. II. *Row 2 Grave 3*

BOOTON, A.B. J. T., 183679 (DEV./R.F.R./B/632). R.N. H.M.S. "Tornado." Drowned 23rd Dec., 1917. Age 38. Husband of Edith Higginson (formerly Booton), of 59, Offmore Rd., Kidderminster, Worcs. II. *Row 3 Grave 6*

BOUCHER, Sto. 1st Cl. William Robert, K/29924. R.N. H.M.S. "Tornado." 23rd Dec., 1917. Age 23. Son of the late Samuel and Florence Boucher (née Bartlett). Educated at Marston Magna School, Somerset. Born at Watercombe, Yeovil. I. 15. *RN*

BRANNIGAN, Sig. Boy J. R., J/50417. R.N. H.M.S. "Torrent." 23rd Dec., 1917. I. 16. *RN*

BROWN, A.B. Henry Augustus, 206254 (R.F.R./CH/B/10013). R.N. H.M.S. "Hogue." Killed in action with submarine in North Sea 22nd Sept., 1914. Age 31. Son of Henry Augustus Brown, of London; husband of Eugenia Brown, of 9, Berry Rd., Saltley, Birmingham. I. 10. *RN*

BUCKLEY, Flt. Sub.-Lieut. Eric James Kershaw. HOLLAND R.N.A.S. Dunkirk. Cross of the Order of the Crown of Belgium. Croix de Guerre (Belgium). Drowned whilst flying over North Sea 28th Sept., 1917. Age 22. Son of Charlotte Buckley, of 6, Dry Hill Park Rd., Tonbridge, Kent, and the late James Kershaw Buckley. II. *Row 2 Grave 4*

CORNES, Ord. Smn. Joseph Guiney, J/63192. R.N. H.M.S. "Tornado." Drowned 23rd Dec., 1917. Age 19. Son of Robert and Christina Cornes, of 46, Crownpoint Rd., Milend, Glasgow. I. 7. *RN*

FLETCHER, 2nd Lt. Edward Corston. 214th Sqdn. Royal Air Force. Drowned at sea while returning from night bombing, 22nd Aug., 1918. Age 18. Only son of James and Harriet Fletcher, of 19, Balmoral Rd., South Shore Blackpool. Was employed in Borough Treasurer's Office, Blackpool. II. *Row 4 Grave 11*

GATES, Sto. 1st Cl. Thomas Henry, K/36916. R.N. H.M.S. "Surprise." 23rd Dec., 1917. Age 28. Son of William Thomas and Emily Elizabeth Gates, of Walsworth, Hitchin, Herts. II. *Row 2 Grave 5*

GRAHAM, Lt. ^{George Wilson} G. W. 204th Sqdn. Royal Air Force. 13th July, 1918. Age 19. Son of Dr. James Gibson Graham, M.D., and Margaret Isabella Wilson Graham, of 17, Ashton Terrace, Downhill, Glasgow. I. 13. *RN*

GREY (served as FRANCIS), Sto. 1st Cl. Stephen Arthur, K/15429. R.N. H.M.S. "Surprise." 23rd Dec., 1917. I. 5. *RN*

HENNIKER, Ldg. Smn. Ernest Edward, 183726. R.N. H.M.S. "North Star." Killed in action 23rd April, 1918. Age 38. Son of Henry Henniker, of Strood, Kent, and the late Caroline Henniker. II. *Row 1 Grave 1*

MESHAM, Lt. James Herbert. 204th Sqdn. 61st Wing, Royal Air Force. Killed (or drowned) 13th July, 1918, as a result of a collision in the air over Zeebrugge. Age 18. Son of Robert Edward and Euphemia Mesham, of 18, Norwich Rd., Wavertree, Liverpool. II. *Row 4 Grave 10*

MILLER, Ord. Smn. Robert George, J/56044. R.N. H.M.S. "Torrent." Drowned 23rd Dec., 1917. Age 20. Son of Richard and Emma Miller, of 89, Somerset Rd., Farnborough, Hants. II. *Row 5 Grave 18*

** all burials in this cemetery were concentrated from FLUSHING NEW GENERAL CEMETERY, NETHERLANDS*

WGR/2799

Graves Registration Report Form

COUNTRY: THE NETHERLANDS REPORT NO.:

SCHEDULE NO.:

PLACE OF BURIAL: FLUSHING VLISSINGEN NORTHERN CEMETERY
1914-18Land belongs to NEW GER'S MADE OUT FOLLOWING AREA INSPECTION
SEE CEM OCT 93 TO VERIFY SITUATION ON THE GROUND
20167 FOLIO'S 93-116 FOR FULL STORY. Certified complete and correct.

The following are buried here:-

Signature: N. HAINES ED (RT) Date: Nov 93

P.R.G.	No. and Rank	Initials, Name & Honours	Unit	Date of Death	For works u
		PLOT	TWO		
1	183726 LDG. SMN.	E.E. HENNIKER	R.N.	23.4.18	
2	PO 19317 PTE	E.A. BATT	R.M.L.I.	23.4.18	
3	13667 D.A. DECK HAND	J.E. BAXTER	R.N.R.	23.4.18	
4	FLT. SUB - LIEUT.	E.J.K. BUCKLEY	R.N.A.S.	28.9.17	
5	K 136916 STO 1ST CL	T.H. GATES	R.N.	23.12.17	
6	183679 A.B.	J.T. BOOTON	R.N.	23.12.17	
7	UNKNOWN	SEAMAN	R.N.	18.1.18.	
8	238558 A/C 1	W.J. ATKINSON	R.A.F.	13.7.18.	
9	317264 SERJT.	H.M. PARTRIDGE	R.A.F.	25.7.18	
10	LIEUTENANT	J.H. MESHAM	R.A.F.	13.7.18	
11	2ND LIEUT.	E.C. FLETCHER	R.A.F.	22.8.18.	
12		J. KLAEYS	BELGIUM F. NATIONAL	3.10.18	
13		A. SMET	BELGIUM F. NATIONAL	10.11.18	
14		R. DUPLOUY	FRENCH F. NATIONAL	19.12.18	
15		J.B. HILBRON	FORMER BELG F. NATIONAL	1.1.19	NOW NWWG I + GND-LIVE
16		G. PATOW	FRENCH F. NATIONAL	10.1.19.	
17	J 17671 LDG SEAMAN	A. MORLAND	R.N.	23.12.17	
18	J 156044 ORD SEAMAN	R.G. MILLER	R.N.	23.12.17	
19	UNKNOWN	SEAMAN	R.N.	16.1.18	
20	SS 14022 A.B.	J. PAUL	R.N.	23.12.17	
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AMENDMENTS TO GRAVE NUMBERS AND DATES OF DEATH FOR UNKNOWN'S AS FOLIOS 116-7 CEM 20167 DATED NOVEMBER 1993

No. of Contract.....dated.....

IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

SCHEDULE "A" PAGE 1.

Name and address of Firm

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS

NAME OF CEMETERY

to this report is attached

FLUSHING TOWN CEM. (HOLLAND)

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS

To be stencilled on foot of headstones below ground level abbreviated thus:-

(those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined)

and

TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design).

FLUSH.C.

Badge Design No. and Layout No.	1st line	2nd line	3rd line	4th line		Centre of Stone	To be stencilled on foot of headstones below ground level.	
	Number and Rank	Initials, NAME and Honours.	Regiment	Date of Death	Age	Relig. Emb.	Plot -P Row -R Grave-G	No. of Stone
				In any instance where the entry "NONE" appears in Col. 6, the Age will be omitted from the Headstone and the Date of Death centred laterally.				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1212/1G	* UNKNOWN BRITISH SEAMAN		(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)				1 1	1
1212/1G	* UNKNOWN BRITISH SEAMAN		(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)				1 2	2
1212/1G	* UNKNOWN BRITISH SEAMAN		(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)				1 3	3
1212/1A	* C.B. ROWLES	STOKER 1ST CLASS RN.K/10733	H.M.S. "TORNADO"	23RD DECEMBER 1917	NONE	CROSS	1 4	4
1212/1P	* S.A. GREY SERVED	AS H.A. FRANCIS STOKER 1ST CLASS RN.K/15429	(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. P)				1 5	5
1212/1G	* UNKNOWN BRITISH SEAMAN		(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)				1 6	6
1212/1G	* J.G. CORNES	ORDINARY SEAMAN RN.J/63192	H.M.S. "TORNADO"	23RD DECEMBER 1917	NONE	CROSS	1 7	7
1212/1G	* UNKNOWN BRITISH SEAMAN		(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)				1 8	8
1007/2B	* 16092 PRIVATE	J. WALKER	BEDFORDSHIRE REGIMENT	17TH NOVEMBER 1915	AGE 22	CROSS	1 9	9
1212/1B	* H.A. BROWN	ABLE SEAMAN RN.206254	H.M.S. "HOGUE"	22ND SEPTEMBER 1914	AGE 31	CROSS	1 10	10
1212/1A	* A.G.R. SAYER	ABLE SEAMAN RN.J/21221	H.M.S. "TORRENT"	23RD DECEMBER 1917	AGE 21	CROSS	1 11	11
1204/1B	* FLY/15367 PRIVATE	R. SHORTROCKS	H.M.S. "CLEOPATRA"	4TH AUGUST 1916	AGE 25	CROSS	1 12	12
1192/1A	* LIEUTENANT	G.W. GRAHAM	ROYAL AIR FORCE	13TH JULY 1918	AGE 19	CROSS	1 13	13
1204/1D	* CH/21243 PRIVATE	D. O'SULLIVAN	ROYAL MARINE LIGHT INF.	23RD APRIL 1918	AGE 20	CROSS	1 14	14
1212/1A	* W.R. BOUCHER	STOKER 1ST CLASS RN.K/29924	H.M.S. "TORNADO"	23RD DECEMBER 1917	AGE 23	CROSS	1 15	15

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B.M. 20167

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* These headstones do not to be executed until further orders.

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SCHEDULE "B" PAGE 1

Name and address of Firm,

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT B HEADSTONE PERSONAL INSCRIPTIONS
to be read in conjunction with

NAME OF CEMETERY.

FLUSHING TOWN CEM. (HOLLAND)

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT A HEADSTONE MILITARY INSCRIPTIONS
together with
TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used
are quoted on the badge design).

Badge Design No. and Layout	Head- stone No.	Line 1	Line 2	Line 3	Line 4	No. of letters in text
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1212/1G	1	KNOWN UNTO GOD				12
1212/1G	2	KNOWN UNTO GOD				12
1212/1G	3	KNOWN UNTO GOD				12
	4					
	5	(Mr. S. Trott, 6, Foundry St., Brighton.)				
1212/1G	6	KNOWN UNTO GOD				12
	7					
1212/1G	8	KNOWN UNTO GOD				12
1007/2B	9	PEACE PERFECT PEACE (Mrs. E. Walker, Claypit Cottage, Offley, Hitchin, Herts.)			4-11	17
1212/1B NAVY	10	GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN (Mrs. H. A. Brown, 9, Berry Road, Highfield Road, Saltley, Birmingham.)			5-6	19
	11	(Mr. L. P. Sayers, Buchan Road, Broxburn, W. E. West Lothian.)				
1204/1B	12	GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN (Mrs. E. Corless, 45, Green St., Lancaster.)			5-6	19
	13	(Mr. J. Graham, 17, Ashton Terr., Dowanhill, Glasgow.)				
1204/1D	14	IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE FROM HIS LOVING MOTHER BROTHERS AND SISTERS (Mrs. M. C. Sullivan, Ballynac, Tallow, Co. Cork, Ireland.)			16-4	56
	15	(Mrs. M. Boucher, Adber, Trent, Sherborne, Dorset.)				
Proof Checked.....		Names and addresses of N/K. are shown in brackets				1-12-3 111
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COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION EXHUMATION REPORT FORM (A)

REBURIAL RETURN (VLISSINGEN)

Name of Cemetery of ReburialFLUSHING NORTHERN CEMETERY.....

Serial N° .2799.

Date of Reburial .18-19-20 October.1982.....

Reburial in

Plot	Row	Grave	Cemetery from which exhumation effected (Plot, Row, Grave, Number) or map reference of isolated grave where body found, and date of exhumation.	Regimental particulars from Cross, or from other means of identification	Means of identification	Serial Number of Exhumation report Form (C) if effects found.
1		1	The following burials were exhumed from Flushing (Vlissingen) New Gen. CEM.			
1		2	Unknown seaman - 16th JAN 1918	1st Row	Headstones and records	
1		3	Unknown seaman - 12th JAN 1918			
1		4	Rowles. Sto. 1st cl. C.B. R.N.K/16733	2nd Row		
1		5	Grey (served as Francis) sto 1st Cl. S.A. R.N. K/15429	H.R. FRANCIS		
1		6	Unknown seaman - 24th JUNE 1919			
1		7	Cornes Ord. SMN J.G. J/63192 R.N.			
1		8	Unknown seaman - 15th JAN 1918	3rd Row		
1		9	Walker J. Pte. 16092 8th Bn. Bedfordshire Regt.			
1		10	Brown A.B. Henry Augustus 206254 (R.F.R./CH/B/10013) R.N.			
1		11	Sayer A.B. A.G.R., J/21221 R.N.	4th Row		
1		12	Shorrocks Pte. R. PLY/15367 R.M.L.I.			
1		13	Graham Lt. G.W. Royal Air Force			
1		14	O'Sullivan Pte. D. CH/21243 R.M.L.I.			
1		15	Boucher Sto. 1st Cl. W.R.K./29924 R.N.			
1		16	Brannigan, Sig. Boy. J.R. J/50417 R.N.			
1		17	Deldine ✓ DELDINE ON H/5.	BELGE 5th Row		
1		18	Francois			
1		19	Unknown seaman 3rd APRIL 1918			
1		20	Acton LDG. SMN. C.E. J/4297 R.N.			

To be made out in triplicate, two copies to D.I.S., Head Office, one copy to Area Office file

CRAIG CHALMERS

Signature of person responsible for return.

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COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION EXHUMATION REPORT FORM (A)

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