

COPY OF
THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
BETHNAL GREEN TUBE SHELTER ACCIDENT
3 MARCH 1943

On 3 March 1943 a crowd of people entered Bethnal Green tube station which was used at the time as an air-raid shelter. After the searchlights went on and an anti-aircraft battery a few hundred yards away in Victoria Park launched a salvo of a new type of anti-aircraft rockets the crowd surged forward. Someone tripped on the stairs causing many others to fall. 300 people were crushed into the stairwell within a few seconds, 173 of them died and over 90 were injured. The worst civilian disaster of the 2nd World War.

The details given on the sheets below are based on the records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Their normal practice was to include only those killed as a result of enemy action. We can be grateful to those, whose names will remain unknown, at the Commission who decided to make an exception in this case.

Printed copies of CWGC "Civilian War Dead" registers can be found in Westminster Abbey, the Public Records Office at Kew and several other places around the UK.

Until now only a small plaque above the stairs commemorates the tragedy. Local people including survivors and relatives of the dead and injured have registered a charity to run the 'Stairway to Heaven Memorial Trust'. The Charity's aim is to build a fitting memorial to the memory of the 173 people who lost their lives that day on the stairway. The memorial will remember the Emergency Services, the firemen, policeman, ambulance, wardens, clergy and hospital staff who helped the injured. In addition the project is being used as a resource for local children.

This is version 2 of the list of names and citations.

It is important that the details contained in the final version of the book and the names cast into the memorial are correct.

Any changes/corrections should be sent to michael.kelly@stairwaytoheavenmemorial.org

Casualty Age Citation

Casualty	Age	Citation
AARONS, Betty Diana	14	of 39 Maitland House, Bishop's Way. Daughter of Arnold Aarons.
ASSER, Jessie Louisa	33	Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sharman, of 152 Grantley Street, Stepney; wife of George Edward Asser, of 44 Newcourt House, Horwood Estate.
BAILEY, Mary	72	of 27 Whitman House, Roman Road.
BAILEY, Rose Ethel May	41	Wife of William Bailey, of 27 Whitman House, Roman Road.
BAKER, George Stephen	38	Husband of A. A. Baker, of 90 Braintree Street.
BAKER, Minnie Amelia	14	Daughter of A. A. Baker, of 90 Braintree Street, and of George Stephen Baker.
BASS, Eileen Dorothy Margaret	7	Daughter of Jesse and Maria Bass, of 39 Portman Place.
BEAKEN, Eileen Louisa	17	of 29 Morris House, Roman Road. Daughter of Henry Beaken, and of Ethel Louisa Beaken.
BEAKEN, Ethel Louisa	53	of 29 Morris House, Roman Road. Wife of Henry Beaken (sen.).
BEAKEN, Matilda Jean	42	of 29 Morris House, Roman Road. Daughter of Henry Beaken, and of Ethel Louisa Beaken.
BEGER/BERGER, Emily Jemima	57	Wife of Samuel Walter Berger, of 29 Haverfield Road, Grove Road, Roman Road.
BENDON, Elizabeth	38	of 73 Cyprus Street.
BENNETT, Emma Maud	48	Wife of Matthew Bennett, of 15 Moore House, Roman Road.
BOSWORTH, Edith Priscilla	50	of 10 Burnham Estate, Globe Road. Daughter of Mrs. P. Rudd, of 36 Hemming Street; widow of William Bosworth.
BOSWORTH, Irene Priscilla	17	of 10 Burnham Estate, Globe Road. Daughter of Edith Priscilla, and of the late William Bosworth.
BOWLING, Bessie	59	of 1 Milton House, Bethnal Green Estate. Wife of Thomas E. Bowling.
BOWLING, Eliza	31	of 1 Milton House, Bethnal Green Estate. Daughter of Thomas E. Bowling, and of Bessie Bowling.
BOXER, Annie Louise	24	of 20 Hunslett Street. Daughter of George and Elizabeth Knight, of 9 Boston Street; wife of John Boxer (H.M. Forces).
BROOKSTONE, Israel	67	Husband of Sarah Brookstone, of 41 Teesdale Street.
BROOKS, Henry Norman	10	Son of Alfred Edmund Brooks, of 11 Swinburne House, Roman Road, and of Jessie Elizabeth Brooks.
BROOKS, Jessie Elizabeth	46	Wife of Alfred Edmund Brooks, of 11 Swinburne House, Roman Road.
BUTTERFIELD, Allan	3	of 349 Corfield Street Buildings. Son of George and Charlotte Butterfield.
BUTTERFIELD, Charlotte	28	of 349 Corfield Street Buildings. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hicks, of 22 Wharncliffe Street; wife of George Butterfield.
BUTTERFIELD, George	28	of 349 Corfield Street Buildings. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield, of 21 Hollybush House, Bethnal Green Road; husband of Charlotte Butterfield.
CHANDLER, Doreen Mary	14	Daughter of Thomas G. Chandler, of 34 Claredale Estate, Claredale Street, and of Lilian Mary Chandler.
CHANDLER, Lilian Mary	31/35	Wife of Thomas G. Chandler, of 34 Claredale Estate, Claredale Street.
CHAPMAN, Charlotte Elizabeth	25	Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barr, of 21 Hersee Place, Roman Road, wife of William Edward Chapman, of the same address.

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CHAPMAN, George James	23	Home Guard. Son of George Albert Chapman, of 17 Swinburne House; husband of Alice Chapman, of the same address.
CLATWORTHY, Iris Jean	8	Daughter of Richard Henry and Carline Clatworthy, of 156 Bancroft Road, Stepney.
CLATWORTHY, Joan Betty	9	Daughter of Richard Henry and Carline Clatworthy, of 156 Bancroft Road, Stepney.
COLEMAN, Maude Louisa	54	Wife of Edward George Coleman, of 236 Globe Road.
COLEMAN, Richard	34	of 12 Whitman House, Roman Road. Son of Henry Coleman, and of the late Elizabeth Coleman husband of Lilian Rose Coleman.
COLLETT, Doreen	10	Daughter of Charles Thomas Collett, of 9 Stainsbury Street, and of Rose Emma Collett.
COLLETT, Ronald	8	Son of Charles Thomas Collett, of 9 Stainsbury Street, and of Rose Collett. Injured in Bethnal Green Tube Shelter accident; died same day at London Hospital.
COLLETT, Rose Emma	50	Wife of Charles Thomas Collett, of 9 Stainsbury Street.
COURT, Patricia Marie	24	Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murphy, of 61 Russell Road, Chingford, Essex; wife of Thomas Court, of 6 Electric House, Bow Road. Injured in Bethnal Green Tube Shelter accident; died same day in London Hospital.
DAY, John Lewis	69	of 12B Buxton Road, Walthamstow, Essex.
DONGREY, Annie	22	Wife of Leslie Dongrey, of 57 Driffield Road, Bow.
ELLAM, Annie Eva	44	Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hickey, of 29 Wessex Street, Stepney; wife of William G. Ellam, of 31 Wessex Street.
ELLAM, Frances Lilian	20	Daughter of William G. Ellam, of 31 Wessex Street, and of Annie Eva Ellam. Injured in Bethnal Green Tube Shelter; died same day at London Hospital.
ELLAM, Pauline Patricia	2	Daughter of William G. Ellam, of 31 Wessex Street, Stepney, and of Annie Eva Ellam.
ELLAM, Rosina Ellen	17	Daughter of William G. Ellam, of 31 Wessex Street, Stepney, and of Annie Eva Ellam.
EMERY, Clara	77	of 41 Hollybush Gardens.
FLETCHER, Alexander	3	of 334 Corfield Street. Son of Alexander Fletcher (H.M. Forces), and of Elizabeth Fletcher.
FLETCHER, Elizabeth	28	of 334 Corfield Street. Daughter of James Ridley, of 363 Corfield Street; wife of Alexander Fletcher (H.M. Forces).
FORBES, Irene Catherine	17	of 27 Bishops Way. Daughter of Leonora Forbes.
FORBES, Leonora	57	of 27 Bishop's Way.
FOWLER, Mary Ann	45	in Tube Shelter accident.
FRENCH, Lilian	29	of 73 Cyprus Street.
GEARY, Carole Ann	5m	Daughter of George Geary, of 9 Perry Place.
GEARY, Sylvia Sadie	6	Daughter of George Geary, of 9 Perry Place.
GROVER, Ethel	48	Of 302 Globe Road. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sandle, of 78 Royston Street; wife of Josiah William Grover.
HALES, Joseph Alexander	53	of 2 Crossland Square, Sale Street. Husband of E. B. Hales.
HALL, Annie Jessie	52	Wife of William Thomas Hall, of 148 Mansford Street.

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HALL, Edna Phoebe	13	Daughter of William Thomas Hall, of 148 Mansford Street, and of Annie Jessie Hall.
HALL, Irene	8	Daughter of Frederick Hall, of 17 Burnham Estate, Globe Road, and of Mary Ann Hall.
HALL, Mary Ann	47	Wife of Frederick Hall, of 17 Burnham Estate, Globe Road.
HAMMOND, Rhoda	44	Wife of John David Hammond, of 18 Approach Road, Victoria Park.
HARRIS, Olive Margaret	17	Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Harris, of 86 Royston Street.
HAWLEY, Leonard Joseph	64	of 143 Antill Road, Roman Road.
HAYMAN, Mary Ann	19	Daughter of Albert Hayman, of 26 Burnham Estate, Globe Road.
HEWITT, Mary Kathleen Ivy	27	of 1 Digby Street. Wife of Leslie George Hewitt.
HIGGINSON, Emily	62	Wife of John Ashworth Higginson, of 10 Seabright Street.
HILLIER, Mary Ann	61	of 3 Kirkwall Place. Widow of Charles Edwin Hillier.
HISCOKE, Ivy Winifred	22	of 65 Gretton Houses. Daughter of Mrs. E. Nicholls, of 19 Warley Street; wife of Albert James Hiscoke.
HOYE, Lillian	13	of 106 Rowan Road. Daughter of Louisa Hoyer.
HOYE, Louisa	44	of 106 Rowan Road.
HOYE, Margaret	7	of 106 Rowan Road. Daughter of Louisa Hoyer.
HOYE, Rosina	19	of 106 Rowan Road. Daughter of Louisa Hoyer.
HUTCHINSON, Joan Peggy	10	Daughter of William Percy Hutchinson, of 16 Bonwell Street.
HUTCHINSON, William G	6	Son of William Percy Hutchinson, of 16 Bonwell Street.
INGLE, Agnes Maud	28	of 247 Globe Road. Wife of Stanley Ingle.
JOHNSON, Caroline Ivy	14	Daughter of Maud Sophia Johnson, of 208 Bancroft Road, Mile End, Stepney.
JOHNSON, Ellen Emma	6	Son of William Charles and Harriet Johns, of 18 Mulberry House, Victoria Park Square.
JOHNS, Peter Alan	7	Daughter of Maud Sophia Johnson, of 208 Bancroft Road, Mile End, Stepney.
JOLLY, Sarah Ann	51	of 41 Burnham Estate, Globe Road.
JONES, Estella	59	Wife of J. B. Jones, of 33 Old Ford Road.
JULIER, Henry	18	son of Henry and Ethel Julier, of 91 Bishop's Way, Bethnal Green. Injured in Bethnal Green Tube Shelter accident; died same day at London Hospital.
KOROBENICK, Eliza Matilda	33	Daughter of Charles Victor Mead, of 66 Newcourt House, Pott Street.
LAND, Barbara Anne	7	Daughter of James William and May Land, of 1 Bullards Place, Roman Road.
LAND, Martha Elizabeth	56	Wife of Henry Albert Land, of 43 Monteith Road, Old Ford, Bow.
LAPHAM, Ronald Roy	15	Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lapham, of 10 Approach Road, Victoria Park.
LAWSON, Anthony William	7	Son of William Lawson, of 172 Rowan Road.
LAWSON, Patricia Eileen	3	Daughter of William Lawson, of 172 Rowan Road.
LAZARUS, Morris	42	Light Rescue Service. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Lazarus, of 157 Bethnal Green Road; husband of Rosy Lazarus, of 205 Roman Road.

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LECHMERE, Florence Rosetta	66	of 3 Entick Street, Mile End, Stepney. Wife of Thomas Allen Lechmere.
LECHMERE, Thomas Allen	66	of 3 Entick Street, Mile End, Stepney. Husband of Florence Rosetta Lechmere.
LECHMERE, Thomas Charles	43	St. George Cross 4th Class. Son of Thomas Allen Lechmere and Florence Rosetta Lechmere; husband of May Lechmere, of 9 Entick Street, Mile End, Stepney.
LEGGETT, Benjamin George	31	of 16 Bandon Road. Son of Mrs. L. Leggett; husband of Rose Maud Leggett.
LEGGETT, Rose Maud	31	of 16 Bandon Road. Wife of Benjamin George Leggett.
LEGGETT, Roy Benjamin	7	of 16 Bandon Road. Son of Benjamin George and Rose Maud Leggett.
LEWIS, George Ronald	10	Son of George Thomas Lewis, of 10 Moore House, Roman Road, and of the late Jessie Catherine Lewis.
LEWIS, Lillie Elizabeth	14	Daughter of George Thomas Lewis, of 10 Moore House, Roman Road, and of the late Jessie Catherine Lewis.
LOFTUS, John Samuel	13	Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Loftus, of 32 Grendon House, Shore Place, Hackney. Injured and died the same day in the London Hospital
LOFTUS, Louisa Ellen	15	Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Loftus, of 32 Grendon House, Shore Place, Hackney.
MAGUIRE, Jean Mary	8y 10m	Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Andrew Maguire, of 28 Butler Estate, Roman Road.
MASON, Charles	50	of 23 Russia Lane.
MATHERS, Ruby	18	Daughter of Albert Mathers, of 16 Beale Road, Bow.
MEAD, Eliza	67	Wife of Charles Victor Mead, of 66 Newcourt House, Pott Street.
MEAD, Florence Elizabeth	35	of 7 Peary Place, Roman Road. Daughter of Ellen Garner, of 50 Surat Street, Roman Road; wife of George Mead.
MEAD, George Jnr.	10	of 7 Peary Place, Roman Road. Son of George and Florence Elizabeth Mead.
MEAD, George Snr.	4	of 7 Peary Place, Roman Road. Husband of Florence Elizabeth Mead.
MEAD, Kenneth	12	of 7 Peary Place, Roman Road. Son of George and Florence Elizabeth Mead.
MEAD, Maureen	40	of 7 Peary Place, Roman Road, Bethnal Green. Daughter of George and Florence Elizabeth Mead. Injured in Bethnal Green Tube Shelter accident; died same day at Mile End Hospital.
MORRIS, Derek	6	of 25 Montfort House, Victoria Park Square. Son of Florence Maud Morris.
MORRIS, Florence Maud	30	Daughter of George Morris, of 25 Montfort House, Victoria Park Square, Bethnal Green. Injured in Bethnal Green Tube Shelter accident; died same day at London Hospital. STENEY list
MYERS, Jeffrey	6	Son of Isaac Myers, of 55 Cleveland Way, Mile End, Stepney, and of Sophie Myers.
MYERS, Sophie	41	Wife of Isaac Myers, of 55 Cleveland Way, Mile End, Stepney.
NEVILLE, Alfred	45	NOTHING KNOWN
NEWMAN, DOris	9	of 24 Tagg Street. Daughter of Louisa E. Newman, and of George John Newman.
NEWMAN, George John	45	of 24 Tagg Street. Husband of Louisa E. Newman.
NEWTON, Sarah Ann	28	Daughter of Sarah, and of the late Henry Taylor; wife of James David Newton, of 25 Wessex Street, Mile End.
NIXON, William Henry	14	Son of Jane Nixon, of 7 Burn's House.
PAPWORTH, Rosina	27	Daughter of G. and S. Wheeler, of 41 Hartley Street; wife of Henry Papworth, of 80 Morpeth Street.

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PATTERSON, Mary	44	Wife of James Robert Patterson, of 8 Brierly Street.
PERRYMENT, Iris May	17	Daughter of Alfred John and Caroline Florence Perryment, of 74 Morpeth Street.
POOLE, Sarah Amelia Elizabeth	54	Wife of Charles Alfred Poole, of 87 Mansford Buildings, Mansford Street.
PRICE, Rose Elizabeth	27	of 37 Viaduct Street.
PUSEY, Emily	48	of 7 Shelley House. Daughter of William and Catherine Sears, of 18 Potts Street; wife of Harry Pusey.
PUSEY, Harry	50	of 7 Shelley House. Son of Henry and Eleanor Mary Pusey, of 14 Brougham Road, Shoreditch; husband of Emily Pusey.
QUORN, Emily Elizabeth	43	Wife of John Edward Quorn, of 5 Peel Grove.
QUORN, Gwendoline	5	Daughter of John Edward Quorn, of 5 Peel Grove, and of Emily Elizabeth Quorn.
QUORN, William Frederick	14	Son of John Edward Quorn, of 5 Peel Grove, and of Emily Elizabeth Quorn.
RAULINAITIS, Joseph	32	Husband of Anna Raulinaitis, of 9 Hammond Gardens, Old Bethnal Green Road.
REDWIN, Eileen Margaret	7	of 236 Globe Road.
RELF, Rose Lilian Jnr.	13	Daughter of Reuben Henry Relf, of 192 Wilmot Street, and of Rose Lilian Relf
RELF, Rose Lilian Snr.	41	Daughter of Maria Hines, of 13 Georgina Gardens; wife of Reuben Henry Relf, of 192 Wilmot Street.
REYNOLDS, George Francis	72	of 289 Cambridge Heath Road.
RIDDELL, Stella Annie Violet	13	of 51 Burnham Estate, Globe Road. Daughter of Violet Matilda Harriett Riddell, and of the late William Seraphos Riddell.
RIDGWAY, Ellen	28	of 24 Brierly Street. Wife of Spr. G. Ridgway, R.E.
ROCHE, Edmund	42	of 123 Canrobert Street. Husband of Rhoda Roche.
ROCHE, Edward	8	of 123 Canrobert Street. Son of Edmund and Rhoda Roche. in Tube Shelter acciden
ROCHE, Joan Mary	9	of 123 Canrobert Street. Daughter of Edmund and Rhoda Roche.
ROCHE, Rhoda	40	of 123 Canrobert Street. Wife of Edmund Roche.
SCEATS, Lilian Doris	15	Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Sceats, of 30 Whitman House, Roman Road.
SEABROOK, Barry James	2y 9m	Son of Mr. and Mrs. James William Seabrook, of 86 Bonner Road.
SEABROOK, Sarah Florence	62	Wife of James William Seabrook, of 158 Gretton House Buildings.
SEAR, William Herbert	50	of 15 Patriots Square, Cambridge Heath Road. Husband of Nellie Florence Sear.
SHARP, Irene Susan	16m	Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sharpe, of Flat 5, King Street, Maidstone, Kent.
SHARP, Kenneth Edward	5	Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sharpe, of Flat 5, King Street, Maidstone, Kent.
SHEPHERD, Arthur Theodore	42	of 19 Model Buildings, Pakenham Street, King's Cross Road.
SINNOCK, Lydia Elizabeth	62	Wife of George Sinnock, of 6 Morpeth Street.
SMITH, Dorothy Ann	12	Daughter of Cyril Edward and Gertrude May Smith, of 9 Roman Road.
SPEIGHT, Edith Margaret	47	of 9 Horwood House, Pott Street. Wife of Arthur Speight.
SPICER, Anthony Edwin	4	Son of William and Eliza Elizabeth Spicer, of 10 Bonwell Road, Roman Road.

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SPICER, Joan Pamela	9	Daughter of William and Eliza Elizabeth Spicer, of 10 Bonwell Road, Roman Road.
STEVENS, Mary Ann Elizabeth	55	of 36A Waterloo Gardens, Bishop's Way.
STRETCH, Rose	39	of 159 Wilmot Street. Wife of William Stretch.
STRETCH, William Jnr,	9	of 159 Wilmot Street. Son of William and Rose Stretch.
STRETCH, William Snr.	49	of 159 Wilmot Street. Husband of Rose Stretch.
TARBUCK, George	45	of 63 Newcourt House, Pott Street. Son of Mrs. P. Tarbuck, of 31 Sceptre Street; husband of Louisa Tarbuck.
TARBUCK, Louisa	44	F.A.P. member; of 63 Newcourt House, Pott Street. Daughter of Louisa Ward, of the same address; wife of George Tarbuck.
TAYLOR, James William	12	Son of Henry and Maud Taylor, of 10 Lansdell Place, Roman Road.
TAYLOR, Sarah	54	of 27 Wessex Street, Mile End, Stepney.
THOMPSON, Kate	53	Wife of William Richard Thompson, of 83 Quinn Square, Russia Lane.
THORPE, Barbara	2	Aged 22 months. Daughter of Henry George Thorpe, of 20 Kerbela Street, and of Olive Thorpe.
THORPE, Marie	11	Daughter of Henry George Thorpe, of 20 Kerbela Street, and of Olive Thorpe.
THORPE, Olive	36	Wife of Henry George Thorpe, of 20 Kerbela Street.
TILBURY, Clara Selina	49	Wife of Sydney Arthur Tilbury, of 31 Burnham Estate, Roman Road.
TRAYLING, Irene Lilian	20	of 9 Kirkwall Place, Globe Road. Daughter of James and Mary Ann Marshall, of the same address; wife of Gnr. Alfred Arthur Trayling, R.A.
TRICE, Isabella Rose	39	of 42 Wessex Street.
TROTTER, Lilian Maud	36	Wife of George Henry Trotter, of 26 Morpeth Street.
TROTTER, Vera Lilian	7	Daughter of George Henry Trotter, of 26 Morpeth Street, and of Lilian Maud Trotter.
VANNER, Florence Eliza	49	Wife of John Vanner, of 68 Burnham Estate, Roman Road.
VANN, Maud	23	Fire Guard. Daughter of G. and Louisa Branch, of 74 Hadrian Estate, Hackney Road; wife of James William Vann, of the same address.
WARRINGTON, Doris Beatrice	16	Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warrington, of 62 Blythe Street.
WELCH, James	52	of 37 Digby Street. Husband of Alice Welch.
WHITEHEAD, James Henry	69	of 6 Viaduct Street. Son of the late Charles and Mary Whitehead.
WILSON, Edna Rosina	15	Daughter of Mr. and Rosina H. Wilson, of 37 Butler Estate, Roman Road.
WOOD, Alfred William	63	Husband of Rose Lucy Wood, of 5 Kenilworth Road, Roman Road.
WOOLNOUGH, Elsie Hilda	37	of 35 Mansford Buildings, Mansford Street. Wife of Albert Charles Woolnough. in Tube Shelter accident
WOOLNOUGH, Olive Elsie	12	of 35 Mansford Buildings, Mansford Street. Daughter of Albert Charles Woolnough, and of Elsie Hilda Woolnough.
YEWMAN, John Robert Charles	14m	Son of Alfred and Emily Yewman, of 5 Peel Grove.