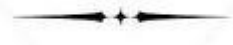




Boyton and Corton

War Dead



Second World War

Philip Arthur Berry died at sea on 19th December 1941 aged 40. He was a Commander RN, the son of Mr and Mrs AJ Berry and husband of Doreen M Berry of Little Manor, Corton. On the night of 19th December 1941, the Cruiser HMS Neptune ran into an uncharted minefield in the Mediterranean off Tripoli, and sank with the loss of 764 officers and men. He is commemorated on the Corton War Memorial.

Charles Neville Fane was killed on 21st May 1940, aged 29, at Pecq, Flanders. He was a Captain in the Coldstream Guards, his family regiment, and was killed during the withdrawal to Dunkirk. He was born on 7th February 1911, the son of Henry and Harriet Fane of Boyton Manor and was husband of Gladys Mabel Fane of Blackwater, Camberley. There is a memorial to him in the Giffard Chapel and he is commemorated on the Corton War Memorial.

Douglas Gray was killed on 24th October 1942, aged 32. He was Private in 1/6th Battalion Queen's (Royal West Kent) Regiment, was the son of George and Elizabeth Gray and husband of Nellie Violet Gray of Upton Lovell, previously Miss Nellie Noakes of 38 Corton. He had been under game-keeper before the War. He is buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery and is commemorated on the Corton War Memorial.

Michael Thomas Gibson Henry DFC was killed whilst air testing a Halifax bomber on 13th January 1942 aged 28. He was a Flight Lieutenant in No 10 Squadron RAF, a bomber squadron and had been awarded a DFC on 30 July 1940. Born in Birkenhead, son of Thomas Gibson and Edith Margaret Henry, who were living at Home Croft, Corton by 1938 and married to Elizabeth Marion Ward of Compton Chamberlayne, Wiltshire. He is buried at St Mary's (Anglican) Churchyard, Roecliffe, near Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire and is commemorated on the Corton War Memorial. (*OPC Note : a 10 page biography can be found on the Compton Chamberlayne page of Wiltshire OPC project*)

Peter Gerald Jakins was killed on 19th September 1946 in an air crash off Tunisia on his way back to UK. He was a Flight Lieutenant in the RAF Volunteer Reserve serving in 70 Squadron RAF and is buried in the Tripoli War Cemetery. He was son of Reginald and Ada Louisa who lived at one time in Old Manor Farm (now Manor Farm House) and later in West Farm House when Reginald was farm manager. He is listed on the Corton War Memorial.

(Information kindly supplied by Parish Clerk of Boyton and Corton)



Boyton and Corton War Memorial