



WWII Casualty

Sergeant, Wilfred Samuel Hillier

Surname	Given Names	Rank	Number	Regiment	Attachment	Date of Death		Age at Death	
						Year	Date		
Hillier	Wilfred Samuel	Sergeant		Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps		1941	22-Dec	42	
Date of Birth		Place of Birth	Father		Mother		Baptised		
Year	Date		Surname	Given Names	Maiden Name	Given Names	Year	Date	Place
1891	11-May		Hillier	Lambert Sydney	West	Elinor			
Census Information									
Year	Surname	Given Names	Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	Relationship to Head		
Upper End, Knook									

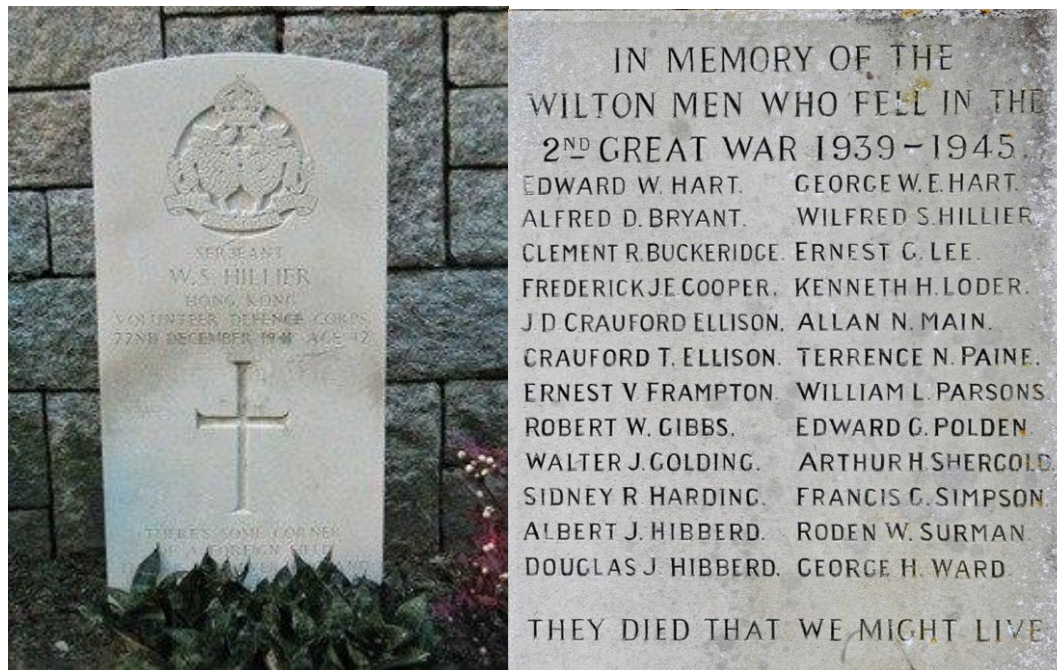
1901	Hillier	Lambert	Married	37	Bricklayer	Nunney, Somerset	Head	
	Hillier	Ellen	Married	37		Winterbourne Stoke	Wife	
	Hillier	Ralph		14		Christchurch, Hampshire	Son	
	Hillier	Arthur A.		9		Christchurch, Hampshire	Son	
	Hillier	Harold		5		Bedminster, Somerset	Son	
	Hillier	Wilfred S.		1		Bedminster, Somerset	Son	
31 Russell Street, Wilton								
1911	Hillier	Lambert	Married	47	Bricklayer	Nunney, Somerset	Head	
	Hillier	Ellen	Married	47		Winterbourne Stoke	Wife	
	Hillier	Arthur	Unmarried	19	Apprentice to Ironmonger	Roscombe, Hampshire	Son	
	Hillier	Harold	Unmarried	15	Apprentice to Ironmonger	Bristol, Somerset	Son	
	Hillier	May		13	Scholar	Bristol, Somerset	Daughter	
	Hillier	Wilfred		11	Scholar	Bristol, Somerset	Son	
	Hillier	Rose		4		Wilton	Daughter	
Military Service Record								
Enlistment Details								
Year	Date	Place	Age			Trade	Religion	
			Years	Months	Days			
Physical Description								
Height		Complexion	Eye Colour	Hair Colour	Distinguishing Marks			
Feet	Inches							
Next of Kin								
Surname	Given Names	Status	Relationship	Abode				

Hillier	Nellie	Mrs.	Widow	Kowloon, Hong Kong						
Details of Death										
Date of Death		Cause of Death	Theatre of War	Ships Name	War Gratuity Paid					Recipient
Year	Date				Year	Date	£	s.	d.	
1941	22-Dec	Execution- summary justice for being a sergeant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Force which resisted the invasion	Japanese Invasion of Hong Kong							
Grave Location										
Cemetery								Plot Number		
Stanley Military Cemetery, Hong Kong, China								6. C. 9.		
War Memorials and Commemorations										
Memorial Name and Location								Panel Number		
Inscription on Headstone - There's Some Corner of a Foreign Field That is Forever England								6. C. 9.		
Wilton Church memorial										
Other Significant Information										
His wife, 'Nellie' Middleton was born 21st November 1909 in Greenock, Scotland. She worked as a stenographer when they emigrated but recorded as a nurse when in the Prisoner of War camp. According to family lore she was forced to watch the execution a punishment often recorded amongst survivors of the Japanese Prisoner of War camps. Her family were connected to the sugar industry, her father a sugar boiler/refiner, her mother Agnes Currie MacFarlane was connected to the shipping MacFarlane shipping family.										
Wilfred departed London aboard the SS Mantua on 18th August 1922 destination Hong Kong. He was recorded as being a shop assistant aged 24 of 24 Russell Street, Wilton. He returned to England on 3rd May 1928 aged 29 and returned to Groveley Road, Wilton. He returned once more to Hong Kong on 14th September 1928 aboard the SS Kamala. Sometime between 1928 and 1933 Wilfred returned to the UK. He had met Nellie Middleton within this time period										
Wilfred and Nellie had married in Brighton in 1933 where Wilfred's brother was at St. Dunstan's home for the blind.										
Wilfred accompanied by Nellie travelled to Hong Kong from Southampton aboard the SS Rawalpindi on 3rd September 1933, recorded as a salesman and their destination was once more Hong Kong. Wilfred was killed and Nellie spent time in a Prisoner of War Camp after the Japanese invaded Hong Kong. Nellie nursed other prisoners in the camp.										
Nellie returned to England aboard the Empress of Australia arriving in Liverpool on 27th October 1945 and was reunited with the Hillier family at Grovely Road, Wilton. After a period of recovery with her in-laws it is believed she returned to her family in Greenock.										



Wilfred Samuel & Nellie Hillier





The Commonwealth War Grave Headstone at Stanley Military Cemetery Hong Kong and the Wilton Church Memorial