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Dear

Thank you for your email of 25 October 2021 requesting:

I am actively involved in Remembrance, being on the committee of the Friends of the Coventry War Memorial Park, and I was instrumental in getting 100 replacement plaques installed in the Park for the Park's Centennial year, 2021. At the recent Heritage Open Days in the Park, we displayed the Rolls of the Fallen for Coventry soldiers killed in WW1 and WW2, but there was no Roll for those soldiers from Coventry who were killed in subsequent conflicts, and questions were asked of us why this was.

Our Chair, Mrs Gill Mills, contacted Coventry City Council, and was informed that there was no Town Clerk any more, and no Council department would be responsible to maintain a Roll. It was suggested that the Friends of the War Memorial Park could take on the research and recording of a new Roll of the Fallen. We as a committee are considering whether we would wish to take on this important role to cover the whole of the City of Coventry. One question that springs to mind is where would we find the information of the Fallen soldiers, our local newspaper is of a very poor quality and we could not guarantee that it would report on this subject.

I have been looking at the MoD website and searched the Roll of Honour for names of personnel killed in service on or after 1/1/1948. Unfortunately there is no mention on the record of place of birth or residence. Could you give me any advice on this proposed project, is there any organisation who could give us the historical information and then keep us up to date, fortunately there should not be any new entries at the present time.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

From 1 January 1948 to 31 December 2020, 109 of the UK Armed Forces personnel who died in service were identified as having a birthplace of Coventry recorded on their death certificate. Annex A to this document provides a compiled list of individual names of those

who have died. The 109 personnel include all of those who died in service and is not limited to those who died whilst on deployment, including those who may have died as a result of military conflict. It is not possible to know if the list is complete as some historical records are not centrally recorded.

Under section 16 of the FOI Act (advice and assistance) you might also be interested to know that the Armed Forces Memorial roll of honour can be accessed at:

https://www.gov.uk/search-armed-forces-memorial-roll-of-honour.

Entries on the roll of honour database include rank, type of service, regiment or corps, date of death, burial place (if known) and whether someone's name is on the Memorial in the National Memorial Arboretum.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

Defence Business Services Secretariat

Annex A - FOI 2021/13117 – UK Armed Forces deaths since WWII born in Coventry 1 January 1948 to 31 December 2020

Date of Death	Name
	Ronald Jones
	George Cockerill
	John James Mitchell
	Dorothy Patricia Cullen
	Harry John Gray
	Donald Hancox
	Roy Turner
	Dennis Harry Morgan
	Thomas James Richardson
	Roland Gluyas
	Gerald Chapman
	Frederick Gill
	John Arthur Godfrey
	Norman Stanley Howe
	Sidney Mervyn Cox
	Thomas Edmund Sharpin
	Francis Harvey Roberts
	Barry Peter Morgan
	John Frederick Arnold
	Maurice Peter Davies
	Richard Oliver Smith
	Paul Edward Sedgerly
	Derrick Willoughby
	Thomas John Lockyer Robinson
	Ernest Charles Kenning
	John Michael Lyons
	Albert Anthony Hardware
· · ·	William Keith Graham
	Derrick Walker
	Maurice Archurch Kerby
	Brian Derrick Swain
	Aubrey Vincent Harrow
	John Bawden
	David Barnett
	Alan Herbert Sykes
	James Anthony Torrance
	Michael Daniel John Aspin
	Phillip John Swift
· · · · ·	Michael Ronald Clarke
	Dennis George Blackwell Graham Keith White
	Alan Albert Widlake
	Reginald Samuel Cotton
	George Bentley John Marlow Osborne
27-JUI-60	Michael William Ryan

11-Oct-60	Anthony Richard Weet
	Frederick William Brown
04-Mar-61	Terence John Mendham
09-Mar-61	Brian William Barnes
11-May-62	Terrence Reginald Oswin
	David John Owen Bussey
09-Mar-63	Trevor Boneham
	John Miles Kane
	Peter Charles Elkington
	Neil Evan Walford
08-Nov-65	Peter John Poppe
24-Jan-66	Peter Steward Hipkiss
	William Andrew Tasker
	Michael John Bentham
	Terence Frederick Allchin
v	Roger John Harris
	William Edwin Trafford
	Rodney Nigel Adie
	Michael John Hammerton
	James Morrison
	Frederick Charles Ault
	David Michael Champ
	William Harry Walker
	Patrick Seumas Mcgowran
	Anton Charles Brown
	George Henry Wenlock
	Andre Melville Gibson
	Vincent Campbell
	Paul Stephen Liggett
	Peter James West
	William John Parkin
	Anthony David Thornett
	Robert Joseph Weston
	David John Grimsley
	Gary Cavan Connolly
	Patrick O'Connor
	Peter Lindon
	Huw David Jones
	David John Land
	Neil Baker
	Lee Thompson
	John Mckenna
	Patrick Moore
	David Shuttleworth Mark Hunter
	Diane Mills Scott Painos
	Scott Baines
	Paul Hodder
	Craig Stevenson David Fulford
24-Aug-07	David Fullord

20-Sep-07	Philip Newman
12-Jun-08	Jeff Doherty
21-Jul-08	Josh Howell
29-Mar-09	Frederick Connor
16-Aug-09	James Fullarton
25-Aug-09	Shaun Bush
09-Oct-09	Michael Wade
15-Feb-10	Guy Mellors
05-Jan-15	Jack Wilson
16-Feb-17	David Friend
16-Feb-18	Martyn Dawkins
30-Mar-20	Mark Kaye
23-Dec-20	Michelle Watson

Source: Defence Statistics Health