

KIPLING WORLD WAR TWO DEATHS – 1940-45

Eighteen Kiplings lost their lives on active service in World War Two.

Captain John Wilson Kipling

The first Kipling death in WW2, and the only one in 1940, was that of Captain John Wilson Kipling on 20th May.

KIPLING, Capt. JOHN WILSON, 56131. 10th Bn. The Durham Light Infantry. 20th May, 1940. Age 37. Son of Charles and Isabella Harrison Kipling; husband of Doris Kipling, of Spennymoor, Co. Durham. A.C.I.S. Plot 8. Row C. Grave 8.

John was of the **Mickleton** Kipling Family Group, his father being Charles Kipling, in 1911 a cashier in the Co-op at Counden, County Durham.

John had long been a Territorial soldier with the Durham Light Infantry, a promotion to 2nd Lieutenant being gazetted in 1933.

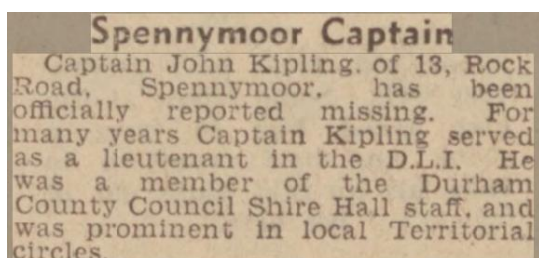
6th Bn. Durham L.I.—John Wilson Kipling to be 2nd Lt. 28th June 1933.

The London Gazette. 27 June 1933

After war broke out, John was transferred to the newly-formed 10th (Territorial) Battalion, which was deployed on the France/Belgium border in April 1940 as part of the 70th Brigade. John died on 20th May when the brigade was spread along the roads south of Arras travelling west. Here they were ambushed by German armour, and without heavy weapons their defence became a series of isolated and confused company actions.

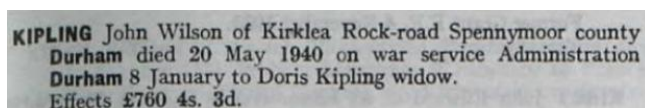
He is buried in Bucquoy Road Cemetery, south of Arras. The inscription on his headstone reads "EVER REMEMBERED BY WIFE DORIS AND SON PETER JOHN, SPENNYMOOR, CO. DURHAM, ENGLAND"

His loss was reported in the local newspaper.



Newcastle Evening Chronicle - Tuesday 16 July 1940

Probate was granted in 1942.



Sgt Bernard Kipling RAFVR

On the night of 9/10 May 1941, Sgt Bernard Kipling was an observer (navigator) on Whitley bomber P5106 MH-O of 51 Squadron when it was shot down by a nightfighter (Lt. Reinhold Knacke, 1.NJG1) and crashed at 03:05 over Boshoven (2 km West of Weert, in Belgium). Their target that night was Ludwigshaven. The crew of P/o P.Myers (pilot), Sgt H.G.Browne, Sgt B.Kipling, Sgt G.A.Selby and F/Sgt A.Jackson had taken off Dishford at 21.59, so were presumably on way home when intercepted. They are buried in Eindhoven (Woensel) General Cemetery.



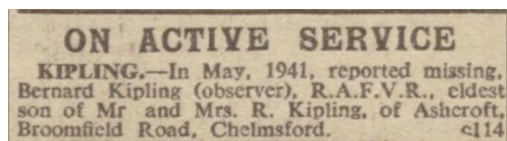
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This is the log entry for that last flight.

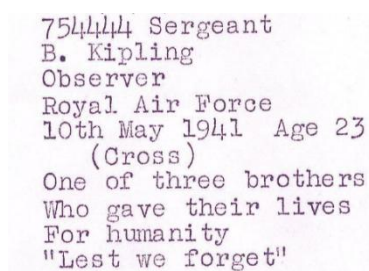
9 May 1941

Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Details of Sortie or Flight.
P.5106.	P/O. Myers SGT. Brown SGT. Kipling SGT. Jackson SGT. Selby	Bombing	2159	-	<u>NAS.274.</u> LUDWIGSHAVEN was attacked at 0147 hrs with 4 500lbs and 2 250lbs bombs and 4 cont. of incend. Heard from a/c 1 hour after operations completed message was received, but A/C failed to return. ... LUDWIGSHAVEN at 0220 hours from



Essex Newsmen - Saturday 24 May 1941

Bernard was of the **Dean** Kipling family group, son of Robert and Rosa Kate Kipling of Chelmsford, Essex. His twin brother Guy was also an RAF sergeant and was killed later in the war, as was a second brother in the army. Bernard's gravestone is inscribed as follows:



All three brothers are commemorated at Broomfield in Essex.



Sgt Matthew George Kipling RAF



Matthew George was also a sergeant (air gunner), this time in 35 Squadron, flying the Halifax. He was killed on 31 December 1941. The account of his death from the squadron record is as follows : "1941/197 35/V9979 T/o 1125 Linton-on-Ouse similarly tasked. From eyewitness statements it is reported that the bomber, with one engine ablaze, passed low over the village of Lanildut [Finistere], NW of Brest, pursued by a fighter which in turn was shot down by Sgt Kipling just moments before the Halifax hit the sea, finishing up on rocks at Porspoder a few kilometres to the north of Lanildut. Soon after the crash the Germans requisitioned some seaweed boats and having searched the area returned to the small harbour at Mazou with a number of badly burned bodies though it is believed some were still alive. All were examined by a German doctor but those who had survived succumbed to their injuries. A few days later a teenage girl found the body of the wireless operator whom she identified from his tag as Sgt Maflin. All rest in Kerfautras Cemetery."

The log entry of the fatal flight is below.

V.9979 (E)	S/Ldr.S.A.Middleton " "	11.25	-	Took off from LINTON for BREST at time stated.
	P/O.R.A.F.Frew. P/O.L.J.P.Foster. Sgt. Orton. Sgt.Maflin. Sgt.Kipling. Sgt.Greenwood.			Aircraft missing, seen to be shot down over target area.

LINTON-ON-OUSE. 31 DEC. (Contd) Roll of Officers and Airman Pilots on strength (contd).

The following are missing while on Operations:-
SGT. COLLINS, SGT. GRIGG, P/O. H. D. BUCKLEY, P/Sgt. BELL, SGT. CROCKER, SGT. WAKELING, SGT. KENT,
SGT. KETTERINGHAM, S/LDR. S. A. MIDDLETON, P/O. R. A. F. FREW, P/O. L. J. P. FOSTER, SGT. ORTON,
SGT. MAFLIN, SGT. KIPLING, SGT. GREENWOOD.

Matthew George Kipling was the son of Matthew George and Ethel Kipling of Darlington of the **Melsonby** Kipling family.

Lieutenant Robert Fallowfield Kipling, RN

Lieutenant Bob Kipling, 28, was killed on 31 January 1942. He was on board *HMS Culver*, a former US Coastguard sloop, which was guarding a transatlantic convoy when it was hit by a

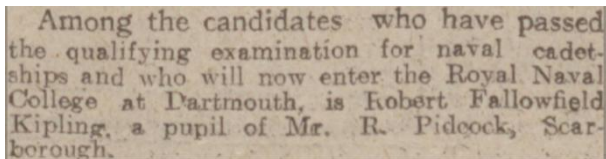
torpedo fired by U-105 about 450 miles south-west of Cape Clear, Ireland. It is thought that it detonated one of the magazines, resulting in the loss of 8 officers and 119 sailors. There were only 13 survivors.



KIPLING—Jan. 1942, killed in action. Lieut. ROBERT FALLOWFIELD KIPLING, R.N., much-loved husband of Ursula Maitland Kipling, 23 Cassel Avenue Bournemouth, and eldest son of Mr and Mrs Kipling, of Miller-ground, Windermere.

Liverpool Echo - Wednesday 11 February 1942

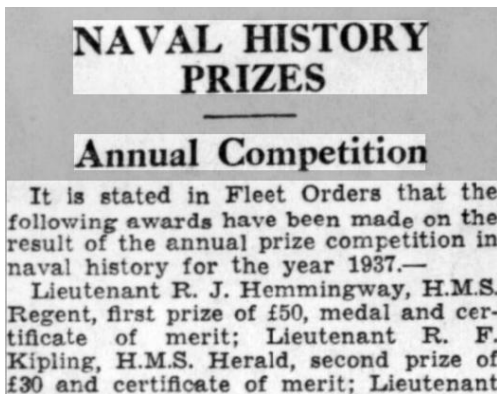
Bob was the son of Percy Fallowfield and Elizabeth Kipling. At the age of 14, he joined the Royal Navy as a cadet (in 1927).



Among the candidates who have passed the qualifying examination for naval cadetships and who will now enter the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth, is Robert Fallowfield Kipling, a pupil of Mr. R. Pidecock, Scarborough.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph - Wednesday 22 December 1926

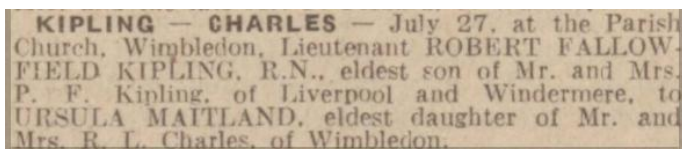
He was promoted Midshipman in 1931, Sub-Lieutenant in 1934 and Lieutenant in 1937. He won a naval history prize in 1938.



NAVAL HISTORY PRIZES
Annual Competition
It is stated in Fleet Orders that the following awards have been made on the result of the annual prize competition in naval history for the year 1937.—
Lieutenant R. J. Hemmingway, H.M.S. Regent, first prize of £50, medal and certificate of merit; Lieutenant R. F. Kipling, H.M.S. Herald, second prize of £30 and certificate of merit; Lieutenant

Portsmouth Evening News - Saturday 12 March 1938

He married in 1940.



KIPLING — CHARLES — July 27, at the Parish Church, Wimbledon, Lieutenant ROBERT FALLOWFIELD KIPLING, R.N., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Kipling, of Liverpool and Windermere, to URSULA MATLAND, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Charles, of Wimbledon.

Liverpool Daily Post - Tuesday 30 July 1940

In March 1941, he was reported as wounded or injured.

Bob is commemorated on the Naval memorial at Portsmouth. Some wooden screens were presented in his memory to St Mary's church, Bowness and Windermere. He was of the **Captain Robert** family group.

Chief Engineering Officer Arthur Kipling

Chief Engineering Officer Arthur Kipling, 41, died on 7 April 1942. He was on board the merchant navy oil tanker *Splendour* when it was torpedoed off the coast of North Carolina by U552 whilst on its way from Houston to join an Atlantic convoy off Nova Scotia. The cargo was 10,000 gallons of petrol, which quickly caught alight. Of the crew, 12 died but 41 escaped in lifeboats.

Arthur was the son of John Arthur and Annie Kipling of Penarth, Glamorgan, and had been at sea as an engineer since at least 1923.

G.R. 1. Dis. A. No. 1091319

Surname **KIPLING**
[In CAPITALS]
Christian Name **Arthur**
Birth: Year **1900** Place **Penarth**
Dis. A. No. **1091319** Rating **1st Eng. R.V. 2 No.**
Certificate (if any): Grade _____ No. _____
Health Insc. No. _____ Unemployment Insc. No. _____
Height **5' 7 1/2"** Colour Eyes **Blue** Hair **Brown**
Complexion **Fair** Distinguishing marks _____

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DECLARATION TO BE MADE IF OCCASION ARISES.
Swansea
I hereby certify that I have not hitherto received a Contin
Certificate of Discharge for the following reason:-
First issue
Fee 2/6
Signature of Seaman *Arthur Kipling*
Dated Stamp of M.M.O. **29 AUG 1923**
SWANSEA

G.R. 2. Dis. A. No. 1091319

*Name of Master, Seaman } **Arthur Kipling**
or Apprentice }
Birth: Year **31 1900** Place **Penarth**
Rank or Rating **2nd Supt I.C.M.E. 66686**
Name and Official No. of Ship **160357** Date of Engagement **23.4.32**
(Stamp of M.M.O.) **C. 21.**

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G.R. 2. Dis. A. No. 1091319
Cert. of Compy. No. **1/c ME 16686**

*Name of Master, Seaman } **A. Kipling**
or Apprentice }
Birth: Date _____ Place _____
Rank or Rating **1st Engineer**
Name and Official No. of Ship **160397** Date of Engagement **21-5-39**
(Stamp of M.M.O.) **TILBURY, ESSEX**

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He married Jessie Sims (nee Davies) in 1931. He is commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial (panel 21). He was of the **Notts** family group.

Sergeant Fred Kipling

Sergeant Fred Kipling of the 6th battalion Green Howards died in Tunisia on 25 March 1943. His battalion was part of the 8th British Army which, after the battle of El Alamein, was pursuing the retreating Axis. He died during the assault on the Mareth Line in which his battalion played a part. He is buried in the cemetery at Sfax, on the coast east of the battle site, 270 miles south of Tunis.

He was one of the sons of Joseph and Louisa Kipling of South Church, Durham of the **Stackholm** family group. The personal inscription on his gravestone reads 'In memory of dear Fred who died for our freedom. Loving wife Greta, sons Ronald and Fred.' He was 32.

In 1939. His wife and elder son were living in Bishop Auckland. Might Fred already have been in the army? Their other son was not born until the next year.

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2	Kipling Ronald	1 M	12 June 1938	S	Under Schoolage

Sergeant Peter Cyril Phillip Kipling

Peter Cyril Phillip Kipling RAFVR was a Sergeant (air gunner) in 40 Squadron. He was the son of Edgar Charles and Helen Beatrice Kipling of Morden, Surrey, of the **Gilling** family group.



Sgt. Peter Kipling was killed on 11 April 1943, in North Africa, aged 20. He is buried in the MEDJEZ-EL-BAB WAR CEMETERY in Tunisia, about 60km west of Tunis. The personal inscription reads OUR VERY DEAR PETER EVER IN THE PROUD THOUGHTS OF HIS PARENTS AND FAMILY, on a memorial also commemorating other crew of the same aircraft.

40 Squadron was re-formed as a bomber squadron in 1931 and in the Second World War operated in several theatres: flying Blenheims and Wellingtons from bases in England it bombed targets in France, the Low Countries and Germany; flying Wellingtons from bases in the Middle East it bombed targets in North Africa, Sicily, Sardinia, Rhodes, Crete, Greece, Pantellaria, Lampedusa and Italy. Its badge of a broom was chosen to immortalise the frequent exhortation of Major 'Mick' Mannock, the famous World War I pilot, who served with the squadron, to "sweep the Huns from the air!"

Sergeant Guy Kipling

Sgt Guy Kipling RAFVR, of 90 Squadron, was killed in action over Duisberg in Germany, an observer (navigator) in a Short Stirling BK804 'WP-J' on the night of 22/23 April 1943. Their aeroplane crashed near the railway station at Duisburg Beek with four of the crew still in it. Three others escaped by parachute but were later discovered and killed. Guy has no known grave and his name is recorded on the Runnymede Memorial. He was the twin brother of Sgt Bernard Kipling (see above), and so also of the **Dean** family group. He had married Peggy Lucas in the months before his death.

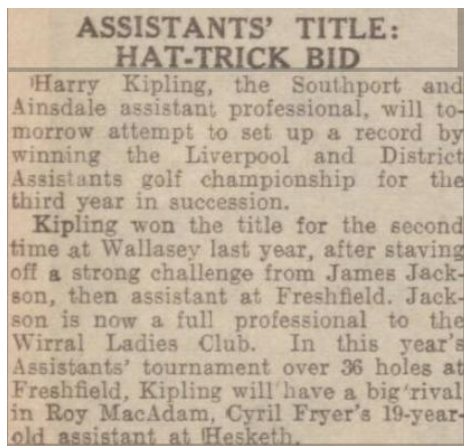
90 Squadron re-formed in November 1942, as a heavy-bomber squadron equipped with Stirlings, and subsequently made a significant contribution to the Battle of the Ruhr, the devastation of Hamburg and the famous raid on Peenemunde. It also did a great deal of minelaying. The Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede commemorates by name over 20,000 airmen who were lost in the Second World War during operations from bases in the United Kingdom and North and Western Europe, and who have no known graves.



KIPLING Guy of 87 Eastern-crescent **Chelmsford** died 23 June 1943 on war service Administration **Llandudno** 12 February to Peggy Kipling widow. Effects £135 7s. 9d.

Gunner Harry Kipling

Harry Kipling, 239 Bty., 77 H.A.A. Regt. Royal Artillery was the son of Walter and Elizabeth Ann Kipling and husband of Mary Vidal Kipling, of the **Notts** family group. He lived at Ainsdale, Lancashire, where prior to the war he was a golf professional and served as a special police constable.



Liverpool Evening Express - Monday 27 February 1939

60 Seagrass Lane	92	1	Kipling Harry	-	M	9 June 07	M	Assistant Golf Professional	
Ditto		2	Kipling Mary V	-	F	15 Feb 10	M	Unpaid domestic duties	
		263	Special Constable South						

His heavy ant-aircraft battery was stationed at Batavia on Java in early February 1942. Less than a month later, the Japanese invaded, leading to a British and Dutch surrender within nine days. He became a prisoner of war of the Japanese.

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收容所 Camp	爪哇 昭 17 年 8 月 15 日	番 號 No.	爪本 1627
姓 名 Name	Kipling, Harry. キプロング, ハーリー.	生年月日 Date of Birth	1907. 8. 9
國 籍 Nationality	英	所 屬 部 隊 Unit	No. 1750494. Royal Artillery.
階級身分 Rank	Gunner. 陸軍兵卒	捕獲年月日 Date of Capture	昭和 17 年 3 月 8 日
捕獲場所 Place of Capture	爪哇	母ノ名 Mother's Name	Kipling, Elizabeth.
父ノ名 Father's Name	Kipling, Walter.	職 業 Occupation	ゴルフ選手.
本籍地 Place of Origin	48 Seagershore, Ainsdale, Southgate.	特記事項 Remark	
通報先 Destination of Report	Mrs Mary Kipling, 48 Seagershore, Ainsdale, Southgate, England.		

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Japanese Index Cards of Allied Prisoners of War and Internees, Second World War, 1942-1945

Later in the year, he was sent to work on the Burma Railway in Thailand, where he died in September 1943 from exhaustion following dysentery and vitamin B3 deficiency.

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REGT OR CORPS TO WHICH THE PERSON BELONGED AT TIME OF DEATH } *RA 239/77 HAA REG*

Part I	Army No (1)	Rank (2)	Name in full (Surname first) (3)	Age (4)	Country of birth (5)	Date of death (6)	Place of death (7)	Cause of death (8)
	1750494	Gnr	KIPLING HARRY	36	ENGLAND	12.9.43	THAILAND	POST DYSENTERIAL INANITION & PELLAGRA

Royal Artillery casualty card

REILICH 970 AMBERGEMED BEWILIG 91 VITTED BEGONNET

NAME: KIPILING, HARRY

RANK: PTE

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER: 1750494 H. A. A

DIAGNOSIS: DYSENTERY

DATE OF DEATH: 12 SEP 1943

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS: BURIED

This is a certified true copy of translated Japanese Records.

N. E. Churchill
N. E. CHURCHILL
1st Lt. AGC
Asst. Adjutant General

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His name appears on the Singapore memorial.

SAD NEWS FOR RELATIVES

Mrs. Franks, of 25, Hastings place, **Lytbam**, has received official notification that her elder son, Staff Sergt. Jack Anthony Franks, R.A., died while a prisoner of the Japs in Thailand in 1944. He was captured at Java.

Similar sad news has been received by Mrs. M. Kipling, of Segar's-lane, **Ainsdale**, whose husband, Gunner Harry Kipling, R.A., died in Thailand in September, 1943. He was assistant professional at Southport and Ainsdale Golf Club for 13 years before joining the Forces in 1940.

Lancashire Evening Post - Thursday 06 December 1945

KIPLING Harry of 48 Segars-lane Ainsdale Southport Lancashire died 12 September 1943 on war service Administration Liverpool 24 May to Mary Vidal Kipling widow. Effects £165 17s. 10d.

Private Kenneth William Kipling

Ken Kipling of 2/2 Res. M.T. Coy., Australian Army Service Corps, was the son of Arthur John James Kipling and Florence Kipling of Blinman, South Australia. Before the war he worked as a graderman (i.e. a road maker/repairer).

KIPLING.—In loving memory of our dear Ken, died of illness at P.O.W. camp, Thailand, September 19, 1943, beloved second son Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kipling, of Blinman. At rest.

The Advertiser 5 September 1944

Ken's grave is at Thanbyuzayat war cemetery in Burma, to where the remains of many of those who died during the construction of the notorious Burma-Thailand railway were later transferred. His grave is inscribed HIS DUTY NOBLY DONE.

Able Seaman Jack Kipling

Jack Kipling, of H.M.L.C.T. 651, Royal Navy, died in December 1943 after a dinghy capsized in Lamlash Bay, Isle of Arran. His body was never found. An LCT was a landing craft for tanks. He was the son of Walter Farnsworth Kipling and Kathleen Alice Kipling (formerly Ford), and husband of Winifred Ethel Kipling, of Bridport, Dorset, of the **Dean** Kipling family group. Three of his cousins also dies on active service (see elsewhere in this paper).



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51 ALLERTON RD STOKE NEWINGTON LONDON N 16
DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON JACK
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MISSING PRESUMED DROWNED. LETTER FOLLOWS -
COMBRAX DEVONPORT D/JX 367994 + or call, with tele form B or C
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Royal Naval Barracks,
DEVONPORT.
18th December, 1943.


Dear Sir,

In confirmation of the telegram already sent to you, I deeply regret to have to inform you that your Son, Jack Kipling, Able Seaman, D/JX.367994, has been reported "missing presumed drowned" on the 14th December 1943, in Lamash Harbour. It is regretted that although an extensive search has been carried out, the body of your late Son has not been recovered.

There can, I fear, be no hope that your Son is still alive, and I should therefore like to express on behalf of the Officers and Men of the Royal Navy, sincere sympathy with you in your sad bereavement.

Yours sincerely,
G. On Ewing
COMMODORE.

Mr. W. Farnsworth-Kipling,
51 Allerton Road,
Stoke Newington,
London. N. 16.


BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The Queen and I offer you our heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow.

We pray that your country's gratitude for a life so nobly given in its service may bring you some measure of consolation.

George R.I

W.F. Kipling, Esq.

The letter below, saying that he and some others were 'skylarking,' was devastating to his family, although it was doubtless sent with the good intention of conveying that he died whilst having fun. His brother, Walter, reportedly never recovered fully from the shock of what happened.

S/PT. C. JACKSON
H.M. L.C.T. 651,
7. G.P.O.,
LONDON
4th Jan. 1948

Dear Mr. Kipling, I received your letter of 24th Dec, some time after writing to Mr. Kipling in which I asked her to convey to you our deep sorrow at your bereavement.

If it will alleviate your anxiety I can say that Jack was lost by accidental drowning when the ship's dinghy overturned due to most unfortunately to skylarking by the boys in it.

Your son was a gentleman, admired by us all and his tragic passing has cast a gloom over the ship. Skylarking in boats is strictly forbidden, as you would well know, but high spirits and cramped quarters do not go hand in glove.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
C. Jackson
S/PT R2211R

This was his last letter home, with a most poignant ending.

nls J.K. 3x367994-
H.M. L.C.T. 651.
c/o G.P.O.
LONDON
Sunday. N. 28th

Dear Mum - Dad,
Thanks very much for your letters which I received alright yesterday. I was very glad to hear everything at home is alright, and I hope you will soon be better.

So Bill Tansley is home eh? I bet he looks well. I would like to have seen him, but still I hope you remembered me to him. I suppose it was a surprise for him to hear that I am in the Navy as well.

As for the wedding folks I am afraid I shant be able to make it, but please wish Queen & Stan all the best for me, and I hope God keeps him safe, as much as I hope to keep safe & well myself.

Well folks I shant be able to send you any cards for Xmas but Win will look after that, so I hope you will forgive me. Well folks

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I must come to a
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All my love to
everyone at home,
Your loving son
Jack

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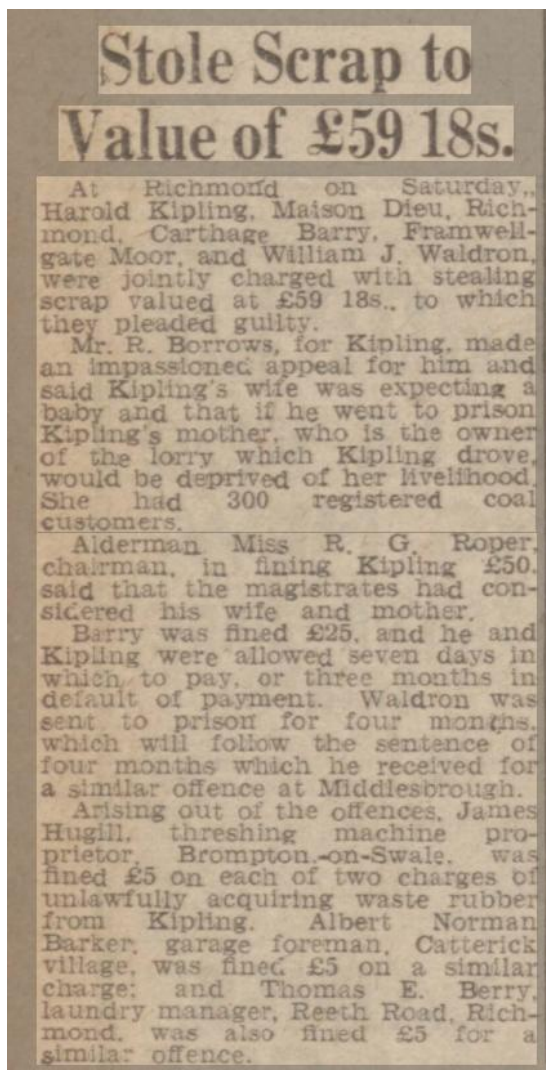
He is commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial (on the Hoe).

(Thanks to Janet Kipling, Jack's niece, for much of the above information and documents)

Private Harold Kipling

Harold Kipling served in the 12th (Yorkshire) Battalion of the Parachute Regiment . He was killed in action on 17 June 1944 at Ranville, Normandy. The 12th Battalion was formed in May 1943 from the 10th (East Riding Yeomanry) Battalion of the Green Howards and became part of the 5th Parachute Brigade with the 6th Airborne Division. The 12th Battalion captured Ranville despite its scattered drop on D-Day (6 June 1944) and held it against repeated German counter-attacks as well as relieving the glider borne elements at Pegasus Bridge.

Harold was born in early 1914, a son of Frank Kipling, a carter of Richmond, Yorkshire, and his wife Isabella. Harry married Mary Mainland Finlay in early 1937 in Darlington district. In 1939, Harold was a 'haulage contractor'. In 1943, he was convicted of dealing in stolen scrap.



Newcastle Journal - Monday 5 April 1943



He and Mary had a daughter, Susan, not long after the above report. He must have then joined (or been conscripted into) the army.

He is buried at Ranville cemetery, where his headstone carries the additional inscription 'FOR ALL OF US HE DID HIS BEST; GOD GRANT HIM ETERNAL REST'.

Fusilier Walter Kipling

Walter Kipling of the 2nd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers was the younger brother of Harold Kipling above. He was killed on 21 June 1944, the same month as his brother, fighting with the 78th Division as it pushed north of Rome.



He was buried in the Orvieto war cemetery where his headstone has the additional inscription 'THE LOVE THAT LINGERS O'ER HIS NAME IS MORE THAN FAME' (image thanks to Dimitrios Corcodilos)

There is a memorial to both brothers at Richmond.



Corporal Peter Neville Kipling

Peter was the third son of Robert and Rosa Kate Kipling of the **Dean** family group to be killed in the war. He had been married to Dora Green for less than four months. He is buried in Broomfield (St. Mary) churchyard, where his memorail stone is inscribed 'HIS TWIN BROTHERS BERNARD AND GUY WERE LOST ON AIR OPERATIONS. IN PROUD AND LOVING MEMORY'

land, Hope Villas, Broomfield,
KIPLING—GREEN.—On March 4th,
at Danbury Church, Peter Neville,
youngest son of the late Mr. R. Kipling,
and of Mrs. Kipling, O.B.E.,
"Ashcroft," Broomfield Road, Chelms-
ford, to Dora Winifred, only daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. A. Green, Danbury
Park Farm. c375

Essex Newsman 07 March 1944



Cpl Peter Neville Kipling

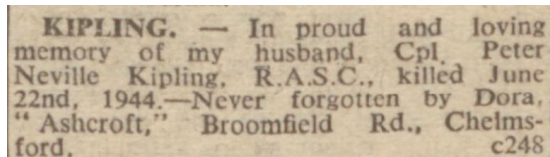
<p>DISPATCH RIDER'S DEATH</p> <p>In Collision With Armoured Car</p> <p>An army dispatch rider, Cpl. Peter Neville Kipling, aged 22, of the Royal Service Corps, who was riding a motor cycle at Putney Hill on Friday, was in collision with an armoured car. He was taken to hospital, where he died next morning.</p> <p>The inquest was held at Battersea Coroner's Court on Monday. It was stated that the armoured car was travelling through St. John's-avenue, Putney, and at the junction of Putney Hill the accident occurred.</p> <p>Cpl. G. Allen, of the Royal Armoured Corps, said the driver of the armoured car, of which witness was an occupant, had restricted vision. The driver could see only to the front and not to the sides. Consequently a "look-out" man was posted in every car. At the time of the accident witness was the "look-out" man.</p>	<p>Continuing, he said the car, while coming through St. John's-avenue, pulled up behind a stationary A.R.P. vehicle. When this vehicle eventually moved he instructed his own driver to follow suit. A few minutes later he heard a "terrific noise," and saw a soldier flying through the air. "The dispatch rider seemed to come from nowhere," he added. "It all happened in a moment."</p> <p>Sergt. George Craig, R.A.C., the driver of the car, said that he was being guided by Cpl. Allen. The only indication he had of something abnormal occurring was when he felt the steering wheel torn from his grasp.</p> <p>Inspector Alexander Taylor, of the Special Constabulary, said he was about a hundred yards from the accident and saw deceased lying in the road. He phoned for an ambulance.</p> <p>Dr. Teare, pathologist, said deceased died from a fractured skull.</p> <p>The deputy coroner (Mr. J. W. Hulme) recorded a verdict of "Accidental Death."</p>
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South Western Star 30 June 1944



Chelmsford Chronicle 30 June 1944

KIPLING Peter Neville of Ashcroft Broomfield-road **Chelmsford** died 22 June 1944 on war service Administration **Llandudno** 9 February to Dora Winifred Kipling widow.
Effects £92 15s. 2d.



Chelmsford Chronicle 22 June 1945

Private Sidney Kipling

Sidney was from the **Stackholm** Kipling family group, son of Joseph and Louisa Kipling of South Church, Durham, and brother to Sgt. Fred Kipling who had been killed the previous year (see above). After serving in the Durham Home Guard (see [Kiplings in the Durham Home Guard.pdf](#)), he joined the 10th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry. They arrived on the Normandy beaches on 12 June, six days after D-day, and went into action inland some days later. Sidney was killed in on 28 June 1944 when the battalion was attacking the village of Rauray. He was aged just 19.



Hottot-les-Bagues Cemtery (14km south-east of Bayeux)

Private Gilbert Mack Kipling

Gilbert served in the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. He enlisted in 1942 at Winnipeg, and served in Canada until 1944, landing in Belgium in October. His regiment was engaged in the Battle of the Rhineland, when the 2nd and 3rd Canadian Infantry Divisions and the 4th Canadian Armoured Division took part in the drive southwards from Nijmegen in the Netherlands to clear the territory between the Maas and the Rhine in February and March 1945. He died on 8 March 1945, aged 38.

He is buried in Groesbeek Canadian war cemetery, where his headstone has the personal inscription
SAFE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS.

G. Kipling, Grade 5-35 - Truck Driver

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REGIMENTAL HISTORY COMPLETE

(To be completed in triplicate. Copy designation to be shown by striking out terms not applicable.)

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ACTIVE FORMATIONS AND UNITS OF THE CANADIAN ARMY

ATTESTATION PAPER

1. Surname **KEPLING**

2. Christian Names **Gilbert Mack**

3. Present address **196 Fort Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada**

4. Date of birth **February 13th, 1907**

5. Place of birth **CANADA** **MANITOBA** **GARMEN**
(Country) (Country or Province) (Town or Township)

6. Citizenship **Canada**
(Of What Country are You Now a Citizen)

7. Religion (state denomination) **Roman Catholic Church**

8. Trade or Calling **Truck Driver**

9. Married, Widower or Single **Married**

10. Name of next of kin **Mrs. ^{Apple} Mary Kipling**

11. Relationship **Wife**

12. Address of next of kin **196 Fort Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada** *See change*

13. Do you belong to, or have you served in a Reserve Formation or Unit of The Canadian Army? **no**

14. Have you served in (a) an Active Formation or Unit of The Canadian Army? **no**
(If Yes, Give Unit and Dates of Service) (Yes or No)

15. Did you serve during the Great War 1914-1918? **no**
(If Yes, specify Regimental No., Unit and Dates of Service) (Yes or No) (If Yes, specify Unit and Period of Service)

C.A.A.

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, **Gilbert Mack KIPLING**, do solemnly declare that the above particulars are true, and I hereby engage to serve in any Active Formation or Unit of The Canadian Army so long as an emergency, i.e., war, invasion, riot or insurrection, real or apprehended, exists, and for the period of demobilization after said emergency ceases to exist, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so require my services.

Date **December 5th, 1942** *Gilbert Mack Kipling*
(Signature of recruit)

Mack
Gilbert KIPLING

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, **Gilbert KIPLING**, do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty *Gilbert Mack Kipling*

Witness **H36779 P. Sarake gpl** *Gilbert Mack Kipling*
(Name) (Rank) (Signature of Recruit)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR ATTESTING OFFICER

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided by law.

The above questions and answers were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me,

W.S.G. COMPLETED

Lieutenant Dudley Ernest Rudyard Kipling

Dudley was an officer in the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, who died on 6 April 1945 in Burma whilst attached to the 1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own). He was 21. He is buried or commemorated at Taukkyan war cemetery, Myanmar, where his headstone has the personal inscription AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Bedfs. & Herts. R.
The undermentioned Cadets to be 2nd Lts. :—
1st Oct. 1944 :—
6985978 Dudley Ernest Rudyard KIPLING
(337252).

London Gazette 26 Jan 1945

Second-Lieutenant Dudley Ernest Rudyard Kipling and Second-Lieutenant Dennis John Clare have been posted to the Beds. and Herts. Regiment as from October 1st and November 23rd 1944. Both were cadets before appointment to our County Regiment.

Biggleswade Chronicle, 16 Feb 1945

ROLL OF HONOUR

LIEUTENANT D. E. R. KIPLING

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Kipling, Caw, Londonderry, have been officially notified that their second son, Lieutenant Dudley Ernest Rudyard Kipling, has been killed in action in Burma.

Lieutenant Kipling, who was only twenty-one years of age, was educated at Weymouth and Wellingborough. He joined the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers on leaving school and went to India, where he joined an O.C.T.U. Six months ago he was gazetted to the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, and later became attached to the West Yorkshire Regiment.

His elder brother, who is serving in the R.A.F., recently returned home after three years' active service in Africa.

Londonderry Sentinel, 17 Apr 1945

He was the son of Dudley Farnsworth and Isabel Sarah Kipling, of Londonderry, Northern Ireland of the **Dean** family group (#190). In 1939 the family had been at Ware, Hertfordshire, apart from Dudley, who was at school at Weymouth College.

62 Kipling, Dudley, B.R. - M 21 Nov 23. S At School

There is a memorial to Dudley, his sister, and their father (who died at sea in 1953) in Derry city cemetery.



Able Seaman Thomas Henry Kipling

The final WW2 death was that of sailor Thomas Henry Kipling, who died when his ship was sunk whilst escorting a convoy to Russia. His death is recorded on the Chatham Naval Memorial

1 NAME (Surname first)	2 PORT DIVISION AND OFFICIAL NO.	3 BRANCH OF SERVICE.	4 RATING	5 SHIP OR UNIT.	6 DATE OF BIRTH.	7 PLACE OF BIRTH.	8 DATE OF DEATH.	9 CAUSE OF DEATH.	10 PLACE OF DEATH.
KIPLING, Thomas Henry	C/JX.549758	R.N.	A.B.	H.M.S. GOODALL	4.3.1926	Leaholme, Co. Durham	29.4.1945	2.	At Sea

HMS Goodall was a British Captain-class frigate. On 29 April 1945, Goodall was escorting Convoy RA 66 in the Barents Sea. At about 22:00, the German submarine U-286 hit Goodall with a torpedo, causing her ammunition magazine to detonate. The explosion blew away the forward part of the ship, killing the captain and 94 other crewmen.



Thomas was the son of Henry and Dorothy Kipling, of Leaholme, Co. Durham, of the Bolam family group (#381). In 1939, he was living with his parents.

144	1	Kipling Henry	-	M	6/20	99/M	Coal Filler Underground Works
	2	Kipling Dorothy	-	F	Jul 30	01/M	Unpaid house hold etc
	3	Kipling Doris	-	F	Sept 20	20/S	Confectionary Shop assist
	4	Kipling Kenneth	-	M	Feb 17	25/S	Ware house & errand boy etc
	5	Kipling Thomas H.	-	M	Mar 26	26/S	at school

This record is officially closed.