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  - 2nd/7th Bn. Manchester Regiment.
  - Assistant Scoutmaster 1st Sutton Troop.
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- **Aircraftman 2nd Class Alec Alfred Summerfield**
  - No. 615 (County of Surrey) Squadron
  - Scout
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Bernard was born in Sutton. His mother was called Victoria and his father was called William. His father worked as a general labourer. Bernard was one of 7 children. He had 2 bigger brothers and 3 big sisters. His brothers were Leslie and Herbert and his sisters were Elizabeth, Amy and Alice.

When Bernard was 7 the family lived at in No. 4 Suffolk Villas, in Orchard Road. That's just off Collingwood Road. They had 2 boarders in the house so it may have felt very crowded at times. Two years later Bernard got a little brother called Harold. By 1911 the family had moved to 64 Clarence Rd, Sutton. By this time Bernard was 17 and he was working with his older brother Leslie as a turner. His brother Harold was 15 working as a grocer's assistant. His older sisters Elizabeth and Amy had married and left home. The house was a lot less crowded as they didn't have any boarders. His father was working as a Landscape Gardner.

He enlisted in Kingston-on-thames. He joined the 8th Bn King's Royal Rifle Corps

Bernard landed at Boulogne in France on 18th May 1915. In the July 1915 he fought in the The Action of Hooze where British soldiers were attacked for the first time by flamethrowers. He was in action in The Second Attack on Bellewaarde in September 1915. In 1916 he was fighting on the Somme seeing action in The Battle of Delville Wood between July and September. He was killed on the first day of the Battle of Flers-Courcelette on 15th September 1916. He was aged 23.

He has no known grave and is remembered on the THIEPVAL MEMORIAL.

The Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme is a war memorial to 72,246 missing British Empire servicemen who died in the Battles of the Somme of the First World War between 1915 and 1918, with no known grave.

**Private Philip George Holmes**  
**2nd/7th Bn. Manchester Regiment.**

**Assistant Scoutmaster 1st Sutton Troop.**



Philip was born in Camberwell. He was the son of Thomas Weekes Holmes and Amy Louise Holmes.

In 1911, when he was 12, he was living with his family at 176 Turney Road in Dulwich Village. He was the eldest child of 4. His younger brother was Frederick and he had two sisters Amy and Nellie.

Philip's father owned a letterpress printing company and at some point before the war the family moved to Sutton and they settled at "Holmewood," in Cornwall Rd., Cheam, Surrey.

Philip enlisted in Kingston on 11th October 1916. He went to France June 1917. He was killed in action 23rd July 1917. He was 19 years old when he was killed.

He is buried at Coxyde Military Cemetery.

**Aircraftman 2nd Class Alec Alfred Summerfield**  
**No. 615 (County of Surrey) Squadron**

Alec was born in Epsom and was the son of Frederick Charles and Alice Anne Summerfield (nee Frewin) and was a brother to Enid, Mildred and Charles Summerfield.

Before the war Alec worked for the "Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation Ltd" . But at the outbreak Alec joined the RAF volunteer reserve. He was assigned to No. 615 (County of Surrey) Squadron. An Aircraftman 2nd Class was the lowest rank and the rank had the nickname 'Plonk' or 'Erk'.

The Squadron were equipped with Hawker Hurricanes just prior to the German invasion of France. By 20 May 1940 the squadron was at Kenley. It took part in the early actions of the Battle of Britain, but then moved to Scotland to rest.

Alec died at Station Road Wealdstone in Harrow, 18th October 1940, and was laid to rest in the family grave at Sutton Cemetery on the 24th October 1940.

He was 22 when he died.