

THE KIPLING FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER #31

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In the year of the 80th anniversary of the D-day landings, what could be more appropriate than a newsletter full mainly with recently released examples of Kipling family service in the Second World War.

Kiplings in the Durham Home Guard – update

These records are released 100 years after the birth of the soldier. The first batch was reported in Newsletter #22 (see [Kiplings in the Durham Home Guard.pdf](#) for all). Now those born up to 1924 can be examined. The most recently released was that of John James Kipling of the **David** family group. At the outbreak of war, he was a 14-year-old newspaper delivery boy.

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|---|---------------------|---|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 | KIPLING HORACE V. | - | M 20 MAR 1902 | M | CONSTRUCTIONAL AND MAINTENANCE |
| 2 | KIPLING FLORENCE E. | - | F 6 MAR 02 | M | UNPAID DOMESTIC DUTIES |
| 3 | KIPLING EDITH E. | - | F 24 MAR 23 | S | SHOP ASSISTANT CONFECTION |
| 4 | KIPLING JOHN J. | - | M 5 FEB 25 | S | NEWSPAPER BOY |

1939 Carlile (sic) Street, Stockton

When he enlisted, he gave his age as 17y 7m, but he had lowered his birth year by one, so was really only 16y 7m.

Army Form W 3066

To be prepared in original only.

FORM OF ENROLMENT IN THE HOME GUARD

Name KIPLING Christian Names JOHN JAMES
(Surname First in BLOCK CAPITALS.)

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ON ENROLMENT.

- What is your name? ... John James Kipling
- What is the date and year of your birth? ... Feb 5th 1924
- What is your address? ... 19 Carlisle St Stockton
- (a) Are you a British subject? ... Yes
(b) Nationality of parents at birth? ... (a) British (b) British
(c) Name, address and relationship of next of kin ... Horace Kipling of above address
- Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, the Armed Forces of the Crown? If so, state particulars of all engagements. ... No

Certificate of Acceptance.

John James Kipling (name) is accepted for service in the Home Guard for the following period: (a) the duration of the emergency or (b) until ... 31 DEC 1944

Date 12/9/1941 Signature of accepting authority 18TH DURHAM (STOCKTON) BATTALION COMMANDER, HOME GUARD
(Battalion Commander)

Total service towards engagement in the Home Guard to (date of discharge) 3 years 111 days.

Discharged on (date) 31 DEC 1944 in consequence of UNTRACEABLE - HAND DOWN.

Bob Kipling's War

My late father Robert Furze Spencer Kipling (not 'Purse' as the record below mistakenly has it) of the **Barningham** family group, served in the RAF during WW2. The beginning of his official record is below.

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| KIPLING . ROBERT . PURSE . SPENCER. | | 1592420 | |
| (In Full, Surname First) | | NUMBER | |
| BIRTH. Date <u>27.4.24</u> Nationality <u>British</u> Place { Town <u>BRADFORD.</u> Parish & County <u>Heaton. YORKSHIRE.</u> | | RELIGION. <u>C.E.</u> <u>85/44 (59)</u> | CIVIL OCCUPATION. <u>Bank Clerk</u> Employer <u>Ind. PH. 172.6.</u> Address <u>Dis. 111.</u> |
| MARRIAGE. Wife's Maiden Name _____ Date _____ Place _____ Reason and date Marriage or Family Allowance ceased to be issuable. | | CHILDREN. NAMES. _____ DATE OF BIRTH. _____ | NEXT OF KIN. (To be entered in pencil.) Name <u>MR. J. S. KIPLING.</u> Address <u>9. TOLLER DRIVE BRADFORD.</u> Relationship <u>FATHER</u> Date <u>16.3.43.</u> |
| PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENTS. Unit. Period. Rank on Discharge Former Service permitted :- From To | | CURRENT ENGAGEMENT. Date of Enlistment <u>1.8.42</u> Service Commences <u>1.8.42</u> | PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED OF CASUALTIES. (To be entered in pencil.) Name _____ |

He first volunteered in 1942. He was assessed as suitable for pilot training, and placed in the RAF Volunteer Reserve, continuing his civilian work but training in the evenings with the Air Training Corps. He was eventually called up in 1944, but was trained as a motor transport driver, not a pilot. In 1945, he trained as an aircrew wireless operator at RAF Madley in Herefordshire, being promoted temporary sergeant. He trained on board de Havilland Dominies and Percival Proctors. However, the war ended and there was no further need for flight crew, so he was reassigned to movement control, including disembarking returning servicemen at Liverpool docks, until 1947. Losing his temporary aircrew rank, he ended his service as Leading Aircraftsman and temporary corporal. A selection of the documents he retained are shown below.

NATIONAL SERVICE ACTS, 1939 TO 1941

GRADE CARD.

Registration No. P.P. 4220

Mr. Robert Furze S. Kipling

whose address on his registration card is 9. Toller Drive Heaton

BRADFORD

was medically examined at **BRADFORD MEDICAL BOARD** on 25 NOV 1942

and placed in

GRADE* I - Purse

Chairman of Board H. Hartman 40

Medical Board stamp _____

Man's Signature R. Kipling

*The roman numeral denoting the man's Grade (with number also spelt out) will be entered in RED ink by the Chairman himself, e.g., Grade I (one), Grade II (two) (a) (Vision).

N.S. 55. [P.T.O.]

Form 667 B.

NAME KIPLING R

RANK & No Sgt 1592420

ROYAL AIR FORCE

FLYING CLOTHING CARD

Date of Issue and Unit Stamp

EQUIPMENT SECTION

APR 1945

R.A.F. STATION, MADLEY

Signature of Equipment Officer _____

| DECEMBER | | | | Time carried forward :- 23.15 | |
|----------|------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Date | Hour | Aircraft Type and No. | Pilot | Duty | REMARKS (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.) |
| | | PROCTORS | | | |
| 6:12:45 | 0850 | NP 361 | F/S Humphreys | | Divisions & Homings. |
| 13:12:45 | 1350 | NP 217 | W/O Pratt | | Loop bearings & QDMs |
| | | | | | <div> <div> <div>DEC</div> <div> <div>TIME FLYING HOURS</div> <div>1. 55</div> </div> </div> <div> <div>M.E. AIRCRAFT</div> <div>S.E. AIRCRAFT</div> <div>1. 55</div> </div> <div> <div>CERTIFIED CORRECT:</div> <div>P. Edwards</div> <div>O.C. AIR OPERATING SECTION</div> <div>No. 4 RADIO SCHOOL</div> </div> </div> |
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1944 WW2 Deaths

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, 4th.
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, Chelmsford, to Dora Winifred, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Green, Danbury Park Farm, c375

Essex Newsman 07 March 1944



Cpl Peter Neville Kipling

DISPATCH RIDER'S DEATH In Collision With Armoured Car

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.

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.

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.

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."

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.

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.

Dr. Teare, pathologist, said deceased died from a fractured skull.

The deputy coroner (Mr. J. W. Hulme) recorded a verdict of "Accidental Death."

South Western Star 30 June 1944

ON ACTIVE SERVICE
KIPLING, Cpl. Peter Neville, dearly-loved husband of Dora Kipling, youngest son of the late Mr. R. Kipling and Mrs. Kipling, "Ashcroft," Broomfield Road, killed June 22nd, aged 22 years.

Chelmsford Chronicle 30 June 1944

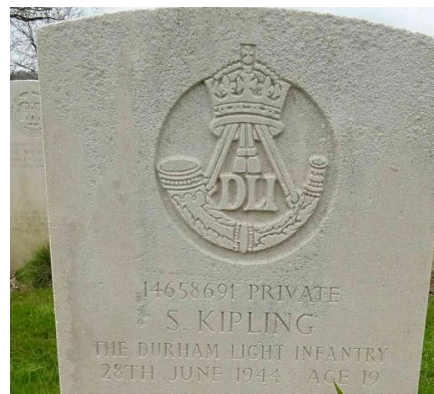
KIPLING Peter Neville of Ashcroft Broomfield-road **Chelmsford**
died 22 June 1944 on war service Administration **Llandudno**
9 February to Dora Winifred Kipling widow.
Effects £92 15s. 2d.

KIPLING. — In proud and loving memory of my husband, Cpl. Peter Neville Kipling, R.A.S.C., killed June 22nd, 1944.—Never forgotten by Dora, "Ashcroft," Broomfield Rd., Chelmsford. c248

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). 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. He is buried in Hottot-les-Bagues Cemetery, 14km south-east of Bayeux.



Kiplings in the Women's Land Army

The records of six Kipling women who served in the Women's Land Army have also been released. This was a service, initially voluntary but later conscripted, in which women replaced men fighting the war in agricultural work. It did exist during the later part of WW1 but was revived at the outbreak of WW2. Two cards are shown below.

KIPLING, Miss Gwendoline
Margaret.
51, Allerton Road,
Lordship Park, N.16.

LONDON
MIDDLE-SEX.

Age 20 (10.9.22) W.L.A. 118909

Present Occupation Hospital Orderly (Temp)

*Resigned Wilts list
31-12-43.
Medical grounds.*

*TRANS TO WILTS:
21-6-43.*

6.5.43.

KIPLING, Miss Vivien Eugenie
Windridge,
The Spinney, Knebworth, Herts.

BM | **HERTS.**

Age 18.2 W.L.A. 29763

Present Occupation Trans to W. Suffolk 27.4.46

Usual Occupation Trans back Herts.

Employer's Name and Address. 10, 10.46.

Employer's Business Trans Hunt 8.11.46

Service Preferred: Mobile Trans back Herts 22.11.46

Local Locality preferred Trans 8.11.46

Qualifications Trans 8.11.46

Other remarks Poultry.

20 MAR 1948

The first is that of Gwendoline Kipling of London N16 of the **Dean** family group, a tailor's machinist at the outbreak of war and subsequently a temporary hospital orderly.

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| 1 | Kipling Walter F. | - | M | 27 Jun 87 | M. GPO. Telephonist |
| 2 | Kipling Kathleen A. | - | F | 10 July 87 | M. Unpaid domestic duties |
| 3 | Kipling Kathleen A. | - | F | 21 Nov 11 | S. Stockkeeper Gowns |
| 4 | Kipling Gwendoline M. | - | F | 10 Sept 22 | S. Embroiderist - Ladies' hosiery |
| 5 | Powers Abraham | - | M | 1 Jan 00 | S. General Salesman |

1939. 38 Allerton Rd., Stoke Newington.

She joined the WLA in May 1943, aged 20 and was sent to Wiltshire. She resigned on medical grounds at the end of that year

The other is for Vivien Eugenie Kipling, also of the **Dean** family group, and daughter of John Covington Kipling and his wife Gertrude (nee Joyce), served for a much longer time, joining in 1940 and remaining until the day the WLA was finally stood down (30 Nov 1950). Originally serving in her home county of Hertfordshire, she also worked in Suffolk and Huntingdonshire. The record card notes her involvement with poultry, something she was already doing in 1939.

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| 69 | 2 KIPING Vivien Eugenie | F | 8 NOV 21 | S | Poultry assistant (Herts) |
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1939 Deben, Suffolk

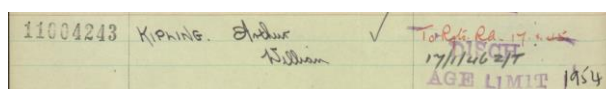
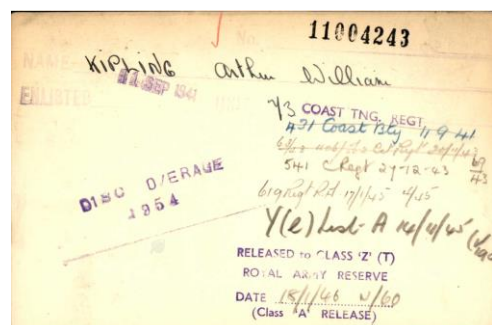
To be continued

Kiplings in the WW2 Royal Artillery

Partial records of those who served in the Royal Artillery during WW2 have also been released. Nineteen Kiplings are included.

| Name | Enlistment Date | Military Unit |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Albert Kipling | 06-Apr-38 | Royal Engineers |
| Albert Charles Kipling | 16-Dec-43 | 51 Trg Regt RA (Anti-Tank) |
| Arthur William Kipling | 11-Sep-41 | 73 Coast Training Regiment |
| B. E Kipling | | 65 HAA Rgt |
| Christopher Edwin Rudyard Kipling | 26-Jul-40 | 14 Medium Regt RA |
| Clarence Harold Kipling | 18-Sep-41 | 625 Regiment Royal Artillery |
| Clifford Kipling | 16-Apr-42 | 264 Anti-Aircraft Regt RA |
| David Kipling | 18-Jul-40 | 25 Trg Regt RA (Medium & Hvy) |
| Ernest Stephenson Kipling | 18-Apr-40 | 6 Trg Regt RA (Field) |
| Ernest William Kipling | 16-Oct-39 | 100 Hvy Anti-Aircraft Regt RA |
| Henry Havelock Allen Kipling | | 72 Fld Regt RA (TA) |
| Harold Kipling | | 25 Bn Durham LI |
| James Kipling | | 71st Field Regt RA (TA) |
| Lionel George Kipling | 30-Sep-40 | 236 Medium Bty RA |
| Mathew Kipling | 15-Nov-40 | 231 Trg Regt RA (Searchlight) |
| Reginald Harry Kipling | 30-Jan-50 | Royal Artillery |
| SKipling | | 159 Field Regt RA |
| Stanley Kipling | 30-Sep-40 | 34 Trg Regt RA (Sigs) |
| William Henry Kipling | 15-Mar-40 | X (IV) List N A |

A typical tracer card and attestation record are those of Arthur William Kipling. Neither unfortunately provide enough information to identify which Arthur William it might be, there being at least two of military age.



Past and future poets!

ROBERT BURNS KIPLING .
 Robert Burns Kipling was born in Valpariso, Ind., March 16, 1844, and departed this life at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ed. Hansen in Ord, Saturday, April 17, 1920, aged 76 years, 1 month and 1 day old. He was buried in the Ord cemetery yesterday, the funeral being held from the home of his daughter. Rev. Hosman of the Methodist church officiating.

Mr. Kipling lived with his parents at Valpariso until he was ten years of age when both parents died. He then went to sea with an older brother and followed that calling until the call came for volunteers for the Civil war when he enlisted and served his country until the close of the war. He then went back to the sea until 1868. He was then married and lived on a farm in Illinois for eight years. Three sons were born to them. Then they separated and Mr. Kipling came west to Saunders county, Nebraska, in 1876 and he

county, Nebraska, in 1876 and he worked on a farm for Thompson Bissell for two years when he was married to Miss Jane Bissell and they moved onto a Saunders county farm which was their home until 1889 when they again moved westward, locating in Valley county. This was their home until 1894 when Mrs. Kipling died. Five boys and three girls had been born to them, two of the boys dying in infancy. The family continued to live in Valley county until 1903, when they moved to Garfield county, later moving back to Ord. In 1911 Mr. Kipling went to Canada where some of the boys were located and since then he has made his home with his children most of the time. A few weeks ago he came here for a visit and since coming his health completely broke down—Ord Quiz.

Robert Burns Kipling was born 46 years after the death of the Scottish poet and 42 years before Rudyard Kipling published his first volume of poems. He was from the **Staindrop** family group.

