



ROLL OF HONOUR: 1 JAN 1917 – 27 JUL 1917

110 tank men died in the period 1 January 1917 – 27 July 1917 (the day before the Tank Corps came in to being). The majority were killed in action or died of wounds received in action but some however died of illness or were killed in accidents. This list makes no distinction between deaths in action or deaths by any other means; all the men whose names are listed were *Tankies* who gave their lives during the Great War.

There were 3 major actions in the period 1 January – 27 July 1917, along with extensive preparations for the third battle of Ypres.

Arras. The first major action of 1917 for the Heavy Branch was the Battle of Arras. The battle ran from 9 April – 16 May and tanks from C and D battalions were in action on 7 days in this period. On the opening day 48 tanks were used to support 1st and 3rd Armies attacks. Tanks were used in smaller numbers on the following four days and then again on 23 April and 3 May. In total around 100 tanks were in action during the two month battle. 55 men from the Heavy Section were killed in action or died of wounds at the Battle of Arras.

Gaza. A detachment of eight tanks, crewed by the men of E Company, were sent to Egypt in early 1917. They fought in the 2nd Battle of Gaza 17 – 19 April 1917. Four men were killed in action or died of their wounds.

Messines. A and B Battalions went in to action on 7 June 1917 in support of the 2nd Army at Messines. All 72 of the two battalions' worth of tanks were in action on the opening day of the battle. A number broke down or became ditched but only 4 were knocked out by enemy fire.

3rd Ypres. The deaths in July 1917 are predominantly as a result of German actions to disrupt the British preparations for the 3rd Battle of Ypres that started on 31 July 1917, 3 days after the Tank Corps came into existence.

Rank	Forenames	Surname	Awards	Date	Location of Grave
UK					
Gunner	George Victor Jim	Elmes		03/01/1917	Trowbridge Cemetery
Lance Corporal	W G K	Harper		07/01/1917	Cound (St. Peter) Churchyard
Private	Thomas William	Bowden		02/02/1917	Scunthorpe (Crosby) Cemetery
Gunner	Thomas Lawson	Cottier		03/02/1917	Bootle Cemetery
Gunner	Walter William	Atkins		09/02/1917	Foleshill Congregational Burial Ground
Private	William	Hawkes		11/02/1917	New Southgate Cemetery
Gunner	Leonard	Sorzano		19/02/1917	Wool (Holy Rood) Churchyard And Extension
Gunner	David	Cleaver		05/03/1917	Llanllwch (St. Luke) Churchyard

Gunner	William Henry	Guilford	M M	08/05/1917	Lea (St. John The Baptist) Churchyard
Private	Thomas Henry	Williams		18/05/1917	Cockett (St. Peter) Churchyard
Gunner	Frederick	Mouzer		29/05/1917	Birmingham (Yardley) Cemetery
Private	Fred Wilby	Slinger		05/07/1917	Worsley (St. Mark) Churchyard
Gunner	John Thomas	Haw		19/07/1917	Midville (St. Peter) Churchyard
France					
Gunner	Basil Gooda	Mart		17/01/1917	St. Pol Communal Cemetery Extension
Lance Corporal	William Ironside	Mcghie		06/02/1917	St. Pol Communal Cemetery Extension
Lance Corporal	Douglas	Mccowan		14/03/1917	Avesnes-Le-Comte Communal Cemetery Extension
Lieutenant	William Patterson	Jamieson		06/04/1917	Tilloy British Cemetery, Tilloy-Les-Mofflaines
Private	Ewart	Doodson		09/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Serjeant	Charles Edgar	Mcnamee		09/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Gunner	Frank Rusby	Styring		09/04/1917	Beaurains Road Cemetery, Beaurains
Gunner	Maurice Carter	Voile		09/04/1917	Tilloy British Cemetery, Tilloy-Les-Mofflaines
2 nd Lieutenant	William Duncan	Tarbet		09/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Corporal	Henry H.	Cocker		10/04/1917	London Cemetery, Neuville-Vitasse
Lance Corporal	Llewellyn	Evans		10/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	John	Hercus		10/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	Fred Cecil	Ingham		10/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	Charles Edward	Barrett		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	Benjamin	Bown		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	Thomas	Cave		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
2 nd Lieutenant	Harold	Clarkson		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	Angus Mckay	Drummond		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	John	Fraser		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	Basil Ronald Leslie	Gardner		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	Gavin	Gilmour		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	Thomas	Hagan		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	Frederick William	Harness		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Serjeant	Robert	Hillhouse		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	Henry	Leat		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial

Private	Harry	Lord		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Lieutenant	Eric William	Money		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	Robert Edward	Murray		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	John	Mcgillivray		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	John William	Palmer		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Corporal	Kenneth Gladstone	Robertson		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Gunner	Thomas	Rutherford		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	Frederick Clifford	Smith		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
2 nd Lieutenant	Thomas	Toshack		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	Ernest George	Wright		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Lieutenant	Hugh Miller	Swears		11/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Gunner	Ronald Robert	Yallop		12/04/1917	Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport
Corporal	John	Chadwick		20/04/1917	Faubourg D'amiens Cemetery, Arras
Private	Ernest Joseph	Lodge		20/04/1917	Faubourg D'amiens Cemetery, Arras
Corporal	James Dundas	Weir		22/04/1917	Faubourg D'amiens Cemetery, Arras
Private	Herbert Eveleigh	Arnold		23/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Gunner	James	Miller		23/04/1917	Wancourt British Cemetery
Corporal	Albert Edward	Smith	M M	23/04/1917	Arras Memorial
Lance Corporal	Douglas	Street		23/04/1917	Faubourg D'amiens Cemetery, Arras
Gunner	Sam	Wood		23/04/1917	Faubourg D'amiens Cemetery, Arras
2 nd Lieutenant	Frederic Alan	Rankin		23/04/1917	Wancourt British Cemetery
Gunner	Leslie	Reeve		24/04/1917	Warlincourt Halte British Cemetery, Saulty
Private	Samuel	Breese		24/04/1917	Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun
Serjeant	George	Bradley	M M	03/05/1917	Mory Abbey Military Cemetery, Mory
Private	Oswald	Clayton		03/05/1917	Arras Memorial
Corporal	George Christopher	Fisher		03/05/1917	Arras Memorial
Gunner	Clarence	Kilminster		03/05/1917	Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun
Private	Ernest John	Shepherd		03/05/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	Francis William	Smith		03/05/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	George Henry	Thomas	M M	03/05/1917	Arras Memorial
Private	John Hynd	Thomson		03/05/1917	Arras Memorial
Lieutenant	William Sinclair	Mccoull		03/05/1917	Arras Memorial

Gunner	Norman Campbell	Scott		17/05/1917	Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension
2 nd Lieutenant	David Corson	Maclachlan		18/05/1917	Etaples Military Cemetery
Captain	John	Allan	M C	09/06/1917	Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord
Gunner	William	Mullen		09/06/1917	Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord
Gunner	Frederick	Hackford		10/06/1917	Etaples Military Cemetery
Serjeant	Joseph Herbert	Leadbeater		26/06/1917	Boulogne Eastern Cemetery
Quartermaster Serjeant	John Edward	Stafford	M M	26/06/1917	St. Pol Communal Cemetery Extension
Serjeant	Robert Brown	Dow		04/07/1917	Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery
Lance Corporal	George	Markham		11/07/1917	St. Pol Communal Cemetery Extension
2 nd Lieutenant	Allan Stanley	Wilson		12/07/1917	Boulogne Eastern Cemetery
Middle East					
Gunner	Robert Alexander	Ferguson		17/04/1917	Gaza War Cemetery
Gunner	Maurice	Jones		18/04/1917	Deir El Belah War Cemetery
2 nd Lieutenant	Frank Clifford	Carr		19/04/1917	Jerusalem Memorial
Serjeant	W W	Moulding		27/04/1917	Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery
Belgium					
Lance Corporal	Benjamin	Wood		28/05/1917	Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery
Lance Corporal	H	Barlow		07/06/1917	Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery
Corporal	John Benjamin	Bartlett		07/06/1917	Underhill Farm Cemetery
Gunner	Neil Guy Truman	Butcher		07/06/1917	La Plus Douve Farm Cemetery
Serjeant	William	Clegg		07/06/1917	Dickebusch New Military Cemetery Extension
Lance Corporal	John	Corrie		07/06/1917	La Plus Douve Farm Cemetery
Gunner	Thomas	Henderson		07/06/1917	Dickebusch New Military Cemetery Extension
Private	George	Jackson		07/06/1917	Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery
Gunner	Henry Wilfred	Leatherland		07/06/1917	La Plus Douve Farm Cemetery
Private	Arthur George	Pigg		07/06/1917	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial
Serjeant	William Henry	Poole		07/06/1917	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial
Corporal	Stanley Barratt	Scrivener		07/06/1917	Messines Ridge British Cemetery
Private	Arthur	Spreadborough		07/06/1917	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial

2 nd Lieutenant	Thomas Hendry	Macartney		07/06/1917	La Plus Douve Farm Cemetery
Gunner	Arthur Frederick	Jones		08/06/1917	Dickebusch New Military Cemetery Extension
Gunner	P N	Robinson		08/06/1917	Westouter Churchyard and Extension
Gunner	Herbert	Wallace		08/06/1917	Dickebusch New Military Cemetery Extension
Gunner	Cecil Leonard	Weston		08/06/1917	La Plus Douve Farm Cemetery
Gunner	Benjamin Isaac	Downing		04/07/1917	Gwalia Cemetery
Corporal	Philip John	Evans		04/07/1917	Gwalia Cemetery
Gunner	David	Hanton		04/07/1917	Gwalia Cemetery
Gunner	Gilbert	Harries		04/07/1917	Gwalia Cemetery
Gunner	Jack Kingsley	Wilcockson		04/07/1917	Gwalia Cemetery
Gunner	Thomas	Atkinson		07/07/1917	Gwalia Cemetery
Lance Corporal	George	Wallace		10/07/1917	Gwalia Cemetery
Gunner	David Lumsden	Hunter		24/07/1917	Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery
Captain	George William	Mann		24/07/1917	Dozinghem Military Cemetery
2 nd Lieutenant	John Charlton	Porter		24/07/1917	Dozinghem Military Cemetery