

**LIVERPOOL GENERAL SURGEONS: 1901-58, THE AFTERMATH OF WORLD  
WARS I AND II: IN MEMORIAM**

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In 2008 my year of medical students, qualified in 1958, will or may celebrate 50 years of change and decay, if the good Lord preserves us until then. Among the excellent things that we should remember are our surgical teachers. It is therefore one of my great fortunes to be in contact with Clifford Brewer TD, PR, FRCS born in 1913 and still hale and hearty. He was the original stimulus to this study after we had discussed the ages at which the old surgeons qualified, obtained an FRCS and then a consultant post, and whether the planned age of 32 for promotion to consultant was too early or not, and anyway what went on in the first half of the twentieth century.

It then became clear as I collected the data that the class of 58 had no grounds to complain about National Service (I was one of the almost last intake in February 1960), because the majority of our teachers and the older generation had fought in the second World War (Brewer: El Alamein and D-Day; Leggate first day D-day) and a large number had won an MC in the first World War. So our generation should be grateful to their efforts and not whinge about “career destruction” due to two years of National Service. And the whimps who followed us should “get some service in”.

The data bank is now presented to you in draft form for correction as a template for remembering past faces and events and stories, but it also is IN MEMORIAM for these “the survivors” as well as doctors, like Chavasse VC and Bar, who did not come back. My calculation for the twentieth century is that wars and dictators killed over 200 million people, the majority of whom were civilians, non-combatants, or conscripted soldiers from civilian life.

REFERENCE CHRONOLOGY	ONOMASTICON: ALPHABETICAL INDEX	BORN	DIED	RCS REF
3	BARK, <i>John</i>	c.1850	?	Ed 1892
43	BEATTIE, <i>William</i>	1911	2001	9:30
38	BENNETT-JONES, <i>Maurice</i>	1906	1980	6:29
9	BICKERSTETH, <i>Robert</i>	1862	1924	P1:97
44	BREWER, <i>Clifford</i>	1913	A&W	A&W
1	CAMPBELL	c.1845	?	M RCS
37	DOYLE, <i>Dickie</i>	1905	1989	7:98
15	EVANS, <i>Arthur</i>	1874	?	Ed
24	FORSTER, <i>Harry</i>	1888	1968	5:121
30	HAWE, <i>Philip</i>	1900	1985	7:149
6	HAYWARD	c.1858	c.1915	Ed
14	HEANEY, <i>Francis</i>	c.1870	?	I
36	HINDHAUGH, <i>Arnold</i>	1905	1947	3:393
42	<i>Howell</i> HUGHES	1908	1998	9:169
41	HUNTER, <i>Willie</i>	1911	1968	5:174
16	JEANS <i>Frank</i>	1878	1933	3:422
7	SIR <i>Robert</i> JONES	1858	1933	3:437
13	SIR <i>Robert</i> KELLY	1879	1944	3:448
21	KENNON, <i>Robert</i>	c.1886	?	-
5	LARKIN, <i>Frederick</i>	1858	1940	3:468
33	LEGGATE, <i>Jack</i>	1904	1985	7:209
12	LITTLER-JONES, <i>Thomas</i>	1874	1967	5:214
27	MCKIE REID, <i>Andrew</i>	1893	1973	5:302
23	MCMURRAY, TP	1887	1949	3:517
11	MONSARRAT, <i>Keith</i>	1872	1968	Ed 1897
22	MORRISON	1888	1974	6:285
8	MURRAY, <i>Robert</i>	1860	1940	3:574
19	NUTTALL, <i>Harry Clarence</i> <i>Wardleworth</i>	1886	1972	5:271
28	OLDHAM, <i>Jimmie</i>	1899	1977	6:303
2	PARKER, <i>Rushton</i>	1847	1932	3:607
4	PAUL, <i>Thomas</i>	1851	1941	3:616
26	REID, <i>Hugh</i>	1893	1971	5:303
40	ROBERTS, <i>Nobby</i>	1907	1988	7:319
34	<i>Cosbie</i> , ROSS	1904	1989	7:322
39	SILVERSTONE, <i>Maurice</i>	1906	1956	4:380
18	SIMPSON, <i>George</i>	1881	1951	3:714
45	STOCK, <i>Francis</i>	1914	1997	-
10	<i>Thelwall</i> THOMAS	1865	1927	P2:404
31	UNSWORTH, <i>Stanley</i>	1901	1964	5:370 4:418
32	SIR <i>Reggie</i> WATSON-JONES	1902	1972	5:382
29	WELLS, <i>Charles</i>	1898	1989	7:387
20	WILLIAMS, <i>Herbert</i>	1884	1962	4:446
35	WILSON, <i>Alexander</i>	c.1904	?	Ed 1932
25	<i>St George</i> WILSON	1891	1967	5:397
17	WOLFENDEN, <i>Herbert</i>	1880	1940	3:862

- Some are born equal with one surname only.
- Some have double-barrel surnames such as Bennett-Jones, Littler-Jones and Watson-Jones, some by common usage are known by first and second names together 1. Christian and 2. Surname, but in this instance there is a muddle because a few are listed as 1 + 2 and others 2 + 1. And some (only one) are born unequal with three Christian names such as Harry Clarence Wardleworth NUTTALL. Christian names are identified in italics.
- Most of the surgeons have biographies listed in the Royal College of Surgeons, England, "Lives of the Fellows". But missing, for no obvious reason are Francis Stock and Robert Kennon. Others have no such biographies because they have an Edinburgh (E) or Irish Fellowship (I), and one had only an MRCS (Campbell).