

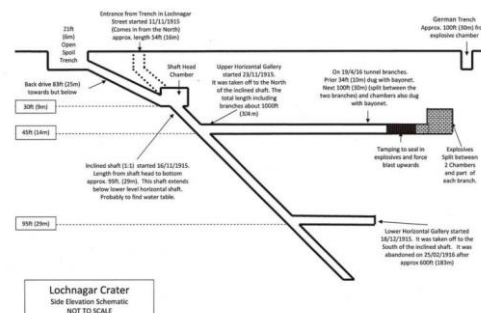
OFs REMEMBERED AT LOCHNAGAR CRATOR

The Lochnagar Crater was formed at 7.28am on Saturday, 1st July 1916 - the first day of the Battle of the Somme. It was created by the detonation of a huge mine placed beneath the German front lines and its aim was to destroy a formidable strongpoint called 'Schwaben Höhe'.

Close to a British trench called Lochnagar Street tunnellers dug a shaft down about 90 feet deep into the chalk. They then excavated some 300 yards towards the German lines, placing 60,000 lbs (27 tons) of ammonal explosive in two large adjacent underground chambers 60 feet apart. Two minutes

before the attack began, the mine was exploded, leaving the massive crater that we see today. Debris was flung almost a mile into the air.

Richard Dunning MBE bought the site in 1978 and turned it into a memorial site which is now visited by over 200,000 people a year.



At the suggestion of Peter Gasgoyne-Lockwood (R57-64) the SOF Trustees agreed to support the purchase of 6 plaques – one for each of six OFs and one master killed during the Battle of the Somme and who have no known grave.

They are as follows and are all recorded in some detail [here](#) :-

William Bagshawe – 12 Bn York & Lancaster Regiment
 John Buckmaster (06-09) – 11 Bn Australian Infantry
 John Fry (06-08) – 4 Bn South African Infantry
 William Milburn (master) – 4 Bn Suffolk Regiment
 Ralph Rash (11-13) – 7 Bn Suffolk Regiment
 Frank Walker (96-00) – 6 Bn King's Royal Rifle Corps

They are also remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, with the exception of Buckmaster who is remembered at Villers-Bretonneux Memorial.





The following is a full list of all pupils and masters killed during the Battle of the Somme. Those highlighted have no known grave.

OLD FRAMILINGHAMIANS WHO DIED IN WW 1 DURING BATTLE OF THE SOMME – 1 July 1916 to 19 November 1916

<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>DEATH</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>
Matthews	Frederick ML	London Regt	01/07/16	France – Pas de Calais - Gommecourt British Cemetery No 2
Bagshawe	William W	12 th Bn Y & L	01/07/16	France – Somme - Thiepval Memorial
Ratcliffe	Alfred V	10 th Bn WYR	01/07/16	France – Somme - Fricourt New Mil Cemetery
Fry	John S	4 th SA Inf	13/07/16	France – Somme - Thiepval Memorial
Milburn	William H	4 th Bn Suffolks	15/07/16	France – Somme - Thiepval Memorial
Buckmaster	John R	AIF 11 th Bn	23/07/16	France – Somme - Villers-Bretonneux Memorial
Walker	Frank B	6 th Bn KRRC, att 2nd Bn	23/07/16	France – Somme - Thiepval Memorial
Clift	Sydney	AIF 18 th Bn	05/08/16	France – Pas de Calais - Serre Road Cemetery No 2
Benton	William	Manch Regt	17/08/16	France – Somme - Mericourt –L'Abbe - Heilly Station Cemetery
Tate	Thomas	12 th Bn R Suss	02/09/16	France – Pas de Calais - Couin Cemetery
Stockdale	Norman H	6 th Bn Lincolns	18/09/16	France – Somme - Aveluy Community Cemetery Extension
Clark	Sydney	RAMC, (5th London FH)	02/10/16	France – Somme - Mametz - Dantzig Alley British Cemetery
Rash	Ralph R	7 th Bn Suffolks	12/10/16	France – Somme - Thiepval Memorial
Macnamara	Joseph B	3 rd Bn Duke of W	19/10/16	France – Somme – Guards Cemetery, Les Boeufs
Joyce	Eric G	Suffolks 4 th Bn	30/10/16	France – Somme - Guillemont Road Cemetery
Burch	Sydney G	2 nd Notts Hus	13/11/16	France – Somme - Lonsdale Cemetery