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Grenadier Guards World War Veterans, Past Serving Grenadier's and Casualties of Conflicts and Troubles, since WW2. (Alphabetical List)



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Ackland (M.M)	G.H.	25610	Lance Corporal	Grenadier Guards	-	-	-	Unknown	Awarded Military Medal, as noted in 4th Supplement of The London Gazette, dated 28th January 1918. Family connection East London
Alexander	G.A.	2609170	Sergeant	Grenadier Guards	-	20-Feb-1985	79	Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey	Died while a Chelsea Pensioner. Buried in Royal Hospital Plot 6 Row B, Grave 13
Andrews	Albert Henry	12153	Guardsman	Grenadier Guards	-	11-Jan-1970	84	Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey	Died while a Chelsea Pensioner. Buried in Royal Hospital Plot 3 Row A, Grave 19
Askew (M.M)	J.	18418	Private	Grenadier Guards	-	-	-	Unknown	Awarded Military Medal, as noted in 4th Supplement of The London Gazette, dated 28th January 1918. Family connection Long Ichington, Warwickshire

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Ashworth	(V.C) James	-	Lance Corporal	1st	-	13-Jun-2012	23	Unknown	L/Cpl James Ashworth (V.C.) from Kettering, Northamptonshire, was killed in the Nahr-e-Saraj District. He was described as an "outstanding soldier" and the regiment "will never forget this quite exceptional man". L/Cpl Ashworth was on patrol to disrupt insurgent activity when he was caught in the blast from a grenade. He died despite receiving immediate medical treatment.
<p>The heroic last stand of L/Cpl Ashworth who died trying to defeat an insurgent sniper team has been recognised with the posthumous awarding of the Victoria Cross. L/Cpl Ashworth and his platoon had been inserted into the area by air on June 13th 2012 for a military operation to neutralise an insurgent sniper team, when they came under immediate fire as soon as they landed. Two insurgents were killed and two sniper rifles recovered during this initial assault, but an Afghan Local Police follow-up attack stalled when the fleeing enemy killed a member of their group. The village was now under fire from several positions by insurgents desperate to protect their prized sniper team and the platoon needed to detain or kill the final sniper, who was pinned down by the lead fire team. Needing to break the stalemate, L/Cpl Ashworth dropped to the floor and began to crawl behind a knee-high wall that ran parallel to the front of the outbuilding. The wall provided just enough cover to conceal his prostrate body as he inched forward on his belly, armed with his last grenade to finally silence the deadly sniper.</p> <p>As he moved a fierce fire-fight broke out above his head, and although the enemy couldn't see him, he was still not safe from the flying bullets. Undaunted, he edged forward in his painstaking advance till he was within five metres of the insurgent's position. Desperate to ensure his last grenade landed accurately, L/Cpl Ashworth then deliberately crawled out from behind the low wall and its limited protection to get a better angle for the throw. Now in full view of the enemy just five metres away, rounds started to tear up the ground around him, striking centimetres from his body. Undeterred, he was about to throw the grenade when he was fatally hit by enemy fire. His citation concludes: "Despite the ferocity of the insurgent's resistance, Ashworth refused to be beaten. His total disregard for his own safety in ensuring that the last grenade was posted accurately was the gallant last action of a soldier who had willingly placed himself in the line of fire on numerous occasions earlier in the attack. This supremely courageous and inspiring action deserves the highest recognition." L/Cpl Ashworth's is the 1,361st recipient of the medal since its inception on January 29th 1856.</p>									
<p>His father Duane served in the Grenadier Guards and his brother, Coran, 21, is serving with the Army in Northern Ireland. He lived with his mother Kerryann and his girlfriend Emily and also leaves sisters Lauren and Paige, brother Karl and four-year-old niece Darcy. His family said in statement: "We are devastated by the loss of our son, brother, uncle and boyfriend. "He meant the world to everyone and has left an irreplaceable hole in our hearts. We ask that we are given time to grieve and we sincerely thank everyone for their condolences." Lt Col James Bowder, commanding officer, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, said L/Cpl Ashworth was an "outstanding soldier whose loss has moved us all". "A real self-starter, he excelled in everything that he undertook. Fit, strong and brilliant at his job, he set the bar very high. Indeed, such was his calmness under pressure, his charisma, and his selflessness that he made an exemplary junior leader. "L/Cpl Ashworth's death leaves a hole in the battalion - we have lost one of our very best soldiers. The battalion, and indeed the broader regiment, will never forget this quite exceptional man."</p>									
<p>Capt Mike Dobbin, commander of Reconnaissance Platoon, Nijmegen Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, said L/Cpl Ashworth was killed trying to protect his colleagues. "He was killed while fighting his way through compounds; leading his fire team from the front, whilst trying to protect his men and he showed extraordinary courage to close on a determined enemy. His professionalism under pressure and ability to remain calm in what was a chaotic situation is testament to his character. "L/Cpl Ashworth was a pleasure to command and I will sorely miss his calming influence on the battlefield. Softly spoken, he stepped up to every task thrown in his direction." L/Cpl Ashworth joined the Army at the age of 17 and completed a stint of ceremonial duty in London after joining Nijmegen Company Grenadier Guards. He spent three years with the Guards' Parachute Platoon, part of 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment, deploying in Afghanistan with them. He returned to the Grenadiers, serving in Canada with The Queen's Company before moving to the Reconnaissance Platoon. L/Cpl Ashworth had recently been promoted to the role of non-commissioned officer.</p>									

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Atherton	David	-	Guardsmen	1st	-	26-Jul-2007	25	Unknown	<p>David from Manchester was killed during active service in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. David leaves behind a girlfriend, and young daughter. In a statement, his family paid tribute to "A professional and dedicated soldier".</p> <p>"He loved the Army and it is hard to imagine him doing anything else," the statement said.</p> <p>"A kind, caring, loving father, son, brother and boyfriend, he was considerate, thoughtful and the light of our life, and the world will be a duller place without him."</p>
<p>At around 06.00hrs local time, 3rd Company, Grenadier Guards came under fire from Taleban fighters in Helmand province after his unit had secured a bridge crossing the Nahr-e-Seraj canal, and were in the process of consolidating their position after securing the bridge. The company he was with were pushing West to clear further Taleban positions when David was shot. An emergency response helicopter was requested but he was pronounced dead at the scene. He was flown to the Isaf medical facility at Camp Bastion. His commanding officer, Lt Colonel Carew Hatherley, said Guardsman Atherton had given "selfless service" to his nation, and had died doing the job he loved. David's death brings to 66 the number of UK military personnel who have died since military operations began in Afghanistan in November 2001. Guardsman Atherton's death came a day after L/Cpl Alex Hawkins, of the 1st Battalion of The Royal Anglian Regiment, was also killed in Helmand.</p>									

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