



Horton

The memorial in Horton church is dedicated to three who lost their lives. Jack Whittern was one of two brothers who had been in service at Horton Hall, Jack as a footman. John Iles, pictured below, was the great grandfather of a current villager. Paul Aime Bourdillon was the son of the vicar of Horton, the Rev Francis Wright (FW) Bourdillon, who, it seems, had his own claim to fame. (see folder)

Edward Colin Goulding is another son of Horton, not mentioned on the tablet, who enlisted when resident in Chipping Sodbury, and gave his life at Gallipoli in 1915. He is listed on the memorial tablet at Helles, near Gallipoli.



Name	Rank	Regiment	Age at death	Comments
PA Bourdillon	2 nd Lieutenant	Royal Engineers	20	Died of his wounds in 1919
J Iles	Lance Corporal	Essex	19	
JT Whittern	Private	Hampshire	19	



In Memory of Private JT WHITTERN
28708 15th Bn., Hampshire Regiment
Who died on 21st August 1918
Son of A Whittern of Horton
Remembered with honour
Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery

Above: John Whittern's gravestone at Lijssenthoek and his medals



Terlingthun Cemetery, Wimille, Jack Iles' resting place

Lance Corporal J Iles, whose father survived the war and whose great uncle was a Crimean veteran



Grave of 2nd Lieutenant Bourdillon and entrance to Tehran Cemetery

Horton Hall had a significant role in World War 1, as a recuperation centre for soldiers, mainly gas attack victims. The plaque outside says 278 soldiers stayed there over the period. Some clearly enjoyed their stay, judging by the postcard below. From notes frequently addressed to her, we believe one nurse, 'Ada', was a great favourite among the soldiers. There may have been also a small zoo built at the hall, to house animals 'evacuated' from Bristol Zoo.



Below: one of over 30 photographs by Murray Dowding and J Hiscock of the hall in wartime use (provided by Jim Elsworth)

