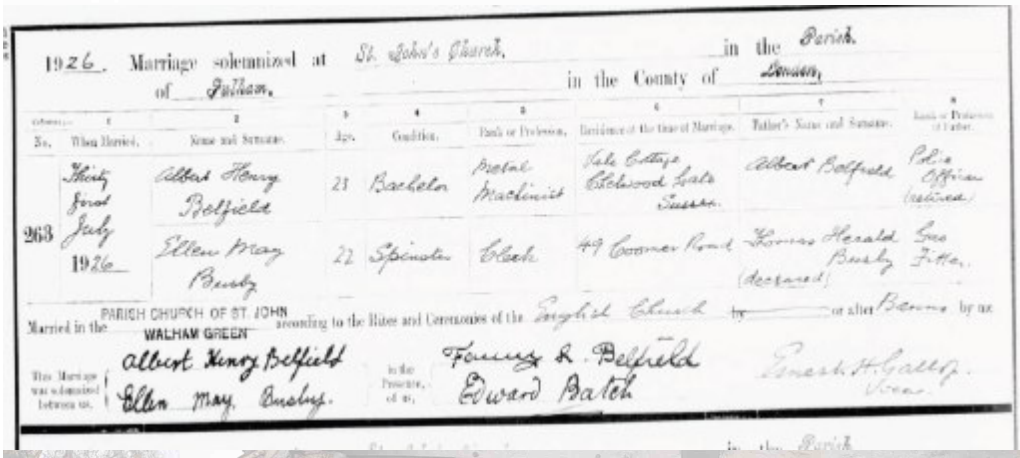
Albert Henry Belfield
3 May 1903 - 8 December 1943

Albert Henry Belfield was born in Battersea, on 3rd May 1903. His parents were Albert Belfield (1873-1958) and Fanny Louisa Wheeler (1871-1961).

Albert senior came from Keston, in Kent and Fanny was born in Tunbridge Wells. They were married at St. John's Church Fulham on 1st May 1904.



1926. Marriage solemnized at St. John's Church in the Parish of Fulham in the County of London

No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father
263	Thirty first July 1926	Albert Henry Belfield	23	Bachelor	Metal Machinist	Vale Cottage Chelwood Gate Sussex.	Albert Belfield	Police Officer (retired)
		Ellen May Busby	22	Spinster	Clerk	49 Coomer Road	Thomas Harold Busby (deceased)	Gas Fitter.

Married in the PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN WALHAM GREEN according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the English Church by ____ or after Banns by me

This Marriage was solemnized between us. Albert Henry Belfield Ellen May Busby.

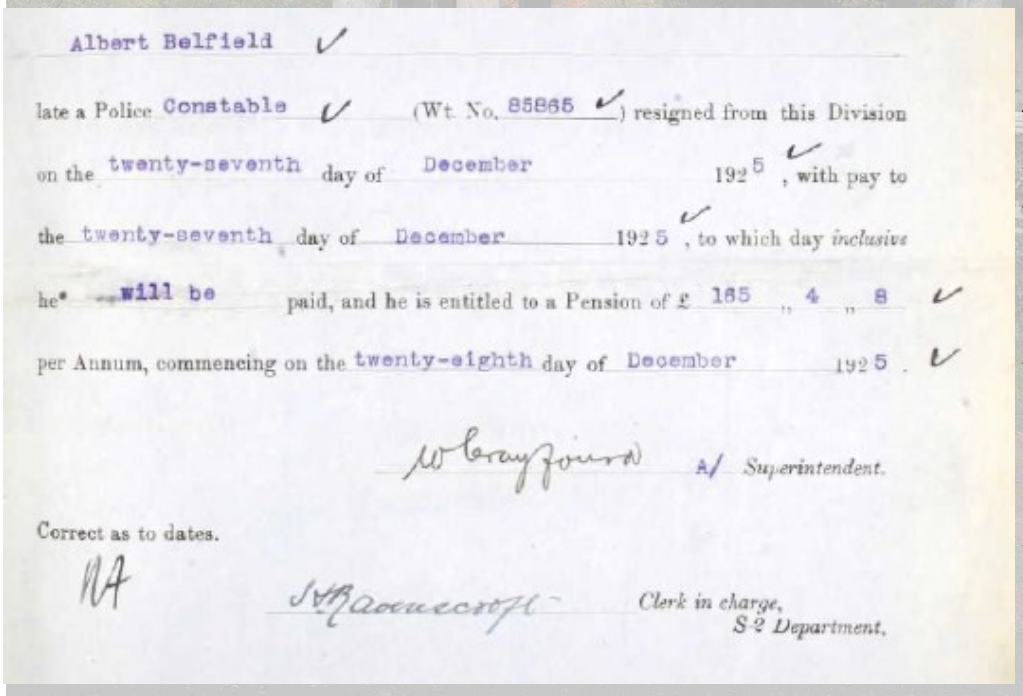
In the Presence of us. Fanny L. Belfield Edward Balch

Ernest H. Gallop. Vicar.

in the Parish

Above: Albert Henry Belfield. Left: Albert Henry and Ellen Mary Busby's marriage certificate

Albert senior had joined the Metropolitan Police Force, as a constable and was stationed in Chelsea where in 1901 he was living at the Police Station, in Kings Road, Chelsea. His warrant number was 85865 and he retired from the Police Force on 27th December 1925 with a pension of £ 165. 4s. 8d per annum. Fanny Belfield, was a sister to Blanche Hannah Thompsett, widow of William Thompsett.



Albert Belfield ✓

late a Police Constable ✓ (Wt. No. 85865 ✓) resigned from this Division on the twenty-seventh day of December 1925 ✓, with pay to the twenty-seventh day of December 1925 ✓, to which day *inclusive* he will be paid, and he is entitled to a Pension of £ 165 ,, 4 ,, 8 ✓ per Annum, commencing on the twenty-eighth day of December 1925 ✓.

W Crayford A/ *Superintendent.*

Correct as to dates.

NA

S A Moorcroft *Clerk in charge, S 2 Department.*

Albert's police record

The 1911 census records Albert, Fanny and their son Albert Henry living at 31, Winchester House, Beaufort Road, Chelsea,

At some point after he retired, Albert and Fanny moved to Sussex. The 1939 register records them living at Vale Cottage, Danehill, which was between Rose Cottage and Lilac Cottage, close to Ivydene. These cottages are situated near to the Coach and Horses public house.

Albert Henry married Ellen May Busby in 1926, their son, Christopher was born in 1933. They lived at Billingshurst when first married and later 104, School Road, Dagenham, Essex,, where he worked at Fords & Briggs. He was at Fords when the war started, he was in a reserved occupation and unable to volunteer for the armed forces. In spite of this, whilst on sick leave from Fords recovering from a "bad chest", he did succeed in "joining up" in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, probably in the spring of 1941. He trained firstly as a motor cycle despatch rider, was considered too old to go overseas and was transferred to RAF Henlow, Beds, for engineering training.

His wife and son, Christopher, were evacuated to Vale Farm. In a letter to his wife he told her that he had reported sick with a bad cold, he died 8 Dec 1943 in RAF Henlow from a lung abscess and bronco-pneumonia and was buried 13 Dec 1943 in the cemetery at Danehill.
(*Information from Christopher Belfield*)

First Name:	Albert Henry
Initials:	A H
Surname:	Belfield
DOB:	Circa 1903
Age:	40
Nationality:	British
Date of Death:	08/12/1943
Information:	SON OF ALBERT AND FANNY LOUISA BELFIELD; HUSBAND OF ELLEN MAY BELFIELD, OF GOLDERS GREEN, MIDDLESEX.
Rank:	Aircraftman 1st Class
Service Number:	1449186
Service:	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
Regiment:	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve during World War 2 **More information about Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve** Formed: 1936 The RAFVR was formed in July 1936 to provide individuals to supplement the Auxiliary Air Force (AAF) which had been formed in 1925 by the local Territorial Associations. The AAF... read more here >>
Collection:	The IWGC/CWGC Registers Collection

During WW2 Albert Henry joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserves, 13th maintenance unit based at Henlow, Bedfordshire. The RAFVR were formed in July 1936 to provide individuals to supplement the Auxillary Airforce that was set up in 1925 by the local Territorial Associations. His service number was 1440186, and rank Aircraftman 1st class.

He died on War Service, 8th December 1943, his widow Ellen was at the time living at Reapyear Farm Cottage, Chelwood Gate. He left £ 542 in his Will to his wife Ellen.

Top: Albert's military record. Above left: Albert is buried at Danehill cemetery. Above right: Albert "Passing Out" as a despatch rider 23rd May 1942

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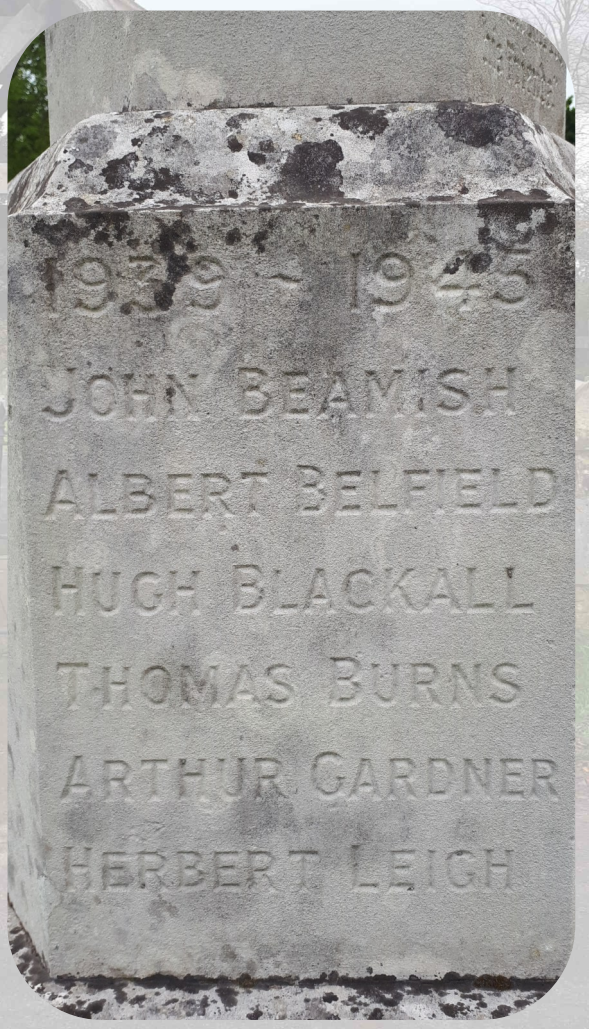
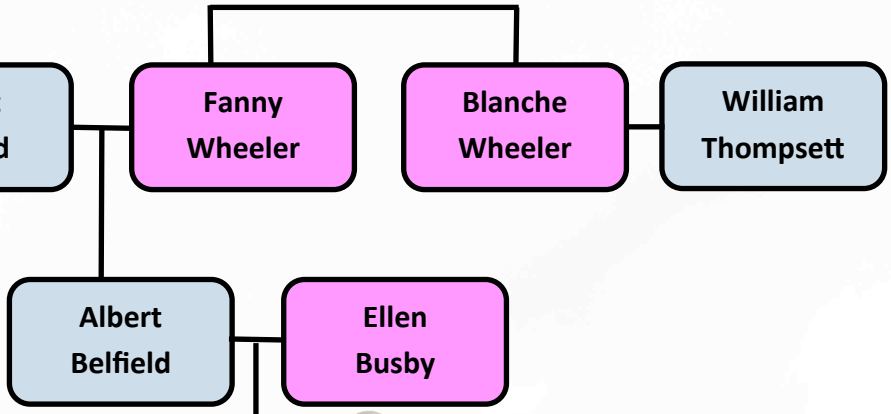


Albert Belfield is remembered on the war memorial at Danehill Church



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