

Date unknown

Members of the Scientific Staff of The Rothamsted Laboratory on Active Service with H.M. Forces, or killed whilst so engaged

Name	Position on Scientific Staff	Rank in Army or Navy	If dead what date	Additional remarks
B.A. Keen, B.Sc.	Soil Physicist	2 nd Lieut in Army	-	
K R Lewin B.A.	Protozoologist	2 nd Lieut in army	9 th March 1916	Killed in France
A.J. Daish B.Sc.	Organic Chemist	Lieut in army	-	Bullet wound in face May 16 th 1915
J Clayton M.A.	Bacteriologist	Lieut in army	-	
K MacLennan	Bacteriologist	Lieut in army	-	
C H Martin	Voluntary Worker on Protozoology	Lieut in army	3 rd May 1915	Killed in action near Ypres
W. Buddin B.A.	Soil chemist	Lieut in London Sanitary Corps		
W Weir M.A.	Soil chemist	Private 3/4 Gordon Highlanders		
G C Sawyer	Organic chemist	Private 28 th Royal Fusiliers		
<u>In Addition</u>				
Miss G Bates	Private Secretary	Private Secretary to Matron of Hospital		
G Lawrence	Laboratory Asst	Sergt in army		
A H Bowden	Laboratory Asst	Private in army		
Dr Hutchinson	Bacteriologist	Munition Dept		
A Appleyard	Soil Gas Chemist	Munition Dept		
S J K Eames	Farm manager	Private Royal Flying Corps		
C Pearce	Junior Clerk	Private Royal Field Artillery		

18th February 1920

Letter from Lewin's father to Keen

Somerset County Council
The County Education Committee
County Librarian

CHARLES J. LEWIN

Dear Mr Keen

Your letter reached me this morning & I have pleasure in replying to it. My son Kenneth Robert Lewin belonged to the 7th D.C.L.I. I understood at the time of his death that he had just been gazetted Lieutenant, but I am not sure whether the papers had got through before he fell. I am greatly interested and very pleased to learn that you propose to perpetuate his memory and that of Martin, of whom I often heard him speak.

I shall be obliged if you will remember me kindly to Dr Russell & Mrs Russell. If they, or anyone from Rothamsted who knew Ken happen to be in Weston-super-Mare at any time I hope they will call at "Casa", Elmleigh Road, my home

Yours sincerely

Charles J Lewin

25th February 1920

Letter from Russell to Riches

T H Riches
Kitwells
Shenley

Dear Riches

We are contemplating putting up a small bronze tablet to Lewin & martin in the Hall of the laboratory: have you any suggestions?

I don't quite know who do these things well. We have been in touch with the Birmingham Art Guild and with Henshaw of Edinburgh, and we rather fancy something of the style of the "Nairn Hospital" tablet, turned round the other way so as to fit the size of our panel. And without the thistles and leaf design; perhaps also without the mahogany back.

Perhaps you would look through the accompanying papers and let me know what you think when next we meet.

Yours very truly

E J Russell

11th March 1920

**Letter from Reynolds-Stephens to Mr Riches re
War memorial for Rothamsted**

6 Mortimer Place
St John's Wood

Dear Mr Riches

Thanks for your note. I shall be delighted to see you with your friend on Tuesday afternoon 23rd but I shall have little new work on just then for the pair of statuettes I particularly wished to show you have to be packed not later than next Weds. Is it impossible for you to bring Dr Russell on Monday (or even Tuesday) of next week then I could arrange to be in

Sincerely
W Reynolds-Stephens

If I don't hear by Sat shall look to see you on 23rd

12th April 1920

Letter from Reynolds-Stephens to Russell

6 Mortimer Place
St John's Wood
N W 6

Dear Dr Russell

I have prepared & am sending sketch proposal for your war memorial herewith – registered.

The panel to be of copper, not bright, but with a good patina upon it, varnished with gilding & enamel (vitreous to withstand your fumes) shellack backing slab would perhaps not be wanted on your panel or might be lighter.

The sketch lends itself to be carried out any scale but I think, if it has a back slab then 2' 5 ½" x 1' 5" should be minimum size; and without back slab about 2' 9" x 1' 6" be maximum. Either of these would be £100.

Of course the words on ribbon are merely put to show how lettering tells in the design - & the scribble of lettering below is for same purpose.

I am sorry I cant offer to do anything at the price Mr Riches spoke of; indeed had stranger written I should not have entertained the matter as I have quite a number of larger schemes on hand; but I wish both for your sake & Mr Riches to do what I can.

You may depend that whatever I do will be done thoroughly & I believe be unlike anything others would do.

I conclude you don't want a long inscription.

Let me hear at your convenience

Yours very truly

W. Reynolds-Stephens

13th April 1920

Letter from Russell to Reynolds-Stephens

W Reynolds-Stephens
6 Mortimer Place
St John's Wood, N.W.

Dear Mr Reynolds Stephens

I am much obliged to you for sending the sketch proposal; I will go carefully into the matter and write to you again

With kind regards and many thanks

Yours very truly

15th April 1920

Letter from Riches to Russell

Kitwells
Shenley
Herts

My dear Russell

Sir Goscombe John will be staying here on Sunday and if you like I will bring him out in the afternoon. You might be glad of his criticism. My Wife unfortunately will not be able to accompany us as there will be several other people to look after

Yours

T H Riches

18th April 1920 **Note on War memorial design by Sir William Goscombe John**

Like general design & conception

Feel that upper panel might be vitrified

Suggest something symbolic, figure of Science - might add interest

Fig might meet back top line?

22nd April 1920

Letter from Russell to Reynolds-Stephens

W Reynolds-Stephens
6 Mortimer Place
St John's Wood N.W.

Dear Mr Reynolds-Stephens

I have now had an opportunity of showing your suggestion to our various friends and have great pleasure in saying that the general design and conception are much liked.

Two on whose opinion I set much store (as I am sure you would also) suggest that the interest of the work would be enhanced if, in the sunk panel, in place of the wreath there were a figure symbolical of science or patriotism or England, which might well break the top line. Having seen some of your figures I agree entirely. What do you think?

I am returning the design in case you feel disposed to make an alteration.

With kind regards

Yours very truly

E J Russell

28th April 1920

Letter from Reynolds-Stephens to Russell

6 Mortimer Place
St John's Wood

Dear Dr Russell

I have to acknowledge receipt of my model design or what is left of it for it was so loosely put into the box that it has arrived smashed in many pieces – this is annoying as I am so busy & the sketch having been made especially & carefully completed might have been of use to others as it does not do for your people.

Yours very truly

W Reynolds-Stephens

It had not even a "fragile" label on parcel

29/4/20 *Dr Russell*

Sent P.C. form for value to be inserted & also material made of. Asked whether P.O. other end had been informed & claim made, also whether box itself was broken.

W B

28th April 1920

Letter from Russell to Riches

T H Riches
Kitwells
Shenley
Herts

Dear Riches

The enclosed letter has come from Reynolds-Stephens: you will see from it that he couldn't make the suggested alterations except at a prohibitive price. I am writing to him to ask if he will keep the offer open for two weeks so that we may decide what to do. Can you make any suggestion?

It won't be easy to raise the money. We can get something over £30 from the Staff and £25 from the Committee. I can raise about £20 from one or two who are interested in Martin & Lewin's work (not including yourself), but I don't see my way to more than about £75 at present. We might of course ask you to act as guarantor for the remaining £25 as the £75 in question will be obtainable without calling on you, but there is the possibility that a good deal of the £25 might never be raised at all.

I enclose a not from Cotton in which he says that he thinks that Silver Leaf is the sole cause of the disease

Yours very truly

29th April 1920

Letter from Barnicot to Reynolds-Stephens

Mr Reynolds-Stephens Esq.

Re damaged model design

Dear Sir,

Will you please insert the material made of under question 5, & also inform me whether you have made any complaint to the P.O. people at your end or shown them the box. Was the box itself broken or cracked? (*no the parcel seemed quite in good order outside*)

Yours faithfully

W. Barnicot

1st May 1920

Letter from Reynolds-Stephens to Russell

6 Mortimer Place
Kilburn Priory
N W 6

Dear Dr Russell

Yours of 28th and 29th to hand. I enclose form duly filled in – even if the P.O pay I don't know when I can give time for one of my assistants to repair it – we are so busy with works on order.

I quite understand you cannot go to some six figure work: as you say “we see among those who made nothing out of the war.” However, I am among those who have lost heavily by the war & having undertaken work since believing that prices would go down whereas they have gone & continue to, go up. I must be more careful now. Ever since I offered you this sketch design – quite unexpectedly I have had to raise wages of my assistants about 20%. I thought no more rise would be expected until August! £100 is one equal to about £35 pre war. Then I have definite orders which I must get forward with to save higher later. These are for very much higher priced works. It takes as long almost to think out and make careful design for a small work as a large. I tell you all this hoping you will therefore not think me discourteous for saying I cannot offer to make a new design which your suggestion would entail.

Of course the words “Heroes of the Great War” upon the ribbon can be replaced by others of about same length. But do not hesitate to decide against having my design if you do not quite like it after consideration.

If you send in P.O. claim they will probably want to fetch it away and keep it for weeks & then return it more broken than it is. I speak from previous experience

Yours very truly

W Reynolds-Stephens

1st May 1920

Letter from Riches to Russell

Kitwells
Shenley
Herts

Dear Russell

I was afraid the introduction of a figure would increase the cost enormously.

I am not clear what the present position is. You don't like the ribbon & its inscription but there appears to be nothing else suggested. I don't like the words “Heroes of the Great War”. I wonder whether you would think the words

PRO PATRIA

sufficient. It occurs to me that with these words & say the shields of Oxford & Cambridge you might perhaps fill the upper compartment entirely.

If the shields were emblazoned in their proper colours it might relieve the monotony.

I saw Reynolds-Stephens at the R.A. yesterday but didn't mention the question of the design.

Whatever you decide I would readily act as guarantor.

Let me know what you think of my suggestion.

Thank you for getting a report on the Portugal trouble. I wish it had been of a different kind. The outlook is appalling. Silver leaf has again attacked my peach trees.

Yours sincerely

T H Riches

5th May 1920

Letter from Russell to Professor Clark

Professor Clark
Corpus Christi College
Oxford

Dear Professor Clark

You have been so kind in helping us on previous occasions when we sought your advice that I am venturing once more to trouble you.

We are looking for a short inscription to go on a memorial table which we are putting up in the hall of this institution to two of our men who were killed in the War; we have space for about 20 letters. Could you kindly give me an elegant rendering of the following words

They saw their duty and they did it

Which are an adaptation of a sentence in a collect from the Roman Catholic Breviary, (either for the Epiphany or Lent): it is quite possible that the Latin may not be very good and we should greatly appreciate your kindness if you could help us in this matter.

Yours very truly

5th May 1920

letter from Russell to Reynolds-Stephens

Copy of Manuscript Letter

Dear Mr Reynold-Stephens

Many thanks for returning the Form, which I will put in. Meanwhile I enclose cheque for £5; we have a contingency fund to meet unfortunate happenings of this sort while our clerical staff does the recovery from the Post Office.

It is practically certain that we shall be able to raise the money; we have our final meeting shortly. If the sketch design cannot be ready to show at this meeting could you send a pencil or other sketch that would show the general conception? We must have the meeting within the two weeks limit you set us.

We will select an inscription for the panel not exceeding 20 letters.

With kind regards

Yours very truly

(Signed) E J Russell

6th May 1920

Letter from Riches to Russell

Kitwells
Shenley
Herts

Yours dated the 4th arrived this morning. A Cambrian Board meeting has been fixed for the 13th & unless it is postponed which I don't think likely I must forgo the pleasure of going with you to Oxford. Has anything transpired in regard to the memorial panel?

Yours

T H R

8th May 1920

Letter from Reynolds-Stephens to Russell

6 Mortimer Place
Kilburn Priory
N W 6

Dear Dr Russell

Sorry you bothered to send £5 now it could easily have stood over until paid by Post Office. I enclose receipt

I have arranged to have it temporarily stuck together that you and your friends may see it again – then later on I can, when we are less busy, have it properly put in order.

Very faithfully yours
W Reynolds-Stephens

I hope to send it by post on Monday

14th May 1920

Letter from Professor A C Clark to Russell

Corpus Christi College
Queen's College
Oxford

Dear Sir,

Please forgive me for delay in answering your letter. I was very busy when it came so set it aside with the usual result.

I think that a suitable rendering would be

Quod agendum erat viderunt et fecerunt

Yours sincerely

A C Clark

18th May 1920

Letter from Russell to Professor Clark

Professor Clark
Corpus Christi College
Oxford

Dear Professor Clark

I am obliged for your letter of the 14th. We have, however, only room for 20 letters: would

'Quod agendum fecerunt'

Be good Latin?

Yours very truly

Mr Reynolds-Stephens (Date uncertain)

QUOD
AGENDUM
FECERUNT

Charles Martin
Lieut 5th Bn Monmouthshire Regt
Killed at Ypres May 3rd 1915

Kenneth Robert Lewin
Lieut 7th Bn D.C.L.I.
Killed in the trenches in France March 9th 1916

N.B. if "Kenneth Robert Lewin" will not go in the name can be Kenneth R Lewin

We are confirming Lewin's rank: it may be "2nd Lieut" will write directly we hear from War Office

11th June 1920

Letter from Russell to Reynolds-Stephens

W Reynolds-Stephens Esq
6 Mortimer Place,
N W 6

Dear Mr Reynolds-Stephens

I now find that Charles Martin had another initial, he was Charles H Martin. Is it too late to insert this extra letter? If not, will you please do so. If, however, it is too late, please do not trouble; he was invariably known as Charles Martin, and few of his friends knew that he had a second initial

With Kind regards

Yours very truly

Reply 14th June 1920

Thank you for yrs. the change in name shall be made

W Reynolds-Stephens

Coldingham
Berwickshire

11th May 1921

Letter from Reynolds-Spencer to Russell

6, Mortimer Place
St John's Wood
N W 6

Dear Dr Russell

The panel is practically ready now, but I must keep it for the gold & letter colouring to harden

It would be nice if you could manage to come to see it. Would Friday or Saturday about 4 or 5 suit you? Then we can discuss fixing

Yours very truly

W Reynolds-Stephens

23rd May 1921

Letter from Russell to Eames

Dear Eames

The memorial tablet to Lewin & Martin is now finished but Mr Reynolds Stephens does not want to send it by rail. Thornton had arranged to go over with his car and bring it back and also the man who is to fix it, but he has had a breakdown and the repairs will not be finished in time and so he can't go. Could you fetch it for us in your car. I am afraid that to-morrow is the day fixed and so I am only able to give you very short notice. Thornton will give you all the details if you will ask him for them.

Yours very truly

Man came with Tablet May 1(2?)4th and fixed it

27th May 1921

letter from Reynolds-Stephens to Russell

Dear Dr Russell

I am so glad you find the little memorial tablet satisfactory. I shall hope to see it some day when we are visiting the Riches & I ask him to drive me over.

I am making a small charge for the fixing which I hope you will not think unfair – but please do not send me cheque until you get a P.C. to say I am home again: we are just off to remote part of Scotland & posts are unreliable.

Yours very truly

W Reynolds-Stephens

5th July 1921

Barnicot to Reynolds-Stephens

W Reynolds-Stephens
6, Mortimer Place
St John's Wood

Dear Sir

I herewith enclose cheque for £102. 0. 0. In payment of your account for the Memorial Tablet, which please return to me receipted.

Yours faithfully

Secretary

Lewin-Martin Memorial

(Date uncertain)

Prints to be sent to the following:-

E J Holmyard	22 Regent Street, Clifton. Bristol
A V Campbell	Star House, Ripley, Yorkshire
W Weir (c/o A V Campbell)	“
Miss H Adam	Cairndhu, Kidderminster
A J Daish	5 Eaton Crescent, Clifton, Bristol
Miss G Bates	“
A Appleyard	H.M. Acetone Factory, Nasik, Bomabay, India
W Buddin	University College, Reading
H Clayton	Hill House, Kinver, Stourbridge
J A Prescott	Sultanieh Agric. Soc., Giza, Cairo
E Horton	Agricultural College, Wye, Kent
H B Hutchinson	Wyver, Spenser Road, Harpenden
W A Davis	Imperial Indigo Chemist, Pusa, India
W R MacLennan	(Ask Eames)

Probably also to Mrs Martin The Hill, Abergavenny, Mr Lewin's father (C J Lewin, casa, Elmsleigh Road, Burnham on Sea (Should be Weston Super Mare!))
Dr Russell has these addresses. Also ask about other subscribers such as Keeble, Riches etc.

Ask Dr Russell also whether the office had not better 'Roneo' a short circular on this model:-

“The Lewin- Martin memorial of which a photograph is enclosed is now complete & in position on the first panel at the foot of the main staircase. It was executed by Mr W Reynolds-Stephens, whose design was approved by Sir Goscombe John(?) of the (?).

Cast in bronze, and with raised and gilded scroll & lettering; the scroll & motto are set off by four small squares of enamel. The outside measurements are 33” by 19”. The position chosen for the memorial is such that it is seen by all visitors to the laboratories”

Also sent to:-

Prof Keeble	Lord Bledisloe
H T Browne	T Riches
Mrs Pickering	F A Potts
G A Cowie	Prof J Graham Kerr FRS

Miss L M Underwood Prof G H F Nuttall FRS

Lewin-Martin Memorial

Subscription

Past & Present Staff

Routine(?) Staff

Miss Adam	£1. 0. 0.	G Bassill	2/-
A Appleyard	2. 0. 0.	A Bowden	1/-
Miss Bates	1. 0. 0.	W. Game	1/-
Miss Brenchley	1. 0. 0.	E. Grey	2/-
W Buddin	14. 0.	G Lawrence	1/-
A V Campbell	1. 0. 0.	A Oggelsby	1/-
A Clayton	1. 0. 0.	W. Pierce	1/-
W D Cutler	1. 0. 0.	F Seabrook	1/-
A J Daish	1. 0. 0.	B Weston	<u>1/-</u>
W A Davis	1. 0. 0.		11/-
S J K Eames	1. 0. 0.		
E J Holmyard	10. 6		
E Horton	1. 0. 0.		
H B Hutchinson	1. 0. 0.		
Miss Johnson	5. 0.		
B A Keen	1. 0. 0.		
K MacLennan	15. 0.		
D J Mathews	1. 0. 0.		
J A Prescott	1. 0. 0.		
E H Richards	1. 0. 0.		
G C Sawyer	1. 0. 0.		
W Weir	<u>1. 0. 0.</u>		
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Total £21. 15. 6.

Paid in to Barclays Bank, Harpenden & transferred to account of Society for
Extending Rothamsted Experiments

Nov 4th 1920

Lewin-Martin Memorial

- (1) The sub-committee has collected the sum of £21 – 15 – 6 from past & present staff. Apparently £50 - £60 would be necessary
- (2) The wish of the subscribers is that the memorial should take the form of a tablet to be placed in or near the central hall. The sub-committee suggest the material to be used should be cast bronze & that tablet should be placed on the first panel at the foot of the stairs.
- (3) The suggested minimum wording is:- (estimate sheet & the size of the panel overall should be by . If any mounting were used, it should be plain teak to match the staircase wood.
- (4) Specimen designs have been obtained from Henshaw of Edinburgh, & the Birmingham Guild would undertake to carry out any design we might obtain from another source.

21st October 1921

Letter from Charles Lewin to Keen

Casa
Elmsleigh Road
Weston Super Mare

Dear Sir

I thank you very much for kindly sending me a photograph of the Lewin-Martin Memorial. I hardly need say I am very pleased to have it. The memorial seems to me to be in every way admirable, and I hope some day to see it. My two surviving sons would, I know, greatly value one of the photographs, if I may venture to ask for two more copies.

Will you please remember me kindly to Dr Russell and thank him for sending me a short time ago a copy of the Rothamsted Report. It was of great interest to me and very helpful to the elder of my two boys for he sits for the final B.Sc.(Agric.) Exam next week.

The address of my house which you have is slightly incorrect, the error probably arising from the fact that I have sometimes written from home, and sometimes from the County Libraries Depot at Burnham. Kindly note that the address on this paper is the one to find me.

Again thanking you

I am,

Yours faithfully

Charles J Lewin



CHARLES H MARTIN
LIEUT 3RD BATTALION
MONMOUTHSHIRE REG
✠ KILLED AT YPRES ✠
THIRD OF MAY 1915

KENNETH R LEWIN
LIEUT 7TH BATTALION
D.C.L.I KILLED IN THE
TRENCHES IN FRANCE
NINTH MARCH 1916