

In 1917 their daughter Elizabeth Margaret was born.

When he was of age, Robert enlisted in the military, joining the Black Watch Regiment and was stationed in Dover, Kent where he met a local girl.

On 9th January 1939 Robert Balfour was married in Dover at Christ Church to Doris May Dawkins, the daughter of James Henry Dawkins 1873-1947 a dock labourer and Faith Hessegrave Allison 1878-1944. The wedding was reported in the Dover Express and East Kent News on Friday 13th January 1939.

“The bridegroom and the best man were dressed in the full Highland uniform of their regiment; the Black Watch and two pipers played the bride and bridegroom out of church. The cars were supplied by Messrs. Lewis Bros.”

In the 1939 Register newlywed Doris Balfour and her baby son James Robert, born 29th June, were living with her parents at 26 Adrian Street, Dover. Her husband Robert was away fighting for his country.

The following year Robert and Doris welcomed another son, David. In June 1940 Private Robert Balfour was reported as missing in action. In the Dundee Courier and Advertiser of Wednesday 13th 1944 it was reported that ... “Private Robert Balfour who had been reported as missing since June 1940 was killed in action at St. Valery.” He was 25 years of age.

On 2nd February 1944 widow Doris Balfour married Josef Antoni Borysiewicz, a Polish born citizen. They lived with their children very happily in Ramsgate where Doris died in 2014 aged 94 years. Today we remember Robert Horne Balfour ...GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS **Ann Burke**

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership,
there is still time to renew for this year.

We have gained eight new members since March 2024:

Katherine Williams of Chilham, Kent

Camilla Otaki of Dover

Michael Parkinson of Dover

Penelope James of Canterbury

Yvonne Parker Brown of Dover

Brian McGee of Dover

Bob Henderson of Dover

Mr R Clifton of Dover

We sadly heard of the death of Mr T Wheildon Brown who passed away in August 2023.

We send our condolences to Mr Clifton, his friend, and all his relatives.