

GTR Hazell

GTR Hazell appears on the Roll of Honour in St Mary's Church, Amersham, but not on the War Memorial. It has been impossible to document him at all as even the GRO *Index to Births* has no entry for anyone with those initials.

It is just possible that GTR Hazell never existed, but was brought into being by hasty copying from the list of Amersham's war dead being pieced together by the committee set up to commemorate them:

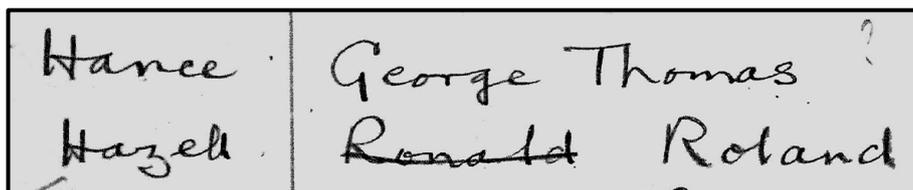


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Perhaps someone going through this list could have disregarded the surname Hance in the margin and assumed that "George Thomas" should be inserted where "Ronald" had been crossed out, thus creating "George Thomas Roland [or GTR] Hazell" and the error was then perpetuated.¹

¹ Grateful thanks are due to Richard Jones who discovered the Minute Book of the Amersham Memorial Cross Fund Committee amongst papers deposited at the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies by the Reverend Allan Campbell, sometime Rector of St Mary's, Amersham. See D/X 961, page 220.