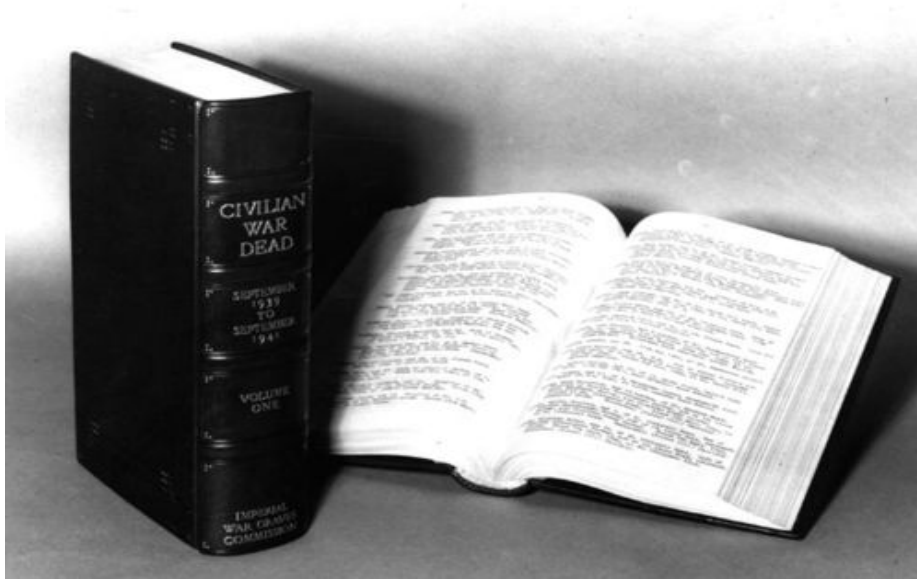


**In Memory of
Civilian ALEXANDER JOHN HEATH**

**Civilian War Dead
who died age 55
on 12 March 1945**

A.R.P.; of Beaulieu, Kirby-le-Soken. Son of Alfred Heath; husband of Grace Heath.

**Injured at Kirby-le-Soken; died same day at Clacton and District Hospital.
Remembered with honour
CLACTON, URBAN DISTRICT**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Extract from '*Seaside Front Line*' by Geoff Rayner :

' **Monday, 12th March 1945** a V2, Long Range Rocket, crashed at 11.15 a.m. just outside the Frinton & Walton District boundary, to the West of Lower Kirby, between Lane End and Dale Hill. Two casualties were taken to hospital where one later died. Two houses outside the District boundary were destroyed. Damage to property inside the District was limited to the western end of Lower Kirby, where there were eight instances of minor damage'

Extract from '*A Scrapbook of Memories*' by Joy Lilley and Rosemary Oxborrow :

'Heather Wildney nee Byford-Smith recalls how the Second World War affected her school days at Kirby Primary School:'

....." There was an air raid shelter at the back of the school and if the siren went we all went into it. It had a low ceiling and was dark and smelt damp and fusty. One day there was an explosion and we did not have time to get to the shelter so we got under our desks. Our teacher Mrs Heath said it sounded as if something had dropped in the direction of her house which was a couple of miles away. Afterwards we heard a rocket had dropped on her greenhouse and her husband was killed. "

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM