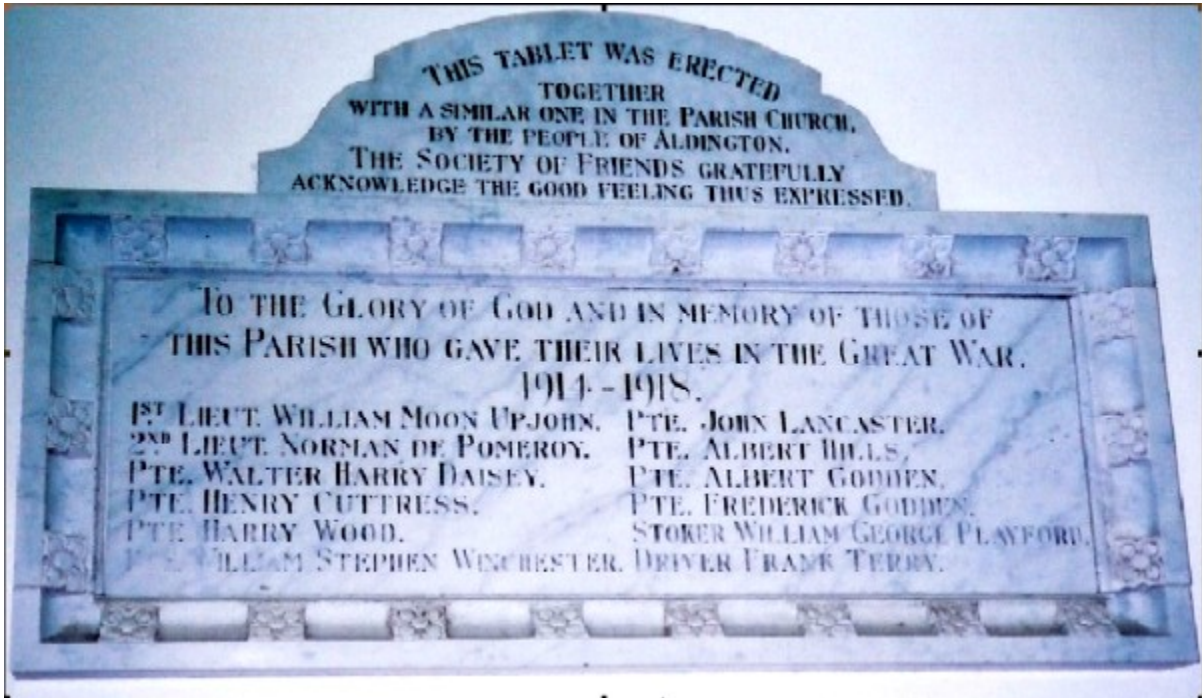


ALDINGTON



The Great War 1914 -1919

All of those who died during the two world wars, from the adjoining Kent parishes of Aldington, Bonnington and Hurst, already have far more details than has been entered below, running into several pages on each man, (but varying in number), in a book which has been in the process of being written since February 1999, by the transcriber. All money from which is being donated to a project for the erection of an external war memorial, allowing all of those from the three parishes to at long last be commemorated. For ease of access, the following brief commemorations are set out in alphabetical order, and not on the memorial plaques.

Help Please!

IF ANYONE IS AWARE OF ANYBODY EVEN TENOUSLY CONNECTED WITH ANY OF THE THREE PARISHES AS ABOVE, WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN OR RESULTANT OF EITHER WORLD WAR, PLEASE CONTACT US. IT MIGHT MEAN THAT THE CASUALTY CONCERNED COULD ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE COMMEMORATION BOOK, BUT OF FAR MORE IMPORTANCE, BE ON A NEW COMBINED PARISHES CIVIC WAR MEMORIAL.

CUTTRESS, HENRY (Harry). Private, G/14018.
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died Wednesday 3 October 1917. Aged 35.
Born Stanford, Hythe, Kent.
Enlisted Ashford, Kent 21 April 1916.
Resided Aldington, Ashford, Kent.
Son of Charles and Polly (Mary) Cuttress of School House, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.
Husband of Percy Jane Cuttress (née Godden) of Mount Pleasant, Mill Road, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.
Brother of William Cuttress of Aldington, Ashford, Kent.
Buried Monchy British Cemetery, Monchy-Le-Preux, Pas-de-Calais, France.
Grave Ref: I.N.10.
Harry's life and death, is what sixty years ago galvanized the transcribers interest in those who died during the two world wars.

DAISEY, WALTER HARRY. Private, G/9187.
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died Friday 14 July 1916. Aged 22.
Born and resided Aldington, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.
Son of James and Mary Ann Daisey.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate (Ypres), Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 14.
For many years prior to retiring, William Daisey, who was a brother of Walter's was the Aldington village Postman.

DE POMEROY, NORMAN RAUSCH. Second Lieutenant.
11 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps, and General List.
Died Friday 20 October 1916. Aged 25.
Born St. Pancras, London 2 August 1891.
Enlisted Rugby, Warwickshire 27 August 1914.
Resided Carlton House, Brinklow, Rugby, Warwickshire.
Son of Edward Norman Pomeroy and Julia Charlotte Pomeroy of Pantile, Aldington Frith Ashford, Kent.
Buried Cagnicourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: I.A.17.
Formerly Driver, 192, 1/5th Warwickshire (Howitzer) Battery, Royal Field Artillery, 4th South Midland (Howitzer) Brigade. Norman was killed in aerial combat at 10,000 feet above Douai, his aircraft crashed to the north-west of Monchy-Le-Preux, Pas de Calais, France, at which time he was the forth of Jasta II pilot, Oberleutnant, Erwin Böhme's twenty four kills. Second Lieutenant William Black, who was the Observer with Norman in an Fe2b, (which was not their usual machine), had a remarkable escape as he tried to climb into the aircrafts rear cockpit to try and wrest control as it plummeted down. Badly wounded he collapsed and slid back down into the front cockpit, and survived the crash. Prompt medical assistance rendered to him by some German soldiers, probably saved his life. William died at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh on 12 January 1982, aged 85.

GODDEN, ALBERT EDWARD. Rifleman, S/7549.

8th Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died Saturday 23 March 1918.

Born c1897 Eastbridge, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, Kent.

Enlisted London. Resided Poulton Manor Farm, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Son of George Henry and Mary Elizabeth Godden (née Foreman), of Poulton Manor Farm, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Grand-Seraucourt British Cemetery, Aisne, France. Grave Ref: III.E.2.

Formerly 1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade, having been posted to the battalion along with his brother Frederick who is the next casualty commemorated below. Albert and Frederick had enlisted in London together

GODDEN, FREDERICK EDWARD. Rifleman, S/7547.

1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died Tuesday 6 July 1915. Aged 21.

Born Eastbridge, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, Kent 26 May 1894

Enlisted London. Resided Poulton Manor Farm, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Son of George Henry and Mary Elizabeth Godden (née Foreman) of Poulton Manor Farm, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate (Ypres), Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 46.

Frederick served on the Western Front since 25 May 1915.

HILLS, ALBERT EDWARD. Private G/7259.

1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 8 May 1918. Aged 31.

Born Arpinge, Folkestone, Kent 15 November 1886.

Enlisted Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Resided Matfield, Paddock Wood, Kent.

Son of Henry and Rebecca Wilmot Hills (née Martin) of Lower Park Farm, Church Lane, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Hilda Hills (née Prebble) of 3, Five Wents, Matfield, Paddock Wood, Kent.

Buried Tannay British Cemetery, Thiennes, Nord, France.

Grave Ref: Plot 2, Row C, Grave 10.

Also commemorated on Matfield, Paddock Wood, Kent civic war memorial.

Formerly West Kent Yeomanry.

LANCASTER, JOHN. Private, G/9630.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), attached to the 2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died Wednesday 6 September 1916. Aged 33.

Born Aldington, Ashford, Kent 26 September 1881.

Enlisted Ashford, Kent. Resided Rock Cottage, Aldington Frith, Ashford, Kent.

Son of Hammon and Rose Annie Lancaster (née Summers) of Rock Cottage, Aldington Frith, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier & Face 5D.

John and his close friend Harry Wood were both members of the 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), and at the times of their deaths only a few days apart, in Delville

Wood, Somme, France, were both attached to the 2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

PLAYFORD, WILLIAM GEORGE. Stoker 1st Class, K/21054.

Royal Navy, H.M Submarine C34.

Died Saturday 21 July 1917. Aged 23.

Born Priory Road, Bilsington, Ashford, Kent 30 March 1894.

Enlisted Chatham, Kent 13 October 1913, for a 12 year engagement.

Son of Janan and Martha Jane Playford (née Godden) of Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 24.

H.M Submarine C34 was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine U52, whilst on the surface, off Fair Isle, Shetland Isles. Only one of the crew of the C34 survived the sinking, who was rescued by the crew of the U52, and taken prisoner.

TERRY, FRANK. Gunner, 38789.

1st Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died Thursday 25 October 1917. Aged 25.

Born Peacock, Hurst, Kent 25 May 1892.

Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Son of Edward William and Pheobe Louisa Terry (née Brignall) of Aldington Frith, Ashford, Kent.

Brother of Mrs W. Dowsey of 53, Godinton Road, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref IX.D.15.

UPJOHN, WILLIAM MOON. Captain.

1st Battalion, Welsh Guards.

Died Saturday 24 August 1918. Aged 33.

Born Clerkenwell, City of London 22 October 1884.

Son of William Henry Upjohn K.C. and Lucy Martha Upjohn (née Williams) of 30 Connaught Square, Hyde Park, London, and Lympne Place, Lympne, Hythe, Kent
Husband of Dora Sybil Mary Upjohn (née Critchett).

Buried Beaulencourt British Cemetery, Ligny-Thilloy, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: I.F.7.

Formerly Second Lieutenant, 2nd (Reserve) Battalion, Welsh Guards.

William fell at St. Léger, Pas de Calais, France, his name also appears on the Lympne, Hythe, Kent, civic war memorial, which, as with both the Aldington places of worship memorial plaques, commemorates William with his rank as a Lieutenant, but he had in fact been promoted to an Acting Captain on 20 May 1918, which was the rank he held at the time of his death.

WINCHESTER, WILLIAM STEPHEN. Private, G/5247.

2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died Friday 23 April 1915. Aged 34.

Born 199 Anvil Green, Waltham, Canterbury, Kent 2 November 1880.

Enlisted Folkestone, Kent January 1915. Resided Folkestone, Kent.

Son of John and Jane Winchester (née Dilnot) of Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Jessie Louisa Winchester of 44 Church Road, Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate (Ypres), Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 14. Formerly Corporal, (Ashford Company), 5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). William had only been on the Western Front since 14 April 1915.

WOOD, HARRY. Private, G/9388.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), attached to the 2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died Friday 1 September 1916. Aged 31.

Born Mersham, Ashford, Kent c1886. Enlisted Ashford, Kent 11 December 1915.

Resided Aldington Frith, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Son of Sarah Wood of Aldington Frith, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier & Face 5D.

Harry and his close friend John Lancaster were both members of the 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), and at the times of their deaths only a few days apart, in Delville Wood, Somme, France, were both attached to the 2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

LOST MEN

AUSTEN, SAMUEL ERNEST. Private, L/8103.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died Friday 23 October 1914. Aged 29.

Born Copperhurst, Knoll Hill, Aldington, Ashford, Kent 24 October 1885.

Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Chilham, Kent.

Son of Samuel and Eliza Annie Austen (née Stokes) of 2 East Villa, Chilham Lees, Kent.

Buried in the Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: I.A.9.

Commemorated on Chilham, Kent, civic war memorial.

BARLING, FRANK ABEL. Lance Sergeant, 52998

138th Company, Labour Corps.

Died Sunday 5 May 1918. Aged 39.

Born Aldington, Ashford, Kent 25 June 1878.

Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Ashford.

Son of Charles and Anna Alma Barling (née Austin) of Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Matilda Barling of 14 Kent Avenue, Ashford, Kent.

Buried at the Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: V.A.87.

Formerly Corporal, 52998, 30th Labour Company, The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Frank died of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis, at the New Zealand Stationary Hospital, St. Omer, Pas de Calais, France.

BROOKES, CECIL EDMUND. Corporal G/6276.

8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 27 May 1917. Aged 22.

Born Court-at-Street, Lympne, Hythe, Kent 10 July 1894.

Enlisted Tunbridge Wells, Kent 26 April 1915.

Resided 44 Mount Ephraim, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Eldest son of Herbert and Lily Adelaide Brookes (née Maylam) of 49, Hunter Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Lillie Brookes.

Buried Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: VII.B.9.

Commemorated on the Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial. Cecil is not commemorated on either Aldington or Lympne parishes forms of remembrance. Prior to going to study at Clarks College, London, for several years Cecil had been educated at Aldington village school. Prior to enlisting in the army, Cecil had worked as an Assistant to a Mr Harrington who was a Grocer at Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. When Cecil lost his life it was to have been his last day as a Corporal, as after serving continually on the Western Front since 11 October 1915 he was killed on the eve of obtaining his commission. Court-at-Street has caused confusion for a long time regarding which parish it is actually in, it being Lympne. It is possible that the confusion might be the reason why Cecil was not commemorated by either of the two villages.

BURCH, GEORGE SIDNEY. Gunner, 70770.

293rd Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

Died Friday 9 November 1917. Aged 32.

Born Good Intent, Public House, Frith Road, Aldington, Kent 2 August 1885.

Enlisted 9 December 1915.

Resided South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

Son of Charles and Kate Burch (née Barling) of 103 Gladstone Road, South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Bard Cottage Cemetery, Boezinge, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: VI.B.27.

Formerly Private, (Ashford Company), 5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Discharged Termination of Service 15 February 1913.

COGGER, JOHN. Private, 24324.

32nd (Service) Battalion, (East Ham) Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died Friday 15 September 1916. Aged 21.

Born Bilsington, Ashford, Kent

Enlisted Ashford, Kent January 1916. Resided Aldington Frith, Ashford, Kent.

Son of Fred and Laura Cogger of Court Lodge Cottage, Bonnington, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 8C, and on Great War memorial plaque located in Bilsington, Ashford, Kent (St. Peter and St. Paul's) parish church.

CHITTENDEN, SYDNEY FREDERICK. Private, 28505.

1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.

Died 10 October 1917. Aged 22.

Born Clap Hill, Aldington, Ashford, Kent 18 April 1895.

Enlisted Sevenoaks, Kent. Resided Folkestone, Kent.

Son of John Frederick and Alice Susannah Chittenden (née Wood) of 9, Red Brick House, Newington Street, Shorncliffe, Folkestone, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Panel 79, and on the Newington and Peene, civic war memorial, Folkestone, Kent.

Formerly Private, 6215, Middlesex Regiment.

HAMMON, CHARLES FRANCIS. Private, G/23517.

'A' Company, 10th (Royal East Kent and West Kent Yeomanry) Battalion.

The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died Monday 11 March 1918. Aged 28.

Born Middle Park Farm, Aldington, Ashford, Kent 11 February 1890.

Enlisted Hythe, Kent. Resided Saltwood, Hythe, Kent.

Son of Victor Charles and Eleanor Anne Hammon (née Day) of Saltwood, Hythe, Kent.

Husband of Mabel Hammon (née Gower) of 40, Mayor's Walk, Peterborough, Northamptonshire.

Buried Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: M.63.

Formerly Royal East Kent (Yeomanry) Mounted Rifles. Charles had been amongst the officers and other ranks who had 'A' Company after 1 March 1917. Commemorated in the parish church of (SS Peter and Paul), Saltwood, Hythe, Kent, and on the kerb of his parents grave in the churchyard of SS Peter and Paul, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent.

HODGKIN, FRANK. Private, L/10555.

1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 22 July 1916. Aged 20.

Born The Green, Aldington, Ashford, Kent 15 November 1895.

Enlisted Canterbury, Kent 11 November 1914. Resided Dover, Kent. (please see below).

Forth son of Thomas William and Eliza Woodland Hodgkin (née Mannering) of Sanders Hill, Church Hougham, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 C, and the Church Hougham, Dover, Kent, civic war memorial.

Prior to enlisting in the army, Frank had been employed by a Mr Dean as a Baker at Highfield Bakery, Ashford, Kent. Whilst in the employ of Mr Dean, Frank lodged at Hythe Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, which was probably with the Dean family at the Bakery, and doubtless making the inevitable early starts a bit more palatable. At the time of his enlistment, Frank had requested serving with the Royal Field Artillery, but was attested to the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Initially Thomas and Eliza Hodgkin were informed that Frank had been wounded and posted as missing, but in June 1917 Frank's parents were given official notification informing the couple that Frank by that time was 'Accepted as Dead,' his death probably having occurred on Saturday 22 July 1916. Shown in/on SDGW as residing at Dover, Kent, it would seem that as can be seen above Frank actually resided at either Ashford or Willesborough, Kent, probably the latter.

HODGKIN, GEORGE. Able Seaman, 8283.

Royal Australian Navy, H.M.A. Submarine AE1.

Died Monday 14 September 1914. Aged 27.

Born Lenham, Kent

Son of the late George and Mary Ann Hodgkin of Platts Heath, Sandway, Lenham, Maidstone, Kent.

Commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 4.

Brother of Lewis Hodgkin, who is the next casualty briefly commemorated.

At the time of his death, George was amongst the twenty Royal Navy personnel who were on loan to the Royal Australian Navy, amongst the submarines crew of thirty two, which also had an Able Seaman from New Zealand. Although a native of Lenham, Maidstone, Kent, where he and his brother are both commemorated, it would appear that the bulk of the brothers short lives were spent residing with their family at the Forward, Church Lane, Aldington, Ashford, Kent. In preparation for a book being written by the transcriber, to commemorate those from Aldington, Bonnington and Hurst, Ashford, Kent who died in both world wars, a lot of most welcome information appertaining to the loss of the Submarine AE1, has been generously provided by Peter Richardson who has undertaken extensive research on her. Please see Peter's website at www.ae1submarine.com as can be seen when viewing same, Peter welcomes any additional information to help him in his ongoing researches. Needless to say the transcribers since thanks are extended to Peter for all his help.

HODGKIN, LEWIS. Lance Corporal, L/9863.

Died Thursday 24 August 1916. Aged 26.

Born Lenham, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Resided Sandway, Lenham, Maidstone, Kent.

Son of the late George and Mary Ann Hodgkin of Platts Heath, Sandway, Lenham, Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Baghdad (North Gate) Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: XXI. S.28.

Brother of George Hodgkin, who is the last casualty briefly commemorate above.

HOOK, CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM. Private, G/9128.

6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died Friday 4 August 1916. Aged 22.

Born Church Street, Aldington, Ashford, Kent 24 February 1894.

Enlisted Ashford, Kent 10 December 1915.

Resided Hobday Cottage, Boughton Lees, Ashford, Kent.

Son of William and Fanny Hook (née Slingsby) of Hobday Cottage, Boughton Lees, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier & Face 5D.

PEACOCK, HENRY CHARLES. Private, 8321.

1st Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment.

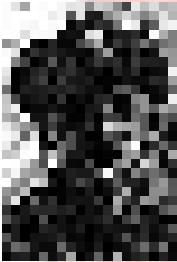
Died Tuesday 3 November 1914. Aged 31.

Born and resided Arundel, Sussex. Enlisted Bognor Regis, Sussex.

Son of Mrs Eliza Tidey (formerly Peacock).

Husband of Sarah A. Taylor (formerly Peacock) of Middle Park Farm, Church Lane, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. Panel 6. Arundel, Sussex, civic war memorial has a total of 93 commemorations of the Great War inscribed on it, but regrettably Henry Peacock is not of their number. Henry's non-commemoration in the Sussex town, probably means that with his omission from the Aldington, Kent parishes tributes, he might not have any form of civic tribute in the United Kingdom at all.



RAYNER, EDWARD GEORGE. Lance Corporal, 36100.

63rd Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).

Died Thursday 21 March 1918.

Born Willesborough, Ashford, Kent 15 January 1886. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Son of James Rayner of 9 Wellesley Villas, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 10.

Formerly Private, G/9409, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

In stark contrast to Henry Peacock, who is briefly commemorated above, Edward has several forms of remembrance in the Ashford, Kent area, they being the Ashford civic war memorial, Wye College memorial plaque, Ashford (St. Mary's) parish church, Willesborough (St. Mary's) parish church, and the Ashford Grammar School, Book of Remembrance, he is also commemorated on his parents grave kerb. When Edward's parents and their children resided at Aldington, James Rayner (Edward's father) was the village Grocer and Butcher.



SOUTHERN, ALFRED RICHARD. Private, S/10394.
3rd (Reserve) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died Saturday 20 February 1915. Aged 39.
Born Aldington, Ashford, Kent 13 February 1875.
Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.
Resided 14 Danesmead Terrace, Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Son of James and Mary Southern (née Jones) of Preston Forstall, Wingham, Canterbury, Kent.
Buried (St. James) Cemetery, Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: Q.K.36.
Alfred died of a Cerebral Hemorrhage, whilst a patient at the Military Hospital, Western Heights, Dover, Kent. Alfred's death certificate shows his age at death as being 40 years old, but Alfred was in fact actually a week short of his fortieth birthday.

SPENCELEY, EDWARD HORACE. Private, 6886.
7th Dragoon Guards (Princess Royal).
Died Thursday 27 May 1915. Aged 31.
Born 10 March 1885 at Holly Cottage, Gillingham Road, Brompton, Kent.
Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Resided Aldington, Ashford, Kent.
Son of Horace William and Elizabeth Harriett Spenceley (née Slater).
Husband of Milly S.B Spenceley of Forge Cottages, Forge Hill, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.
Buried Lynde Churchyard, Nord, France. Grave Ref: On the north side of church.
Commemorated on the 7th Dragoon Guards (Princess Royal), Great War memorial plaque, located in Norwich Cathedral, Norfolk. Edward had been serving on the Western Front since 8 October 1914, and was amongst the attached Dragoon Guards, and other cavalymen serving with the Composite Battalion of the Life Guards, when he was accidentally shot and killed.

SPICE, GEORGE. Lance Corporal, 76152.
2nd Battalion, Tank Corps.
Died Friday 22 March 1918.
Born Smeeth, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Westminster, London.
Resided Aldington, Ashford, Kent.
Husband of Ada I Spice of Goodwin Bungalow, Aldington, Ashford, Kent.
Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 94, and the Smeeth, Ashford, Kent civic war memorial.
Formerly Private, 4903, King's Royal Rifle Corps.

WEBB, STUART CORBAN. Private, 26568.
7th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died Tuesday 6 August 1918. Aged 19.
Born Park Cottage, Aldington, Ashford, Kent 23 December 1898. Enlisted Dover, Kent
Resided the Royal Oak Public House, Capel-le-Ferne, Dover, Kent.
Son of Henry William and Louisa Webb (née Dye).
Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 16, and the Church Hougham, Dover, Kent, civic war memorial

Although with the spelling STUART on his birth certificate and other documentation, it should be noted by anybody carrying out more in depth research on this casualty, that on other data accessed his Christian name is sometimes spelt STEWART. Stuart's paternal ancestry was very involved in Game Keeping, and prior to enlisting had been an assistant Game Keeper, possibly on the Acrise Place estate, where his father was at one time the Head Game Keeper in the employ of Francis A. MacKinnon, D.L., J.P.(1848-1947), who died only a few weeks before his one hundredth birthday, and was Chief of the Clan MacKinnon. Possibly of more 'Kent' interest is that in addition to being a Deputy Lieutenant of the county he had played cricket 78 times for Kent, in addition to playing for England in Australia 1878/79. Stuart had also been a gifted cricketer after tutelage from Francis MacKinnon. Born circa 1856 at North Mymms, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, Stuart's father Henry Webb was a Game Keeper at Thursford Hall, Thursford, Fakenham, Norfolk. Also employed at Thursford Hall, at the same time as Henry was one of the Housemaids, Walsingham, Norfolk native Louisa Dye, who he married at Walsingham, Norfolk in September 1881. The first of the couples six children, who was also named Henry William Webb, was born the following year at Burlington, Norfolk, and the other five were all born at Aldington, Ashford, Kent, Stuart being the youngest. From Aldington the Webb family (less Henry Jnr), moved to Home Farm, Eastwell, Ashford, Kent, where Stuart's father was employed as a Game Keeper, by Henry Holden on the Eastwell Manor Estate, where the family remained, until the move to work for Francis A. MacKinnon at Acrise.

