

Ashurst



The following casualties are commemorated on the on the Lych Gate of the parish church of St. Martin, Ashurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. All of the photographs which accompany the transcriptions were kindly furnished for inclusion here by Susan F. Transcriptions by Patrick D. Scullion.

The Great War

1914-1919

CROWHURST, ARTHUR GEORGE. Lance Corporal, G/4623.
6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 21 March 1916.
Born Ashurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent.
Son of Charles and Susan Crowhurst of Ashurst Bank, Ashurst, Kent.
Buried Abbeville Communal Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: III. F. 15.

FIELD, REGINALD GEORGE. Second Lieutenant.
10th (Prince of Wales's Own Royal) Hussars.
Died 6 April 1918. Aged 22.
Born St. George's, London.
Son of the late George Hanbury Field, and of the Honourable Mrs. Emily Maud Field (née Hardinge), of Ashurst Park, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
Buried St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France.
Grave Ref: Officers, B. 2. 26.
Commemorated on the Fordcombe, Kent, civic war memorial.
Reginald was posted to France on 17 February 1917. When Reginald's mother submitted an application for his medals, she resided at "Ballards," Goudhurst, Kent. Of 'Kent' interest; Reginald father George Hanbury Field (1834-1901) played cricket for the county during the 1950's. Reginald was a great-grandson of Henry Hardinge, 1st Viscount Hardinge of Lahore and Kings Newton. With good reason, amongst a number of descriptions, the parish church of St. Peters, Fordcombe has been described as being the "Hardinge family church," having been generous church benefactors, but have almost two dozen family members at rest in the churchyard.

JENNER, LEVI. Private, 51378.
17th (Service) Battalion, (Empire) Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).
Died March 1917. Aged 41.
Born and resided Ashurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Enlisted Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
Husband of Mrs. C. F. Jenner of Ashurst Bank, Ashurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
Buried Beuvry Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France.
Grave Ref: I. A. 26.
Formerly Private, 3451, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

O'DELL, ALFRED GEORGE. Rifleman, 48937.
Rifle Brigade. Posted to the 2nd/10th (County of London) Battalion, (Hackney) London Regiment.
Died 25 August 1918.
Born Bickley, Bromley, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Ashurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
Buried Daours Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.
Grave Ref: III. F. 19.
Formerly 325012, London Regiment.

The Great War

1914-1919

Lost Men



SUMNER, ALBERT GEORGE. Sapper, 2400.
1st/3rd Kent Field Company, Royal Engineers.
Died 28 October 1915. Aged 32.
Born Ashurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Enlisted Gillingham, Kent. Resided Edenbridge, Kent.
Husband of Rosetta French (formerly Sumner), (née Bassett) of Curds Cottages, Mark Beech, Edenbridge, Kent.
Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 23 to 25 or 325 to 328, and on the Penshurst, and Fordcombe Kent civic war memorials.
Albert was born at Ashurst on 2 October 1883, and had been educated at Hartfield School. At the parish church of St. Marys Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent on 5 October 1907, Albert married Miss. Rosetta Bassett the daughter of Aden Bassett. When Albert and Rosetta and three children had resided at Fordcombe, they lived at Chafford Cottages. Prior to his enlistment on 31 May 1915, Albert had been employed by a Mr. Mockford of Fordcombe Manor, Springhill. Albert was one of the victims of the H.M.S. Hythe tragedy, for additional details of the loss of the ship, please see elsewhere on this website.

TURLEY, WALTER. Private, 21429.
2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 4 April 1917. Aged 35.
Born and resided Fordcombe, Kent. Enlisted Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
Son of Edward and Jane Turley of Ashurst, Kent.
Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.
Grave Ref: XXII. E. 15A.
Commemorated on the Fordcombe, Kent civic war memorial.
Formerly Private, 21091, East Surrey Regiment.

The Second World War

1939-1945

GENT, RAYMOND JOHN KITCHELL. Sergeant (Pilot), 754361.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 501 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 12 January 1941. Aged 24.
Born Sussex.
Son of John Lovell Gent and Edith Kate Gent (née Kitchell) of Midhurst, Sussex.
Buried St. Martin's Churchyard, Ashurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

WOODWARD, LEONARD GEORGE. Civilian casualty.
Died 2 March 1944. Aged 37.
Born Woolwich, Kent.
Son of Mahala Alice Woodward (née Webb) of 263 Upper Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and of the late George Woodward.
Husband of Mrs. Lily Mary Woodward (née Mills), of 263 Upper Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
Leonard died at 39 Station Road, Strood, Kent.

HONE, EDWARD. D.F.C. Flying Officer (Air Gunner), 51154.
156 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 14 January 1944.
Buried Sage War Cemetery, Oldenburg, Niedersachsen, Germany.
Grave Ref: 8. F. 4.
Most of the casualties who are buried at Sage War Cemetery were airmen lost in bombing raids over northern Europe whose graves were brought in from cemeteries in the Frisian Islands, and other parts of north-west Germany.





