

Boughton Monchelsea



The above is a composite image of the photographs taken by Lorenz Parker, of the four unusual memorial pillars in the parish church of St. Peter's, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent, which commemorate the village casualties of both the two world wars.

The Great War

1914 - 1919

ALLEN, JAMES ALFRED. Private, 204372.
2nd/6th (Territorial Force) Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment.
Died 21 March 1918. Aged 25.
Born and resided Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Son of Elizabeth Allen (possibly nee latter) of Knowldens Cottages, Chart Sutton, Maidstone, Kent, and the late George Allen.
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 6.
Formerly Private, 1185, Royal Army Medical Corps.

BAKER, HUBERT PERCIVAL. Bugler, 410011.
38th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment).
Died 26 April 1917. Aged 27.
Born Maidstone, Kent 21 January 1890.
Son of William James Albert and Mary Elizabeth Baker of St. Philip's School House, Melville Road, Maidstone, Kent.
Formerly 9th Battery, Canadian Field Artillery (Toronto).
Commemorated on the Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, and on Page 195 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance.
At the time of Hubert's enlistment at Barriefield, Kingston, Ontario on 6 May 1915, his parents resided at 37, Kingsley Road, Maidstone, Kent. Prior to his enlistment, Hubert had resided in Canada for eight years. There is a newspaper cutting and photograph of Hubert on the Canadian Virtual War memorial, which was extracted from the Toronto Daily Star newspaper dated 9 May 1917.

BARTON, ALFRED HENRY. Private, 2662.
2nd Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Died 7 August 1918. Aged 39.
Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Son of Alfred and Elizabeth Barton of Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Birmingham (Lodge Hill) Cemetery.
Ref: Screen Wall Commemoration B10. 4. 347A.
The cemetery where Alfred is at rest contains 498 Great War burials; most of them including Alfred are in a war graves plot in Section B10. The names of those buried in the plot, or in graves elsewhere in the cemetery which could not be individually marked, are inscribed on the Screen Wall. As is sadly the case with thousands of Great War army deaths which occurred within the United Kingdom, there is no entry appertaining to Alfred in/on SDGW. At the time of the 1901 census Alfred was employed as a Railway Porter, and resided with probably Barton family relatives at 108, Walnut Street, Leicester. Leicestershire.

BLACKMAN, PERCY ROLAND. Private, 43129.
13th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.
Died 28 September 1916. Aged 20.
Born Lydd, Romney Marsh, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Erith, Kent.
Son of Thomas and Ellen Blackman (nee Tree) of The Green, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Villers Station Cemetery, Villers-au-Bois, Pas de Calais, France.
Grave Ref: IV. A. 1.
Formerly Trooper, 2155, West Kent Imperial Yeomanry.
Percy's mother was a native of Boughton Monchelsea, he is erroneously commemorated in St. Peter's church as still belonging to his former regiment at the time of his death. It was noticed that Percy is not commemorated on the Erith, Kent civic war memorial, and also that he has no form of remembrance at the town of Lydd where he was born.

BOWLES, JOHN. Private, 6707.

4th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F.

Died 14 September 1918. Aged 35.

Son of Richard and Ann Bowles of Martins Farm, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Heath Cemetery, Harbonnieres, Somme, France. Grave Ref: X. C. 8.

John is also commemorated on the Australian National War Memorial, Canberra, A.C.T. Panel 39.

Having emigrated to Australia seven years prior to enlisting in the Australia army at Mount Baker, Western Australia on 18 July 1916. John stated at his enlistment that he was employed as a Foreman on a fruit farm, and that he was single. Following his initial military training, John was in draft of reinforcements which embarked from the port of Sydney, New South Wales, on 8 November 1916 onboard the 8491 ton Commonwealth & Dominion Line requisitioned ship SS Port Nicholson. John died whilst a patient at the 5 Casualty Clearing Station.

BRIDGER, HARRY EDWARD. Private, 35921.

8th (Service) Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment.

Died 17 April 1918. Aged 18.

Born Folkestone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.

Son of Edward John and Emma Jessie Bridger of Marlpiitt, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Boulogne-sur-Mer, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: IX. A. 7.

BURCHETT, GEORGE WALLIS. Private, 41114.

1st Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

Died 9 May 1917.

Born Ulcombe, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 6.

CLARK, ERIC FOSTER. Lieutenant.

The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), attached to the Royal Flying Corps.

Died 1 January 1917.

Born Maidstone, Kent.

Son of George Foster Clark and Henrietta Mary Clark (nee Carpenter) of Boughton Mount, Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-l'Abbe, Somme, France.

Grave Ref: VI. A. 6.

The Foster Clark family to which Eric belonged at one time employed many people in Maidstone, manufacturing lemonade and custard powder. In addition to providing employment, members of the family were also very generous benefactors, a consequence of which is that a number of locations in and around the county town of Kent are named in their memory, including the Foster Clark Estate.

COLE, WILLIAM. Driver. Army Service Corps.
No clear trace.

COLEMAN, EDWARD. Private, 42186.
2nd/6th (Territorial Force) Battalion, North Staffordshire Regiment.
Died 15 April 1918. Aged 34.
Born Chart Sutton, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Son of Thomas and Mary Coleman of Church Street, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Husband of Winifred Keys (formerly Coleman), of Clapper Lane, Staplehurst, Kent.
Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. Panel 8.
Formerly Private, G/42851, Middlesex Regiment.

EDMETT, FRED. M.M. Lance Corporal, 16870.
13th Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).
Died 13 September 1916. Aged 30.
Born and resided Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Son of George and Kezia Edmett (nee Ailwood) of Spring Farm, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France. Grave Ref: B. 21. 9.
Formerly Private, 8498, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), it was whilst serving in the regiment that Fred was awarded the Military Medal. A brother of the next casualty briefly commemorated.

EDMETT, GEORGE. Lance Corporal, 8317.
1st Battalion, King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
Died 3 July 1915. Aged 39.
Born Staplehurst, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Newport. Resided Chart Sutton, Maidstone, Kent.
Son of George and Kezia Edmett (nee Ailwood) of Spring Farm, Boughton Monchelsea, Kent.
Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: III. D. 8A.

GATES, FREDERICK STEPHEN. Private, 72221.
134th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Died 3 September 1916. Aged 18.
Born and resided Boughton Monchelsea, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Son of Thomas and Alice Gates of Haste Hill, Boughton Monchelsea, Kent.
Buried Acheux British Cemetery, Somme, France.
Grave Ref: Plot 1. Row A. Grave 22.

GENN, HARRY HERBERT. Rifleman, B/200278.
"D" Company, 10th (Service) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.
Born and resided Boughton Monchelsea, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Died 30 November 1917. Aged 24.
Son of James Billett Genn, and Eliza Genn (nee Potter) of The Quarries,
Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. Panel 10.
Formerly Private, 3913, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Brother of the next casualty briefly commemorated.

GENN, JAMES EDWARD. Private, 456989.
Labour Corps.
Died 9 November 1918. Aged 38.
Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Son of James Billett Genn, and Eliza Genn (nee potter) of The Quarries,
Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Husband of May Edith Genn (nee Gibbons) of 35, Ball Street, The Well's Road,
Nottingham, Nottinghamshire.
Buried Luton Church Burial Ground, Crawley Green Road, Luton, Bedfordshire.
Grave Ref: Z. N. 52.
Formerly Private, 375385, Essex Regiment.

GILBERT, BRIDG. Private, 14859.
8th (Service) Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.
Died 9 December 1918.
Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Son of William and Ellen Gilbert.
Buried Dedeagatch British Cemetery, Alexandroupolis, Greece. Grave Ref: 39.

LAIGHT, WILLIAM LEEDER. Petty Officer Stoker, 152439.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Spey.
Died 7 March 1917. Aged 47.
Born Acle, Yarmouth, Norfolk 21 October 1869.
Son of William and Ellen Laight (nee Leeder).
Buried Boughton Monchelsea (St. Peter's) Churchyard.

LAIGHT, WILLIAM LEEDER. Private, 493352.
2nd/1st (Home Counties) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Died 12 September 1917. Aged 19.
Born and resided Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone,
Kent.
Son of William Leader Laight and Mary Jane Laight (nee Benge).
Buried Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Proven, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: IV. D. 20.

LATTER, THOMAS GEORGE. Private, 19166.
11th (Service) Battalion (Lewisham), Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 12 April 1917. Aged 36.
Born Staplehurst, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Son of the late James and Winifred Latter of Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: XI. C. 37A.

NORRIS, WILLIAM EDWARD. Private, G/12738.
7th (Service) Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.
Died 9 April 1917. Aged 34.
Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Son of William Norris.
Husband of Alice Norris (nee White) of Prospect Place, Church Street, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 6.

PEARSON, ALBERT. Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Unfortunately two matching casualties were revealed whilst carrying out these brief Boughton Monchelsea commemorations, both of whom are good matches for the soldier who is commemorated in the parish church of St. Peter's, Boughton Monchelsea.

PERRIN, ISAAC JOHN. Private, 33563.
1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.
Died 5 October 1917. Aged 41.
Born Langley, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Son of William Perrin.
Husband of Ada Perrin (nee Marden) of Pested Cottage, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 79 to 80 and 163A.

RUSS, WILLIAM FRANKLIN. Private, G/25670.
Depot, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 14 January 1919.
Born Wouldham, Rochester, Kent.
Son of James and Harriett Russ.
Buried Boughton Monchelsea (St. Peter's) Churchyard.
At the time of the 1901 census the Russ family resided at 24, Ravens Knowle, Wouldham, Rochester, Kent. Head of the house was Pluckley, Ashford, Kent native 64 year old James Rudd who was employed as a Plate Layer in a Chalkpit. 15 year old William was employed as Builders Apprentice.

SAUNDERS, FREDERICK HENRY. Private, G/12322.
7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 14 February 1917. Aged 21.
Born Rodmersham, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Son of William Saunders of Boughton Mount, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 C.

SHOEBRIDGE, CHARLES. Private, 1469.
1st/5th (Territorial Force) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 7 May 1916.
Born and resided Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.
Son of William and Mary Ann Shoebridge (nee English).
Buried Basra War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: III. L. 12.

STEVENS, PERCY JAMES. Private, 201373.
2nd/4th (Territorial Force) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 4 November 1917. Aged 29.
Born Chart Sutton, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Son of James and Eliza Stevens of Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: F. 39.

WINCH, RONALD BLUETT. Second Lieutenant.
10th (Royal East Kent and West Kent Yeomanry) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 18 April 1915. Aged 20.
Only son of Lieutenant Colonel George Bluett Winch and Ethel May Winch of Boughton Monchelsea Place, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Boughton Monchelsea (St. Peter's) Churchyard.
Grave Ref. East of Church.
Boughton Monchelsea Place where the above officers' family had resided is reputed to have "the finest views in Kent," and stands on the site of the original Manor House, the first recorded owner of the site being William de Montchensie who was killed in 1287 at the siege of Dryslwyn Castle. From about 1887 the massive property had remained empty until Lieutenant Colonel George Bluett Winch, who was the Chairman of Style & Winch Brewers, of Maidstone, Kent, purchased it in 1903, and afterwards fully refurbished it. Lieutenant Colonel George Bluett Winch died 26 August 1948 and his wife Ethel May Winch, died 29 January 1953. Anthony Desmond Winch who fell in Second World War was the adopted son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Winch, and after his death the sanctuary lamp at St. Peter's was given by his parents in his memory.

The Great War

1914 -1919

Lost Men

BATTEN, ARTHUR. Private, 33948.

1st/5th (Territorial Force) Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Died 5 October 1917.

Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Son of Sylvanus Frank Batten and Jane Batten (nee Jenner).

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 23 to 28 and 163A.

Formerly Private, T/202949, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

BROAD, CHARLES NELSON. Lance Corporal, G1601.

"D" Company, 7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 13 July 1916. Aged 30.

Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.

Resided Northfleet Kent.

Son of Mrs. M. A. Broad of 21, Galley Hill Road, Northfleet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 C.

CASTLE, WILLIAM JOHN. Private, G/22008.

7th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 21 March 1917.

Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Sevenoaks, Kent.

Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Son of John and Harriett Castle of Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent (St. George) Cemetery Extension.

Commemorated on the Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent civic war memorial.

Formerly Private, 21235, 12th Lancers.

GRIGSBY, CHARLES. Private, S/154.

6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died Shorncliffe Military Hospital 22 February 1915. Aged 35.

Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided

Eccles, Maidstone, Kent.

Son of William Grigsby.

Husband of the late Henrietta (Hetty) Grigsby (nee Harpum).

Commemorated Aylesford (St. Peter) Churchyard, Maidstone, Kent.

Formerly The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). (Time expired).

Charles's age as entered above is as shown on his CWGC commemoration, but

when he re-enlisted in the army as a recalled reservist on 24 August 1914

Charles stated that he was aged 36 years and 16 days, and that he was

employed as an Engine Driver.

HADAWAY, WILLIAM. Private, L/9374.
2nd Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 28 October 1916.
Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Chart Sutton, Maidstone, Kent.
Son of Charles and Sarah Frances Hadaway (nee Seymour).
Buried Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: XXI. L. 16.
Commemorated on Great War memorial plaque which is located in the parish church of St Michael's, Chart Sutton, Maidstone, Kent.

HAYWARD, FREDERICK. Private, 32936.
16th (Service) Battalion (3rd Birmingham), Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Died 9 October 1917.
Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.
Resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 23 to 28 and 163A.

HILLS, WILLIAM JAMES. Private, 26855.
62nd Battalion, Machine Gun Corps.
Died 14 October 1917.
Born Sittingbourne, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.
Grave Ref: VI. D. 1A.

HOOK, HORACE. Private, L/6501.
1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 14 September 1914.
Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Son of David A. and Julia Hook.
Commemorated on the La Ferté-sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.
Formerly Private, 6442, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
It would appear that Horace was a long serving soldier, as at the time of the 1901 census he was probably 19 years old and stationed at Shorncliffe Camp, Kent.

LAMKIN, GEORGE PAWLEY. Sapper, 3986.
9th Field Company, Royal Engineers.
Died 3 May 1915. Aged 35.
Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Son of Thomas and Celia Lamkin of Boughton, Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Husband of Alice Lamkin of 105, Strone Road, Forest Gate, London.
Commemorated Potijze Château Grounds Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Ref: Special Memorial near Great Cross.

WENHAM, JAMES. Private, G/6366.
2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 17 December 1916. Aged 41.
Born and resided Leeds, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Son of Mrs. S. E. Wenham of East Hall Cottages, Boughton Monchelsea,
Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Struma Military Cemetery, Kalokastron, Greece. Grave Ref: VII. A. 12.

The Second World War

1939 – 1945

CLARK, HENRY ALAN. Pilot Officer (Pilot), 72590.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 59 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 14 July 1940. Aged 28.
Son of Henry and Gladys Clark.
Husband of Rosemary Clark of Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Boughton Monchelsea (St. Peter's) Churchyard.
Also commemorated on the Cambridge University (Peterhouse), Second World War Memorial. Henry was amongst the 54 Members and Servants of the College who were honoured during a remembrance service which was conducted on 8 December 1945 in Peterhouse Chapel.

DAW, ERNEST FREDERICK. Corporal, CH/X 1148.
Royal Marines, H.M.S. Ajax.
Died 7 April 1941. Aged 20.
Son of John and Alice Clifford Daw, of Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 49, Column 2.
No additional research has been carried out regarding the cause of Ernest's death, but the transcriber of these brief commemorations suspects that it might have been an accidental death as H.M.S. Ajax, which at the start of the Second World War was on the South America station survived the Second World war, and was decommissioned in February 1948. Ernest's ship sustained damage inflicted by the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, during the 'Battle of the River Plate' on 13 December 1939. After returning to the United Kingdom H.M.S. Ajax was repaired and refitted at Chatham Dockyard from December 1939 until July 1940. Following the repairs at Chatham, she went to the Mediterranean. H.M.S. Ajax was later again refitted at Chatham dockyard between May and October 1942, and returned to the Mediterranean upon completion of her refit. Almost immediately the 'Leander' class light cruiser was badly damaged by enemy bombers on 1 January 1943, she went to the United States for repairs at the New York Navy Yard, and was out of action until October 1943, and returned to the Mediterranean station, but was later recalled to home waters for the Normandy invasion in June 1944. Once again she returned to the Mediterranean for the invasion of southern France in August 1944, and remained in the Mediterranean for the remainder of the war.



HARLING, JOHN EDWARD. Serjeant (Navigator), 1399617.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 515 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 27 August 1944. Aged 27.
Son of John A. and Margaret A. Harling (nee Mallard).
Husband of Vivien Marie Harling of Worcester, Worcestershire.
Buried Amersfoort (Oud Leusden) General Cemetery, Netherlands.
Grave Ref: Plot 13. Row 12. Joint Grave 196-197.

Flown by 22 year old Warrant Officer Ernest Smith of Bulwell, Nottinghamshire, the 515 Squadron, Royal Air Force Mosquito PZ161 3P took off at 0020 hours on 27 August 1944 from R.A.F. Little Snoring, Fakenham, Norfolk, to take part in a night patrol as part of a bomber support mission, above the long established airfield set in heath land to the north of the village Soesterberg, in Soest, Holland, which was in use as an airfield since 1910. The aim of the Mosquito raid being to prevent the enemy from switching on the runway lightning, and in so doing ensuring that German night fighter operations would not be possible that night. The Mosquito later crashed at De Eng in Soest, the cause unknown. PZ161 3P was one of two 515 Squadron Mosquitoes which were lost on the operation, but both crew members of the other aircraft survived the raid. Dutch aviation enthusiasts later unearthed the wreckage of a Mosquito, which although badly burned and damaged, the number PZ161 and 3P were still visible. Subsequent research carried out, later revealed that both the bodies which had been removed from the crash site, which on 29 August 1944 had been buried by the German military authorities with their identities unknown, then was revealed. Until 9 April 2003 John and Ernest's headstones were inscribed as an unknown R.A.F. casualty's, and both airmen were commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Since the above date their headstones have been removed and replaced with new ones by the CWGC.



JOLLY, RICHARD FRANK. G.C., R.N. Commander.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Mohawk.

Died 16 September 1939. Aged 43.

Born Wandsworth 28 August 1896.

Son of Frank Jolly and of Ellen Alice Jolly (nee Parker).

Husband of Brenda Bowring Jolly (nee Wimble) of Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Boughton Monchelsea (St. Peter's) Churchyard.

Richard was mortally wounded aboard the destroyer H.M.S. Mohawk (L 31) off May Island, Queensferry, Firth of Fourth, Scotland. The following details are appertaining to the posthumous award of the Empire Gallantry Medal, were recorded in the London Gazette dated 23 December 1939:- "Commander Jolly's gallantry consisted of the bringing of his ship into harbour when he himself was mortally wounded. H.M.S. Mohawk had been attacked by enemy aircraft and had suffered a large number of casualties. Despite his own severe wounds Commander Jolly refused to leave the bridge and continued to direct the Mohawk for a 56-kilometre passage home which lasted for an hour and twenty minutes. He repeatedly refused medical attention, saying, "Leave me, go and look after the others". Having brought his ship into port, he collapsed, and some five hours after being landed he died. The Captain of his Flotilla reported, "Commander Jolly was an imperturbable Commander of careful judgment who devoted his energies to perfecting his ship and ship's company for battle. His fearlessness and honesty in counsel were remarkable, and he proved his bravery and devotion to his wounded men when for a long period he maneuvered his ship despite a mortal wound." Edward's Empire Gallantry Medal was later exchanged for the George Cross.

ROBSON, JOHN CONRAD. Lieutenant, 156669.

Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

Attached to the 1st Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Died 16 September 1943. Aged 29.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Walter Conrad Robson and Lily Walgrave Robson (nee Baker).

Husband of Bessie Edith Robson of Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Salerno War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: V. D. 36.

Pre war member of the Royal Engineers.

TRIBE, NORMAN ERNEST. Corporal, 6347464.
4th Battalion, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.
Died 4 September 1943. Aged 23.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of William John and Lucy Isabel Tribe of Linton, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: XXI. A. 16.

WINCH, ANTHONY DESMOND. Lieutenant, 200088.
4th Battalion, Grenadier Guards.
Died 24 January 1945. Aged 23.
Born Oxfordshire. Resided Kent.
Adopted son of Lieutenant Colonel George Bluett Winch and Ethel May Winch of Boughton Monchelsea Place, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Brunssum War Cemetery, Limburg, Netherlands. Grave Ref: VI. 291.
Anthony was Mentioned in Despatches, he was killed by enemy motor fire near to the town of Maastricht. After his death the sanctuary lamp at St. Peter's was given by his parents in his memory.

The Second World War

1939 – 1945
Lost Men

ALLFREY, Captain, MAURICE CHARLES, 71869, D.S.O.
Died 1 July 1942. Aged 26.
Born Hertfordshire. Resided Kent.
Son of Major Charles Moubray Allfrey and Violet Emily Allfrey (nee Thompson) of 'Beresford,' Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref. XXIV. B. 20.
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery. During the Great War, Maurice's father had served in the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

PARKER, JOHN TREVOR MAULEVERER. B.A. Flying Officer (Pilot), 72485.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died 10 September 1940. Aged 22.
Son of Captain the Honourable Trevor Parker, R.N., and Marieka Parker of Turners Hill, Sussex.
Buried Montrose (Sleepyhillock) Cemetery, Angus, Scotland.
Grave Ref: Section 7. Class C. Grave 91.
Commemorated in the parish church of St. Peter's, Boughton Monchelsea.

REYNOLDS, FREDERICK JAMES. Air Raid Warden.
Died 7 August 1944. Aged 59.
Resided at Cliff Cottages, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Frederick died at Cliff Cottages, Boughton Monchelsea as the result of enemy action.

SHOEBRIDGE, LEONARD. Serjeant, 6342954.
2nd Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment).
Died 21 March 1943. Aged 28.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Alfred Charles Shoebridge and Adelaide Shoebridge.
Husband of Mary Nina Elizabeth Shoebridge of Boughton Monchelsea, Kent.
Buried Beach Head War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: I. E. 1.
Pre war member of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

TOMPSETT, LESLIE CHARLES. Able Seaman, C/JX 149097.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Wakeful.
Died 29 May 1940. Aged 19.
Son of Francis W. and Daisy Ivy Tompsett of Boughton Monchelsea, Kent.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 36, Column 2.

Post Second World War

FROUD, ALEC GODFREY. Aircraftman 2nd Class, 2349493.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died 28 June 1947. Aged 18.
Son of Alec and Lydia Mary Froud of Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Maidstone Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: Plot C.C.1. Grave 70.

St Peter's,
Boughton Moncheisea.

We laid down our lives for our friends
in the Great War
A.D. 1914 - A.D. 1919.

Gilbert. Bridg

Pte Oxf. & Bucks. L.I.

Laight. William Leider

1st Cl. Str. R.N., H.M.S. Spey.

Laight. William Leider

Pte R.A.M.C.

Lambkin. George Pawley

Pte R. E.

Latter. Thomas George

Pte R.W. Kent R.

Norris William Edward

Pte R. Suss. R.

Pearson Albert

Pte R.W. Kent R.

Perrin. Isaac John

Pte E. Surr. R.

Russ. William Frederick

Pte E. Kent R.

Saunders. Frederick Henry

Pte R.W. Kent R.

Shoebridge. Charles

Pte E. Kent R.

Stevens. Percy James

Pte R.W. Kent R.

Cinch. Ronald Blufft.

2nd Lieut R.E. Kent Mtd Rifles.

*"He being dead yet speaketh." Heb. x. 4.
"That Thou wouldest receive their souls
into Thy holy keeping, and grant
unto them a quiet resting place
and the glory of light everlasting."
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord*

St Peter's,
Boughton Monchelsea.
We laid down our lives for our friends
in the Great War
A.D. 1914 - A.D. 1919.

Allen, James Alfred

Pte S. Staff. R.

Barton, Alfred Henry

Pte R. War. R.

Blackman, Percy Roland

Trooper W. Kent Yeofry

Bowles, John

Pte Australian L.I.

Bridger, Harry Edward

Pte Glouc. R.

Burchett, Walter George

Pte R. Innis. Fus.

Clark, Eric Foster

Lieut E.K.R. (Att. R.F.C.)

Cole, William

Driver A. S. C.

Coleman, Edward

Pte R. Staff. R.

Edmett, Fred

Lieut Corp. R. W. Kent R.

Edmett, George

Lieut Corp. Shrop. L.I.

Gates, Frederick Stephen

Pte R. A. M. C.

Genn, Harry Herbert

Rifleman R. Rif. Brig.

Genn, James Edward

Pte 1st Labour Corps.

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Pennells. Albert

Pte R.W.Kent R.

A.D. 1939 - A.D. 1945

Harling. John Edward
Flight Sgt. Nav. R.A.F. V.R.

Jolly. Richard Frank. G.C.
Commander R.N.

Robson. John Conrad
Lieut. R.W.K.R.

Tribe. Norman Ernest
Cpl. R.W.K.R.

Winch. Anthony Desmond
Lieut. Grenadier Guards

Baker. Hubert Percival
Bugler Canadian L.I.



A.D. 1939 - A.D. 1945

Allen. Ronald Alfred
A.C.I. R.A.F.

Alfrey. Maurice Charles
D.S.O. Capt. Kent Yeory

Brooker. Sydney Mark
Pte. A.D. Corps.

Clark. Henry Alan
Pilot Officer R.A.F. V.R.

Daw. Ernest Frederick
Cpl. Royal Marines