

Chalk

Gravesend



CADIC, BERNARD FRANCIS. Captain.

Royal Garrison Artillery (Transport).

Died 20 August 1916. Aged 21.

Son of Lieutenant Colonel Louis Stephen Cadic of Manor House, Chalk, Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Gravesend, Kent, Cemetery. Grave Ref: 4430.

Brother of the next casualty briefly commemorated. It was noted that there is also a Medal Index Card entry for their father who served in the Royal Engineers.

CADIC, LAURENCE WILLIAM. M.C. Captain.

2nd Battalion, Essex Regiment.

Died 10 October 1917. Aged 20.

Son of Lieutenant Colonel Louis Stephen Cadic (Royal Engineers), of Manor House, Chalk, Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Cement House Cemetery, Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: VI. D. 21.

Formerly Second Lieutenant, East Surrey Regiment. Awarded the Military Cross in 1916 whilst a Lieutenant.

FIELD, ALFRED GEORGE. Private, G/17302.

11th (Service) Battalion, (1st South Down) Royal Sussex Regiment.

Died 7 September 1917.

Born Chalk, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 86.

GLOVER, WILLIAM BARDEN. Officers Steward 3rd Class, L/8169.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Pembroke.

Died 19 February 1916. Aged 19.

Born Chalk, Gravesend, Kent 6 July 1896.

Son of Thomas Harry and Ellen Glover of North Lodge, Meopham Court, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Chalk (St. Mary) Churchyard, Gravesend, Kent. Grave Ref: South of Church.

GOLDUP, THOMAS ALFRED. Private, G/4900.

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

Died 23 July 1915. Aged 35.

Born Chatham, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.

Son of Mrs. E. Goldup of Fair View, Chalk, Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Voormezele Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: I. C. 1.

SHOVLAR, WILLIAM. No CWGC commemoration, or O/SDGW entry, but the Medal Index Card entries have a matching soldier. Possibly William died of Great War related wounds/injuries post 31 August 1921, it being the cut off date for commemoration of Great War casualties by the then IWGC, he being:-

SHOVLAR, WILLIAM. Gunner, 128583, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Born Denton, Gravesend, Kent 1898. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent 21 May 1914.

At the time of the 1901 census the Shovlar family resided at 11 Denton Street, Milton, Gravesend, Kent. Shorne, Gravesend, Kent native 33 year old William Shovlar (senior) was the Head of the house, and employed as a General Labourer. In addition to both the Williams, 30 year old Mrs Mary Ann Shovlar a native of Gravesend was entered by the census enumerator. Of possible significance re the Shorne, Kent commemorated William Shovlar, was that his

three older sisters were all born at the village. Four month old Frederick was a native of Milton, Gravesend, Kent. William served on the Western Front from May 1917 to July 1917, until being evacuated back to the United Kingdom resultant of shrapnel wounds to his back and both thighs. Discharged on 20 March 1919, he later attended a Medical Tribunal at Shoreham-on-sea, Sussex, which resulted in him being paid a disability pension. At the time of the tribunal, William's home address was 117 Livingstone Road, Hove, Sussex. Prior to his pre Great War army enlistment, William was employed as a Brewers Labourer at the Charrington & Co Ltd, Brewery, Gravesend, Kent.

RUSSELL, WILLIAM B. As the Great War casualties on the memorial plaque only number eleven, it was odd to note two casualties with exactly the same Christian name, middle initial and surname. It was also surprising to find that only two matching casualties are commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, both of whom served in the same regiment.

RUSSELL, WILLIAM BLACK. Lieutenant.
14th (Reserve) Battalion, Royal Scots.
Died 19 June 1915.

Buried Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Krithia, Turkey. Grave Ref: I. B. 2.
Formerly Corporal, 1002, Royal Scots.

RUSSELL, WILLIAM B. Private, 14212.
11th (Service) Battalion, Royal Scots.
Died 27 September 1915.

Born Haywood, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Enlisted Glencorse, Midlothian, Scotland.
Resided Harthill, Lanarkshire, Scotland.
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 10 to 13.

THOMAS, FREDERICK. Private, G/12354.

6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 7 October 1916. Aged 32.

Born and enlisted Gravesend, Kent.

Son of Harry and Maria Thomas of 25, Minerva Cottages, Denton, Gravesend, Kent.

Husband of Mary Ann Payne (formerly Thomas) of 2, Golf Cottage, Castle Lane, Chalk, Rochester, Kent.

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

WAGHORN, JAMES DAVID. Ordinary Seaman, J/51712.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Chester.

Died 31 May 1916. Aged 24.

Born Gravesend, Kent 2 December 1892.

Son of James and Alice Florence Waghorn of 4, Kent Cottages, Chalk, Gravesend, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 16.

The Second World War

1939 - 1945

BALDWIN, PHILIP. No clear trace. Four Second World War casualties named Philip/Phil Baldwin are commemorated by the CWGC, all of whom came from the county of Kent. Compared to those who died in or resultant of the Great War, those lost in the latter conflict are far harder to ascertain their personal details, which has regrettably resulted in not being able to identify the serviceman remembered at Chalk.

BRAMBLE, WILLIAM. Rifleman, 14710100.
9th Battalion, Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).
Died 24 September 1944. Aged 17.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Mr. and Mrs A. G. Bramble of Chalk, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Mierlo War Cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Grave Ref: IV. B. 13.
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps, post September 1943.

CROSS, GEORGE HENRY. Corporal, 6296072.
141st (7th Battalion, The Buffs [Royal East Kent Regiment] Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps.
Died 18 February 1945. Aged 33.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Walter and Emily Cross of Gravesend, Kent.
Husband of Irene Gladys Cross of Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Mook War Cemetery, Limburg, Netherlands. Grave Ref: II. C. 7.

CROUCH, RAYMOND CHARLES. Gunner, 14214835.
70 Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery. (Territorial Army).
Died 27 August 1943. Aged 20.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Albert and Kate E. Crouch of Ash, Kent.
Buried Chalk (St. Mary) Churchyard, Gravesend, Kent.
Raymond and his parents probably resided in Ash, which is situated to the north of Wrotham, Kent, as opposed to the village with the same name, near Sandwich in east Kent.

DUDDRIDGE, THOMAS ALFRED. Chief Stoker, C/K 63303.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Pembroke.
Died 2 November 1943. Aged 37.
Son of William Edward and Annie Duddridge.
Husband of Kathleen Edith Duddridge of Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Gravesend, Kent, Cemetery. Grave Ref: Plot B.15. Grave 1781.

***The following three casualties were a father and two sons -**

HAYMAN, FREDERICK EDWARD.

Died 2 November 1940. Aged 62.

Husband of Ada Nellie Hayman of 368 Rochester Road, Chalk, Gravesend, Kent. At the time of his death, Frederick was on the Port of London Authority tug 'Lea' at Tilbury Dock, Essex. At the time of her loss, Frederick's vessel was tied up at Tilbury alongside another P.L.A. tug the 'Deanbrook,' when they were both sunk during an enemy air raid on the London Docks, with the loss of both tugs crews.

HAYMAN, HAROLD JOHN. Senior Assistant Engineer Officer.

Merchant Navy, S.S. Oronsay (Glasgow).

Died 9 October 1942. Aged 29.

Son of Frederick and Ada Hayman.

Husband of Kathleen Hayman.

Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London. Panel 77.

HAYMAN, KENNETH CHARLES MORRIS. Flying Officer (Navigator), 153006.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 78 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Died 13 June 1944. Aged 22.

Son of Frederick and Ada Hayman.

Husband of Edna Muriel Hayman of Great Sutton, Cheshire.

Poix-de-Picardie (St. Denis) Churchyard, France. Grave Ref: Row D. Grave 32.

Prior to 1965 Poix was called Poix-de-la-Somme.

KING, THOMAS FRANCIS. Able Seaman.

Merchant Navy, S.S. St. Lindsay (Newport).

Died 13 June 1941. Aged 39.

Husband of Elizabeth King of Chalk, Gravesend, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London. Panel 90.

RADLEY, ALBERT SIDNEY GYE. Lance Corporal, 5343692.

2/7th Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey).

Died 13 September 1944. Aged 28.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of William Guy and Annie Rose Radley.

Husband of Gladys Radley of Chalk, Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Gradara War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: II. C. 44.

SHRIMPTON, WALTER JAMES.

Died 5 March 1941. Aged 66.

Husband of Mabel Annie Shrimpton of 52 Jubilee Crescent, Chalk, Gravesend, Kent.

Walter's CWGC commemoration is indicative of him having lost his life in the River Medway at Cuxton, Kent. As Walter is honoured on the Chalk parish tribute, it would appear that his demise was due to enemy action.

SMITH, NORMAN. Brief reference was made at the first of the Second World casualties who are commemorated on the Chalk parish tribute, regarding the difficulty encountered when attempting to identify those lost when compared to those of the Great War, and this casualty is a perfect example of same. The following soldier has been entered here but only based on his places of birth and residence, it being the best match of all the possible Second World casualties with the correct Christian and surnames:-

SMITH, NORMAN. Private, 6352864.

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

Died between 30 November 1942 and 1 December 1942. Aged 28.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of George Alfred and Ellen May Smith.

Husband of Ruth Irene Smith of Tadley, Hampshire.

Commemorated on the Medjez-el-Bab Memorial, Tunisia. Face 26.

SPACKMAN, CLIFFORD. Lance Serjeant, 3851534.

1st Battalion, The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire).

Died 30 April 1943.

Born East London. Resided Kent.

Husband of Beatrice Spackman, of Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Massicault War Cemetery, Tunisia. Grave Ref: V. M. 15.

Pre war member of The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire).

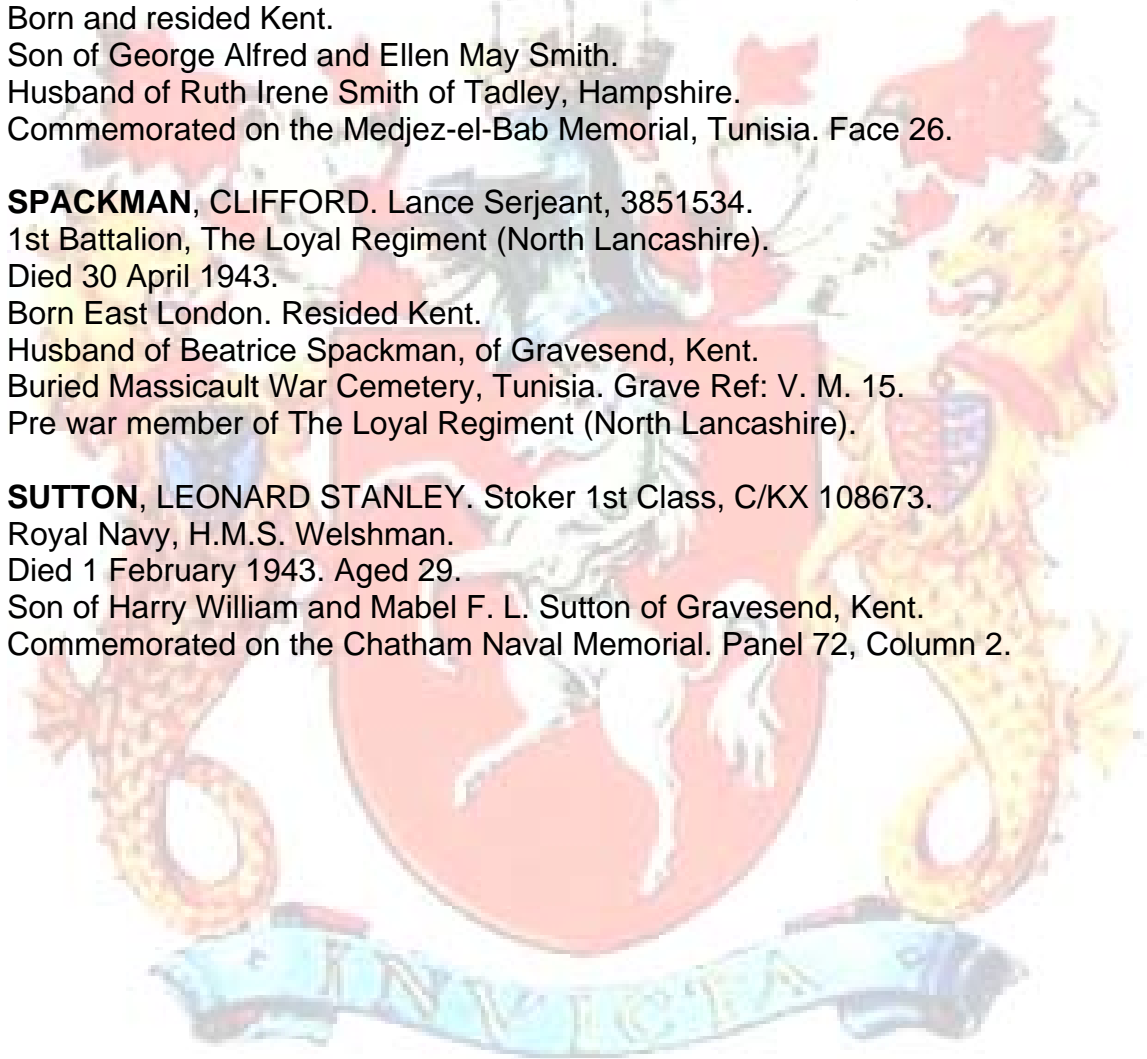
SUTTON, LEONARD STANLEY. Stoker 1st Class, C/KX 108673.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Welshman.

Died 1 February 1943. Aged 29.

Son of Harry William and Mabel F. L. Sutton of Gravesend, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 72, Column 2.



Killed by Enemy Action

The two young ladies commemorated below died together -

WILLIAMS, GWENDOLINE IRIS.

Died 15 March 1941. Aged 15.

Resided at 2 Council Bungalows, Castle Lane, Chalk, Gravesend, Kent.

Daughter of William Thomas and Esther Emma Williams.

Died at the junction of Thong Lane and Rochester Road, Chalk, Gravesend, Kent.

STUDD, VERA JOAN.

Died 15 March 1941. Aged 13.

Resided at 185 Lower Higham Road, Chalk, Gravesend, Kent.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Studd of 185 Lower Higham Road, Chalk, Kent.

Died at junction of Thong Lane and Rochester Road, Chalk, Gravesend, Kent.

