

# Cowden



Cowden civic war memorial is located near the west door of the parish church of St. Mary Magdalen. The church of St. Mary Magdalene is geographically within the Sevenoaks, Kent registration district, but it falls within the Diocese of Chichester, Sussex. One of the stained glass windows at the church, commemorating the preservation of the village during the Second World War was designed by H. Warren Wilson. As can clearly be seen from the accompanying photographs which were kindly provided for inclusion here by Susan F., the Cowden civic war memorial is in immaculate condition. Apart from properly commemorating the casualties named on the war memorial, its condition makes their honoured names very easy to read, and by virtue of same it has proved to be one of the easiest forms of war remembrance in the county of Kent to transcribe thus far on this website. It was noted whilst carrying out the Cowden researches, that only one casualty of the Great War with a (tenuous) Cowden connection was noted, and he has been added after the Great War commemorations as a 'Lost Man.' In addition to Cowden having one of the most pristine external forms of war remembrance within the county of Kent, as can be seen on the relevant photograph, it would seem likely that at some time since his demise in 1920, the name of an additional former Cowden parishioner Albert Edward Evison has been added to the war memorial. For ease of access, the following transcriptions of the Cowden casualties of both world wars by Patrick D. Scullion have been set out in alphabetical order. Within the parish church of St. Mary Magdalen is a brass memorial plaque mounted on wood, commemorating the Cowden men who died during the Great War, which duplicates the civic war memorial names, and bears the following inscription.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD/ AND IN MEMORY OF/ THOSE FROM THIS  
PARISH/ WHOSE LIVES WERE GIVEN/ IN THE GREAT WAR 1914 - 1918/  
THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

# The Great War

1914 – 1919

**ASHBY, FREDERICK.** D.C.M. Serjeant, G/7850.

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

Died 4 October 1917. Aged 32.

Born Hever, Edenbridge, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent. Resided Rusthall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Son of William and Barbara Ashby (née Holmes) of Hever, Edenbridge, Kent.

Husband of Margaret Ellen Ashby (née Harding) of 2, North Street, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 106, and on the Edenbridge, Kent civic war memorial. which is in the form of memorial panels located at the Edenbridge War Memorial Hospital.

Formerly Private, L/72136, 1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), and Private, G/13163, Royal Sussex Regiment, and Private, 22745, Essex Regiment. A regular soldier, Frederick was posted to France on 15 August 1914. At the time of the 1901 census, the Ashby family resided at Polefield Cottage, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent. Head of the house was 42 year old Lingfield, Surrey native William Ashby, who was employed as an Agricultural Labourer. The then 14 year old Frederick was recorded by the census enumerator as being employed as an Odd Boy on a farm. Following his death, an entry in the London Gazette dated 4 March 1918, appertaining to the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to Fredericks states, "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in bringing up his platoon from support on his own initiative, and helping to beat off a counter-attack. He directed the fire of his men with great skill. During the attack he led them with great coolness and courage until wounded." Frederick was a brother of Thomas Ashby, who is the next casualty briefly commemorated below. After the Great War an application for Frederick's 1914 Star & clasp, was made on behalf of his widow, by Annie H. Humphrey who was the Parish War Pensions Representative, to add to Frederick's British War Medal, and Victory Medal which had already been sent to Margret Ashby.

**ASHBY, THOMAS.** Lance Corporal, 6790.

2nd Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment.

Died 8 July 1916. Aged 33.

Born Hever, Edenbridge, Kent. Enlisted East Grinstead, Sussex. Resided Edenbridge, Kent.

Son of William and Barbara Ashby (née Holmes) of Hever, Edenbridge, Kent.

Buried Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.

Grave Ref: III. C. 7.

Commemorated on the Edenbridge, Kent civic war memorial which is in the form of memorial panels located at the Edenbridge War Memorial Hospital.

**ASHBY, WILLIAM THOMAS.** Private, G/5238.  
7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 6 May 1917. Aged 25.  
Born Cowden, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent. Resided Edenbridge, Kent.  
Son of Mrs. A. E. Ashby of North Street, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.  
Buried Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: XVI. F. 15.  
Commemorated on the Edenbridge, Kent civic war memorial. which is in the form of memorial panels located at the Edenbridge War Memorial Hospital.

**BELTON, JAMES.** Corporal, 34046.  
4th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment.  
Died 27 May 1917. Aged 35.  
Born and resided Edenbridge, Kent. Enlisted Shirehampton, Bristol, Gloucestershire.  
Husband of Kate Belton of North Street, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.  
Buried La Ville-aux-Bois British Cemetery, La-Ville-Aux-Bois-Les-Pontavert, Aisne, France. Grave Ref: I. G. 12.  
Formerly Private R/4/065783, Royal Army Service Corps. James was posted to France on 30 March 1913.

**BROOK, JOHN BENJAMIN.** Private, G/4938.  
10th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), (Kent County).  
Died 6 March 1917.  
Born Ninfield, Battle, Sussex. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent. Resided Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.  
Husband of Mary Victoria Brook (née Flint) of Scarlets Cottage, North Street, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.  
Buried Klein-Vierstraat British Cemetery, Kemmel, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: I. D. 10.  
Aged 31 years and 7 months, on 12 December 1914 John enlisted in the army for the duration of the war. At the time of his enlistment he stated that he resided at Scarlets Cottage, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent, and that he was employed as a Carter. Following his basic training in the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), John was posted to the France on 24 March 1915 as a member of the 1st battalion of his regiment. After being wounded in his right ankle, John was evacuated back to England and was treated for his wounds at the Lewisham Military Hospital from 14 May 1915 to 3 July 1915 inclusive, having been placed on the strength of the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion. On being discharged from hospital, John was transferred to the 10th (Service) Battalion for active service back on the Western Front; he embarked at Southampton on 3 May 1916 and arrived at the port of Harve, France the following day.

**EVISON, ALBERT EDWARD.** Private, G/5568.

3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 22 January 1920. Aged 26.

Born West Malling, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Cowden, Kent.

Son of Charles Hatch Evison and Bessie Evison (née Ford) of The Cottage, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.

Husband of Lillian Evison (née Mathews) of 7 Alice Street, Lamb Lane, Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire.

Buried Scholemoor Cemetery, Bradford, Yorkshire.

Grave Ref: Section M. Grave 340.

Prior to enlisting in the army on 29 January 1915, Albert had been employed as a Painter. At the time of his enlistment in the army 'For the Duration of the War' he stated that he was 20 years and 319 days old, and that he resided at The Cottage, Cowden, and named his father as his next of kin. On the completion of his basic training with the 3rd Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), Albert was posted to the 6th (Service) Battalion of the regiment on 29 May 1915 and deployed to France for active service with the British Expeditionary Force. Albert received serious shrapnel wound to his head, from a trench mortar, and another shrapnel wound to his left arm during the fighting at Vermelles, Pas de Calais, France on 15 March 1916. Soon after being wounded, Albert underwent an operation to remove a shrapnel fragment from his skull, and received treatment at the 33 Casualty Clearing Station at Bethune, and at the Millicent Sutherland Ambulance, Calais, when sufficiently stabilized he was evacuated back to England on the hospital ship "Cambria," for further medical treatment at the Bradford military Hospital, Yorkshire. For administrative purposes was posted to the Regimental Depot on 23 March 1916, and when deemed to be sufficiently recovered he was posted to the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion at Fort Darland, Gillingham, Kent on 14 July 1916. As th result of an Army Medical Board which was conducted at Chatham, Kent on 11 August 1918, Albert was discharged from the army, by virtue of being "No longer physically fit for war service," and was awarded a war pension. Sadly on 22 January 1920 at Bradford, Yorkshire, Albert succumbed to the head trauma from which he had suffered since March 1916. As can be seen on the relevant excellent photograph, it would appear that Albert is a more recent additional commemoration on the Cowden civic war memorial. For a number of years Albert's parents had been the Landlord and Landlady of the Crown Inn at Cowden, which is now a private residence. After the Great War by which time she had been widowed, Albert's mother Bessie Evison resided at 66, Eastern Road, Kemp Town, Brighton, Sussex, with four of her children.

**FRANKS, JOHN THOMAS.** Private, G/4298.  
8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 26 September 1915.  
Born Horley, Redhill, Surrey. Enlisted and resided Edenbridge, Kent.  
Son of George and Mary  
Husband of Mrs. Annie Franks of High Street, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 95.  
When John enlisted in the army 'For the Duration of the War,' on 8 November 1914, he stated that he was aged 32 years old, and employed as a Cowman. John was posted to France on 30 August 1915. Initially, John was posted as missing, but for official purposes his death was accepted as having probably occurred on 26 September 1915.

**HENLEY, THOMAS ROOTES.** Private, M/346610.  
400 Section Heavy Artillery Motor Transport, Royal Army Service Corps.  
Died 3 February 1919. Aged 39.  
Born Lamberhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Resided Cowden, Kent.  
Son of Thomas Rootes Henley and Catherine Margaret Henley (née Peirce) of Lamberhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.  
Husband of Ethel Ada Henley (née Tennant) of High Street, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.  
Buried St. Mary Magdalen Churchyard, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.  
Grave Ref: Between South-East gate & South door.  
Commemorated on the Lamberhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent civic war memorial.  
Thomas has a medal index card entry matching the above rank and regimental number, which would signify that he had been on active service overseas during the Great War, whilst serving in the Army Service Corps.

**LADD, HAROLD EDWARD.** Airman 1st Class, 22942.  
Royal Flying Corps.  
Died 30 December 1917. Aged 27.  
Born Wye, Ashford, Kent.  
Son of Walter James and Ann Ladd (née Thompsett) of 56, West Street, East Grinstead, Sussex.  
Commemorated on the Chatby Memorial, Alexandria, Egypt.  
At the time of the 1901 census the Ladd family resided at North Street, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent. Head of the house was 36 year old Wye, Ashford, Kent native Walter James Ladd who was employed as a Joiner. Prior to his enlistment Harold had been a member of the Cowden parish church of St. Mary Magdalen bell ringing team. It was sad to note whilst researching, that Harold's British War Medal and his Victory Medal were returned as 'Unclaimed.' Harold's birth was registered in the East Ashford Registration District during the second quarter of 1890, at which time the family resided at Bridge Street, Wye, Ashford, Kent. Harold was numbered amongst the 591 soldiers, the ships Master and 18 of the crew who are known to have lost their lives, when the 9588 ton troopship S.S.

Aragon (Belfast), commanded by 37 year old Captain Frank A. Bateman was torpedoed off the port of Alexandria, Egypt, on 30 December 1917. Having sailed from the French port Marseilles on 17 December, the S.S. Aragon was carrying approximately 2,700 reinforcement troops bound for Palestine at the time of her loss. Having entered the port at Alexandria, S.S. Aragon was then ordered back out to sea due to lack of available berthing spaces, and Captain Bateman was told to wait for further instructions regarding a berth. Whilst at rest the ship was torpedoed and sunk by the German minelayer submarine UC-34, which was in service as the Austro-Hungarian U-boat U-74, commanded by 27 year old Oberleutnant zur See, Horst Obermüller. Based at Pola, Cagliari (Sardinia), Italy, the submarine was part of the Pola/Mittelmeer II Flotilla. Following the attack by the enemy submarine, the destroyer H.M.S. Attack dashed to the rescue of the stricken troopship as did every available ship within the immediate area, but unfortunately S.S. Aragon sunk quickly. Many of the men rescued by H.M.S. Attack were being tended by the ship's crew when she too was torpedoed by the same submarine, almost blowing her in two. There still prevails to this day an element of confusion appertaining to the causes of loss of both H.M.S. Attack and the S.S. Aragon. Some books etcetera state that both ships were torpedoed, whilst others say that they were mined, and adding to the confusion are other data sources which indicate that one ship was torpedoed and the other was mined. In view of the apparent confusion re the losses of both ships, it should be noted that Oberleutnant zur See, Horst Obermüller, who commanded the submarine between 16 July 1917 and 14 July 1918, recorded in his Log Book for the day's events on 30 December 1917 that he had torpedoed both vessels.

**NOAKES, FREDERICK.** No clear trace at this time.

**PANNELL, JACK.** Private, 4/9054.

1st/4th (Territorial Force) Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.

Died 15 September 1916. Aged 34.

Born Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent. Enlisted Edenbridge, Kent.

Son of Thomas and Sarah Pannell of 4, North Lane, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.

Buried Delville Wood, Longueval, Somme, France. Grave Ref: XX. G. 8.

Formerly Private, 6846, Norfolk Regiment. At the time of the 1901 census, the Pannell family resided at North Street, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent. Head of the house was 48 year old Cowden native Thomas Pannell, who was employed as a Labourer in a Fellmongers yard. The census enumerator recorded the then 19 year old Jack, as being employed as a General Labourer. As Fellmonger is someone who removes hair from animal hides in preparation for tanning, it would seem likely that Jack's father had worked in one of the tanneries at the nearby town of Edenbridge, the town having been active in the tanning trade for some 500 years until the closure of Whitmores (Edenbridge) Limited, Edenbridge Tannery which closed down in the 1970's. For those with an interest in the Edenbridge area of Kent, please also see Whitmores Great War memorial plaque commemorations on this website.

**SMITH, JOHN.** Private, 63993.  
107th Company, Labour Corps.  
Died 1 December 1917. Aged 42.  
Born Govan, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Enlisted Edenbridge, Kent. Resided Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.  
Son of William and Mary Brown Smith of Newtonairds, Dumfries, Scotland.  
Husband of Margaret F. H. Smith of 72, Preston Street, Govanhill, Glasgow.  
Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France.  
Formerly Private, 45128, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

**STREATFIELD, EDWIN HENRY.** Private, G/12173.  
1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 22 July 1916. Aged 25.  
Born Withyham, Sussex. Enlisted and resided Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.  
Son of John and Ann Streatfield.  
Buried Caterpillar Valley, Longueval, Somme, France. Grave Ref: V. C. 4.  
Edwin was baptised at the parish church of All Saints, Blackham, Sussex, on 28 June 1891. At the time of the 1901 census, the Streatfield family resided at Kent Water, Cowden. Head of the house was 50 year old Withyham, Sussex native John Streatfield who was employed as a Loader at a Mill.



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## Lost Man

**FISHBOURNE, CHARLES EDWARD.** Lieutenant Colonel.  
1st Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, attached to and commanding the 8th (Service) Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.  
Died 6 October 1916. Aged 47.  
Born Ireland.  
Husband of Elizabeth Leslie Shakerley (formerly Fishbourne), of Cole Allen, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.  
Buried St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France.  
Grave Ref: Officers, A. 12. 3.  
Commemorated on the Carlow, Ireland, civic war memorial, and in the 1937 Reading Room of Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.  
Charles was educated at the Grammar School, Market Place, Lords Hold, Rutland, and at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. A keen cricketer, Charles was in the Oakham School Eleven, and he subsequently took part in a lot of military cricket tournaments. He had served in the Second Boer War (1899-1902) as an officer in the Northumberland Fusiliers, during which time he had been Mentioned in Despatches.

# The Second World War

1939 – 1945

**BOND, GEORGE THOMAS.** Gunner, 1594300.

313 Battery, 29 (Kent) Searchlight Regiment, Royal Artillery.

Died 13 September 1940.

Born Kent. Resided Sussex.

Son of John and Elizabeth Bond.

Husband of Elizabeth Bond of East Grinstead, Sussex.

Buried St. Peter's Churchyard, Holtye, Sussex.

The 29 (Kent) Searchlight Regiment, Royal Artillery was formed from the 29 Anti-Aircraft Battalion, Royal Engineers in August 1940, and became the 631 (Kent) Regiment, Royal Artillery in January 1945.

**CHESSON, FREDERICK JOHN CHARLES.** Sergeant (Air Gunner), 1336122.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 75 (New Zealand) Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Died 28 September 1943.

Buried Hanover War Cemetery, Germany. Grave Ref: Joint grave 8. C. 5-6.

Frederick was one of the seven man crew of Stirling bomber EH877 JN-C, which was flown by 22 year old Pilot Officer (Pilot) Richard C. Whitmore, R.N.Z.A.F., of Pukekohe East, Auckland, New Zealand, when it took off from R.A.F. Mepal, Ely, Cambridgeshire, at 1957 hours on the evening of 27 September 1943. Their Stirling was amongst a bomber force of 678 aircraft which were taking part in a raid on the German city of Hannover. The force was comprised of 312 Lancasters, 231 Halifaxes, 111 Stirlings, 24 Wellingtons, and 5 U.S.A.A.F. B-17's also took part in the raid. 38 R.A.F. Bomber Command aircraft - 17 Halifaxes, 10 Lancasters, 10 Stirlings, 1 Wellington were lost, and 1 of the American B-17's was also lost. The use by the Pathfinders of faulty forecast winds saved the centre of Hannover. Although the bombing was very concentrated, most of the bombs fell on an area about 5 miles to the north of the city centre. Following the raid, no details were obtained from Germany, but Royal Air Force photographic evidence showed that most of the bombs fell in open country or on villages to the north of the city. Frederick's bomber had been delivered to "C" Flight, 75 (New Zealand) Squadron, Royal Air Force on 8 May 1943, and was one of three of Frederick's squadrons Stirlings that were lost on the Hannover operation. The cause of loss of Frederick's aircraft was not established. It crashed at the town of Sarstedt, in the district of Hildesheim, Lower Saxony, 11 miles South East of the city of Hannover. Sergeant F.C. Cowan was the sole survivor of the crash, and was taken prisoner by the Germans, he was given the PoW No.250701, and interned in Camps 4B and L3. All the six crew members who lost their lives are at rest in the Hannover War Cemetery.

**DANE, HENRY.** D.S.O., A.M.I.E.E., Flight Lieutenant.  
Malayan Volunteer Air Force.  
Died 5 December 1942. Aged 49.  
Son of Sir Louis Dane, G.C.I.E., C.S.I., I.C.S., and of Lady Dane (née Norman),  
Dame of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.  
Husband of Victoria A. C. Dane (née Wingate) of Edenbridge, Kent.  
Buried Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan. Grave Ref: British Section. J. A. 11.  
Formerly Captain (retd.), Queen Victoria's Own Corps of Guides.  
Henry died of Acute Colitis at a military hospital whilst a prisoner of the  
Japanese, during transportation from Singapore.  
He was Mentioned in Despatches, his Distinguished Service Order was a  
posthumous award which was announced on 7 November 1946. He had been  
the General Manager, Perak River Hydro Electric Power Co., Malaya. His wife  
was the daughter of General Sir (Francis) Reginald Wingate, (1861–1953) Bt.,  
G.C.B., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., and was related to the famous  
'Chindit' leader Major-General Ord Wingate D.S.O.

**MORRIS, ARTHUR JAMES.** Lieutenant, 174462.  
7th Battalion, Manchester Regiment.  
Died 30 April 1943. Aged 23.  
Born and resided Hampshire.  
Son of Colonel Arthur Joseph Morris, M.B.E., and Mary Morris.  
Husband of Phyllis Louisa Morris of Hever, Edenbridge, Kent.  
Buried St. Peter's Churchyard, Hever, Edenbridge, Kent.

**RIDLEY, CYRIL ALBERT.** Private, 6346466.  
4th Battalion, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.  
Died 17 September 1942. Aged 22.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Son of Thomas Penfold Ridley and of Doris Ridley (née Goodey).  
Husband of Audrey Martha Ridley of Edenbridge, Kent.  
Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: XXVI. C. 15.

**STEPHENSON, HENRY JAMES.** Flight Lieutenant, 134463.  
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.  
Died 17 December 1943. Aged 22.  
Youngest son of Sir Guy Stephenson C.B., and Lady Gwendolen Stephenson  
(née Talbot) of Friendly Green, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.  
Buried Mark Beech (Holy Trinity) Churchyard, Hever, Edenbridge, Kent.  
Henry was youngest of Sir Guy and Lady Gwendolen Stephenson's six children;  
his birth was registered in the Kensington, London registration District during the  
third quarter of 1921.

**STILL, ROBERT DAVID.** Telegraphist, P/SSX 30515.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Hollyhock. (K 64).

Died 9 April 1942. Aged 20.

Son of Hilda Eveline Still.

Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 67, Column 1.

A 925 ton Flower class corvette, H.M.S. Hollyhock was launched and commissioned on 19 November 1940. At the time of her loss she was commanded by Lieutenant Commander Thomas Edward Davies, O.B.E., R.N.R., when she was bombed and sunk by Japanese carrier aircraft to the east of Ceylon, on the day that Robert lost his life.

**WOODWARK, PETER ANTHONY STANLEY.** Flight Lieutenant, 81422.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 422 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Died 17 October 1943.

Son of Sir Stanley Woodwark, C.M.G., C.B.E., M.D., B.S. (Lond.), F.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. (Eng.), D.L., J.P., and Lady Woodwark of Furnace Mill, Cowden, Kent.

Husband of Moira Woodwark (née Hopwood) of Hartfield, Sussex.

Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 122.

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### Lost Men

**BIDDELL, JOHN GORDON.** Flight Lieutenant (Pilot), 127139.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Died 25 July 1944. Aged 22.

Son of Alfred William Stanley and Frances Dorothy Ann Biddell of Cowden, Kent.

Buried Delhi War Cemetery, India. Grave Ref: 7. B. 6.

**EDWARDS, BRIAN ALEXANDER.** Gunner, 1447734.

85 Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery.

Died 21 September 1944. Aged 24.

Son of Harold Alexander Edwards, and of Ellen Charlotte Edwards of Cowden, Kent.

Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial. Column 17.

**ORTON, WILFRED EDWARD.** Trooper, 7911042.

8th Royal Tank Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps.

Died 28 November 1941. Aged 21.

Son of Frank Edward and Winifred May Orton of Cowden, Kent.

Buried Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Libya. Grave Ref: 2. C. 23.

**PENFOLD, GEORGE ALBERT.** Aircraftman 2nd Class, 1237400.  
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.  
Died 9 February 1943. Aged 28.  
Son of Joseph and Elsie Penfold of Cowden, Kent.  
Husband of Katherine Emma Jane Penfold of Cowden, Kent.  
Buried Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery, Malta, G.C.  
Grave Ref: Protestant Section (Men's). Plot F. Collective Grave 20.









