

DOVER

Primitive Methodist Chapel

The chapel war memorial is in the form of a window commemorating the congregation fallen of the Great War, and is inscribed as follows -

“To the Glory of God and in Undying Memory of the Following, who Gave their Lives in the Defence of Righteousness, Liberty, and Honour”.

The following casualties have been set out below in alphabetical order. All are also commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

EVANS, EDWARD ARTHUR. Serjeant, 11805.

22nd (Service) Battalion, (Kensington) Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 29 April 1918.

Born St. Luke's, London. Enlisted Hounslow, Middlesex. Resided Forest Gate.

Husband of Mrs May Evans (neé Uden) of 101 Oswald Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais. France. Bay 3.

GOLDSTRAW, GERALD PARKER. Private, 19483.

26th (Service) Battalion, (Bankers) Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 4 October 1916.

Born Pembroke Dock. Enlisted Portsmouth, Hampshire. Resided Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 8 C.

Unlike several of the other 17 battalions of the regiment which also fought in the Battle of the Somme 1916, Gerald's was fairly late before being moved to the area which was the direct result of earlier losses amongst the army. On the last day of August the battalion arrived at Vauchelles-les-Quesnoy which is a little way to the east of the town of Abbeville, Somme. After a succession of moves during the first fortnight spent on the Somme, the battalion went to Montauban on 14 September 1916 and from there moved into forward trenches to the north east of Delville Wood prior to an attack on Flers Trench and Switch Line on the following day, during the attack the battalion incurred 264 casualties which included the deaths of 22 year old Second Lieutenant S. Wright from Chiswick, London and 18 other ranks. On 16 September the battalion was moved into the support line where it remained until a move to Dernancourt on 18 September. On 2 October the battalion went to the Pommiers Redoubt and the next day to Thistle Dump near to where Thistle Dump cemetery is situated and from where an attack was mounted on 4 October which cost the lives of Gerald and at least 16 of his comrades.

SPINNER, WILLIAM GEORGE. M.M. Battery Quartermaster Serjeant, 168545.
179th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.
Died 12 November 1918. Aged 24.
Son of Charles and Mary Spinner of Dover, Kent.
Husband of Minnie E. Spinner of 8, Springfield Road, Dover, Kent.
Buried St. James's Cemetery, Dover, Kent. Grave Ref. G. K. 25.
William was awarded the Military Medal whilst a Serjeant in 1917.

Greater Love has no Man than this,
That a Man lay down his Life for his Friend John XV 13

