

DOVER

Salem Baptist Church
Maison Dieu Road
Dover
Kent

For the convenience of researchers accessing the memorial, it has been transcribed below in alphabetical order, and not as on the actual brass memorial plaque.

ALLEN, JOHN. Private, - No Trace

BAKER, GEORGE FRANK. Private, 270166.

“A” Company, 10th (Royal East Kent and West Kent Yeomanry) Battalion.

The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 11 November 1917. Aged 28.

Born Mereworth, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Broad Oak, Sturry, Canterbury, Kent.

Resided Littleworth, Sussex.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker of Mereworth, Kent.

Buried Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: M. 14.

Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

Formerly Private, 1870, East Kent Yeomanry, and a veteran of Gallipoli and Egypt, George was killed by shellfire near Gaza, Palestine whilst serving as a Dispatch Rider.

BANKS, FREDERICK WILLIAM. Serjeant, TF/3361.

1st/8th (Territorial Force) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

Died 15 September 1916. Aged 36.

Born Charlton, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Hounslow, Middlesex.

Resided Twickenham, Middlesex.

Son of Richard and Emily Banks of 9, Albert Road, Dover, Kent.

Buried Combles, Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Grave Ref: II. F. 48.

Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

The Christian names for Serjeant F.W.BANKS as set out above is as accessed from the CWGC, all other data checked including SDGW and MIC shows his first name as FRANK, as does both the regimental records and the 1881 census, at which time his family was residing at 1 Odo Road, Charlton, Dover, Kent:-

Richard BANKS. Aged 25. Born Westcliffe, Kent. Gardener (Journeyman)

Elizabeth BANKS. Aged 26. Born Studdal, Kent.

Emily BANKS. Aged 2. Born Dover, Kent.

Frank W. BANKS. Aged 1. Born Dover, Kent.

Mary WEBB. Aged 63. Born Barham, Kent. Nurse. (Lodger).

By the time of the 1901 census the two children above are shown as still residing with the family, in addition to which 13 year old Edith and 10 year Albert are also shown, all residing at Harold Cottage, Ashentree Lane, Dover, Kent. Although the same lady as on the 1881 census, 46 year old Elizabeth Banks is shown with place of birth as being Mongeham, Deal, Kent. Frank is shown as an Ex Pupil, Teachers School.

Frank's battalion was having a particularly active and costly period during the Battle of the Somme around the time he lost his life. On 4 September 1916 the 1st/8th (Territorial Force) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment boarded trains at St Riquier heading for Corbie. On arrival at Corbie the battalion was quickly disembarked from the cattle wagons (officers in railcars) that had carried them, and all marched to Bois des Tallies near to the front line positions. Duty in the forward trenches in the vicinity of Leuze Wood began on 10 September. At midnight the following night "A" & "B" Companies attacked the German line on the Ginchy-Morval road and their objectives reached, taken, and held despite several strong enemy counter attacks, but at a cost as they sustained 165 mixed casualties. Following the battalions relief it took up support positions between Wedge and Leuze Woods until 15 September when the battalion moved forward for another attack which was launched on the enemy down the north west side of Bouleaux Wood at 1340 hours. It was almost certainly during the heavy fighting in the wood that Frank fell, he being amongst the 245 casualties to his battalion that day.

BURROWS, HENRY BASIL. Private, 75373.

13th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 7 June 1918. Aged 32.

Born Dover, Kent. Enlisted and resided Sevenoaks, Kent.

Son of Henry and Anna Burrows of Dover, Kent.

Husband of F. L. Burrows of "Wistaria," 56, Bradbourne Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Buried Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport, Seine-Maritime, France.

Grave Ref: VI. J. 3B.

Also commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

Formerly Private, 5637, East Surrey Regiment.

CHEESEMAN, HERBERT JOHN. Private, G/6165.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 14 July 1916. Aged 19.

Born Ringwould, Deal, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent. Resided Temple Ewell, Dover, Kent.

Son of Walter James and Annie Cheeseman of 1, Brook Cottages, Temple Ewell, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 12.

CLOKE, ARTHUR GEORGE. Private, G/40915.

4th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

Died 31 July 1917. Aged 31.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.

Son of Alexander and Mary Ann Cloke of 5, De Burgh Street, Dover, Kent.

Husband of Eveline Ethel Cloke of 7, Bartholomew Street Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 49.

Formerly Gunner, 2304, Royal Field Artillery.

At the time of the 1901 census the Cloke family resided at 12 Trevanion Street, Dover, Kent with 37 year old Dover native Alexander as the Head of the house, he was employed by the town council; 14 year old Arthur was employed as a House Boy.

CREPIN, CHARLES JOSEPH. Private, M/314435.

695th Mechanical Transport Company, Army Service Corps.

Died 27 August 1917. Aged 35.

Born Dover, Kent. Enlisted and resided Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

Son of Frederick and Ann Crepin of Dover, Kent.

Husband of Edith Crepin of 5, Prospect Place, Buckland, Dover, Kent.

Buried Basra War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: I. B. 2.

Formed on 12 April 1916 the 695th Mechanical Transport Company, Army Service Corps served primarily in the Makina area of Mesopotamia as a Line of Communication unit, and was quite a comprehensive formation being a Motor Transport Base Depot, Base Motor Transport Stores and Advanced Motor Transport Stores. Unlike most similar units of the then Royal Army Service Corps which were quite quickly disbanded post Great War the company remained on strength until 31 March 1920. The following newspaper extract from the Bury St. Edmund's Free Press was kindly sent to us by Major (Retd) S. Hill in 2001, when he learned of our then embryonic 'Dover Project,' for which needless to say we are most grateful. He also said that Charles's died of Sunstroke, but we have not personally sighted his Death Certificate or Casualty Card, however it should be added that **all** information tendered by our 'Suffolk contact' has always been right:-

"It is with no small measure of regret that we have to record the death of Private Charles Joseph Crepin, a well known and esteemed townsman of Bury. The deceased soldier's wife, who resides at 61 Queen's Road, received the distressing intelligence on Wednesday evening that her husband passed away on August 28thg, succumbing to an attack of heat stroke in Mesopotamia. Private Crepin joined the Army last April, when he enlisted in the Army Service Corps, Mechanical Transport. Within a very short time he was despatched to some unknown foreign destination. In due course Mrs Crepin received an intimation of his whereabouts, and, naturally, the news of his death came as a shock to her of the most painful character. Private Crepin was a native of Dover, Kent, but for the past ten years he had resided in Suffolk. Before joining the Army he was an energetic and most useful special constable, and was attached to the Tuesday night section. He was a valued employee of Mr G W Henshall, of The Cornhill, for whom he acted as traveler. In consequence of his business connections, he was known throughout a wide area of the Eastern Counties, and we have no doubt the sad news of his untimely end will be received with sincere sorrow and regret by the numerous business and social friends he

possessed. Mrs Crepin is left with a daughter, five years old, to mourn her loss, and deep sympathy is felt for her in the extremely sad blow which has befallen her.”
Many thanks to Lt-Col (Retd) L.A. (Steve) Stephens, for furnishing the above ‘Bury St. Edmund’s Free Press information.’

