



# DOVER

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN PARISH CHURCH  
CANNON STREET, DOVER, KENT.



As can be seen from the photographs of the war memorial panels, those commemorated are named in no particular order. For ease of anybody accessing the data below we have set them out in alphabetical order. Most of those recorded below are also commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial, although all of them of course should have been.

**ABBOTT, ADOLPHUS SANDON SYDNEY.** Corporal, GS/14615.

4th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 17 January 1917.

Born Winderara, British Guiana. Enlisted and resided Croydon, Surrey.

Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas De Calais, France. Grave Ref: XXI B 10A.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**ALLISON, WILLIAM EDWARD.** Private, T/200757.

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

Died 16 October 1917.

Born St. James's, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Dover, Kent.

Buried Loos British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: XX. A. 8.

**ANDREWS, CHARLES RAYMOND.** Captain.

2nd Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

Died 24 May 1915. Aged 25.

Son of Mrs A. G. Andrews of 6 Ennismore Gardens, Dover, Kent and the late Lieutenant Colonel R. C. Andrews (Indian Army).

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper (Ypres), Belgium. Panel 19, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**ANSTREWS, H R.** As commemorated on the war memorial is probably as under.

**ANDREWS, HENRY RICHARD.** Stoker 1st Class, K/12672.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Arethusa."

Died: 11 February 1916. Aged 22.

Born Dover, Kent 8 April 1893

Son of Henry James and Henrietta Andrews of 32, Military Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 17, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. Henry's ship, a 4,400 ton Arethusa class light cruiser built at Chatham dockyard and commissioned in August 1914 as flotilla leader of the 3rd Harwich Destroyer Force. On 28 August 1914 she took part in the 'Battle of Heligoland Bight,' where she was seriously damaged but stayed afloat and had to be towed home, after being repaired she took part in the Cuxhaven Raid on Christmas Day 1914. The following year she fought at the 'Battle of the Dogger bank 1915' (24 January 1915), and later the same year in June 1915 was transferred to the 5th Light Cruiser Squadron Harwich Force. On 11 February 1916 H.M.S. Arethusa struck a mine and broke her back in the North Sea off Felixstowe, which was claimed to have been laid by the German minelaying submarine UC-7 of the Flandern Flotilla. At the time of the loss of Henry's ship, the UC-7 was commanded by Georg Haag, who was lost with the other 17 crew members of the submarine on 5 July 1916 when it is presumed to have blown up on a mine off the coast of Zeebrugge

**ARKEY, WILLIAM FREDRICK.** Gunner, 60294.  
131st Battery, Royal Field Artillery.  
Died 29 March 1915. Aged 23.  
Born Shoeburyness, Essex. Enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Son of Thomas and Ellen Arkey of 11, Westbury Road, Folkestone Road, Dover, Kent.  
Buried Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: III. D. 69.

**ASHMAN, CHARLES WILLIAM.** Private, G/5072.  
8th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 15 June 1917 Aged 35.  
Son of the late Edmund and Charlotte Ashman of Dover, Kent.  
Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Buried Dickebusch New Military Extension, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: III. C. 42.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.  
At the time of the 1881 census the Ashman family were residing at 1 Dour Cottages,  
Charlton, Dover, Kent:-

Edmund G. ASHMAN.	Aged 35.	Born Singledge, Kent.
Charlotte ASHMAN.	Aged 34.	Born Dover, Kent.
Edmund T. B. ASHMAN.	Aged 7.	Born Dover, Kent.
Edward G. ASHMAN.	Aged 4.	Born Dover, Kent.
John M. ASHMAN.	Aged 2.	Born Dover, Kent.
Charles W. ASHMAN.	Aged 5 months.	Born Charlton, Dover, Kent.

**AUSTEN, FRANK.** Gunner, 160103.  
1st/1st Kent Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.  
Died 25 March 1918. Aged 41.  
Husband of Rose Austen of 97 Balfour Road, Dover, Kent.  
Born Ramsgate, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Buried Bac-Du-Sud British Cemetery, Bailleulval, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: I. C. 10.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**BALL, ARTHUR SHIRLEY.** MC. Lieutenant.  
"C" Battery. 186th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.  
Died 16 August 1917.  
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Panel 4.

**BARCLAY, EDWARD WILFRED HOWARD** Second Lieutenant.  
2nd Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.  
Died 27 January 1918.  
Buried Fins New British Cemetery, Sorel-Le-Grand, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: IV. A. 7.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**BARDEN, WILLIAM JOHN.** Private, G/20129.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 3 May 1917.  
Born St. Mary's, Dover, Kent. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2 and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**BARTRAM, HARRY BROCKLESBY.** Captain.  
"E" Battery, Royal Horse Artillery.  
Died 16 September 1914. Aged 36.  
Only son of the Reverend Canon and Mrs Henry Bartram.  
Husband of Alice E. Bartram of Blidworth Dale, Linby, Hucknall, Nottinghamshire.  
Buried St. Mary's New Cemetery, Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: E. H. 12.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.  
Harry's father had been the Vicar of St. Mary the Virgin parish church Dover, Kent and was also the Chaplain of Dover Corporation from 1901 to 1912. The tiny village of Linby, Nottinghamshire where Harry's widow resided, is 'famous' as being the place where the pancake was invented, baked to honour the brave local women who killed Danish Vikings who had enslaved them after their husbands had run away.

**BARWICK, JOHN B.** Lance Corporal, T/2388.  
1st/3rd Kent Field Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 28 October 1915.  
Born Folkestone, Kent. Enlisted Gillingham, Kent. Resided Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 23 to 25 or 325 to 328, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**BEDWELL, HENRY.** Private, G/40872.  
16th (Service) Battalion, (Public Schools), Middlesex Regiment  
Died 31 May 1917. Aged 37.  
Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Husband of Elizabeth Bedwell, of 38, Adrian Street, Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7 and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**BEDWELL, THOMAS WILLIAM.** Private, 11880.  
"D" Company, 8th (Service) Battalion, (Pioneers) Welsh Regiment  
Died 15 August 1916. Aged 26.  
Born and enlisted Newport, Monmouthshire, Wales. Resided Dover, Kent.  
Son of Elizabeth Bedwell, of 32, Chapel Place, Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Kirkee, India 1914-1918 Memorial. Face D and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**BINGHAM, Stephen.C.** Private, 57401.

4th (Garrison) Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Died 19 December 1917.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.

Buried Blargies Communal Cemetery Extension, Oise, France. Grave Ref: 1. A. 10.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Formerly Private, 37499, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Blargies south of Abancourt on the D316 where Stephen is buried, is unfortunately probably best remembered when recalling the events of the Great War as being the location of a mutiny which took place at the No.1 Military Prison, North Camp. As the direct result of the mutiny Gunner William Lewis, 124 Battery, Royal Field Artillery and Private John Braithwaite, 2 Otago Regiment, New Zealand Expeditionary Force were executed together on 29 October 1916.

**BELSEY, ALFRED ISAAC.** Private, 10443.

2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 27 July 1916. Aged 19.

Born St. Mary's, Dover, Kent. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Son of Edward and Sarah Margaret Belsey of 13, Albion Place, Dover, Kent.

Buried Lahana Military Cemetery, Greece. Grave Ref: II. E.2.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**BETTS, JAMES EDWARD WILLIAM.** Petty Officer Stoker, 277057.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Teviot."

Died 13 October 1918. Aged 43.

Born Dover, Kent 7 June 1875.

Son of the late James E. and Eliza Betts.

Husband of Gladys Adelaide Betts of 29, Lawson Road, Southsea, Hampshire.

Buried Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery, Hampshire. Grave Ref: E. 33. 19.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

James's ship was a River class destroyer which survived the Great War and was broken up in 1919. It would seem that James was following in his father's footsteps when viewing the 1881 census, at which time the family was residing at 22 Albion Place, St. Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent:-

James W. BETTS. Aged 31. Born Dover, Kent. Mariner

Eliza BETTS. Aged 29. Born Dartmouth, Devon.

James E.W. BETTS. Aged 7. Born Dover, Kent.

John B. BETTS. Aged 5. Born Dover, Kent.

William C. BETTS. Aged 3. Born Dover, Kent.

Eliza E. BETTS. Aged 1. Born Dover, Kent.

**BIDGOOD, THOMAS AYLMER TATTNALL.** Lieutenant.

91st Heavy Battery, (96th Battery Group), Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died Sunday 28 October 1917.

Buried Kantara War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: B. 182.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Thomas had been a pupil at Haileybury School, Hertfordshire where he is also commemorated on the memorial panels around the cloisters.

**BLACK, NEVILLE VICTOR.** Private, G/36679.

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

Died 13 October 1918. Aged 21.

Son of Mrs. Bertha J. Black of 19, Tower Hamlets Road, Dover, Kent.

Formerly Private. 27839. Middlesex Regiment.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. At the time of the 1901 census Neville and his parents Victor John and Bertha J Black were residing with Neville's grandfather, a 49 year old Widower who was a Furniture Porter and Head of the house, living at 8 Church Street, Dover, Kent. Neville is buried in the Petsamo Evangelic-Lutheran Cemetery, Russian Federation, and is also commemorated by a Special Memorial in Murmansk New British Cemetery in the Russian Federation which was made in 1930. Forty burials were moved in from the Old British Cemetery that had been used by the No 86 General Hospital during 1918 and 1919. The special memorials commemorate officers and men such as Neville who are known to have been buried in cemeteries elsewhere in the Murman area, but who were not moved into the new cemetery in 1930 or subsequently. Petsamo where Neville is buried was in Finland prior to the Second World War, and became Soviet territory as the direct result of what Finland calls the Continuation War.

**BOAKES, THOMAS.** Private, G/14032.

6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 3 October 1917. Aged 39.

Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Buried Monchy British Cemetery, Monchy-Le-Preux, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: I. N. 22.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial, Dover, Kent.

At the time of the 1881 census the Boakes family were residing at 4 Pearces Court, St.

Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent where it is likely that Thomas was actually born:-

Charles BOAKES. Aged 39. Born Sevenoaks, Kent. General Labourer.

Ann BOAKES. Aged 39. Born Langdon, Kent.

William C. BOAKES. Aged 8. Born Dover, Kent.

Benjamin BOAKES. Aged 6. Born Dover, Kent.

Georgiana H. BOAKES. Aged 3. Born Dover, Kent.

Thomas J. BOAKES. Aged 2. Born Dover, Kent.

**BOYTON, VICTOR HENRY THOMPSON.** Second Lieutenant.

289th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 31 May 1917. Aged 20.

Son of Charles Taylor Boyton and Fanny May Boyton of Bank House, Horsefair, Birmingham.

Buried Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: VII. C. 21

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial, Dover, Kent.

**BRACE, ALFRED WILLIAM.** Private, 72353.

15th (Service) Battalion, (Nottingham).

Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment).

Died. 27 February 1918. Aged 35.

Enlisted London. Resided Dover, Kent.

Husband of Alice Brace of "Huntsville," Church Road, Hadleigh, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

Buried Duhallow A.D.S. Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: IV. A. 5.

Formerly Private 33620, Royal Flying Corps. Alfred is also commemorated on the civic war memorial, Dover, Kent.

**BRADLEY, GEOFFREY MONTAGU.** Lieutenant.

6th (Reserve) Battalion, Rifle Brigade attached to the 2nd Battalion, Welsh Regiment.

Died 22 December 1914. Aged 21.

Son of Edwin and Emmeline Mary Bradley of Leyburne House, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 44 and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

B.A. Scholar of Jesus College, Cambridge, and the former Captain of Cambridge University Shooting Eight. MIC entry shows service in both of the above regiments.

Geoffrey's father was a Director of the Dover Corn Merchants Bradley Brothers, who for several years were primarily located at the Custom House Quay and Strand Street Dover, Kent. It is thought that the company was later merged to become the much larger Bradley, Taylor & Youngman, probably resultant of competition from the giant international milling and animal feed consortiums.

**BRIGHTMORE, H.** There are two possible casualties (both army) commemorated by the CWGC neither of which shows family details, a SDGW check also proved fruitless re a Dover connection, and only 14 casualties are recorded with the surname by both the CWGC and SDGW which on this occasion match, but that also show no obvious link to the casualty who is named on the war memorial. Various other checking was undertaken i.e. variants of the surname but again with nil comprehensive results. The casualty is also commemorated on the civic war memorial, Dover, Kent.

**BROMLEY, CECIL PERCY JOHN.** Serjeant (Pilot), 1312.

7 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

Killed in aerial combat 2 November 1916. Aged 20.

Son of Percy R. and A. A. Bromley of 85, High Street, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Flying Services Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. On a day when the weather was unfavorable for observations, reconnaissance and photography, Cecil and his Observer Second Lieutenant G. H. Wood were the crew of a Voisin aircraft when they became embroiled in aerial combat with Vizefeldwebel (Sergeant Major) Christian Kress whilst flying above Chaulnes, Somme, France. After several exchanges of gunfire combined with maneuvers by both pilots eventually Vizefeldwebel Kress got the upper hand and destroyed the Voisin, which came down to the west of the allied lines. Second Lieutenant G. H. Wood although wounded survived the aircrafts crash landing and actually survived the Great War. When Christian Kress brought down Cecil's Voisin it was his forth and last victory, because only eight days later he was killed in aerial combat above Nesle, Somme, France, it is thought that his opponent was the most decorated and successful French 'ace' Capitaine Georges Marie Ludovic Jules Guynemer. On the day that Cecil lost his life a German pilot who was destined to become an 'ace' was wounded, but who will always be remembered in history not for his undoubted skill and bravery as a pilot during the Great War, but for starkly different reasons, he being Leutnant (Lieutenant) Hermann Wilhelm Göring of Jagdstaffel 5.

**BROWN, G.A.** No clear trace. Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**BROOKS, SYDNEY JAMES.** Private, G/18227.

1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 3 May 1917. Aged 24.

Born Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Son of Mrs. E. Brooks of Dover, Kent.

Husband of M. H. Brooks 15, Wood Street, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**BURR, STEPHEN EDMUND.** Gunner, 285238.

228th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 21 March 1918.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 10.

**CADMAN, ALBERT GEORGE.** Serjeant, L/6380.  
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 24 June 1917. Aged 32.  
Born Buckland, Dover, Kent. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Son of Charlotte Cadman of 8, Palmerston Cottages, Dover, Kent and the late Robert Thomas Cadman.  
Husband of Alice Bertha Cadman of 164, Clarendon Place, Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 15 to 19, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.  
Served in the South African Campaign (Second Boer War).

**CAREY, LEONARD ALBERT.** Seaman.  
Mercantile Marine. S.S. "John O. Scott" (Newcastle).  
Died 18 September 1918. Aged 17.  
Son of Henry James and Rosina Adelaide Carey (nee Sharp) of 40, York Street, Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**CARLIN, JOHN.** MM. Serjeant, L/10559.  
7th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 30 September 1918.  
Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 3.  
As the prefix to John's regimental number was indicative of him having been a regular member of the local infantry regiment, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), awarded the Military Medal (whilst a Corporal), and born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent, he is numbered amongst those **not** commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

**CARPENTER, ALFRED DAVID.** Private, G/15716.  
8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 18 June 1917. Aged 36.  
Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Husband of Ann Carpenter of 43, Clarendon Place, Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 45, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**CASEY, HAROLD THEODORE.** Private, G/11131.  
8th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 14 June 1917. Aged 19.  
Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Son of Thomas and Ann E. Casey of 3, Palmerstone Terrace, Maison Dieu Road, Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 12, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Resulting from the build up of corrosion and verdigris on the panels of the St. Mary the Virgin war memorial over the years, has made it virtually impossible to distinguish for certain the initials of 'another' CASEY commemorated. But it appears that Harold is in fact the 'other' CASEY casualty having been commemorated twice on the same war memorial, whilst not unique in Kent or elsewhere, it is nonetheless unusual.

**CATHCART, EDWARD WALTER.** Lance Corporal, 3/8482.

1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment.

Died 13 April 1915. Aged 22.

Born Camberley, Surrey. Enlisted Dover, Kent. Resided Brentwood, Essex.

Eldest son of Captain Daniel David and Emily Agnes Cathcart of 11, Coleridge Avenue, Manor Park, London.

Buried Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: I. E. 27

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Initially educated at the former Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea, London where his father was in post as a Military Clerk, the establishment changed its name to the Duke of York's Royal Military School in 1892, the same year as Edward's birth. He continued his studies when the school relocated to Guston, Dover, Kent where he also subsequently joined the teaching staff. SDGW shows Edward's surname as Catheart, but his MIC entry and all other data checked is the same as shown above via the CWGC.

For excellent comprehensive data appertaining to the above establishment check out the website <http://www.achart.ca/york/index.html>

**CHETTLE, ERNEST FREDERICK.** Lieutenant.

7th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Middlesex Regiment.

Died 5 April 1918. Aged 32.

Son of Frederick William and Ellen Chettle of 7, Balfour Road, Dover, Kent.

Buried Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: VII. B. 37.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Formerly Lance Corporal, 1911, Royal Buckinghamshire Hussars, Buckinghamshire Yeomanry.

**CHIDWICK, JOSEPH THOMAS.** Private, 32046.

2nd Battalion, South Lancashire Regiment.

Died 22 March 1918. Aged 31.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent

Son of Francis Thomas and Mary Ann Chidwick of 172, Union Road, Buckland, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 48, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**CLACKETT, CHARLES.** Private, T/203581.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)  
Died 7 April 1918. Aged 20.  
Born Colchester, Essex. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Son of Charles and Anne Clackett.  
Buried Longuenesse, (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: V. A. 3.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**COHSALL, JAMES.** Private, S/10450.  
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 11 August 1915. Aged 19.  
Born Rochester, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Dover, Kent.  
Son of Mr. T. and Mrs. P. Cohsall of 15, Bowling Green Hill, Dover, Kent.  
Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: III. D. 21A.

**COMPER, ERNEST.** Petty Officer 2nd Class, 184365.  
Royal Navy. (RFR/CH/B/3534). H.M. Trawler Princess Beatrice (287).  
Died 5 October 1914. Aged 33.  
Born Horsham, Sussex 24 November 1879.  
Son of Harry Comper of The Dover Institute, 6, Biggin Street, Dover, Kent.  
Husband of Alice Jenny Comper of 49, Hambro Road, Streatham, London.  
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 1, and on St. Mary's the civic memorial Dover, Kent.  
Ernest's date of death is like many deaths at sea, it being a presumed date. Two of H.M. Trawlers, they being H.M. Trawler Drumoak (342) and H.M. Trawler Princess Beatrice (287) were presumed to have been mined and lost in a British minefield off West Hinder around 5 October 1914. Twenty One men between the two boats (probably ten men per boat) plus one commissioned officer in command were lost.

**CORTEEN, WALTER.** Private, 29318.  
7th (Service) Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment.  
Died 31 March 1918. Aged 25.  
Born Peel, Isle of Man. Enlisted Wakefield, Yorkshire. Resided King's Lynn, Norfolk.  
Son of Mr. W. S. and Mrs. E. J. Corteen of Ivy Villa, Loke Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk.  
Buried Bouzincourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: III. A. 11.  
Formerly Private, SS/1258, 7th Training Battalion, Army Service Corps.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent, Walter is also commemorated on King's Lynn, Norfolk civic war memorial which is situated in Blackfriars Gardens adjacent to the town Public Library. There are 569 names of the fallen of the Great War inscribed on it, but only 19 from the Second World War, when viewing same we were struck how much like Dover it was, with the substantial numbers of the latter conflict not commemorated. Page 50 of the 'Norfolk Roll of Honour 1914-18' which was a book published by the Norfolk News Company in 1920, also

commemorates Walter by name. The same company was also the publisher of the 'Eastern Daily Press' newspaper which reported the local Norfolk war casualties throughout the Great War years. A total of 503 residents from the town of King's Lynn are commemorated in the book. Upon learning that we were in the process of transcribing the Dover war memorial, in June 2005 very kindly a military historian and researcher residing in Norfolk, who we have helped (or tried to) in the past with 'Kent' related military queries, sent us the above information about Walter in addition to which he informed us that Walter's father was a well known Mason/Diver. Born in 1863 at Maughold, Isle of Man, Walter senior upon leaving school became a Stone Masons Apprentice, following in his father's footsteps (who was also named Walter) and a native of Maughold. With the passage of time more and more work was undertaken around the country on seawall construction and repairs, during which time several moves were made by the family resultant of the above work. Prior to moving to King's Lynn the Corteen family had resided at Folkestone and Dover. Checking the 1901 census has shown that our informant was right about Dover as they resided in Ethelbert Road, Folkestone, unfortunately no data has been accessed regarding their Dover address.

**COURT, BERT JAMES.** Private, S/10338.  
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 11 March 1915.  
Son of Stephen and Mary Court.  
Born and resided Folkestone, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.  
Buried Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres, Nord, France.  
Grave Ref: IX. C. 66. Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**COUZENS, REGINALD HAROLD.** Private, 260286.  
1st/5th (Territorial Force) Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.  
Died 4 October 1917.  
Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 23, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. Formerly Private, 2889, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Please note the original regimental numbers of the two Couzens commemorated on the war memorial.

**COUZENS, SIDNEY.** Private, A/200261.  
11th (Service) Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.  
Died 17 August 1917. Aged 23.  
Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Son of Eliza Emma Couzens of 49, Adrian Street Dover, Kent.  
Buried Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: III. F. 12. Sidney is also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. Formerly Private, 2891, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

**CROFT, R.J.J.** As commemorated on the war memorial is **probably:-**

**CROFTS, RICHARD.** Serjeant, T4/107566.

50th Railhead Supply Detachment, Army Service Corps.

Died 7 October 1916. Aged 54.

Born Ely, Cambridgeshire. Enlisted London. Resided Temple Ewell, Dover, Kent.

Father of Mrs. E. M. Richards of 2, Brook Cottages, Lower Road, Temple Ewell, Dover, Kent.

Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greece. Grave Ref: 536.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

The cemetery where Richard is buried was originally known as the Anglo-French Military Cemetery) which was begun in November 1915 and Commonwealth, French, Serbian, Italian and Russian sections were formed. The Commonwealth section remained in use until October 1918.

**CROFT, J.W.** As commemorated on the war memorial is probably the following who is also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**CROFT, WILLIAM JOHN.** Serjeant, 7916.

“A” Company, 1st Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment.

Died 27 November 1914. Aged 29.

Born Dover, Kent.

Son of Charles and Emily Croft.

Husband of Emma Eloie Adamthwaite (formerly Croft) of 38, St. Vincent Street, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hampshire.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Buried Brompton Cemetery, London. Grave Ref: N. 172724. The cemetery where William is buried containing 375 Commonwealth war graves is situated next door to Chelsea Football Club at Stamford Bridge, with the two locations being divided by a railway line. At the time of the 1901 census the Croft family was residing at 7 Church Place, Dover, Kent, a native of Brightling, Sussex, 60 year old Coachman Charles Croft was the Head of the House.

**CURD, WILLIAM ALFRED.** Stoker 1st Class, K/35204.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. Pembroke.

Died 3 September 1917. Aged 25.

Born Dover, Kent 14 November 1891.

Son of Mrs. Emily Jane Curd of 1, Biggin Court, Biggin Street, Dover, Kent.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Buried Gillingham (Woodlands) Cemetery. Grave Ref: Naval. 28. 1503.

**DAVIDSON, CHRISTOPHER (Kit) EDMUND GRANT.** Captain.

Died 13 October 1915. Aged 29.

Born South West London 20 February 1886.

Second surviving son of Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Middlemass Davidson M.V.O. (His Majesty's Bodyguard) and late 4th Foot (The King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), and the Royal Munster Fusiliers, and Mrs Jessie Rose Oliphant Davidson (nee Williams) of 14, Victoria Park, Dover, Kent.

Buried Vermelles British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: I. E. 11.

Mentioned in the despatches of Sir John French. London Gazette entry dated 1 January 1916. Christopher is also commemorated on a private memorial plaque located in Canterbury Cathedral which was erected by his father, which records his death near Hulluch, France. As a former pupil of Charterhouse School, Godalming, Surrey, Christopher is commemorated by the Memorial Chapel that was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott and consecrated in 1927, which commemorates Carthusians who died in action; 700 in the Great War and 350 in the Second World War, and is also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial. Initially educated at Mr Chirol's Preparatory School, Castlemount, Dover, Kent, afterwards going Charterhouse School, followed by the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Gazetted a Second Lieutenant in The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) on 16 August 1905 and promoted to Lieutenant on 27 March 1909. On the first day of the Great War Christopher was promoted to Captain. Prior to the Great War he had served with his regiment with the 2nd Battalion in South Africa from 1901 to 1909, and afterwards in Hong Kong. Between 1911 and the start of the Great War Christopher was an officer on the permanent staff at The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), Regimental Depot, Canterbury, Kent. With the formation of the regiments 6th Battalion in August 1914, Christopher was given command of a double company on the battalion, and when the battalion sailed for France he was the commander of "C" Company. Whilst in France, Christopher was recommended to join the Headquarters Staff of the 2nd Army Corps, but it was not whilst holding down a "staff job" that he fell in battle on Wednesday 13 October 1915, during the fight for the Quarries at Hulluch by the 6th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Christopher had only gone about 50 yards over the trench parapet when he and the soldiers he was leading were enfiladed by German machine gun fire, and along with all the others he fell riddled with bullets. A brother officer of his wrote "The 6th Battn, has ceased to exist, and dear Kit has gone with them at the head of his men. The whole thing is too appalling, and one can as yet hardly realize events. A, C and D Companies were detailed to attack and take a certain position, and were caught on three sides by machine guns and rifle fire and were completely wiped out. The men went over the parapet magnificently without a falter, and some got to the German wire 300 yards away. Poor Kit was shot through the head after going about 50 yards. Our casualties are well over 500, and we have only six officers left. Major Furley, Major Soames, Capt. Brodie, Lieuts. Lambert, Marsh, Phillimore, Jelf and Bainbridge and poor Kit-all killed, and Birkett badly wounded. I cannot write properly how terribly upset we all are and how irreparable is the loss. In Kit I have lost my very dearest friend; there is nothing that I would not have done for him. He was the heart and soul of everything in the battalion, and we shall never get his like again as an officer and as a pal. Unfortunately I was unable to be with him and the company, as I badly sprained my ankle reconnoitering the 'position' the day before, and I could not walk without great pain. I feel I would have given anything to have been with them, but certainly would have been amongst the fallen. On hearing the news I hobbled up to the firing line to do what I could and help to reorganize the battalion. I recovered Kit's body.....He said his only disappointment had been over the Staff job, and it was the irony of fate that he should yesterday morning got a letter saying that it was to come off after all. There are only 20 of C Coy who followed Kit here to-day to answer the roll. The company I take over is only 50 strong. They followed him splendidly; they all loved him, and would have gone

anywhere or done anything for him. Every wounded man I saw first asked me how the Captain got on. We are bringing all the officers down to-night (Thursday 14th) and are burying them in Vermelles British Cemetery." Regretably it has not been possible to positively identify the officer who wrote the above letter, but suspect that it might have been Captain Charles Henry Cardozo, who also served in the 8th Battalion of the regiment and fortunately survived the Great War. Due to his prowess as a noted horseman, Christopher would not have been out of place had he enlisted in a cavalry regiment, he had hunted with the East Kent Foxhounds and the Mid Kent Staghounds, and was a member of the regimental Polo Team whilst stationed at Hong Kong. Christopher's brother is also commemorated at Dover, Kent, being numbered amongst the 20 casualties of the Second Boer War who are commemorated on a memorial plaque in St. Mary the Virgin parish church. Born in August 1874, Lieutenant Francis Coventry Dudfield Davidson, Royal Lancaster Regiment was wounded on the Tugela River, KwaZulu, Natal Province, South Africa and succumbed to his wounds on 23 February 1900. Aged 25. Both of the Davidson brothers had been Liverymen of the Saddlers Company, City of London. Another brother, Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Alan Davidson, DSO & Bar, served in and survived the Great War and retired from the army May 1920.

**DOWLE, WILLIAM ROBERT.** Private, M/338389.

881st Motor Transport Company, Royal Army Service Corps.

Died 14 November 1918. Aged 30.

Son of Mrs. Dowle of Dover Kent.

Husband of Ethel Maud Dowle of 57, Glenfield Road, Buckland, Dover, Kent.

Buried Chela Kula Military Cemetery, Niš, Nišava District, Serbia. Grave Ref: A. 6.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

William is amongst 25 members of the Royal Army Service Corps (formerly Army Service Corps) Motor Transport personnel who died of the world-wide influenza pandemic after the signing of the Armistice with Bulgaria. The cemetery at Niš contains 38 Commonwealth graves including 5 graves of nurses of the Scottish Women's Hospital. Formed on 2 December 1916 for service in Mesopotamia, the 881st Motor Transport Company, Royal Army Service Corps was in use as a Motor Transport Supply Column with the Serbian Army. Surplus to requirements following the cessation of hostilities the unit was disbanded on 16 May 1919.

**DRAPER, ARTHUR REGINALD OLLEY.** Lieutenant (Quartermaster).

18th (Service) Battalion, (1st Tyneside Pioneers) Northumberland Fusiliers.

Died 16 April 1918.

Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium.

Panel 2, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**DUNN, REGINALD VICTOR.** Private, 533281.  
1st/15th (County of London) Battalion.  
London Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own Civil Service Rifles).  
Died 4 May 1917. Aged 20.  
Enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis G. Dunn of 34, York Street Almshouse, Dover, Kent.  
Buried Kimmel Chateau Military Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: D. 45.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial, Dover, Kent.

**DUNN, WILLIAM JAMES.** Lance Corporal, L/6842.  
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 24 March 1915. Aged 32.  
Son of Captain and Mrs. Dunn of Dover, Kent.  
Born Charlton, Dover Kent. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Husband of Gertrude Dunn of 48, Dour Street, Dover, Kent.  
Buried Ration Farm Military Cemetery, La Chapelle-D'Armentieres, Nord, France.  
Grave Ref: VI. C. 11. Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**DYER, EDWARD GEORGE.** Serjeant, T/504.  
1st/4th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 25 September 1915.  
Born St. Mary's, Dover, Kent. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Heliopolis (Aden) Memorial, Egypt. Ref: T/504, also  
commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**EAST, HUBERT JAMES.** Captain.  
1st Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment,  
Died 10 May 1915.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. East of "East Lee," Dover, Kent.  
Husband of Mary Vera Hyde Upward (formerly East) of 111, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne,  
Sussex.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 36.  
Hubert is also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.  
As has been the case with several (possibly hundreds) of casualties researched over the  
years, it would appear that Hubert falls into the category of 'official' date of death not  
exactly matching other data. As an officer in his battalion Hubert disembarked at La  
Havre, France from the SS Lake Michigan on 15 January 1915, after which his battalion  
made several moves towards Belgium, and on 2 May 1915 took over trenches at  
Verlorenhoek, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium where it remained until being relieved during  
the night of 7 May 1915 and going to nearby Ypres, the following day moving into  
trenches at Frenzenberg from where an assault on the enemy was launched at 2000 hours.  
York and Lancaster Regiment history of the Great War period was written by Colonel H.  
C. Wylly who wrote of the above action fought by the 1st Battalion thus, "The enemy  
position was reached and some few men gallant men even entered it, but were  
immediately bayoneted." Only one officer in the battalion was not a casualty of some

category by the end of the day on 8 May 1915, including 'apparently' 5 killed, however only the Commanding Officer 45 year old Frederick E.B. Isherwood is shown as died on that date by the CWGC. In view of the possible error it seemed prudent to note same.

**EDWARDS, FREDERICK WILLIAM.** Artificer Engineer, 268996.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. Flirt.

Died 1 June 1916. Age 43.

Born Dover, Kent 9 December 1873.

Son of Frederick and Mary Edwards of Dover, Kent.

Husband of Lottie Victoria Edwards of The Royal Hotel, Sheerness, Isle of Sheppey, Kent.

Buried Sheerness, (Isle of Sheppey) Cemetery. Grave Ref: V. 221.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Joseph's ship, a 380 ton Torpedo Boat Destroyer built in 1897, sank on the day he died after being torpedoed by German Destroyers in the Straits of Dover.

**ERRY, THOMAS HERBERT.** Private, TF/202273.

1/7th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Middlesex Regiment.

Died 3 May 17.

Enlisted Hornsey, Middlesex. Resided Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7.

Former regimental number 6318, same rank and regiment. It is fairly certain that the spelling of Thomas's surname by the CWGC (ERREY) is erroneous as all other data checked shows it spelt as on the war memorial, it is also the same spelling on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**FAIRWEATHER, WILLIAM HENRY.** Stoker 1st Class, K/6889.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Aboukir."

Died 22 September 1914. Aged 24.

Born Dover, Kent 9 November 1890.

Son of William Henry and Catherine Julia Fairweather of Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 5, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. Unfortunately on the church war memorial he is shown with his initials reversed. At the time of the 1901 census the Fairweather family resided at 1 Flying Horse Lane, Dover, Kent. In addition to William junior his parents also had five other children at home, William senior a 46 year old native of Marylebone, London was an Engine Driver on the railways and Head of the house. Early in the Great War the Royal Navy maintained a patrol of old Cressy class armoured cruisers which was called 'Cruiser Force C' in an area of the North Sea known as the Broad Fourteens. On 16 July 1914 the German submarine U-9 became the first submarine in history to reload torpedoes whilst still submerged, and on 22 September 1914 the same submarine under the command of Commander Otto Weddigen who had commanded the U-9 since 1 August 1914, sighted H.M.S. Cressy, H.M.S. Aboukir and H.M.S. Hogue all steaming NNE at 10 knots without zigzagging, although the patrols were supposed to maintain a speed of 12 to 13 knots and zigzag, the old cruisers were unable to maintain that speed and the zigzagging order was widely ignored mainly due to the fact that there had been

no enemy submarines sighted in that area of the North Sea at that stage of the war. Otto Weddigen and his crew later the same day put into practice under wartime conditions what they had perfected in peace, and were able to reload beneath the waves.

Otto Weddigen maneuvered the U-9 to attack the three cruisers, and at approximately 0625 hours fired a single torpedo at H.M.S. Aboukir which struck her on her port side. Aboukir rapidly suffered heavy flooding and despite counter flooding developed a 20 degree list and lost engine power. It was soon clear that she was a lost cause and Captain Drummond ordered her to be abandoned, although only one boat had survived the attack so most crew had to jump into the sea. At first Captain Drummond thought that H.M.S. Aboukir had been mined and signaled the other two cruisers to close and assist with the rescue of his crew, but he soon realised that it was a torpedo attack and ordered the other cruisers away, but too late. As H.M.S. Aboukir rolled over and sank only half an hour after being attacked, Otto Weddigen fired two torpedoes at H.M.S. Hogue that hit her amidships and rapidly flooded her engine room. Captain Nicholson of H.M.S. Hogue had stopped his ship to lower boats to rescue the crew of H.M.S. Aboukir, thinking that as he was the other side of Aboukir from the enemy submarine he would be safe. Unfortunately the U-9 had managed to maneuver around H.M.S. Aboukir and attacked H.M.S. Hogue from a range of about only 300 yards, and it only took H.M.S. Hogue ten minutes to sink as the U-9 headed for H.M.S. Cressy which was commanded by Captain Johnson. H.M.S. Cressy had also stopped to lower boats but quickly got underway on sighting a submarine's periscope. At about 0720 hours Otto Weddigen fired two torpedoes, one of which just missed but the other hit H.M.S. Cressy on her starboard side. The damage to H.M.S. Cressy was not fatal but the U-9 then turned round and fired her last torpedo as a coup de grace which hit Cressy sinking her within a quarter of an hour. Survivors of the disaster were picked up by several nearby merchant ships including the Dutch Flora and Titan and the British trawlers JGC and Corainder before the Harwich force of light cruisers and destroyers arrived. Flora returned to Holland with 286 rescued crew who were quickly returned to Britain, even though the neutral Dutch should have interned them. In all 837 men were rescued but 1459 died, many of whom were reservists or cadets. On 18 March 1915 the German submarine U-29 was rammed and sunk by H.M.S. Dreadnought in the Pentland Firth, all 32 submariners onboard perished including Otto Weddigen who had been in command since 16 February 1915.

**FENNELL, JOHN THOMAS.** 737, Chief Petty Officer (Pensioner).

Royal Navy. (RFR/CH/A/907). H.M.S. "Aboukir."

Died 22 September 1914. Aged 46.

Born Dover, Kent 17 October 1867.

Son of John Benjamin and Charlotte Fennell of Dover; Kent.

Husband of Eleanor Mary Fennell of 6, Dunnett Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 1, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

John had an impressive record of naval service comprised of 23 years in the Royal Navy followed by 10 years in the Royal Fleet Reserve.

On the 1881 census his family as under were residing at Cross Street, Farnborough, Hampshire, at which time his father was employed as a Grocers Warehouseman.

John B. FENNELL. Aged 35. Born Ramsgate, Kent. Grocers Warehouseman.

Charlotte FENNELL. Aged 31. Born Wickham, Kent.  
John T. FENNELL. Aged 13. Born Dover, Kent. Scholar.  
Henry M. FENNELL. Aged 9. Born Dover, Kent. Scholar.  
William FENNELL. Aged 7. Born Dover, Kent. Scholar.  
Charles FENNELL. Aged 3. Born Dover, Kent. Scholar.  
Edwin G. FENNELL. Aged 3 months. Born Farnborough, Hampshire.

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**FORTH, WILLIAM STAVELEY.** Private, 87575.

18th (Service) Battalion, (1st Public Works Pioneers) Middlesex Regiment.

Died 6 July 1918. Aged 38.

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

Son of Elizabeth Forth of 5, Church Road, Temple Ewell, Dover, Kent and the late George Frederick Samuel Forth.

Buried Hagle Dump Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: I. H. 4.

Also commemorated on Temple Ewell, Dover, Kent civic war memorial, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**FRIEND, JOSEPH BERTIE.** Second Lieutenant.

17th (Service) Battalion, (1st City) The King's (Liverpool Regiment), attached to the 13th (Service) Battalion.

Died 21 August 1918. Aged 29.

Son of Joseph Bertie and Mary Isabel Friend of 7, Priory Gate Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Vis-En-Artois memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 3 and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Joseph had formerly served as a Serjeant, 1028 & 240013 in the Royal East Kent Yeomanry, before being commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, and then transferred to The King's (Liverpool Regiment).

**FRAMPTON, WILLIAM JOHN GOULBOURN S.** Captain.

2nd Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment.

Died 24 April 1918. Aged 32.

Son of Colonel W. P. Frampton (late 59th Foot), and Mrs. Bayer Frampton of Newton Hall, Clitheroe, Yorkshire.

Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 42 and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. William was in effect serving in his fathers' old regiment, as the 59th Foot became the East Lancashire Regiment in July 1881.

**GANDY, FRANK REGINALD GEORGE.** Private, 7137.

1st/19th (County of London) Battalion, (St. Pancras) London Regiment.

Died 2 October 1916.

Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 9 D.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Formerly Private 2888, 4th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

**GIBBS, P.** No clear trace, but is also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**HANDFORD, DOUGLAS FREDERICK.** Battery Sergeant Major, 1601.  
7th Battery, 3rd A.F.A. Brigade, Australian Field Artillery.

Died 6 August 1915. Aged 30.

Born Dover, Kent. Enlisted Drillham, Queensland, Australia.

Son of Mrs. Ellen Amelia Handford and the late Frederick John Handford.

Brother of Mrs Nellie Medhurst 52, Richmond Road, Gillingham, Kent.

Buried Shell Green Cemetery, Turkey. Grave Ref: I. I. 2.

Also commemorated on Panel 12 of the Australian National War Memorial, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Douglas was educated in Dover, Kent and on leaving had enlisted as Boy Soldier in the Royal Garrison Artillery, and his service as a boy had included time spent in post at Dover Castle. On completion of his boys' service, Douglas was posted to the Royal Horse Artillery with which he served for 12 years including time spent in the Second Boer War 1899-1902. The former Portuguese island of St. Helena to this day still evokes sad stories amongst many South Africans about the thousands who spent their exile there during the Second Boer War, in 1900 the Boer General Piet Cronje and his wife were amongst those sent there, and amongst the garrison staff guarding the Boer prisoners was Douglas Handford. On his discharge from the army "with splendid character," Douglas went straight to Australia and was gainfully employed as an officer at Drillham, Queensland, Railway Station, but the lure back to the military was probably proving too much for him. He was about to leave his railway employment to take up a military instructors post at Brisbane, when war was declared, instead of taking up the above post he enlisted as a Gunner in the Australian Field Artillery. No doubt due to his past experiences and former years of service he was very quickly promoted to a Battery Sergeant Major in the 3rd Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

**HARBIRD, H.R.** It would seem likely that this man was commemorated on the war memorial with the wrong initials. The CWGC record a sole casualty for either of the world wars with the surname, which also matches SDGW. The MIC entries show only 9 soldiers with the surname, and checking the Royal Navy data revealed only one sailor.

**HARBIRD, WILLIAM HENRY.** Private, GS/ 75431.

4th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 13 May 1918. Aged 19.

Enlisted Hammersmith. Resided Hanwell, Middlesex.

Son of William Henry and Annie C. Harbird of Hanwell, Middlesex.

Buried Sandpits British Cemetery, Fouquereuil, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: I. J. 2.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Formerly Private, TR/10/54400, 102nd Training Regiment, Battalion, and Private, 37805, East Surrey Regiment.

**HARDEMAN, ERNEST.R.T.** Serjeant (Pilot), 4411.

48 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

Died 16 February 1918.

Born Dover, Kent.

Buried Ham British Cemetery, Muille-Villette, Somme, France. Grave Ref: I. B. 30.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

At 1345 hours on 16 February 1918 the Bristol F.2b aircraft of Ernest and his Observer 22 year old Lieutenant George Wheeler Croft from Lincolnshire, was shot down by the 26 year old German 'ace' Hauptmann, Wilhelm "Willi" Reinhard who at the time was the Commanding Officer of Jasta 6. Ernest and George were shot down above Fayet near St. Quentin on the Somme and became the eight of Wilhelm Reinhard's twenty victories. Before becoming aircrew, Ernest had been a Royal Flying Corps, Air Mechanic 2nd Class which is as shown on his MIC entry. A native of Düsseldorf, Germany Wilhelm Reinhard lost his life on 3 July 1918 at Adlersdorf, near Berlin when he took up a Zeppelin-Lindau D.I, for a test flight, he was killed when a strut broke and the top wing of the aircraft collapsed. Twentieth century history, notably the Second World War and events leading up to it would probably have been different had the strut broke only minutes earlier, when a different 'ace' pilot had been testing the aircraft, he being Oberleutnant Hermann Wilhelm Göring.

**HANDLEY, WALTER ERNEST.** Private, G/5276.

"B" Company, 8th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 18 August 1916. Aged 38.

Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Husband of Harriett Jane Handley of 9, Chapel Lane, Bench Street, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 D, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

At the time of the 1881 census the Handley family was residing at 26 Limekiln Street, St. Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent:-

George HANDLEY. Aged 30. Born Dover, Kent. Railway Porter

Mary HANDLEY. Aged 31. Born Dover, Kent.

Agnes HANDLEY. Aged 14. Born Dover, Kent.

George HANDLEY. Aged 5. Born Dover, Kent.

Walter HANDLEY. Age 3. Born Dover, Kent.

Albert HANDLEY. Aged 1. Born Dover, Kent.

**HART, HORACE CECIL.** Private, 2365.

1st/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 17 January 1916.

Born Holy Trinity, Dover, Kent. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Buried Amara War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: I. B. 17.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover Kent.

**HEATH, RICHARD HENRY.** Trimmer, 104/ST.

H.M.S. "Pembroke," Royal Naval Reserve.

Died 25 June 1917. Aged 46.

Born Deal, Kent 23 December 1870.

Husband of F. Heath of 8, Church Court Dieu, Stone Lane, Dover, Kent.

Buried Sutton Road Cemetery, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. Grave Ref: E. 3448.

Formerly served in the Royal Navy, Official Number: 154276.

At the time of the 1881 census the Heath family was residing at 14a Adrian Street, St.

Mary Virgin, Dover, Kent:-

Charles HEATH. Aged 41. Born Plymouth, Devon. Mariner Packet Service.

Esther B. HEATH. Aged 42. Born Camburn, Cornwall.

James E. HEATH. Aged 17. Born Plymouth, Devon. Fisherman.

Richard H. HEATH. Aged 9. Born Deal, Kent.

Laura HEATH. Aged 7. Born Ramsgate, Kent.

Esther HEATH. Aged 5. Born Ramsgate, Kent.

Herbert HEATH. Aged 6 months. Born Dover, Kent.

**HEDGECOCK, EDWARD JOHN.** Gunner, 358046.

62nd Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 10 September 1917. Age 23.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.

Only son of Edward John and Elizabeth Catherine Hedgecock of 13, South Road, Dover, Kent. Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Buried Bleuets Farm Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: I. H. 58.

It perhaps should be pointed out that there is an 'odd' entry as under on the 1901 census:-

Henry MARCHAM. Aged 36. Born Dover, Kent. Milk Carrier.

Ellen MARCHAM. Aged 35. Born Dover, Kent.

The following, all Dover natives are shown as being the children of the above couple:-

Edward HEDGECOCK. Aged 13.

Richard HEDGECOCK. Aged 11.

Florence HEDGECOCK. Aged 9.

Percy Mar HEDGECOCK. Aged 4.

Ernest HEDGECOCK. Aged 1.

**HERON, ALBERT ERNEST.** Trooper, 1265.

Royal Horse Guards.

Died 12 April 1917. Aged 29.

Born Woolwich, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.

Son of Joseph Heron of 4, Dour Cottages, Wood Street, Dover, Kent.

Husband of E. Woolmington (formerly Heron) of 45, Church Street, Enfield, Middlesex, late of 9, Evelyn Villas, Devonshire Road, Merton, Surrey.

Buried Tilloy British Cemetery, Tilloy-Les-Mofflaines, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: II. F. 21.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**HOLLAND, HAROLD EDWARD.** Company Quartermaster Serjeant, L/8719.  
8th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.  
Died 1 September 1918. Aged 39.  
Born St. Martins, Jersey, Channel Islands. Enlisted Jersey, Channel Islands.  
Son of the late H. E. Holland.  
Husband of May L. G. Holland of 29, Eaton Road, Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 6, and  
on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**HOWARD, WILLIAM ALFRED.** Corporal, L/10256.  
"C" Company, 1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).  
Died 27 November 1914. Aged 20.  
Born Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Dover, Kent.  
Son of Charles James and Eliza Charlotte Jane Howard of 2, Beach Street Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 11,  
and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**IRVING, CHRISTOPHER RICHARD.** Gunner, 65416.  
85th Siege Battery. Royal Garrison Artillery.  
Died 24 July 1916. Aged 25.  
Born Lockerby, Dumfrieshire, Scotland. Enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Son of George and Agnes Irving of 128, Clarendon Place, Dover, Kent.  
Buried Bronfay Farm Military Cemetery, Bray-Sur-Somme, France. Grave Ref: II. A. 32.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**JEFFREYS, FREDERICK WALTER.** Corporal, L/9845.  
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 25 August 1915. Aged 20.  
Born St Mary's, Dover, Kent. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jeffreys of 14, Caroline Place, Dover Kent.  
Buried La Brique Military Cemetery No.1, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: C. 8.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. At the time of the 1901  
census the Jeffreys family was residing at same address as above.

**KING, THOMAS EDWARD.** Petty Officer, 233788.  
Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Gaillardia."  
Died 22 March 1918. Aged 29.  
Born Dover, Kent 10 May 1888.  
Son of Herbert and Evelyn King of Dover, Kent.  
Husband of Emily Minnie King of 5, Woolcomber Lane, Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 28, and on the civic war  
memorial Dover, Kent.  
Thomas's ship was a 1,250 tons Aubrietia Flower Class convoy sloop which was built by  
Blyth Ship Builders to replicate (as much as possible) a merchant ship, and was in use as  
a minelayer and 'Q-ship.' On 22 March 1918 in the North Sea, off the Orkney Islands she

was carrying out buoying operations in the newly laid Northern Barrage between Scotland and Norway which was aimed at interrupting the passage of German submarines into the North Atlantic. It is thought that she was blown up and sunk by one of the barrage mines, but an element of doubt regarding her loss remains however, as it was suggested that in fact she was torpedoed.

**KING, WALTER.** Lance Corporal, 202632.  
2nd/4th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 19 April 1917.  
Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Buried Gaza War Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: XII. D. 8.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.  
Formerly Private, 2911, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

**KINGSFORD, AUBREY CARLTON.** Corporal, G/5335.  
7th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 3 May 1917.  
Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**KINGSFORD, EDWARD JOHN.** Sapper, 12486.  
10th Railway Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 26 June 1916. Aged 35.  
Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Son of William and Alice Kingsford, of Dover, Kent.  
Buried Brandhoek Military Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: II. E. 14.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.  
Formerly Private, 6381, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Edward had previously served in the South Africa Campaign (Second Boer War).

**LAING, CHARLES WILLIAM.** Second Lieutenant.  
2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 24 April 1915. Aged 36.  
Husband of Emily J. Laing of 6, St. Mark's Court, Abercorn Place, St. John's Wood, London.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 12, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**LAURIE, ALFRED WILLIAM.** Second Lieutenant.  
42nd Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.  
Died 22 November 1916. Aged 26.  
Son of Frederick and Bessie Laurie of Dover, Kent.  
Husband of Florence Rhoda Laurie of 24, St. Thomas's Square, Newport, Isle of Wight,  
formerly of Shoeburyness, Essex.  
Buried Bazentin-Le-Petit Military Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: E. 15.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.  
Formerly Corporal, 25313, Royal Garrison Artillery.

**LEWIS, JOHN NORTON.** Private, L/7776.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)  
Died 13 October 1915. Aged 31.  
Born and resided Dover, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.  
Son of William and Mary Ann Lewis of Dover, Kent.  
Husband of Daisy Gertrude Manser (formerly Lewis) of 40, St. James Street, Dover,  
Kent.  
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 15 to 19, and on the  
civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**MARSH, GEORGE ARTHUR.** Private, 9263.  
2nd/8th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Worcestershire Regiment.  
Died 25 April 1918.  
Born Folkestone, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent. Resided Barnsbury, London.  
Husband of Agnes Marsh (nee Knight) of 16, Lyon Street, Caledonian Road, London.  
Buried St. Venant-Robecq Road British Cemetery, Robecq, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: III. E. 17.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**MARSHALL, HENRY GEORGE EDWARD.** Leading Stoker, K/15877.  
Royal Navy H.M.S. "Rhododendron."  
Died 5 May 1918. Aged 25.  
Born Dover, Kent 24 March 1894  
Husband of Emily E. Marshall of 7, Market Street, Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 29, also commemorated on the  
civic war memorial Dover, Kent. His ship an "Anchusa" class sloop was one of eight of  
her class of convoy protection ships built to look like merchant ships and were used as Q-  
ships in the Great War. She was torpedoed by a German submarine in the North Sea on  
the day that Henry died. One of the eight ships still survives, originally named H.M.S.  
Saxifrage, and later renamed HMS President she is moored on the Thames in London.

**MARTELL, BRICE SELWYN.** Serjeant, 138918.  
308th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.  
Died 31 October 1917. Aged 21.  
Enlisted Brighton, Sussex. Resided Hastings, Sussex.  
Son of H. J. and C. Martell of 32, Ashburnham Road, Hastings, Sussex.  
Buried Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: III. H. 22.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.  
Formerly 665, (Sussex Territorial) Royal Garrison Artillery.

**MARTIN, GEORGE CHATWIN.** Driver, 115218.  
461st Battery, 118th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.  
Died 3 June 1916.  
Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Buried Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: I. D. 21.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**MARTIN, GEORGE STYLES,** Lieutenant.  
5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Manchester Regiment, attached to the 18th (Service) Battalion (3rd City).  
Died 23 April 1917. Aged 26.  
Son of George Munson Martin and A. M. Martin of 33, Bartholomew Street, Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7 and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**MASSIE, EDWARD GEORGE.** Lance Corporal, 8977.  
1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment.  
Died 27 March 1916.  
Born Shorncliffe, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Buried Millencourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Grave Ref: C. 45.

**MATTHEWS, H.C.**

**MICKLE, FREDERICK WILLIAM.** Private, 70569.  
141st Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).  
Died 14 July 1917. Aged 26.  
Born and resided Dover, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mickle of 8, Church Road, Maxton, Dover, Kent.  
Buried Woods Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: III. E. 23.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.  
Formerly Private, 4320, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

**MIDDLETON, G. J.** No clear trace. Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**MILLINGTON, P.H.W.** As commemorated on the Dover civic war memorial and on St. Mary the Virgin parish church war memorial is probably:-

**MILLINGTON, PERCY WILLIAM HERBERT.** Private, 69346.

1st Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 7 September 1918. Aged 33.

Born Graveney, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.

Son of Herbert James and Elizabeth Millington of 6, Church Place, Dover, Kent.

Buried Valenciennes (St. Roch) Communal Cemetery, Nord, France.

Grave Ref: V. G. 7.

Formerly Private, 5945, East Surry Regiment.

**MILLS, JOHN ALLAN.** Sapper, 2611.

1st/3rd Kent Field Company. Royal Engineers.

Died 7 September 1916.

Enlisted Gillingham, Kent. Resided Dover, Kent.

Buried Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: IV. D. 13.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

At the time of the 1901 census, a 14 year old Temple Ewell native John Mills who was possibly the above casualty resided with his parents George and Mary Mills and his younger sister Jane, at Woodville Hall, Temple Ewell, Dover where it would seem likely that his father was employed as a Coachman.

**MEDHURST, FRANK.** Rifleman, S/16033.

12th (Service) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 20 September 1917. Aged 30.

Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Son of Mr. W. Medhurst of 21, Ladywell Place, Dover, Kent.

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

Panel 145 to 147 and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**MOAT, ALBERT. E.** Corporal, 52896.

31st Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 9 July 1919. Aged 26.

Born Sholden, Deal, Kent c1894.

Son of the late William and Julia Moat of Sholden, Deal, Kent.

Buried St. Peter Churchyard River, Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: New Ground, at west end.

At the time of the 1901 census the Moat family resided at Paddock Cottage, High Road, Sholden, Deal, Kent. Also commemorated on River, Dover, Kent civic war memorial which is located in the churchyard of St Peter & St Paul, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**MORRIS, ERNEST WILLIAM.** Corporal, S/9053.  
3rd (Reserve) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 27 June 1916.

Born Lewisham, Kent. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent. Resided Sydenham, Kent.  
Husband of F. Morris of 59, Porthcawe Road, Lower Sydenham, London.  
Buried St. James's Cemetery, Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: M. H. 13.

When taking into account Ernest's rank, regimental number and battalion it would probably be correct to assume that he was on the Permanent Staff, possibly as an instructor at the Citadel, Western Heights, Dover, and also that he died whilst a patient at the Military Hospital. In view of the details above as extracted from SDGW re places of birth, enlistment and residence, it therefore came as something of a surprise to see that Ernest is commemorated on St. Mary the Virgin parish church war memorial Dover, Kent, which possibly is indicative of his place of residence having been Dover, Kent as opposed to Sydenham, Kent where his widow resided following his demise. He is also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**MORTON, HAROLD WILLIAM.** Rifleman, S/11081.  
9th (Service) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 5 January 1916. Aged 31.

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

Son of the late George Maddison Morton and Mary Ann Morton.

Husband of Mrs. H. R. Bradley (formerly Morton) of 1990, Haultain Street, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

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

Panel 46 and 48 and 50, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**NASH, ARTHUR JAMES,** Lance Corporal, G/24262.

8th Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 1 August 1917. Aged 20.

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

Son of William and Mary Jane Nash of 24, Ladywell Place, Dover, Kent.

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

Panel 11-13 and 14, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Formerly Private, 3020, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

**NEWMAN, REGINALD HENRY.** Rifleman, 374112.

8th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Post Office Rifles).

Died 25 April 1917. Aged 29.

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

Son of William Ingram Newman and Sophia Catherine Newman of 1, Queen Street, Dover, Kent.

Buried Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: II. D. 75.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. At the time of the 1901 census William and Sophia resided with their seven children including Reginald (the

youngest) at 1 Queen Street, Dover, Kent. William aged 52 was Head of the house and a self employed Fishmonger.

**OBREE, JOHN.** Mate (Hired).

H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth. H.M. Dredger "St. Dunstan."

Died 23 September 1917.

Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 28.

John's ship was an old bucket dredger built by Lobnitz and Co, Renfrew, Scotland in 1894. She was in use as a mine sweeper and was being accompanied by two escort trawlers the Fort Albert and Horatio whilst en route to Pembroke from Portsmouth, when she hit a mine and sank on 23 September 1917 with the loss of two lives, about one and one half miles south west of Pollock Rock off Abbotsbury, Lyme Bay, Dorset. The mine which sank the ship had been laid by the German minelaying submarine UC-21 commanded by Werner von Zerboni di Sposetti, who died the following week along with the other 26 members of his crew on 30 September 1917. Having departed from Zeebrugge for minelaying operations in the English Channel, the actual reason for the loss of the UC-21 is unknown. H.M.S St. Dunstan was amongst 95 vessels sunk by the submarine between 15 September 1916 and when she was lost.

**OSBORNE, A E.** No clear trace. It would seem likely that the most feasible explanation for not being able to trace this casualty is that he died of war relate injury/s post 1921, it being the cut-off year for Great War commemorations by the then Imperial War Graves Commission, and prior to the gathering of names for inclusion on both the Dover, Kent civic war memorial and St. Mary the Virgin parish church war memorial, as he or she is commemorated on both.

**PALMER, THOMAS WILLIAM.** Rifleman, S/7967.

8th (Service) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 15 September 1916. Aged 20.

Born and resided Dover, Kent. Enlisted London.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Palmer of 26, Lansdown Road, Canterbury, Kent.

Buried Guards Cemetery, Lesboeuifs, Somme, France. Grave Ref: VI. R. 4.

Thomas is also commemorated on Canterbury City, Kent civic war memorial, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. At the time of the 1901 census the Palmer family was residing at 3 Caroline Road, Dover, Kent. William a 33 year old native of Sevenoaks, Kent was employed as a Railway Porter and was the Head of the house.

**PARKER, ALFRED GEORGE.** Private, 2975.

45th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F.

Killed in action Albert, Somme, France 5 April 1918. Aged 25.

Born Poplar, East London. Enlisted Dubbo, New South Wales, Australia.

Normally resided at Annandale, Sydney, New South Wales,

Son of Alfred James Parker, Dolphin Inn, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Somme, France, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

After leaving Dover, Kent National School, Alfred was employed as a Ships Steward before emigrated to Australia aged 18 where he worked as a Labourer. He enlisted in the 45th (New South Wales) Battalion, Australian Infantry, Australia Imperial Force on 14 June 1916, and after training sailed for Europe onboard the 10,624 ton SS Port Nicholson from Sydney on 8 November 1916. SS Port Nicholson which was used as an Australian troop transporter was formerly the SS Makarini owned by G.D.Tyser & Co, (London); she was mined and sunk approximately 15 nautical miles off Dunkirk on 15 January 1917. The Australian 4th Division of which Alfred's battalion was a part was initially stationed on the Suez Canal, Egypt. In June 1916 it moved to France, taking over part of the sector near Armentieres, Nord. Its stay there was brief and soon it was accompanying the First and Second Divisions to the Somme sector. In August 1916 it relieved the Second Division on the Pozieres Heights and repulsed a major German counterattack. It then drove north to the outskirts of Mouquet Farm. A second tour of the Somme at Mouquet Farm followed in September and a third at Flers in October. On 11 April 1917 the Fourth Division assaulted the Hindenburg Line in the First Battle of Bullecourt, but the battle was a disaster and 1170 Australian prisoners were taken by the Germans. In June it participated in the Battle of Messines, and in September it participated in the Battle of Polygon Wood. In March 1918 the Fourth Division was rushed to the Somme region to stem the German Offensive. There it repulsed the advancing Germans in hard fought battles at Hebuterne and Dernancourt. In April its 13th Infantry Brigade was involved in the counterattack at Villers-Bretonneux. The Fourth Division went on to fight in the Battle of Hamel, Battle of Epehy (with distinction), Battle of Amiens and the Hindenburg Line, finally reaching the town of Bellenglise.

**PARKER, GEORGE WILLIAM GARDINER.** Private, G/9297.

6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 3 July 1916.

Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 D, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**PARSONS, RAYMOND STRICKER.** R.N. Lieutenant Commander.

Royal Navy. Hood Battalion, Royal Naval Division.

Died 4 June 1916. Aged 35.

Born Dover, Kent 6 December 1880.

Son of Doctor Charles Parsons of 13, Park Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Brother of Mr H.B Parsons of Manor House, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 1, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Raymond came from a Dover family of brothers that paid a high price whilst serving in the armed forces during both the Great War and the Second Boer War. Lieutenant Francis Newton Parsons VC, of the 1st Battalion, Essex Regiment was killed in action on 11 March 1900 during the Battle of Driefontein, South Africa less than a month after going to the aid of one of his men a Private Ferguson under fire, for which he was subsequently awarded the Victoria Cross. (For more comprehensive details see VC section on this website). Dr Constanacy Charles Parsons MRCS, LRCP died in South Africa on 3

December 1900 whilst attached to the 21st Army Field Hospital. Both brothers are commemorated on the Dover Boer War Memorial in St. Mary the Virgin, Cannon Street, Dover. Lieutenant Commander Guy Fowell Parsons RN of H.M.S. Nigella died 6 March 1919. Another brother Lieutenant Commander Godfrey Crail Parsons RN also served and fortunately survived the Great War. At the time of the 1881 census the Parsons family resided at 2 St. James Street, Dover, Kent.

**PARSONS, STANLEY JAMES.** Serjeant, 8213.

9th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.

Died 24 December 1916. Aged 19.

Born Dover, Kent. Enlisted London. Resided Sevenoaks, Kent.

Son of William and Harriett Parsons of 10, Bartholomew Street, Dover, Kent.

Buried Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: II. A. 4. Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**PEARCE, GEORGE THOMAS.** Lance Serjeant, S/172.

3rd (Reserve) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 4 October 1918. Aged 46.

Husband of Ellen J. Pearce of 9, Union Row, Military Hill, Dover, Kent.

Buried St. Mary's New Cemetery, Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: E. J. 17.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**PHIPPS, EDWIN WILFRED.** Private, G/21458.

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

Died 25 September 1917. Aged 19.

Born Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent. Resided Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Phipps of 3, Eastholm Mansions, Highbury Road, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

Buried Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: VI. G. 65.

Also commemorated on Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex civic war memorial, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**POTTER, ERNEST EDWARD.** Serjeant, 9170.

8th (Service) Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders.

Died 8 April 1917.

Born Hougham, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Aldershot, Hampshire.

Buried Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: II. P. 11.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**POTTER, MAURICE WILLIAM.** Stoker 1st Class, K387S2.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. Pembroke.

Died 8 March 1919. Aged 28.

Born Dover, Kent 19 May 1891.

Son of John Henry and Fanny Potter of 4, Marine Place, Dover, Kent.

Buried St. James's Cemetery, Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: N. V. 5.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**POWELL, ROBERT GEORGE.** Bombardier, 93463.

195th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 19 August 1918.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.

Buried Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: O. 59.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

SDGW records Robert's death as occurring on 19 August 1916. In view of his place of burial the later date is **probably** correct as the 195th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery were part of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force 1917-1918 attached to 'Chaytor's Force' commanded by Major General Sir Edward Chaytor. Although the cemetery where Robert is buried was not commenced until after the capture of Jerusalem in December 1917, initially with 270 burials, but casualties were re-interred later in the cemetery from the battlefields and smaller cemeteries in the neighbourhood.

**PRIEST, ALFRED.** Rifleman, 9452.

1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 14 May 1915. Aged 29.

Born London. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Son of the late Alfred Priest and of Ellen Priest.

Husband of Susanah Ethel Priest of 7, The Grove, Dover, Kent.

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

Panel 46-48 and 50, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**RAYSBROOK, E.A.** Is probably the following Dover casualty:-

**RAYBROOK, ERNEST.** Stoker 1st Class, 305485.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Russell."

Died 28 April 1918. Aged 33.

Born Dover, Kent 22 August 1884.

Buried Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery. Grave Ref: Protestant 316.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

The grave location within the cemetery is somewhat apt as at his enlistment Ernest stated his religious denomination as C of E, and gave his civilian occupation as a Builders Labourer. H.M.S. Russell a 14,000 Duncan class battleship was mined off the coast of Malta the day before Ernest died, it would appear that he succumbed to his injuries the day after the explosion and was amongst in excess of 100 of the ships company who died.

**REEVES, EDWARD.** Gunner, 156975.

174th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 17 September 1918. Aged 33.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Reeves of Dover, Kent.

Husband of Mrs. H. E. S. Reeves of 2, Victoria Dwellings, Dover, Kent.

Edward is also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Buried Heath Cemetery, Harbonnières, Somme, France. Grave Ref: IX. C. 7.

**ROBERTS, A H.** As commemorated on both the Dover, Kent civic war memorial and St, Mary the Virgin parish church war memorial Dover, Kent, was:-

**ROBERTS, ARTHUR BERTRAM HOWARD.** MM. Private, L/8935.

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 2 December 1917. Aged 24.

Born Athlone, County Roscommon, Ireland. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Son of Arthur John Howard Roberts, and the late Edith Roberts.

Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Nord, France. Panel 3 and St. Mary the Virgin parish church war memorial Dover, Kent.

Arthur was one of three brothers who served during the Great War; their father was Q.M.S., A.J.H. Roberts, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). As on both the Dover war memorials, Arthur is also erroneously recorded on The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) Great War deaths Nominal Roll, and on the record of the regiments' recipients of the Military Medal devoid of his last initial.

**ROGERS, GEORGE.** Private, S/418.

2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 24 May 1915.

Born Paris, France. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent Resided Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 12 or 14, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**ROUSE, ALBERT CHARLES.** DCM. Lieutenant.

Worcestershire Regiment, attached to the 32nd Signal Company Royal Engineers.

Died 20 March 1916. Aged 26.

Son of Charles and Caroline Rouse of Maidstone, Kent.

Husband of Annie Rouse of 30, York Street, Dover, Kent.

Buried Millencourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.

Grave Ref: Ref: A. 62.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Formerly Serjeant, 23419, Royal Engineers Signal Company.

**SABEY, FRANK.** Private, 3940.

1st/14th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (London Scottish).

Died 25 September 1915.

Enlisted London. Resided Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 132, and the civic war memorial, Dover, Kent.

**SAIT, ALBERT GORDON REED.** Lance Corporal, 9218.

2nd Battalion, The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Died 28 August 1918. Aged 27.

Born Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Dover, Kent.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sait of Clarendon Place, Dover, Kent.

Buried Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: V. B. 8.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial, Dover, Kent.

**SALES, THOMAS WILLIAM.** Corporal, L/6109.

6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 27 June 1915.

Born Boxley, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Dover, Kent.

Buried Rifle House Cemetery, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium.

Grave Ref: III. D. 3.

**SAMWAYS, ALBERT HENRY.** Stoker 1st Class, K/15010.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Invincible."

Died 31 May 1916. Aged 26.

Born Wareham, Dorset 18 March 1890.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Samways of Wareham, Dorset.

Husband of Alice Stockney (formerly Samways) of 67, Bulwark Street, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 19. Also commemorated on

Wareham, Dorset civic war memorial. Face 4, and on the civic war memorial Dover,

Kent. Albert lost his life along with 1,015 others aboard the 20,135 ton battlecruiser

H.M.S. Invincible, her Captain Arthur Lindsay Cay RN was amongst those lost and is

also commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial. Various commentators and

authors have made similar observations and comments regarding the loss of Albert's ship

describing the salvos fired by the German Kaiserliche Marine battlecruiser's SMS

Derfflinger and SMS Lützow as being 'lucky shots.' Before she exploded H.M.S.

Invincible had inflicted serious damaged on the 30,700 ton SMS Lützow to such an

extent that she was scuttled, but not before firing a salvo at her attacker in unison with

SMS Derfflinger. Albert's ship received a direct hit from SMS Lützow to "Q" gun-turret

which blew part of it, including the roof over the side of the ship; another struck her

below the water-line which exploded in her magazine which broke the ship in two. Only

6 are recorded as having survived the loss of H.M.S. Invincible on 31 May 1916.

**SAUNDERS, GEORGE.** Private, 562.

2nd Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Died 19 December 1914.

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

Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium.

Panel 2 or 3, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**SAUNDERS, JOHN BAKER.** Private, 3/4657.

1st Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment.

Born 8 May 1915.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 36

or 55, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Probably John is the 12 year old boy shown as John B Saunders on the 1901 census, at which time he was residing with his 46 year old widowed mother Fanny Saunders at St.

Georges Cottage, 27 Caroline Place, Dover, Kent. In addition to John, his mother had two other children and was a Dressmaker.

**SAYER, JAMES BENJAMIN.** Private, 228809.

42nd Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Quebec Regiment).

Died 9 October 1918. Aged 28.

Born London 5 November 1890. Enlisted Montréal, Quebec, Canada 18 July 1916.

Resided at 563 University Street, Montréal, Quebec.

Son of Mrs. Emma Sayer of 6 Dour Street, Dover, Kent.

Buried Queant Communal Cemetery British Extension, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: D. 19. James is also commemorated on the civic war memorial, Dover, Kent, and on page 497 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance. Before immigrating to Canada, where he was employed as a Chauffer, James had served for a 3 year term in the 4th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), probably in "H" Company which was based at Dover. In Canada James continued his part-time military commitments and served in a Militia unit of the 5th Regiment, Royal Highlanders of Canada.

**SCOTT, A.** No clear trace. Probably the casualty commemorated on St. Mary's, Kent parish church war memorial, who is also commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial, had a death which was Great War related occurring between 1921 and before the final compilation of the names of the dead for inclusion on the war memorial. It would of course explain the reason for being unable to ascertain any commemoration details via the CWGC website.

**SCOTT, D.** No clear trace. Please see above which also applies to this casualty.

**SEDGWICK, EDWARD.** Corporal, 358040.

47th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 23 April 1919.

Buried Charlton Cemetery Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: I. H. 24.

Also commemorated on St. Mary the Virgin parish church war memorial Dover, Kent.

**SEDGWICK, EDWARD.** Corporal, 358040.

47th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 23 April 1919.

Buried Charlton Cemetery Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: I. H. 24.

Probably Walter Sedgwick who shares the grave was a brother; both are also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**SEDGWICK, F.** The only 'Dover' match for this casualty is a **FREDERICK SEDGWICK**, Petty Officer Stoker, 289224 who is commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent, but it might be due to human error years ago why another man who is not commemorated was revealed during the research period for another F Sedgwick. Probably he is in fact the other "F" who was simply commemorated with the wrong initial, he being:-

**SEDGWICK, WALTER.** Petty Officer Stoker, 294390.  
Royal Navy. H.M.S. Pembroke.  
Died 13 December 1918. Aged 38.  
Born Dover, Kent 24 April 1880.  
Son of Walter and Ethel Sedgwick of 21, Albany Place, Dover, Kent.  
Buried Charlton Cemetery, Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: I. H. 24.  
Please see comments above at last commemoration.

**SHARMAN, HARRY.** Serjeant, 12856.  
39th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.  
Died 21 July 1916. Aged 38.  
Born and resided Colchester, Essex. Enlisted Warley, Essex.  
Husband of Emma Annie Sharman of 57, Oswald Road, Buckland, Dover, Kent.  
Buried Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'Abbe, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: II. C. 13.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. In view of SDGW details re place of and residence, probably Harry's is the Sharman family that are shown on the 1881 census residing at The Heath, Weeley, Essex which is equidistant of Colchester and Clacton on Sea, Essex:-

John SHARMAN. Aged 40. Born Essex. Agricultural Labourer.  
Eliza SHARMAN. Aged 29. Born Weeley, Essex.  
Emily SHARMAN. Aged 9. Born Little Clacton, Essex.  
Jane SHARMAN. Aged 9. Born Little Clacton, Essex.  
Annie SHARMAN. Aged 5. Born Weeley, Essex.  
Harry SHARMAN. Aged 3. Born Weeley, Essex.  
Minnie SHARMAN. Aged 1. Born Weeley, Essex.

**SHARP, EDWARD SYDNEY HENRY.** Rifleman, 5965.  
12th (Service) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.  
Died 27 June 1917. Aged 19.  
Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Son of Alice Annie Sharp of 5, Sidney Terrace, Malvern Road, Dover, Kent.  
Buried Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: 2. E. 30.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**SHARP, MICHAEL.** Lance Corporal, 67595.  
113th Company, Labour Corps.  
Died 10 December 1917.  
Born Hitchins Hill, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Buried Ribecourt Road Cemetery, Trescault, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: I. C. 6.  
Formerly Private, 11354. 3rd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

**SIDDERS, HARRY FREDERICK.** Driver, 58194.

56th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 28 July 1919. Aged 34.

Son of Henry and Hannah Mary C. Sidders of 10, Edgar Road, Buckland, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Kirkee, India 1914-1918 Memorial. Face 2, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. Brother of the next casualty commemorated.

**SIDDERS, JOHN JAMES.** MM. Private, 45496.

37th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Died 4 October 1916. Aged 23.

Born Hougham, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Margate, Kent.

Son of Henry and Hannah Mary E. Sidders of 10, Edgar Road, Dover, Kent.

Buried Dartmoor Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt, Somme, France. Grave Ref: II. B. 3.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**SIMMONS H.** No clear trace, the casualty is however also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**SMITH, AUGUSTUS JAMES.** Serjeant, 270918.

1st Battalion, Hertfordshire Regiment.

Died 23 August 1918. Aged 29.

Born Abington, Berkshire. Enlisted Reading, Berkshire. Resided Dover, Kent.

Son of William and Roseta Smith of Aldermaston, Reading, Berkshire.

Husband of Louisa M. O. Smith of 5, Youdens Court, Market Street, Dover, Kent.

Buried Bucquoy Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: B. 18.

Formerly 8518, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Augustus is probably the casualty commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent simply as A. SMITH.

**SMITH, C** It has not been possible so far to obtain a good 'Dover' match for this casualty, but it seemed prudent to add that the following family that was found whilst accessing the 1901 census, as the Charles entered on it **might** be the casualty commemorated on both the civic war memorial and St. Mary's parish church war memorial Dover, Kent.

William STAMMERS. Aged 48. Born Wilbey, Suffolk. Boot/Shoe Maker

Jemima STAMMERS. Aged 32. Born South Africa. (British Subject).

The following three are shown as being the sons of the above; as such it would seem likely that their mother had probably re-married.

John SMITH. Aged 18. Born Dover, Kent.

William SMITH. Aged 15. Born Dover, Kent.

Charles SMITH. Aged 13. Born Dover, Kent.

**SOLE, EDWARD WILLIAM.** Serjeant, 8742.

1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment.

Died 20 October 1914. Aged 24.

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

Son of Edward W. Sole.

Husband of Harriet S. Culley (formerly Sole) of 16, George Street, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 8, and on the civic memorial Dover, Kent. On the church memorial Edward is shown with his initials reversed. A brother of William Henry David Sole who also fell and is commemorated below. At the time of the 1901 census the Sole family was residing at 29 Chapel Place, Dover, Kent, Edward a native of Halling, Kent was a Painter and Glazier, and Head of the house.

**SOLE, F. H.** As commemorated on the war memorial is **probably** the following man:-

**SOLE, HENRY FREDERICK.** Private, 9846.

3rd (Reserve) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.

Died 20 May 1916.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.

Buried St. James's Cemetery, Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: M. H. 27.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**SOLE, WILLIAM HENRY DAVID.** Private, G/13610.

6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 3 May 1917. Aged 20.

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

Son of Edward William and Sarah Ann Sole of 57, Longfield Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2, also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. William was a brother of Edward William sole who also fell and is commemorated above. At the time of the 1901 census the Sole family was residing at 29 Chapel Place, Dover, Kent, Edward a native of Halling, Kent was a Painter and Glazier, and Head of the house.

**STANBRIDGE, ROBERT MARK.** Private, 49074.

2nd Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment.

Died 26 March 1918. Aged 25.

Born Dover, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.

Son of John William and Ada Mary Stanbridge of 10, De Burgh Street, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 54 to 56 and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Formerly Private, 158604, Royal Army Service Corps.

**STANLEY, LESLIE GEORGE.** Lance Corporal, L/9808.  
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 23 October 1914. Aged 20.  
Born Christchurch, Dover Kent. Enlisted and resided Canterbury, Kent.  
Son of David and Elizabeth Stanley of 3, Saxon Street, Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium.  
Panel 2, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**STILWEL, MONTAGUE JAMES.** Lieutenant.  
4th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 30 June 1918. Aged 22.  
Son of J. E. and Annie Stilwell of Duncan, British Columbia, Canada.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.  
Buried Bouzincourt Ridge Cemetery, Albert, Somme, France. Grave Ref: II. I. 9.  
Depending on data checked; this officer has his surname spelt in a variety of ways.

**STITSON, FRANK.** Private, G/13724.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)  
Died 27 March 1918. Aged 36.  
Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Husband of Elizabeth Ann Stitson of 21, Sidney Street, Folkestone, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 16, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**STOKES, CHARLES.** Private, 9535.  
"B" Company, 2nd Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment.  
Died 3 February 1915. Aged 23.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stokes of 16, North Street, Dover, Kent.  
Born Maxton, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Panel 21 or 31, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**STOKES, HORACE.** Private, 35063.  
2nd/7th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Royal Warwickshire Regiment.  
Died 17 April 1918. Aged 23.  
Son of Henry and Annie Stokes of 16, North Street, Dover, Kent.  
Born Hougham, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Buried St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France.  
Grave Ref: P. IX. P. 4A.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.  
Formerly Private, 012701, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

**TERRY, HARRY.** Sailmaker, 158515.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. "Cressy."

Died 22 September 1914. Aged 38.

Born Charlton, Dover, Kent 11 November 1875.

Son of Henry and Isabel Terry of Dover, Kent.

Husband of Blanche Terry of 40, Marine Parade, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 3, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. At the time of the 1881 census the Terry family was residing at 12 Biggen Court, St. Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent:-

Henry J. TERRY. Aged 29. Born Dover, Kent. Coachman.

Isabel L. TERRY. Aged 29. Born Kensington.

William H. TERRY. Aged 7. Born Dover, Kent.

Harry TERRY. Aged 5. Born Dover, Kent.

Alice L. TERRY. Aged 3. Born Dover, Kent.

George A. TERRY. Aged 11 months. Born Dover, Kent.

Early in the Great War the Royal Navy maintained a patrol of old Cressy class armoured cruisers which was called 'Cruiser Force C' in an area of the North Sea known as the Broad Fourteens. On 16 July 1914 the German submarine U-9 became the first submarine in history to reload torpedoes whilst still submerged, and on 22 September 1914 the same submarine under the command of Commander Otto Weddigen who had commanded the U-9 since 1 August 1914, sighted H.M.S.Cressy, H.M.S.Aboukir and H.M.S.Hogue all steaming NNE at 10 knots without zigzagging, although the patrols were supposed to maintain a speed of 12 to 13 knots and zigzag, the old cruisers were unable to maintain that speed and the zigzagging order was widely ignored mainly due to the fact that there had been no enemy submarines sighted in that area of the North Sea at that stage of the war. Otto Weddigen and his crew later the same day put into practice under wartime conditions what they had perfected in peace, and were able to reload beneath the waves.

Otto Weddigen maneuvered the U-9 to attack the three cruisers, and at approximately 0625 hours fired a single torpedo at H.M.S.Aboukir which stuck her on her port side. Aboukir rapidly suffered heavy flooding and despite counter flooding developed a 20 degree list and lost engine power. It was soon clear that she was a lost cause and Captain Drummond ordered her to be abandoned, although only one boat had survived the attack so most crew had to jump into the sea. At first Captain Drummond thought that H.M.S.Aboukir had been mined and signaled the other two cruisers to close and assist with the rescue of his crew, but he soon realised that it was a torpedo attack and ordered the other cruisers away, but too late. As H.M.S.Aboukir rolled over and sank only half an hour after being attacked, Otto Weddigen fired two torpedoes at H.M.S. Hogue that hit her amidships and rapidly flooded her engine room. Captain Nicholson of H.M.S. Hogue had stopped his ship to lower boats to rescue the crew of H.M.S.Aboukir, thinking that as he was the other side of Aboukir from the enemy submarine he would be safe. Unfortunately the U-9 had managed to maneuver around H.M.S.Aboukir and attacked H.M.S.Hogue from a range of about only 300 yards, and it only took H.M.S.Hogue ten minutes to sink as the U-9 headed for H.M.S.Cressy which was commanded by Captain Johnson. H.M.S.Cressy had also stopped to lower boats but quickly got underway on sighting a submarine's periscope. At about 0720 hours Otto Weddigen fired two torpedoes, one of which just missed but the other hit H.M.S.Cressy on her starboard side.

The damage to H.M.S. Cressy was not fatal but the U-9 then turned round and fired her last torpedo as a coup de grace which hit Cressy sinking her within a quarter of an hour. Survivors of the disaster were picked up by several nearby merchant ships including the Dutch Flora and Titan and the British trawlers JGC and Corainder before the Harwich force of light cruisers and destroyers arrived. Flora returned to Holland with 286 rescued crew who were quickly returned to Britain, even though the neutral Dutch should have interned them. In all 837 men were rescued but 1459 died, many of whom were reservists or cadets. On 18 March 1915 the German submarine U-29 was rammed and sunk by H.M.S. Dreadnought in the Pentland Firth, all 32 submariners onboard perished including Otto Weddigen who had been in command since 16 February 1915.

**TESTER, ARTHUR EDWARD.** Gunner, 71587.

109th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 24 July 1916. Aged 28.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.

Husband of Mary Meretta Tester of 39, Clarendon Place, Dover, Kent.

Buried Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz, Somme, France. Grave Ref: III. H. 6.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Formerly Gunner, 167, 3rd Dover (Kent Territorial) Company, Royal Garrison Artillery.

At the time of the 1901 census Arthur and his family was residing at 27 Priory Road, Dover, Kent, his 48 year old father a native of Pembury, Kent, who was a self-employed Chimney Sweep was the Head of the house.

**TESTER, HARRY.** Rifleman, 48802.

Rifle Brigade posted to the London Regiment (Post Office Rifles).

Died between 8 August 1918 and 10 August 1918. Aged 18.

Son of Harry and Annie M. Tester of 8, Norman Street, Dover, Kent.

Born Margate, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Residence Dover, Kent.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Buried Beacon Cemetery, Sailly-Laurette, Somme, France. Grave Ref; III. G. 25.

**THOMPSON, FREDERICK CHARLES.** Boy 1st Class, J/29148.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Clan McNaughton."

Died 3 February 1915. Aged 16.

Born Dover, Kent 17 October 1898.

Son of George Edward and Louisa Thompson of 30, Dickson Road, Tower Hamlets, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 10, and the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Frederick was one of about fifty boys straight out of the Royal Navy boys training shore base at H.M.S. Ganges, Shotley, Suffolk, who were part of the crew of 261 onboard H.M.S. Clan McNaughton when she was lost with all hands in storms after foundering off the north coast of Ireland on the day that he died. H.M.S. Clan McNaughton had been in radio contact at about 0600 hours on the morning of her loss at which time the Radio Officer had reported terrible prevailing weather conditions. Nothing more was ever heard again of Frederick's ship although some floating wreckage was found a fortnight later in

her last known approximate position, despite which none of it could actually be identified as having come from her. It was later presumed that she had been mined, but due to the approximate area of her sinking later post war investigations thought that unlikely although possible.

**THORNER, R.E.** As commemorated on St. Mary the Virgin parish church war memorial Dover, Kent is probably the following casualty:-

**THORNER, ERNEST REGINALD.** Serjeant, L/9143.

1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 25 September 1915.

Born Chiddingfold, Surrey. Enlisted Guildford, Surrey. Resided Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 13 to 15, and on the Dover civic war memorial.

**TUCKER, HORACE BENJAMIN.** Petty Officer, 182413.

Royal Navy H.M.S. "Swiftsure."

Died 6 June 1915. Aged 35.

Born Dover, Kent 28 September 1879.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 9 and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

At the time of the 1881 census the Tucker family was residing at 11 Widred Road, Charlton, Dover, Kent:-

Horace J. TUCKER. Aged 32. Born Dover, Kent. Post Office Clerk.

Sarah A. TUCKER. Aged 33. Born Canterbury, Kent.

Sarah J. TUCKER. Aged 8. Born Dover, Kent.

Laura K. TUCKER. Aged 5. Born Dover, Kent.

Horace B. TUCKER. Aged 11 months. Born Dover, Kent.

Completed in June 1904, Horace's 13,432 ton Swiftsure class battleship was something of an oddity as she had not originally been built to Admiralty specifications. Originally designed by Sir Edward Reed and built by Sir William Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., at Elswick and Walker, on the Tyne, for the Chilean Navy, but owing to financial problems the ship was put up for sale before being completed. H.M.S. Swiftsure and her sister ship H.M.S. Triumph were purchased by the British government in December 1903 mainly to prevent their possible sale to Russia. With a crew of 729 the design of the ships emphasized speed and a heavy secondary armament at the expense of protection and main armament. During the Great War H.M.S. Swiftsure served early on as a Flagship in the East Indies Squadron, in November 1914 escorted Indian Convoy, and in December 1914 was detached to the Suez Egypt operational area. In February 1915 she joined the Dardanelles Squadron, and on 2 March 1915 took part in the bombardments of the forts. Between the 5 and 9 March 1915 she was engaged during the attacks on the forts at Smyrna. From 18 March 1915 onwards H.M.S. Swiftsure supported landings at Helles. On 18 September 1915 she was unsuccessfully attacked by German submarine thought to be the U-21 which was commanded by Otto Hersing. Another bombardment was carried out by the late Horace Tucker's ship on 18 January 1916 when she shelled the Bulgarian held Greek port of Dedeagatch. In February 1916 she was attached to the 9th Cruiser Squadron in the Atlantic, but the next year on 11 April 1917 H.M.S. Swiftsure was paid

off at Chatham to release her crew. From the middle of 1917 until February 1918 she was used as an accommodation ship, and in the Autumn of 1918 she was prepared for use as a block ship but not put into use as same prior to the Armistice. In 1920 H.M.S. Swiftsure was sold for scrap, probably complete with the Captains marble bath which was installed as part of her original Chilean Navy specification.

**TUGWELL, CHARLES.** Gunner, 160057.

1st/2nd Lancashire Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 6 April 1918. Age 38.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.

Eldest son of Charles Tugwell and the late Mrs. Tugwell, of Dover, Kent.

Husband of Elizabeth S. Tugwell of "The Fountain Inn," London Road, Dover, Kent.

Buried Abbeville Communal Cemetery, Extension, Somme, France. Grave Ref: III. F. 30.

Charles is also commemorated on the civic war memorial, Dover, Kent

At the time of the 1881 census Charles was residing at his Grandfathers house, Poarch House, Hurst Road, Horsham, Sussex:-

James NIGHTINGALE. Aged 60. Born Petersfield, Hampshire.

Master Brickmaker and Farmer.

Martha NIGHTINGALE. Aged 57. Born Petersfield, Hampshire.

Emily NIGHTINGALE. Aged 20. Born Petersfield, Hampshire. Dressmaker.

Daniel NIGHTINGALE. Aged 17. Born Petersfield, Hampshire.

Carpenter (Apprentice).

Peter NIGHTINGALE. Aged 12. Born Petersfield, Hampshire.

Harriett TUGWELL. Aged 25. Born Dover, Kent. Daughter. Foreman Wife.

Harriett TUGWELL. Aged 2. Born Dover, Kent. Granddaughter.

Charles TUGWELL. Aged 11 months. Born Dover, Kent. Grandson.

**VIGOR, CHARLES JOHN.** Private, 17289.

7th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (British Columbia Regiment).

Died 13 January 1921. Aged 30.

Born Burwash, Sussex 4 July 1892. Enlisted Valcartier, Quebec, Canada 23 September 1914, at which time Charles was a Clerk and his parents resided at 11 Caroline Place, Dover, Kent.

Son of Frederick and Annie Vigor of 46, Snargate Street, Dover, Kent.

Buried St. Mary's New Churchyard, Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: H. C. 15.

Also commemorated on the civic war memorial, Dover, Kent and on Burwash, Sussex civic war memorial, also on page 560 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance. Although quite a small village, Burwash, Sussex has 63 of its natives and residents who died in the Great War commemorated on its civic war memorial. Amongst their number is Lieutenant John Kipling, 2nd Battalion Irish Guards who died on 20 September 1915 aged 18, the only son of Rudyard and Carrie Kipling, of Batemans, Burwash, Sussex. John is buried at St. Mary's A.D.S. Cemetery, Haisnes, Pas de Calais, France. His father Rudyard Kipling, the famous author did much to promote the remembrance of the fallen after the Great War.

**WELLS, ARTHUR JOHN.** Private, 35960.  
37th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)  
Died 26 August 1918.  
Born St. Mary's, Dover Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Buried Gommecourt Wood New Cemetery, Foncquevillers, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: I. A. 9.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial, Dover, Kent  
Formerly Private, 9405, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
At the time of the 1901 census for Dover and district, Arthur's 30 year old widowed mother is shown as the head of the house residing at 75a Biggin Street, Dover, Kent.

**WHILES, THOMAS PERCY.** Private, G/29544.  
10th (Service) Battalion, (Kent County) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 25 October 1918.  
Born Dover, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.  
Buried Harelbeke New British Cemetery, Harelbeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: II. C. 12.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. At the time of the 1901 census Thomas is probably the 1 year old residing at 34 Adrian Street, Dover, Kent, with his parents Thomas and Louisa Whiles and his 3 year old sister also named Louisa.

**WICKHAM, CHARLES EDWARD.** Private, 68089.  
7th (Extra Reserve) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.  
Died 30 December 1917. Aged 29.  
Born Dover, Kent. Enlisted and resided Paddington.  
Son of George Henry and Emily Jane Wickham.  
Husband of Grace Wickham of 17, North Road Brightlingsea, Essex.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 8 C 9 A and 16A, also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.  
Formerly Private, 6858, 2/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment.

**WICKHAM, FRANK.** Private, 260279.  
1st/6th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Royal Warwickshire Regiment.  
Died 13 October 1917. Aged 40.  
Born Hougham, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Husband of Annie Wickham of 5, Durham Hill, Dover, Kent.  
Buried St. Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, Seine-Maritime, France.  
Grave Ref: Division 62. J. 4.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.  
Formerly Private, 2746, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Albeit with the surname shown as WICKAM, at the time of the 1881 census the family was residing at Bowling Green Hill, Hougham, Dover, Kent where Frank was probably actually born. His brother William shown below is commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent  
George WICKAM. Aged 40. Born Dover, Kent. Police Constable.

Eliza WICKAM. Aged 41. Born Dover, Kent.  
George Harry WICKAM. Aged 13. Born Dover, Kent. Shop Errand Boy.  
Edith WICKAM. Aged 7. Born Dover, Kent.  
Ellen WICKAM. Aged 7. Born Dover, Kent.  
William WICKAM. Aged 5. Born Dover, Kent.  
Frank WICKAM. Aged 2. Born Dover, Kent.

**WILEY.** W. No clear trace, but is also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**WILLIAMS, WILLIAM HENRY.** Stoker 1st Class, SS/103409.

Royal Navy. (RFR/PO/B/4468). H.M.S. "Good Hope."

Died Sunday 1 November 1914.

Born Dover, Kent 19 November 1890

Husband of Minnie Jane Gold (formerly Williams) of 23, Moselle Street, High Road, Tottenham, London.

Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 5, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. During the 'Battle of Coronel' (1 November 1914), a small British cruiser squadron commanded by 52 year old Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock, KCVO, CB was defeated by the German East Asiatic Squadron under the command of Vizeadmiral (Vice Admiral) Graf von Spee, and which resulted in the loss of two armoured cruisers including the 14,000 ton Drake class armoured cruiser H.M.S. Good Hope which was lost with all hands following a massive explosion, she was also Rear Admiral Cradock's flagship. H.M.S. Monmouth was the other vessel lost, after which wisely the order was given for the rapid withdrawal of the surviving vessels, the light cruiser H.M.S. Glasgow and the armed merchant cruiser Otranto.

**WILLIAMS, WALTER STEPHEN SOCKWELL.** Able Seaman, J/15758.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Defence."

Died 31 May 1916. Aged 20.

Born Dover, Kent 29 August 1895

Son of Walter and Alice Williams of 3, Heverham Road, Plumstead, London.

Commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 12, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. Walter is probably the 5 year old shown on the 1901 census as residing with his parents Walter and Fanny Williams at 4, Five Post Lane, Dover, Kent, despite the variation in his mothers Christian name to that on his CWGC commemoration, his 30 year old Labourer father who was Head of the house was a native of Dover, Kent. Walter's 14,800 ton Minotaur Class armoured cruiser was commissioned on 9 February 1909 and first assigned to the Home Fleet and then to the China Station in 1912. In 1913 she became the flagship of First Cruiser Squadron in the Mediterranean. After duty at the Dardanelles, she was sent to the South Atlantic in September 1914 to join the squadron of Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock KCVO, CB. However she was later ordered to join Rear Admiral Archibald. P Stoddart's squadron on the east coast of South America (before she managed to join with Cradock), a decision of which Cradock was unaware. Recalled to home waters, she became the flagship of Rear Admiral Sir Robert. K Arbuthnot's First Cruiser Squadron. At the Battle of Jutland in

1916 she led her squadron ahead of the battle fleet when she became engaged with the light scouting forces of the German High Seas Fleet. She damaged and brought to a stop SMS Wiesbaden but as she closed to finish off the crippled cruiser, she then came within the range of the German battle fleet. Smothered in fire from the battle cruiser SMS Derfflinger and four battleships, her forward magazine exploded, flashing along the passageways and setting off the other magazines, H.M.S. Defence sank with the loss of her entire complement of 903 officers and ratings.

**WILLS, WILLIAM ARTHUR.** Private, 629582.

47th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Western Ontario Regiment).

Died 7 May 1917. Aged 23.

Born Twickenham, Middlesex 1 December 1893. Enlisted New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada 27 October 1915, at which time William stated that he was a Farmer.

Son of the late William Arthur and Emily Marion Wills (now Seeley), of Aberdeen House, Beaconsfield Avenue, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Vimy Memorial, Vimy Ridge, Pas de Calais, France, also commemorated on page 350 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance.

**WILLSON, ALBERT JOHN.** Private, CH/926(S).

1st Royal Marine Battalion, Royal Naval Division, Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Died 3 August 1916. Aged 22.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Willson of 1, The Esplanade, Dover, Kent.

Buried Barlin Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: I. C. 11. Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**WILSHIRE, CHARLES ERIC.** Private, G/9020.

8th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 6 September 1916. Aged 20.

Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Son of William Evans Wilshire and Sarah Jane Wilshire of 6, Barton Path, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 D, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

**WISE, JOSEPH.** DSM. Leading Signalman, 222824.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Flirt."

Died 26 October 1916. Aged 29.

Born Forest Gate, London 2 June 1887.

Son of James Loftus Wise and Agnes Eleanor Wise of London.

Husband of Edith Green (formerly Wise) of Corporation House, Tower Hamlets Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 14, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent.

Joseph's ship, a 380 ton Torpedo Boat Destroyer built in 1897, sank on the day he died after being torpedoed by German Destroyers in the Straits of Dover.

**WOOD, WILLIAM.** Captain.

8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 31 May 1916. Aged 36.

Son of James and Anne Elizabeth Wood of Dover, Kent.

Buried Dranoutre Military Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: II. A. 8.

Also commemorated on Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

**WYATT, G.A.**

**YORKER, WILLIAM.** Deck Hand. 2798SD.

H.M.P.M.S. "Duchess of Hamilton." Royal Naval Reserve.

Died 29 November 1915. Aged 56.

Son of the late William Yorker of Beach Street, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 10.

