

# EAST SUTTON

Maidstone



The Great War  
1914 -1919

## ELY P

**Private G/3772 Percy ELEY. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Queen`s (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Formerly Private 4506 Queen`s Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).** Died 15<sup>th</sup> July 1916. Born East Sutton. Enlisted Maidstone. Commemorated on the Thiepval memorial, Somme, France.

## ELY R

**Private G/16706 Roger ELY. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen`s Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).** Died 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1917. Born East Sutton. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Maidstone. Commemorated on the Arras memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel reference -Bay 7.

Recorded by The CWGC as ELEY.

## FILMER R.M (Sir R.M Filmer – Baronet)

**Captain Sir Robert Marcus FILMER, MC. (10<sup>th</sup> Baronet). 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Grenadier Guards.** Died 27<sup>th</sup> January 1916 aged 37 years. Son of Sir Edmund Filmer (9<sup>th</sup> Baronet) and The Rt Hon Lady Filmer of East Sutton Park, East Sutton, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Merville Communal Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave reference - VII.A.4.

## GILBERT L

**Private G/5440 Leonard GILBERT. 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 7<sup>th</sup> February 1916 aged 25 years. Born Wantage, Berkshire. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Wantage. Son of John and Mary Gilbert of 54 Mill Street, Wantage, Berkshire. Buried Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium. Grave reference - I.F.1.

## GOLDSMITH B

**Sergeant T/2178 Benjamin (Ben) Horace GOLDSMITH. Kent Composite Battalion. Formerly 2/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died Gallipoli, Turkey 20<sup>th</sup> September 1915. Age 28. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Ulcombe, Maidstone. Brother of Mr G W Goldsmith of 3 Edinburgh Villas, Barming Heath, Maidstone. Buried Lala Baba Cemetery, Turkey. Grave II.B.2.

Soldiers Died Great War lists Ben as 5<sup>th</sup> Buffs. The 5<sup>th</sup> battalion never went to Gallipoli as a unit. It seems more likely that Ben was serving with the Kent Composite Battalion at the time of his death. He probably served in the 2/5<sup>th</sup> Buffs before this. The Kent Composite Battalion was a very unusual unit formed from various second line territorial force Buffs and Royal West Kent companies. The Kent Composite Battalion was later re-formed into the 2/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen`s Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) and served in the Egypt and Palestine theatres.

## HEATH C.F

**Private G/4919 Charles Frank HEATH. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 17<sup>th</sup> May 1916 aged 24 years. Born Horsmonden, Kent. Enlisted Faversham. Resided Shoreham, Sussex. Son of Richard Thomas and Emily Heath of Darentside Lodge, Shoreham, Kent. Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference - VI.D.40.

## KILLICK W

**Private G/15455 William KILLICK. 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment (R.S.R).** Died 17<sup>th</sup> October 1916. Born Hartfield, Sussex. Enlisted Maidstone. Buried Mill Road Cemetery, Thiepval, Somme, France. Grave reference - XIX.D.7.

## KING D.A

**Private G/23092 Douglas Alfred KING. 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment (R.S.R).** Died 4<sup>th</sup> September 1918 aged 18 years. Born East Sutton. Enlisted Maidstone. Son of Mrs L King of Friday Street, East Sutton, Maidstone, Kent. Buried La Clytte Military Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference - VI.C.5.

There is a **10257 D E KING**, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) buried within a few yards of the East Sutton civic war memorial. He is probably related to Douglas (Above).

**Unbelievably this man's name was not placed on the nearby war memorial!! –**

**Private 10257 Ernest A King. 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, (Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment). Transferred as Private (459393) to 437<sup>th</sup> Agricultural Company, Labour Corps.** Died 18<sup>th</sup> December 1918 aged 33 years. Husband of Rose Ellen King of Parsonage Farm, East Sutton, Maidstone, Kent. Buried East Sutton (SS Peter and Paul) Churchyard Extension.

## MACKELDEN G.S

**Private TF/996 George S MACKELDEN. 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 17<sup>th</sup> July 1916 aged 21 years. Born Yalding, Maidstone. Enlisted Sutton Valence. Resided East Sutton. Son of Mr E.I Mackelden of Workhouse Lane, East Sutton, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Amara War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave reference - IX.E.2.

Recorded by the CWGC as MACHELDEN.

MURRELL A.J

**Lance Corporal L/9743 Alfred James MURRELL. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 1<sup>st</sup> November 1915 aged 27 years. Born East Sutton. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Ramsgate. Son of William James and Caroline Murrell of 33 Dane Park Road, Ramsgate, Kent. Buried St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France. Grave reference - A.14.13.

RUCK E.W

**Corporal G/24733 Ernest Walter RUCK. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).** Died 21<sup>st</sup> November 1917 aged 40 years. Enlisted Sutton Valence. Resided Aylesford, Maidstone. Husband of Mabel Alice Ruck of 1 Hosier Lane, Newhythe, Larkfield, Maidstone, Kent. Served in the South African Campaign. Buried Tincourt New British Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave reference - II.E.20.

SMISSON W.I

**Leading Signaller 228472 William John SMISSEN. Royal Navy. HMS Calypso.** Died 17<sup>th</sup> November 1917 aged 29 years. Son of Edward and E Smissen of East Sutton, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham naval Memorial. Panel reference - 22.

STRANGWAYS-ROGERS A

**Second Lieutenant Arthur Edward FILMER-STRANGWAYS-ROGERS. 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Grenadier Guards. Formerly Private (G/28229) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).** Died 4<sup>th</sup> November 1918. Buried Villers-Pol Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grave reference - G.2.

Arthur was probably related to the 10<sup>th</sup> Baronet Filmer (above).

TOWN C.F

**Private 69143 Charles Frederick TOWN. 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. Formerly (SE/4165) Army Veterinary Corps (A.V.C).** Died 27<sup>th</sup> April 1918. Born East Sutton. Enlisted Woolwich, London. Resided Tonbridge. Buried Maily Wood Cemetery, Maily-Maillet, Somme, France. Grave reference - II.H.7.

TOWN F

**Private G/3945 Frederick TOWN. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment (R.S.R).** Died 29<sup>th</sup> September 1915. Born East Sutton. Enlisted Marylebone, London. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.