

ELHAM

Elham has some casualties commemorated in the Church (St Mary) that are not found on the civic war memorial located at the northern end of the High Street, and vice versa, unfortunately several men appear to have been commemorated by different Christian names, sadly as with other memorials, several men have been omitted from both memorials.

AMES E.T (brother)

Private G/18403 Ernest Thomas AMES. 11th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Formerly 2642 Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (REKMR). Died 7th June 1917 aged 22 years. Born Lyminge. Enlisted and resided Elham. Son of Mrs Edith Ames, of "Vale View," Elham, Canterbury, Kent. Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, Belgium. Brother of Herbert (below).

AMES S.T (brother)

Private 39093 Herbert Stewart AMES. 6th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal East Kent Regiment). Died 23rd October 1918 aged 19 years. Born Elham. Enlisted Canterbury. Buried Valenciennes (St Roth) Communal Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave reference III.B.8.

BALDOCK J. E

Private G/20127 John Edward BALDOCK. 6th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 8th September 1918 aged 22 years. Born Swingfield. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Elham. Son of John and Emma Baldock of High Street, Elham, Canterbury, Kent. Commemorated on the Vis- En-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

CARSWELL C

Private 54330 Charles Richard CARSWELL. 17TH Battalion, Welsh Regiment. Died 31st December 1916. Age 27. Born Elham. Enlisted Folkestone. Resided Canterbury. Son of Richard and Harriet Carswell. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

CLAYSON D.G

Private M2/178164 Douglas Frank CLAYSON. Mechanical Transport, Army Service Corps (A.S.C). Died 6th March 1918 aged 19 years. Born Sandgate. Enlisted Whitehall. Resided Elham Son of Frank and Freda Clayson, of "Surrey Arms," East Croydon, Surrey.. Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference XXVII.E.19.

COLE W. J

Private 205680 Jack COLE. 7th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Formerly 2680 Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (REKMR). Born Hadlow, Kent. Enlisted Elham. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Not commemorated on the civil war memorial in Hadlow.

Although not a perfect match for this casualty (CWGC, SDGW & MIC) all record the sole christian name of **Jack**. The church memorial shows his names as Wavell Jack Cole. No trace is found of the family on the 1901 census for Elham or Hadlow.

ELLENDER A

Gunner 25458 Albert ELLENDER. 104th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Died 2nd July 1916. Born Lyminge. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided North Lyminge. Buried Baghdad North Gate Cemetery, Iraq. Grave XIV.G.9.

The 1901 census shows the three Ellender brothers as being the sons of John and Ellen Ellender, at the time of the 1901 census Albert was 12, Henry 10 and Ernest 5.

ELLENDER E

Private T/201585 Ernest ELLENDER. 5th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 17th July 1917. Born and resided Elham. Enlisted Canterbury. Buried Baghdad North Gate Cemetery, Iraq. Grave reference XVIII.K.14.

ELLENDER H

Private G/7632 Henry ELLENDER. 10th Battalion, Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Died 15th September 1916. Born Etchinghill. Enlisted Dover. Resided Elham. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

FRIEND G.T

Private G/37735 George Thomas FRIEND. 7th Battalion, Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Died 5th June 1917. Born Barham. Enlisted and resided Canterbury. Buried Bucquay Road Cemetery, Ficheux, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference I.J.5.

GAMMON C

Private 245347 Charles GAMMON. 2nd Battalion, Manchester Regiment. Formerly (205304) Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Died 4th December 1917 aged 20 years. Born Synsore Bottom, Kent. Enlisted

Canterbury. Resided Stelling. Son of Walter and Ada Gammon, of Fryerne Park, Stelling, Kent. Buried Poelcapelle British Cemetery, Langemark-Poelcapelle, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference XXXII.D.11.

GODFREY J

John GODFREY – No Trace

HAYWARD A

Private T/270160 Alfred HAYWOOD. 10th (Royal East Kent & West Kent Yeomanry) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Formerly (1850) 1/1st Squadron, Royal East Kent Yeomanry (REKMR). Died 18th September 1918. Born & Resided Elham. Enlisted Sturry, Canterbury, Kent. Buried Templeux-le-Guerard British Cemetery, Somme, France.

HADAWAY E (brother)

The casualties commemorated on both the war memorial and on the Roll of Honour in the parish church of St Mary with the surname Hadaway were brothers. They are **both** oddly recorded by the CWGC as both being married to Harriet E. Hadaway, of 1 Pages Yard, Church Street, Chiswick, London!

Driver T/330445 Edward HADAWAY. 2nd Railway Store Park, Army Service Corps. Died 9th April 1918 aged 30 years. Born Elham. Enlisted Folkestone. Resided Chiswick, London. Son of James and Caroline Hadaway, of High Street, Elham, Canterbury, Kent. Buried Nine Elms British Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference XIV.B.19.

HADAWAY P (brother)

Private 3954 Percy HADAWAY. 5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Died 22nd January 1917 aged 26 years. Born Elham. Enlisted Folkestone. Buried Elham (St Mary) Churchyard. Grave located in the South-East corner.

Family details as above.

HOBBS W

Lance Corporal G/2268 William HOBBS. 7th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 3rd May 1917 aged 27 years. Born Hythe. Enlisted Lyminge. Resided Sandgate, Folkestone, Kent. Son of Elizabeth Jane Hobbs of 19 Radnor Street, Folkestone, Kent, and the late William Hobbs. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel reference – Bay 2.

HOGBEN A

(On the village war memorial but omitted from church commemoration)

Private G/18446 Alfred Thomas HOGBEN. 6th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Formerly (2610) Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (REKMR). Died 24th August 1918 aged 33 years. Enlisted Elham. Son of Edward and Mary Hogben, of "The Rowe", Elham, Canterbury, Kent. Commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel reference 7.

JOHNSON W.F

Sergeant 6577 Walter frank JOHNSON. "B" Company, 2nd Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment. Died 7th November 1914. Born St Leonards, Leicester. Enlisted Leicester. Husband of Beatrice Johnson, of Mill Hill, Elham, Canterbury, Kent. Buried La Touret Military Cemetery, Richebourg-L'Avoue, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference I.C.2.

JONES L.A

Lance Corporal G/246 Norman Aldham JONES. 6th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 13th October 1915 aged 23 years. Born Rotherhithe. Enlisted Folkestone. Resided Elham Son of John and Emily S. Jones. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

The Church Memorial commemorates Norman as **Lewis A. Jones** for who no match was found. The war memorial details coincide with transcription findings.

MAY W

Sergeant T/270065 William MAY. 10th (Royal East Kent & West Kent Yeomanry Battalion), The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Formerly (1535) 1/1st East Kent Yeomanry. Died 13th November 1917 aged 23 years. Enlisted Folkestone. Resided Acrise. Son of William and Emma May, of Newlands Farm, Selsted, Dover, Kent. Buried Kantara War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave reference D.78.

CWGC shows born Elham. SDGW shows born Acrise. William was probably born somewhere between the two on the eastern edge of the Elham valley.

NASH H.W

Harry W. NASH. Recorded on Church Roll of Honour, but omitted from war memorial. **No Trace**

Probably another local man who died of wounds or illness after being swiftly discharged from the services.

NETHERSOLE W.N

Private 44013 William NETHERSOLE. 211th Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). Formerly (20165) Middlesex Regiment. Died 18th July 1917. Born Goodnestone. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Challock. Buried Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave reference D.159.

PEARCE R.S

Second Lieutenant Raymond Stanley PEARSE. 71st Brigade, Royal Field Artillery (R.F.A). Died 23rd August 1916. Son of Harry and Jane Annie Pearse, of Addo, Cape Province, South Africa. Buried Adanac Military Cemetery, Miraumont, Somme, France. Grave reference V.F.22.

Educated at Tonbridge School, Kent and commemorated on the school's Roll of Honour.

PEGDEN A

Private 58731 Austin Pegden. 1st Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. Died 29th October 1918. Born Elham. Enlisted Canterbury. Buried Cross Roads Cemetery, Fontaine-Au-Bois, Nord, France. Grave reference II.G.25.

PEGDEN S (brother)

Private 270372 Sidney Thomas PEGDEN. 10th (Royal East Kent & West Kent Yeomanry) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Formerly (2737) Royal East Kent Yeomanry (REKMR). Died 6th November 1918 aged 21 years. Son of Alfred George and Sophia Ann Pegden, of Elham, Canterbury, Kent. Buried Terlingthun, British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference X.B.30.

Brother of William (below).

PEGDEN W (brother)

Sapper Deal/1093(S) William PEGDEN. Royal Marine Divisional Engineers, 63rd (Royal Naval) Division, Royal Marines. Died 13th November 1916 aged 38 years. Son of Alfred George and Sophia Ann Pegden, of Elham, Canterbury, Kent. Husband of Gertrude Susannah Pegden, of "The Anchorage," 44 Invicta Road, Margate, Kent. Buried Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, Somme, France. Grave reference VII.C.13.

RICHARDS A

Private 4364 Alfred Richards. 2nd Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). Died 21st March 1915. Born Elham. Enlisted Dover. Resided Sandgate. Buried Hamburg Cemetery, Germany. Grave reference I.F.13.

SAVAGE F

Lance Corporal L/10035 Frederick SAVAGE. 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 18th October 1914 aged 21 years. Born and resided Elham. Enlisted Canterbury. Son of Edward and Harriet Savage, of The High Street, Elham, Canterbury, Kent. Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. Panel reference - 2.

SCOTT L.B

Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay Buchanan SCOTT. 1st Battalion, North Staffordshire Regiment. Attached - (Depot), Royal Army Ordnance Corps (RAOC). Died 14th November 1918 aged 54 years. Son of John Lindsay Scott and Mary Scott of "Mollance," Castle Douglas, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. Husband of S.M. Scott of "Ormdale Lodge," Elham, Canterbury, Kent. Buried 62nd Division Plot. Grave reference IV.B.2.

Awarded Order of the Medijeh 2nd Class (Egypt). Veteran of both the Sudan Campaign and the Boer War. Lindsay was an elderly serving officer when he died.

SIMMONDS E

Sergeant 12975 Ernest Edward SIMMONDS. D.C.M. 2nd Special (Gas) Company, Royal Engineers (R.E). Formerly (1205) Middlesex Regiment. Died 31st May 1918 aged 28 years. Born and resided Croydon. Enlisted Kempton Park. Son of Sarah Simmonds, of Croydon, Surrey. Buried La Kreule Military Cemetery, Hazebrouck, Nord, France. Grave reference I.B.15.

VINCENT W

It would seem that this casualty's surname on both the war memorial and the church memorial is erroneous. MIC & CWGC shows Vincett. SDGW records him as Vincentt.

Private 114726 William F Vincett. 25th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). . Formerly (23386) Essex Regiment. Died 24th March 1918. Born & enlisted Elham. Buried Beaumetz-Les-Cambrai Military Cemetery No1, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference I.B.

WATSON A.W

Sapper 2534 Arthur William WATSON. 1st/3rd Kent Field Company, Royal Engineers. Died 28th October 1915 (at sea) aged 36 years. Born Forrest Hill. Enlisted Gillingham, Kent. Resided Eltham, Kent. Son of George William and Sarah Ann Watson. Husband of Emily Terry, of Great Exted Farm, Elham, Canterbury, Kent. Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey.

WEBSTER W.H

William H Webster – No Trace

William is commemorated in the parish church but not on the village war memorial.

WEST T.E

Private 41647 Thomas Edwin WEST. Died 27th May 1918 aged 19 years. Born Elham. Enlisted Dover. Resided Elham. Son of Thomas and Edith West, of Park Gate, Elham, Canterbury, Kent. Buried Hermonville Military Cemetery, Marne, France. Grave reference III.B.3.

WHITE W.S

Sapper 26671 William Stanley WHITE. 82nd Field Company, Royal Engineers. Died 30th July 1917. Son of Thomas and Laura White. Born Folkestone. Enlisted Shorncliffe. Resided Elham. Buried Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grave reference III.D.287.

YOUDEN R

Reginald Youden - Commemorated in the church but not on the village war memorial. Not recorded on SDGW:-

Private L/9794 R.J.C. YOUDEN. 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 24th May 1916. Son of James W and Ellen Youden, of "Rosedene," Canterbury Road, Chartham, Canterbury, Kent. Buried Richmond Cemetery, Surrey. Grave Z. 5935.

Reginald is NOT commemorated on the civic war memorial in Chartham.

WORLD WAR TWO

1939 1945

CONSTANT D

Derek CONSTANT – Recorded by CWGC as;

Flight Lieutenant (Pilot) 45063 Derrick CONSTAN. 615 Squadron, Royal Air Force (RAF). Died 30th March 1944. Son of Martin and Violet de Vagnes Constant of Elham, Kent. Buried Gauhati War Cemetery. India. Grave reference 4.D.11.

CORK F.L

Stoker LT/KX 109889 Frederick Leonard CORK. H.M. (Drifter) Receptive. Died 3rd July 1941. Commemorated on the Lowestoft Memorial, Suffolk. Panel reference 7. Column 1.

CROUCH S

Driver T/14696052 Sydney CROUCH. Royal Army Service Corps (RASC). Attached Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC). Died 13th October 1945. Son of Frederick and Emma Crouch of Elham, Canterbury, Kent. Buried Brussels Town Cemetery, Belgium. Grave reference X.28.30.

FILE D.R

Private 5625486 Donald Raymond FILE. 1st Battalion, Devonshire Regiment. Died 8th May 1944 aged 28 years. Son of Mr and Mrs L.J. File, of Elham, Canterbury, Kent. Commemorated on the Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar (formerly Burma) Face 6.

HOSKINS E.L

Leading Seaman C/SSX 15125 Eric Leonard HOSKINS. D.S.M. "H.M.S. Martin," Royal Navy. Died 10th November 1942. Son of Percy and Margaret Hoskins, of Elham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Memorial. Panel 52,2.

Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (D.S.M) for bravery.

SEYMOUR J.B

Sergeant 6283834 James Bertie SEYMOUR. 5th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 4th September 1942 aged 29 years. Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Panel reference - Column 65.

SOUTHERN F.E

Lance Sergeant 5386951 Frank Edward SOUTHERN. 7th Battalion, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (O.B.L.I). Died 16th February 1944 aged 29 years. Son of George and Emma Southern. Husband of Jessie Southern of Elham, Canterbury, Kent. Commemorated on the Cassino Memorial, Italy. Panel reference -8.

VERNEY E

Corporal 349802 Edgar Burnell VERNEY. Royal Air Force (R.A.F). Died 3rd January 1942 aged 53 years. Son of Edgar F.R. and Harriet Verney, of Redditch, Worcestershire. Buried Protestant Section (Men's), Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery, Malta. Grave reference - Plot F. Joint Grave 74.

WILKINSON R.W

Private 14443853 Robert Walker WILKINSON. 5th/7th Battalion, Gordon Highlanders. Died 19th February 1945 aged 19 years. Buried Reichwald Forest War Cemetery, Kleeve, Germany. Grave 60.A.15.

Robert probably lost his life during the well documented advance through the forest in February 1945.

The parish church also lists - **Marshall Wilkinson.**

WREN L

Corporal 5385916 Leslie Mons WREN. 2nd (Airborne) Battalion, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (O.B.L.I). Died 13th June 1944 aged 29 years. Son of James and Susane Lavinia Wren. Husband of Elsie Vera Wren, of Barnsbury, London. Buried Ranville War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Grave reference I.F.19.

Leslie was probably one of the wounded that died in the successful attack on "Pegasus Bridge" by the battalion led by Major John Howard early on D-Day. He is one of several that lie in Ranville.

