

Farningham



The Great War
1914 – 1919

PAROCHIAL ROLL OF HONOUR OF THOSE KILLED
IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918.

WM HYDE EAGLESON GORDON	E.C.H.DRS	GEORGE WM. GREGORY	} K.R.R.
JAMES WM. BARRELL	} R.N.	SAMUEL EDWARD STEVENS	
GILBERT JOHNSON BARTON		ROBERT HENRY MILLS	WALTER FREDK. TURNER
WILLIAM ERNEST COUCHMAN	R.G.A.	THOMAS WILLIAM MOORE	
HERBERT DRURY	R.M.L.I.	HUGH ALLEN SMITH	} QUEENS E. SURREY
FREDERICK WALTER DUNMALL	} LNDN.	HERBERT JOHN SPIER	
FRANK ARTHUR SEAKER		ALFRED THOMAS WINGATE	WALTER EPHRAIM SPIER
EDWARD JEFFERY	MGN. GN. SEC.	CORNELIUS WM. TALLETT	
		HERBERT THURNALL	
		WM. EDWARD WHIFFIN	

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O.A. MOSELEY	R.N.R.	P. NIXEY	D.S.O., R.A.F.
W.H. WANSBURY			
W.H. HOTCHKISS			
E.A. 5.R.N.			

GORDON, WILLIAM HYDE EAGLESON. Lieutenant.
8th Battalion, Gordon Highlanders.
Died 30 September 1915. Aged 22.
Born at The Old Mill, Coalstoun, East Lothian, Scotland 23 August 1893.
Son of Major Archibald Alexander Gordon, C.B.E., M.V.O. and Maude Gordon, of Monksbarn, Maugersbury, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire..
Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: I. B. 17.
Also commemorated at Haileybury College, Hertfordshire,
William was Educated at Haileybury College, Hertfordshire, (1907-1912), and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University. Studying for Holy Orders when war broke out and at once joined up. William's brother E.R.A. Gordon died 5 October 1932, as the result of military service.

BARRELL, JAMES WILLIAM. Leading Signalmán, 237068.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. India.
Died 8 August 1915. Aged 25.
Born Stockwell, London 26 November 1889.
Son of James William and Deborah Barrell of 49, High Croft Cottages, Swanley Junction, Kent.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 10.

MILLS, ROBERT HENRY. Stoker 1st Class, K/23500.
Royal Navy, H.M.Submarine G9.
Died 16 September 1917. Aged 20.
Born Swanley, Kent 1 August 1896.
Son of Robert and Alice Mills of 1, Button Street, Swanley Junction, Kent.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 24.

COUCHMAN, WILLIAM ERNEST. Gunner, 74318.
23rd Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.
Died 3 March 1918. Aged 24.
Born and resided Farningham, Kent. Enlisted Holborn, Middlesex.
Buried Farningham, Kent (St. Peter and St. Paul) Churchyard.
Grave Ref: South East Part.

DRURY, HERBERT. Private, CH/18765.
Chatham Battalion, Royal Naval Division, Royal Marine Light Infantry.
Died 8 June 1915.
Buried Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.
Grave Ref: M. 122.

DUNMALL, FREDERICK WALTER. Private, 703480.
1st/23rd (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment.
Died 9 December 1917. Aged 30.
Born and resided Farningham, Kent. Enlisted Dartford, Kent.
Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Dunmall.
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 9.

SEAKER, FRANK ARTHUR. Corporal, 553454.
1st/16th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles).
Died 16 August 1917. Aged 23.
Born Shoreham, Kent. Enlisted Bromley, Kent. Resided Swanley, Kent.
Son of William and Charlotte Seaker of 46, Highcroft Cottages, Swanley Junction, Kent.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 54.
Formerly Private, 3400, 2nd/ 5th Battalion (Territorial Force), Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

WINGATE, ALFRED THOMAS. Rifleman, 5358.
"D" Company, 21st (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (First Surrey Rifles).
Died 21 December 1916. Aged 26.
Born and resided Farningham, Kent. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent.
Son of William Henry and Ellen Wingate of 2, Bridge Cottages, Farningham, Kent.
Buried Woods Cemetery, Zillebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: III. A. 11.

JEFFERY, EDWARD. Private, 71226.
89th Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).
Died 31 July 1917. Aged 21.
Born Greenhithe, Kent. Enlisted Bromley, Kent. Resided Farningham, Kent.
Son of Frederick and Sarah Ann Jeffery of 4, Bath Cottages, Swanley Junction, Kent.
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 54.
Formerly Private, 10559, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

GREGORY, GEORGE WILLIAM. Rifleman, S/15358.
1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade.
Died 1 July 1916. Aged 23.
Born and resided Farningham, Kent. Enlisted Dartford, Kent.
Son of William H. Gregory of 4, London Road, Farningham, Kent.
Buried Serre Road Cemetery No 2, Somme, France. Grave Ref: I. A. 33.

STEVENS, SAMUEL EDWARD. Rifleman, R/34245.
11th (Service) Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Died 25 September 1917. Aged 20.
Born Headcorn, Kent. Enlisted Dartford, Kent. Resided Farningham, Kent.
Son of William Henry and Mary Ann Stevens of Maplescombe Farm Cottages,
Farningham, Dartford, Kent.
Buried Bard Cottage Cemetery, Boezinge, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: III. H. 17.
Formerly TR13/1458, Training Regiment.

TURNER, WALTER FREDERICK. Rifleman, 57492.
18th (Service) Battalion (Arts and Crafts), King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Died 27 October 1918.
Born and resided Swanley, Kent. Enlisted Whitehall, Middlesex.
Buried Cologne Southern Cemetery, Köln, Germany. Grave Ref: XIII. E. 18.

MOORE, THOMAS WILLIAM. Private, 8721.
8th (Service) Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment.
Died 3 July 1916. Aged 25.
Born Swanley, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Moore of 18, High Croft Cottages, Swanley Junction, Kent.
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 A and 5 B.

SMITH, HUGH ALLEN. Private, 95386.
1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.
Died 23 October 1918.
Born Rye Coombe, Sussex. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent. Resided Farningham, Kent.
Buried Romeries Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grave Ref: III. D. 4.

SPIER, HERBERT JOHN. M.M. Private, L/10035.
1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 26 September 1917. Aged 30.
Born Alton, Hampshire. Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Resided Farningham, Kent.
Son of James and Sarah Spier of 2, Mary Villa, Farningham, Kent.
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Panel 14 to 17 and 162 to 162A.

SPIER, WALTER EPHRAIM. Private, 38119.
8th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.
Died 25 October 1918. Aged 29.
Born Alton, Hampshire. Enlisted Dartford, Kent. Resided Farningham, Kent.
Son of James and Sarah Spier of 2, Mary Villa, Farningham, Kent.
Commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 6.

TALLETT, CORNELIUS WILLIAM. No trace.

On the Great War memorial plaque in the parish church of (St. Peter and St. Paul) Farningham, Kent, Cornelius is commemorated as serving in the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) at the time of his demise. Having made several basis data checks, including the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), Great War Deaths Nominal Roll, CWGC commemorations, Medal Index Cards, and entries in/on O/SDGW, Cornelius was not found. Some of the above searches did however reveal the following casualty who is possibly the elusive soldier, but devoid of first Christian name.

TALLETT, WILLIAM. Corporal, G/41660.

17th (Service) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

Died 2 December 1917.

Born Brighton, Sussex. Enlisted and resided Swanley, Kent.

Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial Louverval, Nord, France. Panel 9.

Formerly, 678, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

THURNALL, HERBERT. Private, L/10099.

1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 18 April 1915. Aged 22.

Born Farningham, Kent. Enlisted New Cross, Kent.

Son of Mrs. Henrietta Thurnall of 3, London Road, Farningham, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 45 or 47.

WHIFFEN, WILLIAM EDWARD. No clear trace.

On the Great War memorial plaque in the parish church of (St. Peter and St. Paul) Farningham, Kent, William is commemorated as serving in the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) at the time of his demise. Although the CWGC commemorates only three casualties named William Whiffen, none have the second Christian name Edward. Although the additional regimental details etcetera on the memorial plaque have made the brief transcriptions here remarkably easy, and not at all time consuming, on this occasion the added information is to no avail, as two of the William Whiffen casualties were members of the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Unfortunately SDGW records one of the two possible soldiers with the surname Whiflen, although both have SDGW data indicative of being from the 'right' general area of the county of Kent, neither show place of residence.

LOST MEN

ASHBY, ROBERT. Private, 35913.
86th Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).
Died 25 October 1915. Aged 19.
Born Farningham, Kent. Enlisted Dartford, Kent.
Son of Sarah Ann Ashby of 2, Nelson Villas, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester, Sussex, and the late Frederick Ashby.
Buried A.I.F. Burial Ground, Flers, Somme, France. Grave Ref: I. D. 10.
Formerly Private, G/8526, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

DUNMALL, WALTER. Private, G/40415.
20th (Service) Battalion, (Shoreditch) Middlesex Regiment.
Died 12 April 1918.
Born Farningham, Kent. Enlisted Bromley, Kent.
Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium.
Panel 8.
Formerly Private, G/12732, Royal Sussex Regiment.

DYKE, GEORGE FREDERICK. Serjeant, 13114.
20th (Service) Battalion, (British Empire League Pioneers) King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Died 5 May 1917. Aged 30.
Born Farningham. Enlisted Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.
Husband of Florence E. Dyke of 4, Bell Street, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.
Buried Feuchy Chapel British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: I. F. 30.

MEADES, HARRY EDWARD. Lance Corporal, T/2057.
2nd/4th Battalion, (Territorial Force). The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 23 August 1915.
Born and resided Farningham, Kent. Enlisted Croydon, Surrey.
Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 30 or 31.

MILLS, WALTER GEORGE. Rifleman, R/33581.
17th (Service) Battalion, (British Empire League) King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Died 5 August 1917.
Born Farningham, Kent. Enlisted Bexleyheath, Kent. Resided Sidcup, Kent.
Buried New Irish Farm Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: XIII. E. 7.
Formerly TR/13/38523, 112th Training Regiment, Battalion, and Rifleman, S/22487, Rifle Brigade.

POPE, CHARLES GEORGE. M.M. Serjeant, 10832.

1st Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers.

Died 16 December 1917. Aged 22.

Born Farningham, Kent. Enlisted London. Resided Brixton Hill, Surrey.

Son of William Pope of 112, Brandon Road, Brixton Hill, London.

Commemorated at Fifteen Ravine British Cemetery, Villers-Plouich, Nord, France.

Special Memorial B. 18.

TESTER, FREDERICK PERCY. Driver, 68411.

"L" Battery, Royal Horse Artillery.

Died 8 September 1914. Aged 21.

Born Farningham, Kent. Enlisted Horsmonden, Kent.

Son of Mr. C. and Mrs. H. Tester of Stoney Lane, Goudhurst, Kent.

Buried Baron Communal Cemetery, Oise, France. Grave Ref: 1

Commemorated on the Goudhurst, Kent, civic war memorial.

WALKLING, JOSEPH PERCY. Private, 38895.

12th (Service) Battalion (Bristol), Gloucestershire Regiment.

Died 25 August 1918.

Born Farningham, Kent. Enlisted London.

Buried Queens Cemetery, Bucquoy, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: III. E. 4.

Formerly Private, MS/3390, Army Service Corps. Joseph is commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission with the surname WALKING, which might be correct, but all other data checked shows his surname spelt WALKLING.



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The Second World War 1939 -1945

DONNELLY, WILLIAM ARCHIBALD. Flying Officer (Air Bomber), 129159.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 428 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 25 June 1943. Aged 31.
Son of Michael Joseph and Eleanor Gertrude Donnelly of Farningham, Kent.
Buried Eindhoven (Woensel) General Cemetery, Baffinlaan, Eindhoven, Netherlands.
Grave Ref: Plot EE. Grave 25.

DUNMALL, CECIL JAMES. Steward's Boy.
Merchant Navy, M.V. Empire Star (Belfast).
Died 23 October 1942. Aged 17.
Born 2 August 1925.
Son of Cecil James Dunmall and Dorothy Rose Dunmall.
Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London. Panel 45.
Merchant Navy Discharge number: R262528.

HILL, THOMAS ERNEST. Sergeant, 1397469.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 102 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 17 June 1944. Aged 23.
Son of Albert and Nellie Louise Hill.
Husband of Lillian Margaret Hill of Brockley, London.
Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial Panel 231.

MOSELEY, J.M. Auxiliary Territorial Service. No trace.
Fifteen variations on this ladies surname were entered on the CWGC 'Debt of Honour,' in an attempt to establish who she was, but all to no avail. Soldiers Died in the Second World War C.D., and the relevant copy of Roll of Honour Land Forces World War 2, were also checked, both of which have no relevant entry. The General Record Office Second World War, army overseas deaths books also have no entry for this lady. As the transcriber is unclear when the Second World War memorial plaque was erected in Farningham parish church, it might explain the fact that this casualty has no data appertaining to her, as she might have died of war related injuries, post 1947, it being the cutoff for Second World War deaths. In view of the fact that there is none of the other 'quick' data available, it would seem unlikely that on this occasion this casualty is not simply numbered amongst the many thousands of Commonwealth casualties of both world wars who still have no form of CWGC commemoration or remembrance. It would seem likely that this lady was a relative of the next casualty briefly commemorated, possible a sister.

MOSELEY, OSWALD ANTHONY. Lieutenant.
Royal Naval Reserve, H.M.S. Charybdis.
Died 23 October 1943. Aged 26.
Son of Oswald Herbert George Kerr Moseley and Margherita Mabel Moseley.
Commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 84, Column 1.

NIXEY, PETER. D.S.O. Squadron Leader (Pilot), 42257.
214 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 20 June 1942. Aged 22.
Son of Frederick Henry and Marjorie Nixey.
Husband of Margaret Nixey of Farningham, Kent.
Buried Ommen General Cemetery, Overijssel, Netherlands. Grave Ref: 7.
It would seem likely that Peter was a former pupil of Spring Grove Grammar School, London Road, Isleworth, Middlesex.

WANSBURY, WILLIAM HENRY. Aircraftman 1st Class, 626655.
Royal Air Force.
Died 14 September 1943. Aged 23.
Son of William Jones and Dorothy Wansbury of Swanley, Kent.
Buried Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia. Grave Ref: 4. A. 3.

HOTCHKISS, WILLIAM HENRY. Electrical Artificer, C/MX. 76240.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Prince of Wales.
Died 10 December 1941. Aged 22.
Son of Arthur Ernest and Elizabeth Josephine Hotchkiss of Swanley, Kent.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 48, Column 3.

