

IVYCHURCH WAR MEMORIAL

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, ROMNEY MARSH KENT

One of the latest of the increasing number of forms of remembrances to the fallen in the county of Kent, the memorial was dedicated by Bishop Michael Turnbull C.B.E. on Sunday 15 October 2006. The memorial to the Great War fallen of the little Romney Marsh village became a reality as the direct result of the inspiration of the noted naval author John Hendy. John and his team are to be congratulated and thanked, not only for their obvious dedication and tenacity in staying the course when several obstacles had been encountered, but ultimately on a job very well done. Thanks to the generosity of private individuals, regimental and ex-service organisations, Kent County Council and the War Memorials Trust, combined with a good team of clearly dedicated and tenacious hard workers; the memorial is in place, eighty eight years after the last parishioner died.

CLARIS, JOHN ERNEST. Private, 62759.
7th (Extra Reserve) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).
Died 30 December 1917. Aged 35.
Born Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Tenterden, Kent.
Son of Frederick and Maria Claris of Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Husband of Louisa Alice Claris of Moat Farm, Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, Kent.
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Pier and Face 8 C 9 A and 16 A.
Formerly Private, 37611. The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

FAGG, WALTER ERNEST. Private, 32655.
2nd Garrison Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.
Died 15 July 1917. Aged 32.
Born Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, Kent. Enlisted Hythe, Kent.
Husband of Beatrice Emily Fagg of 137, Seabrook Road, Hythe, Kent.
Buried Basra War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: IV. D. 14.
Formerly Private, 3766. East Yorkshire Regiment.

FLISHER, GEORGE EDWARD. Sapper, 195261.
III Corps Headquarters, Heavy Artillery Signals (Sub Section), Royal Engineers.
Died 18 July 1918. Aged 31.
Born Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, Kent 20 May 1887.
Enlisted Chatham, Kent 17 August 1916.
Only son of George John and Matilda Mary Flisher (nee Sullock), of Ivychurch, Kent.
Husband of Alice Mary Flisher.
Buried Pernois British Cemetery, Halloy-Les- Pernois, Somme, France.
Grave Ref: II. F. 21.

George is also commemorated on Great War memorial plaque located in Appledore, Kent (St Peter and St Paul) parish church. George's father, George John Flisher later resided at the Railway Hotel, Appledore. Educated at Rye Grammar School, Sussex. On completion of his education George trained as a Telegraphist, it being his civilian occupation as stated at his enlistment. Having served with the British Expeditionary Force from March 1917, he was taken ill with Double Pneumonia, and died on 18 July 1918 at the No 41 Casualty Clearing Station at Pernois, Somme, France. George and Matilda Sullock, the third daughter of George Sullock had married at Exeter, Devon on 24 November 1913. The couple had a daughter Margaret Mary Flisher, born 27 June 1916.

GILBERT, WILLIAM CHARLES. Corporal, S4/122563.
435th Company. (Chatham), Army Service Corps.
Died 8 August 1916. Aged 22.
Born Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, Kent. Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Resided New Romney, Romney Marsh, Kent.
Son of John G. P. and Emmeline Gilbert of High Street, New Romney, Kent.
Buried New Romney (St. Nicholas) Churchyard, Romney Marsh, Kent.

JARVIS, STANLEY WILLIAM. Guardsman, 24665.
4th Battalion, Grenadier Guards.
Died 3 August 1917.
Born Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, Kent. Enlisted Faversham, Kent.
Buried Duhallow Advanced Dressing Station Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: VIII. E. 11.
Serendipity or call it what you will, has dictated that Stanley Jarvis and Frederick Marshall were both Ivychurch natives who enlisted in the same Kent town, died on the same day, are now at rest only a few miles apart.

MARSHALL, FREDRICK JOHN. Gunner, 55408.
131st Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.
Died 3 August 1917. Aged 24.
Born Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, Kent. Enlisted Faversham, Kent. Resided Stone, Kent.
Son of Fredrick Marshall of 1, York Cottages, Sandhills, Sholden, Deal, Kent.
Buried Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: III. E. 46.

SMITH, PERCY. Private, G/9702.

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

Died 14 May 1917. Aged 28.

Born Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Resided Brenzett, Romney Marsh, Kent.

Son of William and Harriet Marie Smith, of George Street, Brenzett, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Struma Military Cemetery, Greece. Grave Ref: VI. C. 9.

Also commemorated on Great War memorial plaque in Brenzett (St Eanswith's) parish church, Romney Marsh, Kent.

