

LENHAM



The Great War (1914 – 1919)

BALDOCK C

Private 15067 Charles William BALDOCK. 2nd Battalion, Munster Fusiliers. Formerly (4740) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 22nd March 1918 aged 30 years. Born Otterden (near Lenham). Enlisted and resided Sittingbourne. Husband of Annie Baldock, of 18 Chilton Road, Sittingbourne, Kent. Commemorated on the Poziers Memorial.

BARTON J

Private L/10388 John BARTON. 2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 28th September 1915. Born Egerton. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Boughton Malherbe. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial. Pas de Calais, France.

BRYANT C

Private 327937 Charles Ernest BRYANT. 1st Battalion, Cambridgeshire Regiment. Formerly (31357) Suffolk Regiment. Died Sunday 8th July 1917 aged 23 years. Born Pluckley. Enlisted Maidstone. Son of George Bryant of Providence Place, Goudhurst, Kent. Buried in the Mendighem Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, Belgium. Grave reference I.F.16.

BUGDEN C

Sergeant 41087 Charles William BUGDEN. 1st/4th Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment. Formerly (9199) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 28th October 1918 aged 36 years. Born and resided Ulcombe. Enlisted Maidstone (August 1914). Buried St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France. Grave reference S.III.C.6.

Charles was a veteran of the Boer War (1899 – 1902).

BURCHETT W

Probably **Private 41114 George Wallis BURCHETT. 1st Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.** Died 19th May 1917. Born Ulcombe. Enlisted Maidstone. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France. Panel reference- Bay 6.

CHAMBERS C

Private 125207 Charles CHAMBERS. 49th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). Formerly G/61262 The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Died 25th April 1918 aged 21 years. Born Lenham. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Lenham. Son of George and Mary Chambers, of the "Red Lion", Lenham, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

CHAMBERS G

Private G/44065 George CHAMBERS. 17th Battalion, Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment). Died 28th April 1917 aged 34 years. Born Lenham. Enlisted Ealing, Middlesex. Resided Lenham. Son of Mr and Mrs T Chambers,

Chapel Mill House, Lenham. Buried Roclincourt Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave III.B. 1.

Also commemorated on the memorial plaque in Charing Heath (Holy Trinity) Church.

CHAPMAN B

Lance Corporal G/8975 Bertie Friend (or Friand) CHAPMAN. 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 2nd July 1917 aged 26 years. Born Lenham. Enlisted Herne Bay. Resided Ashford. Son of Ellen Chapman and the late Albert Chapman of East Lenham. Buried Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave VI.F.30.

Also commemorated on the memorial plaque in Charing Heath (Holy Trinity) Church.

CLARK J

Private 235277 Edwin Jessie CLARK. 2nd Battalion, King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry). Formerly (31358) Suffolk Regiment. Died 12th April 1918 aged 34 years. Born Lenham. Enlisted Maidstone. Husband of Daisy Lilian Clark of Lime Terrace, Lenham. Buried Liege (Robermont) Cemetery, Belgium. Grave reference 23.

CLIFTON W

Gunner 105309 Walter A CLIFTON. 341st Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Died 20th February 1917 aged 47 years. Born Lenham. Enlisted West London. Resided Fulham Road, Middlesex. Son of James and Sarah Clifton of Lenham. Husband of Lilian Maude Clifton, of 198 Putney Bridge Road, Putney, London. Buried locally in the Lenham Cemetery, Kent, Kent.

COPPINS G.E

Private T/240102 George COPPINS. 5th Battalion The Buffs, (East Kent Regiment). Died 22nd January 1917. Born Smarden. Enlisted Pluckley. Resided Smarden. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panel 6.

COPPINS G

Private G/5898 George COPPINS. 6th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 27th February 1916 aged 20 years. Born Lenham. Enlisted Maidstone. Son of Horace and Mary Coppins of "Cobham Farm", Lenham, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Quarry Cemetery, Vermelles, Par de Calais, France.

COPPINS T

Private G/18691 Thomas COPPINS. 7TH Battalion, The Buffs, (East Kent Regiment). Died 21 March 1918. Born Lenham. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Sandway. Commemorated on the Poziers Memorial, France. Panel reference 16.

CORNWALL C

NO TRACE

COVENEY W

NO TRACE

COX F

Fred COX – NO TRACE

GURR P

Private G/10256 John Percy GURR. 11th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 19th January 1917 aged 28 years. Born Uckfield, Sussex. Enlisted Maidstone. Son of Mr J Gurr, of East Lenham, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference X.D.23A.

HILL W

Private 51032 William Foord HILL. 12th (Duke of Lancaster's Own) Battalion, Manchester Regiment. Formerly (G/19303) Middlesex Regiment. Died 25th August 1918 aged 40 years. Son of William and Fanny Hill, of 35 Albert Road, Ashford, Kent. Commemorated on the Vis-En-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

HODGKIN G (brother)

Able Seaman 8283 George HODGKIN. H.M.A. Submarine AE1. Royal Australian Navy. Died 14th September 1914 aged 27 years. Born Lenham. Son of George Hodgkin, of Sandway, Lenham. Brother of Lewis Hodgkin. Commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Recorded by the CWGC as an Australian. George was one of twenty Royal Navy personnel on a three year loan to the R.A.N. that were among the crew of 35 that drowned when the submarine was lost with all hands.

HODGKIN L (brother)

Lance Corporal L/9863 Lewis HODGKIN. 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 24th August 1916 aged 26 years. Born Lenham. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Sandway. Son of George and Mary Ann Hodgkin of Lenham. Buried Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery. Grave reference XXI.S.28.

HOGBEN A

Corporal G/771 Albert HOGBEN. 6th Battalion, The Buffs, (East Kent Regiment). Died 30th November 1917. Born Lenham. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Lenham Heath. Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louvernal, Nord, France.

Also commemorated on the memorial plaque in Charing Heath (Holy Trinity) Church.

KING E.A

Probably **Private 459393 Ernest A King. 437th Agricultural Company, Labour Corps. Formerly Private (10257) 9th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).** Died 18th December 1918 aged 33 years. Husband of Rose King, of "Parsonage Cottage", East Sutton, Maidstone Kent. Buried East Sutton (SS Peter and Paul) Churchyard, Maidstone, Kent.

MILLGATE J

Lance Corporal 292 John MILLGATE. (Served as CRUMP). 4th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery. Died 8th June 1917 aged 28 years. Born Wichling (Near Lenham). Son of John C and Susanna Millgate. Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Leper, Belgium. Panel reference 31.

Also commemorated on the memorial plaque in Charing Heath (Holy Trinity) Church.

MURTON P

NO TRACE

RENWICK W

Private 545070 William Thomas RENWICK. 572nd Company, Labour Corps. Formerly (18497) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 25th July 1918 aged 24 years. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Lenham. Son of Mrs J Renwick, "Top Hill Farm", Lenham, Kent. Buried locally in the Lenham Cemetery, Lenham, Kent. Grave reference B.70.

ROBERTS J

Lance Corporal John Sidney RORERTS. 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards. Died 15th September 1916 aged 20 years. Only son of John and Julia Roberts, of 8 Tufton Street, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier & Face 8D.

ROBINSON A

Guardsman 15465 Alfred Sydney ROBINSON. 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards. Died 29th April 1916 aged 23 years. Born Lenham. Enlisted Maidstone. Son of George and Mary Robinson, of Sandway, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Calais Southern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Plot C. Row4. Grave5.

RUSSELL F

Private L/10664 Frederick RUSSELL. 8th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 6 April 1916. Born Lenham. Enlisted Maidstone. Buried Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grave reference II.D.214.

RUSSELL F

Private L/10664 Frederick RUSSELL. 8th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 6th April 1916. Buried Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grave reference II.D.214.

SMITH A

Private 266161 Albert SMITH. 2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. Died 30 August 1918. Age 30. Son of John Smith, of 67 Union Street, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Vis-En-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

SMITH F

NO TRACE

SMITH L

Private 19599 Lester Edwin SMITH. 10th Battalion, Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Formerly (94090) Royal Field Artillery. Died 25th September 1915. Born Hereford. Enlisted Chatham. Resided Lenham. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

SPOONER A

NO TRACE

STEDMAN G

Private G/65384 George STEDMAN. "B" Company 4th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Formerly (17850) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 30 March 1918 aged 21 years. Born Lenham. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Lenham. Son of George and Frances Stedman of Lenham, Kent. Buried Bac-Du-Sud, British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference II.A.18.

TANTON R

Lance Corporal A/200121 Robert TANTON. 17th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps. Died 22nd March 1918 aged 22 years. Born Lenham. Enlisted St Paul's Churchyard, Middlesex. Resided Lenham. Son of Robert and Matilda Tanton, of the Square, Lenham, Kent. Buried Roye New British Cemetery, Somme, France.

TAYLOR H

Private 245321 Harry TAYLOR. 3/1st Battalion, West Kent Yeomanry (Queen's Own). Died 31 August 1916. Born Lenham. Enlisted & Resided Maidstone. Buried Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, Somme, France. Grave reference XXX.D.5.

TERRY S

Corporal G/590 Stanley TERRY. 6th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 17th March 1916 aged 21 years. Born Lenham. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Lenham Heath. Son of James and Mary Terry of "Halloween", Rising Road, Ashford, Kent. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Also commemorated on the memorial plaque in Charing Heath (Holy Trinity) Church.

TOWN A

Private G/10234 Albert TOWN. 6th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 9th August 1918. Born and enlisted Maidstone. Buried Morlancourt British Cemetery No2. Grave reference A27.

VANT E

Gunner 17875 Edward VANT. 4th Division Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery. Died 28th January 1917 aged 37 years. Born Westwell. Enlisted Canterbury. Buried Bronfay Farm Military Cemetery, Bray-Sur-Somme, France. Grave reference II.E.22.

VINER A

Private T/204552 Arthur VINER. 7th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 3rd September 1918. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Lenham. Buried St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France. Grave reference R.II.J.12.

WEEKS G

Private G/21288 George WEEKS. 6th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 22nd November 1917. Born Sittingbourne. Enlisted and resided Maidstone. Buried Tincourt New British Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave reference II.F.6.

WICKENS F

Private T/2103 Frank WICKENS. 2/5th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 20th September 1915 aged 21 years. Born and resided Boughton Malherbe. Enlisted Ashford. Son of Joseph and Annie E Wickens, of "Lynwood House", Boughton Malherbe, Sandway, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Lala Baba Cemetery, Turkey. Grave reference II.C.4.

Second World War

1939 – 1945

ASHMAN F.E

Sergeant (Navigator) 1337269 Frederick Edward ASHMAN. 49 Squadron. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (R.A.F.V.R). Died 26th November 1943 aged 19 years. Son of Herbert and Edith Elizabeth Ashman, of Lenham, Kent. Buried Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Berlin, Germany. Grave reference - Joint grave 9.F.12-13.

CHANTLER G

Private 6288385 Gerald CHANTLER. 5th Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment). Died 18th May 1940 aged 22 years. Son of Thomas and Lucy Chantler, of Sandway, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Grave reference - Plot 9 Row C Grave 16.

CLARK F

Lance Bombardier 1490162 Fred CLARK. 6/3 Maritime Regiment, Royal Artillery. Died 4th November 1941 aged 41 years. Husband of Daisey Ellen Clark, of Lenham, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Maritime Memorial, Chatham, Kent.

CHESSON R

Leading Aircraftsman 1280173 Robert Frank CHESSON. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (R.A.F.V.R). Died 14th February 1942. Son of Frank James and Esther Chesson, of Chiswick, Middlesex. Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore. Panel reference - Column 427.

FAGEL E.P

Private 6096470 Edward Patrick FAGEL. 4th Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) Died between 23rd & 24th October 1943 aged 29 years. Son of William Shirley and Louisa Jane Fagel. Commemorated on the Athens Memorial, located in Phaleron War Cemetery, Athens, Greece. Panel reference - Face 5.

FOORD E

Private 6288926 Ernest Thomas FOORD. 4th Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment). Died 10th June 1940 aged 21 years. Son of Stephen and May Foord. Husband of Betty Marguerite Foord, of Stalisfield, Kent. Buried St Remy-Boscrocourt Churchyard, Seine-Maritime, France.

The cemetery contains three CWGC graves, including that of Captain Henry Walker of the same battalion who died three days prior to Ernest.

INGRAM H

No Trace

GALE M.E

Sister 213310 Margory Eveline GALE. Territorial Army Nursing Service. Died 14th February 1942 aged 34 years. Daughter of John Henry Gale and Georgina Eleanor Gale, of Sevenoaks, Kent. Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial. Column 113.

GIBSON K

Private W/53125 Kathleen Mary GIBSON. Auxiliary Territorial Service (A.T.S.). Died 30th June 1944 aged 25 years. Daughter of William John and Henrietta Gibson, of Maidstone, Kent. Buried locally in the Ulcombe (All Saints) Churchyard Extension, Kent.

IFIELD H.G.S

Gunner 11057539 Harold George IFIELD. 334th Battery. 107 Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery. Died 21st July 1944 aged 41 years. Son of Stephen Saunders and Edith Mary Ifield. Husband of Grace Elizabeth Ifield, of Sandway, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Ranville War Cemetery, Calvados, France.

TERRY H.J

Lance Corporal 6292540 Harold John TERRY. 1st Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment). Died 15th December 1942 aged 29 years. Son of Charles and Alice Terry of Warren Street, Lenham, Kent. Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, located at the El-Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Column 55.

LODER J.H

Flight Lieutenant (Pilot) 86357 John Harrington LODER. D.F.C. 544 Squadron. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (R.A.F.V.R), Died 15th May 1943 aged 25 years. Son of John Edward and Gladys Mary Loder of Lenham, Kent. Buried Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Plot 11. Row C. Grave 19.

SIGRIST A

Private 6288342 Arthur Cyril SIGRIST. 4th Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment). Died 3rd January 1942 aged 23 years.

WOOLLEY F.J

Corporal 7947091 Francis John WOOLEY. "A" Squadron. 2nd Northamptonshire Yeomanry, Royal Armoured Corps. Died 30th June 1944 aged 22 years.

The action fought by "A" Squadron on the night of 29/30th June which cost Francis his life destroyed his squadrons Cromwell (Medium) tanks when engaged by a vastly numerically superior (Heavy) tank force of the 12th SS Panzer Division resulting in the squadrons virtual annihilation.

