

LOWER HARDRES



Lower Hardres War Memorial

This memorial gives the man's initials, surname and unit. As with many other memorials like this the given details are not always correct. Often family members would give the unit they remember the man serving with when in fact that person had served in another at the time of death. Sometimes a man's rank

was given wrongly (a Second Lieutenant changed to a Lieutenant or a Lance Corporal changed to a Corporal). This was done for a variety of reasons but it was mainly as a consequence of ignorance of the correct rank structure.

The Great War

1914 -1919

BOWLES L

Private G/8648 Lewis Frederick BOWLES. 8th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 18th August 1916. Born Cheriton, Folkestone. Enlisted Dover. Resided Cheriton, Folkestone.

COLEMAN W.R

Stoker (2nd Class) K54448 W.R COLEMAN. H.M.S "Pembroke II", Chatham. Royal Navy (RN). Died 20th October 1918.

DIVERS A.W

Private G/4968 Alfred William DIVERS. 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 15th September 1916. Born Sevenoaks. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Lower Hardres.

HOPKINS J

Private 13406 John HOPKINS. 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards. Died 24th December 1914 (Christmas Eve 1914). Born Lower Hardres. Enlisted Canterbury.

HOPKINS S

Private 12398 Stephen HOPKINS. 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards. Died 9th November 1914. Born Kingston near Canterbury. Enlisted Canterbury.

QUESTED W.J

Gunner 3507 William John QUESTED. 63rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery (RFA). Died 5th November 1918 (1 week before the end of the war)! Born Petham. Enlisted Canterbury.

SURTEES C.G.V

Lieutenant Charles Gordon Villiers SURTEES. 2nd Battalion, Border Regiment. Died 26th October 1914 aged 22 years.

SUTTON W.H

Private 11255 William Henry SUTTON. 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. Died 29th July 1916. Born Lower Hardres. Enlisted Canterbury.

TAPLEY M

Private 260331 Malcolm TAPLEY. 6th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Formerly (4566) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 4th October 1917. Born Lower Hardres. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Lower Hardres.

TOWNER A.W

Private 4102 Arthur William TOWNER. 11th (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars. Died 24th February 1915. Born Pembury, Tunbridge Wells. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Canterbury.

**The Second World War
(1939 – 1945)**

HILLS H.G

Sergeant H.G HILLS. 5th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). – No Trace of this man on the CWGC website. It is likely that this man was killed serving in another non Buffs unit.

HOARE C.F

Private C.F HOARE. 7th Home Guard, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment). – No Trace.

It is noted that a N.B HOARE is buried nearby in the Lower Hardres Churchyard. Oddly this man's name does not appear on the parish tribute.

HUBBARD E.E

Leading Airman 922659 Ernest Edward HUBBARD. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (RAFVR). Died 6th September 1943 aged 30 years.

HAMBROOK W.V

Corporal 7689903 William Victor HAMBROOK. Provost Company, 18th Division, Corps of Military Police (M.P). Died 11th July 1943 aged 37 years.

SMITH H.R.F

Engine Room Artificer 2nd Class (ERA.2) C/M 38794 Herbert Robert Fraser SMITH. H.M.S “Kittewake”, Royal Navy (RN). Died 21st February 1944.

SARGEANT H.S

Private 6284917 Henry S SARGEANT. 2nd Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment). Died 21st February 1944.

FRANCIS F.E

Petty Officer (PO) F.E FRANCIS. Royal Navy (RN). – No Trace.

