

# LYDD

During the Great War Lydd was a very important military garrison town. The Royal Garrison Artillery maintained a large presence here and Lydd lent it's name to the high explosive "Lyddite". In addition to the historic army barracks, the town of Lydd is the joint home (alongside Hythe) of the Cinque Ports Firing Ranges. The military ranges are still used extensively by the army.

Lydd is the most southerly town in Kent and has the longest parish church in the county.

Worthy of special notice here is the tragedy inflicted on John Henry and Harriet Williams of 10 Wolseley Terrace, Lydd. They lost 4 sons in the Great War! Another son Gunner 683187 John Edward Williams 79<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery thankfully survived the carnage of the Great War...

## The Great War 1914 - 1919

### ADAMS P.W

**Lance Corporal 42842 Percy Walter ADAMS. 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Essex Regiment. Formerly 10446 Bedfordshire Regiment.** Died 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1918 aged 19 years. Born, enlisted and resided Lydd. Son of George and Mary Elizabeth Adams of Harts Farm, Denge Marsh, Lydd, Kent. Formally resided at Fox Farm, Lydd. Buried Becourt Military cemetery, Becordel-Becourt, Somme, France. Grave reference -II.B.13.

Percy's brother Private 1262 William George Adams, 14<sup>th</sup> Cyclist Battalion, Army Cyclist Corps also served having originally been a member of The Buffs. It would seem feasible that Percy had enlisted with Frederick Nelson Wood a brother of Lydd casualty William Wood as they both served in the same battalion with a mere six digits between their regimental numbers. By the end of the war 227 officers and 5274 other ranks had served in Percy's battalion and of these, 1103 fell.

### ADAMS R.M

**Private CH/21203 Roy Manfred ADAMS. Royal Marine Light Infantry. H.M.S. "Vindictive".** Died 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1918 aged 18 years. Son of Arthur Adams of Ice House, Manor Road, Lydd. Buried locally in Lydd (All Saints) Churchyard, Lydd, Kent.

### The Zeebrugge Raid

It would appear that Roy's demise can be attributed to the Zeebrugge Raid when H.M.S. Vindictive was used as an assault ship. Captain Edward Bamford who led the assaulting Royal Marine Light Infantry from Roy's ship

was awarded the Victoria Cross for his part played in the raid (one of eight awarded in this action). Several of the two hundred men that died on the raid are buried or commemorated in St James Cemetery, Dover. Roy was probably a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion RMLI. He was probably seriously wounded in the assault but somehow managed to be recovered to the UK where he sadly succumbed to his wounds shortly afterwards.

ASHMORE E.T

**Probably this man -**

**Private 13255 Edwin T ASHMORE. Labour Corps. Formerly Private (31865) York and Lancaster Regiment.** Died 21<sup>st</sup> February 1920 aged 24 years. Son of Thomas Ashmore. Husband of Elizabeth Ashmore of 14 Swan Street, Pensett, Staffordshire. Buried Pensett (St Mark) Churchyard, Pensett, Staffordshire.

BALCOMBE F.J

**F.J. BALCOMBE –**

**Petty Officer Stoker 276783 Frederick BALCOMB. Royal Navy. H.M.S “Hawke”.** Died 15<sup>th</sup> October 1914. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference 4.

H.M.S Hawke was sunk in the North Sea off Aberdeen by the German submarine U9 commanded by Otto Weddingen. Although 71 men were rescued about 500 souls perished.

BALCHIN H.G

**Private 33754 Henry George BALCHIN. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Alexandra, Princess of Wales Own (Yorkshire Regiment). Formerly M/88207 Army Service Corps.** Died 13<sup>th</sup> November 1917 aged 19 years. Born Hayward Heath, Sussex. Enlisted Lydd. Son of George and Matilda Balchin of 1 Kimberly Villas, Lydd, Kent. Buried Poelcappelle British Cemetery, Langemark-Poelkapelle, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference - XLIX.D.13.

BASS C.W

**Private G6305 Charles William BASS. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 28<sup>th</sup> September 1915. Born and resided Lydd. Enlisted Canterbury. Son of Charles Edward and Julia Elizabeth Bass of Tourney Hall, Lydd, Kent. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Charles brother **Private 13264 Raymond John Bass** also served in the army gaining a commission via the Inns of Court OTC. He survived the Great War and was demobbed 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1919.

## BEAN C.G

**Private 17916. Clement George BEAN. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.** Died 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1917. Born Lydd. Enlisted Canterbury. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Arras, Pas de Calais, France. Panel reference - Bay 6.

## BLACKLOCKS A

**Private G/1371 Albert BLACKLOCKS. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 14<sup>th</sup> July 1916 aged 20 years. Born, enlisted and resided Lydd. Son of Mrs F.E. Blacklocks of 2 Poplar Terrace, Lydd, Kent. Buried Bernafay Wood British Cemetery, Montauban, Somme, France. Grave reference J.11.

Two of Albert's brothers also served - **Corporal 55478 John Blacklocks Machine Gun Corps,** and **Private G/1362 Thomas Blacklocks 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs, (East Kent Regiment).**

## BRADBURY R.G.W

**Probably this man -**

**Private 512953 Roland G BRADBURY. 2<sup>nd</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Battalion, London Regiment (London Scottish). Formerly Private 6915 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion, London Regiment.** Died 9<sup>th</sup> May 1917. Enlisted London. Resided Wood Green. Buried Karasouli Military Cemetery, Greece. Grave reference - D. 794.

## BROWN A.V

**Private G/13781 Arthur Victor BROWN. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1917. Born, enlisted and resided Lydd. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel reference - Bay 2.

## BURCHILL T

**Leading Stoker 276152 Thomas BURCHILL. Royal Navy. H.M.S. Hogue.** Died 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1914 aged 40 years. Son of Thomas George Burchill of Cork. Husband of Emma Burchill of 1 Bellevue Villas, Belleville Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight. Commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 3.

H.M.S Hogue was one of three ships torpedoed in a short space of time on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1914 by the German submarine U9 commanded by Otto Weddigen. There were more casualties in this disaster than in the whole Battle of Trafalgar! A truly disastrous day for the Royal Navy...

CARPENTER R.V.V

**Private 52131 Ross Vernon Victor CARPENTER. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Formerly Private (44516) Bedfordshire Regiment.** Died 26<sup>th</sup> August 1918 aged 18 years. Born and resided Lydd. Enlisted Canterbury. Son of John and Flora Carpenter of 3 Station Road, Lydd, Kent. Commemorated at Warlencourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Special Memorial 32.

Four brothers of Ross served in the army they were –

**Corporal 43254 Cecil O'Conner Carpenter.** Machine Gun Corps.

**Private 48957 George Henry Miles Carpenter.** Northumberland Fusiliers, formerly 2048 The Buffs (East Kent Regiment),

**Corporal H/6177 John Carpenter.** 13<sup>th</sup> Hussars.

**Private 52131 Ross Hierman Victor Carpenter.** 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment, formerly Private (44516) Bedfordshire Regiment.

CHASMAR H.T

**Private 24507 Henry Thomas CHASMAR. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment.** Died 16<sup>th</sup> August 1916 aged 26 years. Born and enlisted Lydd. Son of John Thomas and Susan Chasmar of Spring Place, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent. Husband of Lucy Chasmar of White House, Avon Castle, Ringwood, Hampshire. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Also commemorated on Woodchurch war memorial, the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque and in Lydd All Saints Church.

CHESTERMAN W.C

**Company Sergeant Major G/2941 William C CHESTERMAN. 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).** Died 30<sup>th</sup> April 1916 aged 28 years. Born Cheriton. Enlisted and resided Lydd. Son of Daisy Chesterman of Mill House, Lydd, Kent. Buried Dranoutre Military Cemetery, Heuveland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference - I.E.3.

COLLICK J.H

**Gunner 64172 John Henry COLLICK. MM. 94<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.** Died 18<sup>th</sup> November 1916. Age 18. Born and resided Lydd. Enlisted Ashford. Son of Thomas Edward and Charlotte Collick. Commemorated on Screen Wall, Reading Cemetery, Berkshire.

Awarded the Military Medal (MM) for bravery in the field.



## COLLINS N.L

**Second Lieutenant Neville Lancelot COLLINS. 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Attached 2nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.** Died 15<sup>th</sup> August 1916 aged 22 years. Son of the Reverent Canon and Mrs Percy H. Collins of the Rectory, Lydd, Kent. Buried Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval, Somme, France. Grave reference XVI.C.20.

Three of Neville's brothers also served as officers in the army during the war they were - Major Percy Hugh Campbell Collins, York and Lancaster Regiment, Captain Keith Gordon Floyd Collins, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment (ex 2<sup>nd</sup> Nigerian Regiment) and Captain Neil Boswell Floyd Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

## DALTON A.F

**Boy 1<sup>st</sup> Class J/31403 Alfred Frederick DALTON. Royal Navy. H.M.S. Collingwood.** Died 6<sup>th</sup> April 1916 aged 17 years. Son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Dalton. Buried Lyness Royal Naval Cemetery, Orkney. Grave B.23.

Alfred's brother also served in the army - **Lance Corporal 202604 Arthur William Dalton 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).** He resided at 2 Neville Terrace, Lydd.

## DRUMMOND A

**Sapper 7881 Andrew DRUMMOND. 59<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers.** Died 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1915 aged 36 years. Born Leith, Edinburgh. Enlisted Edinburgh. Son of John Drummond of Jock's Lodge, Edinburgh. Husband of Rachel Grant (formerly Drummond) of 2 Gladstone Villas, Manor Road, Lydd, Kent. Buried Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery, Heuveland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference - III.D.21.

## DUNK P.W

**Sergeant L/9332 Philip William DUNK. "C" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 29<sup>th</sup> December 1917 aged 29 years. Born and resided Lydd. Enlisted Shorncliffe. Son of Philp William and Emily Dunk (nee Swan). Husband of Catherine Stack (formerly Dunk) of "Glenmore," Killester Villas, Howth Road, Dublin. Buried Rye Cemetery, Sussex. Grave reference - 4890.

## FRAMPTON C.W

**Private G/24386 Charles Walter FRAMPTON. 23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Formerly Private G/24033 Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).** Died 17<sup>th</sup> February 1917 aged 24 years. Born Stone, Kent. Enlisted Lydd. Son of Edward and Elizabeth Frampton of Scotney Court, Lydd, Kent. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

## FULLER H.W

### **H W FULLER – No Trace**

#### GODFREY J.D (brother)

**Lieutenant James Douglas GODFREY. DSC. Royal Navy. H.M.S “Attentive”. Formerly H.M.S “Arethusa”.** Died 31<sup>st</sup> October 1917 aged 39 years. Son of George Gilbert Godfrey and Edith Hannah Godfrey of Lydd. Husband of Ellen Elizabeth Godfrey of Rose Farm House, Lydd. Buried locally in Lydd (All Saints) Churchyard, Lydd, Kent.

For several years the Godfrey family resided at the Station Hotel, Lydd were George was the manager.

#### GODFREY N (brother)

**Battery Sergeant Major 1702 Nelson GODFREY. 4<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.** Died 7<sup>th</sup> November 1917 aged 36 years. Son of George Gilbert and Edith Hannah Godfrey of Lydd. Husband of Alice M.M Godfrey of West Ripe, Lydd. Buried locally in Lydd (All Saints) Churchyard, Lydd, Kent.

#### HAMBROOK C.A

**Aircraftman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class 281095 Charles Arthur HAMBROOK. Royal Air Force.** Died 10<sup>th</sup> April 1919 aged 34 years. Husband of H.K Humphrey (formerly Hambrook) of 11 Ravens Knowle, Wouldham, Rochester, Kent. Buried Maidstone Cemetery, Maidstone, Kent. Grave reference - 2C.304.

#### HANDS G

### **G HANDS – No Trace**

#### HASSALL J.W

**Lance Corporal 10621 Joseph William HASSALL. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, South Wales Borderers.** Died Gallipoli 29<sup>th</sup> June 1915 aged 18 years. Born Aldershot. Enlisted Lydd. Resided Chatham. Son of Joseph Hassel of 2 Wolseley Terrace, West Ripe, Lydd, Kent. Buried Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey. Grave reference - C. 96.

#### JACKSON E

**Quartermaster Sergeant (Smith) 3409 Edward JACKSON. 3<sup>rd</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.** Died 6<sup>th</sup> November 1914 aged 42 years. Born and resided Barton Bendish, Stoke Ferry, Norfolk. Enlisted Swaffham, Norfolk. Son of David and Anne Jackson of Barton Brandish, Norfolk. Husband of Madeline Gertrude Jackson of “Sea View,” Lydd, Kent. Buried Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference - III.B.37.

JAMES A.M

**No Trace**

JONES L

**Private T/1256 Lomas JONES. 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 7<sup>th</sup> January 1916 aged 23 years. Born and resided Lydd. Enlisted Tenterden. Son of Charles and Jane Louisa Jones of "Homeleigh," Boulder Wall, Lydd, Kent. Buried Amara War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave reference - XXXI.C.7.

KENNETT G

**No Trace**

KENT J.G.W

**No Trace**

LAING D

**No Trace** – The 1901 census shows a 10 year **David LAING** living with his widower father (also David) at Middle Ripe, Lydd. David probably died of wounds after the Great War had ended. The trustees of the towns civic tribute allowed his name to go forward on the grounds he died as a consequence of his war service. This case warrants further investigation. David is one of many thousands of men whose names should have been properly recorded but were not.

LOCKE G.E

**Rifleman 593431 George Edward LOCKE. 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, London Regiment (London Irish Rifles). Formerly Private 1822 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 7<sup>th</sup> April 1917 aged 24 years. Born Brookland, Kent. Enlisted and resided Dover. Son of Annie Lydia Locke of 6 Bulwark Street, Dover, Kent. Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference - XI.C.29.

LORDING H.H

**Private G/9051 Hugh Hartland LORDING. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)** Died 14<sup>th</sup> July 1916 aged 20 years. Born, enlisted and resided Lydd. Son of Mr and Mrs Mary Jane Lording of Jacques Court, Lydd, Kent. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5D.

Hugh's younger brother **Private 418401 Loftus Frank Lording**, East Surrey Regiment also served.

MARTIN H.D

**Lance Corporal 40160 Horace Dunster MARTIN. 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. Formally Private 2964 The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917 aged 29 years. Enlisted Lydd. Son of William and Harriet Sarah Martin of 1 Myrtle Villas, Lydd, Kent. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.

Horace's brother **Lance Corporal 265613 Alfred Richard Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment)** also served.

MILLER J.R

**Bombadier 62247 John Robert MILLER. 88<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.** Died 18<sup>th</sup> August 1917 aged 32 years. Born Lydd. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Marden. Son of Joseph and Fanny Miller, Lydd, Kent. Husband of D.L. Miller of 10 Wolseley Terrace, Lydd, Kent. Buried Barlin Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference - III.D.12.

Post war address for Mrs Miller (above) is as for the Williams brothers, possibly related to the family.

MILLS T

**Driver T3/022731 Tom MILLS. 151<sup>st</sup> Mechanical Transport Company, Royal Army Service Corps. Attached 56<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance Royal Army Medical Corps.** Died 5<sup>th</sup> June 1917 aged 21 years. Born and resided Lydd. Enlisted Canterbury. Son of James Edward and Edith Emily Mills of 5 Queens Road, Lydd, Kent. Buried Avesnes-la-Comte Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference - I.D.10.

Two of Tom's brothers served in the Royal Navy they being **Trimmer Ernest James Mills**, HMS Colleen and **Fireman 934392 Jack Mills** HMS Imperieuse.

MUNDS A.E

**Private G/9368 Albert Ernest MUNDS. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 7<sup>th</sup> October 1916. Born, enlisted and resided Lydd. Son of George and Ellen Munds of New Street, Lydd, Kent. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Panel reference - 5D.

Three of Albert's brothers also served:

**Private G/15512 John Munds 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)** Formerly Private (48118) Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

**Driver TF/20419 Sidney Munds. Royal Field Artillery.**



**S/312233 Private William Munds. Army Service Corps.**

NOAKES J.H

**Corporal G/672 James Henry NOAKES. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 10<sup>th</sup> October 1917 aged 21 years. Born Winchelsea, Sussex. Enlisted Dover. Resided Lydd. Buried Cement House Cemetery, Langemark-Poelkapelle, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference - XII.D.2.

OILLER W.R

**Leading Seaman 219400 William Richard OILLER. Royal Navy. H.M.S. India.** Died 8<sup>th</sup> August 1915. Son of Herbert and Katherine Oiller of the Ship Inn, Dungeness, Kent. Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Portsmouth, Hampshire. Panel reference - 7.

HMS India an armed merchant cruiser was sunk by the U 22 commanded by Bruno Hoppe at Bodo, West Fjord off the coast of Norway. Two of William's brothers also went to sea in the war serving on tugs of the Royal Naval Reserve, **Joseph Holbrook Oiller** aboard the 192 ton RNRT "Warrior". The Oiller's are very long established Kent fisherman. Over the years there have been many Oiller's serving aboard the various South Kent RNLI lifeboats.

PAINE A

**Private G/9136 Archibald PAINE. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1917 aged 24 years. Born, enlisted and resided Lydd. Grandson of Mrs Alice Mannings of 2 Chapel Terrace, Lydd, Kent. Buried Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery, Manancourt, Somme, France. Grave reference - V.D.15.F.

PAINE F

**Private G/9153 Frederick PAINE. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 25<sup>th</sup> September 1916 aged 24 years. Born, enlisted and resided Lydd. Son of George and Mary Paine. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Panel reference - Pier and Face 5D.

PAINE W.G

**Private GS/24486 William George PAINE. 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).** Died 11<sup>th</sup> January 1918. Born, enlisted and resided Lydd. Son of Alfred and Kate Paine of Lydd. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.

Two other sons of Alfred and Kate enlisted together they were –

**Private 203176 Ernest Edward Paine** and **Private 203175 Bertie Paine** both of whom served in the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen`s Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

PRIDDIS W.J

**Private 25869 William James PRIDDIS. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Devonshire Regiment.** Died 14<sup>th</sup> April 1917 aged 33 years. Born Exmouth. Enlisted Exeter. Resided Ebbw Vale. Husband of Frances Minnie Priddis of 99 Egremont Road, Exmouth. Buried Villers Hill British Cemetery, Villers-Guislain, Nord, France. Grave reference - VI.C.21.

RAINE J.L

**Corporal 12661 Joseph Leonard RAINE. 6<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.** Died 20<sup>th</sup> July 1916 aged 29 years. Born and enlisted Scarborough. Husband of Elizabeth V Raine of 6 Gordon Terrace, Lydd, Kent. Buried Peronne Road Cemetery, Maricourt, Somme, France. Grave reference - I.F.18.

RAMSDEN A

**Able Seaman 186587 Arthur RAMSDEN. Royal Navy. (RFR/CH/B/6557) H.M.S "Hogue".** Died 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1914 aged 34 years. Son of the late Mr and Mrs Richard Ramsden of "Prospect House," Lydd, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference - 3. (See Thomas Burchill).

READ F.J

**Able Seaman J/22290 F J READ. Royal Navy. H.M.S "Osiris".** Died 18<sup>th</sup> December 1917. Buried locally in Lydd (All Saints) Churchyard, Lydd, Kent.

SAXON T

**Sergeant 1558 Tom SAXON. "B" Squadron, 3<sup>rd</sup> (King's Own) Hussars.** Died 10<sup>th</sup> August 1918 aged 29 years. Born and enlisted Stalybridge. Resided Lydd. Son of Joseph and Ann Saxon of 86 Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge, Cheshire. Husband of Emmeline Rose Saxon of 1 Glenfield Road, Buckland, Dover, Kent. Served RN for 11 years. Commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel reference -2.

SHEPPARD H.J

**Private 9349 Henry Joseph SHEPPARD. 10<sup>th</sup> (Prince of Wales Own) Royal Hussars.** Died 17<sup>th</sup> November 1914. Born New Romney. Enlisted and resided Lydd. Son of Mr J.W Sheppard of Gas Lane, Tenterden, Kent. Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, Belgium. Panel reference - 5.

## SILLS C.G

**Private 67830 Charles Gordon SILLS. 50<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). Formerly Private (4098) London Regiment.** Died 27<sup>th</sup> May 1918 aged 33 years. Born Lydd. Enlisted Camberwell. Son of George and Emily Sills of Kings Plot Villas, Lydd, Kent. Buried Craonnelle French National Cemetery, Aisne, France. Grave reference -1720.

## SPANNER C.E.A

**Lance Corporal G/9053 Cecil Ernest Alfred SPANNER. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 9<sup>th</sup> April 1917. Born, enlisted and resided Lydd. Son of Mr E.A. Spanner of Prospect Place, Ness Road, Lydd, Kent. Buried Beaurains Road Cemetery, Beaurains, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference - A.35.

Cecil's brother served as **Private 31340 Percy SPANNER. Royal Defence Corps.**

## SPICER A.L

**Private 21738 Albert Ley SPICER. 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.** Died 19<sup>th</sup> August 1917 aged 19 years. Born Aldershot. Enlisted Lydd. Son of Mrs W. Cloke (formerly Spicer) of 44 Stade Street, Hythe, Kent. Buried Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Harlebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference - I.D.15.

Albert lived at Middle Ripe, Lydd. Albert was the son of a soldier that died in the Boer War. Albert's younger brother was born in Ireland.

## SOUTHERDEN F

**Driver 130280 Frederick SOUTHERDEN. "D" Battery, 63<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.** Died 1<sup>st</sup> December 1917 aged 33 years. Enlisted Rye. Resided Jury's Gap, Sussex. Second son of Frederick Southerden of Jury's Gap, Sussex. Husband of Alice Southerden of 52 Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent. Buried Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Grave reference - IV.L.16.

Jury's Gap although just in Sussex is at the western extremity of Lydd army ranges. The Kent Cyclist Battalion often patrolled this area during the Great War.

## STEWART F.J

**Private 1612 Frederick James STEWARD. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Welsh Guards.** Died 25<sup>th</sup> July 1916. Born Dymchurch. Enlisted Swansea. Son of Benjamin and Mary Stewart of Dymchurch, Kent. Buried Brandhoek Military Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium. Grave reference - II.K.2.

SDGW lists Frederick's date of death as **25<sup>th</sup> September 1916.**

### TERRY F

The only casualty traced with this name having any connection with Lydd is:-

**Gunner 38789 Frank TERRY. 1<sup>st</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.** Died 25<sup>th</sup> October 1917. Born Hurst, Ashford 28<sup>th</sup> May 1892. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Aldington. Son of Edward William and Phoebe Louisa Terry (nee Brignall). Edward and Phoebe were both natives of Lydd. Buried Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave reference IX.D.15.

Frank is also commemorated on the Aldington war memorial plaque.

### TURK J

**Private G/25079 John TURK. 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Formerly Private (242538) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 14<sup>th</sup> October 1917 aged 28 years. Born Lydd. Enlisted Ramsgate. Resided Minster (Isle of Thanet) Kent. Son of Mr F. Turk of West Ripe, Lydd, Kent. Buried Zuydcoote Military Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave reference - I.F.20.

John's brother **Gunner 78934 Edgar Turk 157<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery** also served.

### TURNER R.H

**Private G/2516 Raymond Horace TURNER. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 13<sup>th</sup> July 1916 aged 22 years. Born and resided Lydd. Enlisted Ramsgate. Son of Horace and Caroline Turner of New Street, Lydd. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Panel reference - Pier and Face 5D.

### WADDEL W.G

**Private G/52603 William George WADDEL. 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Formerly Private (SPTS/5878) Royal Fusiliers.** Died 1<sup>st</sup> December 1917 aged 30 years. Born Lydd. Enlisted Folkestone. Son of Mr and Mrs H. Waddel. Husband of Cecilia Waddel of 105 Morehall Avenue, Folkestone, Kent. Buried Grevillers British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference - VIII.C.11.

### WELLSTEAD W.A

**Able Seaman 179706 W.A WELLSTEAD. Royal Navy. (RFR/PO/B/797). H.M.S "Bayano".** Died 11<sup>th</sup> March 1915. Buried Ballyphilip Church of Ireland Churchyard, County Down, Northern Ireland. Grave reference - 198.



H.M.S Bayano an armed merchant cruiser was torpedoed by a German U-boat off Corswell Point, Galloway, Ireland.

**Worthy of special notice here is the tragedy inflicted on John Henry and Harriet Williams of 10 Wolseley Terrace, Lydd. They lost 4 sons in the Great War. Another son Gunner 683187 John Edward Williams 79<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery thankfully survived the carnage of the Great War...**

#### WILLIAMS A.C

**Private G/24772 Alfred Clement WILLIAMS. "C" Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Queen`s (Royal West Surrey Regiment).** Died 27<sup>th</sup> June 1917. Age 29. Born, enlisted and resided Lydd. Son of John Henry and Harriet Williams of 10 Wolseley Terrace, Lydd. Buried locally in Lydd (All Saints) Churchyard.

#### WILLIAMS C.F

**Able Seaman 235078 Clem Flisher WILLIAMS. Royal Navy. H.M.S. Triumph.** Died 25<sup>th</sup> May 1915 aged 25 years. Son of John Henry and Harriet Williams of 10 Wolseley Terrace, Lydd, Kent. (Same address as Mrs D.L. Miller). Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference - 10.

H.M.S Triumph was torpedoed and sunk by the U-21 commanded by Otto Hershing. H.M.S Triumph was bombarding enemy positions at Gaba Tepe, Gallipoli. 73 men perished (including poor Clem)...

#### WILLIAMS C.L

**Lance Corporal 122785 Clifton Lionel WILLIAMS. 42<sup>nd</sup> Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).** Died 14<sup>th</sup> September 1918 aged 19 years. Born and enlisted Lydd. Son of John Henry and Harriet Williams of 10 Wolseley Terrace, Lydd, Kent. Buried Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Grave reference - IV.E.24.

#### WILLIAMS F.E

**Lance Corporal 203178 Frank Ernest WILLIAMS. 2/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen`s Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Formerly Private (2205) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 18<sup>th</sup> January 1918 aged 21 years. Enlisted and resided Lydd. Son of Mr and Mrs John Henry Williams of 10 Wolseley Terrace, Lydd, Kent. Buried Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel. Grave reference - O.103.

WOOD C.E

**Private L/9869 Charles Edward WOOD. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1916. Born Hastings. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided New Romney. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Charles is also commemorated on New Romney War Memorial.

WOOD D

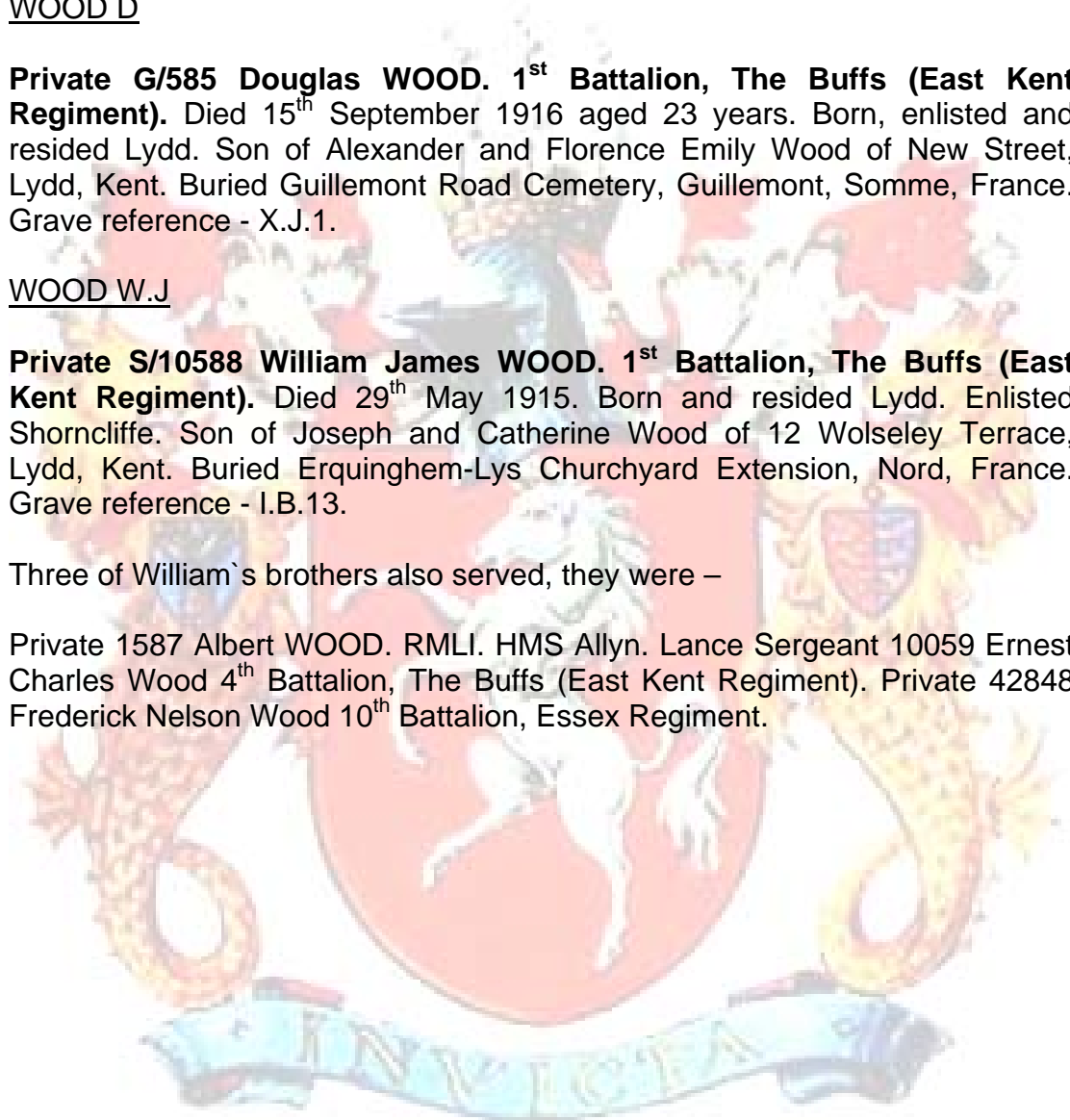
**Private G/585 Douglas WOOD. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 15<sup>th</sup> September 1916 aged 23 years. Born, enlisted and resided Lydd. Son of Alexander and Florence Emily Wood of New Street, Lydd, Kent. Buried Guillemont Road Cemetery, Guillemont, Somme, France. Grave reference - X.J.1.

WOOD W.J

**Private S/10588 William James WOOD. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 29<sup>th</sup> May 1915. Born and resided Lydd. Enlisted Shorncliffe. Son of Joseph and Catherine Wood of 12 Wolseley Terrace, Lydd, Kent. Buried Erquinghem-Lys Churchyard Extension, Nord, France. Grave reference - I.B.13.

Three of William`s brothers also served, they were –

Private 1587 Albert WOOD. RMLI. HMS Allyn. Lance Sergeant 10059 Ernest Charles Wood 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Private 42848 Frederick Nelson Wood 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Essex Regiment.



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### ADAMS N.L

**No Trace** - Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.

### ADDY J.R

**Private 6400458 John R ADDY. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.** Died 14<sup>th</sup> June 1941 aged 23 years. Born and resided Kent. Son of Thomas R. Addy and Winifred M. Addy of Lydd, Kent. Buried locally in Lydd (All Saints) Churchyard, Lydd, Kent.

Pre war member of the regiment. Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.

### BATES I.R

**Isabel Ruth BATES. (Civilian).** Died (Enemy Action) 5<sup>th</sup> October 1940 aged 36 years. Resided "The Haven," Skinner Road, Lydd, Kent. Daughter of P.R. and E. Ward of The Street, Rolvenden, Kent. Wife of Graham Henry Bates. Killed at "The Haven," Skinner Road, Lydd. Buried Lydd Municipal Cemetery, Lydd, Kent.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.

### BROWNING C

**Lance Corporal 2615183 Cyril BROWNING. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Grenadier Guards.** Died 10<sup>th</sup> September 1943 aged 20 years. Born and resided Kent. Son of Charles Ethelbert Browning and Violet Marion Browning of Lydd, Kent. Buried Salerno War Cemetery, Italy. Grave reference - III.D.13.

Pre war member of the regiment. Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.

### BUDGE F

**Fanny BUDGE. (Civilian).** Died (Enemy Action) 10<sup>th</sup> September 1944 at Willesborough Hospital aged 64 years. Resided at Ketchley House, Manor Road, Lydd, Kent. Daughter of William and Fanny Mittell. Widow of Sidney Budge. Mortally wounded 29<sup>th</sup> August 1944 at Granary Corner, Lydd.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.

BURGESS P.S

**Pilot Officer 124881 Philip Sidney BURGESS. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 617 Squadron RAF.** Died 16<sup>th</sup> May 1943 aged 20 years. Son of Willis and Marie Burgess. Buried Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Grave reference - 5.C.7.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.

BURT A

**No Trace** - Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.

CHEESEMAN C.S

**Gunner 2041808 Charles Sydney CHEESEMAN. 468 Battery, 29<sup>th</sup> Searchlight Regiment, Royal Artillery.** Died 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1941 aged 49 years. Son of George and Eliza May Cheeseman. Husband of Elizabeth Catherine Cheeseman of Lydd, Kent. Buried locally in Lydd (All Saints) Churchyard, Lydd, Kent.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.

EEDE C

**Sergeant 7870901 Cecil EEDE. Royal Armoured Corps.** Died 10<sup>th</sup> February 1943. Born Surrey. Resided Canterbury. Buried Catterick Military Cemetery, North Yorkshire. Church of England Section. Grave reference - 224.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

FINN R.B

**Pilot Officer 185402 Robert Bannerman FINN. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 68 Squadron R.A.F.** Died 5<sup>th</sup> January 1945. Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey. Panel reference - 268.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.

FLISHER L.C

**Sergeant (Observer) 564186 Leonard Charles FLISHER. 218 Squadron, Royal Air Force.** Died 12<sup>th</sup> May 1940 aged 26 years. Son of Harry William Flisher and Rose Hannah Flisher of Guildford, Surrey. Buried Sensenruth (Curfoz) Communal Cemetery, Belgium. Grave reference - Collective grave 3-4.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.



#### GRAVER A.S

**Sergeant 7882953 Alfred Stanley GRAVER. 3<sup>rd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps.** Died 24<sup>th</sup> February 1941 aged 28 years. Son of Alfred and Beatrice Alice Graver. Husband of Constance Joan Graver of Littlestone, Kent. Buried Ismailia War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave reference - 2.C.7.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

#### GREENSTREET H.J

**Signalman 2318274 Henry James GREENSTREET. 12 Anti-Aircraft Brigade, Royal Artillery, Signals Section, Royal Corps of Signals.** Died 12<sup>th</sup> October 1943 aged 36 years. Born Kent. Resided Canterbury. Son of Richard and Emily Greenstreet. Husband of Daisy Greenstreet of West Heath, Hampshire. Buried Naples War Cemetery. Grave reference - III.J.8.

Pre war member of the corps. Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

#### HOLDSTOCK R.F

**Sapper 1868794 Raymond Francis HOLDSTOCK. 9th (Airborne) Field Company, Royal Engineers. 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division.** Died 17<sup>th</sup> September 1944 aged 30 years. Born Kent. Resided Canterbury. Son of Frank Holdstock and of Mabel Holdstock (nee Baldock). Husband of Emily Holdstock of Westbrook, Margate, Kent. Buried Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery. Grave reference - 15.A.18.

Raymond was killed when glider No 386 crashed near Arnhem, Holland during operation "Market Garden." Pre war member of the corps. Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.

#### JONES H

**Sapper 1868645 Philip H JONES. Royal Engineers.** Died 11<sup>th</sup> October 1940. Born Kent. Resided Canterbury. Buried Fort Pitt Military Cemetery, Chatham, Kent. Grave reference - 1677.

Pre war member of the corps. Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

#### LEWIS L.V

**Battery Sergeant Major 1412438 Lionel Vivian LEWIS. Royal Artillery.** Died 6<sup>th</sup> August 1942 aged 39 years. Born Kent. Resided Plymouth. Husband of Edith Lewis of Shoeburyness, Essex. Buried Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore. Grave reference - 10.A.6.

Pre war member of the regiment. Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

#### NASH T.J

**Walter Thomas James NASH. (Civilian).** Died 6<sup>th</sup> October 1940 at Ashford Hospital aged 32 years. Son of Edith J. Williams (formerly Nash) of Forge House, Cannon Street, Lydd, Kent. Injured 5<sup>th</sup> October 1940 at Lydd.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

#### NEALE R.H

**Petty Officer C/JX 145790 Richard Henry NEALE. Royal Navy. H.M.Submarine Stonehenge.** Died 20<sup>th</sup> March 1944 aged 24 years. Son of Arthur and Clara Beatrice Neale. Husband of Jean Ann Neale of Bethersden, Ashford, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference - 74, 3.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque, and on the village war memorial at Bethersden. H.M. Submarine Stonehenge was the first RN submarine lost in the war with Japan failing to return from patrol between Northern Sumatra and the Nicobar Islands. It was thought the submarine struck a mine and sunk with the loss of all hands.

#### OWENS H.J

**No Trace** - Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

#### PARSONS J.L

**No Trace** - Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

#### PARKER-BULL R

**Private 14368071 Raymond PARKER-BULL. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen`s Own Royal West Kent Regiment.** Died 5<sup>th</sup> October 1943 aged 21 years. Born and resided Kent. Son of William Albert and Ada Mary Parker-Bull of Lydd, Kent. Buried Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy. Grave reference - II.E.21.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

#### PASQUET L.J

**Warrant Officer Class 2 6092761 Leslie Joseph PASQUET. 2/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Queen`s Royal Regiment (West Surrey).** Died 24<sup>th</sup> February 1944. Born and resided Surrey. Buried Beach Head War Cemetery, Anzio, Italy. Grave reference - IX.C.3.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

PERRY G

**George PERRY. (Civilian).** Died (Enemy Action) 7<sup>th</sup> October 1940 at Willesborough Hospital aged 53 years. Husband of Kate Florence Perry of Renee Villa, Skinner Road, Lydd. George was mortally wounded at Renee Villa 5<sup>th</sup> October 1940. Buried Lydd Municipal Cemetery, Lydd, Kent.

PERRY F.K

**Florence Kate Perry. (Civilian).** Died (Enemy Action) at Renee Villa 7<sup>th</sup> October 1940 aged 47 years.

It was sad to note that Florence has not been commemorated on the Lydd Town war memorial, but is included on the memorial plaque outside the Lydd Memorial Institute (as is her husband).

REDMOND G.D

**No Trace.** Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

REYNOLDS H

**No Trace.** Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

RHOADES W.J

**Gunner 2039097 Walter J RHOADES. 29 Searchlight Regiment, Royal Artillery. Formerly (pre-war) Royal Engineers (RE).** Died 24<sup>th</sup> July 1944 aged 24 years. Born Dorset. Resided Kent. Son of Walter James Rhoades and Violet Emily Rhoades of Lydd, Kent. Buried Kirkwall (St Olaf's) Cemetery, Orkney. Grave reference - Plot 33. Joint grave 21.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.

SHARP J

**No Trace.** Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

SIVYER A.I

**Platoon Sergeant Major (Warrant Officer 2) 7813921 Edward J SIVYER. 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment.** Died 6<sup>th</sup> November 1943. Age 41. Resided Kent. Son of George and Alice Sivyer. Husband of Emily Ellen Sivyer of Lydd, Kent. Buried Minturno War Cemetery, Italy. Grave VII.K.14. Pre war member of the regiment.

Commemorated as **A.I SIVYER** on the Lydd town war memorial. But on the memorial plaque outside the Lydd Memorial Institute he is commemorated as **E.J SIVYER.**

SMITH E

**No Trace** - Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

SAWN-BENZIE W.G

**Major 56577 Walter George SWAN-BENZIE. B.Sc. 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Tank Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps.** Died 12<sup>th</sup> June 1942 aged 32 years. Born Malaya. Resided Aberdeen. Son of Alexander Emslie Benzie and Agnes Emma Swan Benzie of Aberdeen. Buried Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Libya. Grave reference - Joint grave 16.C.22.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.

TAYLOR R.J

**No Trace.** Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

TYE J.S

**Joseph Stanley TYE. (Civilian).** Died (Enemy Action) 24<sup>th</sup> March 1943 aged 18 years. Son of Joseph Henry and Winifred Sarah Tye of Police Station, Lydd, Kent. Died at New Street, Lydd.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.

WHITE H

**No Trace.** Also commemorated on the Lydd Institute Memorial plaque.

WHITING D

**No Trace.** Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.

WILLIAMS P.C

**Private 6289985 Percy Clement WILLIAMS. 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).** Died 9<sup>th</sup> April 1943 aged 26 years. Born and resided Kent. Son of Edith Jane Williams of Lydd, Kent. Buried Oued Zarga War Cemetery, Tunisia. Grave reference - 1.K.24.

Also commemorated on the Lydd Memorial Institute plaque.