

Meopham is a large rural parish, the centre of which is just five miles south of Gravesend, Kent and the River Thames. The Parish of Meopham has four main greens, they being Culverstone Green, Harvel Green, Hook Green and Meopham Green. These different locations are reflected to some extent in the following brief tributes to the village war dead, who are commemorated on the Meopham, Kent civic war memorial. Those of the Great War are also honoured on a bronze memorial plaque in the parish church of St. John the Baptist, Meopham. Regretably in common with most other Kent locations, Meopham has some of its residents and natives that died in time of war who are not commemorated on the village tributes

THE GREAT WAR

1914 - 1919

AMOS, CLIFFORD HERBERT. Private, 45536.

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).

Died 18 October 1918. Aged 31.

Born Philadelphia, U.S.A. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.

Son of Clifford and Ada Ruth Amos.

Husband of Daisy May Amos of 3, Kent Terrace, Meopham Green, Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Birr Cross Roads Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: III. B. 23.

Formerly Private, 12703, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

BENNETT, CHARLES. Private,

10th (Service) Battalion, (Battersea) The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 8 August 1918.

Born Culverstone, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent. Resided Meopham, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Panel 14 to 17 and 162 to 162A.

BENNETT, WILLIAM. Private, L/8312.

1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 4 April 1915. Aged 26.

Born Stansted, Wrotham, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Meopham, Kent.

Son of Mrs. Sarah Ann Roots of Plumrush, Harvel, Meopham, Kent.

Commemorated at Tuileries British Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Special Memorial C. 10, also commemorated on Ash-cum-Ridley, Kent civic war memorial.

BIRD, WILLIAM THOMAS. Leading Stoker, K/403.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Princess Irene.
Died 27 May 1915. Aged 27.
Born Dartford, Kent 7 February 1889.
Husband of Lily Bird of "The Nutshell," Culverstone Green. Meopham,
Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 11.

BISHOP, JOHN NORMAN. Private, 71571.
27th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment).
Died 15 September 1916. Aged 27.
Son of Herbert L. and C. Bishop of 43, St. Luke's Road, Westbourne Park,
London.
Commemorated on the Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

BLACKMAN, HENRY GEORGE. Private, 11499.
No. 4 Company, 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards.
Died 14 September 1916. Aged 34.
Born Odiham, Hampshire. Enlisted Hartney Witney, Hampshire.
Son of Eliza Blackman of 44, Napier Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, late of
Meopham, Gravesend, Kent, and the late Henry Blackman.
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 8 D.
Henry had enlisted in May 1904, and had previously been wounded in December
1914.

BLACKMAN, W. E. As commemorated on Meopham, Kent civic war memorial is
possibly the following officer, he being the closest match obtained at this time
(2005):-

BLACKMAN, WILFRED ERNEST ARTHUR. Captain.
Machine Gun Corps.
Died 14 October 1918. Aged 25.
Son of Mr. H. C. and Mrs. A. A. Blackman of 21, Apsley Road, South Norwood,
London.
Buried Beckenham Crematorium and Cemetery (once Crystal Palace District
Cemetery), London. Grave Ref: L2. 7692.
Wilfred enlisted in the 14th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment
(London Scottish) in September 1914, serving as Private, 2953, before being
commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Machine Gun Corps. Wilfred had
been wounded during the 'Battle of Loos' in September 1915.

BOLSTER, RICHARD. M.C. Major.
124th Battery, 28th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.
Died 5 June 1917. Aged 34.
Born Stoke, Devonshire.

Son of Inspector General T. C. Bolster, R.N., and Mrs. Bolster.
Husband of Mary C. Bolster of "Woodlands," Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St Eloi, Pas de Calais, France.
Grave Ref: VI. J. 12.

Richard's father qualified as an (Admiralty) German Interpreter in April 1910.
Sadly Richard's son heads the commemorations of the Second World War village fallen.

BOWYER, FREDERICK C. Driver, 32524.
Royal Engineers, attached to the 1st King George's Own Sappers and Miners.
Died 29 November 1917.
Born Stanstead, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent. Resided Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: III. F. 8.

BRENCHLEY, HERBERT WILLIAM. Leading Seaman, J/3649.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. "Formidable."
Died 1 January 1915. Aged 23.
Born Birmingham, Warwickshire 30 October 1891.
Son of Austin and Eleanor Brenchley of Meopham Court Lodge, Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 9.

BRENCHLEY, SWINFORD AUSTIN. Private, 1587.
7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 30 September 1916. Aged 23.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Son of A. W. and E. Brenchley of Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Puchevillers British Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: III. D. 40.

BUGGS, ALFRED. Private, 17734.
2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards.
Died 31 July 1917. Aged 22.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted London.
Son of Henry and Emily Buggs of Priesthood, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Panel 9.

BURNETT, ERNEST HERBERT. Boy 1st Class, J/30268.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. "Cornwallis."
Died 25 April 1915. Aged 16.
Born Northfleet, Kent 3 September 1898.
Son of William and Eliza Ann Burnett of Green Cottages, Priesthood, Meopham,
Kent.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 10.

CHAMBERS, ROBERT SAMUEL. Private, 296.
5th Battery, Machine Gun Corps (Motors).
Died 18 April 1916.
Born Dovercourt, Essex. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 47.

CHRISTMAS, SYDNEY CHARLES. Private, G/12061.
7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 30 September 1916. Aged 23.
Born Wilmington, Dartford, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Resided Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Son of Ernest Alfred and Sarah Elizabeth Christmas of Harvel, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Mill Road Cemetery, Thiepval, Somme, France. Grave Ref: XVIII. G. 1.

CLARK, H. No clear trace. It was noted during the compilation of these brief commemorations that a 10 year old Meopham native Herbert Clark, was residing with his family at 1 Crockers Villa on the night of the 1901 census, who might be the casualty commemorated on the village war memorial.

COOK, F. No clear trace. On the Great War memorial plaque in the parish church, this casualty is commemorated as a member of the Royal Navy.

DALTON, FRANCIS JAMES. Private, 187552.
"C" Company, 27th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment).
Died 3 October 1916. Aged 18.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent 6 June 1897.
Son of Percy and Jessie Dalton of 1551, Ross Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
Commemorated on the Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, and is also commemorated on page 74 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance.
Francis appears to be a brother of the next casualty briefly commemorated. At the time of his enlistment at Winnipeg, Manitoba on 17 November 1915, he had been employed as a Bookkeeper. His father was recorded as being Francis next of kin, and both resided at 1313 Logan Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

DALTON, PHILIP HENRY. Gunner, 301407.

1st Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery.

Died 4 November 1917. Aged 24.

Born Gravesend, Kent 24 April 1894.

Son of Percy John and Jessie Harriet Dalton of 1247, Alexander Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Buried Winnipeg (Brookside) Cemetery, Manitoba, Canada. Grave Ref: Military 75. Commemorated on page 224 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance. Phillip had previously served in the Royal Field Artillery and prior to enlisting in the Canadian Army at Winnipeg, Manitoba on 17 August 1915, he had been employed as a Driver.

DAY, HERBERT. Sergeant, 122164.

"D" Battery, 5th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 26 October 1918. Aged 31.

Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.

Son of Mrs. Harriett Day of Oddfellows Cottage, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.

Buried La Vallee-Mulatre Communal Cemetery Extension, Aisne, France.

Grave Ref: A. 20.

DEADMAN, THOMAS LEONARD. Private, 24411.

32nd (Service) Battalion, (East Ham) Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 7 June 1917. Aged 24.

Born Northfleet, Kent. Enlisted and resided Gravesend, Kent.

Son of William Douglas Deadman and Mary Deadman of 117, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Voormezele Enclosure No. 3, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: XIII. K. 21.

DURLING, MAURICE ALBON. Private, 3511.

51st Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F.

Died 14 August 1916. Aged 26.

Born Culverstone Green, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent October 1889.

Resided Yallup Brook, Western Australia.

Son of Albert and Martha Durling of 113, Old Road West, Gravesend, Kent.

Commemorated on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Somme, France.

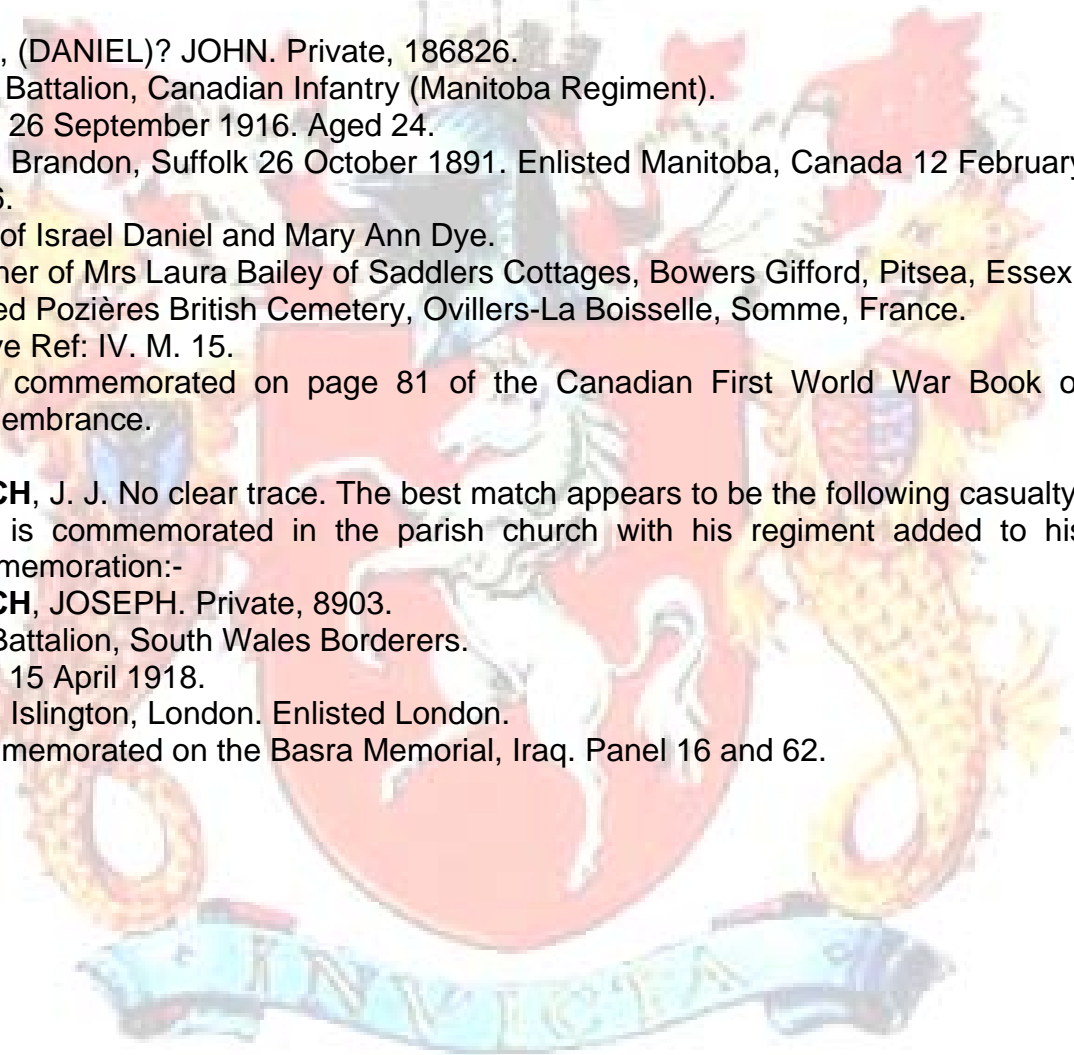
Maurice emigrated to Australia at the age of 27 years and 7 months, and was employed in Dairy Farming prior to enlisting in the 88th Infantry Battalion, Australian army at Yallup Brook, Western Australia on 4 October 1915. At the time of Maurice's enlistment his parents resided at The Hermitage, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. On 17 January 1916 Maurice embarked from the Port of Freemantle, Western Australia, aboard the 11,136 ton ship H.M.A.T. Borda (A30), amongst a draft of 28th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F. reinforcements.

DYE, J. This casualty is commemorated in the parish church as serving in the Canadian armed forces. As no matching CWGC commemoration for him was found, it seemed likely that this soldier was numbered amongst the thousands of Commonwealth war dead of both world wars who still have no form of official commemoration or remembrance. Checking various Canadian data produced matching results, and as such it would appear that the following is the man commemorated at Meopham, Kent. It would appear that his Christian name details by the then IWGC, post the Great War were not exactly correct. Caution is advised re the following casualty being the correct man should anybody access same, if carrying out more in depth Meopham commemorations, or Dye family research.

DYE, (DANIEL)? JOHN. Private, 186826.
27th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment).
Died 26 September 1916. Aged 24.
Born Brandon, Suffolk 26 October 1891. Enlisted Manitoba, Canada 12 February 1916.
Son of Israel Daniel and Mary Ann Dye.
Brother of Mrs Laura Bailey of Saddlers Cottages, Bowers Gifford, Pitsea, Essex.
Buried Pozières British Cemetery, Ovillers-La Boisselle, Somme, France.
Grave Ref: IV. M. 15.
Also commemorated on page 81 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance.

FINCH, J. J. No clear trace. The best match appears to be the following casualty, who is commemorated in the parish church with his regiment added to his commemoration:-

FINCH, JOSEPH. Private, 8903.
4th Battalion, South Wales Borderers.
Died 15 April 1918.
Born Islington, London. Enlisted London.
Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panel 16 and 62.



FRANCIS, PERCIVAL HENRY. Private, 6313.
28th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F.
Died 20 September 1917. Aged 32.
Born Fairseat, Stansted, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Resided at People's Palace, Pier Street, Perth, Western Australia.
Nephew of Mrs Jane Prior of Melliker Cottages, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Panel 7. A former pupil of Meopham, Kent Church of England School, Percival emigrated to Australia at the age of 28, and was employed as a Farm Hand prior to enlisting in the Australian army at Upper Preston, Donnybrook, Western Australia on 4 July 1916. On 29 December 1916 he embarked from the Port of Freemantle, Western Australia, aboard the 12,042 ton ship H.M.T. Persic (A34), amongst a draft of 28th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F. reinforcements.

GOODWIN, EBENEZEA. Private, G/23156.
6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 9 August 1917. Aged 21.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Son of Mrs. H. Goodwin of 3, Wellington Cottages, Meopham Green, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France.
Grave Ref: P. II. F. 3B.

HOLLETT, STAPLETON. Serjeant, 14729.
3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards.
27 November 1917. Aged 27.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent.
Son of Mrs. A. Hollett of Elm Tree Cottage, Hook Green, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. Panel 2.

JOHNSON, ERNEST. Private, G/12148.
2nd Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 25 January 1918. Aged 26.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: XII. J. 13.

LYNDS, REGINALD WALTER. Private, G/24508.
7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 24 April 1918. Aged 23.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Resided Longfield Dartford, Kent.
Son of Mrs. Susannie Lynds of Shipley Cottages, Longfield Hill, Dartford, Kent.
Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 58 or 59.

O'BRIAN, G. C. On the Great War memorial plaque in the parish church, this casualty is commemorated as a member of the Royal Navy. It would appear that he was not a member of the Royal Navy at the time of his death, compounding that error is the misspelling of his surname, it being **O'BRIEN**.

O'BRIEN, GERALD CHARLES. Third Engineer.

Mercantile Marine, S.S. "Rappahannock" (Liverpool).

Died 17 October 1917. Aged 27.

Born Bournemouth.

Foster son of Mrs. Emma Nickolls of East Lodge, Comer, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London.

The following casualties are commemorated on a Great War bronze memorial plaque which is located in the parish church of St. John the Baptist, Meopham.

AMOS, CLIFFORD HERBERT. Private, 45536.

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).

Died 18 October 1918. Aged 31.

Born Philadelphia, U.S.A. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.

Son of Clifford and Ada Ruth Amos.

Husband of Daisy May Amos of 3, Kent Terrace, Meopham Green, Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Birr Cross Roads Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: III. B. 23.

Formerly Private, 12703, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

BENNETT, W. Commemorated on the plaque serving in the Royal Navy. No clear trace has been found of a matching naval death. **Possibly** the man commemorated is the following local soldier who is commemorated on the Meopham, civic war memorial:-

BENNETT, WILLIAM. Private, L/8312.

1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 4 April 1915. Aged 26.

Born Stansted, Wrotham, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Meopham, Kent.

Son of Mrs. Sarah Ann Roots of Plumrush, Harvel, Meopham, Kent.

Commemorated at Tuileries British Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Special Memorial C. 10, also commemorated on Ash-cum-Ridley, Kent civic war memorial.

BIRD, WILLIAM THOMAS. Leading Stoker, K/403.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Princess Irene.
Died 27 May 1915. Aged 27.
Born Dartford, Kent 7 February 1889.
Husband of Lily Bird of "The Nutshell," Culverstone Green. Meopham,
Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 11.

BISHOP, JOHN NORMAN. Private, 71571.
27th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment).
Died 15 September 1916. Aged 27.
Son of Herbert L. and C. Bishop of 43, St. Luke's Road, Westbourne Park,
London.
Commemorated on the Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

BLACKMAN, HENRY GEORGE. Private, 11499.
No. 4 Company, 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards.
Died 14 September 1916. Aged 34.
Born Odiham, Hampshire. Enlisted Hartney Witney, Hampshire.
Son of Eliza Blackman of 44, Napier Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, late of
Meopham, Gravesend, Kent, and the late Henry Blackman.
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 8 D.
Henry had enlisted in May 1904, and had previously been wounded in December
1914.

BOLSTER, RICHARD. M.C. Major.
124th Battery, 28th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.
Died 5 June 1917. Aged 34.
Son of Inspector General T. C. Bolster, R.N., and Mrs. Bolster.
Husband of Mary C. Bolster of "Woodlands," Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont St Eloi, Pas de Calais, France.
Grave Ref: VI. J. 12.
Richard's father qualified as an (Admiralty) German Interpreter in April 1910.
Richard's son sadly heads the commemorations of the Second World War village
fallen.

BOWYER, FREDERICK C. Driver, 32524.
Royal Engineers, attached to the 1st King George's Own Sappers and Miners.
Died 29 November 1917.
Born Stanstead, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent. Resided Meopham,
Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: III. F. 8.

BRENCHLEY, HERBERT WILLIAM. Leading Seaman, J/3649.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. "Formidable."
Died 1 January 1915. Aged 23.
Born Birmingham, Warwickshire 30 October 1891.
Son of Austin and Eleanor Brenchley of Meopham Court Lodge, Gravesend,
Kent.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 9.

BRENCHLEY, SWINFORD AUSTIN. Private, 1587.
7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 30 September 1916. Aged 23.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Son of A. W. and E. Brenchley of Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Puchevillers British Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: III. D. 40.

BUGGS, ALFRED. Private, 17734.
2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards.
Died 31 July 1917. Aged 22.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted London.
Son of Henry and Emily Buggs of Priesthood, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Panel 9.

BURNETT, ERNEST HERBERT. Boy 1st Class, J/30268.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. "Cornwallis."
Died 25 April 1915. Aged 16.
Born Northfleet, Kent 3 September 1898.
Son of William and Eliza Ann Burnett of Green Cottages, Priesthood, Meopham,
Kent.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 10.

CHAMBERS, ROBERT SAMUEL. Private, 296.
5th Battery, Machine Gun Corps (Motors).
Died 18 April 1916.
Born Dovercourt, Essex. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 47.

CHRISTMAS, SYDNEY CHARLES. Private, G/12061.
7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 30 September 1916. Aged 23.
Born Wilmington, Dartford, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Resided Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Son of Ernest Alfred and Sarah Elizabeth Christmas of Harvel, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Mill Road Cemetery, Thiepval, Somme, France. Grave Ref: XVIII. G. 1.

COOK, F. No clear trace. On the Great War memorial plaque in the parish church, this casualty is commemorated as a member of the Royal Navy.

DALTON, FRANCIS JAMES. Private, 187552.

"C" Company, 27th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment).

Died 3 October 1916. Aged 18.

Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent 6 June 1897.

Son of Percy and Jessie Dalton of 1551, Ross Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Commemorated on the Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, and is also commemorated on page 74 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance.

Francis is a brother of the next casualty briefly commemorated. At the time of his enlistment at Winnipeg, Manitoba on 17 November 1915, Francis had been employed as a Bookkeeper. His father was recorded as being Francis next of kin, and both resided at 1313 Logan Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. At the time of the 1901 census the Dalton family resided at Forge Cottage, Meopham, Kent, 37 year old Meopham native Percy Dalton, a self-employed Blacksmith was the head of the house.

DALTON, PHILIP HENRY. Gunner, 301407.

1st Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery.

Died 4 November 1917. Aged 24.

Born Gravesend, Kent 24 April 1894.

Son of Percy John and Jessie Harriet Dalton of 1247, Alexander Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Buried Winnipeg (Brookside) Cemetery, Manitoba, Canada. Grave Ref: Military 75.

Also commemorated on page 224 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance. Phillip had previously served in the Royal Field Artillery, and prior to enlisting in the Canadian Army at Winnipeg, Manitoba on 17 August 1915, he had been employed as a Driver.

DAY, HERBERT. Sergeant, 122164.

"D" Battery, 5th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 26 October 1918. Aged 31.

Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.

Son of Mrs. Harriett Day of Oddfellows Cottage, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.

Buried La Vallee-Mulatre Communal Cemetery Extension, Aisne, France.

Grave Ref: A. 20.

DEADMAN, THOMAS LEONARD. Private, 24411.
32nd (Service) Battalion, (East Ham) Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).
Died 7 June 1917. Aged 24.
Born Northfleet, Kent. Enlisted and resided Gravesend, Kent.
Son of William Douglas Deadman and Mary Deadman of 117, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Voormezele Enclosure No. 3, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: XIII. K. 21.

DYE, J. This casualty is commemorated in the parish church as serving in the Canadian armed forces. As no matching CWGC commemoration for him was found, it seemed that this soldier was numbered amongst the thousands of Commonwealth war dead of both world wars who still have no form of official commemoration or remembrance. Checking various Canadian data produced matching results, and as such it would appear that he is the man commemorated at Meopham, Kent. It would appear that his Christian name details by the then IWGC, post the Great War were not exactly correct.

DYE, (DANIEL)? JOHN. Private, 186826.
27th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment).
Died 26 September 1916. Aged 24.
Born Brandon, Suffolk 26 October 1891. Enlisted Manitoba, Canada 12 February 1916.
Son of Israel Daniel and Mary Ann Dye.
Brother of Mrs Laura Bailey of Saddlers Cottages, Bowers Gifford, Pitsea, Essex.
Buried Pozières British Cemetery, Ovillers-La Boisselle, Somme, France.
Grave Ref: IV. M. 15.
Also commemorated on page 81 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance.

FINCH, J. J. No clear trace. The best match appears to be the following casualty, who is commemorated in the parish church with his regiment added to his commemoration:-

FINCH, JOSEPH. Private, 8903.
4th Battalion, South Wales Borderers.
Died 15 April 1918.
Born Islington, London. Enlisted London.
Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panel 16 and 62.

FRANCIS, PERCIVAL HENRY. Private, 6313.
28th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F.
Died 20 September 1917. Aged 32.
Born Fairseat, Stansted, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Resided at People's Palace, Pier Street, Perth, Western Australia.
Nephew of Mrs Jane Prior of Melliker Cottages, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Panel 7 - 17 - 23 - 25 - 27 - 29 - 31.

GOODWIN, EBENEZEA. Private, G/23156.
6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 9 August 1917. Aged 21.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Son of Mrs. H. Goodwin of 3, Wellington Cottages, Meopham Green, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France.
Grave Ref: P. II. F. 3B.

HOLLETT, STAPLETON. Serjeant, 14729.
3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards.
27 November 1917. Aged 27.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent.
Son of Mrs. A. Hollett of Elm Tree Cottage, Hook Green, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. Panel 2.

JOHNSON, ERNEST. Private, G/12148.
2nd Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 25 January 1918. Aged 26.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: XII. J. 13.

LYNDS, REGINALD WALTER. Private, G/24508.
7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 24 April 1918. Aged 23.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Resided Longfield Dartford, Kent.
Son of Mrs. Susannie Lynds of Shipley Cottages, Longfield Hill, Dartford, Kent.
Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 58 or 59.

O'BRIAN, G. C. On the Great War memorial plaque in the parish church, this casualty is commemorated as a member of the Royal Navy. It would appear that he was not a member of the Royal Navy at the time of his death, compounding that error is the misspelling of his surname, it being **O'BRIEN**.

O'BRIEN, GERALD CHARLES. Third Engineer.
Mercantile Marine, S.S. "Rappahannock" (Liverpool).
Died 17 October 1917. Aged 27.
Born Bournemouth.
Foster son of Mrs. Emma Nickolls of East Lodge, Comer, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London.

OWEN, A.E.C. No trace. On the Great War memorial plaque in the parish church, this casualty is commemorated as having been a member of the N. Hants. Best match appears to be the following post Great War member of the Hampshire Regiment, albeit no tangible connection with Meopham, Kent has thus far been ascertained :-

OWEN, A.E. Private, TR8/28633.

52nd Battalion, Hampshire Regiment.

Died 7 January 1919. Aged 18.

Son of Sarah Ann Owen of 53, Baker Street, Handsworth, Birmingham, and the late William Henry Owen.

Buried Birmingham (Handsworth) Cemetery. Grave Ref: 25D. 6825.

PARKER, FREDRICK CHARLES. Private, 203938.

1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.

Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Died 10 October 1917. Aged 20.

Son of William and Mary Parker of 3, Melliker Road, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Hooze Crater Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: XIII. C. 16.

PARSONS, L.W. No trace. On the Great War memorial plaque in the parish church, this casualty is commemorated as a member of the Royal Army Medical Corps. The man commemorated in the church has possibly been recorded with his initials reversed, as at the time of the 1901 census a Parsons family resided at the 'Grocers Shop,' Meopham, Kent. Walter Parsons who was a 47 year old native of Leigh, Surrey was the head of the house. Amongst the five children of Walter and his wife Mary, was 10 year old Betchworth, Surrey native Walter L. Parsons.

ROOTS, WILLIAM. Serjeant, S/856.

8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 26 September 1915. Aged 43.

Born Strood, Chatham, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Son of Mrs. Harriet Roots of Parkers Cottage, David Street, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Husband of the late Julia Roots.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 95.

RUSSELL, W.H. On the Great War memorial plaque in the parish church, this casualty is commemorated as a member of the 16 Lrs, and appears to be the following local soldier who has been recorded with his initials reversed :-

RUSSELL, HERBERT WILLIAM. Private, 6461.

16th (The Queen's) Lancers.

Died 23 March 1918. Aged 24.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Russell of Camer Street, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.

Born and resided Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Marylebone.

Commemorated on Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 5.

SCUDDER, ARTHUR GEORGE. Private, 5841.

1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

Died 18 April 1918. Aged 39.

Born and resided Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Elder son of George and Jane Scudder of Dodmore, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent, and 8, Ringlestone Crescent, Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: II.F.11.

TAYLOR, WILLIAM LEONARD. Private, 26134.

5th Battalion (Territorial Force), King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

Died 16 September 1916. Aged 34.

Born Kingdown, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Resided Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor of Comer Gardens, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.

Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 12 A and 12 D.

Formerly Private, 5374, Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Regiment).

TODD, WILLIAM HUTCHINSON. Private, 32683.

9th (Service) Battalion, (Pioneers) South Staffordshire Regiment.

Died 5 January 1917. Aged 34.

Born Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent. Resided Meopham, Kent.

Son of Anthony Todd of Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.

Husband of Mary J. Todd of The Cottage, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Railway Dugouts Burial Ground, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: VI. O. 23.

TOMPKINS, FREDERICK. Private, G/23233.
13th (Service) Battalion (3rd South Down), Royal Sussex Regiment.
Died 23 March 1918. Aged 21.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent
Son of Fredrick and Jane Tompkins of 2, Neville Cottage, Meopham, Gravesend,
Kent.
Commemorated on Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 46 or 47.

LOST MEN

ASHENDEN, HARRY. Private, S/920.
1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 19 April 1915.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent
Buried Poperinghe Old Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen,
Belgium.
Grave Ref: II. N. 22.

BANFIELD, WILLIAM. Lance Corporal, 6946.
1st Battalion, Hampshire Regiment.
Died 6 July 1915.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Woolwich. Kent. Resided Bradland,
Kent.
Buried Talana Farm Cemetery, Boesinghe, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: II. D. 21.
Formerly Gunner, 4470, Royal Field Artillery.

BURGE, ABRAHAM. Private, G/42549.
11th (Service) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.
Died 14 May 1917.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Chatham,
Kent.
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7.
Formerly Private, G/25192, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

COGGER, GEORGE. Private, 25231.
12th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.
Died 8 June 1917. Aged 29.
Born Meopham, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Hayes Village, Kent.
Husband of Amy Evelyn Dangerfield (formerly Cogger), of Paruna, South Australia.
Buried Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: I. D. 17.
Formerly Private, 23424, Middlesex Regiment. At the time of the 1901 census George was residing with his parents George and Clara Cogger at South Street Cottages, Meopham, Kent.

GLOVER, WILLIAM BARDEN. Officers Steward 3rd Class, L/8169.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Pembroke.
Died 19 February 1916. Aged 19.
Born Chalk, Gravesend, Kent 6 July 1896.
Son of Thomas Harry and Ellen Glover of North Lodge, Meopham Court, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Chalk (St. Mary) Churchyard, Gravesend, Kent. Grave Ref: South of Church.
Commemorated on Great War memorial plaque, located in Chalk (St. Mary) Parish Church, Gravesend, Kent.

GOODWIN, JAMES ALBERT. Private,
7th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 18 November 1916.
Born Luddlesdown, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent. Resided Meopham, Kent.
Buried Regina Trench Cemetery, Grandcourt, Somme, France. Grave Ref: IX. M. 2.

GOODWIN, JOHN THOMAS. Corporal, G/40118
9th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 10 April 1917.
Born and enlisted Gravesend, Kent. Resided Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Catherine British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: F. 13.
Formerly Private, G/9725, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

HEDGECOCK, FREDERICK LANGFORD. Rifleman, A/201823.
18th (Service) Battalion, (Arts and Crafts) King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Died 25 July 1917. Aged 33.
Born Meopham, Kent. Enlisted Wandsworth, Surrey. Resided Tooting, Surrey.
Son of A. C. and A. Hedgecock.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Panel 51 or 53.

JAMES, EDWIN ALEXANDER. Private, 46276.
19th (Service) Battalion, (3rd Salford) (Pioneers) Lancashire Fusiliers.
Died 25 April 1918. 28.
Born Portsmouth, Hampshire. Enlisted Newport, Isle of Wight. Resided Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Son of Mr. J. James.
Husband of Mabel Louisa James of Fern Cottage, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Panels 54 to 60 and 163A.

MAYNARD, C. Private, F/24545.
"L" Forage Company, Army Service Corps.
Died 8 May 1916.
Buried Meopham, Kent, St. John the Baptist churchyard. Grave Ref: On East boundary.

RUSSELL, THOMAS EDWIN. Private, 202691.
1st/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Suffolk Regiment.
Died 19 September 1918.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Dartford, Kent.
Buried Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel. T. 47.

SAMMER, WILLIAM HENRY. Rifleman, S/28405.
"B" Company, 10th (Service) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.
Died 7 June 1917. Aged 26.
Born Minster, Kent. Enlisted Bexleyheath, Kent. Resided Gravesend, Kent.
Son of Albert and Rosalie Annie Sammer of East Lodge, Camer, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 9, and on the Cobham, Gravesend, Kent, civic war memorial.

TAYLOR, GEORGE. Driver, 60574.
13th Signal Company, Royal Engineers.
Died 29 August 1915. Aged 19.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Resided Bearsted, Maidstone, Kent.
Son of George and Alice Mary Taylor of Danefield Cottage, Bearsted, Maidstone, Kent.
Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 23 to 25 or 325 to 328.

TOLHURST, FRANK BENJAMIN. Rifleman, 572926.
5th (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade).
Died 7 November 1917. Aged 27.
Born Marden, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Son of Benjamin and Annie Tolhurst of 68, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Gaza War Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: XX. E. 7.
Formerly Private, 72351, Royal Army Medical Corps.
SDGW records Frank as serving in the 17th (County of London) Battalion, (Poplar and Stepney Rifles) London Regiment, at the time of his demise.

WELLARD, T.H. Private, CH/7484.
Royal Marine Light Infantry, S.S. Teeswood.
Died 8 April 1918. Aged 42.
Buried Meopham, Kent, St. John the Baptist churchyard.
Grave Ref: Right of Church, near subway.

WHIFFIN, WILLIAM EDWARD. Private, 240213. (Mentioned in Despatches).
1st/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 31 December 1916. Aged 22.
Born Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. Enlisted Swanley, Kent.
Son of William and Alice Whiffin of Beesfield Farm, Farningham, Kent.
Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panel 29, and on the Farningham, Kent, civic war memorial.

WHITEHEAD, EDWARD GEORGE. Trooper, 2123.
Household Battalion.
Died 3 May 1917.
Born and enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 1.

YOUNG, THOMAS ROBERT. Sapper, 15678.
26th Field Company, Royal Engineers.
Died 1 November 1914. Aged 28.
Born and enlisted Gravesend, Kent. Resided Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Husband of Kate Lilian Young of Rochester Road, Burham, Rochester, Kent.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 9, and on the Burham, Rochester, Kent, civic war memorial.

The Second World War

1939 - 1945

BOLSTER, RICHARD VARY CAMPBELL. Pilot Officer (Pilot), 63435.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 10 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 28 June 1941. Aged 29.
Son of Major Richard Bolster, M.C., Royal Field Artillery (killed in action in France, 5th June, 1917), and of Vary Cargill Bolster, of Meopham, Gravesend, Kent. B.A. (Cantab.).
Buried Hamburg War Cemetery, Germany. Grave Ref: 9A. B. 8.

BOURNE, DAVID. Pilot Officer (Pilot), 63091.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 43 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 5 September 1941. Aged 20.
Son of Harold James Bourne and Margaret Emma Bourne of Meopham, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Dirleton Cemetery, East Lothian, Scotland. Grave Ref: Section E. Grave 995.

BURNETT, FRANK ALBERT HARRY. Private, 5677500.
2nd Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry.
Died 5 August 1944. Aged 29.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of William and Rose Burnett.
Husband of Amy Burnett of Leicester, Leicestershire.
Buried Florence War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: I. G. 13.

CALLAGHAN, FRANK WILLIAM. Signaller II, 1866296.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died 1 October 1947.
Son of John Francis and Ethel Maud Callaghan of Culverstone, Gravesend, Kent.
Commemorated on the Malta Memorial. Panel 19.

CONCHIE, E. J. As commemorated on the war memorial, is probably the following R.A.F. (V.R.) casualty who has been commemorated with his initials reversed:-

CONCHIE, JAMES EDWARD. Sergeant (Pilot), 2235489.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died 28 September 1944.
Buried Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, Yorkshire.
Grave Ref: Section E. Row F. Grave 16.

DAY, FREDERICK HARRY. Rifleman, 6855316.
2nd Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Died 28 October 1944. Aged 22.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of William J. and Eliza M. Day of Meopham, Kent.
Buried Bergen-op-Zoom Cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Grave Ref: 21.
B. 11.

FAIRBRASS, KENNETH JONATHAN. Aircraftman 1st Class, 1252182.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died 18 February 1942. Aged 33.
Son of John and Margaret Fairbrass.
Husband of Winifred Olive Mary Fairbrass of Wouldham, Rochester, Kent.
Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial. Column 418.
Kenneth is also commemorated on the Wouldham, Rochester, Kent, Second World War parish tribute, which is in the form of memorial plaques located in the Lych Gate of Wouldham (All Saints) parish church.

KING, DOUGLAS STANLEY. Private, 6216924.
4th Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry.
Died 24 January 1945. Aged 21.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Cyril P. and Winifred King of Meopham, Kent.
Buried Brunssum War Cemetery, Limburg, Netherlands. Grave Ref: VI. 272.
Originally enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment.

MILLER, COLIN. Corporal, 6969038.
8th (2nd Battalion, The London Rifle Brigade) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.
Died 6 April 1945. Aged 32.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of George and Margaret Hannah Miller of Meopham, Kent.
Buried Hanover War Cemetery, Germany. Grave Ref: 15. C. 6.
Pre war member of the London Rifle Brigade.

NEWCOMB, FREDERICK WILLIAM ROBERT. Flying Officer, 61270.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 48 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 23 February 1942. Age 28.
Son of Frederick William Newcomb, and of Lena Newcomb (née French) of Hook Green, Meopham, Kent.
Husband of Betty Newcomb (née Tucker) of Hook Green, Meopham, Kent.
Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 67.

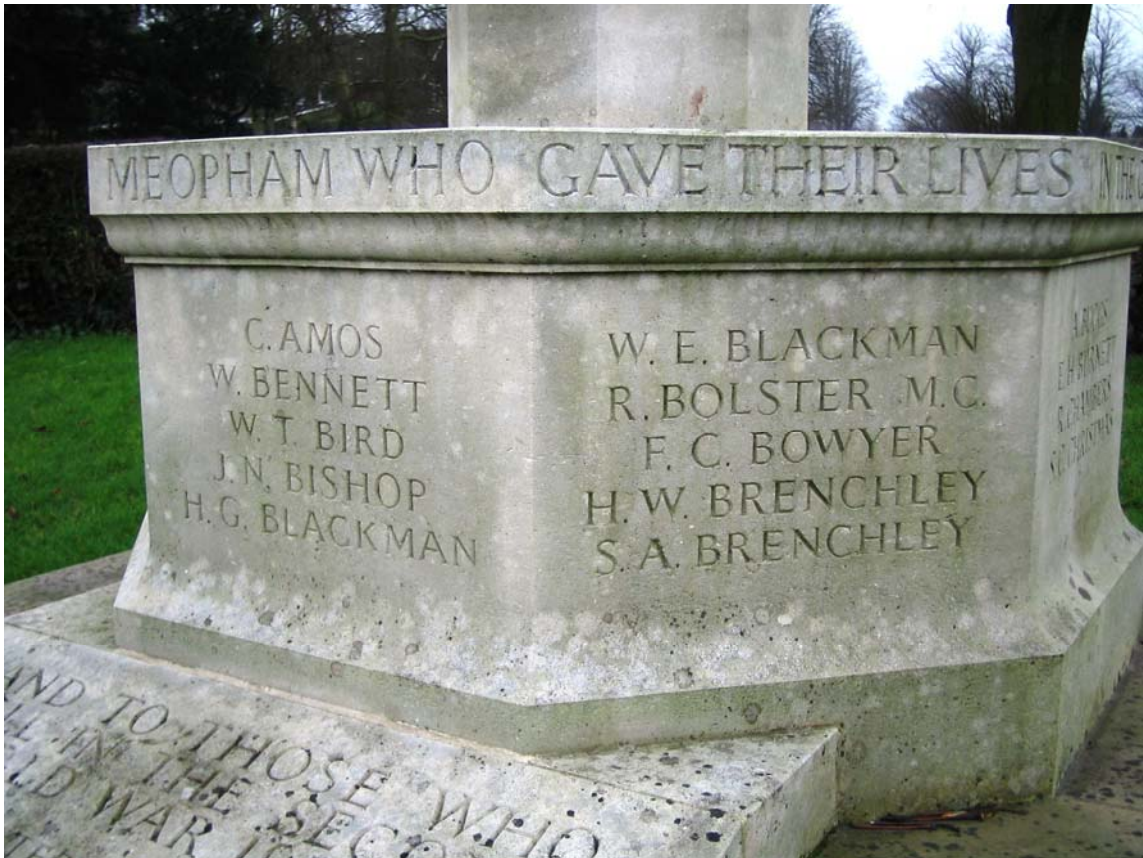
PROBERT, GURNEY OLIVER. Major, 132941. B.A., Hons. (Cantab.).
Royal Corps of Signals, attached to the 34th Tank Brigade.
Died 24 October 1944. Aged 28.
Born Southampton, Hampshire. Resided Kent.
Son of William Thomas Oliver Probert and Elsie Hilda Probert.
Husband of Isobel Morrison Probert of Meopham Green, Kent.
Buried Geel War Cemetery, Antwerpen, Belgium. Grave Ref: II.D.17.
Pre war member of the Royal Corps of Signals.

TOBUTT, JOHN KENNETH. Captain, 102388.
298 Battery, 126 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.
Died 22 November 1944. Aged 22.
Born Malaya. Resided Kent.
Son of Kenneth and Dorothy Tobutt.
Husband of Gwendoline Mary Tobutt.
Buried Venray War Cemetery, Limburg, Netherlands. Grave Ref: IV. A. 10.
Pre war member of the Honourable Artillery Company, Royal Artillery.

WOOD, ERIC WILLIAM. Sergeant, 6342602.
The Hallamshire Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment.
Died 22 August 1944. Aged 29.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Ernest William and Jane Wood.
Husband of Eileen Ada Wood of Worthing, Sussex.
Buried Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Grave Ref: II. H. 22.
Pre war member of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

YORKE, PETER DESMOND LEIGH. Flying Officer, 31255. Royal Air Force.
Died 30 August 1940. Aged 26.
Son of Captain N. L. Yorke, O.B.E., and Frances Bertha de Mallet Yorke of Meopham, Kent.
Buried Orpington (St. Mary Cray) Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: Plot E. Div. 3. Grave 144.





TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND

T. L. DEADMAN
M. A. DURLING
J. DYE
J. J. FINCH
P. H. FRANCIS

E. GOODWIN
S. HOLLETT
E. JOHNSON
R. W. LYNDS
G. C. O'BRIEN

AND TO THOSE WHO
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