

# OTHAM



The Great War  
1914 -1919

ALLARD H.H

**Private 19950 Harry Hemsley ALLARD. 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry (S.L.I).** Died 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1917. Born Maidstone. Enlisted Bristol. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel reference - Bay 4.

BETTS J.P

**Corporal T/270991 John Percy BETTS. MM. "C" Company, 10<sup>th</sup> (Yeomanry) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Formerly (2355) 3/1<sup>st</sup> Royal West Kent Yeomanry.** Died 6<sup>th</sup> August 1918 aged 26 years. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Otham. Son of James Rayner Betts and Clara Betts of Greenhill Farm, Maidstone, Kent. Buried St Venant-Robecq Road British Cemetery, Robecq, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference -III.C.24.

BROWN L.M

**Private G/18057 Leonard Marshall BROWN. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.** Died 9<sup>th</sup> April 1917. Born Langley, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone. Buried Gourcock Trench cemetery, Tilloy-les-Mofflaines, Pas de Calais, France. Grave reference - D.2.

CHESSON F.C

**Lance Corporal T3/029184 Frederick Charles CHESSON. 198<sup>th</sup> Horse Transport Company, Royal Army Service Corps.** Died 10<sup>th</sup> December 1918. Buried St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France. Grave reference - S.IV.D.13.

GOODWIN A.W

**Private G/7785 Arthur Wallace GOODWIN. 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Formerly (1856) West Kent Yeomanry.** Died 20<sup>th</sup> September 1917. Born Otham. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Otham. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.

GRIGSBY W.T

**Gunner 686869 Walter Thomas GRIGSBY. 450<sup>th</sup> Battery, 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Royal Field Artillery (RFA).** Died 15<sup>th</sup> October 1917. Born Otham. Enlisted Erith, Kent. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.

SEARS G.T

**Petty Officer Stoker 311686 George Thomas SEARS. Royal Navy. HMS Natal.** Died 30<sup>th</sup> December 1915. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham, Kent. Panel reference - 11.

PENTECOST F

**Private T/1628 Frank PENTECOST. 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).** Died 26<sup>th</sup> June 1916. Born Otham. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Langley, Kent. Buried Basra War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave reference - VI. O 16.

## PENTECOST F

**Private 300102 Frederick PENTECOST. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Formerly (G/11731) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).** Died 29<sup>th</sup> September 1918 aged 25 years. Born Otham. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Maidstone. Son of Mrs Pentecost of Holmes, Ryash, West Malling, Kent. Buried Granezza British Cemetery, Italy. Grave reference - Plot 1. Row E. Grave 5.

## SENDLES W

**Private L/11185 Walter SENDLES. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).** Died 21<sup>st</sup> May 1918. Born Loose, Maidstone. Enlisted Maidstone. Buried St-Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France. Grave reference - Q.III.N.6.

## SPARTALL C

**Second Lieutenant Cyril SPARTALI. 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.** Died 13<sup>th</sup> October 1915. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

## SPARTALL M

**Second Lieutenant Michael SPARTALI. 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion South Wales Borderers. Attached to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion SWB.** Died 15<sup>th</sup> June 1915. Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey.

## WALTER G.J

**Private G/4923 Gordon James WALTER. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).** Died Iraq 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1916. Born East Farleigh, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Otham. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panel reference - 29.

# The Second World War 1939 – 1945

## CROWTHER A.R

**Flight Sergeant (Air Bomber) 1335788 Alan Ross CROWTHER. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 149 Squadron RAF.** Died 6<sup>th</sup> September 1943 aged 22 years. Son of Captain George Cubley Crowther, Royal Engineers and Ellen Elizabeth Crowther of Otham, Kent. Buried Durnbach War cemetery, Bad Tolz, Bayern, Germany. Grave reference - Collective grave 6.D.25-27.

VAUGHAN E

**Edward VAUGHAN** – Probably this local man:

**Sergeant 1066781 Edwin VAUGHAN. 85 Anti Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery.** Died 24<sup>th</sup> August 1944 aged 36 years. Born Kent. Resided Hampshire. Son of Edwin and Emily Vaughan of Otham, Kent. Husband of Hilda M Vaughan of Whitchurch, Hampshire. Commemorated on the Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar. Panel reference - Face 2.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.





