

Sellindge

Second World War 1939 – 1945

AMES, ARTHUR WILLIAM HERBERT. Ordinary Seaman, P/JX 518558.
H.M.S. Collinwood, Royal Navy.
Killed by enemy action 18 June 1943. Aged 17.
Son of Lionel Herbert and Winifred Grace Ames of Moorstock Lane Sellindge, Ashford, Kent.
Commemorated in Sellindge (St. Mary) parish church and on the Ashford, Kent civic war memorial.
Buried Sellindge, Ashford, Kent, (St. Mary) churchyard.
Arthur was a pupil of Ashford, Kent, North County Modern (Boys) School between 1938 and 1940 and had enlisted in the Royal Navy on 31 May 1943, it being only 19 days prior to his demise. H.M.S. Collinwood was, and still is a Royal Navy shore based training establishment at Fareham, Hampshire.

BULL, BRAMWELL HARRY. Lance Bombadier, 1737443.
53 Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery.
Died India 22 May 1942. Aged 34.
Born Canada. Resided Kent.
Son of Harry and Kate Bull.
Husband of Kathleen Emily Lily Bull of Stone Hill, Sellindge, Ashford, Kent.
Buried Delhi War Cemetery, India. Grave Ref: 7. G. 5.
Bramwell is also commemorated on Hythe (Kent) civic war memorial his family having resided in Stade Street, Hythe, Kent, where he had been a Scout Group Leader.
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

GARMAN, JAMES EDWIN. Lieutenant, 164399.
89 (11th Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) Light Anti Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery. (Territorial Army).
Died 10 September 1944. Aged 26.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Dr Joseph Garman M.R.C.S, L.R.C.P. and Malvina Garman of Beckford, Gloucestershire.
Buried Ste Marie Cemetery, Le Harve, Seine-Maritime, France.
Grave Ref: Division 67. Row M. Grave 6.
Originally enlisted pre war in The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey).
The 89 Light Anti Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery, (T.A.) was formed from the 11th Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) in November 1941.

KENNETT, WALTER JAMES. Aircraftman 2nd Class.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died 1 March 1941. Aged 32.
Husband of H. E. Kennett of Sellindge, Ashford, Kent.
Buried Sellindge, Ashford, Kent (St. Mary) Churchyard.

LUCKHURST, SIDNEY JAMES. Trooper, 305753.
Royal Horse Guards (The Blues).
Died 2 July 1945. Aged 36.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Walter John and Jane Sarah Luckhurst of Sellindge, Ashford, Kent.
Buried Hanover War Cemetery, Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany.
Grave Ref: 14. E. 6.

SOUTHERN, ERNEST GEORGE. Petty Officer, C/J 94090.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Barham.
Died 25 November 1941. Aged 39.
Son of Charles Henry and Sarah Southern.
Husband of Gladys Mary Southern of Putney, London.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 41. Column 3.
Built by the John Brown Shipbuilding & Engineering Company Ltd. of Clydebank, Scotland, H.M.S. Barham was a 31,100 ton Queen Elizabeth class battleship that was commissioned on 19 August 1915. Ernest's ship was torpedoed by the German submarine U-331 commanded by 28 year old Oberleutnant zur See, Freiherr Hans-Diedrich von Tiesenhausen, and sunk off the coast of Sollum, Egypt in less than three minutes with the loss of 879 from the ships company of 1260. The U-331 was also almost lost following the attack as it reached a depth of 820 feet, but the submarine was only designed to withstand bulkhead pressures to a depth of 330 feet. Freiherr Hans-Diedrich von Tiesenhausen survived the Second World War, and died in Vancouver, Canada on 17 August 2000, aged 87. An excellent source of information appertaining to Ernest ship is www.hmsbarham.com it being the H.M.S. Barham Association website, and is very comprehensive.

SPARKES, ARTHUR HENRY FRANCIS. Corporal, 957096.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 243 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 15 February 1942. Aged 23.
Son of Charles Henry and Annie May Sparkes of Barrow Hill, Sellindge, Ashford, Kent.
Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial. Column 416.

WARD, RONALD ALBERT. Leading Aircraftman, 1659598.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died 22 June 1945.
Buried Sellindge, Ashford, Kent (St. Mary) Churchyard.

CIVILIAN CASUALTY
NOT COMMEMORATED

COLEMAN, ELIZABETH SARAH.

Died 28 July 1944. Aged 62.

Resided at Road View, Brabourne Road, Sellindge, Ashford, Kent.

Widow of James William Coleman.

Died at Road View, Brabourne Road, Sellindge, Ashford, Kent.

Elizabeth was killed by a flying bomb when her home was demolished, the 'Doodlebug' having impacted only twenty five yards from the house. Miraculously Elizabeth's niece Pat Maloy, was found by rescuers sitting in what had been the sitting room, covered in the carpet of the room, and which had probably saved her life. When extricated from the rubble, Pat was found to have suffered a broken arm and bruising.

