

STOWTING

The Great War

(1914 – 1919)

GRIGGS E.J

Private G/18505 Edward James GRIGGS. 7th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 14th October 1917 aged 20 years. Born Brabourne. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Stowting. Son of Edward and Ada Jane Griggs of "Mill Cottages", Stowting. Buried in the Gwalia Cemetery, Belgium. Grave reference II.D.19.

The day that Edward died his battalion was at Poelcappelle in Belgium. A couple of days earlier they were engaged in heavy fighting in and around Gloster House near to the church. The attack was stopped by heavy German machine gun fire from Meunier House and the Brewery. Edward was wounded on the 12th or 13th of October 1917 and finally succumbed to his wounds a day or so later.

JENKIN C

Lieutenant Conrad JENKIN. HMS Warspite, Royal Navy. Died 24 December 1916 aged 22 years. Son of Prof. Charles Frewen Jenkin, University of Oxford (Chair of Engineering Science), and of Mary O. Jenkin, of 7, Fyfield Rd., Oxford. Buried Kirkwall (St Olafs) , Scotland. Grave reference – West Avenue 1.

First Class on all subjects in Sub-Lieutenants' Examination, Spring, 1914.



LOST MEN



ARMITAGE R.J

Corporal 438932 Robert John ARMITAGE. 75th Battalion, Central Ontario Regiment. Canadian Infantry. Died 30th September 1918. Born North Onslow, Quebec, Canada 9th April 1887. Enlisted Dryden, Canada 28th December 1914. Son of Thomas Armitage of Sturgeon Hall, Ontario, Canada. Husband of Alice Charlotte Armitage of Stowting, Ashford, Kent. Buried in the Cantimpre Canadian Cemetery, France. Grave reference B.4.

Robert's name appears on the Monks Horton war memorial.

Before the outbreak of war Robert was employed as a Woodsman. He was unmarried when he enlisted on the 28th December 1914.

BALLARD M.E

Private S/41893 Maurice Edward BALLARD. "C" Company, 14th Battalion. Gordon Highlanders. Secondary Regiment – London Regiment (London Scottish). Formerly Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Died 6th November 1918 aged 22 years. Born Deal, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury. Only son of Charles Edward Ballard of 35, Denmark Road, Ramsgate, Kent. Formerly residing at Stowting, Near Brabourne. Buried in the Ancre Communal Cemetery, Honnelles, Belgium. Grave reference – West Side I.A.12.

Maurice was educated at the Wesleyan School in Deal under Mt Mugford. After leaving school, he assisted his father in the fruit and greengrocer's business for several years. Maurice enlisted in March 1917 and was immediately placed into the Queen's (West Surrey's). He went to France in August 1917 with his battalion. He was wounded in October 1917 and sent to a hospital in Glasgow Scotland for a short time. He was then transferred into the Gordon Highlanders and sent back to France where he lost his life soon afterwards.

Maurice died instantly when a bullet entered his head from a German Machine Gun.