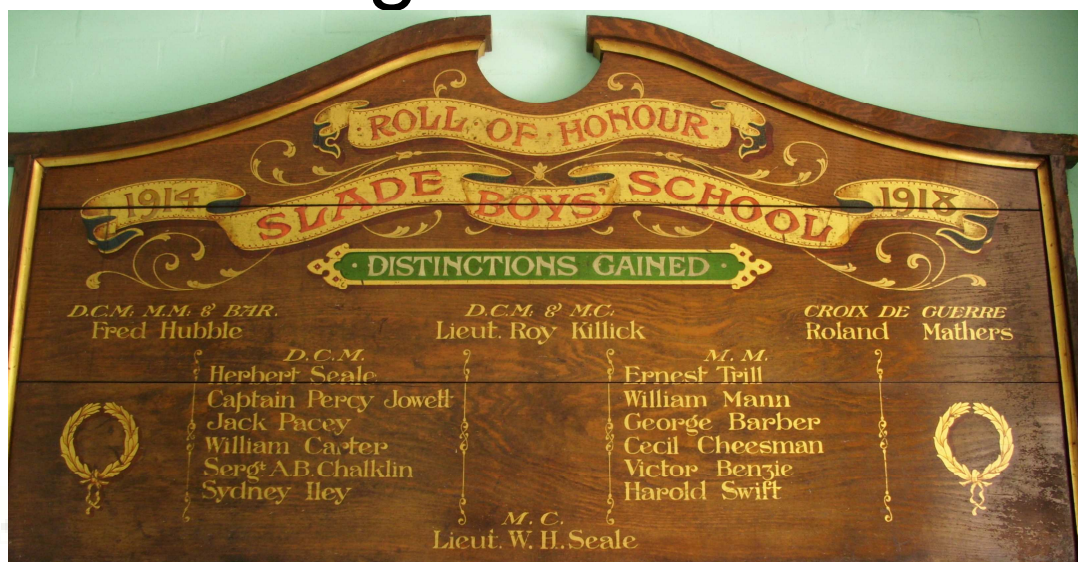


Tonbridge Slade School



The roll of honour as shown above, whilst not a war memorial plaque per se; however because of what it is, it does obviously warrant inclusion on this (Kent) website. Thankfully of the sixteen heroes who have been honoured on the roll of honour at their old school, as far as has been ascertained thus far, most of them survived the carnage of the Great War, but sadly that was not the case, brief details as accessed from their Commonwealth War Graves Commission commemoration details etcetera, have also been added at the transcriptions below. As can be seen when viewing the photograph, its superb condition is clearly a credit to those responsible for its upkeep over the years at the Slade School, Tonbridge, and long may it continue to remain so. For ease of access when viewing the sixteen names of the Great War heroes who have been honoured on the roll of honour, as has now become our normal practice on this website, their surnames have been set out below in alphabetical order, irrespective of their rank or which military decorations and/or medals had been awarded to them. Our sincere thanks are due once more to Susan F. who is a prolific contributor of the west Kent area photographs on this website; Susan very kindly photographed the roll of honour at the Slade School, Tonbridge for its inclusion on this website. Yet again our thanks are due to Patrick D. Scullion, for the work which was needed when carrying out the research and transcribing this roll of honour. As can be seen when viewing the following transcriptions, the amount of detail on each man varies quite considerably, but when time permits, Patrick is hoping to add additional details. It came as no real surprise to find that several of those honoured at Slade School, Tonbridge had been members of the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) during the Great War years.

Roll of Honour

1914 -1918

BARBER, GEORGE. M.M. Lance Corporal, G/2414.
7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
George was posted to France for service with the British Expeditionary Force on Monday 26 July 1915.

BENZIE, VICTOR. M.M.

CARTER, WILLIAM. D.C.M. Serjeant, G/767.
10th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), (Kent County).
Died 23 October 1918. Aged 24.
Born, enlisted and resided Tonbridge, Kent.
Son of William and Constance Carter of 2, Church Row, Tonbridge, Kent.
Buried Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Dadizele, Moorslede, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: V. D. 24.

William enlisted in the army on 1 September 1914, at which time he stated that he was 23 years old and employed as a Labourer. He was posted to serve in the 10th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) on 4 September 1914, but was transferred to serve in the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion of the regiment on 14 September 1914. On 29 December 1915, William was posted to the 10th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), (Kent County), in which he then remained until his death. On 1 March 1916, William was appointed to a (unpaid) Lance Corporal, and to a paid Lance Corporal on 3 May 1916 when he was posted back to serve on the Western Front, and sailed from Southampton to the French port of Harve. He was made an Acting Corporal on 16 June 1917 and to the rank of Serjeant on Wednesday 5 December 1917. William was posted to serve abroad in the British Expeditionary Force on 1 June 1915. Between 14 September 1915 and 2 May 1916, William served back in the United Kingdom. He was severely wounded by a gas shell on Saturday 27 April 1918, and was wounded again on Monday 19 August 1918. William's mother Constance Carter; was invited to attend a medal presentation parade at Crowborough, Sussex, which took place on Sunday 23 March 1919, at which time she was to receive the Distinguished Conduct Medal awarded to her late son, but due to her ill health she was not able to attend the parade. The day after the parade, Constance was privately presented with William's D.C.M. at her home 2, Church Row, Tonbridge, Kent. Notification of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to Sergeant Carter, was published in the London Gazette dated Monday 21 October 1918, the citation of which reads:-"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and conscientious good work in the Field as platoon serjeant, especially during certain offensive operations lasting for several days, when, by his total disregard of personal danger and his energy, he offered a splendid example to all ranks with him."

CHALKIN, ALFRED BENJAMIN. D.C.M. Sergeant, 540669.

Royal Engineers (Tonbridge).

Born Brockley, London.

Son of Francis J. Chalkin and Annie Chalkin.

Notification of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to Corporal, Acting Sergeant Chalkin, was published in the London Gazette dated 21 October 1918, the citation of which reads:-“For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout a long period he supervised the construction of mined dug-outs etc., necessitating constant night and day work, with the most conspicuous courage and skill, and later, during an advance, he performed very excellent work in charge of the water supply under very trying conditions.” Alfred was discharged from the Royal Engineers on 6 February 1919, at which time he resided at 97, Shipbourne Road, Tonbridge, Kent. On 13 April 1924, at the age of 41 years and 11 months, Alfred, who was employed as a Bricklayer, enlisted in the Territorial Army for 4 years at Tonbridge, and initially served as Sapper, 2210939, in the Kent (Fortress) Royal Engineers, but was quickly promoted to his former rank of Sergeant. At his own request, William transferred from the Kent (Fortress) Royal Engineers and became a member of 314 Anti-Aircraft Battery (Kent) Royal Engineers, his transfer was effective from 7 January 1925. William was discharged from his Territorial Army commitment on 2 May 1927.

CHEESEMAN, CECIL. M.M. Private, 1550.

Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

HUBBLE, FRED. D.C.M., M.M. & Bar. Serjeant, G/1562.

7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Born Hildenborough, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent.

Son of Albert Hubble of London Road, Hildenborough, Kent.

Fred enlisted in the army 'For the Duration of the War' on 7 September 1914, at which time he stated that he was 19 years and 8 months old, and employed as a Fitters Mate? It should be noted that on some of the data accessed to help construct these transcriptions, Fred is recorded as having been employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman. On 12 November 1916, Fred was appointed to be an (unpaid) Lance Corporal. By the time that he was promoted to the rank of Corporal on 19 January 1917, he had already been awarded the Military Medal twice. His time as a Corporal was of only a short duration, as on 30 March 1917 he was made an (unpaid) Lance Serjeant. From 30 August 1918 to 12 September 1918, Fred was granted leave to the United Kingdom. On 8 November 1918, Fred was transferred to serve in the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), and was attached to the 52nd Graduated Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment at Thetford Camp, Norfolk on 30 November 1918. He was discharged from the army on 5 April 1919, at which time he was placed on class "E" of the Army Reserve, and resided at 1, Glyde Villa, London Road, Tonbridge, Kent.

ILEY, SYDNEY. D.C.M.

JOWETT, PERCY. D.C.M. Captain.

KILLICK, ROY. Lieutenant. M.C., D.C.M.

Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Formerly Acting Corporal, 178, 6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Notification of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to Acting Corporal Roy N. Killick was published in the London Gazette dated 11 March 1916, the citation of which reads:—"For conspicuous gallantry. When our attack was held up by machine guns he lay in a shell hole twenty yards from the enemy parapet and continued to fire till all his ammunition and that of two wounded comrades was expended."

MANN, WILLIAM. M.M.

MATHERS, ROWLAND. Croix de Guerre. Private, DM2/207548.

Royal Army Service Corps.

PACEY, JACK. D.C.M. Sergeant, 165167.

1/1st North Somerset Yeomanry.

Formerly Acting Squadron Quarter Master Sergeant, 674, 1/1st North Somerset Yeomanry.

Jack was posted to France for service with the British Expeditionary Force on 2 November 1914.

The citation of in respect of the Distinguished Conduct Medal awarded to Sergeant Jack Pacey reads:—"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of the troop and organised the defence of his sector with great coolness. It was largely owing to his skill and courage that the enemy counter-attack failed completely." It should be noted that on some of the data accessed, Sergeant Pacey's Christian name is shown as John.

SEALE, HERBERT. D.C.M. Corporal, 2200.

12th (Eastern) Division, Cyclists Company, Army Cyclist Corps.

Son of William and Ann Seale of Peach Hall, Tonbridge, Kent.

At the time of the 1901 census, the Searle family resided at 2, Peach Hall, Tonbridge, Kent. Head of the house was 37 year old Tonbridge, Kent native William Seale, who was employed as a Miller and Hay Binder. Herbert was posted to France for service in the British Expeditionary Force on 31 May 1915. Having survived the carnage of the Great War, Herbert was discharged to the "Z" Reserve on 5 March 1919. Note that Herbert is shown as being the soldier seated on the right of the bottom left photograph, on the board shown below. He was a younger brother William Henry Seale who fell on 14 March 1918, and who is briefly commemorated below.

SEALE, WILLIAM HENRY. M.C. Second Lieutenant.
 2nd Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, attached to the
 5th Trench Mortar Battery.
 Died 14 March 1918. Aged 27.
 Son of William and Ann Seale of Peach Hall, Tonbridge, Kent.
 Husband of Bridget Teresa Seale of 52, Priory Street, Tonbridge, Kent.
 Buried Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery, Manancourt, Somme,
 France. Grave Ref: X. B. 20.
 William is the officer on the right hand side of the board shown on the photograph
 below.

SWIFT, HAROLD. M.M. Private, 3217.
 Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment),

TRILL, ERNEST. M.M. Private, L/10900.
 Royal Sussex Regiment.
 Born Tonbridge, Kent.
 Son of Reuben Trill and Sarah Trill.

