

ULCOMBE





There are two village tributes in Ulcombe near Maidstone. The first is the war memorial located in the parish churchyard. The second tribute is a brass memorial plaque hanging inside the parish church. The Ulcombe war memorial was not an easy transcription due to incorrect and corrupt data being placed on the memorial.

The Great War 1914 -1919

BURTON G

Gunner 51631 George BURTON. Royal Field Artillery (RFA). Died 13th September 1914. Age 22. Born Maidstone. Enlisted Maidstone. Son of Jesse and Annie Burton of White House, Ulcombe, Maidstone. Kent. Commemorated on the La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.

BRANN H.J

Driver 115584 Henry Jonathan BRANN. "D" Battery, 46th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery (R.F.A). Died 17th August 1917. Age 32. Born Ulcombe. Enlisted Ashford. Son of G E and N Brann. Husband of M J Brann of Water

Lane, Ulcombe, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave XVII. H. 2.

BUGDEN C.W

Sergeant 41087 Charles William BUGDEN. 1st/4th Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment. Formerly (9199) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 28th October 1918. Age 36. Born Ulcombe. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Ulcombe. Son of Mr and Mrs W Bugden of Walnut Tree Cottage, East Sutton, Maidstone, Kent. Husband of Bessie Bugden of Moor Lane, Loughborough, Leicestershire. Served in the South African Campaign. Enlisted August 1914. Buried St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France. Grave S. III. C. 6.

Listed as Royal West Kent Regiment on the Ulcombe war memorial.

BUGDEN L.V

Corporal John Victor BUGDEN. 11TH (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars. Died 22nd March 1918. Born and resided Ulcombe. Enlisted Maidstone. Commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 4.

Listed as L.V Bugden on the Ulcombe war memorial. .

BRADFORD H.T

Private G/5752 H T Bradford. Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Formerly The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 3rd September 1917. Son of Mrs E Bradford of Millstead Cottages, Upper Street, Leeds, Maidstone, Kent. Buried locally in Ulcombe (All Saints) Churchyard Extension. Grave B. H. 3.

Listed as a Buffs man on the Ulcombe war memorial.

CRUMP W.H

Gunner 60452 William Henry CRUMP. "X" TM Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery (R.G.A). Died 11th May 1915. Age 22. Born Ulcombe. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Ulcombe. Son of Frederick George and Rosa Ellen Crump of Kingsnorth Wood Cottages, Ulcombe, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, Belgium. Panel 9.

CHAPMAN M

Private 2347 Maurice CHAPMAN. West Kent Yeomanry (Queen's Own). Died 15th August 1916. Age 20. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Ulcombe. Son of Mrs Elizabeth H Chapman of Eastwood, Ulcombe, Maidstone, Kent. Buried locally in Ulcombe (All Saints) Churchyard Extension.

Listed on the Ulcombe war memorial as West Kent Hussars.

CHAMBERS C.G

Gunner 21689 Charles George CHAMBERS. "B" Battery, 70th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery (R.F.A). Died 30th March 1918. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Ulcombe. Buried Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Pas de Calais, France. Grave VII. C. 28.

FILMER C.G

Private G/12007 Charles George FILMER. 1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 24th July 1916. Born Ulcombe. Enlisted Maidstone. Buried Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L' Abbe, Somme, France. Grave II. E. 6.

FERMOR F

Lance Corporal 46334 Frank Alexander FERMOR. 23rd (Tyneside Scottish) Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers. Formerly Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 13th May 1917. Age 28. Born Ulcombe. Enlisted Maidstone. Son of Mrs Annie Fermor of Fairbourne Heath, Ulcombe, Kent. Husband of May Caroline Fermor of Thornden Villa, Headcorn, Kent. Buried Niederzwehren Cemetery, Kassel, Hessen, Germany. Grave IV. D. 13.

Listed on the Ulcombe war memorial as Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

FAIROW C

Private L/10387 Charles Frederick FAIROW. 2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 25th May 1915. Age 25. Born Ulcombe. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Thornden, Headcorn. Son of Mr C F and Mrs H A Fairlow of Jubilee Cottages, Ulcombe, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, Belgium.

FREED W

Private T/205305 William John FREED. 1st Battalion, Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Died 25th September 1917. Born East Sutton. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Headcorn. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium. Also commemorated on Headcorn war memorial.

HAWKINS A.J

Driver 97681 Alfred Jesse HAWKINS. 11th Divisional Ammunition Column. Royal Field Artillery (R.F.A). Died 14th October 1917. Age 19. Born Ulcombe, Maidstone. Enlisted Ashford. Son of William and Emily Hawkins of Walleth Court, Headcorn, Kent. Buried Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium. Grave X. F. 6.

HEATHFIELD J

Private 56978 John (Jack) HEATHFIELD. 1st Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment. Died 22nd December 1917. Age 19. Born Broomfield. Enlisted Pluckley. Son of Fred and Elizabeth Heathfield of Roseland Cottage, Ulcombe, Maidstone, Kent. Buried St Sever cemetery Extension, Rouen, seine-Maritime, France. Grave P. V. B. 2A.

Also commemorated on Headcorn war memorial.

HOWE A

Private G/43179 Albert HOWE. 13th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Formerly West Kent Yeomanry. Died 25th August 1917. Age 23. Born Ulcombe. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Hollingbourne. Son of William and Sophey Howe of Chegworth Court, Hollingbourne, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.

MERRALLS W.G

Lance Sergeant 651031 Walter George MERRALLS. "B" Company, 2nd/21st Battalion (1st Surrey Rifles), London Regiment. Died 28th March 1918. Age 22. Enlisted Camberwell, London. Resided Ulcombe. Son of Lucy Merralls of "Wentways," Chart Sutton, Maidstone, Kent and the late George Walter Merralls. Also served in France, Salonika and Egypt. Commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial, Israel. Panel 52.

MACKLEDEN V.A

Private G/6467 Vivian Albert MACKLEDEN. "B" Company, 6th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Formerly Royal Horse Artillery (R.H.A). Died 9th March 1916. Age 39. Born Boughton Malherbe. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Ulcombe. Son of Edward and Rachel Mackelden of The Carpenter's Arms, Ulcombe, Maidstone, Kent. Husband of Phoebe Mackelden of Rock Cottage, Ulcombe, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Listed on the Ulcombe war memorial as Royal Horse Artillery.

MERCER A.R

Private 201291 Albert Richard MERCER. 2/4th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died Egypt 19th April 1917. Born Headcorn. Enlisted Maidstone. Buried Gaza War Cemetery, Israel. Grave XXVI. D. I.

Also commemorated on Headcorn war memorial.

NEVE A

No Trace - This man's name only appears on the Ulcombe civic war memorial in the churchyard. It does not appear on the brass plaque inside the church which is odd.

NORRIS F.G

Lance Corporal 58812 Frederick George Phillip NORRIS. 1st Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. Died 29th October 1918. Age 32. Born Chegworth, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone. Son of Adelaide E Blunt (formerly Norris) of Chegworth, Hollingbourne, Kent. Buried Cross Roads Cemetery, Fontaine-Au-Bois, Nord, France. Grave II. I. 27.

OLIVER W.I

Private G/18710 William James OLIVER. 11th Battalion, Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Formerly (4878) Army Service Corps (ASC). Died 23rd March 1918. Born Ipswich, Suffolk. Enlisted Woolwich, London. Resided Ulcombe. Buried Morchies Australian Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave D. 1.

PEEN R.J

Private G/21023 John Robert PEEN. 7th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Died 20th November 1917. Age 28. Born Ulcombe. Enlisted Maidstone. Son of William John Peen of East Wood, Ulcombe, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louvernal, Nord, France. Panel 7.

Listed on the Ulcombe war memorial as Robert John PEEN. He probably preferred to use his second name (Robert).

J.P PIPER

Joel P PIPER. Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) – No Trace

POPE F.J

Private 460162 Francis John POPE. 44th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (New Brunswick). Died 25th October 1916. Born Sandway, Kent 26th August 1892. Enlisted Winnipeg 5th June 1915. Next of Kin Sarah Pope Chegworth Manor, Hollingbourne, Kent. Commemorated on the Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

PORT A

Possibly this man -

Rifleman 1527 Alfred PORT. 12th Battalion, London Regiment. Died 25th April 1915. Born Ash, Kent. Enlisted London. Resided Ilford, London.

PORT A.A

Arthur A PORT. Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) – No Trace

SHARP R

Corporal T2/014985 Raymond SHARP. 208th Company, 22nd Reserve Park, Army Service Corps (A.S.C). Died 7th September 1916. Age 20. Born Ulcombe. Enlisted Maidstone. Resided Headcorn. Son of Stephen and Minnie Sharp of Peckham Farm, Headcorn, Kent. Buried Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greece. Grave 371.

Also commemorated on the Ulcombe war memorial.

SMITH M.P

Morris P SMITH. Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) – Probably this man -

Private G/21205 Maurice Smith. 7th Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Formerly Private 27843 Middlesex Regiment. Died 10th August 1917. Age 20. Born and resided Ulcombe. Enlisted Maidstone. Son of Kate Smith of Reed Cottage, Ulcombe, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, Belgium.

SORRELL B.W

Private 275326 Albert (Bertie) W SORRELL. 3rd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. Formerly 17th Battalion. Formerly (2060) 5th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 25th March 1918. Age 21. Born Ulcombe. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Ulcombe. Son of William and Louie Sorrell of Morebreddis, Goudhurst, Kent. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 9.

Listed on the Ulcombe war memorial as B.W Sorrell.

WATSON G

Private G/18996 George WATSON. 10th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 16th June 1917. Born Tunbridge Wells. Enlisted Tonbridge. Buried Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport, Seine-Maritime, France. Grave III. G. 5B.



EDWARDES O

This officers name does not appear on the village tribute but there is a private family memorial in the parish church –

Second Lieutenant Owen EDWARDES. 2nd Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps (K.R.R.C). Died 30th June 1916. Age 22. Born 6th May 1894. Son of Lieutenant Colonel The Honourable Cuthbert Edwardes (The Rifle Brigade) and Lady Blanche Edwardes. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7.

Officers Died Great War lists Owens's date of death as the 1st July 1916, as does the Commonwealth War Graves Commission probably indicative of his demise occurring on the night of 30th June/1st July.

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BURGESS G

George BURGESS. Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) -

Private 6347486 George BURGESS. 1st Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). Died 30th January 1944. Age 23. Born and resided Kent. Son of Charles and Lily Burgess. Husband of Florence Irene Burgess of Ulcombe, Kent. Buried Anzio War Cemetery, Italy. Grave II. V. 4.

GIBSON K

NOT COMEMORATED ON THE ULCOMBE WAR MEMORIAL

This civilian casualty is buried in the Ulcombe churchyard but her name does not appear on the parish tribute. In fact her name appears on the nearby Lenham war memorial.

Kathleen GIBSON

PHILLIPS R.F

Able Seaman C/JX 559435. Ronald Frank John Phillips. Royal Navy (R.N) HM Tug Roode Zee. Died 24th April 1944. Age 18. Son of John Charles and Olive Phillips of Ulcombe, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 76, 1.

BRYCE M

Able Seaman D/JX 126796 Morris PRYCE. Royal Navy. HMS Glorious. Died 9th June 1940. Age 30. Son of Alfred and Sarah Pryce of Ruckinge, Kent. Commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 38. Column 2.

