16.USHERWOOD J.J

Not recorded as a war casualty by the CWGC

Ashford War Memorial

Centrepiece Church Plaque

Able Seaman J/5648 Jehu (John) Jones USHERWOOD. H.M.S "Newcastle", Royal Navy. Died of Tuberculosis (T.B) on 27th January 1916 aged 22 years. Born 18th December 1893 Ashford, Kent. Son of Barnes and Annie Usherwood of 50, Kent Avenue, Ashford, Kent. Buried locally in the Old Ashford Cemetery, Canterbury Road, Ashford on 31st January 1916. John died at 50, Kent Avenue, Ashford. John's brother's name (Barnes) appears on John's grave. This was probably done because Barnes has no known grave.

Jehu's name also appears on the Centrepiece war memorial plaque, Bank Street, Ashford. He attended that church with his brother before the outbreak of war.

John joined the Royal Navy on 18th December 1911 at Chatham. He was immediately posted to HMS "Ganges" as a Boy 2nd Class. John went onto serve in the following ships – Impregnable (1910), Berwick (1911), Bulwark (1911), Natal (1911). He was sent to Gibraltar on 23rd October 1912 and remained there until 4th December 1912. On 5th December 1912 John was posted to HMS Newcastle and he remained with that ship until 9th April 1914. On the 11 November 1914 John was invalided out of the navy with Tuberculosis of the lungs. Upon leaving the navy John returned to Ashford where he died shortly afterwards.

In 1896 there was a B Usherwood living at 136, New Town, Ashford.

The Ashford Absentee Voters List for 1918 gives -

<u>50, Kent Avenue, Ashford</u>

Private G/23515 Charles USHERWOOD. 5th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

The Ashford 1881 Census gives –

<u>133 New Town, Ashford</u>

Barnes USHERWOOD Horsmonden, Kent 1843 (Grandfather)

Mary Ann	Ramsgate 1843
William T	Ashford 1864
Barnes	**Folkestone 1866**
Ernest	Ashford 1871
Ellen	Tonbridge 1873

The 1901 census gives –
<u>50, Kent Avenue, Ashford</u>

Barnes	USHERWOOD	34	Locomotive Fitter	Folkestone
Annie		34		Ashford
Ellen A		13		Ashford
Barnes		**11**		**Ashford**
Ernest W		10		Ashford
John J		**7**		**Ashford**
Charles L		3		Ashford

<u>John contracted T.B while still a serving sailor. He died of the SAME disease 14 months after being invalided from the service. His death was attributable.</u>