

Waldershare

Kent

All Saints parish church stands within the grounds of Waldershare Park, regrettably it is no longer used, and is in the care of The Churches Conservation Trust. Within the church is a Great War memorial plaque which commemorated the parish fallen and is inscribed:-

*In Honoured Memory
of the Men of
Waldershare
Who Fell in the
Great War 1914-1918*

The Great War
1914 - 1919

AMOS, GEORGE ERNEST. Lance Corporal, 9245.

1st Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers.

Died 28 June 1915.

Born Studdal, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Chichester, Sussex.

Resided Ashley, Whitfield, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 185.

Having survived the arrival and landing by the 1st Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers at Helles, aboard the 'River Clyde,' when she was run aground at 0625 hours on 25 April 1915 at "V" Beach, George then had to endure the appalling conditions at Gallipoli with his battalion prior to his death. During June 1915, George's battalion took its turn in the firing line, interspersed with time spent in reserve at the Eski Line. During the month fresh drafts arrived which at one time brought the battalions strength up to 23 officers and 588 other ranks. On the day that George lost his life, his battalion moved forward to a position called Bruce's Ravine, and then successfully attacked the Turkish trenches J12 and J13. Following the capture of the enemy trench complexes, the battalion consolidate them, and was then counter attacked with bombs, but managed to hold the freshly won positions. Prior to being relieved the following day, the battalion had twenty six other ranks killed in action, and eight officers and one hundred and twelve other ranks wounded in addition to nineteen initially posted as missing, some of whom were later added to the above died figures.

BERRY, JOHN NORWOOD. Private, G/9362.
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 4 August 1916.
Born and resided Eythorne, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 D.

BERRY, WESTON. Private, 42771.
1st Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).
Died 31 July 1917. Age 24.
Born Canterbury, Kent. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.
Son of John and Jane Berry of Canterbury Lodge, Eythorne, Dover, Kent.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 6

KIRBY, HENRY (Harry). Petty Officer Stoker, 297695.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Leviathan.
Died 29 June 1916. Aged 36.
Born Walmer, Kent 21 May 1878.
Son of Thomas Joseph Kirby of Ashley, Whitfield, Dover, Kent, and the late Clarissa Kirby.
Husband of Julia Kirby.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 17.
Commemorated on Great War memorial panel located in the parish church at Waldershare, Dover, Kent.
H.M.S. Leviathan was a 14,150 ton Drake class armoured cruiser, she was built by John Brown, of Clydebank, Scotland, and laid down in November 1899 and was completed in June 1903. During the Great War Harry's ship was initially in the 6th Cruiser Squadron of the Grand Fleet. In December 1914 she was part of the 5th Cruiser Squadron for a short time prior to returning in January 1915 to the 6th Cruiser Squadron. From October 1915, H.M.S. Leviathan was on the North America and West Indies Station as flagship. During 1920 surplus to peacetime requirements and economics she was sold for scrap.

MARSH, ALFRED CHARLES. Serjeant, 9928.
1st Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment.
Died 9 November 1914. Aged 23.
Born Ashley, Whitfield, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Marsh of Ashley, Whitfield, Dover, Kent.
Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium.
Panel 5 or 6.

MARSH, HERBERT GOLDER. Private, Lance Corporal, 36571.
"D" Company, 9th (Service) Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment.
Died 3 May 1917. Aged 23.
Born Studdal, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent. Resided Whitfield, Dover, Kent.
Son of Mrs. A. E. Marsh of Ashby, Whitfield, Dover, Kent, and the late Mr. G. Marsh.
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 5.
Formerly Private, 21491, East Lancashire Regiment.

WOOD, WILLIAM DIXON. No trace.

