

Wrotham



The Great War

1914 -1919

Wrotham, Kent civic war memorial was dedicated on 5 August 1923, at which time twenty six of those who died in the Great War, were commemorated on it by name. Following the cessation of the hostilities of the Second World War, an additional thirteen casualties of that war were then added. Since the accompanying photographs were taken for inclusion here, the Wrotham war memorial has been completely refurbished, and an addition thirteen names of Great War casualties have now been added. During the annual Service of Remembrance, conducted by the Reverend Brenda Hurd on Sunday 11 November 2007, the war memorial was re-dedicated. Clearly Wrotham is a Kent parish that truly remembers the sacrifices made by its former parishioners, and is an excellent example of what can be archived with dedication and commitment by all involved in the project. Sadly however Wrotham is in truth, in stark contrast to several other Kent locations that patently do not care about their war memorials, or the huge debt which sadly can never be repaid that they represent.

ACOTT, ARCHIE. Private, G/16453.

10th (Service) Battalion (Kent County), Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 23 March 1918. Aged 24.

Born Brenchley, Paddock Wood, Kent. Enlisted Sevenoaks, Kent. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Youngest son of George and the late Fanny Acott of West Street, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7.

Archie was one of three brothers who served in the armed forces during the Great War. He is not commemorated on the Brenchley, Kent civic war memorial.

At the time of the 1901 census the Acott family resided at Market Heath, Brenchley, Paddock Wood, Kent. Horsmonden, Kent native, 53 year old garden Labourer George Acott was recorded by the census enumerator as being the Head of the house.

ANDREWS, RICHARD. Private, G/4957.

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

Died 3 July 1917. Aged 42.

Born Shoreditch, London. Enlisted Bromley, Kent 15 December 1914. Resided Wrotham, Kent.

Son of Richard and Mary Andrews.

Husband of Alice Violet Andrews (née Hayes) of Railway Cottages, Wrotham Heath, Kent. (please see below).

Buried Serre Road Cemetery No.2, Somme, France. Grave Ref: XX. E. 5.

One of the thirteen men added to the Wrotham civic war memorial in 2007. Richard is also commemorated on the Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent, Great War parish tribute which is in the form of a memorial plaque located in the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, which is also where Richard and Alice were married on 1 August 1898. Prior to enlisting Richard had been employed as a Labourer, and was the father of four children, they being May, Albert, George, and Florence. Richard served on the Western Front from 1 June 1915 until 27 March 1916 when he was evacuated back to England resultant of a gunshot wound to his head. From 29 March 1916 to 6 April 1916 Richard was a patient at the Fulham Military Hospital, receiving treatment for his wounds, upon being discharged from hospital he convalesced at Eastbourne, Sussex. From 16 June 1916 Richard again served on the Western Front until he was posted as missing, his death which was officially confirmed and accepted as having occurred on 3 July 1917. By the time that Richards medals, memorial scroll and death plaque were to be forwarded to his widow in October 1919, she had remarried, and was Mrs A.V. Martin, still residing at the same address as shown above.

ASHDOWN, HENRY HERBERT. Private, G/768.
6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 4 May 1917. Aged 22.
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent.
Son of Henry James and Frances Ellen Ashdown of Platt Farm Cottage, St. Mary's Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Buried Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Pas de Calais, France.
Grave Ref: V. D. 7.

BIRD, SAMUEL OLIVER. Private, 3801.
1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 25 August 1916.
Born and resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-l'Abbe, Somme, France.
Grave Ref: III. G. 21.
Formerly Private, 4477, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
One of the thirteen men added to the Wrotham civic war memorial in 2007.

BROADMORE, HARRY, Bombardier, 61735.
121st Battery, 27th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.
Died 16 September 1914. Aged 23.
Born Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Son of James William and Cordelia Broadmore of 12, Randell Hill Road, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Commemorated on the La Ferte-sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.

G.F. BROWN. **One of the thirteen men added to the Wrotham civic war memorial in 2007.** It has not been possible for the transcriber to ascertain at this time who this casualty was.

L. BROWN. **One of the thirteen men added to the Wrotham civic war memorial in 2007.** It has not been possible for the transcriber to ascertain at this time, if the following man is in fact the correct casualty who was added to the war memorial, and as such should be viewed with caution when viewing same.

BROWN, LIONEL VERNON, Private, L/9057.
2nd. Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 21 October 1914. Aged 25.
Born Luton, Bedfordshire. Enlisted Guildford, Surrey. Resided Wrotham, Kent.
Son of Thomas Charles and Emily Brown of Linden Wood Cottage, Fairseat, Wrotham, Kent.
Buried Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: LXVII E15.
Please also see the Stansted, Kent tributes on this website, for a more detailed commemoration of Lionel, and his brother Victor who is also commemorated as a 'Lost Man,' amongst those missing from the Wrotham civic war memorial.

CASTLE, WILLIAM JOHN. Private, G/22008.
7th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 21 March 1917.
Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Sevenoaks, Kent. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Son of John and Harriett Castle of Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent (St. George) Cemetery Extension.
Formerly Private, 21235, 12th Lancers.

CHATFIELD, ALFRED HORACE. Private, 57155.
9th (Service) Battalion, Welsh Regiment.
Died 2 November 1916.
Born Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Buried Mill Road Cemetery, Thiepval, Somme, France. Grave Ref: XVII. A. 2.
Formerly, Private, 8863, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
One of the thirteen men added to the Wrotham civic war memorial in 2007.

COOPER, CHARLES SAMUEL. Private, T/306331.
Army Service Corps.
Enlisted Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey 17 November 1915. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Brother of Mrs. Alice Ann Sheppard of St. Mary's Road, Wrotham, Kent.
Formerly Private, GS/16039, East Surrey Regiment.
A former member of the East Surrey Regiment (4689), Railway Platelayer Charles, resided at the Old Farm House, St. Mary's Road Laundry, Wrotham, Kent, when he re-enlisted in his former regiment, 'For the duration of the war,' at which time Charles was 40 years and 10 months old. Until 16 March 1916 Charles served in Great Britain, after which date he was on active service on the Western Front, until returning to England on 7 July 1917, where he remained on a 'Home Posting' until 28 September 1917. On the latter date Charles was discharged from the army 'No longer fit for war service.' Unfortunately it has not been possible to locate a CWGC commemoration for Charles. It was sad to note whilst viewing his service papers, that one of the problems faced by the War Office following his death, was the disposal of Charles's War and Victory medals.
Eventually they were sent to his brother who resided at Croydon, Surrey.

CUNNINGHAM, WILLIAM. Gunner, 144572.
227th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.
Died 28 July 1917.
Born and resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Coxyde Military Cemetery, De Panne, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: III. L. 11.
One of the thirteen men added to the Wrotham civic war memorial in 2007.

DANIELS, ROBERT. Private, 203469.
8th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment
Died 26 October 1918.
Born Eynesford, Kent. Enlisted Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey. Resided Wrotham Heath, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Son of John and Eliza Daniels of Otford, Kent.
Husband of Alice Mary Daniels of St. Mary's Road, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: LXVI. L. 31.

DEERING, WILLIAM ARCHIBALD. Lance Corporal, G/8814.
"B" Company, 10th (Service) Battalion, (Kent County) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 31 July 1917. Aged 22.
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Son of William John and Fanny Deering of High Street, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 45.

EVANS, ALFRED LUKE. Private, 13744.
2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards.
Died 8 July 1917.
Born and resided Wrotham Heath, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Artillery Wood Cemetery, Boezinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: VII. E. 13.

EVANS, E.A. No clear trace, but is possibly the following Wrotham casualty.

EVANS, ERNEST JAMES. Private, 79188.

9th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 21 September 1918.

Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Buried Epehy Wood Farm Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: V. F. 8.

Formerly, Private, 136504, 51st Graduated Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

FENWICK, WALTER TRAVIS. Gunner, 54593.

"D" Battery, 64th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 4 August 1917. Aged 25.

Enlisted Woolwich, Kent. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Son of Maria Fuller of Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Buried Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: H. P. 6.

Walter birth appears to have been registered in the Stepney, London area during the second quarter of 1894.

GOODSELL, CECIL. Rifleman, C/4677.

17th (Service) Battalion, (British Empire League) Kings Royal Rifle Corps.

Died 5 July 1916.

Born Hawkhurst, Kent. Enlisted St. Swithins Lane, Middlesex. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Buried Le Touret Military Cemetery, Richebourg-L'Avoue, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: III. J. 15.

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At the time of the 1901 census, 5 year old Cecil was residing with his parents James and Harriett Goodsell, and his four brothers at Hale, Horsmonden, Kent. Head of the house was 34 year old Salehurst, Sussex native James Goodsell who was employed as a Farm Bailiff. 32 year old Harriett Goodsell was a native of Etchingham, Sussex.

GREGORY, EDWARD ANDREW. Private, 31327.

"B" Company, 7th (Service) Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment.

Died 27 August 1918. Aged 28.

Born Highcliffe, Christchurch, Hampshire. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Christchurch, Hampshire.

Son of James and Martha Gregory of Highcliffe, Christchurch, Hampshire.

Husband of Edith Margaret Gregory of Pathside, Wrotham, Kent.

Buried Fienvillers British Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: C. 13.

Formerly Private, 16363, Hussars, and Private, 20680, York and Lancaster Regiment. At the time of the 1901 census the Gregory family was residing at Chewton Common, Highcliffe, Christchurch, Hampshire. Head of the house was 45 year old Gardener, James Gregory who was a native of Christchurch. Edward's mother 44 year old Martha Gregory who was employed as a Laundress, and was also a native of Christchurch. In addition to 10 year old Edward residing at home on the night of the census, his 13 year old sister Louisa, and 6 year old brother John were also present.

GUTSELL, EDWARD THOMAS. Private, G/1557.

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

Died 17 July 1917. Aged 21.

Born Capstone, Chatham, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent.

Son of Thomas and Minnie Gutsell of Moreflints, Court Lodge, Stansted, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7.

It was noted whilst transcribing the Stansted, Kent civic war memorial that Edward was not amongst those who are commemorated on it. At the time of the 1901 census the Gutsell family resided at Capstone, Chatham, Kent. All the family were natives of Chatham, apart from Mrs. Minnie Gutsell, who came from the small village of Hepworth, Diss, Suffolk. Thomas Gutsell, aged 30 was employed as a Carter on a farm.

HOLLANDS, WILLIAM JAMES. Serjeant, 53453.

"D" Battery, 80th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 17 February 1916. Aged 32.

Born Dartford, Kent. (Please see below). Enlisted Wood Green, London.

Son of Alfred and Eliza Ann Hollands of Railway Tavern, Longfield, Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: IV. D. 4.

William's place of birth as entered above is as extracted from SDGW, but his CWGC commemoration shows him as having been a native of Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. At the time of the 1901 census the Hollands family was residing at Keepers Cottage, Wrotham, Kent. Adding to the confusion re William's place of birth, the census enumerator has entered William as being a native of Hartley, Kent, doubtless it being indicative of the parish near Dartford, Kent, as opposed to Cranbrook, Kent. The census also shows that William was apparently following in his fathers' footsteps, as both were Gamekeepers.

JOHNSON, JAMES FREDERICK. Company Serjeant Major, 6939.

"D" Company, 9th (Service) Battalion, Kings Royal Rifle Corps.

Died 30 July 1915. Aged 27.

Born Christchurch, Cheshire. Enlisted Macclesfield, Cheshire. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Son of the late Frederick and Alice Johnson.

Husband of Daisy Johnson of Brattons, Stansted, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 51, and on the Stansted, Sevenoaks, Kent civic war memorial.

One of the thirteen men added to the Wrotham civic war memorial in 2007.

For more comprehensive details appertaining to James, please also see the Stansted, Kent, tributes on this website.

KITCHENER, HERBERT. M.M. 2nd Corporal, 49661.

96th Field Company, Royal Engineers.

Died 5 October 1916.

Born Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Westminster, Middlesex. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Probably the son of William and Mary Kitchener (please see below).

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Pier and Face 8 A and 8 D.

At the time of the 1891 census, a 7 year old Sevenoaks, Kent, native was residing with his parents William and Mary Kitchener, at 1 River Hill, Cottages, Sevenoaks, Kent. Also present on the night of the census were Herbert's sisters who like him were natives of Sevenoaks, Kent, they being 12 year old Georgina and 10 year old Ellen Kitchener. William Kitchener a 50 year old native of Redbourne, Hertfordshire was the head of the house, and employed as a Cowman, his 53 year old wife Mary was a native of Barnet, Middlesex.

LAWRENCE, EDWARD. Private, 225272.
1st Battalion, London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers).
Died 31 July 1917. Aged 35.
Born Dover, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Wrotham, Kent.
Son of George and Harriett Lawrence of River, Dover, Kent.
Husband of Olive Grace Lawrence of Brookside, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate (Ypres), Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 52.
Formerly Private, 5421, Essex Regiment, Edward was posted the 1st Battalion, London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers). There is an F LAWRENCE commemorated as one of the Great War fallen on Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, civic war memorial, on whom it has not been possible to positively match. It might be that it signifies remembrance of Edward, but with the wrong initial as has happened on numerous war memorials throughout Kent.

LONGHURST, STEPHEN GEORGE. Rifleman, R/31289.
8th (Service) Battalion, Kings Royal Rifle Corps.
Died 24 March 1918.
Born Dartford, Kent. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7.
Formerly Private, 55666, Machine Gun Corps.
One of the thirteen men added to the Wrotham civic war memorial in 2007.

MONTGOMERIE, WILLIAM GRAHAM. Captain.
2nd Battalion, Leinster Regiment.
Died 20 October 1914. Aged 37.
Son of Lieutenant Colonel, Patrick Montgomerie.
Husband of Kate Elizabeth Montgomerie.
Buried Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres, Nord, France.
Grave Ref: IX. A. 88.
In need of more detailed further research, but it would seem likely that William was born in Scotland.

POORE, ARCHIBALD ALWYN. Private, G/12361.
8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 1 August 1918. Aged 30.
Born Wrotham Heath, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Offham, Malling, Kent.
Son of Henry and Helen Poore of Mote Farm, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Husband of Dora O. Parker (formerly Poore) of 3, Barn Cottage, Leybourne Wood. Borough Green, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Buried Tincourt New British Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: IX. E. 10.
It was noted whilst transcribing the Offham, Kent civic war memorial, that Archibald is not commemorated on it.
A brother of Cyril Edwin Poore who is the next casualty briefly commemorated.

POORE, E. As commemorated on the Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent civic war memorial appears to be the following non commissioned officer.

POORE, CYRIL EDWIN. Lance Corporal, 32052.
34th (Labour) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).
Died 4 October 1916. Aged 21.
Born and resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Son of Henry and Helen Poore of Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Buried Puchevillers British Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: V. C. 24.

ROBERTS, W. No clear trace. Possibly the casualty commemorated was WALTER ROBERTS, at the time of the 1901 census Robert was 2 years old, and the Roberts family resided at Wrotham Heath. Head of the house was 29 year old Maidstone, Kent native Harry Roberts, who was employed as a Brewers Carman.

ROOTS, ALFRED FREDERICK. Lance Corporal, L/9106.
2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 17 December 1916. Aged 27
Born Trosley, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Wrotham, Kent.
Son of Alfred and the late Nelly Roots.

Buried Struma Military Cemetery, Kalokastron, Greece. Grave Ref: VII. A. 6.

One of the thirteen men added to the Wrotham civic war memorial in 2007.

Also commemorated on Great War memorial plaque in the parish church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Trottiscliffe, Kent. As has been mentioned at the Trottiscliffe, Kent commemorations on this website, the name of the parish is pronounced Trosley. Both spellings occur when accessing data sources appertaining to the parish, which is situated to the north of Wrotham.

SAVILLE, WILLIAM ERNEST. Private, TT/01442.

Army Veterinary Corps.

Died 9 November 1917.

Born Otford, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Buried Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent (St. George) Cemetery Extension.

Grave Ref: East boundary.

SEAL, WILLIAM THOMAS. Private, 19319.

19th (Service) Battalion, (2nd Public Works Pioneers), Middlesex Regiment.

Died 8 August 1917. Aged 19.

Born and resided Wrotham Heath, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Son of Thomas and Eliza Seal of 9, West Street, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Buried Godewaersvelde British Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: I. C. 29.

Commemorated on the Wrotham, Kent, civic war memorial devoid of his first initial. At the time of the 1901 census the Seal family resided at Turnpike Cottages, London Road, Wrotham, Kent. In addition to his parents, William's two sisters, 6 year old Ethel, and 5 year old Mabel were also in residence on the night of the census.

SEARS, STEPHEN JOHN. M.M. Corporal, G/4960.

1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 23 May 1918.

Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Bromley, Kent. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Buried Tannay British Cemetery, Thiennes, Nord, France.

Grave Ref: Plot 2. Row F. Grave 2.

One of the thirteen men added to the Wrotham civic war memorial in 2007.

SHEPHERD, CHARLES ALBERT. Private, 54885.

26th (Service) Battalion (Bankers), Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 2 August 1917. Aged 33.

Born Ightam, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Sevenoaks, Kent. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Shepherd of High Street, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate (Ypres), Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Panel 6 or 8.

SMITH, HENRY URIAS. Private, G/1871

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

Died 1 July 1916.

Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiépval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 C.

SMITH, W. Probably the following post Great War local naval casualty.

SMITH, WILLIAM CARRINGTON. Able Seaman, J/6219.

Royal Navy, H.M. Submarine "K5."

Died 20 January 1921. Aged 26.

Born Rochester, Kent 4 February 1894.

Son of Abraham Smith of High Street, Wrotham, Kent, and the late Jane Smith.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 32.

With a crew of 57 comprised of 6 officers and 51 ratings, on 20 January 1921 H.M/S. K5 sailed from Torbay, Devon as part of a fleet bound for Spain, which included the Cruiser H.M.S. Inconstant and the Submarines H.M/S. K8, H.M/S. K9, H.M/S. K15 and H.M/S. K22. It was decided to conduct a mock battle in the Bay of Biscay, and the vessels split up to take their positions. A signal was received from William's submarine that she was diving, but she failed to reappear at the end of the exercise. Approximately an hour before dusk, a battery cover from a K boat was recovered, and the following morning a sailor's ditty box was found, it being the last trace of William's submarine. A subsequent Admiralty enquirey came to the conclusion that an accident had caused the loss of the K5 with all hands, probably having been the result of having exceeded the maximum diving depth for which we was designed and constructed, due to problems with the air intakes that ventilated her boiler rooms. H.M. Submarine "K5" was launched on 16 December 1916 and completed in 1917 at Portsmouth Dockyard.

STREATFIELD, BENJAMIN RALPH. Private, G/1558.

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

Died 1 July 1916. Aged 22.

Born Stansted, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Son of Walter and Elizabeth Mercy Streatfield of Boughers Cottage, Stansted, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 C, and on the Stansted, Kent civic war memorial.

One of the thirteen men added to the Wrotham civic war memorial in 2007.

For more comprehensive details appertaining to Benjamin, please also see the Stansted, Kent tributes on this website.

TONG, ALBERT. Private, G/39726.

25th (Garrison) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

Died 17 May 1919.

Born Basingstoke, Hampshire. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Buried Churkin Russian Naval Cemetery, Vladivostok, Russian Federation.

Grave Ref: A. 10.

The Churkin Naval Cemetery, Vladivostok, is on the Churkin peninsula and was used by British, French, American and Czechoslovak troops. The 37 British war graves at Vladivostok, and the 13 names on the Vladivostok Memorial, are due to the result of a period of confusion in Siberia which followed the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, signed on 3 March 1918, but which was to all intents and purposes practically obsolete before the end of the same year. The establishment of a Siberian (anti-Bolshevik) Republic in December 1917 (and of other Republics in Siberia a little later) was followed by the march of the Czechoslovak Divisions in the Russian service from Poland eastwards, and in particular by the arrival of the 2nd Czechoslovak Division at Vladivostok in May 1918. Albert's battalion arrived at Vladivostok on 3 August 1918, and remained in Serbia until September 1919.

WOODGER, CHRISTOPHER. River, 59766.

"A" Battery, 242nd Army Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 22 October 1918.

Born Wrotham Heath, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Husband of H. C. S. Woodger of 93, Canon Heath, Watlington, Kent.

Buried Lesdain Communal Cemetery, Hainault, Belgium. Grave Ref: B. 5.

At the time of the 1901 census, Christopher was residing with his family at Turnpike Cottages, London Road, Wrotham. Head of the house was Christopher's 48 year old father, George Woodger who was employed as a Lime Burner, and a native of nearby East Malling, Kent. Christopher's 45 year old mother was a native of Odiham, Hampshire. In addition to Christopher and his parents, also present of the night of the census were his six brothers, and two sisters.

Lost Men

ALLCORN, FREDERIC PERCY. Serjeant, TR10/38169.

98th Battalion, Training Reserve.

Died 4 December 1917. Aged 25.

Son of the late William and Sarah Ann Allcorn of South View, Plaxtol, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Formerly G/12310, 12th (Reserve) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Buried Plaxtol, Sevenoaks, Kent Churchyard.

As Plaxtol Parish Church was built during the Cromwellian era, unlike the vast majority of most Kent churches it has no patron saint.

AVIS, GEORGE HAROLD. Private, 1761.

1st Battalion, Manchester Regiment.

Died 12 March 1915. Aged 23.

Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent. Resided Bromley, Kent.

Son of Mrs. S. Avis of 18, Bloomfield Road, Bromley, Kent.

Buried Royal Irish Rifles Graveyard, Laventie, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: III. E. 3.

George is commemorated on the Bromley, Kent, civic war memorial.

BEECHING, SIDNEY, FRANK. Private, 14127.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 7 June 1918. Aged 25.

Born Wrotham, Kent. Enlisted London. Resided Sevenoaks, Kent.

Son of John and Dorcas Beeching of Dunks Green, Tonbridge, Kent.

Buried Nine Elms British Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: XI. E. 4.

Commemorated on the Plaxtol, Sevenoaks, Kent civic war memorial.

BEVAN, WILLIAM THOMAS. Private, 47099.

7th (Service) Battalion, North Staffordshire Regiment.

Died 26 August 1918. Aged 40.

Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Bexleyheath, Kent. Resided Sidcup, Kent.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bevan.

Husband of Eliza Bevan of 101, Birkbeek Road, Sidcup, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tehran Memorial, Tehran War Cemetery, Gulhak, Iran.

Panel 4. Column 1.

BEECHING, SIDNEY, FRANK. Private, 14127.
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 7 June 1918. Aged 25.
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted London. Resided Sevenoaks, Kent.
Son of John and Dorcas Beeching of Dunks Green, Tonbridge, Kent.
Buried Nine Elms British Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: XI. E. 4.
Commemorated on the Plaxtol, Sevenoaks, Kent, civic war memorial.

BOWEN, JOHN WILLIAM. Gunner, 68310.
"A" Battery, 59th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.
Died 10 October 1917. Aged 28.
Enlisted Bromley, Kent. Resided Sevenoaks, Kent.
Son of W. Bowen, of Wrotham Heath, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Husband of Fanny Bromley (formerly Bowen) of The Green, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Bard Cottage Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: V. A. 16.
It would seem likely that William was a native of Wrotham, as recorded on the 1901 census is a 12 year old John Bowen, residing at Wrotham Heath. Head of the house was 37 year old William Bowen, his wife 35 year old Minnie Bowen, a native of nearby Trottiscliffe. Also at home on the night of the census were three of John's brothers, and two sisters, all of whom were also Wrotham natives.

BOWEN, REGINALD ERNEST. Rifleman, 12880.
11th (Service) Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Died 14 August 1917. Aged 17.
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Dartford, Kent. Resided Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Son of Thomas and Alice Bowen of 5, Whatcote Cottages, Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 51, and on the Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent, Great War parish tribute, which is in the form of a memorial plaque located in the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin.

BROAD, GEORGE ALFRED. Private, L/7751.
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 18 October 1914. Aged 27.
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent. Resided Wilmington, Dartford, Kent.
Son of George Alfred and Mary Ann Broad.
Husband of Ann Norah Broad of 165, Daffodil Road, East Wickham, Welling, Kent.
Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. Panel 2, and on Great War memorial plaque located in (St. Mary's) parish church Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent.

BROWN, VICTOR RANDOLPH. Driver, L/11631.
33rd. Reserve Battery, Royal Field Artillery.
Died 21 July 1916. Aged 22.
Son of Thomas Charles and Emily Brown of Linden Wood Cottage, Fairseat, Wrotham, Kent.
Buried St. Mary's Churchyard, Stansted, Kent.
Grave Ref: north west part of churchyard.
For a more detailed commemoration of Victor, please also see the Stansted, Kent, tributes on this website. Victor's brother Lionel might be one of the casualties who were added to the Wrotham civic war memorial in 2007.

BURTON, CHARLES COLBORNE. Rifleman, S/11628.

1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 6 July 1915.

Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Warley, Essex. Resided Ilford, Essex.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 46.

Formerly Private, 10376, 21st Lancers.

COLEMAN, WALTER WILLIAM. Lieutenant.

Machine Gun Corps.

Died 12 March 1919.

Buried Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent (St. George) Cemetery Extension.

Grave Ref: Left side of path running north from Lych Gate.

COLES, GEORGE. Private, 23698.

2nd Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Died 4 May 1917. Aged 38.

Born Kemsing, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent.

Son of Joseph and Harriet Coles, of Rose Tree Cottages, St. Mary's Road, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Husband of Edith S. A. Coles of The Banks, Birling, West Malling, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 3.

Formerly Sapper, 173876, Royal Engineers. At the time of the 1901 census George was a 22 year old bachelor, employed as a Groom/Coachman residing at Western Road, Wrotham, Kent.

His parents resided at The Laundry, Trottiscliffe, Kent on the night of the above census.

CROUCH, WILLIAM HERBERT. Regimental Serjeant Major, 3917.

7th Dragoon Guards (Princess Royals).

Died 12 January 1915.

Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Clapham, London.

Buried Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: B. 142.

William is commemorated on the 7th Dragoon Guards (Princess Royals), Great War memorial in Norwich Cathedral, Norfolk. At the time of his demise William was not actually serving with his regiment.

CUNNINGHAM, GEORGE. Private, 202113.

1st/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) North Staffordshire Regiment.

Died 1 July 1917.

Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Borough Green, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7

CUNNINGHAM, THOMAS. Private, T/207252.

7th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 22 October 1917.

Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Gravesend, Kent.

Buried No Man's Cot Cemetery, Boesinghe, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: B. 25.

Formerly Private, 20440, East Surrey Regiment.

HAROLD, EDWIN. Private, G/24209.

11th (Service) Battalion, (Lambeth), The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 1 August 1917. Aged 32.

Born Stuston, Norfolk. Enlisted Norwich, Norfolk. Resided Royden, Diss, Norfolk.
Son of the late Harry Harold.

Husband of Beatrice Harold of 6, West Street, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Panel 11 - 13 and 14.

Formerly Private, 25767, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

At the time of the 1901 census, Edwin was employed as a Stable Lad, residing with his parents at 11, Beehive Yard, Diss, Norfolk. His mother was Ann Harold, a 48 year old native of Occold, Eye, Suffolk. Head of the house was Edwin's father, also aged 48, and a native of Diss, Norfolk. Four sisters of Edwin's were also at home on the night of the census, all of whom were his junior.

HILLS, HENRY JAMES. Serjeant, 41670.

1st Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment.

Died 26 October 1917. Aged 22.

Born and resided Eythorne, Dover, Kent. Enlisted St. Pauls Churchyard, London.

Son of James Hills, of Jubilee Cottage, Eythorne, Dover, Kent.

Husband of Edith Ellen Hills of Ockley House, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 90 to 92 and 162 to 162A.

Formerly 14198, Norfolk Regiment.

HOOD, E. C. Serjeant, 5063.

40th Training Depot Station, Royal Air Force.

Died 6 August 1918.

Buried Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent (St. George) Cemetery Extension.

Grave Ref: East boundary.

HYDE, GEORGE. Private, G/61318.

17th (Service) Battalion (Empire), Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 28 April 1917. Aged 40.

Born Hitchin, Hertfordshire. Enlisted Guildford, Surrey. Resided Cobham, Surrey.

Son of the late George and Sarah Hyde.

Husband of Edith Rose Hyde of Church Cottage, Wrotham Hill Park, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 3.

Formerly Private, G/14044, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

JESSUP, ARTHUR. D.C.M. Rifleman, S/6207.

8th (Service) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 1 October 1917.

Son of the late Jesse and Jane Jessup.

Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Charing Cross, Middlesex. Resided Merton, Surrey.

Buried Kandahar Farm, Wulvergem, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: II. F. 37.

Commemorated on Great War memorial plaque located in the parish church of St. John the Baptist, Wateringbury, Maidstone, Kent. Although not a native of the village of Wateringbury. At the time of the 1901 census the Jessup family resided at Pizenwell, Wateringbury.

KEALEY, ALFRED. Corporal, G/2127.
7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 25 July 1917. Aged 25.
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
Son of Alfred and Annie Kealey of Yaldham, Kemsing, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: XVI. H. 13.
SDGW records Alfred as having been born at Kemsing, Sevenoaks, Kent, but unusually the CWGC commemoration details for Alfred show him as being a native of Wrotham, Kent. At the time of the 1901 census the Kealey family was residing at East Yaldham Manor Cottage, Wrotham, Kent, the enumerator entered Alfred's place of birth as Wrotham, Kent.

LARKIN, PERCY EDWARD. Corporal, 1865.
7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 18 August 1917. Aged 21.
Born Plaxtol, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent.
Son of Alfred Ernest and Louisa Larkin of Roughway, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Buried Longuenesse (St. Omer) Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.
Grave Ref: IV. D. 32.
Commemorated on the Plaxtol, Sevenoaks, Kent, civic war memorial.

MATTHEWS, JESSE. Private, G/24472.
1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.
Died 18 November 1917.
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.
Husband of L. Matthews of 2, Bank Street, Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. Grave Ref: XIII. E. 2A.

MERCER, FREDERICK. M.C., D.C.M. Company Serjeant Major, 3/2939.
10th (Service) Battalion, Essex Regiment.
Died 30 September 1916. Aged 35.
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Stratford, Essex. Resided Chingford, Essex.
Son of George and Emily Mercer.
Husband of E. M. Mercer of 62, Stanley Road, Chingford, Essex.
Buried Contay British Cemetery, Contay, Somme, France. Grave Ref: II. E. 23.
Commemorated on the Chingford, Essex civic war memorial.
Frederick was the most decorated Wrotham casualty thus far located. At the time of the 1901 he resided with his parents at Spencers Cottages, Wrotham, Kent.

MILLER, FRANK. Serjeant, 49081.
82nd Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).
Died 5 February 1919. Aged 28.
Born Eastbourne, Sussex.
Son of Charles and Mercy Miller of Woodside Villas, Hellingly, Sussex.
Husband of Emily E. H. Miller of Home Farm, Hodsall Street, Wrotham, Kent.
Commemorated on the Haidar Pasha Memorial, Istanbul, Turkey.
The Haidar Pasha Memorial on which Frank is commemorated, stands within the war graves plot of Haidar Pasha Cemetery, Istanbul, Turkey and commemorates more than 30 Commonwealth servicemen of the Great War who died fighting in South Russia, Georgia and Azerbaijan, and during the post Armistice operations in Russia and Transcaucasia, who have no known grave.

PHYALL, STEPHEN EDWARD. M.M. Private, G/386.
6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 3 July 1916.
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent.
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 C.

ROSE, SIDNEY PERCY. Private, 1214.
102nd Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Died 10 August 1916. Aged 26.
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent.
Son of A. G. Rose, of Rochester, Kent.
Husband of Ellen E. Rose of 7, Chatham Hill Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Buried Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz, Somme, France.
Grave Ref: IV. N. 8.

TERRY, THOMAS CHARLES. Private, G/2105.
8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 26 September 1915. Aged 19.
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.
Son of Percy and Emily Terry, of 9, Whatcote Cottages, Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 95 to 97, and on the Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent, Great War parish tribute, which is in the form of a memorial plaque in St. Mary's parish church.

WAGLAND, ISAAC WILLIAM. Able Seaman, 186631. (RFR/CH/B/3885).
Royal Navy, H.M.S. "Hawke."
Died 15 October 1914. Aged 35.
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent 22 October 1879.
Son of Isaac and Annie Wagland of Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Husband of Priscilla Barber (formerly Wagland) of 155, Hackney Road, London.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 3.
At the time of the 1901 census, Isaac was a married member of the Royal Navy serving as an Ordinary Seaman on H.M.S. Minerva at Gibraltar.

WARD, SIDNEY THOMAS. Rifleman, 47014.
Rifle Brigade.
Posted to 1st/10th (County of London) Battalion, (Hackney) London Regiment.
Died 19 September 1918.
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted and resided Greenwich, Kent.
Buried Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: E. 23.
Formerly T4/234270, Royal Army Service Corps.

WATERS, HENRY. Private, L/10671.
8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died 7 May 1916. Aged 17.
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Borough Green, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Son of Henry and Florence Waters (née Bennett) of Station Road, Borough Green, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grave Ref: II. D. 27.
Henry's place of birth is as accessed from his entry in/on SDGW, which may or may not be correct. Checking the 1901 census shows the Waters family residing at Forge Lane, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Head of the house was 28 year old Maidstone, Kent native Henry Waters, who was an own account Fishmonger. His 30 year old wife Florence was a native of Malling, Kent. Henry's 5 year old sister Ellen, born Borough Green, Sevenoaks, Kent was also residing in the house on the night of the census, as was his grandmother, 53 year old Mercy Bennett who was also born Borough Green, Mercy was employed as a Rag Cutter at a Paper Mill.

WEST, EDWARD. Private, 10552.

5th (Service) Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Died 1 April 1916. Aged 19.

Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. (Please see below). Enlisted Reading, Berkshire. Enlisted Pangbourne, Berkshire.

Son of Arthur Charles and Clara West of The Mill House, Pangbourne, Berkshire.

Buried Vermelles British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: II. L. 19.

Additional details on Edward's CWGC commemoration states that he had enlisted in August 1914, and that he was born at Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent, as opposed to Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent as is shown above, it having been accessed from SDGW. It is of significance that whilst apparently having moved with his family to live in the county of Berkshire, Edward is amongst the Great War fallen who are commemorated in St. Mary's parish church Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent.

WINN, ALBERT. Gunner, 68005.

5th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 10 October 1915. Aged 40.

Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.

Buried Ipswich Cemetery, Cemetery Lane, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 2TQ.

Grave Ref: Y. 32. 47.

WRAIGHT, FREDERICK CHARLES. Serjeant, 8964.

2nd Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment

Died 25 May 1917.

Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Ightam, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Buried Amara War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: XIII. G. 15.

Commemorated on the Ightam, Sevenoaks, Kent civic war memorial, as is probably one of his brothers, briefly commemorated below, as both appear to be the sons of Matthew and Mary Wraight. At the time of the 1901 census the Wraight family resided at Ightam, Sevenoaks, Kent. It should be noted that on the census, the enumerator has recorded Frederick as being a native of Ightam, Kent, as opposed to Wrotham, Kent. Places of birth, enlistment and residency as shown above, are as accessed from Frederick's entry in/on SDGW.

WRAIGHT, WILLIAM. Private, 34774.

7th (Extra Reserve) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 29 April 1917. Aged 26.

Born Ightam, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent. Resided Shipbourne, Kent.

Son of Mr. Wraight, of Ightham

Husband of Annie Wraight, of High Street, Plaxtol, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 3.

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ALLMAN, ERNEST EDWARD. Sapper, 2000664.
553 Field Company, Royal Engineers.
Died 20 November 1944. Aged 24.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Ernest and Ellen Patience Allman.
Husband of Nora Allman.
Buried Brunssum War Cemetery, Limburg, Netherlands. Grave Ref: I. 8.

BREEDS, MARGARET.
Died 15 October 1940. Aged 15.
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Breeds of Hill View, London Road, Sevenoaks, Wrotham, Kent.
Died at Royal Oak Inn, Wrotham Heath, Sevenoaks, Kent.

BROWN, HUGH GORDON. No trace.

EVENDEN, J. Although only two matching casualties were accessed from the CWGC 'Dept of Honour,' both have additional Christian names shown, unfortunately no reference to the county of Kent is on either commemoration. The army casualty concerned is shown as born South West London, and residing West London, on the Army Roll of Honour-World War II. It is possible that the casualty who is commemorated at Wrotham has been done so by the use of the wrong initial, and appears to be the following Kent soldier:-

EVENDEN, GEOFFREY GEORGE. Rifleman, 14730325.
9th Battalion, Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).
Died 9 February 1945. Aged 18.
Born and resided Kent.
Buried Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Nijmegen, Gelderland, Netherlands.
Grave Ref: 6. B. 1.

GREENHILL, BERNARD OWEN. Sergeant (Flight Engineer), 577287.
207 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died 6 January 1944. Aged 19.
Son of Ernest William and Gladys May Greenhill of Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Buried Poznan Old Garrison Cemetery, Poland.
Grave Ref: Collective grave 6. C. 3-12.

Bernard and the other 7 crew members of Lancaster bomber ED586 EM-F, were killed when shot down over their target area of Stettin, Germany. All are thought to have been initially buried at Stettin, (now Szczecin Poland) on 12 January 1944 since which time they have been moved to the above cemetery, where they are at rest together.

HEAP, NORMAN MICHAEL. Petty Officer, P/JX 133120.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Hurworth.
Died 22 October 1943. Aged 30.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heap.
Husband of Hilda May Heap of Ilkeston, Derbyshire.
Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 73, Column 2.

MARCHANT, J. As commemorated on the Wrotham, Kent civic war memorial is fortunately also recorded on the parish church Roll of Honour, as being Harold William (Jim) Marchant, and is the following army casualty:-

MARCHANT, HAROLD WILLIAM. Corporal, 6911995.
10th (2nd Battalion, The Tower Hamlets Rifles) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.
Died 12 March 1943. Aged 32.
Born South West London. Resided London.
Son of Harold and Elizabeth Marchant.
Husband of Sybella Bessie Marchant of Kemsing, Kent.
Buried Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia. Grave Ref: 11. H. 6.
Pre war member of the Rifle Brigade.

PASCOE, DAVID. Third Officer.
Merchant Navy, S.S. Port Hunter (London).
Died 11 July 1942. Aged 24.
Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London. Panel 83.

SEMARK, FREDERICK. Assistant Cook (S), C/MX 576103.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Lucia.
Died 11 March 1946. Aged 44.
Son of Frederick and Martha Semark.
Husband of Maggie Bella Semark of Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 82, Column 2.

TAYLOR, CORTLANDT. Lieutenant, 201363.
1st Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, Royal Armoured Corps, attached to the Nottinghamshire Yeomanry, Royal Armoured Corps.
Died 26 March 1943. Aged 30.
Born Surrey. Resided Kent.
Son of Cortlandt and Grace Marion Taylor of Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Buried Sfax War Cemetery, Tunisia. Grave Ref: XIV. C. 3.

WADE, CYRIL. Private, 6348320.
6th Battalion, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.
Died 23 March 1941. Aged 23.
Born Lancashire. Resided Kent.
Son of Ernest Albert and Evelyn Wade.
Husband of Nellie Elizabeth Wade of Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Buried Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent (St. George) Cemetery Extension.

WICKS, CYRIL JOSEPH. Gunner, 964435.
118 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.
Died 19 September 1943. Aged 27.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Joseph and Daisy W. Wicks of Borough Green, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Buried Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery, Myanmar. Grave Ref: B1. K. 17.

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BELLINGHAM, JAMES LESLIE. Private, 14650912.

1/6th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.

Died 8 November 1944. Aged 19.

Born Oxford. Resided Kent.

Son of William and Florence Sarah Bellingham of Wrotham Heath, Kent.

Buried Meldola War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: I, B, 29.

Regrettably there might be additional casualties of the Second World War from the parish of Wrotham, Kent, who like James Bellingham are not commemorated on the civic war memorial. Due primarily to the scarcity of additional available data sources etcetera, which are available to help positively identify the casualties who died in or resultant of the Second World War, when compared to those of the Great War, as at other Kent locations it has not been possible to locate additional casualties for commemoration here. Hopefully there are none.











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