

**IN MEMORY OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN FROM RYE
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR
MCMXIV – MCMXIX (1914-1919)**

ADAMS, JOSEPH. Rank: Second Lieutenant. Date of Death: 23/07/1916. Age: 32.
Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 3rd Bn. att'd. 2nd Bn.
Panel Reference: Pier and Face 7 C. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of the late Mr. J. and Mrs. K. Adams.
The CWGC Additional Information implies that by then his father had died (Kate died in 1907, prior to his father becoming Mayor).

Name: Joseph Adams. Death Date: 23 Jul 1916. Rank: 2/Lieutenant. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 3rd Battalion. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Comments: Attached to 2nd Battalion.

Name: Joseph Adams. Birth Date: 21 Feb 1882. Christening Date: 7 May 1882. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father: Joseph Adams. Mother: Kate

1881 Census: Name: Kate Adams. Age: 24. Birth Year: abt 1857. Spouse: Joseph Adams. Born: Rye, Sussex. Family at Market Street, and corner of Lion Street. Joseph Adams, 21 printers manager; Kate Adams, 24; Percival Bray, 3, son in law (stepson?) born Winchelsea.

1891 Census: Name: Joseph Adams. Age: 9. Birth Year: abt 1882.
Father's Name: Joseph Adams. Mother's Name: Kate Adams. Where born: Rye.
Joseph Adams, aged 31 born Hastings, printer and stationer at 6, High Street, Rye.
Kate Adams, aged 33, born Rye (Kate Bray). Percival A. Adams, aged 9, stepson, born Winchelsea (born Percival A Bray?). Arthur Adams, aged 6, born Rye; Caroline Tillman, aged 19, servant.

1901 Census: Name: Joseph Adams. Age: 19. Birth Year: abt 1882. Relation: Lodger. Where born: Winchelsea, Sussex. Civil parish: Islington. Ecclesiastical parish: St Paul, Balls Pond Road, London. Living at 8, Ashby Road with the family of Police Constable David Lewis and 4 other lodgers. Joseph is a Provisions agent, as is another lodger, George M Frank, aged 27 born Notting Hill - perhaps for the same company?

Death Registration: Name: Kate Adams. Birth Year: abt 1856. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1907. Age at Death: 51. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 2.

1911 Census: Name: Joseph Adams. Age in 1911: 29. Birth Year: abt 1882. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: 7 High Street, Rye, Sussex. Marital Status: Single. Occupation: Secretary, Building Society, Rye. Joseph Adams, aged 52, widower, printer and stationer (and mayor of Rye 1908-1911); Joseph Adams, aged 29; Arthur Adams, aged 26, printer and stationer; Kate Phipps, aged 25, domestic servant; Ethel Phipps, aged 14, domestic servant.

Joseph's Medal Index Card shows that he initially served as Private 5/2188 in the 5th Battalion Royal Sussex when he was sent to France on 18 February 1915. Joseph was Gazetted as Second Lieutenant on 13 August 1915 to the 3rd Battalion Royal Sussex. His 1915 Star would be inscribed as Private, whereas his British War and Victory medals would show him as 2nd Lieutenant.

2Lt Joseph Adams British War Medal:



(copy – not Joseph's)

His Medal Index Card notes his Commission, but not the date. The Medal Rolls held at Kew may provide more information.

Joseph died during one part of the Battle of the Somme, the attack on Pozieres Ridge. On Sunday 23rd July 1916, the Front Line cut the Albert Bapaume Road (D929) roughly at Pozieres War Cemetery and ran southeast to the Contalmaison-Martinpuich road where it turned east almost to the D73 which is the road to Bazentin le Petit. Here the line turned south again. Pozieres Trench ran from the KRRC Memorial to the D73. From here it became Munster Alley and continued east. From the D73 running north between Pozieres and the Mill were the OG1 and OG2 trenches. The railway line approached Pozieres from the east crossing the D929 at its junction with the D73. The railway then skirted the northern edge of the village and continued west to Ovillers. North of Pozieres, 48th Div attacked the German trenches along the railway line with six battalions of Territorials. 1/5th and 1/6th Glosters suffered heavy casualties. On their left 1/4th Glosters managed to bomb forward some distance while on the right 1/4th Ox and Bucks Light Infantry and 1/4th Buckinghamshire Regt captured a trench south of the railway.

A dawn counterattack from Pozieres cemetery was beaten back and then 145 Bde renewed its attack on the left capturing the railway track and a trench east of it. 1st Div attacked south east of Pozieres at 12.30 am. 1 Bde attacked the Switch Line Trench with 1st Bn, Cameron Highlanders and 10th Bn, Gloucestershire Regt. They were halted by MG fire. 2 Bde sent **2nd Bn, Royal Sussex Regt** and 2nd Bn, King's

Royal Rifle Corps to capture the junction of the Switch Line and Munster Alley. They were reinforced at 2.30 am by 1st Loyal North Lancs but with no success.

In conjunction with these assaults north and south of Pozieres, 1st Australian Div attacked the village itself from the south at 12.30 am. Four battalions (9th and 11th of 3 Bde and 1st and 2nd of 1 New South Wales Bde) quickly captured Pozieres Trench but the German trenches, OG1 and OG2, east of the village held out. By 3 am the support battalions 3rd, 4th, 10th and 12th had dug in along the Bapaume road. 3 Bde was enfiladed by OG1 however and had to throw back its right flank to face the German line. At 5.30 am a counterattack from there was repulsed. During the day patrols were sent north of the road and after dark the 8th Bn was moved up from reserve to occupy the remainder of the village.

Battalion casualties that day were 2 officers (both 2nd Lieutenants, Adams and A C Smith) and 22 OR's. Only 2 have known graves, the rest may be Known Unto God due to the fighting that raged over the same piece of ground for the next two years.

ADES, ALFRED. Rank: Private. Service No: G/14805.

Date of Death: 21/03/1918. Age: 39.

Regiment/Service: The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). 1st Bn.

Grave Reference: X. D. 19. Cemetery: NINE ELMS BRITISH CEMETERY.

Additional Information: Husband of Emily Ades, of 6, Hylands Yard, Rye, Sussex.

The cemetery was begun and used by the 3rd Australian and 44th Casualty Clearing Stations when they moved to Poperinghe (now Poperinge), from Brandhoek and Lijssenthoek respectively, in September 1917. Nearly all the burials in Plots I to IX came from these Casualty Clearing Stations, whilst they operated in this area during the 1917 Battle of Ypres, up until December 1917. Died of wounds 21 March 1918 when the Germans launched an enormous offensive using fresh divisions transferred from the Easter Front after the Russians had surrendered. Plots X, XI, XIII, XIV and XV cover the dates between the beginning of March, 1918 and the 12th October, 1918. The burials in these cases were carried out almost entirely by fighting units.

SDGW: Name: Alfred Ades. Birth Place: **Beckley**, Sussex. Residence: Rye.

Death Date: 21 Mar 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location:

Rye, Sussex. Rank: Private. Regiment: Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Battalion: 1st Battalion. Number: G/14805. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre. Comments: Formerly 42076, R. Fus.

(no reference on Medal Card, so presumably his UK Training Battalion). Medal Index Card shows entitlement to British War and Victory medals, so not in a Theatre of War until after 1915.

Birth: Name: Alfred Ades. Date: Jul-Aug-Sep 1878. District: Rye, Sussex.

Volume: 2b. Page: 11.

1881 Census: Living at Kitchenour Farmhouse, Beckley. Name: Alfred Addes.

Age: 2. Birth Year: abt 1879. Father's Name: Aaron Addes. Mother's Name: Elizabeth Addes. Where born: Beckley, Sussex. Aaron Addes, aged 35, agricultural labourer; Elizabeth Addes, aged 26; Aaron J. Addes, aged 5; Alfred Addes, aged 2

1891 Census: Name: Alfred Ades. Age: 12. Birth Year: abt 1879. Where born: Beckley, Sussex. Father's Name: Aaron Ades; Mother's Name: Elizabeth Ades; Aaron Ades, aged 41; Elizabeth Ades, aged 35; Aaron J Ades, aged 15; Alfred Ades, aged 12; Edwin Ades, aged 8 (born deaf?); James Gladwish, grandfather, aged 76.

1901 Census: Name: Alfred Ades. Age: 22. Birth Year abt 1879. Relation: Boarder. Where born: Beckly, Sussex. Living at 11, Church Square. Civil parish: Rye, St Mary. Walter Tomsett, aged 25, printer and compositor; Emma J Tomsett 30; George W Tomsett, aged 1; Louisa Tomsett 22 (Emma's sister, visiting). Alfred Ades 22, brewers drayman.

Marriage: Oct 1911 - Rye, East Sussex (Sussex).Name: Alfred Ades..

Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1911. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 7. Parents: Aaron Richard Ades, Elizabeth Gladwish. Spouse: Emily Jane L. Carter

Probate Calendar (1930!): Ades, Alfred, of 6, Hylands Yard, Rye, Sussex died 21 March 1918 in Belgium. Administration London 15 April 1930 to Emily Ades, widow. Effects £34 4s 3d.

AERS, FRANK ERNEST. Rank: Leading Boatswain.
Trade: Able Seaman Coast Guard. Service No: PO/142921.
Date of Death: 08/08/1915. Age: 43.
Regiment/Service: Royal Navy. H.M.S. "India."
Grave Reference: Cemetery: NARVIK OLD CEMETERY.
Additional Information: Husband of Edith Aers, of 9, Frith Rd., Dover.

Awarded Board of Trade Bronze Sea Gallantry Medal (SGM) for gallantry in saving life at sea in October 1903, possibly one or both of these: 1903 October 25th: Emma Maria, Russian schooner, lost on Chesil with cargo of fire-clay. The Norwegian barque Patria was wrecked close to the Emma Maria on the following day and its crew taken off using the rocket apparatus.

Name: Frank Ernest Aers. Rank: AB (Ldg Boatman CG). Birth Date: 19 Apr 1872.
Birth Place: Portsea, Hampshire. Branch of Service: Royal Navy.
Cause of Death: Killed or died as a direct result of enemy action.
Official Number Port Division: 142921. (Po). Death Date: 8 Aug 1915.
Ship: HMS India. Name and Address of Cemetery: Narvik Cemetery, Norway.
Relatives Address: Wife: Edith, 56, Alma Place, Maison de Dieu Rd, Dover.

Name: Frank Ernest Aers. Age in 1911: 38. Birth Year: abt 1873. Birth Place: Portsmouth, Hampshire. Street Address: Coast Guard Station, Rye Harbour.
Frank Ernest Aers, 38Coast Guard, born Portsmouth, Hampshire; Edith Aers, 29, married 9 years, 4 children, 3 still alive, born Mevagissey, Cornwall; Dorothy May Aers, 6, born Portland, Dorset; William Ernest Aers, 4; Frederick Leonard Aers, 1, both born Sandgate, Kent.

HMS India was a very fast pre-war P & O cruise liner employed on the Britain to Australasia run. During early 1915 she was commandeered by the Royal Navy, converted to military use and captained by a Royal Naval Captain, Commander Kennedy, RN. The ship was torpedoed by German submarine U-22 two and a half miles off the coast of Bodo, Vest Fjord, Norway, on August 8th 1915.

This in itself was seen as a gross act of misconduct and the Norwegian Government complained bitterly to the German Government about this act of war within her own territorial waters. The records state that out of her total crew of 301 Officers and Men, 160 were lost in those icy waters. Survivors were taken ashore in one of 3 ways: 10 officers, 72 men and 4 dead were picked up by the Swedish ship Gotaland and landed in Narvik 8 officers, 52 men and 7 dead were picked up by the armed trawler HMS Saxon, and landed at Narvik. 48 men and 3 dead came ashore in 2 of HMS India's ships boats at Helligver.

According to the rules the men landed by the Gotaland were allowed back to Britain, but the rest were interned. HMS Saxon, again by the rules, was allowed to stay a maximum of 24 hours in a neutral port. She left within that time, but without the men from the India, as she would have been too overcrowded. Commander Kennedy of the India was offered the chance to sail with her, but decided to stay with his men. The 13 dead were buried with full ceremony in Narvik cemetery.

AITKEN, JAMES SAMUEL. Incorrectly shown as **AITKIN, James Samuel.**

Rank: Private. Service No: G/562. Date of Death: 03/05/1917. Age: 29.

Unit: Royal Sussex Regiment. "C" Coy. 7th Bn.

Panel Reference: Bay 6. Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL.

Additional Information: Eldest son of Robert & Cecilia Aitken, of 5, Wellington Terrace, Military Rd., Rye, Sussex.

His Service Records survive. He was a navvy (labourer) and had previously been in the 5th Battalion Royal Sussex regiment from which he had resigned. He was 26 years and 5 months old on enlistment on 31st August 1914 in Hastings. After training with the 8th Battalion he was transferred to the 7th Battalion as a Lance Corporal on 14 October 1914. This was confirmed as paid L/Cpl in May 1915 when he moved to France, but he asked to revert to Private on 28 October 1915. Killed in Action 3rd May 1917. Father Robert in Sandgate Square, mother Cecilia at 5 Wellington Terrace, Military Road, Rye (may just be change of address at different dates). He was 5ft 9 inches tall, had a sallow, fresh complexion, blue eyes and brown hair.

His records note that he was "deprived of L/Cpl stripe by the C.O. in the field" on 20 October 1915, so something quite serious seems to have happened. He also had a months leave from 5 November to 5 December in 1916. Killed in Action 3 May 1917. Annoyingly, for one of the few files to survive, his papers seem to be in at least quadruple copies! His records show the British War and Victory medals but strangely NOT the 15 Star although he was in France from May 1915. His Medal Index card, however, does confirm the 1915 Star.

Name: James Aitken. Birth Place: Hammersmith, Middx. Death Date: 3 May 1917.

Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings.

Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 7th Battalion.

Number: G/562. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Birth Registration: James Samuel Aitken. Date: 2nd Qtr 1888. District: Fulham, London. Vol: 1a. P: 185.

ALLEN, HERBERT MORTLEY. Rank: Sapper. Service No: 140856.

Date of Death: 14/02/1916. Age: 31.

Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers. 1st Provisional Coy.

Grave Reference: 1362. Cemetery: FORT PITT MILITARY CEMETERY.

Additional Information: Son of Charles Robert Allen of 8, Church Square, Rye, Sussex; husband of Beatrice Allen of 11, Ruskin Rd., Belvedere, Kent.

Name: Herbert Mortley Allen. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Rye, Sussex.

Death Date: 14 Feb 1916. Death Location: Home. Enlistment Location: Hastings.

Rank: Sapper. Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers. Number: 140856. Type of Casualty: Died. Theatre of War: Home. Comments: 286th A.T. Coy., R.E.

No Medal Index Card located, possibly Herbert never served Overseas, as the Provisional Field Companies were mainly Home Service and lower medical grades.

Provisional Brigades and Field Companies: Initially these were Coast Defence Battalions formed locally in May 1915 from Home Service personnel of the Territorial Force not available for overseas service or of low medical categories. These in turn became numbered Provisional Battalions in June 1915. They number up to at least 108 but not all existed at the same time. They were also grouped into Provisional Brigades along with newly formed companies of Royal Engineers, ASC, and Cyclists, a RFA Battery with Ammunition Column, a Yeomanry Squadron and a Field Ambulance. As there was no distinct regional bias to the formations they were later called Mixed Brigades. The name changes happened on January 1, 1917 under Army Council Instruction 2364 of 1916. 1st Provisional Brigade (based at Sandwich) became 221 Mixed Brigade. 1st Provisional Field Company Royal Engineers, 640th Lowland Field Coy. Royal Engineers

Birth Registration: Name: Herbert Mortley Allen. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1884. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 6.

Name: Herbert Mortley Allen. Birth Date: 21 May 1884.

Christening Date: 7 Sep 1884. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex.

Father's Name: Charles Roberts Allen. Mother's Name: Ann.

1891 Census: Living at 11 King Street, Rye. Name: Herbert M Allen. Age: 6. Birth Year: abt 1885. Father's Name: Charles R Allen. Mother's Name: Anne Allen. Where born: Rye, Sussex, Charles R Allen, 43, watchmaker and jeweller, born Rye; Anne Allen 44, born Peasmarsh. Henry E Allen 22, watchmakers apprentice; Charles Allen 19, outfitters assistant; William T Allen 16, hairdressers apprentice; Kate Allen, 15, dressmakers apprentice; Annie Allen, 13; Elisabeth Allen, 10; Frank Allen, 9; Herbert M Allen, 6; Mabel Allen, 2. All children born in Rye.

1901 Census: Living at Red Cottage, Ferry Road, Rye. Name: Herbert M Allen. Age: 16. Birth Year: abt 1885. Father's Name: Charles R Allen. Mother's Name: Anne Allen. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Charles R Allen, 53, watchmaker, own account; Anne Allen, 54; Annie Allen, 23, dressmaker; Elizabeth Allen, 20; Herbert M Allen, 16, plumbers apprentice; Louisa H Allen, 14; Mabel Allen, 12.

1911 Census: Name: Herbert Mortley Allen. Age in 1911: 26. Birth Year: abt 1885. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: 7 Sydney Villas, Rye, Sussex. Marital Status: Single. Occupation: House Painter. Charles Roberts Allen, 63, watch repairer; Anne Allen, 64, married 43 years 13 children, 10 still alive in 1911. Herbert Mortley Allen, 26; Louisa Harriet Allen, 24, drapers assistant.

Name: Herbert M Allen. Spouse Surname: Mitchell. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1912. Registration district: Dartford, Kent. Volume: 2a. Page: 1204.

Name: Herbert M Allen. Birth Date: abt 1885. Date of Registration: 1st Qtr 1916. Age at Death: 31. Registration district: Medway, Kent. Volume: 2a. Page: 1013.

ALLEN, PERCY FRANCIS. Rank: Second Lieutenant. Date of Death: 04/10/1917. Age: 21. Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery. 59th Bde. (Spec. Reserve). Panel Reference: Panel 4 to 6 and 162. Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL. Additional Information: Son of Thomas and Frances Allen, of "Allanholm," Manchester Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. Included on Brede Parish Church War Memorial.

Name: Percy Allen. Death Date: 4 Oct 1917. Rank: 2/Lieutenant. Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery. 59 Bd. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Commissioned 6th May 1917 (L G 17 May 1917).

(Note: Most elusive. No Medal Index Card found. Cannot find any reason to link to Rye area. Parents were born in London and have an Essex address, so why on Brede Memorial? Maybe one of his younger twin brothers moved to the area?).

Birth Registration: Name: **Francis Percy Allen**. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1896. Registration district: Edmonton, Middlesex. Volume: 3a. Page: 299

1901 Census: Living at 4 Warwick Road, Stoke Newington. Name: Percy Allen. Age: 5. Birth Year: abt 1896. Father's Name: Thomas Allen. Mother's Name: Frances Allen. Where born: Stoke Newington, London. Thomas Allen, 31; gun action maker; Frances Allen, 27; Percy Allen, 5; Norman Allen, 1; Douglas Allen, 1

1911 Census: Name: Thomas Allen. Age in 1911: 41. Birth Year: abt 1870. Birth Place: London. Civil parish: Stoke Newington, London. Street Address: 4 Warwickshire Road, Stoke Newington N. Marital Status: Married. Occupation: Gun Action Maker. Thomas Allen, 41, born Bethnal Green. Married 19 years, 3 children, all still alive. Frances Allen, 37. Percy Allen, 15, Junior clerk in Insurance Company. Norman Allen, 11, Douglas Allen, 11 (twins).

[It was a hard job to find many references to Percy, but he was gazetted a 2nd Lt in May 1917, perhaps indicating an enlistment at the end of 1916. With his father being a gun action maker, Artillery would have been a keen interest for the lad. He was in the Special Reserve for officers, not being allocated to any specific battery. It may be that he therefore was a specialist and as no other member of the 59th Brigade died that day, may have been in the lines to check on wear or other technical issues. By late September of 1917, the Battle of Passchendaele had been in progress for eight weeks. The lower ground lying south-west of the ridge was the river valley of the Hanebeek stream. At this time the British and German Front Lines were located either side of the stream. Owing to the smashed up state of the ground in this valley the Front Lines, however, were no longer formal lines of trenches. As a result of heavy rain during August and September 1917, in conjunction with the high water table of the area and the fact that this was a river valley, the ground here was a morass of thick, slimy mud. Shell holes from artillery fire were filled with water. The German Front Line position was, therefore, heavily defended by a second position sitting on higher ground to the north-east of it. German trenches and concrete emplacements were built on the forward slope of the ridge. From its position on higher ground the German Army had a magnificent view towards Ypres and across the British positions in the lower ground of the Ypres Salient. This ridge of high ground was extremely important for the German Army to hold on to because it also afforded excellent views to the north and north east right across their own German rear areas. Percy may therefore be one of the thousands of "Known Unto God" unidentified burials in Tyne Cot Cemetery, which marks the high ridge that was won at such great cost that day.

ALMOND, GEORGE REGINALD CHESTER. Rank: Sapper. Service No: 112499.
Date of Death: 28/03/1918. Age: 37.
Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers. Fifth Army School of Instruction.
Panel Reference: Panel 10 to 13. Memorial: POZIERES MEMORIAL.
Additional Information: Son of the late Thomas and Henrietta Almond; husband of Ellen Almond, of Brickfield Cottages, Iden, Rye, Sussex.

Name: George R. C. Almond. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Iden, Sussex.
Death Date: 28 Mar 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hastings. Rank: Sapper. Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers. Number: 112499.
Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.
Comments: 5th Army School of Instruction., R.E.

Medal Index Card: British War and Victory medals so not Overseas before 1916.

Name: George Reginald Chester Almond. Birth Date: 5 Feb 1881. Christening Date: 29 Apr 1881. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father's Name: Thomas Almond. Mother's Name: Henrietta.

1881 Census: Name: Living with his parents in 36 King Street. George R. Almond. Father's Name: Thomas Almond. Mother's Name: Henrietta Almond. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Thomas Almond, aged 52, brewers drayman, born Beckley; Henrietta Almond, aged 41, born Iden; George R. Almond, 2 months, born Rye.

1901 Census: Name: George Almond. Age: 20. Birth Year: abt 1881. Relation: Boarder (employee?). Where born: Rye, Sussex. Current address: Seymore Place, St Marylebone, London. James E Walker, 53, carman and contractor (employer); Mary L Walker, 39, born Barnstaple, Devon; Nellie L Walker, 16, upholsterer; Catherine Titcombe 30, dressmaker; George Almond, 20, carpenter. George Ailsworth, 20, painter, also Rye. James Brennan, 47, artist, own account.

ASHENDEN, FRANK. Private G/16494 9th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 24th Division. Died of wounds suffered at Messines 8 June 1917. Aged 41. Husband of Mrs Ellen Frances Ashenden of 6, Tillingham Villas, Rye. Enlisted in Hastings. Buried in Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium.

1881 Census: Name: Frank Ashenden. Age: 5. Birth Year: abt 1876. Father's Name: Arthur Ashenden. Mother's Name: Frances Ashenden. Where born: Northiam, Sussex. Arthur Ashenden, 39, master carpenter; Frances Ashenden, 39; Henry Ashenden, 12; Arthur Ashenden, 10; Frances Ashenden, 9; Emma Ashenden, 7; Frank Ashenden, 5; Herbert Ashenden, 4; Louisa Ashenden, 2; Elizabeth Ashenden, 2; Annie Ashenden, 1.

Birth Registration: Frank Ashenden. Registration: 3rd Qtr 1875. District: Rye, Sussex. Vol: 2b. P: 10

Marriage Registration: Frank Ashenden. Date: 3rd Qtr 1902. District: Rye, Sussex. Vol: 2b. P: 11.

AXELL GILBERT CHARLES. Private 41489, (Depot), Norfolk Regiment. Formerly with the Northamptonshire Regiment. Son of **Frank and Harriett Axell** of Heathfield. Born in Heathfield (Medal Rolls and 1901 Census) No CWGC or SDGW details. A Gilbert Charles Axell is registered as born Hailsham, NOT Heathfield in 1899. *No Death Registration for a Gilbert Axell until 1936 in Hailsham. There are only 4 Axell CWGC entries, none are Gilbert. Why on Rye War Memorial? Was he related to William and Jane Axell, see below?*

Medal Index Card: Name: Gilbert C Axell. Regiment or Corps: Northamptonshire Regiment, Number: 49326; and Norfolk Regiment, Regimental Number: 41489. Entitled to British War and Victory medals so not Overseas until after 1915. No notation of KiA or DoW, however a separate Silver War Badge card shows he enlisted on 7th December 1917 and was discharged on 19 October 1919 from the Norfolks Depot, due to what appears to be wounds.

Name: Charles Henry Axell. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1889. Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 4.

Name: Charles H Axell. Birth Date: abt 1889. Date of Registration: Dec 1918. Age at Death: 29. Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 1.

AXELL, SYDNEY. Rank: Private. Service No: G/4638. Date of Death: **09/05/1915**.
Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 2nd Bn.
Grave Reference: II. H. 27. Cemetery: Rue du Bois Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix.
Additional Information: Son of **John Axell**, of 57, Calvert Rd., Greenwich, London.
(also killed the same day was **William Bourne**)

Name: Sidney Axell. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 9 May 1915.
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Brighton.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Number:
G/4638. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows he went to France on 24 March 1915 so entitled to the 1915
Star as well as British War and Victory medals. Noted Killed in Action on 9 May 1915,
so in the trenches for under 2 months.

Birth Registration: Name: Sydney Axell. Date: 4th Qtr 1894. District: Rye, Sussex. Vol:
2b. Page: 3.

Name: Sydney Axell. Age in 1911: 17. Birth Year: abt 1894. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex.
Street Address: 30 Cinque Port Street, Rye. Marital Status: Single. Occupation:
Bargeman for Vidler and Sons, same as his father. John Axell, aged 45, widower;
Emily Osborne, daughter, aged 24, married 3 years, 2 children, 1 still alive in 1911;
Sydney Axell, aged 17; Eva Axell, aged 12; May Axell, aged 9. Sydney Osborne,
grandson, 1 month.

AXELL, WILLIAM HENRY. Rank: Private. Service No: TF/240646. Date of Death:
07/08/1917. Age: 20. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 5th Bn.
Grave Reference: I. A. 18. Cemetery: DUHALLOW A.D.S. CEMETERY.
Additional Information: Son of **William and Jane Axell**, of Anchorlee, South
Undercliff, Rye, Sussex.

Name: William Henry Axell. Death Date: 7 Aug 1917. Death Location: British
Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings. Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal
Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1/5 Battalion. Number: TF/240646. Type of Casualty:
Killed in action near Ypres. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card: Name: William H Axell. Regiment or Corps: Royal Sussex
Regiment, Regimental Number: 5/2692, Royal Sussex Regiment, Regimental
Number: 240646.

BAGOT, FREDERIC SPENCER WELLESLEY. Rank: Private.

Service No: G/18180. Date of Death: 21/10/1916. Age: 26.

Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 13th Bn.

Grave Reference: A. 48. Cemetery: Grandcourt Road Cemetery, Grandcourt.

Additional Information: Son of Arthur Greville Bagot, (late 60th Foot, K.R.R.), and Lily Bagot (stepmother), of Old Croft Cottage, Brimpsfield, Gloucester. The second marriage was in 1913.

Name: Spencer Bagot. Death Date: 21 Oct 1916.

Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings.

Rank: Private. Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 13th Battalion.

Number: G/18180. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Lieutenant Frederick Spencer Wellesley Bagot was born May 28th 1889. He was the son of Arthur Greville Bagot (ex Captain of 60th Foot) and Mary Isabella Scott. His grandfather was Vice Admiral Henry Bagot. He gained the rank of Lieutenant in the service of the Rifle Brigade. Frederic Spencer Wellesley Bagot, Sussex Regiment, was killed in action, aged 26, on Saturday, 21 October 1916.

Medal Index Card for Temporary 2nd Lieutenant F. S. W. Bagot 12th Battalion Rifle Brigade. Gazetted 15 March 1915. It shows he was dismissed the service by General Court Martial on 16 September 1915. He had entered France on 22nd July 1915. He would have been entitled to the 1915 Star and British War and Victory medals. Could his Court Martial offence have been brought on by his father's recent death?

A second Medal Index card for Name: Spencer Bagot. Regiment or Corps: Royal Sussex Regiment, Regimental Number: 4138; Royal Sussex Regiment, Regimental Number: G/18180. Only British War and Victory medals noted. No cross reference to his Officers card, no notation about death.

1911 Census: Name: Frederick Spencer Wellesley Bagot. Age in 1911: 21. Birth Year: abt 1890. Birth Place: Marylebone, London. Street Address: Stanwell Place, Golf and Country House Club, Stanwell Moor, Stanwell, Staines. Marital Status: Single. Occupation: No Occupation. Arthur Greville Bagot, 61, Club manager; Frederick Spencer Wellesley Bagot, 21, visitor.

Arthur Greville Bagot died, aged 65, at Rye, Sussex, on Monday, 7 June 1915.

Probate Calendar: Bagot, Frederic Spencer Wellesley, of Rye, Sussex, Private 13th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment died 21 October 1916 in France on active service. Probate London 3 March to Ralph Player, engineer. Effects £1,208 17s 5d.

Note: Ralph Player did own an engineering business. He had an address in Steyning as well as London and died in 1926 leaving an estate of nearly £36,000. I haven't found any link as to why Frederic left his Estate to him.

BAILEY, CHARLES. Rank: Private. Service No: G/13955. Age: 38.
Date of Death: 30/01/1917. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 13th Bn.
Panel Reference: Panel 20. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL.
Additional Information: Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J Bailey, of Rye, Sussex; husband of Ethel Florence Bailey, of 7, Merivale Rd., Putney, London.

There were 2 other casualties that day, and they are buried in adjacent graves.
HOLDEN. H W. 16432. 13th Bn. 30/01/1917. Royal Sussex Regiment Plot V. F 12.
PARTRIDGE, S. 5865. 13th Bn. 30/01/1917. Royal Sussex Regiment. Plot V. F 11.

Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery was started by French troops in 1914 and was taken over by Commonwealth forces in April 1915. It was used by fighting units and field ambulances until June 1917, when the land adjoining the cemetery was claimed for a military railway preventing further extension. The cemetery is remarkable for the care with which men of the same unit were buried side by side if they died at about the same time. There is also a very high proportion of graves of Territorial units, in particular Lancashire Territorials, who have nearly 250 graves in plots IV, V and VI. During the early months of 1917, whenever it was possible, the 55th Division brought their dead from the front for burial here. Charles appears to have been a "Known Unto God" burial without identification.

Name: Charles Bailey. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex.
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Putney, Surrey.
Death Date: 30 Jan 1917. Rank: Private'
Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 13th Battalion. Number: G/13955.
Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows British War and Victory medals. As Charles was in a Sussex Regiment, I feel he volunteered before conscription was introduced and was therefore able to serve in a Regiment of his choice.

1881 Census: Name: Charles Bailey. Age: 2. Birth Year: abt 1879
Father's Name: John Bailey. Mother's Name: Emily Bailey. Where born: Rye.
Civil parish: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: Mermaid St. John Bailey, 43, shipwright, born Rye. Emily Bailey, 41, born Rye. John Bailey, 8. William. Bailey, 5. Charles Bailey, 2. Hamilton Russell, 28, lodger, bankers clerk.

Name: Charles Bailey. Birth Year: abt 1879. Age: 31. Spouse Name: Ethel Florence Wakeling. Spouse Age: 29. Record Type: Marriage. Event Date: 30 Jul 1910. Address: 43 Rigault Road. Parish: Fulham All Saints, Hammersmith and Fulham. Father Name: John Bailey (deceased). Spouse Father Name: Charles Wakeling. Register Type: Parish Register.

1911 Census: Name: Charles Bailey. Age in 1911: 32. Birth Year: abt 1879. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Address: Wandsworth, London. Street Address: 47 Bective Road, Putney, Wandsworth S W. Marital Status: Married less than 1 year. Occupation: Press operator at golf ball manufacturer.

BAKER, JOHN WILLIAM HENRY. Rank: Private. Service No: G/6950.
Date of Death: 04/10/1917. Age: 25.
Regiment/Service: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). 1st Bn.
Panel Reference: Panel 106 to 108. Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Minnie E. Baker, of 2, Magdala Terrace, Ferry Rd.,
Rye, Sussex, and the late John Henry Baker.

Medal Index Card: British War and Victory medals, not in France till after 1915.

Name: John William Henry Baker. Death Date: 4 Oct 1917.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hythe, Kent.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Battalion: 1st Battalion. Number: G/6950. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Name: John William H Baker. Qtr: Apr-May-Jun 1892. District: Rye, Sussex. Volume:
2b. Page: 2

Name: John William Henry Baker. Birth Date: 16 Mar 1892.
Christening Date: 15 May 1892. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex.
Father: John Henry Baker. Mother: Minnie Elizabeth Read.

Name: John W Baker. Age: 8. Birth Year: abt 1893. Father's Name: John H Baker.
Mother's Name: Minnie Baker. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Living at 12, Spring
Crescent, Military Road, Rye. John H Baker, 37, fishing industry worker, born Ore,
Sussex; Minnie Baker, 33, born Stone, Kent; Clary H Baker, 12; Eliza A Baker, 10;
John W Baker, 8; Burt Baker, 6; Kennal J Baker, 5; Minnie Baker, 1; Henry Hicks, 67,
father in law; Edward Goffin, 47, fisherman.

Name: John W Baker. Age in 1911: 19. Birth Year: abt 1892. Birth Place: Rye,
Sussex. Street Address: 12 Spring Crescent Rye Sussex. Marital Status: Single.
Occupation: Assistant Fishmonger. John Henry Baker, 47, fisherman; Minnie Baker,
43, married 23 years, 7 children, all still alive in 1911 (where's Kennal, died 1903?);
John W Baker, 19; Bert Baker 16, bakers assistant; Minnie Baker, 11; Donald Baker,
5.

BALL, ALBERT GEORGE. Rank: Private. Service No: G/50642.

Date of Death: 28/04/1917. Age: 33. Middlesex Regiment. 4th Bn.

Panel Reference: Bay 7. Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL.

Additional Information: Son of the late Charles and Thirza Ball, of Newbury, Berks; husband of Jessica L. Smith (formerly Ball), of The Steps, Playden, Rye, Sussex.

Name: Albert G Ball. Age: 7. Birth Year: abt 1884. Father's Name: Charles Ball. Mother's Name: Thirza Ball. Where born: Burghclere, Hampshire. Charles Ball, 40, agricultural labourer. Thirza Ball, 39; Annie Ball, 10; Albert G Ball, 7; George Randall, 18, boarder.

Name: Albert George Ball Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1884. Registration district: Kingsclere, Hampshire. Volume: 2c. Page: 226.

Name: Albert George Ball. Birth Place: Burghclere, Hants. Residence: Westfield. Death Date: 28 Apr 1917. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Chichester, Sussex. Rank: Private. Regiment: Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment). Battalion: 4th Battalion. Number: G/50642. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre. Comments: Formerly 5998, Royal Sussex Regt.

Albert died during the second phase of the battle of Arras. Important sectors had been taken, particularly the high ground of Vimy Ridge, particularly by the Canadian infantry, but there were still exposed areas of the line. Although the Canadian Corps had taken Vimy Ridge, difficulties in securing the south-eastern flank had left the position vulnerable. To rectify this, British and Canadian troops launched an attack towards Arleux-en-Gohelle on 28 April.

Arleux was captured by Canadian troops with relative ease, but the British troops advancing on Gavrelle met stiffer resistance from the Germans. The village was secured by early evening but when a German counterattack forced a brief retreat, elements of the 63rd Division were brought up as reinforcements and the village was held. Subsequent attacks on 29 April were repulsed. Despite achieving the limited objective of securing the Canadian position on Vimy Ridge, casualties were high, and the ultimate result was disappointing.

The fact that Albert has no known grave might indicate that he fell during the German counter offensive and may have been buried by them. He may however, be one of the thousands of Known Unto God burials in cemeteries near Gavrelle.

Medal Index Card shows not in a Theatre of War until after 1915, British War and Victory medals.

BARNES, ALFRED. Rank: Gunner. Service No: 102145.

Date of Death: 26/09/1918. Service: Royal Garrison Artillery. 195th Siege Bty.

Grave Reference: VII. A. 10. Cemetery: DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY, ETRUN.

Name: Alfred Barnes. Birth Place: Brede, Sussex. Death Date: 26 Sep 1918.

Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hastings, Sussex.

Rank: Gunner. Regiment: Royal Garrison Artillery. Number: 102145.

Type of Casualty: Died of wounds. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows not in a Theatre of War until after 1915, British War and Victory medals.

Name: Alfred Barnes. Age: 6. Birth Year: abt 1885. Father's Name: Jesse Barnes. Mother's Name: Mary E Barnes. Where born: Brede, Sussex. Address Mount Pleasant (near Hare Farm). Jesse Barnes, 41, agricultural labourer, born Beckley; Mary E Barnes, 42; James Barnes, 16; Emily Barnes, 13; born Westfield; Edith Barnes, 11; Hannah Barnes, 8; Alfred Barnes, 6; Mary Barnes, 4; Joseph Barnes, 4 (twins).

Name: Alfred Barnes. Age: 15. Birth Year: abt 1886. Father's Name: Jesse Barnes. Where born: Brede, Sussex. Address: Rectory Lane, near Manor Farm, Brede St George. Jesse Barnes, 51, widower, agricultural labourer; James Barnes, 26, teamster on farm; Elizabeth Barnes, 24. Alfred Barnes, 15, agricultural labourer; Joseph Barnes, 13, teamsters mate. Mary Barnes, 13.

Name: Alfred Barnes. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1909. Registration district: Hastings, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 29. Attestation papers show marriage date as 18 November 1909.

Alfred's RGA Attestation papers survive. He enlisted in Hastings on 5th June 1916. Address was 54, Bourne Walk, Hastings, occupation bottle sorter. Aged 31 years 2 months. 2 children, Alfred born 14 January 1910 and Philip William born 6 September 1912. 2 brother, James at Spotlands Farm, Brede and Joseph at Airy Farm near New Romney, Kent. 2 sisters, Edith Gutsell, Albert Road, Hastings and Elizabeth Rich, Goldfins, Brede, Sussex.

His widows address was 7, Bourne Passage, Bourne Walk. The Declaration was signed by his brother in law, Philip Baker, 2 Garden Cottages, All Saints, Hastings. Alfred was posted to France on 4 December 1916. He served with No. 1 Siege Battery until 27 November 1917 and then with 195 Siege Battery from 9 December 1917.

He was first wounded in his left knee on 20 September 1917 and then rejoined, being posted to 195 Siege Battery. He was granted 21 days leave from 25 June to 15 July 1918. Records show he died of shell wounds to right thigh, left ankle and head received in action on 25th September at No. 4 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station and was buried in Plot 7-A-10 at Duisans.

BAYLEY, THOMAS WILLIAM. Rank: Corporal. Service No: 84.

Date of Death: 16/10/1915.

Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). 6th Bn.

Grave Reference: IV. C. 53. Cemetery: LILLERS COMMUNAL CEMETERY.

Lillers was used for billets and headquarter offices from the autumn of 1914 to April 1918. At that time it was a hospital centre with the 6th, 9th, 18th, 32nd, 49th and 58th Casualty Clearing Stations in the town at one time or another. These units buried their dead on the right of the central path of the communal cemetery, working back from Plot I. Died of wounds incurred at Loos 16 October 1915.

Name: Thomas William Bayley. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Rye, Sussex.

Death Date: 16 Oct 1915. Death Location: France & Flanders.

Enlistment Location: Folkestone, Kent. Rank: Corporal.

Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). 6th Battalion. Number: G/84.

Type of Casualty: Died of wounds. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Service records exist: Name: Thomas William Bayley. Birth: abt 1885.

Age at enlistment: 29. Birth Parish: Rye, Sussex. Document Year: 1914. Regimental Number: 2138. Regiment Name: East Kent.

Enlisted Folkestone 15 August 1914, aged 29. Light complexion and light brown hair, grey eyes, 5 feet 10 inches tall. Religion Baptist. Posted to France 1st June 1915. Appointed paid L/Cpl 27 August 1915 and had been promoted to Corporal when he died of wounds. As his Regimental Number indicates, a very early volunteer for General Service. Medals 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory.

Birth: Thomas William Bayley. Date: 3rd Qtr 1885. Rye, Sussex. Vol. 2b. Page: 4.

1891 Census: Name: William Bayley. Age: 5. Birth Year: abt 1886. Father's Name: George Bayley. Mother's Name: Sarah Bayley. Where born: Rye, Sussex, George Bayley, 49, master mariner ("Probity", Rye); Sarah Bayley, 46; James Bayley, 18, ironmongers assistant. Sarah Bayley, 16; Mary Bayley, 13; William Bayley, 5; Robert Bayley, 4; Amy Bayley, 2.

1901 Census: Name: William T Bayley. Age: 15. Birth Year: abt 1886. Mother's Name: Sarah W Bayley. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Address: West Street, Rye. Sarah W Bayley, widow, 56; William T Bayley, 15; Robert O Bayley, 14; Amy Bayley, 12. Frederick Mansell, 28, boarder, ironmongers apprentice.

Marriage 29 March 1910 to Rose R Watson. Address: The Conqueror, Rye Harbour. 3 children, Mary Ena Lily b.14 May 1910, Ronald Ernest b 18 Jan 1912 and John b 19 June 1913 in Belgium.

Name: Thomas William Bayley. Age in 1911: 25. Birth Year: abt 1886. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: 2 Battery Gardens, Rye. Marital Status: Married. Occupation: Ironmonger's Manager (A & W Stocks). Thomas William Bayley, 25. Rose R Bayley, 23, born Rye Harbour; Mary Emily Bayley, 10 months.

The Battle of Loos (pronounced as “Loss”).

The Battalion arrived at the Loos front on 29 September and relieved outgoing units in the Gun Trench - Hulluch Quarries sector on the night of 30 September - 1 October. The Division commenced consolidating the position, under heavy artillery fire. The Officer Commanding, Major-General Frederick Wing CB, was killed in action on 2 October 1915. His ADC, Lieutenant Christopher Tower DSO, was killed by the same shell. On 8 October, the Division repelled a heavy German infantry attack.

Five days later the Division took part in a large scale action to renew the offensive, now called the "Action of the Hohenzollern Redoubt". The Division succeeded in capturing Gun Trench and the south western face of the Hulluch Quarries. During this period at Loos, 117 officers and 3,237 men were killed or wounded.

By the end of 21 October the Division had been relieved and moved to Fouquieres-les-Bethune. It took over the Hohenzollern Redoubt front after a very short rest of five days and spent a cold, wet and miserable month here before being relieved on 15 November by 15th (Scottish) Division, whereupon it moved into reserve at Lillers. On 16 October, only 4 deaths were recorded, all appear to be from wounds sustained whilst in the front line trenches, presumably by shelling. One other is in Lilliers, the others are in Choques and Saily la Bourse.

Chocques was occupied by Commonwealth forces from the late autumn of 1914 to the end of the war. The village was at one time the headquarters of I Corps and from January 1915 to April 1918, No.1 Casualty Clearing Station was posted there. Most of the burials from this period are of casualties who died at the clearing station from wounds received at the Bethune front. The village of Saily la Bourse was used for rest billets and by field ambulances for much of the First World War. It was close to the battlefield of Loos, but from October 1915 to September 1918, no considerable advance or retirement took place in this sector.

BEECHING, GEORGE AUGUSTUS. Rank: Private. Service No: 28090.

Date of Death: 25/04/1918. Age: 18.

Regiment/Service: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). 7th Bn.

Grave Reference: I. G. 5. Cemetery: Hangard Communal Cemetery Extension.

Additional Information: Son of George and Mary Beeching, of Main St., Northiam.

Name: George Augustus Beeching. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex.

Residence: Northiam, Sussex. Death Date: 25 Apr 1918.

Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hastings. Rank: Private.

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

Number: G/28090. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Comments: Formerly 48666, Suffolk Regt

Name: George Augustus Beeching. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1898.

Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 4

Name: George Beeching. Age in 1911: 12. Birth Year: abt 1899

Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Civil Parish: Northiam, Sussex

Street Address: Mill Corner Northiam E Sussex. George Beeching, 44, coachman at Hotel. Mary Beeching, 47, married 17 years, born Northiam. 4 children all alive in 1911. George Beeching, 12; Phyllis Beeching, 8

BEECHING, WILLIAM THOMAS. Rank: Private. Service No: 16732.

Date of Death: 03/03/1916. Age: 24. Regiment: Royal Fusiliers. 8th Bn.

Grave: V. A. 66. Cemetery: Bethune Town Cemetery.

Additional Information: Son of Henry Jesse and Mary Ann Beeching, of Box House, Brede, Broad Oak, Sussex.

Name: William Beeching. Birth Place: Udimore, Sussex. Residence: Rye.

Death Date: 3 Mar 1916. Death Location: France & Flanders.

Enlistment Location: Hastings.

Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Battalion: 8th Battalion. Number: 16732. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Comments: Formerly 19058, Hussars Regt.

Medal Index Card shows Date of Entry into France as 17 August 1915 therefore entitled to 1914-15 Star as well as British War and Victory medals.

Name: William Thomas Beeching. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1892.

Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 5

Name: William Beeching. Age in 1911: 19. Birth Year: abt 1892. Birth Place: Brede,

Sussex. Street Address: Box House Broadlands, Brede, Sussex. Occupation: Cowman. Henry Beeching, 51, labourer, born Ticehurst; Mary Beeching, 49, married 32 years, 9 children, 8 still alive in 1911; William Beeching, 19; Sarah Beeching, 17; Walter Beeching, 15, all born Brede.

BELL, JAMES EDWARD. Rank: Private. Service No: 2284.

Date of Death: 06/10/1915.

Regiment/Service: King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment). 41st Bn. (perhaps 1st/4th as nothing else close).

Grave Reference: 4737. Cemetery: RYE CEMETERY.

Name: James Bell. Birth Place: St. Mark's, Barrow. Death Date: 6 Oct 1915.

Death Location: Home Enlistment Location: **Ulverston**. Rank: Private.

Regiment: King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) Battalion: Depot.

Number: 2284. Type of Casualty: Died. Theatre of War: Home.

The 1/4th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) in August 1914 was in **Ulverston**. (Part of North Lancs Brigade, West Lancs Division). April 1915: Brigade joined 51st (Highland) Division and became 154th Brigade. Landed at Boulogne in May 1915.

From the above information, it seems that James would likely have been with the Battalion when it arrived in France, BUT there appears to be no Medal Index Card for him, which often means he didn't serve Overseas.

Local newspaper archives may resolve the conundrum, as why else would he be buried in Rye Cemetery unless he was convalescing? Possibly wounded during the attacks on Aubers Ridge or Givenchy. If so, this chap may have been close to him.

TYSON, R. Rank: Private. Service No: 2281. Date of Death: 02/07/1915

Regiment/Service: King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment). **1st/4th Bn.**

Grave Reference: VIII. A. 9. Cemetery: Aubers Ridge British Cemetery, Aubers.

Name: James Edward Bell. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1896

Registration district: Barrow-in-Furness. Lancashire. Volume: 8e. Page: 835

Name: James Edward Bell. Age in 1911: 14. Birth Year: abt 1897.

Birth Place: Barrow, Lancashire. Civil parish: Barrow in Furness, Lancashire.

Street Address: 30 Thwaites St, Barrow. Occupation: Labourer at Wire Works.

John Bell, 69, labourer, ship platers, born **Ulverston**. Hannah Bell, 45, married 20 years, 3 children all still alive. John William Bell, 18; James Edward Bell, 14; Agnes Matilda Bell, 11.

Name: James E Bell. Birth Year: abt 1896.

Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1915.

Age at Death: 19. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 1.

BENNETT, WILLIAM. Rank: Lance Corporal. Service No: TF/240402.
Date of Death: 12/10/1917. Age: 29. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. "A"
Coy. 1st/5th Bn.
Grave Reference: XII. F. 8. Cemetery: DOZINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY.
Additional Information: Son of Joseph Bayley Bennett and Hannah J. Bennett, of Rye;
husband of Ann Bennett, of 4, Wish Ward, Rye, Sussex.

Westvleteren was outside the front held by Commonwealth forces in Belgium during the First World War, but in July 1917, in readiness for the forthcoming offensive, groups of Casualty Clearing Stations were placed at three positions called by the troops Mendinghem, Dozinghem and Bandaghem. The 4th, 47th and 61st Casualty Clearing Stations were posted at Dozinghem and the military cemetery was used by them until early in 1918.

Name: William Bennett. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 12 Oct 1917.
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings.
Rank: L/Corporal Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1/5 Battalion.
Number: TF/240402. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows Name: William Bennett. Royal Sussex Regiment, Number: 240402 (previously Royal Sussex Regiment, Number: 5/2183). Entered France 18 Feb 1915 with 5th Battalion and entitled to 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medals.

Birth: Name: William Bennett. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1887. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 6

Name: William Bennett. Birth Date: 29 Nov 1887. Christening Date: 5 Feb 1888. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father's Name: Joseph Bayley Bennett. Mother's Name: Hannah Jemima.

1901 Census: Name: William Bennett. Age: 13. Birth Year: abt 1888.
Father's Name: Joseph B Bennett. Mother's Name: Hannah Bennett. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Joseph B Bennett, 45; Hannah Bennett, 48; Caroline L Bennett, 19; Joseph B Bennett, 14; William Bennett, 13. Maud E Summer, 16, domestic servant.

1911 Census: Name: William Bennett. Age in 1911: 23. Birth: abt 1888. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex
Street Address: Mint Chambers, High Street, Rye, Sussex. Marital Status: Single. Occupation: Grocer Retail. Hannah Jemima Bennett, 58, widow; Caroline Bennett, 27; Joseph Bennett, 24; William Bennett, 23.

Marriage: Name: William Bennett. Spouse: Ann Britt. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1917. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 9.

The marriage means William must have been home either on leave or recovering from wounds (more likely as renumbered on rejoining). Like so many others, after years or months in the trenches, they are killed very soon after returning.

Probate Calendar: Bennett, William, of 4, Wish Ward, Rye, Sussex. Lance Corporal died 12 October 1917 in Flanders on Active Service. Administration (with Will) London 23 April 1918 to Ann Bennett, widow. Effects: £70 4s 4d.

BLACKHALL, HUGH BERT(IE). Rank: Engineman. Service No: 3790/ES.
Death: 04/11/1918. Age: 29. Royal Naval Reserve. H.M. Drifter "Seaflower."
Grave Reference: 4940. Cemetery: Rye Cemetery.
Additional Information: Son of Thomas Blackhall, of Rye; husband of Agnes E. Blackhall, of 4, Tower St., Rye.

[NOTE: It would appear that Hugh succumbed to the Spanish Flu pandemic that killed millions of the most fit and healthy men in their prime. Flu usually hits hardest amongst the elderly and frail, but this hit the strongest the hardest].

Name: Hugh Bert Blackhall. Rank: Engineman. Birth Date: 1 Mar 1888.
Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Branch of Service: Royal Naval Reserve.
Cause of Death: Died from disease. Official Number Port Division: 3790. E.S.
Death Date: 4 Nov 1918. Ship: HM Drifter "Seaflower".
Location of Grave: B.C. 4959. Name and Address of Cemetery: Rye Cemetery.
Relatives Notified and Address: Wife: Agnes E. 4, Tower Street, Rye, Sussex.

Death: Hugh B Blackhall. Birth Date: abt 1891. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1918. Age at Death: 27. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 1.

RN Casualty Returns: Seaflower, Admiralty trawler, minesweeper. BLACKHALL, Hugh B, Engineman, RNR, ES 3790, illness, possibly at Mrs **Jameson's** Military Hospital, Rye.

Salvage and Prize Money Awards: Seaflower, trawler, salvage of SS Athamas, 17 to 18 Nov 1915 (30273), SS Parkgate, 1 Jun 1916 (30161). Salvage of S.S. "Athamas" on 17th and 18th November, 1915, by His Majesty's Ships "Resono," "Electra," "Fervent," "Seaflower," "Sicyon," "Marloes," "Croupier," Torpedo Boat "No.9," and "Robust".

Salvage Money awarded to H.M. Torpedo Boats "No. 8," "No. 9," "No. 20," H.M.S. "Walton Belle," "Duchess of Rothesay," "Aries II.," "Forsdyk," "Seaflower," "Alnmouth," "Jessica," Hoppers "Outpost" and "Watcher" for Salvage of s.s. "Parkgate," 1st June, 1916.

Birth: Name: Hugh Bertie Blackhall. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1888. Volume: 2b. Page: 1.

Name: Hugh Bertie Blackhall. Birth Date: 1 Mar 1888. Christening: 10 Jan 1890. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father's Name: Thomas Blackhall. Mother's Name: Eliza.

1891 Census: Name: Hugh B Blackhall. Age: 3. Birth Year: abt 1888. Father's Name: Thomas Blackhall; Mother's Name: Eliza Blackhall. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Thomas Blackhall, 44, bargeman, born Winchelsea; Eliza Blackhall, 37; Frank Blackhall, 20; Walter Blackhall, 18; Sarah Blackhall, 15; Albert Blackhall, 14; Florence Blackhall, 10; Eliza Blackhall, 9; George Blackhall, 6; Hugh B Blackhall, 3.

1901 Census: Name: Hugh Blackhall. Age: 13. Birth Year: abt 1888. Father's Name: Thomas Blackhall; Mother's Name: Eliza Blackhall. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Thomas Blackhall, 58. Eliza Blackhall, 44; Eliza Blackhall, 19; George Blackhall, 15; Hugh Blackhall, 13; Edwin Blackhall, 2; Mary Skinner, 22.

Marriage: Name: Hugh B Blackhall. Spouse: Agnes Elizabeth Rhodes. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1913. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 11.

BLACKMAN, JOHN STEPHEN GEORGE. Rank: Private. Service No: TF/240166.
Death: 07/08/1917. Age: 22. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 5th Bn.
Grave Reference: I. A. 17. Cemetery: Duhallow A. D. S. (Advanced Dressing Station)
Cemetery Ypres, Belgium.

Additional Information: Son of John and Margaret Blackman, of Ferry Rd., Rye.

Name: John Stephen George Blackman. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex.
Death Date: 7 Aug 1917. Death Location: British Expeditionary Force.
Enlistment Location: Rye. Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment.
Battalion: 1/5 Battalion. Number: TF/240116. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card: Name: John S G Blackman. Regiment or Corps: Royal Sussex
Regiment, Regimental Number: 240116 previously Regimental Number: 5/1568.
Entered France 18 February 1915. 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medals.

Name: John Stephen G Blackman. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1895.
Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 4.

Name: John Stephen George Blackman. Age in 1911: 16. Birth Year: abt 1895. Birth
Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: Ferry Road Rye Sussex. Marital Status: Single.
Occupation: Carpenter. John Edward Blackman, 45, carpenter and builder, born Rye;
Margaret Cecilia Blackman, 42, born New Romney, Kent; John Stephen George
Blackman, 16, carpenter; Dorothy Abigail Blackman, 12; Frederick Rand Blackman,.

BONE, DAVID. Rank: Lance Corporal. Service No: L/7608. Date of Death: 28/09/1915. Age: 31. Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). "A" Coy. 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 15 to 19. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL. Additional Information: Husband of Emma Amelia Bone, of South Undercliff, Rye.

Name: David Bone. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 28 Sep 1915. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Canterbury, Kent. Rank: L/Corporal. Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Number: L/7608 Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows David went to France on 7 September 1914 with the 1st Battalion, so entitled to the 1914 Star, clasp and rose emblem which were issued, as well as the British War and Victory medals.

For David to have been posted so soon after War was declared, he had to have been either a regular soldier already with his unit, or a Reservist after completing his Service with the Colours.

David's Service Papers survive, showing that he enlisted into the 2nd Battalion on 12 October 1903 for 3 years and 9 years in the Reserve. He was then 19 years and 5 months old. He had a dark complexion, brown hair and eyes. His widow, Emma was awarded a pension of 18s 6d a week for herself and 2 children, David James born 29 December and. Emma knew his mother was dead, but not the whereabouts of his father or any brothers. His sisters, Rose (Bridges) was living in Winchelsea Road and Annie (Pierce) in South Undercliffe (the same address as Emma?).

Confusingly, his records states he enlisted on 5 June 1906, NOT October 1903. I don't know why. It looks as if he was firstly with the 3rd Battalion and transferred to 2nd Battalion on 14 April 1915 and appointed as paid L/Cpl on 8th May 1915. He was seriously wounded by shrapnel in his back on 20 October 1914 and was in hospital in the UK from 27 October at Cosham then Brockenhurst from 29 November to 13 April 1915, returning to France on 14 April.

The 2nd Battalion sustained 139 officers and men killed that day, of whom only 3 have known graves. It may indicate that the Battalion was in action near Vermelles. Vermelles was in German hands from the middle of October 1914 to the beginning of December 1914, when it was recaptured by the French. The cemetery was begun in August 1915 (though a few graves are slightly earlier), and during the Battle of Loos, when the Chateau was used as a dressing station, Plot I was completed. It was laid out and fenced by the Pioneers of the 1st Gloucesters, and known for a long time as "Gloucester Graveyard".

The 2nd Battalion East Kents as part of 85th Brigade in 28th Division were hastily transferred from the Ypres salient on 27th September to provide much needed support to the wavering attack at Loos (pronounced "Loss"). They were simply more meat into the mincer and suffered heavily in their attack, being thrown in with little preparation.

28 September 1915 Loos area: 9.30am: 85th Brigade of 28th Division, supported by 83rd Brigade, attacked at the Dump and Fosse 8. Many casualties were suffered by both sides in desperate fighting in the confined trenches around the Hohenzollern Redoubt. At around 4.00 pm, 2nd Guards Brigade attacks Puits 14 bis, but after suffering very heavy casualties from machine-guns firing from in front of Bois Hugo they are ordered to halt.

Name: David Bone. Date: Apr-May-Jun 1885. District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b.
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Name: David Bone. Birth Date: 11 Apr 1885. Christening Date: 1 May 1885.
Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father: George Bone. Mother: Barbara.

Name: David Bones. Age: 6. Birth Year: abt 1885. Father's Name: George Bones.
Mother's Name: Barbara Bones. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Civil parish: 10,
Magazine Lane, Ashford, Kent. George Bones, 36, labourer, born Holton, Hampshire;
Barbara Bones, 35, born Canterbury; Annie Bones, 14; Rose Bones, 13; George
Bones, 11 all born Canterbury; David Bones, 6, born Rye.

Name: David Bone. Age: 18. Birth Year: abt 1883. Father's Name: George Bone.
Mother's Name: Bertha Bone. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Civil parish: The Mint,
Chartham, Kent. George Bone, 46, farm labourer; Bertha Bone, 45; George Bone,
21 and David Bone, 18 farm labourers.

He married Emma Amelia Williams at Rye Registry Office on 29 September 1914.
David James was born 19 December 1914 and Jack Ernest 21 February 1902 (first
wife?) both born in Rye.

BOREHAM, GEORGE THOMAS. Second Hand, HM Trawler "Margaret" of Rye, Mercantile Marine.. Lost on the 17th December 1916 Aged 51. Husband of Mrs Edith Anna Boreham of 6, Adelaide Terrace, Rye. Born in Hastings. Commemorated on Tower Hill Memorial.

Birth: Name: George T Boreham. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1866. Registration district: Hastings, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 26.

Marriage: Name: George Thomas Boreham. Birth Date: abt 1865. Age: 26. Father's Name: George William Boreham. Spouse's Name: Edith Anna Foster. Spouse's Age: 24. Spouse's Father's Name: Edmund Henry Foster. Marriage Date: 23 Feb 1891. Marriage Place: Rye, Sussex.

Name: George S Boreham. Age: 26. Fisherman. Birth Year: abt 1865. Spouse: Edith A Boreham. Where born: Hastings, Sussex. Living at Fishermarket Road, 9, Clifton Place, Rye.

Name: George Boreham. Age in 1911: 45. Birth Year: abt 1866. Birth Place: Hastings, Sussex. Street Address: 6 Bartletts Buildings Rope Walk Rye Sussex. Married. Occupation: Fisherman.

1901 Census: Name: George Boreham. Age: 36. Birth Year: abt 1865. Spouse's Name: Edith Boreham. Where born: Hastings, Sussex. Address: 22, South Undercliff, Rye. George Boreham, 36; Edith Boreham, 34; George Boreham, 9; Ernest Boreham, 6; Catherine Boreham, 2.

Trawler **Margaret Colebrook**, 54 grt, 17 December 1916, Between Hastings and Dungeness, mined and sunk, 6 lives lost including Skipper Foord, William John, Son of William John Foord; husband of Elizabeth S. Foord, of 25, Mann St., Hastings.

On 17th December 1916 the steam trawler "Margaret Colebrooke" was blown up by a mine just off the Sussex coast. Six of the seven crew died in the sinking, they were J. Foord (Master), George Thomas Boreham, William Eldridge, John Hilder, James Hilder and Alfred Martin.

Thomas Henry Apps, serving onboard as an apprentice, survived. A memorial cross at Rye Cemetery records this disaster, and was financed and erected by the masters and crew of Margaret's fellow steam trawlers "Kent Colebrooke" and "Alfred Colebrooke". All of the deceased from this tragedy are also remembered on the War Memorial at Rye Church. At the central entrance to the upper part of Rye cemetery, there is a memorial to the crew of the Margaret, it was erected to their memory by the masters and crew of the steam trawlers Kent Colebrook and Alfred Colebrook, the vessel was owned by Alderman William E Colebrooke.

George Thomas (Sinbad) was a Master Mariner, the nickname obviously refers to "Sinbad" the sailor and sadly another to be claimed by the sea.

1901 Census Master of the fishing boat "Daisy" RX90 (**Rye, SusseX**) with 3 crew. Richard Harvey, Mate 24, Henry Swaine, 3rd Hand, aged 35 and James F Buley, aged 54, 4th Hand. George Thomas owned 32 shares of the Daisy RX90 and George William (his father) the other 32 shares. The boat was built by James Collins Hoad in 1881 and the registration closed in 1910 when the boat was broken up.

1901 living at 22 South Undercliff, Rye, Sussex. George married Edith and they had five children. In 1909 they were living at Bartletts Buildings Rye.

On 17th December 1916, the steam trawler "Margaret Colebrooke" was blown up by a mine. Lost J. Foord (Master), George Thomas Boreham, William Eldridge, James Hilder, John Hilder and Alfred Martin. Thomas Apps serving as a boy survived. A memorial cross erected by the masters and crew of the steam trawlers "Kent Colebrooke" and "Alfred Colebrooke" now stands in Rye Cemetery. All the crew lost are remembered on the War memorial to all those who gave their lives in the Great War 1914 -1918 at Rye Church.

The family gravestone in Rye Cemetery reads-

"George Thomas Boreham, Beloved husband E.A. Boreham who died 17th. December 1916 aged 51, also Albert Charles, their son died 28th April 1916 aged 15 years, also Catherine Beatrice, their daughter and beloved wife of PC Betteridge, who died 15th. July 1945 aged 47 years. Also in loving memory of our dear mother Edith Annie Boreham who passed. away 22nd September 1954 aged 88 years"

The Alfred Colebrook was lost in WW2. September 9 1940 - Drifter Alfred Colebrook (56t, 1912), sunk as blockship, Richborough Channel, SE England.

BOURNE, WILLIAM. Rank: Private. Service No: G/2142.

Date of Death: **09/05/1915**. Age: 26. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 2nd Bn. Killed in action at Aubers Ridge.

Panel Reference: Panel 20 and 21. Memorial: LE TOURET MEMORIAL.

Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Harriett Smith, of 12, Mermaid St., Rye, Sussex.

Name: William Bourne. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 9 May 1915

Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Rye

Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Number: G/2142. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

Medal Index Card shows in France on 23 February 1915, thus entitled to 1914-15 Star and British War and Victory medals.

The 2nd Battalion crossed the channel with the British Expeditionary Force in 1914 and fought through the war on the Western Front. It was during the first Battle of Ypres that the 2nd Battalion was given the unofficial title "The Iron Regiment" as an unsolicited testimonial by German prisoners captured on November 1, 1914.

There were 293 officers and men of the 2nd Battalion killed on 9th May 1915 in the Battle for Aubers Ridge. Intelligence about the newly-strengthened German positions was not available or given sufficient attention. No surprise was achieved. The duration and weight of the British bombardment was wholly insufficient to break the German wire and breastwork defences, or to destroy or suppress the front-line machine-guns. German artillery and free movement of reserves were also insufficiently suppressed. Trench layout, traffic flows and organisation behind the British front line did not allow for easy movement of reinforcements and casualties.

British artillery equipment and ammunition were in poor condition: the first through over-use, the second through faulty manufacture. It soon became impossible to tell precisely where British troops were; accurate close-support artillery fire was impossible. This battle was an unmitigated disaster for the British army. No ground was won and no tactical advantage gained and incurring some 11,000 casualties.

Name: William Bourne. Age: 11. Birth Year: abt 1890. Father's Name: William Bourne
Mother's Name: Harriett Bourne. Where born: Rye, Sussex. William Bourne, 43, mariner; Harriett Bourne, 29, wife; William Bourne, 11; Louisa Bourne, 9; Herbert Bourne, 6.

Name: William Bourne. Age in 1911: 22. Birth Year: abt 1889. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: Russell Place Rye Sussex. Marital Status: Single. Occupation: General Labourer. Harriet Bourne, 41, widow, married 23 years, all 3 children alive. William Bourne, 22; Herbert Bourne, 17.

BRACKPOOL, ALFRED GEORGE. Rank: Private. Service No: SD/1007.
Date of Death: **23/07/1916**. Age: 26. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. 11th Bn.
Grave Reference: **III. O. 13**. Cemetery: St Vaast Post Military Cemetery, Richebourg l'Avoue.
Additional Information: Son of Alfred and Susannah Brackpool, of 7, Western Place, Rye, Sussex.

Included on Sidley Parish Church War Memorial (perhaps as a friend of this chap?)

ISTED, SYDNEY JOHN. Rank: Private. Service No: **1077**.
Date of Death: **23/07/1916**. Age: 21. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 11th Bn. Grave Reference: **III. P. 13**. Cemetery: St Vaast Post Military Cemetery, Richebourg l'Avoue. Additional Information: Son of George and Charlotte N. Isted, of 1, Laburnum Cottages, Sidley, Bexhill-on-Sea. (Note that they are in similar positions in adjacent rows).

Name: Alfred George Brackpool. Birth Place: Lowestoft. Death Date: **24 Jul 1916** (incorrect). Death Location: British Expeditionary Force.
Enlistment Location: Hastings. Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 11th Battalion. Number: SD/1007. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows British War and Victory medal, so not in a Theatre of War until after 1915.

Birth: Name: Alfred George Brackpool. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1890. Registration district: Mutford, Suffolk. Volume: 4a. Page: 974.

Name: Alfred Brackpool. Age in 1911: 21. Birth Year: abt 1890. Birth Place: Lowestoft, Suffolk. Street Address: 7 Western Place Winchelsea Road Rye Sussex. Marital Status: Single. Occupation: General Labourer. Alfred Brackpool, 46, trawler fisherman, born Rye; Susannah Brackpool, 43, born Rye Foreign; Alfred Brackpool, 21, born Lowestoft; Albert Brackpool, 13; Edith Brackpool, 10; Beatrice Brackpool, 7; Charles Brackpool, 4.

BRANN, WALTER GEORGE. Rank: Sapper. Service No: 448726.
Date of Death: 07/11/1918. Age: 37.
Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers. 124th Field Coy.
Grave Reference: VII. O. 8A. Cemetery: Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport.
Additional Information: Son of George Brann, of Flackleyash Hill, Peasmarsh, Sussex.

Name: W. G. Brann. Birth Place: Peasmarsh, Sussex.
Residence: Peasmarsh, Sussex. Death Date: 7 Nov 1918.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Rye, Sussex
Rank: Sapper. Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers. 124th Field Coy., R.E. Number: 448726. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Name: Walter George Brann. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1881. Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 3

Name: Walter G Brann. Age: 19. Birth Year: abt 1882. Father's Name: George Brann. Where born: Peasmarsh, Sussex. George Brann, 52, widower, bricklayer; Walter G Brann, 19, carpenter; Mary Ann Hoad, 70, widow, servant.

BRAY, JACK. Rank: Rifleman. Service No: 4294. Date of Death: 10/03/1915.
Regiment/Service: King's Royal Rifle Corps. 1st Bn.
Panel Reference: Panel 32 and 33. Memorial: LE TOURET MEMORIAL.

Name: Jack Bray. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Newhaven, Sussex.
Death Date: 10 Mar 1915. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: Rye. Rank: Rifleman. Regiment: King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Battalion: 1st Battalion. Number: 4294. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Jack Bray first enlisted in the KRRC on 6th March 1902 aged 19 years and 11 months, as Private 4294 for 7 years as a regular soldier and 5 years in the Reserve. He had a dark complexion and was just 5 foot 5 inches tall. He was appointed a L/Cpl but reverted to the ranks due to misconduct. He served for just over 13 years in total, in South Africa for almost 2 years, and again in India for over 4 years. He served in France for 210 days, making his arrival as 12 August 1914.

Father Benjamin Bray, South Undercliff, Rye on his Enlistment Form, later 12, Lower Place, Newhaven. Brothers William Thomas, Walter and David. Sisters Jane Tiltman and Anne Waghorne

The Battle of Neuve Chapelle: Despite poor weather conditions, the early stages of the battle went extremely well for the British. The Royal Flying Corps quickly secured aerial dominance and set about bombarding German reserves and transportation (railways) en route to defend the area.

In the centre of the attack, two companies of the German Jaeger Battalion 11 (with roughly 200 men and a single machine gun surviving the initial shelling) delayed the advance for more than six hours until forced to retreat. Shortly after, Neuve Chapelle itself had been secured. It was at this point that the advance ground to a halt. Though the aerial photography had been useful to extract, it was unable to efficiently identify the enemy's strong defensive points.

Primitive communication also meant that British commanders had been unable to keep in touch with each other and the battle thus became uncoordinated and this in turn disrupted the supply lines. On 12 March, German forces commanded by Crown Prince Rupprecht launched a counter-attack which, although unsuccessful, did at least manage to end any chance of further advancement; the campaign was officially abandoned on 13 March.

40,000 Allied troops took part during the battle and suffered 11,200 (7,000 British, 4,200 Indian) casualties. The Germans lost around the same number. In total, the British succeeded in recapturing just over 1.2 miles of lost ground. 148 officers and men of the 1st Battalion were killed that day, of whom 142 have no known grave.

BRAZIL, GEORGE THOMAS. Rank: Private. Service No: L/10159. Date of Death: 10/05/1915. Age: 21. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: III. C. 19. Cemetery: BETHUNE TOWN CEMETERY. Additional Information: Son of John and Rose Edith Brazil, of Dew Farm, Peasmarsh, Sussex. Wounded at Aubers Ridge and died of his wounds the following day 10 May 1915.

Name: George Thomas Brazil. Birth Place: Northiam, Sussex. Death Date: 10 May 1915. Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Rye. Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Number: L/10159. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

[I'm surprised he got all the way back to Bethune if wounded on 9th May, an early casualty?]

Medal Index Card shows him in the Battalion reaching France on 12 August 1914 thus entitled to the 1914 Star, clasp and rose, as well as British War and Victory medals.

9 May: the Southern pincer. 4.06am: sunrise and all very quiet on this front.

5.00am: British bombardment opens with field guns firing shrapnel at the German wire and howitzers firing High Explosive shells onto front line. German troops are seen peering above their parapet even while this shelling was going on.

5.30am: British bombardment intensifies, field guns switch to HE and also fire at breastworks. The lead battalions of the two assaulting Brigades of 1st Division go over the top to take up a position only 80 yards from German front. (2nd Brigade has 1/Northants and **2/Royal Sussex** in front and 2/KRRC and **1/5th Royal Sussex in immediate support**; 3rd Brigade has 2/Royal Munster Fusiliers and 2/Welsh in front, with 1/4th Royal Welsh Fusiliers in support).

Heavy machine-gun fire cuts the attackers down **even on their own ladders and parapet steps**, but men continue to press forward as ordered. *In the area of the Indian Corps, the lead battalions of the Dehra Dun Brigade of the Meerut Division (2/2nd Ghurkas, 1/4th and 1st Seaforth Highlanders) were so badly hit by enemy fire that no men got beyond their own parapet and the front-line and communications trenches were soon filled with dead and wounded men.*

5.40am: British bombardment lifts off front lines and advances 600 yards; infantry assault begins. Despite the early losses and enemy fire the three Brigades attempted to advance across No Man's Land. They were met by intense crossfire from the German machine-guns, which could not be seen in their ground-level and strongly protected emplacements. Whole lines of men were seen to be hit.

Few lanes had been cut in the wire and even where men reached it they were forced to bunch, forming good targets for the enemy gunners. The leading battalions suffered very significant losses, particularly among officers and junior leaders. The advance of the supporting battalions suffered similarly, and by 6.00am the advance had halted, with hundreds of men pinned down in No Man's Land, unable to advance or fall back.

6.15am: A repeat of the initial bombardment is ordered, with the added difficulty of uncertain locations of the most advanced troops.

7.20am: Major-General Haking (CO, 1st Division) reports failure and asks if he should bring in his last Brigade (1st (Guards)). He offered his opinion that it would not be successful.

7.45am: A further one hour bombardment starts, ordered by Lieut-General Anderson (CO, Meerut Division). Its only impact is to encourage German artillery to reply, bringing heavy shelling down onto British front and support trenches. German fire continued until about 10.30am.

8.00am: First reports reach Haig, but they underestimate losses and problems. Haig also hears of early French successes in their Vimy Ridge attack; he resolves to renew the effort in the Southern attack, with noon being the new zero hour. This was subsequently moved when it was learned from I Corps how long it would take to bring supporting units up to replace those that had suffered in the initial attacks.

The new attack at 2.40pm would again be preceded by a 40 minute bombardment. The various movements of relief forces were achieved only with much confusion and further losses under renewed enemy shellfire. The time was again moved, to 4.00pm. In the meantime, the German infantry in the Bois de Biez area was reinforced.

As can be realised from the above account, the vast majority of the casualties were incurred due to the bombardment lifting some minutes before the men were ordered out of their trenches, thus giving the Germans time to get from their deep well protected shelters and ready to man the machine guns. As soon as the infantry appeared they were shot down by cross fire from well entrenched strongpoints. To add to the carnage, British artillery often fired at the German positions without knowing they had already been captured, so destroying what few troops had been able to gain a foothold in the enemy line.

George Thomas Brazil. Date: 1st Qtr 1895. District: Rye, Sussex. Vol: 2b. Page: 5

Name: George Brazil. Age: 6. Birth Year: abt 1895. Father: John Brazil. Mother: Rose Brazil. Where born: Northiam, Sussex. John Brazil, 34, builders labourer, born Ticehurst; Rose Brazil, 25, born Tonbridge Wells; George Brazil, 6; **Johnny Brazil** [see below], 3, born Hastings; Edward Brazil, 1, born Whatlington.

Name: George Brazil. Age in 1911: 16. Birth Year: abt 1895. Relation to Head: Crew. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Civil parish: Ramsgate harbour, Kent. Occupation: Apprentice Seaman. William Wensley, 56, master of fishing vessel Otter R461; William Reeves, 22; Eli Hards, 25 Robert Petty, 18; George Brazil, 16.

BRAZIL, JOHN HENRY. Rank: Private: Service No: 5/3743.

Date of Death: 14/11/1916. Age: 19. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 5th Bn. Grave Reference: E. 20. Cemetery: MARTINPUICH BRITISH CEMETERY.

Additional Information: Son of Rose Edith Brazil, of Hazel Grove, Dew Farm, Peamarsh, Sussex.

Martinpuich British Cemetery was begun in November 1916 and used by fighting units and field ambulances until June 1917, and again at the end of August 1918.

Previously Royal Sussex Regiment, Regimental Number: 6743, G/18008 and 3743.

Born in Northiam and enlisted in Rye. Included on Iden Parish Church War Memorial.

Name: John Henry Brazil. Death Date: 14 Nov 1916. Death Location: France.

Enlistment Location: Rye, Sussex. Rank: Private.

Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1/5 Battalion. Number: TF/3743.

Killed in action at Martinpuich Church. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card: Entitled to British War and Victory medals so not overseas until after 1915 (obviously due to age) but to have 3 Service Numbers would indicate some time in the Army, perhaps held back in UK until needed.

Birth: John Henry Brazill. Date: 4th Qtr 1897. District: Hastings. Vol: 2b. Page: 11.

Name: John Brazil. Age in 1911: 13. Birth Year: abt 1898. Birth Place: Ore, Sussex.

Street Address: Thorndale, Iden, Sussex. John Brazil, 45, farm labourer, born Ticehurst; Rose Brazil, 36 married 17 years, 7 children, 5 still alive in 1911. John Brazil, 13, born Ore; Edward Brazil, 11, born Battle; Edith Brazil, 4, born Brede, Rose Brazil, 2, born Rye. (George not at home).

BREEDS, ALFRED. Rank: Carpenter. Date of Death: 11/02/1918. Age: 34.
Regiment/Service: Mercantile Marine. S.S. "Baku Standard" (Swansea)
Panel Reference: Memorial: TOWER HILL MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of William Breeds; husband of Norah Breeds (formerly Binn, nee Lawless), of 73, Kerby St., Poplar, London. Born at Rye, Sussex.

The Baku Standard was a 3,708 GRT, Oil Tanker built in 1893. On the 11th February 1918 when 5 miles S by SSW from Tod Head, Scotland she was torpedoed by German submarine UC-58 en route from Greenock to the Firth of Forth. 24 lives lost.

Alfred Breeds. Registration: 4th Qtr 1884. District: Rye, Sussex. Vol: 2b. Page: 4.

Name: Alfred Breeds. Birth Date: 22 Oct 1884. Christening Date: 20 Feb 1885.
Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father's Name: John Mark Breeds. Mother's Name: Charlotte.

1891 Census: Name: Alfred Breeds. Age: 6. Birth Year: abt 1885. Address: 3 Slade Terrace, Rye. Father's Name: John Breeds. Mother's Name: Caroline Breeds. Where born: Rye, Sussex. John Breeds, 36, master mariner, born Hastings; Caroline Breeds, 33, born Hastings; William Breeds, 10; George Breeds, 8; Alfred Breeds, 6; Richard Breeds, 5; Charles Breeds, 3; Albert Breeds, 14 Days. All born Rye.

1901 Census: Name: Alfred Breeds. Age: 16. Birth Year: abt 1885.
Father's Name: John M Breeds. Mother's Name: Charlotte A Breeds. Where born: Rye, Sussex. John M Breeds, 46, master mariner and employer; Charlotte A Breeds, 43; George Breeds, 18, engineers apprentice; Alfred Breeds, 16, shipwrights apprentice; Richard Breeds, 15, boiler makers apprentice; Charles Breeds, 13; Albert Breeds, 10.

Probate Calendar: Breeds, Alfred, of 73 Kerby Street, Poplar, Middlesex, died 11 February 1918 at sea. Administration London 19 June 1918 to Norah Breeds, widow. Effects: £102 7s 5d.

BRITT, ALBERT. Rank: Private. Service No: TF/1337. Date of Death: **09/05/1915**. Age: 21. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 1st/5th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 20 and 21. Memorial: LE TOURET MEMORIAL. Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Jane Britt, of 4, Wish Ward St., Rye, Sussex.

Name: Albert Britt. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 9 May 1915. Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Rye. Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1/5 Battalion. Number: TF/1337. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Killed in action at Aubers Ridge. The 1st/5th Battalion were the support wave for the 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex. The 2nd Battalion lost nearly 300 men killed, the 1st/5th "only" about 100 in trying to take Aubers Ridge in the face of murderous artillery and machine gun fire.

Medal Index Card shows arrival in France 18 Feb 1915 thus entitled to 1914-15 Star as well as British War and Victory medals.

Albert Britt. Registration: 4th Qtr 1894. District: Rye, Sussex. Vol: 2b. Page: 3.

Name: Albert Britt. Age: 6. Birth Year: abt 1895. Address: 13, Wish Ward, Rye. Father: John Edward Britt. Mother: Mary Jane Britt (nee Hilton). Born: Rye, Sussex. John Edward Britt, 53, labourer, born Hastings; Mary Jane Britt, 48, born Northiam; Emily Adelaide Britt, 14; Ann Britt, 11; Alfred Arthur Britt, 8; Albert Britt, 6. All born Rye.

Name: Albert Britt. Age in 1911: 17. Birth Year: abt 1894. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: Wish Ward Rye. John Britt, 63, building labourer, now shows born Rye; Jane Britt, 58, machinist (Gov't contract), married 37 years, 7 children, 3 still alive, now born Newhaven; Ann Britt, 21 general servant; Alfred Britt, 19, waiter; Albert Britt, 17, houseboy.

BRITT, WARD. Rank: Sapper. Service No: 783. Date of Death: 26/04/1915. Age: 21. Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers. 1st/2nd (Home Counties) Field Coy. Grave Reference: VIII. A. 18. Cemetery: BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY. Additional Information: Son of William and Julia Britt, of 5, Claremont Rd., Sidley, Bexhill-on-Sea. Died of wounds in base hospital at Boulogne 26 April 1915.

Name: Ward Britt. Birth Place: Robertsbridge, Sussex. Death Date: 26 Apr 1915. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Bexhill-on-sea, Sussex. Rank: Sapper. Regiment: 2nd H.C. Field Coy. Corps of Royal Engineers. Number: 783. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index card shows that Ward arrived in France just before Christmas 1914, so a very early entrant. He did not qualify as "being within sound of the enemy's guns" so entitled to 1915 Star as well as British War and Victory medals.

Name: Ward Britt. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1894. Registration District: Ticehurst, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 113

Name: Ward Britt. Age in 1911: 17. Birth Year: abt 1894. Birth Place: Robertsbridge, Sussex. Street Address: 5 Claremont Rd Sidley Bexhill Sussex. Occupation: Gardener. William Britt, 46, domestic gardener; Julia Britt, 44, married 22 years. 5 children, 4 still alive in 1911. Willie Britt, 21; jobbing gardener; Alfred Britt, 18, labourer; Ward Britt, 17; Charles Britt, 12, born Bexhill.

BROOMAN, HORACE. Rank: Private. Service No: G/7418.

Date of Death: 26/07/1917. Age: 31.

Regiment/Service: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). 8th Bn.

Panel Reference: Panel 45 and 47. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL.

Additional Information: Son of the late Spencer and Angelina Brooman. Employee of Horrells the chemist, Rye.

Name: Horace Brooman. Birth Place: East Guldeford, Sussex. Residence: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 26 Jul 1917. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Chichester, Sussex. Rank: Private. Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). 8th Battalion. Number: G/7418. Type of Casualty: Killed in action near Ypres. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Comments: Formerly 4245, R. Sussex Regt (? No reference to 5/339).

Medal Index Card: Name: Corporal Horace Brooman. Regiment or Corps: Royal Sussex Regiment, Regimental Number: 5/339. Acting Serjeant Royal West Kent Regiment, Regimental Number: G/7418. First entered France on 15 February 1915 thus entitled to 1914-15 Star as Sussex Regt and British War and Victory as RWK. Notes that he was discharged 10 April 1916 (presumably from Royal Sussex Reg't).

de Ruvigny's: Brooman, Horace. Private, No. 7418, 8th (Service) Battalion Queens Royal West Kent Reg't. son of Spencer of Daniel Place, Military Road, Rye, Sussex by his wife Angelina, daughter of Mr Foster of Rye. Born East Guldeford 15 April 1886; educated at Rye. Was a chemist's assistant at Rye. Served as a Corporal with the 5th (Territorial) Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment for 12 years and with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from February 1915 and was wounded at Richebourg the following May and invalided home. Returned to France 1 August 1916 and was killed in action 26 July 1917.

Horace Brooman. Registration: 2nd Qtr 1886. District: Rye, Sussex. Vol: 2b. Pge: 3.

Name: Horace Brooman. Birth Date: 15 Apr 1886. Christening Date: 11 Dec 1891.

Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father': Spencer Brooman. Mother: Angelina.

BRYANT, ERNEST. Rank: Private. Service No: SD/1872.

Date of Death: 30/03/1918. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 8th Bn.

Panel Reference: Panel 46 and 47. Memorial: POZIERES MEMORIAL

Name: Ernest Bryant. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 30 Mar 1918.

Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings.

Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 8th Battalion.

Number: SD/1872. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows entitlement to British War and Victory medals.

NOTE: With no additional information as to parents, wife or age, but with Soldiers Died in the Great War showing that he stated his birthplace was Rye, the nearest I can find that might be him is:-

Name: Ernest Bryant. Age in 1911: 17. Birth Year: abt 1894.

Relation to Head: Nephew. Birth Place: Beckley, Sussex. Street Address: Woodgate Farm, Beckley, Sussex. Occupation: Groom & Gardener Domestic.

George Bryant, 47, farmer and grazier (employer) born Burwash; Oprah Bryant, 44, born Beckley; Samuel Bryant, 13, farmers son, working on farm; Kate Bryant, 11; Ernest Bryant, 17, nephew; Frank Bryant, 13, nephew, born Northiam.

1901 Census: Name: Ernest Bryant. Age: 7. Birth Year: abt 1894. Relation: Grandson. Where born: Beckley, Sussex. Address: 91, Main Street, Northiam. Catherine Bryant, 62, widow; Samuel J Bryant, 10; Lily M Bryant, 8; Ernest Bryant, 7; Minnie Bryant, 2.

This may be his father, no trace in 1901 or thereafter, so likely died young.

1891 Census: Name: Henry Bryant. Age: 21. Birth Year: abt 1870. Relation: Son.

Mother's Name: Catherine Bryant. Where born: Robertsbridge, Sussex.

It may well be that there is another more suitable candidate, but I haven't found one – yet!

BUCKLAND, FRANK. Rank: Private. Service No: 13575.

Date of Death: 12/08/1917. Age: 37.

Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps. 48th Coy.

Grave Reference: V. B. 15. Cemetery: Brandhoek New Military Cemetery.

Additional Information: Son of George & Charlotte Frances Buckland, Clifton Place, Rye, Sussex.

During the First World War, Brandhoek was within the area comparatively safe from shell fire, which extended beyond Vlamertinghe Church. Field ambulances were posted there continuously. Until July 1917 burials had been made in the Military Cemetery, but the arrival of the 32nd, 3rd Australian and 44th Casualty Clearing Stations in preparation for the new Allied offensive launched that month made it necessary to open the New Military Cemetery, followed in August by the New Military Cemetery No 3.

Frank Buckland. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Queensborough, Kent.

Death Date: 12 Aug 1917. Death Location: France & Flanders.

Enlistment Location: Sheerness. Rank: Private.

Regiment: Machine Gun Corps, (Infantry). Number: 13575.

Type of Casualty: Died of wounds. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Comments: Formerly G/8304, R. Sussex Regt.

Medal Index Card shows British War and Victory medals issued as MGC, presumably his Royal Sussex regiment was whilst training in UK.

Name: Frank Buckland. Birth Date: 24 Oct 1880. Christening Date: 19 Nov 1880.

Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father's Name: George Buckland. Mother's Name: Charlotte Frances (nee Etherington).

Name: Frank Buckland. Age in 1911: 28. Birth Year: abt 1883. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: 134 High Street, Queenborough, Kent. Marital Status: Single. Occupation: General Labourer. Charlotte Frances Buckland, aged 50, widow, married 14 years, 8 children, 6 still alive in 1911. Frank Buckland, 28, labourer at chemical plant; John Buckland, 26, stationary engineman, chemical works; Thomas Buckland, 20, fitters labourer at chemical works; Harry Buckland, 17, general labourer at chemical works. All born Rye.

A Vickers machine gun had a team of 5 men to operate it, 1 gunner, a loader and 3 for ammunition carrying and reloading the cartridge belts. It seems a shell scored a close hit as Franks team are nearby:-

COOKE, W H. Rank: Private. Service No: 90004. Date of Death: 12/08/1917.

Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps. 48th Coy.

Grave Reference: V. C. 3. Cemetery: Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery.

GILLESPIE, W. Rank: Private. Service No: 42274. Date of Death: 12/08/1917.

Age: 20. Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps. 48th Coy.

Grave Reference: V. C. 8. Cemetery: Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery

Additional Information: Son of Mrs. David Gillespie, of 5, Whins Rd., Alloa, Clackmannanshire.

SMITH, SIDNEY JAMES CHARLES. Rank: Private. Service No: 13254. Age: 28.

Date of Death: 12/08/1917. Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps. 48th Coy.

Grave Reference: V. C. 2. Cemetery: Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery

Additional Information: Youngest son of Ellen & the late James Smith, 4, Fox St., Ardleigh, Essex.

WRIGHT, AMOS. Rank: Private. Service No: 35958. Date of Death: 12/08/1917. Age: 26. Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps. 48th Coy.
Grave Reference: V. C. 1. Cemetery: Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery
Additional Information: Son of David and Alice Wright, of Tottenham, London.

For much of the First World War, Vlamertinghe was just outside the normal range of German shell fire and the village was used both by artillery units and field ambulances. The New Military Cemetery was begun in June 1917 in anticipation of the Allied offensive launched here in July. Although the cemetery continued in use until October 1918, most of the burials are from July to December 1917.

The Vickers machine gun or Vickers gun is a name primarily used to refer to the water-cooled .303 British machine gun produced by Vickers Limited, originally for the British Army. The machine gun typically required a six to eight-man team to operate: one to fire, one to feed the ammunition, the rest to help carry the weapon, its ammunition and spare parts. The Vickers machine gun was based on the successful Maxim gun of the late 19th century. After purchasing the Maxim company outright in 1896, Vickers took the design of the Maxim gun and improved it, reducing its weight by lightening and simplifying the action and substituting components made with high strength alloys. There were still great shortages when the First World War began, and the British Expeditionary Force was still equipped with Maxims when sent to France in 1914. As the war progressed, and numbers increased, it became the British Army's primary machine gun, and served on all fronts during the conflict.

When the Lewis Gun was adopted as a light machine gun and issued to infantry units, the Vickers guns were redefined as heavy machine guns, withdrawn from infantry units, and grouped in the hands of the new Machine Gun Corps. The weight of the gun itself varied based on the gear attached, but was generally 25 to 30 pounds with a 40 or 50 pound tripod. The ammunition boxes for the 250-round ammunition belts weighed 22 pounds each. In addition, it required a gallon of water in its evaporative cooling system to prevent overheating. The heat of the barrel boiled the water in the jacket surrounding it. The resulting steam was taken off by flexible tube to a condenser container which had the dual benefits of avoiding giving away the gun's location, and also enabling re-use of the water, which was very important in arid environments.

In British service, the Vickers gun fired the standard 0.303 inch cartridges used in the Lee Enfield rifle, which generally had to be hand-loaded into the cloth ammunition belts. The gun and its tripod were carried separately and both were heavy. The water jacket would be filled with water around the barrel. The firing of the gun would make the barrel heat up, and conducted heat would then boil the water in the jacket, and steam would be carried away down a rubber pipe, to condense in a metal can. The condensed water could then be poured back into the jacket to top it up, but another function of the condenser tin was to hide the emissions of steam, that might give away the gun's position.

The loader sat to the gunner's right, and fed in belts of cloth, into which the rounds had been placed. The weapon would draw in the belt, pull each round out of the belt and into the breech, fire it, and then drop the brass cartridge out of the bottom, to gather in a pile of spent brass underneath the weapon, while the cloth belt would continue through to the left side and wind up on the ground. The rest of the team would meanwhile be busy refilling the used cloth cartridge belts for re use, fetching more cartridges and water, target spotting, defence etc.

BULL, WILLIAM ALFRED. Rank: Stoker 1st Class. Service No: 280624.
Date of Death: 22/09/1914. Regiment/Service: Royal Navy. (RFR/CH/B/548). H.M.S.
"Hogue." Panel Reference: 4. Memorial: CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL

Name: William Alfred Bull. Rank: Stoker 1st Class. Birth Date: 9 Dec 1875.
Birth Place: Beckley, Sussex. Branch of Service: Royal Navy.
Cause of Death: Killed or died as a direct result of enemy action.
Official Number Port Division: 280624. (R.F.R.Ch.B.548.) (Ch).
Death Date: 22 Sep 1914. Ship or Unit: HMS Hogue.
Wife: Helen Louise, 20 Longfellow Rd, Gillingham Kent.

One of the first Royal Naval disasters of the War. 3 elderly armoured cruisers were manned by Reservists recalled and the 1914 Class of Dartmouth recruits, most of whom were lost when the Cressy, Hogue and Aboukir were torpedoed. The crews thought the ship had hit a mine and stopped to rescue survivors, making them sitting ducks for further attacks. Over 1,400 men lost.

Name: William Alfred Bull. Age in 1911: 37. Birth Year: abt 1874. Birth Place: Beckley, Sussex. Address: 60 Gardiner St, Gillingham. Years Married: 9. Occupation: Dockyard skilled Labourer. William Alfred Bull, 37; Ellen Louise Bull, 37, born Bermuda, West Indies; William Alfred Bull no age given, only child, born West Indies. [Only 2 occupants, seems as if the child remained in Bermuda, or perhaps with grandparents in Beckley?]

HMS Cressy was the Royal Navy's first armoured cruiser. Unlike previous protected cruisers she had an armoured belt, made possible by the introduction of face hardened Krupp armour which allowed worthwhile protection for an acceptable weight of armour. They were also the first British warships to serve overseas that were not copper sheathed but instead painted with anti-fouling paints, this saving £40,000 and over 500 tons in displacement.

During the early months of World War 1 the Royal Navy maintained a patrol of old Cressy class armoured cruisers, known as Cruiser Force C, in the area of the North Sea known as the Broad Fourteens. There was opposition to this patrol from many senior officers, including Admiral Jellicoe and Commodores Keyes and Tyrwhitt, on the grounds that the ships were very vulnerable to a raid by modern German surface ships and the patrol was nick named the "live bait squadron". The Admiralty maintained the patrol on the grounds that destroyers were not able to maintain the patrol in the frequent bad weather and that there were insufficient modern light cruisers available.

In the early hours of September 20th 1914 the cruisers HMS Euryalus, HMS Aboukir, HMS Hogue and HMS Cressy were preparing to go on patrol under Rear Admiral Christian in Euryalus. The weather was too bad for destroyers to be at sea and unfortunately Euryalus had to drop out due to lack of coal and weather damage to her wireless, Rear Admiral Christian delegated command to Captain Drummond in Aboukir although he did not make it clear that Drummond had the authority to order the destroyers to sea if the weather improved, which it did towards the end of September 21st.

Early on September 22nd 1914 the German submarine U9 under the command of Commander Otto Weddigen sighted the Cressy, Aboukir and Hogue steaming NNE at 10 knots without zigzagging. Although the patrols were supposed to maintain 12-13 knots and zigzag the old cruisers were unable to maintain that speed and the zigzagging order was widely ignored as there had been no submarines sighted in the area during the war.

U9 manoeuvred to attack and at about 6.25 am fired a single torpedo at Aboukir, which stuck her on her port side. Aboukir rapidly suffered heavy flooding and despite counter flooding developed a 20 degree list and lost engine power. It was soon clear that she was a lost cause and Captain Drummond ordered her to be abandoned, although only one boat had survived the attack so most crew had to jump into the sea. At first Drummond thought that Aboukir had been mined and signalled the other two cruisers to close and assist but he soon realised that it was a torpedo attack and ordered the other cruisers away, but too late.

As Aboukir rolled over and sank, half an hour after being attacked, U9 fired two torpedoes at HMS Hogue that hit her amidships and rapidly flooded her engine room. Captain Nicholson of Hogue had stopped the ship to lower boats to rescue the crew of Aboukir, thinking that as he was the other side of Aboukir from U9 he would be safe. Unfortunately U9 had manoeuvred around Aboukir and attacked Hogue from a range of only 300 yards.

The firing of two torpedoes affected the trim of U9 which broke the surface briefly and was fired on by Hogue without effect. It only took Hogue ten minutes to sink as U9 headed for HMS Cressy. Cressy, under Captain Johnson, had also stopped to lower boats but got underway on sighting a periscope. At about 7.20 am however U9 fired two torpedoes, one of which just missed but the other hit Cressy on her starboard side, Cressy briefly firing on U9s periscope with no effect. The damage to Cressy was not fatal but U9 turned round and fired her last torpedo which hit Cressy sinking her within a quarter of an hour.

Survivors were picked up by several nearby merchant ships including the Dutch Flora and Titan and the British trawlers JGC and Corairder before the Harwich force of light cruisers and destroyers arrived. Flora returned to Holland with 286 rescued crew who were quickly returned to Britain even though the neutral Dutch should have interned them. In all 837 men were rescued but 1459 died, many of whom were "time expired" reservists or young cadets.

In the aftermath of the attack the patrol by armoured cruisers was abandoned, the stopping of major ships in dangerous waters banned and the order to steam at 13 knots and zigzag re-emphasised.

A court of inquiry was set up and found that some blame was attributable to all of the senior officers involved: Captain Drummond for not zigzagging and for not calling for destroyers, Rear Admiral Christian was criticised for not making it clear to Drummond that he could summon the destroyers and Rear Admiral Campbell for not being present and for a very poor performance at the inquiry at which he stated that he did not know what the purpose of his command was. The bulk of the blame was directed at the Admiralty for persisting with a patrol that was dangerous and of limited value against the advice of senior sea going officers.

BURNS, WILLIAM A. Rank: Gunner. Service No: 67976.

Date of Death: 26/11/1918. Age: 37. Service: Royal Garrison Artillery. (and then transferred to the Labour Corps (with Service Number 509812).

Grave Reference: On East boundary of Peasmarch (SS. Peter & Paul) Churchyard.

Additional Information: Son of Peter Burns; husband of Emmie (formerly Masters), of The Hatches, Peasmarch. Born at Brighton.

Medal Index Card shows RGA but not overseas until after 1915 with British War and Victory medals as Labour Corps.

Death: Name: William A Burns. Birth Date: abt 1881. Date of Registration: 4th Qtr 1918. Age at Death: 37. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 10.

Name: William Burns. Age: 10. Birth Year: abt 1881. Father's Name: Peter Burns. Mother's Name: Esther Burns. Where born: Brighton, Sussex. Address: 56, Newmarket Road, Brighton. Peter Burns, 53, groom, born Henfield, Sussex; Esther Burns, 44, born Dublin; Louisa Burns, 12, born Yorkshire; William Burns, 10, Henry Burns, 6, both born Surrey, Alice Burns 1, born Brighton.

Emma **Paine**. Date: 2nd Qtr **1879**. District: St Thomas, **Devon**. Vol: 5b. Page: 46.

Name: Emma **Santer**. Spouse Surname: **Burns**. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1913. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 1.

Frederick J Burns. Mother's Maiden Surname: Paine. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1918. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 2.

Name: Emmie Burns. Spouse: Edward **Masters**. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1919. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 7.

From the above, it seems that Emma Paine first married a Mr Santer, then married William in 4th Qtr 1913. Presumably when Conscription was introduced in 1916, William joined the Royal Garrison Artillery, perhaps being used to horses. However, he was either wounded or ill quite soon after and was transferred to the Labour Corps in France when he wasn't classed as A1 fit for the trenches. He may have died shortly thereafter, at home in Rye where his death was registered. Emmie, meanwhile had just had baby Frederick born 24th October, and in order to provide for the child remarried for the third time to Edward Masters.

Name: Emma **Masters**. Birth Date: abt **1879**. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1958. Age at Death: 79. Registration district: Plymouth, **Devon**. Volume: 7a. Page: 826.

BURR. James. (Rye Harbour). No further information available. Possibly BURR, JAMES WILLIAM. Rank: Wireless Operator. Service No: 193641(Ch.). Date of Death: 22/07/1915. Age: 33. Service: Royal Navy. H.M. Torpedo Boat "10" Grave Reference: C. C. 474. Cemetery: Enfield (Hertford Road) Cemetery. Additional Information: Son of Josiah & Caroline Burr, 169, South St., Ponders End.

NOTE: Only considered as no better James Burr found. This chap does have a maritime link, which might have involved Rye Harbour, but just supposition at this time. If it is him then the following information is relevant:-

Two torpedo boats, ex-Cricket-class coastal destroyers, Displacement 400 tons, built 1907, Speed: 26 knots, Armament: 2-12pdr guns and 3 x18in torpedo tubes, 35 crew, serving with Nore Local Defence Flotilla. Sailed from Harwich at midnight on the 9th, on patrol off Thames estuary, searching for reported submarines with three other TB's and five destroyers; both mined, laid by UC-11 (Walter Gottfried Schmidt) two days earlier.

TB-12, (ex-Moth), Lt Edward Bulteel, near the Sunk LV at 1530 when there was a large explosion under her bows, believed torpedoed at the time. Stayed afloat as other TB's came to her rescue, crew abandoned her when TB-10 came alongside, taken in tow, but now TB-10 suffered an explosion and sank. Trawler took over the tow of TB-12, assisted by destroyer Cynthia, progressed slowly while the TB gradually settled, sinking at 1055 (presumably on the 11th) in 51.44.40N 01.26E. Lt Bulteel and 22 ratings lost

TB-10, (ex-Greenfly), Lt-Cdr John McLeod RN. Alongside TB-12, trying to take her in tow, then believed torpedoed herself at 1610 and broke in half, the two halves rising vertically before sinking off the Sunk Light Vessel; 22 ratings lost, one more DOW

BUSS, HARRY. Rank: Private. Service No: 22531.
Date of Death: Between 11/04/1918 and 13/04/1918.
Regiment/Service: Border Regiment. 1st Bn.
Grave Reference: III. B. 12. Cemetery: Anzac Cemetery, Sailly sur la Lys.

Name: Harry Buss. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Rye.
Death Date: 13 Apr 1918.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Sheerness, Kent.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Border Regiment. Battalion: 1st Battalion.
Number: 22531. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.
Comments: Formerly 5054, R.W. Kent Regt.

Sailly Church was burnt during the open fighting of October 1914, when French cavalry and British and German infantry fought on the Lys, but from the winter of 1914-1915 to the spring of 1918 the village was comparatively untouched. It was captured by the Germans on 9 April 1918, and it remained in their hands until the beginning of September. Anzac Cemetery was begun by Australian units in July 1916, immediately before the Attack at Fromelles, and it contains the graves of many Australian soldiers who died in that engagement. It continued in use as a front-line cemetery until April 1918 and during the following summer.

The Medal Index Card for 22531 shows Entry into a Theatre of War as 2(b) Dardanelles on 10 December 1915 thus entitled to 1914-15 Star as well as British War and Victory medals. However, it is also appears to be marked "Desertion".

Name: Harry Buss. Age: 5. Birth Year: abt 1886. Father's Name: Horace Buss. Mother's Name: Carrie Buss. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Address: 5, Waterloo Place, Rye. Horace Buss, 55, blacksmith, born Brightling; Carrie Buss, 37; Julia Buss, 12; Horace Buss, 10; William Buss, 7; Harry Buss, 5; James Buss, 3; Charles Buss, 1. All born Rye.

Name: Harry Buss. Age: 15. Birth Year: abt 1886. Father's Name: Horace Buss. Mother's Name: Caroline Buss. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Address: 10, Spring Crescent, Military Road, Rye. Horace Buss, 66, blacksmith, born Brightling, Sussex. Caroline Buss, 47, William Buss, 19, commercial clerk; Harry Buss, 15, gardener; James Buss, 13 (served as 377039 Royal Engineers, but an indispensable Post Office employee in Sectional Engineers Office, Cardiff in 1917, discharged in 1915 as medically unfit, slightly deaf right ear); Charles Buss, 10; Tom Buss, 9; John Buss, 5. All born Rye.

Name: Henry Buss. Age in 1911: 26. Birth Year: abt 1885. Relation to Head: Boarder. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: 12 Castle Street, Queenborough, Kent. Marital Status: Single. Occupation: General Labourer at glass works.

BUSS, ALFRED JOHN. Rank: Private. Service No: L/10934.

Date of Death: 20/08/1916. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 2nd Bn.

Panel Reference: Pier and Face 7 C. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL.

Name: Alfred John Buss. Birth Place: Croydon. Death Date: 20 Aug 1916.

Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings.

Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Number: L/10934. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card has British War and Victory medals so not in a Theatre of War until after 1915.

Birth: **John Alfred** Buss. Date: Jul-Aug-Sep 1893. District: Croydon, Surrey.

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John Alfred Buss. Christening Date: 18 Oct 1893. Christening Place: Hastings.

Father's Name: James Buss. Mother's Name: Ann.

BUTCHERS, ERNEST. Rank: Rifleman. Service No: S/37684.

Date of Death: 13/08/1918. Age: 39 Killed in action during the Battle of Amiens.

Regiment/Service: Rifle Brigade. 13th Bn.

Grave Reference: III. A. 22. Achiet le Grand Communal Cemetery Extension.

Additional Information: Son of James & Eliza Butchers, of 9, Middle Row, Winchelsea Rd., Rye.

Name: Ernest Butchers. Birth Place: Bramber, Sussex. Residence: Rye, Sussex.

Death Date: 23 Aug 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.

Enlistment Location: Hastings. Rank: Rifleman. Number: S/37684.

Regiment: Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own). Battalion: 13th Battalion.

Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Comments: Formerly TR/10/7044, Territorial Reserve.

Medal Index Card shows British War and Victory medals so not Overseas until after 1915.

BUTLER, ALBERT. Rank: Private. Service No: 14850. Date of Death: 28/10/1916.
Age: 24. Regiment/Service: Royal Fusiliers. 4th Bn.
Grave Reference: Screen Wall. B10. 4. 348B. Birmingham (Lodge Hill) Cemetery

Name: Albert Butler. Birth Place: Rye. Residence: Warwick.
Death Date: 28 Oct 1916. Death Location: Home. Enlistment Location: Hounslow.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).
Battalion: 4th Battalion Number: L/14850. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds. Theatre of War: Home.

Medal Index Card shows Date in Theatre (3) Egypt (Gallipoli) and entitled to 1915 Star as well as British War and Victory medals. Died intestate, no Next of Kin. Medals disposed of by Officer Commanding Records.

Name: Albert Butler. Age in 1911: 19. Birth Year: abt 1892.
Relation to Head: Servant. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex.
Street Address: 105 and 106 Queens Gate London, S W. Occupation: Waiter, Boarding House. Name: Albert Frederick Butler. Birth Date: 7 Jan 1893

Christening Date: 24 Feb 1893. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex, England.
Mother's Name: Flora Catherine Butler.

Name: Fredk Albert Butler. Age: 8. Birth Year: abt 1893.
Relation: Pauper. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Civil Parish: Rye Foreign. Ecclesiastical parish: Rye St Marys, Rye Union Workhouse

CAISTER, LEONARD JOHN. Rank: Private. Service No: 39071.

Date of Death: 24/06/1918. Age: 19.

Regiment/Service: Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). 2nd Bn.

Grave Reference: E. 2. Cemetery: GONNEHEM BRITISH CEMETERY.

Additional Information: Son of Walter & Henrietta Jane Caister, of Main Rd., Rye Harbour, Sussex.

Name: Leonard John Caister. Residence: Rye Harbour, Sussex.

Death Date: 24 Jun 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.

Enlistment Location: Hastings. Rank: Private.

Regiment: Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). Battalion: 2nd Battalion.

Number: 39071. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Name: Leonard John Caister. Date: Apr-May-Jun 1899. District: Rye, Sussex.
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Name: Leonard Caister. Age: 5 Months. Birth Year: abt 1900. Father's Name: Herbert C Caister. Mother's Name: Mary C Caister. Where born: Hastings, Sussex, Walter Caister, 45, boatman; Jane Caister, 42 married 21 years, 6 children, all alive. Emmie Caister, 18; domestic cook; Leonard Caister, 11; Elsie Caister, 9; James Caister, 4.

He had been accepted for training as an Air Mechanic in the RNAS, via Rye Coastguards subject to a Trade examination at Crystal Palace on 31st May 1917. Unhappily, he failed that examination and was rejected by the RNAS. Immediately thereafter, he was posted (2nd June) to France as Private 39071 West Riding Regiment at Hastings on 16 April 1917. Aged 17 years and 11 months, a motor engineer by trade. Father Walter in Main Road, Rye Harbour. By 11 December 1917 he was appointed unpaid Lance Corporal but reverted to Private upon being posted to France on 3rd June 1918 to the 1st Battalion. He then moved to 2nd Battalion on 6th June and was Killed in Action on 24th June and buried at Gonnehem after just 3 weeks in France. Also commemorated at Church of the Holy Spirit.

THE MEMORY OF THE JUST IS BLESSED. IN SACRED MEMORY OF LEONARD JOHN CAISTER OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT. SIX YEARS CHORISTER OF THIS CHURCH. KILLED IN FRANCE SUNDAY JUNE 23RD 1918 AGED 19 YEARS. IT SHALL BE WELL WITH THEM THAT FEAR GOD

CARE, ALBERT WILLIAM. Rank: Private. Service No: G/14487.

Date of Death: 30/04/1918. Age: 25. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 8th Bn. Grave Reference: 320. Cemetery: Sains du Nord Communal Cemetery.

Additional Information: Son of William and Ellen Care, of Brook House, Fairfield, Brookland, Kent. There are now over 20 Great War casualties commemorated here. All died in March-June, 1918, as prisoners of war.

Name: Albert William Care. Birth Place: Brookland, Kent. Death Date: 30 Apr 1918

Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Dover.

Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 8th Battalion.

Number: G/14487 Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

Medals: British War and Victory medals so not Overseas until after 1915.

Albert William Care. Date: 3rd Qtr 1893. District: Romney Marsh. Vol: 2a. Pge: 1035.

Name: Albert Care. Age: 7. Birth Year: abt 1894. Father's Name: William Care.

Mother's Name: Ellen Ann Care (nee Tomsett). Where born: Brookland, Kent.

Address: Fairfield Court, Fairfield, Kent. William Care, 46, farm worker. Ellen Ann Care, 33, born Charwood, Sussex; Albert Care, 7; Jesse Care, 3 both born Brooklands. Other members of the Care family lived in the farmhouse next door.

Name: Albert Care. Age in 1911: 17. Birth Year: abt 1894. Birth Place: Brookland, Kent. Street Address: Fairfield, Brookland, Kent. William Care, 56, farm labourer, born Fairfield; Ellen Ann Care, 43, born Chelwood Common, married 20 years, 2 children, both still alive. Mary Ann Pilcher, 47 widowed sister, born Three Bridges; Albert Care, 17, farm labourer; Jesse Care, 13.

[A William George Henry Care and wife Mercy Jane have several children all christened in Rye, perhaps that's the link for inclusion on War Memorial.]

CAREY, FRANK. Rank: Private. Service No: 1397. Date of Death: 13/03/1915. Age: 19. Regiment/Service: East Surrey Regiment. 2nd Bn.

Grave Reference: F. 15. Cemetery: KEMMEL CHATEAU MILITARY CEMETERY

Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Carey, of 8, Princes St., Tunbridge Wells.

Name: Frank Carey. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 13 Mar 1915.

Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Caxton Hall, Westminster.

Rank: Private. Regiment: East Surrey Regiment. Battalion: 2nd Battalion.

Number: 1397. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

CASTLE, JOHN LESLIE. Rank: Private. Service No: M2/183637.
Date of Death: 29/07/1918. Age: 20. Regiment/Service: Army Service Corps.
Grave Reference: 20. 21. Cemetery: St. Peter-in-Thanet Churchyard
Additional Information: Son of John Thomas and Edith Castle, of The Manse, Cadborough Hill, Rye, Sussex. Born at Broadstairs.

Name: John Leslie Castle. Birth Place: Broadstairs. Residence: Broadstairs.
Death Date: 29 Jul 1918. Death Location: Home. Enlistment Location: Broadstairs.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Army Service Corps. Number: M2/183637.
Type of Casualty: Died.

Medal Index Card shows he served Overseas after 1915, probably France, and therefore entitled to the British War and Victory medals. States "Dead" which might imply sickness rather than wounds. Possibly Spanish Flu. Death Certificate may clarify. Death registered in Tendring, Essex.

Name: John Leslie Castle. Date: 2nd Qtr 1898. District: Thanet, Kent. Vol: 2a. P 939.

Name: John Leslie Castle. Age: 3. Birth Year: abt 1898. Father's Name: John T Castle. Mother's Name: Edith Castle. Where born: Thanet; Broadstairs. Address 28 Osborne Street, Broadstairs. (A Charlotte Castle, aged 84 was living at No. 32). John T Castle, 32, Baptist minister; Edith Castle, 35; Edith Irene Castle, 6; John Leslie Castle, 3

Name: John Leslie Castle. Age in 1911: 13. Birth Year: abt 1898. Birth Place: Broadstairs, Kent. Street Address: Laburnham House, St Peters Road, Broadstairs. John Thomas Castle, 42, Baptist minister, born Greenwich; Eliza Jane Edith Castle, 45, born Chudleigh, Devon, married 21 years, 3 children, 2 still alive. Edith Jane Castle, 16, born New Cross, London; John Leslie Castle, 13, born Broadstairs.

Name: J L Castle. Birth Date: abt 1898. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1918. Age at Death: 20. Registration district: Tendring, Essex. Volume: 4a. Page: 675.

CHANTLER, GODFREY. Rank: Private. Service No: G/40302.

Date of Death: 24/07/1918. Regiment/Service: Middlesex Regiment. 4th Bn.

Grave Reference: IV. C. 12. Cemetery: ST. AMAND BRITISH CEMETERY.

Name: Godfrey Chantler. Birth Place: St. Mary's, Kent. Residence: Rye, Sussex.

Death Date: 24 Jul 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.

Enlistment Location: Chichester, Sussex. Rank: Private.

Regiment: Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment).

Battalion: 4th Battalion. Number: G/40302. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Comments: Formerly 12241, Royal Sussex Regt.

Medal Index Card shows entitlement to British War and Victory medals (as 12241 Sussex Reg't) so not Overseas until after 1915.

Name: Godfrey Chantler. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1886. Registration district: Romney Marsh, Kent. Volume: 2a. Page: 1030. Name: Godfrey Chantler. Age: 5. Birth Year: abt 1886. Father's Name: Godfrey Chantler. Mother's Name: Catherine Chantler. Where born: Hope All Saints, Kent. Godfrey Chantler, 47, farm labourer, born Sandhurst, Kent; Katherine Chantler, 42, born Brookland, Kent; Amos Chantler, 18, farm labourer; born Brookland; William Chantler, 8, born Brinzett; Harriet Chantler, 6; Godfrey Chantler, 5; Rose Chantler, 4 born Hope All Saints;

(12 year old Sarah and 10 year old Eliza Chantler, both born Brinzett, are lodgers next door).

Name: Godfrey Chantler. Age: 15. Birth Year: abt 1886. Father's Name: Godfrey Chantler. Where born: Hope All Saints, Kent. Address: Barn Farm Cottages, East Guldeford. Godfrey Chantler, 57, widower, farm bailiff; William Chantler, 19, farm labourer; Godfrey Chantler, 15, farm labourer; Rose Chantler, 13; Anne Chantler, 9; Ann Hernden, 58, housekeeper.

Name: Godfrey Chantler. Age in 1911: 25. Birth Year: abt 1886. Relation to Head: Boarder. Birth Place: St Mary, Kent. Street Address: Little Cadboro, Rye, Sussex. Occupation: Farm Labourer.

CHAPMAN, MONTAGUE GERALD HERBERT. Rank: Lieutenant. Age: 21.
Date of Death: 14/08/1917. Regiment/Service: Rifle Brigade. "A" Coy. 10th Bn.
Grave Reference: V. B. 8. Cemetery: CEMENT HOUSE CEMETERY.
Additional Information: Only son of Frederick Herbert and Mary A. Chapman, of The Knoll, Rye, Sussex. Of East Guldeford, Rye.

Name: Montague Gerald Herbert Chapman. Death Date: 14 Aug 1917.
Rank: 2/Lieutenant (T). Regiment: Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own).
Battalion: "A" Company, 10th Battalion. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Formerly Private 3205, 28th London Regiment. 1914-15 Star having entered France 9 May 1915; then Corporal before being commissioned 5th October 1916.

British War and Victory medals as Lieutenant.

On 14th August 1917, the 10th & 11th Battalions Rifle Brigade attacked from either side of the road towards Langemarck. They had to cross the Steenbeek (a stream) running almost north-south, 400metres east of land that is now the Cement House cemetery. The 11th Battalion suffered heavy casualties in reaching their objective, a mill, some 200 metres further on, but they could not take this heavily fortified position so they withdrew.

Training had emphasised the need for units to "hug" the creeping barrage and form offensive flanks to assist troops who had been halted by German resistance, by providing enfilade fire and enveloping German positions which had not been captured, which were to be left to reserve platoons. Every known German position was allocated to a unit of the battalions, to reduce the risk of German positions going unnoticed and firing at the leading troops from behind. On 14th August, the 10th and 11th Battalions of the Rifle Brigade edged forward about 100 yards (91 m) beyond the Steenbeek, which cost the 10th Battalion 215 casualties.

Name: Montague Gerald H Chapman. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1896.
Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 2.

Name: Montague G H Chapman. Age: 5. Birth Year: abt 1896. Father's Name: Frederick H Chapman. Mother's Name: Mary A Chapman. Where born: E Guldeford, Sussex. Frederick H Chapman, 33, brewer and wine merchant, born E Guldeford; Mary A Chapman, 36, born Goudhurst, Kent; Helena H Chapman, 7, Montague G H Chapman, 5; Mary Stone, 21, domestic servant; Emily Wood, 25, cook.

Chapman, Montague Gerald Herbert of Guldeford Lodge, Rye, Sussex. Second Lieutenant 10th Battalion Rifle Brigade died 14 August 1917 at Langemarck, Belgium on active service. Administration (with Will) London 11 October to Mary Ann Chapman (wife of Frederick Herbert Chapman -mother) Effects: 502 19s 1d

CHILTON, FREDERICK JAMES. Rank: Company Serjeant Major. Service No: **956**.
Date of Death: 24/05/1915. Regiment/Service: Royal Fusiliers. 3rd Bn.
Panel Reference: Panel 6 and 8. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL.

Name: Frederick James Chilton. Birth Place: Colchester. Residence: Rye.
Death Date: 24 May 1915. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location:
London. Rank: Company Serjeant Major. Regiment: Royal Fusiliers (City of London
Regiment). Battalion: 3rd Battalion. Number: **9561**. Killed in action. Theatre of War:
Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card (as F.J. Chitton) shows entry into France as Private and no mention
of entitlements, but at least 1914-15 Star.

Name: Frederick James Chilton. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1884.
Registration district: Colchester, Essex. Volume: 4a. Page: 473.

Name: Frederick J Chilton. Age: 16. Birth Year: abt 1885. Father's Name: James
Chilton. Mother's Name: Mary Chilton. Where born: Colchester, Essex. Address: 59,
West Street, Rye. James Chilton, 45, Army pensioner, born Brightwell, Oxfordshire;
Mary, 45, born Calcutta, India; Frederick J Chilton, 16, auctioneers clerk; born
Colchester; Agnes A Chilton, 12; Frances A Chilton, 11; and Lily D Chilton, 9 all born
Dublin; Stanley W Chilton, 6, born Moulshurst, Berkshire; Victor S Chilton, 1, born
Lamberhurst, Kent.

Name: Frederick James Chilton, Sergeant, 3rd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. Age in
1911: 27. Birth Year: abt 1884. Birth Place: Colchester, Essex. Address: Military,
Mauritius and South Africa.

On the 21st May 1915, the 3rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers were occupying the front line
in an area between the Roulers Railway Line and the lake at Bellewaarde near the
village of Hooze on the Menin to Ypres road. The trenches were said to be in a poor
condition and filled with water. On 24 May 1915 the 3rd Battalion were to the south
of the Ypres-Roulers railway line when the Germans launched a gas attack, followed
by a heavy artillery bombardment and an infantry assault. The units on their flank fell
back and they were soon swamped, with "small islands of men" holding out.

The front line and support trenches were lost then retaken but eventually the 3rd Bn
Royal Fusiliers were compelled to retire to a third line. Despite the overwhelming
numbers of the enemy they held the third line of defence. The 3rd RF were reduced
to 150 men (from 880) with the rest killed, wounded or missing as a result of the days
fighting. They had suffered 16 officer casualties, and total casualties of 536, of whom
138 were killed, the worst of any Royal Fusiliers battalion for one day during the entire
war.

CLARK, CHARLES CECIL. Rank: Private. Service No: 201914.

Date of Death: 18/05/1917.

Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 1st/4th Bn.

Grave Reference: F. 310. Cemetery: KANTARA WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY.

Name: Charles Cecil Clark. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 18 May 1917.

Death Location: Egypt. Enlistment Location: Rye. Rank: Private.

Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 4th Battalion. Number: TF/201914.

Died. Theatre of War: Egyptian Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows initial Service No. as 5/1508 for the 5th Battalion, arriving in France 18 February 1915 and qualifying for the 1914-15 Star as well as British War and Victory medals.

Name: Charles Cecil Clark. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1896, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 1.

Name: Charles C Clark. Age: 5. Birth Year: abt 1896. Father's Name: Charles J Clark. Mother's Name: Jane Clark. Where born: Rye, Sussex.

Name: Charles Cecil Clark. Age in 1911: 15. Birth Year: abt 1896. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: 14, High Street, Rye, Sussex. Charles J Clark, 31; Jane Clark, 30; Charles C Clark, 5; Edith V Clark, 3. Walter Flowers, 25, assistant hairdresser; William Shunn, 19, visitor.

Charles James Clark, 41, hairdresser and tobacconist, born Rye; Jane Clark, 40, born Beckley, married 16 years, 6 children, 5 still alive. Charles Cecil Clark, 15; Edith Vera Clark, 13; Francis Fisher Clark, 7; Hilda May Clark, 6; Olive Florence Clark, 9 months; Austin Henry Querden, 24, assistant hairdresser, born Bishopstone, Sussex.

CLARK, JOHN WILLIAM. Rank: Private. Service No: 26396. Age: 40.
 Date of Death: 23/03/1918. Regiment/Service: Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.
 5th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 50 and 51. Memorial: POZIERES MEMORIAL
 Additional Information: Son of John and Mary Clark, of Harefield, Middx; husband of
 Lizzie Clark, of Georgeville, Apsley End, Hemel Hempstead, Herts
 Name: John William Clark. Birth: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Hempstead, Herts.
 Death Date: 23 Mar 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.
 Enlistment Location: Slough, Bucks. Rank: Private.
 Regiment: Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Battalion: 5th Battalion
 Number: 26396. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
 Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

CLARK, PHILIP GEORGE. Rank: First Engineer. Date of Death: 06/11/1915.
 Age: 42. Service: Mercantile Marine. Steam Trawler "Cassiopeia" (Grimsby).
 Panel Reference: Memorial. TOWER HILL MEMORIAL: (Mis spelt as "Clarke").
 Additional Information: Mrs. Clarke, 76 Guildford St. Grimsby. Born in Rye.

Steam trawler Cassiopeia GY.805. Missing since Saturday 6th November 1915. Built:
 1898. Builders: Edwards Bros, North Shields. Yard No: 589. Launched: Tuesday 26th
 July 1898. Completed: September 1898. Registered: September 1898. Gross Tons:
 152. Nett Tons: 55. Length: 104.8 feet. Beam: 20.9 feet. Draught: 10.8 feet.
 Quarterdeck: 18 feet. Forecastle: 20 feet. Official Number: 109810. Original Owners:
 Grimsby & North Sea Steam Trawling Co Ltd, Grimsby. Crew: R. P. Harwood; F.
 Glenton; A E Goldsmith, P. G. Clark; A D. Beecham, F H P. Baker; R H. Thompson;
 J. Phillips, S J Johnson, . Assumed to be a War loss.

Name: Philip Clark. Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1873. District: Rye, Sussex. Volume:
 2b. Page: 2.

Name: George P Clark. Birth Date: abt 1877. Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1916. Age at
 Death: 39. Registration district: St Olave, London. Volume: 1d. Page: 130.

Name: Philip George Clark. Age in 1911: 38. Birth Year: abt 1873. Birth Place: Rye.
 Street Address: 76 Guildford St Grimsby. Marital Status: Married. Years Married: 2.
 Marriage Year: 1909. Occupation: Marine Engineer. Philip George Clark, 38; Frances
 Sarah Sims, 48 (possible sister in law?); Norah Mary Clark, 1; Ada Mary Clark, 36,
 wife; Samuel Clark, 76, father, millwright, born Rye

CLARK, WILLIAM ARTHUR. Rank: Private. Service No: 2176. Age: 21.
Date of Death: 20/08/1916. Regiment/Service: Kent Cyclist Battalion.
Grave Reference: II. G. 10. Cemetery: Estaires Communal Cemetery Extension
Additional Information: Son of James Edwin & Margaret Clark, 5, Victoria Terrace,
Hythe, Kent.

Name: William Arthur Clark. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Seabrook, Hythe,
Kent. Death Date: 20 Aug 1916. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment
Location: Tonbridge. Rank: Private.
Regiment: Army Cyclist Corps. Battalion: 2/1st Kent Cyclist Battalion.
Number: TF/2176. Type of Casualty: Died.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

CLAYDEN, GEORGE. Rank: Rifleman. Service No: A/287. Date of Death:
24/08/1916. Regiment/Service: King's Royal Rifle Corps. 8th Bn.
Panel Reference: Pier and Face 13 A and 13 B. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL
Name: George Clayden. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Sunderland.
Death Date: 24 Aug 1916. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: London. Rank: Rifleman. Regiment: King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Battalion: 8th Battalion. Number: A/287. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

COLE, HUMFREY THEODORE SHULDHAM. Rank: Second Lieutenant. Date of Death: 12/02/1917. Age: 20.

Regiment/Service: London Regiment. 19th Bn.

Grave Reference: I. D. 52. Cemetery: VARENNES MILITARY CEMETERY

Additional Information: Son of Canon T. E. F. and Mrs. E. M. Cole, of Longford Rectory, Shropshire. Educated at Radley and Oxford.

Born 1897 in Jubalpore, India. At Windlesham House Boarding School, Brighton in 1901 Census and at Radley College in 1911.

Name: Humfrey Theodore Shuldham Cole. Death Date: 12 Feb 1917. Rank: 2nd Lieutenant. Regiment: London Regiment Battalion: 19th (County of London) Battalion (St Pancras). Type of Casualty: Died of wounds. With 2nd Battalion Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry at the time of his death. Died of wounds 12th February 1917 aged 20. Son of Canon Theodore Edward Fortescue Cole (previously Canon of St Paul's, Calcutta) & Mrs E M Cole of Longford Rectory, Shropshire. Educated at Radley College 1910 - 1913 & Oxford 1915.

Medal Index Card shows his father Canon T E F Cole applying for his late sons medals (entered France 21 March 1916, being British War and Victory medals) and address is 10, Church Square, Rye, Sussex and c/o Messrs Grindlay & Co. 54 Parliament Street, Westminster.

2nd Lieut. Humfrey Theodore Shuldham Cole, 19th Bn, London Regiment.

Son of the Rev. Theodore Edward Fortescue Cole, Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta. Educated at Radley College from 1910 to 1913 and at Oxford University in 1915. During the Great War he served as a 2nd Lieut. 10th Bn, London Regiment attached to the KOYLI Died of wounds on 12 February 1917. Source: Radley Register 1847-1933; Oxford University Roll of Service.

Eleanor Maria Shuldham married on 9 September 1888 to the Reverend Theodore Edward Fortescue Cole (Nagpur, Central Provinces, India) and their children, Lancelot Arthur Shuldham Cole, born 11 April 1891 and Humfrey Theodore Shuldham Cole, born 5 December 1896.

Captain Lancelot Arthur Shuldham Cole finally went Overseas on 29 April 1918 with 1st/1st Denbigh Yeomanry, entitled to the British War and Victory medals which were sent to him in 1923 c/o The Maple Inn, R.M.D.I Duncan, Vancouver Islands, Canada. In Rye Church there is a Memorial Tablet. Faculty for a memorial tablet. PAR467/4/1/14 9 Nov 1937. Contents: in memory of Lancelot Arthur Shuldham Cole.

COLEBROOKE, WILLIAM HENRY KENT. Private 247, Royal Canadian Dragoons, Canadian Cavalry Brigade. Died of wounds on the Somme 16 August 1916. Aged 29. Son of William & Mary Colebrooke of Watchbell Street, Rye. Husband of Beatrice Ellen Colebrooke of Ivy Villa, Wish Street, Rye. Buried in Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension.

[See also the loss of the trawler "Margaret" (Colebrook) on 17 December 1916 which was owned by Alderman William Edwin Colebrook].

COLEBROOKE, WILLIAM HENRY KENT. Rank: Private. Service No: 247. Age: 29. Date of Death: 16/08/1916. Regiment/Service: Royal Canadian Dragoons. "A" Coy. Grave Reference: I. C. 23. Cemetery: Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension. Additional Information: Son of William E. and Mary A. Colebrooke, of Watchbell St., Rye; husband of Beatrice Ellen Colebrooke, of Ivy Villa, Wish St., Rye, Sussex.

His Canadian Attestation papers which he signed on 24 September 1914 at Valcartier, show his name and signature as "Kent Colebrook" which was also the name of one of the Colebrook trawlers. He was a lumberjack and 5ft 11 inches tall. At that time he wasn't married but I haven't found a UK record for a Beatrice Ellen marrying any Colebrook, perhaps he married in Canada.

Field ambulances used the Communal Cemetery for Commonwealth burials from September 1915 to August 1916, and again during the German advance of March 1918. It contains 127 Commonwealth burials of the First World War. The XV Corps Main Dressing Station was formed at Dernancourt in August 1916, when the adjoining Extension was opened.

William is a fairly early burial, in Plot I. The 45th and 56th (1st/1st South Midland) Casualty Clearing Stations came in September 1916, remaining until March 1917.

Name: William Henry Kent Colebrooke. Birth Date: 24 Oct 1887. Christening Date: 24 Jan 1890. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father's Name: William Edwin Colebrooke. Mother's Name: Mary Ann.

Name: William B K Colebrooke. Age: 3. Birth Year: abt 1888. Father's Name: William E Colebrooke. Mother's Name: Mary A Colebrooke. Where born: Rye, Sussex. William E Colebrooke, 34; Mary A Colebrooke, 35; Alice M Colebrooke, 5; William B K Colebrooke, 3; James T Colebrooke, 1. George W Strick, 26, solicitors clerk, boarder, born Nagpur, India; Louisa Bartholomew, 27, servant, born Iden.

Name: William R Colebrook. Age: 13. Birth Year: abt 1888. Father's Name: William E Colebrook. Mother's Name: Mary Ann Colebrook. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Address: 21 Watchbell Street, Rye. William E Colebrook, 44, coal merchant, born Rye; Mary Ann Colebrook, 45, born Hastings; Annie M Colebrook, 15; William R Colebrook, 13; Alfred E Colebrook, 9 all born Rye. Miriam G Holdstock, 14, servant, born Rye.

Missing from 1911 UK Census, presumably he was in Canada at this time.

Name: Kent Colebrook. Birth Date: abt 1887. Age: 26. Port of Departure: St John, New Brunswick, Canada. Arrival Date: 24 Dec 1913. Port of Arrival: Bristol, England. Ship Name: Royal George.

There was only one other death in the Dragoon Guards in August, the day before William died, this chap was killed, and probably the same incident, given that they enlisted at the same time...

BLACKWELL, CLARENCE DOUGLAS. Rank: Private. Service No: 826.
Date of Death: 15/08/1916. Regiment/Service: Royal Canadian Dragoons.
Grave Reference: I. C. 16. Cemetery: Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz.
Additional Information: Son of William Blackwell, 75 Craddock Street, Wolverhampton. Enlisted Valcartier on 24 September 1914.

The village of Mametz was carried by the 7th Division on 1 July 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme, after very hard fighting at Dantzig Alley (a German trench) and other points. The cemetery was begun later in the same month and was used by field ambulances and fighting units until the following November. The ground was lost during the great German advance in March 1918 but regained in August, and a few graves were added to the cemetery in August and September 1918. At the Armistice, the cemetery consisted of 183 graves, now in Plot I.

COLEMAN, DICK. Rank: Private. Service No: 3576. Date of Death: 07/07/1916. Age: 20. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 2nd/5th Bn.
Grave Reference: D. 48. Cemetery: Knightsbridge Cemetery, Mesnil - Martinsart.
Additional Information: Son of William and E. Coleman, of the Star Inn, Playden.

The cemetery, which is named from a communication trench, was begun at the outset of the Battle of the Somme in 1916. It was used by units fighting on that front until the German withdrawal in February 1917 and was used again by fighting units from the end of March to July 1918, when the German advance brought the front line back to the Ancre.

Name: Dick Coleman. Birth Place: Iden, Sussex. Death Date: 7 Jul 1916.
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Rye.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1/5 Battalion.
Number: TF/3576. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Not Overseas until after 1915, so British War and Victory medals. Dick was the only casualty that day, although the 7th Battalion lost almost 130 men. I therefore wonder if Dick had been posted sometime in 1916 to the 7th Battalion as the 1st/5th were a Pioneer Battalion not recorded as being in action on 7th and 2nd/5th were a Reserve Battalion not recorded as having served Overseas.

Name: Dick Coleman. Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1895. District: Rye, Sussex.
Volume: 2b. Page: 3.

Name: Dick Coleman. Age: 5. Birth Year: abt 1896. Father's Name: William Coleman.
Mother's Name: Harriett Emma Coleman. Where born: Iden, Sussex, William Coleman, 34; Harriett Emma Coleman, 36; William Frank Arter, 11; Dick Coleman, 5; George Coleman, 3.

Name: Dick Coleman. Age in 1911: 15. Birth Year: abt 1896. Birth Place: Iden, Sussex. Street Address: The Lock, Iden, Sussex. Occupation: Farm Worker. William Coleman, 44, farmer, born Appledore, Kent; Harriet Emma Coleman, 46, married 16 years (to William) 3 children (including William Frank from first marriage to James Arter, 3rd Qtr 1888) all still alive, born East Guldeford; Harriett Coleman, 66, widow, mother, born Appledore; William Frank Arter, stepson, 21, shepherd, born Midley, Kent; Dick Coleman, 15; George Coleman, 13 both born Iden.

COLEMAN, FRED. Rank: Gunner. Service No: 81456. Date of Death: 31/05/1917. Age: 27. Regiment/Service: Royal Garrison Artillery. 162nd Siege Bty.
Grave Reference: VII. D. 15. Cemetery: VLAMERTINGHE MILITARY CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Batchelor Coleman, of Military Road, Playden. Mother was Elizabeth Sarah (Sally) Standen before marriage.

Name: Fred Coleman. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 31 May 1917.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hove, Sussex.
Rank: Gunner. Regiment: Royal Garrison Artillery. Number: 81456.
Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Name: Fred Coleman. Birth Date: 29 Apr 1890. Christening Date: 6 Jul 1890.
Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father's Name: James Batcheler Coleman. Mother's Name: Elizabeth Sarah.

Name: Fred Coleman. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1909. Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Voume: 2b. Page: 6. Spouse: Edith Eva Osbourne.

COOKE, STANLEY. Rank: Private. Service No: G/4916. Age: 20.
Date of Death: 25/09/1915. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 2nd Bn.
Panel Reference: Panel 69 to 73. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL.
Additional Information: Son of James and Annie Cooke, of The Vines, Udimore, Rye, Sussex.

Name: Stanley Cooke. Birth Place: Hastings. Death Date: 25 Sep 1915.
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment.
Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Number: G/4916.
Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card as COOK shows arrival in France 1 June 1915 thus entitled to the 1914-15 Star as well as British War and Victory medals. Presumed Dead on 25 September 1915.

The opening day of the Battle of Loos on 25th September 1915. This battle was the first major British offensive of the Great War, and the first time the British had used gas. 2nd Royal Sussex were part of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, and their Brigade HQ was in the nearby Le Rutoire Farm. On 25th September 1915 they were attacking the German lines north of Loos. Zero hour was 06.34am, and casualties were heavy: particularly amongst the officers.

COOK, THOMAS HENRY. Rank: Lance Corporal. Service No: G/5390.
Date of Death: 24/08/1916. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 2nd Bn.
Grave Reference: III. F. 47. Cemetery: Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt l'Abbe
Name: Thomas Henry Cook. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 24 Aug 1916
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings.
Rank: L/Corporal. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 2nd Battalion.
Number: G/5390. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Name: Thomas Henry Cook. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1885.
Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 5.

Name: Thomas Henry Cook. Age in 1911: 26. Birth Year: abt 1885. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: Cinque Port Street Rye Sussex.
Occupation: General Labourer. Maria Cook, 66, widow, married for 30 years with 3 children, 2 still alive. Thomas Henry Cook, 26.

Medal Index Card shows arrival in Theatre of War as Lance Corporal on 29 September 1915 and Died of Wounds 24 August 1916.

COOPER, FRANK. Rank: Private. Service No: G/1867. Date of Death: **05/02/1917.**
Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). 7th Bn.
Grave Reference: II. A. 12. Cemetery: PORTE-DE-PARIS CEMETERY, CAMBRAI

Name: Frank Cooper. Birth Place: Udimore, Rye, Sussex.
Residence: Hawkhurst, Kent. Death Date: **5 Dec 1917.**
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hawkhurst.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Battalion: 7th Battalion.
Number: G/1867. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows entry into France 25 July 1915 thus entitled to 1915 Star as well as British War and Victory medals.

Name: Frank Cooper. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1897.
Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 5

Name: Frank Cooper. Age in 1911: 14. Birth Year: abt 1897.
Birth Place: Udimore, Sussex. Street Address: Conghurst, Hawkhurst, Kent.
Occupation: Working on farm. Charles Cooper, 44, estate carpenter; Martha Cooper, 43, married 15 years, 4 children, all still alive in 1911. Frank Cooper, 14; Dorothy Cooper, 12; Reginald Cooper, 8; Cyril Cooper, 6.

There appears to be no Rye link for:

COULDREY Walter William Private 8767, 2nd Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment. 8h. Division. Killed in action near Ypres 25 September 1915. Born in Oxford and enlisted in London. Next of kin residents of Oxford. Commemorated on Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium.

But perhaps a mis identification for this local lad?

COULDREY, WILLIAM WATKINS. Rank: Private. Service No: 474028.
Date of Death: 26/08/1916. Age: 27. Regiment/Service: Canadian Infantry. 54th Bn.
Grave Reference: II. C. 3. Cemetery: Reninghelst New Military Cemetery.
Additional Information: Son of Joseph and Rebecca Couldery, of Rye, Sussex; husband of Mary B. D. Power (formerly Couldery), of The Presbytery, Battle, Hastings.

Historical Information: The village of Reninghelst (now Reningelst) was occupied by Commonwealth forces from the late autumn of 1914 to the end of the war and was sufficiently far from the front line to provide a suitable station for field ambulances. The earliest burials took place in the Churchyard, but in November 1915, the New Military Cemetery was opened. It remained in use until September 1918.

William was living in Traynor, Saskatchewan as a farmer when he enlisted on 11th February 1916. Next of Kin: mother Rebecca, "Rosenthal" Baldeslow Road, Hastings. Born 25 March 1889. There was one other casualty in the Canadian 54th (Kootenay) Battalion;

INGRAM, JOHN ARCHIBALD. Rank: Private. Service No: 442405.
Date of Death: 26/08/1916. Regiment/Service: Canadian Infantry. 54th Bn.
Grave Reference: IX. D. 2A. Cemetery: LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY

Who died at a Casualty Clearing Station. Perhaps both wounded by a shell.

CROUCH, HENRY. Rank: Private. Service No: 9923. Date of Death: 23/11/1914.
Regiment/Service: East Lancashire Regiment. 2nd Bn.
Grave Reference: I. A. 5. Cemetery: Estaires Communal Cemetery & Extension.
Estaires was a Field Ambulance Station, so likely Henry Died of Wounds. He was the only casualty that day, none killed on 22nd and 1 killed on 21st, which may have been when Henry was hit.

Name: Henry Crouch. Birth Place: Peasmarsh, Rye, Sussex.
Residence: Peasmarsh, Rye. Death Date: 23 Nov 1914.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Canterbury.
Rank: Private. Regiment: East Lancashire Regiment. Battalion: 2nd Battalion.
Number: 9923. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Name: Henry Crouch. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1883
Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 30.

Name: Henry Crouch. Age: 19. Birth Year: abt 1882.
Father's Name: William Crouch. Mother's Name: Emily A Crouch.
Where born: Peasmarsh, Sussex. William Crouch, 52; Emily A Crouch, 45; George Crouch, 18; Henry Crouch, 19; Edward Crouch, 14; Albert Crouch, 12; John Crouch, 8; Elsie Crouch, 5. Living at Eggs Hole, Peasmarsh

In 1911 Census, Henry is already in the Army, serving in India with the 2nd Battalion East Lancashire Regiment.

His Medal Index Card shows only entitlement to British War and Victory medals, but obviously he was also entitled to the 1914 Star!.

CURD, HORACE. Rank: Serjeant. Service No: L/8500. Date of Death: 26/10/1918. Age: 30. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 1st Bn. Panel Reference: Face 1-23. Memorial: DELHI MEMORIAL (INDIA GATE). Additional Information: Son of Mrs. E. Curd, of 18, Russell St., Hastings, Sussex. (Buried Peshawar (Right) B.C. XLV. 17.).

Name: Horace Curd. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 26 Oct 1918. Death Location: India. Enlistment Location: Chichester. Rank: Sergeant. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1st Battalion. Number: L/8500. Type of Casualty: Died. Theatre of War: Asiatic Theatres.

Horace enlisted on 31st July 1906 aged 19 and 3 months when a labourer, having previously been rejected due to loss of teeth. He had a tattoo of a woman on his right arm. He was admitted into Peshawar Hospital on 23 October 1918 and died of Influenza on 26th. The next page says he died at 7:45 am on 27th. He was transferred to the Indian Signal Service, 1st Division Signals Company on 1st April 1916 and promoted Corporal same date. Promoted to instrument repairer and to Staff Serjeant on 13 February 1917 and attached to 36 Signals Company.

He served in India from 18 October 1907 to 26 October 1918, 11 years and 9 days out of 12 years and 88 days in the Army. Next of Kin Elizabeth Curd, 12, Russell Street, Hastings. His father, Edward died sometime around 1915. Character: Very good, clean and exceptionally hardworking, a very handy man with carpenters or blacksmiths tools.

Name: Horace Curd. Date: Apr-May-Jun 1887. District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 4

Name: Horace Curd. Birth Date: 3 May 1887. Christening Date: 10 Jun 1887. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father's Name: Edward Curd. Mother's Name: Elizabeth.

Name: Horace Curd. Age: 3. Birth Year: abt 1888. Father's Name: Edward Curd. Mother: Elizabeth Curd. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Address 140, Cinque Ports Street, Rye. Edward Curd, 40, mariner; Elizabeth Curd, 37, Edward Curd, 18, carpenter; Alfred S Curd, 11; Eliza E Curd, 8, born Hastings; Walter Curd, 5; Horace Curd, 3; Alice Curd, 1; Ellen Curd, 9 months all born Rye.

Name: Horace Curd. Age: 13. Birth Year: abt 1888. Mother's Name: Elizabeth Curd. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Address: 58, High Street, Rye. Elizabeth Curd, 46, wife, so Edward probably away at sea, confectioner on own account; Walter Curd, 16, ships cook; Horace Curd, 13, errand boy; Alice Curd, 11; Nellie Curd, 10; Louie Curd, 8.

1911 Census: Private with 1st Battalion, Royal Sussex in India.

CURD W Possibly Sapper 614242, 42nd Army Troops Company, Royal Engineers. Died in Haifa 24 October 1919/20. Buried in Haifa, War Cemetery, Israel. **But more likely to be:-**

CURD, WILLIAM FAIRHALL. Rank: Stoker 1st Class. Service No: K/17857.
Date of Death: 31/01/1918. Age: 24.
Regiment/Service: Royal Navy. H.M. S/M. "E50".
Panel Reference: 29. Memorial: CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL.

Name: William Fairhall Curd. Rank: Stoker 1st Class. Birth Date: 30 Apr 1894. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Branch of Service: Royal Navy. Cause of Death: Killed or died as a direct result of enemy action. Official Number Port Division: K.17857. (Ch). Death Date: 31 Jan 1918. Ship or Unit: HM Submarine E50. Location of Grave: Not recorded. Name and Address of Cemetery: Body Not Recovered For Burial. Relatives Notified and Address: Fiancee M Parsons, 26, Dutton St, Greenwich, London, SE (was this later the marriage in 1916?).

Name: William F Curd. Age: 6. Birth Year: abt 1895.
Father's Name: William Fairhall. Where born: Rye, Sussex.
Address: 55, Winchelsea Road. **William Fairhall**, 56, widower, general labourer; **Eliza** Curd, 35, housekeeper; Leonard F G Curd, 17; William F Curd, 6; Alfred F Curd, 2; Mary Ann F Curd, 1 month.

Note: Eliza Curd is living as housekeeper to William Fairhall. The children all have an "F" in their names - perhaps Fairhall as "adopted" name? The Census enumerator has marked all bar Leonard as "illegitimate", perhaps from local knowledge.

Name: William Fairhall Curd. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1894. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 4.

Name: William Curd. Christening Date: 15 Feb 1895. Christening Place: Hastings, Sussex. Father's Name: **George** Curd. Mother's Name: **Sarah**.

Name: William Fairhall Curd. Age in 1911: 16. Birth Year: abt 1895.
Birth Place: Rye Borough. Street Address: Bowlers Town, Rye Foreign, Playden.
William Webb Fairhall, 67, widower; William Fairhall Curd, 16, "lad" (son/stepson?).

Name: Walter Curd. Spouse Surname: Neve. Date of Registration: 4th Qtr 1916. Registration district: Hastings, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 91.

HMS E50 was a British E class submarine built by John Brown, Clydebank. She was laid down on 14 November 1916 and was commissioned on 23 January 1917. HMS E50 was damaged in a collision while submerged on 19 March 1917 off the North Hinder Light Vessel with U-Boat UC-62. HMS E50 was finally mined off the South Dogger Light Vessel on 31 January 1918. Class & type: E class submarine. Displacement: 662 long tons (673 t) surfaced. 807 long tons (820 t) submerged. Length: 181 ft. Beam: 15 ft. Propulsion: 2 × 1,600 hp diesel; 2 × 840 hp electric. 2 screws. Speed: 15 knots (17 mph) surfaced; 10 knots (12 mph) submerged. Range: 3,000 nmi at 10 kn (12 mph) surfaced; 65 nmi at 5 kn (5.8 mph) surfaced. Complement: 30. The wreck of E 50 has now been positively identified. She was mined in the North Sea about 50 miles off the Danish coast while patrolling near one of the German egress routes. The mine she hit was British. This is the wreck that got some press attention last month when the conning tower was brought up and thought at the time to be from the G 8. (September 2011).

CURTIS, ARCHIE CLEMENT. Rank: Private. Service No: 15751. Date of Death: 06/01/1916. Regiment/Service: Bedfordshire Regiment. "C" Coy. 7th Bn. Grave Reference: A. 20. Cemetery: MEAULTE MILITARY CEMETERY. Additional Information: Son of William Thomas and Eliza Curtis, of 17, Eustace Rd., Walham Green, London. Born at Rye, Sussex.

Name: Archie Clement Curtis. Birth Place: Playden, Sussex. Residence: Walham Green, Middx. Death Date: 6 Jan 1916. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlisted Hammersmith, Middx. Rank: Private. Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment. Battalion: 7th Battalion. Number: 15751. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Name: Archie Clement Curtis. Birth Date: 9 Dec 1892. Christening Date: 10 Mar 1893. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father's Name: William Thomas Curtis. Mother's Name: Eliza.

DEACON, FRED. Rank: Lance Corporal. Service No: G/12820. Age: 24. Date of Death: 22/09/1918. Regiment: The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). 6th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 3. Memorial: VIS-EN-ARTOIS MEMORIAL. Additional Information: Son of Stephen Deacon, of Saltmarsh Farm, Hailsham; husband of Kate Deacon, of 5, Cadborough Terrace, Rye, Sussex.

Name: Fred Deacon. Birth Place: Hailsham, Sussex. Residence: Hailsham, Sussex. Death Date: 22 Sep 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hailsham. Rank: L/Corporal. Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). 6th Battalion. Number: G/12820. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre. Comments: Formerly 1619, 5th Battn, R. Sussex Regt.

Fred's Service papers survive, when he enlisted on 24 February 1913 with the 5th Battalion Royal Sussex. It shows both his RSR Number, 1619 and the East Kent Number 12820. Age 18 years and 7 months, a farm worker in the employ of Nigel Deacon, Saltmarsh, Hailsham. On 7th May 1915 he signed his Agreement to serve Overseas as a Territorial in 2/5 Battalion RSR. He was admitted to County of London War Hospital in Epsom on 20th May 1917 with acute cystitis but quickly recovered and was discharged on 6th July. He returned to France on 9 September 1917, and was granted a months leave from 31 May until 30 June 1918. On 15th June 1918 he married Kate Phipps in Hailsham, witnesses were William Deacon and Mary Vine. His War Service counted from 5th August 1914 At Home until 21 September 1916 then in France until 19 May 1917 when invalided home due to cystitis and an inguinal hernia. Wife's address was given as Barchester Tower, De Cham Road, St Leonards.

He was posted to 6th Battalion East Kent Reg't on 22 October 1916, appointed unpaid L/Cpl on 20 December 1916 and confirmed as paid L/Cpl 14 April 1918 with 5 years and 212 days service when he was Killed in Action. His widow received a pension of 13s 9d a week. Her address in October 1918 was 107 High Street, Rye. Sadly no personal effects were returned, although Kate had the headmaster of Rye Grammar School (presumably where she was employed) to write to state that he had acknowledged the receipt of a silver watch, and he had a signet ring, wallet containing letters and photos. Next of Kin details: Father Stephen, mother Emily; widow Kate, no children. Full blood brothers: William, Steven, John and Albert. Full sisters: Mary Vine of Evesham Farm, Hailsham and Emily.

DICKERSON, JOHN WILLIAM. Rank: Private. Service No: 6651.

Date of Death: 26/06/1918. Age: 27.

Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 9th Bn.

Grave Reference: LXVI. F. 21. Cemetery: ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY.

Additional Information: Son of Fredrick and Maria Dickerson; husband of M. Dickerson, of 1, South Rd., Newhaven, Sussex. Native of Rye Harbour, Sussex.

Name: John William Dickerson. [William Jonathan Dickerson]

Birth Place: Rye Harbour, Sussex. Death Date: 26 Jun 1918.

Enlistment Location: Hastings. Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment.

Battalion: 9th Battalion. Number: G/6651.

Type of Casualty: Died. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card: Name: John W Dickerson. Regiment or Corps: Royal Sussex Regiment, Regimental Number: SD/2890; Royal Sussex Regiment, Regimental Number: G/6651. Not Overseas until after 1915, British War and Victory medals.

Name: **William Jonathan** Dickerson. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1891.

Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 10.

Name: John Dickerson. Age: 10. Birth Year: abt 1891. Mother's Name: Maria Dickerson. Where born: Icklesham, Sussex. Address: Coastguard Station, Icklesham. Maria Dickerson, 32; John Dickerson, 10; Frank Dickerson, 7; Gertie Dickerson, 5; James Dickerson, 1; Lillie Dickerson, 2 months; Fred Shoesmith, 10, nephew; Dora Terrell, 5, niece.

Name: William J Dickerson. Spouse Surname: Pittam. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1916. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 11.

DOWNEY, HARRY GEORGE ALBERT. Rank: Rifleman. Service No: A/204114.
Date of Death: 25/08/1918. Age: 19. Regiment/Service: King's Royal Rifle Corps.
13th Bn. Grave Reference: IV. A. **11.** Mory Abbey Military Cemetery, Mory.
Additional Information: Son of William & Elizabeth Downey, Tram Rd., Rye Harbour.

Name: Harry George Albert Downey. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex.
Residence: Rye Harbour. Death Date: 25 Aug 1918.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hastings
Rank: Rifleman. Regiment: King's Royal Rifle Corps. Battalion: 13th Battalion.
Number: A/204114. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.
Comments: Formerly T.R./13/50490, 19th T.R. Battn.

Mory village was occupied by Commonwealth troops in the middle of March 1917. It was lost after obstinate defence by the 40th and 34th Division a year later and recaptured towards the end of the following August, after severe fighting, by the 62nd (West Riding) and Guard Divisions. The Commonwealth plots were begun at the end of March 1917 and carried on by fighting units until March 1918, and again in August and September 1918, as far as and including Plot III. The graves in **Plots IV** and V - including many of the Guards Division, and chiefly of 1918 - were added after the Armistice from the battlefields between St. Leger and Bapaume. Harry died on 25th August (but no such Battalion as 104th, probably misread for 13th Battalion). Support for Harry being in the 13th Battalion is provided by him being buried adjacent to two other 13th Battalion men who fell about the same time.

BYWATER, W C. Rank: Rifleman. Service No: 44378. Date of Death: 24/08/1918.
Regiment/Service: King's Royal Rifle Corps. **13th Bn.**
Grave Reference: **IV. A. 12.** Cemetery: Mory Abbey Military Cemetery, Mory.
Additional Information: Son of Mr. A. Bywater, of 103, Ash Rd., Luton, Beds.

FREDERICKS, J. Rank: Rifleman. Service No: 13/1207. Date of Death: 25/08/1918.
Age: 33.
Regiment/Service: King's Royal Rifle Corps. **13th Bn.**
Grave Reference: **IV. A. 15.** Cemetery: Mory Abbey Military Cemetery, Mory.
Additional Information: Husband of Mrs. H. Webster (formerly Fredericks), of 11, Spring Gardens, King Edward St., Whitechapel, London.

Harry obviously volunteered at too early an age to be allowed to fight Overseas. His Medal Index Card simply shows his "A" number, no reference to the Training Reserve (although 13 means 13th Battalion, not 19th).

Name: Harry Downey. Age: 2. Birth Year: abt 1899.
Father's Name: William Downey. Mother's Name: Elizabeth Downey.
Where born: Icklesham, Sussex. William Downey, 26, fisherman, born Icklesham;
(his father Stephen R Downey lived next door, a Trinity House pilot, born London)
Elizabeth Downey, 25, born Hastings; Harry Downey, 2, born Rye; Frank Downey, 1,
born Icklesham.

DUNGATE, THOMAS EDWARD. Rank: Private. Service No: 9757.

Date of Death: 22/03/1917. Age: 26.

Regiment/Service: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). 2nd Bn.

Grave Reference: XXI. Y. 25. Cemetery: Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery.

Additional Information: Son of Mrs. M. A. Dungate, of Cinque Ports Square, Rye, Sussex. Born at Ashford, Kent.

DUNGATE Thomas Edward Private L/9757, 2nd Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment. 6th Indian Division. Died of wounds in captivity suffered during the siege of Kut El Amara 22 March 1917. Son of Mr & Mrs M. A. Dungate of Cinque Ports Square, Rye. Born in Hothfield, West Ashford and enlisted in Rye. Buried in Baghdad North Gate Cemetery Iraq.

[Quite a challenge, this one! Unable to confirm or deny that he died as a PoW]

2nd Battalion Queens Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

August 1914: in Multan (Mooltan), India. Moved to Mesopotamia, arriving Basra 6 February 1915 where it came under command of 12th Indian Brigade. Two Companies were attached to the 30th Brigade in the 6th (Poona) Division in November 1915 and became besieged at Kut-al-Amara, where they were captured on 29 April 1916. *[But was Thomas part of these two Companies?]*

In 1914, Baghdad was the headquarters of the Turkish Army in Mesopotamia. It was the ultimate objective of the Indian Expeditionary Force 'D' and the goal of the force besieged and captured at Kut in 1916. The city finally fell in **March 1917**, but the position was not fully consolidated until the end of April. Nevertheless, it had by that time become the Expeditionary Force's advanced base, with two stationary hospitals and three casualty clearing stations.

The North Gate Cemetery was begun In April 1917 and has been greatly enlarged since the end of the First World War by graves brought in from other burial grounds in Baghdad and northern Iraq, and from battlefields and cemeteries in Anatolia where Commonwealth prisoners of war were buried by the Turks.

Name: Thomas Edward Dungate [Thomas Edward Pullinger] Birth Place: Hothfield, Ashford, Kent. Residence: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 22 Mar 1917. Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force. Enlisted: Rye, Sussex. Rank: Private.

Regiment: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Number: L/9757. Type of Casualty: Died. Theatre of War: Asiatic Theatres

Medal Index Card shows Date of Entry Mesopotamia 6 February 1915 thus entitled to 1914-15 Star as well as British War and Victory medals. Notes that death "assumed" 22 March 1917 which may support Died as PoW. "Died" usually indicates death from sickness, disease, privation or other cause not directly caused by enemy action.

[Note: See also the following information, which made this chap a very interesting research project]

Thomas Edward **Pullinger** rather than Thomas Edward Dungate

Thomas Edward Dungate was registered as Thomas Edward Pullinger at birth. Name was changed some time between 1901 and 1911. Name: Thomas Dungate. Age in 1911: 20. Birth Year: abt 1891. Relation to Head: Son. Birth Place: Ashford, Kent. Street Address: 4 Cinque Port Square Cinque Port Street Rye. John Dungate, 49, general labourer, born Hothfield near Ashford, Kent; Mary Dungate, 53, born Old Brompton (near Chatham) Kent. Married 21 years, 1 child, still alive. Thomas Dungate, 20, born Hothfield, West Ashford; Naomi Russell, 86, spinster, boarder, born Rye; Rose Bryant, 3 adopted, born Rye. Are Naomi Russell and Rose Bryant relations? Grandmother and grand daughter perhaps?

Name: **Thomas E Pullinger**. Age: 10. Birth Year: abt 1891. Relation: Boarder. Where born: Hothfield, Kent. John Dungate, 38, single, general labourer, born Hothfield; Mary A Pullinger, 42, married, housekeeper, born Chatham; Thomas E Pullinger, 10, born Hothfield; Elizabeth Stare, 16, domestic servant, born Ashford. Address, Mace Cottages, West Ashford (Mace Lane?).

Name: Thomas Pullinger, Age: 2 months, Birth Year: abt 1891. Born: Westwell, Kent. Address: West Ashford Union Workhouse. Mary Ann Pullinger, 34, married, born Old Brompton, near Chatham, Kent; George Pullinger, 7, born Ashford; Albert Pullinger, 4, born Ashford. Thomas Pullinger, 2 months, born Westwell.

DUNK, ALFRED JAMES. Rank: Sapper. Service No: 140244.

Date of Death: 14/11/1916. Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers. 154th Field Coy.

Panel Reference: Pier and Face 8 A and 8 D. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL.

Name: Alfred James Dunk. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Rye, Sussex.

Death Date: 14 Nov 1916. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlisted: Hastings.

Rank: Sapper. Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers. 154th Field Coy., R.E. Number: 140244. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Name: Alfred James Dunk. 2nd Qtr 1885. District: Rye, Sussex. Vol: 2b. Page: 2.

Name: Alfred James Dunk. Birth Date: 13 Apr 1885. Christening Date: 12 Jun 1885.

Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father: Richard Thomas Dunk. Mother: Ellen Sophia.

Name: Alfred J Dunk. Age: 6. Birth Year: abt 1885. Father's Name: Richard T Dunk. Mother's Name: Elizabeth J Dunk. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Address: 12, Bridge Place, Rye Richard T Dunk, 53, carpenter; Elizabeth S Dunk, 53; Fred Dunk, 20, painter, born Brookland, Kent; Edward T Dunk, 18, bricklayer; Charlotte Dunk, 24 (imbecile); Mary Dunk, 16, domestic servant; all born Brookland, Kent; Minnie J Dunk, 10; Alfred J Dunk, 6, born Rye; Richard W Dunk, 2, grandson, born Lydd, Kent.

Name: Alfred J Dunk. Age: 15. Birth Year: abt 1886. Father's Name: Richard T Dunk. Mother's Name: Ellen S Dunk. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Address: 35, Landgate Square, Rye. Richard T Dunk, 63, house carpenter; Ellen S Dunk, 63; Mary A Dunk, 19, dressmaker; Alfred J Dunk, 15, apprentice carpenter.

Name: Alfred James Dunk. Age in 1911: 25. Birth Year: abt 1886. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: 11 Castle Terrace Rye. Ellen Sophia Dunk, 75, widow, married 52 years, 13 children, 8 still alive. Mary Ann Dunk, 29, dressmaker; Alfred James Dunk, 25, carpenter (builder); Frederick Ellis, 50, boarder, porter. All born Rye.

DUNK J No further information currently available.
Possibly this man, buried in Rye Cemetery....

DUNK, PHILIP WILLIAM. Rank: Serjeant. Service No: 9332. Date of Death: 29/12/1917. Age: 29. Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). "C" Coy. 1st Bn. Grave: 4890. Rye Cemetery. Additional Information: Son of Philip William and Emily Dunk (nee Swan); husband of Catherine Stack (formerly Dunk), of "Glenmore," Killester Villas, Howth Rd., Dublin.

Name: Phillip William Dunk. Birth Place: Lydd, Kent. Residence: Lydd, Kent.
Death: 29 Dec 1917. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: Shorncliffe, Kent. Rank: Sergeant.
Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Battalion: B Company, 1st Battalion. Number: L/9332. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

Enlisted 8 June 1910 at Shorncliffe. Appointed paid L/Cpl 4 October 1911. Promoted Corporal 4 March 1913. Promoted Lance Serjeant 5 August 1914 (day after War declared). Died 06:35 am on 29 December 1917 at Brook War Hospital, Woolwich, of a secondary haemorrhage from wounds received in action on 7th December 1917. Entered France 7th September 1914 to 24 October 1916.

Suffered a gun shot wound to his head and face on 24 October 1914, spending 47 days in hospital during which time his wife wrote saying she had not heard from him for some while, then wounded in action on 3 June 1916, treated at No. 16 Field Ambulance for wounds to right leg, wounded again in the right foot and then sustained Gun Shot Wounds (penetrating wounds by shrapnel, shell splinters or bullets etc) to right thigh and buttock, on 21 November and transferred from No. 18 General Hospital by Hospital Ship Princess Elizabeth on 7th December 1917, reaching England next day 8th December.

Next of Kin Mrs C Dunk, (nee Catherine Alice Monagan) Mint House Cottage, Rye, Sussex. They married 27 November 1912 in Dublin. 2 children, Philip Albert Francis, born 5 February 1913 and John Joseph Patrick, born 19 March 1914 at St Kelvin, Dublin. Father Philip William, mother Mary (not Emily).

Entitled to 1914 Star, clasp and emblem as well as British War and Victory medals.

Catherine had not married Mr Stack when returning the Next of Kin details from the convent in Lower Leeson Street, Dublin in January 1920.

DUNSTER, ARCHIBALD FRANK. Rank: Private. Service No: 5/2070.

Date of Death: 21/03/1915. Age: 25. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 5th Bn. Grave Reference: IV. A. 87. Cemetery: BETHUNE TOWN CEMETERY.

Additional Information: Son of Frank Charles and Lottie Julia Dunster, of Rye.

For much of the First World War, Bethune was comparatively free from bombardment and remained an important railway and hospital centre, as well as a corps and divisional headquarters. The 33rd Casualty Clearing Station was in the town until December 1917.

Name: Archibald Dunster. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 21 Mar 1915.

Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings.

Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1/5 Battalion.

Number: TF/2070. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows entered France on 18 February 1915 and died of wounds on 21 March 1915, probably sustained near Festubert on 19th or 20th March, as several other 5th Battalion (1st/5th) men were killed on those dates.

When the war broke out in August 1914, several composite battalions of the Cinque Ports were formed. The original battalion was thereafter known as the 1/5th, with two reserve units formed later - the 2/5th and 3/5th. These supplied drafts to the 1/5th Bn in France, and later personnel to several battalions of the regiment.

In 1914 the 1/5th were also re-organised into four companies as follows:

A (Hastings) & E (Rye) became A Company;

B (Battle) & F (Uckfield) became B Company;

C (Ticehurst) & D (Lewes) became C Company;

G (Crowborough) & H (Ore) became D Company;

The battalion crossed to France on SS 'Pancras' and landed at Boulogne on 18th February 1915. The 1/5th were commanded by Lieutenant Colonel F.G.Langham VD from 1914 until 1917. On 21st February it was posted to the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, in which the 2nd Bn Royal Sussex Regiment was also serving.

EDMED, ALFRED. Rank: Private. Service No: 466543. Date of Death: 21/08/1917. Age: 31. Regiment/Service: Canadian Infantry. 27th Bn. Panel Reference: Memorial: VIMY MEMORIAL. Additional Information: Son of Isaac and Frances Edmed, of 2, Sandgate, Rye, Sussex, England; husband of Edith Edmed, of Carisbrooke Cottage, Maltmans Hill, Smarden, Kent, England.

Alfred was born in Sutton Vallence (or Hollingbourne nearby) Kent 6th January 1886. Father Isaac Edmed, butcher, Sutton Vallence, Kent. He was a book keeper when he enlisted in Edmonton on 15 July 1915.

Birth: Name: Alfred Edmed. Date: Jan-Feb-Mar 1886. District: Hollingbourne, Kent. Volume: 2a. Page: 792

Name: Alfred Edmed. Age: 5. Birth Year: abt 1886. Father's Name: Isaac Edmed. Mother's Name: Frances M Edmed. Where born: Sutton Valence, Kent. Address: Queens Head, Sutton Vallence. Isaac Edmed, 39, licenced victualler; Frances M Edmed, 38, born East Farligh, Kent; Raymond J Edmed, 14; Frederick T Edmed, 13; Frank J Edmed, 11; Sidney Edmed, 8; Margaret E Edmed, 6; all born Leeds, Kent. Alfred Edmed, 5; George Edmed, 1 both born Sutton Vallence; Eliza Lyons, 20, domestic servant; George Apps, 27, army pensioner, born Chatham.

1901 Census: Name: Alfred Edmed. Age: 15. Birth Year: abt 1886. Father's Name: Isaac Edmed. Mother's Name: Frances M Edmed. Where born: Sutton Valence, Kent.

Name: Alfred Edmed. Age in 1911: 25. Birth Year: abt 1886. Birth Place: Sutton Valence, Kent. Street Address: Queens Head, Sutton Valence, W Maidstone, Kent. Isaac Edmed, 59, licenced victualler, born Sutton Vallence; Frances Mary Edmed, 59, married 34 years, 7 children, all alive in 1911; Alfred Edmed, 25, commercial clerk; George Edmed, 21, grocers assistant; Bella West, 16, domestic servant.

Marriage: Name: Alfred Edmed. Birth Year: abt 1886. Age: 30. Spouse Name: Edith Elizabeth Rogers. Spouse Age: 28. Record Type: Marriage. Event Date: 13 Aug 1916. Parish: Highbury St Augustine, Islington. Father Name: Isaac Edmed. Spouse Father Name: John Rogers. Register Type: Parish Register.

Hill 70: After Vimy, German tactics changed - front lines were manned lightly and defences constructed in depth; Allied attackers might gain the forward trench, but then come under immediate and strong German counter-attacks. The Canadians received a new commander - General Arthur W. Currie, promoted to command the Corps and knighted. A prewar Militia officer (he had commanded a Brigade from the start of the war and had helped hold the line at Second Ypres) was promoted to command the 1st Division, and now replaced Byng - also promoted, to an Army command. He would take the Canadian Corps back to Ypres. Ordered to take Lens in August, Currie insisted that the objective should be Hill 70 instead. The high ground was tactically more important, and German counter-attacks would be cut to pieces from the heights. The attack went forward into a smokescreen on 15 Aug 1917. For the first time, wireless was used by artillery observers, spotting targets from atop Vimy Ridge. The attack gained 600 yards in just 20 minutes. Despite setbacks for two attacking brigades, the attacking force was in good position for the counterattacks, and 15 battalions of German infantry threw themselves at the Canadian positions. Again, even success was costly, and 3,500 Canadians had been killed or wounded in the first day. In the ten days of fighting at Lens, 5 German divisions would be mauled, but at a cost of 9,198 Canadian casualties.

Currie however wish to further improve the position around Hill 70 and ordered an attack against enemy positions along a 3,000 yard front directly opposite the 2nd and 4th Canadian Divisions.

The operation was scheduled for the **morning of 21 August**, the tasks being divided between the 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade, on the left, and the 10th Canadian Infantry Brigade on the right. The attack was to begin at 4:35 am however the German began shelling the Canadian positions at 4:00 am and just before the Canadian attack was set to launch the 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade's left flank was attack by units of the German 4th Guards Infantry Division. Both forces met between their respective objectives, and desperate hand-to-hand and bayonet fighting ensued. In the chaos the 6th Brigade's advance all but collapsed. Communications between the brigade's forward units and brigade headquarters had broken down at the beginning of the attack and could not be restored due to heavy German shelling, making it all but impossible to coordinate further actions of the assaulting units and the artillery.

Counterattacks by the 4th Guards Division, reinforced by a battalion of the 220th Infantry Division ultimately forced any 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade units who had reached the objective line to retreat to the safety of the starting line. On the right flank, the 10th Canadian Infantry Brigade fared no better. One attacking unit suffered a large number of shellfire casualties while still assembling for the attack and were met the intense artillery and machine-gun fire as they neared their objective line. Only three small parties, the largest of not more than twenty men, reached their goal. The remaining two attacking units of the brigade managed to reach and capture their objectives but not until late in the evening. As a result of having only partially captured their intended objectives, a salient was created in the 4th Canadian Division's line. On the evening of 21 August an attempt was made to correct the situation by sending three parties to bomb the German position from the flanks but was only moderately successful.

EDWARDS, GEORGE BENJAMIN. Rank: Able Seaman. Service No: 195104.
Date of Death: 23/10/1916. Age: 35. Regiment/Service: Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Vivid."
Grave Reference: General D. 4. 5. Cemetery: Ford Park Cemetery (formerly Plymouth Old Cemetery) (Pennycomequick).
Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, of Llanelly; husband of Elizabeth Charlotte Edwards, of 30, Edinburgh Rd., Devonport.

Name: George Benjamin Edwards. Rank: AB. Birth Date: 21 Aug 1881. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Branch of Service: Royal Navy. Cause of Death: Died from disease. Official Number Port Division: 195104. (Dev). Death Date: 23 Oct 1916. Ship or Unit: HMS Vivid. Location of Grave: D. (General Ground.) 4. 5. Name and Address of Cemetery: Plymouth Devonport & Stonehouse Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon. Relatives Address: Widow: Charlotte 30, Edinburgh Road, Devonport.

Name: George Benjamin Edwards. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1881. Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 4

Name: Benjamin Edwards. Birth Date: 21 Aug 1881. Christening Date: 22 Feb 1882. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father's Name: George Benjamin Edwards. Mother's Name: Louisa Emma.

ELDRIDGE, WILLIAM HENRY. Rank: Fireman. Date of Death: 17/12/1916.
Age: 46. Regiment/Service: Mercantile Marine. Steam Trawler "Margaret" (Rye)
Panel Reference: Memorial: TOWER HILL MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Husband of Elizabeth Eldridge, of 9, Spring Crescent, Military Rd., Rye, Sussex. Born at Udimore, Sussex.

[See full details of the loss of the "Margaret" (Colebrook) trawler under the entry for George Thomas Boreham]

Name: William Eldridge. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1881.
Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 9.

Name: William Henry Eldridge. Date of Registration: 1st Qtr 1906. Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 13. Spouse: Elizabeth Ditcher.

Name: William Eldridge. Age in 1911: 42. Birth Year: abt 1869.
Birth Place: Ewhurst, Sussex. Street Address: No 9 Spring Crescent Rye Sussex
Marital Status: Married. Occupation: Coal Porter. William Eldridge, aged 42, (second marriage as only married 5 years but both his children over 5 years old). Elizabeth Eldridge, aged 53, born Udimore, married 5 years (second marriage, as no children shown?); Alfred Eldridge, aged 12; James Eldridge, aged 9; George Ditcher, aged 23, stepson, golf caddy, born Queenborough, Kent. Thomas Ditcher, aged 19, stepson, under chauffeur; Stuart Ditcher, aged 12, born Rye.

Elizabeth first marriage details from 1901 Census: Charles Ditcher, 73, grandfather; Charlotte Ditcher, 78, grandmother; Charles H Ditcher, 44, husband; Elizabeth Ditcher, 45, wife; Charles H Ditcher, 15, son; George H W Ditcher, 14; Kezia Ditcher, 12; daughter; Thomas B Ditcher, 9, son; Stuart G Ditcher, 2, son.

[Sadly, there looks to be yet more sadness for the family, as it seems his widow died very soon after]

Name: Elizabeth J Eldridge. Birth Date: abt 1858. Date of Registration: 1st Qtr 1917.
Age at Death: 59. Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 11

ELLIOTT, ERNEST WILLIAM. Rank: Private. Service No: SD/5055.
Date of Death: 03/09/1916. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 11th Bn.
Panel: Pier & Face 7 C. Thiepval Memorial. Killed in action on Becourt Ridge.
Son of Frank & Louisa Elliott of 4, Cinque Ports Street, Rye.
[Brother of Frank & George – see below]

Name: Ernest William Elliott. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 3 Sep 1916.
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 11th Battalion. Number: SD/5055. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

ELLIOTT, FRANK ALFRED RICHARD. Rank: Private. Service No: 326189.
Date of Death: 04/08/1917. Age: 21. Regiment/Service: Royal Scots. 9th Bn.
Panel Reference: Panel 11. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
Additional Information: **Son of Frank & Louisa Elliott of 4, Cinque Ports Street,**
(and later of 2, Seymour Place) Rye, Sussex. Killed in action at Ypres.

Name: Frank Alfred Richard Elliot. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Rye.
Death Date: 4 Aug 1917. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlisted: Hastings, Sussex. Rank: Private.
Regiment: Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment). Battalion: 9th Battalion.
Number: 326189. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre
Comments: Formerly 5200, R. Sussex Regt.

ELLIOTT, GEORGE D. Rank: Private. Service No: 55331.
Date of Death: 09/10/1918. Regiment/Service: Royal Fusiliers. 10th Bn.
Grave Reference: I. B. 37. Cemetery: Beaulencourt British Cemetery, Ligny Thillooy.
Son of Frank & Louisa Elliott of 4, Cinque Ports Street, Rye.

Name: George Elliott. Birth Place: Rye. Residence: Islington.
Death Date: 9 Oct 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: St. Pancras. Rank: Private.
Regiment: Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Battalion: 10th Battalion.
Number: G/55331. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre. Comments: Formerly S/2.Sr/04479, Royal Army Service Corps.

Frank Elliott, 47, fireman at chemical works; **Louisa Elliott**, 42; married 22 years, 6 children all alive in 1911.

George Elliott, 21, bricklayer;

Earnest Elliott, 16, stable lad;

Frank Elliott, 14, butchers boy;

Dorothy Elliott, 12; Herbert Elliott, 9; Maude Elliott, 6 all born Rye.

Address: 4 Seymour Place, Rye

[deliberately out of alphabetical sequence in view of the two brothers above]

ELLIOTT, FRANK. Rank: Private. Service No: 270263. Date of Death: 13/09/1918. Age: 23. Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Battalion: 10th (R. East & West Kent Yeomanry) Bn.

Grave Reference: II. E. 34. Bronfay Farm Military Cemetery, Bray sur Somme

Additional Information: **Son of Mr. H. S. and the late Mrs. S. Elliott.**

The cemetery was begun by French troops in October 1914, but little used by them. It was used by Commonwealth troops from August 1915 to February 1917, particularly during the Battle of the Somme, when the XIV Corps Main Dressing station was at the farm. During the retreat and advance of 1918, further burials were made and after the Armistice, graves of March, August and September 1918, were brought in from the fields between Bronfay Farm and Bray.

Name: Frank Elliott. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Maidstone, Kent.

Death Date: 13 Sep 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.

Enlisted: Sittingbourne, Kent. Rank: Private. Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Battalion: 10th Battalion. Number: T/270263. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Comments: Formerly 2196, 1/1st E. Kent Yeo.

[There are three Frank X Elliotts born in Rye around 1895 but none have parents details. I cannot satisfactorily trace a Frank Elliott with Father "H S" or mother "S" in Census Records as being born Rye with a Kent address]

ELLIOTT, HARRY GEORGE ERNEST. Rank: Private. Service No: G/18020.

Date of Death: 15/04/1918. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 13th Bn.

Grave Reference: Spec. Mem. I. W. 8. Cemetery: Ridge Wood Military Cemetery.

Ridge Wood was the name given to a wood standing on high ground between the Kemmel road and Dickebusch Lake. The cemetery lies in a hollow on the western side of the ridge and the position was chosen for a front line cemetery as early as May 1915. The first graves were from the 2nd Royal Irish Rifles and similar groups were made by the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st Canadian Battalions and the 9th Durham Light Infantry at the times when they occupied this sector. The German advance in the spring of 1918 pushed the front line back on to the ridge, and it was not till July that the wood was finally cleared by the 6th and 33rd Divisions.

Name: Harry George Ernest Elliott. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex.

Death Date: 15 Apr 1918. Death Location: British Expeditionary Force.

Enlistment Location: Dover. Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment.

Battalion: 13th Battalion. Number: G/18020.

Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

Name: Harry George Ernest Elliott. Birth Date: 22 Jan 1891.

Christening Date: 3 Mar 1891. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex.

Father's Name: James Edward Elliott. Mother's Name: Mary (nee Dunk).

Name: Ernest Elliott. Age in 1911: 20. Birth Year: abt 1891. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex.

Street Address: White Cottage East Guldeford Via Playden.

James Edward Elliott, 53, married 27 years, 5 children, 4 still alive in 1911.

Mary Elliott, 52; Ernest Elliott, 20; Mary Dunk, 88, widow, mother in law; George Dunk, 64, brother in law.

ENNIS, THOMAS FREDERICK. Rank: Able Seaman. Date of Death: 13/12/1916. Age: 22. Regiment/Service: Mercantile Marine. S.S. "Coath" (Penzance). Memorial: Tower Hill Memorial. Additional Information: Son of Thomas and Fanny Ennis, of 3, Portland Terrace, South Keighton, Newhaven, Sussex. Born at Rye.

SS Coath: Originally named Skerryvore. Iron screw steamer. Built October 1882 by Workman Clark, Belfast. 994 grt. 225ft 6ins x 31ft x 15ft 6ins. 1901 Renamed SS COATH. Bazeley & Co., Port of Registry: Penzance. 1909 14th July: Collided with and sank RN Submarine A9 off Plymouth. The A9 sank to bottom, but luckily the crew managed to resurface, with no casualties. 1916 12th December. Presumed sunk by a mine in the English Channel. Further information revealed that on 12th Dec 1916, she was torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel, off Beachy Head, 3 miles SW of Eastbourne, by the German submarine UB 38, whilst on a voyage from Le Havre. 16 crew lost including the Master. Those who died 13th December 1916. (Information kindly provided by The Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Tower Hill Memorial - London)

BERRYMAN, Luke Spargo. Master, Age 59. Father of Miss Mary J. Berryman, of Calabar House, 3, Lescudjack Rd., Penzance.

COLTON, Thomas James. Able Seaman, Age 49. Son of the late John and Mary Colton; Husband of Lucy Edith Colton (nee Adlam), of 1, Quay St., Penzance. Born at Penzance.

ENNIS, Thomas Frederick. Able Seaman, Age 22. Son of Thomas and Fanny Ennis, of 3, Portland Terrace, South Keighton, Newhaven, Sussex. Born at Rye.

FOSKETT, Walter Edgar. Fireman, Age 37. Son of Mr and Mrs. Walter Henry Foskett; Husband of Gertrude Alice Foskett (nee Gale), of 81, Montgomery St., Hove, Sussex. Born Swaffham, Norfolk.

FREETHY, Thomas. Second Engineer, Age 33. Husband of Edith Caroline Freethy (nee Roscholar), of 23, Taroveor Terrace, Penzance. Born at Penzance.

HUGHES, Griffith Evan. Mate, Age 45. Son of the late John and Mary Hughes; Husband of Maggie Hughes (nee Edwards), of 25, Clapham Rd., Anfield, Liverpool. Born at Amlwch.

JOHNS, Edward. Able Seaman, Age 42. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Johns; Husband of Mary Johns (nee Capel), of 25, Camberwell St., Penzance. Born at Penzance.

PARISH, Richard John Farley. Ship's Cook, Age 52. Son of Sarah Parish, of 9, Mount St., Plymouth, Devon, and the late Nathaniel Parish.

PARSONS, Bernard Osborne. Steward, Age 34. Son of Leonard and Elizabeth Parsons; Husband of Elizabeth Ellen Parsons, of 1, St. Philip St., Penzance. Born at Sea "Schooner Emma Louise."

ROWE, Bertie. Donkeyman, Age 28. Son of Robert Steven and Elizabeth Jane Rowe, of 13, St. Henry St., Penzance.

SMITHERS, Henry James. Fireman, Age 35. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Smithers; Husband of Mary Jane Smithers (nee Scott), of 1, Zante Cottages, Littlehampton, Sussex. Born Shoreham.

SMYTH, Sydney Doulton Percival. Able Seaman, Age 30. Son of the late Bertram and Mary Ann Smyth; Husband of Edith Maud Smyth (nee Wilks), of 4, Denton Terrace, Newhaven. Born London.

STRIKE, Thomas Coalls. Boatswain (Bosun), Age 58. Son of the late James and C. Strike; Husband of Mary Jane Strike (nee Marrack), of 49, Daniel Place, Penzance. Born Porthleven.

WILKINS, Richard Henry. First Engineer, Age 59. Son of the late John and Elizabeth Wilkins; Husband of Mary Jane Wilkins, of 12, Richmond St., Penzance. Born at Chyandour. Gulval.

WILLIAMS, John Thomas Wallis. Fireman, Age 37. Son of George and the late Annie Williams; Husband of Katie Williams (nee Crocker), of 23, Taroveor Terrace, Penzance. Born at Penzance.

WROATH, William. Able Seaman, Age 33. Son of Annie and the late William Wroath; Husband of Mary Wroath (nee Polglase) of Vanguard House, Mousehole. Born at Mousehole.

FELLOWS, GEORGE. Rank: Private. Service No: 2030. Age: 21.

Date of Death: 05/04/1918. Regiment/Service: Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 35th Bn. 6th Light Trench Mortar Battery.

Grave Reference: VII. F. 4. Cemetery: Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery

Additional Information: Son of George Fellows and L. Fellows, of Ferry House, Rye.

Name: George Fellows. Registration: 2nd Qtr 1896. District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 3. Name: George Fellows. Age: 5. Birth Year: abt 1896. Father's Name: George Fellows. Mother's Name: Emma Fellows. Where born: Rye, Sussex. George Fellows, 44, fishmonger; Emma Fellows, 46; Ada Fellows, 12; Kate Fellows, 10; Ethel Fellows, 9; Dorothy Fellows, 7; George Fellows, 5; Lilian F Kemp, 3 granddaughter(?). All born Rye

Name: George Fellows. Age in 1911: 15. Birth Year: abt 1896. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: South Under Cliff, Rye. George Fellows, 56, fishing labourer, born Northiam; Emma Fellows, 58, married 23 years, 5 children, all alive in 1911; Dorothy Fellows, 17, domestic servant; George Fellows, 15, grocers errand boy; Alice Bannister Fellows, granddaughter, 5.

George attested in the Australian Army at Victoria Barracks, NSW at the age of 20 years 8 months, giving father George of Ferry House, Rye as Next of Kin. He was a farm hand at the time at Crooks Park, Dungog, NSW, on 3rd January 1917. He embarked on the RNS Osterley on 10th February and arrived in Portsmouth on 11 April 1917. He was taken on strength of 62nd Division at Windmill Hill, after completing basic training. He reported sick with flu to 16 Field Ambulance on 5 June 1917, returning to his unit at Fovant on 19th June.

He left Southampton for France on 28 August and was taken on strength 35th Battalion on 1st September 1917. He was diagnosed with arthritis in his right knee and returned to England for treatment on 2nd October and treated for synovitis at 5th Southern General Hospital and after recovering was transferred around various bases in England until returning to France on 7 February 1918. He was awarded 6 days Field Punishment No. 2 for being absent without leave from midnight 31 January to 2:45 pm on 2nd February and fined 12 days pay. He was presumed Missing in Action on 5th April and confirmed by a Board of Inquiry as being Killed in Action on that date. He was serving in the 6th Light Trench Mortar battery when he was killed.

R Fellows wrote to the Australian War Office in December 1918 enquiring about him and was advised of his death. R Fellows address was c/o Sharman Brothers, West Wyalong, NSW. However, on reading the letter, it is a twin brother and he received a postcard from his twin brother George in August, so NOT the brother of our George. In fact he stated that George was "a lately arrived Englishman who had been out in NSW for 2 years prior to joining up in some country town he couldn't remember the name of"...

Pom bashing even then! But how would George have got to Australia in 1915, when there was a war on? Surely he had to have been in Australia before August 1914, when only 15 or so... a puzzle to unravel at some stage!

On 25th May 1918, in Birmingham, Private T Morgan 2098, 35th Battalion he stated that he was with George (who he had only known since December and only by the nickname "Friday") that he was wounded in the leg while the Battalion were retiring from a German advance on Villers Brettoneux. He heard a shout of "Oh" and on looking round saw Fellows fall to the ground, shot in the leg. He shouted to Fellows to keep up as the stretcher bearers were coming but lost sight of him. He felt that the Germans took the area he was lying within 2 hours and assumed he had been captured.

Sadly George does not seem to have survived. Another soldier, Private 4997 A H Castles stated that he passed George lying on the ground and he shouted out to help bring him along. Private Castles said he told him that he had no hope of bringing him in as the enemy were only a few hundred yards away. He couldn't tell where George had been hit, but that he couldn't get up.

Mrs E Fellows wrote from Ferry House, Fishmarket, Rye in July 1921 asking for Next of Kin badge. His medals were posted to his father in 1921.

FILMER, ALBERT EDWARD. Rank: Sapper. Service No: 1519. Age: 37.
Date of Death: 20/04/1915. Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers.
1st/2nd (Home Counties), Field Coy.
Panel Reference: Panel 9. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of the late William Henry and Harriett Filmer (nee Ashdown); husband of Florence Filmer, (nee Parris) of 52, Chandler Rd., Bexhill.

Name: Albert Edward Filmer. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 20 Apr 1915.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Bexhill-on-sea, Sussex.
Rank: Sapper. Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers. Number: 1519.
Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.
Comments: 1/2nd H.C. Field Coy., R.E.

Name: Albert Edward Filmer. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1899. Registration District: Battle, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 101. Spouse: Florence Parris.

Name: Albert Edward Filmer. Age in 1911: 33. Birth Year: abt 1878. Birth Place: Rye Foreign, Sussex. Street Address: 52 Chandler Road Bexhill On Sea. Occupation: Milk Carrier. Albert Edward Filmer, 33. Florence Filmer, 34, married 12 years, 1 child; Florence May Filmer 4 months.

Albert enlisted in Bexhill on 11th October 1914, civilian occupation: scaffolder, having served in the 2nd Cinque Ports Battalion of the National Reserve. He married Florence Parris on 20th June 1899 at St Peters, Bexhill. Florence Mary was born 18th November 1910 and christened at St Stephens, Bexhill. He arrived in France on 22 December 1914, just missing out on being entitled to the 1914 Star, clasp and rose emblem. 1915 Star, British War and Victory medals. Noted Killed in Action. He had brothers William, aged 51, who had moved to Cornell Avenue, West New Brighton, Staten Island, New York (and his sister, Edith Blaber, aged 37 was also living at 326 Glove Road, West New Brighton); brother Drew, aged 45 was at 56 Chandler Road, Bexhill, Lizzie, aged 28 was at Church Cottages, near Arundel?; Alice Head, aged 31 and Harriett Murrell? aged 55, both at 86 Reginald Road, Bexhill; Lucy Bird aged 39 at 82 Windsor Road, Bexhill and Charlie, 36 at 34 Laderma Rd, Chelsea SW10.

His widow was awarded a pension of 17 shillings and 6 pence.

~~**FINCH, FREDERICK HENRY HARVEY.** Rank: Private. Service No: SE/24697. Date of Death: 24/01/1917. Service: Army Veterinary Corps. Depot (Woolwich) Grave Reference: In South West part of **Angmering** (St. Margaret) Churchyard~~

~~Name: Frederick Henry Harvey Finch. Birth Place: Rye, E. Sussex.~~

~~Death Date: 24 Jan 1917. Death Location: Home.~~

~~Enlistment Location: Angmering, Sussex. Rank: Private.~~

~~Regiment: Royal Army Veterinary Corps. Number: SE/24697.~~

~~Type of Casualty: Died. Theatre of War: Home (i.e. somewhere in the UK)~~

~~Name: Frederick Finch. Birth Date: abt 1876. Date of Registration: 1st Qtr 1917. Age at Death: 41. Registration District: Woolwich, London. Vol: 1d. Page: 1678.~~

~~Name: Frederick Henry H Finch. Date of Registration: Jan Feb Mar 1876~~

~~Registration District: Lewes, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 192~~

~~Name: Frederick F H Finch. Age in 1911: 35. Birth Year: abt 1876. Birth Place: **Ripe**, Sussex. Street Address: Baker St. **Angmering**, Worthing Sussex. Occupation: Carter For Coal Merchant Miller & Co.~~

[NOTE: Birth and Census records show that this man was born in **RIPE**, not RYE]

FOORD, WILLIAM JOHN. Skipper, H.M. Trawler "**Margaret**" (Rye), Mercantile Marine Lost when the trawler struck a mine in Rye Bay 17 December 1916. Aged 40. Son of Mr & Mrs William John Foord. Husband of Mrs Elizabeth Foord of 25, Mann Street, Hastings. Commemorated on Tower Hill Memorial, London.

FORWARD, CAREY. Rank: Rifleman. Service No: 39791. Date of Death: 12/10/1917. Age: 28. Regiment/Service: New Zealand Rifle Brigade. 4th Bn. 3rd Panel Reference: N.Z. Apse, Panel 7. Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of George and Louisa Forward, of 5, Lucknow Place, Rye, Sussex.

Carry Forward. Registration: 2nd Qtr 1887. District: Rye, Sussex. Vol: 2b. Page: 1

Name: Carey Forward. Gender: **Female**. Birth Date: **13 May 1887**.

Christening Date: 3 Jul 1887. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex.

Father's Name: George Forward. Mother's Name: Louisa.

George Forward, 44, livery stables proprietor; **Louisa** Forward, 44; **Frank** Forward, 20, warehouseman at ironmongers; all born Friddenden, Kent; **Louisa** Forward, 18; Carry Forward, 14; Charles H Forward, 12 all born Rye.

Full Name: Carey Forward. Rank last held: Rifleman. Forename(s): Carey. Surname: Forward. Serial No.: 39791. First Known Rank: Rifleman. Occupation before Enlistment: Cook. Next of Kin: **Frank** Forward (brother), Imperial Hotel, New Plymouth, Taranaki, New Zealand

On Embarkation: New Zealand Rifle Brigade. Embarkation Unit: Reinforcements G Company. Embarkation Date: 14 March 1917. Place of Embarkation: Wellington, New Zealand. Transport: HMNZT 79. Vessel: Ruapehu. Destination: Devonport. Date of Birth **31st March 1887**. Last Unit: New Zealand Rifle Brigade. Place of Death: Ypres. Date of Death: 12 October 1917.

He enlisted 12 October 1916 and gave his parents as George and Louisa Forward, of Kent, stating both parents were deceased. Next of Kin brother Frank, Binbrook, Leach Street, New Plymouth and sister **L(Louisa?)** Stonham, Oak Lake, Manitoba, Canada. Lived in New Zealand for 6 years and served **4 years in the Royal Sussex Regiment**, before resigning on moving to New Zealand.

Worked as a cook at the Imperial Hotel, in New Plymouth and aged 29 years and 7 months. He had a circular depressed scar on his sacrum and further circular scars on his scapula. He embarked to England 2 April 1917 arriving 10 June 1917. Arrived in France 9 September, posted to B Company 4th Battalion on 16 September, killed 12 months after enlisting on 12 October.

A Court of Enquiry into his being Missing with Sergeant W G Taylor stating that he was in No 5 platoon, in a post in the assembly trenches which was blown out before the attack commenced and only 2 came out whole, with two others wounded and Private Forward was not seen again.

[All the details seem to fit **EXCEPT** Carey seems to have been female at birth, yet not noticed on Medical examination, despite noting chest scars. Date of Birth is also adrift from Christening Record. There is nothing in the NZ file that mentions Rye. Being in NZ for 6 years and with 4 years serving with the Royal Sussex Regiment takes us back to 1906. Can't find 1911 Census entry with any of the family, they disappear, perhaps after the death of their parents?

*Forward, George of Lucknow Place, Rye, Sussex, **died 29 July 1907** at Hastings. Administration Lewes 27 August to Louisa Forward, widow. Effects £499 7s 0d*

*Name: George Forward. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1877. Registration district: East Ashford, Kent. Volume: **2a. Page: 1045***

*Name: Louisa Witherden Brunger. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1877. Registration district: East Ashford, Kent. **Volume: 2a. Page: 1045***

*Name: Louisa Forward. Birth Year: abt 1858. Date of Registration: **Jan-Feb-Mar 1908**. Age at Death: 50. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 3.*

[It doesn't make sense! All UK records (except 1891 Census) show her as female, yet somehow (s)he enlists in NZ Army giving NoK details for siblings who know the true sex. The only logical conclusion is that both the christening and 1901 Census records are incorrect and that Carey was male.]

FOWLE, GEORGE. Rank: Private. Service No: 9756. Date of Death: 02/09/1916. Age: 25. Regiment/Service: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). 1st Bn. Grave Reference: II. B. 32. Cemetery: La Neuville British Cemetery, CoOrbie. Additional Information: Son of George and Laura Fowle, of 2, Landgate Square, Rye, Sussex. Native of Appledore, Kent.

Name: George Fowle. Birth Place: Lydd, Kent. Death Date: 2 Sep 1916. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Rye, Sussex. Rank: Private. Regiment: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Battalion: 1st Battalion. Number: L/9756. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Entered France on 15 August 1914, thus entitled to the 1914 Star with clasp and rose emblem, British War and Victory medals.

Name: George Fowle. Age: 5 months. Birth Year: abt 1890. Father's Name: George Fowle. Mother's Name: Laura Fowle. Where born: Lydd, Kent. Street Address: Wheelers Green. George Fowle, 31, bricklayer; Laura Fowle, 26; **Richard Fowle** 5; Ellen Fowle, 4; Celia Fowle, 2; George Fowle 5 months; Edwin J Hook, 7, nephew, born Tenterden

Name: George Fowle. Age: 10. Birth Year: abt 1891. Father's Name: George Fowle. Mother's Name: Laura Fowle. Where born: Lydd, Kent. Street Address: 1, Gordon Terrace, Lydd. George Fowle, 41, journeyman bricklayer; Laura Fowle, 36; **Richard Fowle**, 15 apprentice bricklayer; Ellen Fowle, 14; Celia Fowle, 12; all born Appledore. George Fowle, 10; Beatrice Fowle, 8; Laura Fowle, 6; Annie Fowle, 4 all born Lydd

Name: George Fowle. Age in 1911: 20. Birth Year: abt 1891. Birth Place: Lydd, Kent. Street Address: Landgate Square Rye. George Fowle, 51, bricklayer at chemical works, born Appledore, Kent; Laura Fowle, 46, married 26 years 17 children, 9 still alive in 1911, born Appledore; George Fowle, 20, general labourer; Annie Fowle, 14; Ella Fowle, 5, all born Lydd, Kent; Hector Fowle, 2, born Rye.

FOWLE RICHARD. Australian Expeditionary Force. Reported locally as killed in action in France late in 1917. **Son of George & Laura Fowle** of 2, Landgate Square Rye. Husband of Mrs Richard Fowle of Australia. Left one child. Born in Lydd, Kent.

Aged 31 and brother of George Fowle. No record with CWGC or of any R or similar Fowle in Australian Immigration Records.

This may just be a case of a mistaken report, perhaps Missing but survived – but NO Richard Fowle Australian Service Record! There WAS a Edward Ernest Fowle Driver 4126 Field Artillery, from East Grinstead who was awarded a Military Medal, but he then deserted on the troopship Demosthenes with “a woman said to be his daughter” in Cape Town in September 1919, so may have spent his life in South Africa, leaving Mrs Fowle at home with a child to support. Then in September 1922 he writes from 164 First Avenue, Durban, Natal asking for his medals (1914-15 Star, War and Victory medals AND MM) – which were sent on! In August 1944 his Service papers were requested “with urgency”.

FULLER, [GEORGE] WILLIAM. Rank: Gunner. Service No: 39215.
Date of Death: 17/05/1917. Service: Royal Field Artillery. "C" Bty. 162nd Bde.
Grave Reference: IV. L. 36. Cemetery: DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY, ETRUN
Additional Information: Son of R. Fuller, of Bleak House, Brede Hill, Brede, Sussex.

Name: William Fuller. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 17 May 1917.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hastings, Sussex.
Rank: Gunner. Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery.
Number: 39215. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows Date into Theatre as 17 May 1915 thus qualifying for the 1914-15 Star as well as British War and Victory medals.

Name: George William Fuller. Birth Date: 25 May 1887.
Christening Date: 11 Dec 1891. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex.
Age at Christening: 4. Father's Name: George Thomas Fuller.
Mother's Name: Annie Maria (nee Clark).

Name: George W Fuller. Spouse: Louisa Larkin. Date of Registration: 3rd Qtr 1913.
Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 5.

Name: George William Fuller. Age in 1911: 23. Birth Year: abt 1888.
Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Crew of "Mountsfield" coastal trader in Dover Harbour.
Occupation: Mate. Also aboard were Bert and Arthur Fuller (brothers?)

FURMINGER, FREDERICK. Rank: Private. Service No: 11660.
Date of Death: 24/09/1917. Age: 27.
Regiment/Service: Coldstream Guards. 2nd Bn.
Grave Reference: VIII. D. 17. Cemetery: DOZINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Alfred and Fannie Furminger, of Peasmarsh, Rye.

*Frederick Furminger. Birth Place: Eastbourne, Sussex. Residence: Peasmarsh.
Death Date: 24 Sep 1917. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: Hull. Rank: Private. Regiment: Coldstream Guards.
Number: 11660. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre*

Medal Index card (incorrectly transcribed as Grenadier Guards) shows arrived in France 22 January 1915, entitled to 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medals (on C G Medal Roll).

Name: Frederick Furminger. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1890. Registration district: Eastbourne, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 66.

Name: Frederick Furminger. Age: 1. Birth Year: abt 1890. Father's Name: Alfred Furminger. Where born: Eastbourne, Sussex. Street Address: 4 Providence Cottages, Hastings. Alfred Furminger, 31, police constable, born Capel, Kent; Fannie E Furminger, 23, born Battle; Jane Furminger, 2; Frederick Furminger, 1, born Eastbourne; Kate Longley, 13, visitor, born Battle (Fannie's sister?)

Name: Frederick Furminger. Age: 4. Birth Year: abt 1897. Father's Name: Alfred Furminger. Mother's Name: Fannie Furminger. Where born: Eastbourne, Sussex. Alfred Furminger, 41; Fannie Furminger, 33; Jane Furminger, 12; Helen Furminger, 9, born Silverhill; Frederick Furminger, 11, born Eastbourne.

FURNER, JAMES LEVIE. Rank: Private. Service No: 45632. Age: 41.
Date of Death: 12/09/1916. Regiment/Service: Royal Welsh Fusiliers. 19th Bn.
Grave Reference: V. B. 19. Cemetery: VERMELLES BRITISH CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Paine, of Crutches Farm, Icklesham, Winchelsea,
Sussex. Native of Udimore, Sussex.

Name: James Levi Furner. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Icklesham.
Death Date: 12 Sep 1916. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: Maidstone. Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Battalion: 19th Battalion. Number: 45632. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.
Comments: Formerly 21975, Suffolk Regiment.

Name: James Levi Furner. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1876.
Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 2.

1911 Census: Working as an assistant at Paines Grocery, 41 Bentley Street,
Gravesend, Kent.

1881 Census: Name: James L. Furner. Age: 4. Birth Year: abt 1877
Relation: Grandson. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: 1 Oast House
Udimore, Sussex. Joseph Furner, 54; Harriet Furner, 51; Ellen Furner, 24; John
Furner, 17; Emily Furner, 10; James L. Furner, 4, grandson; Harriet Carter, 72,
mother in law.

GATEHOUSE, HERBERT CHARLES. Rank: Serjeant. Service No: 31237. Age: 30. Date of Death: 06/11/1918. Regiment: Royal Army Medical Corps. 52nd Stat. Hosp Grave Reference: Div. 62. II. H. 2. Cemetery: Ste. Marie Cemetery, Le Havre Additional Information: Husband of D. Gatehouse, of 21, Castle Terrace, Rye.

Name: Herbert Charles Gatehouse. Birth Place: Kentish Town, London.

Death Date: 6 Nov 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.

Enlistment Location: Woolwich. Rank: Sergeant.

Regiment: Royal Army Medical Corps. Number: 31237. Type of Casualty: Died.

Gatehouse, Herbert Charles, of 39 Sandy Hill Road, Woolwich, Kent, acting serjeant RAMC, died 6 November 1918 in France. Administration London 11 April 1919 to Dora Gatehouse, widow. Effects £272 11s 10d

Herbert enlisted 1st September 1914, a school teacher aged 26, promoted to Corporal 20 November and to Serjeant on 20 January 1915. Died from influenza and bronchial pneumonia. Dora was awarded a pension of 16s 3d (no children). She was living at 65, Bilton Grove Avenue, Harrogate in 1919 when his personal effects consisting of identity disc, a tube of ink pellets, English French dictionary, 2 magnifying glasses etc were returned. Her address was changed to "Glenroyde" Wellington Square, Hastings. She acknowledged receipt however, from 13 West Street, Rye. He was classified as B1 due to defective vision. He served in France from 19 May 1915 being entitled to 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medals. Next of Kin details (1920): Father Herbert William Gatehouse; (mother deceased); brother Arthur William (33) and sister Queenie (25) both at 39, Sandy Hill Road. Herbert married Dora Wilts in Kent on 1st January 1917 while on 10 days leave. Witnesses were his father and Edith (mother?) Gatehouse.

Name: Herbert Charles Gatehouse. Date: 3rd Qtr 1888. District: St Pancras, London. Vol: 1b. P: 487

Name: Herbert C Gatehouse. Age in 1911: 22. Birth Year: abt 1889. Relation to Head: Boarder. Birth Place: Balls Common, Dorset. Civil parish: Shotton, Durham. Street Address: Blackhill Road Horden. Occupation: Elementary School Teacher

Name: Herbert C Gatehouse. Spouse: Dora Wilts. Date of Registration: 1st Qtr 1917 Registration district: Woolwich, Kent. Volume: 1d. Page: 1627. Dora died in 1959 in Hastings.

GLADWISH, ARTHUR HUGH CLARE. Rank: Sapper. Service No: 534247.
Date of Death: 18/10/1918. Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers. 20th T.F. Depot.
Cemetery: Playden (St. Michael) Churchyard.

Name: Arthur Hugh Clare Gladwish. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex.
Death Date: 13 Oct 1918. Enlistment Location: Bexhill-on-sea, Sussex.
Rank: Sapper. Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers, 491st Field Coy., R.E. Number:
534247. Type of Casualty: Died. Theatre of War: Home

Medal Index Card shows: Name: Arthur H C Gladwish.
Regiment or Corps: Royal Engineers. Regimental Number: 1586 and 534247.
Entered France on 23 December 1914, receiving the 1914-15 Star, British War and
Victory medals. Missed being an Old Contemptible by a few days!

Name: Arthur H C Gladwish. Birth Date: abt 1887. Date: Oct-Nov-Dec 1918. Age at
Death: 31. District: Lewisham, London. Volume: 1d. Page: 2276.

Name: Arthur Hugh Clare Gladwish. Birth Date: 27 Dec 1886. Christening Date: 25
Mar 1887. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father's Name: Thomas Gladwish.
Mother's Name: Clara Eliza

Name: Arthur H C Gladwish. Age: 4. Birth Year: abt 1887. Father's Name: Thomas
H Gladwish. Mother's Name: Clara E Gladwish. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Address:
Rye Foreign. Thomas H Gladwish, 30, domestic coachman, born Playden; Clara E
Gladwish, 33, born Ashford; Annie L Gladwish, 9; John T Gladwish, 7; Thomas J
Gladwish, 5; Arthur H C Gladwish, 4; Richard N Gladwish, 3; William George
Gladwish, 1, all born Rye.

Name: Arthur Gladwish. Age: 14. Birth Year: abt 1887. Father's Name: Thomas
Gladwish. Mother's Name: Clara Gladwish. Where born: Rye Foreign, Sussex.
Address: Lea Farm, Rye Foreign. Thomas Gladwish, 40, agricultural labourer; Clara
Gladwish, 43; Thomas Gladwish, 15; Arthur Gladwish, 14; Richard Gladwish, 13;
George Gladwish, 11.

Name: Arthur Hugh Clare Gladwish. Age in 1911: 24. Birth Year: abt 1887. Relation
to Head: Brother. Birth Place: Peasmarsh, Sussex. Street Address: 88 Windsor Rd
Bexhill. **John Thomas Seymour Gladwish**, 27, carman, general carrier; Florence
Mary Gladwish, 25, born Coventry, married 4 years, 2 children both still alive; John
Thomas Seymour Gladwish, 1; Arthur Hugh Clare Gladwish, 24, grocery porter.

[See also AHC Gladwish in WW2, the son of JTS Gladwish]

GOLDEN, ALFRED WILLIAM. Rank: Second Lieutenant. Age: 30
Date of Death: 25/03/1918. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 9th Bn.
Panel Reference: Panel 46 and 47. Memorial: POZIERES MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of the late Frank and Bessie Golden, of 86, High St., Rye, Sussex.

Name: Alfred William Golden. Death Date: 25 Mar 1918. Rank: Temp 2/Lieutenant
Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 9th Battalion.
Type of Casualty: Killed in action

Medal Index Card shows:- Name: A W Golden. Company Quarter Master Serjeant.
Regiment or Corps: Royal Sussex Regiment, Regimental Numbers: 5/1302 and 240052. Later commissioned after arrival in France 15 February 1915. Entitled to 1914-15 Star (as CQMS) and British War and Victory medals as 2nd Lt.

Golden, Alfred William, of High Street, Rye, second lieutenant, Royal Sussex Regiment died 25 March 1918 in France. Administration (with Will) London 2nd September to William Frank Golden, draper. Effects: £582 18s 9d.

Name: Alfred William Golden. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1888. Registration district: Maidstone, Kent. Volume: 2a. Page: 745

Name: Alfred W Golden. Age: 3. Birth Year: abt 1888. Father's Name: William F Golden. Mother: Bessie Golden. Where born: Maidstone, Kent. William F Golden, 31, drapers and milliner; Bessie Golden, 31; Alfred W Golden, 3; **Dorothy** Golden, 1; Nellie Cronk, 19, domestic servant

Name: Alfred Golden. Age: 13. Birth Year: abt 1888. Father's Name: Frank Golden. Mother's Name: Bessie Golden. Where born: Maidstone, Kent. Address: 21 Warchbell Street, Rye. Frank Golden, 40, gents outfitters; Bessie Golden, 40; Alfred Golden, 13; May Golden, 5; Leslie Golden, 2; Connie Kempton, 24.

Name: Alfred W Golden. Age in 1911: 23. Birth Year: abt 1888. Birth Place: Maidstone, Kent. Street Address: 86 High Street Rye. William Frank Golden, 51, owner of gents outfitters, born Rye; Bessie Golden, 51, married 23 years, 4 children, 3 still alive, born Brixham; Alfred W Golden, 23, assistant; May C Golden, 15, Leslie B Golden, 12, both born Rye.

GOLDSMITH, CHARLES ERNEST. Rank: Private. Service No: L/10205. Age: 23.
Date of Death: 09/05/1915. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 2nd Bn.
Panel Reference: Panel 20 and 21. Memorial: LE TOURET MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Stepson of Mrs. H. M. Goldsmith, of "Stredwicks", Udimore,
Rye, Sussex.

Name: Charles Ernest Goldsmith. Birth Place: Icklesham, Sussex.
Death Date: **9 May** 1915. Death Location: British Expeditionary Force.
Enlistment Location: Rye. Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment.
Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Number: L/10205. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre
of War: Western European Theatre

Medal Index Card shows in France 12 August 1914, thus entitled to 1914 Star, clasp
and rose as an Old Contemptible, plus British War and Victory medals. Killed at
Aubers Ridge in which 273 men of the Battalion were killed.

Name: Charles Goldsmith. Age: 7. Birth Year: abt 1894. Where born: Icklesham,
Sussex Father's Name: Spencer Goldsmith, widower, agricultural labourer, born
Udimore;

Name: Charles Goldsmith. Age in 1911: 17. Birth Year: abt 1894. Birth Place:
Icklesham, Sussex. Street Address: North Cottages Udimore Rye. Spencer
Goldsmith, 62; Harriet Goldsmith, 41, born Woodchurch, Kent, married 9 years, 2
children both alive; Charles Goldsmith, 17; groom and gardener; Ethel Goldsmith, 12,
born Ivychurch, Kent; Daisy Goldsmith, 4, born Udimore.

GOODSELL, JAMES. Rank: Gunner. Service No: 103496. Age: 23.
Date of Death: 31/05/1918. Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery.
"A" Bty. 147th Bde. Grave Reference: II. D. 43. Cemetery: Pernes British Cemetery
Additional Information: Son of Robert and Emily Goodsell, of Brede, Sussex.

Name: James Goodsell. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 31 May 1918.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hastings, Sussex.
Rank: Gunner. Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery.
Number: 103496. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.
Medal Index Card shows arrival in France 6 December 1915. Entitled to 1915 Star,
British War and Victory medals. Simply states "dead".

Name: James R Goodsell. Age: 7. Birth Year: abt 1894.
Father's Name: Robert Goodsell. Mother's Name: Emily Goodsell.
Robert Goodsell, 38, agricultural labourer; Emily Goodsell, 32; Mary A Goodsell, 13;
Harry Goodsell, 9; James R Goodsell, 7. Where born: Brede, Sussex.
Address: Rear of Alpha Place, Brede.

[Note: Next door neighbour was George Hickmott, soldier, Royal Artillery - an
influence on James's choice for Army service?]

GOODSELL, WILLIAM ARTHUR. Rank: Private. Service No: 3/4742.
Date of Death: 01/07/1916. Age: 37. Regiment: Hampshire Regiment. 1st Bn.
Grave Reference: A. 30. Redan Ridge Cemetery No.2, Beaumont Hamel.
Additional Information: Son of William Arthur & Tryphenia Goodsell, of 229, Battle Rd., Hollington, Sussex.

Name: William Arthur Goodsell. Birth Place: Beckley Rye, Sussex. Residence: Hastings, Sussex. Death Date: 1 Jul 1916. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Portsmouth. Rank: Private. Regiment: Hampshire Regiment. Battalion: 1st Battalion. Number: 3/4742. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows arrival in France on 21 April 1915 so entitled to 1915 Star as well as British War and Victory medals. Notes Killed in Action on 1st day of the Somme battles.

Name: William Arthur Goodsell. Age: 11. Birth Year: abt 1880.
Father's Name: William Goodsell. Mother's Name: Tryphenia Goodsell. Where born: Beckley, Sussex. William Goodsell, 34, lawyer, born Ewhurst; Tryphenia Goodsell, 33, born Northiam; William Goodsell, 11; Albert Goodsell, 9; Mabel Goodsell, 3; Charles Goodsell 1 month. Address: Company Cottages, St Leonards.

The 1st Battalion Hampshire Regiment was part of the 4th Division assault on the Somme (the Battle for Albert) and lost 224 killed on 1st July. Usually the wounded ratio is about 3 or 4 to 1 killed, so effectively the Battalion would have very few men left standing at the end of the day. Only 57 are in Redan Ridge No. 2, 125 of them were not identified and are commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Battle of Albert. 1-13 Jul 1916, Battle 1st July 1916

In the opening phases of the Somme, the great attack of July 1st 1916 began on a 25 mile front. The Fourth Division were facing stronger defences than anywhere else. They were to attack north of Beaumont Hamel where two redoubts and a Quadrilateral trench were particularly strong. It was intended that the Brigade would reach Munich trench 1,000 yards behind the front line where the supporting 10th and 11th Divisions would go forward through it to take the attack further into German held territory. At 7.20 am, 10 minutes before zero hour, a large mine was blown up under the German redoubt on Hawthorn Ridge. This gave away the exact time of the attack.

After the heavy guns stopped firing, the Germans had ample time to man their positions after being in deep undamaged dugouts. The Hampshires, leaving their trenches at 7.40 as planned, followed the East Lancashire Regiment who had already been almost wiped out. Very few Hampshires even made it to the wire in No Mans Land. Only a few, including bombers were reported to have reached the German line, the majority being shot down at or short of the wire. The survivors could only seek the poor shelter of the shell holes which pitted No Mans Land, and here they had to lie for hours until darkness fell.

This was the 1st Hampshire's worst experience of the war it had cost them 11 officers and 310 men killed and missing, 15 officers and 250 men wounded.

GOODWIN, HERBERT WILLIAM. Rank: Private. Service No: G/40308. Age: 32.
Date of Death: 06/02/1917. Regiment/Service: Middlesex Regiment. 16th Bn.
Grave Reference: II. N. 32. Cemetery: Grove Town Cemetery, Meaute.

(The only Battalion death that day) In September 1916, the 34th and 2/2nd London Casualty Clearing Stations were established at this point, known to the troops as Grove Town, to deal with casualties from the Somme battlefields. They were moved in April 1917 and, except for a few burials in August and September 1918, the cemetery was closed.

Name: Herbert William Goodwin. Birth Place: Playden, Sussex. Residence: Rye.
Death Date: 6 Feb 1917. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlisted: Chichester.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment).
Battalion: 16th Battalion. Number: G/40308. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.
Comments: Formerly G/12239, Royal Sussex Regt.

Medal Index Card shows entitlement to British War and Victory medals so not in a Theatre of War until after 1915, as Sussex Reg't. The change in Regiment may indicate that Herbert was wounded and when recovered posted to a battalion most in need of reinforcement.

Name: Herbert William Goodwin. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1885.
Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 1

Name: Herbert William Goodwin. Christening Date: 7 Feb 1885. Christening Place: Playden, Sussex. Father's Name: William Goodwin. Mother's Name: Ann Bethia

Name: Herbert W Goodwin. Age: 6. Birth Year: abt 1885. Mother's Name: Ann B Goodwin. Where born: Rye; Springfield, Sussex. Address: 2, Watchbell Street, Rye. Ann B Goodwin, 47, widow, laundress, born Westwood, Kent; Florence A Goodwin, 13, born Lamberhurst; Alice M Goodwin, 9, born Ticehurst; Herbert W Goodwin, 6, born Rye.

Name: Herbert W Goodwin. Age: 16. Birth Year: abt 1885. Mother's Name: Ann B Goodwin. Where born: Playden, Sussex. Ann B Goodwin, 56, laundress; Ethel M Goodwin, 25; Alice M Goodwin, 19; Herbert W Goodwin, 16.

HALLETT, ARTHUR WILLIAM. Rank: Private. Service No: 30541.
Date of Death: 11/12/1917. Regiment/Service: East Surrey Regiment.
Grave Reference: 144. Cemetery: Exeter Higher Cemetery, Devon

Name: Arthur William Hallett. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Hove, Sussex.
Death Date: 11 Dec 1917. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: Chichester. Rank: Private. Regiment: East Surrey Regiment.
Battalion: 13th Battalion. Number: 30541. Type of Casualty: Died.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.
Comments: Formerly 25089, Royal Fusiliers.

Medal Index Card shows Arthur W Hallett was in France after 1915 as entitled to British War and Victory medals.

Name: **William Arthur** Hallett. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1890. Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 2.

Name: **William Arthur** Hallett. Birth Date: 23 Sep 1890. Christening Date: 16 Jan 1891. Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father's Name: Walter Thomas Hallett. Mother's Name: Ellinior (Eleanor?). She may have died about 1895?

Name: William Hallett. Age in 1911: 22. Birth Year: abt 1889. Birth Place: Hastings, Sussex. Street Address: 21 Myrtle House, Caves Road, St Leonards, Sussex. Occupation: Baker.

HARMAN, ALFRED JAMES. Rank: Rifleman. Service No: 48750.
Date of Death: 09/08/1918. Age: 18. Regiment/Service: Rifle Brigade. (but posted to 2nd/10th Bn. London Regiment at time of his death).
Panel Reference: Panel 10. Memorial: VIS-EN-ARTOIS MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Alfred H. and Charlotte Harman, of 10, Dolphin Lane, Dover, Kent.

Name: Alfred James Harman. Birth Place: Rye. Residence: Rye, Sussex.
Death Date: 9 Aug 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders. Rank: Rifleman.
Enlistment Location: Brighton. Regiment: Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own).
Battalion: 2/10th London Regiment. Number: 48750.
Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Alfred James Harman. Date: 4th Qtr 1899. District: Rye, Sussex. Vol: 2b. Page: 2.

Name: Alfred Harman. Age: 1. Birth Year: abt 1900. Father's Name: Alfred Harman. Mother's Name: Charlotte Harman. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Name: Alfred James Harman.

Age in 1911: 11. Birth Year: abt 1900. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Address: Eagle Cottages, Eagle Rd, Rye. Alfred Henry Harman, 44, foreman and Lemay & Co Brewers, born Winchelsea; Charlotte Eliza Harman, 38, married 15 years, 4 children all alive, born Peasmarsh; Emily Harman, 13; Alfred James Harman, 11; Thomas George Harman, 6; Frederick Ernest Harman, 1 all born Rye.

HAWKE, SYDNEY FREDERICK. Rank: **Serjeant.** Service No: 33369. **Age: 20.**
Date of Death: 31/05/1918. Regiment/Service: Hampshire Regiment. 2nd Bn.
Grave Reference: F. 6. Cemetery: Cinq Rues British Cemetery, Hazebrouck
Additional Information: Son of A. H. and R. Hawke, of Northfield Cottage, Sway,
Hants. **Awards: M M**

Name: Sydney Frederick Hawke. Birth Place: Rye, Kent. Residence: Sway, Hants.
Death Date: 31 May 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: Brockenhurst. Rank: A/Sergeant.
Regiment: Hampshire Regiment. Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Number: 33369.
Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.
Comments: M.M. (LG 13 318)

Medal Index Card gives London Gazette reference for Military Medal. Shows entitled to British War and Victory medals. Also notes that O/C Records requests authority to dispose of medals 20 February 1922. This infers no surviving Next of Kin. However, he does seem to have come from a large family, back in Hampshire, so perhaps the postal address may have been out of date, and the family never made further contact.

Name: Sydney Frederick Hawke. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1897.
Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 1.

Name: Sydney Frederick Hawke. Age in 1911: 14. Birth Year: abt 1897.
Birth Place: Lydd, Kent. Street Address: Sway, Hants. Alfred Henry Hawke, 44, domestic gardener, born Plymouth; Rachel Hawke, 42, married 23 years, 9 children, all alive in 1911, born Woodbury, Devon; Alfred Edward Hawke, 22, born Plympton; Sydney Frederick Hawke, 14; Beatrice Alice Hawke, 10; both born Lydd; Aubrey Henry Hawke, 8; Gerald Lezlie Hawke, 6; both born Christchurch, Kent(?); Leonard Bertram Hawke, 3; and Ethel Lennett Hawke, 1, both born in Sway, Hampshire.

Sydney Frederick Hawke was born at Broomhill, Rye, Sussex in 1898, the son of Alfred Hawke, a boatman coastguard from Plymouth and his wife Rachel from Aveton Gifford, Devon. He was one of at least four children. When the family moved to Sway they lived at Northfield Cottage, Arnewood Bridge Road. He attested at Brockenhurst on 1st December 1915 under the Derby Scheme and mobilised on 13th May 1916. After training with the 34th (Training Reserve) Battalion until 21st December 1916, he was posted to 2nd Battalion the Hampshire Regiment, joining it in France the next day.

Later in the year Sid found himself fighting at Passchendaele, after which the Hampshires moved to Bienvilliers, where they assimilated reinforcements, made good equipment losses and trained with tanks for open warfare in preparation for the forthcoming Cambrai battle. This was to be a surprise attack, with no preliminary bombardment to warn the enemy. For the first time ever artillery fire was predicted, thus removing the need for pre battle target registration shoots; close support was provided by aircraft used in the ground attack role and tanks were concentrated – supported by infantry – and used over ground not churned up by shellfire. Sidney and his mates arrived at Sorel-le-Grand on 18th November, where they received their battle stores and prepared for action. Leaving at 2.30 a.m. on the 20th they marched in thick mist to the brigade's assembly area at Gouzeaucourt.

Complete surprise was achieved when, at 6.26 a.m. – whilst it was still dark - the artillery opened fire and 400 tanks with their leading divisions moved forward. Four hours later the Hampshires, in the second wave of the attack, advanced in diamond formation towards Masnieres. On discovering the bridge at Les Rues Vert was impassable, the Hampshires changed tack to the right and crossed the Scheldt Canal over a lock. This was a single file exercise conducted under sniping and machine gun fire. Masnieres was now attacked, although not completely cleared until the following day. They were withdrawn into reserve at Marcoing on the 24th for two days, but were returned to the front line over the canal for three more days. At this stage the battle ended, as the Caporetto disaster in Italy deflected five British divisions there that would have been used to reinforce the Cambrai success. Sidney's 88th Brigade was finally withdrawn on 5th December and concentrated at Ribecourt for breakfast.

In February 1918 the NFM reported: "Sydney Hawke, Corp Hants Regt has been awarded the Military Medal for brave conduct at the battle of Cambrai. We offer our congratulations to his parents."

On the 14th November 1918, the Military Medal awarded to the late Sergeant Sydney Hawke was presented to his father on the Parade ground at Southampton. It was revealed later that this was awarded for leading a party of men and bombing the enemy trench under heavy fire on 20th November and for carrying dispatches single-handed by night to Headquarters under heavy fire at great personal risk three days later. Cambrai was an initial success. The Hindenburg Line had been breached very quickly and the Germans for a time had been on the back foot. But too much had been expected of both the tanks and their crews. It was the earliest example of how successful Blitzkrieg tactics could be, but the unreliability of these early tanks and the German ability to rapidly reinforce a threatened part of their front, limited the success of the operation – which had cost the Hampshires over 350 casualties.

The Battalion was withdrawn to Flanders, where it recovered its strength and standing. It did not return to the front line until early March, when it occupied a sector north of Passchendaele. Here Sydney and his mates beat off a dawn attack on the 14th, but the battalion lost its entire headquarters the following day to a gas attack. It held the Spree Farm sector at the apex of the Salient from the 22nd to the 26th, with another tour in early April. Sydney's 88th Brigade then had to wait for relief in the line before it could move southwards to join its division at Estaires, where it was heavily involved in checking the Germans last bid for the Channel ports. By the 20th 29th Division had been so cut about that it was withdrawn to Hazebrouck to recover. Sydney seems to have survived this phase in which his battalion had suffered a further 240 casualties.

By 5th May Sydney was back in the line southeast of Hazebrouck. The situation was fluid and the front was held by a series of posts. From 27th to 31st May 1918 the Hampshires were in the front line at Aval Wood, where they lost men both by shelling and in a raid, before being relieved by the 2nd Leinsters.

This was completed by 11 p.m., but Sydney was one of the two men killed during the relief. He is buried at Cinq Rues British Cemetery, Nord, France in Grave F.6

HEASMAN, ALBERT ARTHUR. Rank: Corporal. Service No: 204464.
Date of Death: 25/10/1918. Age: 21. Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). 1st Bn. [Grave Reference: I. B. 15. St. Souplet British Cemetery](#)
Additional Information: Son of Mr. W. F. Heasman, of 1, Cadborough Villas, Rye.

Name: Albert Arthur Heasman. Residence: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 25 Oct 1918.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Chelsea, Middx.
Rank: Corporal. Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Battalion: 1st Battalion.
Number: T/204464. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

Name: A A Heasman. Regiment or Corps: Army Service Corps, Regimental Number: T/2464; East Kent Regiment, Regimental Number: 204464. British War and Victory medals as ASC.

Name: Albert Heasman. Date: 2nd Qtr 1897. District: Malling, Kent. Vol: 2a. Pg: 636

Name: Albert Arthur Heasman. Age in 1911: 14. Birth Year: abt 1897. Birth Place: Glasgow, Scotland. Civil parish: Newington St Mary, London. William Fisher Heasman, 47, garage foreman, born London; Mary Ann Alexandra Heasman, 48, married 21 years, 5 children all alive, born London; Edith Harriett Heasman, 20; William John Heasman, 19, both born Chatham (Burham?); Vesta Ethel Heasman, 17; Alice Mary Heasman, 15; Albert Arthur Heasman, 14; all born Glasgow.



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[In memory of Cpl A A Heasman](#)

HEASMAN, FREDERICK BERTRAM. Rank: Private. Service No: 16215. Age: 24.
Date of Death: 21/10/1914. Regiment: Grenadier Guards. No. 2 Coy. 2nd Bn.
Panel Reference: Panel 9 & 11. Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial

Additional Information: Son of Frederick William & Mary Ann Heasman, 9, Eagle Rd., Rye, Sussex.

Name: Frederick Bertram Heasman. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex.

Death Date: 21 Oct 1914. Death Location: France & Flanders.

Enlistment Location: Dover, Kent. Rank: Guardsman. Regiment: Grenadier Guards.

Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Number: 16215. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

Entered France 13 August 1914, so an Old Contemptible with 1914 Star, clasp and rose emblem, British War and Victory medals.

Name: Frederick Bertram Heasman. Date: Jul-Aug-Sep 1890. District: Rye, Sussex. Vol: 2b. P: 2.

Name: Frederick B Heasman. Age: 10. Birth Year: abt 1891. Father's Name: Frederick W Heasman. Mother's Name: Mary Ann Heasman (nee Stonestreet). Where born: Rye, Sussex. Address: 5, Bedford Place, Fishmarket Road, Rye. Frederick W Heasman, 36, town scavenger, born Rye; Mary Ann Heasman, 36, born Icklesham; Frederick B Heasman, 10; Edwin F Heasman, 8; Hetty Heasman, 4; Ethel Heasman, 1, all born Rye; Mary Ann Stonestreet, 64, widow, mother in law, born Beckley.

Name: Frederick Heasman. Age in 1911: 20. Birth Year: abt 1891. Relation to Head: Boarder. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: 2 Southlands Terrace, Church Path, Deal.

HICKS, JAMES THOMAS WILLIAM. Rank: Private. Service No: 5/1849. Age: 20. Date of Death: 24/05/1915. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 5th Bn. Grave Reference: IV. C. 64. Cemetery: BETHUNE TOWN CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Albert and Emma Hicks, of "Homelands," Cadborough Rd., Rye, Sussex.

Name: James Thomas Hicks. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 24 May 1915
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Rye
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1/5 Battalion.
Number: TF/1849. Died of wounds sustained 9th May at Aubers Ridge.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows entered France 15 February 1915, entitled to 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medals.

Name: James Thomas W Hicks. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1895.
Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 2

Name: James T W Hicks. Age: 6. Birth Year: abt 1895. Father's Name: Albert Hicks.
Mother's Name: Emma Hicks. Where born: Rye, Sussex.
Address: Ferry Road, Rye. Albert Hicks, 36, platelayer on railway, born Rye Foreign;
Emma Hicks, 36; Albert Hicks, 14; George Hicks, 12; Stephen Hicks, 10; Edith E Hicks, 8; James T W Hicks, 6; Frank Hicks, 3; Elsie Hicks, 1, all born Rye.

Name: William Hicks. Age in 1911: 16. Birth Year: abt 1895. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex.
Street Address: 3 Clyde Villas, Cadborough Road, Rye. Albert Hicks, 46, platelayer;
Emma Hicks, 46, married 25 years, 10 children, all alive; Albert Hicks, 24, general labourer; George Hicks, 22, platelayer; William Hicks, 16, carter on farm; Frank Hicks, 13; Elsie Hicks, 11; Percy Hicks, 9; Ethel Hicks, 7; Sidney Hicks, 4 all born Rye.

HILDER JAMES COOK, H.M. Trawler "Margaret" (Rye), Mercantile Marine. Lost when the trawler was mined in Rye Bay 17 December 1916. Aged 37. Son of James & Naomi Hilder. Husband of Eliza Hilder (nee Holdstock) of South Undercliffe, Rye. Born in Rye. **Brother of John Hilder**. Commemorated on Tower Hill Memorial London and Memorial in Rye Cemetery.

See also the loss of the trawler "Margaret" (Colebrook) on 17 December 1916 which was owned by Alderman William Edwin Colebrook.

Name: John Hilder. Age: 6. Birth Year: abt 1885. Father's Name: James Hilder. Mother's Name: Naomi Hilder. Where born: Rye, Sussex. **James Hilder**, 35; Naomi Hilder, 34; Naomi Hilder, 13; James Hilder, 12; Martha Hilder, 9; **John Hilder**, 6; Edwin Hilder, 3; Ruth Hilder, 4 months.

HILDER JOHN Fisherman, H. M. Trawler "**Margaret**" (Rye), Mercantile Marine. Lost when the Trawler was mined in Rye Bay 17 December 1916. Aged 33. Son of James & Naomi Hilder. Husband of Kate Rose Hilder (nee Baker) of South Undercliffe, Rye. Born at Rye. Brother of **James Hilder**. Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial London and Rye Cemetery Memorial.

See also the loss of the trawler "Margaret" (Colebrook) on 17 December 1916 which was owned by Alderman William Edwin Colebrook.

HOAD, PERCY EWART. Rank: Private. Service No: 5/2196. Date of Death: 28/07/1915. Age: 17. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 5th Bn. Grave Reference: A. 6. Cemetery: LABOURSE COMMUNAL CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Mrs. **Sarah** Parsons, of Ferry Rd., Rye, Sussex.

Name: Percy Ewart Hoad. Birth Place: Wittersham, Kent. Death Date: 28 Jul 1915 Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1/5 Battalion. Number: TF/2196. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

De Ruvigny's: Hoad, Percy Ewart, Private No. 2196 1/5th Battalion the Royal Sussex Regiment (TF) son of George Hoad by his wife, Sarah (now wife of George Parsons, of White Cottage, The Strand, Rye) daughter of Hohn Hoad (Dengate?) born Kings Gate, Wittersham, Kent 10th July 1898. Eductaed in Rye. Enlisted 15 August 1914, went to France 10 July 1915 and was killed in action there by a shell, 28 July. Medal Index Card 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medals

Name: Percy Ewart Hoad. Date of Registration: **Jul-Aug-Sep 1898**. District: Tenterden, Kent. Volume: 2a. Page: 817

Name: Percy Hoad. Age: 8. Birth Year: abt 1893. Father's Name: Ambrose G Hoad. Mother's Name: **Matilda** Hoad. Where born: Wittersham, Kent. Ambrose George Hoad, 53, dockyard labourer; Matilda Hoad, nee Dengate, 44, both born Wittersham; Florence M Hoad, 18, born Aldershot; Reginald A Hoad, 14; Bertie E Hoad, 12; Percy Hoad, **8**, both born Winkfield; Lily A Hoad, 6, born Wittersham; Dorothy M Hoad, 2 born Chatham; John Dengate, 48, boarder, bricklayer, born Wittersham.

[There is something amiss here, but birth Registration in 1898 doesn't match with 8 year old in 1901 with Matilda as mother, and unlikely to have changed her name AND be producing children in 1911 – see overleaf]

Name: Percy E Hoad. Age in 1911: 12. Birth Year: abt 1899. Relation to Head: Stepson. Birth Place: Wittersham, Kent. Street Address: 2 Bath Buildings Rye Sussex. George Parsons, 40, builders carter, born Udimore; Sarah Parsons, 43, married 11 years, 7 children, 6 still alive, born Wittersham; Percy E Hoad, 12, born Wittersham; Henry G Parsons, 9; Bessie M Parsons, 7; John J Parsons, 5; Harold J Parsons, 4; Earnest Parsons, 1; Herbert V Parsons, **1 month**.

HOLDSTOCK, FRANK. Rank: Private. Service No: G/2098. Date of Death: 25/09/1915. Age: 25. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. "D" Coy. 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 69 to 73. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Edward and Ann Holdstock, of 11, Richmond Villas, Rye, Sussex.

Name: Frank Holdstock. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 25 Sep 1915.
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Rye.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Number: G/2098. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows arrival in France 23 February 1915 and Presumed Dead 25 September 1915. Entitled to 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medals.

Name: Frank Holdstock. Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1890. District: Rye, Sussex. Vol: 2b. Page: 4

Name: Frank Holdstock. Born: 24 Apr 1890. Christening: 6 Jul 1890. Place: Rye, Sussex. Father's Name: Edward Holdstock. Mother's Name: Ann

Name: Frank Holdstock. Age: 11 months. Birth Year: abt 1890. Father's Name: Edward Holdstock. Mother's Name: Ann Holdstock. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Edward Holdstock, 33, general carman; Ann Holdstock, 34; Eliza Holdstock, 10 all born Wittersham. Elizabeth A Holdstock, 8; Henry S Holdstock, 6; Minnie G Holdstock, 4; Edward Holdstock, 2; Frank Holdstock, 11 months, all born Rye.

HOLMES, ROBERT BRIAN. Rank: Second Lieutenant. Date of Death: 01/07/1916. Age: 29. Regiment/Service: King's Royal Rifle Corps. 5th Bn. attd. 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: I. L. 12. Cemetery: Noeux les Mines Communal Cemetery Additional Information: Son of Alfred and Kate Holmes, of Ashfield, Bingley, Yorks., and Udimore, Rye, Sussex.

Name: Robert Bryan Holmes. Death Date: 1 Jul 1916. Rank: 2nd Lieutenant. Regiment: King's Royal Rifle Corps. Battalion: 5th Battalion. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds. Comments: Attached 2nd Battalion.

Medal Index card: Name: Robert Brian Holmes. Entered France 6 October 1915 as Lance Corporal. Regiment or Corps: 16th Battalion (Public Schools) Middlesex Regiment, Regimental Number: PS/1062; Commissioned into 2nd Kings Royal Rifle Corps (no Service Number for Officers) 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medals. NoK Address A K Holmes (brother) Udimore, Rye.

Holmes, Robert Brian, of Ashfield, Bingley, Yorkshire. Second Lieutenant KRRC died 1st July 1916 in France. Probate London 16 March to Joseph Richard Holmes, brewer. Effects: £20,701 4s 5d.

Name: Robert Brian Holmes. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1886. Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 8

Name: Robert B Holmes. Age: 4. Birth Year: abt 1887. Father's Name: Alfred Holmes. Mother's Name: Kate Holmes. Where born: Udimore, Sussex. Alfred Holmes, 41, farmer and brewer, born London; Kate Holmes, 35, born Icklesham; May L Holmes, 14; Effie M Holmes, 11; Alfred K Holmes, 9; Reginald D Holmes, 7; William G Holmes, 6; Robert B Holmes, 4; Dorothy S Holmes, 2; all born Udimore. Christiana Brown, 43, ladies help, born Hothfield, Kent; Elizabeth Wells, nurse, 32; Emily Shurtleffe, cook, 18; Alice Mays, 28, housemaid

Name: Robert B Holmes. Age: 14. Birth Year: abt 1887. Relation: Pupil. Where born: Udimore, Sussex. At school with brother William G Holmes

Name: Robert Brian Holmes. Age in 1911: 24. Birth Year: abt 1887. Birth Place: Udimore, Sussex. Street Address: Ashfield. Bingley. Yorks. Occupation: Brewer & Maltster

HOOK, FREDERICK. Rank: Private. Service No: 11839.

Date of Death: 10/07/1918. Regiment: The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). 7th Bn.

Grave Reference: V. F. 3. Cemetery: BERLIN SOUTH-WESTERN CEMETERY

Name: Frederick Hook. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Rye, Sussex.

Death Date: 10 Jul 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlisted: Hastings.

Rank: Private. Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Battalion: 7th Battalion.

Number: G/11839. Type of Casualty: Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows not in a Theatre of War until after 1915.

Fred enlisted as Private 1592 5th Cinque Ports Battalion Royal Sussex on 1st January 1913 aged 16. Address: 16 Tower Street, Rye. Occupation painters boy. He was Absent Without Leave for the annual training fortnight in summer 1914 but was embodied on the outbreak of war. Discharged on 12 September 1914 as unlikely to become an efficient soldier. Father Harry, mother Mary.

His East Kent Service records also survive. Address: Forge House, Wish St, Rye on 12th August 1916. Employed as a bottle washer in a brewery, aged 20 years 7 months. On 11 August 1917 he sustained a gunshot wound to his head and left shoulder, described as "mild". Next of Kin Harry and Mary Susanah, "Holloway Cottage" Cinque Ports St, Rye.

Brother Herbert serving with the Army in India and Harry junior, same address. Sisters Alice Deacon (nee Hook) 9, Clifton Place, Edith Payne, Bath Buildings, Lottie Hook, Church Square and Ethel Sadlier, St Mawls, Cornwall. He arrived in France 9 December 1916 and was reported as a Prisoner of War on 21 March 1918 and died in hospital at Zwickau, Saxony.

Birth: Name: Frederick Hook. Date: Oct-Nov-Dec 1895. District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 4

Name: Frederick Hook. Age in 1911: 15. Birth Year: abt 1896. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: 16 Tower Street Rye. Harry Hook, 50, journeyman butcher, born Rye; Mary Susanah Hook, 53, born Peasmarsh, married 28 years 8 children all alive; Alice Hook, 28, domestic servant; Edith Hook, 24; Harry Hook, 21, Ostler at Cinque Ports hotel; William Hook, 18, butcher; Frederick Hook, 15, butchers assistant; Rose Lilian Hook, 10

HOOK, FREDERICK VALENTINE. Rank: Private. Service No: SD/1053. Age: 27.
Date of Death: 03/09/1916. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 11th Bn.
Panel Reference: Pier and Face 7 C. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of George H. and Mary Ann Hook.

Name: Frederick V. Hook. Birth Place: Hastings. Death Date: 3 Sep 1916.
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 11th Battalion. Number:
SD/1053. Type of Casualty: Killed in action near Becourt.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

Medal Index Card shows entitlement to British War and Victory medals

Name: Frederick Valentine Hook. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1890.
Registration district: Hastings, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 48. (Valentine - was his
Birth Date 14 February?)

Name: Frederick V Hook. Age: 1. Birth Year: abt 1890. Mother's Name: Maryann
Hook. Where born: Hastings, Sussex. Address: 93 St Georges Road, Hastings.
Maryann Hook, 32, married not widow, born Hastings; William G Hook, 11, born Ore;
Walter G Hook, 2, born Rye; Frederick V Hook, 1, born Hastings. Name: Frederick V
Hook. Age: 11. Birth Year: abt 1890. Father's Name: George H Hook. Mother's Name:
Mary A Hook. Where born: Hastings, Sussex

Name: Frederick Valentine Hook. Age in 1911: 21. Birth Year: abt 1890. Birth Place:
Hastings, Sussex. Street Address: Pearl House Winchelsea Road Rye. George
Henry Hook, 53, house painter, born Hastings; Mary Ann Hook, 52, married 30 years,
10 children, all alive. Frederick Valentine Hook, 21, general labourer; Herbert Lionel
Hook, 16, born Westham, Sussex; Annie Elsie Elizabeth Hook, 12, born Hellingly.

HOOK, WILLIAM. Rank: Private. Service No: G/116431. Date of Death: 02/08/1917.
Age: 24. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 13th Bn.
Panel Reference: Panel 20. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Husband of Lily Hook, (nee Burchett) of 2, Cadborough Rd.,
Rye, Sussex.

Name: William Hook. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 2 Aug 1917. Death
Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings. Rank: Private.
Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 13th Battalion. Number: G/16431.
Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Name: William Hook. Spouse: Lucy Burchett. Date of Registration: 3rd Qtr 1895.
Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 1.

HOULT, ALFRED ROBERT. Rank: Private. Service No: G/53615. Age: 19.
Date of Death: 01/09/1918. Regiment/Service: Middlesex Regiment, but posted to
19th Bn. London Regiment.
Panel Reference: Panel 8-9. Memorial: VIS-EN-ARTOIS MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Walter Eugene and Fanny Houl, of 19, Burry Rd., St.
Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. Educated at Rye Grammar School; and afterwards
entered the Westminster Bank.

Name: Alfred Robert Houl. Birth Place: Biddenham, Kent. Death Date: 1 Sep 1918.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hastings, Sussex. Rank:
Private. Regiment: Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment). Battalion: 19th
London Battalion. Number: G/53615. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of
War: Western European Theatre

Name: Alfred Robert Houl. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1899. Registration
district: Tenterden, Kent. Volume: 2a. Page: 851

Name: Alfred Robert Houl. Age in 1911: 12. Birth Year: abt 1899.
Birth Place: Biddenden, Kent. Street Address: South View Cadboro Road Rye
Fanny Houl, 37, married, 15 years, 5 children, 4 still alive. Husband Walter not at
home. Marjorie Eugenie Houl, 13; Alfred Robert Houl, 12; Dorothy Houl, 9, born
Ickleham.

Name: Alfred Robert Houl. Age: 2. Birth Year: abt 1899. Father's Name: Walter
Eugene Houl. Mother's Name: Fanny Houl. Address: Broad Street Farmhouse,
Icklesham, Rye. Walter Eugene Houl, 35 retired Civil Servant (GPO), born Dover;
Fanny Houl, 27, born Sedlescombe; Marjorie Eugenie Houl, 3, born Lowestoft;
Alfred Robert Houl, 2, born Biddenden, Kent. Robert Barber, 20, visitor (GPO) born
Sedlescombe (brother of Fanny?); Mary Elizabeth Lee, 20, domestic servant

HUGGETT, ALFRED. Rank: Private. Service No: 47933.

Date of Death: 19/11/1917. Regiment/Service: Lancashire Fusiliers. 3rd/5th Bn.

Panel Reference: Panel 54 to 60 and 163A. Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL

Name: Alfred Huggett. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 19 Nov 1917.

Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hastings, Sussex.

Rank: Private. Regiment: Lancashire Fusiliers. Battalion: 3/5th (T) Battalion.

Number: 47933. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

Medal Index Card for British War and Victory medals, not Overseas until after 1915.

Name: Alfred Huggett. Date: 4th Qtr 1898. District: Rye, Sussex. Vol: 2b. Page: 1

Name: Alfred Huggett. Age: 2. Birth Year: abt 1899. Father's Name: Henry Huggett.

Mother's Name: Mary Huggett. Where born: Rye, Sussex.

Address: 6, Albion Place, Rye. Henry Huggett, 43, bricklayer, born Rye; Mary Huggett, 41, born Westwell, Kent; Florence Kennett, 13, born Yalding, Kent; Harry Huggett, 6; George Huggett, 4; Alfred Huggett, 2; Kate E Huggett, 8 months all born Rye.

Name: Alfred Huggett. Age in 1911: 12. Birth Year: abt 1899. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: 6 Albion Place, Ferry Road Rye. Henry Huggett, 53, bricklayer; Mary Huggett, 51, married 17 years, 4 children all still alive; Harry Huggett, 16, plumbers mate; **George Huggett**, 14, builders clerk; **Alfred Huggett**, 12; Kate Elizabeth Huggett, 10; Florence Frances **Kennett**, 23, **step** daughter (by Mary's previous marriage, making 5 children)

HUGGETT, George. Private TF/2811, 1/5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 1st Division. Killed in action at Richebourg l'Avoue **9 May** 1915. Aged 25 Enlisted in Hastings. Included on New Romney (Kent) Parish Church War Memorial. Commemorated on Le Touret Memorial.

HUGGETT, GEORGE. Rank: Private. Service No: TF/2811.

Date of Death: 09/05/1915. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 1st/5th Bn.

Panel Reference: Panel 20 and 21. Memorial: LE TOURET MEMORIAL

Name: George Huggett. Death Date: 9 May 1915. Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings. Rank: Private.

Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1/5 Battalion. Number: TF/2811

Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

Name: George Huggett. Age in 1911: 14. Birth Year: abt 1899. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: 6 Albion Place, Ferry Road Rye. Henry Huggett, 53, bricklayer; Mary Huggett, 51, married 17 years, 4 children all still alive; Harry Huggett, 16, plumbers mate; **George Huggett**, 14, builders clerk; **Alfred Huggett**, 12; Kate Elizabeth Huggett, 10; Florence Frances **Kennett**, 23, **step** daughter (by Mary's previous marriage, making 5 children)

HUMPHREYS, FREDERICK CHARLES. Second Lieutenant, Aged 37.

8th Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry 37th Division. **Awards: MC.**

Killed in action near Ypres 4 October 1917.

Son of Mr & Mrs F. L. Humphreys of 13, Rotherfield Avenue, Hastings.

Educated at Charterhouse School. Formerly of Montevideo, Uruguay, South America. Formerly with Royal Sussex Regiment. Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

Name: Frederick Charles Humphreys. Decoration: MC. Death Date: 4 Oct 1917.

Rank: Captain (T). Regiment: Prince Albert's (Somerset Light Infantry).

Battalion: 8th Battalion. Killed in action

Supplement to London Gazette 1 January 1917. Temp. Lt. Frederick Charles Humphreys, Som. L.I.

Name: Frederick Charles Humphreys. Age: 11. Birth Year: abt 1880. Relation: Boarder. Where born: Montevideo, Uruguay. Civil parish: Hove. Ecclesiastical parish: St Patrick

Humphreys, Frederick Charles, of Longer House, Rye, Sussex died 4 October 1917 in Belgium. Administration London 7 May 1918 to Louisa Humphreys, widow, Effects £191 0s 7d.

Frederick Charles Humphreys. Baptism Date: 3 Dec 1882. Parish: Bolton, All Souls.

Father: Frederick Humphreys. Mother: Annie Humphreys. Reference Number: GB127.L117/1/1/1

Name: Harriett Humphreys. Baptism Date: 17 Jul 1881. Baptism Place: St Peters, Bolton-le-Moors, Lancashire.

Father: Frederick Humphreys. Mother: Anne Humphreys. FHL Film Number: 1966406. Reference ID: p 133

Name: Fredk Humphreys. Birth Date: abt 1882. Age: 17. Port of Departure: New York. Arrival Date: Jun 1899. Port of Arrival: Liverpool. Ship Name: Teutonic, travelling with his 15 year old sister, shown only as "Miss Humphreys".

(NOTE: No marriage record to a Louisa found, possibly married abroad, in Uruguay?)

HUMPHREYS GUY HARRATT. Private TF/252124, 3rd Battalion, London Regiment (The Royal Fusiliers) Killed in action 8 March 1918. Aged 34. Son of Mr & Mrs F. L. Humphreys of Montevideo late of Longer House, Rye. Brother of Frederick Charles Humphreys. Buried in Roclincourt Military Cemetery.

Name: Guy Harratt Humphreys. Residence: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 8 Mar 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Harrow Rd. Rank: Private. London Regiment. Battalion: 3rd (City of London) Battalion (Royal Fusiliers) Number: 252124. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

Name: Guy H Humphreys. Birth Date: abt 1885. Age: 29. Departure: New York, New York. Arrival Date: 25 May 1914. Port of Arrival: London. Ship Name: Minnehaha

Name: Guy H Humphreys. Age: 7. Birth Year: abt 1884. Relation: Visitor. Born: United States.

Civil parish: Hendon Lodge, Alcester Road, Wallington, Surrey. Susan Tomkinson, 84, spinster, born Hendon, Staffs; Catherine Tomkinson, 68, sister, spinster, Fanny E Tomkinson, sister in law, 50, widow, all living on own means; Mary L Humphreys, 9 and brother Guy H Humphreys, 7 both born America; Sarah Thompson, 61, housekeeper and Sarah Bonnet, 35 domestic servant.

2nd Lieutenant Guy Harratt HUMPHREYS. Prince Albert's (Somerset Light Infantry).

London Gazette 3 November 1914: The undermentioned to be temporary Second Lieutenant. Dated 30th October, 1914: — Guy Harratt Humphreys.

(from the shortage of records found, I suspect both Frederick and Guy may have been born abroad, probably USA, although principal location seems to link back to Montevideo and Uruguay, perhaps involved in the beef trade?).

Frederick was educated at Charterhouse School, but I haven't located a similar record for Guy, who I would have expected to have followed suit. Guy also appears to have had his initial commission in the Somerset Light Infantry, as was Frederick, but at some stage moved to KRRC, before service in France.

There may therefore be an as yet undiscovered link to the Somerset Light Infantry. Their father (Frederick L) appears to have been born near Westbury in Wiltshire which is a closer connection than Bolton.

JAMESON, ANTONY MILDMAY. Rank: Second Lieutenant. Age: 28.
Date of Death: 01/09/1916. Regiment/Service: Leinster Regiment. 2nd Bn.
Grave: II. H. 9. Quarry Cemetery, Montauban
Additional Information: Son of Major T. M. Jameson, of Moorstock, Sellindge, Ashford, Kent, and the late Lena Jameson.

Name: Anthony Mildmay Jameson. Death Date: 1 Sep 1916. Rank: 2/Lieutenant.
Regiment: Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians). Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Bernafay Wood.

Takeley, Essex War Memorial: Antony Mildmay Jameson. 2nd Lieutenant. On memorial as A.W. Jameson. Resided Ashford, Kent. Aged 28. Buried Montauban, Somme. Battle for Delville Wood, Longueval

Name: Anthony Mildmay Jameson. Age in 1911: 22. Birth Year: abt 1889. Birth Place: Bournemouth, Hertfordshire. Street Address: Oak Lodge, Takeley, Essex. Poultry farmer.

Full name JAMESON ANTONY MILDMAY. Rank Second Lieutenant.
Unit 2nd Bn. Regiment Leinster Regiment. Date Of Death 01-Sep-16. Age 28.
Additional Information Son of Major T. M. Jameson of Moorstock Sellindge Ashford Kent and the late Lena Jameson.

Commissioned as Second Lieutenant under probation 21 April 1915: Anthony Mildmay Jameson, 5th Battalion, Leinster Regiment. Medal Index Card shows prior service as Lance Serjeant 450, Middlesex Regiment. British War and Victory medals so not Overseas until after 1915.

Name: Anthony Mildmay Jameson. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1889.
Registration district: Christchurch, Hampshire. Volume: 2b. Page: 648

Name: Antony M Jameson. Age: 2. Birth Year: abt 1889. Father's Name: Thomas M Jameson. Mother's Name: Lena A S Jameson. Where born: Boscombe, Hampshire, England. Town: Bowden Hall, Great Bowden, Leicestershire. Thomas M Jameson, 34, born Meath, Ireland; Lena A S Jameson, 30, born Worthing; Julian V Jameson, 10, born West Meath; Jean P Jameson, 7, born London; Antony M Jameson, 2, born Boscombe; Lucy A Lane, 65, widow, visitor, born Charlinch, Somerset; Elizabeth A Bear, 24, governess; Ann Grace, 49, housekeeper; Henry Brown, 20, butler; Henry Philips, 16, footman; Jane Bensley, 51, widow, cook; Elizabeth Bodger, 30, housemaid; Mary Bodger, 79, housemaid. Educated at Gisburne House Preparatory School, Watford

Jameson, Lena, otherwise Lena Amy Southby, of The Old Vicarage, Rye, Sussex (wife of Thomas Montgomery Jameson) died 30 August 1918. Probate London 19 October to Jean Phyllis Jameson, spinster. Effects: £1,734 3s 1d

JAMESON, JAMES BRUCE. Rank: Lieutenant. Date of Death: 24/08/1918.
Age: 24. Regiment/Service: Royal Air Force. 48 Sqdn.
Grave Reference: XVIA. C. 17. Cemetery: Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery.
Additional Information: Son of the late Major Thomas M. Jameson & Lena Jameson.
Medal Index Card shows commissioned as 2nd Lt 32nd Battalion Royal Fusiliers and Lt RFC/RAF

URINOWSKI, ALEXANDER. Rank: Second Lieutenant. Date of Death: 24/08/1918.
Age: 21. Regiment/Service: Royal Air Force. 48 Sqdn.
formerly 1st/7th Bn. The King's (Liverpool Regiment).
Grave Reference: XVIA. A. 1. Cemetery: Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery.
Additional Information: Son of Stefan and Ksenya Urinowski, of 37, Martins Lane, Wallasey. Enlisted Aug., 1914. Wounded at Gallipoli.

[Extract from Lancing College War Memorial mentions Lt Jameson several times:-

Captain John Herbert Towne LETTS MC. Lincolnshire Regiment and 64 Squadron Royal Air Force Date of birth: 10th June 1897. Date of death: 11th October 1918. Killed on active service aged 21. Buried at Bac-du-Sud British Cemetery Plot VI Row A Grave 30

John Herbert Towne Letts was born at Steep Hill House in Lincoln on the 10th of June 1897 the only child of Walter John Letts, a railway superintendant, and Charlotte Helen Letts of Steep Hill House, Lincoln. He was christened on the 19th of July 1897 at St Ann's Church, Tottenham in Middlesex. He was educated at Aldeburgh Lodge in Suffolk, at Roydon Hall in Norfolk and at Lancing College where he was in News House from September 1911 to September 1912 and in Fields House until September 1913 when he moved to Gibbs House until he left in July 1915.

He was appointed as a House Captain in September 1914, was in the 2nd XI Football in 1913/14, the 1st Football XI in 1914/15 and the Swimming Team in 1914 and 1915, being Secretary in the latter year. He was a member of the Cricket XI in 1914. He was also winner of the open quarter mile race, held five house colours and was a Sergeant in the Officer Training Corps. On leaving school he attended the Royal Military College Sandhurst, where he became Sergeant of his Company. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Lincolnshire Regiment on the 26th of January 1916 and proceeded for pilot training to No. 1 Reserve Squadron at Gosport the same day.

On the 24th of March he passed his Aero Certificate (2618) at the Military School in Farnborough flying a Maurice Farman Biplane. He was promoted to Flying Officer and seconded to the Royal Flying Corps on the 4th of May 1916. He was then posted to the Central Flying School at Upavon where he made his first flight in a BE2c on the 29th of March. On the 9th of April he went solo on the type.

*He was posted to France to join 27 Squadron on the 15th of June 1916 flying Martinsyde Elephant aircraft, but was invalided home with knee trouble on the 11th of August and was posted to 47 Reserve Squadron as an instructor based at Waddington on the 19th of October 1916. On the 17th of January 1917 he was declared fit for general service and was posted to the newly formed **48 Squadron** in March 1917, who were about to go to France equipped with the new Bristol Fighter F2b aircraft. **They were the first squadron to be equipped with them.** ... continued/....*

He returned to the front with his new squadron on the 12th of February 1917. On the 5th of April 1917 he was promoted to Captain and was appointed as Flight Commander **to replace Captain William Leefe-Robinson VC who had recently been shot down** and taken prisoner by Richtofen's Jasta 11 on his first mission with the squadron.

On the 9th of April 1917 Letts and his Observer, Lieutenant Harold George Collins, were flying Bristol Fighter A3315 in the company of another aircraft piloted by Captain Wilkinson, when they became engaged in combat over Arras with five German machines of Richtofen's "Flying Circus". During the engagement they claimed two Albatross DIII aircraft as shot down, one being out of control.

During the fight their aircraft was "cut to ribbons" and he flew it back to base with great difficulty. Letts was unhurt but sadly Collins was killed during the encounter. After a short leave he was soon back in the air and on the 4th of May, while flying Bristol Fighter A7104 he and his Observer Lieutenant Speller, claimed an Albatross DIII shot down at Pelves at 4.15pm. This victory was shared with 2nd Lieutenant H Smithers and his observer V Reed.

On the **11th of May** he was flying Bristol Fighter A7104 with his Observer, **2nd Lieutenant James Bruce Jameson**, when they encountered enemy aircraft of Richtofen's Jasta 11. They shot down an Albatross DIII over Dury at 12.45pm but were themselves hit and crash landed inside British lines, slightly wounding Letts. Another Bristol Fighter was lost during the fight although Jasta 11 pilots claimed three victories. Letts likely victor was Leutnant Maashoff as the other two claims were said to have been in flames or to have crashed in German lines.

On the **16th of May**, also **with Jameson as Observer**, he claimed another Albatross DIII which was shot down in the Pelves area. On the 24th of May he was back in the air again with his Observer Lieutenant L.W. Allen in Bristol Fighter A3350 when they were attacked by four enemy two seater machines. Despite the heavy odds they claimed two aircraft destroyed while driving the other two off. Their aircraft was damaged during the fight with Allen being wounded.

In the event they are officially credited with one victory. The official report into this action stated:- "By his indescribable pluck and dash he has set a fine example to his pilots and observers of his flight." For this feat he was awarded the Military Cross which was announced in the London Gazette of the 16th of August 1917. The citation read:- "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked four large two seaters, driving two down out of control and forcing the remaining two down. He has helped to destroy eight machines, and throughout has set a splendid example."

On the 27th of May while flying with his Observer, Lieutenant Malcolmsen, he shared in the destruction of another Albatross DIII south of Douai. On the 5th of June he and Observer Jameson, flying Bristol Fighter A7106, claimed another two seater sent down out of control at 7.25am, also near Douai. On the **17th of August** he was flying in Bristol Fighter A7219 with **2nd Lieutenant Jameson as observer** when they were attacked by eight Albatross DIIs at 11am to the east of Nieuport. The combined fire of **Jameson** and that of Lieutenant I.H. Tanner, the observer of fellow Bristol pilot 2nd Lieutenant Alan Craddock Simpson, sent one enemy aircraft spinning down on full power with the result that it fell apart in the air.

On the 22nd of August 1917 he was flying with his Observer Lieutenant Harold R Power in Bristol Fighter A7219, along with two other machines, when they pursued ten Gotha bombers out to sea, which were returning from a raid on the Kentish Coast. In the running battle, Power was fatally hit and involuntarily struck Letts across the head with the barrel of his machine gun causing an injury and concussion. Letts managed to nurse the stricken aircraft back to their base but Power was dead when they arrived.

Lieutenant James Bruce Jameson, RAF, who was killed in action on August 24th was the youngest son of Major and Mrs T M Jameson, Rye, Sussex, aged 25 years ["Flight" archives]

Lt. James Bruce Jameson. Youngest Son of Major T.M. and Mrs Lena Jameson of Rye, later of "Moorstock," Sellindge, Kent. Enlisted into 32nd Royal Fusiliers before joining the R.F.C. Killed on the 24th August 1918 during the Air Raid on Bertangles Aerodrome, he was 25 years old. Buried in Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery and remembered on the Rye War Memorial. [48 Squadron]

JARRETT, CHARLES. Rank: Private. Service No: 5/2185.

Date of Death: 29/04/1915. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 5th Bn.

Grave Reference: XXVIII. B. 19. Cabaret Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez

Additional Information: Son of George & Jane Jarrett of The Mint, Rye.

Name: Charles Jarrett. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 29 Apr 1915.

Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings.

Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1/5 Battalion.

Number: TF/2185. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Name: Charles Eaton Jarrett. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1883. Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 9

JARRETT, FREDERICK HENRY. Rank: Private. Service No: 5/1439. Age: 20.
Date of Death: 11/05/1915. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 5th Bn.
Grave Reference: I. A. 107. Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery. Additional
Information: Son of George and Jane Jarrett, of The Mint, Rye, Sussex.
[This was the only one of the three sons provided with Additional Information - why
only one?]

Name: Frederick Henry Jarrett. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 11 May 1915
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Rye.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1/5 Battalion.
Number: TF/1439. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds sustained at Aubers Ridge,
Richebourg, 9th May. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre
Birth: Frederick Henry Jarrett. Date: 2nd Qtr 1895. District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b.
Page: 2.

Name: Frederick E H Jarrett. Age: 6. Birth Year: abt 1895. Father's Name: George
Jarrett. Mother's Name: Mary Jane Jarrett. Where born: Rye, Sussex. George Jarrett,
48; Mary Jane Jarrett, 49; George Jarrett, 21; Alfred Jarrett, 19; **William Jarrett**, 16;
John Jarrett, 13; Sarah M Jarrett, 9; **Frederick E H Jarrett**, 6.

JARRETT, WILLIAM. Rank: Private. Service No: G/15448.
Date of Death: 27/03/1918. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 7th Bn.
Panel Reference: Panel 46 and 47. Memorial: POZIERES MEMORIAL
Son of George & Jane Jarrett of The Mint, Rye.

Name: William Jarrett. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 27 Mar 1918
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Grimsby
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 7th Battalion.
Number: G/15448. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Name: William Jarrett. Age: 6. Birth Year: abt 1885. Father's Name: George Jarrett.
Mother's Name: Jane Jarrett. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Address: The Strand, Rye.
George Jarrett, 38; Jane Jarrett, 37; George Jarrett, 11; Abraham Jarrett, 9; William
Jarrett, 6; John Jarrett, 3 all born Rye.

Name: William Jarrett. Age in 1911: 26. Birth Year: abt 1885. Birth Place: Rye,
Sussex. Street Address: High Street Rye. George Jarrett, 58, fishmonger, born Rye;
Mary Jane Jarrett, 58, married 38 years, 6 children all alive in 1911. Mary Jane
Jarrett, 19; **William Jarrett**, 26; **Fredrick Jarrett**, 16 all born Rye.

JEMPSON, WILLIAM HENRY. Gunner 168846, "D" Battery, 152nd Brigade Royal Field Artillery. 34th Division. Killed in action 13 April 1918. Aged 22. Son of Mr & Mrs Jempson of Hastings. Born in Hastings and enlisted in St. Leonard's. Included on the Hastings War Memorial. Buried in Le Grand Hasard Military Cemetery Morbecque.

JEMPSON, WILLIAM HENRY. Rank: Gunner. Service No: 168846. Date of Death: 13/04/1918. Age: 22. Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery. "D" Bty. 152nd Bde. Grave: Plot 3. Row B. Grave 10. Le Grand Hasard Military Cemetery, Morbecque
Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jempson, of Hastings.

Name: William Henry Jempson. Birth Place: Hastings, Sussex.
Death Date: 13 Apr 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: St. Leonard-on-sea, Sussex. Rank: Gunner.
Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery. Number: 168846.
Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

JEWHURST, ALFRED WILLIAM. Rank: Private. Service No: L/9705. Age: 26.
Date of Death: 01/01/1917. Regiment: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 29. Memorial: BASRA MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Leadbeatter, of 28, Cinque Port St., Rye, Sussex.

Name: Alfred William Jewhurst. Birth Place: Beckley, near Rye.
Death Date: 1 Jan 1917. Death Location: Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force.
Enlistment Location: Maidstone, Kent.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Number: L/9705. Type of Casualty: Died.
Theatre of War: Asiatic Theatres. Formerly 8224 Royal West Kent.

Enlisted 17 January 1911 aged 19 years 4 months. Milkman.
Entitled to 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medals.

Name: Alfred Willie R D Jewhurst. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1891.
Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 6. Nellie, Percy, Bertie and Alfred all born Rye, living with aunt Mahala Jewhurst in Sheerness in 1901 Census.
Not found in 1911 Census, perhaps in Military.

JONES, EVAN LAWRENCE. Rank: Captain. Date of Death: 30/09/1918. Age: 30
Regiment/Service: Royal Army Medical Corps. attd. 2nd Bn. Highland Light Infantry
Grave Reference: I. E. 10. Cemetery: FLESQUIERES HILL BRITISH CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Henry John Jones, M.R.C.S., and Mary Helen Jones,
of Fulham, London; husband of Edyth Davina Jones, of George Hotel, Rye, Sussex.

Captain Evan Lawrence Jones, R.A.M.C., was reported as killed in action, in the casualty list published on October 22nd. He was educated at Guy's Hospital, took the diplomas of L.M.S.S.A. in 1913, and was in practice in Fulham, till he took a temporary commission as lieutenant in the R.A.M.C. in 1916, being promoted to captain after a year's service. He was attached to the Highland Light Infantry when killed. British Medical Journal 2 Nov. 1918. Previous education: South Western Polytechnic. College Guy's Hospital. Dates at college 1 October 1907-1913. Qualifications L.M.S.S.A. 1913. Commemoration(s) Guy's Hospital Memorial.

Name: Evan Lawrence Jones. Death Date: 30 Sep 1918. Rank: Captain (T).
Regiment: Royal Army Medical Corps. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Comments:
Attached 2nd Battalion Highland Light Infantry.

Name: Edith D Wood. Spouse Surname: Jones. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec
1914. Registration district: St Martin, London. Volume: 1a. Page: 1266

Jones, Evan Lawrence of 5, Walham Grove, Walham Green, Middlesex died 30
September 1918 in France. Probate London 13 January 1919 to Edyth Davina Jones,
widow. Effects: £516 6s 1d.

JORDAN, CHARLES JAMES. (incorrectly shown on CWGC database as "C. T.").
Rank: Private. Service No: 24916. Date of Death: 20/07/1917.
Regiment/Service: Middlesex Regiment. 4th Bn.
Grave Reference: III. D. 31. Cemetery: HAZEBROUCK COMMUNAL CEMETERY
{NOTE: Brother of George Henry Jordan, see following Entry]

JORDAN Charles James. Private 24916, 4th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. 37th
Division. Died of wounds 20 July 1917. Aged 33. Son of Herbert & Frances Jordan
of 4, Sloan Terrace, Ferry Road, Rye. Born in Rye and enlisted in Maidstone. Buried
in Hazebrouck Communal Cemetery. Resident of Tonbridge. Manager of
International Stores, Tonbridge. Included on Tonbridge War Memorial.

Name: Charles James Jordan. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1885.
Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 4.

1901 Census: Grocery Assistant, boarding at Becks Lodging House, 21, Hill St.
Hastings.

1891 Census: Herbert H Jordan, 40; Frances Jordan, 40; Clara E Jordan, 19; William
H Jordan, 12; Frederick C Jordan, 7; **Charles J Jordan**, 5; Emily L Jordan, 3; Ethel
H Jordan, 2; **George H Jordan**, 8 months.

Medal Index Card shows entitlement to British War and Victory medals, so not
Overseas until after 1915.

JORDAN, GEORGE HENRY. Rank: Lance Corporal. Service No: T/1791.

Date of Death: 07/01/1916. Age: 25.

Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). 5th Bn.

Grave Reference: XXXI. C. 8. Cemetery: AMARA WAR CEMETERY

Additional Information: Son of the late **Herbert and Frances** Jordan. Born at Rye.

Name: George Henry Jordan. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Rye, Sussex.

Death Date: 7 Jan 1916. Death Location: M.E.F. Enlistment Location: Cranbrook.

Rank: L/Corporal. Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Battalion: 5th Battalion.

Number: T/1791. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Asiatic Theatres

JORDAN George Henry. Lance Corporal TF/1791, 1/5th Battalion, East Kent Regiment. 7th Indian Division, Mesopotamia. Brother of Charles Jordan.

Name: George Henry Jordan. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1890.

Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 2.

Name: George H Jordan. Age: 10. Birth Year: abt 1891. Father's Name: Herbert H Jordan. Mother's Name: Frances Jordan. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Herbert Hunt Jordan, 49; Frances Jordan, 50; Clara E Jordan, 29; Frederick C Jordan, 19; Emily L Jordan, 13; Ethel J H Jordan, 12; George H Jordan, 10; Beatrice M Jordan, 8.

Jordan, Herbert Hunt, of 4, Sloane Terrace, Rye Sussex, died 25 December 1914. Administration Lewes 28 May 1915 to Herbert William Jordan, grocer.

1891 Census: Herbert H Jordan, 40; Frances Jordan, 40; Clara E Jordan, 19; William H Jordan, 12; Frederick C Jordan, 7; **Charles J Jordan**, 5; Emily L Jordan, 3; Ethel H Jordan, 2; **George H Jordan**, 8 months.

Name: George Jordan. Age in 1911: 20. Birth Year: abt 1891. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: 28 Frampton Road, Hythe, Kent. Occupation: Grocery shop Assistant.

JOY, ARTHUR. Rank: Private. Service No: 5/1771. Date of Death: 12/02/1916.

Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 1st/5th Bn.

Grave Reference: C. 7. Cemetery: Villers Bocage Communal Cemetery Extension.

Historical Information: The 51st (Highland) Casualty Clearing Station was posted near the village in April and May 1916. The extension to the south side of the communal cemetery was begun in October 1915 and used until February 1917.

JOY Arthur Private TF/1771, 1/5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Pioneer Battalion, of the 48th Division. Aged 22. Son of Mr & Mrs James Joy of Rye. Born and enlisted in Rye.

Medal Index Card shows entry into France 15 Feb 1915 thus qualifying for the 1915 Star, British War and Victory medals. Notes "Died" 12 Feb 1916, after just about a year in France.

JUDGE, HENRY THOMAS. Rank: Private. Service No: SD/5131.

Date of Death: 05/09/1916. Age: 25.

Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 11th Bn.

Grave Reference: IV. A. 7. Cemetery: COUIN BRITISH CEMETERY

Additional Information: Son of the late George & Frances Judge. Native of Ashford.

Name: Henry Thomas Judge. Birth Place: Maidstone. Death Date: 5 Sep 1916.

Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Hastings.

Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 11th Battalion. Number: SD/5131. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

JUDGE Henry Thomas Private incorrectly shown as SD/5134, 11th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39th Division. Son of George & Fanny Judge of Rye.

[NOTE: I cannot trace a link to Rye, but the previous researcher did. The fact he enlisted in Hastings, when all other references are to Kent, supports he was either in or near Rye.]

Medal Index Card shows entitlement to British War and Victory medals, so not Overseas until after 1915.

KENNARD, HENRY EDWARD JAMES. Rank: Private. Service No: 3553.

Date of Death: 24/07/1916. Regiment/Service: Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 2nd Bn.

Panel Reference: Memorial: VILLERS-BRETONNEUX MEMORIAL

KENNARD Henry Edwin James Private 3553, 2nd Battalion, Australian Infantry 1st Australian Division. Killed in action near Pozieres 24 July 1916. Aged 18. Son of Mr & Mrs Henry Richard Kennard of 13, West Street, Rye. Emigrated to Australia in 1914. Resident of Bobbin Flat, New South Wales. Farm hand educated at Rye, and member of the local Sea Scouts. Born in Hastings. Commemorated on the Villers Bretonneux Memorial.

Enlisted aged 21 and 7 months on 27 October 1915 at Holdsworth NSW, civil occupation: Dairyman. Address: Marlee via Wingham, NSW. Next of Kin: Henry Richard Kennard, 13, West Street, Rye, Sussex. After training embarked on 16 February as part of the 8th reinforcements to Tel el Kebir, then Alexandria and disembarked in Marseilles on 28 March 1916. Reported Wounded and Missing 22 July and found Killed in Action 24 July. Buried at specific map location near Pozieres. It can only be assumed that his body was not recovered with any identification and has since been buried as a Known Unto God in a CWGC cemetery.

A letter enquiring about him was received from Alfred Moore at Bobin Flat, via Wingham, Manning River in November 1917, stating he had been wounded on 23 July but although he had always been prompt at writing, neither he nor his mother had any from him since. He was in B Company. A Pension claim gave his fathers full name but his mother as Katherine Kennard.

Entitled to British War and Victory medals.

KIMPTON Frank (only 2 in CWGC database, one Australian with connections to Hertfordshire so probably

KIMPTON, FRANK. Rank: Captain. Date of Death: 14/03/1919.

Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers.

Grave Reference: I. U. 16. Cemetery: BASRA WAR CEMETERY

Name: Frank Kimpton. Death Date: 14 Mar 1919. Rank: T/Captain. Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers. Type of Casualty: Died.

Captain, Royal Engineers. Died in Mesopotamia 14 March 1919. Local knowledge needed. Buried in Basra War Cemetery, Iraq.

KING, ALBERT. Rank: Private. Service No: 48202. Date of Death: 23/10/1918. Age: 19. Regiment/Service: East Surrey Regiment. 8th Bn.

Panel Reference: Panel 6. Memorial: VIS-EN-ARTOIS MEMORIAL

Additional Information: Son of Henry King, of Baron Grange, Iden, Rye, Sussex.

Barons Grange is now Grade II listed. C18. Two storeys and attic. Three windows. Two dormers. Ground floor red brick and grey headers, above tile-hung. Hipped tiled roof. Glazing bars intact. Doorway with fluted pilasters, semi-circular fanlight and flat hood on brackets. The London Gazette in November 1913 shows that William and Marjorie Mary Flood-Murray had a debt lodged against them. Perhaps Harry King took over after them.

Name: Albert King. Birth Place: Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Residence: Iden, Sussex. Death Date: 23 Oct 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.

Enlistment Location: Chichester, Sussex. Rank: Private. East Surrey Regiment. Battalion: 8th Battalion. Number: 48202.

Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

As you'd expect with such a young lad, not in a Theatre of War until after 1916 and most probably only after reaching his 18th birthday. British War and Victory medals. A little more remarkable is that he has no known grave, despite dying in the last few weeks of the War when the British Army was making huge progress. One can surmise that Albert was engulfed by a shell explosion and not able to be identified.

KITCHENER, FREDERICK GEORGE. Rank: Private. Service No: 550.

Date of Death: 02/05/1915. Age: 18. Regiment Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 16th Bn.

Panel Reference: 55. Memorial: LONE PINE MEMORIAL

Additional Information: Son of Frederick Thomas Kitchener and Louisa Kitchener, of 7, Bridge Place, Rye, Sussex, England. Native of London, England.

Frederick's personnel file is available on the Australian archive. Born in London and enlisted at Blackboy Hill, Western Australia on 25 September 1914, when 21 years and 1 month old. He had been a steward. Address as per CWGC with mother Louise Emily having a previous address at 182 Vicarage Lane, Stratford, London.

It may be that his parents had separated as his fathers claim for a pension was denied on the basis that he had not been dependent on him for the last 12 months. His mother however did receive 25 shillings a fortnight at 25 Somers Street, Walthamstow. Poor Frederick arrived at Gallipoli on 12 April 1915 from Australia and was killed in action on 2nd May, just over 2 weeks after arrival.

LARKIN, PERCY. Sergeant 8346, 2nd Battalion, Hampshire Regiment. 29th Division. Killed in action at Arras 23 April 1917. Aged 30. Husband of Margaret Larkin of 24, Church Square, Rye. Born in Hastings and enlisted in Rye. Commemorated on Arras Memorial.

Name: James Larkin. Birth Place: Iden, Rye, Sussex. Residence: Iden, Sussex.

Death Date: 20 Dec 1916. Death Location: France & Flanders.

Enlistment Location: Hastings. Rank: Private.

Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Battalion: 8th Battalion. Number: G/3721

Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

LAWRENCE, HERBERT HARRY. Private 27400, 6th Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry 14th Light Division. Killed in action at Arras 9 April 1917. Aged 36. Son of David & Matilda Lawrence of Winchelsea. Husband of Hilda Lilian Lawrence of 14, Mermaid Street, Rye. Born in Winchelsea and enlisted in Rye. Buried in Tigris Lane Cemetery, Wancourt.

Name: Herbert Harry Laurence. Birth Place: Winchelsea, Sussex.

Death Date: 9 Apr 1917. Death Location: France & Flanders.

Enlistment Location: Rye, Sussex. Rank: Private.

Regiment: Prince Albert's (Somerset Light Infantry). Battalion: 6th Battalion. Number: 27400. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Comments: Formerly G/50893, Royal Fusiliers

LEADBETTER, FREDERICK GEORGE. Private TF/240780 2/5th Battalion, Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 62nd Division. Killed in action near Arras 3 May 1917. Enlisted in South Kirby, Yorkshire Connection with Rye unknown, but presumably linked to Alfred William Dewhurst, mother Eliza Leadbetter. Commemorated on Arras Memorial.

Believe the Roll of Honour has incorrectly identified the wrong man, hence no trace of Rye connection. More properly I believe him to be:-

LEEDS, GEORGE HENRY CHARLES. Rank: Private. Service No: 28127. Age: 30. Date of Death: 19/11/1916. Regiment/Service: East Surrey Regiment. "B" Coy. 8th Bn. Panel Reference: Pier & Face 6 B & 6 C. Memorial: Thiepval Memorial Additional Information: Son of Sarah Ann Leeds-George, of Offens Farm, East Guildford, Rye, Sussex, and the late Frederick Leeds-George.

Name: Henry Charles George Leeds. Birth Place: Lydd, Kent.

Residence: Guldeford, Sussex. Death Date: 19 Nov 1916.

Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Chichester, Sussex

Rank: Private. Regiment: East Surrey Regiment. Battalion: 8th Battalion.

Number: 28127. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre. Formerly 9240, R. Sussex R.

Often a change in Regiment denotes a return to active service after wounding or sickness.

LEWIS, FREDERICK PAUL. Rank: Driver. Service No: 5937.

Date of Death: 31/10/1918. Age: 22

Regiment/Service: No. 17 Section Sanitaire Anglaise British Ambulance Committee.

Grave Reference: 1442. La Cheppe (Mont-Frenet) French National Cemetery

Additional Information: Husband of Lillian M. Lewis of 2 Havelock Villas, Rye.

LEWIS, Frederick Paul, of Cwmbach, near Glasbury, Radnorshire, a driver in the British Red Cross Ambulance Corps died 31 October 1918 at Hospital No. 3/63 of the French Army in France. Administration Hereford 20 September to Lillian Mary Lewis, widow, Effects £161 3s 4d. Lillian died in Eastbourne in 1967.

LLOYD, MAURICE CHARLES HUMPHREY. Rank: Sub-Lieutenant.

Awards: D S C and Bar, Twice Mentioned in Despatches.

Date of Death: 24/04/1918. Age: 20. Service: Royal Navy. H.M.S. Hindustan (actually the "mother" ship of the entire fleet, Lloyd was actually on the Iphigenia). Grave Reference: N. V. 18. Cemetery: Dover (St. James's) Cemetery.

Additional Information: Son of Lt.-Col. Charles Patterson Lloyd (late of The Buffs) and Mrs. Aileen Rosa Lloyd, of 28, Church Square, Rye, Sussex. Born at Exning, Newmarket, Suffolk.

The Zeebrugge Raid, which took place on 23 April 1918, was an attempt by the British Royal Navy to neutralize the key Belgian port of Bruges-Zeebrugge by sinking older British ships in the canal entrance to prevent German ships from leaving port. The port was used by the German Navy as a base for their U-boats and light shipping, which was a serious threat to Allied shipping, especially in the English Channel.

The raid began with a diversionary attack against the mile-long Zeebrugge mole. The attack was led by the old cruiser, Vindictive, with two Mersey ferries, Daffodil and Iris II. The three ships were accompanied by two old submarines, which were filled with explosives to blow up the viaduct connecting the mole to the shore. Vindictive was to land a force of 200 Royal Marines at the entrance to the Bruges Canal. However, at the time of the landing the winds changed and the planned smoke-screen to cover the ship proved ineffective.

The marines, whose objective was to destroy German gun positions, immediately came under heavy fire and suffered heavy casualties. Vindictive—spotted by German gun positions—was forced to land in the wrong location, resulting in the loss of the marines' heavy gun support. Eventually, the submarine HMS C3—commanded by Lt. R. D. Sandford—destroyed the viaduct as planned, by explosion. Sandford was awarded the Victoria Cross for this action.

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The plan to sink three old cruisers to block the flow of traffic in and out of the Port of Bruges-Zeebrugge did not go as planned. The failure of the attack on the Zeebrugge mole resulted in heavy German fire on the three blocking ships, HMS Thetis, Intrepid and Iphigenia, which were filled with concrete. Thetis did not make it to the canal entrance, after it had hit an obstruction and was scuttled prematurely.

The two other ships were sunk at the narrowest point of the canal. In this account by Sir Roger Keyes he mentions that as the raid came to a end a number of wounded were brought on board the flag, one of these was Sub-Lieutenant Lloyd, he had been shot through the middle and the doctor had declared that he would not survive,

Lloyd had the Iphigenia's (one of the block ships) white ensign wrapped around his waist, it was saturated with his blood and to quote Keyes "I think that he knew his

number was up, but he was perfectly happy and fearfully proud of having been able to bring away the ensign, which I told him he could keep"

The Times, Monday, Apr 29, 1918. Zeebrugge Raid. 588 Casualties. Public tribute at Dover. The funeral of two officers and 64 men who lost their lives in the naval raid on St. George's Day took place at Dover on Saturday, and was the occasion of a notable tribute of public sympathy and admiration.

Sir Roger Keyes's Tribute

With the White Ensign under which they had fought their last fight floating over them at half-mast, two officers and 64 men killed in the raid were buried at Dover on Saturday in a large grave in St. James's Cemetery. Sir Roger Keyes sent wreaths of red roses for the two officers who were buried - Lieutenant A. B. G. T. Chamberlain and Sub-Lieutenant Maurice C. H. Lloyd, D.S.C., both of the Vindictive.

Each of the wreaths was inscribed "In proud and grateful memory of a very gallant officer who died for England on St. George's Day." Another handsome wreath of red and white roses was sent by Admiral Keyes in memory of the gallant petty officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. It bore a similar inscription.

The Times, Saturday, April 27, 1918. Fallen Officers

SUB-LIEUTENANT MAURICE CHARLES HUMPHREY LLOYD, D.S.C., R.N., who died on April 24, aged 20, from wounds received the previous day in the raid, was the only son of Major Charles Patterson Lloyd, 6th Battalion, East Kent Regiment (The Buffs) and of Mrs. Lloyd, of Rye. He was born at Newmarket and was educated at Osborne and Dartmouth. He was appointed to Isis on the outbreak of war. He joined Cornwallis in December, 1914, and served with her as midshipman in the Dardanelles Expedition, and subsequently as sub-lieutenant in Grasshopper. He was one of the midshipmen who took part in the landing at V Beach from the River Clyde on April 25, 1915, and was awarded the D.S.C. for gallantry on that occasion.

The Times, Wednesday, Jul 24, 1918 Zeebrugge and Ostend Honours for Naval Heroes. Bar to the D.S.C. Sub-Lt. M. C. H. LLOYD, D.S.C., R.N. (Iphigenia) (since died of wounds).- Showed great coolness under heavy fire, and by his bravery and devotion to duty set a fine example to his men. On abandoning ship, after she had been sunk, Sub-Lt. Lloyd was severely wounded. This very gallant young officer has since died of wounds.

LLOYD, Maurice Charles H. N/E MiD RN 80E046 Cornwallis.

Vice Admiral Commanding Eastern Mediterranean Squadron 14.03.16 Gazetted

Landing Gallipoli Peninsula April 1915 & Evacuation Dec. 1915 Jan 1916 DSC

While under heavy fire on the 25th April, he assisted to secure the lighters which formed a pier between the "River Clyde" and the shore.

LLOYD, Maurice C.H DSC - Since died of wounds S/Lt. RN 79D107 Iphigenia

Vice Admiral Dover 23.07.18 Gazetted. Operations on Belgian Coast 23.04.18 Zeebrugge & Ostend DSC - bar to. Showed great coolness under heavy fire, and by his bravery and devotion to duty set a fine example to his men. On abandoning ship, after she had been sunk, S/Lt. Lloyd was severely wounded. This very gallant officer has since died of wounds.

CHAMBERLAIN Arthur B.G.T. Killed Lt. RN 79D140 N/E. Vice Admiral Dover. 23.07.18 N/E. Operations on Belgian Coast 23.04.18 Zeebrugge & Ostend Mentioned in Despatches. This officer was killed before landing but is included in the list of recommendations on account of the good work done by him prior to the operation and for the high example of valour he set the men to the last.

Aftermath: The blockships were not in the correct position when sunk and only managed to block the canal for a few days. The Germans removed two piers in the western bank of the canal, near the blockships, and created a channel through the silt near the blockships' sterns. They were thus able to move submarines past the blockships at high tide. In part these failures were due to the recently appointed Keyes (an Admiralty man) changing the detailed plans made by Bacon (a sea-going Commander with intimate knowledge of the tidal and navigational conditions in the Ostend & Zeebrugge area). The Zeebrugge Raid was promoted by Allied propaganda as a key British victory and resulted in the awarding of eight Victoria Crosses. Of the 1,700 men involved in the operation, 300 men were wounded while more than 200 were killed. Among those killed was Wing Commander Frank Arthur Brock (as in the fireworks manufacturer) the man who devised and commanded the operation of the smoke screen. Some of the casualties were buried in England, either because they died of their wounds en route or because their comrades had recovered their bodies with the intention of repatriating their remains. Two are buried in the Hamilton Road Cemetery, Deal, Kent. At least nine are buried in Dover's St. James's Cemetery.

On 23 April 1964, some of the 46 survivors of the raid, along with the families, the mayor of Deal, and a large Royal Marines Honour Guard, held a service of commemoration for their fallen comrades at the Royal Marines Barracks in Deal, and a tree was planted near the officers' quarters in remembrance. The event gained major press coverage and was reported in The Deal, Walmer and Sandwich Mercury newspaper, dated 23 April 1964, and 30 April, and a message to the veterans from a by-now very ill Winston Churchill was read to those assembled.

There are two memorials to the Zeebrugge Raid in Dover. the first is the Zeebrugge Bell, which was given to Dover by the King of the Belgians in 1918, and is to be found with a memorial plaque in Dover's Town Hall. The second is the Zeebrugge Memorial in St James's Cemetery. A regular memorial service is held there.

LOCKE, GEORGE EDWARD. Rank: Rifleman. Service No: 593431.

Date of Death: 07/04/1917. Age: 24.

Regiment/Service: London Regiment (London Irish Rifles). 18th Bn.

Grave Reference: XI. C. 29. Cemetery: LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY

Additional Information: Son of Annie Lydia Locke, of 6, Bulwark St., Dover. Born Brookland, Kent.

Name: George Edward Locke. Age in 1911: 19. Birth Year: abt 1892. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: Midley House, Midley Old Romney, Kent

George Alfred Locke, 45, farm labourer, born Benenden, Kent; Annie Lydia Locke, 41, married 20 years, 5 children, all still alive in 1911. George Edward Locke, 19, farm labourer, born Rye, Sussex; Annie Jane Locke, 16, day maid, also born Rye.

Arthur Alfred Locke, 10, born Folkestone; William Lewis Locke, 8, born Ashford; Rose Dorothy Locke, 4, born Lydd.

Name: George Edward Locke. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1893. Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 6

LUCK, PERCY. Company Quarter Master Sergeant 5534, 2/6th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. 48th Division. Killed in action 5 July 1917. Born in Playden and enlisted in Rye. Formerly Royal Sussex. Included on Playden Parish Church War Memorial. Buried in Rue de Bacquerot No 1 Military Cemetery, Laventie.

Name: Percy Luck. Birth Place: Playden, Sussex. Death Date: 5 Jul 1916.

Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Rye, Sussex.

Rank: C.Q.M.S. Regiment: Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Battalion: 2/6th Battalion. Number: 5534. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre. Formerly 439, R. Sussex Regt.

Medal Index Card shows entitlement to British War and Victory medals. Was previous service on a separate RSR Card?

Name: Percy Luck. Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1888. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 2

Name: Percy Luck. Age in 1911: 22. Birth Year: abt 1889. Relation to Head: Brother-in-law. Birth Place: Playden, Sussex. Street Address: 3 Cliff Cottages Military Rd Rye. Harry Haffenden, 31, coal lighterman, born Rye; Adah Haffenden, 27, nee Luck, married 5 years, 3 children all alive, born Playden; Percy Luck, 22, wine merchants porter; Harry Haffenden, 4; Alfred Haffenden, 3; Ada Haffenden, 3 months all born Rye.

MAGNIAC, MEREDITH. Rank: Lieutenant Colonel. Age: 36. **Awards: D S O.**
Date of Death: **25/04/1917.** Regiment/Service: Lancashire Fusiliers. 1st Bn.
Grave Reference: B. 4. Cemetery: BEAURAINS ROAD CEMETERY, BEAURAINS
Additional Information: Son of the late Maj. Gen. F. L. Magniac and of Mrs. Magniac,
of Coombe Cot, Abbotsham, Devon, husband of Winifred E. Magniac, of The Austen,
Rye, Sussex.

Name: Meredith Magniac. Death Date: 25 Apr 1917.
Rank: Major (Temp Lieutenant-Colonel). Regiment: Lancashire Fusiliers.
Battalion: 1st/2nd Battalion. Decoration: DSO. Killed in action

Medal Index Card shows qualifying date for 1914-15 Star as 15 June 1915 at Gallipoli, plus oak leaf emblem for three Mentions in Dispatches as Captain, British War and Victory medals plus the DSO as Lt Col.

Magniac, Meredith of 28 Kensington Mansions, Middlesex DSO, lieutenant colonel His Majesty's Army died 25 April 1917 in France on active service. Administration (with Will) London 7 July to Winifred Ethel Magniac, widow. Effects: £2,532 11s 5d

Meredith Magniac was born 27 June 1880 at Hitchin in Hertfordshire; the son of Maj Gen and Mrs. F L Magniac. Educated at Clifton College and Sandhurst, he lead 1st Lancs Fusiliers on 1 July in their attack on Beaumont Hamel.

He was a successful cricketer, playing for the MCC and his Regiment in India, in a test match in South Africa in 1904, and landed with the Fusiliers at Gallipoli when they won six VCs before breakfast. He was killed in April 1917 at Arras by shell fire near Monchy le Preux.

Lieutenant Colonel Meredith Magniac, DSO, Lancashire Fusiliers, 3rd son of the late Major General Francis Lane Magniac and of Mrs Magniac, of Clifton, Bristol was killed on April 24 aged 36. He was educated at Clifton College and was in the school eleven. He was gazetted to the Lancashire Fusiliers and subsequently passed into the Staff College at Quetta. Soon after the outbreak of war he relinquished a Staff appointment as Brigade Major in Ireland, and went to Gallipoli as a Staff Captain.

He was in both evacuations, and was awarded the DSO. In March 1916 he went to the Front in command of his Battalion and saw considerable fighting, being Mentioned in Dispatches last July. A brother officer writes: - "He was, of course, in the front line with his men. I do not think there was an officer in the Division who did not admire and respect the colonel, and not an officer or man in the battalion who did not love him. He was the finest soldier I ever met, a strong man, a born leader, and a very gallant gentleman" He married Winifred Ethel Sayres on 12 February 1916, who survives him.

His younger brother Lt Col Erskine Magniac, 27th Punjabis, Indian Army was killed just three days later, in Mesopotamia, on 28th April 1917 at an outpost on the Euphrates, being shot in the head by Arabs.

MAGNIAC, ERSKINE. Rank: Lieutenant Colonel. Date of Death: **28/04/1917.**

Age: 34. Regiment/Service: 27th Punjabis. Commanding Officer.

Awards: Mentioned in Despatches.

Panel Reference: Panel 54. Memorial: BASRA MEMORIAL.

Additional Information: Youngest son of the late Maj. Gen. Francis Lane Magniac (Madras Light Cavalry), and of Mrs. Magniac, of Coombe Cot, Abbotsham, Devon. Educated at Clifton College and Sandhurst. Gazetted Jan., 1902. Served on North West Frontier of India 1909. A.D.C. to Sir Edward Baker (Lieut. Governor of Bengal); at the expiration became personal assistant to Sir Archibald Earle (Chief Commissioner of Assam). A Member of the Free Foresters Cricket Club.

MAGRATH, SIDNEY. Private G/24402, 10th Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment. 41st Division. Killed in action 23 March 1918. Age: 21. Brother of Mrs K. Busbridge of 5, Spring Crescent, Military Road, Rye. Born in Rye and enlisted in Hastings. Commemorated on Arras Memorial.

Name: Sidney Magrath. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 23 Mar 1918.

Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hastings, Sussex.

Rank: Private. Regiment: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Battalion: 10th Battalion. Number: G/24402.

Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

Name: Sydney Magrath. Age: 2. Birth Year: abt 1899. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Head: Rebecca Magrath, 26; William B Magrath, 20, milkman; born Gravesend; John Magrath, 12, born Rye; Dorothy Magrath, 6; Sydney Magrath, 2.

Albert E Busbridge, 27, engine fitters assistant. Living at 2, Elizabeth Place, Military Road. Albert and Rebecca married in 1903.

Name: Sydney Magrath. Age in 1911: 12. Birth Year: abt 1899.

Relation to Head: Brother in law. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex

Street Address: The Mint High Street Rye Sussex

Albert Edward Busbridge, 37; Rebecca Busbridge, 36, born Gravesend, Kent;

Albert Leslie Busbridge, 5; Dorothy Rebecca Busbridge, 3; Sydney Magrath, 12.

In 1881, Rebecca was living with her parents Christopher aged 45 and a gunner Royal Artillery at Slough Fort, Gravesend, and Elizabeth (nee Smith) aged 25 born Rye. Elizabeth died 2nd Qtr 1898. Sydney is likely to be Albert Busbridges natural son, rather than Rebeccas brother.

It looks as if Sidney was remembered in Rye, by a son or cousin...

Name: Sydney Magrath. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1915. Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 2.

MANSFIELD, WALTER. Rank: Serjeant. Service No: Reg 269. Age: 29.
Date of Death: 21/10/1918. Regiment/Service: Army Veterinary Corps,
attached to 203rd Bty. Anti-Aircraft Sect. R. G. A.
Grave Reference: V. H. 7A. Cemetery: Les Baraques Military Cemetery, Sangatte.
Additional Information: Son of Charles Edward and Sarah Ann Mansfield, of
Bermondsey, London; husband of H. W. Mansfield, of 1, Cadboro' View, Rye.

Name: Walter Mansfield, Birth Place: Bermondsey, Surrey.
Death Date: 21 Oct 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: London. Rank: L/Sergeant. Royal Army Veterinary Corps.
Number: R/269. Type of Casualty: Died.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre. Comments: Formerly 46212, R.F.A.

His Medal Index Card shows he went to France as a Corporal Army Veterinary Corps
on 13 August 1914, one of the very earliest arrivals. He served from very nearly the
first week of the War until very nearly the last week of the War. I suspect it wasn't the
Germans that did for him but the germs of the great Spanish Influenza outbreak. He
was therefore entitled to the 1914 Star (returned for amendment in May 1920,
together with the CRV (Clasp and Rose Voucher) for the medal ribbon, as well as
British War and Victory medals. Address given was The Common, Woolwich, SE18.
I can't find a Marriage Record that fits from say 1910 to 1918, but would appear to be
a Rye girl. The change from Artillery to Veterinary service might indicate earlier
wounds and also an ability to handle and treat horses.

MARKWICK, ALBERT. Rank: Private. Awards: M M. Service No: 11861.
Date of Death: 23/04/1917. Age: 26. Regiment/Service: Royal Fusiliers. 13th Bn.
Panel Reference: Bay 3. Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Mr. Albert Markwick, of 23, Cinque Port St., Rye,
Sussex; husband of R. A. Langley (formerly Markwick), of 118, New North Rd.,
Hoxton, London.

Name: Albert Markwick. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Kingsland Road, N.
Death Date: 23 Apr 1917. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: Finsbury. Rank: Private.
Regiment: Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Battalion: 13th Battalion
Number: 11861. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

MARSHALL, ROBERT. Rank: Private. Service No: 1851.

Date of Death: 10/10/1915. Age: 20. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. 5th Bn.

Grave Reference: III. D. 5A. Cemetery: ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY

Additional Information: Son of Samuel Arthur and Emma Jane Marshall, of 46, Grove Rd., Ore, Hastings. Born at Broomhill Farm, nr. Rye, Sussex.

Name: Robert Marshall. Age: 6. Birth Year: abt 1895. Father: Samuel Marshall.

Mother: Emma Marshall (nee Loraine). Birth Place: Broomhill, Sussex.

Samuel Marshall, 38; Emma Marshall, 36; Ellen Marshall, 13; James Marshall, 11;

Caroline Marshall, 9; Arthur Marshall, 8; Robert Marshall, 6; Jack Marshall, 11 months.

Name: Robert Marshall. Birth Place: Broomhill, Sussex. Death Date: 10 Oct 1915.

Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Rye.

Rank: Private. Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1/5 Battalion. Number: TF/1851.

Type of Casualty: Died. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

MARSH, WILLIAM JAMES. Private SD/3387, 13th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39th Division. Killed in action during the March retreat 21 March 1918. Aged 34. Born in Hollingbourne, Kent and enlisted in Eastbourne. Waiter. Included on Eastbourne War Memorial. Commemorated on Pozieres Memorial.

Name: William James Marsh. Birth Place: Hollingbourne, Kent.

Death Date: 21 Mar 1918. Death Location: British Expeditionary Force.

Enlistment Location: Eastbourne. Rank: Private.

Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 13th Battalion. Number: SD/3387.

Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

MARTIN, ALFRED. Engineer, H.M. Trawler "**Margaret**" (Rye), Mercantile Marine. Lost when the trawler was mined in Rye Bay 17 December 1916. Aged 37. Husband of Charlotte Ellen Martin of 9, Church Square, Rye. Born in Rye. Commemorated on Rye Churchyard Memorial and on Tower Hill Memorial.

MARTIN, LEONARD NORRIS. Rank: Cooks Mate. Birth Date: 31 May 1896.

Birth Place: Bexhill, Sussex. Branch of Service: Royal Navy. Ship: HMS Victory.

Cause of Death: Died from disease. Official Number Port Division: M.7701. (Po).

Death Date: 22 Oct 1916. Grave: 25. 27. Royal Naval Cemetery, Haslar, Gosport.

Relatives Notified: Mother: Julia, Jury's Gap Coast Guard Station, Rye, Sussex.

MARTIN, LEONARD NORRIS. Rank: Cook's Mate. Service No: M/7701.

Date of Death: 22/10/1916. Service: Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Victory"

Grave Reference: E. 25. 27. Cemetery: HASLAR ROYAL NAVAL CEMETERY.

Name: Charles W Martin. Commission Boatman HMCG. Age: 34. Birth Year: abt

1867 Spouse: Jane L Martin. Birth Place: Portsmouth, Hampshire. Street Address:

4, Pevensey Sluice Coastguard Station Cottages, Bexhill. Charles W Martin, 34; Jane

L Martin, 34; Lillian M Martin, 8; Leonard N Martin, 4, born Tichfield; Gladys B Martin,

6 months born Hastings.

MARTIN, THOMAS. Rank: Gunner. Service No: 772003. Aged 26.
Date of Death: 24/03/1918. Service: Royal Field Artillery. "B" Bty. 223rd Bde.
Grave Reference: XXXI. H. 35A. Cemetery: ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY.
Died of wounds. Son of Mr & Mrs Martin of Rye. Born and enlisted in Rye.

Name: Thomas Martin. Age in 1911: 19. Birth Year: abt 1892. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: Lion Street Rye Sussex. Occupation: Assistant Butcher
Mary Ann Martin, 52, confectioner, widow, married for 10 years. 6 children, 4 alive in 1911. Emily Martin, 29; Thomas Martin, 19; John Martin, 17; David Martin, 15.

Thomas Martin. Rank: Gunner. Corps: Royal Field Artillery, Number: 135753 and Royal Field Artillery Regimental Number: 772003. British War and Victory medals.

MAWLE, JOHN. Rank: Private. Service No: 25896. Date of Death: 11/10/1915. Age: 52. Regiment/Service: Royal Army Medical Corps. 7th Coy. (Devonport)
Grave Reference: Mil. Con. C. 3578. Cemetery: Plymouth (Weston Mill) Cemetery.
Additional Information: Son of John and Harriett Mawle, of Icklesham, Winchelsea.

Name: John Mawle. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 11 Oct 1915.
Death Location: Home (UK). Enlistment Location: Devonport.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Army Medical Corps. Number: 25896.
Type of Casualty: Died. Theatre of War: UK. No Overseas Service due to age.

John Mawle. Age in 1911: 47. Birth Year: abt 1864. Birth Place: Icklesham, Sussex
Street Address: 24 York Road St Leonards on Sea. Occupation: Gas stoker

MAY, WILLIAM. Rank: Private. Service No: 29614. Date of Death: 30/08/1918. Age: 38. Regiment/Service: Somerset Light Infantry. 1st Bn.
Grave Reference: VI. E. 13. Cemetery: Vis en Artois British Cemetery, Haucourt.
Additional Information: Son of Alfred and Maria May, of "Broke," Halstead, Kent; husband of Orlow May (nee Reeve), of Broomhill Lodge, Playden, Rye, Sussex.

Name: William May. Birth Place: Halstead, Kent. Residence: Horsmorden, Kent.
Death Date: 30 Aug 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlisted: Goudhurst.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Prince Albert's (Somerset Light Infantry). 1st Battalion.
Number: 29614. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Comments: Formerly P/357076, Royal Army Service Corps.

Name: William May. Spouse: Orlow Reeve. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1913
Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 3.

There seems to be a connection between the Reeve family and the Gladwish family (see Arthur Hugh Clare Gladwish entry). It may only be neighbours in 1901 Rye Census.

McKENZIE, GORDON WILLIAM. Rank: Second Lieutenant. Age: 19.
Date of Death: 20/09/1917. Service: Royal Flying Corps. 7th Sqdn (RE 8's) and General List.
Grave Reference: VII. **D. 3.** Cemetery: MENDINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY.
Additional Information: Son of Councillor Richard Daniel and Lily May McKenzie, of Queen's Head Hotel, Rye, Sussex. *And note adjacent grave for*

BAILEY, J B. Rank: Second Lieutenant. Date of Death: 20/09/1917.
Service: Royal Flying Corps. 7th Sqdn. and 1st Bn. East Yorkshire Regiment.
Grave Reference: VII. **D. 4.** Cemetery: MENDINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY.

The casualty rate in R.E.8 squadrons dropped, as new Allied fighter types regained air superiority, and as a result of improved pilot training and tactics. Although never a popular aeroplane, it was reasonably satisfactory for the tasks demanded of it and was even regarded with some affection, gaining the rhyming slang nickname "Harry Tate" (after a popular music hall artist of the time).

Some crews flew their slow, cumbersome mounts quite aggressively; the German fighter ace Eduard Ritter von Dostler was shot down by an R.E.8 of No. 7 Squadron RFC, while No. 3 Squadron AFC was credited with 50 air victories in 12 months of operations. Eduard Ritter von Dostler shot down five enemy aircraft in August, extending his list of victims to 26.

His final victory was scored on 18 August. He was awarded the Military Order of Max Joseph the same day; its award both entitled him to a lifetime pension and knighted him. Three days later, Dostler attacked an obsolete British R.E.8 of 7 Squadron, flown by Lts. MA. O'Callaghan and N. Sharples. **Observer Sharples shot Dostler down**

SHARPLES, NORMAN. Rank: Lieutenant. Date of Death: **20/09/1917**. Age: 32
Regiment/Service: Royal Flying Corps. 7th Sqdn.
Awards: Mentioned in Despatches
Grave Reference: V. D. 37. Cemetery: MENDINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of the late J. T. and H. W. Sharples.

MERRICKS, GORDON. Rank: Private. Service No: G/3726.
Date of Death: 30/10/1915.
Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). 8th Bn.
Grave Reference: IV. B. 25. Valenciennes (St. Roch) Communal Cemetery.
Name: Gordon Merricks. Birth Place: Udimore, Rye, Sussex.
Residence: Udimore, Nr. Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 30 Oct 1915.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Rye, Sussex
Rank: Private. Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Battalion: 8th Battalion.
Number: G/3726. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

MESHER, JAMES WALTER. Rank: Gunner. Service No: 32291. Age: 25.
Date of Death: 08/05/1915. Service: Royal Garrison Artillery. 122nd Heavy Bty.
Panel Reference: Panel 9. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of James and Martha Annie Mesher, of The Reading Room, Rye Harbour, Rye, Sussex. (On Casualty Form it looks like Stonework Cottages(?) Rye Harbour).

His Service Papers survive, showing he enlisted on 9th February 1910 at the age of 20. Civil occupation: general labourer.

He was trained at Sheerness in No. 18 Company then on 20 January 1914 he was posted to No. 66 Company in Jamaica, but by 7th October 1914 he was at Fort Nelson, receiving 3 days Confined To Barracks punishment for being absent for one hour – a trifle harsh, but there was a War on! On 17th October 1914 he was posted to 122 Heavy Brigade in France. Possibly Walter slipped out to phone or post a letter to his parents telling them of his posting abroad.

His character was assessed as intelligent and hardworking, with experience of fishing and small boats, gardener, etc.

On 29th May, the Rye Harbour vicar, F G Rochefort-Wade wrote on behalf of the family that they had received a report on 22nd May that Gunner Mesher had been wounded on 9th May, “and all the qualifying adverbs “Dangerously”, “Severely” and “Slightly” had all been crossed out, and requesting more news. The War Office replied that it had no further particulars at that time. Even by 28th June with further correspondence from the vicar, no certain information was known but he had appeared on Casualty List 21508 as “wounded” on 9th May.

The vicar even wrote letters to senior officers in France, and was himself informed by Major Haig commanding 122 Heavy Brigade that “Gunner Mesher died of wounds on 8th May on his way to a Dressing Station. Even then the vicar did not want to break such bad news without official confirmation, as his mother was in delicate health. He had a younger brother, Albert Ernest Mesher.

MILLER, JAMES or T. Rank: Lance Corporal. Service No: 13573.
Date of Death: 15/09/1919. Regiment/Service: East Surrey Regiment. 1st Bn.
Grave Reference: Sp. Mem. B21. Cemetery: Murmansk New British Cemetery.
Additional Information: (buried Kapaselga Chyd.).

Name: **James** Miller. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 15 Sep 1919.
Death Location: North Russia. Enlistment Location: Kingston on Thames, Surrey.
Rank: L/Corporal. Regiment: East Surrey Regiment. Battalion: 1st Battalion. Number: 13573. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Russian Theatre

15 September 1919 1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment:

D Coy (Major A P NB Irwin DSO) which had been travelling from KANDALAKSHA since the 12th inst arrived at BHQ, which had been established at the railway bridge, at 06:30 hours. This coy was detailed to form the Advance Guard. A coy were withdrawn to form the Main Body. The advance was resumed at 07:00 hours.

Although no opposition was encountered for a considerable distance, signs were visible of very recent occupation, such as burning fires and food in course of

preparation. One railway employee was captured as Siding 6. At 09:20 hours the advance guard had reached a point about 1 1/2 versts north of Siding 5, where good observation was obtained of the Sidings and village. Considerable enemy activity was seen. A train, with engine under steam was being loaded in the Siding.

Owing to a previous report that the village and siding had been captured by the SHUNGA Column, doubt existed as to the identity of the troops in the locality. Patrols were pushed forward to ascertain the situation and a report was received that they had been fired on. An outpost line was formed and two strong patrols pushed forward at 11:19 hours to obtain further information. Touch had not yet been established with the road column. A post however was placed on the road for this purpose. The patrols advanced to the edge of the village and the northern end of the railway siding. The enemy opened heavy machine gun and rifle fire, which was replied to by our patrols. The enemy, being well concealed, brought heavy fire to bear on our troops and enfiladed our position on the railway. The advance of the patrols was held up.

The patrol operating on the railway captured one prisoner who stated that a train containing 400 Red Finns had just arrived and were reinforcing the position. At 13:00 hours touch with the Road Column was established. Arrangements were made between both Columns for a simultaneous advance & enveloping movement. to take place at 13:40 hours, with artillery support. This attack was only partially successful owing to the following reasons:- (1) Insufficient artillery support; (2) The enemy left flank had been strongly reinforced. At 16:20 hours it was decided to withdraw the forward troops to a position 400 yards from the Northern end of the village, and to bombard the enemy's position for a period of 30 minutes. This bombardment took place at 17:00 hours and continued until 17:30 hours. The infantry attack was again launched, and after slight opposition, the village and siding fell into our hands. The pursuit continued to the line of the CHEBINA River (final objective) where outposts were put out for the night. A large quantity of war material was captured including 3 trains containing gun ammunition, SAA, machine guns, rifles and enemy transport. Prisoners were also taken.

Our casualties during the days operations were 3 Killed and 6 wounded. These were the other two casualties (all NCO's).

LETT, A G. Rank: Lance Corporal. Service No: L/12614.

Date of Death: 15/09/1919. Regiment/Service: East Surrey Regiment. 1st Bn.

Grave Reference: Sp. Mem. B14. MURMANSK NEW BRITISH CEMETERY

Additional Information: (buried Kapalselga Chyd.).

MARDLE, HERBERT GEORGE JOSEPH. Rank: Corporal. Service No: 13039. Date

of Death: 15/09/1919. Age: 19. Regiment: East Surrey Regiment. 1st Bn.

Grave Reference: Sp. Mem. B16. MURMANSK NEW BRITISH CEMETERY

Additional Information: Son of Frederick John and Rosa Ellen Mardle, of 54, Wellington Rd., East Ham, London. (buried Kapalselga Chyd.).

September 24th: The bodies of the three men killed during the attack on Siding No 5 on 15th September were exhumed and sent back to Kapaselga for burial in the British Cemetery.

MILLS, WILLIAM JAMES. Rank: Private. Service No: G/5896.

Date of Death: 27/09/1915. Age: 31.

Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). 2nd Bn.

Panel Reference: Panel 15 to 19. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL

Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Joanna Mills, of 1, Douglas Avenue, Hythe.

Name: William James Mills. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex.

Residence: Milton Regis, Kent. Death Date: 27 Sep 1915

Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Sittingbourne, Kent.

Rank: Private. Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Battalion: 2nd Battalion.

Number: G/5896. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

MILTON, ROBERT EDWARD. Rank: Corporal. Service No: 14353.

Date of Death: 23/04/1917.

Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery. "D" Bty. 71st Bde.

Grave Reference: III. A. 18. Cemetery: Feuchy Chapel British Cemetery, Wancourt.

Name: Robert Edward Milton. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 23 Apr 1917.

Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Ashford, Kent.

Rank: Corporal. Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery.

Number: 14353. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

MITCHELL, CHARLES RICHARD GERALD. Rank: Lieutenant. Age: 33.

Date of Death: 01/04/1918. Regiment/Service: 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers).

Panel Reference: Panel 2. Memorial: POZIERES MEMORIAL

Additional Information: Son of the late R. A. H. & **Mary H. Mitchell**, of Green Hedges, Rye, Sussex.

Name: Charles Richard Gerald Mitchell. Death Date: 1 Apr 1918. Rank: Lieutenant Household Cavalry & Cavalry of the Line (incl. Yeomanry & Imperial Camel Corps) Battalion: 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers). Type of Casualty: Killed in action

Mitchell, Charles Richard Gerald of Hamsey House, Lewes lieutenant special reserve 6th Dragoon Guards died on or since 1 April 1918 in France or Belgium. Probate London 27 February 1919 to Kathleen Mitchell, spinster. Effects £5,887 8s 5d

MITCHELL, RONALD WALTER. Rank: Lieutenant. Date of Death: 19/11/1917. Age: 41. Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). 10th Bn (R. East and West Kent Yeomanry).

Grave Reference: F. 45. Cemetery: PORT SAID WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Additional Information: Son of Mrs. **Mary H. Mitchell**, of Green Hedges, Rye.

Name: Ronald Walter Mitchell. Death Date: 19 Nov 1917. Rank: Lieutenant Household Cavalry & Cavalry of the Line (incl. Yeomanry & Imperial Camel Corps) Battalion: Royal East Kent Yeomanry. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.

Mitchell, Ronald Walter of Laddingford Yalding, Kent, lieutenant HM Army died 19 November 1917 in Egypt. Probate London 23 February 1920 to Robert Henry Mitchell, stockjobber and Francis Reeves, farmer. Effects £10,975 13s 2d.

MITTELL, WALTER JOHN. Rank: Serjeant. Service No: GS/489.

Date of Death: 18/08/1916.

Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 9th Bn.

Panel Reference: Pier and Face 7 C. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL

MITTELL Walter John Sergeant GS/489, 9th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 24th Division. Killed in action on the Somme near Guillemont 18 August 1916. Aged 38. Son of Edwin & Harriett Mittell (Farmers) of Tenterden. Born in Ebony, Kent and enlisted in Chichester. Special Reservist Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial.

[Note: There is an Ebony Church, Reading Street near Tenterden]

His Service Records survive. He gave his address as 1, Bath Buildings, Rye when enlisting on 12th September 1914, aged 37 years and 2 months. Occupation: Timekeeper. He had resigned from 5th Bn East Kent Regiment with 5 years service, and was immediately promoted as Serjeant the same day, in the Royal Sussex Depot. He was posted to 9th Bn but reverted to Corporal on 15 May 1915, then posted back to 10th as Lance Serjeant in August 1915 and again to Serjeant in June 1916. On 5th October 1915 he was treated at a Field Ambulance for a shrapnel wound to his neck, being shipped back on Hospital Ship "Oxfordshire" on 8th October. He was treated at Richmond Hospital, Dublin. He returned to 9th Bn on 16 March 1916 and the next entry is Killed in Action. A pension of 16 shillings a week was paid to his widow, Elizabeth Harriett Mittell and one child. Address 17, Gordon Villas, Rye. They married in Rye on 18 December 1907. Her surname was Mann. Their daughter, Olive, was born 27 January 1910

Name: Walter John Mittell. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1877. Registration District: Tenterden, Kent. Volume: 2a. Page: 672

Name: Walter Mittell. Age in 1911: 33. Birth Year: abt 1878.

Birth Place: Ebony, Kent. Street Address: 1 Bath Buildings Rye Sussex.

Walter Mittell, 33, Enginerring works time and store keeper. Elizabeth Mittell, 27, married 4 years, 1 child. Olive Mittell, 1. Edwin Mittell, 61, father, farm bailiff; Harriet Mittell, 62, mother.

MONK, HENRY (HARRY). Rank: Private. Service No: G/1390. Age: 18.
Date of Death: 26/01/1915. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 2nd Bn.
Grave Reference: 24. Cemetery: BEUVRY COMMUNAL CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Annie Carman, of Winchelsea Rd., Rye, Sussex.
Native of Horn's Cross, Northiam, Sussex. Died of wounds. Native of Horns Cross,
Peasmarsh Born in Beckley and enlisted in Hastings.

Henry James Monk. Age in 1911: 15. Birth year: abt 1896. Relation to Head: Boarder.
Birth Place: Northiam, Sussex. Street address: Main Street Peasmarsh Sussex.
Occupation: Farm Labourer. William Vincett, 62, Harriett Vincett, 63, Henry James
Monk, 15; Alice Wright, 9.

Name: Henry Monk. Age: 5. Birth year: abt 1896. Relation to Head: N Child (*that's
what it reads, not G(rand) Child, perhaps "Natural" child, ie born out of wedlock?*).
Birth Place: Northiam, Sussex.

Name: Henry James Monk. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1895.
Registration district Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 7. *[So why did the Vincetts look
after Harry since at least 5 years old? They state No children in 1911 Census so not
a grandchild. Foster child, but whose, and why them to look after it?]*

Name: Annie Carman. Age in 1911: 37. Birth year: abt 1874. Birth Place: Northiam,
Sussex. Street address: Winchelsea Road Rye Sussex. Edward Carman 62;
William Henry Carman 32; Annie Carman 37; Harry Carman, 25. Rose Annie **Monk**,
8; Richard Arthur Carman, 2; Agnes Mary Carman, 3 months. Annie Monk married
Edward Carman in 1904. Harry was born 1895 and Rose Annie in 1902.

*[It is definitely a marriage between Annie and Edward although he's 25 years older,
and more likely to have been William **Henry** or **Harry** Carman as closer in age, but
not according to the record!]*

MOORE, FREDERICK CHARLES. Rank: Driver. Service No: 90333. Date of Death:
26/04/1915. Age: 25. Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers. 102nd Field Coy.
Grave Reference: 4722. Cemetery: Rye Cemetery
Additional Information: Son of William and Matilda Moore; husband of Rosetta Lily
Moore, of 22, Church Path, Fulham, London. Born at Fulham.

Name: Frederick Charles Moore. Birth Place: Fulham, Middx. Residence: Fulham.
Death Date: 26 Apr 1915. Death Location: Home.
Enlistment Location: Hammersmith, Middx. Rank: Driver.
Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers. Number: 90333. Type of Casualty: Died.
Theatre of War: Home. Comments: 102nd Field Coy, R.E.

*[check local papers archives - this may have been an accident rather than Died of
Wounds, as no Medal Index Card for Overseas service.]*

Name: Frederick Charles Moore. Birth Year: abt 1890. Age: 22.
Spouse Name: Rosetta Lily Fisher. Spouse Age: 21. Record Type: Marriage. Date:
7 Apr 1912. Parish: Fulham St Augustine, Hammersmith and Fulham. Father Name:
William Moore. Spouse Father Name: John Fisher. Register Type: Parish Register

Name: Rosetta L Moore. Birth Date: abt 1892. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1966. Age at Death: 74. Registration district: Havering, London. Vol: 5c. Page: 139

Name: Frederick Charles Moore. Record Type: Baptism. Baptism Date: 2 Feb 1890. Father's Name: William Moore. Mother's Name: Matilda Moore. Parish or Poor Law Union: West Kensington St Andrew, Hammersmith and Fulham. Register Type: Parish Registers.

Name: Frederick C Moore. Age: 10. Birth Year: abt 1891. Father's Name: William Moore. Mother's Name: Matilda Moore. Where born: Fulham, London. William Moore, 43; Matilda Moore, 34; William G Moore, 19; Sarah Moore, 19; John T Moore, 15; Frederick C Moore, 10; Alfred W Moore, 5; Alfred Allen, 20, boarder; Alfred Honey, 20, boarder.

Name: Frederick Moore. Age in 1911: 21. Birth Year: abt 1890. Birth Place: Fulham. Street Address: 31 Werley Avenue, Dawes Road, Fulham S W. Marital Status: Single. Occupation: Walking stick maker. William Moore, 51, coal porter, born Fulham; Matilda Moore, 45, married 30 years, 5 children, all alive, born Chelsea; William Moore, 29, coal porter, born Fulham; Frederick Moore, 21; (Alfred) Walter Moore, 16, shop lad; Edward Moore, 10; Richard Moore, 7; all born Fulham; William Mason, 38, boarder.

At least one child: Name: Frederick R Moore. Mother's Maiden Name: Fisher. Date: 1st Qtr 1913. Registration district: Fulham, London. Volume: 1a. Page: 503.

Name: Frederick R Moore. Spouse: Grace E Spurgeon. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1933. District: Braintree, Essex. Volume: 4a. Page: 2131. (gives Essex connection for Rosetta's death)

MURRANT, ALFRED CYRIL. Rank: Serjeant. Service No: PO/15654. Age: 27. Date of Death: 13/11/1916. Service: Royal Marine Light Infantry. 1st R.M. Bn. R.N. Div. Grave Reference: Sp. Mem. C. 6. Y Ravine Cemetery, Beaumont Hamel
Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Murrant, of Ekowe, Swanmore, Bishop's Waltham, Hants, husband of Violet Winifred Murrant, of 3, Gorse Terrace, Sidlesham Common, Chichester.
Chief Officer, Coast Guard, Rye Harbour, 5 April 1911, from Dungeness.

Name: Alfred Cyril Murrant. Service Branch: Royal Marine Light Infantry. 1st Royal Marine Bn. Rank: Acting Sergeant (Corporal). Death Date: 13 Nov 1916. Cause of Death: Killed in action. Burial: 'Y' Ravine Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel. Service Number: PO/15654. Service History: Enlisted 14/3/1910; Portsmouth Bn. at Ostend, Dunkirk & Antwerp 1914; MEF 28/2/15.

Notes: Appointed Lance Corporal 15/8/14, promoted Corporal 2/1/15, Paid Lance Sergeant 8/2/16, Acting Sergeant 26/3/16; A Gardener; b. Shirrell Heath, Droxford 27/4/1889 ; Son of Mr & Mrs A.S. Murrant, of Ekowe, Swanmore, Bishop's Waltham, Hants. Husband of Violet Winifred Murrant, of HM Coastguard Station, Rye Harbour, Rye, Sussex, later of: 3 Gorse Terrace, Sidlesham Common, Chichester; 1914 Star issued to widow 23/7/19, V.BW not issued/claimed.

On the 13th of November 1916 the 1st and 2nd Royal Marine Battalions and Hawke, Drake and Hood Battalions among others were in action near here. Casualties were very heavy; of Howe Battalion it was reported that only one officer and around 20 men managed to reach the German third line, whilst Nelson Battalion suffered nearly 350 casualties during the battle. One populist view of the war is that senior officers were safe well behind the lines, but Lieutenant-Colonel Tetley commanding Drake Battalion was mortally wounded during this attack, and died two days later.

*On the extreme left of the attack, the 1st and 2nd Marine Battalions met with disaster at the start from the German artillery, the four company commanders of the **1st Battalion** (Captains V D Loxley, H Hoare, M C Browne and G H Sullivan) with **very many N.C.O's.** and men were killed crossing no mans land in the first moments of the advance and before the German front line was even reached. The third and fourth waves by heavy fighting established themselves in the first two enemy lines but the few left from the first wave advancing on the third line lost heavily from flank fire and only isolated groups reached the dotted green line, the last of the enemy trenches.*

The 2nd Marine Battalion following behind became involved in hand-to-hand fighting in the third line and fell for the most part behind the barrage so only a few were able to join Lieut.-Commander Gilliland's party with another small group reported as in touch with the 51st Division troops west of Station Road.

It was plain that the Redoubt was causing a problem to the attackers and at 6.30 a.m. some Battalion H.Q. staff went forward to clear up the actual situation but the attempt failed, Lieut.-Colonel N. O. Burge and his adjutant Lieut. T H Emerson from the Nelson Battalion were killed and Lieut.-Colonel Leslie Wilson from the Hawke was wounded. However Commander Ramsay Fairfax on the Howe Battalion front was able to establish a brigade report centre in the second German line and then began to organize a consolidation of the hold on the first two enemy lines.

The Royal Naval Division Memorial. The memorial is in the form of a tall obelisk. There are bronze plaques on the front, the main one explaining that the memorial is to honour those men of the RND who fell at the Battle of the Ancre, during the final phase of the Somme Battles, on the 13th and 14th of November 1916.

When the RND Memorial Committee was seeking to put a monument in place in 1921, Lord Rothermere offered to provide funding, as his son, Lieutenant the Honourable Vere Harmsworth had been killed in the Battle of the Ancre. He is buried in Ancre British Cemetery. With the help of this funding, the memorial was unveiled on the 12th of November 1922.

The position it stands on was in No Mans Land during the battle, and at the time of the unveiling the land still bore the scars. The unveiling ceremony was performed by General Sir Hubert Gough, along with Brigadier-General Arthur Asquith, and around 200 officers and men of the RND who had fought there were also present. The smaller plaque states that a record of the action commemorated is held at the Mairie in Beaucourt.

MURRELL, ALFRED. Rank: Acting Bombardier. Service No: 93888. Age: 21.

*Date of Death: 21/03/1917. Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery. "B" Bty.
Grave Reference: In East part. Peasmarsch (SS. Peter & Paul) Churchyard.
Additional Information: Son of Frederick and Amy Murrell, of Rye Foreign, Peasmarsch.*

Alfred Murrell. Registration: 4th Qtr 1895. District: Rye Sussex. Vol: 2b. P 1.

Alfred Murrell. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 20 Mar 1917. Death Location: UK. Enlistment Location: Hastings. Rank: Acting Bombardier. Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery. Number: 93888. Type of Casualty: Died.

Name: Alfred Murrell. Birth Date: abt 1896. Date of Registration: Mar 1917. Age at Death: 21. Registration district: Mere, Wiltshire. Volume: 5a. Page: 380.

His Medal Index Card (as Murrell) shows entry into France on 2 June 1915, as Gunner, so entitled to 1915 Star, British War and Victory medals.

Name: Alfred Murrell. Age in 1911: 15. Birth year: abt 1896. Birth Place: Rye Foreign. Street address: Rye Foreign, Peasmarsch. Frederick Murrell, 40, born Peasmarsch, farm labourer; Amy Murrell, 38; Alfred Murrell, 15; Frank Richard Murrell, 9; Helen Frances Murrell, 8; Winifred Margaret Murrell, 6; Henry Robert Murrell, 4; Clara Alice Murrell, 2.

In 1901 Census, Alfred and his parents are shown as Peasmarsch Road, next to the Hare and Hounds Inn.

MUSHETT, FRANK. Private TF/1730 1/5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 1st Division. Wounded near Bethune and died in base hospital at Boulogne on the 17 April 1915. Aged 21. Son of Henry & Mary Mushett of Ferry Road, Rye. Born and enlisted in Rye. Buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery.

Name: Frank Mushett. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 17 Apr 1915.
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Rye.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1/5 Battalion.
Number: TF/1730. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

De Ruvigny's: Mushett, Frank, Private. No. 1730 5th (Cinque Ports) Bn Royal Sussex Reg't (TF). Served with the Expeditionary Force in France. Died 17th April 1915 of wounds received in battle.

NASH, GEORGE JOSEPH. Rank: Private. Service No: M/321444.
Date of Death: 30/08/1918.
Regiment/Service: Army Service Corps. 611th Mechanical Transport Coy. (and attached to XVII Corps Heavy Artillery).
Grave Reference: IV. G. 51. Cemetery: Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension.
Name: George Joseph Nash. Birth Place: Iden, Sussex. Residence: Rye, Sussex.
Death Date: 13 Aug 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: Whitstable. Rank: Private.
Regiment: Royal Army Service Corps. Number: M/321444.
Type of Casualty: Died of wounds. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

NEAVES, GORDON EWART. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 17 Sep 1918.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hastings, Sussex.
Rank: Gunner. Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery.
Number: 105919. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

NEVE, WILLIAM JOHN. Sergeant TF/344, 1/5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 1st Division. Killed in action at Richebourg l'Avoue **9 May** 1915. Aged 28. Son of James & Emily Neve of Leasam Farm, Playden. Born in Rye Foreign and enlisted in Rye. Included on Playden Parish Church War Memorial. Commemorated on Le Touret Memorial.

Name: William John Neve. Birth Place: Rye Foreign. Death Date: 9 May 1915.
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Rye.
Rank: Sergeant. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 1/5 Battalion.
Number: TF/344. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre
(Service Record exists)

NOAKES, JAMES HENRY. Corporal G. 677 7th. Battalion The East Kent Regiment 18th. Division. Killed in action near Ypres 10.10.17. Aged 21 Born in Winchelsea and enlisted in Dover. Next of kin Lydd, Kent. Lydd War Memorial. Buried in Cement House Cemetery, Belgium (On Rye Harbour Memorial)

Name: James Henry Noakes. Birth Place: Winchelsea, Rye, Sussex. Residence: Lydd, Kent. Death Date: 10 Oct 1917. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Dover, Kent. Rank: A/Corporal. Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Battalion: 7th Battalion. Number: G/677.
Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

PADGHAM, ALFRED. Rank: Private. Service No: G/3770. Age: 28
Date of Death: 03/09/1916. Regiment: The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). 8th Bn.
Panel Reference: Pier and Face 5 D. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Walter Padgham, of Raiton Farm, Playden, Rye.

Name: Alfred Padgham. Birth Place: Beckley, Rye, Sussex. Residence: Playden, Nr. Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 3 Sep 1916. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlisted: Hastings, Sussex. Rank: Private. Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Battalion: 8th Battalion. Number: G/3770. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Medal Index Card shows date of entry into Theatre 31 August 1915 thus entitled to 1915 Star as well as British War and Victory medals.

Father Walter, Mother Hetty (nee Trench). Alfred Padgham. Age in 1911: 22. Birth Year: abt 1889. Birth Place: Beckley, Sussex. Street Address: Reighton Farm, Playden, Sussex. Occupation: Farm Labourer. Walter Padgham, 48, farm bailiff, born Northiam; Hetty Padgham, 46, married 27 years, 7 children, 6 still alive in 1911; Alfred Padgham, 22; Frederick J Padgham, 19; Walter John Padgham, 13; Albert Edward Padgham, 10, all born Beckley.

Name: Alfred Padgham. Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1888. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 9.

1891 Census: Walter Padgham, 28; Hetty Padgham, 25; Annie Padgham, 6; Alfred Padgham, 2.

1901 Census: Walter Padgham, 38; Hetty Padgham, 36; Alfred Padgham, 12; Frederick J Padgham, 9; Louisa Padgham, 5; Walter J Padgham, 3; Albert E Padgham, 4 months. One of the two missing children, Annie or Louisa, would seem to be the child that died.

Walter John enlisted as John Padgham as Gunner 194667 in the RHA on 1st June 1916 giving father as Walter and address as Raiton Farm, earning British War and Victory medals. He was awarded a small pension of 5 s 6d for 12 months in respect of a gunshot wound to his left arm.

PAGE, RICHARD FRANK. Private TF/2848, 1/5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 48th Division (Pioneers). Killed in action on the Somme 21 August 1916 Aged 18. Son of Mr & Mrs R. T. Page of 4, St. Margaret's Terrace, Rye, Enlisted in Hastings. Buried in Aveluy Wood Communal Cemetery Extension.

PAGE, WILLIAM HENRY. Private TF/3196, 1/5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 48th Division (Pioneers). Died of wounds in base hospital at Etaples 17 August 1916. Aged 16. Son of Edward John & Emily Jane Page of Rye. Born in Rye and enlisted in Hastings. Buried in Etaples Military Cemetery.

PAYNE, HAROLD GEORGE. Private TF/1753, 1/5th Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment. 12th Indian Division, Mesopotamia Killed in action 14 January 1916. Aged 23. Son of Joseph & Gulielcha Payne of "Rosslyn" Ferry Road, Rye. Born in Camberwell and enlisted in Reigate, Surrey. Commemorated on Basra Memorial, Iraq.

PENFOLD, PERCY JAMES. *Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 25 Oct 1917*
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hastings, Sussex
Rank: Bombardier. Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery. Number: 85931. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

PEPLOW, WALTER EDWARD WESTWOOD. Private 35463, 2nd Battalion, Essex Regiment. 4th Division. Killed in action near Arras 11 April 1917. Aged 39. Son of Mr & Mrs Edward Peplow of Rye. Husband of Alice Ellen Peplow of 27, Homestead Road, Caterham, Surrey. Born in Hastings and enlisted in Caterham. Buried in Rouex British Cemetery.

PERRIN, GEORGE. Corporal 98259, No 17 Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). Killed in action during the German Spring Offensive 23 March 1918. Born in Rye and enlisted in Eastbourne. Commemorated on Arras Memorial.

PHILLIPS, FREDERICK K. Gunner 1251001, 6th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery. 2nd Canadian Division. Killed in action near Ypres 12 November 1917 Aged 36. Husband of Mrs M Phillips of 5, Wyndham Street, Bryanston Square, London. Former Rye Schoolteacher who emigrated to Canada before the war. Buried in [Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, Belgium](#).

Frederic (Fred) Phillips was born 22 March 1881 in Rye, Sussex. Wife, Mrs F Phillips c/o Post Office, Bexhill on Sea. He was a teacher and cadet Instructor when he enlisted on 28 June 1916.

Fred Phillips was quite old for service. He would probably have been on a gun site behind Ypres, and may have been killed by counter battery fire. He was killed towards the end of 2nd Passendale (ended officially on 20 Nov). There are many other gunners alongside his grave at Vlamertinghe.

PHILLIPS, WILLIAM GEORGE. Private TF/240718, 1/5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Pioneers 48th Division. Killed in action near Ypres 7 July 1917. Aged 27. Son of Mr & Mrs Owen Phillips of Rye. Husband of Mrs W. Phillips of Winchelsea Road, Rye. Left one child. Enlisted in Hastings Included on Hastings War Memorial and Lijssenhoek Military Cemetery Poperinghe Belgium.

PHIPPS, EDWIN BENJAMIN. Rank: Private. Service No: SD/1434. Date of Death: 03/07/1916. Age: 18. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 12th Bn. Grave Reference: II. C. 25. Cemetery: LONGUENESSE (ST. OMER) SOUVENIR CEMETERY. Additional Information: Son of Benjamin and Annie L. Phipps, of Bowlers Town, Playden, Rye, Sussex. Native of Beckley, Rye.

PIERCE, ALFRED GEORGE. Private G/19523, 12th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39th Division. Wounded near Ypres and died 25 November 1917. Son of Mr & Mrs A. Pierce of 5, South Undercliffe, Rye. Born in Rye and enlisted in Chichester. Buried in Ljissenthoeck Military Cemetery, Poperinghe Belgium.

PLAYFORD, EDWARD. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 5 Sep 1914. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Battle, Sussex. Rank: Corporal. Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery. Number: 53880. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

POINTER, GEORGE HORACE. Rank: Engineer Sub-Lieutenant. Age: 30. Date of Death: 22/02/1919. Service: Royal Naval Reserve. H.M.S. "Hermione" Grave Reference: G. 6. 8. Cemetery: HASLAR ROYAL NAVAL CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Mr. C. B. Pointer, of 166, Erlanger Rd., New Cross, husband of Ethel Annie Pointer, of Lansdowne House, Winchelsea Rd., Rye.

POPE, GEORGE THOMAS. Private 44089, 9th Battalion, Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. 21st Division. Killed in action near Ypres 4 October 1917. Aged 29. Son of Edward & Charlotte Pope of 5, Cinque Ports Square, Rye. Born and enlisted in Rye. Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

POPE, HENRY. Corporal 42434, 1/5th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment. 11th Division. Died of wounds in captivity in Germany 8 August 1918. Aged 24. Son of Mr & Mrs Pope of Rye. Born and enlisted in Rye. Buried in Neiderzweheren Cemetery, Germany.

PULLINGER, ALBERT. Able Seaman 232136, HMS "Victory" (Portsmouth), Royal Navy. Died of influenza at home 12 October 1918. Aged 30.
Son of George & Mary Anne Pullinger of Cinque Ports Square, Rye. Born in Ashford, Kent. Mrs Pullinger remarried and became Mrs Mary Anne Dungate. Buried Hellingly Cemetery.

[the same man as...]

PULLINGER, ERNEST. Rank: Able Seaman. Service No: 232136. Date of Death: 12/10/1918. Age: 30. Regiment/Service: Royal Navy. H.M.S. Victory.
Grave Reference: 886. Cemetery: HELLINGLY CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of the late George Pullinger and of Mary Ann Dungate (formerly Pullinger), of Cinque Ports Square, Rye, Sussex. Born at Ashford, Kent.

Name: Albert E Pullinger. Birth Date: abt 1888. Date of Registration: 4th Qtr 1918. Age at Death: 30. Registration district: Hailsham, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 222

This information kindly provided by a family member:

My Great Grandparents were George Pullinger (Pullenger) b 1839 Ropley, Hampshire and Mary Ann Mitchell, apparently born about 1856 in Chatham or Old Brompton, Kent. (According to my father, Mary Ann was Irish and remarried later in life to become Mary Ann Dungate). George and Mary Ann were married 16 Aug 1874 at St Paul's, Arran Quay, Dublin (I have a copy of the certificate).

At the time of the marriage George was a private 2/2 Queens, which I understand to mean 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regt Foot (Queen's Royal Regt. West Surrey). They had the following children: James b 1875 Dublin; William Henry b 1877 Hartley Wintney, Hampshire (my Grandfather); George b 1884 Ashford, Kent; Albert Ernest b 1885 Ashford, Kent; Thomas Edward b 1891 Ashford, Kent.

Thomas Edward's birth certificate states that he was born 15 Feb 1891 in Westwell Union Workhouse (which was in Hothfield), mother Mary Ann Pullinger, formerly Mitchell, and George Pullinger, railway labourer. The 1911 Census record which you mention states that Mary Ann and John Dungate had been married for 21 years and that Thomas was a child of the marriage. As George Pullinger did not die until 1915 this is obviously not correct. I have not been able to find a marriage for Mary Ann and John Dungate despite extensive searching.

I am inclined to think that she and John Dungate had established themselves as a married couple in Rye and that they could not approach the Roman Catholic church to marry them after George's death without exposing their true circumstances. George Pullinger appears in 1891 in Medstead, Hampshire, near his birthplace, with his two eldest sons, as a musician and musicians assistants. (My father told me that his Grandfather was a sometime busker!) By 1901 he had moved to Bedford where he died in 1915. On the 1911 census he is described as a widower (again incorrect). I do not know what precipitated the split in the family.

*It is possible that George lost his job with the railway and returned to Hampshire, hoping to earn some money or find help from family members, whilst Mary entered the workhouse with the younger children to await Thomas's birth, but I have wondered whether John Dungate was Thomas's father and this brought about the split. James and William Henry Pullinger enlisted in the Army whilst **Albert Ernest** joined the Navy. Albert Ernest or Ernest died in 1918. His CWGC record states "son of the late George Pullinger and Mary Ann Dungate, formerly Pullinger, of Cinque Ports Square, Rye, Sussex, b Ashford, Kent". (This eventually led me to Thomas Dungate).*

RELF, ROBERT. Sergeant. SD/1152, 11th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39th Division. Killed in action near Cambrin 4 June 1916. Son of Mr & Mrs Relf of Hastings. Former regular soldier with the Royal Sussex. Veteran of the South African War. Born in Hawkhurst, Kent and enlisted in Rye. Rye resident. Hawkhurst War Memorial. Buried in Cambrin Churchyard.

RHODES, BERT. Rank: Lance Corporal. Service No: 682742. Date of Death: 28/11/1918. Age: 32. Regiment/Service: London Regiment. 2nd/22nd Bn. Grave Reference: E. 237. Cemetery: ALEXANDRIA (HADRA) WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY. Additional Information: Son of Alfred and Amelia Rhodes, of 6, Lucknow Place, Rye, Sussex. Name: Bert Rhodes. Regiment or Corps: 22nd London Regiment. Regimental Numbers: 5549 and 682742. Died of disease in Egypt shortly after the Armistice, thus no SDGW entry. Medal Index Card shows entitlement to British War and Victory medals, so not Overseas until after 1915.

RHODES, GEORGE. Rank: Private. Service No: 242032. Age: 27.
Date of Death: 05/04/1918. Regiment/Service: Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
2nd/6th Bn. Grave Reference: P. IX. Q. 2A. St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen.
Additional Information: Son of Alfred and Amelia Rhodes, of 6, Lucknow Place, Rye,
Sussex.

Name: George Rhodes. Residence: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 5 Apr 1918.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hastings, Sussex.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Battalion: 2/6th Battalion.
Number: 242032. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.
Comments: Formerly 2691, R. Sussex Regt.

Medal Index Card shows only Royal Warwicks for Overseas service, and that not
until after 1915, which questions why a trained soldier had not been sent Overseas
upon re enlistment or Recall to the Colours. British War and Victory medal
entitlement.

Name: George Rhodes. Birth Date: 6 Jun 1893. Christening Date: 6 Aug 1893
Christening Place: Rye, Sussex. Father: Alfred Rhodes. Mother: Amelia

Name: George Rhodes. Age: 7. Birth Year: abt 1894. Father's Name: Alfred Rhodes.
Mother's Name: Amelia Rhodes. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Alfred Rhodes, 49,
platelayer light railway (trams); Amelia Rhodes, 47; Albert Rhodes, 24, engine driver
trams; Bertie Rhodes, 13; Nellie Rhodes, 9; George Rhodes, 7. All children born Rye

Name: George Rhodes. Age in 1911: 17. Birth Year: abt 1894. Birth Place: Rye,
Sussex. Street Address: 6 Lucknow Place Rye. Alfred Rhodes, 58, railway platelayer,
born Rye; Amelia Rhodes, 56, married 38 years, 8 children all still alive, born Beckley;
Nellie Rhodes 19, domestic servant; George Rhodes 17, golf caddy, both born Rye.

RIDDLE, HERBERT JAMES. PRIVATE TF/3672, 1/5th Battalion, Royal Sussex
Regiment. (Pioneers) 48th Division. Died of wounds 14 July 1916. Son of William &
Naomi Riddle of Rye. Enlisted in Rye. Buried in Doullens Communal Cemetery
Extension No1.

SANDERSON, WILLIAM HOWARD. Rank: Lieutenant. Date of Death: 28/09/1918.
Regiment/Service: Royal Irish Regiment. 4th Bn.
Grave Reference: II. E. 12. Cemetery: SUNKEN ROAD CEMETERY, BOISLEUX-
ST. MARC. Additional Information: Son of Charles and Marion Helen Sanderson.
Solicitor Stephens Green, Dublin. South Ridge, Rye, Sussex.

SARGEANT, CHARLES. Private 47658, 2nd Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles 36th
(Ulster) Division. Died of wounds during the March retreat 28 March 1918. Grave lost.

Born in Icklesham and enlisted in Hastings Formerly RASC. Commemorated on Pozieres Memorial.

SARGEANT, JOHN. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Chartham, Kent. Death Date: 23 Feb 1916. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: Canterbury, Kent.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Battalion: 6th Battalion.
Number: G/7932. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre

SAUNDERS, HAROLD GEORGE. Rank: Private. Service No: SD/2120. Age: 18.
Date of Death: 30/08/1916. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 11th Bn.
Grave Reference: Beaussart C.C.E. Mailly-Maillett Mem. 3. Cemetery:
Additional Information: Son of Frederick William and Elizabeth Saunders, of Inkerman Cottages, Rye Harbour, Sussex.

Englebelmer Communal Cemetery Extension. The village of Englebelmer was in Allied hand during the whole of the War, and it was used as a Field Ambulance station; but until the autumn of 1916, and again in the summer of 1918, it was liable to occasional shelling. It was later "adopted" by the City of Winchester. The Extension was begun in October, 1916, closed in March, 1917, and used again in 1918; and after the Armistice graves were brought from the battlefields immediately North and East of Englebelmer and the following cemetery:- Beaussart Communal Cemetery Extension, in a hamlet of Mailly-Maillet, was used at intervals from April, 1916, to May, 1918, and contained the graves of 18 soldiers from the United Kingdom and nine from New Zealand.

SAUNDERS, VALENTINE. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Leicester.
Death Date: 29 Nov 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: Leicester.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Essex Regiment. Battalion: 1st Battalion.
Number: 302418. Type of Casualty: Died.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.
Comments: Formerly 23939, Leicestershire Regt.

SAXBY, DOUGLAS ALBERT EDWARD. Rank: Boy 2nd Class. Age: 17
Service No: J/94174. Date of Death: 04/03/1919. Regiment/

Service: Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Powerful."

Grave Reference: R. 1689. Cemetery: CROYDON (MITCHAM ROAD) CEMETERY

Additional Information: Son of Albert John and Sarah Sophie Saxby, of 50, Woodside Rd., Woodside, South Norwood, London. Born at Rye, Sussex.

Name: Douglas Albert Edward Saxby. Rank: Boy 2nd. Birth Date: 1 Dec 1901.

Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Branch of Service: Royal Navy. Cause of Death:

Died from disease. Official Number Port Division: J.94174. Death Date: 4 Mar 1919.

Ship or Unit: HMS Powerful. Location of Grave: R.C. 1689. Name and Address of Cemetery: Mitcham Road Cemetery, Croydon, Surrey. Relatives Notified and Address: Father: Albert J, 50, Woodside Rd, South Norwood, SE 25

SELMES, HERBERT. *Rank: Private. Service No: L/10260. Date of Death: 09/05/1915. Age: 18. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 2nd Bn.*

Panel Reference: Panel 20 and 21. Memorial: LE TOURET MEMORIAL

Additional Information: Son of William Selmes, of 2, Cinque Ports Yard, Rye.

SEXTON, FREDERICK WILLIAM. Private SD/5123, 12th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39th Division. Killed in action on the Rue De Bois 30 June 1916. Born in Bayswater, London and enlisted in Hastings. Commemorated on Loos Memorial.

SHERWOOD, WILLIAM PERCY. Private 228027, 2/1st Battalion, London Regiment (The Royal Fusiliers). 58th London Division. Killed in action at Bullecourt 3 May 1917. Aged 17. Son of Councillor & Mrs C. Sherwood of Ferry Road, Rye. Born in Rye and enlisted in Hastings. Commemorated on Arras Memorial.

SIMS, VICTOR ALBERT. Private G/7475, 8th Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment. 24th Division. Killed in action near Mazingarbe 17 December 1916 Aged 19. Son of William John & Manetta Sims of 7, Lucknow Place, Rye. Born and enlisted in Rye. Buried in Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe.

SINDEN, CHARLES ROBERT. *Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 9 Oct 1917. Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Guildford, Surrey.*

*Rank: Private. Regiment: York and Lancaster Regiment.
Battalion: 1/4th (Hallamshire) (T.F.) Battalion. Number: 33359.
Type of Casualty: Died. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre
Comments: Formerly 287193, Royal Army Service Corps.*

SMALL, FRANK MITCHELL. *Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 3 May 1917.
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Chatham.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 7th Battalion.
Number: G/12924. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.*

SMITH, ALBERT LEWIS. *Rank: Boy 1st Class. Service No: J/32429. Date of Death:
31/05/1916. Age: 17. Regiment/Service: Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Indefatigable."
Panel Reference: 13. Memorial: PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Bertha Elizabeth Noakes (formerly Smith), of Main St.,
Iden, Sussex.*

Killed in Battle of Jutland when HMS Indefatigable blew up.

*Name: Albert Lewis Smith. Rank: Boy 1st. Birth Date: 7 Mar 1899. Birth Place: Rye,
Sussex. Branch of Service: Royal Navy. Cause of Death: Killed or died as a direct
result of enemy action. Official Number Port Division: J.32429. (Dev).
Death Date: 31 May 1916. Location of Grave: Not recorded.
Name and Address of Cemetery: Body Not Recovered For Burial
Relatives Notified and Address: Mother: Bertha E. **Noakes**, Main Street, Iden.*

SMITH, ARTHUR THOMAS. *Birth Place: Peasmarsh, Rye Sussex.
Death Date: 1 Jul 1916. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: Warrington, Lancs.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Battalion: 7th Battalion. Number: L/10556. Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre
of War: Western European Theatre*

SMITH, DOUGLAS ALBERT. Rifleman 11252, 1st Battalion, Kings Royal Rifle Corps 2nd Division. Killed in action on the Marne 14 September 1914. Brother of Mr G. W. Smith of 5, Mermaid Street, Rye. Regular soldier, born in Rye and enlisted in London. Commemorated on the La Ferte Sous Jouarre Memorial.

SMITH, ERIC MORLEY. Gunner 3112, 14th Brigade, Australian Artillery. 5th Australian Division. Killed in action near Ypres 26 October 1917 Aged 25. Son of John & Emily Smith of 1, Sea View Terrace, Rye. Born in Rye and emigrated to Australia in 1910 to become a Dairy Farmer in East Dorigo New South Wales. Educated at Rye Grammar School. Buried in Belgian Battery, Corner, Ypres, Belgium.

SMITH, FRANK CHARLES. Corporal 2194, 1/15th Battalion, London Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own Civil Service Rifles). 47th London Division. Killed in action near Flers 15 September 1916 Aged 21. Son of Mr & Mrs Joseph Smith of 95, High Street, Rye. Enlisted in Wandsworth, South London. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial.

SMITH, GEORGE. *Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 16 Aug 1916.
Death Location: British Expeditionary Force. Enlistment Location: Seaford, Sussex.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Number: G/8706. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre*

SOUTHERDEN, FREDERICK. *Rank: Driver. Service No: 130280. Age: 33.
Date of Death: 01/12/1917. Service: Royal Field Artillery."D" Bty. 63rd Bde.
Grave Reference: IV. L. 16. Cemetery: Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension.
Additional Information: Second son of Frederick Southerden, of Jury's Gap, Rye, Sussex; husband of Alice Southerden, of 52, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent.*

SNAGG, BERTRAM CECIL KEITH. Rank: Captain. Date of Death: 27/02/1919.
Regiment/Service: Royal Marines. H.Q. Royal Marines
Grave Reference: 4972. Cemetery: RYE CEMETERY

Name: Bertram C K Snagg. Age: 15. Birth Year: abt 1876.
Relation: Visitor. Where born: West Indies, St Vincent. Address: 133, Brecknock Road, St Pancras, London

Notice is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned Edward Clark and Bertram Cecil Keith Snagg, carrying on business as Solicitors at Worswick Chambers, Worswick Street, Newcastle upon Tyne under the style or name of Edward Clark and Snagg has been dissolved by mutual consent as and from the sixth day of July 1916. All debts due to and owing by the said late firm will be received and paid by the said Edward Clark, who will continue the practice in his own name. Dated this tenth day of July 1916.

Name: Bertram C K Snagg. Birth Date: abt 1876. Date of Registration: 1st Qtr 1919.
Age at Death: 43. Registration district: Medway, Kent. Volume: 2a. Page: 1319.

Enlisted in Royal Marines 30 March 1916. Date of Birth 13 July 1875. Commissioned as Temporary Lieutenant in Royal Marines Submarine Miners (Chatham) on 19 April 1917. Bertram Cecil Keith Snagg. Previously Company Serjeant Major RMSM

The undermentioned temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains Bertram Cecil Keith Snagg. 19th October 1918. Name: Bertram Cecil K Snagg. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1900. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 5.

Entitled to British War Medal only also Long Service and Good Conduct medal.

Marriage: Name: Kate Fuller Simpson. Date of Registration: Jan-Feb-Mar 1900.
Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 5

Marriage: Name: Kate F K Snagg. Spouse: Crawford. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1923. Registration district: St Martin, London. Volume: 1a. Page: 1329

1901 Census: Name: Kate Snagg. Age: 26. Birth Year: abt 1875. Relation: Daughter. Father's Name: George Simpson. Mother's Name: Mary Ann Simpson. Where born: Falmouth, Cornwall. George Simpson, 64, Relieving Officer and Registrar of Births and Deaths, born Dymchurch; Mary Ann Simpson, 53, born Falmouth, Cornwall; Kate Snagg, 26, married, born Falmouth; Lily Simpson, 21; born Falmouth; Ernest Simpson, 19, corn merchants clerk, born Rye; May Simpson, 15; Mable Simpson, 12 both born Rye.

Probate Calendar: Crawford, Katherine Fuller, of 13, Burlington Place, Eastbourne (wife of James Crawford) died 22 January 1934 at the Esperance Hospital, Eastbourne. Administration London March 1934 to the said James Crawford, osteopath. Effects £240 7s 0d

Given that he died after the Armistice, a likely cause would be Spanish 'Flu, but that tended to affect the very strongest and not the weak as a normal 'flu virus. Cause of death may be something different in his case.

STANDEN, WILLIAM GEORGE. Birth Place: Playden, Rye, Sussex.
Death Date: 19 Dec 1915. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: Eastbourne.
Rank: Private. Regiment Royal Army Veterinary Corps. Number: SE/6904.
Type of Casualty: Died. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

STOAKES-JONES, ALAN. Corporal 19970, 2nd Battalion, Australian Infantry, 1st Australian Division. Killed in action at Bullecourt 6 May 1917. Aged 28 Sixth son of Mr & Mrs Edward Percy Stoakes-Jones of 20, Watchbell Street, Rye. Commemorated on Villers Bretonneux Memorial.

STOAKES-JONES, BASIL VICTOR. Private 190, Canadian Army Service Corps Died in Toronto, Ontario, Canada 3 February 1915. Aged 27. Son of Mr & Mrs Edward Percy Stoakes-Jones of 20, Watchbell Street, Rye. Buried in Toronto (Prospect) Cemetery, Ontario, Canada.

Born Rye, Sussex on 20th June 1887. Next of kin Edward Percy Stoakes-Jones (father). He was a chauffeur and mechanic and electrician. Enlisted in Toronto on 28 December 1914.

STOCKS, THOMAS HALLAWAY. Private 49978, 12th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. 41st Division. Died in military hospital at Abbeville after hostilities 28 November 1918. Aged 31. Son of Albert & Clara Elizabeth Stocks of Rye. Born in Rye and enlisted in Hastings. Formerly with Royal Garrison Artillery. Buried in Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension.

STONE, JAMES. Rank: Private. Service No: G/3772. Date of Death: 26/09/1915. Age: 34. Regiment/Service: The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). 8th Bn.
Panel Reference: Panel 15 to 19. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Mary Stone, of 23, Tower St., Rye, Sussex.

SUTTON, HERBERT GEORGE. Lance Corporal SD/112, 11th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39th Division. Killed in action at Becourt 3 September 1916. Aged 27. Son of Alfred & Lydia Sutton of Alexandra Cottage, Ypres Steps, Rye. Born in Rye and enlisted in Eastbourne. Prominent local footballer. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial.

SWAINE, THOMAS. Private L/6991, 2nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 1st Division. Killed in action on the Marne 13 September 1914. Regular soldier born in Rye and enlisted in Chichester. Commemorated on La Ferte sous Jouarre Memorial.

TAYLOR, LESLIE WELFARE. Private 3246, 1/5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. (Pioneers). 48th Division. Killed in action on the Somme near Martinpuich Church 8 November 1916. Aged 18. Son of William & Mary Taylor of 4, King Street, Rye. Born and enlisted in Rye. Buried in Martinpuich British Cemetery.

TEMPLE, WILLIAM ROBERT. Private 60543, 16th Battalion, Welsh Regiment. 38th Welsh Division attached to Trench Mortar Battery. Killed in action 19 September 1917. Husband of Mrs W. R. Temple of Rye. Local Postman. Born in Edinburgh and enlisted in Rye. Buried in Erquinghem Lys Churchyard Extension.

THORPE, NORMAN JOHN. Second Lieutenant, 8th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment attached to 52nd Company, Machine Gun Corps. Killed in action near Arras 12 May 1917. Aged 19. Son of Harry & Amy Thorpe of "Stalisfield" London Road, St. Leonard's on Sea. Buried in St. Nicholas British Cemetery.

Name: Norman John Thorpe. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1897. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 3

Name: Norman John Thorpe. Age in 1911: 13. Birth Year: abt 1898. Relation to Head: Boarder. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: North Hill School, 123 Dorset Rd Bexhill

TILTMAN, ALFRED REGINALD. Rank: Sapper. Service No: 265726. Age: 19. Date of Death: 03/04/1917. Service: Royal Engineers. Railway Operating Div. Grave Reference: O. 516. Cemetery: SHORNCLIFFE MILITARY CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Alfred E. & Flora Daisy Tiltman, 81, Christchurch Rd., Ashford, Kent.

Name: Alfred Reginald Tiltman. Birth Place: Ashford, Kent. Residence: Rye. Death Date: 3 Apr 1917. Death Location: Home. Enlistment Location: Chatham. Rank: Sapper. Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers. Number: 265726. Type of Casualty: Died. Theatre of War: Home. Comments: R.O.D., R.E.

Name: Albert Reginald Tiltman. Date: 2nd Qtr 1897. District: West Ashford, Kent. Vol: 2a. P: 777

Name: Reginald Tiltman. Age in 1911: 13. Birth Year: abt 1898. Birth Place: Ashford, Kent. Street Address: 81 Christ Church Rd, Ashford. Alfred E Tiltman, 36, railway wagon builder; Daisy Tiltman, 36, married 14 years, 3 children all alive, born Hythe, Kent; Reginald Tiltman, 13; Elenor D Tiltman, 12; Roy Tiltman, 1

TILTMAN, CHARLES. Private 24901, 14th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment. 39th Division. Killed in action on the Somme 1 November 1916. Aged 30. Son of Richard James & Ellen Tiltman of 2, Alma Place, Rye. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial.

TILTMAN, EDWARD. Private G/5528, 2nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 1st Division. Killed in action 24 September 1918. Aged 21. Son of William & Fanny Tiltman of 5, West Cliffe, Bartlett's Buildings, Rye. Born in Rye and enlisted in Hastings. Buried in Berthaucourt Communal Cemetery.

The Battalion was detailed to participate in an attack on the German positions on the high ground north of Gricourt. The Battalion, already diminished in numbers following actions during the advance made since 2nd September, and particularly 18th September, formed up by 0400hrs with 'A' Coy on the right under Captain Roberts MC and 'C' Coy on the left under T/Captain Sunderland. Both Coys had two platoons 'up', with two platoons 100 yds behind, over a total frontage of 400 yds. A severely depleted 'D' Coy (Captain Mason MC) supplied a supporting platoon to each Coy and 'B' Coy (Lt. Gardener) was held in Reserve. The attack was supported by a section of 'B' Coy 1st MGC, 2 trench mortars (2nd T.M.Bty) and 2 tanks.

Zero was at 0500hrs and the Bn advanced behind a creeping barrage, the leading Coys meeting stiff opposition in the enemy trenches and occupied sunken roads. But their objective was taken, along with many prisoners. However, 46th Div, attacking further North, had failed to take Pontruet, the knock-on effect being that the Northants on the 2nd Sussex left were left exposed and were forced to retire. Their retirement in turn left 'C' Coy exposed and they became subject to heavy German artillery and MG fire and suffered greatly.

It was during this time that Capt. Sunderland presumably lost his life, although initially he was reported as missing. 'C' Coy were forced to retire, which left 'A' Coy exposed in turn. Platoons from 'D' and 'B' Coys formed flanking supports, but the situation was critical.

At 1120hrs an 400 German soldiers were seen advancing to counterattack 'A' Coy, which was at this time to have had only 80 men, all ranks. Roberts ordered his men to open fire and under this the attackers were seen to waiver about 50yds from the 'A' Coy positions. Seeing this, Roberts ordered his men to fix bayonets and charge the remaining enemy. This routed the Germans and 40 prisoners were taken, the fleeing enemy harassed by artillery fire. At some point during the action Roberts was wounded.

The 2nd Sussex held their gains, 2nd KRRC retaking the Northants objectives on the left and 3rd Brigade coming up on the right. 'B' Coy took over the Bn positions and the remnants of 'A' and 'C' Coy formed a composite Coy with the already undermanned 'D' Coy, all under Captain Mason. When pulled out of the line to Brigade Reserve at Vermand on night 28th/29th the Bn formed into three Coys.

2nd Sussex took over 400 prisoners in the action, and the mixed units identified from their number are perhaps indicative of the state of the German army at the time – they included 261st, 262nd and 263rd RIR; 51st IR; 12th MG; 7th Jaegers, and 10th Bavarian Bearers.

2nd Sussex lost a Coy OC, Sunderland, and 4 platoon commanders, including Lt Wright, from Tenterden, who had won the MC at High Wood in August 1916. Two other Coy OCs had been wounded (Gardener and Roberts), along with 5 platoon commanders. CSM Oakley, a Regular old sweat, from Hastings had also fallen, along with six SNCOs and six JNCOs. 117 Other Ranks were wounded and, initially, 39 reported as missing, although as always some of these were later confirmed as having fallen.

TILTMAN, HAROLD ALLAN. Rank: Private. Service No: 65421. Age: 23.
Date of Death: 15/05/1917. Service: Royal Army Medical Corps. 36th Field Amb
Grave Reference: II. E. 6. Cemetery: FEUCHY BRITISH CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Mr. H. A. and Mrs. E. Tiltman, of 6, Alsager Avenue, Queenborough, Kent. Born at Rye, Sussex.

Name: Harold Alan Tiltman. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 15 May 1917.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Sheerness.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Army Medical Corps. Number: 65421.
Type of Casualty: Killed in action. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre
Birth registered as Harold Allan Tiltman. His Service Records survive.

TILTMAN, HARRY. Lance Corporal TF/240870, 1/5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. (Pioneers) 48th Division. Killed in action near Ypres 25 August 1917. Aged 22. Son of William & Fanny Tiltman of 5, West Cliffe, Bartlett's Buildings, Rye. Born & enlisted in Rye. Buried in Track X Cemetery, St. Jean les Ypres, Belgium. [brother of Thomas Tiltman 1937 Royal Sussex whose Service records survive]

TILTMAN, WALTER THOMAS. Able Seaman Z/438, "Howe" Battalion, 63rd Royal Naval Division, R. N. V. R. Killed in action at Arras 24 April 1917. Aged 26. Son of Mr & Mrs Tiltman of Rye. Born and enlisted in Rye. Commemorated on Arras Memorial.

TILTMAN, WILLIAM E. Leading Stoker K/9997, H.M.S. "Derwent", Royal Navy. Killed in action when the destroyer struck a mine in the English Channel 2 May 1917. Aged 25. Son of William & Fanny Tiltman of 5, West Cliffe, Bartlett's Cottages, Rye. Husband of Florence Tiltman of 103, Godington Road, Ashford, Kent. Commemorated on Chatham Naval Memorial.

TILTMAN, WILLIAM. Rank: Shipwright 2nd Class. Service No: 140134. Age: 49. Date of Death: 11/03/1915. Regiment/Service: Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Bayano." Panel Reference: 9. Memorial: PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Richard and Jane Tiltman, of Rye, Sussex; husband of Jane Carter Tiltman, of 17, Hill View Terrace, Newport Rd., Cowes, Isle of Wight.

TOMSETT, JAMES. Sapper 212702, 211 Field Company, Royal Engineers. Died at home 18 May 1918 Aged 35. Born in Rye and enlisted in Hastings. Carpenter. Buried in Rye Cemetery.

TROTTER, JAMES PERCIVAL. Private TF/260486, 1/5th Battalion, Border Regiment. (Signals Section) 32nd Division. Killed in action 1 October 1918. Son of Charles & Jemima Trotter of Tee Square, Wish Street, Rye. Commemorated on Vis en Artois Memorial

TWORT, ARTHUR THOMAS. Birth Year: abt 1890. Age at enlistment: 26 years 4 months. Regimental Number: G/10841. Regiment Name: Royal Sussex Regiment. 2/5th Battalion. Address: Ferry Road, Rye. Occupation: Clerk. Enlistment Date: 13 April 1916. Next of Kin Mother Annie (presumably Edwin had died) Ferry Road, Rye.

Discharged KR 392 (iii) c 27 June 1916. Unlikely to become an efficient soldier. Medical report states: "Has been in very indifferent health since 8 years old. He has well marked signs of TB over right lung anteriorly and posteriorly, also at left apex. Hectic fever and night sweats. Not the result of military service". 23 August 1916. "This man applies for pension, states he is suffering from phlebitis and has never before had this complaint, nor any symptoms of it. In October 1915 he was examined by his own doctor who told him his lungs were in good order, and the Army doctor at Chichester passed him as fit "for Service at Home". He has been unable to do work of any kind since discharge and is still under a doctor". A Gratuity of £7 10s was paid to him.

Name: Arthur Thomas Twort. Birth Date: 8 Nov 1889. Christening: 18 Dec 1891. Place: Rye, Sussex. Father's Name: Edwin Twort. Mother's Name: Annie.

Name: Arthur T Twort. Age: 1. Birth Year: abt 1890. Father's Name: Edwin Twort. Mother's Name: Annie Twort. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Edwin Twort, 34; Annie Twort, 36; Edwin H L Twort, 7; Annie L M Twort, 4; Charles W Twort, 2; Arthur T Twort, 1

Name: Arthur T Twort. Age: 11. Birth Year: abt 1890. Father's Name: Edwin Twort. Mother's Name: Annie Twort. Where born: Rye, Sussex. Address: 180 Ferry Road, Rye. Edwin Twort, 44, practical compositor and printer; Annie Twort, 46, both born Tunbridge Wells; Edwin H L Twort, art pottery, 19, born Pembury; Annie L M Twort, 14; Charles W Twort, 12; Arthur T Twort, 11; Percy F Twort, 8; George F Twort, 7; Daisy E Twort, 5, all born Rye.

Name: Thomas Twort. Age in 1911: 21. Birth Year: abt 1890. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Street Address: Ferry Road Rye. Edwin Twort, 54, letter press printer; Annie Twort, 56, married 30 years, 7 children all alive; Edwin Twort, 27, potter; Annie Twort, 24; Thomas Twort, 21; George Twort, 17; Daisy Twort, 15

Death Registration: Arthur T Twort. Birth Date: abt 1890. Date: Jan-Feb-Mar 1917. Age at Death: 27. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Volume: 2b. Page: 7

[From this it would appear that Arthur was NOT a member of the Armed Forces at the time of his death, presumably from TB. Nonetheless, the War Memorial Committee DID include his Name and who are we to challenge their decision? To take it further as an "In From The Cold" project would need the purchase of his Death Certificate proving his death was from TB- and not being hit by a bus or similar accident]

UNDERDOWN, ALFRED. Rank: Private. Service No: 43127.

Date of Death: 29/09/1918. Age: 34. Regiment: Worcestershire Regiment. 2nd Bn.

Grave Reference: II. C. 17. Cemetery: PIGEON RAVINE CEMETERY, EPEHY

Additional Information: Brother of Mrs. H. Heritage, of Cadborough Farm, Rye.

Name: Alfred Underdown. Birth Place: Benenden, Kent. Residence: Rye, Sussex.

Death Date: 29 Sep 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.

Enlistment Location: Canterbury.

Rank: Private. Regiment: Worcestershire Regiment. Battalion: 2nd Battalion.

Number: 43127. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.

Comments: Formerly 26830, Hampshire Regt.

Name: Alfred Underdown. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1884.

Registration District: Cranbrook, Kent. Volume: 2a. Page: 748.

UPTON, WILLIAM JAMES. Rank: Private. Service No: L/7996.

Date of Death: 18/04/1916.

Regiment/Service: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). 2nd Bn.

Panel Reference: Panel 29. Memorial: BASRA MEMORIAL

Name: William James Upton. Birth Place: Beckley, Rye. Death Date: 18 Apr 1916.

Death Location: Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force.

Enlistment Location: Maidstone, Kent.

Rank: Private. Regiment: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Battalion: 2nd Battalion. Number: L/7996. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: Asiatic Theatres

VIDLER, DOUGLAS WESTON. Rank: Private Service No: 44461. Date of Death:

19/03/1918. Age: 18. Regiment/Service: 3rd Reserve Cavalry Regiment.

Grave Reference: 4903. Cemetery: RYE CEMETERY

Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Vidler, of 14, Downs Rd., Enfield, Middx.

WALKER, FRANK ALBERT. Rifleman 43801, 1/16th Battalion, London Regiment (The Queens Westminsters). 56th London Division. Killed in action 29 August 1918. Born and enlisted in Rye. Next of kin, Rye Commemorated on Vis en Artois Memorial

WARREN, GEORGE WILLIAM. Rank: Able Seaman. Age: 31.

Trade: Boatman C.G. Service No: 204414. Date of Death: 22/09/1914.
Regiment/Service: Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Cressy."

Panel Reference: 2. Memorial: PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL

Additional Information: Son of Walter James Warren (Chief Officer of Coastguards, R.N.), and Fanny Warren; husband of Jessie Mary Epplett (formerly Warren), of 15, Herbert St., Footscray, Melbourne, Australia. Native of Pevensey, England.

Name: George William Warren. Rank: AB (Boatman CG). Birth Date: 22 Oct 1882.
Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Branch of Service: Royal Navy. Cause of Death: Killed or died as a direct result of enemy action. Official Number Port Division: 204414. (Po).
Death Date: 22 Sep 1914. Ship or Unit: HMS Cressy. Location of Grave: Not recorded. Name and Address of Cemetery: Body Not Recovered For Burial. Relatives Notified and Address: Widow: Mrs JM Epplett, 15 Herbert Street, West Footscray (Footscray?), Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

WARREN, HERBERT NEY

New Zealand Defence Force - 4th Battalion NZ Field Artillery

Sergeant - Service Number 214 Died of wounds - Thursday 12th October 1916 in the Battle of the Somme. Age 37.

Grave: U14 Carnay Military Cemetery.

He was the son of Frank and Elizabeth (nee Ney) Warren of Bridge Place, Rye. He had been a regular soldier in the R.A. having joined on 1898/9 and served in the 2nd Boer War from 1899-1902. He spent 12 years in the R.A. Regular Army based in Kent and Aldershot where his first son was born. His service records were lost in the Blitz in 1940.

His family don't know why he left wife to try to join up, as his fourth son had just been born.

As he was too old for the British Army in 1914, he worked his passage to New Zealand and enlisted in the NZ Defence Force on 30.8.14, fighting at Gallipoli before being sent to the Western Front.

Two of his grandsons came to the dedication of his name on the Tablets at the Rye Hospital a couple of years ago.

WATERS, HAROLD GEORGE. Lance Corporal SD/2002, 11th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39th Division. Killed in action near St. Julian, Ypres, 31 July 1917. Aged 25. Son of Charles & Marina Waters of Virginia Cottage, Peasmarsh. Born in Ewhurst and enlisted in Hastings Included on Peasmarsh War Memorial. Buried in Buffs Road Cemetery, Belgium.

WATSON, HAROLD EDWIN. Rank: Private. Service No: 18391.
Date of Death: 01/05/1917. Age: 20.
Regiment/Service: Dorsetshire Regiment. 5th Bn.
Panel Reference: Bay 6. Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Robert Denis and Martha Watson, of The Haven,
Camber, Rye.

WATSON, WATSON HARRY. Rank: Lance Corporal. Service No: 320045.
Age: 24. Date of Death: 16/09/1918. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment.
16th (Sussex Yeomanry) Bn.
Grave Reference: V. D. 7. Cemetery: Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension.
Additional Information: Son of Robert and Martha Dennis Watson, of Rye Harbour,
Sussex; husband of Gladys Watson, of 2, Judge Place, Rye, Sussex.
(Name shown as "Henry" on Rye Harbour Memorial)

WEBB, FREDERICK ARTHUR. Rank: Air Mechanic 2nd Class. Age: 18.
Date of Death: 29/07/1917. Service No: 87713.
Regiment/Service: Royal Flying Corps. 43rd Sqdn.
Grave Reference: **D. 9.** Cemetery: Sailly la Bourse Communal Cemetery Extension.
Additional Information: Son of Albert and Alice M. Webb, of The Mill, Ferry Rd., Rye, Sussex. Native of Ramsgate.

See also:-

McPHERSON, LEONARD ALFRED. Rank: Second Lieutenant. Age: 19.
Date of Death: 28/07/1917. Regiment/Service: Royal Flying Corps. **43rd Sqdn.**
Grave Reference: **D. 8.** Cemetery: Sailly la Bourse Communal Cemetery Extension.
Additional Information: Son of Alfred & Mary McPherson, 203, Rosendale Rd., West Dulwich, London.

Second Lieutenant Leonard Alfred McPherson RFC, who was reported missing, and later, killed on 28th was 19 years of age and was the eldest son of Mr A McPherson, late principal of the Printing Office, Bank of England, and Mrs McPherson of 203, Rosendale Road, West Dulwich. He was educated at Dulwich College where he held the rank of colour sergeant in the OTC. He left Dulwich in July 1915 when he was 17 years of age and joined the Inns of Court OTC, being gazetted to a commission in the RFC in January of this year. He obtained his Wings and left England for the Front early in May. His Commanding Officer writes: "He met his death, **with an aerial gunner**, on the evening of July 28th. He must have seen some enemy troops on the road and came down low in order to fire on them. In doing this brave act he was evidently fired on from the ground and must have been killed instantly. The machine came down in No Mans Land and the bodies were recovered with difficulty.... He died like a gallant English gentleman in the execution of his duty." ["Flight" archives August 9 1917 p823]

WEEKS, CHARLES JAMES. Private G/62195, 2nd Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment. 7th Division. Killed in action in Italy 16 May 1918 Aged 39. Son of William John & Mary Jane Weeks of Rye. Born in Benenden, Kent and enlisted in Rye. Buried in Boscon British cemetery, Italy.

WELFARE, FREDERICK. Lance Corporal M2/050089, 35th Petrol Company, Royal Army Service Corps Died in military hospital in Paris after hostilities 24 November 1918 Aged 44. Born in Rye. Buried in City of Paris Cemetery Pantin.

WELLER, ALBERT EDWARD. Private SD/1108, 11th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 39th Division. Died of wounds 4 September 1916. Son of Mrs J. Weller of 122, Mount Pleasant Road, Hastings. Born All Saints, Hastings and enlisted in Hastings. Included on Hastings War Memorial. Buried in Couin British Cemetery

WELLER, CHARLES HENRY. Sapper 177071, 401 Field Company, Royal Engineers. Killed in action during the March Retreat 21 March 1918 Aged 25. Son of John & Kate Weller of Rye. Born and enlisted in Rye. Formerly Royal Sussex. Commemorated on Arras Memorial

WICKERSHAM, HENRY THOMAS. Lance Sergeant GS/599, 9th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. 24th Division. Killed in action at Loos 25 September 1915 Aged 47 Special reservist Husband of Mrs Kate Wickersham of 6, Wellington Terrace, Military Road, Rye. Born in Horsham and enlisted in Chichester. Included on Horsham War Memorial. Commemorated on Loos Memorial.

WILSON, EDWARD ALICK. Rank: Able Seaman. Date of Death: 28/03/1917.
Age: 61. Regiment/Service: Mercantile Marine. S.S. "Oakwell" (Stockton)
Panel Reference: Memorial: TOWER HILL MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Husband of Mary Jane Wilson (nee Watson), of 33, Upper St. James St., Brighton. Born at Rye.

WISEMAN, ALFRED. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Residence: Glasgow.
Death Date: 12 Apr 1916. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: Glenboig, Lanarkshire.
Rank: Sergeant. Regiment: Corps of Royal Engineers. Number: 139008.
Type of Casualty: Died of wounds. Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.
Comments: 185th Tunn. Coy., R.E.

WOOD, ALEXANDER. Private 28127, 8th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. 18th Division. Killed in action at Ypres 21 September 1917. Aged 25. Born Lydd and enlisted in Rye. Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.
Name: Alexander Wood. Birth Place: Rye, Sussex. Death Date: 21 Sep 1917.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Rye.
Rank: Private. Regiment: East Surrey Regiment. Battalion: 12th Battalion.
Number: 28204. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre.
Comments: Formerly 9210, Royal Sussex Regt.

WOOD, HARRY. *Birth Place: Iden, Sussex. Residence: Wandsworth, Surrey.
Death Date: 15 Feb 1918. Death Location: France & Flanders.
Enlistment Location: Whitehall, Middx. Rank: Private. Regiment Labour Corps.
Number: 295034. Type of Casualty: Died of wounds.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre
Comments: Formerly 123568, R.E.*

WOOD, JAMES. *Birth Place: Iden, Rye, Sussex.
Residence: New Romney, Kent. Death Date: 18 Aug 1916.
Death Location: France & Flanders. Enlistment Location: Hastings, Sussex.
Rank: Private. Regiment: Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Battalion: 8th Battalion.
Number: G/3718. Type of Casualty: Killed in action.
Theatre of War: Western European Theatre*

WOOD, S No further information currently available in SDGW & CWGC records.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO FELL IN THE 1939 – 1945 WAR

ANDERSON, MICHAEL LEWIN. Rank: Captain, Troop Commander

Service No: 129328. Date of Death: 23/04/1945. Age: 25

Regiment/Service: Royal Artillery. 155 (The Lanarkshire Yeomanry) Field Regt.

Grave Reference: Brit. Sec. N. B. 10. Cemetery: YOKOHAMA WAR CEMETERY

Additional Information: Son of William and Winifred Margaret Anderson, of Rye, Sussex. Died whilst a Prisoner of War, captured at the fall of Singapore in February 1942. PoW No. 441

Name: Michael Anderson. Given Initials: M L. Rank: Lieutenant. Death Date: 23 Apr 1945. Number: 129328. Birth Place: London SE. Residence: Holland. Regiment at Enlistment: London Scottish (Donside). Branch at Enlistment: Royal Artillery. Theatre of War: Malaya. Regiment at Death: Royal Artillery. Branch at Death: Royal Artillery

Captain Michael Lewin Anderson 155 Field Regiment RA (Lanarkshire Yeomanry) formerly of London Scottish, younger son of & Mrs Anderson of New Malden, died of pneumonia in a PoW Camp in Japan, April 23 1945 after over three years of captivity, aged 26.

APPS Frederick Owen William Able Seaman

H.M.S. "Glorious", Royal Navy. Lost with the aircraft carrier when she was destroyed by German battle cruisers off Norway 8 June 1940. Aged 32. Son of Charles & Mary Apps of Rye. Husband of Vincente Apps of Valetta, Malta. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial.

HMS Glorious was the second of the Courageous-class battlecruisers built for the Royal Navy during the First World War. Designed to support the Baltic Project championed by the First Sea Lord, Lord Fisher, they were very lightly armoured and armed with only a few heavy guns. Glorious was completed in late 1916 and spent the war patrolling the North Sea. She participated in the Second Battle of Heligoland Bight in November 1917 and was present when the German High Seas Fleet surrendered a year later.

Glorious was paid off after the end of the war, but was rebuilt as an aircraft carrier during the late 1920s. She could carry 30% more aircraft than her half-sister Furious which had approximately the same tonnage. After recommissioning she spent most of her career operating in the Mediterranean Sea. After the start of the Second World War, Glorious spent the rest of 1939 unsuccessfully hunting for the German cruiser Admiral Graf Spee in the Indian Ocean before returning to the Mediterranean. She was recalled in April 1940 to support British operations in Norway. While evacuating British aircraft from Norway in June, the ship was sunk by the German battlecruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau in the North Sea with the loss of over 1,200 lives.

On the way through the Norwegian Sea the funnel smoke from Glorious and her two escorting destroyers, Acasta and Ardent, was spotted by the German battlecruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau at about 3:46 pm. The German ships were not spotted until shortly after 4:00 and Ardent was dispatched to investigate. Glorious did not alter course or increase speed. Five Swordfish were ordered to the flight deck but Action Stations was not ordered until 4:20.

No combat air patrol was being flown, no aircraft were ready on the deck for quick take off and there was no lookout in Glorious's crow's nest. Scharnhorst opened fire on Ardent at 4:27 at a range about 16,000 yards, causing the destroyer to withdraw, firing torpedoes and making a smoke screen. Ardent scored one hit with her 4.7-inch guns on Scharnhorst but was hit several times by the German ships' secondary armament and sank about 5:25.

Scharnhorst switched her fire to Glorious at 4:32 and scored her first hit six minutes later on her third salvo, at an approximate range of 26,000 yards, when one 28 centimetre shell hit the forward flight deck and burst in the upper hangar, starting a large fire. This hit destroyed two Swordfish being prepared for flight and the hole in the flight deck prevented any other aircraft from taking off. Splinters penetrated a boiler casing and caused a temporary drop in steam pressure. At 4:58 a second shell hit the homing beacon above the bridge and killed or wounded the captain and most of the personnel stationed there. The smokescreen became effective enough to impair the visibility of the Germans from about 4:58 to 5:20 so they ceased fire on Glorious.

Glorious was hit again in the centre engine room around 5:20 and this caused her to lose speed and commence a slow circle to port. She also developed a list to starboard. The German ships closed to within 16,000 yards and continued to fire at her until about 5:40. Glorious sank about 6:10, approximately at 68°38'N 03°50'E, with only 43 survivors. As the German ships approached Glorious, the destroyer Acasta, which had been trying to maintain the smokescreen, broke through her own smoke and fired two volleys of torpedoes at Scharnhorst. One of these hit the battleship at 5:34 abreast her rear turret and badly damaged her. Acasta also managed one hit from her 4.7-inch guns on Scharnhorst, but was riddled by German gunfire and sank around 6:20.

According to Winton, survivors' estimates were that about 900 men abandoned Glorious. The German ships did not try to save survivors. The Royal Navy knew nothing of the sinking until it was announced on German radio. The Norwegian ship Borgund, on passage to the Faeroe Islands, arrived late on June 10 and picked up survivors, eventually delivering 37 alive to Thorshavn of whom two died. Another Norwegian ship, Svalbard II, also making for the Faeroes, picked up five survivors but was sighted by a German aircraft and forced to return to Norway, where the four still alive became prisoners of war for the next five years. It is also believed that one more survivor from Glorious was rescued by a German seaplane. Therefore the total of survivors was 40, including one each from Acasta and Ardent. The total killed or missing was 1,207 from Glorious, 160 from Acasta and 152 from Ardent, a total of 1,519.

The saddest aspect is that if Glorious had had Swordfish ready to launch, they may well have inflicted a defeat on the German ships. It has to be concluded that for whatever reason there was a failure to ensure Glorious could defend herself by having standing air patrols. Had she done so, the German ships would have been spotted and a devastating air strike launched.

It is believed that the sinking of Glorious from a range of some 15 miles was one of the furthest successful bombardments by one ship against another. The fact that an early hit destroyed the catapults which were necessary to launch any air strike probably sealed her fate, with only destroyers as escort. Had the German ships stopped to rescue men in the water, or even thrown over life rafts then there would have been a greater number saved, but such is the cost of war.

AVIS, ARTHUR FREDERICK. Rank: Private. Service No: 6401084. Date of Death: 14/01/1941. Age: 22. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 2nd Bn.
Grave Reference: Sec. B.C. Grave 6283. Cemetery: RYE CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Alfred and Ada Avis; husband of Ivy R. Avis, of Burgess Hill.

AXELL Gladys (Mrs) Civilian, Womens Voluntary Service. Died at her home 1, Havelock Villas, Rye. 10 February 1943. Aged 50. Husband of Edward Axell. Buried in Rye Municipal Borough Cemetery.

BARHAM Matilda Jane (Mrs) Civilian. Died at 3, Havelock Villas, Rye.
Date of Death: 10 February 1943. Widow of Mr James Barham. Resident of 3, Havelock Villas. Aged 80. Rye Municipal Borough Cemetery.

BARNETT, ALAN LLOYD. Rank: Squadron Quartermaster Serjeant. Age: 34.
Service No: 2323163. Date of Death: 10/01/1947.
Regiment/Service: Royal Corps of Signals.
Grave Reference: Cemetery: PEASMARSH (SS. Peter and Paul) Churchyard
Additional Information: Son of Harry and Celia Barnett; husband of Kathleen Barnett, of Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

BATY, STANLEY WILLIAM. Rank: Serjeant. Service No: 186650. Age: 36.
Date of Death: 12/03/1945. Service: Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.
Cemetery: PLAYDEN (ST. MICHAEL) CHURCHYARD
Additional Information: Son of William and Edith Baty, of Playden.

BIRCHALL Frank Thomas Private, 5th Cinque Ports Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Killed in action in Belgium 23 May 1940. Aged 20. Son of George Thomas & Minnie Grace Birchall of Rye. Buried in White House. Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium.

BLACKMAN, GEORGE. Rank: Civilian. Date of Death: 22/09/1942. Age: 17
Regiment/Service: Civilian War Dead. Reporting Authority: Battle Rural District.
Additional Information: Home Guard. Son of John and Matilda Blackman, of 82 Church Street, Ore. Injured at Rye Foreign; died same day at Rye Memorial Hospital.

BOOTH Henry Gunner, 1st Air Landing Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery. Killed in action near Arnhem 17 September 1944. Aged 21. Son of Bertha Booth of Rye. Commemorated on Groesbeek Memorial, Holland.

BRETT, FREDERICK GEORGE. Rank: Private. Service No: 6399911. Age: 18. Date of Death: 16/06/1940. Regiment: Royal Sussex Reg't. 5th Cinque Ports Bn.
Grave Reference: Plot 2. Row G. Grave 11. Bertenacre Military Cemetery, Fletre
Additional Information: Son of George Thomas Brett and Mary Jane Brett, of Rye.

BUMSTED Frances Elizabeth (Mrs) Civilian. 4, Godfreys Row, Wish Street. Wife of John Henry Bumsted. Died at 4, Godfreys Row 18 August 1940. Aged 82. Buried in Rye Municipal Borough Cemetery.

BUMSTED, GEORGE. Rank: Civilian. Date of Death: 18/08/1940. Age: 42.
Regiment/Service: Civilian War Dead. Reporting Authority: Rye Municipal Borough.
Additional Information: Home Guard; of 4 Godfrey's Row, Wish Street. Son of John Henry and Frances Elizabeth Bumsted. Died at 4 Godfrey's Row.

[How can TWO members of one family be remembered but NOT the third?]

BUMSTED, JOHN HENRY. Rank: Civilian. Date of Death: 20/08/1940. Age: 84
Regiment/Service: Civilian War Dead: Reporting Authority: Battle Rural District.
Additional Information: of 4 Godfrey's Row, Wish Street, Rye. Husband of Frances Elizabeth Bumsted. Injured 18 August 1940, at 4 Godfrey's Row; died at Cottage Hospital. Buried in Rye Municipal Borough Cemetery.

BURTON Albert James *Stoker 1st Class, H.M. Submarine "Triton", Royal Navy. Lost when the Submarine was sunk by the Italian Torpedo Boat "Clio" in the Southern Adriatic while operating from Malta 18 December 1940. Commemorated on Chatham Naval Memorial.*

When the Admiralty was notified that His Majesty's Government would declare war on Germany, five submarines of the Second Flotilla were ordered to patrol on the Obvestad line off Norway on 24 August 1939. Thus, on 3 September all British submarines were in their combat patrol sectors. At 1955 on 10 September 1939, Triton had surfaced, fixed a position off the Obvestad Light, set a slow zigzag patrol, and began charging batteries. At 2045, Lieutenant Commander Steel, was called to the bridge when an object in the water could be seen very fine on the port bow. Once on the bridge, the signalman sent three challenges over several minutes with the box lamp, none of which were answered. Steel wondered if the boat could be HMS Oxley, which should have been patrolling next in line, but some distance away. Steel and his bridge crew studied the silhouette, but could not distinguish what type of submarine it was. A fourth challenge was sent: three green rifle-grenade flares. After firing, Steel counted slowly to 15 and then decided that they were seeing a German U-boat. He ordered tubes 7 and 8 fired with a three-second interval. Less than a minute later, an explosion was heard. Triton moved into the area to investigate and heard cries for help. The light from the Aldis lamp revealed three men floundering amid oil and debris. Lieutenant Guy C. I. St. B. Watkins and Lieutenant Harry A. Stacey entered the water and rescued Lieutenant Commander H.G. Bowerman, Oxley's commanding officer, as well as Able Seaman Gluckes, a lookout. The third person in the water, Lieutenant F.K. Manley, was seen to be swimming strongly when he suddenly sank from view. Neither Manley's body nor any other survivors from Oxley were found.

A Board of Enquiry found that Steel had done all he reasonably could in the circumstances. Oxley was out of position, Triton had acted correctly, and the first Allied submarine casualty of World War II was due to "friendly fire." During the war, the loss of Oxley was attributed to an accidental explosion. After the war, it was explained to have been a collision with Triton. The truth not was revealed until the 1950s.

Triton continued her war patrols, first in Baltic waters. On 10 April 1940, she sank the German steamers *Friedenau*, *Weibert*, and patrol vessel *Rau 6* in the Kattegat. She shifted patrol areas to the Mediterranean Sea, basing her operations in Alexandria. During her first patrol in the Gulf of Genoa, Lieutenant Watkins, now Triton's commanding officer, decided to enter the harbour of Savona. She found a supply ship at anchor in the harbour, at which she fired a single torpedo and claimed an 8000-ton kill. As no other ships were available to torpedo, Triton surfaced Triton and began shelling a large factory and gas works on the shore, damaging both of them before departing.

On 28 November 1940, Triton left Malta for a patrol in the southern Adriatic Sea. On 6 December, she picked up a distress message from the Italian merchant *Olimpia* and set course to intercept and finish her off. Neither *Olimpia* nor Triton was heard from again. Triton was declared lost with all hands on 18 December. The Italians claimed that she was sunk by torpedo boats, probably *Confienza*, possibly by *Clio*, but the date they cite was several days after contact was lost. The British claimed that she was sunk by naval mines in the Strait of Otranto

CANNELL, GEORGE FRANK. Rank: Lance Corporal. Service No: 5617050.
Age: 27. Date of Death: 15/01/1941. Regiment: Royal Sussex Regiment. 2nd Bn.
Grave Reference: Sec. B.C. Grave 6284. Cemetery: RYE CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Alfred and Nellie Cannell, husband of Alice Vera Cannell, of Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

CARR, GRACE LILLIAN. Rank: Civilian. Date of Death: 13/09/1940. Age: 39
Reporting Authority: Lambeth, Metropolitan Borough. Additional Information: of 338 Camberwell New Road, Camberwell. Daughter of Mrs. M. Dickerson, of Tram Road, Rye Harbour, Rye, Sussex; wife of E. Carr. Died at Independent Church, Brixton Road.

CASTLE Eric James Third Engineer Officer, M.V. "Pelayo" (Liverpool), Merchant Navy. Lost at sea 15 June 1942. Aged 24. Son of Robert James & Edith Castle. Husband of Rose Elizabeth Castle of Stony Stratford, Buckinghamshire. Commemorated on Tower Hill Memorial London.

No obvious connection to Rye found so far – perhaps mistaken for

CASTLE, ERIC DONALD FROST. Rank: Civilian. Date of Death: 10/02/1943.
Age: 50. Reporting Authority: RYE, MUNICIPAL BOROUGH.
Additional Information: of 1 Havelock Villas. Husband of Kathleen Madge Castle. Died at 1 Havelock Villas.

CLARK Elsie (Mrs) Civilian. 11 Kings Avenue, Rye.
Daughter of Mr & Mrs E. J. Dawson of 20, King Street, Rye.
Wife of Leading Aircraftman George Herbert Clark R.A.F.
Died at Tram Road, Rye Harbour 7 October 1942. Aged 39.
Buried in Battle Rural District Cemetery

CLOUTE Edward Charles Master at Arms, HMS "Royal Oak", Royal Navy. Lost when the battleship was torpedoed at anchor in Scapa Flow 14 October 1939. Aged 35. Son of George & Alice Cloute. Husband of Mrs Nellie Cloute of Rye Harbour. Commemorated on Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Southsea.

COLLECOTT, WILLIAM ROBERT. Rank: Gunner. Service No: 11002517.
Date of Death: 09/07/1942. Regiment/Service: Royal Artillery. 198 Coast Bty.
Grave Reference: Sec. B.C. Grave 6370. Cemetery: RYE CEMETERY

COLLING, CHARLES EDWARD (TED). Rank: Private
Service No: 6401105. Date of Death: 27/05/1940. Age: 24
Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 5th Cinque Ports Bn.
Grave Reference: Plot 2. Row G. Grave 10. Bertenacre Military Cemetery, Fletre.
Additional Information: Son of Caroline Colling, of St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

Killed in action on the retreat to Dunkirk 27 May 1940.

Name: Charles Colling. Given Initials: C E. Rank: Private. Number: 6401105.
Death Date: 27 May 1940. Birth Place: Kent. Residence: Sussex.
Regiment at Enlistment: Royal Sussex Regiment. Branch at Enlistment: Infantry.
Theatre of War: France and Belgium Campaign, 1939/40

Birth registration: Name: Charles E Colling. Mother's Maiden Surname: Colling.
Registration: 1st Qtr 1916. Registration district: Ticehurst, Kent. Vol: 2b. Page: 157

Battle of France:

On the 3rd April 1940, the Bn left Cattistock for Southampton and was then shipped to Cherbourg on the night of the 8th/9th April on board the S.S. Amsterdam. The battalion was made up of 29 Offices and 690 other ranks. During the night of the 9th/10th April the Bn was then moved onto Vivoin, and did some final training. The Bn then moved to Belleuse, and then after 2 days marched to St. Pol, with the HQ being set up at Conteville, Somme, with the other companies at Eps, Pas-de-Calais and Hestrus.

On the 11th May they then moved onto Lillers to perform Line of Communication Duties, also listed as Guard duties. The unit then moved onto Vichtrat Peteghen (Belgium) via Motor transport to take up defensive duties. After arrival they were told to march back 17 miles into France, then after marching all night were ordered to turn round again and head straight back to where they had come from, so marched 35 miles in 24 hours !!!!

On the 20th May they moved onto Wortegem to take up defensive duties covering the river Escaut, with trenches on the forward slopes. The Bn started combat on the 20th May when they came under shell and mortar fire. On the 22nd the Bn retreated to Coutrai, and then on the 23rd to the Hospital for Incurables at St. Andre (near Lille), 160 casualties were reported here.

On the 24th May the Bn was sent to Villers Berquin, and on the 25th to Strazelle where they encountered German tanks and took heavy fire. On the 25th/26th they moved onto Rouge Croix, taking a defensive position facing Hazebrouck, then pulled back to Mont de Cats. On the 27th they come under heavy fire from Stuka dive bombers and artillery. Finally, on the 28th they retreated via Poperinghe, to Bray Dunes from where they were eventually evacuated.

COTTERILL, JAMES (JIM). Rank: Gunner. Service No: 4910031. Age: 36.
Date of Death: 01/10/1943. Service: Royal Artillery. 433 Bty., 131 Lt. A.A. Regt.
Grave Reference: Sec. B.C. Grave 6430. Cemetery: RYE CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Samuel and Charlotte Elizabeth Cotterill, of Clowne,
Derbyshire; husband of Nellie Cotterill, of Clowne.

COXWELL-ROGERS, JOHN HENRY. Rank: Major. Service No: 725. Age: 39.
Date of Death: 26/05/1940. Service: Royal Armoured Corps.
3rd Carabiniers (Prince of Wales's Dragoon Guards).
Grave Reference: Plot P. Grave 7. Cemetery: CALAIS SOUTHERN CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Henry Annesley & Mary Georgina Coxwell-Rogers, of
Rye, Sussex.

DEEPROSE Arthur George QMS Warrant Officer 2nd Class, 9th Battalion,
Worcestershire Regiment. Died at home 23 February 1944. Aged 39. Son of William
Thomas & Fanny Louise Deeprose. Husband of Mrs Elizabeth Deeprose of Rye.
Buried in Rye Cemetery.

DEEPROSE Albert James Rifleman 1st Battalion, London Irish Rifles. Killed in
action in Sicily 18 July 1943. Aged 28. Son of William Thomas & Fanny Louise
Deeprose of Rye. Husband of Agnes Deeprose of Rye. Buried in Catania War
Cemetery, Sicily.

DENNIS, DONALD BASIL. Rank: Leading Aircraftman. Service No: 1383647.
 Age: 22. Date of Death: 19/08/1942.
 Service: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 961 Sqdn. (Barrage Balloon Sqdn.)
 Panel Reference: Panel 97. Memorial: RUNNYMEDE MEMORIAL
 Additional Information: Son of Basil and Edith Mary Dennis, of Rye, Sussex.

[961 Squadron was an RAF Anti Aircraft Barrage Balloon Section based at Dover. You might question why a member of such a ground based operation would be on the RAF Runnymede to AIRMEN with no known graves. The following accounts will explain

Many researchers have been stumped by casualties with a Balloon Squadron reference, but who were in fact manning HSLs (High Speed Launches) engaged in rescue duties during "Operation Jubilee" (the raid on Dieppe).

SUTTON, ARNOLD WEBSTER. Rank: Leading Aircraftman. Service No: 1054416.
 Date of Death: 19/08/1942. Age: 25. Regiment/Service: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 961 Balloon Sqdn. Grave: 2. E. 2. Pihen les Guines War Cemetery
 Additional Information: Son of Henry Higginson and Nellie Maud Sutton, of Wolverhampton.

ROYAL AIR FORCE, AIR-SEA RESCUE CREWS KILLED

F/O HILL.J.R.	H.S.L.122 Skipper 961 Sqn
Sgt OSBOURNE.F.	H.S.L.122 M.B.C. 961 Sqn
Cpl APPLEBY.R.A.	H.S.L.122 M.B.C. 961 Sqn
L.A.C. DENNIS.D.B.	H.S.L.122 M.B.C. 961 Sqn
L.A.C. GOOD.H.K.	H.S.L.122 M.B.C. 961 Sqn
L.A.C. MOSS.R.J.	H.S.L.122 M.B.C. 961 Sqn
L.A.C. WILKINS.F.S.	H.S.L.123 M.B.C. 961 Sqn
L.A.C. KRAFT.C.W.	H.S.L.123 W/Op. 961 Sqn
F/O BROAD.R.	H.S.L.147 Skipper 961 Sqn
Sgt STEPHENS.J.S.	H.S.L.147 M.B.C. 961 Sqn
L.A.C. BAMBRIDGE.E.H.	H.S.L.147 M.B.C. 961 Sqn
L.A.C. CURTISS.F.	H.S.L.147 M.B.C. 961 Sqn
L.A.C. SUTTON.A.W.	H.S.L.147 N/ORD 961 Sqn
L.A.C. STEPHENSON.R.F.	H.S.L.147 M.B.C. 961 Sqn.

5 RAF crewmen were captured (F/S S. MacKenzie, AC1 D.B. Bradbury, Cpl R.F. Braddy, G. Butterworth and W.G. Roy).

Lot Details. Lot 1017, 13 December 2007. Category: Groups & Single Decorations for Gallantry. Estimate: £2000-£2500. Hammer Price: £4500

Description: An outstanding Second World War Dieppe raid B.E.M. group of five awarded to Acting Corporal M. Nunn, Royal Air Force, the last man left standing on his Air Sea Rescue (A.S.R.) High Speed Launch (H.S.L.) after it was attacked by enemy aircraft: rescued by another H.S.L., this too had to be abandoned as a result of 30 minutes at the mercy of half a dozen F.W. 190s, until, at length, a few survivors were plucked to safety by a third launch from No. 27 A.S.R. Dover

British Empire Medal, (Military) G.V.I.R., 1st issue (755120 A.C. 1 M. Nunn, R.A.F.); 1939-45 Star; Atlantic Star; Defence and War Medals, good very fine (5) £2000-2500
Footnote: B.E.M. London Gazette 29 December 1942. The original recommendation states:

‘On 19 August 1942, **A.C.1 Nunn was Wireless Operator in R.A.F. High Speed Launch (H.S.L.) 122.** During operations the launch was severely attacked by enemy aircraft. He stuck to his post until the W./T. was shot away and, going on deck, found he was the only member of crew uninjured, **the other members being either killed or wounded.** He showed great presence of mind by first endeavouring to stop engines until he was almost overcome by fumes. He then ran to the wheel and continued to steer the launch for the British coast until sometime later he was taken off by H.S.L. 123. Shortly afterwards H.S.Ls 122 and 123 were sunk by the enemy. A.C. 1 Nunn has been with H.S.L’s Dover since December 1941 and has carried out numerous operations with skill and efficiency.’

Michael Nunn was born in South Hadley, Barnsley in August 1920 and enlisted in the Royal Air Force at Cambridge in June 1939. After initial training, he was posted to No. 27 Air Sea Rescue (A.S.R.) at Dover in December 1941, and it was in this capacity that he won his B.E.M. off Dieppe in August 1942.

Of the 14 High Speed Launches called out on 19 August 1942, in response to no less than 47 “Mayday” calls, three were lost to enemy action, among them, as related above, **Nunn’s H.S.L. 122** - five of her crew were killed, including Flying Officer J. R. Hill, four wounded and two taken P.O.W. Her fate - and that of H.S.L. 123 - is best summarised in an official report submitted by Squadron Leader Coates, from which the following extract has been taken:

‘At about 16.35, four miles S.E. of the position, going north, 123 was attacked by two out of four F.W. 190s that appeared ahead. L.A.C. Wilkins was wounded and Sergeant Smith slightly wounded. A “Help” signal was sent. The planes did not return and course was maintained. Shortly afterwards the boat was challenged from the shore and the batteries opened fire, the shells falling astern. At 16.50 four F.W. 190s attacked from the port beam and course was altered towards them and no casualties resulted. A second “Help” signal was sent. Course was altered to N.W. to try and shake off the planes, which again disappeared, and to contact **122 [with Nunn aboard]** for mutual aid and support ... **122, when sighted,** was being bombed by a Heinkel and when closed at 17.15 was found to have been badly damaged by cannon and machine-gun fire, and with only five men left alive. These were being transferred when six or eight F.W. 190s appeared and attacked from the port beam, four serious casualties being sustained.

A signal “Urgent Help 182 Dungeness 23” was sent. The boats then became separated. In view of the fact that not a single British fighter had provided cover or was even sighted from the time the English coast was left, and that we had been informed that none could be expected, it was considered that absolutely no possibility remained of making the 25 miles to our coast against the concerted attacks in operation. **The boat [122]** was therefore abandoned at 17.20. Whilst the survivors were in the water both boats were attacked for about half an hour and set completely on fire. H.S.L. 177, five to six miles distant, apparently saw smoke and having contacted R.M.L. 513 and two Spitfires, proceeded and performed a plucky and skilful rescue at about 18.00, the F.W. 190s making off on their approach ... ’

Assuming Nunn had been a regular member of **H.S.L. 122** since his arrival at **No. 27 A.S.R. Dover**, he would have been the veteran of numerous rescue operations in the interim, the unit's O.R.B. revealing another encounter with enemy aircraft on 16 April 1942, when 122 was attacked by a pair of 109s off Folkestone - 'No casualties but bullet hole damage to hull' (the unit's O.R.B. refers, full photocopied extracts from which are included, together with a good deal more information on the Dieppe raid).

Having received his B.E.M. at a Buckingham Palace investiture held on 16 March 1943, and been advanced to Acting Corporal, Nunn transferred to No. 4 A.S.R. at Wick that September, where he served until being released in October 1945; sold with a copied wedding photograph and images of H.S.L. 122.

Lot Details: Lot 661, 2 Dec 09. Category: Groups and Single Decorations for Gallantry
Estimate: £2000-£2500. Hammer Price: £4100
Description

'There can be no question as to the bravery of these men of the Air Sea Rescue Service who were often working within sight of the French coast. For myself, I would rather meet a FW 190 head-on in my Spitfire than meet one from a rescue launch.' Flight Lieutenant D. R. "Don" Morrison, D.F.C., D.F.M., No 401 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, who rescued L.A.C. Dargue off Dieppe - taken from Air Commodore Graham Pitchfork's Shot Down and in the Drink, R.A.F. and Commonwealth Aircrews Saved from the Sea 1939-45.

An outstanding Second World War Dieppe raid B.E.M. group of five awarded to Leading Aircraftman A. Dargue, Royal Air Force, for great gallantry as a Nursing Orderly in High Speed Launches of Air Sea Rescue

British Empire Medal, (Military) G.V.I.R., 1st issue (1331108 L.A.C. Albert Dargue, R.A.F.); 1939-45 Star; Atlantic Star; Defence and War Medals 1939-45, good very fine and better (5) £2000-2500

Footnote: B.E.M. London Gazette 29 December 1942:

'Leading Aircraftman Dargue was Nursing Orderly on a High Speed Launch during the combined operations on 19 August 1942. In spite of wounds, he endeavoured to carry out first-aid to the wounded until he was picked up in a seriously wounded condition. The courage and valuable services rendered by Leading Aircraftman Dargue are typical of the high qualities displayed by the nursing orderlies, who have carried out hazardous operations in High Speed Launches which play an essential part in Air Sea Rescue.'

Albert Dargue was serving in **H.S.L. 122** of No. 27 Air Sea Rescue at Dover at the time of operation "Jubilee".

Of the 14 High Speed launches called out on 19 August 1942, in response to no less than 47 "Mayday" calls, three were lost to enemy action, among them **H.S.L. 122 - five of her crew were killed, including Flying Officer J. R. Hill, four wounded and two taken P.O.W.**

A full account of the action is to be found in Air Commodore Graham Pitchfork's Shot Down and in the Drink, R.A.F. and Commonwealth Aircrews Saved from the Sea 1939-45, in which it is revealed that Dargue was plucked from the water by Flight Lieutenant D. R. "Don" Morrison, D.F.C., D.F.M., No 401 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, himself having been picked up by H.S.L. 177 after being downed earlier that day. Pitchfork takes up the story:

'Morrison noticed a semi-conscious seaman drifting away. He immediately dived into the sea and burning oil to reach the badly injured man, bringing him alongside the launch where he was recovered on board. He was Leading Aircraftman Albert Dargue, the **medical orderly of H.S.L. 122**, which had been attacked and set on fire by German fighters. Despite being badly hurt himself, Dargue tended the seriously wounded until H.S.L. 123 pulled alongside. Only four men were left alive and Dargue dragged the other three survivors on deck, but just as they were about to be transferred, H.S.L. 123 also came under attack and was severely damaged. As the launch caught fire, the master gave the order to abandon ship. Dargue inflated the Mae Wests of the three injured men and pushed them overboard before he jumped. Exhausted and weak from his wound, he could do little to help himself until Morrison rescued him.

Once H.S.L. 177 had picked up the 14 survivors the master headed for Newhaven at full speed, where the wounded were quickly evacuated to hospital. Morrison returned to his squadron and was soon back on duty. Following the Dieppe operation there were a number of gallantry awards for the men of the R.A.F.'s high speed launches, including an M.B.E. to Conway and a B.E.M. to the brave L.A.C. Albert Dargue.

Morrison wrote a detailed report of his experiences but made no mention of his own courageous part. He was loud in his praise for the men who manned the R.A.F. rescue launches and concluded his report: 'There can be no question as to the bravery of these men of the Air Sea Rescue Service who were often working within sight of the French coast. For myself, I would rather meet a FW 190 head-on in my Spitfire than meet one from a rescue launch.'

Pitchfork continues: 'There were many lessons to be learnt from the Dieppe raid, in particular the lack of armour plate protection for the gunners on rescue launches operating in the combat area. There was also a clear need for more capable armament, and the Admiralty agreed to supply 15 Oerlikon guns for the R.A.F.'s launches at Dover and Newhaven. During October approval was given for 32 launches based at the east and south coast units to be provided with one 20-mm. Oerlikon and four .303 Vickers guns on twin pedestal mountings. It was also agreed that armour plating should be provided for the more vulnerable areas of the launches.'

Sold with the recipient's original wartime photograph album, containing some rare and impressive images of A.S.R. craft and personnel (16 in total), the outer cover with R.A.F. cap badge and the inside cover ink inscribed, 'L.A.C. A. Dargue, R.A.F.', together with a copy of Air Sea Rescue (H.M.S.O., 1942) and one or two related newspaper cuttings.

DENNIS George Thomas Aircraftman 1st Class, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Taken prisoner by the Japanese and died in captivity on Thailand 1 October 1943. Aged 20. Son of Basil & Edith Mary Dennis of Rye. Buried in Kanchanaburi War Cemetery. Thailand.

DENNIS, GEORGE THOMAS. Rank: Aircraftman 1st Class. Service No: 1216802. Date of Death: 01/10/1943. Age: 20. Service: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Grave Reference: 2. N. 54. Cemetery: KANCHANABURI WAR CEMETERY. Additional Information: Son of Basil and Edith M. Dennis, of Rye, Sussex.

The notorious Burma-Siam railway, built by Commonwealth, Dutch and American prisoners of war, was a Japanese project driven by the need for improved communications to support the large Japanese army in Burma. During its construction, approximately 13,000 prisoners of war died and were buried along the railway. An 80,000 to 100,000 civilians also died in the course of the project, chiefly forced labour brought from Malaya and the Dutch East Indies, or conscripted in Siam (Thailand) and Burma (Myanmar).

Two labour forces, one based in Siam and the other in Burma worked from opposite ends of the line towards the centre. The Japanese aimed at completing the railway in 14 months and work began in October 1942. The line, 424 kilometres long, was completed by December 1943.

The graves of those who died during the construction and maintenance of the Burma-Siam railway (except for the Americans, whose remains were repatriated) were transferred from camp burial grounds and isolated sites along the railway into three cemeteries at Chungkai and Kanchanaburi in Thailand and Thanbyuzayat in Myanmar.

KANCHANABURI WAR CEMETERY is only a short distance from the site of the former 'Kanburi', the prisoner of war base camp through which most of the prisoners passed on their way to other camps. It was created by the Army Graves Service who transferred to it all graves along the southern section of railway, from Bangkok to Nieké.

Surname: DENNIS. First Name(s): George Thomas. Rank: A.C. 2/c. Service No: 1216802. Service: RAF. Date of Capture: 08/03/1942. Unit: RAF Seletar. Held: Held Java, Singapore, Thailand (Hintok). Died: Died Hintok. Date: 1.10.43. Buried: Buried Kanchanaburi

In the Hintok area were six working camps for prisoners of war occupied during the construction of the Thailand-Burma Railway in World War II. These camps were Hintok Cement camp, where cement barges were unloaded; Hintok River with two camps and Hintok Road with three camps. The curved trestle bridge approximately 154 Km north of Nong Pladuk and approximately two Km south of Hintok station. This was one of six trestle bridges between Konyu cutting (Hellfire Pass) 152 Km and Hintok 155 Km from Nong Pladuk. Just north of Hintok station was the site of the Pack of Cards Bridge. This three tiered trestle bridge, 400 yards long and eighty feet high, fell down three times during its construction, hence its name. The site was abandoned in September 1943, when a high earth and rock embankment adjacent to it was completed.

From South Tonchan most of the camp moved further up-line to Tonchan Central, and from there to Hintok and Kenyu, the site of camps for P.O.Ws employed in the Hellfire Pass cutting and where the Burma railway line followed line of cliffs around side of large valley, eventually crossing the head of the valley on Pack of Cards Bridge. Hintok and Kenyu were horrific camps where hundreds of R.A.F. and other Poms and Aussies died in appalling conditions. These camps were overseered by brutal Japanese and Korean guards.

It was here that the doctors "Weary" Dunlop and Ewen Corlette (from Orange, New South Wales), together with many wonderful medical orderlies did a magnificent job trying to ease the consequences of the shocking, and enormous work-loads demanded by the Japanese.

HELLFIRE PASS: Hellfire Pass Cutting alone was 50 to 60 feet deep and, at the deepest part was hewn from hard granite-like rock. The only mechanical aids available being some Jack Hammers for drilling. Most of the drilling was performed by the "hammer and tap" method, with teams of two men operating alternatively the hammer and the steel drill. Each team had to drill at least a metre and a half or two metres per man per day. At the end of the day, all holes were plugged with gelignite, detonators and fuses. Cigarette smokers would then volunteer to light the fuses, for the sake of getting cigarettes from the Japs. Each would have to light about ten or a dozen fuses and it was too bad if one didn't light or if you delayed in lighting. There was a high risk of being blown up and it was a fair run to safety after the final fuse was lit.

Hintok Road Camp Site where the POW group Bill was in, Dunlop Force, were stationed. Here Bill gave us a moving and very informative talk on Dunlop Force's experiences and a number of Allied POWs, doctors and medical orderlies. Then we headed to the Hindad Hot Spring, which was used by the Japanese during WW2. The water temperature was like a hot bath – you couldn't stay in for that long

DUNN, REGINALD JAMES. Rank: Corporal. Service No: 5381533.
Date of Death: 28/05/1940. Age: 25
Regiment/Service: Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. 1st Bn.
Grave Reference: British Plot. Grave 38. Comines (Komen) Communal Cemetery.
Additional Information: Son of Ernest and Nora Dunn; husband of Lavinia May Dunn, of Rye, Sussex.

DUNSTER Harold Ewett Lance Corporal, Docks Operating Company, Royal Engineers. Died in Madagascar, 4 April 1942. Aged 35. Son of Charles and Nellie Dunster. Buried in Moascar War Cemetery, Madagascar.

EDWARDS L No further information currently available, possibly

EDWARDS, LESLIE ARTHUR. Rank: Lance Serjeant. Service No: 5575484.
Age: 30. Date of Death: 21/02/1944. Regiment: Wiltshire Regiment. 2nd Bn.
Grave Reference: VI, A, 3. Cemetery: MINTURNO WAR CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of George Edwards, and of Kate Edwards, of Lewes.

Name: Leslie A Edwards. Mother's Maiden Name: Ansell.
Date of Registration: 1st Qtr 1914. Registration district: Rye, Sussex. Vol: 2b. P: 6

EDWARDS William Civilian. Kings Corporal. 11 Clifton Place, Rye. Husband of Minnie Ethel Edwards. Injured 6 December 1942 on the steps outside the Ypres Tower whilst collecting his newspaper and died in the Rye & District War Memorial Hospital on the 9th. Aged 54. Buried in Battle Rural District Cemetery.

ELLIOT Peter Arthur Frank Sergeant (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner), 466 Squadron (R.A.A.F.), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Died at home 31 August 1943. Buried in Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery.

ESSEX, DENNIS AUBREY. Rank: Sergeant. Service No: 624510.
Date of Death: 04/04/1944. Age: 27. Regiment/Service: Royal Air Force.
Grave Reference: 7. F. 3. Cemetery: TRIPOLI WAR CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Arthur H. C. Essex and Ethel Essex, of Rye, Sussex.

FAUTLY John Edward Lance Corporal, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers. Killed in action in Italy 19 October 1944. Aged 22. Son of John & Nellie Fautly of Rye. Buried in Santerno Valley War Cemetery, Italy.

FIRRELL Norman Charles Civilian. Of 64, Kings Avenue Rye. Died at Bottle House Cottages, Penshurst, Kent. 27 October 1940. Aged 26. Buried in Sevenoaks Rural District Cemetery, Kent.

FREWEN, EDWARD PETER BLAKE. Rank: Lieutenant.
Service No: 217631. Date of Death: 09/05/1943.
Regiment/Service: Rifle Brigade. 10th (2nd Bn. The Tower Hamlets Rifles) Bn.
Grave Reference: VIII. D. 5. Cemetery: ENFIDAVILLE WAR CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Thomas and Elsie Maude Frewen, of Rye, Sussex. B.A. (Oxon.).

GILES, RICHARD EDWARD. Rank: Leading Aircraftman. Service No: 1215493.
Date of Death: 31/07/1944. Service: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 244 Sqn.
[Please see LAC R E Giles service records.](#)

Panel Reference: Column 282. Memorial: [ALAMEIN MEMORIAL](#)

Richard Edward Giles was the son of William Thomas Giles and Elizabeth Gils and married to Edith Florence Giles (nee Padgham), they had two sons Reginald & Donald both of whom were involved in Rye British Legion over many years. His granddaughter Mrs Christine Simpson still lives in Rye.



LAC Giles was killed when a 44 Sqn. Dakota, Serial No KG690 was transporting 244 Sqn. personnel from Riyan to Salalah when it crashed into a mountain 30 miles from Salalah. Apparently the approach was very difficult and should only have been undertaken in good visibility. In this instance there was heavy cloud. Five South African crew were killed along with thirty passengers. [See MOD report on the loss of Dakota KG690](#)



LAC Giles in the middle



LAC Giles on the left

(by kind permission of Mrs Christine Simpson)

GLADWISH, ARTHUR HUGH CLARE. Rank: Able Seaman. Age: 23.
Service No: P/SD/X 1550. Date of Death: 17/10/1943.
Service: Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. H.M.S. Sirius.
Panel Reference: Panel 80, Column 2. Memorial: Portsmouth Naval Memorial.
Additional Information: Son of John T. S. and Florence Mary Gladwish, of St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Sussex.

HMS Sirius was a Dido-class light cruiser of the Royal Navy. She was launched on 18 September 1940, and commissioned 6 May 1942. Sirius's completion was delayed due being hit by German bombing at Portsmouth Dockyard. She was completed at Scotts Shipbuilding and Engineering Company (Greenock, Scotland). On completion she initially joined the Home Fleet, and was then assigned to operate in the Mediterranean in August for Operation Pedestal. She was then ordered to the South Atlantic to patrol against Axis blockade runners on the Far East route, returning to Gibraltar in November for Operation Torch, the North African landings.

As part of Force Q at Bone in December she harried Axis convoys to and from Tunisia until the Axis surrender in North Africa. The last naval battle held in Mediterranean Sea, saw the Q Force (cruisers HMS Sirius, Aurora, Argonaut and destroyers Quentin and Quiberon) intercept an Axis convoy in the Sicilian Channel. On the night of 2nd December, a troop convoy was heading for Tunisia: German ship KT-1 (850 tons), Italian vessels Aventino (3,794 t), Puccini (2,422 t), Aspromonte (a militarized ferry-boat, 976 tons).

The British ships hit very hard and destroyed, one after the other, all the cargo and troop ships. The escort ships were hit as well, with Folgore fatally damaged (9 5.25 inch direct hits) by cruisers, and later sunk with 120 dead (among them, commander Ener Bettica), the Da Recco badly damaged (explosion of the forward 120 mm ready ammunition depots) with 113 dead. The Camicia Nera launched all her 6 torpedoes, but missed the targets. By dawn, the savage short-range engagement saw a clear British victory, with the Axis fleet losing 2,033 lives and five ships.

Sirius then formed part of the 12th Cruiser Squadron, was at the Allied invasion of Sicily, (Operation Husky), in July. For the next few months she supported the army ashore, and in September took part in the occupation of Taranto before transferring to the Adriatic, where, on 7 October 1943 Sirius, HMS Penelope and the destroyers HMS Faulknor and HMS Fury, north of Astipalea (Stampalia) in the Dodecanese, attacked a German convoy consisting of the auxiliary submarine chaser UJ 2111 (the former Italian Tramaglio), cargo ship Olympus and seven MFPs, sinking all but one MFP.

*On 17 October, at about 16:00 Action Stations sounded. Coming head on were 6 twin engined Ju88 bombers flying almost at mast head height through the AA fire. The **port pom pom platform** had been shot up and Marines inside X turret had been killed. Sirius was badly damaged by bombs while bombarding Cos harbour, and a 500 kg bomb exploded on the quarterdeck, causing fires in the aft section, killing 13 crew with 3 more dying of wounds by the time they reached Alexandria and sailed to Massawa for repairs. [It would seem that Arthur was part of the pom pom crew]*

GOLIGHTLY, JOHN. Rank: Bombardier. Service No: 904880. Age: 22.
Date of Death: 15/10/1941. Service: Royal Artillery. 109 Field Regt.
(The Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry)
Grave Reference: Sec. B.C. Grave 6321. Cemetery: RYE CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Matthew and Marie Golightly, of Stanwix, Carlisle.

HACKING William Barrett Home Guard Died at Cadborough, Rye. 3 July 1944.
Aged 63. Son of Mr & Mrs W. B. Hacking of 28, Phillimore Gardens, Kensington.
Husband of Elizabeth Mary Hacking of Cadborough, Rye. Buried in Rye Municipal
Borough Cemetery.

HALL, JOHN WILLIAM. Rank: Warrant Officer. Trade: W.Op. [Air]
Service No: 1163754. Date of Death: 11/09/1944. Age: 28.
Regiment/Service: RAFVR. 514 Sqdn. (Lancaster Mk. III)
Grave Reference: 28. E. 16. Cemetery: Reichswald Forest War Cemetery.
Son of John William & Emma Hall. Husband of Betty Caroline Daisy Hall of Rye.

THORNTON, ROBERT JACK. Rank: Pilot Officer. Trade: Pilot. Age: 22.
Service No: 412612. Date of Death: 11/09/1944.
Regiment/Service: Royal New Zealand Air Force. 514 Sqdn.
Grave Reference: 28 E. 14. Cemetery: Reichswald Forest War Cemetery.

BAILEY, PAUL BERNARD. Rank: Flying Officer. Trade: Nav. Service No: 153630.
Date of Death: 11/09/1944. Age: 20. Regiment/Service: RAFVR. 514 Sqdn.
Grave Reference: 28. E. 15. Cemetery: Reichswald Forest War Cemetery.

HUBBARD, GEORGE ALFRED. Rank: Sergeant. Trade: Air Bomber.
Service No: 1323518. Date of Death: 11/09/1944.
Regiment/Service: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 514 Sqdn.
Grave Reference: 28. E. 17. Cemetery: Reichswald Forest War Cemetery.

Lancasters carried a crew of 7 and it seems both the mid upper and rear gunners
baled out and survived.

379 aircraft - 205 Halifaxes, 154 Lancasters, 20 Mosquitos - carried out attacks on
the Castrop-Rauxel, Kamen and Gelsenkirchen (Nordstem) synthetic oil plants. The
first 2 targets were clearly visible and were accurately bombed but the Nordstem plant
was partially protected by a smoke-screen which hindered bombing and prevented
observation of the results. The 3 forces were escorted by 26 squadrons of fighters -
20 squadrons of Spitfires and 3 each of Mustangs and Tempests.

No German fighters were encountered. 5 Halifaxes of No 4 Group and 2 Pathfinder
Lancasters were lost from the Nordstem raid and 1 Lancaster was lost from each of
the other raids. These loss were caused by flak or by 'friendly' bombs..

HARRISON Albert Leslie Leading Seaman, HMS "Europa" Malta, Royal Navy. Died at home 12 May 1943. Aged 58. Son of William Thomas & Helen Harrison. Husband of Ellen Harrison of Rye. Buried in Rye Cemetery.

HATTER Frank Alfred Private, Royal Army Medical Corps Died in India 29 August 1942. Aged 27. Son of Frank & Edith Annie Hatter of Rye. Buried in Madras War Cemetery, Chennai, India.

HEDGLER Frederick George Stephen Private, 5th Cinque Ports Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Died at home 10 June 1940. Aged 26. Son of Frederick Wallace Hedgler and Jane Hedgler of Rye. Buried in Rye Cemetery.

HOBBS Frederick George Ordinary Seaman, H.M.S. "St. Angelo" Royal Naval Shore Establishment Malta, Royal Navy. Died in Malta 14 April 1940. Aged 21. Son of Herbert Henry & Bessie Ray Hobbs of Rye. Buried in Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery.

HOBBS Herbert Frank Lance Corporal, 1/6th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. Killed in action near Cassino, Italy 12 May 1944. Aged 30. Son of Herbert Henry & Bessie Ray Hobbs of Rye. Husband of Ivy Amelia Hobbs of Hampton Hill, Middlesex. Buried in Cassino War Cemetery, Italy

HOLLANDS, CHARLES. Rank: Civilian. Date of Death: 16/09/1942. Age: 62
Regiment/Service: Civilian War Dead. Reporting Authority: Battle Rural District.
Additional Information: of 51 Hardwicke Road, Hastings. Husband of the late Martha Hollands. on fishing boat Mizpah, in Rye Bay, off Icklesham.

JOHNSON, MAURICE GORDON. Rank: Second Lieutenant. Awards: M C
Service No: 85698. Date of Death: 16/09/1940.
Regiment/Service: Royal Irish Fusiliers. 1st Bn.
Grave Reference: Sec. B.C. Grave 6263. Cemetery: RYE CEMETERY

KENDALL, FRANK SNOW. Rank: Captain. Awards: M C
Service No: 57561. Date of Death: 04/12/1941. Age: 35
Regiment/Service: Royal Armoured Corps. 2nd County of London Yeomanry (Westminster Dragoons) attd. 4th Royal Tank Regiment, R.A.C.
Grave Reference: 2. C. 13. Cemetery: Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma
Additional Information: Son of Frank and Irene Kendall, of Rye, Sussex.

KIRBY Frederick Albert Able Seaman, H.M.S. "Matabele", Royal Navy. Lost when the Tribal Class Destroyer was torpedoed and sunk by U-454 in the Barents sea during Arctic Convoy Duty 17 January 1942. There were only two survivors. Son of Frederick John & Annie Louisa Kirby of Rye. Commemorated on Chatham Naval Memorial.

LEATHERBY, FREDERICK ERNEST. Rank: Leading Seaman
Service No: D/JX 136867. Date of Death: 25/06/1940. Age: 24
Regiment/Service: Royal Navy. H.M.C.S. Fraser
Panel Reference: Panel 37, Column 1. Memorial: PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Robert and Kate Mary Leatherby, of Broad Oak, Rye, Sussex.

LE DREW, HARRY HAIG. Rank: Bombardier. Service No: 970665. Age: 24.
Date of Death: 05/01/1943.
Service: Royal Artillery. 59 (Newfoundland) Heavy Regt.
Grave Reference: Cemetery: Peasmarsh (SS. Peter and Paul) Churchyard.
Additional Information: Son of Jonas and Melena Le Drew, of St. Johns, Newfoundland.

LEWIS, VICTOR CYRIL. Rank: Second Lieutenant. Service No: 289501. Age: 24.
Date of Death: 13/01/1944.
Regiment/Service: Royal Artillery. 59 (Newfoundland) Heavy Regt.
Grave Reference: Sec. B.C. Grave 6446. Cemetery: RYE CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Frank and Caroline Lewis; husband of Mollie Noreen Lewis, of Rye; of Newfoundland.

LONGLEY Walter Edward Civilian. Of the Railway Hotel, Rye. Son of Walter & Jane Elizabeth Longley of 54, Udimore Road, Rye. Lost on the fishing boat "Mizpah" in Rye Bay off Icklesham 16 September 1942. Aged 41. Buried in Battle Rural District Cemetery.

MARTIN, JAMES ERNEST (JIM). Rank: Private. Service No: 6401336. Age: 20.
Date of Death: 26/05/1940. Regiment: Royal Sussex Reg't. 5th Cinque Ports Bn.
Grave Reference: Plot 2. Row G. Grave 18. Bertenacre Military Cemetery, Fletre
Additional Information: Son of Ernest and Sarah Jane Martin; of Rye, Sussex.

McNAMEE, FRANCIS P. Rank: Fusilier. Service No: 6980075. Age: 20.
Date of Death: 06/09/1940. Regiment/Service: Royal Irish Fusiliers. 1st Bn.
Grave Reference: Sec. B.C. Grave 6261. Cemetery: RYE CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of James and Mary Jane McNamee, of Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

MONTAGUE Terence Staff Sergeant, 1st Glider Pilot Regiment, A. A. C. Killed in action over Sicily 14 July 1943. Aged 21. Son of John & Lily Montague. Husband of Joan Winifred Montague of Rye. Buried in Catania War Cemetery, Sicily.

MORFORD Reginald Stanley Lance Sergeant, 7th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Killed in action during the retreat to Dunkirk 21 May 1940. Aged 24. Son of Reginald George & Ellen Morford Husband of Ruby Ames Morford of Guestling. Buried in Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension.

MORLEY Ernest John Aircraftman 1st Class, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Died at home 31 December 1944. Aged 39. Son of Joseph Henry & Hannah Morley of Walthamstow, Essex. Buried in Llandrindod Wells Cemetery

NASH, JOHN. Rank: Flight Sergeant. Trade: Air Gnr. Service No: 1378097. Date of Death: 02/04/1942. Age: 21. Regiment/Service: RAFVR. 214 Sqdn. Grave Reference: Coll. grave 9. A. 3-6. Reichswald Forest War Cemetery. Additional Information: Son of Percy and Laura Nash, of Rye Foreign.

NEWTON, JOHN TANTON. Rank: Sapper. Service No: 1888109. Date of Death: 03/02/1943. Age: 25. Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers. 135 Excavating Coy. Panel Reference: Column 26. Memorial: DUNKIRK MEMORIAL.

The Dunkirk Memorial not only commemorates those that died at Dunkirk, but also those "who died in captivity who were captured during this campaign and who have no known grave." It would seem that John was taken Prisoner of War during the Dunkirk campaign at Boulogne in 1940, he was sent to Stalag XXB, but that he died in February 1943 in a POW camp and has no known grave.

It seems that John was shot by a Guard but without the usual excuse of '*shot whilst trying to escape*'.

The statement is that he was '*shot whilst at work*'.

The War Office didn't know of his death and the first his mother knew was when a fellow prisoner wrote to her '*Doubtless by now you will have been advised through official channels that your son died through tragic circumstances*' – and went on to express the sympathy of the other prisoners and to give details of funeral at which full military honours were given by a German firing party. John's mother was not officially told until May 12 by the War Office that her son was dead.

Then a little later the Royal Engineers Record Office sent a letter to her saying: '*A further report has been received here from the War Office. it is to the effect that your son was shot by a guard while at work with a detachment attached to Stalag XXB*'. '*Representations have been made to the German Government*'.

1939-45 Roll of Honour:-

Name: John T. Newton. Rank: Sapper. Death Date: 3 Feb 1943. Number: 1888109
Birth Place: Sussex. Residence: Sussex. Branch at Enlistment: Other Corps
Regiment at Death: Royal Engineers. Branch at Death: Other Corps.

and to Rye by:-

Name: John T Newton. Mother's Maiden Surname: Tanton.

Date of Registration: 4th Qtr 1917 Registration District: Rye, Sussex. Vol: 2b. P: 3.

[NOTE: Further research indicates he was held at Stalag IVG near Oschatz in Saxony. The camp was split into many smaller work camps and it may be he died in a work party, perhaps clearing bomb damage in nearby Leipzig or elsewhere.]

ODELL, STANLEY EDWARD. Rank: Chief E. R. A.

Awards: Mentioned in Despatches

Service No: C/M 36117. Date of Death: 17/12/1942. Age: 37.

Regiment/Service: Royal Navy. H.M.S. Firedrake

Panel Reference: 60, 1. Memorial: CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL

Additional Information: Son of Ernest Thomas and Elizabeth Constance Odell, of Rye, Sussex.

PAYNE Charles Tony Private, 7th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment. Killed in action in Normandy 10 July 1944. Aged 19. Son of Mr & Mrs A. A. Payne of Rye. Commemorated on Bayeux Memorial, Normandy.

PENFOLD Robert Baker Corporal, 2/5th Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment. Killed in action in Italy 13 September 1944. Aged 29. Son of Frederick Thomas & Margaret Sophia Penfold of Rye. Husband of Mrs Hedwig Penfold. Buried in Gradara Cemetery, Italy.

PERRY J No further information currently available.

Purely on Name similarity and a possible Sussex connection, there is this man

PERRY, LEONARD JOHN. Rank: Driver. Service No: 2043096.

Date of Death: 01/06/1940. Age: 21. Service: Royal Engineers. 209 Field Coy.

Grave Reference: Block "S". Plot 4. Row N. Grave 14. Cemetery: St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen.

Name: Leonard J Perry. Rank: Driver. Death Date: 1 Jun 1940. Number: 2043096.

Birth Place: London SW. Residence: Sussex.

Regiment at Enlistment: Royal Engineers. Branch at Enlistment: Other Corps.

Theatre of War: France and Belgium Campaign, 1939/40.

Name: Leonard J Perry. Mother's Maiden Surname: Perry.

Date of Registration: Apr-May-Jun 1919.

Registration District: Richmond St, Sheerness, Kent. Volume: 2a. Page: 687

[NOTE: Circumstantial solely due to similar Name and single reference that he resided in Sussex, but cannot yet substantiate any link specifically to Rye.

209th Field Company were a Territorial unit and had a Section at Steyning, West Sussex, He died alongside another member of 209 Field Company R.E.

FOWLER, CECIL BENBOW. Rank: Sapper. Service No: 1883297.

Date of Death: 01/06/1940. Age: 24. Service: Royal Engineers. 209 Field Coy.

Grave Reference: Block "S". Plot 4. Row N. Grave 13. Cemetery: St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen. (Cecil Benbow Fowler was from the Glamorgan area)

Three other casualties during the Dunkirk Campaign were from Steyning, Hove and Brighton, but can't trace Perry to Rye.]

POPE Arthur Charles Sergeant (Flight Engineer), No. 76 Bomber Squadron (Halifax Mk III's), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Lost on a raid over Germany 21 January 1944. Aged 21. Son of Louis Walter & Ellen Pope of Rye. Buried in Berlin 1939-45 War Cemetery.

PULLINGER, ALBERT CHARLES. Rank: Corporal. Service No: 6396820. Age: 34. Date of Death: 11/01/1947. Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 10th Bn. Grave Reference: Sec. B.C. Grave 6610. Cemetery: RYE CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of James and Mary Ann Pullinger, of Rye; husband of Margaret Mary Pullinger, of Rye.

RAWLINGS, EDWARD JAMES CHARLES. Rank: Private. Service No: 5393694. Date of Death: 20/06/1944. Age: 20. Regiment/Service: The Parachute Regiment, A.A.C. 7th Bn. Grave Reference: 1. W. 19. Cemetery: Hermanville War Cemetery
Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick John Rawlings; husband of Nora Rawlings, of Rye, Sussex.

READING, HERBERT JOSEPH. Rank: Battery Quartermaster Serjeant. Service No: 866579. Date of Death: 21/01/1944. Age: 36. Regiment/Service: Royal Artillery. 500 Bty., 145 (M.) H.A.A. Regt. Grave Reference: Sec. S.B. Grave 2192. Cemetery: MORDEN CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Joseph and Eliza Reading, of Rye, Sussex.

RYAN, BEN COEL MARTIN. Rank: Second Lieutenant. Service No: 124277.
Date of Death: 14/09/1940. Age: 20. Regiment/Service: Royal Irish Fusiliers.
Grave Reference: Sec. B.C. Grave 6262. Cemetery: RYE CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Dennis O'Neil and Eileen Elsie Ryan of South Lambeth, London.

Commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant 19 March 1940. Name: Ben C M Ryan. Birth Date: abt 1920. Date of Registration: Jul-Aug-Sep 1940. Age at Death: 20. District: Battle, Sussex. Vol: 2b. Page: 180. In September 1940, accidentally as the result of a motor accident, Ben Cole Martin Ryan, 2nd Lieutenant The Royal Irish Fusiliers, only son of Mrs E G Ryan, 20 Deans Yard, Westminster SW1 aged 20 years. Newspaper announcement dated 2nd October 1940.

Name: Ben Ryan. Given Initials: B C M. Rank: Second Lieutenant. Death Date: 14 Sep 1940. Number: 124277. Birth Place: India. Residence: London SW. Enlisted: London Irish Rifles. Regiment at Death: Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's)

SELLMAN Robert Arthur Private, 2nd Battalion, Hampshire Regiment. Killed in action in Tunisia 1 December 1942. Aged 29. Son of George & Ethel Sellman of Rye. Buried in Medjez el Bab Memorial.

SHILLING, GEORGE STEPHEN. Rank: Civilian. Date of Death: 11/12/1942.
Age: 39.: Civilian War Dead. Reporting Authority: Battle Rural District.
Additional Information: Husband of Winifred May Shilling, of 3 Gladstone Road, Maidstone, Kent. Injured at Rye Foreign; died same day at Rye Memorial Hospital.

SKINNER, ROBERT MICHAEL PHELPS. Rank: Lieut-Commander (S).
Date of Death: 24/11/1941. Age: 35.
Regiment/Service: Royal Navy. H.M.S. Dunedin
Panel Reference: Panel 45, Column 3. Memorial: Portsmouth Naval Memorial.
Additional Information: Son of Dr. E. W. Skinner and Isobel Katherine Skinner, of Rye, Sussex; husband of Catherine E. M. Skinner, of Rye.

401 men died when the ship was sunk by two torpedoes whilst patrolling to intercept German U boat supply ships. She was an elderly ship, completed just after WW1, and her bulkheads gave way under the combination of high speed and torpedo hits amidships and aft. She sank stern first and it was three days before the survivors were rescued, in which time only about half, some 4 officers and 64 men remained alive.

SMITH Alan Frank Lieutenant, 12th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment attached to 2/5th Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment. Killed in action near Rimini, Italy, 14 September 1944. Aged 22. Son of Frank Charles & Kathleen Smith of Rye. Buried in Gradara War Cemetery, Italy

SMITH, EDITH MARY. Rank: Civilian. Date of Death: 07/10/1942. Age: 55
Regiment/Service: Civilian War Dead. Reporting Authority: Battle Rural District.
Additional Information: of Bay View, Tram Road, Rye Harbour, Icklesham. Daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Clark, of Rye; wife of William Caister Smith. Died at Bay View, Tram Road.

SMITH John Thomas Able Seaman, H.M.S. "Kandahar", Royal Navy. Lost when the Destroyer struck a mine off Tripoli whilst operating with Force "K" and sank with heavy loss of life 20 December 1941. Aged 30. Son of Albert & Ellen Smith of Rye. Commemorated on Chatham Naval Memorial

SOUTHERDEN William Jack Private, 5th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment. Killed in action in Italy 13 October 1943. Aged 19. Son of Samuel & Alice Elizabeth Southerden. Buried in Minturno War Cemetery, Italy

STANDEN, JAMES THOMAS. Rank: Civilian. Date of Death: 15/03/1941. Age: 76
Regiment/Service: Civilian War Dead. Reporting Authority: Tenterden Rural District.
Additional Information: of Mannering Farm, Biddenden. Son of Timothy and Sarah Baker Standen, of Landgate, Rye, Sussex; husband of Rosetta Ellen Standen. Died at Mannering Farm.

TILTMAN Alec Howard Private 6404066, 1st Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Killed in action at El Alamein Egypt 5 October 1942. Aged 26. Son of William Charles & Annie Elizabeth Ainsley Tiltman of Rye. Commemorated on Alamein Memorial

TROBRIDGE, DAVID ARTHUR GEORGE. Rank: Warrant Officer. Trade: Pilot. Service No: 1496360. Date of Death: 15/08/1944. Age: 21
Regiment/Service: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
Grave Reference: I. K. 36. Cemetery: CATANIA WAR CEMETERY, SICILY
Additional Information: Son of Frederick George and Mary Ada Trobridge, of Broad Oak, Rye, Sussex.

UNSWORTH, LAURENCE (BOB). Rank: Flight Lieutenant. Service No: 150089. Date of Death: 25/06/1945. Age: 24.
Regiment/Service: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
Panel Reference: Column 446. Memorial: SINGAPORE MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Ernest and Bertha Ellen Unsworth, of Rye, Sussex.

WHITEMAN, ALBERT PERCY. Rank: Leading Aircraftman. Service No: 334948. Date of Death: 28/05/1940. Age: 42. Regiment/Service: Royal Air Force.
Panel Reference: Panel 24. Memorial: RUNNYMEDE MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Whiteman, of Broad Oak, Rye, Sussex; husband of Edna May Whiteman, of Hastings, Sussex.

One of 32 RAF aircraftmen who drowned on "SS Abukir" (694 tons) when it was sunk by an E boat 8 miles off Ostend. The Egyptian ship Abukir operated by the Khedivial Mail Line (KML) came under British flag early in the Second World War and was managed by the General Steam Navigation Co. She was torpedoed and sunk by the German motor torpedo boat S-34 on May 28th, 1940, in the North Sea.

On the night of May 28 to 29 the Abukir left Ostend where it had evacuated 210 British troops and RAF servicemen, and an unknown number of Belgian Air Force personnel and British nuns from a convent near Brugges to cross to England. It was sunk by the Schnellboot S-34 under the command of Oblt.z S. Obermaier.

The attack began a few miles off the WESTHINDER buoy, three torpedoes were fired by the Schnellboot which missed the Abukir, but the 4th was struck and she sank in a few minutes. There were only 32 survivors including the captain (R M Wolfenden) and two nuns rescued by HMS Jaguar, Codrington, Javelin and Grenade (sunk next day at Dunkirk Harbour whilst evacuating more BEF troops) after some 7 hours in the sea.

S34 was sunk in the Mediterranean on 17 May 1942 when a direct hit from the Malta batteries at Fort St Leonard forced the crew to abandon her and an Me109 was called to sink her to prevent her falling into Allied hands.

WHITNALL, FREDERICK GEORGE. Rank: Lance Serjeant. Service No: 6401447.
Date of Death: 05/10/1943. Age: 28.
Regiment/Service: Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. 6th Bn.
Grave Reference: II. E. 20. Cemetery: SANGRO RIVER WAR CEMETERY
Additional Information: Son of Edward George and Maud Kate Whitnall; husband of Ellen Whitnall, of Rye, Sussex.

Name: Frederick Whitnall. Rank: Lance Serjeant. Death Date: 5 Oct 1943.
Number: 6401447. Birth Place: Canterbury. Residence: Sussex.
Regiment at Enlistment: Royal Sussex Regiment
Theatre of War: Italy. Regiment at Death: Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment
The 6th Battalion incurred 12 deaths that day and these all appear to have been killed in the same incident, perhaps an ambush or hitting a land mine. Parker-Bull was from Lydd, Kent so perhaps not unusual they should be together.
FISH, George Herbert. Private. 6019810 05/10/1943. Age: 26. Plot: II. E. 14.
BLOOMFIELD, Jack William. Private. 6348352. 05/10/1943. Age: 24. Plot: II. E. 15.
BENN, Frederick. Corporal. 6350862. 05/10/1943. Age: 26. Plot: II. E. 16.
MURPHY, John Henry. Private. 6355134. 05/10/1943. 22. Plot: II. E. 17.
PEERLESS, Peter Maurice. Captain. 130078. 05/10/1943. Age: 23. Plot: II. E. 18.
WHITNALL, Frederick George. Lance Serjeant. 6401447. 05/10/1943. Age: 28. Plot: II. E. 20.
PARKER-BULL, Raymond. Private. 14368071. 05/10/1943. Age: 21. Plot: II. E. 21.

WILLEARD, THOMAS HARRY. Rank: Private. Service No: 13048651.
Age: 30. Date of Death: 01/04/1944.
Regiment/Service: The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey). 2nd Bn.
Panel Reference: Face 4. Memorial: RANGOON MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Thomas William and Mabel Willeard; husband of Mary Irene Willeard, of Rye Foreign, Sussex.
Name: Thomas Willeard. Rank: Private. Death Date: 1 Apr 1944.
Number: 13048651. Birth Place: Sussex. Residence: Sussex.
Theatre of War: Burma.
Regiment at Death: Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

WITCHELL, MICHAEL JAMES HENSHALL. Rank: Lance Corporal
Service No: 6401679. Date of Death: 21/05/1940. Age: 24
Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment. 5th Cinque Ports Bn.
Panel Reference: Column 63. Memorial: DUNKIRK MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of George Gordon Henshal Witchell, and of Ella May Witchell, of Pyrford, Surrey; husband of Jeffery Amelia Witchell, of Rye, Sussex.

Fishermen of Britain Fight to Bring Us Food

Enemy planes may swoop and gun them as they trawl. Mine and shell, torpedo and bomb: the hardy sons of Britain who battle for our fish must face these too, even as they combat fierce storms. A great and heroic role they are acting today, these coastal fearnoughts, as described here by JOHN ALLEN GRAYDON. See also facing page.

ON the eve of our declaration of war on Germany, in September 1939, nearly seventy per cent of our fishing fleet was called for service with the Royal Navy. As members of the Royal Naval Reserve, they expected this call to arms. After all, who knew the coastal waters around the British Isles better than they? Who better fitted for the dangerous task of fishing for mines? As these fishermen prepared to fight the enemy, the thoughts of others turned to the immediate future of the fishing industry. They realized that fish would now become a more essential food than ever before, but who was to take these vacant places in the hunt for fish?

Ancient mariners and young boys, aboard trawlers that in some cases had long been laid aside as out-of-date, took up the challenge of the sea—and in so doing faced mine, shell, bullet, bomb and torpedo. But it takes more even than that to prevent mariners of Britain from putting to sea. So, despite all obstacles, the fishing fleets have brought in good supplies throughout the war, although many of their best hunting grounds are today barred, for obvious reasons.

IN my travels around the country I have had opportunities of talking with these grand men of the sea. Always do they praise their colleagues. Never once have I heard a fisherman seek praise for his own work. In Aberdeen, Grimsby, Fleetwood and Yarmouth, in Ramsgate, Deal and Dover, I have listened with interest to stories of great bravery and devotion to duty. Yet, outside the immediate circle of fishermen, few people realize to what lengths our fishing fleet goes to assure Britain's supply of fish.

These tough-as-nails fishermen, many of whom also make up the crews of our lifeboats, have produced more than one man who has been honoured. One of the most recent is seventy-year-old Skipper J. C. Locke, of the trawler Mizpah, who comes from Rye. During the First Great War he served with distinction in the Dover Patrol, and when we again went to war he offered his services to the Royal Navy once more. They told him he was too old—so back went the skipper to his fishing grounds in the English Channel.

On many occasions he has fished whilst dog-fights were taking place overhead. He must have seen as many aerial battles as any other man during the Battle of Britain. Several times German machines swooped and gunned him as he trawled, but always did they miss. Within sight of the enemy's guns, never knowing when some arm of the German war machine might attempt to end his career, Skipper Locke went about his work. Then one afternoon two German

fighters, keeping clear of the R.A.F. and seeking an easy victim, turned their cannon guns upon the little Mizpah.

From mast-height they riddled the trawler. Two of Locke's men were killed by his side. He himself was wounded and lost consciousness. On recovering he observed that an incendiary bullet had pierced the boat's petrol tank and that

surrounded by four of these enemy torpedo boats. One opened fire.

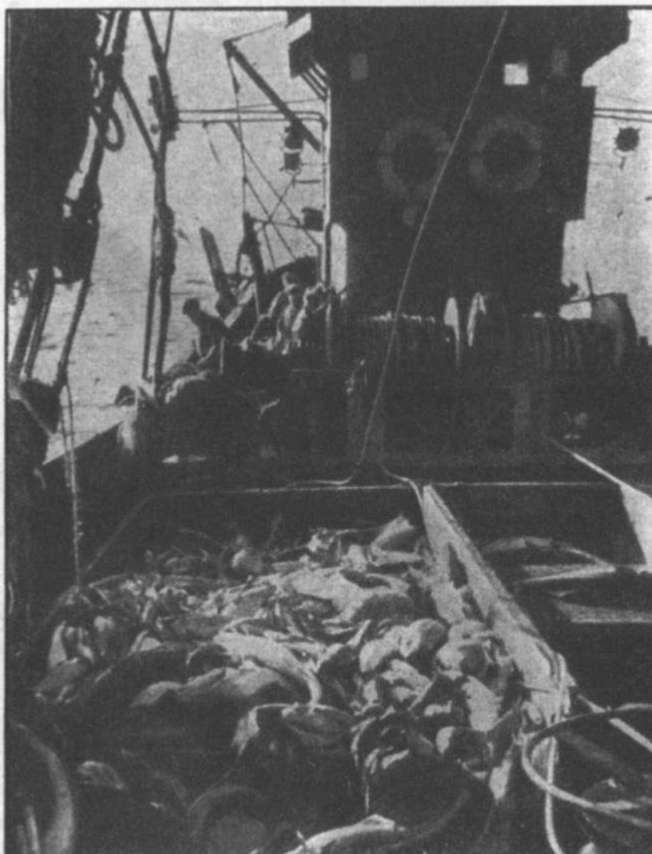
The answer the enemy received, in hot lead, from the trawler, caused great confusion. One E-boat was seen to near-capsize, some men were thrown into the water, and the other craft, sensing a trap, opened fire. In the darkness, however, their fire was directed at each other! Eventually, much to the joy of the fishermen, who were completely outgunned, the German forces fled towards the Dutch coast. To this day they probably think it was a special anti-E-boat patrol that had attempted to trap them.

Youth has played a distinguished part in this never-ceasing "Fight for Fish"—for fight it is, with the weather as the enemy's ally doing everything possible to halt the successful progress of the fishing fleet. In Grimsby I heard several people praise eighteen-year-old trimmer Cyril Rawlings, who has served aboard the trawler Chandos. The men who praised him are known for their usual lack of enthusiasm over anything—but Rawlings' pluck impressed them.

WHEN the Chandos was putting out to her fishing grounds in the North Sea, snow piling against the windows of the wheelhouse, a German plane dived from out of the grey sky and riddled the wheelhouse. The skipper was killed instantly. In his cabin the mate, wounded in the last war, stumped on the deck and, entering the wheelhouse, saw a sight that he will never forget.

Trimmer Rawlings, the boy, was showing the greatness of a fighting man. Blood was pouring down his trousers into his sea-boots; but at the gun he was keeping up a terrific fire at the plane circling above. Twice the German dived at the trawler, guns blazing. But Rawlings, as cool as if he were at practice, returned the enemy fire. And when it had made its third dive, the boy pumped lead into the German machine's tail. Smoke suddenly streaked out, and the enemy pilot turned for home.

Then, his job completed and the Chandos safe, Rawlings collapsed. During this battle he had lost several pints of blood, but never had he taken his finger from the trigger. A little later, when the nets were hauled aboard, pieces of a German plane were found among the catch of cod. Had the youthful trimmer shot down the Nazi machine? It is quite possible, but the fishermen made no claims. It is not their habit. They do the work and let others do the shouting. Their official records will add to the tales of the sea when the last All Clear has sounded.



DANGERS ARE HEAVY and the catch is sometimes considerably lighter than the North Atlantic haul seen here; but the fishing trawlers carry on with their task of adding to our food supplies, braving man-made perils of the wartime seas and of the air, as told in this page. Photo, Keystone

part of the deck was on fire. Despite very painful injuries Skipper Locke successfully fought the flames and washed the burning petrol overboard. His jacket caught fire, and his left arm was severely burnt. But he again smothered the flames—and for the second time lost consciousness. Another trawler, sensing trouble aboard Locke's command, hurried to the rescue, pulled him aboard, and beached the Mizpah. Today, recovered from his injuries, Skipper Locke is once more on fishing duty.

IN the waters of the North Sea more than one Nazi, in plane or E-boat, has cause to remember the gallantry and determination of the men who go down to the sea for fish. On one occasion, when E-boats were very active off the East Coast, a trawler, setting course for the fishing grounds, found herself

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HSL 122, a 1939 example of the "Whaleback" British Power Boats 63' Type 2 High Speed Launches. She served with No. 27 Air Sea Rescue Unit based at the Ferry Dock in Dover.

DEATHS IN SERVICE POST WORLD WAR TWO

Roger Willingale – died 1995 in a helicopter crash off Bosnia. Had been pupil of TPCC - at Leasam House - parents are an RAF family. (Air Trooper Roger Willingale, Army Air Corps (AAC), aged 22, died as a result of a helicopter crash near Ploce Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 20 August 1995). Birth: Sep. 28, 1972, England. Death: Aug. 20, 1995, Bosnia and Herzegovina

24869800 ATpr Roger WILLINGALE Regiment/Corps AAC. died aged 22 years. The father of one of the other victims of the crash, Air Trooper Roger Willingale of 7 Regt, Army Air Corps, said yesterday that he had "got his wings" just weeks before he died and had "the heart of a lion". His son had done two tours of duty in Northern Ireland and one in Canada, which finished just before the regiment was posted to Croatia. "He had seen his fair share of action," his father said.

Air Trooper Roger Willingale, Army Air Corps (AAC), aged 22, died as a result of a helicopter crash near Ploce Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 20 August 1995. Burial: Ocklynge Cemetery, Eastbourne, East Sussex, England. Plot: GL 289

Aboard an Army Lynx AH.7 XZ668 helicopter who died along with three other British soldiers when it crashed into the Adriatic Sea off Croatia. when the helicopter from 3 Regiment Army Air Corps ditched into the sea on a regular training flight on Sunday. The other casualties were Sergeant Martin Charles Osbourne, 30, of Wattisham, Suffolk, and 20-year-old Air Trooper Graham Shane Witherstone, from Scunthorpe. The sole survivor of the crash was Air Trooper Ian Brain, 21, from Loughborough, who was with 3 Regt Army Air Corps, said Major Gerry Bartlett of 24 Air Mobile Brigade, based in Ploce, Croatia. Air Trooper Graham Shane Witherstone, Army Air Corps (AAC), aged 20; Corporal Ian David Macdonald, Army Air Corps (AAC), (pilot) aged 29, and Air Trooper Roger Willingale, Army Air Corps (AAC), aged 22, all died as a result of a helicopter crash near Ploce Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 20 August 1995.

Michael Warrener – 22480809 L/Cpl Michael Arther Warrener Royal East Kent Regiment (Bufs) died 19th March 1954 aged 21 in the Mau Mau uprising south of Nyeri in Kenya. He was one of a pair of twins (brother Tony) born in Rye 12 February 1933 - who lived at the Officer's House, Rye Harbour – was at Rye Secondary School in New Road.

Buried Nairobi Park Cemetery, Kenya, Grave Ref Block 13 Grave 1

The only death in the Regiment due to actions of Mau Mau whilst the Regiment was in operations in Kenya.

John Larkin - an RAF man (not sure if he was the Pilot or Navigator) died on a training exercise in service in 1956; mother lived on the Tilling Green estate - had been a Rye Grammar School boy and had just got married to a local girl.

George E Hickman – Fl Lt George E Hickman died Singapore 29 May 1961 - co-pilot of Hastings WD497 13 killed,

George was a pupil of Rye Grammar School.



A Hastings of 48 Sqn RAF, Changi

Hastings WD497 of 48 Squadron RAF was on a routine training flight, dropping at Seletar, when it crashed near the 10th Milestone, Yio Chu Kang Road, south of Seletar at about 1430hrs. The pilot having sent a distress message. Rescue services from RAF Seletar were on the scene within a short time, but there was little that they could do. On board were eight Air Despatchers and five aircrew. All but one were dead. The living man was taken to Changi Hospital but died there. The crash was beside a kampong (village), and pieces of the aircraft hit a house narrowly missing a young boy playing there, some 30 yards from the crash. A sow and its litter of eleven piglets were killed by the crashing aircraft.

The wreckage was recovered, taken to Seletar and laid out in a hanger for the crash enquiry. The crash enquiry laid the blame for the crash on the pilot losing control after the loss of an engine.



The men who died in WD497 were:-

FL. Lt. A Lyne, Pilot

Fl. Lt. G.E. Hickman, Co-Pilot [War Graves Photographic Project](#)

Fl. Lt. P.G. Tarling, Navigator [War Graves Photographic Project](#)

Sgt. J.A. Wells, Flight Engineer [War Graves Photographic Project](#)

Sgt J.J. McConnell, Signaller [War Graves Photographic Project](#)

Cpl G. Barnard

Cpl A. C. Howitt

L/Cpl H.W. Smith

Dvr A.D.G. Box

Dvr A.C. King

Dvr D. McG. Tennant

Dvr F.E. Smith

Dvr D. Wroe

THE GULF WAR

Satchell, Stephen Fusilier. killed in a 'friendly fire' incident in the Gulf War on 26 February 1991 aged 18. Relatives in Rye Harbour.

IRAQ WAR

Rigby, John Corporal. 4th Battalion The Rifles, aged 24, from Rye, died from injuries sustained by a roadside bomb attack in Basra on Friday 22 June 2007. Cpl. Rigby died on his 24th birthday with his twin brother Will, a corporal in the same battalion, by his side Buried in Shornecliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone.

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