

The Great War

The Fallen and Lost of East Farleigh



100th year Anniversary
11th November 2018

BARTLETT, EDWARD STANTON. Lance Corporal G/902, 6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died Friday 8 October 1915. Aged 22. Born Chelsea, London 6 May 1893. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Son of William Henry Bartlett and Elizabeth Bartlett of Crossways, Niton, Isle of Wight, Hampshire. Formerly of Campden Hill Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent, and "Dane Lodge," East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 95, and at the Norton Knatchbull School, Ashford, Kent, which was formerly the Ashford, Kent, Grammar School. Edward was educated at the Ashford, Kent Grammar School which he attended from 24 January 1905 to July 1905. At the time of the 1901 census, the Bartlett family resided at "The Cedars," Horsemoor Green, Langley, Buckinghamshire. Head of the house was 43 year old London native William Henry Bartlett, who was recorded by the census enumerator as being an Artist. Edward was posted to serve in France on 1 June 1915. Edward's father; William Henry Bartlett R.B.A. (1858-1932), was a noted artist, and some of his paintings realised substantial prices when they have come up for auction in recent years, several of which have been of Irish landscapes, or of tranquil nautical themes.

BOWLES, ARTHUR DAVID. Gunner, 58634. 109th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Died 1 September 1916. Enlisted and resided Maidstone, Kent. Son of David and Hannah Bowles. Husband of Minnie J. Bowles (née Dodge). Buried Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-l'Abbe, Somme, France. Grave Ref: IV. B. 23. Arthur was posted to France on 9 September 1915.



BROMLEY, GEORGE. Private, 31872. 34th (Labour) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. Died 13 October 1916. Aged 38. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent 8 January 1877. Son of Edward Bromley and Harriett Bromley (née Vousden) of East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Buried St. Marys Churchyard, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Grave Ref: Old ground, South East part. George had formerly served as a Rating in the Royal Navy, at which time his number had been 285555

BROOK, JOHN. Private, 204432. 2nd Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment. Died 22 April 1919. Born and resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Son of Thomas Benjamin Brook and Hannah Eliza Brook (née Merralls). Buried St. Marys Churchyard, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Grave Ref: New ground, near East boundary. At the time of the 1901 census, the Brook family resided at Brook Cottages, Forge Lane, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Head of the house was 42 year old East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent native Thomas Benjamin Brook, who was a Farmer employing staff. John died of Pneumonia.

CHEESEMAN, CHARLES. Private, G/24432. 7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 2 October 1917. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent. Resided Tovil, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 106. Formerly Private, T/3431, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Charles was posted to serve in the Balkan war theatre on 1 August 1915. He was possibly the son of Yalding, Kent natives William and Emma Cheeseman who in 1901 were residing at Crittendens Row, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.

COVUS, ALFRED. Driver, TR/038035. Army Service Corps, attached to the Headquarters of the 76th Infantry Brigade. Died 29 April 1916. Born Linton, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Husband of Harriett Covus (née Apps) of 5, St. Helens Cottages, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Loker Churchyard, Heuveland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: I. E. 19. At the time of the 1901 census, Alfred and his wife resided at Loose, Maidstone, Kent. Head of the house was Alfred who was recorded by the census enumerator as being an Agricultural Labourer. Alfred enlisted in the army 'For the Duration of the war' on 21 December 1914, at which time he stated that he was 36 years old, and employed as a Labourer, residing at St. Helens Lane, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Following his enlistment, Alfred joined the Army Service Corps at Woolwich on 28 December 1914. He was posted to serve in the British Expeditionary Force on 26 September 1915, and sailed from Southampton to the French port of Harve. His service papers record that he was killed in action by shellfire on 29 April 1916, his death being reported by the H.Q. of the 76th Infantry Brigade. Alfred's funeral was conducted by the Reverend

Martin P.G. Leonard D.S.O., who served as a Temporary Chaplain to the Forces (1913- 1919), and was attached to the 76th Infantry Brigade at the time of Alfred's death.

COX, TOM. Private, G/11571 8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 21 March 1918. Born and resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Husband of Maud Cox (née Merritt) of St. Helens Comer, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 58. When Tom enlisted in the army 'For the Duration of the war' on 11 December 1915, he stated that he was 31 years old, and employed as a Horseman, residing at St. Helens Comer, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Tom was posted to France on 3 May 1916. He received a gunshot wound to his left arm on 19 September 1916, and was evacuated back to England on 21 September 1916 for medical treatment. Following the treatment to his injured arm Tom returned to France on 16 March 1917. Initially Tom was posted as missing, by the Army Council later came to the decision that for official purposes his death was assumed to have occurred on 21 March 1918.

DADSON, EDWARD. Private, 202088. 4th (Territorial Force) Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. Died 23 March 1918. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 4. Formerly Private, 202088, Suffolk Regiment.

DODGE, WILLIAM. Chief Stoker, 280887. Royal Navy, H.M.S. Pembroke. Died 6 September 1918. Aged 45. Born Maidstone, Kent 9 January 1873. Husband of Mary Jane Dodge of 9, Invicta Cottages, Farleigh Hill, Tovil, Maidstone, Kent. Buried St. Marys Churchyard, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Grave Ref: New ground. 214. Also commemorated on the Tovil Great war parish tribute, which is in the form of a brass memorial plaque erected in the entrance hall at the Tovil Memorial Institute. William died of an illness whilst serving at the Royal Navy shore establishment H.M.S. Pembroke, Chatham, Kent. The following is only supposition on the part of the transcriber of these brief commemorations and should be viewed as such. Although William's death certificate or any other form of supporting documentation has not been sighted by the transcriber, but it would seem likely that William had been a victim of the

world-wide Influenza pandemic, which lasted from approximately July 1918 to April 1919 which reached a major peak in the United Kingdom between September 1918 and January 1919. The pandemic ultimately claimed more lives than the number who died as the result of military activities during the Great War, and amongst the recorded Royal Navy Influenza deaths, were ratings who died at the Royal Navy Hospital, Chatham, Kent.

DUNCANSON, IAN FERGUSON. Second Lieutenant. 8th (Service) Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Died 12 October 1917. Aged 21. Born Glasgow, Scotland. Son of James Mitchell Duncanson and Annie Ferguson Duncanson of Pymps Court, Tovil, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Poelcapelle British Cemetery, Langemark-Poelkapelle, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: III. D. 1. At the time of the 1901 census, the Duncanson family resided at Park Farm, Linton, Kent. Head of the house was 39 James Mitchell Duncanson who was a native of Scotland and a Farmer employing staff. Ian was a brother of the next two casualties briefly commemorated below.

DUNCANSON, ROY. Second Lieutenant. 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), attached to the 9th (Service) Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). Died 7 July 1916. Born Glasgow, Scotland. Son of James Mitchell Duncanson and Annie Ferguson Duncanson of Pymps Court, Tovil, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 6 A and 6 B. On Friday 7 July 1916, Roy was killed in action during a major assault on the German positions at Contalmaison on the Somme. General Henry Sinclair Horne had given orders for an attack at the Quadrangle System. Quadrangle Trench had already been captured and was used as a jumping off point for the next attack. The purpose of this attack was to take the Quadrangle Support Trench, about five hundred yards away, and the trench leading from it known as Pearl Alley. The Commander of the 17th (Northern) Division, Major General Thomas David Pilcher, was most unhappy about the attack, he maintained that the machine-guns at Contalmaison, together with others over to the right in Mametz Wood, would catch his men in a crossfire that would continue to bear down on them even after they had reached the enemy positions. At 0200 hours, after a thirty-five minute bombardment, two battalions of the 52nd

Infantry Brigade went over the top, and immediately found themselves in trouble. Flares lit up the sky and a German artillery barrage came down on the British positions and No Man's Land. Heavy rifle and machine-gun fire opened up, and to add to the attackers' problems the British artillery was firing short and hitting the leading men. Worse was to follow when they reached the German wire and found it uncut. The survivors retired to their own trenches and managed to beat off the inevitable German counter-attack. At 0800 hours the 12th (Service) Battalion, Manchester Regiment and Roy's battalion were ordered to move up to the Quadrangle Trench. Unfortunately there had been a misunderstanding and the orders to the two Battalions to move forward was late reaching them, and this had the knock on effect of the British barrage moving off the German front line and their machine-gun posts, before the attacking troops got anywhere near to them.

DUNCANSON, UNA MARGUERITE. Nurse. Voluntary Aid Detachment. Died at sea 31 December 1917. Aged 25. Born Glasgow, Scotland. Son of James Mitchell Duncanson and Annie Ferguson Duncanson of Pymps Court, Tovil, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Alexandria (Hadra) Military Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: B. 41 The 4,041 tons liner Osmanieh was built by Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson in 1906. She was owned by the Khedivial Mail S.S. & Graving Dock Co., prior to being taken over by the Admiralty for service as a Fleet Auxiliary during the Great War, and renamed H.M.S. Osmanieh. At the time of her loss, she was commanded by 38 year old Lieutenant-Commander David R. Mason, Royal Naval Reserve, of Ivy Bank, Tenby, Wales. On 31 December 1917, H.M.S. Osmanieh was carrying troops and medical staff to Alexandria, Egypt, when she struck a mine at the entrance to the harbour at Alexandria. She sank very quickly taking with her Lieutenant-Commander Mason, two other officers, 21 of her ratings, one military officer, 166 other ranks, and 8 Voluntary Aid Detachment nurses one of whom was Una. The mine which sank H.M.S. Osmanieh had been laid by the German minelaying submarine UC-34, which was commanded by 27 year old Oberleutnant zur See, Horst Obermüller.

FENTON, WILLIAM HENRY. Private, 50578. 6th Squadron, Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry). Died 24 March 1918. Aged 22. Born and resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Son of William

Fenton and Amy Fenton of Barkers Cottages, Dean Street, Tovil, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 93. Formerly Private, 4339, 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers). William was posted to France on 15 September 1914 whilst serving as a regular soldier in the 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers), which at the time of his posting was part of the 4th Cavalry Brigade.

GILLINGHAM, WILLIAM GEORGE. M.M. Corporal, 21502. 88th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). Died 20 November 1916. Born and resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Son of Alfred and Charlotte Gillingham of East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Guards Cemetery, Lesboeuifs, Somme, France. Grave Ref: VII. B. 1. Formerly Private, 9539, Worcestershire Regiment. At the time of the 1901 census, the Gillingham family resided at Coxheath, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Head of the house was 57 year old Burwash, Sussex native Alfred Gillingham, who was employed as a Carpenter.

GILLINGHAM, W.S. No trace. Numerous checks have been made to try and ascertain further details appertaining to this casualty, including checking earlier census entries for the family of William George Gillingham M.M. above, all of which were to no avail. Only 40 Great War casualties with the surname Gillingham are commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, but none show any obvious connection to East Farleigh, other than the last casualty who is briefly commemorated above. It would seem likely that W.S. Gillingham was a civilian victim of enemy action, and as such would not have been commemorated by the Imperial War Graves Commission, but he or she has been quite properly commemorated on the East Farleigh civic war memorial as a victim of the Great War.

GLENDINNING, WILLIAM LANG. Private, 443156. 102nd Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment). Died 8 November 1918. Aged 30. Born Penrith, Cumberland 24 July 1888. Son of Mrs. Anne Rebecca Glendinning (née Robinson) of Inglewood, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent, and of the late William Lang Glendinning. Buried Auberchicourt British Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: I. BB. 8. Also commemorated on the St. Bees School, Cumbria, Great War Memorial, and on page 415 of the Canadian First World War Book of

Remembrance. William enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force at Vernon Camp, British Columbia, Canada on 27 October 1915. At the time of his enlistment, William stated that he was employed as a Woodman, and named his mother residing at the above address as his next of kin. He also stated that he had served for 2 years in the St. Bees School, Cumbria, Cadets. The death of William Lang Glendinning (senior) was registered in the Maidstone, Kent, Registration District during the quarter of 1908.

HAYWARD, FREDERICK. Private, 32936. 16th (Service) Battalion (3rd Birmingham), Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Died 9 October 1917. Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Son of Frederick W Hayward and Annie Hayward. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 23 to 28 and 163A. Formerly Private, 2570, Hussars. At the time of the 1891 census when the Hayward family resided at West Street, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent, Frederick (junior) was recorded as being 4 years old by the census enumerator, which would mean that when he died he would have been about 30 years of age. Head of the house at the time of the 1891 census was 35 year old Aldenham, Hertfordshire native Frederick W Hayward (senior), who was employed as a Gardener.

INGRAM, JOHN. Chief Stoker, 284222. Royal Navy, H.M.S. Mary Rose. Died 17 October 1917. Aged 39. Born Danaway, Sittingbourne, Kent 4 August 1877. Son of Charles and Mary Ann Ingram of Chapel Estate, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 23, as shown above. Prior to his death, John had been Mentioned in Despatches, he was the brother of the next casualty briefly commemorated below. A.E.L. INGRAM. Arguably the best match for this casualty as commemorated on the East Farleigh civic war memorial, appears to be the following local soldier:-

INGRAM, LEONARD. Private, L/9021. 2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 3 May 1915. Aged 27. Born Hollingbourne, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Son of Charles and Mary Ann Ingram of Chapel Estate, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper,

West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 13, and on the Hollingbourne, Maidstone, Kent civic war memorial. Leonard enlisted in the army as a regular soldier on 1 December 1908, for a period of 7 years with the Colours and 5 years in the Reserve. At the time of his enlistment, Leonard stated that he was 21 years and 9 months old, and employed as a Blacksmith. Initially, Leonard served in the 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), before being transferred to serve in the 2nd Battalion of his regiment, in which he then remained until his death. Prior to the Great War, in addition to service in the United Kingdom, Leonard had also served at Singapore and India. Leonard was awarded his first Good Conduct Badge on 1 December 1910; his second on 1 December 1913, and had obtained his Army 3rd Class Education Certificate on 8 June 1914. Following his death, Leonard was initially posted as 'Missing,' but on 7 March 1916 the Army Council decided that for official purposes, it could be assumed that Leonard had died on or since 3 May 1915.

KENNETT, HARRY A. Private, 5201. 2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 27 May 1915. Born and resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Buried Hazebrouck Communal Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: II. B. 28. Harry was posted to France on 12 May 1915. Date of death as shown above is as extracted from his Commonwealth War Graves Commission commemoration, but it was noted that his Medal Index Card entry, records Harry as having died of wounds on 26 May 1915.

REGINA LAURENCE. Has been commemorated on the East Farleigh civic war memorial as a 1915 casualty, but she is not commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Regina was possibly REGINA KATHLEEN LAURENCE who was the daughter of Frederick and Fanny Laurence, and was born at Maidstone, Kent c1888. At the time of the 1901 census, the Laurence family resided at 63, London Road West, Maidstone, Kent. Head of the house was 53 year old Maidstone, Kent native Frederick Laurence, who was a Wholesale Grocer. The death of Regina Kathleen Laurence was registered in the Islington, London Registration District during the first quarter of 1915. A number of sources have been checked to try and ascertain if Regina was serving in H.M. forces or similar at the time of her death, all of which resulted in nil results. It would seem likely that Regina was a civilian victim of enemy

action, and as such she would not have been commemorated by the Imperial War Graves Commission, but she has been quite properly commemorated on the East Farleigh civic war memorial as a victim of the Great War.

LEONARD, CHARLES EDWARD. Driver, 141151. 38th Field Company, Royal Engineers. Died 1 October 1918. Born Bethersden, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Resided Pembury, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Son of Charles Leonard of North Holly, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent, and of the late Charlotte Leonard (née Smith). Buried Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria, Greece. Grave Ref: 465. Also commemorated on the Pembury, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent civic war memorial, and on Great War memorial plaque which is located in the parish church of St. Peters, Pembury, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. At the time of the 1901 census, the Leonard family resided at Court Lodge Cottage, Great Chart, Ashford, Kent. Head of the house was 32 year old Pluckley, Ashford, Kent native Charles Leonard, who was employed as an Agricultural Labourer. The British cemetery at Mikra was opened in April 1917, remaining in use until 1920. The cemetery was greatly enlarged after the Armistice when graves were brought in from a number of burial grounds in the area. Charles's death certificate or other supporting documentation has not been sighted by the transcriber of these brief commemorations, but several of the casualties who are at rest in the above cemetery were victims of the world-wide Influenza pandemic of 1918-1919, and Charles might have been a victim of it.

MANNERING, EDWARD. Private, CH/1206(S). 1st Royal Marine Battalion, Royal Marine Light Infantry. Died 8 October 1917. Son of George Mannering and the late Harriet Mannering (née Everest) of Highland Cottage, Wilson's Lane, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Berlin South-Western Cemetery, Berlin, Brandenburg, Germany. Grave Ref: V. A. 9. At the time of the 1901 census, the Mannering family resided at East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Head of the house was 32 year old Marden, Kent native George Mannering, who was employed as a Farm Labourer. Edward was 25 years old when he enlisted in the Royal Marines on 23 November 1915. He embarked with the Royal Marine Brigade on 28 June 1916, and was posted in a draft for service with the British Expeditionary Force on 4 December 1916, and served in the 1st Royal

Marine Battalion, Royal Marine Light Infantry, 63rd (Royal Naval) Division from 11 December 1916 to 27 February 1917. Suffering from Trench Feet, Edward received medical treatment for his condition until 3 April 1917 when he rejoined the 1st Royal Marine Battalion, Royal Marine Light Infantry. On 28 April 1917 Edward was posted as 'Missing,' but he was later reported to having been taken prisoner, and died of disease whilst a prisoner of war at Stettin, Pomerania, Germany. Following his death, Edward was buried at Stargard prisoner of wars of war cemetery, which contained the graves of 37 soldiers and one Royal Marine (Edward) from the United Kingdom, two soldiers from New Zealand, and one of the Royal Guernsey Light Infantry, who died in 1917-1918. In 1922-23 it was decided that the graves of Commonwealth servicemen who had died all over Germany should be brought together into four permanent cemeteries. Berlin South-Western where Edward is now at rest, was one of those chosen, and in 1924-1925, graves were brought into the cemetery from 146 burial grounds in eastern Germany. There are now 1,176 Great War servicemen buried or commemorated in the Commonwealth plot at Berlin South-Western Cemetery. Edward was a brother of James Mannering who is the next casualty briefly commemorated below.

MANNERING, JAMES. Private, G/11205. 7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 30 September 1916. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Son of George Mannering and the late Harriet Mannering (née Everest) of Highland Cottage, Wilson's Lane, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Buried and commemorated at Blighty Valley Cemetery, Authuille Wood, Somme, France. Ref: Special Memorial 21. James enlisted in the army 'For the Duration of the War,' on 15 November 1915, at which time he stated that he was a 29 year old farmer, residing at Wheelers Lane, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. He initially served in the 10th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) (Kent County), until being posted to the 12th (Reserve) Battalion of the regiment on 13 March 1916. James was posted to serve with the British Expeditionary Force in France on 2 July 1916, and from the Infantry Base Depot at Etaples, Pas de Calais, France, he was posted serve in the 6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) on 5 July 1916. His service in the 6th (Service) Battalion was of only a short duration, as on 13 July 1916, James

was transferred to the 7th (Service) Battalion of his regiment, in which he then remained until he died of wounds at the 56 Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps on 30 September 1916.

MARTIN, CHARLES. Lance Corporal, 12182. 8th (Service) Battalion, Welsh Regiment. Died 8 August 1915. Aged 28. Born and resided Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Swansea, Wales. Son of Charles and Julia Martin. Husband of Ellen Morse (formerly Martin), of 1, Adelaide Place, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 140.

RALPH, WALTER. Lance Corporal, 9793. 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers. Died 24 October 1914. Aged 23. Born Linton, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Son of Walter Ralph and Kate Ralph (née Beale) of 164, Dumbreck Road, Eltham, London. Buried Perth Cemetery (China Wall), Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: IX. A. 4. Unfortunately, Walter has been commemorated on the East Farleigh civic war memorial with his surname spelt RELF.

RANGER, THOMAS ROLAND. Private, 235251. 2nd Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Died 3 October 1918. Aged 22. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Son of Thomas and Sarah Ann Ranger (née Kennett) of Beacon's Place, Coxheath, Linton, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Ramicourt British Cemetery, Aisne, France. Grave Ref: C. 11. Formerly Private, 400932, Essex Regiment. At the time of the 1901 census, the Ranger family resided at parsonage Cottages, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Head of the house was 32 year old Maidstone, Kent native Thomas Ranger (senior), who was employed as a Domestic Gardener. The census enumerator recorded the then 5 year old Thomas Ranger (junior), as being Rowland Ranger, it probably being the name by which he was known by all and sundry.

SEAGER, GEORGE WILLIAM. Private, 9835. "B" Company, 1st Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers. Died 14 July 1916. Aged 29. Born and resided West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Son of Robert Seager and Phoebe Seager of East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Son of Mrs. Hewett of 4, Greens Cottages, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 3 C. George was a brother of John Overy Seager, who is the next casualty briefly commemorated below.

SEAGER, JOHN OVERY. Petty Officer Stoker, 295085. Royal Navy, H.M.S. Vivid. Died 11 November 1915. Aged 35. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent 20 February 1881. Son of Robert and Phoebe Seager of East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Husband of Mrs. Smallman (formerly Seager) of 37, Whitmore Street, Maidstone, Kent. Buried St. Marys Churchyard, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Grave Ref: Old ground, South East part. John was injured whilst serving onboard H.M.S. Wolverine off Gallipoli, and was returned to the United Kingdom for treatment. He died of his injuries whilst he was receiving treatment at H.M.S. Vivid the Royal Naval Barracks, Devonport, Devon. It would appear that John's relatives claimed his body for burial at East Farleigh, instead of him being laid to rest at Ford Park Cemetery, Plymouth.

SELVES, JOHN. Private, SR/159. 1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 8 March 1915. Born Staplehurst, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Son of Richard Walter Selves and Fanny Selves (née Flint). Commemorated at Tuileries British Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Ref: Special Memorial E. 24. John was posted to France on 8 November 1914. The SR prefix on John's army service number, is indicative of him having been a member of the Army Special Reserve, and as such it would appear that he was serving in the Great War on recall, which is borne out by the date of his posting to France. He was a brother of Walter Selves, who is the next casualty briefly commemorated below. John was recorded as being 14 years old at the time of the 1891 census, but is not shown as being at home with his family on the night of the 1901 census, when the Selves family resided at The Green, East Farleigh. Head of the house was 59 year old Staplehurst, Kent native Richard W Selves, who was employed as a farm Labourer. In view of John's age (24) at the time of the 1901 census, it is possible that he was serving as a regular soldier in the British army, and may have even been taking part in the Second Boer War or some other campaign.

SELVES, WALTER. Private, 33937. 1st/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Died 4 October 1917. Born

Staplehurst, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Son of Richard Walter Selves and Fanny Selves (née Flint). Husband of Olive Annie Selves (née Cheeseman) of Warnhams Cottage, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 23 to 28 and 163A. Formerly Private, 202755, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

SMALL, DUDLEY FRANCIS. Captain. 15th (Service) Battalion, (1st Birkenhead), Cheshire Regiment. Died 24 March 1918. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Son of Benjamin and Kate Small of "The Limes," East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 35. Formerly Lance Corporal, 2184, 20th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment, (Blackheath and Woolwich), in which he was serving when he was posted to France on 30 January 1916. At the time of the 1901 census, the Small family resided at East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Head of the house was 48 year old Warden, Kent native Benjamin Small, who was a Grocer employing staff.

SPRINGETT, SIDNEY GARNET. Private, 21454. 1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Died 16 October 1917. Born Eccles, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Son of Jesse David Springett and the late Charlotte Springett (née Cook). Buried Tournai Communal Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium. Grave Ref: I. E. 2. Formerly Private, 2512, West Kent Yeomanry. At the time of the 1901 census, the Springett family resided at Eccles, Maidstone, Kent. Head of the house was 41 year old Walworth, Surrey native Jesse David Springett, who was employed as a Coopers Machinist.

TOMPSETT, EDWARD. Private, 65501. 32nd (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) (East Ham). Died 1917. Aged 19. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted and resided Maidstone, Kent. Son of Mrs. Harriet Tompsett of 95, Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent. Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 8. Formerly Private, 21181, Royal Sussex Regiment. Unfortunately, as can be seen from viewing the relevant accompanying, Edward has been commemorated on the East Farleigh civic war memorial with his surname spelt THOMPSETT.

UNWIN, FREDERICK GEORGE. Private, 96855. 2nd Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Died 27 May 1918. Aged 18. Born Bedford, Bedfordshire. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Son of Arthur Brook Unwin and Adelaide Susan Unwin (née Hichens) of Dean Street, Tovil, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Beaurepaire French National Cemetery, Pontavert, Aisne, France. Grave Ref: 1240. At the time of the 1901 census, the Unwin family resided at Bedford, Bedfordshire. Head of the house was 35 year old Bampton, Suffolk, native Arthur Brook Unwin, who was a Farmer and Fettle. When Frederick enlisted in the 15 army as a regular soldier on 7 August 1917, he stated that he was 18 years old, employed as a Milkman, and residing at Dean Street, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. He was posted to France on 2 April 1918. Following his death, Frederick was initially posted as 'Missing,' but on 2 July 1919 the Army Council decided that for official purposes, it was to be assumed that he had died on or after 27 May 1918. The Cemetery where Frederick is at rest is now called officially the Cimetiere National Mixte de Pontavert. 'Soldiers Died in the Great War,' records Frederick's place of birth as Queens Park, Middlesex, but the relevant 1901 census entry shows it to have been at Bedford, Bedfordshire.

WALLER, H. Although the Commonwealth War Graves Commission only commemorates 32 Great War casualties as H. Waller, it has not been possible thus far to positively identify the casualty commemorated at East Farleigh.



WALTER, STEPHEN REGINALD PARKE.

Lieutenant (Pilot). 32nd Squadron, Royal Flying Corps, and 2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Died 31 July 1917. Aged 20. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent 15 August 1896. Only child of Stephen and Marion Walter of The Parsonage, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: XIV. A. 15. Commemorated at Wellington College,

Crowthorne, Berkshire. At the time of the 1901 census, the Walter family resided at The Parsonage, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Head of the house was 43 year old Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent native,

Captain Stephen Walter (senior), who was a serving officer in The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Stephen (junior) was educated at Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire, which he attended from 1910 to 1914. He obtained his Royal Aero Club Aviators' Certificate on 31 January 1917. Prior to his death, Walter was credited with 6 victories during aerial combat, and had formerly served in 25 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

WINCH, J. No clear trace at this time.

WOOD, ERNEST EDGAR. Lance Corporal, L/9949. 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 27 July 1915. Aged 23. Born West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Son of Ernest Edward and Edith Wood of Bennetts Cottages, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panel 29. Ernest's brother Frank Lewis Wood (Royal Navy) also died in service on 22 January 1920 and is buried locally in East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent (St. Mary) Churchyard. Born 4 July 1901, his Registers of Seamen's Services shows place of birth as Maidstone, Kent, but might of course be indicative of East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.

YORKE, ERNEST FRANK. Lance Corporal, 200858. 2nd/4th (Territorial Force) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 19 April 1917. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Son of Mrs. E. Yorke of Firtree Cottage, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Gaza War Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: XXX. D. 4.

THE GREAT WAR 1914 -1919 LOST MEN

BROOKER, JOHN. Lance Corporal, S/1106. 8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 26 September 1915. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Larkfield, Maidstone, Kent. Son of Ellen Brooker of New Hythe Lane, Larkfield, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 95. As a recalled army reservist, John enlisted in the army on 10 October 1914, at which time he stated that he was 40 years

and 180 days old, employed as a Carman and Labourer, and that he had previously served in the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). John was attested to serve in the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), in which he served until February 1915 when he was transferred to the 8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), in which he then remained until his death. John was known to have been wounded and missing during the 'Battle of Loos,' and was initially officially posted as such. On 14 October 1916, the Army Council made the decision that for official purposes, it could be assumed that John had died on or since 26 September 1915.

CROUCHER, WILLIAM ROBERT. Private, G/23102. "B" Company, 6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 7 September 1917. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent. Resided Swanscombe, Kent. Husband of Emily Croucher (née Hodge) of 51, Church Road, Swanscombe Kent. Buried Berlin South-Western Cemetery, Berlin, Brandenburg, Germany. Grave Ref: XIV. B. 7. William enlisted in the army 'For the Duration of the War,' on 11 December 1915, at which time he stated that he was 40 years and 120 days old, employed as a Builders Labourer, residing at 51, Church Road, Swanscombe Kent. William was placed on the Army Reserve prior to being mobilized on 12 October 1916, and was posted to the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) to commence his training on 14 October 1916. William served in the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion until New Years Day 1917, at which time he was transferred to the 6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) and posted to France to serve with the British Expeditionary Force. As part of the overall 'Battle of Arras 1917,' William was captured by the enemy during a costly attack on a position named Gun Trench, which was carried by his battalion, in an attempt to swing up the left flank of the 12th (Eastern) Division with its right flank, and in so doing, reduce the salient at the village of Monchy le Preux, between Arras and Cambrai. Whilst he was a prisoner of war, William died at 1300 hours on 7 September 1917, at the Wittenberg Prisoner of War Hospital, Germany. William was originally buried in the Wittenberg Prisoner of War Cemetery which was in the Prussian province of Saxony, and contained the graves of 71 soldiers and three civilians from the United Kingdom, two soldiers from Canada and one from Australia, who died in

1915, 1917 and 1918. In 1922- 23 it was decided that the graves of Commonwealth servicemen who had died all over Germany should be brought together into four permanent cemeteries. Berlin South-Western was one of those chosen, and in 1924-25, graves were brought into the cemetery from 146 burial grounds in eastern Germany. There are now 1,176 Great War servicemen buried or commemorated in the Commonwealth plot at Berlin South-Western Cemetery.

EVANS, ERNEST JAMES. Private, 79188. 9th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Died 21 September 1918. Aged 18. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Son of Luke and Eliza A Evans. Buried Epehy Wood Farm Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: V. F. 8. Formerly, Private, 136504, 51st Graduated Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

GILBERT, WILLIAM HENRY. Private, 203106. 7th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. Died 3 December 1917. Aged 19. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert of Farnborough Lodge, Calverley Park, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Buried Le Cateau Military Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: V. E. 8.

GREENAWAY, ALFRED. Private, 493473. 2nd/1st Home Counties Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps. Died 11 November 1918. Aged 42. Born Allington, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Barming Maidstone, Kent. Son of William and Fanny Greenaway of The Hermitage, Barming, Kent. Husband of Adelaide Selina Greenaway (née Huggett) of 6, Council Cottages, Dean Street, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Don Communal Cemetery, Annoeullin, Nord, France. Grave Ref: I. B. 36. At the time of the 1901 census, Alfred was recorded as being the Head of the house by the census enumerator, at which time he was residing with his wife and 10 month old son Arthur Greenaway, at Barming Heath, Maidstone, Kent. Alfred was recorded as being as employed as a Nursery Labourer by the enumerator. Alfred enlisted in the army for a term of 4 years service in the Territorial Force on 13 July 1915, at which time he stated that he resided at Nursery Cottage, Hermitage Lane, Barming Maidstone, Kent. He was embodied as

Private, 2667, 3/1st Home Counties Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps. Alfred was later transferred to serve as a Stretcher Bearer in the 2nd/1st Home Counties Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps, and served in France from 24 January 1917. It was noted that whilst carrying out his duties on 18 April 1918, Alfred had been wounded in action (Gassed) but had still remained on duty. Alfred died of Influenza and Heart Failure at the 15 Casualty Clearing Station, Don, Annoeullin, Nord, France. It was noted that regrettably, Alfred is not commemorated on the Barming Maidstone, Kent civic war memorial.

HAMILTON, HENRY. Private, 27405. 2nd Battalion, Essex Regiment. Died 23 October 1916. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted and resided Grays, Essex. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 10 D.

HAYWARD, FREDERICK. Private, 32936. 16th (Service) Battalion (3rd Birmingham), Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Died 9 October 1917. Born Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. 19 Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 23 to 28 and 163A.



NUTTALL, JOHN LEONARD. Lance Serjeant, 13575. 12th (Reserve) Battalion, Welsh Regiment Died Sunday 25 June 1916. Aged 34. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Neath, South Wales. Resided Bodelwyddan, Flintshire, North Wales. Son of the late Henry Nuttall and Mary Jane Brereton (formerly Nuttall), (née Dideridge) of St. Asaph Lodge, Bodelwyddan Castle, Bodelwyddan, Flintshire. Buried Bodelwyddan (St. Margaret) Churchyard, Denbighshire, North Wales. Grave Ref: H. 2 North.

Commemorated on the Bodelwyddan Great War parish tribute, which is located in the parish church of St. Margaret. Formerly Corporal, 9th (Service) Battalion, Welsh Regiment. John tragically took his own life at Bodelwyddan, Flintshire, North Wales, whilst he was suffering from 20

mental problems which were attributed by the Coroner as being the direct result of his military service.

PURTON, FREDERICK JAMES. Private, 473350. Labour Corps. Died 22 June 1918. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted London. Resided Hammersmith, Middlesex. Buried Blythe Cemetery, Northumberland. Grave Ref: C. 2484. Formerly Private, 2364, 2nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Frederick was posted to France on 6 January 1915.

RANGER, THOMAS ROLAND. Private, 235251. 2nd Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Died 3 October 1918. Aged 22. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Son of Thomas and Sarah Ann Ranger of Beacon's Place, Coxheath, Linton, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Ramicourt British Cemetery, Aisne, France. Grave Ref: C. 11. Formerly Private, 6646, 67th Provisional Battalion, Territorial Force, and Private, 400932, Essex Regiment.

SHORTER, FREDERICK SAMUEL. Private, G/6250. 8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 6 April 1916. Aged 18. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Resided Luton, Chatham, Kent. Son of Edward J. Shorter of 5, Second Avenue, Luton, Chatham, Kent, and of the late Susan Shorter. Buried Dranoutre Military Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: I. B. 10. Frederick was posted to France on 1 October 1915. Frederick has been included as a East Farleigh 'Lost Man,' by virtue of the fact that he is recorded as being a native of the parish in/on Soldiers Died in the Great War,' but the relevant census entry for him records him as having been a native of West Farleigh, Kent.

SNASHALL, HERBERT. Private, 633418. H.Q. Company, 20th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Blackheath and Woolwich). Died 24 March 1918. Aged 21. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent. Resided Coxheath, Maidstone, Kent. Son of Thomas W. and Agnes A. Snashall of Alchers Cottage, Coxheath, Linton, Maidstone, Kent. Buried Bancourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: II. L. 17. Formerly Private, 3486, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). At the time of the 1901 census, the Snashall family

resided at Stockett Lane, East Farleigh, 21 Maidstone, Kent. Head of the house was 46 year old East Farleigh native Thomas W. Snashall, who was employed as a Farm Labourer.



TAPSFIELD, CLAUDE REGINALD. Private, T/704. 1st/5th (Territorial Force) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died Tuesday 1 June 1915. Aged 25. Born East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent. Son of Frederick Tapsfield and Laura Louisa Tapsfield (née Munn) of 2, East Hill, Ashford, Kent. Commemorated on the Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial, Poona, Maharashtra State, India. Face 3, and on the Ashford, Kent civic

war memorial. Claude was also commemorated on the Great War memorial plaque of the Ashford, Kent branch of the Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society, which used to hang in the branch office at Regents Place, Ashford, Kent. Unfortunately, at the time of posting these brief commemorations nobody knows what happened to the latter form of commemoration. He was also commemorated on the 1st/5th (Territorial Force) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), Kamptee Memorial Plaque. Formerly Bandsman, T/704, 1st/5th (Territorial Force) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Claude was born at East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent on 5 June 1889. At the time of the 1901 census, the Tapsfield family resided at 99, Kingsley Road, Maidstone, Kent. Head of the house was 29 year old East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent, native Frederick Tapsfield, who was employed as a Merchants Assistant. Claude's father Frederick Tapsfield; served for 18 years in the Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles. His mother Laura was the daughter of Valentine Munn who was the sole survivor of the original 80 members of the East Kent Volunteers at Maidstone, Kent. Claude was educated at the British School, Ashford, Kent and the South East Agricultural College Wye, Ashford, Kent. Claude enlisted for 4 years in the Territorial Force on 20 May 1909, at which time he stated that he was aged 19 years and 1 month, and that he was employed as a Carpenter at the South East Agricultural College Wye, Ashford, Kent. After leaving Wye Claude went to work at his fathers Newsagents and Tobacconists in Ashford. Initially Claude served in the 1st/5th (Territorial Force) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)

as a Bandsman (clarinet player), and won awards for his clarinet playing at a number of venues including Crystal Palace in London. Shortly after the commencement of the Great War, Claude volunteered for 22 overseas service in the Territorial Force, and on 29 October 1914 he was posted to India with his battalion. He became ill with appendicitis and an operation was required in order to save his life. Claude died on the operating table while this surgery was taking place, his death being recorded as Appendicitis, and Blood Poisoning. Claude's commanding officer Captain F. Muckley wrote – "Tapsfield was not only a clever musician and good soldier, but was so well liked by every one of us for his cheerful good fellowship. He was attended to his grave by every man of the 5th Buffs stationed at Pachmarhi and buried with military honours."

WALTER, GORDON JAMES. Private, G/4923. 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Died 22 April 1916. Born East Farleigh Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Otham, Maidstone, Kent. Son of R Walter of Otham, Maidstone, Kent. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panel 29, and on the Otham, Maidstone, Kent civic war memorial. Gordon enlisted in the army 'For the Duration of the War,' on 7 December 1914, at which time he stated that he 22 years old, employed as a Labourer, and that he resided at Madain Taylors Farm, Otham, Maidstone, Kent. After his initial service in the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), Walter was posted to the 1st Battalion of his regiment on 22 April 1915. He then was posted back on the strength of the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion on 27 August 1915, whilst recovering from a shotgun wound to his face which he had received on 5 July 1915. Gordon was transferred to the 2nd Battalion on 10 December 1915, when he was posted to serve back with the British Expeditionary Force, and remained in the battalion until his death which was the result of a gunshot wound to his head, received in action.

WATSON, GEOFFREY LANCELOT. Captain. "A" Company, 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, attached to the 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. Died 20 April 1915. Aged 35. Born East Farleigh, Kent 1880. Son of the Reverend Christopher S. Watson and the late Eliza M. Watson. Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 35. Educated at Eton, Geoffrey was a veteran of the Second Boer War, and had formerly served as an officer in the York and

Lancaster Regiment. Geoffrey was living on his huge estate at Quesnel in the Cariboo District of British Columbia, Canada. In 1904, Geoffrey had "Watson Manor" built near Quesnel at Watson Lake, and turned his attention to ranching, becoming a prolific breeder of purebred Clydesdale horses and Highland Cattle. When the Great War commenced, Geoffrey and British born Alfred James Pickup immediately left Quesnel for England to accept commissions in their former regiments, Alfred being a former member of the London Regiment. Second Lieutenant Alfred James Pickup of the 2nd Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment fell on 26 September 23 1915, and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, and on the Quesnel, British Columbia, Canada cenotaph. Regrettably Geoffrey is not commemorated on the Quesnel cenotaph. In order to enlist for military service, Geoffrey travelled from New York to Liverpool, Lancashire onboard the 31,550 ton Cunard liner "Lusitania," which arrived at Liverpool on 20 October 1914. He was posted to France in December 1914, and was numbered amongst the 7 officers serving in the 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment who fell during the defence of Hill 60 near Ypres between 19 and 21 April 1915. In March 1919, Geoffrey's sister J. Watson submitted a formal application to be sent his medals, at which time she resided at Shere House, Shere, Guildford, Surrey.

WEBB, FREDERICK WILLIAM. Corporal, 14859. 2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. Died 22 January 1916. Aged 28. Born Edenbridge, Kent. Enlisted Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Webb of East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Husband of Mary Edna Craig (formerly Webb) of Clyde House, Warwick Road, Ashford, Middlesex. Buried Oosttaverne Wood Cemetery, Wytschaete, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: V. C. 2.

WOOD, FRANK LEWIS. Stoker 1st Class, SS/124877. Royal Navy, H.M.S. Vivid. Died 22 January 1920. Born Maidstone, Kent 4 July 1901. Son of Ernest Edward and Edith Wood of Bennetts Cottages, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Buried St. Marys Churchyard, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Grave Ref: New ground, 240 (North-East part). Frank died of an illness at H.M.S. Vivid, the Royal Naval Barracks, Devonport, Devon.

Acknowledgements
Information © kentfallen.com
Transcription by Patrick D. Scullion