

BEKESBOURNE



The Great War
(1914 -1919)

BEAN A

Private G/8115 Arthur BEAN. 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 17th May 1916. Born Canterbury. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Canterbury.

BUSHELL S.J

Lance Sergeant G/346 Sydney J BUSHELL. 6th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 11th July 1917. Born Bekesbourne. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Bekesbourne.

CAGE C.E

Private G/9720 Charles E CAGE. The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 3rd December 1917. Born Canterbury. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Bekesbourne. Charles is commemorated nearby on the Petham war memorial.

The Bekesbourne war memorial gives information that C.E CAGE served in the South Lancashire Regiment. The records show that he did in fact serve in The Buffs. Another local man – G.E CAGE did in fact serve in the South Lancashire Regiment. It is possible that the stone mason confused the two.

Lance Corporal 9205 George Edwin CAGE. 7th Battalion, South Lancashire Regiment.

Died 19th December 1915. Born Canterbury, Enlisted Canterbury.

GIBBS W

Private G/574 Warwick GIBBS. 6th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 13th October 1915. Born Preston, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Preston, Kent.

GOLDUP W.T

Gunner 129170 William Thomas GOLDUP. Royal Field Artillery (RFA). Died (UK) 16th November 1918. Born Hedgington, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone.

Soldiers Died Great War gives his birth place as HEDGINGTON, Kent. No such place exists as far as we can tell. It probably is a mis-spelling of EGERTON.

HOARE H

Private G/9113 Henry HOARE. 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 29th December 1916. Born Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Chartham Le Hatch.

Or

Sergeant L/8475 Harry Walter HOARE. 2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 11th May 1915. Born Lower Walmer, Kent. Enlisted Dover. Resided Westgate-on-Sea, Kent.

HOWARD W

Captain William HOWARD. 8th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 8th October 1915.

KINGSFORD F.W

Private G/2671 Frederick William KINGSFORD. 8th Battalion, Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Formerly (2605) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 21st August 1916. Born Elham. Enlisted Dover. Resided Dover.

KNIGHT J

Private T/202706 James Stanley KNIGHT. 7th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 12th October 1917. Born Birmingham. Enlisted Gravesend. Resided Maidstone.

MEPSTED J

Private 265572 John MEPSTED. 1/1st Kent Cyclist Battalion. Army Cyclist Corps. Died India 14th October 1917. Born Canterbury. Enlisted Canterbury.

The CWGC and the WW1 medal index card (MID) list him as – John MEPSTEAD.

MOORE P

Gunner 27320 Percy MOORE. Royal Garrison Artillery (R.G.A). Died 27th October 1915. Born Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury.

NEWPORT W.C.V

Private G/2508 W Charles V. NEWPORT. 7th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 3rd May 1917. Born Bekesbourne. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Bekesbourne.

Soldiers Died Great War lists – Charles NEWPORT whereas the village memorial gives – W.C.V NEWPORT. The medal index rolls list him as Charles NEWPORT. The CWGC give him as Charles William Victor NEWPORT.

