



*Veteri frondesict honore*

## The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) Post Second World War Roll of Honour

Ultimately in the fullness of time, it is our intention to remember, and briefly commemorate as many officers and other ranks casualties of “The Buffs” as possible, irrespective of dates and causes of death etcetera, and by way of compiling different rolls of honour covering relevant periods of the regiments history, too add them on this Kent commemoration website. As part of the ongoing attempts to achieve the above aims, we have also included in the following brief commemorations any former members of The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) so far located, who at their time of their deaths were serving in other army regiments and corps. Unfortunately and inevitably, despite as much care as possible having been taken whilst compiling this and all of the other rolls of honour on this website, there are doubtless several other casualties who should be remembered here, who are regrettably at the time of compiling this post Second World War Roll of Honour, of The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) 1945-1961, and adding it to this website, any of the additional deaths are not yet known to us at this time. As and when additional casualties of the regiment and former members, who are subsequently located that died they will of course be added to this roll of honour, if their death occurred within the period from the Second World War until The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) until 1 March 1961, at the time that The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) amalgamated with The Queen’s Own Royal West Kent Regiment to form The Queen’s Own Buffs. In much the same way that the British casualties of the Second World War, irrespective of regiment etcetera, are harder to access and obtain details about, when compared to those who died in or resultant of the Great War, researching post Second World War British casualties are even more difficult, and as such some of the following officers and other ranks of the regiment, unfortunately have only very scant information on which is regrettable as clearly they all are deserving of more by way of commemoration, irrespective of rank, age, or cause of death.

## Roll of Honour 1945-1961

**ACOTT, FRANK JOHN.** Private, 14084228.

1st Battalion.

Died 25 August 1946. Aged 18.

Born London.

Son of William Henry and Dorothy Jane Acott (née Walker) of Peckham, London.

Buried Kirechkoi-Hortakoi Military Cemetery, Exohi, Greece.

Grave Ref. Plot 15. Grave 647.

Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps. Frank's birth was registered in the Camberwell, London, Registration District during the last quarter of 1927.

**AISH, VICTOR ARTHUR.** Private, 6103909.

Died 25 September 1946. Aged 24.

Born Surrey.

Son of Charles Ernest Victor and Kitty May Aish (née Stone).

Husband of Isobella Scott Aish of Yapton, Arundel, Sussex.

Buried Sunnyside Cemetery, Parkhead Road, Sauchie, Alloa, Clackmannanshire, Scotland, FK10 3BH. Grave Ref. Section 3. Grave 250.

Originally enlisted in The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey). Victor's birth was registered in the Dorking, Surrey, Registration District during the last quarter of 1922. Victor's father served as an N.C.O. in the Royal Sussex Regiment during the Great War.

**ANDERSON, ANDREW SANDILAND KNOX.** Major, 66091. 2nd Battalion.

Died 3 December 1945. Aged 30.

Born London. Resided Kent.

Son of Donald Knox Anderson and Mary Anabella Anderson.

Husband of Evelyn Ruth Anderson of Canterbury, Kent.

Buried Jakarta War Cemetery, Indonesia. Grave Ref: 4. B. 3.

Pre Second World War member of the regiment. During the Second World War Andrew had served as the adjutant of the 7th Battalion of the regiment, and had remained in the same battalion after it had become the 141st Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps. Until October 1944, Andrew served in France with the 141st Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps as second-in-command. Whilst all armed service deaths by their very nature are obviously tragic, but in view of the notably 'active involvement' of the 141st Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps in 1944, it was sad to learn that having survived the events of the Second World War, Andrew met his death when he was murdered by rebels at Penang, Sumatra. At the time of his death, Andrew was the Brigade-Major of the 71 Indian Infantry Brigade.

**ATKINSON, PETER ALAN.** Private, 23756018.  
Died 7 April 1961. Aged 21.  
Born Cray, Kent 22 June 1939.  
Buried Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref. Section. M. Grave 1240.  
Peter will eventually be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London.

**AUGER, SYDNEY THOMAS.** Private, 22200331.  
Died 22 July 1949. Aged 20.  
Born Southall, Middlesex 15 October 1928.  
Buried Colonial Cemetery, Wong Nei Chong Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong, China. Grave Ref: Section 46. Grave 10505.  
Sydney will be commemorated be on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.  
He is at rest in a grave adjacent to John McAuley who died on 29 July 1949.

**BAILEY, CHARLES FREDERICK.** M.C. Captain, 174141.  
Died 27 May 1953. Aged 40.  
Born South Africa 13 June 1912.  
Charles will be on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.

**BAKER, ALAN RODERICK.** Lieutenant, 382462.  
2nd Battalion.  
Died 7 August 1947. Aged 19.  
Son of Henry and Kate Edith Baker of Folkestone, Kent.  
Buried Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref. Section. M. Grave 1168.

**BILES, GEORGE H.** Private, 14997455.  
Died 3 June 1946. Aged 25.  
Born Portsmouth, Hampshire.  
Son of Frederick James Biles and Sarah Jane Biles (née Robinson) of Portsmouth, Hampshire.  
Husband of Mary Biles of Portsmouth, Hampshire.  
Buried Portsmouth (Milton) Cemetery, Hampshire.  
Grave Ref. Plot B.B. Row 9. Grave 6.  
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

**BOBBINS, JOHN GABRIEL GEORGE.** Corporal, 23744194.  
Died 24 September 1960. Aged 33.  
Born Gillingham, Kent 4 October 1926.  
Buried North Rheindahlen Military Cemetery, Wegberg, Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. Grave Ref: B. H. 8.  
John will eventually be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London.

**BRAUND, GEOFFREY T.** Lance Corporal, 14735119.  
2nd Battalion.  
Died 29 June 1946. Aged 22.  
Born Bromley, Kent.  
Son of Thomas Henry Anthony and Winifred Annie Braund (née Hopkins) of Plumstead, London.  
Commemorated on the Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar. Face 4.  
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

**BRETT, REGINALD LESLIE.** Private, 4690464.  
Died 26 February 1946. Aged 28.  
Resided Yorkshire.  
Buried Conisbrough Cemetery, Sheffield Road, Conisbrough, Yorkshire.  
Pre Second World War member of the Royal Artillery, who had originally enlisted in the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

**BRILL, ALFRED G.T.** Private, 14993077.  
5th Battalion.  
Died 25 June 1946. Aged 20.  
Born Fulham, London.  
Son of Edward Alfred and Louisa Maria Brill (née Lee) of Fulham, London.  
Buried Klagenfurt War Cemetery, Carinthia, Austria. Grave Ref. 6. F. 3.  
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

**BUTTERS. J. WOII** (Armament Q.M.S.), 6296498.  
668 Heavy Recovery Section, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.  
Died Italy 15 June 1946. Aged 31.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Butters.  
Husband of Dorothy Annie Butters of Totnes, Devon.  
Buried Udine War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: I. D. 6.  
Originally enlisted in The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

**CHAPMAN, HARRY.** Private, 14070825.  
Died 9 July 1947. Aged 20.  
Son of Edward and Jessie Elizabeth Chapman of Wood Green.  
Buried Tottenham Cemetery, London. Grave Ref. North Sec. Grave 7006.  
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

**CHEESEMAN, WILLIAM ALFRED.** Private, 1432883  
Died 21 April 1946. Aged 25.  
Son of Alfred William Cheeseman and of Florence Elizabeth Cheeseman (née Sayer) of Balham, London.  
Buried Klagenfurt War Cemetery, Carinthia, Austria. Grave Ref. 6. E. 3.  
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.  
William's birth was registered in the Wandsworth, London registration district during the third quarter of 1920.

**COPP**, REGINALD WALTER. Corporal, 6291883.  
Army Catering Corps.  
Died 26 December 1947.  
Buried Gravesend Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: Plot B.22. Grave 2397.  
Originally enlisted in The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

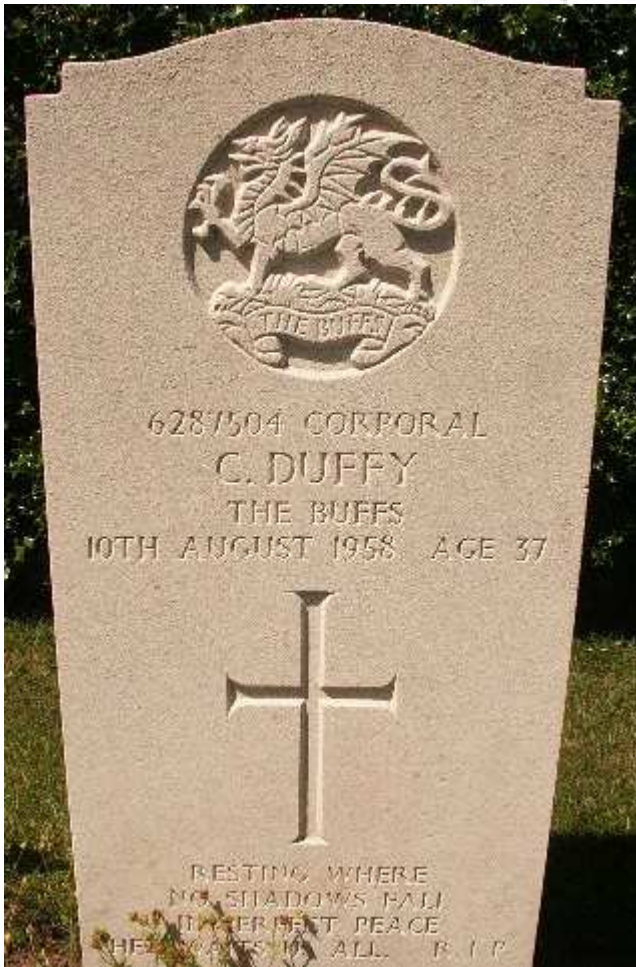
**COX**, WILLIAM ROBERT. Private, 23762232.  
Died 8 August 1960. Aged 22.  
Born Peckham, London 19 November 1937.  
Commemorated on the National Armed Forces Memorial, Alrewas, Staffordshire, and will eventually also be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London.

**COZENS**, FREDERICK WILLIAM, Private, 14801230.  
2nd Battalion.  
Died 2 April 1946. Aged 19.  
Born Hampshire. Resided Sussex.  
Son of Ernest Alfred and Gurtrude Hilda Cozens of Woking, Surrey.  
Buried Jakarta War Cemetery, Indonesia. Grave Ref. 5. L. 10.  
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

**CROUD**, GORDON RICHARD. Private, 22860788.  
1st Battalion.  
Died 7 November 1953. Aged 18.  
Born Goodnestone, Kent 31 December 1934.  
Buried Nyeri Civic Cemetery, Nairobi, Kenya. Grave Ref. Plot 1. Row B. Grave 4.  
Commemorated on the National Armed Forces Memorial, Alrewas, Staffordshire, and at the Palace Barracks Memorial Garden, Thiepval Barracks, Lisburn, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. Gordon will eventually also be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London.  
Whilst serving as a National Serviceman, Gordon was killed with Private Frank Hogben in a road traffic accident which occurred in Nyeri, Kenya.

**DILLEY**, EDMUND JAMES. Private, 14076866.  
1st Battalion,  
Died Italy 8 March 1947. Aged 19.  
Son of Richard and Harriet Dilley of Deptford, London.  
Buried Naples War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: Collective grave IV. S. 6-13.  
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.  
Edmund possibly died resultant of a 216 Squadron, Royal Air Force, Dakota aircraft accident, whose crew are also interred in the same grave.

**DOGGETT, EDWARD CHARLES.** Private, 5954705.  
Died 4 September 1947. Aged 27.  
Son of Edward and Christina Doggett of Watford, Hertfordshire.  
Husband of Betty Joan Doggett of Watford, Hertfordshire.  
Cremated Golders Green Crematorium, London.  
Commemorated at Golders Green Crematorium, London. Panel 2.  
Originally enlisted in the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.



**DUFFY, C.** Corporal, 6287504.  
Died 10 August 1958. Aged 37.  
Buried Canterbury Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref. Grave 192.

**EATON, GEORGE A.** Lance Corporal, 6296989.  
Royal Army Service Corps.  
Died Italy 24 January 1947. Aged 23.  
Son of Edward Thomas Eaton and Ethel Marion Eaton (née Chapman) of Camberwell, London.  
Buried Padua War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: VI. F. 11.  
Originally enlisted in The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

**EAVES**, FREDERICK DOUGLAS. Lance Corporal, 14486224.  
Died 26 May 1946. Aged 19.  
Son of Frederick William and Annie Louisa Eaves of Horsebridge, Hailsham, Sussex.  
Buried Klagenfurt War Cemetery, Carinthia, Austria. Grave Ref. 6. E. 12.  
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

**EVANS**, CYRIL TIMOTHY, Private, 14994181.  
2nd Battalion.  
Died 21 March 1946. Aged 23.  
Born Glamorgan, Wales. Resided North West London.  
Son of Gerald and Susan Mary Evans of Willesden, Middlesex.  
Buried Jakarta War Cemetery, Indonesia. Grave Ref. 5. L. 6.  
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

**FARRIER**, WALTER JOHN. Private, 14761741.  
2nd Battalion.  
Died 29 December 1945. Aged 20.  
Born and resided North West London.  
Son of Hugh Walter and Mary Farrier of Marylebone, London.  
Buried Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore. Grave Ref: 15. C. 13.  
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

**FRENCH**, WILLIAM HENRY DALLAS. Private, 6286143.  
Died 2 January 1957. Aged 39.  
Born Dover, Kent 16 September 1917.  
William will be commemorated in the Roll of Honour on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London.

**FORWARD**, RICHARD FRENCH. Private, 23045937.  
Died 15 July 1957. Aged 23.  
Born Cranbrook, Kent 7 February 1934.  
Buried North Rheindahlen Military Cemetery, Wegberg, Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. Grave Ref: C. F.1.  
Richard will be on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.

**GATES**, EDWARD WILLIAM. Warrant Officer Class 2, 5497668.  
Died 14 June 1948. Aged 30.  
Born Southampton, Hampshire 17 September 1917.  
Buried Colonial Cemetery, Wong Nei Chong Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong, China. Grave Ref: Section 46. Grave 10451.  
Originally enlisted in the Hampshire Regiment.  
Edward will be eventually be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.



**GODDEN, P.M.** Private, 19121260,  
2nd Battalion.

Died 5 November 1947. Aged 20.

Buried Stanley Military Cemetery, Hong Kong, China. Grave Ref. 8. A. 6.  
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

**HAMMOND, SIDNEY JAMES.** Corporal, 6288215,  
4th Battalion.

Died 13 September 1945. Aged 28.

Son of Arthur Joshua and Emily Winnifred Hammond of Herne Bay, Kent.

Buried Herne Bay Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref. Section TT. Grave 66.

Commemorated on the Herne Bay, Kent civic war memorial.

Sidney's army number indicates that he was a pre war member of the regiment.

**HANCOCK, RICHARD.** Private, 14193912.

Died 21 August 1949. Aged 20.

Born Aldershot, Hampshire 24 October 1928.

Buried Colonial Cemetery, Wong Nei Chong Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong,  
China. Grave Ref: Section 46. Grave 10509.

Richard will be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public  
display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.



**HARRIS, GEORGE GORDON.** Private, 14861733.  
Died Italy 12 December 1945.  
Born and resided South West London.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. A. Harris of Chelsea, London.  
Buried Bari War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: XI. F. 12.

**HOGBEN, FRANK HENRY.** Private, 22765743.  
Died 7 November 1953. Aged 19.  
Born Stodmarsh, Canterbury, Kent 3 November 1932.  
Buried Nyeri Civic Cemetery, Nairobi, Kenya. Grave Ref. Plot 1. Row B. Grave 3.  
Commemorated on the National Armed Forces Memorial, Alrewas, Staffordshire, and at the Palace Barracks Memorial Garden, Thiepval Barracks, Lisburn, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. Frank will eventually also be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London.  
Whilst serving as a National Serviceman, Frank was killed with Gordon Croud in road traffic accident which occurred in Nyeri, Kenya.

**HORSWELL, ARTHUR WILLIAM.** Colour Sergeant, 5780111.  
Died 18 August 1953. Aged 31.  
Born Chatham, Kent 1 March 1922.  
Buried Nyeri Civic Cemetery, Nairobi, Kenya. Grave Ref. Grave 44.  
Commemorated on the National Armed Forces Memorial, Alrewas, Staffordshire, and at the Palace Barracks Memorial Garden, Thiepval Barracks, Lisburn, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. Arthur will eventually also be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London.  
Having originally enlisted in the Royal Norfolk Regiment, Arthur had served in the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment during the Second World War.  
Whilst serving as a Sergeant in the 1st battalion of The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) in Egypt, Arthur had received The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct, at which time he had been the Platoon Sergeant of the Machine-Gun Platoon.

**HOYLE, ALAN.** Private, 6286832,  
2nd Battalion.  
Died 9 June 1947.  
Commemorated on the Brookwood Memorial, Surrey. Panel 9. Column 1.  
Based on Alan's army number, it would appear that he had enlisted in the regiment prior to the Second World War.

**HUNTLEY, SIDNEY JOSEPH.** Captain, 356463.

Died 27 January 1952. Aged 31.

Born Folkestone, Kent 1 December 1920.

Buried Kranji Military Cemetery, Singapore. Grave Ref. Plot 2 Row C Grave 13.

Sidney is commemorated on the National Armed Forces Memorial, Alrewas, Staffordshire, and eventually will also be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.

It was noted that Sidney was laid to rest amongst the members of the regiment, who had died whilst serving in the 2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) when it had been stationed at Singapore in the period from 1910 to 1913.

**JEFFERY, ALBERT EDWARD.** Gunner, 6291161.

631 Searchlight Battery, Royal Artillery.

Died 25 January 1946. Aged 25.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Rose Emily Jeffery of Swanley, Kent.

Buried Munster Heath War Cemetery, Germany. Grave Ref: 2. E. 5.

Originally enlisted in The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

**JOHNSON, FREDERICK WILLIAM.** Private, 14960340.

Died 26 January 1948.

Born Peckham, London 13 September 1926.

Frederick is commemorated on the National Armed Forces Memorial, Alrewas, Staffordshire, and will be on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.

**KILLICK, WILLIAM JOHN.** Corporal, 14097142.

Died Italy 28 June 1947. Aged 21.

Born Kent.

Son of William John and Anne Eva Mary Killick (née Simon) of Beckenham, Kent.

Buried Padua War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: V. F. 6.

Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps. William's birth was registered in the Bromley, Kent Registration District during the first quarter of 1926.

**LAKER, JAMES.** Sergeant, 5610356.

Died 27 January 1957. Aged 58.

Born Chichester, Sussex 9 August 1898.

James will be on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.

Originally enlisted in the Devonshire Regiment.

**LARKIN, ALFRED JOHN.** Sapper, 6284449.

Royal Engineers.

Died 16 July 1946. Aged 36.

Son of William and Annie Elizabeth Larkin.

Husband of Phyllis Eileen Larkin of Fulham, London.

Buried Fulham Old Cemetery. Grave Ref: Section C2. Row F. Grave 40.

Screen Wall Commemoration. Panel 3.

Originally enlisted pre war in The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

**MARSH, KEITH FRANCIS.** Private, 23415911.

1 Platoon, "A" Company, 1st Battalion.

Died 11 May 1958. Aged 19.

Born London 30 September 1938.

Buried Maala Cemetery, Yemen. Grave Ref. K. 35.

Keith is commemorated on the National Armed Forces Memorial, Alrewas, Staffordshire, and will be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.

A National Serviceman, Keith died of wounds in hospital at Aden, a few days after he and three other members of the battalion had been wounded at Jebel Jihaf. Fortunately the other three casualties all recovered quickly from their injuries and were soon returned to duty. Maala where Keith is at rest lies on the Southern side of Aden Harbour, halfway between the Steamer Point and Crater on the main road south of Khromaskar Airport; the Cemetery is located south of the main road to Crater. Included amongst the Great War casualties at rest in Maala Cemetery are nine members of the 1st/4th Battalion (Territorial Force), The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Their battalion was sent to Aden to relieve the 1st/1st Breconshire Battalion (Territorial Force), South Wales Borderers, who had endured the posting since 16 December 1914, The Buffs disembarked at Aden from the then modern 4691 ton British Steam Navigation vessel SS Varsova on 4 August 1915.

**MARSHALL, FREDERIC ADRIAN JOSEPH EVANS.**

Brigadier, D.S.O., M.B.E., M.C.

Died 12 October 1947. Age 52.

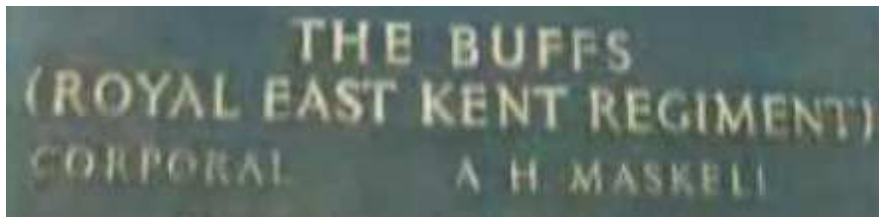
Son of Frederic and Mary Marshall.

Husband of Annie J. Marshall of Paddington, London.

Buried St. Martin Churchyard, Canterbury, Kent.

Grave Ref. Sec. 17. Row 2. Grave 4.

Frederick had served as an officer in the regiment during the Great War, and all of his decorations were won whilst in the ranks of either Lieutenant or Captain. Commanding Officer of the regiments 4th Battalion from 10 November 1939 until 13 December 1941, from November 1943 until early 1945, Frederick had commanded the Cyprus Garrison with the local rank of Major-General prior to returning to England.



**MASKELI, ALFRED HENRY.** Corporal, 14184609.

Attached to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

28th Commonwealth Infantry Brigade.

Died Saturday 31 January 1953. Aged 26.

Born Croydon, Surrey 17 April 1926.

Commemorated on the Memorial, United Nations Military Cemetery, Busan City, Republic of Korea, also on the National Armed Forces Memorial, Alrewas, Staffordshire, and will eventually also be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London.

The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) did not have any of its battalions participating in the Korean War; however several soldiers from regiment served in the conflict, and a number of them sadly died whilst as attached personnel to other British infantry regiments. The United Nations Cemetery, Busan City, Republic of Korea, (Pusan, South Korea), where those soldiers of the regiment are commemorated, are either at rest or remembered, covers over thirty five acres. It was established by the United Nations Command on 18 January 1951 when interments were begun. Graves were transferred from six other cemeteries located at Gaeseong, Incheon, Daejeon, Daegu, Miryang, and Masan. The dedication ceremony was held on 5 April 1951. The Korean government granted the land to the United Nations without charge, and in perpetuity, as a permanent tribute to all those who gave their lives in resisting aggression in Korea, and in upholding the cause of peace and freedom from 1950 to 1953. Alfred's family had originally come to Great Britain from Turkey and he was affectionately known, and now remembered as the "Turkish Corporal." The 1st Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) served in Korea from August 1952 to July 1953.

**McAULLEY, JOHN.** Private, 890870.

Died 29 July 1949. Aged 20.

Born Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland 19 September 1921.

Buried Colonial Cemetery, Wong Nei Chong Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong, China. Grave Ref: Section 46. Grave 10506.

John will be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.

He is at rest between the graves of Sydney Auger who died on 22 July 1949, and John Murphy who died on 4 August 1949. John's army number is indicative of him originally been a member of the Royal Artillery.

**MERCHANT, RONALD.** Private, 14423635.  
5th Battalion.  
Died 5 January 1946. Aged 20.  
Buried Klagenfurt War Cemetery, Carinthia, Austria. Grave Ref. 4. G. 7.  
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

**MILLIN, JOHN JAMES.** Sergeant, 6284748.  
Royal Engineers.  
Died United Kingdom 27 May 1947. Aged 36.  
Son of Henry and Elizabeth Millin.  
Husband of Nellie Hilda Millin of Burnt Oak, Edgware, Middlesex.  
Buried Hendon Cemetery. Section 1.2. Grave Ref: 59985.  
Originally enlisted pre war in The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).



**MINTO, IAN GORDON.** Captain, 406148.  
Died 29 December 1957. Aged 27.  
Born Birkenhead 3 September 1930.  
Buried Canterbury Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref. Grave 180. XM.  
Ian will eventually be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.  
A veteran of the Korean War, Ian was tragically killed in a car accident.

**MORGAN**, C. Trooper, 6298304.

43 (6th Battalion, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers) Royal Tank Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps.

Died India 26 May 1946. Aged 22.

Son of Ellen Louisa Morgan of Nettlestead Green, Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Delhi War Cemetery, India, Grave Ref: 1. E. 1.

Originally enlisted in The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

**MURPHY**, JOHN MICHAEL. Private, 14439833.

Died 4 August 1949. Aged 23.

Born Holbourne, London 5 January 1926.

Buried Colonial Cemetery, Wong Nei Chong Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong, China. Grave Ref: Section 46. Grave 10507.

John will eventually be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.

He is at rest in a grave next to John McAulley, who died on 29 July 1949,

**NEWTON**, RICHARD CHARLES. Lance Corporal, 6288625.

5th Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey).

Died 24 March 1946. Aged 26.

Born and resided South East London.

Son of Richard Charles and Violet E. Newton.

Husband of Emily Newton of Kennington.

Buried Lambeth (Tooting) Cemetery, London.

Grave Ref: Section O.3. Collective grave 626.

Commemorated on Cemetery Screen Wall. Panel 5.

Originally enlisted in The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

**OSBORNE**, A. S. Warrant Officer Class II (C.S.M.) 1793459.

Died 20 October 1946. Aged 24.

Son of George Victor and Alice Maud Osborne of Bradfield St. George, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

Buried Bradfield St. George Churchyard, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

Originally enlisted in the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

**PAINE**, JESSE. Captain (Q.M.), 278009

Died 7 February 1947. Aged 32.

Son of Elisha and M. Paine.

Husband of Rosa M. Paine of Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore. Grave Ref. 27. C. 10.

During the Second World War, whilst serving as a Lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion of the regiment, Jesse had the singular honour of commanding the Colour Party of the battalion escorting the 'Stalingrad Sword,' during the ceremony which took place between the President of the United States of America; Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the British Prime Minister; Winston Spencer Churchill and the Soviet Leader; Joseph Stalin, at Tehran, Persia on 29 November 1943.

**PAYNE**, J. S. Private, 14854362,  
2nd Battalion.  
Died 25 December 1946. Aged 21.  
Son of Alfred Robert and Lily Payne of Deptford, London.  
Buried Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore. Grave Ref. 27. A. 11.  
Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

**PEARCE**, ERNEST JAMES. Fusilier, 6299768.  
Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
Died 26 June 1947. Aged 24.  
Son of Henry and Alice Pearce, Northfleet, Kent.  
Buried Munster Heath War Cemetery, Telgte, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.  
Grave Ref: 2. D. 3.  
Originally enlisted in The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

**PELLATT**, CHRISTOPHER ROBIN. Private, 22796584.  
Attached to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
28th Commonwealth Infantry Brigade.  
Died Friday 24 April 1953. Aged 29.  
Born Battle, Sussex 30 January 1934.  
Buried United Nations Cemetery, Busan City, Republic of Korea.  
Grave Ref: Plot 39. Row 6. Grave 3382.  
Commemorated on the National Armed Forces Memorial, Alrewas, Staffordshire,  
and on page 38 in the United Kingdom Book of Remembrance which is held at  
the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, London. Christopher  
will eventually also be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour, that will be kept on  
public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London.  
The Times newspaper dated 9 May 1953 reported that Christopher had been  
killed in action in Korea. The 1st Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London  
Regiment) served in Korea from August 1952 to July 1953. Whilst carrying out  
the researches to construct this roll of honour, it was noted that depending on  
what data source is checked resulted in several variants of his surname. That  
which is shown above, is as was extracted from his birth registration details in the  
Battle, Sussex registration district, during the first quarter of 1934, which also  
records his mothers maiden name of Goddard.

Although he was a retired member of the regiment at the time of his death, in view of his standing and fond remembrance within the regiment, it seemed right to deviate on this occasion from our usual criteria for the commemorated deaths on this website, and add the name and very brief details which follow:-

**PEARETH, ALBERT 'Flash' JOHN.** Major (Retd).

Died 28 November 1952.

Born Goudhurst, Kent.

Son of William Nepean Peareth and Hilda Maria Peareth (née Smith-Marriot).

Educated at Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire. Albert, who was known and still is remembered by former members of the regiment by his nickname "Flash." Having enlisted as an officer in the regiment during the Great War, Albert served with the regiment for exactly 42 years. On 29 April 1915, Albert was posted to France, and during the course of the Great War he was twice Mentioned in Despatches. In 1919, Albert served in the 2nd Battalion of the regiment in Iraq, and later served in the 1st Battalion in Burma during the 1930's. For many years, Albert was the Secretary of the Regimental Association, and Editor of the regimental magazine; "The Dragon." Following his 'retirement,' Albert was invested as a Chevalier of the Royal Order of the Dannebrog (Denmark). On 23 November 1952, Albert had a bad crash with his new car that he was driving and was badly injured. Sadly, having survived the two world wars plus other campaigns whilst serving in the regiment, on 28 November 1952 Albert succumbed to his injuries, aged 62. After he passed away, it was said that the last thing Albert had said was, "Please give my love to my brother and my regiment." It was noted whilst researching, that Albert had been amongst the generous subscribers to the two books which record the regimental history 1914-1919, and 1919-1948, and in view of his unique and unstinting contribution to the regiment, it would probably be fair to say that the regiment was probably fortunate that he had not enlisted in the other former Kent infantry regiment, as Albert's father; William Nepean Peareth had served as a Lieutenant in the 97th Foot, which later became the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

**PESANI, Richard J.** Private, 4987474.

5th Battalion.

Died 25 June 1946. Aged 22.

Son of J. and Eliza Ann Pesani (née Greenwood) of Birdholme, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

Buried Klagenfurt War Cemetery, Carinthia, Austria. Grave Ref. 6. F. 4.

Originally enlisted in the Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Regiment). Richard's birth was registered in the Chesterfield, Derbyshire, Registration District during the third quarter of 1924.

**PLUMRIDGE, R.** Lance Corporal, 14730209.

2nd Battalion.

Died 29 June 1946. Aged 21.

Son of Reginald Harry and Emily Minnie Plumridge of Selsdon, Surrey.

Commemorated on the Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar. Face 4.



**POOLE, BASIL WARSLEY.** Private, 6284765.

Died 16 June 1946. Aged 36.

Born Isle of Thanet, Kent 1910.

Son of Kenneth and May Poole.

Husband of Annie Poole (née Jones) of Whitstable, Kent.

Buried Epsom Cemetery, Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5BP.

Grave Ref. Section Q. Grave 138.

**PRENTICE, THOMAS R.** Captain, 141533.

Died 19 January 1948. Aged 53.

Born Partick, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland 24 January 1898.

Son of Thomas and Bridget Prentice.

Buried Colchester Cemetery, Essex. Grave Ref: X. 8. 85.

Thomas will be commemorated be on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.

Thomas had probably served during the Great War, as a Bombadier in the Royal Field Artillery. At the time of the 1901 census, the Prentice family resided at 13, Walker Street, Govern, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland.



**RICHARDS, HERBERT FRANK.** M.M. Sergeant, 6293583.

Attached to the 1st Battalion, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

28th Commonwealth Infantry Brigade.

Died 23 March 1952. Aged 32.

Born Finchley, London 6 February 1920.

Buried United Nations Cemetery, Busan City, Republic of Korea.

Grave Ref: Plot 22. Row 1. Grave 1411.

Commemorated on the National Armed Forces Memorial, Alrewas, Staffordshire, and on page 84 in the United Kingdom Book of Remembrance which is held at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, London. Herbert will also eventually be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour, that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.

Herbert's death was reported as killed in action by The Times newspaper dated 12 April 1952. The 1st Battalion, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry served in Korea from July 1951 to September 1952.



**ROYAN, ROBERT HENRY GEORGE.** Private, 6287049.  
Attached to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
28th Commonwealth Infantry Brigade.  
Died Tuesday 25 November 1952. Aged 31.  
Born London 9 April 1921.  
Buried United Nations Cemetery, Busan City, Republic of Korea.  
Grave Ref: Plot 39. Row 3. Grave 3339.  
Commemorated on the National Armed Forces Memorial, Alrewas, Staffordshire,  
and on page 38 in the United Kingdom Book of Remembrance which is held at  
the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, London. Robert will  
also eventually be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour, that will be kept on  
public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.  
Robert's death was reported as killed in action by The Times newspaper dated  
13 December 1952. The 1st Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London  
Regiment) served in Korea from August 1952 to July 1953.

**SCOTT, HAROLD GEORGE.** Private, 6300524.  
Royal Army Service Corps.  
Died 28 December 1945. Aged 22.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Son of George William and Alice Emily Scott of Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.  
Buried Margate Cemetery, Isle of Thanet, Kent.  
Grave Ref: Section 55. Grave 17189.  
Originally enlisted in The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

**SMITH, PATRICK WILLIAM.** Corporal, 6285385.  
Corps of Military Police.  
Died Italy 8 December 1946. Aged 28.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Buried Udine War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: I. E. 8.  
Originally enlisted pre war in The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

**SVENDSEN**, SOREN. Private, 14195260.

Died 13/14 February 1947.

Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

It would appear that Soren was one of the several citizens of Denmark who had volunteered to serve in the regiment during the Second World War. Following his death Soren's body was repatriated back to his homeland. Soren was one of 212 foreign nationals that died whilst serving as members of British Commonwealth forces, whose remains were later removed to their respective home countries. All are commemorated in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Repatriation Register which is kept at the CWGC Head Office, Maidenhead, Berkshire. Soren is the only member of The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) who is commemorated on the CWGC Repatriation Register.

**THOMAS**, TALFRYN. Private, 6299566.

Royal Army Pay Corps.

Died United Kingdom 29 October 1947.

Son of Thomas Daniel and Mary Thomas.

Husband of Winifred Anne Thomas of Pembroke Dock, Pembrokeshire, Wales.

Buried Pembroke Dock (Llanion) Cemetery, Pembrokeshire, Wales.

Grave Ref: Section S. Grave 433.

Originally enlisted in The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

Prior to his military service Talfryn had been employed as a Schoolmaster.

**THOMPSON**, VINCENT ANTHONY ALBERT. Lance Corporal, 22971985.

1st Battalion.

Died 7 May 1958. Aged 22.

Born Guston, Dover, Kent 10 March 1936.

Buried Maala Cemetery, Yemen. Grave Ref. I. 99.

Vincent is commemorated on the National Armed Forces Memorial, Alrewas, Staffordshire, and will be on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.

Maala where Vincent is at rest lies on the Southern side of Aden Harbour, halfway between the Steamer Point and Crater on the main road south of Khromasksar Airport; the Cemetery is located south of the main road to Crater. Included amongst the Great War casualties at rest in Maala Cemetery are nine members of the 1st/4th Battalion (Territorial Force), The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), their battalion was sent to Aden to relieve the 1st/1st Breconshire Battalion (Territorial Force), South Wales Borderers, who had endured the posting since 16 December 1914, The Buffs disembarked at Aden from the then modern 4691 ton British Steam Navigation vessel SS Varsova on 4 August 1915.

**THORNTON**, D. E. Private, 14781114.

2nd Battalion.

Died 14 December 1946. Aged 20.

Son of Robert and Dorothy Thornton of Cricklewood, Middlesex.

Buried Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore. Grave Ref. 27. C. 1.

**TOLLIDAY, WILLIAM JAMES.** Private, 14881535.

2nd Battalion.

Died India 5 September 1945. Aged 19.

Born and resided East London.

Son of Robert Henry and Louisa Emily Tolliday of Shadwell, London.

Buried Kirkee War Cemetery, India. Grave Ref: 1. E. 14.

Originally enlisted in the General Service Corps.

**WAGHORN, ROLAND CLIFFORD.** Private, 6294974.

Middlesex Regiment.

Died United Kingdom 18 February 1946. Aged 33.

Son of Frederick and Amy Edith Waghorn of Gravesend, Kent.

Husband of Doris Waghorn of Gravesend.

Buried Gravesend Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: Plot B.22. Grave 2161.

Originally enlisted in The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

**WALLIS, THOMAS CHARLES EDWARD.** Private, 628805.

5th Battalion.

Died 1 January 1946. Aged 26.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wallis of Leytonstone, London.

Buried Chingford Mount Cemetery, 121 Old Church Road, Chingford, London E4 6ST Grave Ref. Screen Wall. Section F.13. Grave 45433.

If Thomas's army number, as shown on his Commonwealth War Graves Commission commemoration is correct, which of course it might be, it is indicative of him having originally enlisted in one of the British army cavalry regiments. It might be the case however, that the number as shown is incomplete, as it is remarkably similar to that of an other rank soldier, who had originally been a member of The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment)!

**WALTERS, HUGH DE LANCY,** Lieutenant Colonel, 34294.

Attached to the Indian Army Ordnance Corps.

Died 13 November 1945. Aged 39.

Born India. Resided Kent.

Son of Hugh de Lancy Walters and Mary Walters.

Husband of Pamela Florence Walters of Five Ashes, Sussex.

Buried Delhi War Cemetery, India. Grave Ref. 1. C. 11.

A pre war member of The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment), at the time of his accidental death, Hugh was the Assistant Director of Small-Arms, India.

**WARDLE, KENNETH.** Corporal, 19048704.

Died 26 May 1952. Aged 22.

Born Barnes 24 December 1929.

Kenneth is commemorated on the Armed Forces Memorial, at the National Memorial Arboretum, Croxall Road, Alrewas, Lichfield, Staffordshire, and will be on the Rolls of Honour on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London.

**WARRENER, MICHAEL ARTHUR.** Lance Corporal, 22480809.

Died of wounds 29 March 1954. Aged 21.

Born Rye, Sussex 12 February 1933.

Buried Nairobi Park Cemetery, Kenya. Grave Ref. Block 13, Grave 1.

Michael is commemorated on the National Armed Forces Memorial, Alrewas, Staffordshire, and at the Palace Barracks Memorial Garden, Thiepval Barracks, Lisburn, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. He eventually will also be commemorated on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.

On 24 March 1954, whilst the Mortar Platoon personnel were being employed in the role of riflemen, and taking part in a sweep to the south Nyeri, Kenya, a not insignificant number of Mau Mau terrorists were flushed out of a field of maize. Beyond the field was a mound, which as The Buffs approached it a force of Mau Mau suddenly appeared. Some of the terrorists ran into the field, whilst others opened fire from the mound. As Lance Corporal Warrener knelt down to return fire, he was hit by bullets in a forearm and a knee. Corporal Knott and the Bren gunner returned fire aimed at the mound, killing the terrorists. After the engagement the Mau Mau weapons were collected, and it was noted that the two rifles that had been used to mortally wound Lance Corporal Warrener were both of 303 calibre and in stark contrast to the usual weaponry in use by the Mau Mau. A keen army boxer, the stocky popular Lance Corporal has the unenviable distinction of being the only death in the regiment, due to the actions of Mau Mau terrorists whilst the regiment was engaged in the operations in Kenya.

**WEBB, BENJAMIN HORACE.** Sergeant, D/30572. 5th Battalion.

Died 22 November 1947. Aged 51.

Born Whitstable, Kent.

Son of the late Henry G. Webb and Elizabeth Webb of Whitstable, Kent.

Husband of Helena Clara May Webb (née Boswell) of Whitstable, Kent.

Buried Whitstable Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref. Section 5F. Grave 27.

At the time of the 1901 census, the Webb family resided at Beach Alley, Whitstable, Kent. Head of the house was 48 year old Whitstable native Henry G. Webb, who was employed as an Oyster Dredger. During the Great War, Benjamin had initially served as Private, 1772, 1/4th (Territorial Force) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). On being transferred to the 1/4th (Weald of Kent) (Territorial Force) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) as a Private, his regimental number was changed to 6316 then to 243087, and finally with the introduction of other ranks army numbers as opposed to regimental numbers in 1920, Benjamin was given the number 6278009. At first glance the latter number is of little or no significance, but the block of numbers that were issued to the regiment started with 6278001. Benjamin was posted to the Persian war theatre on 5 August 1915, and was disembodied on 7 May 1919.

**WHITE, P. J.** Captain, 354779.

Died 26 May 1947.

Buried Yaba Cemetery, Lagos, Nigeria. Grave Ref. Plot 4. Row F. Grave 10.