

Dover

Christchurch

Folkestone Road
Dover, Kent

The brass memorial plaque was fortunately removed from Christ Church, Dover, Kent at the time of its demolition in 1977. It is now thankfully in the safe keeping of the Dover Museum, Market Street, but regrettably this important Dover artifact it is not on display. The majority of those commemorated on the plaque are also similarly honoured on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial, and in the cases of some, they are also named on other local forms of tribute, including both religious and secular memorial plaques or similar.

“To the Glory of God and in Honoured Memory of the Men Connected with
This Church & Parish who gave their Lives in the Great War 1914-1918”

ANDREWS, GEORGE WILLIAM. Lance Corporal, 24812.
2nd Battalion, The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 26 October 1917.

Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Buried Perth Cemetery (China Wall), Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: III. F. 12.

Formerly G/2046, Private, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

At the time of the 1901 census George and his brother Richard who is also commemorated were residing with their parents George and Agnes Andrews at 9 Hartley Street, Dover, Kent, their father who was a Greengrocer was the Head of the house. Although around dusk on 25 October 1917 an officer in George's battalion, Captain Richard L. Atkinson M.C. had been wounded for a second time whilst visiting his posts, but for the rest of that day and night passed relatively quietly, apart from enemy artillery shelling nearby Dunbarton Lakes when the battalion was at an area near the castle at Gheluveld. On German wartime documents the castle was called Weisshaus. Following zero hour at 0540 hours on the following day all changed dramatically for George and his comrades. As part of the planning for the day's events, a forward observation post had been constructed complete with the latest telephone equipment, manned by a Lieutenant Burdon, two runners and two signallers, but prior to the attack by the battalion the telephone lines were all put out of action which resulted in difficult communications as the battalion advanced in the rain across the mud, with “D” Company on the right, “B” Centre, “C” left and “A” Company in support. Initially all seemed to be going to plan, and by 0610 hours it was noted that was progressing particularly favourably. Shortly after that time, the forward observation post referred to earlier received a direct hit and buried those manning it, miraculously they not only managed to survive but were able to

verbally report that things were not going well to their front with soldiers of various units having become disorganized during the advance. The disarray which resulted in several 'log-jams' afforded the enemy perfect opportunities (and targets) which they obviously capitalized on in full. Written at the time, the 2nd Battalion, The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment) war diary entry for the day does not wholly reflect the true extent of the losses, mainly because at that time the actual fate of an officer and 63 other ranks posted as missing was at that time unclear, it would seem that 2 officers and 22 other ranks had either been killed or died of wounds, but SDGW shows 98 other rank deaths, including of course George Andrews.

ANDREWS, HENRY RICHARD. Stoker 1st Class, K/12672.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Arethusa."

Died: 11 February 1916. Aged 22.

Born Dover, Kent 8 April 1893

Son of Henry James and Henrietta Andrews of 32, Military Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 17 and on St. Mary the Virgin parish church war memorial Dover, Kent. Henry's ship, a 4,400 ton Arethusa class light cruiser built at Chatham dockyard and commissioned in August 1914 as flotilla leader of the 3rd Harwich Destroyer Force. On 28 August 1914 she took part in the 'Battle of Heligoland Bight,' where she was seriously damaged but stayed afloat and had to be towed home, after being repaired she took part in the Cuxhaven Raid on Christmas Day 1914. The following year she fought at the 'Battle of the Dogger bank 1915' (24 January 1915), and later the same year in June 1915 was transferred to the 5th Light Cruiser Squadron Harwich Force. On 11 February 1916 H.M.S. Arethusa struck a mine and broke her back in the North Sea off Felixstowe, which was claimed to have been laid by the German minelaying submarine UC-7 of the Flanders Flotilla. At the time of the loss of Henry's ship, the UC-7 was commanded by Georg Haag, who was lost with the other 17 crew members of the submarine on 5 July 1916 when it is presumed to have blown up on a mine off the coast of Zeebrugge

ANDREWS, RICHARD STEPHEN. Private, 37467.

7th (Service) Battalion, The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 21 March 1918.

Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Buried Noyon, New British Cemetery, Oise, France. Grave Ref: I. C. 7.

Richard was amongst the 15 other ranks of his battalion who lost their lives as the result of the first day of the German Spring Offensive 1918 when his battalion was outnumbered about four to one. Two days after Richard's death his Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Bushell DSO from Neston, Cheshire won the Victoria Cross west of the St. Quentin Canal. Over the past fifty years or so it has been noticeable that several Kent locations (including Dover) claim Christopher Bushell VC, DSO as 'theirs.' But in truth none have any genuine claims to him, although his mother at one time resided at St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe near Dover. Christopher married Rachel Lambert who was a daughter of the Reverend Edgar Lambert a former Vicar of Wye near Ashford, Kent at Wye on 24 August 1915. Rachel Bushell resided for a number of years with her young daughter at 114 Lower Bridge Street, Wye, prior to moving to Church Lane,

Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent. Regrettably that is about the sum lot of connections our county has with the Great War hero.

ATKINS, HENRY RICHARD. Leading Stoker, K/7427.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Simoom."

Died 23 January 1917. Aged 27.

Born Chislehurst, Kent 4 January 1892.

Son of Henry Edward and Elizabeth Jane Atkins of 122 Clarendon Place, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 23.

Henry's ship was left in a severely damaged condition after being in action against German destroyers in the Flanders Bight. H.M.S. Simoom exchanged several salvos with the German S50 which fired a torpedo striking the ship. The S50 subsequently withdrew from the engagement after which H.M.S. Simoom's survivors were taken off by H.M.S. Morris. Left crippled, H.M.S. Simoom was later torpedoed and sunk by H.M.S. Nimrod.

BEER, WILLIAM THOMAS. Gunner, 149905.

39th Ammunition Supply Park, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 22 December 1917.

Born Cubitt Town, Middlesex. Enlisted Dover, Kent.

Buried Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: IV. B. 15.

Also commemorated on the Roll of Honour at the former Congregational Church, which is now the United Reform Church, High Street, Dover, Kent.

Formerly Gunner 1/3 (Kent) Royal Garrison Artillery, (Territorial).

BELLFIELD, WALTER HENRY FRANCIS. Private, L/7424.

"F" Company, 1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)

Died 17 August 1915. Aged 25.

Born Hoxton, Middlesex. Enlisted Shorncliffe, Kent. Resided Dover, Kent.

Son of Walter Henry and Minnie Bellfield of 60, Folkestone Road, Dover, Kent.

Buried Southend-on-Sea, (Sutton Road) Cemetery, Essex. Grave Ref: A. 1169.

BLACKFORD, WILLIAM JAMES. Engineer Commander.

Royal Naval Reserve. H.M.S. "Engadine."

Died 1 January 1920. Aged 51.

Born Dover, Kent c1869.

Son of William Farmar Blackford and Elizabeth Blackford of Dover, Kent.

Husband of Amy Kendall Blackford of 97, Folkestone Road, Dover, Kent.

Buried Charlton Cemetery, Dover Kent. Grave Ref: H. 20.

At the time of the 1881 census the Blackford family was residing at 16 Hawkesbury Street, St. Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent:-

William F. BLACKFORD. Aged 38. Born Swindon, Wiltshire. Engineer.

Elizabeth BLACKFORD. Aged 40. Born Patrcroft, Wiltshire.

Robert J. BLACKFORD. Aged 19. Born Faversham, Kent. Watchmaker.

Isabella A. BLACKFORD. Aged 17. Born Dover, Kent. Dressmaker.

William J. BLACKFORD. Aged 12. Born Dover, Kent.

John H. BLACKFORD. Aged 10. Born Dover, Kent.

Jeffrey T. BLACKFORD. Aged 6. Born Dover, Kent.

Mary E. BLACKFORD. Aged 3. Born Dover, Kent.

William's 1,676 ton ship was a seaplane tender that served in the Great War, but which was built as a Folkestone-Boulogne ferry by William Denny and Sons, launched on 23 September 1911 and named after the Engadine valley in Switzerland. She taken over by the Royal Navy in 1914 along with her sister ship HMS Riviera and modified by the construction of cranes and a hangar aft of the funnels so that she could carry four Short 184 seaplanes. There was no flight deck, the aircraft being lowered onto the sea for takeoff and recovered again from the sea after landing. Her aircraft participated in the Cuxhaven Raid on Christmas Day 1914. At the Battle of Jutland in 1916, one of her seaplanes, piloted by Lieutenant Frederick S. Rutland with Assistant Paymaster G.S. Trewin acting as observer carried out an aerial reconnaissance of the German fleet. This was the first time that a heavier than air aircraft had carried out a reconnaissance of an enemy fleet in action. Later in the battle she rescued the crew of the crippled H.M.S. Warrior before taking her in tow. Later in the war she served in the Mediterranean. She was sold back to her original owners, the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company in December 1919, in 1933 the ship was renamed 'Corregidor.' During the Second World War she struck a mine in an American minefield and sunk with heavy loss of life in Manila Bay in December 1941, but over 300 onboard were rescued by American MTB's.

CAWTE, ALFRED JOSEPH. Corporal, 9023.

3rd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 27 April 1915. Aged 40.

Born Winchester, Hampshire. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Husband of Emily E. Cawte of 3, Ruffins Court, Princess Street, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 6.

Sailing onboard the SS Atlantian, the 3rd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Guy L.B. Du Maurier, D.S.O. left Southampton on 18 January 1915 heading for Le Harve. From the very start of their time in France the battalion was always heading in the general direction of Belgium, and to that end had left Le Harve on 20 September 1915 only the day after arriving there. A train journey took the battalion to Hazebrouck, thereafter several moves were made by the battalion which started with a march to Caëstre shortly after detraining at Hazebrouck. Several clashes with the enemy occurred as the battalion progressed through Belgium during February, mainly when occupying front line positions in the area where Bedford House Cemetery (Ypres) Ieper is now located. March got away to a bad start, as on the third of the month the battalion's genuinely popular Commanding Officer was killed instantly by a shell which landed in the doorway of the battalion Headquarters. The 49 year old Londoner, a veteran of the Burmese and South African (Second Boer War) campaigns, who apart from his prowess as a professional soldier, was also a writer and playwright of some standing. Using the Pen Name 'A Patriot' one of Guy Du Maurier's plays 'An Englishman's Home' had been met with wild acclaim when it was put on at Wyndham's Theatre, London in January 1909, at which time Guy was somewhat bewildered by his sudden fame, he was also the uncle of the famous author Daphne Du Maurier. Later in the month the battalion carried out a number of tours in the La Clytte,

Loere area, and took over trenches at St. Eloi and Voormezele before a brief respite and rest at Dickebusch. On 2 April 1915 the battalion moved to Ypres and on the following day took over the trenches to the north of the Ypres-Comines Canal, after being relieved followed by a number of moves, the battalion found itself occupying the perilous trenches at Broodseinde, where the battalion war diary compiler has entered in same that the enemy trenches were a mere four yards away. Following more moves in and out of the trenches at various locations in the Ypres-Poperinghe area, the battalion took over trenches in the Gravenstafel area, with two companies and Headquarters moving to Verlorenhoek on the day Alfred lost his life.

CRASCALL, COULSON HENRY. Able Seaman, 177293.

Royal Navy. (RFR/CH/B/2577). H.M.S. "Cressy."

Died 22 September 1914. Aged 36.

Born Dover, Kent 15 September 1878.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 2.

Early in the Great War the Royal Navy maintained a patrol of old Cressy class armoured cruisers which was called 'Cruiser Force C' in an area of the North Sea known as the Broad Fourteens. On 16 July 1914 the German submarine U-9 became the first submarine in history to reload torpedoes whilst still submerged, and on 22 September 1914 the same submarine under the command of Commander Otto Weddigen who had commanded the U-9 since 1 August 1914, sighted H.M.S.Cressy, H.M.S.Aboukir and H.M.S.Hogue all steaming NNE at 10 knots without zigzagging, although the patrols were supposed to maintain a speed of 12 to 13 knots and zigzag, the old cruisers were unable to maintain that speed and the zigzagging order was widely ignored mainly due to the fact that there had been no enemy submarines sighted in that area of the North Sea at that stage of the war. Otto Weddigen and his crew later the same day put into practice under wartime conditions what they had perfected in peace, and were able to reload beneath the waves.

Otto Weddigen maneuvered the U-9 to attack the three cruisers, and at approximately 0625 hours fired a single torpedo at H.M.S.Aboukir which stuck her on her port side. Aboukir rapidly suffered heavy flooding and despite counter flooding developed a 20 degree list and lost engine power. It was soon clear that she was a lost cause and Captain Drummond ordered her to be abandoned, although only one boat had survived the attack so most crew had to jump into the sea. At first Captain Drummond thought that H.M.S.Aboukir had been mined and signaled the other two cruisers to close and assist with the rescue of his crew, but he soon realised that it was a torpedo attack and ordered the other cruisers away, but too late. As H.M.S.Aboukir rolled over and sank only half an hour after being attacked, Otto Weddigen fired two torpedoes at H.M.S. Hogue that hit her amidships and rapidly flooded her engine room. Captain Nicholson of H.M.S. Hogue had stopped his ship to lower boats to rescue the crew of H.M.S.Aboukir, thinking that as he was the other side of Aboukir from the enemy submarine he would be safe. Unfortunately the U-9 had managed to maneuver around H.M.S.Aboukir and attacked H.M.S.Hogue from a range of about only 300 yards, and it only took H.M.S.Hogue ten minutes to sink as the U-9 headed for H.M.S.Cressy which was commanded by Captain Johnson. H.M.S.Cressy had also stopped to lower boats but quickly got underway on sighting a submarine's periscope. At about 0720 hours Otto Weddigen fired two torpedoes, one of which just missed but the other hit H.M.S.Cressy on her starboard side.

The damage to H.M.S. Cressy was not fatal but the U-9 then turned round and fired her last torpedo as a coup de grace which hit Cressy sinking her within a quarter of an hour. Survivors of the disaster were picked up by several nearby merchant ships including the Dutch Flora and Titan and the British trawlers JGC and Corainder before the Harwich force of light cruisers and destroyers arrived. Flora returned to Holland with 286 rescued crew who were quickly returned to Britain, even though the neutral Dutch should have interned them. In all 837 men were rescued but 1459 died, many of whom were reservists or cadets. On 18 March 1915 the German submarine U-29 was rammed and sunk by H.M.S. Dreadnought in the Pentland Firth, all 32 submariners onboard perished including Otto Weddigen who had been in command since 16 February 1915.

CRASCALL, EDWARD FRANCIS. Private, 21352.
2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 2 April 1917.

Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Buried Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps, Somme, France. Grave Ref: IV. F. 4.

Formerly Private, 10768, East Surrey Regiment.

It would appear that possibly Edward had died of wounds some months after the cessation months after the main of the Battle of the Somme 1916. The cemetery where Edward is buried was started as a front line burial ground during and after the unsuccessful attack on Serre on 1 July 1916, but following the German withdrawal to the 'Hindenburg Line' in March 1917 it was scarcely used. It was briefly in German hands towards the end of March 1918 during their Spring Offensive, when it marked the limit of the German advance, but the line was held and pushed forward by the New Zealand Division allowing the cemetery to be used again for burials in April and May 1918. The cemetery is particularly associated with three dates and engagements; the attack on Serre on 1 July 1916; the capture of Beaumont-Hamel on 13 November 1916; and the German attack on the 3rd New Zealand (Rifle) Brigade trenches before Colincamps on 5 April 1918. Edward's battalion having left the Somme area several weeks before his death, one can only imagine the probable scenario of his closest friends, at some point prior to the move to the Arras area saying their goodbyes to him, and at that time knowing full well that it was the last time that they would see him. On the day that he died, his battalion was taking part in the second attempted capture of the heavily defended village of Croisilles, south of Arras in the Pas de Calais. Croisilles British Cemetery contains 1,171 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the Great War, of which 647 of the burials are unidentified, amongst identified are 28 members of the 2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) who died on the same day as Edward back on the Somme.

CROFTS, EDWIN LAWRENCE. Private, G/8388.
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 27 August 1918.

Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Vis-En-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 3. It is unfortunate that his parents' details are not shown on Edwin's CWGC commemoration or at that of Frederick William Crofts below; as it would probably confirm that they were brothers and the sons of William and Caroline Crofts. At the time of the 1901 census the family was residing at 2 Albion Place, Dover, Kent with 45 year old Labourer and Dover native William recorded as being Head of the house.

CROFTS, FREDERICK WILLIAM. Private. L/9742.
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 9 April 1917.

Born St. Mary's Dover, Kent. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2.

It should be noted that although Frederick was serving in one of The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) service battalions he has a regular's regimental number, and was probably a pre war enlistment.

COHSALL, JAMES. Private, S/10450.
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 11 August 1915. Aged 19.

Born Rochester, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Dover, Kent.

Son of Mr. T. and Mrs. P. Cohsall of 15, Bowling Green Hill, Dover, Kent.

Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: III. D. 21A.

CURLING, ERNEST EDWARD. Private, 34984.
1st/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.
Died 1 October 1918. Aged 28.

Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Dover, Kent.

Husband of Ellen Potter (formerly Curling) of 7, Monins Road, Dover, Kent.

Buried Proville British Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: I. A. 33.

DENNIS, GEORGE CYRIL. Rifleman, 49415.
1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 11 November 1918. Aged 18.

Born, and resided Dover, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Dennis of 148, Clarendon Street, Dover, Kent.

Buried Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: IX. E. 9.

FAGGETHER, WILLIAM ARTHUR. Private, 7217.

9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers.

Died 20 May 1915.

Born and resided Dover, Kent. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 5.

Although 'The Battle of Frezenburg,' during part of the Second Battle of Ypres was officially carried out between the 8 and 13 May 1915, it is likely that William and four of his comrades who fell with him did so as the result of operations linked to the above action at which the 1st Cavalry Division, to which the 9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers belonged. The regiment served throughout the Great War, most of which time was spent fighting as infantry like most British Cavalry regiments during the war. Only four days after William lost his life, 3 officers and 19 other ranks of his regiment fell at Hooge, Belgium, one of the officers being Captain Francis O. Grenfell V.C. who had won the Victoria Cross "For gallantry in action against un-broken Infantry at Andregnies, Belgium, on 24th August, 1914, and for gallant conduct in assisting to save the guns of 119th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, near Doubon the same day." Taking into account William's regimental number it would appear that he was in fact a regular soldier of the 9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers, and as such was probably actually involved in the above action fought at Andregnies. On the 11 September 1960, William's regiment amalgamated with the 12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), and from that day the now 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) regiment celebrate Mons/Moy Day annually, commemorating the last occasions on which both of the former regiments actually charged with the lance. On the 7 September 1914 Lieutenant Colonel David Campbell led a charge of two troops of 'B' Squadron of the 9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers and overthrew a squadron of the enemy 1st Guard Dragoons, it being the only lance versus lance action carried out during the Great War, and on the 28 August 1914 'C' Squadron of the 12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), made a most successful charge against the 1st Guard Dragoons supported by the fire of 'A' and 'B' Squadron, J Battery Royal Horse Artillery and the Scots Greys. In much the same way as William might have been at the V.C. action at Andregnies on 24 August 1914, he was possibly present at the fight with lances on 7 September 1914.

FINN, THOMAS GEORGE. Private, G/7711.

10th (Service) Battalion, (Battersea) The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 17 September 1916. Aged 25.

Born and resided Dover, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.

Son of Mrs. S. A. Finn of 114, Clarendon Street, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5D.

Raised in June 1915 the 10th (Service) Battalion, (Battersea) The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) underwent almost a whole year in training prior to going to the Western Front. Having left Aldershot on 5 May 1916 aboard three trains which arrived at Southampton later the same day the battalion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel R. Oakley then sailed for Le Harve, arriving the following day, from where the battalion left by train for Steenbecque, from Steenbecque the battalion marched to Outtersteene, Bailleul, Nord, later moving back to Steenbecque and took up position in the Ploegsteert area of Belgium where the battalions first casualties occurred. Most of the battalions'

locations were in an area on the French/Belgium border for many months which the prime reason the battalion never played a part in the earliest actions of the Battle of the Somme 1916. Around the middle of August 1916 a succession of moves were made by Thomas's battalion, initially to Notteboom, then via Pont-Rémy a move was made to Buigny l'Abbé were several days were spent, after which another move was undertaken to the Dernancourt, Somme area by way of Longpré les Amiens. Eventually the battalion camped about half a mile to the north of Méaulte to the south of the town of Albert on 9 September 1916. From the camp at Méaulte the battalion went to the Pommiers Redoubt on 13 September, and from there to trenches located to the north east of Delville Wood. Two days after occupying the trenches the battalion was involved in an attack undertaken in conjunction the other three battalions which made constituted their (124th Infantry Brigade), they being the 21st Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps, and the 26th and 32nd Battalion's, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Initially little resistance was experienced during the day of the attack which had got under way at zero hour 0620 hours, with a position called Switch Trench being captured by 0700 hours, and only a mere hour an hour later part of Flers Trench also fell to the four assaulting battalion's, by 0850 hours the capture of the that trench complex was completed in unison with the taking of Flers Avenue, to cement their successes later enemy counter attacks were all repulsed. Confirmation of the successful outcome was given by Lieutenant Colonel R. Oakley to the rear echelon at about 1900 hours when he arrived back for treatment for his wounds, at which time he also reported that his battalion had sustained huge casualties throughout the day, and that in his opinion probably only about 50 all ranks were not casualties. Reading through documents appertaining to the battalion relating to the action involving the capture and holding on to them prior to being withdrawn on 19 September, they bear out the battalions Commanding Officers estimate regarding casualties. In excess of 300 had been casualties and of their number almost 70 had either been killed in action or died of wounds over the two days of 15 & 17 September, regrettably and probably inevitably others succumbed to their wounds inflicted over the same two days over quiet a long time span after being evacuated the front the line of the Somme.

HOWELL, SIDNEY GEORGE. Gunner, 121677.

3rd/3rd Siege Reserve Brigade, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 22 November 1918. Aged 24.

Son of Arthur and Annie Howell of 56, Folkestone Road, Dover, Kent.

Buried St. James's Cemetery, Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: M. X. 14.

HOY, EDWARD GEORGE. Private, 27468.

1st/8th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Middlesex Regiment.

Died 17 August 1917. Aged 28.

Born Herne Bay, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.

Son of Alfred John and Annie Hoy of Herne Bay, Kent.

Husband of Mabel Hoy of 4, Douglas Road, Tower Hamlets, Dover, Kent.

Buried Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No. 3, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: II. H. 10.

HUTCHINS, THOMAS ALFRED VICTOR. Private, 31281.

2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards.

Died 4 November 1918. Aged 21.

Son of Susanna Bailey of 11, Westmount Terrace, Priory Hill, Dover, Kent.

Buried Villers-Pol Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grave Ref: Ref: G. 4.

SDGW which records Thomas's rank as a Guardsman has a blank field re places of birth, enlistment and residence.

KEMP, WILLIAM JOHN. Serjeant, 3354.

3rd Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 20 December 1916. Aged 24.

Born Sandwich, Kent. Enlisted Portsmouth, Hampshire. Resided Dover, Kent.

Son of Mrs. Annie Kemp of Vale Cottage, South Alkham, Dover, Kent.

Buried Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: II. A. 1.

KNIGHT, HUBERT WILLIAM. Private, 25960.

10th Battalion, (Service) The Queen's (Battersea) (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 25 April 1918. Aged 19.

Born Portsmouth, Hampshire. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Son of William John and Mary Knight of 89, Stamshaw Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire.

Buried Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: IX. A. 22.

LEWIS, GEORGE DAVID. Serjeant, 5557.

2nd Dragoons Guards (Queens Bay's).

Died 1 September 1914.

Born Islington, London. Enlisted London. Resided Dover, Kent.

Buried Verberie French National Cemetery, Oise, France.

The Verberie French National Cemetery contains the graves of 3,221 French soldiers (of whom 2,339 are unidentified), 52 servicemen from the United Kingdom, and one Canadian cavalryman.

LEWIS, JOHN NORTON. Private, L/7776.

6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)

Died 13 October 1915. Aged 31.

Born and resided Dover, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.

Son of William and Mary Ann Lewis of Dover, Kent.

Husband of Daisy Gertrude Manser (formerly Lewis) of 40, St. James' Street, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 15 to 19, and on St. Mary the Virgin parish church war memorial Dover, Kent. At the time of the 1901 census John was a Boiler Cleaner residing with his parents and 6 brothers and sisters at 37 Chapel Place, Dover, Kent, his father a 44 year old Dock Porter was Head of the house.

MERCER, ERIC CAMERON.

Unlike most forms of Kent related commemorations, the Christ Church plaque names the casualties in full which obviously makes researching same very easy. Unfortunately however, it has not only been impossible to find any CWGC commemoration for Eric, but none in/on O/SDGW, no MIC entry, or Royal Navy data. In addition to these basic quick and easy to access databases, approximately fifty Rolls of Honour publications or similar have been checked but regrettably all to no avail. Time as always precludes more detailed searching for now. It should be noted that Eric is almost certainly the casualty who is also commemorated as E.C. MERCER on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

MILLS, AUBREY. Private, 241697.

1st/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 11 February 1917. Aged 27.

Born Leeds, Yorkshire. Enlisted St. Pancras, Middlesex. Resided Dover, Kent.

Son of James and Annie Mills of Leeds, Yorkshire.

Husband of Matilda Jane Lilly (formerly Mills) of 6, South Road, Kingsdown, Deal, Kent.

Buried Amara War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: XXI. M. 16.

MITCHELL, DAVID HENRY. Lance Corporal, 25154.

1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 18 April 1919.

Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Buried or commemorated Bradford (Scholemoor) Cemetery.

Grave/Commemoration Ref: Screen Wall. III. C. 2085.

Military Hospitals were opened in Bradford in both world wars and many of the 138 Great War burials in Bradford (Scholemoor) Cemetery were from the 1,200 bed Horton, (Bradford) War Hospital. The burials are scattered throughout the cemetery and two screen walls record the names of those casualties whose graves could not be marked individually, in addition to which a single Special Memorial stone commemorates 4 of the burials in the cemetery, which also contains 97 scattered burials of the Second World War. A Cross of Sacrifice faces the main entrance. Bradford Crematorium stands within this cemetery and a screen wall in the garden of rest commemorates two casualties of the Great War and 45 from the Second whose remains were cremated.

PATTISON, EDWARD STEPHEN. Leading Seaman, 177356.

Royal Navy. H.M.S. Pembroke.

Died 14 March 1918. Aged 39.

Born Buckland, Dover, Kent 22 December 1878.

Son of Frederick and Ellen Pattison of Dover, Kent.

Husband of Marion Pattison of 96, Norwich Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Buried St. James's Cemetery Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: L. V. 15.

Served in the Dardanelles onboard H.M.S. "Implacable." Edward had been awarded the Africa General Service Medal with Somaliland Clasp.

At the time of the 1881 census Edward and his family were residing at 18 Prospect Place, Buckland, Dover, Kent, at which time his father is shown as being a Labourer:-

Frederic PATTISON. Aged 27. Born Elham, Kent. Labourer.
Ellen PATTISON. Aged 25. Born Dover, Kent.
Ellen R. PATTISON. Aged 5. Born Dover, Kent.
Edward PATTISON. Aged 4. Born Dover, Kent.
Annie H. PATTISON. Aged 2. Born Dover, Kent.
Frederick PATTISON. Aged 3 months. Born Dover, Kent.

POTTER, ERNEST EDWARD. Serjeant, 9170.
8th (Service) Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders.
Died 8 April 1917.
Born Hougham, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Aldershot, Hampshire.
Buried Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: II. P. 11.
Also commemorated on St. Mary's parish church war memorial Dover, Kent.

RAWLINGS, GEORGE. Corporal, G/3929.
1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 25 September 1915.
Born Bow, London. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 13 to 15.

RICH, FREDERICK. Private, G/25996.
11th (Service) Battalion, (Lambeth) The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Died 3 October 1918.
Born Shorncliffe, Kent. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.
Buried Belgian Battery Corner Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
Grave Ref: III. B. 28.
Formerly Private, 30601, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.
Also commemorated on St. Martins School, Dover, Kent civic war memorial.

SHARP, STANLEY ERNEST, Second Lieutenant.
Somerset Light Infantry.
Died 20 October 1918.
Commemorated on the Tehran Memorial, Iran. Central Column, Panel 2.
Formerly Lance Corporal, (The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), and Lance Corporal 563
Somerset Light Infantry.

SHEPPARD, FREDERICK. Painter 1st Class, 346972.
Royal Navy. H.M.S. "Invincible."
Died 31 May 1916. Aged 30.
Born Dover, Kent 13 October 1885.
Husband of Ellen Louisa Sheppard of 7, Lubeck Street, Battersea, London.
Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 20.

SIMMONS, JOHN HENRY THOMAS. Bandsman, 1569.

Northumberland Fusiliers.

Died 20 June 1920. Aged 32.

Son of Mrs. F. Kenworthy.

Husband of Mrs. F. Simmons of 183, Clarendon Street, Dover, Kent.

Buried Charlton Cemetery, Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: 3. H. 31.

SIMPSON, DOUGLAS PERCY THOMAS. Private, G/23516.

“A” Company, 10th (Royal East Kent and West Kent Yeomanry) Battalion.

The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 13 August 1918. Aged 43.

Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Husband of Emily Simpson of 118, Clarendon Street, Dover, Kent.

Buried Pont-Du-Hem Military Cemetery, La Gorgue, Nord, France. Grave Ref: IV. E. 26.

Douglas was amongst the drafts of officers and other ranks that had been posted to “A” Company after 1 March 1917. A Yeomanry veteran of the Palestine campaign, he fell at Merville, Nord, France. On the 1881 census, Douglas is shown as being a visitor at 3 Arthur Place, St. James, Dover, Kent which would appear to have been the home of the Prescott family who may have been related to him.

STOKES, CHARLES. Private, 9535.

“B” Company, 2nd Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment.

Died 3 February 1915. Aged 23.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stokes of 16, North Street, Dover, Kent.

Born Maxton, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.

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

Panel 21 or 31, and St. Mary the Virgin parish church war memorial Dover, Kent.

Brother of Horace Stokes who also fell and is commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial, and briefly below.

STOKES, HORACE. Private, 35063.

2nd/7th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Died 17 April 1918. Aged 23.

Son of Henry and Annie Stokes of 16, North Street, Dover, Kent.

Born Hougham, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.

Buried St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France.

Grave Ref: P. IX. P. 4A.

Also commemorated on St. Mary the Virgin parish church war memorial Dover, Kent.

Formerly Private, 012701, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

SYMES, PERCY. Private, G/7004.

1st Battalion, The Queen’s (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 23 April 1917.

Born Hythe, Kent. Enlisted London. Resided Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2.

TURRELL, GEORGE. Bombardier, 281478.

11th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 1 June 1918. Aged 42.

Son of William and Elinor Turrell, of Dover, Kent.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.

Buried Crouy British Cemetery, Crouy-Ser-Somme, France. Grave Ref: II. E. 25.

At the time of the 1881 census the Turrell family resided at 10 Tower Street, Charlton, Dover, Kent, where George may also have actually been born:-

William TURRELL. Aged 48. Born Barham, Kent. General Labourer.

Eleanor TURRELL. Aged 47. Born Elham, Kent. Laundress.

William TURRELL. Aged 21. Born Dover, Kent. Warehouseman.

Mary TURRELL. Aged 15. Born Dover, Kent. Domestic Servant.

Sarah TURRELL. Aged 13. Born Dover, Kent.

Emily TURRELL. Aged 10. Born Dover, Kent.

George TURRELL. Aged 5. Born Dover, Kent.

Arthur TURRELL. Aged 2. Born Dover, Kent.

WAIGHT, JOSEPH HENRY. Private, G/5967.

“C” Company, 2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 5 May 1915. Aged 27.

Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Husband of E. J. Waight of 1, Beaconsfield Villa, Hardwicke, Road, Maxton, Dover, Kent.

Buried Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: I. G. 1A.

SDGW records the above casualty as John Henry Waight, and unfortunately his MIC entry only shows his initials.

WARD, ROBERT HENRY RICHARD. Corporal, G/24249.

10th (Service) Battalion, (Battersea) The Queen’s (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 26 March 1918.

Born Hampstead, Middlesex. Enlisted Marylebone, Middlesex.

Resided Hendon, Middlesex.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2.

Formerly Corporal, 15531, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Commemorated on the Christ Church memorial plaque as ROBERT HENRY WARD. In view of no obvious Dover, Kent connections, the above brief commemoration should be viewed with caution by anybody carrying out more detailed research into the life and death of Robert Henry Ward. Corporal Ward as shown above being the sole Robert Henry Ward shown on the CWGC ‘Dept of Honour,’ he is also the only match with O/SDGW. It might be of significance that on the Dover, Kent, Grammar School for Boys memorial window, he is almost certainly the casualty commemorated as R.H.P. WARD.

WAYTE, JOHN NATHAN. Private, 2181.
1st/4th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 19 February 1915.
Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.
Commemorated on the Kirkee, India 1914-1919 Memorial. Face 3.

WILSHIRE, CHARLES ERIC. Private, G/9020.
8th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
Died 6 September 1916. Aged 20.
Born, enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.
Son of William Evans Wilshire and Sarah Jane Wilshire of 6, Barton Path, Dover, Kent.
Commemorated on the Thiepval, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 D, and St. Mary the Virgin parish church war memorial Dover, Kent.

WINKWORTH, EDWIN JOHN. Second Lieutenant.
219th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.
Died 6 December 1917. Aged 38.
Born Dartford, Kent.
Son of the late George and Agnes Susan Winkworth of The Brooklands, Dartford, Kent.
Husband of Eleanor Winkworth of 31, Clarendon Road, Dover, Kent.
Buried Achiet-Le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France.
Grave Ref: II. C. 1.
Formerly Serjeant, 20791, Royal Garrison Artillery. At the time of the 1881 census the Winkworth family was residing at Coachmen Cottage, Brooklands, Dartford, Kent:-
George WINKWORTH. Aged 42. Born Kingston, Surrey. Coachman.
Agnes S. WINKWORTH. Aged 40. Born Badmington, Gloucestershire.
Mary WINKWORTH. Aged 13. Born Dartford, Kent.
Evelyn WINKWORTH. Aged 11. Born Dartford, Kent.
Maud WINKWORTH. Aged 11. Born Dartford, Kent.
Annie WINKWORTH. Aged 9. Born Dartford, Kent.
George J. WINKWORTH. Aged 7. Born Dartford, Kent.
Harry B. WINKWORTH. Aged 4. Born Dartford, Kent.
Edwin J. WINKWORTH. Aged 2. Born Dartford, Kent.
A career soldier, Edwin was an instructor at No 1 Depot, Royal Garrison Artillery at Derby, Derbyshire prior to, and at the start of the Great War.