

# **SOUTH EASTERN AND CHATHAM RAILWAY**



## **Dover Marine Station**

### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

**The Great War 1914 – 1919**

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Our 1<sup>st</sup> Transcription was carried out in 2003 for the UK Roll of Honour Project. This new work identifies many of the men

## The South Eastern & Chatham Railway 1914-1919

The contribution to the war effort especially on the Western Front, of the designated civilian railway companies and the Royal Engineers Railway Operating Companies is largely overlooked in most accounts of the conflict. Given the fact that the earliest troop movements gave rise to the phrase “war by timetable”, the important role of rail transport can not be underestimated.

The Chatham Companies Managing Committee better known as the South Eastern and Chatham Railway or simply SE&CR was formed in 1899 by the union of the South Eastern Railway (S.E.R) and the London, Chatham and Dover Railway (L.C.D.R). The two companies amalgamated but where possible kept their respective financial affairs completely separate. They shared the line and stations but many would affirm that they never properly integrated.

On the outbreak of war the Railway Executive Committee (R.E.C) was formed under the direction and authority of the U.K government. This organisation consisted of the General Managers of ten leading railways (including many former senior S.E.R and L.C.D.R men). It was the R.E.C that had overall national control of Britain’s national railway structure during the Great War.

Throughout the war the SE&CR was at the forefront of keeping the British Army supplied with food, military equipment and ammunitions. As well as keeping the army supplied with its vital logistics, the SE&CR regularly organised large Ambulance trains to assist in the recovery of casualties from the battlefields France and Belgium. It also provided troop trains and assisted in the movement of troops throughout all areas of the UK.

The Chairman of the SE&CR Managing Committee was **Mr Cosmo Bonsor**. The General Manager of the South Eastern & Chatham Railway was **Mr Francis H Dent** (later Sir Francis). The Chief Mechanical Engineer (C.M.E) of this newly formed SE&CR Managing Committee was **Mr R.E.L Maunsell**. In fact Maunsell had been C.M.E of the South Eastern & Chatham Railway since 1913 and was a very experienced and respected senior railwayman.

The office of Superintendent of the Line (later Operating Superintendent) was a very able railwayman called **Mr Edwin C Cox** who had joined the South Eastern in 1883 at the age of 15. The Superintendent’s job was to regulate civilian and troop movement throughout the SE&CR area of operation. The former Kent port of Dover was closed to all civilian traffic. Movements at Dover centered upon troop reinforcement and casualty evacuation obsessively via the newly constructed Dover Marine Railway Station and the Admiralty and Prince of Wales Piers. Folkestone was open for limited civilian use until mid 1915 but the vast majority of movement there was of soldiers returning on leave from the battlefields and to a lesser extent wounded men being recovered by Hospital Ships.

On the outbreak of war in 1914 there were two Royal Engineer regular (8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>) and three special reserve (Depot, Royal Anglesey, Royal Monmouth) railway companies. These R.E railway companies consisted 23 officers and 651 men. The Headquarters of the Army Railway Operating Division (R.O.D) was Longmoor in Hampshire. By 1918 there were 40,000 men serving in R.E railway companies all over the world.

The large military port of Richborough was during the war years a massive logistical headache. The port operated 24 hours a day and the SE&CR in conjunction with the army Railway Operating Division (R.O.D) was responsible for all rail movements. The Railway Operating Division drew its manpower from the officers and soldiers of the Royal Engineers many of whom were railwaymen in their civilian lives.

The port of Richborough kept the British Army supplied with food, equipment and ammunition throughout the war years. Much of the heavier equipment (such as tanks) were routed to Richborough via Tonbridge, Ashford and Canterbury. Army Service Corps and Ordnance Corps personnel assisted the R.O.D with its primary tasks at Richborough. During the war years many "special" gun-powder trains were carefully loaded at Woolwich Arsenal and were then routed for marshalling via Hither Green and onwards to Charlton and finally Richborough Port Halt.

Maunsell's principal assistant **Mr G.H Pearson** was appointed as the Works Manager of the Ashford SE&CR Locomotive Yards. It was Pearson who actually ran the Ashford railway works on a day to day basis.

The Ashford Railway Works was of vital importance to the operation of the South Eastern & Chatham Railway and indeed to the war effort as a whole. As well as maintaining the equipment needed to maintain the line, the railway works and its personnel designed and manufactured rolling stock, carriages and steam locomotives. During the war years Maunsell continued to strive to modernise the railway with the introduction of the "N" class moguls and he re-built and modernised versions of the earlier "Wainwright" classes.

## British Railways and The Great War By Edwin .A Pratt 1921

For many years prior to the eventful autumn of 1914, the facilities at Dover for cross-channel traffic had been a source of bitter complaint on the part of travelers and the cause of great trouble and worry to the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company. In 1912 the Dover Harbour Board and the Admiralty had between them decided to embark on a scheme to improve matters. The basis of the scheme was the reclamation of a considerable area (11.75 Acres) on the east side of the Admiralty Pier. The accomplishment of this first item in the way of reconstruction devolved upon Dover Harbour Board, which spent about £400,000.00 on the work. The reclaimed area had a maximum length of 2,300 ft and a maximum width of 350 ft. It was obtained by constructing, with concrete blocks, a sea wall for the distance stated, and then filling in, with chalk, the space between the new wall and the existing Admiralty Pier. The next stage was the driving of piles through this chalk filling into the original seabed. It is recorded that 1,200 piles were used for this purpose. The heads of the piles – many of which had a length of 75 ft were connected by re-enforced concrete slabs on which the station walls, buildings etc could be built up without fear of subsequent settlement (subsidence). The area thus obtained was utilised for the provision of a quay, and a brand new Railway Passenger Station linked directly to the cross-Channel ferries. A new carriage shed was also proposed. The new quay had a total length of over 2,000 ft and a width of 43 ft. Three passenger births and landing stages were provided on the quay. Awnings were to be extended from the outer wall of the new railway station to the quay thereby enclosing passengers proceeding to and from the ferries. The chief birth used for the Calais steamers was reached by a ramp at the seaward end of each of the passenger platforms. The railway station proper was designed to offer every practical facility for its users ensuring alike the efficient handling of traffic and the comfort and convenience of passengers. The new railway station was constructed in an area covering 3 acres. Two platforms inside the station extended 700 ft in length and were both 60 ft in width. On each platform there were 3 large blocks of brick buildings, each 100 ft in length and 25 ft

in width. These buildings were allocated to a variety of purposes, including waiting rooms, tea rooms, dining and refreshment facilities, post and parcel shed, railway staff rooms and so on. At the end of each platform nearest to the Admiralty Pier provision was made for a Post Office, and at the end of the other platform there was a Customs Examination and Clearance Shed. This shed was designed to be 450 ft in length by 55 ft in width. The Carriage Shed adjoined the old Admiralty Pier and was 700 ft long by 63 ft broad. This shed was designed for the cleaning of carriages and the minor servicing of locomotives. It was of course the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company that funded the building of the railway related works. Their first outlay amounted to £400,000.00. Together with the Dover Harbour Board's outlay the total cost of the reclamation and construction of railway related buildings came to nearly £1 million pounds.

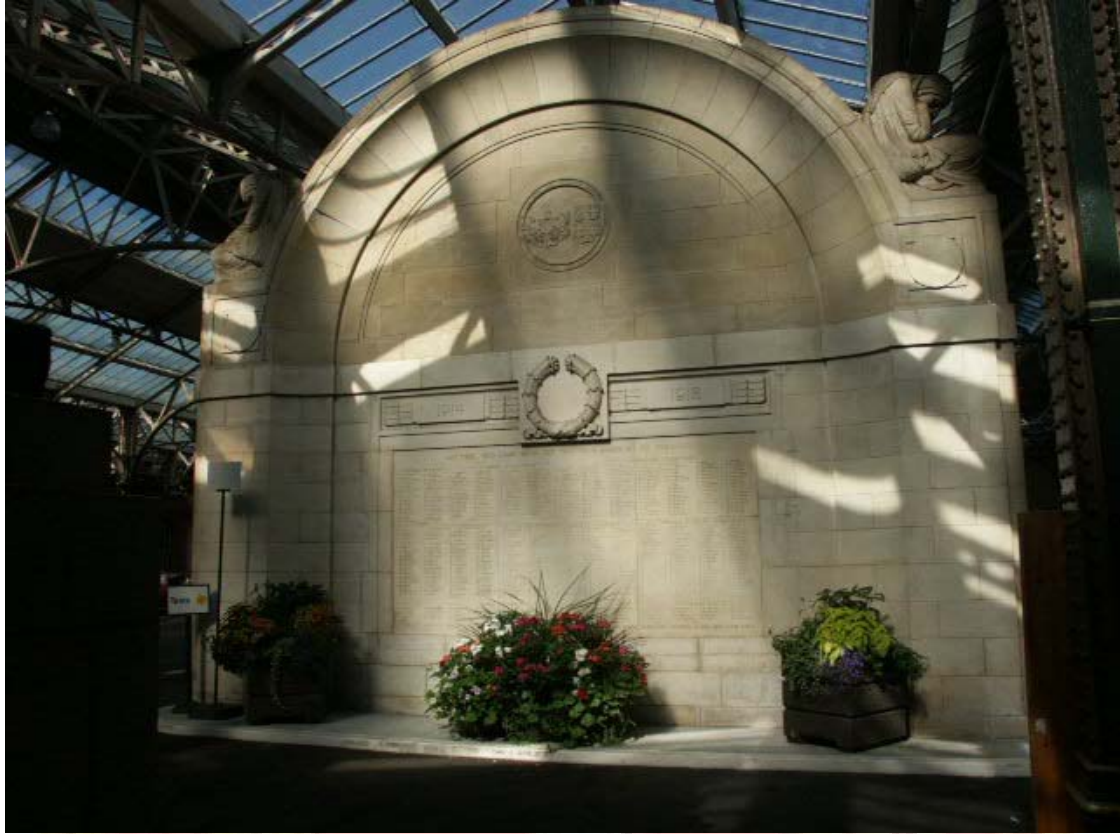
Of this important and costly undertaking the government were able to take advantage of from almost the earliest stage in the war. Difficulties certainly arose at the outset in dealing with the sick and wounded troops from France and Belgium, owing to the unfinished condition of the new Marine Railway Station. The situation was further complicated by the concurrent arrival of shiploads of Belgium refugees estimated to be in the region of 15,000 men women and children. These refugees were billeted in private residencies all over East Kent. The reception of sick and injured soldiers was at first transferred to Folkestone and afterwards to Southampton, but the necessary works to Dover were expedited as far as possible to allow for Ambulance trains to resume at the port of Dover. From January 1915 onwards the port of Dover was the main evacuation port for wounded soldiers. Between January 1915 and February 1919 it is estimated that 1,260,000.00 wounded and ill soldiers passed through the port and were dispatched to all parts of England, Wales and Scotland from the Dover Marine Railway Station. From July 1917 overseas leave and draft men were conveyed to the Western Front via the port of Dover. These additional troop movements continued unabated until February 1919 when the facilities in Dover were finally turned over to the civilian authorities.

Repatriated British prisoners of war started to arrive at Dover on 17 November 1918. By February 1919 180 boats conveying 55,398 released former POW's were received by 130 trains. In January 1919 the large Customs Examination Shed in the Marine Station was utilised for the sorting out of demobilized men, who began to arrive at Dover in large numbers. The number who thus passed through Dover amounted to 720,664 service men.

When the armistice came in November 1918, the SE&CR had a fine record of war service to its credit, and Douglas Haig wrote the following letter of commendation to Cosmo Bonsor, the Chairman of the SE&CR Managing Committee -

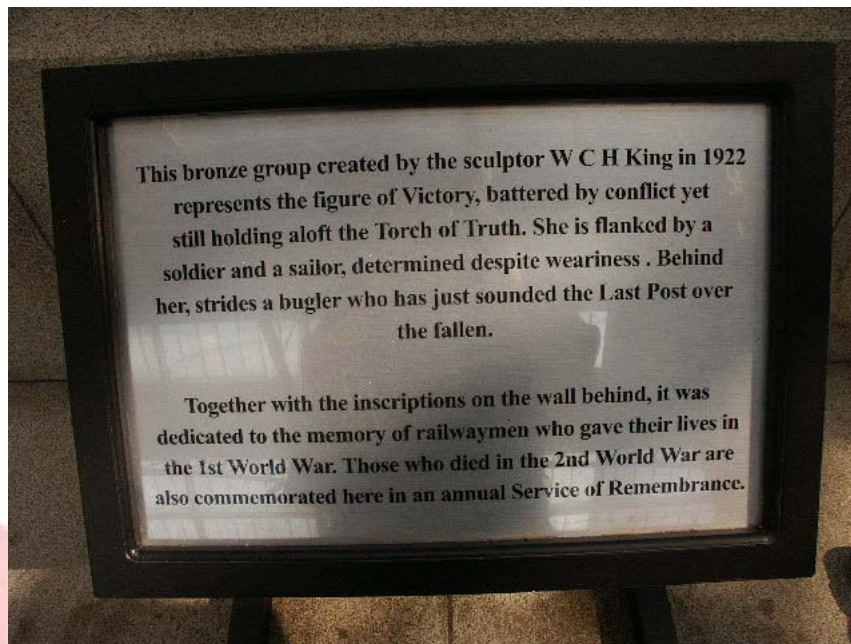
*"The Army in France owes much to all connected with the control of our railway companies in the United Kingdom, and indeed in the Empire. They have at all times shown great willingness to help us in every possible way in their power. Track has been torn up to give us rails, engines, trucks, men, capable engineers, operations staff all have been sent abroad to us, regardless of their own special needs and demands of the people at home, and without a moments hesitation. But we have been more closely associated with the South Eastern and Chatham Railway than any other. The bulk of our ammunition and stores required for the maintenance of our armies, as well as several millions of men as reinforcements and on leave, have passed over their system. Their sphere of duty, too, has been nearest to the shores of France and Belgium, and consequently more open to hostile attacks by air and fear of invasion by sea. Undisturbed by any alarms the traffic for the Armies in France has never ceased to flow. This reflects the greatest credit on all concerned with the company".*

**Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig.  
November 1918.**









## DOVER MARINE WAR MEMORIAL AND ROLL OF HONOUR

The **Dover Marine War Memorial** can be found inside the former railway station at the far end of the impressive canopy. The war memorial itself was sculptured by Mr W King. It was unveiled by **R.H Cosmo-Bonsor** the **Chairman** of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Managing Committee on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 1922. It was erected as a tribute to the **5,222** staff and employees of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway who served in His Majesty's Colours during the Great War. Of those who served their king and country, **556** men were never to return home.

The memorial and associated roll of honour is without doubt the largest and most intricate to be found anywhere in Kent (with perhaps the exception of the Chatham Naval Memorial, an official commemoration not a civic one). One would imagine that to construct a similar bronze relief now would cost in excess of 1 million pounds.

The war memorial itself stands upon a grey Royal Granite plinth raised on two steps above the former platform. The bronze relief depicts a winged figure of "Victory" holding the "torch of truth". The wings of "Victory" appear injured and battered (in the conflict). At the feet of "Victory" are two men – a sailor and a soldier. Immediately behind the figure of victory stands a bugler who has just sounded the "Last Post" over the fallen.

Immediately behind the war memorial (and in front of the bugler) is the associated Roll of Honour bearing the names of the fallen. Their names, 556 in all have very skilfully been inscribed onto a large Portland stone wall. It is their names that appear transcribed in this work.

We were most surprised that no one had ever considered transcribing the monument and decided there and then to do it ourselves.

We have been unable to identify some men who have common surnames. The only way these can safely be found will be to try and locate their service papers from the National Archives – clearly not a viable thing to do because of the time and considerable costs involved.



## GENERAL OFFICE

**BENDING, FREDERICK JOHN.** Lance Corporal, 944.  
15th Sanitary Section, Royal Army Medical Corps  
Died 15 March 1915. Aged 21.  
Born and resided Lewisham, Kent. Enlisted London WC.  
Son of Mr. J. E. Bending of 121, Napier Street, Deptford, London.  
Buried Ramparts Cemetery, Lille Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: E. 5.  
Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Messenger.

**BOYLE, GEORGE WILLIAM.** Private, 2750.  
1st Battalion, Welsh Guards.  
Died 31 July 1917. Aged 20.  
Born Walworth SE. Enlisted London SE.  
Son of George and Louisa Boyle of 24, Shorncliffe Road, Old Kent Road, London.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 11.  
Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**BRADBURY, ROBERT WILLIAM.** Lance Corporal, 208.  
VI Corps Cyclist Battalion, Army Cyclist Corps  
Died 11 May 1916. Aged 20.  
Born Chesterfield, Derbyshire. Enlisted London. Resided Tonbridge, Kent.  
Son of Edward and Clara Bradbury of 12, Woodfield Road, Tonbridge, Kent.  
Buried Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: I. D. 38.  
Formerly Private, 5008, King's Royal Rifle Corps.  
Pre his army enlistment, Robert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**BRITTS, CHARLES WILLIAM GORDON.** Second Lieutenant.  
9th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.  
Died 5 November 1915. Aged 23.  
Son of William J. and Elizabeth Britts.  
Buried Steenvorde Communal Cemetery, Nord France. Grave Ref: North-West part.  
Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Pupil, which the transcriber has been informed by a 'Railway' enthusiast, is indicative of Charles having probably been a Trainee Manager.

**BUTLER, ALLAN EDMUND.** Rifleman, 318374.  
1st/5th (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade).  
Died 29 August 1918.  
Born Fulham. Enlisted Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey. Resided Malden, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.  
Commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 10.  
Formerly Private, 537391, 15th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own Civil Service Rifles). Pre his army enlistment, Allan was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**CHURCHWARD, PERCY ALARIC.** Sapper, WR/261919.  
Railway Transportation Establishment, Royal Engineers  
Died 29 September 1918.  
Born Paris, France. Enlisted Bromley, Kent.  
Buried Blargies Communal Cemetery Extension, Oise, France. Grave Ref: III. B. 10.  
Pre his army enlistment, Percy was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**CLARK, SIDNEY WALTER.** Private, 10913.  
1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment.  
Died 16 June 1915. Aged 31.  
Born Streatham, Surrey. Enlisted St. Paul's Churchyard, Middlesex.  
Resided South Woodford, Essex.  
Son of Fanny Clark of 69, Derby Road, South Woodford, Essex, and the late Donald Clark.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 53.  
Pre his army enlistment, Sidney was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Draughtsman.

**CLEMENTS, FRANK HENRY.** Rifleman, 2098.  
1st/5th (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade).  
Died 20 June 1916. Aged 17.  
Enlisted London. Resided Upper Walmer, Kent.  
Son of Frank and Alice Clements of "Fairlight," Dover Road, Upper Walmer, Kent.  
Buried Hebuterne Military Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: IV. D. 4.  
Pre his army enlistment, Frank was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**CRANFIELD, REGINALD THOMAS.** Private, 2537.  
1st Battalion, Honourable Artillery Company  
Died 23 April 1917. Aged 22.  
Son of Philip and Emily Cranfield of 65, Granville Park, Lewisham, London.  
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 1.  
Pre his army enlistment, Reginald was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Pupil, which the transcriber has been informed by a 'Railway' enthusiast, is indicative of Reginald having probably been a Trainee Manager.

**DAWSON, C.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**DEAN, REGINALD EVAN.** Second Lieutenant.

10th (County of London) Battalion, (Hackney) London Regiment, attached to the 2/21st (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (First Surrey Rifles).

Died 7 May 1917. Aged 27.

Son of Evan William and Henrietta Annie Dean of 3, College Slip, Bromley, Kent.

Buried La Laiterie Military Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: XII. A. 2.

Pre his army enlistment, Reginald was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**EADE, HORACE HENRY.** Private, 21556.

"A" Company, 9th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 7 July 1916. Aged 22.

Born Penshurst, Tonbridge, Kent. Enlisted London. Resided Lewisham, Kent.

Son of Horace and Elizabeth Eade of 7, Chiddingstone Causeway, Tonbridge, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Pier and Face 8 C 9 A and 16 A.

Pre his army enlistment, Horace was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**FROST, MONTAGUE CLARENCE.** Private, G/1360.

8th (Service) Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment.

Died 29 September 1915. Aged 18.

Born Thornton Heath, Surrey. Enlisted Bromley, Kent. Resided West Wickham, Kent.

Son of H. J. and Eleanor Frost of "Ringwood," Station Road, Hayes, Kent.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 95 to 97.

Unfortunately there is no SDGW CD entry, for Montague, but he is recorded in the original book version, (part 53) which shows the above places of birth, enlistment and residency information. Pre his army enlistment, Montague was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**GARRARD, BENJAMIN GEORGE.** Serjeant, 36423.

"D" Battery, 189th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 7 August 1917.

Enlisted London. Resided Borough SE.

Buried Oak Dump Cemetery, Voormezele, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: C. 6.

**GRANT, W.E.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**HIRE, F.** Lieutenant.

Attached to the Assistant Director Light Railways, Royal Engineers.

Died 12 October 1918.

Buried Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: III. A. 48.

Also commemorated on the Hythe, Kent, civic war memorial, and on a Great War memorial plaque located in St. Leonard's School, Hythe, Kent.

Pre his army enlistment, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**JENKINS, EDWIN SYDNEY.** Rifleman, 5307.

2nd/16th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles).

Died 23 September 1916. Aged 30.

Enlisted Westminster, London. Resided Crofton Park, Brockley, London.

Son of Thomas Richard and Sarah Elizabeth Jenkins of 67, Manwood Road, Crofton Park, Brockley, London.

Buried Aubigny-en-Artois Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: I. E. 34.

Pre his army enlistment, Edwin was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**KETLEY, CLIFFORD.** Sapper, 201534.

Railway Operating Division, Royal Engineers.

Died 9 May 1918. Aged 20.

Born Chelmsford, Essex. Enlisted Lewisham, Kent.

Son of Charles and Alice Ketley of Winchmore Hill, Good Easter, Chelmsford, Essex.

Buried Aubigny-en-Artois Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: IV. H. 54.

Pre his army enlistment, Clifford was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Messenger.

**LONGMAN, LESLIE LIONEL.** Rifleman, 3944.

9th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles).

Died 25 August 1918. Aged 19.

Born Surrey. Enlisted Croydon, Surrey. Resided Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Son of Harry James and Rose Longman of 138, Moffat Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Buried Daours Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.

Grave Ref: III. F. 11.

Pre his army enlistment, Leslie was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**LOVE, VINCENT JAMES.** Rifleman, 4234.

"A" Company, 1st/16th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles).

Died 1 July 1916. Aged 28.

Born Battersea. Enlisted Westminster. Resided Wandsworth Common.

Husband of Edith Florence Dew (formerly Love) of 26, Maison Dieu Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 13 C.

Pre his army enlistment, Vincent was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**McCLURG, WALTER ARTHUR.** Rifleman, 515006.

1st/16th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles).

Died 16 March 1918. Aged 19.

Enlisted Croydon, Surrey.

Son of Mrs. Margaret McClurg of 17, Mayday Road, Croydon, Surrey, and the late Mr. J. B. McClurg.

Buried Roclincourt Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: VI. A. 12.

Pre his army enlistment, Walter was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**MARR, FREDERICK SIDNEY.** M.C. Captain.

"B" Battery, 47th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 30 August 1918.

Buried Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: III. A. 27.

Formerly Gunner 880, Royal Field Artillery.

Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**MIDDLETON, JOHN.** Airman 2nd Class, 65056.

59th Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

Died 25 March 1918.

Commemorated on the Arras Flying Services Memorial in the Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Pas de Calais, France.

Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**MYTTON, PERCY.** Lieutenant.

8th (Territorial Force) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

Died 2 May 1915. Aged 38.

Son of Thomas and Mary Patience Mytton.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 49.

Pre his army enlistment, Percy was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**PERRY, FITZHERBERT THOMAS.** Sergeant, B/2859.  
8th (Service) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.  
Died 4 October 1915. Aged 20.  
Born Dawlish, Devon. Enlisted St. Paul's Churchyard, Middlesex. Resided Sanderstead, Croydon, Surrey.  
Son of Mrs. E. Perry of "Valetta," Sanderstead Road, Sanderstead, Croydon, Surrey, and the late Mr. W. J. Perry.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 46.  
Pre his army enlistment, Fitzherbert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**ROWLAND, PERCY ALFRED.** Private, 49277.  
6th (Service) Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment.  
Died 24 April 1918. Aged 18.  
Born Sydenham. Enlisted Lewisham.  
Son of Alfred D. and Annie E. Rowland of 162, Adamsrill Road, Lower Sydenham, London.  
Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panels 54 to 56.  
Pre his army enlistment, Percy was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Messenger.

**SARSON, HERBERT WILLIAM PHILLIP.** Second Lieutenant  
1st/4th (Territorial Force) Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.  
Died 20 October 1915.  
Brother-in-law of V. G. Rose of Bombay, India.  
Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: I. A. 35.  
Pre his army enlistment, Herbert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Pupil, which the transcriber has been informed by a 'Railway' enthusiast, is indicative of Herbert having probably been a Trainee Manager.

**SIMON, MARCEL ANDRE.** Second Lieutenant.  
1st Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.  
Died 29 April 1917.  
Son of Alfred Leon and Kathleen Lucy Simon (née Fysh) of 18A, Trebovir Road, Earl's Court, London.  
Buried Orchard Dump Cemetery, Arleux-en-Gohelle, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: I. C. 7A.

**SMITH, H..J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**SPURLING, HARRY STEPHEN.** Second Lieutenant.

9th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.

Died 21 August 1916. Aged 20.

Born Hutton, Essex.

Son of Stephen John and Annie Elizabeth Spurling, of 20, Oakhill Court, Putney, London.

Buried La Neuville British Cemetery, Corbie, Somme, France. Grave Ref: II. A. 34.

Harry had previously served in the Ypres Salient 1915-16. Mortally wounded on 16 August 1916 at Guillemont, Somme, France, at which time he was commanding the Bombing Section. Pre his army enlistment, Harry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Pupil, which the transcriber has been informed by a 'Railway' enthusiast, is indicative of Harry having probably been a Trainee Manager.

**STANYON, TERENCE GEORGE.** Second Lieutenant

Welsh Regiment attached to the 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.

Died 23 July 1916. Aged 22.

Son of Mrs. Elsie Stanyon.

Buried Peronne Road Cemetery, Maricourt, Somme, France. Grave Ref: I. C. 6.

Formerly Private, Middlesex Regiment.

Pre his army enlistment, Terrance was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Pupil, which the transcriber has been informed by a 'Railway' enthusiast, is indicative of Reginald having probably been a Trainee Manager.

**TINKLEY, HORACE ARTHUR.** Second Lieutenant.

2nd Battery, 75th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 1 April 1918. Aged 28.

Buried Gezaincourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.

Grave Ref: II. H. 16.

Formerly Bombadier, 293 and 925244 Royal Field Artillery Transport.

Pre his army enlistment, Horace was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**VANLAUN, JOHN A.** Private, T/201609.

3rd/4th (Territorial Force) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 4 October 1917.

Enlisted Croydon, Surrey. Resided Anerley, Surrey.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Panel 14 to 17 and 162 to 162A.

Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk. Some of the data checked records John with his surname spelt VAN LAUN.

**WILLIAMS, R.W.** Rifleman, Z/114.

2nd Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 9 May 1915.

Born Manchester, Lancashire. Enlisted City of London. Resided Wallington, Surrey.

Son Mrs. Florence Williams of 72, Sheen Park, Richmond, Surrey.

Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium.

Panel 10.

Rifleman Williams has been briefly commemorated above with only his initials entered, as opposed to his Christian names, as depending on what data was accessed different Christian names were shown i.e. RONALD W. ROBERT WILLIAM, and RONALD WEST. Pre his army enlistment, the above casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**WRIGHT, FREDERICK HENRY.** Private, G/3507.

2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 16 May 1915.

Born Lee, Kent. Enlisted Croydon, Surrey. Resided South Norwood, Surrey.

Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 4.

Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**WISE, S.** No clear trace.





## GOODS DEPARTMENT

**BAKER, E.J.C.** No matching CWGC trace with initials as commemorated on the war memorial, or via SDGW. A MIC check also yielded nil result, but other data checked shows him to have been an army casualty with the rank of Private, who pre his army enlistment, was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Number Taker.

**BAKER, W.** No clear trace, the CWGC shows 293 possible matches.

**BATCHELOR, H.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, in which he served as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**BINHAM, FREDRERICK ROBERT.** Sapper, 201788.  
47th Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 9 June 1918. Aged 24.  
Born Bermondsey. Enlisted Camberwell.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Binham of 22, Glengall Road, Camberwell, London.  
Buried St. Pol British Cemetery, St. Pol-sur-Ternoise, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: I. B. 7.  
Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**BRENCHLEY, EDWARD JOHN.** Bombardier, 49401.  
55th Battery, 33rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.  
Died 10 November 1916. Aged 26.  
Enlisted Dover, Kent. Resided Ashford, Kent.  
Husband of Ethel Florence May Brenchley of 29, Upper Denmark Road, South Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Guards Cemetery, Lesboeufs, Somme, France. Grave Ref: IX. S. 8.  
Pre his army enlistment, Edward was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**BUSBY, FREDERICK EDWARD.** Private, 49174.  
6th (Service) Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment.  
Died 22 March 1918. Aged 19.  
Born and enlisted Camberwell, Surrey.  
Son of Mrs. Grace Frances Busby of 33, Goodrich Road, East Dulwich, London.  
Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 54.

**CANEY, WILLIAM J.** Private, GS/65611.  
10th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers City of London Regiment.  
Died 14 September 1918. Aged 28.  
Born Tovil, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted and resided Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of Mrs. C. Caney of 13, 'Fairmeadow,' Maidstone, Kent, and the late John Arthur Caney.  
Commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 3.  
Formerly Private, TR/10/14660, Training Battalion.  
Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**CASSON, THOMAS JOHN.** Private, 8966.  
1st Battalion, South Wales Borderers.  
Died 4 November 1918. Aged 29.  
Born Lambeth, London. Enlisted Stratford, Essex.  
Son of James and Mary Sophia Casson of 99, Bargates, Leominster, Herefordshire.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 22.  
Pre his army enlistment, Thomas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carman.

**CHAMPION, CHARLES EDWARD.** Corporal, L/10629.  
8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 28 October 1916. Aged 20.  
Born and enlisted Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of H. W. Champion (late Colour Serjeant) and Mrs. Champion of 18, Gladstone Road, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Philopophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: II. C. 7.

**CHEESEMAN, H.B.** No trace.

**CHEESEMAN, JONATHAN.** Private, SD/3552.  
9th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.  
Died 5 February 1917.  
Born Brighton, Sussex. Enlisted Hastings, Sussex.  
Regretably, Jonathan appears to be numbered amongst the thousands of Commonwealth casualties of both the world wars, who still have no Commonwealth War Graves Commission commemoration. Pre his army enlistment, Jonathan was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carman.

**COLLYER, JOHN WRIGHT.** Corporal, G/2832.  
8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Surrey Regiment).  
Died 19 February 1916.  
Born and resided Deal, Kent. Enlisted Folkestone, Kent.  
Son of Frederick Adolphus and Annie Amelia Collyer of 7, Southlands Terrace, Deal, Kent.  
Buried Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: I. H. 26.  
Formerly Private, G/2708, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Also see Harold Owen Feaver, and note the similarity of both pairs of regimental numbers whilst serving in both regiments, ranks, and place of enlistment. Possibly they were a pair of friends who had enlisted together? Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**COOPER, WILLIAM ARTHUR LAURIE.**  
Company Quartermaster Serjeant, G/2291.  
"C" Company, 7th Battalion, Queens Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 9 April 1918. Aged 23.  
Born Dartford, Kent. Enlisted Gravesend, Kent.  
Son of Arthur Moses Cooper and Elizabeth Jane Cooper of 29, Delafield Road, Charlton, London.  
Railway Goods Clerk, South Eastern & Chatham Railway. Assistant Scout Master Gravesend, Kent, Sea Scouts.  
Buried Boves West Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: C. 20.  
Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**COULTER, EDWARD R.** Sapper, 28879.  
5th Field Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 29 September 1918. Aged 20.  
Born Strood, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent.  
Son of John Edward and Rosina Coulter of 68, Arthur Street, Erith, Kent.  
Buried Flesquieres Hill British Cemetery, Flesquieres, Nord, France.  
Grave Ref: II. D. 5.

**DRURY, CHARLES FREDERICK.** Private, 5221.  
1st/23rd (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment.  
Died 2 October 1916.  
Born Lambeth, Surrey. Enlisted Southwark, Surrey. Resided Old Kent Road, SE.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.  
Pier and Face 9 D 9 C 13 C and 12 C.  
Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Loader.

**FARROW, THOMAS.** Private, 5198.  
12th (Prince of Wales's Royal) Lancers.  
Died 6 September 1914. Aged 34.  
Born Bloxhall, Suffolk. Enlisted London. Resided Brixton, Surrey.  
Son of the late John and Ann Farrow.  
Commemorated on the La Ferté-sous-Jouarre memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.  
Pre his army enlistment, Thomas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Checker.

**FEAVER, HAROLD OWEN.** Corporal, G/2846.  
"B" Company, 8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Surrey Regiment).  
Died 26 September 1915. Aged 21.  
Born Benenden, Kent. Enlisted Folkestone, Kent. Resided Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of John and Anne Feaver of Stone Cottage, Linton, Maidstone, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 13 to 15.  
Formerly Private, G/2705, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Pre his army enlistment, Harold was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Checker. Also please see John Wright Collyer, and note the similarity of both men regarding regimental numbers whilst serving in both regiments, ranks, and place of enlistment. Possibly they were a pair of friends who worked together, and ha also enlisted together?

**FELSTEAD, ALBERT.** Private, 35946.  
2nd Battalion, Yorks & Lancaster Regiment.  
Died 24 March 1918.  
Born Camberwell, Surrey. Enlisted Southwark, Surrey.  
Buried Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France.  
Commemorated on the Queant Communal Cemetery Memorial 10.  
Formerly Private, G/2098, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Trace Horse Keeper. Queant Communal Cemetery, where Lieutenant Samuel Lewis Honey, V.C., D.C.M., M.M., 78th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment) is also amongst those at rest, contained the graves of one hundred and eighty German soldiers, and three from the United Kingdom who fell in March 1918, who were taken to Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension to have it as their final resting place.

**FORDHAM, HENRY.** Sapper, WR/208790.  
Railway Construction Troops Depot, Royal Engineers.  
Died 4 November 1918. Aged 30.  
Born Bermondsey, London. Enlisted Camberwell, Surrey.  
Son of Jasper and Fanny Fordham.  
Husband of E. F. Fordham of 20, Addington Square, Camberwell, London.  
Buried Bordon Military Cemetery, Hampshire. Grave Ref: C.E. F. 85.  
Pre his army enlistment, Henry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Bookroom Keeper.

**GAINSFORD, ALBERT VICTOR.** Sapper, 343481.  
47th Broad Gauge Operating Company, Railway Operating Division, Royal Engineers.

Died 18 July 1918. Aged 31.

Born Tonbridge, Kent. Enlisted Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Husband of Laura Gainsford of 75, Auckland Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Buried Ligny-St. Flochel British Cemetery, Averdoingt, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: I. F. 8.

Formerly Private, L/7412, Queens Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Shunter.

**GODFREY, JACK PAPWORTH.** Rifleman, 304995.

5th Battalion, London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade).

Died 20 September 1917.

Born Highbury. Enlisted Folkestone, Kent.

Buried Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: VI. F. 16.

Pre his army enlistment, Jack was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk..

**GREGORY, JOHN MAURICE.** Rifleman, 4234.

2nd Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Died 2 November 1914. Aged 29.

Born Croydon, Surrey. Enlisted Gosport, Hampshire.

Resided Lower Edmonton, Middlesex.

Son of John and Hester Gregory of Coulsdon, Surrey.

Husband of the late Annie Rose Gregory.

Buried Larch Wood (Railway Cutting) Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: IV. D. 9.

Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Shunter.

**HARNDEN, HUBERT JOHN.** Private, G/2471.

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

Died 13 October 1915. Aged 19.

Born St. Mildred's, Canterbury, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.

Resided Wincheap, Canterbury, Kent.

Son of William and Laura Sophia Harnden of 3, Ivy Place, York Road, Canterbury, Kent.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 15 to 19, and on the city of Canterbury, Kent, civic war memorial.

**HARRISON, J.W.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carman.

**HESLIN, P.** No clear trace, although only two casualties match the person on the Railway Memorial, neither appear to have any obvious connection with the catchment area of the railway company employees. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Checker.

**HILLS, W.H.** Best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier, primarily based on places of enlistment and residence.

**HILLS, WILLIAM HENRY.** Serjeant, S/20833.

404th Depot Unit of Supply, Royal Army Service Corps.

Died 10 March 1919.

Born Manchester, Lancashire. Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Resided Plumstead, Kent.

Buried Archangel Allied Cemetery, Russian Federation. Grave Ref: G. 2.

Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Shunter. The cemetery where William is at rest was begun immediately after the occupation of the town in August 1918, by the Allied force sent to support the Soviet Russian Government against potential threat from German occupied Finland, and other local sources. It was used by No 85 General Hospital, No 53 Stationary Hospital, No 82 Casualty Clearing Station, H.M. Hospital Ship Kalyan and other Allied hospitals.

**HOLLAND, A.** No clear trace.

**HOPPER, GILBERT.** Corporal, G/460.

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

Died 10 March 1916.

Born East Peckham, Paddock Wood. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 15 to 19.

Pre his army enlistment, Gilbert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carman.

**JEFFERY, SIDNEY ALBERT.** Private, 22485.

1st Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment).

Died 28 March 1918. Aged 28.

Born Clerkenwell. Enlisted London.

Son of Henry and Eliza Jeffery of Upper Ashley Street, Clerkenwell, London.

Buried Athies Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: M. 8.

Commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as Jeffery Sidney Albert Jeffery, but all other data checked shows this casualty devoid of the Christian name Jeffery.

**JOLLY, CHARLES.** Private, 4061.

24th (County of London) Battalion, (The Queen's) London Regiment.

Died 28 July 1916.

Enlisted Kennington. Resided Old Kent Road, SE.

Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: III. C. 8.

Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carman. On 25 May 2000, the remains of an unidentified Canadian soldier were entrusted to Canada at a ceremony held at the Vimy Memorial, France. The remains had been exhumed by staff of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission from Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, Plot 8, Row E, Grave 7. The remains were laid to rest within the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, in a sarcophagus placed at the foot of the National War Memorial, Confederation Square, Ottawa, Canada.

**KNIGHT, FRANK REGINALD.** Lance Sergeant, 1950.

22nd (County of London) Battalion, (The Queen's) London Regiment.

Died 8 January 1917.

Enlisted Bermondsey. Resided New Cross.

Buried Railway Dugouts Burial Ground, Ieper, Belgium. Grave Ref: VII. B. 2.

Pre his army enlistment, Frank was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**LANDREY, CYRIL BERTRAM.** Sergeant, 7899.

11th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 2 July 1916. Aged 28.

Born Bodmin, Cornwall. Enlisted London. Resided Hill, Southampton.

Commemorated at Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz, Somme, France.

Special Memorial 6.

Pre his army enlistment, Cyril was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**LAWRENCE, GEORGE E.** Lance Corporal, G/15746.

11th (Service) Battalion, (1st South Down) Royal Sussex Regiment.

Died 21 October 1916.

Enlisted Stratford, Essex.

Buried Mill Road Cemetery, Thiepval, Somme, France. Grave Ref: XVIII. A. 3.

Formerly Private, 604, Army Cyclist Corps.

**LEVI, E.B.** No trace.

**LEWIS, THOMAS JOHN.** Private, 9015.

1st Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment.

Died 27 July 1916.

Born and resided Bermondsey, Surrey. Enlisted Stratford, Essex.

Buried Caterpillar Valley Cemetery Longueval, Somme, France.

Grave Ref: XIV. G. 20.

Pre his army enlistment, Thomas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carman.

**LOCKE, THOMAS. M.M.** Sergeant, 30779.

"C" Battery, 74th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 30 August 1918.

Born Hackney, London, NE. Enlisted Deptford, Kent.

Buried Mory Street Military Cemetery, St Leger, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: A. 5.

Pre his army enlistment, Thomas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carman.

**MARTIN, G.** Of the 193 CWGC commemorations accessed, the following casualty is arguably the best match, but should be treated with an element of caution by anybody undertaking more detailed research on this particular soldier, or war on the memorial. On the Great War Roll of Honour, commemorating 18,957 Railwaymen of Great Britain and Ireland, the fallen of South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company records this casualty with the rank of Bombadier. Only the following soldier matches same in/on SDGW, and as such appears to be the casualty commemorated on the war memorial at the former Marine Station, Dover, Kent:-

**MARTIN, GEORGE.** Bombadier, 83802.

"C" Battery, 47th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 10 October 1915. Aged 19.

Born Aldershot, Hampshire. Enlisted Reading, Berkshire.

Son of Edward Martin.

Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: I. B. 8A.

Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Number Taker.

**METCALFE, A.** No clear trace, but the following casualty is arguably the best match, based on data accessed, but should be treated with caution by anybody undertaking more detailed research on this soldier, or war memorial. One concern is the fact that his regimental number means that he would have been a regular soldier.

**METCALFE, ALBERT.** Private, L/9775.

4th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment

Died 27 May 1915.

Born Bermondsey, Surrey. Enlisted London.

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

Panel 49 and 51.

Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**MUSTOW, ARTHUR GEORGE.** Private, 6307.

1st Battalion, Hampshire Regiment.

Died 2 June 1915.

Born and resided Blackwater, Hampshire. Enlisted Farnborough, Hampshire.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 35.



**NAUGHTON, VICTOR STEWART GORDON.** Rifleman, 374125.  
2nd/8th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Post Office Rifles).  
Died 8 September 1917. Aged 33.  
Born Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted and resided Dartford, Kent.  
Son of James and Minnie Naughton of 407, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 54.  
Pre his army enlistment, Victor was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**NEAL, CYRIL GEORGE.** Private, 118124.  
53rd Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).  
Died 17 January 1919. Aged 20.  
Son of George and Emily Neal of 1, Padua Road, Penge, London.  
Buried Deir El Belah Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: C. 50.  
Pre his army enlistment, Cyril was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk. The cemetery where Cyril is at rest was begun towards the end of March 1917, and remained in use until March 1919. Most of the burials were made either from Field Ambulances from March to June 1917, or from the 53rd, 54th, 66th and 74th Casualty Clearing Stations, and the 69th General Hospital, from April 1917 until the Armistice with Turkey.

**NEWBOUND, PERCY.** Private, 260172.  
8th (Service) Battalion, Border Regiment.  
Died 18 August 1917. Aged 21.  
Born Pimlico, Middlesex. Enlisted Lambeth, Surrey.  
Son of Charles Brian Newbound and Mary Jane Newbound of 37, Carlisle Street, Lambeth, London.  
Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: XVII. H. 14A.  
Pre his army enlistment, Percy was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**O'BRIEN, J.** No clear trace. Of the 180 CWGC army commemorations accessed, the following casualty is arguably the best match, but should be treated with an element of caution by anybody undertaking more detailed research on this particular soldier, or war on the memorial. On the Great War Roll of Honour, commemorating 18,957 Railwaymen of Great Britain and Ireland, the fallen of South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company records this casualty with the rank of Gunner. Only the following soldier almost matches, and as such is probably the casualty who is commemorated on the war memorial at the former Marine Station, Dover, Kent:-

**O'BRIEN, JOHN JAMES.** Driver, 36355.  
"D" Battery, 231st Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.  
Died 15 March 1917. Aged 25.  
Enlisted London. Resided Bermondsey.  
Son of James and Alice O'Brien of 37, Mellick Place, Tanner Street, Bermondsey, London.  
Buried Foncquevillers Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: III. D. 13.  
Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carman.

**OLIVER, FREDERICK GIDEON.** Private, 1567.

1st/22nd (County of London) Battalion, (The Queen's) London Regiment.

Died 8 October 1916. Aged 25.

Born Horsleydown, Southwark, Surrey. Enlisted and resided Bermondsey.

Son of E. Oliver of 52, Grange Rd., Bermondsey, and the late Frederick Oliver.

Husband of Phoebe Jane White (formerly Oliver) of 35, Cornbury Street, Old Kent Road, London.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Pier and Face 9 D 9 C 13 C and 12 C.

Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**PARKER, CLAUD ERNEST HARINGTON.** Gunner, 290984.

126th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

Died 23 March 1918. Aged 27.

Born Streatham, Surrey. Enlisted London. Resided Croydon, Surrey.

Son of Mrs. Florence E. M. A. Parker of Claremont, Dunkirk, Faversham, Kent, and the late E. C. Parker.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 1.

Pre his army enlistment, Claud was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk. It was something akin to a mixture of confusion and excitement when we noticed the inscription C.E.H. PARKER, when photographing the war memorial. It being a classic example of jumping to the initial wrong conclusion (again), and at the time of seeing the commemoration remarking what an odd thing it was to not to have added V.C. after his name. All was revealed later however, when it was learned that there were two Great War casualties with the same set of initials and surname, with the added irony that both were British artillerymen.

**PARSONS, E.J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Shunter.

**PEACH, WILLIAM HENRY.** Private, S/359.

2nd Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 18 December 1914. Aged 32.

Born Bermondsey, Surrey. Enlisted London. Resided Walworth, Surrey.

Husband of Susannah Peach of 26, Astley Street, Old Kent Road, Camberwell, London.

Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium.

Panel 1 or 2.

Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**PEIRCE, HARRY.** Sapper, 236418.  
126th Field Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 19 August 1918. Aged 21.  
Born Horsham, Sussex. Enlisted Redhill, Surrey. Resided Woolwich, Kent.  
Son of Daniel Tribe Pierce and Amy Pierce of 42, Clifton Hill, New Cross, Kent.  
Buried Arneke British Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: II. A. 2.  
Formerly Rifleman, C/30, King's Royal Rifle Corps. Pre his army enlistment, Harry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**PHILLIPS, JAMES.** Rifleman, S/4662.  
7th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.  
Died 14 October 1917.  
Born West Ham, Essex. Enlisted Stratford, Essex. Resided Canning Town, Essex.  
Son of Mrs. S. A. Phillips of 23, Barwood Road, Silvertown, London.  
Buried Godewaersvelde British Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: I. O. 10.

**PRIEST, ALFRED.** Rifleman, 9452.  
1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade.  
Died 14 May 1915. Aged 29.  
Born London. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Son of the late Alfred Priest and of Ellen Priest.  
Husband of Susanah Ethel Priest of 7, The Grove, Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 46-48 and 50, and St. Mary the Virgin parish church war memorial Dover, Kent, also on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial. Pre his army enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Forman..

**PUGHE, CECIL REAY.** Private, 40900.  
4th (Extra Reserve) Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment.  
Died 27 August 1918.  
Born Bangor, Wales. Enlisted Watford, Hertfordshire.  
Resided Oxhey, Watford, Hertfordshire.  
Son of James William and Louisa Pughe of "Silverstone", Capel Road, Oxhey, Watford, Hertfordshire.  
Buried A.I.F. Burial Ground, Flers, Somme, France. Grave Ref: X. E. 4.  
Formerly Private, 39383, Northamptonshire Regiment. Pre his army enlistment, Cecil was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**PULLEN, STEPHEN HENRY.** Private, 6127.  
1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment.  
Died 25 October 1914. Aged 30.  
Born London. Enlisted Devizes, Wiltshire. Resided Manchester, Lancashire.  
Son of the late Thomas Henry Pullen.  
Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 33 or 34.  
Pre his army enlistment, Stephen was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**QUINCEY, WILLIAM THOMAS.** Private, G/15307.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).  
Died 12 May 1917.  
Born Bethnal Green, Middlesex. Enlisted Southwark, Surrey.  
Resided Bermondsey, Surrey.  
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2.  
Formerly, Private, G/2097, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Vanguard.

**RAPER, WALTER.** Lance Corporal, G/4725.  
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 15 September 1916.  
Born Walworth, Surrey. Enlisted Deptford, Kent. Resided Peckham, Surrey.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 D.  
Pre his army enlistment, Walter was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carman.

**RICKHARD, G.** No trace, as commemorated on the war memorial, the closest match appears to be the following soldier:-  
**RICKARD, GEORGE JAMES.** Corporal, 17002.  
2nd Battalion, Hampshire Regiment.  
24 April 1917. Aged 38.  
Born St. Mary's, Chatham, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent.  
Husband of Louisa Jane Rickard of 2, Elm Cottages, Hatton, Feltham, Middlesex.  
Buried Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, France. Grave Ref: IV. C. 4.  
Formerly 4834, 11th Reserve Cavalry Regiment. Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carman.

**ROLFE, GEORGE JAMES.** Private, 9242.  
1st Battalion, South Wales Borderers.  
Died 26 September 1914. Aged 27.  
Born Walworth, Surrey. Enlisted London.  
Son of the late William H. and Lavinia Rolfe.  
Commemorated on the La Ferte-sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.  
Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**RUDHALL, HARRY BARNETT.** D.C.M. Private, 720169.  
24th (County of London) Battalion, (The Queen's) London Regiment.  
Died 5 December 1917.  
Born and resided Camberwell. Enlisted Kennington.  
Buried Hermies Hill British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: II. C. 4.  
Pre his army enlistment, Harry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**SADDINGTON, HAROLD JAMES.** Private, 495595.  
13th (County of London) Battalion, (Kensington) London Regiment.  
Died 20 August 1918. Aged 19.  
Born and resided Sidcup, Kent. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Saddington of 1, Clarence Road, Sidcup, Kent.  
Buried Queant Road Cemetery, Buissy, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: IV. A. 39.  
Pre his army enlistment, Harold was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**SALES, FREDERICK THOMAS.** Sapper, 52678.  
95th Field Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 23 February 1917.  
Born and resided Lenham, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of Mr. T. Sales of Royal Exchange, Burham, Rochester, Kent.  
Buried Maily Wood Cemetery, Maily-Maillet, Somme, France. Grave Ref: II. E. 8.  
Also commemorated on Burham, Rochester, Kent, civic war memorial.  
Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**SHACKLEFORD, ARTHUR FREDERICK.** Private, 3033.  
"D" Company, 1st/4th (Territorial Force) Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.  
Died 14 August 1916. Aged 19.  
Born and enlisted Reading, Berkshire.  
Son of Arthur John and Agnes Sophia Shackelford of 26, Norris Road, Reading, Berkshire.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 D.  
Pre his army enlistment, Arthur was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Number Taker.

**SHUTTLE, ERNEST GEORGE.** Sergeant, B/952.  
3rd Battalion, Rifle Brigade.  
Died 20 March 1916. Aged 19.  
Born and resided Wokingham, Berkshire. Enlisted Resided, Berkshire.  
Son of Mrs. J. K. Shuttle of 2, Wellington Road, Wokingham, Berkshire.  
Commemorated at Maple Copse Cemetery, Zillebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Special Memorial D. 12.  
Pre his army enlistment, Ernest was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Checker. The cemetery where Ernest is at rest contains 308 burials and commemorations of the Great War. Of the 78 burials that could be located, only 26 are identified, and special memorials commemorate 230 casualties whose graves in the cemetery had been destroyed, which includes that of Ernest.

**SLOPER, JOHN WILLIAM.** Rifleman, 2201.

18th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (London Irish Rifles).

Died 19 July 1916. Aged 24.

Enlisted Chelsea. Resided Balham.

Son of Charles Johnson Sloper and Emily Matilda Sloper of Balham, London.

Buried Barlin Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: I. J. 47.

John volunteered for military service in August 1914. Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**SMITH, A.J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Capstanman.

**SPEER, JOSEPH PERCY.** Rifleman, 678155.

"A" Company, 21st (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (First Surrey Rifles).

Died 24 August 1918. Aged 20.

Born and resided Bermondsey. Enlisted Camberwell.

Son of Mr. G. W. and Mrs. H. E. Speer of 15, Crimscott Street, Grange Road, Bermondsey, London.

Buried Bray Hill British Cemetery, Bray-sur-Somme, France. Grave Ref: II. A. 8.

Formerly Rifleman, 495650, 13th (County of London) Battalion, (Kennington) London Regiment. Pre his army enlistment, Joseph was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**TAYLOR, WALTER WILLIAM.** Rifleman, 604.

1st/21st (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (First Surrey Rifles).

Died 25 May 1915.

Born Lambeth, Surrey. Enlisted Camberwell. Resided Herne Hill.

Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 45.

Pre his army enlistment, Walter was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**THEOFF, WILLIAM HARRY.** Private, G/6248.

13th (Service) Battalion, (3rd South Down) Royal Sussex Regiment.

Died 16 July 1917.

Born Canterbury, Kent. Enlisted Charlton, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 20.

**THOMAS, CHARLES FREDERICK.** Bombardier, 951463.

Y66th Divisional Trench Mortar Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 26 September 1917. Aged 32.

Born Bermondsey, Enlisted Tooting, Surrey.

Buried Coxyde Military Cemetery, Koksijde, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: IV. B. 16.

Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**THOMAS, EDWARD FREDERICK.** Stoker 2nd Class, K/54568.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. "Pembroke."

Died 31 October 1918. Aged 19.

Born Bermondsey, London 21 December 1898.

Son of Alice Louisa Thomas of 1A, Bermondsey Buildings, Tower Bridge Road, London.

Husband of Kate Thomas.

Buried Nunhead (All Saints) Cemetery, Linden Grove, London, S.E.15.

Commemorated on Screen Wall. 22. 33291.

The graves in the United Kingdom plot and the war graves scattered throughout the cemetery could not be marked individually; the casualties buried in these graves are therefore commemorated by name, on a screen wall inside the main entrance gate to the cemetery.

**TURNER, WILLIAM ROBERT.** Trooper, 2623.

Household Battalion.

Died 12 October 1917. Aged 22.

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

Eldest son of Ebenezer Charles and Ellen Turner of 76, Glenfield Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Panel 3.

Please see Dover, Kent, civic war memorial, non-commemorations for additional details on William's battalion etcetera. Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carman.

**TYE, PERCY SIDNEY.** Private, 48800.

8th (Reserve) Battalion, North Staffordshire Regiment.

Died 15 May 1918. Aged 21.

Born and enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Son of Joseph and Eliza Tye of Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Esquelbecq Military Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: I. D. 11.

Formerly T/844, Kent Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps.

Pre his army enlistment, Percy was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Number Taker.

**VIDLER, ALFRED ERNEST.** Private, 9262.

3rd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment.

Died 7 November 1914. Aged 28.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.

Son of William and Harriet Vidler of 49, Limekiln Street, Dover, Kent.

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

Panel 34.

Pre his army enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter. For more details appertaining to Alfred please see the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial transcriptions on this website.

**WALSH, DANIEL.** Private, 5059.  
16th (The Queen's) Lancers.  
Died 25 October 1918. Aged 25.  
Born Chelsea. London. Enlisted London. Resided Pimlico.  
Buried Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery, London.  
Commemorated on Screen Wall. B. 17. 155.  
Pre his army enlistment, Daniel was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter. Many of the Great War burials in the cemetery where Daniel is at rest are from the 3rd London General Hospital which was at Wandsworth. The Military Plot contains a Screen Wall bearing the names of those buried in it and those in unmarked graves in other parts of the cemetery.

**WANSTALL, PERCY.** Private, L/73399.  
2nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.  
Died 18 November 1914.  
Born Hastings, Sussex. Enlisted Chichester, Sussex.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Panel 20.  
Pre his army enlistment, Percy was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Shunter.

**WELCH, JOHN WILLIAM.** Lance Corporal, 37343.  
2nd Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.  
Died 1 August 1917. Aged 24.  
Born St. Albans, Hertfordshire. Enlisted High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.  
Son of Mrs Ada Welch of 174, Desborough Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Panel 45.  
Formerly Private, 5688, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.  
Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Checker.

**WHITE, GEORGE WILLIAM.** Corporal, SR/5597.  
4th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.  
Died 1 July 1916.  
Born Camberwell, Surrey. Enlisted London.  
Buried Gordon Dump Cemetery, Ovillers-La Boisselle, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: III. P. 1.  
Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**WHITE, STEWART WILLIE.** Sergeant, G/8129.  
10th (Service) Battalion, (Kent County) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 13 September 1916.  
Born Halling, Rochester, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Rochester, Kent.  
Husband of Elena Louise White of 23, Skinner Street, Gillingham, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 C, and on Halling, Rochester, Kent civic war memorial.  
Pre his army enlistment, Stewart was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.



**WHITEHEAD, EDWARD GEORGE.** Trooper, 2123.

Household Battalion.

Died 3 May 1917.

Born and enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Resided Meopham, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 1.

Pre his army enlistment, Edward was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carman.

**WIGGINS, W.** No clear trace.

**WILLEY, A.L.** Best match appears to be the following soldier. Unfortunately SDGW does not show his place of residence, which might have been within the usual South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company employees catchment area:-

**WILLEY, ALBERT LEWIS EVANS.** Private, 55565.

"C" Company, 10th (Service) Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Died 12 April 1917. Aged 19.

Born and enlisted Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire.

Son of Isaac and Effie Willey of 12, Cemetery Square, Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire.

Buried Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun, Pas-de-Calais, France. Grave Ref: III. E. 5.

**WILLIAMS, W.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**YOUNG, DRUCE E.** Private, 37028.

7th (Service) Battalion, Norfolk Regiment

Died 9 March 1918. Aged 19.

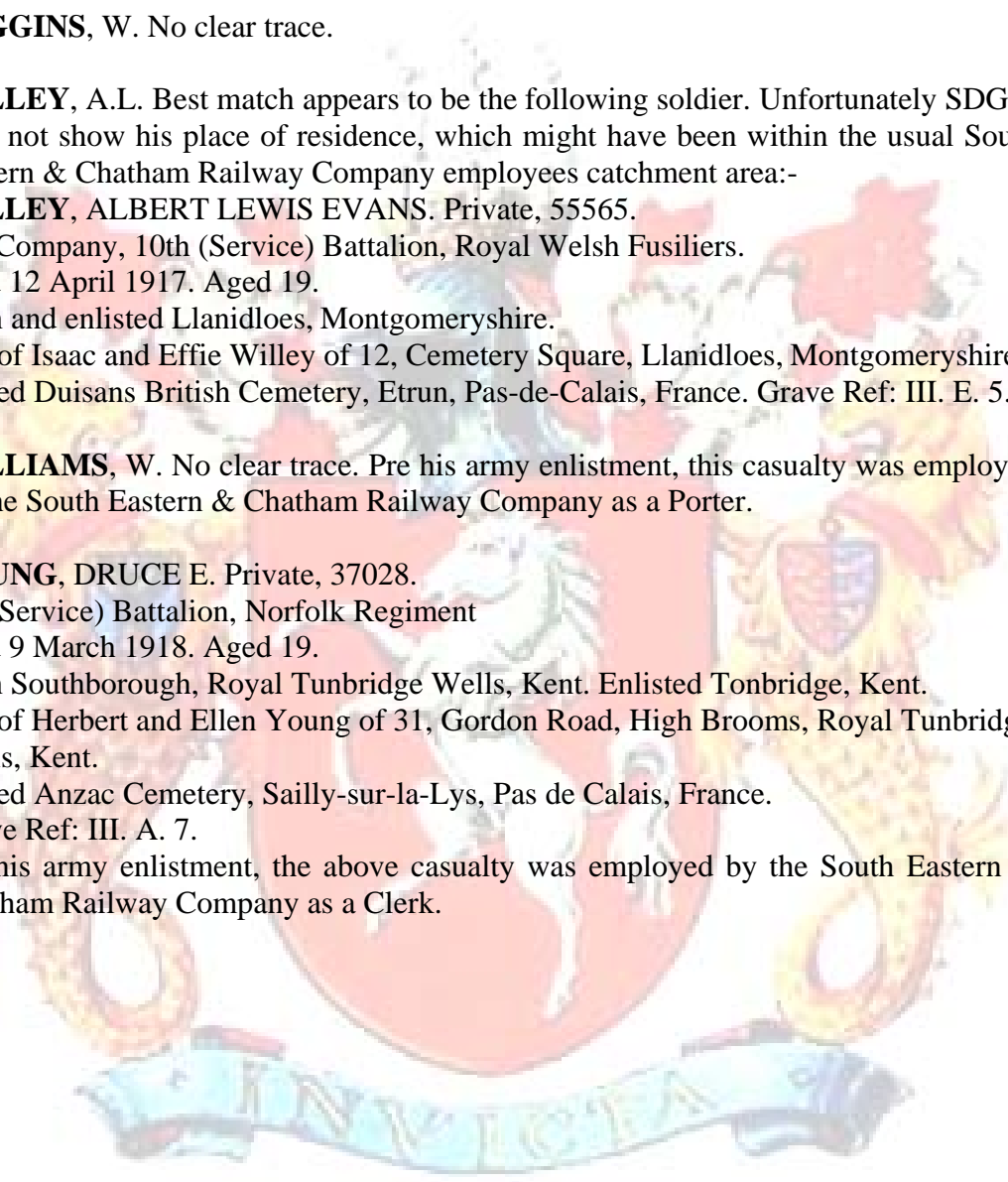
Born Southborough, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent.

Son of Herbert and Ellen Young of 31, Gordon Road, High Brooms, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Buried Anzac Cemetery, Saily-sur-la-Lys, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: III. A. 7.

Pre his army enlistment, the above casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.



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**ABNETT**, EDWIN C. Private, S/9170.

1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 22 March 1915.

Born and enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

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

Panel 45.

Pre his army enlistment, Edwin was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**ASHMAN**, F. No clear trace. Although only six casualties are commemorated by the CWGC that match this man, checking SDGW showed that of their number, four were good matches for soldiers who resided within the catchment area of the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company, in which pre his army enlistment, this casualty who was a Private was employed as a Labourer

**BARRETT**, A.W. No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**BENTLEY**, G. No clear trace. Best match appears to be the following soldier:-

**BENTLEY**, GEORGE. Private, 28819.

7th Battalion (Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry), Border Regiment.

Died 18 September 1918.

Born Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Hythe, Kent. Resided Stanford, Hythe, Kent.

Commemorated on the Vis-En-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 6, and also commemorated on the Stanford, Hythe, Kent, civic war memorial.

Formerly Private, 86048, Middlesex Regiment.

Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**BLACKMAN**, J. No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**BLACKMORE**, A. No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**BLANCHE, WILLIAM EDWARD THOMAS.** Gunner, 56687.

15th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 25 April 1916. Aged 23.

Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.

Son of William Edward and Maria Blanche of 32, Greenlands Terrace, Dover, Kent.

Buried Berles-Au-Bois Churchyard Extension, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: D. 3.

Also commemorated on Great War memorial plaque located at St. Martins School, Dover, Kent, and on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial.

Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**BRIDGEMAN, WILLIAM BENJAMIN.** Corporal, G/8925.

10th (Service) Battalion, (Kent County) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 17 July 1916.

Born Southwark. Enlisted London. Resided St. Paul's Cray, Kent.

Buried Calvaire (Essex) Military Cemetery, Comines-Warneton. Hainaut. Belgium.

Grave Ref: IV. D. 11.

**BRIGGS, WILLIAM JAMES.** Pioneer, WR/209020.

Railway Construction Troops Depot, Royal Engineers.

Died 9 November 1918.

Enlisted Hastings, Sussex.

Buried Hastings Cemetery, Sussex. Commemorated on Screen Wall. E. K. O15.

Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk. There are 176 Commonwealth burials of the Great War in the cemetery where William is at rest, 2 being unidentified sailors of the Royal Navy. There are a further 69 burials of the Second World War here. Those whose graves are not marked by headstones are named on a Screen Wall Memorial, one of whom is William.

**BROWN, A.W.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**BURGESS, GEORGE EDWARD.** Private, G/3799.

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

Died 25 September 1915.

Born Aylesford, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted and resided Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Cuinchy, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: III. A. 2.

Formerly, Private, G/4476, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**CASE, GEORGE HENRY.** Cooper, 133808.  
Royal Navy, H.M.S. "Bayano."  
Died 11 March 1915. Aged 55.  
Born Bedminster, Bristol, Somerset 26 June 1860.  
Son of George Henry Case of 42, Haverstock Road, Knowle, Bristol.  
Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 9.  
Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**CATT, SIDNEY CHARLES.** Private, 37021.  
3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Norfolk Regiment  
Died at sea 30 December 1917. Aged 18.  
Born and enlisted Tonbridge, Kent.  
Son of William Alfred and Elizabeth Martha Catt of 33, Priory Road, Tonbridge, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Chatby Memorial, Egypt.  
Pre his army enlistment, Sidney was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Junior Linesman.

**CLACK, FREDERICK WALTER.** Driver, 541192.  
552nd Field Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 13 November 1918. Aged 27.  
Buried Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: E. 170.  
Formerly Driver, 2062, Royal Engineers. Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**CLARK, J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Plate Layer.

**CLARK, W.R.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**CLARK, F.W.** No clear trace.



**CLOKE, FREDERICK WILLIAM.** Able Seaman, 185806.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Implacable.

Died 22 April 1917.

Born Ashford, Kent 9 April 1880.

Son of John Cloke of 44 Bridge Street, Ashford, Kent.

Brother-in-Law of Charles Cramp of Ashford, Kent..

Buried Ashford Cemetery, Ashford, Kent. Grave Ref: 7268.

Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial.

Pre his Royal Navy enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Plate Layer. Frederick (at the time of transcription) lies in an unmarked grave. As part of our ongoing projects it is our intention to attempt to redress the injustice of 'Kent' war casualties who have no form of CWGC commemoration, or headstone. We have been informed that Frederick has now been accepted by the Commission as a war death, and will hopefully in the not to distant future receive the recognition he deserves, and a regulation headstone. For far more details appertaining to Frederick, please see the casualties on this website who are commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial.

**COLE, LEONARD.** Gunner, 930068.

"A" Battery, 307th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 23 October 1918. Aged 26.

Born Lee, Kent. Enlisted Eltham, Kent.

Son of Edmund and Sarah Elizabeth Cole of 31, Butterfield Street, Baring Road, Lee, London.

Buried Awoingt British Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: I. B. 3.

Pre his army enlistment, Leonard was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**COOPER, H.** On the Great War Roll of Honour, commemorating 18,957 Railwaymen of Great Britain and Ireland, the fallen of South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company records this casualty with the rank of Sapper. Only five casualties with the right rank etcetera are in/on SDGW, and as such, despite an additional initial, the following soldier appears to be the best match for the casualty commemorated on the war memorial at the former Marine Station, Dover, Kent:-

**COOPER, HARRY MAYNARD.** Sapper, 2018.

1st/1st (Kent) Field Company, Royal Engineers.

Died 3 November 1915.

Born Edenbridge, Kent. Resided Gillingham, Kent.

Commemorated at Lala Baba Cemetery, Turkey. Special Memorial A. 4.

Pre his army enlistment, Harry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**CRAWFORD, J.R.** No clear trace. Although O/SDGW records only four matches for this casualty, one can be discounted as he was a Second Lieutenant, and the man commemorated was a Private. It was frustrating to note in/on SDGW that the three Privates were all shown with places of birth and enlistment, none of which was in south east England, but none show places of residence. Pre his army enlistment, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Loader.

**CURTIS, JOHN.** Corporal, 55308.  
111th Railway Troops, Royal Engineers.  
Died 6 May 1918.  
Enlisted London. Resided Herne Hill, Kent.  
Buried Pernes British Cemetery, Pernes-en-Artois, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: II. B. 2.  
Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**DALLADAY, WALTER HENRY.** Private, 37464.  
7th (Service) Battalion, Suffolk Regiment.  
Died 28 March 1918. Aged 21.  
Born and enlisted Deptford, London.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dalladay of New Cross, London.  
Buried Varennes Communal Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: I. L. 2.  
Formerly 34826, Reserve Cavalry Regiment. Pre his army enlistment, Walter was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Gas Fitter.

**DENNETT, W.** No clear trace. The best match appears to be the following soldier.  
**DENNETT, WILLIAM.** Private, 48886.  
2nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
Died 9 August 1917.  
Born and enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.  
Buried Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: III. D. 3.  
Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**DILLEY, THOMAS.** Private, 7285.  
7th (Service) Battalion, Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.  
Died 18 August 1916. Aged 29.  
Born Islington, Middlesex. Enlisted London. Resided Erith, Kent.  
Son of Thomas and Florence Dilley of London.  
Husband of Emily Kathleen Dilley of 7, Charleville Road, Erith, Kent.  
Buried Karasouli Military Cemetery, Polikastron, Greece. Grave Ref: B. 220.  
Pre his army enlistment, Thomas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**DRUITT, CHARLES LAMBERT.** Lieutenant.  
9th (Service) Battalion, (Pioneers) Seaforth Highlanders.  
Died 13 October 1916. Aged 28.  
Born Christchurch, Hampshire.  
Son of Robert and Alice May DrUITT late of "Carfax" Christchurch, Hampshire.  
Charles was Mentioned in Despatches, and had been educated at King's School, Canterbury, Kent, and The Central Technical College, Kensington, London.  
Buried Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: III. G. 50.  
Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Assistant Engineer.

**DYBALL, H. J.** No clear trace. The best match for this casualty appears to be the following Soldier. Whilst checking several data sources, no casualty with the surname Dyball, with the initials H. J. was traced.

**DYBALL, Henry.** Private, 3/10016.

1st Battalion, Norfolk Regiment.

Died 18 June 1915.

Born Aylsham, Norfolk. Enlisted Fulham, London.

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

Special Memorial A. 4, and on Aylsham, Norfolk, civic war memorial which is located in the churchyard of St. Michael and All Angels. Henry is one of three casualties with the same surname, the other two were brothers, as family details were added to their respective I/CWGC commemorations. It is of course possible that all three were brothers, or at least related. Pre his army enlistment, Henry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitters Mate.

**EAST, ALFRED CHARLES.** Able Seaman, 199377.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Cressy.

Died 22 September 1914. Aged 33.

Born Saint Saviours, Surrey 24 November 1882.

Son of Alfred Edward and Emma East of Southwark, London.

Husband of Elizabeth Harriett Rook (formerly East) of 21, Ducketts Road, Crayford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 2.

Pre his Royal Navy enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Lineman.

**EDEN, J.** No clear trace.

**EVEREST, ALBERT HENRY.** Lance Corporal, G/43340.

16th (Service) Battalion, (Public Schools) Middlesex Regiment.

Died 31 May 1917.

Born Yalding, Kent. Enlisted Purfleet, Essex. Resided Tonbridge, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7.

Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**FARBACE, FREDERICK.** Bombardier, 280497.

X2 Trench Mortar Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 8 June 1917.

Born Woolwich, Kent. Enlisted Faversham, Kent.

Buried Duisans British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: IV. F. 46.

Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**FENN, JAMES L.** Sapper, WR/201631.

T.T. Base Depot, Royal Engineers.

Died 25 May 1919.

Formerly Sapper, 290949, Royal Engineers.

Buried Lewisham (Hither Green) Cemetery, London. Grave Ref: D. 172.

**FOSTER, FRANK BROOK.** Private, L/7991.  
2nd Battalion, Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 3 May 1915. Aged 27.  
Born and resided Tonbridge, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.  
Husband of Gertrude Edith Foster of 168, Vale Road, Tonbridge, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Panel 12 or 14.  
Pre his army enlistment, Frank was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Lineman.

**FOSTER, JAMES ARCHIBALD BERNARD.** Able Seaman, R/6247.  
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Drake Battalion, 63rd (Royal Naval) Division.  
Died 27 September 1918. Aged 26.  
Born 12 June 1892.  
Buried Moeuvres British Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: A. 1.  
Pre his Royal Navy enlistment, James was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**FULLER, P.H.** Air Mechanic 1st Class, 233563.  
H.P.R.S., attached to the 214th Squadron, Royal Air Force.  
Died 4 June 1918.  
Buried Dunkirk Town Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: IV. A. 25.  
Only one Great War casualty matching the above surname and initials is commemorated by the CWGC, but it should be noted that the On the Great War Roll of Honour, commemorating 18,957 Railwaymen of Great Britain and Ireland, the fallen of South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company records this casualty with the rank of Private. Pre his enlistment, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carpenter.

**GLENN, ALEXANDER.** Private, 5698.  
1st Battalion, Border Regiment  
Died 25 April 1915. Aged 43.  
Born Newry, County Down, Ireland. Enlisted Liverpool, Lancashire.  
Husband of Rachel Glenn of 14, Hardwick Square, Prescott Street, Liverpool.  
Commemorated on the Helles Memorial. Panel 119 to 125 or 222 and 223.  
Only one Great War casualty matching the above surname and initial is commemorated by the CWGC, but it should be noted that on the Great War Roll of Honour, commemorating 18,957 Railwaymen of Great Britain and Ireland, the fallen of South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company records this casualty with the rank of Driver. Pre his enlistment, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.



**GODFREY, HERBERT HENRY.** Private, 4761.  
9th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.  
Died 17 August 1917. Aged 22.  
Born and enlisted Battersea, Surrey.  
Son of Richard James and Clara Agnes Godfrey of 8, Shillington Street, Battersea, London.  
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Panel 79 to 80 and 163A.  
Pre his army enlistment, Herbert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**GOODIER, ALBERT GEORGE.** Private, G/3755.  
1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).  
Died 16 May 1916. Aged 40.  
Born and resided Penge, Kent. Enlisted Bromley, Kent.  
Husband of Kate Goodier of 71, Crampton Road, Penge, London.  
Buried Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: V. C. 73.  
Formerly Private, 4300, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**HARMER, ALFRED JAMES.** Private, 3537.  
8th (Service) Battalion, Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 26 September 1915. Aged 27.  
Born Burwash, Sussex. Enlisted Hastings, Sussex. Resided Crowhurst, Battle, Sussex.  
Son of Henry and Harriett Harmer of Shop Cottage, Crowhurst, Battle, Sussex.  
Husband of Lucy Harriett Harmer of 184, Silverdale Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.  
Buried Pont-à-Vendin Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: North East side of cemetery. 8.  
Also commemorated on the Great War memorial plaque, located in St. George's parish church Crowhurst, Battle, Sussex, as also sadly are two of Alfred's brothers.  
Pre his army enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**HAWKINS, BENJAMIN ARTHUR.** Lance Corporal, 22138.  
1st Garrison Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers.  
Died 20 July 1918. Aged 35.  
Born and enlisted Reading, Berkshire.  
Buried Jhansi Cantonment Cemetery, Uttar Pradesh, India.  
Commemorated on the Madras 1914-1918 War Memorial, Chennai, India, Face 12.  
Pre his army enlistment, Benjamin was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**HAYLING, ARTHUR EDWARD.** Private, 30933.

1st Battalion, Welsh Regiment.

Died 2 October 1915.

Born Egham, Surry. Enlisted London. Resided Penge, Kent.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 77 or 78.

Pre his army enlistment, Arthur was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**HAYWARD, FREDERICK GEORGE.** Private, S/9869.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 22 January 1915. Aged 21.

Born and resided South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Son of Samuel Hayward of 8, Gladstone Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Willesborough Cemetery, Ashford, Kent. Grave Ref: N.49.

Formerly 3rd (Reserve) Battalion.

Also commemorated on Willesborough parish Great War memorial plaque, located in St Mary's parish church, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

Frederick passed away at the V.A.D Hospital Ashford, Kent, suffering from the effects of trench exposure. Before the outbreak of the Great War, Frederick was employed as a Labourer in the sawmill at the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company Works at Ashford, Kent. A local newspaper reported the following, after Frederick's demise:- "He went through the earlier battles without a scratch, but the hardship of trench life told upon his health. Sometimes the mud and water came up to his waist, and the exposure and privation overcame him. For two days and nights he lay, under heavy shell fire and had to be dragged out by his colleagues. It took four days to bring him home to Ashford. He lingered on between life and death for nearly five weeks. In the end he died in agony after much suffering."

**HIGGINS, CHARLES EDWARD.** Sapper, 55657.

112th Railway Company, Royal Engineers.

Died 8 April 1915. Aged 21.

Enlisted London. Resided Teynham, Sittingbourne, Kent.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Higgins of 9, Sandown Cottages, Teynham, Sittingbourne, Kent.

Buried Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: I. A. 77.

Also commemorated on the Teynham, Sittingbourne, Kent, civic war memorial.

Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**HILLS, J.E.** Best match appears to be the following soldier:-

**HILLS, JESSE E.** Private, 10304.

2nd Battalion, Highland Light Infantry.

Died 12 October 1914.

Born and enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Buried Soupir Churchyard, Aisne, France. Grave Ref: B. 11.

Pre his army enlistment, Jesse was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**HOARE, JOHN WILLIAM.** Private, 32343.  
24th (County of London) Battalion, (The Queen's) London Regiment  
Died 23 December 1914.  
Enlisted Brixton, Surrey. Resided Herne Hill.  
Buried Croydon, Surrey (Mitcham Road) Cemetery. Grave Ref: II. 8121.  
Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**HUGGINS, GEORGE.** Private, 1976.  
7th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)  
Died 18 July 1916. Aged 32.  
Born Larkfield, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Resided Burham, Kent.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Huggins of Burham, Kent.  
Buried Corbie Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: Plot 1. Row E. Grave 44.  
Also commemorated on Burham, Kent, civic war memorial.

**HUMPHREYS, HERBERT CHARLES.** Sapper, 100082.  
113th Railway Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 12 February 1917.  
Born Haverhill, Suffolk. Enlisted Tottenham, Middlesex.  
Resided Edmonton, Middlesex.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Humphreys of Chestnut Road, Tottenham, London.  
Husband of Mrs. E. Humphreys of 56, Florence Road, Edmonton, London.  
Buried Avesnes-le-Comte Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas-de-Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: IV. B. 5.  
Pre his army enlistment, Herbert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**HUMPHREY, WALTER.** Sapper, 55806.  
112th Railway Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 21 January 1916. Aged 29.  
Born London. Resided Sevenoaks, Kent.  
Son of William and Emily Humphrey of Platt, Borough Green, Kent.  
Buried Beauval Communal Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: D. 9.  
Also commemorated on Great War memorial plaque located at Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent (St. Mary the Virgin) parish church.  
Pre his army enlistment, Walter was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**JAY, ALFRED.** Private, L/6706.  
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 29 July 1918.  
Born Stoke, Suffolk. Enlisted New Cross, Kent. Resided Deptford, Kent.  
Husband of Ada Marie Jay of 110, Folkestone Gardens, Deptford, London.  
Buried Abeele Aerodrome Military Cemetery, Watou, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: II. C. 9.

**JOHNSON, JOHN LEVI.** M.M. Lance Serjeant, G/4078.  
7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 12 October 1917.  
Born and enlisted Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Panels 106 to 108.  
Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**JOHNSON, TOM FRANCIS.** Sapper, 14886.  
59th Field Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 9 November 1914.  
Born Askrigg, Yorkshire. Enlisted York, Yorkshire. Resided Strood, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, (Ypres) Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Panel 9.  
Pre his army enlistment, Tom was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carpenter.

**KELLY, R.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**KENSHOLE, JOHN W.** Private, 21514.  
3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards.  
Died 27 November 1917. Aged 29.  
Born Malling, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of John and Mary Kenshole of Mill Street, East Malling, Maidstone, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. Panel 2.  
Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**KING, W.** No clear trace, but the closest match appears to be the following soldier. It should be noted that on the Great War Roll of Honour, commemorating 18,957 Railwaymen of Great Britain and Ireland, the fallen of South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company records this casualty with the rank of Private.

**KING, WALTER.** Lance Corporal, 202632.  
2nd/4th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 19 April 1917.  
Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.  
Buried Gaza War Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: XII. D. 8.  
Also commemorated on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent, and on St. Mary the Virgin parish church war memorial Dover, Kent.  
Formerly Private, 2911, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Pre his enlistment, Walter was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**LAING, J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**LARKIN, ARTHUR HENRY.** Private, S/10175.

1st Battalion, Suffolk Regiment.

Died at sea 6 February 1917.

Born Bromley, Kent. Enlisted Norwood, Surrey.

Buried Struma Military Cemetery, Kalokastron, Greece. Grave Ref: VI. D. 13.

Pre his enlistment, Arthur was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Secondman.

**LITTLECHILD, F.J.** Best match appears to be the following soldier:-

**LITTLECHILD, FREDERICK.** Gunner, 62766.

43rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 2 May 1915.

Born Bognor, Sussex. Enlisted Chichester, Sussex.

Buried Duhallow A.D.S. Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: VIII. B. 16.

Pre his enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**McIVER, HERBERT JOHN.** Sapper, 44241.

74th Field Company, Royal Engineers.

Died 26 September 1915. Aged 35.

Born Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Lewisham, Kent.

Youngest son of Joseph McIver of 29 Francis Road, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Mrs. R. E. McIver of 4, West Hill Cottages, Hill Street, Hastings, Sussex.

Buried Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos-en-Gohelle, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: V. K. 14.

Herbert's father Joseph McIver was for many years the ticket collector at Ashford, Kent Railway Station. He was a married man with seven children, all of whom had lived at Hither Green, London, and had also later moved to Hastings, Sussex. Prior to enlisting in the army Herbert was employed by the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company as a (Plater) Bridge Maker. Herbert's brother Sapper, 540232, George McIver of the Royal Engineers, who resided at 29 Francis Road, Ashford, Kent, also served in the Great War.

**MARSH, E.** No clear trace.

**MARTIN, J.** Of the 534 casualties who are commemorated by the CWGC, it has been impossible to ascertain which is the man who is remembered on the war memorial. Last year (2003) two Dover, Kent casualties with this surname and initial were noted when transcribing the town civic war memorial, their brief commemorations can be found on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial, transcription on this website. Pre his enlistment, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**MARTIN, JAMES CHARLES.** Stoker 1st Class, SS/104258.  
Royal Navy, (RFR/CH/B/8314). H.M.S. Derwent.  
Died 2 May 1917.

Born Chilham, Kent 29 November 1888.

Son of Robert Walter and Winifred Martin (néé Allard) of Rainham, Kent.

Husband of Winifred L. Martin (néé Rogers) of Doves Corner, Tilmanstone, Eastry, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 24, on the Rainham, Kent, civic, war memorial, also the Tilmanstone, Eastry, Kent, civic war memorial.

Pre his enlistment, James was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer. For addition well researched and comprehensive details appertaining to James and his family, please see the excellent website [www.fadedgenes.co.uk](http://www.fadedgenes.co.uk) by Dave Dixon.

**MAY, C.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**MAYNARD, A.E.** Best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier:-

**MAYNARD, ALBERT ERNEST.** Private, G/94020.

1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

Died 13 October 1918. Aged 35.

Born Lamberhurst, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent.

Son of the late James and Francis Maynard of Lamberhurst, Kent.

Husband of Alice E. N. Maynard of Lower Barn Farm Cottages, Bodiam, Sussex.

Buried Montay-Neuilly Road Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: III. C. 9.

Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**MORGAN, D.J.** The best match for this casualty appears to be a post Great War soldiers death:-

**MORGAN, DAVID J.** Private, 34666.

2nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.

Died 1 March 1919. Aged 33.

Son of George Charles and Mary Morgan.

Husband of Elizabeth Morgan of 3, Young's Cottages, Wellington Road, St. Mary's Cray, Kent.

Buried Orpington, Kent, (All Saints) Churchyard. Grave Ref: D. Q. 1.

**NAPIER, HENRY ROBERT.** Lance Corporal, WR/250712.

111th Railway Company, Royal Engineers.

Died 13 June 1918. Aged 33.

Enlisted London. Resided South Croydon, Surrey.

Husband of Ella Napier of 54, Upland Road, South Croydon, Surrey.

Buried Christchurch, Hampshire Cemetery. Grave Ref: E.C. 87.

Pre his army enlistment, Henry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**OLDER, EDGAR LYTTON.** Private, 15528.  
2nd Battalion, Devonshire Regiment.  
Died 1 July 1916. Aged 24.  
Born and enlisted London.  
Son of Edgar and Alice Older of 283, Railton Road, Herne Hill, London.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 1 C.  
Pre his army enlistment, Edgar was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**PERRY, JOHN THOMAS.** Private, 1180.  
1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.  
Died 9 June 1918. Aged 40.  
Born Brixton, Surrey. Enlisted Lambeth, Surrey.  
Son of Mrs. E. Perry of 36, Oakfield Road, Penge, London.  
Buried Tannay British Cemetery, Thiennes, Nord, France.  
Grave Ref: Plot 4. Row B. Grave 10.  
Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Lamp Repairer.

**POLLARD, W.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**RAND, JAMES.** M.M. Company Serjeant Major, L/8221.  
7th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).  
Died 10 August 1917. Aged 31.  
Born Dulwich, Surrey. Enlisted Guildford, Surrey. Resided Poplar, Middlesex.  
Husband of Adelia Gertrude Aimee Rand of 20 White Horse Lane, South Norwood, London.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 11.  
Pre his army enlistment, James was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**RAYMOND, GEORGE.** Private, G63795.  
"C" Company, 13th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
Died 10 September 1917.  
Born Bermondsey. Enlisted Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.  
Son of Mrs. Susan Raymond of 4, Limes Cottages, Green Wrythe Lane, Carshalton, Surrey.  
Buried Outtersteene Communal Cemetery Extension, Bailleul, Nord, France.  
Grave Ref: I. A. 42.  
Formerly Private, G/25267, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**REYNOLDS, ALFRED E.** Sapper, 55653.

112th Railway Company, Royal Engineers.

Died 24 June 1917.

Born Godmersham, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted London.

Resided Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent.

Buried White House Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: III. P. 2.

Also commemorated on a Great War memorial plaque located in Godmersham, Ashford, Kent (St. Lawrence) parish church, and on the Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial. Pre his army enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**SADLER, H.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**SEAGER, BERTIE SIDNEY.** Gunner, 317317.

1st/1st (Kent) Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 16 October 1918. Aged 23.

Born and enlisted Faversham, Kent.

Son of Henry T. and Caroline Seager of 78, Westgate Road, Faversham, Kent.

Buried Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, Somme, France. Grave Ref: VI. G. 1.

Pre his army enlistment, Bertie was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**SIMMONS, A.** No clear trace.

**SKEER, GEORGE WILLIAM.** Stoker 2nd Class, K/45813.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Hornet.

Died 30 April 1918. Aged 24.

Born Pluckley, Ashford, Kent 11 January 1902.

Son of John Skeer of Brogdale Road, Faversham, Kent.

Buried Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Thessalonika, Greece.

Grave Ref: 1622.

Prior to enlisting in the Royal Navy in September 1917, George was employed for a period of four years as a Platelayer, by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company. George died of wounds in the Naval Hospital at Valona, at which time he had a brother who was serving in the army as a member of The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) in India.



**SKINNER, WILLIAM JOSEPH.** Gunner, 178320.

188th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

Died 8 July 1918. Aged 31. years.

Born and resided Pluckley, Ashford, Kent.. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Son of Edwin and Elizabeth Skinner of The Thorne, Pluckley, Ashford, Kent.

Formerly of 3 Victoria Cottages, Lambden Road, Pluckley Thorn, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Mary Skinner of New House Cottage, Lambden Road, Pluckley, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Hagle Dump Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: I.G.6.

William was well known in the village of Pluckley, and was involved with the Pluckley Church Choir and bell ringers. It is recorded that William's father Edwin was a parish bell ringer for over fifty years. Before the outbreak of the Great War William was employed for seven years, as a Platelayer by the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company. William enlisted in the army in October 1917, and proceeded to France on the 23 March 1918. He was killed instantly when a shell burst near him, and he was struck on the forehead by a large piece of shrapnel.

**SMITH, W.H.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**SPRINGETT, EDWARD.** Private, L/6490.

1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 18 April 1915.

Born Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Oosttaverne Wood Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: VII. L. 9.

Also commemorated on the Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent, civic war memorial.

Pre his army enlistment, Edward was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**STAPLES, JAMES RICHARD.** Sergeant, 109486.

Railway Operating Division Longmoor, Royal Engineers.

Died 2 November 1917.

Enlisted London. Resided Sellindge, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of E. M. Staples of Holly Cottage, Swan Lane, Sellindge, Hythe, Kent.

Buried Sellindge, Ashford, Kent (St. Mary) Churchyard. Grave Ref: 2. 6.

Pre his army enlistment, James was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Secondman.

**STEMP, JOHN.** Private, S/516.

8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 26 September 1915.

Born Sundridge, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent.

Resided Dunton Green, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Husband of Emma Stemp of 4, Bex Cottages, Longford Hill, Dunton Green, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 95 to 97.

Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Secondman.

**STEPHENS, ALEC FRED.** Private, G/54036.  
23rd (Service) Battalion, (2nd Football) Middlesex Regiment.  
Died 24 April 1918. Aged 18.  
Enlisted Woolwich, Kent. Resided Charlton, Kent.  
Son of William and Kate Stephens of 56, Nelson Road, Hastings, Sussex.  
Buried Duhallow A.D.S. Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: V. B. 21.  
Pre his army enlistment, Alec was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**STRINGER, FREDERICK FRANK.** Private, 114842.  
88th Company, Machine Gun Corps.  
Died 12 December 1917. Aged 20.  
Born Preston, Canterbury, Kent. Enlisted Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.  
Son of James and Lizzie Stringer of The Fostall, Preston, Canterbury, Kent.  
Buried St Hilaire Cemetery, Frevent, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: IV. A. 22.  
Formerly Private, 36921, Suffolk Regiment.  
Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**SULLIVAN, E.** No clear trace.

**TERRY, A.** No clear trace. Best match appears to be the following soldier:-  
**TERRY, ALBERT ROBERT.** Gunner, 145914.  
"D" Battery, 150th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.  
Died 2 August 1917. Aged 19.  
Born Lydd, Romney Marsh, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.  
Son of Albert Frederick and Florence Terry of 7, Mabledon Avenue, Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Vlamertinge New Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: V. D. 2.  
Place of birth as shown above is as accessed from Albert's CWGC commemoration, but it should be noted that his place of birth in/on SDGW shows Ashford, Kent. Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**THORNTON, J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**TUPPER, ERNEST.** Petty Officer Stoker, 300721.  
Royal Navy, (RFR/CH/B/10769). H.M.S. Aboukir.  
Died 22 September 1914. Aged 30.  
Born Alkham, Dover, Kent 21 January 1884.  
Husband of Minnie Beatrice Tupper of 41, Princess Street, Folkestone, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 4, and the Alkham, Dover, Kent, civic war memorial.  
Pre his Royal Navy enlistment, Ernest was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**TURNER, AUGUSTUS WILLIAM.** Stoker 1st Class, 280749.  
Royal Navy, (RFR/PO/B/2280). H.M.S. Tipperary.  
Died 1 June 1916. Aged 42.  
Born Wellingham, Norfolk 2 August 1874.  
Son of Mrs. E. Turner of The Meadows, Narborough, King's Lynn, Norfolk.  
Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 19.  
Pre his Royal Navy enlistment, Augustus was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**TURNER, W.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**UNWIN, ROBERT HENRY.** Leading Signaller, 164358.  
Royal Navy, (RFR/CH/B/3500). H.M.S. Hawke.  
Died 15 October 1914.  
Born Bermondsey, Surrey 4 March 1876.  
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 3.  
Pre his Royal Navy enlistment, Robert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**WAGHORN, LUTHER JAMES.** Private, 22811.  
1st Garrison Battalion, Essex Regiment.  
Died 12 December 1915.  
Born and resided Tonbridge, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of Mr. J. Waghorn of 117, Pembury Road, Tonbridge, Kent.  
Buried Portianos Military Cemetery, Greece. Grave Ref: III. A. 264.  
Formerly, Private, 3/5540, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

**WARBOYS, HARRY.** Private, S/6757.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).  
Died 3 July 1916.  
Born and resided Belmesthorpe, Ryall, Rutlandshire. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.  
Pier and Face 5 D and 6 D.  
Also commemorated on the Ryall, Rutland civic war memorial.  
Pre his army enlistment, Harry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**WARD, G.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**WATLING, ALBERT.** Private, 24342.

"C" Company, 7th (Service) Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers .

Died 3 October 1916. Aged 31.

Born and resided Nutfield, Surrey. Enlisted Dover, Kent.

Son of George and Annie Maria Watling of South Nutfield, Redhill, Surrey.

Husband of C. J. Watling of 3, Newhaven Road, South Norwood, London.

Buried Lahana Military Cemetery, Greece. Grave Ref: I. A. 19.

Formerly Private, 7928, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**WATSON, W.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**WHITTLE, H.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**WICKERSHAM, HENRY THOMAS.** Lance Serjeant, GS/8599.

9th (Service) Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.

Died 25 September 1915. Aged 47.

Born Horsham, Sussex. Enlisted Chichester, Sussex.

Husband of Kate Wickersham of 6, Wellington Terrace, Military Road, Rye, Sussex.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panels 69 to 73.

Pre his army enlistment, Henry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Ganger.

**WICKHAM, ALFRED JOHN.** Lance Corporal, 200461.

18th (London) Battalion, (Territorial Force) Rifle Brigade.

Died 5 June 1918.

Enlisted Brixton, Surrey. Resided Herne Hill.

Commemorated on the Taukkyan Memorial, Myanmar.

Formerly Private, 15353, 24th (County of London) Battalion, (The Queen's) London Regiment, and Private, 496, Rifle Brigade. Pre his army enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitter.

**WIGGINS, WALTER GEORGE.** M.M. Sapper, 87477.

"L" Signal, Rail Telegraph Company, Royal Engineers.

Died 21 November 1918. Aged 22.

Born Halstead, Rochester, Kent.

Son of Stephen and Cassandra Wiggins of 3, Malyons Road, Ladywell, Lewisham, London.

Buried Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: V. E. 65.

Pre his army enlistment, Walter was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Junior Linesman.

**WILLIAMS, WILLIAM GEORGE.** Private, S/8322.

2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 28 May 1915. Aged 31.

Born St. Mary's Dover, Kent. Enlisted Shorncliffe, Kent. Resided Dover, Kent.

Son of the late Jack Williams.

Husband of H. A. Williams of 52, Wyndham Road, Tower Hamlets, Dover, Kent.

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

Panel 14.

Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**WRIGHT, A.G.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Platelayer.

**WRIGHT, J.** Of the 366 CWGC casualties checked, the following soldier appears to be the best match by virtue of places of birth, enlistment and residence, in addition to the details of unit served in. It should be noted however, that the Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour commemorates J. Wright with the rank of Bombadier, who pre his army enlistment, was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer. Depending on what data is accessed, a Lance Bombadier/Bombadier with all Yorkshire connections is shown to have died, and a London native Bombadier serving in the Canadian army also died, but he stated his trade or calling as a House Mover at the time of his attestation.

**WRIGHT, JOHN.** Sapper, 153003.

120th Railway Company, Royal Engineers.

Died 30 November 1917. Aged 45.

Born Whitechapel, Middlesex. Enlisted Deptford, Kent. Resided Southwark, Surrey.

Husband of Elizabeth C. Wright of 180, Mowbray Buildings, Red Cross Street, Southwark, London.

Buried Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: IV. B. 27.

Formerly Private, 16169, Suffolk Regiment.

**YOUNG, ARTHUR JOHN.** Private, G/4804.

1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 18 April 1915.

Born Downham Market, Norfolk. Enlisted Bromley, Kent.

Resided South Dartford, Kent.

Husband of Hilda Fredrica Young of Bexley, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 47.

Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

## COACHING DEPARTMENT

**ALLEN, PERCY ARTHUR.** Private, S/3998.

1st Battalion, Duke Cornwall's Light Infantry

Died 18 April 1915.

Born Lambeth, London. Enlisted London. Resided Waterloo Road, London.

Buried First D.C.L.I. Cemetery, The Bluff, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: B. 6.

Pre his army enlistment, Percy was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter. The First D.C.L.I. Cemetery where Percy is at rest, dates from a period earlier than the fighting of 1916. It contains the graves of officers and men of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (one of whom had just obtained a commission in another Regiment) and other soldiers, all of whom died in the period from April to July 1915. Those who lie in Row D were brought to the cemetery after the Armistice, when graves were brought in from the surrounding battlefield.

**ANDREWS, EDWARD JOSEPH.** Rifleman, 303586.

5th (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade).

Died 21 February 1919. Aged 32.

Son of Mrs. Maria Agnes Andrews of 26, Oakdale Road, Streatham, London, and the late Mr. P.G. Andrews.

Buried Kensal Green, London, (St Mary's) Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Grave Ref: 1. 2180.

Pre his army enlistment, Edward was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Gateman.

**ATTREE, JOSEPH.** Private, 21518.

7th (Service) Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment.

Died 11 February 1918.

Born and resided Rochester, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Noyon New British Cemetery, Oise, France. Grave Ref: IV. D. 2.

Pre his army enlistment, Joseph was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carman.

**AUSTIN, GEORGE WILLIAM.** Private, 16980.

1st Battalion, Essex Regiment.

Died 6 August 1915.

Born and resided Bermondsey. Enlisted Camberwell.

Commemorated at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Turkey. Special Memorial A. 38.

Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**BAGWELL, JOHN.** Private, 1065.

7th (Service) Battalion, Duke Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Died 7 October 1916.

Born Bermondsey. Enlisted London. Resided Old Kent Road, Peckham, London, S.E.

Son of Mr. W. Bagwell of 9 Prioress Street, Old Kent Road, Peckham, London, S.E.

Buried Bancourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: VI. G. 8.

**BAKER, J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Shunter.

**BALCOMBE, A.G.** Best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier.

**BALCOMBE, ARTHUR.** Private, 7797.

2nd Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment.

Died 4 July 1916.

Born Brighton, Sussex. Enlisted Portsmouth, Hampshire.

Buried Baghdad (North Gate) Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: X. K. 2.

**BAREFOOT, THOMAS JOHN.** Gunner, 21495.

"Q" Anti-Aircraft Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 24 April 1918. Aged 31.

Born Greenwich, Kent. Enlisted New Cross, Kent. Resided Deptford, Kent.

Husband of M. Barefoot of 21, Berthon Street, Deptford, London.

Buried Querrieu British Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: A. 26.

Pre his army enlistment, Thomas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**BARRETT, PATRICK JOHN.** Private, 16950.

1st Battalion, Essex Regiment.

Died 18 September 1916.

Born and resided Bethnal Green, Middlesex. Enlisted London.

Buried Vlamertinge Military Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: IV. F. 12.

Pre his army enlistment, Patrick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**BARWELL, FREDERICK WILLIAM.** Sergeant, 16563.

7th (Service) Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment.

Died 18 August 1916.

Born and enlisted Deptford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Pier and Face 11 A and 11 D.

Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Train Caller.

**BELLINGHAM, BERTRAM CHARLES.** Private, 33686.

7th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.

Died 15 August 1917. Aged 19.

Born Aldershot, Hampshire. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Snodland, Kent.

Son of Charles and Annie Bellingham of Station House, Snodland, Kent.

Buried Tilloy British Cemetery, Tilloy-les-Mofflaines, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: I. J. 14.

Pre his army enlistment, Bertram was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**BENNETT, ALFRED EDWARD.** Corporal, 30131.  
2/5th Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment.  
Died 21 March 1918. Aged 34.  
Born and resided Hythe, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Son of Harriet Bennett of 10, St. Leonard's Rd., Hythe, Kent, and the late Robert Bennett.  
Husband of Alice Eliza Bennett of 6, Theatre Street, Hythe, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 42, and on the Hythe, Kent, civic war memorial, also commemorated on the Great War memorial plaque located at St Leonard's School, Hythe, Kent.  
Formerly Private, 33577, East Surrey Regiment. Pre his army enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carman.

**BOLTON, J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**BONHAM, FREDERICK.** Corporal, 30075.  
"B" Battery, 93rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.  
Died 19 July 1917.  
Born Swansea, Glamorganshire. Enlisted Preston, Lancashire.  
Buried Canada Farm Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: I. E. 8.

**BOWLES, WILLIAM HENRY.** Private S/6454  
4th Company, Army Ordnance Corps.  
Died 21 October 1916.  
Born York, Yorkshire. Enlisted London.  
Son of William Henry and Sebert Jane Bowles.  
Buried Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: VIII. D. 145.  
It would seem likely that William is the casualty who is commemorated on the Great war National Roll of Honour of Railwaymen who died in the Great War, as N.H. BOWLES, who pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Signaller.

**BRIDGER, JOHN STEPHEN.** Pioneer, 316705.  
47th Divisional Signal Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 29 March 1918.  
Born Purley, Surrey.  
Born Kensington, Middlesex. Enlisted Croydon, Surrey. Resided Dorking, Surrey.  
Son of John Best Bridger and Elizabeth J. Bridger of 47, Temple Road, South Croydon, Surrey.  
Buried St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France.  
Grave Ref: P. VI. L. 7A.  
CWGC commemoration shows John to have been a native of Purley, Surrey. Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.



**BROOKLAND, FREDERICK JOHN.** Private, 345698.  
14th (Fife and Forfar Yeomanry) Battalion, Black Watch (Royal Highlanders).  
Died 27 December 1917.  
Born and enlisted Battersea, Surrey.  
Buried Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: D. 37.  
Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Shunter.

**CALLAGHAN, BERTIE FREDERICK.** Lance Corporal, 22715.  
61st Battalion, Machine Gun Corps.  
Died 27 August 1918.  
Enlisted Kennington, Surrey.  
Buried Thiennes British Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: Row F. Grave 19.  
Formerly, Private, 2469, London Regiment.  
Pre his army enlistment, Bertie was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**CARD, DOUGLAS ROSS.** Private, G/27411.  
2nd/4th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 27 November 1917. Aged 19.  
Born and enlisted Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of Herbert and Ada Card of Detling, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: D. 236.  
Pre his army enlistment, Douglas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**CARGILL, FRANK CHARLES.** Private, S/6432.  
1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).  
Died 9 October 1917.  
Born Mile End, Middlesex. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent. Resided Peckham, Surrey.  
Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: XXX. A. 12. 169.  
Pre his army enlistment, Frank was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**CHAMBERS, JOHN ROBERT.** Staff Sergeant, 9937.  
263rd Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.  
Died 25 April 1918.  
Born Poplar, Middlesex. Enlisted Stratford, Essex. Resided Deptford, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium,  
Panel 6 to 7 and 162.  
Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Signaller.

**CHEER, HORACE GEORGE STANLEY.** Sapper, 321663.  
5 th Divisional Signal Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 27 June 1918. Aged 31.  
Born Kentish Town, Middlesex. Enlisted Deptford, Kent.  
Son of George Stanley Cheer and Emily Cheer of Deptford, London.  
Husband of R. O. Cheer of 17, Barnwell Road, Brixton, London.  
Buried Aire Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: III. E. 2.  
Pre his army enlistment, Horace was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Telegraphist.

**CLARK, S.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Guard.

**CLARKE, E.A** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**COLE, HERBERT B.** Private, G/25358.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).  
Died 30 June 1918. Aged 19.  
Born Aylesford, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Resided Strood, Rochester, Kent.  
Brother of Mrs. A. Wildish of 8, Mill Road, Strood, Rochester, Kent.  
Buried Bouzincourt Ridge Cemetery, Albert, Somme, France. Grave Ref: II. D. 10.

**COLLYER, HARRY.** Lance Corporal, 1677.  
"C" Company, 1st/23rd (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment.  
Died 16 September 1916.  
Born and resided Battersea. Enlisted Clapham Common.  
Son of Charles and Alice Collyer of 12, Renshaw Street, Wandsworth Road, Clapham, London.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.  
Pier and Face 9 D 9 C 13 C and 12 C.  
Pre his army enlistment, Harry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Signal Lad.

**COYLE, LEONARD JOSEPH.** Second Lieutenant.  
10th (Service) Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.  
Died 23 November 1916.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.  
Pier and Face 13 A and 13 B.  
Formerly, Corporal, and Acting Warrant Officer Class 2, GS/297, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Pre his army enlistment, Leonard was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Signalman.

**CRAYFORD, SIDNEY.** Private, G/15578.

7th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 4 October 1916.

Born St. John's, Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge. Kent. Resided Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Edward and Emily Crayford of Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Puchevillers British Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: V. D. 23.

Also commemorated on the Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent, civic war memorial.

**CROCKFORD, JAMES WALTER.** Private, 60111.

101st Company, Labour Corps.

Died 17 May 1918. Aged 36.

Born and resided Stansted, Essex. Enlisted Purfleet, Essex.

Son of James and Catherine Crockford of Stansted, Essex.

Husband of Rose Anna Crockford of 60, North Gate, Regent's Park, London.

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

Grave Ref: Q. II. K. 11.

Formerly, Private, 54077, 34th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), and Private, 70733, Middlesex Regiment. Pre his army enlistment, James was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**CURWOOD, ALFRED CHARLES.** Gunner, 19457.

No.18 Company, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 6 January 1915.

Born Bethnal Green, Middlesex. Enlisted New Cross, Kent.

Resided Peckham, Surrey.

Husband of F. M. Webb (formerly Curwood) of 49, Furley Street, Peckham, London.

Buried Allhallows, Hoo, Isle of Grain, Kent, (All Saints) Churchyard.

Grave Ref: North-East corner.

Pre his army enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Lampman.

**CUTTS, ALFRED ERNEST.** Private, 6786.

1st/3rd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 8 October 1916.

Born Penge, Kent. Enlisted Queen Victoria Street. Resided Chiswick.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Pier and Face 9 D and 16 B.

Formerly, Private, 3593, 5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

**DAMMS, C.** No trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Corporal, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Signalman.

**DANIEL, EDGAR HENRY.** Corporal, 4494.  
13th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
Died 14 November 1916.  
Born Lambeth. Enlisted Deptford, Kent. Resided Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.  
Pier and Face 8 C 9 A and 16 A.  
Pre his army enlistment, Edgar was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**FELMINGHAM, ERNEST EDWARD.** Private, 108346.  
59th Division, Machine Gun Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).  
Died 19 March 1918. Aged 34.  
Born Watford, Hertfordshire. Enlisted Holborn, Middlesex.  
Resided Clerkenwell, Middlesex.  
Son of the late George and Jessie Felmingham of Bushey, Hertfordshire.  
Buried Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: II. F. 23.  
Formerly Rifleman, R/39344, King's Royal Rifle Corps. Pre his army enlistment, Ernest was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**FINNIS, WILLIAM ERNEST.** Private, 30133.  
2/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) East Lancashire Regiment.  
Died 9 September 1917.  
Born and resided East Langdon, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Buried Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery, Nieuwpoort, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: I. BA. 19.  
Formerly Private, 33579, East Surrey Regiment.  
Also commemorated on Great War memorial plaque located in St Augustine's Parish Church, East Langdon, Dover, Kent.  
Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**FOLLETT, WILLIAM CHARLES.** Stoker 1st Class, K/37421.  
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Bittern.  
Died 4 April 1918. Aged 19.  
Born Lambeth, London 12 May 1898.  
Son of Samuel William and Alice Jessie Follett of 345, Prince Regent's Lane, Custom House, London.  
Commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 28.

**GAMBIE, HENRY WALTER.** Private, 8889.  
1st Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
Died 9 July 1915. Aged 30.  
Born Newington. Enlisted Hounslow, Middlesex. Resided Walworth, Surrey.  
Husband of Lizzie M. A. Gambie of 8, Ingoldisthorpe Grove, Camberwell, London.  
Buried Potijze Burial Ground Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: Z. 26.  
Pre his army enlistment, Henry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Shunter.

**GATES, THOMAS JAMES GEORGE.** Telegraphist, London Z/7117.  
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. H.M. P.36.  
Died 10 October 1918. Aged 20.  
Son of James Thomas Gates and Caroline Frances Gates of 58, Nightingale Road,  
Dover, Kent.  
Buried Haslar, Royal Naval Cemetery, Hampshire. Grave Ref: E. 33. 8.  
Also commemorated on Dover, Kent, civic war memorial, and on an impressive  
stained glass window at the Grammar School for Boys, Dover, Kent, it being the  
tribute to the former pupils of the school who lost their lives during the years of the  
Great War. Pre his army enlistment, Thomas was employed by the South Eastern &  
Chatham Railway Company as a Telegraphist.

**GLASS, JOHN BEATSON.** Private, 517091.  
14th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (London Scottish).  
Died 11 October 1918.  
Born Camberwell. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent. Resided Plumstead, Kent.  
Buried Cagnicourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: I. D. 14.

**GOLDUP, HENRY GEORGE.** Lance Corporal, T/204011.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 17 May 1918. Aged 33.  
Born Wye, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted and resided Bromley, Kent.  
Son of Benjamin Sutton Goldup and Jane Sophia Goldup, of Downs Farm, Wye,  
Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No2., Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: I.B.8.  
Commemorated on a Great War memorial plaque located in the porch of the parish  
church of (St. Martin & St Gregory, Wye, Ashford, Kent. Henry was also  
commemorated on the Wye, Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, prior to the apparent  
removal, and non replacement of the memorial inscription panels thereon.  
Unfortunately Henry is not commemorated on the Bromley, Kent, civic war  
memorial. Pre his army enlistment, Henry was employed by the South Eastern &  
Chatham Railway Company as a Booking Porter.

**HAMMOND, WILLIAM THOMAS.** Private, 6259.  
2nd Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.  
Died 25 April 1915.  
Born Nunhead, Kent. Enlisted Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.  
Commemorated at Bedford House Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Enclosure No.4 Zonnebeke B.C. No. 1. Memorial 22.  
Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham  
Railway Company as a Porter.

**HARDY, WILLIAM DONALD.** Private, G/6860.  
6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 3 July 1916. Aged 19.  
Born Brockley, Kent. Enlisted London, Middlesex. Resided Catford, Kent.  
Son of William Henry and Annie Hardy of Brakes Coppice, Crowhurst Park, Battle, Sussex.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 C.  
Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**HARE, PERCY HERBERT.** Private, G/13030.  
7th (Service) Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.  
Died 3 May 1917. Aged 42.  
Born and enlisted Sevenoaks, Kent.  
Son of Francis George Hare of Oakwood, Shadoxhurst, Ashford, Kent, and the late Margaret Hare.  
Husband of Mary Hare of 2, Lyndhurst Cottage, Dunton Green, Sevenoaks, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 6.

**HAWKINS, J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**HIGHGATE, W.M.** No clear trace, as commemorated on the war memorial. Probably the closest match for the casualty appears to be the following soldier:-  
**HIGHGATE, WILLIAM.** Private, 8867.  
17th (Service) Battalion (1st Glamorgan), Welsh Regiment.  
Died 1 January 1917.  
Born Pontypridd. Enlisted Cardiff.  
Buried Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery, Manancourt, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: I. B. 18.

**HILLS, L.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**HOPPER, ALBERT.** Private, G/62530.  
8th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
Died 9 April 1917.  
Enlisted Chelsea. Resided Dover, Kent.  
Buried Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: XVII. J. 9.  
Formerly Trooper, 4261, 1st County of London Yeomanry.  
Also commemorated on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial.  
Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Ticket Collector.

**HOPPER, ALFRED EDWARD.** Gunner, 35168.  
96th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.  
Died 13 January 1916. Aged 29.  
Born Dover, Kent. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent.  
Son of Alfred and Lilian Hopper of Dover, Kent.  
Husband of Lucy May Gouge (formerly Hopper) of 85, Amersham Vale, New Cross, London.  
Buried Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grave Ref: II. C. 51.  
Also commemorated on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial.  
Pre his army enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Counterman.

**HORN, THOMAS.** Private, 9716.  
2nd Battalion, Durham Light Infantry.  
Died 20 September 1914.  
Born Croydon, Surrey. Enlisted London. Resided Norwood, Surrey.  
Commemorated on the La Ferté-sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.  
Pre his army enlistment, Thomas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**HUGGETT, WILLIAM GEORGE.** Private, 51791.  
4th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Lincolnshire Regiment.  
Died 15 April 1918. Aged 18.  
Born and resided Reigate, Surrey. Enlisted Redhill, Surrey.  
Son of Alfred and Laura Huggett of 33, North Albert Road, Reigate, Surrey.  
Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium.  
Panel 3.  
Formerly Private, 51898, Bedfordshire Regiment.  
SDGW commemorates William with the surname of Haggett. Medal Index Card entry shows Huggett, but with the Christian name of Arthur.

**HURLEY, ARTHUR GEORGE.** Rifleman, 34096.  
2nd Battalion, Rifle Brigade.  
Died 6 March 1918.  
Born, enlisted and resided Deptford, Kent.  
Son of Mrs. S. Hurley of 24, Coleraine Street, St. John's, Deptford, London.  
Buried White House Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: II. F. 18.  
Pre his army enlistment, Arthur was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Signalman.

**HURRELL, A.** The following soldier is arguably the best match for this casualty, The Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, commemorates A. Hurrell with the rank of Driver, who pre his army enlistment, was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk. In view of the massive numbers of Great War casualties and survivors of the Royal Regiment of Artillery who are recorded as either (or both) Gunner or Driver, depending on data sourced, is the prime reason for choosing and briefly commemorating the following artilleryman.

**HURRELL, ALFRED.** Gunner, 905475.

3rd Battery, 2nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 3 June 1916. Aged 18.

Born Blacklands, Sussex. Enlisted St. Leonards, Sussex.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hurrell of 56, Mount Pleasant Road, Hastings, Sussex.

Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panel 3 and 60.

**HUSSON, REGINALD HARCOURT.** Sapper, 265752.

Railway Operating Division, Royal Engineers.

Died 27 May 1918.

Born Kennington, Surrey. Enlisted Camberwell, Surrey.

Buried Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: X. D. 12.

Formerly Sapper, WR/270010, Royal Engineers. Pre his army enlistment, Reginald was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**JAMES, A.E.** No clear trace.

**JEFFERY, FREDERICK WILLIAM.** Private, 720315.

2/24th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment, (The Queen's).

Born Lambeth, Surrey. Enlisted Kennington. Resided Brixton, Surrey.

Died 21 December 1917. Aged 19.

Son of James and Annie Jeffery of 45, Mawbey Street, South Lambeth Road, London.

Buried Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel. D. 16.

Formerly Private, 1810, London Regiment. Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Signal Lad.

**JOHNS, GEORGE HENRY.** Private, G/1411.

2nd Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 21 March 1916. Aged 24.

Born Blackfriars. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent.

Son of Julia Louise Johns of 61, Wolverton Road, Narborough Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, and the late Henry James Johns.

Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panel 29.

Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**JORDAN, F.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk..



**JOY, WILLIAM J.** Private, 108049.  
H.Q. Company, 1st Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).  
Died 10 December 1919. Aged 21.  
Only son of Ernest James and Edith Jane Joy of Rye, Sussex.  
Buried Appledore, Kent, (SS Peter and Paul) Churchyard.  
Grave Ref: North-East of Church.

**KEETON, WALTER THOMAS.** Private, L/8435.  
1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).  
Died 31 October 1914. Aged 27.  
Born St. Pancras, Middlesex. Enlisted London. Resided Sydenham, Kent.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Keeton of 17, Blue Anchor Lane, Bermondsey, London.  
Husband of Florence Ellen Keeton of 7, Durham Hill, Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate (Ypres), Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Panel 11 - 13 and 14.  
Pre his army enlistment, Walter was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**KEYWOOD, SAMUEL GEORGE.** Sergeant, S/10881.  
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 18 September 1918. Aged 35.  
Born and enlisted Lewisham, Kent. Resided Catford, Kent.  
Son of William George and Lavinia Keywood of 34, Faversham Road, Catford, London.  
Buried Trefcon British Cemetery, Caulaincourt, Aisne, France. Grave Ref: B. 7.  
Pre his army enlistment, Walter was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Goods Guard.

**LAWRENCE, PERCY DOUGLAS.** Private, G/39976.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).  
Died 20 November 1917.  
Born, enlisted and resided Gravesend, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. Panel 3.

**LITTLE, CHARLES RICHARD.** Private, G/18460.  
11th (Service) Battalion, (Lewisham) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)  
Died 29 July 1917. Aged 23.  
Born Faversham, Kent. Enlisted Sittingbourne, Kent.  
Son of Thomas and Isabel Little, of Mill St., Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent.  
Husband of Amy Mary Ann Hughes (formerly Little), of 19, Cheapside, Sittingbourne, Kent.  
Buried Oak Dump Cemetery, Voormezele, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: F. 1.  
Also commemorated on Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent, civic war memorial.  
Formerly Private, 2502, Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles.

**LOOKER, ALFRED CHARLES.** Private, G/68748.  
17th (Service) Battalion, (Empire) Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
Died 28 March 1918.  
Born and enlisted Croydon, Surrey. Enlisted South Croydon, Surrey.  
Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: XXXI. L. 2A.  
Formerly Private, TR/10/2102, Training Reserve Battalion. Pre his army enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**LUFF, A.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Lampman.

**LUSTED, FREDERICK ARTHUR.** Sergeant, 1385.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 13 July 1916. Aged 23.  
Born and resided Wye, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.  
Son of Thomas and Sarah Ann Lusted of 87 Bridge Street, Wye, Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Peronne Road Cemetery, Maricourt, Somme, France. Grave Ref: 1.C.8.  
Commemorated on a Great War memorial plaque located in the porch of the parish church of (St. Martin & St Gregory, Wye, Ashford, Kent. Henry was also commemorated on the Wye, Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, prior to the apparent removal, and non replacement of the memorial inscription panels thereon.  
Prior to the outbreak of the Great War Frederick was employed by the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company as a Booking Clerk, at Lydd Railway Station, Romney Marsh, Kent. Frederick was an early volunteer having enlisted in September 1914, and proceeded to France with his battalion in July 1915.

**LUTTMAN, CHARLES.** Bombardier, 191736.  
"Y" Anti-Aircraft Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.  
Died 29 October 1918.  
Born Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent.  
Resided Eltham, Kent.  
Buried Ramillies British Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: D. 26.  
Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Policeman.

**MARSH, PERCY JOHN.** Sapper, WR/269916.  
3rd Light Railway Operating Company,  
Died 1 February 1919.  
Son of Mr. J. Marsh of St. Mary's Hoo, Isle of Grain, Kent.  
Buried Hoo, Isle of Grain, Kent, (St. Mary's) Churchyard.  
Commemorated at Gillingham, Kent (Woodlands) Cemetery, on a Special Memorial.  
Pre his army enlistment, Percy was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**MARSHALL, H.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**McREDMOND, JAMES THOMAS.** Private, 517492.  
"D" Company, 1st/14th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (London Scottish).  
Died 23 August 1918. Aged 18.  
Born Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Bromley, Kent. Resided Orpington, Kent.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McRedmond of 8, Aynscombe End, Orpington, Kent.  
Buried Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: VI. C. 27.  
Pre his army enlistment, James was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**MERRITT, ALFRED.** Private, 1309.  
20th (County of London) Battalion, (Blackheath and Woolwich) London Regiment.  
Died 23 May 1916. Aged 23.  
Born Rotherhithe, London. Enlisted Blackheath, Kent.  
Resided Greenwich, London S.E.  
Son of Walter and Jemima Merritt of 4, Trinity Grove, Greenwich, London.  
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 9 or 10.  
Brother of Walter Merritt who is the next casualty briefly commemorated.  
Pre his army enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Lampman.

**MERRITT, WALTER RAILTON WILLIAM.** Private, 1500.  
20th (County of London) Battalion, (Blackheath and Woolwich) London Regiment.  
Died 21 July 1915. Aged 20.  
Born Deptford, Kent. Enlisted Blackheath, Kent. Resided Charlton, London S.E.  
Son of Walter and Jemima Merritt of 4, Trinity Grove, Greenwich, London.  
Buried Fosse 7 Military Cemetery (Quality Street), Mazingarbe, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: II. C. 8.  
Pre his army enlistment, Walter was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**MOORE, HAROLD EDWARD.** Private, 118.  
6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 3 October 1915. Aged 24.  
Born West Ham, London. Enlisted Chatham, Kent.  
Eldest son of Thomas E. and Elizabeth Moore of 54, Abbott Road, Poplar, London.  
Buried Mazingarbe Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: 72.  
Pre his army enlistment, Harold was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Signalman..

**MOSS, ARTHUR STANLEY.** Private, 67509.  
Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
Posted to 2nd/2nd (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers).  
Died 24 December 1917. Aged 19.  
Born and resided Beckenham, Kent. Enlisted Bromley, Kent.  
Son of Arthur and Jane B. Moss of 38, St. Margaret's Road, Elmers End, Beckenham, Kent.  
Formerly Private, TR/10/57197, 103rd Training Reserve Battalion.  
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium,  
Panel 28 to 30 and 162 to 162A and 163A.

**NEAME, GEORGE JOHN.** Sapper, 256830.  
Railway Transport Division, Royal Engineers.  
Died 31 March 1918. Aged 20.  
Born Canterbury, Kent. Maidstone, Kent. Resided West Malling, Kent.  
Son of George and Minnie Charlotte Neame of "Ravensdale," New Town, West Malling, Kent.  
Buried West Malling, Kent (St. Mary) Churchyard.  
Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**OGLEE, P.W.** As commemorated on the war memorial, is probably the following soldier, but unfortunately with a slight misspelling of his surname.

**OCLEE, PERCY W.** Private, 9252.  
3rd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment.  
Died 7 November 1914.  
Born and resided Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate (Ypres), Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Panel 34.  
Percy's MIC entry shows his surname spelt O'Clee. Pre his army enlistment, Percy was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**OSBORNE, ARCHIBALD EDWARD.** Captain.  
5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Attached to the 10th (Service) Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment.  
Died 21 March 1918. Aged 27.  
Son of William Edward and Katherine Osborne of 13, Hope Park, Bromley, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2.  
Archibald, who was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm (France), was Gazetted from the Honourable Artillery Company (Artillery) having formerly served in same as Private, 3468. Pre his army enlistment, Archibald was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**PAYNE, A.G.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Shunter.

**PEARCE, T.H.** Best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier:-

**PEARCE, THOMAS HENRY.** Private, G/48895.

2nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 9 October 1917.

Born Otford, Kent. Enlisted Sevenoaks, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.

Panel 28 to 30 and 162 to 162A and 163A.

**PIPER, F.** Best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier:-

**PIPER, FRANCIS PETER.** Private, 14222.

13th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 12 July 1916. Aged 20.

Born Millwall. Enlisted Poplar.

Son of Mrs. Emily Piper of G, Garden Street, Stepney Green, London.

Commemorated on the Thiépval Memorial, Somme, France.

Pier and Face 8 C 9 A and 16 A.

Formerly, Private, 17661, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Pre his army enlistment, Francis was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**PITTOCK, JOHN ARTHUR.** Private, G/25877.

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

Died 1 October 1918. Aged 19.

Born Sandwich, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Resided Gillingham, Kent.

Son of George Thomas and Mary Pittock of 10, Court Lodge Road, Gillingham, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.

Panel 14 to 17 and 162 to 162A.

Formerly, Private, 38156, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**POWELL, EDWARD JAMES.** Private, 43002.

10th (Service) Battalion, Essex Regiment.

Died 22 October 1917. Aged 34.

Born Hertfordshire. Enlisted London. Resided Bermondsey, Surrey.

Husband of Mrs. E. A. Powell of 179, Drummond Road,

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium. Panel 98 to 99.

Formerly Private, SS/676, Army Service Corps. Having been a very early Great War volunteer, having enlisted in the army in August 1914, prior to his demise Edward had been wounded four times. Pre his army enlistment, Edward was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**POWNEY, ALFRED FREDERICK.** Private, G/640743.

23rd (Service) Battalion, (1st Sportsmans) Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)

Died 25 March 1918.

Born Clapham. Enlisted and resided Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 3.

Formerly Private, 2550, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

**PULLIN**, F. No clear trace.

**RANDALL**, THOMAS ARTHUR. Lance Corporal, G/2773.  
8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 26 September 1915. Aged 24.  
Born Tonbridge, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent.  
Resided Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.  
Son of Thomas and Harriet Randall of 1, Seaborne Villas, Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood, Kent.  
Husband of the late Rose Randall.  
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 95 to 97.  
Pre his army enlistment, Thomas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Shunter.

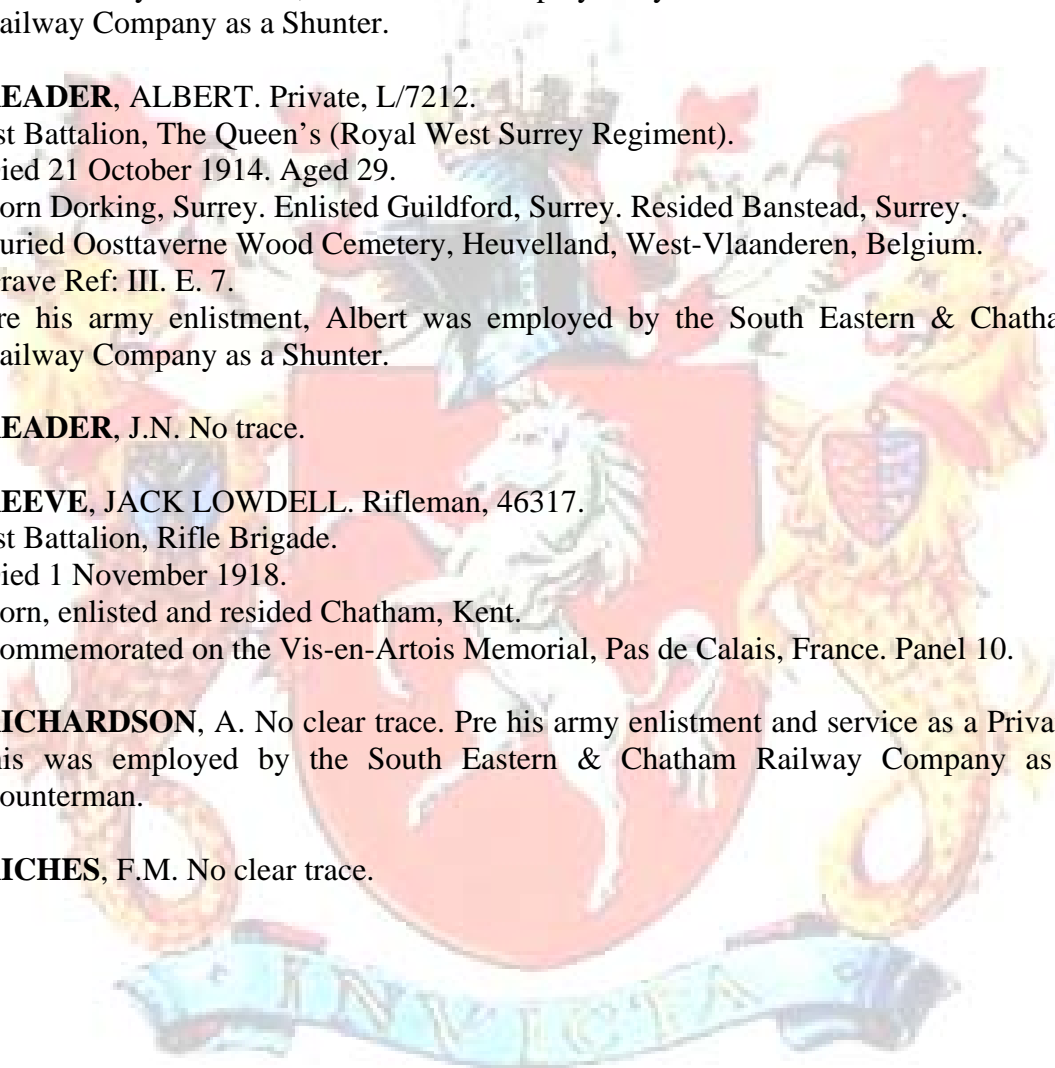
**READER**, ALBERT. Private, L/7212.  
1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).  
Died 21 October 1914. Aged 29.  
Born Dorking, Surrey. Enlisted Guildford, Surrey. Resided Banstead, Surrey.  
Buried Oosttaerne Wood Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: III. E. 7.  
Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Shunter.

**READER**, J.N. No trace.

**REEVE**, JACK LOWDELL. Rifleman, 46317.  
1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade.  
Died 1 November 1918.  
Born, enlisted and resided Chatham, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 10.

**RICHARDSON**, A. No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment and service as a Private, this was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Counterman.

**RICHES**, F.M. No clear trace.



**ROACH, A.** No clear trace, but the best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier:-

**ROACH, ALFRED.** Private,  
9th (Service) Battalion, Devonshire Regiment.  
Died 1 July 1916.

Born London. Enlisted Brixham, Devonshire.

Brother of Mr. R. Roach of 20, Broom House Road, Fulham, London.

Buried Devonshire Cemetery, Mametz, Somme, France. Grave Ref: B. 3.

If the above is the correct man, then pre his army enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter. Mametz village was within the German lines until 1 July 1916, when it was captured by the 7th Division, and Mametz Wood, north-east of the village, was cleared on the days following 7 July. The 8th and 9th Battalions of the Devonshire Regiments, forming parts of the 7th Division, attacked on 1 July 1916, on the first day of the 'Battle of the Somme 1916' from a point on the south-west side of Albert-Maricourt road, due south of Mametz village, by a plantation called Mansell Copse. It was there, on 4 July, that they buried their dead in a section of their old front line trench.

**ROSE, J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment and service as a Private, this was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**SELLINGS, EDWARD VICTOR.** Private, 31201.

1st/5th Battalion (Territorial Force), East Lancashire Regiment.

Died 25 March 1918. Aged 19.

Born Penshurst, Tonbridge, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent. Resided Tonbridge, Kent.

Son of Edward James and Rose May Sellings of 3, Rita Cottages, London Road, Tonbridge, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 6.

Formerly Private, 77680, Durham Light Infantry.

Pre his army enlistment, Edward was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**SMART, E.T.** Best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier. Regrettably there is no SDGW commemoration for him, but he has a MIC entry.

**SMART, EDWARD T.** Driver, 34883.

Royal Horse Artillery.

Died 2 March 1916. Aged 34.

Buried King's Somborne New Cemetery, Stockbridge, Hampshire. Grave Ref: I. 5.

**SMITH, E.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment and service as a Private, this was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**SMITH, T.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment and service as a Serjeant, this was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**SPEDDING, WALTER GEORGE.** Private, 11991.  
1st Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.  
Died 28 September 1915. Aged 26.  
Born and resided Catford, Kent. Enlisted St. Pancras.  
Son of Mr. F. and Mrs. A. Spedding of 1, Upper Mill, Southend Village, Catford, London.  
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 93 to 95.  
Pre his army enlistment, Walter was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**SPICE, ARTHUR FRANK.** Private, 37925.  
1st/4th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Royal Berkshire Regiment.  
Died 5 August 1917. Aged 42.  
Born Bapchild, Kent. Enlisted Lewisham, Kent. Resided Brockley, Kent.  
Son of Raynor and Sarah Spice of Bapchild, Sittingbourne, Kent.  
Husband of Dora Maud Spice of 48, Malpas Road, Brockley, London.  
Buried Track "X" Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: E. 44.  
Formerly Private, 9/24951, Training Reserve Battalion. Pre his army enlistment, Walter was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**SWAINE, FREDERICK JAMES.** Private, G/25127.  
2nd/4th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)  
Died 7 November 1917. Aged 32.  
Born Rotherhithe, S.E. Enlisted Greenwich, Kent.  
Son of William and Fanny Swaine.  
Buried Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: O. 56.

**TILTMAN, ALFRED REGINALD.** Sapper, 265726.  
Railway Operating Division, Royal Engineers.  
Died 3 April 1917. Aged 19.  
Born Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Resided Rye, Sussex.  
Son of Alfred E. and Flora Daisy Tiltman of 81, Christ Church Road, Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: O. 516.  
Commemorated on Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford, Kent, (St. Mary's) parish church Great War memorial plaque. Possibly due to the place of his residence, Alfred is not numbered amongst those who are commemorated on the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company, Ashford, Kent Railway Works, Roll of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford Library. Pre his army enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**TWAITES, HARRY.** Private, 9411.  
2nd Battalion, Welsh Regiment.  
Died 23 October 1914.  
Born and resided Bermondsey. Enlisted London.  
Buried Perth Cemetery (China Wall), Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: XVI. C. 10.  
Pre his army enlistment, Harry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.



**TWEEN, ALBERT ERNEST.** Private, 129476.  
Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).  
Died 25 April 1918. Aged 19.  
Born Beckenham, Kent. Enlisted Deptford, Kent.  
Son of John Ernest and Lily Charlotte Tween of 6, St. Nicholas Street, Tanner Hill,  
Deptford, London.  
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium.  
Panel 154 to 159 and 163A.

**VASS, CHARLES.** Driver, L/31237.  
"A" Battery, 175th Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery  
Died 30 October 1918.  
Enlisted Fulham. Resided Notting Hill.  
Buried Verchain British Cemetery, Verchain-Maugre, Nord, France.  
Grave Ref: D. 13.

**VEARY, ALFRED WILLIAM FREDRICK.** Private, 130.  
12th (Service) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
Died 16 May 1916.  
Born High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. Enlisted London.  
Resided Oxford, Oxfordshire.  
Son of Alfred Edward and Laura Ann Veary of Oxford, Oxfordshire.  
Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: I. M. 22.  
Alfred had formerly served in Grenadier Guards, three years with the Colours and  
nine years in Reserve. Pre his army enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South  
Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**WALTHO, THOMAS JAMES.** Stoker 1st Class, SS/100433.  
Royal Navy, (RFR/CH/B/5537). H.M.S. Aboukir.  
Died 22 September 1914. Aged 32.  
Born Oldgate, London 11 March 1882.  
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 5.

**WIGGINS, J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this  
casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a  
Porter.

**WILDING, CHARLES SMITH.** Lance Corporal, 13954.  
2nd/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's  
Own).  
Died 25 July 1918. Aged 25.  
Born Whitby, Yorkshire. Enlisted Hull, Yorkshire.  
Husband of Elsie Annie Wilding of 5, The Square, East Morton, Bingley, Yorkshire.  
Commemorated on the Soissons Memorial, Aisne, France.  
Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham  
Railway Company as a Porter.

**WILLARD, JESSE.** Private, G/308.

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

Died 16 July 1916. Aged 20.

Born Hawkhurst, Kent. Enlisted Shepherdswell, Dover, Kent. Resided Marden, Kent. Son of Frederick and Harriet Willard of Myrtle Villa, Goudhurst Road, Marden, Kent. Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: XIV. A. 2A. Also commemorated on Great War memorial plaque located in Marden, Kent (St. Michael & All Angels) parish church.

Pre his army enlistment, Jesse was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**WILLMOTT, CLARENCE GEORGE.** Lance Sergeant, 2039.

1st/4th Battalion, Essex Regiment.

Died 14 October 1915. Aged 22.

Born Edmonton, Middlesex. Enlisted Brentwood, Essex. Resided Ilford, Essex.

Son of William Harry and Harriet M. Willmott of 50, Colombo Road, Ilford, Essex.

Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 144 to 150 or 229 to 233.

Pre his army enlistment, Clarence was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Telephone Lad. Clarence had been the Scoutmaster, of the 6th Ilford, Essex, Boy Scout Troop.

**WEBB, ALBERT VICTOR.** Private, 18179.

1st Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Died 3 May 1917.

Born Woolwich, Kent. Enlisted Stratford, Essex. Resided Custom House, Essex.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7.

Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**WOOD, A.V.** Best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier:-

**WOOD, ARTHUR VICTOR.** Private, 42027.

7th (Service) Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Died 7 October 1918. Aged 21.

Born and resided Gillingham, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent.

Son of J. Fairbairn of 50, Fox Street, Gillingham, Kent.

Buried Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria, Greece. Grave Ref: 528.

Formerly Private, 65622, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Pre his army enlistment, Arthur was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**WYATT, H.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

## OUTDOOR LOCOMOTIVE DEPARTMENT

**ADAMS, D.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**ALLUM, F.** The following soldier is arguably the best match for this casualty, The Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, commemorates F. Allum with the rank of Driver, who pre his army enlistment, was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman. In view of the massive numbers of Great War casualties and survivors of the Royal Regiment of Artillery who are recorded as either (or both) Gunner or Driver, depending on data sourced, is the prime reason for choosing and briefly commemorating the following artilleryman.

**ALLUM, FRANK ALBERT VICTOR.** Gunner, 22137.

14th Army Brigade, Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 30 June 1918. Aged 21.

Enlisted and resided London.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Allum of 7, Atkinson Street, New Cross, London.

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

Grave Ref: Q. II. C. 19.

**ANDREWS, ARTHUR BERTRAM.** Private, 201187.

6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 26 August 1918. Aged 22.

Born Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent. Enlisted and resided Tonbridge, Kent.

Son of Stephen and Alice Mary Andrews of 17, Meadow Road, Meadow Lawn, Tonbridge, Kent.

Buried Daours Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.

Grave Ref: VIII. A. 33.

Pre his army enlistment, Arthur was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**APPIN, F.A.** Unfortunately the surname inscription commemorating this casualty on the war memorial is erroneous. The Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, commemorates him as F.A. Aplin, who pre his army enlistment, was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as an Engine Cleaner, as under:-

**APLIN, FRANK ALFRED.** Lance Corporal, 1415.

1st/24th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (London Scottish).

Died 26 May 1915. Aged 19.

Born Clapham. Enlisted Kennington. Resided Battersea, Surrey.

Son of Mrs. E. O'Neill of 3, Wickersley Road, Lavender Hill, London.

Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 46.

**BAKER, T.** Best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier:-  
**BAKER, THOMAS.** Sapper, 290119.  
98th Light Railway Operating Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 31 December 1917. Aged 21.  
Born East Battersea, Surrey. Enlisted Caversham, Oxfordshire.  
Resided Reading, Berkshire.  
Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Baker of 80, Great Knollys Street, Reading, Berkshire.  
Commemorated on the Chatby Memorial, Egypt.

**BARNES, CHARLES STUART.** Corporal, T4/038366.  
No. 1 Company, 55th Divisional Train, Royal Army Service Corps.  
Died 10 April 1918. Aged 24.  
Born, enlisted and resided Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of Thomas and Frances Barnes of Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Lapugnoy Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: VI. C. 7.  
Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman.

**BASSETT, FREDERICK GEORGE.** Private, 41233.  
2nd Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment  
Died 22 March 1918. Aged 19.  
Born and resided Redhill, Surrey. Enlisted Guildford, Surrey.  
Son of Thomas Henry and Emily Bassett of 18, Garlands Road, Redhill, Surrey.  
Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 28.

**BATEMAN, F.** No clear trace.

**BEACH, HARRY ALEC.** Lance Corporal, G/6365.  
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Born, enlisted and resided Tonbridge, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2.

**BELLINGHAM, CHARLES.** Corporal, WR/269995.  
80th Broad Gauge Workshops Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 3 November 1918. Aged 25.  
Born Halstead, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent.  
Son of Mr. F. and Mrs. N. Bellingham of 101, St. Mary's Road, Tonbridge, Kent.  
Husband of Mrs. E. T. Bellingham.  
Buried St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France.  
Grave Ref: S. III. L. 15.  
Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman.

**BOND, HAROLD SIDNEY VICTOR.** Private, G/818.  
8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 31 August 1916. Aged 19.  
Born Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Enlisted Bromley, Kent.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bond of 42, Albert Road, Bromley Common, Kent.  
Buried Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: I. B. 32.  
Also commemorated on the Bromley, Kent, civic war memorial.  
Pre his army enlistment, Harold was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**BOOTH, JAMES GEORGE.** Lance Corporal, G/3159.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).  
Died 13 November 1915.  
Born St. George's-in-the-East, Middlesex. Enlisted Deptford, Kent.  
Resided Kennington, Surrey.  
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 13.  
Pre his army enlistment, James was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**BOSTRIDGE, GEORGE.** Private, G/5871.  
1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 22 July 1916.  
Born Deptford, Kent. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent. Resided New Cross, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, France. Pier and Face 11 C.  
Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**BOUFFLER, FRANK ROBERT.** Private, 12842.  
2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards.  
Died 27 August 1918. Aged 22.  
Born St. Mary's, Essex. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent. Resided Plumstead, Kent.  
Son of William A. Bouffler of 8, Hylton Street, Plumstead, London.  
Buried Mory Street Military Cemetery, St Leger, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: B. 7.  
Pre his army enlistment, Frank was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**BOWLES, FREDERICK.**  
8th (Service) Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.  
Died 22 September 1917. Aged 27.  
Born Silverhill, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. Enlisted Hastings, Sussex.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bowles of 57, Paynton Road, Silverhill, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.  
Buried Duhallow A.D.S. Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: I. C. 36.  
Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Engine Cleaner.

**BROTHERWOOD, HERBERT JAMES.** Private, G/15559.  
7th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 12 October 1917. Aged 21.  
Born, enlisted and resided Tonbridge, Kent.  
Son of Edward and Lidia Brotherwood of 10, Hawden Road, Tonbridge, Kent.  
Buried Cement House Cemetery, Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: VII. E. 9.  
Pre his army enlistment, Herbert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Cleaner.

**BROWN, SYDNEY CHARLES.** Pioneer, 321546.  
"L" Special Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 27 May 1918.  
Born London. Enlisted Woolwich, Kent.  
Buried Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: V. B. 39.  
Pre his army enlistment, Sydney was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman.

**BUBB, FREDRICK THOMAS GEORGE.** Corporal, G/43128.  
13th (Service) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.  
Died 4 November 1918. Aged 22.  
Born and resided Chatham, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of Sarah Bubb of 65, Gordon Road, Chatham, Kent, and the late William George Bubb.  
Buried Canonne Farm British Cemetery, Sommaing. Nord. France. Grave Ref: D. 1.  
Formerly Corporal, 2128, West Kent Yeomanry. Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner. It should be noted that at Frederick's CWGC commemoration, he is shown as being Frederick Lomas George Bubb. In/on SDGW he is shown as being Frederick Thomas George Budd. All other data accessed shows Frederick as either F.T.G. Bubb or names in full, as such it would seem that unfortunately both the CWGC and SDGW entries commemorating Frederick are not correct.

**BUDDLE, BENJAMIN.** Private, TF/241752.  
1st/8th (Service) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.  
Died 30 November 1917.  
Born Attercliffe, Yorkshire. Enlisted West Ealing, Middlesex.  
Resided Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. Panel 9.  
Pre his army enlistment, Benjamin was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**BURGNEAY, A.S.** No trace.

**BUTLER, W.** No clear trace. The Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, commemorates this casualty with the rank of Signaller, who pre his army enlistment, was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman.

**CARR, RICHARD.** Rifleman, Z/2763.  
13th (Service) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.  
Died 14 November 1916.  
Born Brighton, Sussex. Enlisted London. Resided Lambeth, Surrey.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, France. Pier and Face 16 B and 16 C.  
Pre his army enlistment, Richard was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Engine Cleaner.

**CAVE, HAROLD JAMES.** Gunner, 358121.  
115th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.  
Died 24 April 1918. Aged 23.  
Born and enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Son of James and Bertha Cave of 36, Stanhope Road, Dover, Kent.  
Buried Etaples, Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: XXXII. C. 6.  
Also commemorated on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial.  
Pre his army enlistment, Harold was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Engine Cleaner.

**CHADWICK, ALBERT EDWARD.** Rifleman, R/38611.  
13th (Service) Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.  
Died 4 November 1918.  
Born and enlisted Dartford, Kent.  
Buried Ghissignies British Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: A. 11.  
Also commemorated on the Dartford, Kent, civic war memorial.  
Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Leading Engine Cleaner.

**CHAMPION, THOMAS EDWARD.** Private, G/21291.  
10th (Royal East Kent and West Kent Yeomanry) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 31 October 1917.  
Born and enlisted Battersea, Surrey. Resided Clapham, Surrey.  
Buried Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: M. 7.  
Pre his army enlistment, Thomas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**CHAPMAN, W.** No clear trace. The Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, commemorates this casualty with the rank of Private, who pre his army enlistment, was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**CHILDS, C.** No clear trace.

**COMBER, J.J.** The match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier:-

**COMBER, JOHN.** Private, 1907.

1st/15th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own Civil Service Rifles).

Died 15 December 1917. Aged 21.

Born Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Enlisted London. Resided Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Son of William and Clara Comber of "Mervale," Kingswood Way, Sanderstead, Surrey.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 132.

Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**CRUMPTON, E.** The match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier:-

**CRUMPTON, ERNEST HENRY.** Private, G/12993.

7th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 4 August 1917.

Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Gillingham, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 12.

Pre his army enlistment, Ernest was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Boilermakers Assistant.

**DAVIS, J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Corporal, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Blacksmith.

**DOBIE, A.E.** The best match for this casualty as commemorated on the war memorial appears to be the following soldier:-

**DOBIE, ALBERT.** Private, 1415.

1st/23rd (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment.

Died 25 May 1915.

Born and resided Battersea, Surrey. Enlisted Clapham Junction, Surrey.

Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 45.

Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Engine Cleaner.

**DUNGEY, GEORGE.** Lance Corporal, 8777.

1st Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers.

Died 4 May 1917. Aged 32.

Born Whitfield, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Faversham, Kent.

Son of W. H. and E. J. Dungey of 65, Street Mary Road, Faversham, Kent.

Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: XVIII. H. 7A.

Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Coalman.

**DUNSTER, J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.



**FISH, CHARLES.** Private, 5491.  
6th (Service) Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment.  
Died 26 June 1916.  
Born and enlisted Blackburn, Lancashire.  
Buried Amara War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: V. D. 5.  
Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman.

**FOREMAN, F.G.** The best match for this casualty as commemorated on the war memorial appears to be the following soldier:-

**FOREMAN, FREDERICK.** Private, 7606.  
2nd Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.  
Died 25 September 1915.  
Born Buckland, Dover, Kent. Enlisted Ramsgate, Kent. Resided Dover, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 83.  
Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**FOREMAN, EDWARD JOHN.** Private, 27159.  
2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment.  
Died 16 August 1916. Aged 19.  
Born Lidgate, Newmarket, Suffolk. Enlisted Epping, Essex.  
Son of James and Fanny Foreman of Lidgate, Newmarket, Suffolk.  
Buried Montauban, Quarry Cemetery, Montauban, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: III. C. 3.  
Pre his army enlistment, Edward was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**GREEN, GEORGE VICTOR.** Sapper, Deal/1433(S).  
Royal Marine Divisional Engineers, 63rd (Royal Navy) Division.  
Died 29 December 1915. Aged 29.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Green of 100, Downs Road, Walmer, Kent.  
Husband of Lavinia Ellen Green of 40, Campbell Road, Lower Walmer, Deal, Kent.  
Commemorated at Redoubt Cemetery, Helles, Turkey. Special Memorial A. 151.  
Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitters Assistant.

**GUMBRELL, T.** The best match for this casualty as commemorated on the war memorial appears to be the following soldier:-

**GUMBRELL, JAMES THOMAS.** Private, 32590.  
7th (Service) Battalion, Norfolk Regiment.  
Died 30 November 1917.  
Born and enlisted Redhill, Surrey.  
Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. Panel 4.  
Pre his army enlistment, James was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Engine Cleaner.

**HART, T.E.** The best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier, who the Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, commemorates with the rank of Gunner, who pre his army enlistment was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Engine Cleaner.

**HART, THOMAS ALFRED.** Gunner, 31771.

"A" Battery, 277th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 26 March 1918.

Born Poplar. Enlisted Deptford, Kent.

Buried Heath Cemetery, Harbonnieres, Somme, France. Grave Ref: II. A. 9.

**HARTS, VICTOR.** M.M. Private, 630937.

1st/20th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Blackheath and Woolwich).

Died 6 December 1917.

Born Harlesden, Middlesex. Enlisted Blackheath, Kent. Resided Lewisham, Kent.

Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: XXXI. B. 15.

**HAYES, W.** No clear trace.

**ISTED, WILLIAM GEORGE.** Rifleman S/9845

1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 9 April 1917. Aged 25.

Born and resided Greenwich, Kent. Enlisted New Cross.

Son of Thomas and Ada Isted.

Husband of Emily Frances Isted, of 9, Mauritius Road, East Greenwich, London.

Buried Fampoux British Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France. Grave Ref: A. 22.

Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman.

**JANE, RICHARD FREDERICK.** Lance Sergeant, 70116.

23rd (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment.

Died 6 July 1917.

Enlisted Clapham Junction, Surrey. Resided Battersea, Surrey.

Buried Oak Dump Cemetery, Voormezele, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: F. 4.



**JENNINGS, ALFRED ARTHUR.** Sapper, WR/202551.

Railway Operating Division, Royal Engineers.

Died 12 February 1919. Aged 42.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings of Washington Villas, Monins Rd., Dover, Kent.

Husband of Louisa Jennings of 16, Wellington Road, Deal, Kent.

Buried Les Baraques Military Cemetery, Sangatte, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: VIII. C. 15.

Due to his date of death Alfred has no SDGW entry, the bulk of which appear to stop at 11 November 1918, as such it is not possible to add the usual details re places of birth, enlistment and residence. Accessing the 1881 census revealed the following Jennings family, at which time they resided at 22 Tower Hamlets Street, Charlton, Dover, Kent:-

George JENKINS.	Aged 42.	Born Dover, Kent. Carpenter
Jane JENKINS.	Aged 41.	Born St Margarets, Kent.
George JENKINS.	Aged 14.	Born Dover, Kent.
Rose JENKINS.	Aged 12.	Born Dover, Kent.
James JENKINS.	Aged 10.	Born Dover, Kent.
Arthur JENKINS.	Aged 8.	Born Dover, Kent.
Alfred JENKINS.	Aged 5.	Born Dover, Kent.
Albert JENKINS.	Aged 2.	Born Dover, Kent.
Infant JENKINS.	Aged 1 month.	Born Dover, Kent.

**JORDAN, A.V.** The only casualty accessed matching the man commemorated on the war memorial is the following soldier. Regretably he appears to be numbered amongst the thousands of those who died in or resultant of both world wars who still have no CWGC commemoration. Another problem with this man is that his rank does not match that of the Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, that commemorates him with the rank of Private, who pre his army enlistment was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Engine Cleaner.

**JORDAN, ALBERT VICTOR.** Driver, 3715.

Royal Field Artillery.

Died (Mesopotamia) 15 August 1915.

Born and enlisted Swindon, Wiltshire.

**JUTSON, R.** It is possible that both the war memorial, and the Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, that commemorates this casualty with the rank of Private, have done so with the wrong initial, as only one death for either of the world wars with this surname has been accessed, who is the following soldier. Of concern bearing in mind places of birth, enlistment and regiment, is the fact that it is also possible of course that this casualty is one of the three Privates who have MIC entries matching R. Jutson, and that he also might be amongst those who died in or resultant of both world wars who still have no CWGC commemoration. Thomas was serving in a 'local battalion' at the time of his demise, as it was formed at Wrexham, Flintshire.

**JUTSON, THOMAS.** Private, 12464.

8th (Service) Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Died at sea 1 September 1915. Aged 27.

Born Gritt Green, Great Bridge, Staffordshire. Enlisted Shotton, Flintshire.

Son of William Jutson of 1, Provident Street, Tipton, Staffordshire.

Husband of Annie Jutson of 8, Queen Street, Flintshire.

Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 77 to 80.

Pre his army enlistment Private Jutson was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**KING, R.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**KINGSTON, D.** Private, CH/10330.  
(RMR/B/1642). Chatham Division, Royal Marine Light Infantry.  
Died 4 December 1916.

Buried Greenwich Cemetery, Well Hall Road, London, SE9.  
Commemorated on Screen Wall. B. 4506. Greenwich Cemetery contains 556 Great War burials. More than half of these graves are scattered throughout the cemetery, but 263 form a large war graves plot known as 'Heroes Corner.' Here, two curved screen walls bear the names of casualties buried both in the plot, and in unmarked graves in the cemetery. Pre his army enlistment Private Kingston was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**KNAPP, GEORGE EDWIN.** Private, G/8412.  
10th (Service) Battalion, (Kent County) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 16 August 1918. Aged 33.  
Born Bermondsey, Surrey. Enlisted Lewisham, Kent. Resided Beckenham, Kent.  
Son of Thomas and Eliza Knapp of 4, Catlin Street, Rolls Road, Bermondsey, London.  
Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: XXV. E. 26A.  
Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**KREUTER, FRANCIS.** Lance Corporal, 761.  
3rd Battalion, Rifle Brigade.  
Died 1 September 1916.  
Born Stepney, Middlesex. Enlisted New Cross, Surrey. Resided Battersea, Surrey.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.  
Pier and Face 16 B and 16 C.  
Pre his army enlistment, Francis was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**LETTAM, FREDERICK WILLIAM.** Sapper, 265730.  
12th Light Railway Operating Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 21 October 1917. Aged 19.  
Enlisted Bordon, Hampshire. Resided Tonbridge, Kent.  
Son of George and Caroline Jane Lettham of 10, Judd Road, Tonbridge, Kent.  
Buried Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, Reningelst, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: IV. C. 25.  
Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman.

**LEVETT, JAPHETH.** Able Seaman, 179156.  
Royal Navy, (RFR/CH/B/2749). H.M. Trawler "Burnley."  
Died 25 November 1916. Aged 39.  
Born Hastings, Sussex 11 May 1878.  
Son of Alfred and Harriet Levett of 53, Emanuel Road, Hastings, Sussex.  
Husband of Faith Louise Levett, of Castle Cross Cottage, Castle Hill Road, Hastings, Sussex.  
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 16.  
Pre his Royal Navy enlistment, Japheth was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Boilermakers Assistant.

**MADLE, ERNEST THOMAS.** Sergeant, 7425.  
91st Company, Machine Gun Corps.  
Died 15 July 1916. Aged 26.  
Born Frinsbury, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent.  
Buried Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: XVI. H. 3.  
Formerly Private, 982, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Pre his army enlistment, Ernest was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Coalman.

**MATTHEWS, J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Cleaner.

**MAY, A.** The Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, commemorates this casualty with the rank of Gunner, who pre his army enlistment was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Boilermakers Assistant. In view of data extracted from that Roll of Honour, the following soldier appears to be the best match.

**MAY, ARTHUR.** Gunner, 46805.  
88th Battery, 14th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.  
Died 20 May 1917.  
Born Slade Green, Dartford, Kent. Enlisted Deptford, Kent.  
Buried Fosse 10 Communal Cemetery Extension, Sains-en-Gohelle, Pas-de-Calais, France. Grave Ref: I. C. 7.

**MAY, TOM.** Pioneer, WR/208761.  
Railway Construction Troops Depot, Royal Engineers.  
Died 8 November 1918. Aged 32.  
Born Deptford, Kent. Enlisted Camberwell, Surrey. Resided Sydenham, Kent.  
Son of Tom and Sarah May of Deptford, London.  
Husband of Mary Elizabeth May of 10, Kirtley Road, Lower Sydenham, London.  
Buried Lewisham, (Ladywell) Cemetery, Ladywell Road, London, SE13 7HY.  
Commemorated on Screen Wall. D. 3169.  
In the cemetery where Tom is at rest, approximately 100 graves are in a War Plot and their names are inscribed on a Screen Wall Memorial, together with those whose graves are elsewhere in the cemetery and not marked by headstones. Pre his army enlistment, Tom was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**MEDHURST, JAMES ALFRED.** Private, G/10572.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 19 June 1915. Aged 19.

Born Boxley, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Resided Erith, Kent.

Son of James and Rachel Medhurst of "The Lord Raglan," Slade Green, Erith, Kent.

Buried Potijze Château Wood Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: B. 10.

Pre his army enlistment, James was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**MUSTARD, HENRY BENJAMIN.** Private, 11412.

6th (Service) Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment.

Died 16 February 1916. Aged 23.

Born and resided Rotherhithe, Kent. Enlisted London.

Son of David and Maria Mustard of 24, Eugenia Road, Rotherhithe, London.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 37.

Pre his army enlistment, Henry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**O'FLYNN, PATRICK.** Driver, 13878.

35th Brigade Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 28 January 1915. Aged 27.

Born Cappoquin, County Waterford, Ireland. Enlisted Chatham, Kent.

Son of Michael and Alice O'Flynn of 130, Victoria Street, Gillingham, Kent.

Buried Sailly-Sur-La-Lys, Churchyard, Pas-de-Calais, France. Grave Ref: C. 1.

Pre his army enlistment, Patrick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**PERRIN, A.** The best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier, that the Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, commemorates with the rank of Private, who pre his army enlistment was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**PERRIN, ALFRED.** M.M. Private, G/869.

1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 3 October 1917. Aged 24.

Born Rotherhithe, SE. Enlisted New Cross, Kent. (please see comment below).

Son of Philip and Agnes Perrin of 15, Edale Road, Rotherhithe, London.

Buried Poelcapelle British Cemetery, Poelkapelle, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: VIA. C. 8.

Places of birth and enlistment as shown above are as accessed from SDGW, but Alfred's CWGC commemoration shows him as born at Marylebone, London.

**POTTER, GEORGE MORRIS.** Private, G/2954.

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

Died 29 September 1916.

Born Godstone, Surrey. Enlisted Bromley, Kent. Resided Penge, Kent.

Buried Gommecourt British Cemetery No.2, Hébuterne, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: VI. B. 25.

Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**PRICE, W.** No clear trace. The Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, commemorates this casualty with the rank of Private, who pre his army enlistment was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Engine Cleaner.

**RANSOME, A.W.** No trace. The Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, commemorates this casualty with the rank of S.M., who pre his army enlistment was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman.

**REEVE, RICHARD SIDNEY.** Gunner, 106436.  
"D" Battery, 47th Brigade, Royal Garrison Artillery.  
Died 12 March 1917. Aged 18.

Born and enlisted Chatham, Kent.

Son of Richard C. and Ruth Reeve of 58, Otway Street, Chatham, Kent.

Buried Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Pas de Calais, France.

Grave Ref: II. F. 27.

It was noted that SDGW records Richard as having died at sea, in view of his final resting place it would seem likely that the information is erroneous. Pre his army enlistment, Richard was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**RIDDLES, FRANCIS HENRY.** Private, G/8415.  
11th (Service) Battalion, (Lewisham) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 15 September 1916. Aged 22.  
Born Greenwich, SE. Enlisted Lewisham, Kent. Resided Penge, Kent.  
Son of Francis James and Elizabeth Riddles of 36, Tennyson Road, Penge, London.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 C.  
Pre his army enlistment, Francis was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**RIVETT, FREDERICK.** Private, 202983.  
7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 24 August 1918.  
Born Beckenham, Kent. Enlisted Bromley, Kent. Resided Penge, Kent.  
Buried Hangard Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Grave Ref: I. D. 3.

**RUMENS, WILLIAM ERNEST.** Private, G/9786.  
"B" Company, 8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 3 September 1916. Aged 34.  
Born Beckenham, Kent. Enlisted Bromley, Kent.  
Son of Mrs. E. Rumens of 63, Churchfields Road, Beckenham, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 C.

**RUSSELL, SIDNEY HENRY.** Private, G/2113.  
8th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 17 June 1916. Aged 20.  
Born St. Mary's, Dartford, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Resided Strood, Kent.  
Son of Alice Elizabeth Smith of 8, The Orchard, Frindsbury, Rochester, Kent.  
Buried Dranoutre Military Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: II. C. 14.  
Pre his army enlistment, Sidney was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**SCOTT, A.** No clear trace. The Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, commemorates this casualty with the rank of Private, who pre his army enlistment was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**SILVESTER, JOHN.** Private, 1715.  
1st Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers.  
Died 25 April 1915. Aged 25.  
Born and reside Bermondsey, Surrey. Enlisted London.  
Husband of Annie M. Downer (formerly Silvester) of 85, High Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.  
Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 58 to 72 or 218 to 219.  
Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Striker.

**SMITH, GEORGE RUPERT.** Gunner, 11072.  
39th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.  
Died 8 October 1916. Aged 22.  
Born Bermondsey, SE. Enlisted Nottingham, Nottinghamshire.  
Son of William Thomas and Alice Ann Smith of 9, Helvetia Street, Perry Hill, Catford, London.  
Buried Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: III. F. 38.  
Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Engine Cleaner.

**SMITH, W.** No clear trace. The CWGC commemorates 1866 casualties who match the three casualties with this same initial and surname are commemorated on the war memorial, and SDGW commemorates 1325 of them. The Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour commemorates only two of them. Both of the men pre their army enlistment were employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as Carriage Cleaners.

**SMITH, W.** No clear trace. Please see comments at the first matching casualty above.

**SMITH, W.** No clear trace. Please see comments at the first matching casualty above.



**SMITHWHITE, GEORGE WILLIAM** .Private, 13411.

"B" Company, 2nd Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment

Died 16 June 1915. Aged 22.

Born, enlisted and resided Battersea, Surrey.

Son of Mr. W. R. and Mrs. L. M. Smithwhite of G, Bridle Path, Beddington, Croydon, Surrey.

Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 10 or 11.

Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman.

**STONG, T.H.** The best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier, that the Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, commemorates with the rank of Corporal, who pre his army enlistment was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**STRONG, THOMAS HENRY.** Corporal, 1412.

1st/6th Battalion, London Regiment (City of London Rifles).

Died 22 September 1916.

Born Camberwell. Enlisted London. Resided Southwark.

Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: XVI. A. 5A.

**SWETMAN, W.** Best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier:-

**SWETMAN, WILLIAM JOHN.** Bombadier, 50721.

3rd Battery, 45th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 2 August 1917. Aged 29.

Born Lambeth, Surrey. Enlisted London.

Son of Henry Frederick and Sarah Ann Swetman of 15, Farlton Road, Earlsfield, London.

Buried Belgian Battery Corner Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: I. I. 5.

Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**SWINNARD, R.J.** As commemorated on the war memorial is the following soldier.

**SWINERD, RICHARD JAMES.** Private, G/2765.

7th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 1 September 1915. Aged 19.

Born and resided Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Son of James and Anne D. Swinerd of Swanton Cottage, Mersham, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Point 110 Old Military Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: C. 13.

Also commemorated on the Great War memorials in Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, and Mersham, Ashford, Kent parish churches. Pre his army enlistment, Richard was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Engine Cleaner.

**TAYLOR, E.T.** No clear trace. Although only three casualties are commemorated by the CWGC who match this mans initials and surname, both of those serving in the British army are record in/on SDGW with places of birth and enlistment, but no places of residency. The other soldier, a native of Reading, Berkshire, served in the Canadian army, and checking his attestation papers showed no connection to the man that the Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, commemorates with the rank of Private, who pre his army enlistment was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner.

**THOMPSON, A.** No clear trace.

**THORNE, HENRY THOMAS.** Private, 77083.  
11th (Service) Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers  
Died 25 September 1918. Aged 24.  
Born Peckham. Enlisted Camberwell, Surrey.  
Son of Mrs. Maud Boutt (formerly Thorne) of 59, Meton Road, Peckham, London.  
Buried Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria, Greece. Grave Ref: 341.  
Formerly Private, 14643, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

**TICKNER, A.** The best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier:-

**TICKNER, ALBERT.** Private, 202691.  
1st/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) North Staffordshire Regiment.  
Died 2 April 1918.  
Born Southwark, Surrey. Enlisted Camberwell, Surrey.  
Buried H.A.C. Cemetery, Ecoust-St-Mein, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: I. F. 14.

**TILLY, E. J.** As commemorated on the war memorial is probably the following soldier. All other data checked shows his surname as set out below, with exception of the Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, which commemorates him with the rank of Private, who pre his army enlistment was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Cleaner. It should be noted that in most cases where there is a slight discrepancy regarding the spelling of names etcetera, the war memorial inscriptions at the former Marine Station, Dover, Kent, and the Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour match, and as such is probably being indicative of the war memorial names being based on the Roll of Honour.

**TILLEY, ERNEST JOHN.** Private, 57672.  
36th Company, Machine Gun Corps.  
Died 27 February 1917. Aged 31.  
Born Northfleet, Kent. Enlisted Coventry, Warwickshire.  
Son of A. T. Tilley of Northfleet, Kent.  
Buried Avesnes-le-Comte Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas-de-Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: IV. B. 21.

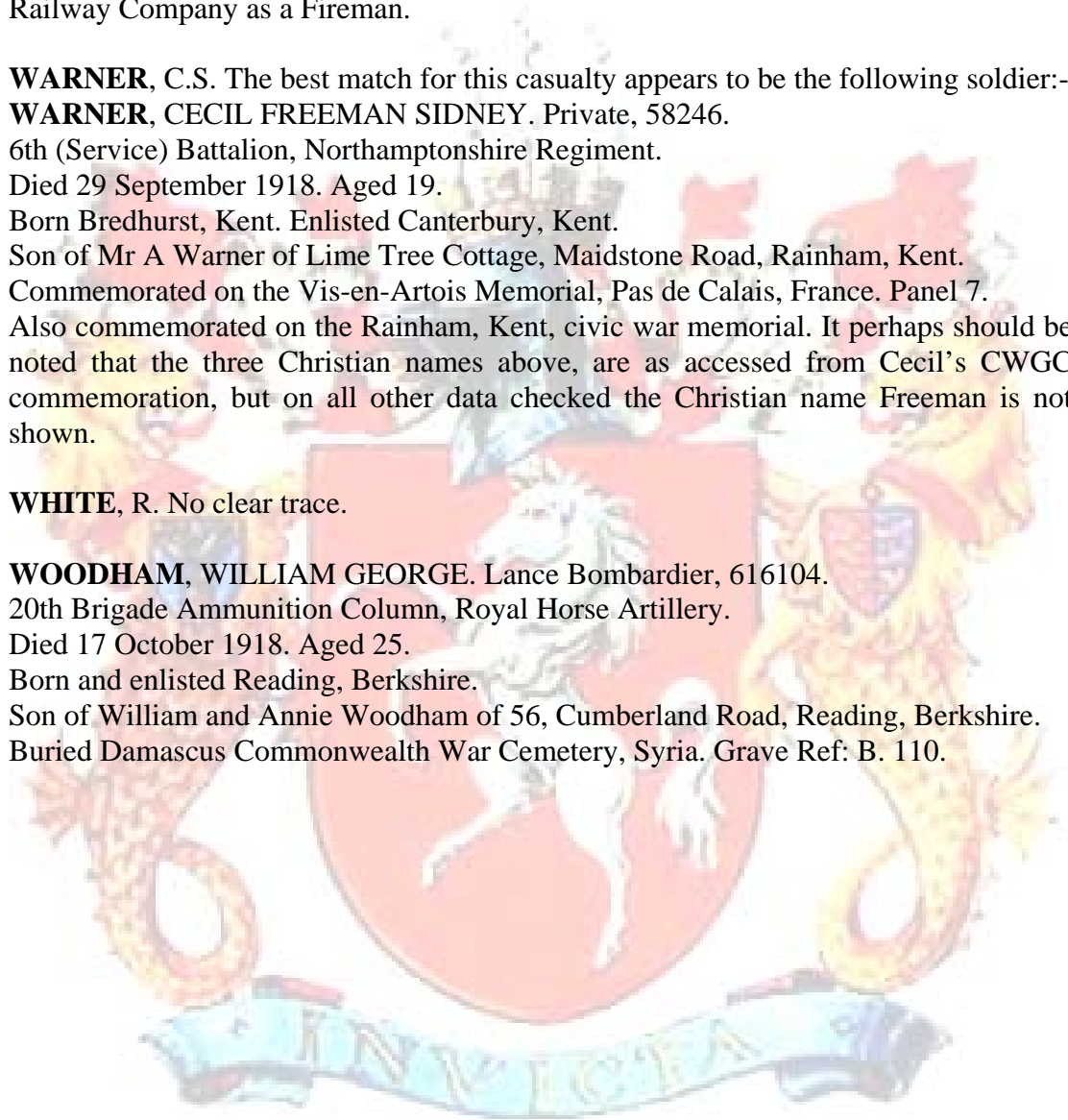
Formerly Private, 20302, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.  
Regretably due to the poor condition of the Northfleet, Kent, civic war memorial, it was not possible to ascertain when visiting same to see if Ernest is numbered amongst those commemorated thereupon. As a native, and probably Northfleet, Kent resident hopefully Ernest's sacrifice was remembered, and in times past properly honoured by the town, prior to the sad and unnecessary deterioration of the civic war memorial.

**TYLER, W.** The best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier:-  
**TYLER, WILLIAM.** Private, 631433.  
1st/20th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Blackheath and Woolwich).  
Died 15 September 1916. Aged 20.  
Born and resided Lewisham, Kent. Enlisted Blackheath, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.  
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Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman.

**WARNER, C.S.** The best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier:-  
**WARNER, CECIL FREEMAN SIDNEY.** Private, 58246.  
6th (Service) Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment.  
Died 29 September 1918. Aged 19.  
Born Bredhurst, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.  
Son of Mr A Warner of Lime Tree Cottage, Maidstone Road, Rainham, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 7.  
Also commemorated on the Rainham, Kent, civic war memorial. It perhaps should be noted that the three Christian names above, are as accessed from Cecil's CWGC commemoration, but on all other data checked the Christian name Freeman is not shown.

**WHITE, R.** No clear trace.

**WOODHAM, WILLIAM GEORGE.** Lance Bombardier, 616104.  
20th Brigade Ammunition Column, Royal Horse Artillery.  
Died 17 October 1918. Aged 25.  
Born and enlisted Reading, Berkshire.  
Son of William and Annie Woodham of 56, Cumberland Road, Reading, Berkshire.  
Buried Damascus Commonwealth War Cemetery, Syria. Grave Ref: B. 110.



## **LOCOMOTIVE, CARRIAGE AND WAGON DEPARTMENT ASHFORD RAILWAY WORKS**

**ADAMS, WILLIAM THOMAS.** Lance Serjeant, PO/3297.  
Royal Marine Light Infantry, Royal Marine Depot, (Deal).  
Died 21 June 1918. Aged 49.  
Husband of Louise C. J. Adams of 7, Alpha Cottages, Lower Walmer, Kent.  
Buried Deal, Kent, Cemetery. Grave Ref: 4. 1637.  
Pre his Royal Marine enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Watchman.

**BAKER, ARTHUR LEWIS.** Private, T/1660.  
1st/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 20 January 1916.  
Born, enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent.  
Son of Thomas and Caroline Baker of 3, Russell Villas, Beaver Road, Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Basra War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: VI. D. 2.  
Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, The National Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour. On a Great War Memorial plaque located in Christchurch, South Ashford, Kent, parish church, and also on a similar memorial plaque located in Ashford, Kent (St. Mary's) parish church. Arthur is also commemorated amongst the war dead on the Ashford Railway Works Roll of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of the Ashford, Kent, Library.  
Pre his army enlistment, Arthur was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Electrician.

**BARNES, JAMES WILLIAM.** Sapper, 189175.  
1st Wagon Erecting Company, Railway Operating Department, Royal Engineers.  
Died 4 September 1917. Aged 23.  
Born Sevington, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.  
Resided South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.  
Son of James and Fanny Barnes of 108, Cudworth Road, South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Calais Southern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: Plot H. Row 4. Grave 1.  
Also commemorated on the Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, Great War parish tribute, which is in the form of a memorial plaque above the organ in the parish church of St. Mary's, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.  
Pre his army enlistment, James was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Coachmaker. Unit details as above are as accessed from James's CWGC commemoration, but his SDGW entry shows 18th Wagon Erecting Company, Railway Operating Department, Royal Engineers.

**BEAN, CHARLES ALFRED.** Rifleman, 9230.

1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 28 April 1915. Aged 32.

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

Son of Mary Bean of 57, Canterbury Road, South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, and the late Richard William Bean.

Buried Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grave Ref: I. C. 149.

Also commemorated on the Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, Great War parish tribute, which is in the form of a memorial plaque above the organ in the parish church of St. Mary's, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Educated initially at the British School Ashford, Kent followed by the Newtown School, Ashford, Kent. Charles was a very strong swimmer, gaining several swimming awards in the Ashford area. After leaving school he was employed in the saw mills of the Ashford Railway Works. He joined the Army when aged 19 years old. Charles served for twelve years in the army, and finally left after completing his engagement. In 1914 he volunteered for overseas service, and rejoined his former regiment, he was severely wounded in both legs on Hill 37 by a shell that exploded on the trench he was sheltering in, and succumbed to same a few days later. Pre his army re-enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**BEANEY, WILLIAM THOMAS.** Private, 57178.

9th (Service) Battalion, Welch Regiment.

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

Died 8 May 1917. Aged 23.

Buried Vlamertinge Military Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: VI. L. 7.

Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, The National Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour. On a Great War Memorial plaque located in Christchurch, South Ashford, Kent, parish church, and also on a similar memorial plaque located in Ashford, Kent (St. Mary's) parish church. William is also commemorated amongst the war dead on the Ashford Railway Works Roll of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of the Ashford, Kent, Library.

Formerly Private, 9176, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**BELLCHAMBERS, WALTER ROWLAND.** Private, 50089.

1st Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment.

Died 23 October 1918. Aged 19.

Born and enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Son of William James and Susan Bellchambers of Ashford, Kent.

Buried Highland Cemetery Le Cateau, Nord, France. Grave Ref: V. E. 10.

Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Roll of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of the Ashford, Kent, Library. On the latter form of remembrance, Walter is shown as being of the 4th Reserve, Northamptonshire Regiment. Assuming that the same implies the battalion, it is not correct, as the 4th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment was a Territorial Force formation, but the regiment's 3rd Battalion was a Reserve formation.

Walter had formerly served in the 5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Pre his war time service, Walter was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as an Apprentice.

**BENNETT, WILLIAM JOHN BERTIE.** Private, T/1227.

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

Died 7 January 1916. Aged 17.

Born Merstham, Redhill, Surrey. Enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent.

Son of Sarah Ann Morris (formerly Bennett), and the late William Bennett.

Buried Amara War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: XXXI. B. 6.

Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Roll of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of the Ashford, Kent, Library.

Educated at the Newtown School, Ashford, Kent. William was employed briefly by the Kentish Express newspaper in Ashford, before pre his army enlistment, being employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitters Apprentice.

**BEVAN, FRANCIS HERBERT.** Corporal, 240411.

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

Died 26 June 1918.

Born Swindon, Wiltshire. Enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent.

Son of Harry and Laura Bevan of 18, Upper Denmark Road, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: IV. C. 6.

Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Roll of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of the Ashford, Kent, Library.

Pre his army enlistment, Francis was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Coachmaker. Francis fractured his spine, and died in a military hospital in Baghdad.

**BISHOPP, HARRY.** Private, L/8060.

1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 15 November 1914. Aged 29.

Born Charing, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Son of the late Samuel Bishopp and Mary Ann Bishopp of 'Raywood,' Pluckley Road, Charing, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Beatrice Maud Fuller (formerly Bishopp) of 69, Lewis Trust Building, Walham Green, London.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 45.

Harry attended Charing Village School, and upon leaving school worked for a short while at Chart Court, Charing, Ashford, Kent. Pre his army enlistment as a Regular soldier, Harry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Boilermakers Assistant. At the time of his demise his widow and two young children reside at 40, Church Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

**BOLTON, FRANCIS HENRY JOHN.** Sergeant, B/7926.

1st Battalion, Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

Died 8 May 1918.

Born Vauxhall, Surrey. Enlisted Battersea.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 68 to 70 and 162 and 162A.

**BURCH, GEORGE SIDNEY.** Gunner, 70770.

293rd Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

Died Friday 9 November 1917. Aged 32.

Born 'The Good Intent,' Frith Road, Aldington, Ashford, Kent 2 August 1885.

Enlisted Ashford, Kent 9 December 1915.

Resided South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

Son of Charles and Kate Burch (née Barling) of 103 Gladstone Road, South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Bard Cottage Cemetery, Boezinge, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: VI.B.27.

Also commemorated on the Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, Great War parish tribute, which is in the form of a memorial plaque above the organ in the parish church of St. Mary's, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Formerly Private, (Ashford Company), 5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Discharged Termination of Service 15 February 1913. Pre his army enlistment, Henry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Viceman.

**BURCHETT, ALFRED EDWARD.** Corporal, T/1367.

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

Died 6 June 1915.

Born Barham, Kent. Enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial, India. Face 3.

Pre his army enlistment, Alfred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitter.

**BUTCHER, ERNEST EDWARD.** Private, 8367.

1st Battalion, Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

Died 29 October 1914.

Born Minster, Kent. Enlisted New Cross. Resided Greenwich, Kent.

Son of the late Mrs. Susannah Butcher.

Husband of Sarah Elizabeth Butcher of 30, Ruby Street, Old Kent Road., London.

Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium.  
Panel 5.

Pre his army enlistment, Ernest was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Electric Examiner.

**CANTELO, ROBERT.** Private, 10103.

16th (The Queen's) Lancers.

Died 26 March 1918.

Born Waterloo, London. Enlisted London.

Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 5.

Pre his army enlistment, Robert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Painters Mate.

**COBLEY, WILLIAM ERNEST.** Private, G/39926.

Died 2 December 1917.

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

Born Bermondsey, Surrey. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Resided Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

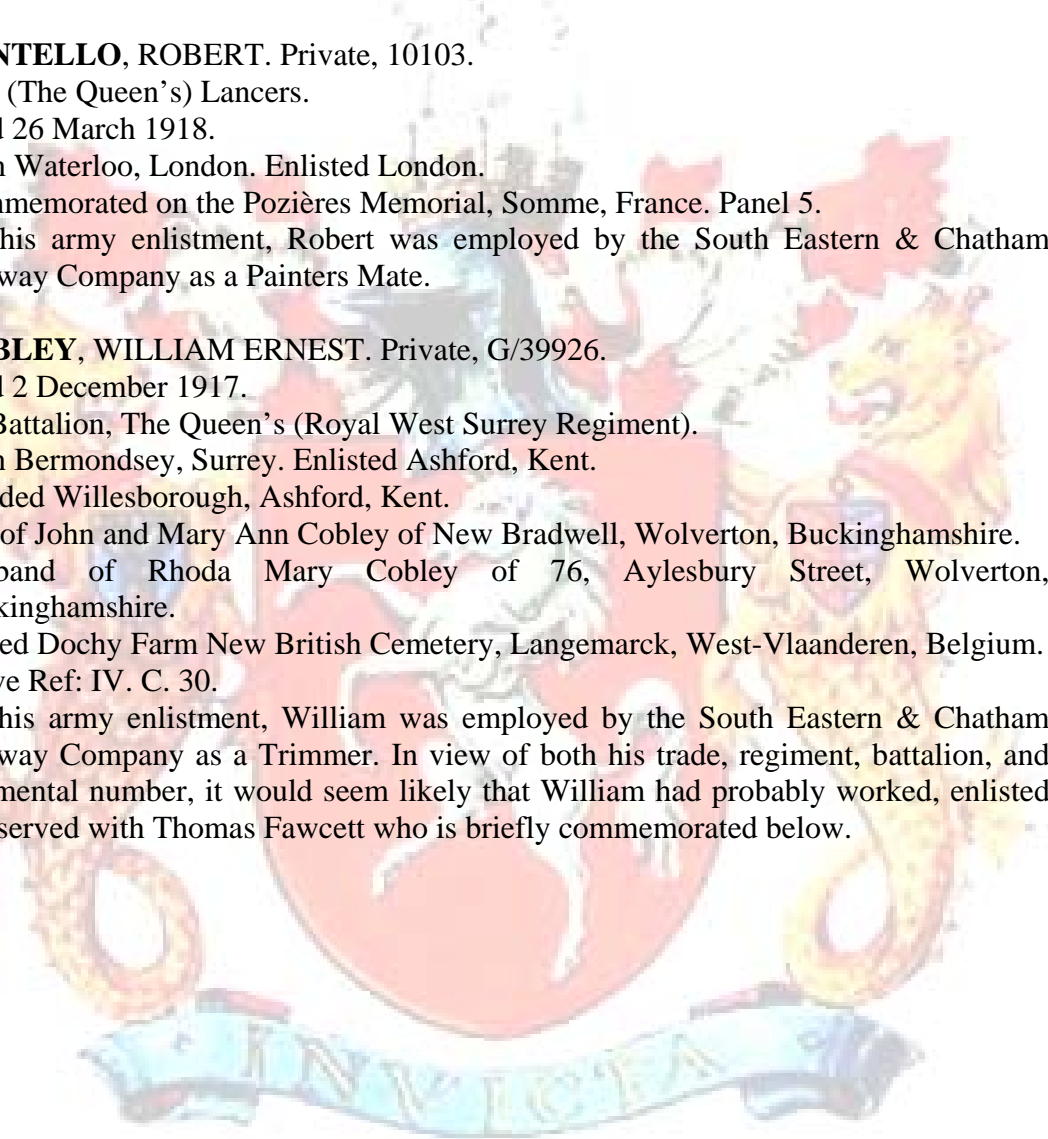
Son of John and Mary Ann Cobley of New Bradwell, Wolverton, Buckinghamshire.

Husband of Rhoda Mary Cobley of 76, Aylesbury Street, Wolverton, Buckinghamshire.

Buried Dochy Farm New British Cemetery, Langemarck, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: IV. C. 30.

Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Trimmer. In view of both his trade, regiment, battalion, and regimental number, it would seem likely that William had probably worked, enlisted and served with Thomas Fawcett who is briefly commemorated below.





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**COLLINS, CLAUDE NORRIS.** Bugler.

496th Field Company, Kent Fortress Royal Engineers.

Died 23 July 1915. Aged 17.

Son of Edward Collins of 1, Beaver Place, South Ashford, Kent.

Resided and died at 6, Beaver Place, South Ashford, Kent.

Buried Ashford Cemetery, Canterbury Road, Ashford, Kent. Grave Ref: 7560.

In addition to the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company war memorial, at the former Marine Station, Dover, Kent, Claude is also commemorated on several other forms of remembrance of the war dead, including the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial. The Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour. On a Great War Memorial plaque located in Christchurch, South Ashford, Kent, parish church, and also on a similar memorial plaque located in Ashford, Kent (St. Mary's) parish church. He is also commemorated amongst the war dead on the Ashford Railway Works Roll of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of the Ashford, Kent, Library. Claude's father was present when his son died, and also attended Claude's funeral when he was laid to rest on 28 July 1915. **Claude is not recorded or commemorated as a war death by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission** which is obviously disappointing. Claude contracted T.B whilst serving as a **British soldier**, and subsequently died of the same disease soon after being invalided from the army. On 20 April 2006, the Ministry of Defence informed Neil Clark that Claude's case for commemoration had been rejected. No grounds were given at that time or since, by either the Ministry of Defence, or the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, which is surprising to say the least. Pre his army enlistment, Claude was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Turners Apprentice.

**COURT, WILLIAM JOHN.** Private, G/10025.

10th (Service) Battalion, (Kent County) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 8 June 1917. Aged 26.

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

Son of Mr. T. Court of 22, Paul's Place, Bridge Street, Dover, Kent.

Husband of Mrs. A. Court of 12 Rugby Gardens Street, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 45, and on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial.

Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Bricklayers Assistant.

**DOWN, FREDERICK THOMAS.** Private, G/5100.

8th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 26 September 1915.

Born and resided Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 15.

Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**FAWCETT, THOMAS.** Private, G/39928.

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

Died 29 September 1917.

Born York, Yorkshire. Enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Panel 14 to 17 and 162 to 162A.

In view of both his trade, regiment, battalion, and regimental number, it would seem likely that Thomas had probably worked, enlisted and served with William Down who is briefly commemorated above.

**FIELD, HENRY (HARRY).** Private, L/7997.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 27 November 1914, of wounds received on 31 October 1914. Aged 28.

Born Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. Formerly resided at 11 New Town, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Jane Shields (formerly Field) of 4, Union Street, Ramsgate, Kent. Formerly residing at Post Office Square, Ashford, Kent.

Buried in the Cardiff (Cathays) Cemetery, Cardiff, Wales. Grave Ref: EB.11.

Also commemorated on the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company Great War Roll of Honour, located at the Ashford, Kent, Library, and on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial.

At the time of the 1910 census Harry's parents, Charles and Hannah Field resided at 27 Rugby Gardens, Ashford, Kent. Pre his army enlistment, Harry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Carriage Washer.

**FINN, JAMES.** Private, L/10906.

"B" Company, 1st Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Died 13 October 1918. Aged 33.

Born St Giles, Middlesex. Enlisted Hounslow, Middlesex. Resided Battersea, Surrey.

Son of James and Elizabeth Finn of London.

Husband of Edith Annie Finn of 18, Joubert Street, Battersea, London.

Buried Delsaux Farm Cemetery, Beugny, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: I.F.29.

Also commemorated on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, and The Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour, the latter commemorates this casualty with the rank of Lance Corporal, who pre his army enlistment was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Electric Examiner.

**FLISHER, PERCY GEORGE.** Private, 32834.

2nd Battalion, South Lancashire Regiment.

Died 27 April 1918. Aged 23.

Born and resided Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Flisher of 2, Gow Corner House, South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Arneke British Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: I. D. 17.

Formerly Private, 9100, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Pre his army enlistment, Percy was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Painters Apprentice.

**FOSTER, CHARLES EDWARD.** Private, 15097.

1st Battalion, Royal Munster Rifles.

Died 22 March 1918.

Enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent.

Second son of Mr Foster of Ball Lane, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Mrs Fowler of 15 Providence Place, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 78, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, also on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, which commemorates Charles as still being in the 5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Formerly Private, 2590, 5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer. Charles was educated at the National School, Ashford, Kent, following which he worked for eight years for Messrs Mackeson Limited in Ashford, Kent. Charles enlisted in the army in October 1915, and attested to The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), but was almost immediately transferred to the Royal Munster Fusiliers. Only shortly before Charles was killed he was being nursed in the United Kingdom with Trench Fever. He returned to the frontline in December 1917, and lost his life three months later.

**FRANCIS, CHARLES GEORGE.** Sapper, 15566.

3rd Signal Company, Royal Engineers.

Died 5 June 1915.

Born Cockerton, Wiltshire. Enlisted Winchester, Hampshire.

Buried Poperinghe New Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: I. A. 3.

Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**FULLER, DONALD WILLIAM JAMES.** Private, 7655.

2nd (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (The Queens).

Died 16 September 1916.

Enlisted and resided Battersea, Surrey.

Buried Combles. The Communal Cemetery, Extension, Somme, France.

Grave Ref: IV. B. 3.

Formerly Private, 4355, 22nd (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment Pre his army enlistment, Donald was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Painters Mate.

**GODFREY, GEORGE HENRY.** Private, 44398.

9th (Service) Battalion, Essex Regiment.

Died 26 August 1918.

Born Westminster, London. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Resided Beaver Fields, Ashford, Kent.

Buried in the Péronne Road Cemetery, Maricourt, Somme, France.

Grave Ref: IV.G.II.

Formerly Private, 36937, 7th (Service) Battalion, Norfolk Regiment.

Also commemorated on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, and on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial. George is also commemorated on a Great War memorial plaque located in Christchurch, South Ashford, Kent parish church. Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Wagon Makers Apprentice.

**GOLD, CYRIL.** M.M. Rifleman, S/5793.

1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Died 22 July 1917.

Born and resided Peckham, Surrey. Enlisted Deptford, Kent.

Buried St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine maritime, France.

Grave Ref: P. III. P. 1A.

Pre his army enlistment, Cyril was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as an Assistant in the Road Van Department.

**GORHAM, FREDERICK JAMES.** Corporal, G/19203.

6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 24 August 1918.

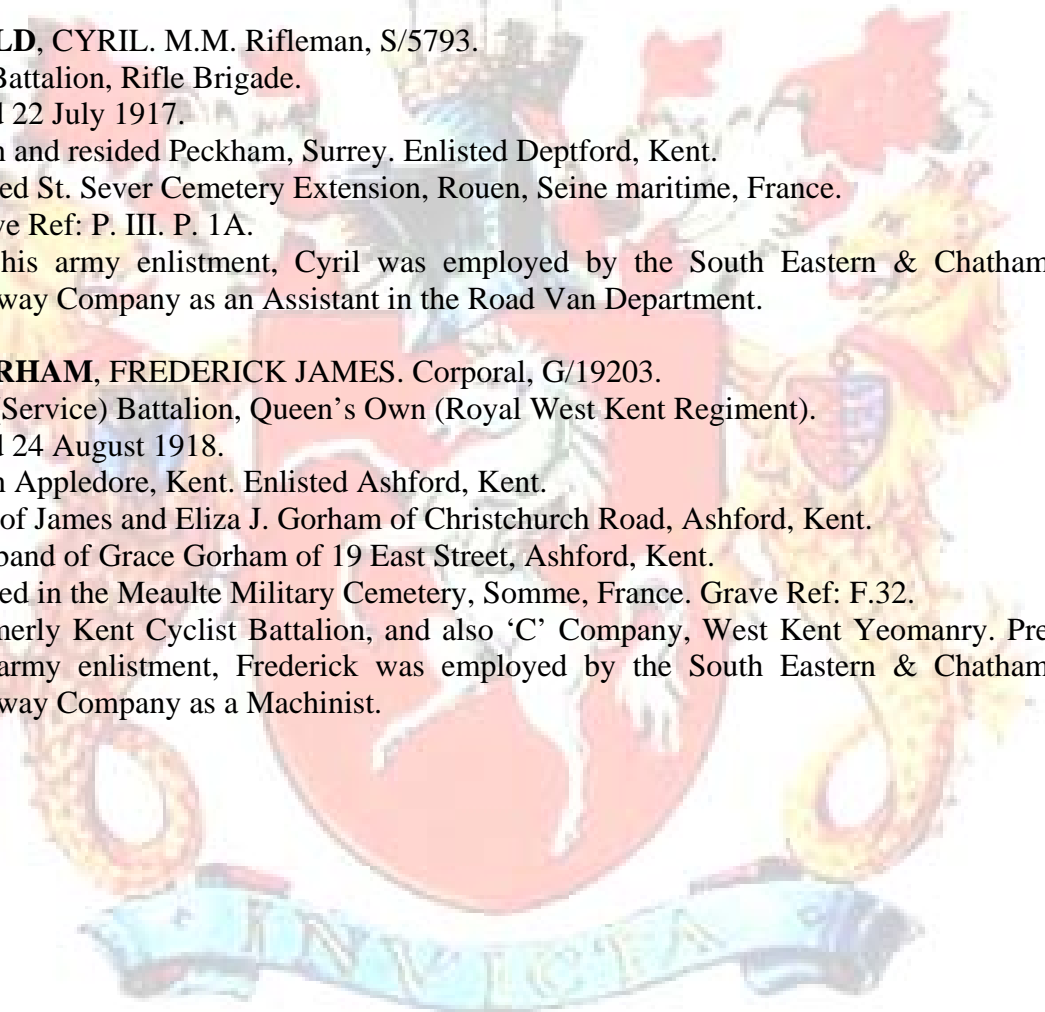
Born Appledore, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Son of James and Eliza J. Gorham of Christchurch Road, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Grace Gorham of 19 East Street, Ashford, Kent.

Buried in the Meaulte Military Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: F.32.

Formerly Kent Cyclist Battalion, and also 'C' Company, West Kent Yeomanry. Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Machinist.



**GOWING, HARRY.** Company Serjeant Major, 1582.

3/2nd Kent Fortress Company, Royal Engineers.

Died 3 January 1916. Aged 40.

Born Cookley, Halesworth, Suffolk. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Son of Benjamin and Caroline Gowing.

Husband of Mary A. Gowing of Troy House, Brook, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Brook, Ashford, Kent (St. Mary) Churchyard.

Grave Ref: Between West gate and West door.

Also commemorated on a Great War memorial plaque located in the parish church of St. Mary, Brook, Ashford, Kent, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour.

At the time of the 1881 census Harry, his parents, a brother and sister, who were all natives of Cookley, Halesworth, Suffolk, resided at Rose Cottage, Cookley. Harry died from Pneumonia whilst a patient in the Chatham, Kent, Naval Hospital. Before the outbreak of the Great War he worked at the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Works, Ashford, Kent, as a Gas Stoker. Harry had earlier served for nine years in the Grenadier Guards, including time spent in the Sudan Campaign, and the South African Campaign (Second Boer War). He held four medals prior to the Great War, and had been awarded the Royal Humane Society's Certificate for saving life in 1908. An early wartime volunteer, Harry was accepted for service, and sent to Chatham, Kent to serve with the Kent Fortress Company, Royal Engineers as a Instructor. Harry left a widow and nine children the oldest being only nine years old.

**GRAHAM, ARTHUR DOUGLAS.** Gunner, 19485.

354th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 11 August 1918.

Born and resided Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. Enlisted Liverpool, Lancashire.

Buried Heath Cemetery, Harbonnières, Somme, France. Grave Ref: I. H. 9.

Arthur's name appeared on the Ashford, Kent, War Memorial trustees list, that was printed in the Kentish Express newspaper on 7 June 1924. For some reason his name was never placed on the town civic war memorial. He obviously had a local connection to Ashford, Kent. Possibly, in view of the vast number of errors found in/on O/SDGW, the place of residence shown in/on same as shown above, might be wrong, and possibly Arthur had lived in either the town of Ashford, Kent, or nearby as prior to the Great War, he had been employed by the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company.

**HANCE, GEORGE WILLIAM.** Private, G/5107.

2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 3 May 1915.

Born Bethersden, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Lilian M. Hance of 3, Knatchbull Place, New Street, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 12.

Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer. Married and the father of six children, George was a former regular soldier, and a recalled Reservist in 1914 following the start of the Great War. During his previous army he had served with 2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) in the South Africa Campaign (Second Boer War. Immediately prior to his recall George was working in the Ashford, Kent, Railway Yards, and is commemorated on the Ashford Railway Rolls of Honour.

**HENNEKER, GEORGE PATRICK M.** Corporal, 800.  
82nd (Territorial Force) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps.  
Died 24 April 1915. Aged 22.  
Born and enlisted Ashford, Kent.  
Son of George and Margaret Henneker of "Amorville," 24, Western Avenue, Ashford.  
Kent.  
Buried Perth Cemetery (China Wall), Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: III. F. 11.

In peacetime George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitter. Two of George's brothers, Private, 485036, Joseph Timothy Henniker of the above address, and Private, Patrick J. Henniker also both served in the Ashford, Kent, Detachment of 82nd (Territorial Force) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps, based at the Drill Hall, Newtown Road, Ashford, Kent. In peacetime Patrick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitter, and Joseph as an Apprentice. All three Henniker brothers are recorded on the Ashford, Kent, Railway Works Honour Roll, which is in the safe keeping of the Ashford, Kent Library.

**HEWISON, GEORGE.** Private, G/28760.  
"A" Company, 1st/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 5 October 1917. Aged 23.  
Born and enlisted Ashford, Kent. Resided South Ashford, Kent.  
Son of Ernest and Clara Amelia Hewison of 31, Christ Church Road, Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Manchester Southern Cemetery, Lancashire. Commemorated on Q. 405 of (Screen Wall). At the cemetery where George is at rest there are separate plots for the Great War and Second World War burials, but in neither case are the graves marked individually; instead, each plot has a Screen Wall bearing the names of those buried there. Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, Railway Works Honour Roll, which is in the safe keeping of the Ashford, Kent Library.  
Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitter Apprentice.

**HILLS, BASIL JOHN.** Private, G/28760.  
7th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 4 April 1918. Aged 19.  
Born Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.  
Son of Mr. F. Hills, of 140, Newtown, Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Picquigny British Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: A. 11.  
Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, Railway Works Honour Roll, which is in the safe keeping of the Ashford, Kent Library.  
Pre his army enlistment, Basil was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Joiners Apprentice.

**HISCUTT, HENRY WILLIAM.** Gunner, 196176.

250th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 27 April 1918.

Born St. Luke's, Middlesex. Enlisted Battersea, Surrey.

Buried Klein-Vierstraat British Cemetery, Kemmel, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: VII. A. 11.

Pre his army enlistment, Henry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Painters Mate. Henry's MIC entry records him with the regimental number 196776, as does SDGW, as such it is possible that his number entered above, as extracted from Henry's CWGC commemoration is wrong. Regrettably, the Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour also made a mistake when remembering Henry's sacrifice, and wrongly commemorated him with the rank of Private. In addition to the errors already mentioned, the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, commemoration for Henry shows him as still serving in the Royal Engineers, with the date of his demise recorded as 13 October 1918. Henry's service records show that on 22 January 1918 he embarked on the troopship "Derby" (probably at Dover). Following his sons death, Henry's father was sent his son's personal effects on 3 September 1918, they being various religious books, letters, photos, watch and chain, wallet, purse and coins.

**HOARE, FREDERICK GEORGE.** Sergeant, G/13672.

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

Died 3 May 1917.

Enlisted Ashford, Kent. Resided Brighton, Sussex..

Son of the late Joseph George Hoare.

Husband of Gertrude Alice Dinnage (formerly Hoare) of 63, Elder Street, Brighton, Sussex..

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2, and on the Ashford, Kent, Railway Works Honour Roll, which is in the safe keeping of the Ashford, Kent Library.

Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as an Erector.

**HOBBS, WILLIAM.** Private, L/7968

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 27 November 1917.

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

Buried Rocquigny-Equancourt British Cemetery, Manancourt, Somme, France.

Grave Ref: V. A. 6.

Also commemorated on the Hythe, Kent, civic war memorial, and on a Great War memorial plaque located in St. Leonard's School, Hythe, Kent, and on the Ashford, Kent, Railway Works Honour Roll, which is in the safe keeping of the Ashford, Kent Library.

Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**HONEY, BERT.** Private, 27411.  
12th (Service) Battalion, (Bermondsey) East Surrey Regiment  
Died 1 October 1918. Aged 18.  
Born Tonbridge, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Ashford, Kent.  
Brother of Miss Alice C. Honey of "Bells Farm," Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Panel 79 to 80 and 163A, and on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, also on the  
Ashford, Kent, Railway Works Honour Roll, which is in the safe keeping of the  
Ashford, Kent Library. On the form of remembrance, Bert is shown as being a  
member of The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), but different data checked  
has not shown that he ever served in that regiment. Pre his army enlistment, Bert was  
employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as an Apprentice, at  
which time he resided at 10 Beaver Place, Ashford, Kent.

**HOSKINS, HERBERT FREDERICK.** Able Seaman, 202829.  
Royal Navy Reserve, H.M.S. Royal Arthur.  
Died 20 January 1915. Aged 31.  
Born Whitechapel, London 25 July 1883.  
Brother of Caroline May Wilkins of 23, Christchurch Road, Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Canterbury Road Cemetery, Ashford, Kent. Grave Ref:  
Pre his R.N.R recall, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham  
Railway Company as a Carriage Washer. Herbert died at his sisters residence, 23  
Christchurch Road, Ashford, Kent. The cause of death as stated on his Death  
Certificate (reference-West Ashford/ASH28/171) was Heart Disease. Herbert  
normally resided at the 'Wheatsheaf' Public House, 66 Lower Denmark Road,  
Ashford, Kent, and the Kentish Express newspaper shows that Herbert had been the  
Licensee of the Public House. **Herbert has no form of CWGC commemoration or  
war grave.** For far more in-depth research by Neil Clark on Herbert, and the  
continued ongoing (frustrating) efforts to redress the mistake of Herbert's non-  
commemorated status, please see the section '**Kent's Forgotten Soldiers, Sailors  
and Airmen**' on this website.

**HOWLAND, WALTER GEORGE.** Petty Officer Stoker, 312028.  
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Botha.  
Died 21 March 1918. Aged 27.  
Born Mersham, Ashford, Kent 11 July 1889.  
Son of Walter Howland of "Broadoak," Mersham, Ashford, Kent.  
Husband of Flora Howland of 18, Mill Crescent, Tonbridge, Kent.  
Buried Dunkirk Town Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: IV. B. 17.  
Also commemorated on a Great War memorial plaque located in Mersham, Ashford,  
Kent parish church, and on the Ashford, Kent, Railway Works Honour Roll, which is  
in the safe keeping of the Ashford, Kent Library.  
Pre his Royal Navy enlistment, Walter was employed by the South Eastern &  
Chatham Railway Company as a Fitter.



**HUGHES, JAMES.** Sapper, 64571.  
122nd Field Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 1 July 1916.

Born Shankill, County Antrim, Ireland. Enlisted Belfast, Ireland.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Pier and Face 8 A and 8 D. James is also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, Railway Works, Roll of Honour, upon which his date of death is shown as having occurred on 2 July 1916. Pre his army enlistment, James was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitters Apprentice.

**IDDENDEN, ETHELBERT.** Corporal, L/6719.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 14 December 1915.

Born and enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Ethel Iddenden of 46, Nunhead Grove, Nunhead, London.

Buried Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery, Magdalen Road, Earlsfield, London, SW18. Commemorated on Screen Wall. F.B. 18. 131. The Military Plot in the cemetery where Ethelbert is at rest contains a Screen Wall bearing the names of those buried in it, and those in unmarked graves in other parts of the cemetery.

Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford, Kent, Railway Works Honour Roll, which is in the safe keeping of the Ashford, Kent Library.

Pre his army enlistment, Ethelbert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer. Regrettably, the Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour made a mistake when remembering Ethelbert's sacrifice, and wrongly commemorated him with the rank of Private. For more comprehensive information on 'Bert' Iddenden, please also see the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial Great War commemorations on this website.

**JARVIS, ALBERT EDWARD.** Lance Sergeant, 8011.  
1st Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Died 28 August 1914. Aged 30.

Born St. Margaret's, Leicestershire. Enlisted Leicester, Leicestershire.

Son of Mr. R and Mrs. S. A. Jarvis of Leicester, Leicestershire.

Buried Montigny Communal Cemetery, Montigny-en-Cambresis, Nord, France.

Grave Ref: E. 1.

Commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and the Ashford, Kent, Railway Works, Roll of Honour.

Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Striker. Taking into account date of death, rank, and battalion served in, it would seem likely that Albert was a recalled Reservist, having previously served in the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), including time spent on the North-West Frontier of India in 1905. In/on SDGW, Albert's demise is erroneously recorded as having occurred on 20 August 1914, at which time his battalion was still in the United Kingdom. On 1 August 1914 the 1st Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment was stationed at Shorncliffe, Kent, as part of 10th Brigade, 4th Division. On 8 August 1914, 'A' and 'B' Companies moved to York, Yorkshire, and 'C' and 'D' Companies moved to Cromer, Norfolk. On 21 August 1914 the whole battalion moved to Southampton Docks, and embarked upon the 9223 ton Anchor

Line (Glasgow) ship SS Caledonia. On 23 August 1914 the battalion was in camp at Boulogne, and the following day the battalion moved by train to Le Cateau and then onto Beaumont. On 25 August it held defensive positions at Fontaine-au-Tertre Farm. It was tasked with covering the withdrawal of 18<sup>th</sup> Brigade. On the 26<sup>th</sup> August the battalion was at Haucourt taking up positions on the Haucourt-Ligny Road. On the 27<sup>th</sup> August A Company became detached from the rest of the battalion and marched to St Quentin via Elincourt, Malincourt, Villers Outreaux, Gouy, Bony, Ronsoy, Jeancourt, Bernes, Montigny-en-Cambresis, Noyon and Compiègne.

**JORDAN, GEORGE DANIEL.** Private, G/26698.

1st/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 1 November 1918.

Born Smeeth, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panel 29, and on the Ashford Railwayman Roll of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford Library, which shows cause of death as drowning. Also on the Smeeth, Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and the Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial.

Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**LAKER, REGINALD PERCY** (Percy). Private, G/9046.

'B' Company, 10th (Royal East Kent and West Kent Yeomanry) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 14 October 1918.

Born, enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent.

Son of William George and Ellen Laker of 120 Godinton Road, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Lapugnoy Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: X. E. 15.

Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railwayman Roll of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford Library, which shows cause of death as having died after being gassed in the trenches. 'Percy' was wounded three times prior to his demise at Wavrin, once whilst serving in Palestine and twice in France. He was amongst the drafts of officers and other ranks who had joined 'B' Company after 1 March 1917. Pre his army enlistment, 'Percy' was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Strap maker.

**LANCEFIELD, FRANK CECIL.** Private, 2660.

82nd (1st/2nd Home Counties) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Died 27 February 1917. Aged 22.

Born Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Son of George and Louisa Lancefield of 102, Willesborough Street, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Thessalonika, Greece.

Grave Ref: 858.

Also commemorated on the Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, , and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Pre his army enlistment, Frank was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Machinist.

**LOANE, JOHN HENRY.** Private, G/9174.

"A" Company, 6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 10 August 1916. Aged 23.

Born, enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent.

Son of William and Lucy Loane of 28, Providence Street, South Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 D, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library, also on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Christchurch, South Ashford, Kent, parish church Great War memorial plaque.

Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Machinist.

**LOND, JOHN THOMAS.** Company Serjeant Major, L/6271.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 4 August 1916.

Born and resided Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. Enlisted London.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 D, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**McGEORGE, ERNEST WILLIAM.** Private, 214.

2nd Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.

Died 13 April 1915. Aged 38.

Born East Grafton, Wiltshire. Enlisted Battersea, Surrey.

Resided Wandsworth, Surrey.

Husband of Mrs. McGeorge of 15, Pitcairn Street, Wandsworth Road, Clapham, London.

Commemorated at Bedford House Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Enclosure No.4, Zonnebeke B.C. No. 1. Memorial 25, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Pre his army enlistment, Ernest was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Gas Fitter.

**MARIS, LEONARD PHILLIP.** Private, G/56.

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

Died 17 July 1916.

Born Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Resided Godalming, Surrey.

Buried Cologne Southern Cemetery, Köln, Germany. Grave Ref: IV. A. 1.

Commemorated on the Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, Great War parish tribute, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Place of residence as entered above is as accessed from SDGW, but appears to be an error. Leonard died of his wounds whilst a Prisoner of War in Germany. At the time of his death he was only recently married, and lived in Willesborough, Ashford, Kent with his wife. Before the Great War Leonard had worked in the Ashford Railway Works where he was employed as a Labourer.

**MARTIN, PERCY CHARLES.** Sapper, T/1471.

1st/2nd (Kent) Field Company, Royal Engineers.

Died 8 December 1915. Aged 30.

Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Son of Henry and Margaret Martin of 1, Providence Street, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta G.C. Grave Ref: D. XII. 4.

Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Percy had been educated at the Board School, Ashford, Kent, and had formerly served as a Private in the 5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), in the Ashford, Kent, detachment. Pre his army enlistment, Ernest was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Turner at the Ashford Railway Works. Percy left with his unit of the Royal Engineers for Gallipoli, Turkey on 12 October 1915. It would appear that upon reaching Gallipoli Percy became ill, and was then evacuated back to Malta for treatment, but where he subsequently died of Liver Disease whilst a patient at the St. Embo Hospital, Valetta.

**MATTHEWS, THOMAS.** Fitter, 90252.

"C" Battery, 108th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 28 September 1915. Aged 23.

Born Battersea, Surrey. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Son of Thomas Matthews of 43a, Tennyson Street, Battersea, London.

Buried Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: VII. F. 3.

Also commemorated on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Formerly Private, 90252, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Pre his army enlistment, Thomas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitter.

**MINNS, HARRY JAMES.** Sapper, 201722.

96th Light Railway Operating Company, Royal Engineers.

Died (Drowned) 30 December 1917. Aged 28.

Born and resided Orpington, Kent. Enlisted Bromley, Kent.

Husband of D. M. Minns of Canterbury Villa, High Street, Orpington, Kent.

Buried Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: F. 90.

Also commemorated on the Orpington, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Pre his army enlistment, Harry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Painter.

**MUMMERY, ALBERT.** Rifleman, 268024.  
2nd/11th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Finsbury Rifles).  
Died 20 September 1917. Aged 18.  
Born, enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Mummery of 6, Apsley Street, Ashford, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 54, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.  
Formerly Private, 2209, 5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Pre his army enlistment, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Wagon Painter.

**NICOL, THOMAS.** Stoker 1st Class, 285906.  
Royal Navy, (RFR/CH/B/6122), H.M.S. Cornwallis.  
Died 9 January 1917. Aged 38.  
Born Ayton, Berwick 29 May 1878.  
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 24, also on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.  
Pre his Royal Navy enlistment, Thomas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitter. For additional details about Thomas please also see the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, Great War transcriptions on this website.

**PAGE, WILLIAM ROBERT.** Stoker, 278041.  
Royal Navy Reserve, H.M.S. Pembroke.  
Died 11 September 1917. Aged 41.  
Born Willesborough, Ashford, Kent 15 March 1875.  
Son of William and Caroline Page of 28 Postmans Row, Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Old Ashford Cemetery, Canterbury Road, Ashford, Kent. Grave Ref: 7286.  
Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.  
Pre his naval service during the Great War, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Striker. William's death was due to Tuberculosis, like many other Royal Navy Stokers of the Great War era, he was laid to rest on 15 September 1917, when his grieving mother Caroline Page was amongst the mourners who attended his funeral. **William lies in an unmarked grave, and is NOT commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, despite contacting the disease which killed him being the direct result of his service to his country in time of war. PLEASE see the far more comprehensive details regarding William's non-commemorative status, at the FORGOTTEN FALLEN section on this website.**

**PILBEAM, ARTHUR.** Private, T/1021.

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

Died 27 July 1916.

Born South Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Worthing, Sussex.

Buried Amara War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: IX. B. 3.

Before the outbreak of war Arthur was working as a Smith in the Ashford Railway Yards. Although he is commemorated on the former Marine Railway Station, Dover, Kent war memorial, regrettably he was left off the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, with his correct details, as he appears to be the man shown as being R. Pilbeam. This is probably the reason why his name was not included amongst those honoured on the Ashford, Kent, civic tribute.

**PLAYFORD, FRANK REGINALD.** Private, 46940.

18th (Service) Battalion, (2nd South East Lancashire) Lancashire Fusiliers.

Died 4 April 1918. Aged 27.

Born Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Ashford. (Please see below).

Husband of Gladys Bertha Playford of 52, Christchurch Road, Ashford, Kent.

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

Grave Ref: P. IX. O. 5A.

Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library, and on a Great War memorial plaque located in the Christchurch parish church, South Ashford, Kent.

Formerly Sapper, 201655, Kent Fortress, Royal Engineers. Pre his army enlistment, Frank was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk. SDGW shows Frank's place of enlistment as being Ashford, Middlesex, but is probably erroneous, and should read Ashford, Kent.

**PORT, RANDELL.** Corporal, 20324.

Royal Army Medical Corps.

Attached to the 7th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Died 2 May 1915.

Born Faversham, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Son of Mr John W. and Alice J. Port of 4 Dering Road, Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Mrs Port of 39 New Town, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 56, also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Pre his army enlistment, Randell was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Polisher, prior to which he had been employed by the Kent Wool Growers at their Wool Stores on East Hill, Ashford, Kent, where his father worked for the for over thirty years. Prior to his death in the Great War, Randall's parents who formerly resided at 4 Wallis Road, Ashford, Kent, sadly had already lost two of their other sons during the South Africa Campaign (Second Boer War), they being Sidney and John Port. Randall left a wife and two children.

**POWELL, HORACE LESLIE.** Lance Corporal, 489.  
7th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.  
Died 17 October 1915. 24.  
Born Stroud Green, Surrey. Enlisted Lambeth, Surrey.  
Son of Thomas and Eleanor Powell of New Cross, London.  
Buried Chocques Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: I. G. 67.  
Also commemorated on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.  
Pre his army enlistment, Horace was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitter.

**PRICE, CHARLES J. M.M.** Corporal, 2196.  
1st (City of London) Battalion, (Royal Fusiliers) London Regiment.  
Died 7 October 1916.  
Enlisted Handel Street, Bloomsbury, London WC1. Resided Wandsworth.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 9 D and 16 B, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.  
Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as an Electrical Examiner.

**RALPH, THOMAS.** Private, 7011.  
1st Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment).  
Died 26 August 1914.  
Born and enlisted Manchester, Lancashire. Resided Ashford, Kent.  
Commemorated on the La Ferte-sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.  
Pre his army enlistment, Thomas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**RAYMOND, CHARLES ROBERT.** Corporal, 6693.  
2nd Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps  
Died 14 September 1914. Aged 32.  
Born Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Enlisted London. Resided Aldershot, Hampshire.  
Husband of Ella Isabel Raymond of 35, Church Street, Aldershot, Hampshire.  
Commemorated on the La Ferte-sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France, also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.  
Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Planer.

**REED, J.** This casualty as commemorated on the war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library, has proved to be something of a 'challenge' to deduce who he was. Upon the latter form of commemoration the soldier is shown as serving in the 5th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, at the time of his death on 8 December 1917. Various basic quick checks, including O/SDGW for the regiment revealed only three J, Reed casualties, and the same number with the initial and surname J, Reid, in addition to which was a single casualty J, Read. The 5th (Reserve) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, which spent virtually the whole of the Great War as part of the Medway, Kent, Garrison, had forty two losses, but none of whom appears to be even remotely to a close match for the soldier commemorated at Ashford. Initial thoughts were that the elusive man, who pre his army enlistment, was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Machinists Assistant, was probably numbered amongst the thousands of the commonwealth war dead who are still not commemorated by the CWGC. More in-depth checking revealed that a soldier with the surname Reed did in fact die on 8 December 1917, but his Christian name was Arthur, and a member of the London Regiment. The best match for the former South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company employee, appears to be the following soldier, but in view of the above comments, should obviously be viewed with caution.

**REED, JAMES.** Private, G/1426.

23rd Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

Died 22 September 1917.

Born Stepney, Middlesex. Enlisted and resided Hackney, Middlesex.

Son of Alfred Reed of 39 Percy Road, South Hackney, London.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Panel 113 to 115.

James's brother Alfred also fell in the Great War.

**REID, DAVID.** Private, TF/1026.

2/1st Kent Cyclist Battalion.

Died 17 August 1916. Aged 18.

Born and enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Son of David and Grace Reid of 128, Godinton Road, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Erquinghem-Lys Churchyard Extension, Erquinghem, France.

Grave Ref: I.K.22.

Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

David had served in 'G' Company, Kent Cyclist Battalion which was an Ashford, Kent based company. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission list his unit as the 2/1st Kent Cyclist Battalion, but that battalion remained within the United Kingdom for the duration of the Great War. In fact no Kent Cyclist Battalion ever served in France. The 1/1st Kent Cyclist Battalion did serve overseas, and went to India in February 1916.



**RIDDLES, EDWIN HENRY.** Private, S/10006.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 18 March 1916.

Born Brookland, Romney Marsh, Kent. Enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 15 to 19, also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Boilermakers Assistant. Edwin resided at 141 New Street, Ashford, Kent, as did his brother Roger, who served as a Private in the 6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) during the Great War. Roger had also been employed in the Ashford Railway Works, as a Messenger.

**RUSSELL, HENRY JOHN.** Stoker 1st Class, K/19360.  
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Aboukir.  
Died 22 September 1914. Aged 30.

Born Walham Green, Fulham, London 14 January 1884.  
Son of H. F. and Catherine Russell of 11, Copewood Road, Watford, Hertfordshire.  
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 5, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

**SETTATREE, ISAAC.** Private, SD/2410.  
12th (Service) Battalion, (2nd South Down) Royal Sussex Regiment.  
Died 21 May 1916. Aged 23.

Born Westwell, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Hastings, Sussex.  
Son of George and Margaret Settatree of 88, Canterbury Road, South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais France. Grave Ref: V. D. 8.  
Also commemorated on a Great War memorial plaque located above the organ in St. Mary's parish church, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.  
Pre his army enlistment, Isaac was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer.

**SKINNER, HARRY J.** Sapper, 54135.  
496th Field Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 31 March 1917.

Born Battersea, Surrey. Enlisted Gillingham, Kent. Resided Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Kantara War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: F. 28.  
Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.  
Pre his army enlistment, Harry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitters Apprentice.

**SLADDEN, EDGAR P.** Private, T/271163.

'A' Company, 10th (Royal East Kent and West Kent Yeomanry) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 8 August 1918.

Born St. Mildred's, Canterbury, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Deal, Kent. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 15 to 19, and on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Pre his army enlistment, Edgar was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Slotter. A Palestine veteran, Edgar was numbered amongst those in his battalion who fell in and around Merville. Edgar had been amongst the officers and other ranks who had joined 'A' Company after 1 March 1917.

**SMAIL, GEORGE WILLIAM.**, Blacksmiths Mate M/13306.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Vanguard.

Died 9 July 1917. Aged 22.

Born Ashford, Kent 1 November 1894.

Son of James and Mary Louisa Smail of 139, Beaver Road, South Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 24, also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Pre his Royal Navy enlistment on 22 April 1915, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Smiths Apprentice. Prior to George enlisting in the Royal Navy at Chatham, Kent, he served in the Ashford Company, 5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). George remained at H.M.S. Pembroke in Chatham until 12 July 1915, and on completion of his basic training he was posted to H.M.S. Vanguard.

**STACEY, BRIAN JOHN.** Second Lieutenant.

"B" Battery, 63rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 26 April 1917. Aged 23.

Born South Kensington London.

Third and only surviving son of the late William John and Florence Stacey of 104 Beaver Road, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: XVII. D. 10.

Also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library. The latter form of remembrance records Brian as serving in the Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles, doubtless due to the fact that he was formerly Trooper, T/1525, in the Ashford Troop, of the Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (Yeomanry), having joined the unit in 1913. On the outbreak of the Great War Brian was commissioned into the Royal Field Artillery. Pre his army enlistment, Brian was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as an Apprentice.

**STEWART, JOHN ALEXANDER.** Stoker 1st Class, K/25780.

Royal Navy, H.M. Submarine. L10.

Died 4 October 1918. Aged 26.

Born Folkestone, Kent 18 December 1893.

Son of John Alexander Stewart of 62, Bulwark Street, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 29, also commemorated on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial, and the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Pre his Royal Navy enlistment John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Assistant Electrical Examiner. H.M. Submarine L10 which was commanded by 30 year old Lieutenant Commander Alfred E Whithouse R.N. had surfaced in the Heligoland Bight, when engaged on a mission to intercept an enemy fast raiding party, which was comprised of a number of destroyers and motor torpedo boats. One of the destroyers had detonated a mine prior to the submarine's arrival and the other German destroyers hove to in order to render assistance to the damaged vessel, but in so doing, it left all of them comparatively easy targets for Royal Navy ships to engage, a fact not wasted on the L10's commander who maneuvered the submarine into an advantageous position and then fired a torpedo at the German destroyer S33 which immediately began to sink. Unfortunately, as the torpedo was fired buoyancy was lost and the submarine rose suddenly to the surface and was instantly spotted by the V28 and V29. Although the L10's crew managed to execute a maneuver allowing her to turn in an effort to facilitate an escape, the submarine was not fast enough to escape her pursuers and was rapidly chased down and sunk by gunfire with the loss of all hands, off the north coast of Terschelling, West Frisian Islands.

**STICKELLS, HARRY WILLIAM.** Private, G/9125.

"C" Company, 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 15 September 1916. Aged 23.

Born Ruckinge, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.

Resided Sevington, Ashford, Kent.

Son of Harry Robert and Harriet S. Stickells of 2, May Cottages, Sevington, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 5 D, on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library, and on a Great War Memorial plaque located in the former Wesleyan Chapel, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, which is now a private residence.

Pre his army enlistment, Harry was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer. Harry's death was a double tragedy for the family, because his elder brother, 25 year old brother Thomas who was also serving in "C" Company, 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) fell on the same day.

**STRINGER, WILLIAM JOHN.** Private, TF/206156.  
23rd (Service) Battalion, (2nd Football) Middlesex Regiment.  
Died 25 March 1918. Aged 38.

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

Son of William and Frances Stringer of 50 Torrington Road, Ashford, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7, also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library. In addition to the secular forms of commemoration at Ashford, Kent, William is also commemorated on a Great War memorial plaque located in the parish church of St. Mary's, Ashford, Kent, and on a similar form of remembrance in Christchurch, South Ashford, Kent, parish church.

Pre his army enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer. William's father had also worked in the Ashford Railway Yards in the Wheelwright Shop.

**TABBRETT, THOMAS (Tommy).** Private, S/10222.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 9 August 1915. Aged 21.

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

Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Tabrett of 2, Dover Place, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 14, also commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Pre his army enlistment, Thomas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Strap Maker. Thomas was a keen footballer and played for the Ashford Railway Works Football team. Following his death, Thomas's parents received a letter from a fellow member of the battalion, Private L Atkins of 14 Park Road, Ashford, Kent, in which he wrote, "Tom was seen lying in a dugout wounded. He had been bandaged, but the bandages had come off, so I put them on again. He asked me to write and tell you. My opinion is that a shell hit the dugout when I left and Tom was buried and never seen again! I can tell you that he was not taken prisoner by the Hun."

**TAVNER, Frederick William.** Sergeant, 37763.

"A" Battery, 180th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Died 25 July 1917.

Enlisted Stratford, Essex. Resided Leyton, Essex.

Buried Vlamertinge New Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: VIII. A. 10.

Also commemorated on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Lead Burner.

**WALKER, J.W.** No trace as commemorated on the war memorial. The best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier, who is commemorated on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library, as being a member of the 1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Although that Roll of Honour matches both the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company war memorial, and the National Roll of Honour of Railwaymen who died in the Great War, no other basic data checked matches same. Checks of the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), Nominal Roll of the Great War deaths, O/SDGW part 53, and the later excellent later C.D., plus the CWGC commemorations do not show a J.W. Walker of the regiment as having died in, or resultant of the Great War. Checking the MIC entries for the regiment revealed 83 Walker entries, 7 of which had the initial J, but no J.W. In view of the above it would seem that a simple error by adding the initial W resulted in the three forms of 'Railway' tributes being wrong, and almost certainly the following man is in fact the 'elusive' casualty, who was a Regular Soldier.

**WALKER, JOHN.** Private, L/7816.

1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 24 August 1914.

Born Charlton, Woolwich, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Hautrage Military Cemetery, Saint-Ghislain, Belgium. Grave Ref: II. D. 7.

If the casualty briefly commemorated above is the correct man, had been employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitter, prior to his army enlistment.

**WALKER, R.** No trace as commemorated on the war memorial. The best match for this casualty appears to be the following soldier, who is commemorated on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library, as being a member of the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). In much the same way as with the last casualty briefly commemorated above, various checks were made to try and ascertain the actual identity of the man honoured at Dover, Ashford, and on the National Roll of Honour of Railwaymen who died in the Great War. On the latter form of commemoration R. Walker is remembered as being a Rifleman, who had been employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Striker, prior to his army enlistment. Whilst the following should be viewed with an element of caution by anybody carrying out more in-depth research post Spring 2004, on either the war memorial and/or this casualty, it does seem to be more than a mere coincidence that on the exact date of 17 August 1917, as is shown on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, one of the two soldiers with the surname Walker who lost their lives had the rank of Rifleman. The rank being as commemorated on the National Roll of Honour of Railwaymen who died in the Great War. Adding at least an element of credence to same, is that he resided within the usual catchment area of those employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company. Whilst again possibly a coincidence, but the same catchment area just mentioned, had over many years provided quite literally thousands of officers and other ranks of the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Checking the MIC entry for the following soldier showed no indication of him having served at any time in the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), but clearly that does not preclude prior service in that regiment, which would have helped explain the apparent error on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour. Like countless other casualties who are

erroneously commemorated within the county of Kent, devoid of an initial, or initials, it would seem likely that the following soldier falls within that category.

**WALKER, DAVID RICHARD.** Rifleman, 553553.

16th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles).

Posted to the 12th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (The Rangers).

Died 17 August 1917.

Born Peckham. Enlisted Lambeth. Resided Rotherhithe.

Buried Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: II. C. 15.

**WARD, JAMES ARTHUR.** Private, GS/67751.

Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Posted to the 2nd/4th (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers). (Please see comments below).

Died 26 October 1917. Aged 20.

Son of Harry and Ellen Ward of 256, Beaver Road, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Panel 28 to 30 and 162 to 162A and 163A, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library, also commemorated on a Great War memorial plaque located in the parish church of St. Mary's, Ashford, Kent. James was honoured on another Great War memorial plaque located in Ashford, Kent, it being formerly at Ashford branch of the Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society.

The last memorial referred to, used to hang in the Ashford, Kent, branch office of the Friendly Society at Regents Place, Ashford, Kent. Sadly, despite numerous lines of enquirey having been taken, primarily by Neil Clark, one knows what happened to this important local form of remembrance. Despite the other forms of remembrance at Ashford, Kent, which quite properly remember James's sacrifice, he is not yet commemorated on the town civic war memorial. It should also be pointed out that the battalion shown above at this brief commemoration, is as on James's CWGC commemoration, which is an error as the battalion had ceased to exist a year and a half prior to James's demise. When James lost his life he was serving as Private, 87631, Middlesex Regiment. Pre his army enlistment, James was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Coachmaker's Apprentice.

**WATSON, FRANCIS.** Staff Serjeant Major, S2/02600.

"C" Company, (Aldershot) Royal Army Service Corps.

Died 21 July 1919. Aged 56.

Born Canterbury, Kent.

Son of James and Mary Ann Watson of Aldershot, Hampshire.

Husband of Alice Watson of 51, Gladstone Road, South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Willesborough Cemetery, Ashford, Kent. Grave Ref: Q. 804.

Also commemorated on the Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, Great War parish tribute, which is in the form of a memorial plaque above the organ in the parish church of St. Mary's, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

It would seem that Francis had numerous links to Aldershot, Hampshire, the 'Home of the British Army,' where he died, and his parents resided. At the time of the 1881 census in April, Francis was a 2nd Corporal serving in the Army Service Corps, and was based at the garrison town's South Camp. Due to the date of his demise, it has not

been possible to ascertain in what capacity Francis was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company, at the Ashford Railway Works.

**WELLINGS, THOMAS ALFRED.** Able Seaman, 208679.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Paragon.

Died 19 March 1917. Aged 33.

Born Brighton, Sussex 13 January 1884.

Son of Thomas and Maria Wellings of 131, Canterbury Road, South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

Buried St. James's Cemetery, Dover, Kent, Grave Ref: L. V. 17.

Also commemorated on the Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, Great War parish tribute, which is in the form of a memorial plaque above the organ in the parish church of St. Mary's, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Pre his Royal Navy enlistment Thomas was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Boilermakers Assistant.

**WHITE, GEORGE THOMAS.** Private, L/7918.

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

Died 30 November 1917.

Born Kennington, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Rosetta Emily Florence White of "Banzui," Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. Panel 3, and on the Kennington, Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, also on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library.

Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Cell Hand.

**WRIGHT, HERBERT HARRY.** Private, S/420.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 19 April 1916. Aged 38.

Born Himbleton Manor, Himbleton, Droitwich, Worcestershire.

Enlisted and resided Ashford, Kent.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright of 13, Hempstead Street, Ashford, Kent.

Buried La Brique Military Cemetery No.2, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: I. T. 11.

Educated at the South Eastern Agricultural College, Wye, Ashford, Kent, where Herbert is commemorated as a member of the 5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), which was the battalion that he had formerly served in.

In addition to the College memorial, and the war memorial at the former Marine Station, Herbert is also commemorated on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library, and on a Great War memorial plaque located in the parish church of St. Mary's, Ashford, Kent. Despite all the other forms of remembrance at Ashford, Kent, and elsewhere which quite properly remember James's sacrifice, he is not yet commemorated on the town civic war memorial. Pre his army enlistment, Herbert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Boilermakers Assistant.

**YATES, FREDERICK.** Sapper, 54142.  
497th Field Company, Royal Engineers.  
Died 23 May 1917. Aged 20.

Born Canterbury, Kent. Enlisted Gillingham, Kent.

Son of Mr W.F Yates of The Crown and Anchor Public House, South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 1, also commemorated on the Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, Great War parish tribute, which is in the form of a memorial plaque above the organ in the parish church of St. Mary's, and on the Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour, which is in the safe keeping of Ashford, Kent, Library. The latter form of remembrance shows Frederick as serving in the Kent Fortress Company, Royal Engineers.

Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Trimmers Apprentice. Frederick had served in Egypt before being sent to France.





## MARINE DEPARTMENT

**ALLEN, STUART.** Lance Corporal, G/13700.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 3 May 1917.

Born Ashby-De-La-Zouch, Leicestershire. Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Son of William Allen of 39 Dour Street, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 2, and on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial, also at the Congregational Church which is now the United Reformed Church, Dover, Kent.

Pre his army enlistment, Stuart was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Saloon Waiter. At the action fought at Monchy-le-Preux, Pas de Calais, France on 3 May 1917 during the 'Third Battle of the Scarpe', the 6th Battalion suffered at least 376 casualties amongst its officers and other ranks they being a combination of killed, wounded and missing. The battalion having spent the preceding night waiting in shell holes for zero hour which had been set for 0345 hours, with "A" Company on the right flank, "B" Company on the left, with "C" Company supporting, and the officers and men of "D" Company behind those of "B" Company the battalion formed up ready to take part in the days attack. Exactly at the agreed time the British artillery commenced firing as a prelude too, and in support of the battalion, who as with the gunners also left their start area on time as ordered and set off into total darkness, as the battalion pressed on every effort was made to keep communication with them, Second Lieutenant McAuley, the battalion signaling officer along with two of the battalion signalers and two orderlies, went forward to establish an advanced HQ in what was known as Devil's Trench, but he later returned at 0430 hours and reported that no communication had been possible. A fairly early indication however that all was apparently going well, was when two German prisoners were sent back down the line from the battalion, but at that time nothing definite could be ascertained, even later on when daylight came, gunfire and snipers made it hard to get any news of how matters were proceeding; but at dusk it was discovered that the battalion had already suffered a substantial number of casualties, and that despite the sacrifices being made by the battalion of all ranks the line in their front was practically as before. With the growing concern of the continuous loss of officers at the time which was so serious that Second Lieutenant's Seago and Sowter were sent for from the detail camp and, arriving about 2200 hours, and very quickly were sent forward to reorganize the remnants of the devastated battalion. Part of the objective allotted the battalion on the morning of 3 May 1917 had been a spot called Keeling Copse, and it was found after the battalion had taken stock of its significant losses, that Second Lieutenant's P. A Cockeram and Norman O.F Gunther with about 40 men and a Lewis gun had actually got there, only to then realize that they were completely isolated with the enemy infantry having reformed its line behind them, and both sides being their original trenches, the result being that three lines of Germans intervened between this handful of men and their comrades, nothing daunted however, they held their own all day during which time they accounted for many of the enemy soldiery surrounding them. Under the cover of darkness when night fell, and by then having expended every cartridge and bomb they possessed, they gallantly fought their way back again, breaking through one line after another, until at last the two subalterns and thirteen of the men with them were able to report themselves to battalion Head Quarters. The casualties in this terrible action were Second Lieutenant's John H Dinsmore and Harold V Hardey-Mason killed, and Captain John

B Kitchin died of wounds; Capt McDermott and Second Lieutenant's Williams and H.G Nesbitt wounded; Second Lieutenant's Charles Warnington, Athol Kirkpatrick, H.W Evans and R.L.F Forster, Lieutenant's K.L James, Grant, King and Wills posted as missing of whom the first five were found to have been killed; 25 other ranks were also killed, plus 128 wounded and in addition to which 207 were initially reported as being missing, but ultimately many were later found to have lost their lives during and resulting from the attack of 2 and 3 May 1917. About 0200 hours on 4 May the remnant was relieved and got back, on the following day what remained of the battalion was reorganized into two companies each of which consisted of only two platoons, No 1 Company had Second Lieutenant Stevens in command, with Second Lieutenant's Sowter, Seago and Sankey under him; No 2 Company was commanded by Captain Carter, assisted by the intrepid Second Lieutenant's Gunther and Cockeram. Following a later debriefing meeting to see if lessons could be learned from the attack of 3/4 May by the battalion a few things became obvious, the main points raised being that it was a pity that "the ground was quite unknown to the battalion which had not held the same position previously, and that the orders to attack came so late that there was no time for systematic reconnaissance," also that the early part of the engagement had been undertaken in the dark. Those surviving members of the battalion who were not in the hands of the medical teams left Monchy-le-Preux and were then rested in nearby Arras for a mere 48 hours and then underwent a further ten days in the trenches before being relieved on 17 May when the battalion moved to Duisans. Both Second Lieutenant's Cockeram and Gunther received the Military Cross for their gallant conduct on 3/4 May 1917, but it is sad to have to add that Norman Gunther, who was an attached officer of the Royal East Kent Yeomanry was killed shortly afterwards, with the cruel irony of his death occurring within half a mile of Keeling Copse when gallantly defending a trench the Germans were attacking, although not strictly speaking a "Buff," we have included a commemoration to the brave 19 year old subaltern on this roll of honour alongside the 396 members of the regiment, who have no known grave that are commemorated on the Arras Memorial, some of whom died with him. Second Lieutenant Cockeram MC later transferred to the Royal Flying Corps as an Observer, on one occasion whilst a member of 48 Squadron based at Bertangles, he and his pilot Captain H.C Sootheran flying a Bristol BF2b shot down an enemy aircraft, and despite numerous encounters with enemy aircraft and being subjected on numerous occasions to anti-aircraft fire both RFC officers thankfully survived the war.

**ALLISON, ROBERT.** Leading Carpenters Crew, 119411.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Aboukir.

Died 22 September 1914. Aged 48.

Born Minster, Isle of Sheppy, Kent 5 August 1866.

Son of the late Cobern Warden Allison and Caroline Allison.

Husband of Esther Sarah Allison of 12, Delamark Road, Sheerness, Isle of Sheppy, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 6, and on the Sheerness, Isle of Sheppy, Kent, civic war memorial.

Pre his Royal Navy enlistment as a recalled Reservist, Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Marine Porter.

**ARNOLD, WILLIAM JOHN.** Able Seaman.  
Mercantile Marine. S.S. "Achille Adam" (London).  
Died 23 March 1917. Aged 27.

Son of Edward Richard and Elizabeth Hannah Arnold of 13 Bulwark Street, Dover, Kent. Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London, and on the civic war memorial Dover, Kent. Also commemorated on the former Holy Trinity Hall Memorial.

William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Seaman, and was amongst six lost when his 460 ton ship built in 1886, was captured by the German coastal minelayer submarine UC-66 commanded by Herbert Pustkuchen, off the French coast at a position approximately 30 nautical miles due south of Beachy Head, Sussex, and was sunk by bombs. Four of those lost are commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial. It would appear that the deaths of the crew were mainly due to exposure, as opposed to the actual sinking of the ship. It is thought that the UC-66 was probably later lost with all the submarines twenty three crew, on 12 June 1917, having been forced to dive by H.M.T. "Sea King." After being depth charged, it is suspected that the submarine finally blew up from an internal explosion of her own mines still on board whilst submerged.

**BARTON, EDWARD.** Seaman, 2135A.  
Royal Naval Reserve, S.S. Cambric.  
Died 31 October 1917.

Son of Fredrick and Alice Barton of Folkestone, Kent.

Husband of Emily H. Barton of 114, Guildhall Street, Folkestone, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 23, and on the civic war memorial, Folkestone, Kent, also on a Great War memorial plaque at St. Peter's, Church of England School, The Durlocks, Folkestone, Kent.

William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Seaman. Built in 1906, Edward's 3,043 ton W.H. Cockerline owned defensively armed merchant ship, was torpedoed and sunk without warning, when she was approximately 14 nautical miles to the west of Cape Shershel, Algeria. Edward was numbered amongst the twenty four crew who lost their lives, which also included the vessels including Master. Four of the crew survived the sinking and were taken prisoner.

**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.

Also commemorated on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial.

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 had been constructed as a Folkestone-Boulogne ferry by William Denny & Sons of Dunbarton, Scotland. Launched on 23 September 1911 and named after the Engadine Valley, Switzerland, she was requisitioned by the Admiralty for Royal Navy service in 1914, along with her sister ship the 'Riviera' and modified by the construction of cranes and a hangar aft of the funnels, enabling her to be able to 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. She also took part in the 'Battle of Jutland' in 1916. One of her seaplanes, piloted by Lieutenant Frederick S. Rutland, with Assistant Paymaster G.S. Trewin acting as the Observer carried out an aerial reconnaissance of the German fleet, this being the first time that a heavier than air aircraft had carried out a reconnaissance of an enemy fleet in action. Later in the battle H.M.S. Engadine rescued the crew of the crippled H.M.S. Warrior before taking her in tow. Later in the war she served in the Mediterranean. After the cessation of hostilities, H.M.S. Engadine 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 in excess of 300 onboard her were rescued by several American Motor Torpedo Boats.

**BRINKWORTH, JOHN WILLIAM.** Private, CH/20337.

Royal Marine Depot (Deal), Royal Marine Light Infantry

Died 15 January 1916. Aged 18.

Born Gravesend, Kent.

Son of John C. and Ellen E. Brinkworth of 58, Longfield Road, Dover, Kent.

Buried Deal Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: 2. 1346.

Also commemorated on Great War memorial plaque located in St. Martins School, Dover, Kent, and on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial. John died of Pneumonia whilst a patient in the Infirmary at the Royal Marine Depot, Deal, Kent.

**BROWN, W.** No clear trace.

**BURROWS, FRED.** Private, G/1438.

8th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 18 August 1916. Aged 22.

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

Son of James Maurice Burrows of 7 Manor Road, Folkestone, Kent.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Addenda Panel, and on the Folkestone, Kent, civic war memorial

Pre his army enlistment, Fred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Saloon Waiter.

**BURSTOW, HORACE WILLIAM.** Gunner, 358344.

52nd Mobile Section Anti-Aircraft "P" (Mobile) Anti-Aircraft Battery, (Kent Territorial Force) Royal Garrison Artillery.

Died 14 February 1917.

Born Peckham, London. Enlisted Dover, Kent.

Buried Bois-Guillaume Communal Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France.

Grave Ref: II. D. 15A.

Pre his army enlistment, Horace was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Checker.

**CLIFT, JAMES EDWARD.** Fireman.

Mercantile Marine, S.S. "Achille Adam" (London).

Died 24 March 1917. Aged 30.

Born Dover, Kent.

Son of Elizabeth Clift and the late James Edward Clift.

Husband of Sarah Rose Clift (née Bradish) of 1 Bowling Green Hill, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London.

James was amongst six lost when his 460 ton ship which was built in 1886, was captured by the German coastal minelayer submarine UC-66 commanded by Herbert Pustkuchen off the French coast, at a position approximately 30 nautical miles due south of Beachy Head, Sussex, and was sunk by bombs. Four of those lost are commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial. It would appear that the deaths of most of the crew were due to exposure as opposed to the actual sinking of the ship. It is thought that the UC-66 was probably later lost along with all the submarines twenty three crew members, on 12 June 1917, having been forced to dive by H.M.T. 'Sea King,' after being depth charged, it is suspected that the submarine finally blew up from an internal explosion of her own mines that were still on board the UC-66 whilst still submerged.

**DILNOT, LEWIS HAROLD.** Cook.

Mercantile Marine, S.S. "The Queen" (London).

Died 27 October 1917. Aged 20.

Born Monaghan, County Monaghan, Ireland.

Son of Timothy and Emily Mary Dilnot of 18, Alexandra Street, Folkestone, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London, and on the Folkestone, Kent, civic war memorial, also on Great War memorial plaque located at the George Spurgeon Community School, Sidney Street, Folkestone, Kent.

**DUNBAR, J.S.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Trimmer.

**EARLL, SIDNEY FRED.** Private, G/50013.  
11th (Service) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.  
Died 12 April 1917.  
Born Denham, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.  
Buried Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: VI. G. 44.  
Formerly Private, 10474, The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment).  
Pre his army enlistment, Sidney was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Coalman.

**FORD, FRED H.** Sapper, 174672.  
Railway Operating Department, Royal Engineers.  
Died 20 December 1916.  
Born and enlisted Folkestone, Kent.  
Buried Calais Southern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: Plot F. Row 2. Grave 8.  
Also commemorated on the Folkestone, Kent, civic war memorial.  
Pre his army enlistment, Fred was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Saloon Waiter.

**GARDINER, C.J.L.** As commemorated on the war memorial appears to be the following sailor who pre his Royal Navy service was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Second Mate.

**GARDINER, CHARLES JAMES.** Able Seaman, 179422.  
Royal Navy, (RFR/CH/B/2317). H.M.S. Juno.  
Died 26 February 1917. Aged 38.  
Born Rawalpindi, India 17 November 1878.  
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 21.

**GILHAM, ALBERT EDWARD.** Boy.  
Mercantile Marine, S.S. "Achille Adam" (London).  
Died 24 March 1917. Aged 15.  
Son of Annie Elizabeth Gilham of 4, Wood Street, Dover, Kent and the late George James Gilham.  
Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London, and on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial.

Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Telegraph Boy, and was almost sixteen years old when he died of exposure, and has the sad distinction of probably being the youngest casualty commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial. He was amongst six crew members lost when his 460 ton ship built in 1886, was captured by the German coastal minelayer submarine UC-66 commanded by Herbert Pustkuchen off the French coast at a position approximately 30 nautical miles due south of Beachy Head, Sussex, and was sunk by bombs. Four of those lost are commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial. It would appear that most of the deaths of the crew were due to exposure as opposed to the actual sinking of their ship. It is thought that the UC-66 was probably later lost

with all the submarines twenty three crew, on 12 June 1917, having been forced to dive by H.M.T. "Sea King." After being depth charged, it is suspected that the submarine finally blew up from an internal explosion of her own mines still on board whilst submerged.

**GREENGRASS, CHARLES FREDERICK.** Ordinary Seaman J/57199.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Proserpine.

Died 28 July 1917. Aged

Born Hythe, Kent 9 April 1892.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 22.

Pre his Royal Navy enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Assistant Steward.

**HADLOW, A. L.** Second Lieutenant.

70th Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Died 6 October 1917.

Buried Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: III. A. 30.

Formerly Sapper, 736 & 544109, Royal Engineers, and Second Lieutenant Royal Flying Corps. Pre his army enlistment, this officer was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fitters Apprentice.

**HOGBEN, LAWRENCE STUART.** Private, G/6707.

1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 22 July 1916.

Born Folkestone, Kent. Enlisted Dover, Kent.

Buried Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval, Somme, France. Grave Ref: IX. B. 1.

Pre his army enlistment, Lawrence was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**HOWLAND, WILLIAM EDWARD PHILIP.** Leading Stoker, 1338U.

Royal Naval Reserve, H.M.S. Formidable.

Died 1 January 1915.

Pre his Great War service, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman.

**KING, C.** Lieutenant.

Royal Naval Reserve, H.M.S. Albyn.

Died 20 September 1917.

Buried Dunkirk Town Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: II. B. 14.

This casualty is also commemorated the Dover Patrol Trawlers and Drifters war memorial, and on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial Also commemorated on the former Congregational Church, Dover, Kent war memorial.

H.M.S. Albyn was a 363 ton paddle steamer which was built in 1893 by J and G Thomson at Clydebank. She first went into the fleet of the Glasgow and South Western Railway, later going to Belfast Lough as the 'Slieve Donard' for the Belfast and County Down Railway Company. Bought by Captain Alexander Campbell in 1899 and transferred to P and A Campbell in 1900. Stationed at Southampton she then went to the Bristol Channel for the 1903 season, and was stationed at Newport. The paddle steamer ran aground at Portishead in fog near high tide on 1 April 1907,

but was successfully refloated with aid of tugs on the next tide. On being returned to the south coast, she was based at Brighton, Sussex in 1913 and 1914. Requisitioned for war service in 1915 as H.M.S. Albyn and stationed at Dover for minesweeping duties. On the day this officer lost his life H.M.S. Albyn was amongst those which suffered damage whilst lying at anchor at Dunkirk during a sustained air raid of two hours duration. The ships 2nd Engineer was also killed as the result of the bomb which set the stern of H.M.S. Albyn alight. Although she survived the Great War the ship was not refurbished after the war, but her engines were saved and used in the new Campbell steamer P.S. Glen Gower. Lieutenant King had worked for the South Eastern and Chatham Railway in charge of their Dover based vessels prior to the Great War.

**KING, WALTER.** Lance Corporal, 202632.

2nd/4th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Died 19 April 1917.

Enlisted and resided Dover, Kent.

Buried Gaza War Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: XII. D. 8.

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

Formerly Private, 2911, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Pre his army enlistment, Walter was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Striker.

**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, and on the civic war memorial, Dover, Kent.

Pre his army enlistment, John was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Seaman. At the time of the 1901 census John was a Boiler Cleaner residing with his parents and six brothers and sisters at 37 Chapel Place, Dover, Kent, his father a 44 year old Dock Porter was Head of the house. John was killed in action at 'The Quarries' near Hulluch, under heavy fire during a fresh British attack which was mounted during the Battle of Loos. The objective designated to the brigade (37th) split between the German positions of 'Gun Trench' and 'The Quarries' was subjected to a heavy artillery bombardment prior to the infantry battalions pressing home their attacks, following ranging shots being fired by the British gunners, who also had been designated set targets primarily bombarding the ensconced enemy defenders and the massive wire entanglements guarding the positions, before the infantry left the 'safety' of their trenches the guns fired from exactly noon for an hour, following which until 1350 hours gas and smoke was used to create a smoke screen of approximately 1,200 yards for an hour, which was increased in density by the use of more smoke ten minutes before zero hour for the infantry assault. At first it appeared that all was going according to plan, as the 7th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment had managed to reach 'Gun Trench'



without to much trouble, and thankfully with less casualties than had been originally envisaged, but on their left flank the 6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) were subjected to an immense amount of fire power from an enemy trench which was both unseen, and unknown prior to the attack getting underway, which had resulted in the trench not being shelled by the artillery before the infantry had attacked, with the catastrophic result that the German wire at that point remaining virtually untouched. After covering about one hundred yards the battalion was brought to a halt, but not before over four hundred officers and other ranks in the battalion became casualties within the short space of just a few tragic minutes. Of the thirteen officers which had led their men into the fray of the battalions first major engagement of the Great War, ten lost their lives, as did one hundred and seventy five other ranks amongst the battalion, some of whom later died of their wounds.

**LORD, WILLIAM AKERS.** 2nd Steward, 891639.

Mercantile Marine Reserve, H.M.S. Riviera.

Died 8 November 1916.

Born Sandling, Hythe, Kent.

Son of Annie Eleanor Lord of 157, Seabrook Road, Hythe, Kent, and the late Richard Henry Lord.

Commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 20, and on the Hythe, Kent, civic war memorial, the Folkestone, Kent civic war memorial, and on Great War memorial plaque located in the parish church of St. Mary & St. Eanswythe, Folkestone, Kent.

Pre his Great War service, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as an Assistant Steward.

**MALE, WILLIAM.** Stoker 1st Class, CH/292088.

Royal Navy, (RFR/B/7682) Hood Battalion, 63rd Royal Naval Division.

Died 4 June 1914.

Born Holloway, London 27 September 1875.

Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 1 or 2.

Pre his Royal Navy enlistment, William was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**MONTAGUE, A.** No clear trace.

**MURPHY, G.** Best match for this casualty appears to be the following sailor:-

**MURPHY, GARRATH.** Stoker 1st Class, 308585.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Princess Irene.

Died 27 May 1915. Aged

Born Wexford, Ireland 5 April 1886.

Commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 6.

If the correct casualty has been briefly commemorated above, pre his Royal Navy enlistment, Garrath was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman.

**PARKES, WILLIAM UNDERHILL.** Private, G/8113.  
10th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Kent County) (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 24 June 1916.  
Born Kingswinford, Staffordshire. Enlisted and resided Folkestone, Kent.  
Husband of R. Parkes of 15, Ridley Street, Birmingham, Warwickshire.  
Buried Gunners Farm Military Cemetery, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: S. 8.

**PORT, ALBERT GODDARD.** Able Seaman.  
Mercantile Marine. S.S. "Achille Adam" (London).  
Died 24 March 1917. Aged 24.  
Born Dover, Kent.  
Son of the late William and Sarah Port.  
Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London, and on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial.  
Pre his Great War service Albert was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman. He was amongst six lost when his 460 ton ship built in 1886, was captured by the German coastal minelayer submarine UC-66 commanded by Herbert Pustkuchen off the French coast at a position approximately 30 nautical miles due south of Beachy Head, Sussex, and was sunk by bombs. Four of those lost are commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial. It would appear that the deaths of the crew were due to exposure as opposed to the actual sinking of the ship. It is thought that the UC-66 was probably later lost with all the submariners twenty three crew, on 12 June 1917, having been forced to dive by H.M.T. "Sea King." After being depth charged, it is suspected that the submarine finally blew up from an internal explosion of her own mines still on board whilst submerged.

**PORT, CHARLES WILLIAM.** M.M. Serjeant, L/7851.  
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 8 June 1917. Aged 34.  
Born and enlisted Dover, Kent. Resided Tower Hamlets, Dover Kent.  
Husband of A. S. Port of 63, Penfold Road, Folkestone. Kent.  
Buried Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: VI. E. 75.  
Also commemorated on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial.  
Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**SPEARPOINT, D.** No trace as commemorated on the war memorial. The Great War Railwaymen's Roll of Honour also commemorates the same casualty with the rank of Private, who pre his army enlistment, was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter. Only three Great War casualties were accessed from the CWGC 'Debt of Honour,' only one of whom was a British soldier. It would seem likely that both the above forms of remembrance are erroneous, as there is no MIC entry matching same. Probably the casualty is the following soldier:-

**SPEARPOINT, WILLIAM.** Private, G/7806.  
6th (Service) Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 3 July 1916. Aged 34.  
Born, enlisted and resided Folkestone, Kent.  
Husband of Hannah Ovenden Spearpoint of 41, Thanet Gardens, Folkestone, Kent.  
Buried Ovillers Military Cemetery, Somme, France. VIII. H. 7.

It might be that Private James Spearpoint who fell whilst serving in the Canadian army, who was also a native of Folkestone, Kent, was related, and possibly a brother.

**WARD, SIDNEY GEORGE.** Private, 203220.

'D' Coy. 1st/4th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Died 16 August 1918. Aged 23.

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

Son of Arthur Allan and Alice Ward of 56, Monins Road, Dover, Kent.

Buried in Ranikhet, New Cemetery, Almora District, Uttaranchal State, India.

Commemorated on the Madras 1914-1918 War Memorial, Chennai, India Face 7, and on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial.

Pre his army enlistment, Sidney was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Steward's Boy.

**WILLIAMS, F.C.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Coaler.

**WOODS, MAURICE.** Seaman, 5005/A.

Royal Naval Reserve, H.M.S. Aboukir.

Died 22 September 1914. Aged 25.

Son of Maurice James and Lizzie Woods.

Husband of Violet Jessie May Woods of 2, Blucher Row. Durham Hill, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 14.

Pre his Great War service, Maurice was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Fireman.

**WRIGHT, H.** Second Engineer.

Mercantile Marine, S.S. "Achille Adam" (London).

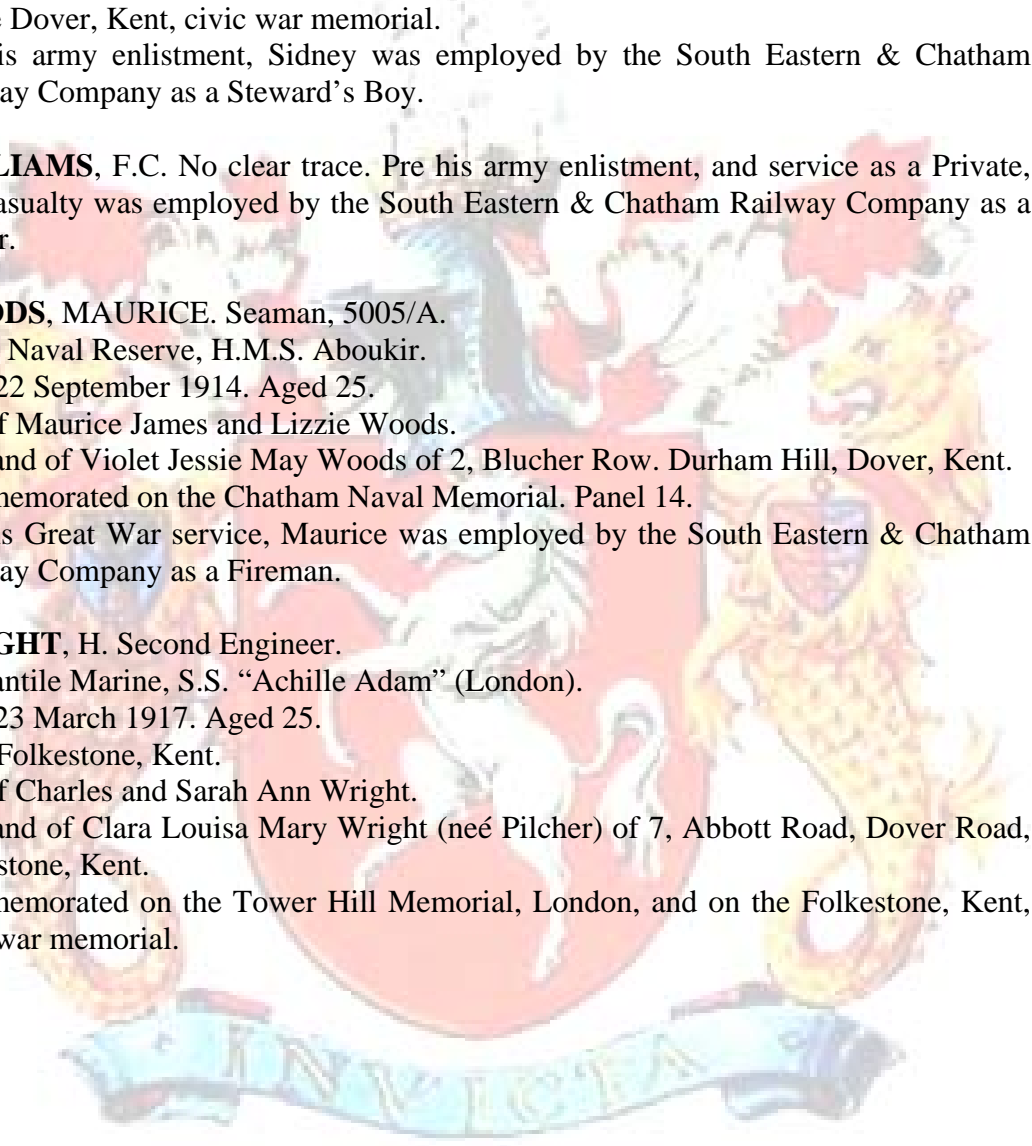
Died 23 March 1917. Aged 25.

Born Folkestone, Kent.

Son of Charles and Sarah Ann Wright.

Husband of Clara Louisa Mary Wright (née Pilcher) of 7, Abbott Road, Dover Road, Folkestone, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London, and on the Folkestone, Kent, civic war memorial.



**WYBORN, DANIEL.** Fireman.

Mercantile Marine, S.S. "Achille Adam" (London).

Died 23 March 1917. Aged 63.

Born Sholden, Deal, Kent.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wyborn.

Husband of Elizabeth Wyborn of 4, Rosebery Terrace, Underdown Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, London, and on the Dover, Kent, civic war memorial.

At the time of the 1881 census the Wyborn family was residing at 33 Clarendon Street, Hougham, Dover, Kent,

Daniel WYBORN. Aged 27. Born Deal, Kent.

Coachman (Domestic Servant)

Mary A. WYBORN. Aged 36. Born Dover, Kent.

Ernest WYBORN. Aged 5. Born Herne Bay, Kent.

Florence WYBORN. Aged 1. Born Ashford, Kent.

Daniel amongst six lost when his 460 ton ship built in 1886, was captured by the German coastal minelayer submarine UC-66 commanded by Herbert Pustkuchen off the French coast at a position approximately 30 nautical miles due south of Beachy Head, Sussex, and was sunk by bombs. Four of those lost are commemorated on the Dover, Kent civic war memorial. It would appear that the deaths of the crew were due to exposure as opposed to the actual sinking of the ship. It is thought that the UC-66 was probably later lost with all the submarines twenty three crew, on 12 June 1917, having been forced to dive by H.M.T. "Sea King." After being depth charged, it is suspected that the submarine finally blew up from an internal explosion of her own mines still on board whilst submerged.



## OTHER DEPARTMENTS

**BARNARD, GEORGE ALFRED.** Private, 7165.

1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment.

Died 27 October 1914.

Born Marylebone, Middlesex. Enlisted London.

Husband of Hilda Barnard of 34, Devonshire Mews, Devonshire Street, Marylebone, London.

Commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 8.

Pre his army enlistment, George was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Horsekeeper.

**COLLINS, RICHARD.** Sapper, 238895.

10th Light Railway Operating Company, Royal Engineers.

Died 22 July 1917. Aged 26.

Born Shepherds Bush, Middlesex. Enlisted Camberwell, Surrey.

Son of Richard Collins, of Shepherd's Bush, London.

Husband of Mrs. A. V. Collins, of 88D, Guinness Buildings, Pages Walk, Bermondsey, London.

Buried Canada Farm Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Grave Ref: I. F. 28.

Pre his army enlistment, Richard was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as an Oil Issuer.

**COTTRELL, JAMES W.H.** Pioneer, 231040.

Carrier Pigeon Service, attached "H" Corps, H.Q. Signal Company, Royal Engineers.

Died 8 March 1919. Aged 31.

Born Lewisham, Kent.

Son of J. W. H. and Elizabeth Cottrell.

Husband of Violet M. Cottrell of 25, Roxley Road, Lewisham, London.

Buried Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: LXXII. E. 5.

**CRAMP, CHARLES.** Private, G/66738.

6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Died 23 August 1918. Aged 18.

Born and resided Great Chart, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent.

Son of Henry and Ruth Cramp of "Ivy Cottage", Great Chart, Ashford, Kent.

Buried Meaulte Military Cemetery, Somme, France. Grave Ref: G.17.

Formerly Private, 26321, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Also commemorated on the Great Chart, Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial.

Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**DEAR, ALFRED GEORGE.** Private, 614165.

"B" Company 2nd/19th (County of London) Battalion, (St. Pancras) London Regiment.

Died 30 April 1918. Aged 21.

Born Bangalore, India, Enlisted and resided Southwark, Surrey.

Son of Alfred and Harriet Jane Dear of 158, Manor Place, Walworth Road, London.

Commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial, Israel. Panels 47 to 53.

**HAMLEY, BASIL.** Private, 684094.  
22nd (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment, (The Queen's).  
Died 4 October 1918. Aged 29.  
Born and resided Herne Hill. Enlisted Lambeth.  
Son of Mrs. J. Hamley of 138, Railton Road, Herne Hill, London.  
Buried Aubers Ridge British Cemetery, Aubers, Nord, France. Grave Ref: VI. D. 13.  
Pre his army enlistment, Basil was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**HARVIE, CHARLES WILLIAM.** Private, G/15920.  
13th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.  
Died 24 April 1917. Aged 19.  
Born Deptford, Kent. Enlisted Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.  
Resided New Cross, Kent.  
Son of James Henry and Annie Sophie Harvie of New Cross, London.  
Buried Fifteen Ravine British Cemetery, Villers-Plouich, Nord, France.  
Grave Ref: I. C. 14.  
Pre his army enlistment, Charles was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Bill Poster.

**HAYWARD, FREDERICK GEORGE.** Private, S/9869.  
1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 29 January 1915. Aged 21.  
Born and resided South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Ashford, Kent.  
Son of Samuel Hayward of 8, Gladstone Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Willesborough Cemetery, Ashford, Kent. Grave Ref: N.49.  
Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Labourer in the sawmill at Ashford Railway Works. Frederick passed away at the V.A.D Hospital Ashford in 1915 from the effects of trench exposure. A local newspaper reported that Frederick "Went through the earlier battles without a scratch, but the hardship of trench life told upon his health. Sometimes the mud and water came up to his waist, and the exposure and privation overcame him. For two days and nights he lay, under heavy shell fire, and had to be dragged out by his colleagues. It took four days to bring him home to Ashford. He lingered on between life and death for nearly five weeks. In the end he died in agony after much suffering."

**LOISEAU, L.A.** No trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**MADDOX, FREDERICK BERTIE.** Rifleman, S/34339.  
7th (Service) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.  
Died 31 March 1918. Aged 37.  
Born Oxford, Oxfordshire. Enlisted and resided Southwark, Surrey.  
Son of Thomas and Annie Maddox.  
Husband of Jessie Ann Maddox of 3, The Terrace, Iffley, Oxford, Oxfordshire.  
Buried St. Souplet British Cemetery, Nord, France. Grave Ref: I. J. 7.  
Pre his army enlistment, Frederick was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Harness Maker.

**MITCHELL, W.** Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**MOTT, JAMES GEORGE.** Private, 72894.  
2nd Battalion, Sherwood Foresters, (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment).  
Died 7 December 1917.  
Born Croydon, Surrey. Enlisted Deptford, Kent. Resided West Croydon, Surrey.  
Buried St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France.  
Grave Ref: P. V. I. 4B.  
Pre his army enlistment, James was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**PARKER, CLAUDE ERNEST HARRINGTON.** Gunner, 290984.  
126th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.  
Died 21 March 1918. Aged 27.  
Born Streatham, Surrey. Enlisted London. Resided Croydon, Surrey.  
Son of Florence E. M. A. Parker of Clarendon, Dunkirk, Faversham, Kent, and the late E. C. Parker.  
Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 1.  
Pre his army enlistment, Claude was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Clerk.

**PORTER, BERNARD JOSPH HENRY.** Rifleman, R/38674.  
21st (Service) Battalion, (Yeoman Rifles) King's Royal Rifle Corps.  
Died 20 September 1917. Aged 21.  
Born Islington, Middlesex. Enlisted London. Resided Bermondsey, Surrey.  
Son of George Charles and Jane Louise Porter of 42, Dockley Road, Bermondsey, London.  
Buried Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, Reningelst, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: IV. E. 2.  
Pre his army enlistment, Bernard was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Porter.

**ROLFE, THOMAS HENRY.** Private, G/48408.  
10th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
Died 4 August 1917.  
Born Saltwood, Hythe, Kent. Enlisted and resided Hythe, Kent.  
Husband of Mrs R.A. Rolfe of 4 Chapel Street, Hythe, Kent.  
Buried Cabin Hill Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: A.24.  
Also commemorated on the Hythe, Kent, civic war memorial.

**STEVENS, W.J.** No clear trace. Pre his army enlistment, and service as a Private, this casualty was employed by the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company as a Caller Off.

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